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Estimate parameters a and b in the model,

$$y = a + e^{-bx}$$

from a set of m samples (y_i, x_i) , $1 \leq i \leq m$.

Let

$\text{error}_i = y_i - (a + e^{-bx_i})$ denotes the error in the i^{th} relation

If $\text{error} = (\text{error}_1, \text{error}_2, \dots, \text{error}_m)^T \in \mathbb{R}^m$, then

$$\text{error} = (y - X\beta)$$

We have the sum of squared error

$$f(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^m \text{error}_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^m [y_i - (a + e^{-bx_i})]^2$$

We consider

$$J(a, b) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m [y_i - (a + e^{-bx_i})]^2$$

We then differentiate with respect to a and b and set it equal to zero

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial a} = 2 \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m [y_i - (a + e^{-bx_i})] (-1) = -\frac{2}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m [y_i - (a + e^{-bx_i})] = 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial b} = 2 \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m [y_i - (a + e^{-bx_i})] (e^{-bx_i} \cdot -x_i) = -\frac{2}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m [e^{-bx_i} x_i (y_i - (a + e^{-bx_i}))] = 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

From eq. 1

$$\left[\sum_{i=1}^m y_i = ma + \sum_{i=1}^m e^{-bx_i} \right] \cdot \frac{1}{m} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

From eq. 2

$$\left[\sum_{i=1}^m e^{-bx_i} x_i y_i = \left(\sum_{i=1}^m e^{-bx_i} x_i \right) a + \sum_{i=1}^m e^{-bx_i} \cdot e^{-bx_i} \cdot x_i \right] \cdot \frac{1}{m} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Let $\bar{y} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m y_i$, eq. 3 becomes:

$$\bar{y} = a + \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m e^{-bx_i}, \quad \text{then we solve for } a$$

$$a = \bar{y} - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m e^{-bx_i} \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

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From eq. 4, we solve for a

$$\frac{1}{m} \left[\sum_{i=1}^m e^{-bx_i} x_i y_i - \sum_{i=1}^m e^{-2bx_i} x_i \right] = \frac{1}{m} \left[\sum_{i=1}^m e^{-bx_i} x_i \right] a$$

$$a = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m e^{-bx_i} x_i y_i - \sum_{i=1}^m e^{-2bx_i} x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^m e^{-bx_i} x_i} \quad \dots (6)$$

Set eq. 5 and eq. 6 equal to each other we get:

$$\bar{y} - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m e^{-bx_i} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m e^{-bx_i} x_i y_i - \sum_{i=1}^m e^{-2bx_i} x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^m e^{-bx_i} x_i} \quad \dots (7)$$

Eq. 7 is used to find the optimal estimates of the slopes " b "
(x_i , y_i , and m assume to be known values)

And the optimal estimates of intercept a can be found using

$$\hat{a} = \bar{y} - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m e^{-\hat{b}x_i} \quad \dots (8)$$

where \hat{b} is the optimal estimates of the slope found in eq. 7 and

$$\bar{y} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m y_i$$