## **DAS Project2 Group18**

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library(tidyverse)
  library(dplyr)
  library(readr)
  library(ggplot2)
  library(vcd)
  library(MASS)
  #load the data
  shelter_01 <- read.csv("dataset18.csv")</pre>
  #Checking for missing value
  any_na <- apply(shelter_01, 2, function(x) any(is.na(x)))</pre>
  any_na
    animal_type
                           month
                                                        intake_type
                                              year
                                                                        outcome_type
          FALSE
                           FALSE
                                             FALSE
                                                              FALSE
                                                                               FALSE
    chip_status time_at_shelter
          FALSE
                           FALSE
  total_na <- sum(is.na(shelter_01))</pre>
  total_na
[1] 0
  #Converting a string variable to a factor type and make a summary statistics
  shelter_01$animal_type <- as.factor(shelter_01$animal_type)</pre>
  shelter_01$intake_type <- as.factor(shelter_01$intake_type)</pre>
  shelter_01$outcome_type <- as.factor(shelter_01$outcome_type)</pre>
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# shelter\_01\$chip\_status <- as.factor(shelter\_01\$chip\_status) summary(shelter\_01)</pre>

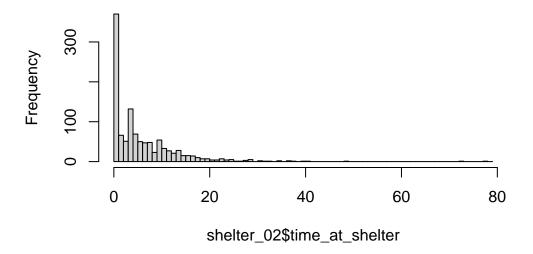
```
animal_type
                   month
                                     year
                                                         intake_type
BIRD
        : 2
               Min.
                      : 1.000
                                Min.
                                       :2016
                                               CONFISCATED
                                                               : 59
CAT
         :238
                1st Qu.: 4.000
                                 1st Qu.:2017
                                               OWNER SURRENDER: 363
DOG
         :880
               Median : 7.000
                                Median:2017
                                               STRAY
                                                              :713
LIVESTOCK: 1
               Mean
                     : 6.574
                                Mean
                                      :2017
WILDLIFE: 14
                3rd Qu.: 9.000
                                3rd Qu.:2017
               Max.
                      :12.000
                                Max.
                                       :2017
           outcome type
                                chip status time at shelter
                 :474
ADOPTION
                        SCAN CHIP
                                      :214
                                            Min. : 0.00
                        SCAN NO CHIP
DIED
                 : 14
                                     :860
                                             1st Qu.: 1.00
EUTHANIZED
                :417
                       UNABLE TO SCAN: 61
                                            Median: 4.00
                 : 30
                                                  : 6.12
FOSTER
                                            Mean
RETURNED TO OWNER:200
                                             3rd Qu.: 9.00
                                             Max. :78.00
```

#Converting shelter\_01 to dataframe
shelter\_02 <- as.data.frame(shelter\_01)
summary(shelter\_02)</pre>

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year
   animal_type
                    month
                                                         intake_type
BIRD
         : 2
                Min.
                       : 1.000
                                 Min.
                                        :2016
                                                CONFISCATED
                                                               : 59
CAT
         :238
                1st Qu.: 4.000
                                 1st Qu.:2017
                                                OWNER SURRENDER: 363
DOG
         :880
                Median : 7.000
                                 Median:2017
                                                STRAY
                                                               :713
LIVESTOCK: 1
                Mean
                     : 6.574
                                 Mean
                                      :2017
WILDLIFE: 14
                3rd Qu.: 9.000
                                 3rd Qu.:2017
                Max.
                       :12.000
                                 Max.
                                        :2017
           outcome_type
                                chip_status time_at_shelter
                                             Min. : 0.00
                 :474
                                      :214
ADOPTION
                        SCAN CHIP
DIED
                 : 14
                        SCAN NO CHIP
                                     :860
                                             1st Qu.: 1.00
EUTHANIZED
                 :417
                        UNABLE TO SCAN: 61
                                             Median: 4.00
FOSTER
                 : 30
                                             Mean : 6.12
RETURNED TO OWNER:200
                                             3rd Qu.: 9.00
                                             Max. :78.00
```

# Histogram analysis of the dependent variable
hist(shelter\_02\$time\_at\_shelter,

## Histogram of shelter\_02\$time\_at\_shelter



The significance of finding out whether the dependent variable is continuous or count is in choosing the appropriate statistical method and model for the analysis. If the histogram shows a continuous and smooth distribution, it usually indicates that the dependent variable is continuous. If the histogram shows a discrete and spaced distribution, it usually indicates that the dependent variable is of the count type.

From the results, it can be known that histogram is showing interval shape and overall is not smooth. Therefore the dependent variable is count type. Count variables are usually analysed using Poisson regression and negative binomial distribution regression. Therefore, we have attempted to use Poisson distribution and negative binomial distribution regression for the subsequent Generalized Linear Model respectively.

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Call:
glm(formula = time_at_shelter ~ year + month + animal_type +
   intake_type + outcome_type + chip_status, family = poisson(),
   data = shelter_02)
Coefficients:
                           Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept)
                         209.563215 219.298918 0.956 0.33927
                                    0.043770 -2.486 0.01294 *
                          -0.108790
year
month
                          -0.016839
                                    0.005842 -2.882 0.00395 **
                          13.253664 200.734972 0.066 0.94736
animal_typeCAT
animal_typeDOG
                          13.354757 200.734971 0.067 0.94696
                          -0.191216 348.317912 -0.001 0.99956
animal_typeLIVESTOCK
                          12.834001 200.735017 0.064 0.94902
animal_typeWILDLIFE
intake_typeOWNER SURRENDER
                          -1.367180
                                    0.049511 -27.614 < 2e-16 ***
                          -0.856870 0.044964 -19.057 < 2e-16 ***
intake_typeSTRAY
outcome_typeDIED
                          outcome_typeEUTHANIZED
                          outcome_typeFOSTER
outcome_typeRETURNED TO OWNER -1.621092 0.050170 -32.312 < 2e-16 ***
                          chip_statusSCAN NO CHIP
                          chip_statusUNABLE TO SCAN
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
(Dispersion parameter for poisson family taken to be 1)
   Null deviance: 8495.8 on 1134 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 6544.7 on 1120 degrees of freedom
AIC: 9670.3
Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 10
  model_poi <- step(glm_model_poi)</pre>
Start: AIC=9670.31
time_at_shelter ~ year + month + animal_type + intake_type +
   outcome_type + chip_status
            Df Deviance
                          AIC
                 6544.7 9670.3
<none>
```

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6550.9
                            9674.5
- year
                1
- month
                1
                    6553.0
                            9676.6
                4
                    6587.0
                            9704.6
- animal_type
- chip_status
                2
                    6651.2 9772.8
                2
- intake type
                    7270.5 10392.1
- outcome_type
                    8056.1 11173.7
```

The stepwise analysis of the model was carried out while performing the Poisson distribution. The initial model had an AIC value of 9670.31. In further steps, the independent variables such as year, month, animal\_type, chip\_status, intake\_type, and outcome\_type were gradually deleted but these deletion operations all lead to an increase in the AIC value, indicating that deleting these variables makes the model worse. Therefore, it can be seen that the best model is when no independent variables are added or removed, which corresponds to an AIC value of 9670.3 and a deviation of 6544.7.

### Call:

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glm.nb(formula = time_at_shelter ~ year + month + animal_type +
   intake_type + outcome_type + chip_status, data = shelter_02,
   init.theta = 0.9633756977, link = log)
```

#### Coefficients:

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Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept)
                               3.078e+02 1.333e+05
                                                      0.002
                                                              0.9982
                              -1.638e-01 1.217e-01 -1.345
                                                              0.1785
year
                              -2.029e-02 1.613e-02 -1.258
month
                                                              0.2084
animal_typeCAT
                               2.619e+01 1.333e+05
                                                     0.000
                                                              0.9998
animal_typeDOG
                               2.631e+01 1.333e+05
                                                      0.000
                                                              0.9998
                              -3.126e-01 2.315e+05
                                                      0.000
                                                              1.0000
animal_typeLIVESTOCK
animal typeWILDLIFE
                               2.574e+01 1.333e+05
                                                      0.000
                                                              0.9998
intake_typeOWNER SURRENDER
                              -1.703e+00 1.600e-01 -10.640 < 2e-16 ***
intake typeSTRAY
                              -1.295e+00 1.506e-01 -8.602 < 2e-16 ***
outcome_typeDIED
                              -4.871e-01 3.005e-01 -1.621
                                                              0.1050
                              -6.033e-01 7.598e-02 -7.940 2.02e-15 ***
outcome_typeEUTHANIZED
outcome_typeFOSTER
                              -4.783e-01 2.175e-01 -2.199
                                                              0.0279 *
outcome_typeRETURNED TO OWNER -1.843e+00 1.108e-01 -16.638
                                                            < 2e-16 ***
chip_statusSCAN NO CHIP
                              -1.717e-01 9.032e-02 -1.901
                                                              0.0573 .
chip_statusUNABLE TO SCAN
                              -7.708e-01 1.816e-01 -4.244 2.20e-05 ***
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Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\*' 0.001 '\*\*' 0.01 '\*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1 (Dispersion parameter for Negative Binomial(0.9634) family taken to be 1) Null deviance: 1640.1 on 1134 degrees of freedom Residual deviance: 1312.5 on 1120 degrees of freedom AIC: 6252.2 Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 1 Theta: 0.9634 Std. Err.: 0.0542 2 x log-likelihood: -6220.2480 model\_nb <- step(glm\_model\_nb)</pre> Start: AIC=6250.25 time\_at\_shelter ~ year + month + animal\_type + intake\_type + outcome\_type + chip\_status Df Deviance AIC 1 1314.0 6249.7 - month - year 1 1314.3 6250.1 <none> 1312.5 6250.2 - animal\_type 4 1325.0 6254.8 - chip\_status 2 1330.3 6264.1 - intake\_type 2 1439.1 6372.9 - outcome\_type 4 1573.6 6503.4 Step: AIC=6249.74 time\_at\_shelter ~ year + animal\_type + intake\_type + outcome\_type + chip\_status Df Deviance AIC 1 1313.0 6248.2 - year

<none> 1312.6 6249.7 - animal\_type 4 1325.5 6254.6 - chip\_status 2 1329.9 6263.0 - intake\_type 2 1439.1 6372.2

```
- outcome_type
                    1574.3 6503.4
Step: AIC=6248.17
time_at_shelter ~ animal_type + intake_type + outcome_type +
    chip status
               Df Deviance
                              AIC
<none>
                    1312.6 6248.2
                    1325.4 6253.0
- animal type
                4
- chip_status
                2
                    1330.1 6261.7
intake_type
                2
                    1439.7 6371.3
outcome_type
                4
                    1577.9 6505.5
```

We then tried the negative binomial distribution and performed a stepwise analysis of the model. The initial model had an AIC value of 6250.25. In the iteration, the year and month variables were gradually removed and each step resulted in a decrease in the AIC value. The final model contains independent variables such as animal\_type, intake\_type, outcome\_type and chip\_status.

By comparing the results of model\_poi and model\_nb, we can see the difference in the performance of the two models in the stepwise regression analysis. model\_nb model obtained a lower AIC value by gradually deleting the year and month variables when selecting the variables, indicating that this model fits the data better, while model\_poi model did not find that it could be further optimised during the stepwise regression process. model\_poi model did not find any variables that could further optimise the model, so it retained all the independent variables, but with a relatively high AIC value.

By comparing the deviation values of the two models, model\_nb has a final deviation value of 1312.6 and model\_poi has a final deviation value of 6544.7. We can find that model\_nb has a smaller deviation value and fits the data better than model\_poi. Therefore, based on the comparison of deviation values, model\_nb model is more suitable for interpreting and predicting the data.