

# Zero-inflated models: Poisson, Binomial, negative Binomial and BetaBinomial

## Parametrisation

There is support two types of zero-inflated models, which we name type 0 and type 1. These are defined for both the Binomial, the Poisson, the negative Binomial and BetaBinomial likelihood. For simplicity we will describe only the Poisson as the other cases are similar.

### Type 0

The (type 0) likelihood is defined as

$$\text{Prob}(y \mid \dots) = p \times 1_{[y=0]} + (1 - p) \times \text{Poisson}(y \mid y > 0)$$

where  $p$  is a hyperparameter where

$$p = \frac{\exp(\theta)}{1 + \exp(\theta)}$$

and  $\theta$  is the internal representation of  $p$ ; meaning that the initial value and prior is given for  $\theta$ . This model is called `zeroinflatedpoisson0` (and `zeroinflatedbinomial0`).

### Type 1

The (type 1) likelihood is defined as

$$\text{Prob}(y \mid \dots) = p \times 1_{[y=0]} + (1 - p) \times \text{Poisson}(y)$$

where  $p$  is a hyperparameter where

$$p = \frac{\exp(\theta)}{1 + \exp(\theta)}$$

and  $\theta$  is the internal representation of  $p$ ; meaning that the initial value and prior is given for  $\theta$ . This model is called `zeroinflatedpoisson1` (and `zeroinflatedbinomial1`).

## Link-function

As for the Poisson, the Binomial the negative Binomial and the BetaBinomial.

## Hyperparameters

For Poisson and the Binomial, there is one hyperparameter; where

$$p = \frac{\exp(\theta)}{1 + \exp(\theta)}$$

and the prior and initial value is given for  $\theta$ .

For the negative Binomial and BetaBinomial, there are two hyperparameters. The overdispersion parameter  $n$  for the negative Binomial is represented as

$$\theta_1 = \log(n)$$

and the prior is defined on  $\theta_1$ . The zero-inflation parameter  $p$ , is represented as

$$p = \frac{\exp(\theta_2)}{1 + \exp(\theta_2)}$$

and the prior and initial value is given for  $\theta_2$ . For the BetaBinomial it is similar.

## Specification

- family = zeroinflatedbinomial0
- family = zeroinflatedbinomial1
- family = zeroinflatednbinomial0
- family = zeroinflatednbinomial1
- family = zeroinflatedpoisson0
- family = zeroinflatedpoisson1
- family = zeroinflatedbetabinomial0
- family = zeroinflatedbetabinomial1
- Required arguments: As for the Binomial, the negative Binomial, BetaBinomial and Poisson likelihood.

## Hyperparameter specification and default values

### Zeroinflated Binomial Type 0

**doc** Zero-inflated Binomial, type 0

**hyper**

**theta**

**hyperid** 90001

**name** logit probability

**short.name** prob

**initial** -1

**fixed** FALSE

**prior** gaussian

**param** -1 0.2

**to.theta** function(x) log(x/(1-x))

**from.theta** function(x) exp(x)/(1+exp(x))

**survival** FALSE

**discrete** FALSE

**link** default logit cauchit probit cloglog loglog

**pdf** zeroinflated

### Zeroinflated Binomial Type 1

**doc** Zero-inflated Binomial, type 1

**hyper**

**theta**

**hyperid** 91001

**name** logit probability  
**short.name** prob  
**initial** -1  
**fixed** FALSE  
**prior** gaussian  
**param** -1 0.2  
**to.theta** function(x) log(x/(1-x))  
**from.theta** function(x) exp(x)/(1+exp(x))

**survival** FALSE

**discrete** FALSE

**link** default logit cauchit probit cloglog loglog

**pdf** zeroinflated

### **Zeroinflated NegBinomial Type 0**

**doc** Zero inflated negBinomial, type 0

**hyper**

**theta1**

**hyperid** 95001  
**name** log size  
**short.name** size  
**initial** 2.30258509299405  
**fixed** FALSE  
**prior** pc.mgamma  
**param** 7  
**to.theta** function(x) log(x)  
**from.theta** function(x) exp(x)

**theta2**

**hyperid** 95002  
**name** logit probability  
**short.name** prob  
**initial** -1  
**fixed** FALSE  
**prior** gaussian  
**param** -1 0.2  
**to.theta** function(x) log(x/(1-x))  
**from.theta** function(x) exp(x)/(1+exp(x))

**survival** FALSE

**discrete** FALSE

**link** default log

**pdf** zeroinflated

### **Zeroinflated NegBinomial Type 1**

**doc** Zero inflated negBinomial, type 1

**hyper**

**theta1**

**hyperid** 96001  
**name** log size  
**short.name** size  
**initial** 2.30258509299405  
**fixed** FALSE  
**prior** pc.mgamma  
**param** 7  
**to.theta** function(x) log(x)  
**from.theta** function(x) exp(x)

**theta2**

**hyperid** 96002  
**name** logit probability  
**short.name** prob  
**initial** -1  
**fixed** FALSE  
**prior** gaussian  
**param** -1 0.2  
**to.theta** function(x) log(x/(1-x))  
**from.theta** function(x) exp(x)/(1+exp(x))

**survival** FALSE

**discrete** FALSE

**link** default log

**pdf** zeroinflated

### **Zeroinflated BetaBinomial Type 0**

**doc** Zero-inflated Beta-Binomial, type 0

**hyper**

**theta1**

**hyperid** 88001  
**name** overdispersion  
**short.name** rho  
**initial** 0  
**fixed** FALSE  
**prior** gaussian  
**param** 0 0.4  
**to.theta** function(x) log(x/(1-x))

```

    from.theta function(x) exp(x)/(1+exp(x))
theta2
  hyperid 88002
  name logit probability
  short.name prob
  initial -1
  fixed FALSE
  prior gaussian
  param -1 0.2
  to.theta function(x) log(x/(1-x))
  from.theta function(x) exp(x)/(1+exp(x))

survival FALSE

discrete TRUE

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```

### **Zeroinflated BetaBinomial Type 1**

**doc** Zero-inflated Beta-Binomial, type 1

**hyper**

```

  theta1
    hyperid 89001
    name overdispersion
    short.name rho
    initial 0
    fixed FALSE
    prior gaussian
    param 0 0.4
    to.theta function(x) log(x/(1-x))
    from.theta function(x) exp(x)/(1+exp(x))
  theta2
    hyperid 89002
    name logit probability
    short.name prob
    initial -1
    fixed FALSE
    prior gaussian
    param -1 0.2
    to.theta function(x) log(x/(1-x))
    from.theta function(x) exp(x)/(1+exp(x))

```

```

survival FALSE

discrete TRUE

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```

## **Zeroinflated Poisson Type 0**

**doc** Zero-inflated Poisson, type 0

**hyper**

**theta**

**hyperid** 85001  
**name** logit probability  
**short.name** prob  
**initial** -1  
**fixed** FALSE  
**prior** gaussian  
**param** -1 0.2  
**to.theta** function(x) log(x/(1-x))  
**from.theta** function(x) exp(x)/(1+exp(x))

**survival** FALSE

**discrete** FALSE

**link** default log

**pdf** zeroinflated

## **Zeroinflated Poisson Type 1**

**doc** Zero-inflated Poisson, type 1

**hyper**

**theta**

**hyperid** 86001  
**name** logit probability  
**short.name** prob  
**initial** -1  
**fixed** FALSE  
**prior** gaussian  
**param** -1 0.2  
**to.theta** function(x) log(x/(1-x))  
**from.theta** function(x) exp(x)/(1+exp(x))

**survival** FALSE

**discrete** FALSE

**link** default log

**pdf** zeroinflated

## **Example**

In the following example we estimate the parameters in a simulated example for both type 0 and type 1.

## Poisson

```
## type 0
n=100
a = 1
b = 1
z = rnorm(n)
eta = a + b*z
p = 0.2
E = sample(c(1,5,10,15), size=n, replace=TRUE)
lambda = E*exp(eta)

## first sample y|y>0
y = rpois(n, lambda = lambda)
is.zero = (y == 0)
while(sum(is.zero) > 0)
{
  y[is.zero] = rpois(sum(is.zero), lambda[is.zero])
  is.zero = (y == 0)
}
## then set some of these to zero
y[ rbinom(n, size=1, prob=p) == 1 ] = 0

data = list(y=y,z=z)
formula = y ~ 1+z
result0 = inla(formula, family = "zeroinflatedpoisson0", data = data, E=E)
summary(result0)

## type 1
y = rpois(n, lambda = lambda)
y[ rbinom(n, size=1, prob=p) == 1 ] = 0
data = list(y=y,z=z)
formula = y ~ 1+z
result1 = inla(formula, family = "zeroinflatedpoisson1", data = data, E=E)
summary(result1)
```

## Binomial

```
## type 0
n=100
a = 1
b = 1
z = rnorm(n)
eta = a + b*z
p = 0.2
Ntrials = sample(c(1,5,10,15), size=n, replace=TRUE)
prob = exp(eta)/(1 + exp(eta))

y = rbinom(n, size = Ntrials, prob = prob)
is.zero = (y == 0)
while(sum(is.zero) > 0)
{
```

```

    y[is.zero] = rbinom(sum(is.zero), size = Ntrials[is.zero], prob = prob[is.zero])
    is.zero = (y == 0)
}
y[ rbinom(n, size=1, prob=p) == 1 ] = 0
data = list(y=y,z=z)
formula = y ~ 1+z
result0 = inla(formula, family = "zeroinflatedbinomial0", data = data, Ntrials = Ntrials)
summary(result0)

## type 1
y = rbinom(n, size = Ntrials, prob = prob)
y[ rbinom(n, size=1, prob=p) == 1 ] = 0
data = list(y=y,z=z)
formula = y ~ 1+z
result1 = inla(formula, family = "zeroinflatedbinomial1", data = data, Ntrials=Ntrials)
summary(result1)

```



## Advanced example

In the following example we estimate the parameters in a simulated example for a type0 likelihood, where one linear predictor enters the zero-probability and one other linear predictor enters the non-zero Poisson for example. The same trick can be used for other models of type0. The trick is that the likelihood

$$p^* 1_{[y=0]} + (1 - p^*) P(y|y > 0)$$

can be reformulated as a Bernoulli likelihood for the “class”-variable

$$z = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } y = 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } y > 0. \end{cases}$$

where  $p^*$  is the probability for success, and zero-inflated type0 likelihood (with fixed  $p = 0$ ) for those  $y > 0$ . Since  $p^*$  and the linear predictor in  $P$  is separated into two likelihoods, we can apply one linear predictor to each one, hence extend the basic model to cases where  $p^*$  also depends on a linear predictor. Here is a small simulated example doing this.

```
require(INLA)

n = 100
a = 0.5
b = 1.5
x1 = rnorm(n, sd = 0.5)

eta.z = -a - b*x1
z = rbinom(n, 1, inla.link.logit(eta.z, inverse=TRUE))
n.y = sum(z)

x2 = rnorm(n.y, sd = 0.5)
eta.y = a + b*x2
lambda = exp(eta.y)
y = rpois(n.y, lambda)

is.zero = (y == 0)
while(sum(is.zero) > 0)
{
  y[is.zero] = rpois(sum(is.zero), lambda[is.zero])
  is.zero = (y == 0)
}

Y = matrix(NA, n + n.y, 2)
Y[1:n, 1] = z
Y[n + 1:n.y, 2] = y

form = Y ~ 0 + mu.z + mu.y + cov.z + cov.y
ldat = list(
  Y=Y,
  mu.z=rep(1:0, c(n, n.y)),
  mu.y=rep(0:1, c(n, n.y)),
  cov.z=c(x1, rep(NA,n.y)),
  cov.y=c(rep(NA, n), x2))
```

```

res <- inla(form, data=ldat,
            family=c('binomial', 'zeroinflatedpoisson0'),
            control.family=list(
                list(),
                list(hyper = list(
                    prob = list(
                        initial = -20,
                        fixed = TRUE))))))
round(res$summary.fix, 4)

```

## Notes

None.

## Extentions

There are some extentions available which currently is only implemented for the cases where its needed/requested.

**Type 2** Is like Type 1 but where (for the Poisson)

$$p = 1 - \left( \frac{E \exp(x)}{1 + E \exp(x)} \right)^\alpha$$

where  $\alpha > 0$  is the hyperparameter instead of  $p$  (and  $E \exp(x)$  is the mean). Available for Poisson as **zeroinflatedpoisson2**, for binomial as **zeroinflatedbinomial2** and for the negative binomial as **zeroinflatednbinomial2**.

The internal representation is  $\theta = \log(\alpha)$  and prior is defined on  $\log(\alpha)$ .

## Zeroinflated Poisson Type 2

**doc** Zero-inflated Poisson, type 2

**hyper**

**theta**

```

hyperid 87001
name log alpha
short.name a
initial 0.693147180559945
fixed FALSE
prior gaussian
param 0.693147180559945 1
to.theta function(x) log(x)
from.theta function(x) exp(x)

```

**survival** FALSE

**discrete** FALSE

**link** default log

**pdf** zeroinflated

## **Zeroinflated Binomial Type 2**

**doc** Zero-inflated Binomial, type 2

**hyper**

**theta**

**hyperid** 92001  
**name** alpha  
**short.name** alpha  
**initial** -1  
**fixed** FALSE  
**prior** gaussian  
**param** -1 0.2  
**to.theta** function(x) log(x)  
**from.theta** function(x) exp(x)

**survival** FALSE

**discrete** FALSE

**link** default logit cauchit probit cloglog loglog

**pdf** zeroinflated

## **Zeroinflated Negative Binomial Type 2**

**doc** Zero inflated negBinomial, type 2

**hyper**

**theta1**

**hyperid** 99001  
**name** log size  
**short.name** size  
**initial** 2.30258509299405  
**fixed** FALSE  
**prior** pc.mgamma  
**param** 7  
**to.theta** function(x) log(x)  
**from.theta** function(x) exp(x)

**theta2**

**hyperid** 99002  
**name** log alpha  
**short.name** a  
**initial** 0.693147180559945  
**fixed** FALSE  
**prior** gaussian  
**param** 2 1  
**to.theta** function(x) log(x)

**from.theta** function(x) exp(x)

**survival** FALSE

**discrete** FALSE

**link** default log

**pdf** zeroinflated

## **Zeroinflated Negative Binomial Type 1 Strata 2**

**doc** Zero inflated negBinomial, type 1, strata 2

**hyper**

**theta1**

**hyperid** 97001

**name** log size

**short.name** size

**initial** 2.30258509299405

**fixed** FALSE

**prior** pc.mgamma

**param** 7

**to.theta** function(x) log(x)

**from.theta** function(x) exp(x)

**theta2**

**hyperid** 97002

**name** logit probability 1

**short.name** prob1

**initial** -1

**fixed** FALSE

**prior** gaussian

**param** -1 0.2

**to.theta** function(x) log(x/(1-x))

**from.theta** function(x) exp(x)/(1+exp(x))

**theta3**

**hyperid** 97003

**name** logit probability 2

**short.name** prob2

**initial** -1

**fixed** FALSE

**prior** gaussian

**param** -1 0.2

**to.theta** function(x) log(x/(1-x))

**from.theta** function(x) exp(x)/(1+exp(x))

**theta4**

**hyperid** 97004

```

name logit probability 3
short.name prob3
initial -1
fixed TRUE
prior gaussian
param -1 0.2
to.theta function(x) log(x/(1-x))
from.theta function(x) exp(x)/(1+exp(x))
theta5
hyperid 97005
name logit probability 4
short.name prob4
initial -1
fixed TRUE
prior gaussian
param -1 0.2
to.theta function(x) log(x/(1-x))
from.theta function(x) exp(x)/(1+exp(x))
theta6
hyperid 97006
name logit probability 5
short.name prob5
initial -1
fixed TRUE
prior gaussian
param -1 0.2
to.theta function(x) log(x/(1-x))
from.theta function(x) exp(x)/(1+exp(x))
theta7
hyperid 97007
name logit probability 6
short.name prob6
initial -1
fixed TRUE
prior gaussian
param -1 0.2
to.theta function(x) log(x/(1-x))
from.theta function(x) exp(x)/(1+exp(x))
theta8
hyperid 97008
name logit probability 7
short.name prob7
initial -1
fixed TRUE

```

```

    prior gaussian
    param -1 0.2
    to.theta function(x) log(x/(1-x))
    from.theta function(x) exp(x)/(1+exp(x))
theta9
    hyperid 97009
    name logit probability 8
    short.name prob8
    initial -1
    fixed TRUE
    prior gaussian
    param -1 0.2
    to.theta function(x) log(x/(1-x))
    from.theta function(x) exp(x)/(1+exp(x))
theta10
    hyperid 97010
    name logit probability 9
    short.name prob9
    initial -1
    fixed TRUE
    prior gaussian
    param -1 0.2
    to.theta function(x) log(x/(1-x))
    from.theta function(x) exp(x)/(1+exp(x))
theta11
    hyperid 97011
    name logit probability 10
    short.name prob10
    initial -1
    fixed TRUE
    prior gaussian
    param -1 0.2
    to.theta function(x) log(x/(1-x))
    from.theta function(x) exp(x)/(1+exp(x))

status experimental

survival FALSE

discrete FALSE

link default log

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```

### **Zeroinflated Negative Binomial Type 1 Strata 3**

**doc** Zero inflated negBinomial, type 1, strata 3

**hyper**

**theta1**

**hyperid** 98001  
**name** logit probability  
**short.name** prob  
**initial** -1  
**fixed** FALSE  
**prior** gaussian  
**param** -1 0.2  
**to.theta** function(x) log(x/(1-x))  
**from.theta** function(x) exp(x)/(1+exp(x))

**theta2**

**hyperid** 98002  
**name** log size 1  
**short.name** size1  
**initial** 2.30258509299405  
**fixed** FALSE  
**prior** pc.mgamma  
**param** 7  
**to.theta** function(x) log(x)  
**from.theta** function(x) exp(x)

**theta3**

**hyperid** 98003  
**name** log size 2  
**short.name** size2  
**initial** 2.30258509299405  
**fixed** FALSE  
**prior** pc.mgamma  
**param** 7  
**to.theta** function(x) log(x)  
**from.theta** function(x) exp(x)

**theta4**

**hyperid** 98004  
**name** log size 3  
**short.name** size3  
**initial** 2.30258509299405  
**fixed** TRUE  
**prior** pc.mgamma  
**param** 7  
**to.theta** function(x) log(x)  
**from.theta** function(x) exp(x)

#### theta5

hyperid 98005  
name log size 4  
short.name size4  
initial 2.30258509299405  
fixed TRUE  
prior pc.mgamma  
param 7  
to.theta function(x) log(x)  
from.theta function(x) exp(x)

#### theta6

hyperid 98006  
name log size 5  
short.name size5  
initial 2.30258509299405  
fixed TRUE  
prior pc.mgamma  
param 7  
to.theta function(x) log(x)  
from.theta function(x) exp(x)

#### theta7

hyperid 98007  
name log size 6  
short.name size6  
initial 2.30258509299405  
fixed TRUE  
prior pc.mgamma  
param 7  
to.theta function(x) log(x)  
from.theta function(x) exp(x)

#### theta8

hyperid 98008  
name log size 7  
short.name size7  
initial 2.30258509299405  
fixed TRUE  
prior pc.mgamma  
param 7  
to.theta function(x) log(x)  
from.theta function(x) exp(x)

#### theta9

hyperid 98009  
name log size 8  
short.name size8



```

    initial 2.30258509299405
    fixed TRUE
    prior pc.mgamma
    param 7
    to.theta function(x) log(x)
    from.theta function(x) exp(x)
theta10
    hyperid 98010
    name log size 9
    short.name size9
    initial 2.30258509299405
    fixed TRUE
    prior pc.mgamma
    param 7
    to.theta function(x) log(x)
    from.theta function(x) exp(x)
theta11
    hyperid 98011
    name log size 10
    short.name size10
    initial 2.30258509299405
    fixed TRUE
    prior pc.mgamma
    param 7
    to.theta function(x) log(x)
    from.theta function(x) exp(x)

status experimental
survival FALSE
discrete FALSE
link default log
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```

### 0.0.1 Zero and $N$ -inflated Binomial likelihood: type 3

This is the case where

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Prob}(y|\dots) &= p_0 \times 1_{[y=0]} + \\
 &\quad p_N \times 1_{[y=N]} + \\
 &\quad (1 - p_0 - p_N) \times \text{binomial}(y, N, p)
 \end{aligned}$$

where:

$$p = \frac{\exp(\eta)}{1 + \exp(\eta)} \quad p_0 = \frac{p^{\alpha_0}}{1 + p^{\alpha_0} + (1 - p)^{\alpha_N}} \quad p_N = \frac{(1 - p)^{\alpha_N}}{1 + p^{\alpha_0} + (1 - p)^{\alpha_N}}$$

There are 2 hyperparameters,  $\alpha_0$  and  $\alpha_N$ , governing zero-inflation where: The zero-inflation parameters  $\alpha_0$  and  $\alpha_N$  are represented as  $\theta_0 = \log(\alpha_0)$ ;  $\theta_N = \log(\alpha_N)$  and the prior and initial value is given for  $\theta_0$  and  $\theta_N$  respectively.

Here is an example

```

nsim<-10000
x<-rnorm(nsim)
alpha0<-1.5
alphaN<-2.0
p = exp(x)/(1+exp(x))
p0 = p^alpha0 / (1 + p^alpha0 + (1-p)^alphaN)
pN = (1-p)^alphaN / (1 + p^alpha0 + (1-p)^alphaN)
P<-cbind(p0, pN, (1-p0 -pN))
N<-rpois(nsim,20)
y<-rep(0,nsim)
for(i in 1:nsim)
  y[i]<-sum(rmultinom(1,size = 1,P[i,])*c(0,N[i],rbinom(1,N[i],p[i])))
formula = y ~1 + x
r = inla(formula, family = "zeroninflatedbinomial3", Ntrials = N, verbose = TRUE,
  data = data.frame(y, x))

```

and the default settings

**doc** Zero and N inflated binomial, type 3

**hyper**

**theta1**

```

hyperid 93101
name alpha0
short.name alpha0
initial 1
fixed FALSE
prior loggamma
param 1 1
to.theta function(x) log(x)
from.theta function(x) exp(x)

```

**theta2**

```

hyperid 93102
name alphaN
short.name alphaN
initial 1
fixed FALSE
prior loggamma
param 1 1
to.theta function(x) log(x)
from.theta function(x) exp(x)

```

**status** experimental

**survival** FALSE

**discrete** FALSE

**link** default logit cauchit probit cloglog loglog

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