

Censored Poisson

Parametrisation

The Poisson distribution is

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

for responses $y = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, where λ is the expected value. The censored version is that response values in the interval $L \leq y \leq H$ are censored (and reported as $y = L$, say), whereas other values are reported as is.

Link-function

The mean-parameter is λ and is linked to the linear predictor by

$$\lambda(\eta) = E \exp(\eta)$$

where $E > 0$ is a known constant (or $\log(E)$ is the offset of η).

Hyperparameters

None.

Specification

- family = `cenpoisson`
- Required arguments: y , E , L and H (family-argument `cenpoisson.I=c(L,H)`).

Example

In the following example we estimate the parameters in a simulated example with Poisson responses.

```
n=100
a = 0
b = 1
x = rnorm(n, sd = 0.5)
eta = a + b*x
interval = c(1, 4)
E = sample(1:10, n, replace=TRUE)
lambda = E*exp(eta)
y = rpois(n, lambda = lambda)

censored = (y >= interval[1] & y <= interval[2])
y[censored] = interval[1]

r = (inla(y ~ 1 + x,
        family = "cenpoisson",
        control.family = list(cenpoisson.I = interval),
        data = data.frame(y, x),
        E=E))
summary(r)
```

Notes

For censored values, then y must be one arbitrary value in the interval; NA does not work!!!