Foundations of Statistical and Machine Learning for Actuaries -

Classical Regression Modeling

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Schedule

| Day and Time | Presenter | Topics | Notebooks for Participant Activity |
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| Monday | Jed | Welcome and Foundations | Auto Liability Claims |
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| Afternoon | | Cross-Validation | |
| | Andrés | Classification | Victoria road crash data |
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| Tuesday Morning | Andrés | Trees, Boosting, Bagging | |
| | Jed | Big Data, Dimension Reduction and | Big Data, Dimension Reduction, |
| | | Non-Supervised Learning | and Non-Supervised Learning |
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| Tuesday | Jed | Neural Networks | Seattle House Prices |
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| | Jed | Graphic Data Neural Networks | MNIST Digits Data |
| Tuesday 4 pm | Fei | Fei Huang Thoughts on Ethics | |
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| Wednesday Morning | Jed | Recurrent Neural Networks, Text Data | Insurer Stock Returns |
| | Jed | Artificial Intelligence, Natural Language | |
| | | Processing, and ChatGPT | |
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| Wednesday After Lunch | Dani | Dani Bauer Insights | |
| Wednesday | Andrés | Applications and Wrap-Up | |
| Afternoon | Andres | Applications and wrap-Op | |

Monday Morning IB - Classical Regression Modeling

- This module reviews:
 - linear regression,
 - logistic regression, and
 - generalized linear models.
- During lecture, participants may follow
 - Chapter 2 of Loss Data Analytics
 - Chapters 11 and 13 of Frees Regression Book in Spanish
- During lab, participants may follow the notebook Medical Expenditures (MEPS)



Data Analytic Concepts

Underpinning the elements of data analytics are:

- **Data Driven**. Conclusions and decisions made through a data analytic process depend heavily on data inputs.
 - In comparison, econometricians have long recognized the difference between a data-driven model and a structural model.
- EDA exploratory data analysis and CDA confirmatory data analysis.
 - The purpose of EDA is to reveal aspects or patterns in the data without reference to any particular model.
 - CDA techniques use data to substantiate, or confirm, aspects or patterns in a model.

Statistical Inference: Hypothesis Testing, Estimation and Prediction

- Medical statisticians test the efficacy of a new drug and econometricians estimate parameters of an economic relationship.
- In insurance, predictions of yet to be realized random outcomes are critical for financial risk management (e.g., pricing) of existing risks in future periods.

Comparison of Exploratory Data Analysis and Confirmatory Data Analysis

| | EDA | CDA |
|------------|---|--|
| Data | Observational data | Experimental data |
| Goal | Pattern recognition, formulate hypotheses | Hypothesis testing, estimation, prediction |
| Techniques | Descriptive statistics, visualization, clustering | Traditional statistical tools of inference, significance, and confidence |

Data Modeling

- With a "probability" or "likelihood" based model, our main goal is to understand the target (Y) distribution, typically in terms of the explanatory variables (X).
- Classical data models are particularly useful for:
 - the goal of explanation
 - understanding the uncertainty of our predictions
 - interpretability.
- Let us review three important cases:
 - the normal distribution
 - the Bernoulli (0-1) distribution
 - the exponential family of distributions (for GLM models)

The Normal Distribution

Linear Regression Model Assumptions

Observable Data Representation

| $E[y_i] = \mu_i$ | regression mean |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| $= \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \dots + \beta_k x_{ik}$ | |
| $\{x_{i1},\ldots,x_{ik}\}$ | non-stochastic explanatory variables |
| $\beta_0, \beta_1, \ldots, \beta_k$ | unknown regression parameters |
| $\operatorname{Var}[y_i] = \sigma^2$ | regression variance |
| $\{y_1,\ldots,y_n\}$ | independent random variables |
| $\{y_1,\ldots,y_n\}$ | normally distributed |

Interpretability is key. For example,

$$\beta_j = \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}[y]}{\partial x_j}$$

we can think about β_j as the expected change in y per unit change in x_j , holding other explanatory variables fixed.

Model Fitting

It is customary to fit a regression model using the **method of** maximum likelihood.

- The joint probability density (mass) function is viewed as a function of the realized data, with the parameters held fixed.
- In contrast, the likelihood is viewed as a function of the parameters, with the data held fixed.
- The method of maximum likelihood means finding the values of β that maximize the likelihood.

Model Fitting 2

- In the benchmark (standard), observations are independent and so the joint density is a product of marginal densities.
 - Determining arguments that maximize a function yield the same results achieved when maximizing the log of the function.
 - ullet Method of maximum likelihood, find the values of the parameters ullet that maximize the log-likelihood

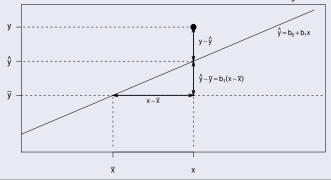
$$L(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = L(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ \log f(y_i; \mathbf{x}_i' \boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2) \right\}.$$

Here, f is a normal distribution. Let us call the values that maximize this θ_{MLF} .

How well does the model fit?

With the estimated regression coefficients, say β_{MLE} , one can compute the fitted values $\hat{y}_i = \mathbf{x}_i' \beta_{MLE}$.

How close are the fitted values to the observed values y?



$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \overline{y})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\hat{y}_i - \overline{y})^2$$
Total SS
Error SS
Regression SS

Define *R*-square (*coefficient of determination*):

$$R^2 = \frac{Regression \ SS}{Total \ SS}$$

to be the proportion of variability explained by the model.

Model Adequacy and Goodness of Fit

Naturally, there are many other measures for how well a fitted model fits the training data, including

- t-statistics of individual coefficients
- a version of R^2 , R_a^2 , that is adjusted for model complexity
 - Information criteria = measure of fit plus penalty for model complexity, e.g.
 - $AIC = -2 \times log$ -likelihood $+ 2 \times number$ of parameters
 - smaller is better
- Residual analysis

How reliable are the estimated coefficients?

Inference - Standard errors

An estimator of the asymptotic variance of θ may be calculated taking partial derivatives of the log-likelihood.

$$\mathbf{I}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta} \partial \boldsymbol{\theta}'} L(\boldsymbol{\theta}).$$

It is known as the information matrix.

The square root of the *j*th diagonal element of this matrix evaluated at θ_{MLE} yields the standard error for $\theta_{i,MLE}$.

Example: Medical Expenditures

- Data from the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS), conducted by the U.S. Agency of Health Research and Quality (AHRQ).
 - A probability survey that provides nationally representative estimates of health care use, expenditures, sources of payment, and insurance coverage for the U.S. civilian population.
 - Collects detailed information on individuals of each medical care episode by type of services including
 - physician office visits,
 - hospital emergency room visits,
 - hospital outpatient visits,
 - hospital inpatient stays,
 - all other medical provider visits, and
 - use of prescribed medicines.

MEPS

- For MEPS, inpatient admissions include persons who were admitted to a hospital and stayed overnight.
- In contrast, outpatient events include hospital outpatient department visits, office-based provider visits and emergency room visits excluding dental services.
 - Hospital stays with the same date of admission and discharge, known as zero-night stays, were included in outpatient counts and expenditures.
 - Payments associated with emergency room visits that immediately preceded an inpatient stay were included in the inpatient expenditures.
 - Prescribed medicines that can be linked to hospital admissions were included in inpatient expenditures, not in outpatient utilization.

MEPS

- This detailed information allows one to develop models of health care utilization to predict future expenditures.
- We consider MEPS data from the first panel of 2003 and take a random sample of n = 2,000 individuals between ages 18 and 65.

Let us start by looking at some summary statistics. . . .

Table 11.4. Positive Expenditures by Explanatory Variable

| Category | Variable | Description | Percent of data | Percent Positive Expend | |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Demography | AGE | Age in years between | | | |
| | | 18 to 65 (mean: 39.0) | | | |
| | GENDER | 1 if female | 52.7 | 10.7 | |
| | | 0 if male | 47.3 | 4.7 | |
| Ethnicity | ASIAN | 1 if Asian | 4.3 | 4.7 | |
| | BLACK | 1 if Black | 14.8 | 10.5 | |
| | NATIVE | 1 if Native | 1.1 | 13.6 | |
| | WHITE | Reference level | 79.9 | 7.5 | |
| Region | NORTHEAST | 1 if Northeast | 14.3 | 10.1 | |
| | MIDWEST | 1 if Midwest | 19.7 | 8.7 | |
| | SOUTH | 1 if South | 38.2 | 8.4 | |
| | WEST | Reference level | 27.9 | 5.4 | |
| Education | COLLEGE 1 if college or higher degree | | 27.2 | 6.8 | |
| | HIGHSCHOOL 1 if high school degree | | 43.3 | 7.9 | |
| | Reference level is lower | | 29.5 | 8.8 | |
| | than high school degree | | | | |
| Self-rated | POOR | 1 if poor | 3.8 | 36.0 | |
| physical | FAIR | 1 if fair | 9.9 | 8.1 | |
| health | GOOD | 1 if good | 29.9 | 8.2 | |
| | VGOOD | 1 if very good | 31.1 | 6.3 | |
| | Reference level | | 25.4 | 5.1 | |
| | is excellent health | | | | |
| Self-rated | MNHPOOR | 1 if poor or fair | 7.5 | 16.8 | |
| mental health | | 0 if good to excellent mental health | 92.6 | 7.1 | |
| Any activity | ANYLIMIT | 1 if any functional/activity limitation | 22.3 | 14.6 | |
| limitation | | 0 if otherwise | 77.7 | 5.9 | |
| Income | HINCOME | 1 if high income | 31.6 | 5.4 | |
| compared to | MINCOME | 1 if middle income | 29.9 | 7.0 | |
| poverty line | LINCOME | 1 if low income | 15.8 | 8.3 | |

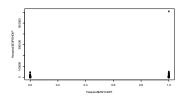
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A regression model for fitting inpatient expenditures (EXPENDIP) produces poor results. For example, The $R^2 < 2\%$.

| | Coefficient | Standard Error | t-Statistic |
|-------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| (Intercept) | 1349.05 | 2258.51 | 0.60 |
| AGE | -38.97 | 26.15 | -1.49 |
| GENDER | -411.57 | 640.50 | -0.64 |
| factor(RACE)BLACK | 213.34 | 1775.94 | 0.12 |
| factor(RACE)NATIV | -44.84 | 3373.79 | -0.01 |
| factor(RACE)OTHER | -228.92 | 2896.10 | -0.08 |
| factor(RACE)WHITE | 384.70 | 1572.54 | 0.24 |
| factor(REGION)NORTHEAST | -1850.44 | 1099.75 | -1.68 |
| factor(REGION)SOUTH | -1723.80 | 893.71 | -1.93 |
| factor(REGION)WEST | -2138.81 | 946.93 | -2.26 |
| factor(EDUC)HIGHSCH | 109.87 | 805.44 | 0.14 |
| factor(EDUC)LHIGHSC | 1516.30 | 970.07 | 1.56 |
| factor(PHSTAT)FAIR | -263.28 | 1294.16 | -0.20 |
| factor(PHSTAT)GOOD | 1180.45 | 876.49 | 1.35 |
| factor(PHSTAT)POOR | 4311.43 | 1971.09 | 2.19 |
| factor(PHSTAT)VGOO | 175.88 | 847.31 | 0.21 |
| MNHPOOR | -801.96 | 1347.07 | -0.60 |
| ANYLIMIT | 2361.53 | 838.57 | 2.82 |
| factor(INCOME)LINCOME | -6.29 | 1060.72 | -0.01 |
| factor(INCOME)MINCOME | 687.09 | 839.11 | 0.82 |
| | | | |

The statistical significance of ANYLIMIT is due to a single observation.

| | Df | Sum Sq | Mean Sq | F value | Pr(>F) |
|----------------|------|-----------------|---------------|---------|--------|
| AGE | 1 | 8727179.28 | 8727179.28 | 0.04 | 0.83 |
| GENDER | 1 | 34854272.62 | 34854272.62 | 0.18 | 0.67 |
| factor(RACE) | 4 | 79472284.83 | 19868071.21 | 0.10 | 0.98 |
| factor(REGION) | 3 | 1131118494.70 | 377039498.23 | 1.91 | 0.13 |
| factor(EDUC) | 2 | 709807132.76 | 354903566.38 | 1.80 | 0.17 |
| factor(PHSTAT) | 4 | 2082459376.03 | 520614844.01 | 2.64 | 0.03 |
| MNHPOOR | 1 | 14255471.25 | 14255471.25 | 0.07 | 0.79 |
| ANYLIMIT | 1 | 1725581242.09 | 1725581242.09 | 8.76 | 0.00 |
| factor(INCOME) | 4 | 431499864.93 | 107874966.23 | 0.55 | 0.70 |
| insure | 1 | 441684091.58 | 441684091.58 | 2.24 | 0.13 |
| Residuals | 1977 | 389273542465.67 | 196901134.28 | NA | NA |



Back to the Beginnings

- As is common with actuarial data sets, such as the MEPS data, most subjects have zero expenditures.
- When expenditures do occur, they tend to be long-tail.
- Although regression methods work well with non-normal data (in part due to central limit theorems), they do not give reasonable results for data that contains massive amounts of zeroes mixed with long-tailed out outcomes.
- So, the approach is to think instead about different components of the response variable (in this case health care expenditures).

The Bernoulli Distribution

- y_i has a Bernoulli distribution, resulting in a 0 or 1 outcome.
 - The probability that the response equals 1 by $\pi_i = \Pr(y_i = 1)$.
 - The mean response is E $y_i = 0 \times \Pr(y_i = 0) + 1 \times \Pr(y_i = 1) = \pi_i$.
 - Thus, the variance is related to the mean through the expression $\operatorname{Var} y_i = \pi_i (1 \pi_i)$.

Logistic and probit regression models

The approach is to use a **known** nonlinear function of the explanatory variables

- The linear combination of explanatory variables, $\mathbf{x}_i'\boldsymbol{\beta}$, is sometimes known as the *systematic component*.
- We consider a function of explanatory variables, $\pi_i = \pi(\mathbf{x}_i'\beta) = \Pr(y_i = 1|\mathbf{x}_i).$
- We focus on two special cases of the function $\pi(.)$:
 - $\pi(z) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-z)} = \frac{e^z}{1 + e^z}$, the logit case, and
 - $\pi(z) = \Phi(z)$, the probit case.
 - $\Phi(.)$ is the standard normal distribution function.
- Note that $\pi(z) = z$ yields the linear probability model.
- The inverse of the function, π^{-1} , is linear in the explanatory variables, that is, $\pi^{-1}(\pi_i) = \mathbf{x}_i' \boldsymbol{\beta}$.
- The logit and probit are really close.

Model Fitting - Logistic Regression

- Define $\pi_i = \pi(\mathbf{x}_i'\boldsymbol{\beta})$, the probability of a one for the *i*th subject.
- The log-likelihood of a single observation is

$$\begin{cases} \ln \pi(\mathbf{x}_i'\boldsymbol{\beta}) & \text{if } y_i = 1 \\ \ln (1 - \pi(\mathbf{x}_i'\boldsymbol{\beta})) & \text{if } y_i = 0 \\ = y_i \ln \pi(\mathbf{x}_i'\boldsymbol{\beta}) + (1 - y_i) \ln (1 - \pi(\mathbf{x}_i'\boldsymbol{\beta})). \end{cases}$$

Assuming independence, the log-likelihood of the data set is

$$L(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left\{ y_i \ln \pi(\mathbf{x}_i'\beta) + (1-y_i) \ln \left(1-\pi(\mathbf{x}_i'\beta)\right) \right\}.$$

Maximum Likelihood - Logistic Regression

- The customary method of finding the maximum is taking partial derivatives with respect to the parameters of interest and finding roots of the these equations.
- ullet In this case, taking partial derivatives with respect to eta yields the score equations

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} L(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{x}_{i} \left(y_{i} - \pi(\mathbf{x}_{i}'\beta) \right) \frac{\pi'(\mathbf{x}_{i}'\beta)}{\pi(\mathbf{x}_{i}'\beta)(1 - \pi(\mathbf{x}_{i}'\beta))} = \mathbf{0}.$$

 The solution of these equations, say b_{MLE}, is the maximum likelihood estimator. • To illustrate, for the logit case, the score equations reduce to

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\beta}} L(\boldsymbol{\beta}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{x}_{i} (y_{i} - \pi(\mathbf{x}_{i}'\boldsymbol{\beta})) = \mathbf{0}.$$

where $\pi(z) = 1/(1 + \exp(-z))$.

• When the model contains an intercept term, we can write the first row of this expression as $\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \pi(\mathbf{x}_i' \mathbf{b}_{MLE})) = 0$, so the sum of observed values equals the sum of fitted values.

Paul Embrechts and Mario V. Wüthrich emphasize the "balance property" as key. . .

MEPS

Table 11.5. Comparison of Binary Regression Models

| Logistic Logistic Probit | t-ratio -11.432 4.178 -0.427 |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| Effect Parameter Estimate t-ratio Estimate Estimate t-ratio Estimate Estimate Intercept -4.239 -8.982 -4.278 -10.094 -2.281 AGE -0.001 -0.180 -0.001 -0.001 -0.001 GENDER 0.733 3.812 0.732 3.806 0.395 ASIAN -0.219 -0.411 -0.219 -0.412 -0.108 | -11.432 4.178 -0.427 |
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| | |
| BLACK -0.001 -0.003 0.004 0.019 0.009 | 0.073 |
| NATIVE 0.610 0.926 0.612 0.930 0.285 | 0.780 |
| NORTHEAST 0.609 2.112 0.604 2.098 0.281 | 1.950 |
| MIDWEST 0.524 1.904 0.517 1.883 0.237 | 1.754 |
| SOUTH 0.339 1.376 0.328 1.342 0.130 | 1.085 |
| COLLEGE 0.068 0.255 0.070 0.263 0.049 | 0.362 |
| HIGHSCHOOL 0.004 0.017 0.009 0.041 0.003 | 0.030 |
| POOR 1.712 4.385 1.652 4.575 0.939 | 4.805 |
| FAIR 0.136 0.375 0.109 0.306 0.079 | 0.450 |
| GOOD 0.376 1.429 0.368 1.405 0.182 | 1.412 |
| VGOOD 0.178 0.667 0.174 0.655 0.094 | 0.728 |
| MNHPOOR -0.113 -0.369 | |
| ANYLIMIT 0.564 2.680 0.545 2.704 0.311 | 3.022 |
| HINCOME -0.921 -3.101 -0.919 -3.162 -0.470 | -3.224 |
| MINCOME $-0.609 -2.315$ $-0.604 -2.317$ -0.314 | -2.345 |
| LINCOME -0.411 -1.453 -0.408 -1.449 -0.241 | -1.633 |
| NPOOR -0.201 -0.528 -0.204 -0.534 -0.146 | -0.721 |
| INSURE 1.234 4.047 1.227 4.031 0.579 | 4.147 |
| Log - Likelihood -488.69 -488.78 -486.98 | |
| AIC 1,021.38 1,017.56 1,013.96 | |

Linear Exponential Family of Distributions

GLM Ingredients

- This extension of the linear model is so widely used that it is known as the generalized linear model, or as the acronym GLM.
- GLM generalizes the linear model in three ways:
- Mean as a function of linear predictors
 - Call the linear combination of explanatory variables the systematic component, denoted as $\eta_i = \mathbf{x}_i' \boldsymbol{\beta}$
 - The link function relates the mean to the systematic component

$$\eta_i = \mathbf{x}_i' \boldsymbol{\beta} = g(\mu_i).$$

- g(.) a smooth, invertible function. The inverse $\mu_i = g^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_i'\boldsymbol{\beta})$, is the mean function.
- Some examples we have seen:
 - $\mathbf{x}_i'\beta = \mu_i$, for (normal) linear regression,
 - $\mathbf{x}_i'\beta = \exp(\mu_i)/(1 + \exp(\mu_i))$, for logistic regression and
 - $\mathbf{x}_i'\beta = \ln(\mu_i)$, for Poisson regression.

GLM Ingredients II

- The GLM extends linear modeling through the use of the linear exponential family of distribution
 - Not the exponential distribution it is a generalization.
 - This family includes the normal, Bernoulli and Poisson distributions as special cases.
- GLM modeling is robust to the choice of distributions.
 - The linear model sampling assumptions focused on:
 - the form of the mean function (assumption F1),
 - non-stochastic or exogenous explanatory variables (F2),
 - o constant variance (F3) and
 - independence among observations (F4).
 - GLM models maintain assumptions F2 and F4
 - GLM models extend F1 through the link function.
 - To extend F3, the variance depends on the choice of distributions

Linear Exponential Family of Distributions

• Definition. The distribution of the linear exponential family is

$$f(y; \theta, \phi) = \exp\left(\frac{y\theta - b(\theta)}{\phi} + S(y, \phi)\right).$$

- y is a dependent variable and θ is the parameter of interest.
- ullet ϕ is a scale parameter, often assumed known.
- $b(\theta)$ depends only on the parameter θ , not the dependent variable.
- $S(y, \phi)$ is a function of y and the scale parameter, not the parameter θ .
- Example: Normal distribution use $\theta = \mu$ and $\phi = \sigma^2$,

$$\begin{split} \mathrm{f}(y;\mu,\sigma^2) &= \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(y-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \\ &= \exp\left(\frac{(y\mu-\mu^2/2)}{\sigma^2} - \frac{y^2}{2\sigma^2} - \frac{1}{2} \ln\left(2\pi\sigma^2\right)\right). \end{split}$$

* Also $b(\theta) = \theta^2/2$ and $S(y, \phi) = -y^2/(2\phi) - \ln(2\pi\sigma^2)/2$.

MEPS Fit

Table 13.5. Median Expenditures by Explanatory Variable Based on a Sample of n = 157 with Positive Expenditures

| Category | Variable | Description | Percent | Median |
|---------------|------------|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| | | | of data | Expend |
| | COUNTIP | Number of expenditures (median: 1.0) | | |
| Demography | AGE | Age in years between | | |
| | | 18 to 65 (median: 41.0) | | |
| | GENDER | 1 if female | 72.0 | 5, 546 |
| | | 0 if male | 28.0 | 7, 313 |
| Ethnicity | ASIAN | 1 if Asian | 2.6 | 4,003 |
| | BLACK | 1 if Black | 19.8 | 6, 100 |
| | NATIVE | 1 if Native | 1.9 | 2,310 |
| | WHITE | Reference level | 75.6 | 5,695 |
| Region | NORTHEAST | 1 if Northeast | 18.5 | 5,833 |
| | MIDWEST | 1 if Midwest | 21.7 | 7, 999 |
| | SOUTH | 1 if South | 40.8 | 5, 595 |
| | WEST | Reference level | 19.1 | 4, 297 |
| Education | COLLEGE | 1 if college or higher degree | 23.6 | 5, 611 |
| | HIGHSCHOOL | 1 if high school degree | 43.3 | 5, 907 |
| | | Reference level is lower | 33.1 | 5, 338 |
| | | than high school degree | | |
| Self-rated | POOR | 1 if poor | 17.2 | 10, 447 |
| physical | FAIR | 1 if fair | 10.2 | 5, 228 |
| health | GOOD | 1 if good | 31.2 | 5,032 |
| | VGOOD | 1 if very good | 24.8 | 5,546 |
| | | Reference level is excellent health | 16.6 | 5, 277 |
| Self-rated | MPOOR | 1 if poor or fair | 15.9 | 6, 583 |
| mental health | | 0 if good to excellent mental health | 84.1 | 5, 599 |

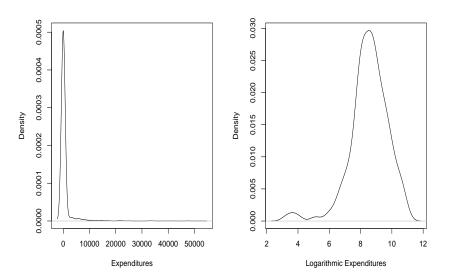


Table 13.6. Comparison of Gamma and Inverse Gaussian Regression Models

| | Gamma | | Gamma | | Inverse | Gaussian |
|------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------|
| | Full | Model | Reduced | Model | Reduced | Model |
| | Parameter | | Parameter | | Parameter | |
| Effect | Estimate | t-value | Estimate | t-value | Estimate | t-value |
| Intercept | 6.891 | 13.080 | 7.859 | 17.951 | 6.544 | 3.024 |
| COUNTIP | 0.681 | 6.155 | 0.672 | 5.965 | 1.263 | 0.989 |
| AGE | 0.021 | 3.024 | 0.015 | 2.439 | 0.018 | 0.727 |
| GENDER | -0.228 | -1.263 | -0.118 | -0.648 | 0.363 | 0.482 |
| ASIAN | -0.506 | -1.029 | | | | |
| BLACK | -0.331 | -1.656 | -0.258 | -1.287 | -0.321 | -0.577 |
| NATIVE | -1.220 | -2.217 | | | | |
| NORTHEAST | -0.372 | -1.548 | -0.214 | -0.890 | 0.109 | 0.165 |
| MIDWEST | 0.255 | 1.062 | 0.448 | 1.888 | 0.399 | 0.654 |
| SOUTH | 0.010 | 0.047 | 0.108 | 0.516 | 0.164 | 0.319 |
| COLLEGE | -0.413 | -1.723 | -0.469 | -2.108 | -0.367 | -0.606 |
| HIGHSCHOOL | -0.155 | -0.827 | -0.210 | -1.138 | -0.039 | -0.078 |
| POOR | -0.003 | -0.010 | 0.167 | 0.706 | 0.167 | 0.258 |
| FAIR | -0.194 | -0.641 | | | | |
| GOOD | 0.041 | 0.183 | | | | |
| VGOOD | 0.000 | 0.000 | | | | |
| MNHPOOR | -0.396 | -1.634 | -0.314 | -1.337 | -0.378 | -0.642 |
| ANYLIMIT | 0.010 | 0.053 | 0.052 | 0.266 | 0.218 | 0.287 |
| MINCOME | 0.114 | 0.522 | | | | |
| LINCOME | 0.536 | 2.148 | | | | |
| NPOOR | 0.453 | 1.243 | | | | |
| POORNEG | -0.078 | -0.308 | -0.406 | -2.129 | -0.356 | -0.595 |
| INSURE | 0.794 | 3.068 | | | | |
| Scale | 1.409 | 9.779 | 1.280 | 9.854 | 0.026 | 17.720 |
| Log - Likelihood | -1,558.67 | | -1,567.93 | | -1,669.02 | |
| AIC | 3, 163.34 | | 3, 163.86 | | 3, 366.04 | |