

Beamer Class Demonstration¹

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Overview

Beamer Features

- Some of Gary's Examples

- Structural Features

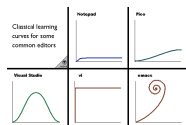
- Other Features

- Blocks

What's this course about?

- Specific statistical methods for many research problems
 - How to learn (or create) new methods
 - Inference:
Using facts you know to learn about facts you don't know
- How to write a publishable scholarly paper
- All the practical tools of research — theory, applications, simulation, programming, word processing, plumbing, whatever is useful
- ~→ Outline and class materials:

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- The syllabus gives topics, not a weekly plan.
- We will go as fast as possible subject to everyone following along
- We cover different amounts of material each week

How much math will you scare us with?

- All math requires two parts: **proof** and **concepts & intuition**
- Different classes emphasize:
 - **Baby Stats**: dumbed down proofs, vague intuition
 - **Math Stats**: rigorous mathematical proofs
 - **Practical Stats**: deep concepts and intuition, proofs when needed
 - Goal: how to do empirical research, in depth
 - Use rigorous statistical theory — when needed
 - Insure we understand the intuition — always
 - Always traverse from theoretical foundations to practical applications
 - Includes “how to” computation
 - \rightsquigarrow Fewer proofs, more concepts, better practical knowledge
- Do you have the background for this class? **A Test: What's this?**

$$b = (X'X)^{-1}X'y$$

Systematic Components: Examples



- $E(Y_i) \equiv \mu_i = X_i\beta = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{1i} + \dots + \beta_k X_{ki}$
- $\Pr(Y_i = 1) \equiv \pi_i = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x_i\beta}}$
- $V(Y_i) \equiv \sigma_i^2 = e^{x_i\beta}$
- Interpretation:
 - Each is a **class of functional forms**
 - Set β and it picks out one **member of the class**
 - β in each is an “effect parameter” vector, with different meaning

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Alerts

- First level alert
- Second level alert
- Third level alert
- Fourth level alert
- Fifth level alert

Other Features

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- Clean, extensively customizable visual style
- No weird scaling like prosper
 - slides are 96 mm × 128 mm
 - text is 10-12pt on slide
 - slide itself magnified with Adobe Reader/xpdf/gv to fill screen
- pgf graphics framework easy to use
- include external JPEG/PNG/PDF figures
- output directly to pdf: no PostScript hurdles
- detailed User's Manual (with good presentation advice, too)

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Blocks

Normal block

A **set** consists of elements.

Alert block

$2 = 2$.

Example block

The set $\{1, 2, 3, 5\}$ has four elements.