GSERM - St. Gallen 2022 Analyzing Panel Data

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Logit/Probit Redux

Start with:

$$Y_i^* = \mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta} + u_i$$

$$Y_i = 0 \text{ if } Y_i^* < 0$$

 $Y_i = 1 \text{ if } Y_i^* \ge 0$

So:

$$Pr(Y_i = 1) = Pr(Y_i^* \ge 0)$$

$$= Pr(\mathbf{X}_i \beta + u_i \ge 0)$$

$$= Pr(u_i \ge -\mathbf{X}_i \beta)$$

$$= Pr(u_i \le \mathbf{X}_i \beta)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\mathbf{X}_i \beta} f(u) du$$

Logit

"Standard logistic" PDF:

$$\Pr(u) \equiv \lambda(u) = \frac{\exp(u)}{[1 + \exp(u)]^2}$$

CDF:

$$\Lambda(u) = \int \lambda(u) du$$

$$= \frac{\exp(u)}{1 + \exp(u)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-u)}$$

Logistic → "Logit"

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \mathsf{Pr}(Y_i = 1) & = & \mathsf{Pr}(Y_i^* > 0) \\ & = & \mathsf{Pr}(u_i \leq \mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}) \\ & = & \Lambda(\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}) \\ & = & \frac{\mathsf{exp}(\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta})}{1 + \mathsf{exp}(\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta})} \end{array}$$
 (equivalently)
$$= & \frac{1}{1 + \mathsf{exp}(-\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta})}$$

Likelihoods

$$L_i = \left(\frac{\exp(\mathbf{X}_i\boldsymbol{\beta})}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{X}_i\boldsymbol{\beta})}\right)^{\mathbf{Y}_i} \left[1 - \left(\frac{\exp(\mathbf{X}_i\boldsymbol{\beta})}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{X}_i\boldsymbol{\beta})}\right)\right]^{1 - \mathbf{Y}_i}$$

$$L = \prod_{i=1}^{N} \left(\frac{\exp(\mathbf{X}_{i}\boldsymbol{\beta})}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{X}_{i}\boldsymbol{\beta})} \right)^{Y_{i}} \left[1 - \left(\frac{\exp(\mathbf{X}_{i}\boldsymbol{\beta})}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{X}_{i}\boldsymbol{\beta})} \right) \right]^{1 - Y_{i}}$$

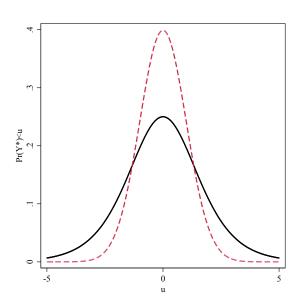
$$\ln L = \sum_{i=1}^{N} Y_i \ln \left(\frac{\exp(\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta})}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta})} \right) + \left(1 - Y_i \right) \ln \left[1 - \left(\frac{\exp(\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta})}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta})} \right) \right]$$

Probit...

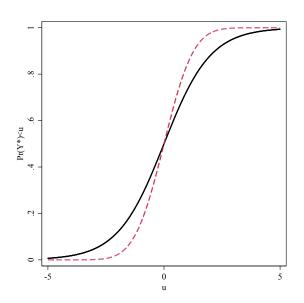
$$\Pr(u) \equiv \phi(u) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{u^2}{2}\right)$$

$$\Phi(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{u} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{u^2}{2}\right) du$$

Standard Normal and Logistic PDFs



Standard Normal and Logistic CDFs



Probit (continued...)

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \Pr(Y_i = 1) & = & \Phi(\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}) \\ & = & \int_{-\infty}^{\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta})^2}{2}\right) d\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta} \end{array}$$

$$L = \prod_{i=1}^{N} \left[\Phi(\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}) \right]^{Y_i} \left[1 - \Phi(\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}) \right]^{(1-Y_i)}$$

$$\ln L = \sum_{i=1}^{N} Y_i \ln \Phi(\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}) + (1 - Y_i) \ln [1 - \Phi(\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta})]$$

Panel / TSCS: What Can Go Wrong?

Suppose:

$$X_{it} = \rho_X \mathbf{X}_{it-1} + \nu_{it}$$

$$u_{it} = \rho_u u_{it-1} + \epsilon_{it}$$

For high values of ρ , logit/probit:

- $\hat{\beta}$ s are consistent, but s.e.s are biased, inefficient (Poirier and Ruud 1988);
- \rightarrow underestimate $Var(\beta)$ by up to 50 percent (Beck and Katz 1997).

One-way unit effects:

$$Y_{it} = f(\mathbf{X}_{it}\beta + \alpha_i + u_{it})$$

for logit only, so:

$$\Pr(Y_{it} = 1) = \frac{\exp(\mathbf{X}_{it}\beta + \alpha_i)}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{X}_{it}\beta + \alpha_i)} \equiv \Lambda(\mathbf{X}_{it}\beta + \alpha_i)$$

Incidental Parameters:

- Nonlinearity \rightarrow inconsistency in both $\hat{\alpha}$ s and $\hat{\beta}$.
- Anderson:

$$L^{U} = \prod_{i=1}^{N} \prod_{t=1}^{T} \Lambda(\mathbf{X}_{it} + \alpha_i)^{Y_{it}} [1 - \Lambda(\mathbf{X}_{it} + \alpha_i)]^{1 - Y_{it}}$$

• Chamberlain:

$$L^{C} = \prod_{i=1}^{N} \Pr\left(Y_{i1} = y_{i1}, Y_{i2} = y_{i2}, ... Y_{iT} = y_{iT} \mid \sum_{t=1}^{T} Y_{it}\right)$$

Fixed-Effects (continued)

Intuition: Suppose we have T = 2. That means that:

- $Pr(Y_{i1} = 0 \text{ and } Y_{i2} = 0 \mid \sum_{\tau} Y_{it} = 0) = 1.0$
- $Pr(Y_{i1} = 1 \text{ and } Y_{i2} = 1 \mid \sum_{T} Y_{it} = 2) = 1.0$

and:

$$\Pr\left(Y_{i1} = 0 \text{ and } Y_{i2} = 1 \mid \sum_{\mathcal{T}} Y_{it} = 1\right) = \frac{\Pr(0, 1)}{\Pr(0, 1) + \Pr(1, 0)}$$

with a similar statement for $Pr(Y_{i1} = 1 \text{ and } Y_{i2} = 0 \mid \sum_{T} Y_{it} = 1)$.

Points:

- Fixed effects = no estimates for β_b
- Interpretation: per logit, but $|\hat{\alpha}_i|$.
- BTSCS in IR: Green et al. (2001) v. B&K (2001).

Model is:

$$Y_{it}^* = \mathbf{X}_{it}\beta + u_{it}$$

 $Y_{it} = 0 \text{ if } Y_{it}^* \le 0 ;$
 $= 1 \text{ if } Y_{it}^* > 0$

with:

$$u_{it} = \alpha_i + \eta_{it}$$

with $\eta_{it} \sim \text{i.i.d. N(0,1)}$, and $\alpha_i \sim N(0, \sigma_{\alpha}^2)$. This implies:

$$Var(u_{it}) = 1 + \sigma_{\alpha}^2$$

and so:

$$\mathsf{Corr}(u_{it}, u_{is}, \ t \neq s) \equiv \rho = \frac{\sigma_{\alpha}^2}{1 + \sigma_{\alpha}^2}$$

which means that we can write $\sigma_{\alpha}^2 = \left(\frac{\rho}{1-\rho}\right)$.

Random Effects Variants

Probit:

$$L_{i} = \text{Prob}(Y_{i1} = y_{i1}, Y_{i2} = y_{i2}, ...Y_{iT} = y_{iT})$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{X_{i1}\beta} \int_{-\infty}^{X_{i2}\beta} ... \int_{-\infty}^{X_{iT}\beta} \phi(u_{i1}, u_{i2}...u_{iT}) du_{iT}...du_{i2} du_{i1}$$

Logit:

$$L_{i} = \text{Prob}(Y_{i1} = y_{i1}, Y_{i2} = y_{i2}, ... Y_{iT} = y_{iT})$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{X_{i1}\beta} \int_{-\infty}^{X_{i2}\beta} ... \int_{-\infty}^{X_{iT}\beta} \lambda(u_{i1}, u_{i2}...u_{iT}) du_{iT}... du_{i2} du_{i1}$$

Solution?

$$\phi(u_{i1}, u_{i2}, ... u_{iT}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \phi(u_{i1}, u_{i2}, ... u_{iT} \mid \alpha_i) \phi(\alpha_i) d\alpha_i$$

Practical Things

- $\hat{\rho} =$ proportion of the variance due to the α_i s.
- Implementation: Gauss-Hermite quadrature or MCMC.
- Best with N large and T small.
- Critically requires $Cov(\mathbf{X}, \alpha) = 0$ (see notes re: Chamberlain's CRE Estimator).

Unit Effects in Practice - Some Simulations

Start with:

$$Y_{it}^* = 0 + (1 \times X_{it}) + (1 \times D_{it}) + (1 \times \alpha_i) + u_{it}$$

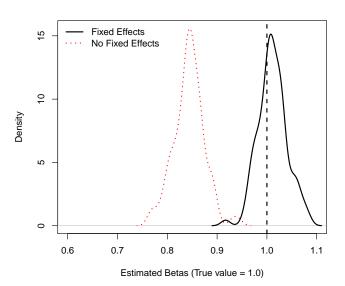
 $Y_{it} \in \{0,1\} = f(Y_{it}^*)$

where:

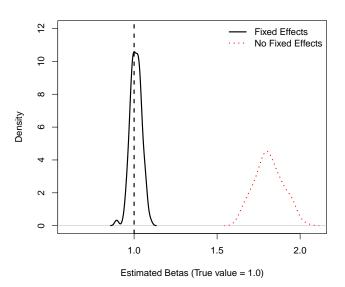
- $\alpha_i \sim N(0,1)$
- $X_{it} \sim N(0, \sigma_X^2)$
- $D_{it} \in \{0, 1\}$
- $Cov(X_{it}, \alpha_i) = \{0, 0.69\}$
- $Cov(D_{it}, \alpha_i) = 0$
- $f(\cdot) = \{ logit, probit \}$ (as appropriate)

and N = T = 100.

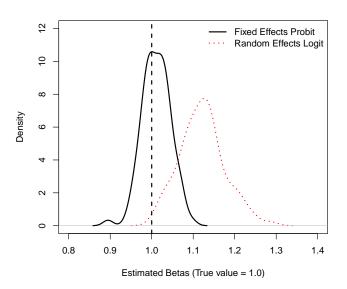
Logit $\hat{\beta}_X$ s for $Cov(X_{it}, \alpha_i) = 0$



Logit $\hat{\beta}_X$ s for $Cov(X_{it}, \alpha_i) \approx 0.69$



Logit $\hat{\beta}_X$ s for $Cov(X_{it}, \alpha_i) \approx 0.69$



Software

R

- pglm (panel GLMs) (maximum likelihood + quadrature)
- bife (fixed-effects logit / probit only)
- glmer (general mixed-effects models, including RE)
- glmmML (via Gauss-Hermite quadrature)
- MCMCpack (MCMChlogit)
- Various user-generated functions (e.g., here).

Stata

- xtprobit, xtlogit, xtcloglog
- Plus xttrans (transition probabilities), quadchk (quadrature checking), xtrho / xtrhoi (estimation of within-unit covariances)

Example: WDI "Plus"

Data from the WDI plus POLITY and the UCDP:

- ISO3 The country's International Standards Organization (ISO) three-letter identification code.
- Year The year that row of data applies to.
- CivilWar Civil conflict indicator: 1 if there was a civil conflict in that country in that year;
 0 otherwise. From UCDP.
- OnsetCount The sum of new conflict episodes in that country / year. From UCDP.
- LandArea Land area (sq. km).
- PopMillions Popluation (in millions).
- PopGrowth Population Growth (percent).
- UrbanPopulation Urban Population (percent of total).
- GDPPerCapita GDP per capita (constant 2010 \$US).
- GDPPerCapGrowth GDP Per Capita Growth (percent annual).
- PostColdWar 1 if Year > 1989, 0 otherwise.
- POLITY The POLITY score of democracy/autocracy. Scaled so that 0 = most autocratic, 10 = most democratic.

 $N=216, \ \bar{T}=61, \ NT \ \text{varies (due to missingness)}.$

Data

> describe(DF,skew=FALSE)

> describe(Dr, skew=ralse)								
	vars	n	mean	sd	min	max	range	se
IS03*	1	13392	108.50	62.36	1.00	216.0	215.00	0.54
Year*	2	13392	31.50	17.90	1.00	62.0	61.00	0.15
country*	3	13330	108.00	62.07	1.00	215.0	214.00	0.54
CivilWar	4	9052	0.13	0.34	0.00	1.0	1.00	0.00
OnsetCount	5	9394	0.05	0.24	0.00	4.0	4.00	0.00
LandArea	6	12906	613525.38	1766486.19	2.03	16389950.0	16389947.97	15549.43
PopMillions	7	13073	24.64	103.13	0.00	1410.9	1410.93	0.90
UrbanPopulation	8	13045	51.39	25.74	2.08	100.0	97.92	0.23
GDPPerCapita	9	9582	11685.74	18675.05	144.20	181709.3	181565.14	190.78
GDPPerCapGrowth	10	9598	1.89	6.21	-64.99	140.4	205.36	0.06
PostColdWar	11	13330	0.52	0.50	0.00	1.0	1.00	0.00
POLITY	12	8279	5.55	3.71	0.00	10.0	10.00	0.04
POLITYSquared	13	8279	44.57	40.24	0.00	100.0	100.00	0.44

Pooled Logit

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> Logit <- glm(CivilWar~log(LandArea)+log(PopMillions)+
              UrbanPopulation+log(GDPPerCapita)+
              GDPPerCapGrowth+PostColdWar+POLITY+
              POLITYSquared, data=DF, family="binomial")
> summary(Logit)
Call.
glm(formula = CivilWar ~ log(LandArea) + log(PopMillions) + UrbanPopulation +
   log(GDPPerCapita) + GDPPerCapGrowth + PostColdWar + POLITY +
   POLITYSquared, family = "binomial", data = DF)
Coefficients:
                 Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept)
                 -1.03275
                             0.52731 -1.96 0.05017 .
log(LandArea)
                 0.01085
                             0.03246 0.33 0.73815
log(PopMillions) 0.66364
                             0.03696 17.96 < 2e-16 ***
UrbanPopulation
                  0.01090
                             0.00335 3.26 0.00113 **
log(GDPPerCapita) -0.50128
                            0.06128 -8.18 2.8e-16 ***
GDPPerCapGrowth
                 -0.04029
                            0.00644 -6.26 3.9e-10 ***
PostColdWar
                 -0.31102
                             0.08588 -3.62 0.00029 ***
POLITY
                0.67438
                             0.06122 11.02 < 2e-16 ***
POLITYSquared -0.06526
                             0.00579 -11.27 < 2e-16 ***
Signif. codes: 0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 * 0.05 . 0.1 1
(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
    Null deviance: 5843.6 on 6996 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 4624.8 on 6988 degrees of freedom
  (6395 observations deleted due to missingness)
ATC: 4643
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Fixed Effects

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> FELogit <- bife(CivilWar~log(LandArea)+log(PopMillions)+
              UrbanPopulation+log(GDPPerCapita)+
              GDPPerCapGrowth+PostColdWar+POLITY+
              POLITYSquared | ISO3, data=DF, model="logit")
> summary(FELogit)
binomial - logit link
CivilWar ~ log(LandArea) + log(PopMillions) + UrbanPopulation +
   log(GDPPerCapita) + GDPPerCapGrowth + PostColdWar + POLITY +
   POLITYSquared | ISO3
Estimates:
                 Estimate Std. error z value Pr(> |z|)
log(LandArea)
                 -4.00079
                            6.80808 -0.59
                                              0.5568
log(PopMillions) 0.79303
                            0.29847 2.66 0.0079 **
                  0.01179
                            0.01228 0.96 0.3368
UrbanPopulation
log(GDPPerCapita) -0.33859
                            0.17226 -1.97 0.0493 *
GDPPerCapGrowth -0.04960
                            0.00833 -5.96 2.6e-09 ***
PostColdWar
              -0.21475
                            0.17822 -1.20 0.2282
                            0.09365 7.55 4.4e-14 ***
POT.TTY
               0.70692
POLITYSquared -0.07382
                            0.00890 -8.29 < 2e-16 ***
Signif. codes: 0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 * 0.05 . 0.1 1
residual deviance= 2846,
null deviance= 4422,
nT= 3971, N= 83
( 6395 observation(s) deleted due to missingness )
( 3026 observation(s) deleted due to perfect classification )
Number of Fisher Scoring Iterations: 6
Average individual fixed effect= 48.24
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Random Effects

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> RELogit <- pglm(CivilWar~log(LandArea)+log(PopMillions)+
                 UrbanPopulation+log(GDPPerCapita)+
                 GDPPerCapGrowth+PostColdWar+POLITY+
                 POLITYSquared | ISO3.data=DF.familv=binomial.
                 effect="individual".model="random")
> summary(RELogit)
Maximum Likelihood estimation
Newton-Raphson maximisation, 18 iterations
Return code 2: successive function values within tolerance limit (tol)
Log-Likelihood: -1634
10 free parameters
Estimates:
                 Estimate Std. error t value Pr(> t)
(Intercept)
                 -4.08609
                             1.02028 -4.00 6.2e-05 ***
log(LandArea)
                  0.15120
                             0.05920 2.55 0.01065 *
log(PopMillions) 1.20067
                             0.08537 14.06 < 2e-16 ***
UrbanPopulation
                  0.01973
                             0.00598 3.30 0.00097 ***
log(GDPPerCapita) -0.61681
                             0.11732 -5.26 1.5e-07 ***
GDPPerCapGrowth -0.04979
                            0.00816 -6.10 1.1e-09 ***
PostColdWar
                 -0.38811
                             0.12189 -3.18 0.00145 **
                             0.08400 8.12 4.9e-16 ***
POT.TTY
                  0.68171
POLITYSquared
              -0.07368
                             0.00811 -9.08 < 2e-16 ***
                  2.29777
                             0.11784 19.50 < 2e-16 ***
sigma
Signif. codes: 0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 * 0.05 . 0.1 1
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Nice Table...

Models of Civil War

	Logit	FE Logit	RE Logit
Intercept	-1.03		-4.09*
	(0.53)		(1.02)
In(Land Area)	`0.01	-4.00	0.15* [´]
,	(0.03)	(6.81)	(0.06)
In(Population)	0.66*	0.79* [′]	1.20*
	(0.04)	(0.30)	(0.09)
Urban Population	0.01*	0.01	0.02*
	(0.00)	(0.01)	(0.01)
In(GDP Per Capita)	-0.50^{*}	-0.34*	-0.62*
	(0.06)	(0.17)	(0.12)
GDP Growth	-0.04^{*}	-0.05^*	-0.05^*
	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)
Post-Cold War	-0.31^{*}	-0.21	-0.39^{*}
	(0.09)	(0.18)	(0.12)
POLITY	0.67*	0.71*	0.68*
	(0.06)	(0.09)	(0.08)
POLITY Squared	-0.07^{*}	-0.07^{*}	-0.07^{*}
	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)
Estimated Sigma			2.30*
			(0.12)
AIC	4642.76		3287.00
BIC	4704.44		
Log Likelihood	-2312.38	-1422.95	-1633.50
Deviance	4624.76	2845.89	
Num. obs.	6997	3971	
* - < 0.00			

Censoring and Event Counts

Censored Y

"Lower" censored Y:

$$Y_i = Y_i^* \text{ if } Y_i^* > L$$

= $L \text{ if } Y_i^* \leq L$

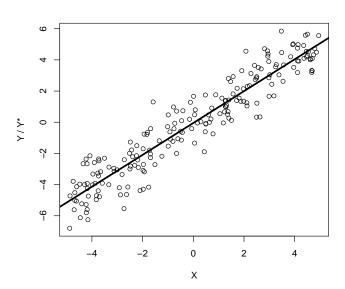
"Upper-censored":

$$Y_i = Y_i^* \text{ if } Y_i^* > L$$

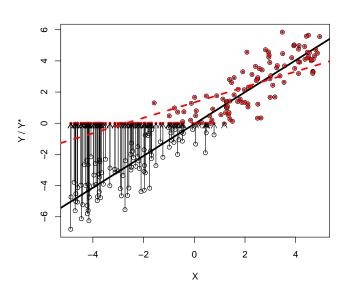
= $U \text{ if } Y_i^* \ge L$

ightarrow bias in $\hat{oldsymbol{eta}}$ (toward zero) + inconsistency...

Censoring Bias



Censoring Bias



In the lower-censoring case, for $Y^* > L$, we have:

$$\mathbf{L}_1(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2 | Y, L) = \prod_{Y_i > L} \phi(Y_i^* | \mathbf{X}_i, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2).$$

and for $Y^* < L$:

$$Pr(Y_i = L) = Pr(Y_i^* \le L)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{L} \phi(Y_i^* | \mathbf{X}_i, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2) dY^*$$

$$= \Phi(L | \mathbf{X}_i, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2).$$

which implies:

$$\mathbf{L}_{2}(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^{2} | Y, L) = \prod_{Y \leftarrow I} \Phi(L | \mathbf{X}_{i}, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^{2}).$$

Combined likelihood:

$$\mathbf{L}(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2 | Y, L) = \prod_{Y_i > L} \phi(Y_i^* | \mathbf{X}_i, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2) \prod_{Y_i = L} \Phi(L | \mathbf{X}_i, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2).$$

Panel Tobit

One-way unit effects:

$$Y_i^* = \mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta} + \alpha_i + u_i$$

Models:

- No fixed-effects conditioning (a la logit) \rightarrow inconsistency.
- Generally use random effects (via survival or xttobit).

Event Counts

Properties:

- Discrete / integer-values
- Non-negative
- "Cumulative"

Motivation:

Arrival Rate =
$$\lambda$$

$$Pr(Event)_{t,t+h} = \lambda h$$

$$Pr(No Event)_{t,t+h} = 1 - \lambda h$$

$$Pr(Y_t = y) = \frac{\exp(-\lambda h)\lambda h^y}{y!}$$
$$= \frac{\exp(-\lambda)\lambda^y}{y!}$$

Poisson: Assumptions and Motivations

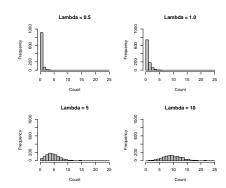
- No Simultaneous Events
- Constant Arrival Rate
- Independent Event Arrivals

Another motivation: For M independent Bernoulli trials with (sufficiently small) probability of success π and where $M\pi \equiv \lambda > 0$,

$$Pr(Y_i = y) = \lim_{M \to \infty} \left[\binom{M}{y} \left(\frac{\lambda}{M} \right)^y \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{M} \right)^{M-y} \right]$$
$$= \frac{\lambda^y \exp(-\lambda)}{y!}$$

Poisson: Characteristics

- Discrete
- $E(Y) = Var(Y) = \lambda$
- Is not preserved under affine transformations...
- For $X \sim \mathsf{Poisson}(\lambda_X)$ and $Y \sim \mathsf{Poisson}(\lambda_Y)$, $Z = X + Y \sim \mathsf{Poisson}(\lambda_{X+Y})$ iff X and Y are independent but
- ...same is not true for differences.
- $\lambda \to \infty \iff Y \sim N$



Poisson Regression

Suppose

$$\mathsf{E}(Y_i) \equiv \lambda_i = \mathsf{exp}(\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta})$$

then

$$\Pr(Y_i = y | \mathbf{X}_i, \boldsymbol{\beta}) = \frac{\exp[-\exp(\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta})][\exp(\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta})]^y}{y!}$$

with likelihood:

$$L = \prod_{i=1}^{N} \frac{\exp[-\exp(\mathbf{X}_{i}\beta)][\exp(\mathbf{X}_{i}\beta)]^{Y_{i}}}{Y_{i}!}$$

and log-likelihood:

$$\ln L = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left[-\exp(\mathbf{X}_{i}\boldsymbol{\beta}) + Y_{i}\mathbf{X}_{i}\boldsymbol{\beta} - \ln(Y_{i}!) \right]$$

Event Counts: Unit Effects

$$Y_{it} \sim \mathsf{Poisson}(\mu_{it} = \alpha_i \lambda_{it})$$

with $\lambda_{it} = \exp(\mathbf{X}_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})$ implies:

$$E(Y_{it} \mid \mathbf{X}_{it}, \alpha_i) = \mu_{it}$$

$$= \alpha_i \exp(\mathbf{X}_{it}\beta)$$

$$= \exp(\delta_i + \mathbf{X}_{it}\beta)$$

where $\delta_i = \ln(\alpha_i)$.

Fixed-Effects Poisson:

- ...has no "incidental parameters" problem (see e.g. Cameron and Trivedi, pp. 281-2)
- This means "brute force" approach works
- Fitted via glmmML in R, xtpoisson (and xtnbreg) in Stata

Random-Effects Models

$$Pr(Y_{i1} = y_{i1}, ... Y_{iT} = y_{iT}) = \int_0^\infty Pr(Y_{i1} = y_{i1}, ... Y_{iT} = y_{iT}) f(\alpha_i) d\alpha_i$$
$$= \int_0^\infty \left[\prod_{t=1}^T Pr(Y_{it} \mid \alpha_i) \right] f(\alpha_i) d\alpha_i$$

- Simplest to assume $\alpha_i \sim \Gamma(\theta)$
- Yields a model with $\mathsf{E}(Y_{it}) = \lambda_{it}$ and $\mathsf{Var}(Y_{it}) = \lambda_{it} + \frac{\lambda_{it}^2}{\theta}$
- Via glmmML or glmer in R, or xtpois, re in Stata
- ∃ random effects negative binomial too...

Panel Models: Software

R:

- Tobit = censReg (in censReg)
- Poisson (random effects) = glmmML in glmmML or glmer in lme4
- Poisson (fixed effects) = glmmML or "brute force"

Stata:

- Tobit = xttobit (re only)
- Poisson / negative binomial = xtpoisson, xtnbreg (both with fe, re options)

Conflict Onsets: Pooled Poisson

```
> xtabs(~DF$OnsetCount)
DF$OnsetCount
  0 1
8981 375 30
                7
> Poisson<-glm(OnsetCount~log(LandArea)+log(PopMillions)+UrbanPopulation+log(GDPPerCapita)+
             GDPPerCapGrowth+PostColdWar+POLITY+POLITYSquared,data=DF,family="poisson")
> summary(Poisson)
Call:
glm(formula = OnsetCount ~ log(LandArea) + log(PopMillions) +
   UrbanPopulation + log(GDPPerCapita) + GDPPerCapGrowth + PostColdWar +
   POLITY + POLITYSquared, family = "poisson", data = DF)
Coefficients:
                Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept)
             -2.38261
                          0.72320 -3.29 0.00099 ***
log(LandArea)
               0.06936
                          0.04693 1.48 0.13941
log(PopMillions) 0.42571
                          0.04569 9.32 < 2e-16 ***
UrbanPopulation
                 0.00603
                          0.00472
                                    1.28
                                           0.20106
GDPPerCapGrowth -0.03595
                          0.00641 -5.61 0.00000002 ***
PostColdWar
                0.27202
                          0.12002 2.27
                                           0.02343 *
POLITY
                0.32968
                          0.08289 3.98 0.00006961 ***
POLITYSquared -0.03636
                          0.00793 -4.59 0.00000449 ***
Signif, codes: 0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 * 0.05 . 0.1 1
(Dispersion parameter for poisson family taken to be 1)
   Null deviance: 2390.6 on 6996 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 1949.8 on 6988 degrees of freedom
  (6395 observations deleted due to missingness)
AIC: 2704
Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 6
```

Fixed Effects Poisson

```
> FEPoisson<-pglm(OnsetCount~log(LandArea)+log(PopMillions)+UrbanPopulation+log(GDPPerCapita)+
              GDPPerCapGrowth+PostColdWar+POLITY+POLITYSquared,data=DF,family="poisson",
              effect="individual", model="within")
> summary(FEPoisson)
Maximum Likelihood estimation
Newton-Raphson maximisation, 3 iterations
Return code 8: successive function values within relative tolerance limit (reltol)
Log-Likelihood: -1021
8 free parameters
Estimates.
                Estimate Std. error t value
                                           Pr(> t)
log(LandArea)
               -1.67100
                          2.83168 -0.59 0.55512
log(PopMillions) 0.61473 0.32126 1.91 0.05568 .
UrbanPopulation
               -0.04603 0.01335 -3.45 0.00056 ***
GDPPerCapGrowth -0.02637 0.00654 -4.03 0.00005499 ***
PostColdWar
                0.48566
                          0.19617 2.48
                                           0.01330 *
POLITY
                0.52507
                          0.10791 4.87 0.00000114 ***
POLITYSquared
             -0.05379
                          0.01060 -5.07 0.00000039 ***
---
Signif, codes: 0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 * 0.05 . 0.1 1
```

Alternative Fixed Effects Poisson (using feglm)

```
> FEPoisson2<-feglm(OnsetCount~log(LandArea)+log(PopMillions)+UrbanPopulation+log(GDPPerCapita)+
                  GDPPerCapGrowth+PostColdWar+POLITY+POLITYSquared | ISO3.data=DF.family="poisson")
NOTES: 6.395 observations removed because of NA values (LHS: 3.998, RHS: 6.395).
      67 fixed-effects (2.499 observations) removed because of only 0 outcomes.
> summary(FEPoisson2,cluster="ISO3")
GLM estimation, family = poisson, Dep. Var.: OnsetCount
Observations: 4,498
Fixed-effects: TSD3: 93
Standard-errors: Clustered (ISO3)
                Estimate Std. Error t value
                                             Pr(>|t|)
log(LandArea) -1.67100 2.159264 -0.7739 0.4390039115
log(PopMillions) 0.61473 0.340011 1.8080 0.0706106957 .
UrbanPopulation -0.04603 0.019252 -2.3911 0.0167991301 *
GDPPerCapGrowth -0.02637 0.006008 -4.3900 0.0000113372 ***
PostColdWar
              0.48566 0.293791 1.6531 0.0983179526 .
POT.TTY
               0.52507 0.112045 4.6862 0.0000027826 ***
POLITYSquared -0.05379 0.011709 -4.5937 0.0000043554 ***
Signif. codes: 0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 * 0.05 . 0.1 1
Log-Likelihood: -1,156.1 Adj. Pseudo R2: 0.094671
```

Squared Cor.: 0.162849

BIC: 3,163.5

Random Effects Poisson

```
> REPoisson<-glmer(OnsetCount~log(LandArea)+log(PopMillions)+UrbanPopulation+log(GDPPerCapita)+
                     GDPPerCapGrowth+PostColdWar+POLITY+POLITYSquared+(1|ISO3),data=DF,family="poisson")
> summary(REPoisson)
Generalized linear mixed model fit by maximum likelihood (Laplace Approximation) ['glmerMod']
Family: poisson (log)
Formula: OnsetCount ~ log(LandArea) + log(PopMillions) + UrbanPopulation +
    log(GDPPerCapita) + GDPPerCapGrowth + PostColdWar + POLITY +
    POLITYSquared + (1 | ISO3)
   Data: DF
    ATC
                  logLik deviance df.resid
    2602
                   -1291
                             2582
Scaled residuals:
   Min
        1Q Median
                     30
-0.945 -0.227 -0.144 -0.086 17.093
Random effects:
 Groups Name
                   Variance Std.Dev.
 ISO3 (Intercept) 0.588 0.767
Number of obs: 6997, groups: ISO3, 160
Fixed effects:
                 Estimate Std. Error z value
                                                Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept)
                 -4.33127 1.09253 -3.96 0.0000735687 ***
log(LandArea)
                  0.07661 0.07524 1.02
                                                  0.300
log(PopMillions) 0.42058 0.08230 5.11 0.0000003215 ***
                -0.00756
UrbanPopulation
                            0.00649 -1.16
                                                  0.244
log(GDPPerCapita) -0.16788
                          0.10506 -1.60
                                                  0.110
GDPPerCapGrowth -0.03182
                         0.00660 -4.82 0.0000014481 ***
PostColdWar
                  0.29773 0.12970 2.30
                                                  0.022 *
                  0.49337
                            0.09700 5.09 0.0000003649 ***
POLITY
POLITYSquared
                -0.05419 0.00942 -5.75 0.0000000089 ***
Signif, codes: 0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 * 0.05 . 0.1 1
Correlation of Fixed Effects:
            (Intr) lg(LA) lg(PM) UrbnPp 1(GDPP GDPPCG PstC1W POLITY
log(LandAr) -0.774
lg(PpMllns) 0.395 -0.656
UrbanPopltn 0.364 -0.043 -0.033
lg(GDPPrCp) -0.589 0.020 0.022 -0.737
GDPPrCpGrwt 0.041 0.066 -0.106 0.126 -0.165
PostColdWar -0.112 0.186 -0.245 -0.218 0.035 -0.053
           -0.278 0.006 -0.001 -0.075 0.214 0.066 -0.255
POLITYSqurd 0.261 0.028 -0.038 0.052 -0.241 -0.065 0.208 -0.968
optimizer (Nelder_Mead) convergence code: 0 (OK)
Model failed to converge with max|grad| = 0.116002 (tol = 0.002, component 1)
Model is nearly unidentifiable; very large eigenvalue
```

- Rescale variables?

Alternative RE Poisson (using pglm)

```
> REPoisson2<-pglm(OnsetCount~log(LandArea)+log(PopMillions)+
                  UrbanPopulation+log(GDPPerCapita)+
                  GDPPerCapGrowth+PostColdWar+POLITY+
                  POLITYSquared, data=DF, family="poisson",
                 effect="individual",model="random")
> summary(REPoisson2)
Maximum Likelihood estimation
Newton-Raphson maximisation, 4 iterations
Return code 8: successive function values within relative tolerance limit (reltol)
Log-Likelihood: -1292
10 free parameters
Estimates:
                 Estimate Std. error t value
                                             Pr(> t.)
(Intercept)
                 -3.67347
                           1.05113 -3.49
                                               0.00047 ***
log(LandArea)
                  0.05547
                            0.07325
                                       0.76
                                               0.44888
log(PopMillions) 0.44374
                            0.08003 5.54 0.000000030 ***
UrbanPopulation
                 -0.00613
                            0.00637 -0.96
                                               0.33518
log(GDPPerCapita) -0.19283
                            0.10268
                                     -1.88
                                               0.06038 .
GDPPerCapGrowth -0.03201
                            0.00655 -4.88 0.000001044 ***
PostColdWar
                  0.29663
                            0.12891
                                      2.30
                                               0.02139 *
POLITY
                  0.47529
                            0.09584
                                      4.96 0.000000708 ***
POLITYSquared
                 -0.05274
                            0.00929 -5.68 0.000000014 ***
sigma
                  1.70087
                            0.41233
                                      4.12 0.000037074 ***
Signif, codes: 0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 * 0.05 . 0.1 1
```

Table!

Panel Event Count Models

	Poisson	FE Poisson	RE Poisson	Neg. Bin.	FE N.B.	RE N.B.
Intercept	-2.38*		-4.33*	-2.41*	-62.39	-4.32*
	(0.72)		(1.09)	(0.74)		(1.09)
In(Land Area)	0.07	-1.67	0.08	0.07	6.56	0.08
	(0.05)	(2.83)	(0.08)	(0.05)		(0.08)
In(Population)	0.43*	0.61	0.42*	0.42*	1.25	0.42*
	(0.05)	(0.32)	(0.08)	(0.05)	(1.46)	(0.08)
Urban Population	0.01	-0.05*	-0.01	0.01	-0.10	-0.01
	(0.00)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.00)	(0.08)	(0.01)
In(GDP Per Capita)	-0.43*	-0.09	-0.17	-0.42*	3.26*	-0.17
	(0.08)	(0.14)	(0.11)	(0.08)	(1.25)	(0.11)
GDP Growth	-0.04*	-0.03*	-0.03*	-0.04*	-0.07*	-0.03*
	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.03)	(0.01)
Post-Cold War	0.27*	0.49*	0.30*	0.27*	-0.57	0.30*
	(0.12)	(0.20)	(0.13)	(0.12)	(1.15)	(0.13)
POLITY	0.33*	0.53*	0.49*	0.32*	1.29*	0.49*
	(0.08)	(0.11)	(0.10)	(0.09)	(0.59)	(0.10)
POLITY Squared	-0.04*	-0.05*	-0.05*	-0.04*	-0.10*	-0.05*
	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.05)	(0.01)
Estimated Sigma	, ,	` ′	` ′	0.06	, ,	` ′
				(0.03)		
AIC	2704.01	2057.19	2601.46	2699.78	-1271.03	2603.46
BIC	2765.69		2670.00			2678.84
Log Likelihood	-1343.01	-1020.59	-1290.73	-1339.89	644.51	-1290.7
Deviance	1949.83					
Num. obs.	6997		6997			6997
Num. groups: ISO3			160			160
Var: ISO3 (Intercept)			0.59			0.59
*n < 0.05						

p < 0.05

Wrap-Up: Some Useful Packages

• pglm

- Workhorse package for panel (FE, RE, BE) GLMs
- Binary + ordered logit/probit, Poisson / negative binomial
- Discussed + used extensively in Croissant and Millo (2018) Panel Data Econometrics with R
- The one thing it won't (apparently) do is fixed-effects, binary-response models...

• fixest

- Fast / efficient fitting of FE models
- · Fits linear models, logit, Poisson, and negative binomial
- Includes easy coefficient plots & tables; simple multi-threading; built-in "robust" S.E.s

• alpaca

- Fast / efficient fitting of GLMs with high-dimensional fixed effects
- Includes bias correction for incidental parameters after binary-response models
- Also includes useful panel data simulation routines + average partial effects

Generalized Estimating Equations

Quick GLM review

Linear-normal model is:

$$Y_i = \mu_i + u_i$$

with:

$$\mu_i = \mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}.$$

Generalize:

$$g(\mu_i) = \mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}$$

and:

$$Y_i \sim \text{i.i.d. } F[\mu_i, \mathbf{V}_i].$$

GLM Estimation

"Score" equations:

$$\mathbf{U}(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \mathbf{D}'_{i} \mathbf{V}_{i}^{-1} [Y_{i} - \mu_{i}] = \mathbf{0}.$$

with:

- $\mathbf{D}_i = \frac{\partial \mu_i}{\partial \beta}$,
- $\mathbf{V}_i = rac{h(\mu_i)}{\phi}$, and
- $(Y_i \mu_i) \approx \text{a "residual."}$
- Known as "quasi-likelihood" (e.g. Wedderburn 1974 Biometrika).

Now suppose:

$$Y_{it} = \mu_{it} + u_{it}$$

where

- $i \in \{1, ...N\}$ are i.i.d. "units,"
- $t \in \{1, ... T\}$, T > 1 are "time points,"
- we want $g(\mu_{it}) = \mathbf{X}_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta}$.

Key issue: Accounting for (conditional) dependence in Y over time.

GEE Basics

Full joint distributions over T are hard. But...

Define:

$$\mathbf{R}_{i}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1.0 & \alpha_{12} & \cdots & \alpha_{1,T} \\ \alpha_{21} & 1.0 & \cdots & \alpha_{2,T} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \alpha_{T,1} & \cdots & \alpha_{T,T-1} & 1.0 \end{pmatrix},$$

- \rightarrow "working correlation" matrix.
 - Completely defined by α ,
 - Structure specified by the analyst.

GEE Origins

Liang and Zeger (1986): We can decompose the variance of Y_{it} as:

$$\mathbf{V}_i = \mathsf{diag}(\mathbf{V}_i^{rac{1}{2}})\,\mathbf{R}_i(lpha)\,\mathsf{diag}(\mathbf{V}_i^{rac{1}{2}})$$

With a standard GLM assumption about the mean and variance, this is:

$$\mathbf{V}_{i} = \frac{\left(\mathbf{A}_{i}^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) \mathbf{R}_{i}(\alpha) \left(\mathbf{A}_{i}^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)}{\phi}$$

where

$$\mathbf{A}_i = egin{pmatrix} h(\mu_{i1}) & 0 & \cdots & 0 \ 0 & h(\mu_{i2}) & \cdots & 0 \ dots & dots & \ddots & dots \ 0 & \cdots & 0 & h(\mu_{iT}) \end{pmatrix}$$

What does that mean?

$$V_i = Var(Y_{it}|\mathbf{X}_{it},\boldsymbol{\beta})$$
 has two parts:

- \mathbf{A}_i = unit-level variation,
- $\mathbf{R}_i(\alpha)$ = within-unit temporal variation.

Specifying $\mathbf{R}_i(\alpha)$

Independent:
$$\mathbf{R}_i(\alpha) = \begin{pmatrix} 1.0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1.0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1.0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Assumes no within-unit temporal correlation.
- Equivalent to GLM on pooled data.

Exchangeable:
$$\mathbf{R}_{i}(\alpha) = \begin{pmatrix} 1.0 & \alpha & \cdots & \alpha \\ \alpha & 1.0 & \cdots & \alpha \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \alpha & \cdots & \alpha & 1.0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- One free parameter in $\mathbf{R}_i(\alpha)$ ($\alpha_{ts} = \alpha \ \forall \ t \neq s$)
- Temporal correlation within units is constant across time points.
- Akin (in some respects) to a random-effects model...

Specifying $\mathbf{R}_i(\alpha)$

$$AR(p) \text{ (e.g., } AR(1)): \qquad \mathbf{R}_i(\alpha) = \begin{pmatrix} 1.0 & \alpha & \alpha^2 & \cdots & \alpha^{T-1} \\ \alpha & 1.0 & \alpha & \cdots & \alpha^{T-2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \alpha^{T-1} & \cdots & \alpha^2 & \alpha & 1.0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- One free parameter in $\mathbf{R}_i(\alpha)$ ($\alpha_{ts} = \alpha^{|t-s|} \ \forall \ t \neq s$).
- Conditional within-unit correlation an exponential function of the lag.

$$Stationary(p): \qquad \mathbf{R}_i(\alpha) = \begin{pmatrix} 1.0 & \alpha_1 & \cdots & \alpha_p & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \alpha_1 & 1.0 & \alpha_1 & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \alpha_p & \cdots & \alpha_1 & 1.0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- AKA "banded," or "p-dependent."
- $p \leq T 1$ free parameters in $\mathbf{R}_i(\alpha)$.
- Conditional within-unit correlation an exponential function of the lag, up to lag p, and zero thereafter.

Specifying $\mathbf{R}_i(\alpha)$

Unstructured:
$$\mathbf{R}_{i}(\alpha) = \begin{pmatrix} 1.0 & \alpha_{12} & \alpha_{13} & \cdots & \alpha_{1,T-1} \\ \alpha_{12} & 1.0 & \alpha_{23} & \cdots & \alpha_{2,T-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \alpha_{1,T-1} & \alpha_{2,T-1} & \cdots & \alpha_{T-1,T-1} & 1.0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- $\frac{T(T-1)}{2}$ free parameters in $\mathbf{R}_i(\alpha)$.
- Conditional within-unit correlation is completely data-dependent.

Estimation

Score equations:

$$\boldsymbol{U}_{GEE}(\boldsymbol{\beta}_{GEE}) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \mathbf{D}_{i}^{\prime} \left[\frac{(\mathbf{A}_{i}^{\frac{1}{2}}) \, \mathbf{R}_{i}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) \, (\mathbf{A}_{i}^{\frac{1}{2}})}{\phi} \right]^{-1} \left[Y_{i} - \mu_{i} \right] = \mathbf{0}$$

Two-step estimation:

- For fixed values of α_s and ϕ_s at iteration s, use Newton scoring to estimate $\hat{\beta}_s$,
- Use $\hat{\beta}_s$ to calculate standardized residuals $(Y_i \hat{\mu}_i)_s$, from which consistent estimates of α_{s+1} and ϕ_{s+1} can be estimated.

Inference

Liang & Zeger (1986):

$$\hat{oldsymbol{eta}}_{ extit{GEE}} \underset{N
ightarrow \infty}{\sim} extbf{N}(oldsymbol{eta}, oldsymbol{\Sigma}).$$

For $\hat{\Sigma}$, two options:

$$\hat{\mathbf{\Sigma}}_{\mathsf{Model}} = N \left(\sum_{i=1}^{N} \hat{\mathbf{\mathcal{D}}}_i' \hat{\mathbf{\mathcal{V}}}_i^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{\mathcal{D}}}_i \right)$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{\mathsf{Robust}} = N \left(\sum_{i=1}^{N} \hat{\boldsymbol{D}}_{i}^{\prime} \hat{\boldsymbol{V}}_{i}^{-1} \hat{\boldsymbol{D}}_{i} \right)^{-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{N} \hat{\boldsymbol{D}}_{i}^{\prime} \hat{\boldsymbol{V}}_{i}^{-1} \hat{\boldsymbol{S}}_{i} \hat{\boldsymbol{V}}_{i}^{-1} \hat{\boldsymbol{D}}_{i} \right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^{N} \hat{\boldsymbol{D}}_{i}^{\prime} \hat{\boldsymbol{V}}_{i}^{-1} \hat{\boldsymbol{D}}_{i} \right)^{-1}$$

where $\hat{\boldsymbol{S}}_i = (Y_i - \hat{\mu}_i)(Y_i - \hat{\mu}_i)'$.

Inference (aka, magic!)

- $\hat{\Sigma}_{\mathsf{Model}}$
 - Requires that $\mathbf{R}_i(\alpha)$ be "correct" for consistency.
 - \bullet Is slightly more efficient than $\hat{\Sigma}_{\mathsf{Robust}}$ if so.

- ullet $\hat{\Sigma}_{\mathsf{Robust}}$
 - Is consistent even if $R_i(\alpha)$ is misspecified.
 - Is slightly less efficient than $\hat{\Sigma}_{\mathsf{Model}}$ if $\mathsf{R}_i(lpha)$ is correct.

Moral: Use $\hat{\Sigma}_{Robust}$

Summary

GEEs:

- Are a straightforward variation on GLMs, and so
- Can be applied to a range of data types (continuous, binary, count, proportions, etc.),
- Yield robustly consistent point estimates of β s,
- Account for within-unit correlation in an informed way, but also
- Yield consistent inferences even if that correlation is misspecified.

Practical Issues: Model Interpretation

- In general, GEEs = GLMs.
- GEEs are marginal models, so:
 - $\hat{\beta}$ s have an interpretation as <u>average</u> / total effects.
 - Estimates / effect sizes generally be smaller than conditional (e.g. fixed/random) effects models.
 - E.g., for logit, $\hat{\beta}_M \approx \frac{\hat{\beta}_C}{\sqrt{1+0.35\sigma_{\eta}^2}}$, where $\sigma_{\eta}^2 > 0$ is the variance of the unit effects.

Practical Issues: Specifying $\mathbf{R}_i(\alpha)$

- Has been called "more art than science."
- Pointers:
 - Choose based on *substance* of the problem.
 - Remember that $\mathbf{R}_i(\alpha)$ is conditional on \mathbf{X} , $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$.
 - Consider unstructured when T is small and N large.
 - Try different ones, and compare.
- In general, it shouldn't matter terribly much...

GEEs: Software

Software	${\sf Command}(s)/{\sf Package}(s)$				
R	gee / geepack / geeM / multgeeB / orth / repolr				
Stata	<pre>xtgee / xtlogit / xtprobit / xtpois / etc.</pre>				
SAS	<pre>genmod (w/ repeated)</pre>				

GEEs: Software Tips

- Generally follow GLMs (specify "family" + "link")
- Certain combinations not possible/recommended
- Estimation: Fisher scoring, MLE, etc. (MCMC?)

From the geepack manual:

Warning

Use "unstructured" correlation structure only with great care. (It may cause R to crash).

Civil War Redux... GEE: Independence

```
> GEE.ind<-geeglm(CivilWar~log(LandArea)+log(PopMillions)+UrbanPopulation+
              log(GDPPerCapita)+GDPPerCapGrowth+PostColdWar+POLITY+
              POLITYSquared.data=DF.id=ISO3.familv="binomial".
              corstr="independence")
> summarv(GEE.ind)
Call:
geeglm(formula = CivilWar ~ log(LandArea) + log(PopMillions) +
   UrbanPopulation + log(GDPPerCapita) + GDPPerCapGrowth + PostColdWar +
   POLITY + POLITYSquared, family = "binomial", data = DF, id = ISO3,
   corstr = "independence")
 Coefficients:
                 Estimate Std.err Wald Pr(>|W|)
(Intercept)
                -1.0327 1.9726 0.27 0.60059
log(LandArea) 0.0109 0.1234 0.01 0.92992
log(PopMillions) 0.6636 0.1568 17.90 0.000023 ***
UrbanPopulation 0.0109 0.0137 0.64 0.42538
log(GDPPerCapita) -0.5013 0.2454 4.17 0.04106 *
GDPPerCapGrowth -0.0403 0.0128 9.88 0.00167 **
PostColdWar -0.3110 0.2594 1.44 0.23049
POT.TTY
                 0.6744 0.2105 10.26 0.00136 **
POLITYSquared -0.0653 0.0194 11.34 0.00076 ***
Signif. codes: 0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 * 0.05 . 0.1 1
Correlation structure = independence
Estimated Scale Parameters:
           Estimate Std err
(Intercept)
              0.803
                     0.291
Number of clusters: 160 Maximum cluster size: 57
```

GEE: Exchangeable

```
> GEE.exc<-geeglm(CivilWar~log(LandArea)+log(PopMillions)+UrbanPopulation+
                   log(GDPPerCapita)+GDPPerCapGrowth+PostColdWar+POLITY+
                   POLITYSquared, data=DF, id=ISO3, family="binomial",
                 corstr="exchangeable")
> summary(GEE.exc)
Call:
geeglm(formula = CivilWar ~ log(LandArea) + log(PopMillions) +
   UrbanPopulation + log(GDPPerCapita) + GDPPerCapGrowth + PostColdWar +
   POLITY + POLITYSquared, family = "binomial", data = DF, id = ISO3,
   corstr = "exchangeable")
 Coefficients:
                 Estimate Std.err Wald Pr(>|W|)
(Intercept)
                -2.91574 2.05337 2.02 0.15561
log(LandArea) 0.05297 0.15494 0.12 0.73245
log(PopMillions) 0.55323 0.16035 11.90 0.00056 ***
UrbanPopulation
                  0.00533 0.01165 0.21 0.64714
log(GDPPerCapita) -0.21791 0.17470 1.56 0.21229
GDPPerCapGrowth -0.03530 0.00904 15.23 0.000095 ***
PostColdWar
              -0.14044 0.23285 0.36 0.54641
POLITY
                0.54979 0.17023 10.43 0.00124 **
POLITYSquared -0.05610 0.01664 11.36 0.00075 ***
Signif. codes: 0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 * 0.05 . 0.1 1
Correlation structure = exchangeable
Estimated Scale Parameters:
           Estimate Std.err
(Intercept)
              0.725 0.185
 Link = identity
Estimated Correlation Parameters:
      Estimate Std.err
alpha
         0.34 0.112
Number of clusters: 160 Maximum cluster size: 57
```

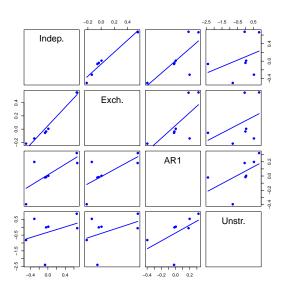
GEE: AR(1)

```
> GEE.ar1<-geeglm(CivilWar~log(LandArea)+log(PopMillions)+UrbanPopulation+
                   log(GDPPerCapita)+GDPPerCapGrowth+PostColdWar+POLITY+
                   POLITYSquared, data=DF, id=ISO3, family="binomial",
                   corstr="ar1")
> summary(GEE.ar1)
Call:
geeglm(formula = CivilWar ~ log(LandArea) + log(PopMillions) +
   UrbanPopulation + log(GDPPerCapita) + GDPPerCapGrowth + PostColdWar +
   POLITY + POLITYSquared, family = "binomial", data = DF, id = ISO3,
    corstr = "ar1")
 Coefficients:
                 Estimate Std.err Wald Pr(>|W|)
                 -2.11808 2.41377 0.77
(Intercept)
                                           0.380
log(LandArea)
                0.17430 0.18542 0.88
                                           0.347
log(PopMillions) 0.32266 0.19145 2.84
                                           0.092 .
UrbanPopulation
                  0.00279 0.01595 0.03
                                           0.861
log(GDPPerCapita) -0.39669 0.23482 2.85
                                           0.091 .
GDPPerCapGrowth -0.01526 0.00728 4.40
                                           0.036 *
PostColdWar
               0.19787 0.24491 0.65
                                           0.419
POLITY
                  0.18284 0.12351 2.19
                                           0.139
POLITYSquared -0.02066 0.01320 2.45
                                           0.117
Signif. codes: 0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 * 0.05 . 0.1
Correlation structure = ar1
Estimated Scale Parameters:
           Estimate Std.err
(Intercept)
              0.825 0.352
 Link = identity
Estimated Correlation Parameters:
      Estimate Std.err
alpha
         0.92 0.0404
Number of clusters: 160 Maximum cluster size: 57
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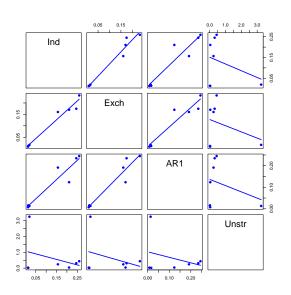
GEE: Unstructured (2013-2017)

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> GEE.unstr<-geeglm(CivilWar~log(LandArea)+log(PopMillions)+UrbanPopulation+
                   log(GDPPerCapita)+GDPPerCapGrowth+POLITY+
                   POLITYSquared.data=DF5.id=ISO3.familv="binomial".
                   corstr="unstructured")
> summarv(GEE.unstr)
Call:
geeglm(formula = CivilWar ~ log(LandArea) + log(PopMillions) +
    UrbanPopulation + log(GDPPerCapita) + GDPPerCapGrowth + POLITY +
    POLITYSquared, family = "binomial", data = DF5, id = ISO3,
    corstr = "unstructured")
Coefficients:
                 Estimate Std.err Wald Pr(>|W|)
(Intercent)
                 -2.38896 3.25077 0.54 0.46241
log(LandArea)
                 0.16453 0.19119 0.74 0.38949
log(PopMillions) 0.85836 0.24080 12.71 0.00036 ***
UrbanPopulation
                  0.03406 0.01715 3.95 0.04699 *
log(GDPPerCapita) -0.81577 0.31150 6.86 0.00882 **
GDPPerCapGrowth -0.00896 0.03066 0.09 0.77000
POLITY
                0.53049 0.43746 1.47 0.22526
POLITYSquared -0.06053 0.03800 2.54 0.11119
Signif. codes: 0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 * 0.05 . 0.1 1
Correlation structure = unstructured
Estimated Scale Parameters:
           Estimate Std.err
              0.658 0.783
(Intercept)
  Link = identity
Estimated Correlation Parameters:
         Estimate Std.err
alpha.1:2
            0.380 0.471
alpha.1:3
            0.393 0.489
alpha.1:4
            0.356 0.447
alpha.1:5
            0.296 0.372
alpha.2:3
           0.748 0.851
alpha.2:4
            0.289 0.369
alpha.2:5
            0.466 0.541
alpha.3:4
            0.407 0.517
            0.677 0.795
alpha.3:5
alpha.4:5
            0.446 0.558
Number of clusters: 159 Maximum cluster size: 5
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GEEs: Wrap-Up

GEEs are:

- Robust
- Flexible
- Extensible beyond panel/TSCS context