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Event Counts

Things that are not counts:

- Ordinal scales/variables
- Grouped Binary Data
 - N of "successes"
 N of "trials"
 - Binomial data
 - = counts only if Pr("success") is small

Count properties:

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

Count Data: Motivation

Arrival Rate =
$$\lambda$$

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

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

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

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

Poisson Assumptions

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

Poisson: Other Motivations

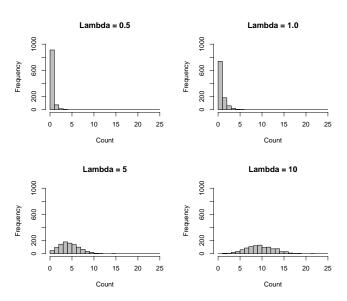
For M independent Bernoulli trials with (sufficiently small) probability of success π and where $M\pi \equiv \lambda > 0$,

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

Poisson: Characteristics

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

Poissons: Examples



Poisson Regression

Suppose

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

then

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

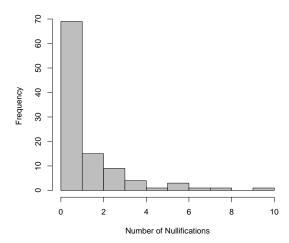
Poisson Likelihood

$$L = \prod_{i=1}^{N} rac{\exp[-\exp(\mathbf{X}_ioldsymbol{eta})][\exp(\mathbf{X}_ioldsymbol{eta})]^{Y_i}}{Y_i!}$$
In $L = \sum_{i=1}^{N} [-\exp(\mathbf{X}_ioldsymbol{eta}) + Y_i\mathbf{X}_ioldsymbol{eta} - \ln(Y_i!)]$

Example: Judicial Review

- *Y_i* = number of Acts of Congress overturned by the Supreme Court in each Congress,
- The mean tenure (tenure) of the Supreme Court's justices $(\bar{X}=10.4,\sigma=3.4,\mathsf{E}(\hat{\beta})>0).$
- Whether (1) or not (0) there was unified government (unified) $(\bar{X} = 0.83, \mathsf{E}(\hat{\beta}) < 0).$

Supreme Court Nullifications, 1789-1996



Estimation

```
> nulls.poisson<-glm(nulls~tenure+unified,family="poisson",data=Nulls)
> summary(nulls.poisson)
Call:
glm(formula = nulls ~ tenure + unified, family = "poisson", data = Nulls)
Deviance Residuals:
  Min
           10 Median
                          3Q
                                 Max
-2.367 -1.503 -0.623 0.561 4.153
Coefficients:
           Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept) -0.8776
                       0.3713 -2.36 0.01809 *
tenure
            0.0959
                     0.0256
                               3.74 0.00018 ***
unified
             0.1435
                     0.2327
                               0.62 0.53747
Signif. codes: 0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 * 0.05 . 0.1
(Dispersion parameter for poisson family taken to be 1)
   Null deviance: 251.80 on 103 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 237.52 on 101 degrees of freedom
AIC: 385.1
Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 6
```

Interpretation: Incidence Rate Ratios

$$\begin{split} \hat{\lambda}|X_D &= 1\\ \hat{\lambda}|X_D &= 0 \end{split} &= \begin{split} \frac{\exp(\hat{\beta}_0 + \bar{\mathbf{X}}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} + (X_D = 1)\hat{\beta}_{X_D})}{\exp(\hat{\beta}_0 + \bar{\mathbf{X}}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} + (X_D = 0)\hat{\beta}_{X_D})} \\ &= \exp(\hat{\beta}_{X_D}) \end{split}$$

- Like ORs
- unified: IRR = exp(0.143) = 1.15

Incidence Rate Ratios, continued

$$\mathsf{IRR}_{X_k,X_k+\delta} = \mathsf{exp}(\delta\hat{\beta}_k)$$

So, a ten-year difference in tenure:

IRR =
$$\exp(10 \times 0.096)$$

= $\exp(0.96)$
= 2.61

Incidence Rate Ratios

Predicted Values (\hat{Y} s)

Mean predicted *Y*:

$$E(Y|\bar{\mathbf{X}}_i) = \exp[-0.878 + (0.096 \times 10) + (0.143 \times 1)]$$

= $\exp(0.225)$
= 1.25

In-Sample

• R:in \$fitted.values

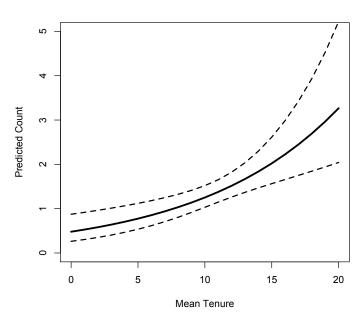
• Stata : use predict

Out-of-Sample: use predict

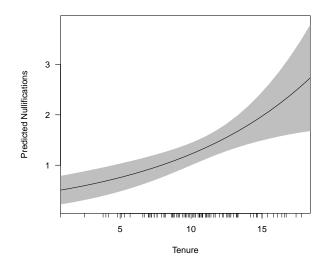
Example: Out-Of-Sample Predicted Values

```
> tenure<-seq(0.20.1)
> unified<-1
> simdata <- as.data.frame(cbind(tenure, unified))
> nullhats<-predict(nulls.poisson,newdata=simdata,se.fit=TRUE)
>
> # NOTE: These are XBs, not predicted counts.
> # Transforming:
> nullhats$Yhat<-exp(nullhats$fit)
> nullhats$UB<-exp(nullhats$fit + 1.96*(nullhats$se.fit))
> nullhats$LB<-exp(nullhats$fit - 1.96*(nullhats$se.fit))
> plot(simdata$tenure,nullhats$Yhat,t="1",lwd=3,ylim=c(0,5),ylab=
             "Predicted Count", xlab="Mean Tenure")
> lines(simdata$tenure,nullhats$UB,lwd=2,lty=2)
> lines(simdata$tenure,nullhats$LB,lwd=2,lty=2)
> plot(simdata$tenure,nullhats$Yhat,t="1",lwd=3,ylim=c(0,5),ylab=
             "Predicted Count", xlab="Mean Tenure")
> lines(simdata$tenure.nullhats$UB.lwd=2.1tv=2)
> lines(simdata$tenure,nullhats$LB,lwd=2,lty=2)
```

Plotting Out-Of-Sample Predicted Values



Same Thing, using -margins-



Predicted Probabilities

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

$$\rightarrow \Pr(\widehat{Y_i = 0 | \mathbf{X}_i, \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}}) = \frac{[\exp(-1.25)](1.25)^0}{0!}$$

$$= \frac{(0.287)(1)}{1}$$

$$= 0.287$$

$$\Pr(\widehat{Y_i = 1 | \mathbf{X}_i, \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}}) = \frac{[\exp(-1.25)](1.25)^1}{1!}$$

$$= \frac{(0.287)(1.25)}{1}$$

0.359

Predicted Probabilities

$$\Pr(\widehat{Y_i = 2|\mathbf{X}_i}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) = \frac{[\exp(-1.25)](1.25)^2}{2!}$$

$$= \frac{(0.287)(1.563)}{2}$$

$$= 0.224$$

$$\Pr(\widehat{Y_i = 3|\mathbf{X}_i}, \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) = \frac{[\exp(-1.25)](1.25)^3}{3!}$$

$$= \frac{(0.287)(1.953)}{6}$$

$$= 0.093$$

"Exposure" and "Offsets"

$$\mathsf{E}(Y_i|\mathbf{X}_i,M_i)=\lambda_iM_i$$

Same as including $ln(M_i)$ in **X** with $\beta_{ln M} = 1$.

Example: Data on numbers of interstate disputes by country, 1950-1985...

- N = 102, but
- Ndyads = number of dyad-years which were aggregated to create each observation, ranging from five to 3249
- disputes = number of (interstate) dispute-years that country experienced during 1950-1985
- allies = number of (dyadic) ally-years each country had during 1950-1985
- openness = $\frac{1}{36}\left(\frac{\text{Imports}_t + \text{Exports}_t}{\text{GDP}_t}\right)$ across all 36 years in the data.

"Exposure" and "Offsets": Data

- # Data are aggregated dyadic data, 1950-1985...
- > IR<-read.csv("Data/offsetIR.csv")

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|----------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| > summary(IR) | | | | | |
| ccode | Ndyads | disputes | allies | openness | exposure |
| Min. : 2 | Min. : 5 | Min. : 0.00 | Min. : 0.0 | Min. :0.032 | Min. :1.61 |
| 1st Qu.:214 | 1st Qu.: 44 | 1st Qu.: 0.00 | 1st Qu.: 0.0 | 1st Qu.:0.185 | 1st Qu.:3.79 |
| Median :436 | Median: 92 | Median: 1.00 | Median: 26.0 | Median :0.296 | Median:4.52 |
| Mean :418 | Mean : 179 | Mean : 3.55 | Mean : 63.9 | Mean :0.392 | Mean :4.42 |
| 3rd Qu.:598 | 3rd Qu.: 146 | 3rd Qu.: 4.00 | 3rd Qu.: 81.0 | 3rd Qu.:0.535 | 3rd Qu.:4.98 |
| Max. :900 | Max. :3249 | Max. :52.00 | Max. :1283.0 | Max. :1.659 | Max. :8.09 |
| | | | | MA110 | |

> cor(IR,use="complete.obs")

| | ccode | Ndyads | disputes | allies | openness | exposure |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|----------|----------|
| ccode | 1.00000 | -0.29623 | -0.1399 | -0.3983 | 0.02744 | -0.6544 |
| Ndyads | -0.29623 | 1.00000 | 0.8626 | 0.9200 | -0.07511 | 0.6988 |
| disputes | -0.13989 | 0.86257 | 1.0000 | 0.8255 | -0.16819 | 0.6335 |
| allies | -0.39826 | 0.92004 | 0.8255 | 1.0000 | -0.12548 | 0.7003 |
| openness | 0.02744 | -0.07511 | -0.1682 | -0.1255 | 1.00000 | -0.1433 |
| exposure | -0.65442 | 0.69878 | 0.6335 | 0.7003 | -0.14325 | 1.0000 |

Ignoring Exposure

```
> IR.fit1<-glm(disputes~allies+openness,data=IR,family="poisson")
> summarv(IR.fit1)
Coefficients:
             Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept) 1.1559498 0.1117581 10.343 < 2e-16 ***
           0.0025184 0.0001159 21.734 < 2e-16 ***
allies
openness -1.1144132 0.2773631 -4.018 5.87e-05 ***
Signif. codes: 0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 * 0.05 . 0.1 1
(Dispersion parameter for poisson family taken to be 1)
   Null deviance: 732.68 on 101 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 392.97 on 99 degrees of freedom
  (12 observations deleted due to missingness)
AIC: 588.29
Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 6
```

Correcting for Exposure

```
> IR.fit2<-glm(disputes~allies+openness,data=IR,family="poisson",
 offset=log(Ndyads))
> summary(IR.fit2)
Coefficients:
             Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept) -3.2906055 0.1194616 -27.545 < 2e-16 ***
allies
          -0.0006058 0.0001333 -4.544 5.52e-06 ***
          -1.6040587 0.3167415 -5.064 4.10e-07 ***
openness
Signif. codes: 0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 * 0.05 . 0.1 1
   Null deviance: 320.19 on 101 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 277.79 on 99 degrees of freedom
  (12 observations deleted due to missingness)
AIC: 473.11
Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 5
```

Correcting for Exposure (continued)

```
> IR.fit3<-glm(disputes~allies+openness+log(Ndyads),data=IR,
              family="poisson")
> summary(IR.fit3)
Call:
glm(formula = disputes ~ allies + openness + log(Ndyads), family = "poisson",
   data = TR)
Deviance Residuals:
           10 Median
-2.838 -1.390 -0.758 0.605 4.731
Coefficients:
              Estimate Std. Error z value
                                                      Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept) -2.42656676 0.34345252
                                   -7.07
                                               0.000000000016 ***
allies
           -0.00000948 0.00025687 -0.04
                                                          0 97
openness
          -1.44462460 0.31193821 -4.63
                                               0.0000036368547 ***
log(Ndvads) 0.81097748 0.07095243 11.43 < 0.00000000000000002 ***
Signif, codes: 0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 * 0.05 . 0.1 1
(Dispersion parameter for poisson family taken to be 1)
    Null deviance: 732.68 on 101 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 270.59 on 98 degrees of freedom
  (12 observations deleted due to missingness)
ATC: 467.9
Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 5
```

Test $\beta_{\text{exposure}} = 1.0$

Contagion, Heterogeneity, and Dispersion





Heterogeneity, Contagion, and Dispersion

Cats (daily values):

```
\begin{array}{lcl} Y_{\it cats} & = & \{0,1,1,0,2,0,1,0,3,1,2,1,0,2\} \\ \overline{Y}_{\it cats} & = & 1.0, \\ \sigma_{\it cats} & = & 0.92. \end{array}
```

Heterogeneity, Contagion, and Dispersion

$$\mathsf{E}(Y_{cats}) = \lambda_{cats}$$

Poisson assumes:

- Y = 0 at t = 0,
- Exclusive events
- $t_i = t_k \, \forall \, j \neq k$
- Constant, independent Pr(Event) over t

Antelope

Daily values:

$$Y_{antelope} = \{0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 7, 7\}$$

 $\bar{Y}_{antelope} = 1.0,$
 $\sigma_{antelope} = 6.46.$

Positive contagion \rightarrow overdispersion.

Daily values:

$$\begin{array}{lcl} Y_{\rm foxes} & = & \{1,0,1,1,1,1,1,2,1,1,1,1,1,1\} \\ \bar{Y}_{\rm foxes} & = & 1.0, \\ \sigma_{\rm foxes} & = & 0.15. \end{array}$$

 $Negative\ contagion
ightarrow underdispersion.$

Aggregation & Cross-Period Effects

Aggregated two-day measures:

$$Y_{cats} = \{1, 1, 2, 1, 4, 3, 2\}$$

 $Y_{antelope} = \{0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 14\}$
 $Y_{foxes} = \{1, 2, 2, 3, 2, 2, 2\}$

Heterogeneity

Poisson requires:

- Correct specification
- ullet Correct distribution for ϵ
- Constant $E(Y|X,\beta)$

Omitted variables \rightarrow overdispersion:

$$\lambda_i \equiv \mathsf{E}(Y_i) = f[\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta} + \mathbf{Z}_i \boldsymbol{\theta}]$$

Overdispersion: A Test

Examine:

$$\hat{u}_i = \delta \hat{\lambda}_i + \epsilon_i$$

where

$$\hat{u}_i = \frac{(Y_i - \hat{\lambda}_i)^2 - Y_i}{\hat{\lambda}_i \sqrt{2}}$$

- Estimate a Poisson regression of Y_i on \mathbf{X}_i , and generate predicted counts $\hat{\lambda}_i$.
- Calculate \hat{u}_i according to the equation above.
- Estimate δ using OLS, and test $H_0: \hat{\delta} = 0$.

Overdispersion: Models

$$\begin{split} \mathsf{E}(Y_i) &\equiv \lambda_i &= \exp(\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta} + u_i) \\ &= \exp(\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}) \exp(u_i) \\ &= \lambda_i \nu_i \end{split}$$

$$\nu_i \sim \mathsf{gamma}\left(1, \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)$$

$$\mathsf{Pr}(Y_i = y | \lambda_i, \alpha) = \left(\frac{\Gamma(\alpha^{-1} + Y_i)}{\Gamma(\alpha^{-1})\Gamma(Y_i + 1)}\right) \left(\frac{\alpha^{-1}}{\alpha^{-1} + \lambda_i}\right)^{\alpha^{-1}} \left(\frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda_i + \alpha^{-1}}\right)^{Y_i} \end{split}$$
 e

where

Negative Binomial

Basis:

$$\lambda_i = \exp(\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta})$$

Model has

$$E(Y) = \lambda$$

$$Var(Y) = \lambda(1 + \alpha\lambda), \ \alpha > 0$$

Negative Binomial (log-)Likelihood

$$\ln L_{NB} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left\{ \left(\sum_{j=0}^{Y_i - 1} \ln(j + \alpha^{-1}) \right) - \ln Y_i! - (Y_i - \alpha^{-1}) \ln[1 + \alpha \exp(\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta})] + Y_i \ln \alpha + Y_i \mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta} \right\}$$

So:

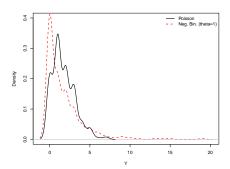
- $\alpha = 0 \iff \mathsf{E}(Y) = \mathsf{Var}(Y)$
- LR test for overdispersion:

$$-2 imes (\widehat{\ln L_{Poisson}} - \widehat{\ln L_{NB}}) \sim \chi_1^2$$

•
$$\widehat{E(Y_i)} \equiv \hat{\lambda}_i = \exp(\mathbf{X}_i \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})$$

What Difference Does It Make?

```
> N<-400
> set.seed(7222009)
> X <- runif(N,min=0,max=1)</pre>
> YPois <- rpois(N,exp(0+1*X))</pre>
                                          # Poisson
> YNB <- rnbinom(N,size=1,mu=exp(0+1*X)) # NB with theta=1.0
> describe(cbind(YPois,YNB))
             n mean
                      sd median trimmed mad min max range skew kurtosis
YPois
         1 400 1.72 1.41
                                    1.56 1.48
                                                           7 0.92
                                                                      0.84 0.07
YNB
         2 400 1.71 2.44
                               1
                                    1.22 1.48
                                                0 19
                                                         19 2.76
                                                                     11.15 0.12
```



What Difference Does It Make (cont'd)?

```
> # Regressions:
> summary(glm(YPois~X,family="poisson")) # Poisson
Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept) -0.009637 0.085337 -0.113
            1.030573 0.131992 7.808 5.82e-15 ***
Signif. codes: 0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 * 0.05 . 0.1 1
(Dispersion parameter for poisson family taken to be 1)
    Null deviance: 516.06 on 399 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 453.55 on 398 degrees of freedom
ATC: 1274.4
> summary(glm.nb(YPois~X))
                                        # NB
Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept) -0.009629 0.085345 -0.113
            1.030557 0.132007 7.807 5.86e-15 ***
Signif, codes: 0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 * 0.05 . 0.1 1
(Dispersion parameter for Negative Binomial(7837.699) family taken to be 1)
    Null deviance: 515.96 on 399 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 453.46 on 398 degrees of freedom
AIC: 1276.5
             Theta: 7838
         Std. Err.: 135342
Warning while fitting theta: iteration limit reached
2 x log-likelihood: -1270.451
```

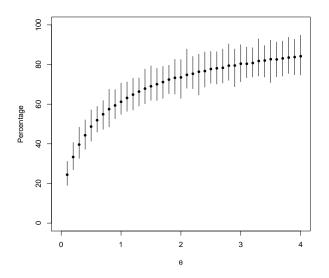
What Difference Does It Make (cont'd)?

```
> # More regressions:
> summary(glm(YNB~X,family="poisson")) # Poisson
Coefficients:
           Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept) -0.03170 0.08593 -0.369
            1.06109
                       0.13248 8.009 1.15e-15 ***
Signif. codes: 0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 * 0.05 . 0.1 1
(Dispersion parameter for poisson family taken to be 1)
   Null deviance: 1118.0 on 399 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 1052.1 on 398 degrees of freedom
AIC: 1698.6
> summary(glm.nb(YNB~X))
                                      # NB
Coefficients:
           Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept) -0.03525 0.13650 -0.258 0.796
            1.06773
                       0.22809 4.681 2.85e-06 ***
Signif, codes: 0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 * 0.05 . 0.1 1
(Dispersion parameter for Negative Binomial(0.8499) family taken to be 1)
   Null deviance: 436.92 on 399 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 414.81 on 398 degrees of freedom
AIC: 1407.4
             Theta: 0.850
         Std. Err.: 0.109
2 x log-likelihood: -1401.354
```

Poisson Regression Underestimates N.B. Variances

```
Sims <- 250 # (250 sims each)
theta <- seq(0.1,4,by=0.1) # values of theta
diffs<-matrix(nrow=Sims,ncol=length(theta))
set.seed(7222009)
for(j in 1:length(theta)) {
   for(i in 1:Sims) {
        X<-runif(N,min=0,max=1)
        Y<-rnbinom(N,size=theta[j],mu=exp(0+1*X))
        p<-glm(Y^X,family="poisson")
        nb<-glm.nb(Y^X)
        diffs[i,j]<- ((sqrt(vcov(p))[2,2]) / sqrt(vcov(nb))[2,2])*100
   }
}</pre>
```

Percentage of True (Negative Binomial) S.E. From Fitted Poisson Model, by $\theta = \frac{1}{\alpha}$



Negative Binomial In Practice

Model fitting (in R):

- glm.nb (in MASS)
- negbinomial (in VGAM)
- negbin (in aod)
- glmnb.fit (in statmod)
- Probably others...

Model interpretation + diagnostics:

- fitNBP (in statmod) (dispersion parameter estimation)
- negbinirr (in mfx) (IRRs)
- negbinmfx (in mfx) (marginal effects)

Underdispersion: COM Poisson

Underdispersion:

- ... is implied by negative contagion
- \rightarrow limiting effect on max(Y).

Conway-Maxwell-Poisson: Allows for either over- or underdispersion:

$$Pr(Y_i = y) = \frac{\lambda^y}{(y!)^{\nu}} \frac{1}{Z(\lambda, \nu)}$$

where.

$$Z(\lambda,\nu) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^j}{(j!)^{\nu}}.$$

 $\nu \in [0, \infty)$, with:

- $\nu=1 o {\sf Poisson}$
- $\nu \to \infty \to \mathsf{Bernoulli}\Big(\frac{\lambda}{1+\lambda}\Big)$
- $\nu = 0 \rightarrow \text{geometric (with 0} < \lambda < 1)$

And yes, there is an R package...

Example: SCOTUS Amicus Curiae (1953-85)

- N = 7157
- namici is the number of amicus curiae briefs filed in each case,
- term is the term (i.e., year) of the Court,
- civlibs is whether (=1) or not (=0) the case involved a civil rights and liberties issue.

> summary(amici)

| namici | | | term | | civlibs | |
|---------|-----|------|---------|-------|---------|--------|
| Min. | : | 0.00 | Min. | :53.0 | Min. | :0.000 |
| 1st Qu. | : | 0.00 | 1st Qu. | :64.0 | 1st Qu. | :0.000 |
| Median | : | 0.00 | Median | :72.0 | Median | :1.000 |
| Mean | : | 1.03 | Mean | :71.1 | Mean | :0.501 |
| 3rd Qu. | : | 1.00 | 3rd Qu. | :79.0 | 3rd Qu. | :1.000 |
| Max. | : 5 | 3.00 | Max. | :85.0 | Max. | :1.000 |

Amicus Example: Poisson

```
> amici.poisson<-glm(namici~term+civlibs,data=amici,family="poisson")</pre>
> summarv(amici.poisson)
Coefficients:
          Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
0.06361 0.00147 43.27 <2e-16 ***
term
civlibs -0.29797 0.02350 -12.68 <2e-16 ***
Signif. codes: 0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 * 0.05 . 0.1
(Dispersion parameter for poisson family taken to be 1)
   Null deviance: 22875 on 7156 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 20675 on 7154 degrees of freedom
 (4 observations deleted due to missingness)
AIC: 26862
Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 6
```

Overdispersion Test: "By Hand"

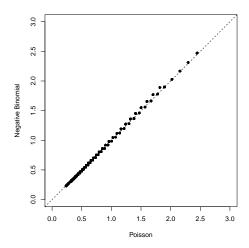
```
> Phats<-fitted.values(amici.poisson)
> Uhats<-((amici$namici-Phats)^2 - amici$namici) / (Phats * sqrt(2))
> summary(lm(Uhats~Phats))
Call:
lm(formula = Uhats ~ Phats)
Residuals:
  Min 10 Median 30
                            Max
 -5.9 -3.0 -2.3 -1.9 1707.0
Coefficients:
           Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)
             1.579
                        0.693 2.28 0.023 *
Phats
             1.466 0.591
                                2.48 0.013 *
Signif. codes: 0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 * 0.05 . 0.1 1
Residual standard error: 28.4 on 7155 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.000858, Adjusted R-squared: 0.000718
F-statistic: 6.14 on 1 and 7155 DF, p-value: 0.0132
```

Negative Binomial Regression

```
> library(MASS)
> amici.NB<-glm.nb(namici~term+civlibs,data=amici)
> summary(amici.NB)
Call:
glm.nb(formula = namici ~ term + civlibs, data = amici, init.theta = 0.256657474,
   link = log)
Coefficients:
         Estimate Std. Error z value
                                          Pr(>|z|)
term
civlibs
         -0.26777 0.05403 -4.96 0.00000072 ***
Signif. codes: 0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 * 0.05 . 0.1 1
(Dispersion parameter for Negative Binomial(0.2567) family taken to be 1)
   Null deviance: 5442 on 7156 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 4968 on 7154 degrees of freedom
AIC: 17378
Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 1
           Theta: 0 25666
        Std. Err.: 0.00838
> 1 / amici NR$theta
Γ17 3.896
```

Predicted Values: Poisson and NB

- > plot(amici.poisson\$fitted.values,amici.NB\$fitted.values,xlab="Poisson",
 ylab="Negative Binomial",main="Predicted Counts")
- > abline(a=0,b=1,lwd=2)



More Things

- Models where Over- / Underdispersion = $f(\mathbf{Z}_i \gamma)$
- Models for Censored / Truncated Counts
- "Zero-Inflated" and "Hurdle" Count Models
- Time Series of Counts
- Panel Data Models for Event Counts
- Spatial Count Models
- etc...

Generalized Linear Models (GLMs)

The Exponential Family

$$f(z|\psi) = \Pr(Z = z|\psi)$$

Exponential if:

$$f(z|\psi) = r(z)s(\psi) \exp[q(z)h(\psi)]$$

provided that r(z) > 0 and $s(\psi) > 0$.

$$f(z|\psi) = \exp[\underbrace{\ln r(z) + \ln s(\psi)}_{\text{"additive"}} + \underbrace{q(z)h(\psi)}_{\text{"interactive"}}]$$

Canonical Forms

$$y = q(z)$$
 $heta = h(\psi)$ $f[y| heta] = \exp[y heta - b(heta) + c(y)].$

- $b(\theta)$ is a "normalizing constant"
- c(y) is a function solely of y
- ullet y heta is a multiplicative term

A Familiar Family Member: Poisson

$$f(y|\lambda) = \frac{\exp(-\lambda)\lambda^y}{y!}.$$

$$f(y|\lambda) = \exp \left\{ \ln \left[\exp(-\lambda) \lambda^{y} / y! \right] \right\}$$
$$= \exp \left[\underbrace{y \ln(\lambda)}_{y\theta} - \underbrace{\lambda}_{b(\theta)} - \underbrace{\ln(y!)}_{c(y)} \right]$$

Family Nuisances

$$f(y|\theta,\phi) = \exp\left[\frac{y\theta - b(\theta)}{a(\phi)} + c(y,\phi)\right]$$

Familiar Family Member II: Normal

$$f(y|\mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left[\frac{(y-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right]$$

$$f(y|\mu, \sigma^2) = \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\ln(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(y^2 - 2y\mu + \mu^2)\right]$$

$$= \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\ln(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2}y^2 + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2}2y\mu - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2}\mu^2\right]$$

$$= \exp\left[\frac{y\mu}{\sigma^2} - \frac{\mu^2}{2\sigma^2} - \frac{y^2}{2\sigma^2} - \frac{1}{2}\ln(2\pi\sigma^2)\right]$$

$$= \exp\left\{\frac{y\mu - \frac{\mu^2}{2}}{\sigma^2} + \frac{-1}{2}\left[\frac{y^2}{\sigma^2} + \ln(2\pi\sigma^2)\right]\right\}$$

Normal, continued

$$f(y|\mu,\sigma^2) = \exp\left\{\frac{y\mu - \frac{\mu^2}{2}}{\sigma^2} + \frac{-1}{2}\left[\frac{y^2}{\sigma^2} + \ln(2\pi\sigma^2)\right]\right\}$$

 $\theta = \mu$, so:

- $y\theta = y\mu$
- $b(\theta) = \frac{\mu^2}{2}$
- $a(\phi) = \sigma^2$
- $c(y,\phi) = \frac{-1}{2} \left[\frac{y^2}{\sigma^2} + \ln(2\pi\sigma^2) \right]$

Other Family Members

- Binomial (⊃ Bernoulli; also Multinomial)
- Exponential
- Gamma
- Logarithmic
- Inverse Gaussian
- Negative Binomial
- others...

Little Red Likelihood

$$\ln L(\theta, \phi|y) = \ln f(y|\theta, \phi)$$

$$= \ln \left\{ \exp \left[\frac{y\theta - b(\theta)}{a(\phi)} + c(y, \phi) \right] \right\}$$

$$= \frac{y\theta - b(\theta)}{a(\phi)} + c(y, \phi)$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln L(\theta, \phi | y)}{\partial \theta} \equiv \mathbf{S} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left[\frac{y\theta - b(\theta)}{a(\phi)} + c(y, \phi) \right] \\
= \frac{y - \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} b(\theta)}{a(\phi)}.$$

Among family members:

- **S** is a sufficient statistic for θ .
- E(S) = 0.
- $Var(S) \equiv \mathcal{I}(\theta) = E[(S)^2 | \theta]$

More Estimation

$$\mathsf{E}(Y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} b(\theta)$$

and

$$\mathsf{Var}(Y) = \mathsf{a}(\phi) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \mathsf{b}(\theta)$$

Example: Poisson Again

$$E(Y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \exp(\theta)$$

$$= \exp(\theta)|_{\theta = \ln(\lambda)}$$

$$= \lambda$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{Var}(Y) &= 1 \times \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \exp(\theta)|_{\theta = \mathsf{ln}(\lambda)} \\ &= \exp[\mathsf{ln}(\lambda)] \\ &= \lambda \end{aligned}$$

Example: Normal Again

$$E(Y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\frac{\theta^2}{2}\right)$$
$$= \theta|_{\theta=\mu}$$
$$= \mu$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{Var}(Y) &= & \sigma^2 \times \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \left(\frac{\theta^2}{2} \right) \\ &= & \sigma^2 \times \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \theta \\ &= & \sigma^2 \end{aligned}$$

Linear Model(s)

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

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

The "Generalized" Part

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

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

$$\mu_i = g^{-1}(\eta_i)$$

$$= g^{-1}(\mathbf{X}_i\beta)$$

Random component $\sim \mathsf{EF}(\cdot)$ with

$$\mathsf{E}(Y_i) = \boldsymbol{\mu}_i.$$

Systematic component:

$$g(\mu_i) = \eta_i$$

or

$$g^{-1}(\eta_i) = \mu_i.$$

The Return of The Family

$$egin{array}{lll} m{ heta}_i &=& m{g}(m{\mu}_i) \ &=& m{\eta}_i \ &=& m{X}_i m{eta} \end{array}$$

$$g^{-1}(\theta_i) = \mu_i$$

GLM Example: Linear-Normal

$$f(y|\mu, \sigma^2) = \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$$
 $\mu_i = \eta_i$
 $\mu_i \equiv \theta_i = \eta_i$
 $Y_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_i, \sigma^2)$

GLM Example: Binary

$$f(y|\pi) = \pi^y (1-\pi)^{1-y}$$
 $egin{aligned} heta_i &= \ln\left(rac{\mu_i}{1-\mu_i}
ight) \ \ \mu_i &= g^{-1}(heta_i) \ \ &= rac{\exp(\eta_i)}{1+\exp(\eta_i)} \ \ Y_i &\sim & \mathsf{Bernoulli}(\mu_i) \end{aligned}$

GLM Example: Counts (Independent Events)

$$f(y|\lambda) = rac{\exp(-\lambda)\lambda^y}{y!}$$
 $\ln(\lambda_i) = \eta_i$
 $\mu_i = g^{-1}(\theta_i)$
 $= \exp(\eta_i)$
 $Y_i \sim \operatorname{Poisson}(\lambda_i)$

Common GLM Flavors

| Distribution | Range of Y | $Link(s) g(\cdot)$ | Inverse Link $g^{-1}(\cdot)$ |
|---------------------|--------------------------|---|---|
| Normal | $(-\infty, \infty)$ | Identity: $\theta = \mu$ (Canonical) | θ |
| Binomial | {0,n} | Logit: $oldsymbol{	heta} = \operatorname{In}\left(rac{oldsymbol{\mu}}{1-oldsymbol{\mu}} ight)$ (Canonical) | $\frac{\exp(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{1+\exp(\boldsymbol{\theta})}$ |
| | | Probit: $\theta = \Phi^{-1}(\mu)$ | $\Phi(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ |
| | | C-Log-Log: $\theta = \ln[-\ln(1 - \mu)]$ | $1 - \exp[-\exp(\theta)]$ |
| Bernoulli | {0,1} | (same as Binomial) | (same as Binomial) |
| Multinomial | $\{0,J\}$ | (same as Binomial) | (same as Binomial) |
| Poisson | $[0, \infty]$ (integers) | $Log: \theta = In(\mu)$ (Canonical) | $exp(\theta)$ |
| Gamma $(0, \infty)$ | | Reciprocal: $	heta = -rac{1}{\mu}$ (Canonical) | $-\frac{1}{\theta}$ |

Note: The Bernoulli is a special case of the Binomial with n=1. The multinomial is the *J*-outcome variant of the Binomial, and is also related to the Poisson (see, e.g., Agresti 2002).

GLMs: How-To

- Pick f(Y)
- Pick $g(\cdot)$
- Specify X
- Estimate

Model Fitting

- MLE
- IRLS (≈ MLE):

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{(t+1)} = [\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{W}^{(t)}\mathbf{X}]^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{W}^{(t)}\mathbf{z}^{(t)}$$

with

$$\mathbf{W}_{N \times N}^{(t)} = \operatorname{diag}\left[\frac{\left(\partial \mu_i^{(t)}/\partial \eta_i^{(t)}\right)^2}{\operatorname{Var}(Y_i)}\right]$$

and

$$\mathbf{z}^{(t)} = \boldsymbol{\eta}^{(t)} + (Y - \boldsymbol{\mu}^{(t)}) \left(\frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\eta}^{(t)}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}} \right).$$

IRLS, Intuitively

At iteration t:

- 1. Calculate $\mathbf{z}^{(t)}$, $\mathbf{W}^{(t)}$
- 2. Regress $\mathbf{z}^{(t)}$ on \mathbf{X} , using $\mathbf{W}^{(t)}$ as weights, to obtain $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{(t+1)}$
- 3. Generate $\boldsymbol{\eta}^{(t+1)} = \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{(t+1)}$
- 4. Generate $\mu^{(t+1)} = g^{-1}(\eta^{(t+1)})$
- 5. Use $\boldsymbol{\eta}^{(t+1)}$ and $\boldsymbol{\mu}^{(t+1)}$ to calculate $\mathbf{z}^{(t+1)}$ and $\mathbf{W}^{(t+1)}$
- 6. Repeat until convergence.

Residuals

"Response" Residuals:

$$\hat{u}_i = Y_i - \hat{\mu}_i
= Y_i - g^{-1}(\mathbf{X}_i \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})$$

"Pearson" Residuals:

$$\hat{P}_i = \frac{\hat{u}_i}{[\mathsf{Var}(\hat{u}_i)]^{1/2}}$$

More Residuals

"Deviance":

$$\begin{split} \hat{d}_{i} &= -2[\ln L_{i}(\hat{\theta}) - \ln L_{i}(\theta_{S})] \\ &= 2\left\{ \left[\frac{Y_{i}\theta_{S} - b(\theta_{S})}{a(\phi)} + c(Y_{i}, \phi) \right] - \left[\frac{Y_{i}\hat{\theta} - b(\hat{\theta})}{a(\phi)} + c(Y_{i}, \phi) \right] \right\} \\ &= 2\left[\frac{Y_{i}(\theta_{S} - \hat{\theta}) - b(\theta_{S}) + b(\hat{\theta})}{a(\phi)} \right] \end{split}$$

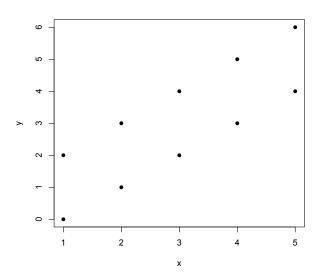
"Deviance" Residuals:

$$\hat{r}_{Di} = \left(\frac{\hat{u}_i}{|\hat{u}_i|}\right)\sqrt{\hat{d}_i^2}$$

Toy Example: Linear-Normal

$$\begin{array}{rcl} X & = & \{1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4,5,5\} \\ Y & = & \{0,2,1,3,2,4,3,5,4,6\} \\ \\ & Y_i & = & 0+1X_i+u_i \\ & \hat{u}_i^2 & = & 1\,\forall\,i \\ \\ & \text{"TSS"} \equiv \sum (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2 & = & 30 \\ & \text{"RSS"} \equiv \sum \hat{u}_i^2 & = & 10 \\ & \text{"MSS"} \ / \ \text{"ESS"} & = & 20 \end{array}$$

Toy Example: Plot



Toy Example: OLS

```
> linmod<-lm(v~x)
> summary(linmod)
Call:
lm(formula = y ~ x)
Residuals:
      Min
                  10
                         Median
                                                 Max
-1.000e+00 -1.000e+00 1.110e-16 1.000e+00 1.000e+00
Coefficients:
             Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) -5.617e-16 8.292e-01 -6.77e-16 1.00000
            1.000e+00 2.500e-01
                                    4 0.00395 **
x
Signif. codes: 0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 * 0.05 . 0.1 1
Residual standard error: 1.118 on 8 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.6667, Adjusted R-squared: 0.625
F-statistic: 16 on 1 and 8 DF, p-value: 0.00395
```

Toy Example: Linear-Normal GLM

```
> linglm<-glm(y~x,family="gaussian")</pre>
> summary(linglm)
Deviance Residuals:
      Min
                   10
                           Median
                                           30
                                                      Max
-1.000e+00 -1.000e+00 -5.551e-17 1.000e+00 1.000e+00
Coefficients:
             Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) -5.617e-16 8.292e-01 -6.77e-16 1.00000
            1.000e+00 2.500e-01
                                         4 0.00395 **
х
Signif. codes: 0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 * 0.05 . 0.1 1
(Dispersion parameter for gaussian family taken to be 1.25)
    Null deviance: 30 on 9 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 10 on 8 degrees of freedom
ATC: 34.379
Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 2
```

Better GLM Example: Political Knowledge

- 2008 NES political knowledge
- Identify Speaker of the House, VP, British PM, and Chief Justice
- Y_i = number of correct answers (out of four)

$$f(Y_i, \rho_i) = {4 \choose Y_i} \rho_i^{Y_i} (1 - \rho_i)^{4 - Y_i}$$

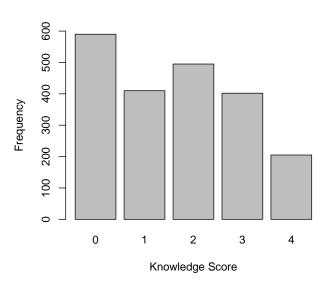
$$Y \sim \text{Binomial}(4, p)$$

$$E(Y_i) = \frac{\exp(\mathbf{X}_i \beta)}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{X}_i \beta)}$$

GLM Example Data (2008 NES)

| 2 | > summary(NES | 08[,4:16]) | | | | |
|---|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|
| | knowledge | | | sex | | race |
| | Min. :0.00 | Male r | espondent selec | ted : 999 1. | White | :1442 |
| | 1st Qu.:1.00 | Female | respondent sel | ected:1324 2. | Black/Africa | n-American: 583 |
| | Median :2.00 | | | 4. | Other race | : 262 |
| | Mean :2.37 | | | 5. | White and an | other race: 16 |
| | 3rd Qu.:4.00 | | | 6. | Black and an | other race: 6 |
| | Max. :4.00 | | | (0 | ther) | : 2 |
| | NA's :221 | | | NA | 's | : 12 |
| | age | female | white | | oftenvote | conservative |
| | Min. :17 | Min. :0.0 | 0 Min. :0.0 | 0000 Seldom | :621 | Min. :1.00 |
| | 1st Qu.:33 | 1st Qu.:0.0 | 0 1st Qu.:0.0 | 0000 Part of t | he Time:287 | 1st Qu.:3.00 |
| | Median :46 | Median :1.0 | 0 Median :1.0 | 0000 Nearly Al | ways :612 | Median :4.00 |
| | Mean :47 | | | 5207 Always | :788 | Mean :4.14 |
| | 3rd Qu.:59 | 3rd Qu.:1.0 | 0 3rd Qu.:1.0 | 0000 NA's | : 15 | 3rd Qu.:5.00 |
| | Max. :90 | Max. :1.0 | 0 Max. :1.0 | 0000 | | Max. :7.00 |
| | NA's :22 | | | | | NA's :697 |
| | 1 | prayfreq | heterosexual | married | yrsofscho | ol income |
| | Never | :235 M | in. :0.0000 | Min. :0.0000 | Min. : 0 | .00 Min. : 1.00 |
| | Once/week | :321 1 | st Qu.:1.0000 | 1st Qu.:0.0000 | 1st Qu.:12 | .00 1st Qu.: 5.00 |
| | Few times a | week:416 M | edian :1.0000 | Median :0.0000 | Median :13 | .00 Median :11.00 |
| | Daily | | ean :0.9591 | Mean :0.4224 | Mean :13 | .08 Mean :10.52 |
| | Several/Day | :806 3: | rd Qu.:1.0000 | 3rd Qu.:1.0000 | 3rd Qu.:15 | .00 3rd Qu.:15.00 |
| | NA's | : 20 M | ax. :1.0000 | Max. :1.0000 | Max. :17 | .00 Max. :25.00 |
| | | N. | A's :49 | NA's :15 | NA's :11 | NA's :151 |
| | | | | | | |

Political Knowledge (2008 NES)



GLM Results

> nes08.binom<-glm(cbind(knowledge,4-knowledge)~age+female+white+oftenvote+conservative +prayfreq+heterosexual+married+yrsofschool+income,data=nes2008,family=binomial) > summary(nes08.binom) Deviance Residuals: Min Max Median -3.59683 -1.01716 0.03124 1.34899 2.85336 Coefficients: Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|) (Intercept) 2.097696 0.248976 8.425 < 2e-16 *** age -0.010789 0.001910 -5.650 1.60e-08 *** female 0.213865 0.059534 3.592 0.000328 *** white -0.154109 0.064613 -2.385 0.017073 * oftenvote -0.097272 0.027511 -3.536 0.000407 *** conservative 0.019421 0.019317 1.005 0.314704 prayfreq heterosexual 0.070894 0.138471 0.512 0.608665 married -0.166501 0.058363 -2.853 0.004333 ** yrsofschool -0.090790 0.013116 -6.922 4.45e-12 *** -0.009015 0.005259 -1.714 0.086492 . income Signif. codes: 0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 * 0.05 . 0.1 1 (Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1) Null deviance: 3181.4 on 1359 degrees of freedom Residual deviance: 2952.9 on 1349 degrees of freedom

(963 observations deleted due to missingness)

Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 4

AIC: 4563.1

GLMs: Other Topics + Extensions

Other Topics:

- Generalizations for Overdispersion (binomial)
- Diagnostics (leverage, etc.)
- Joint Mean-Dispersion Models

Extensions:

- Bias-reduced models (a la Firth 1993)
- "Generalized additive models" (GAMs)
- "Generalized estimating equations" (GEEs)
- "Vector" GLMs (Yee and Wild 1996; Yee and Hastie 2003)

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