# miniessay 10

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install.packages("readxl")
Installing package into '/cloud/lib/x86_64-pc-linux-gnu-library/4.3'
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install.packages("dplyr")
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install.packages("tidyr")
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install.packages("tidyverse")
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install.packages("broom")
Installing package into '/cloud/lib/x86_64-pc-linux-gnu-library/4.3'
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install.packages("ggplot2")
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install.packages("MASS")
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library("ggplot2")
library("MASS")
library("tidyverse")
-- Attaching core tidyverse packages ----- tidyverse 2.0.0 --

      v dplyr
      1.1.4
      v readr
      2.1.5

      v forcats
      1.0.0
      v stringr
      1.5.1

      v lubridate
      1.9.3
      v tibble
      3.2.1

      v purrr
      1.0.2
      v tidyr
      1.3.1

-- Conflicts ----- tidyverse_conflicts() --
x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
x dplyr::lag()
                   masks stats::lag()
x dplyr::select() masks MASS::select()
i Use the conflicted package (<a href="http://conflicted.r-lib.org/">http://conflicted.r-lib.org/</a>) to force all conflicts to become
library("broom")
library("readxl")
library("dplyr")
library("tidyr")
library("readxl")
library("dplyr")
data <- read_excel("Vote Totals Report From Official Tabulation - Hamilton Centre 036.xlsx",
New names:
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* `` -> `...21`
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#### head(data)

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          ...18 <lgl>, `REJETÉS EN RAISON DU MARQUAGE` <chr>,
          `NON\r\nMARQUÉS PAR L'ÉLECTEUR` <chr>, ...21 <lgl>,
          `BULLETINS REFUSÉS PAR LES ÉLECTEURS` <chr>,
           `VOTING PLACE ADDRESS OR LOCATION / ADRESSE OU EMPLACEMENT DU BUREAU DE VOTE` <chr>
```

## print(colnames(data))

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[1] "...1"
[2] "...2"
[3] "...3"
[4] "...4"
[5] "...5"
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[6] "...6"
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[16] "...16"
[17] "...17"
[18] "...18"
[19] "REJETÉS EN RAISON DU MARQUAGE"
[20] "NON\r\nMARQUÉS PAR L'ÉLECTEUR"
[21] "...21"
[22] "BULLETINS REFUSÉS PAR LES ÉLECTEURS"
[23] "VOTING PLACE ADDRESS OR LOCATION / ADRESSE OU EMPLACEMENT DU BUREAU DE VOTE"
col_names <- c("Poll_Number", "Some_Other_Column", "Accepted_Ballots", "Column4", "Candidate
               "Total_Ballots", "Ballots_Declined", "Column8", "Column9", "Column10", "Column
               "Column12", "Column13", "Column14", "Column15", "Column16", "Column17", "Colum
               "Column19", "Column20", "Column21", "Column22", "Voting_Location")
names(data) <- col_names</pre>
data_cleaned <- data %>%
  select(Poll_Number, Accepted_Ballots, Candidate1_Votes, Total_Ballots, Ballots_Declined) %
    Accepted_Ballots = as.integer(gsub(",", "", Accepted_Ballots)),
    Candidate1_Votes = as.integer(gsub(",", "", Candidate1_Votes)),
   Total_Ballots = as.integer(gsub(",", "", Total_Ballots)),
   Ballots_Declined = as.numeric(gsub(",", "", Ballots_Declined))
```

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Warning: There was 1 warning in `mutate()`.
i In argument: `Accepted_Ballots = as.integer(gsub(",", "",
    Accepted_Ballots))`.
Caused by warning:
! NAs introduced by coercion
```

)

## head(data\_cleaned)

## # A tibble: 6 x 5

	Poll_Number	${\tt Accepted\_Ballots}$	${\tt Candidate1\_Votes}$	${\tt Total\_Ballots}$	${\tt Ballots\_Declined}$
	<chr></chr>	<int></int>	<int></int>	<int></int>	<dbl></dbl>
1	001	3	61	246	0
2	002	5	64	390	0
3	003	5	61	427	2
4	004	1	57	335	1
5	005	4	50	374	6
6	006	0	2	37	0

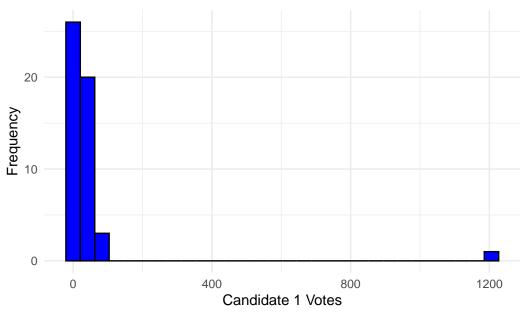
## **Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)**

Before deciding on the model, perform EDA to understand the distribution of your outcome variable.

```
library("ggplot2")
ggplot(data_cleaned, aes(x=Candidate1_Votes)) +
  geom_histogram(bins=30, fill="blue", color="black") +
  theme_minimal() +
  labs(title="Distribution of Candidate 1 Votes", x="Candidate 1 Votes", y="Frequency")
```

Warning: Removed 4 rows containing non-finite outside the scale range  $(\dot stat_bin()\dot )$ .





## **Model Estimation**

## **Option A: Logistic Regression**

If your outcome is binary, whether a candidate won a majority in each polling station, we might convert Candidate1\_Votes into a binary variable and use logistic regression.

```
library("dplyr")

data_cleaned <- data_cleaned %>%
   mutate(Candidate1_Win = ifelse(Candidate1_Votes > Total_Ballots/2, 1, 0))

model_logistic <- glm(Candidate1_Win ~ Total_Ballots + Ballots_Declined, data=data_cleaned, seed to the control of the control
```

Warning: glm.fit: fitted probabilities numerically 0 or 1 occurred

```
summary(model_logistic)
```

Call:

```
glm(formula = Candidate1_Win ~ Total_Ballots + Ballots_Declined,
    family = binomial, data = data_cleaned)
```

#### Coefficients:

```
Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept) 7.0105 6.5661 1.068 0.286
Total_Ballots -1.0905 0.9747 -1.119 0.263
Ballots_Declined -21.4045 6793.8896 -0.003 0.997
```

(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)

```
Null deviance: 16.7944 on 49 degrees of freedom Residual deviance: 4.8439 on 47 degrees of freedom
```

(4 observations deleted due to missingness)

AIC: 10.844

Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 25

## **Option B: Poisson Regression**

Poisson regression is appropriate for count data that meet the assumption that the mean is equal to the variance.

```
model_poisson <- glm(Candidate1_Votes ~ Total_Ballots + Ballots_Declined, data=data_cleaned,
summary(model_poisson)</pre>
```

```
Call:
```

```
glm(formula = Candidate1_Votes ~ Total_Ballots + Ballots_Declined,
    family = poisson, data = data_cleaned)
```

#### Coefficients:

```
Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)

(Intercept) 3.0426381 0.0314108 96.87 <2e-16 ***

Total_Ballots 0.0021004 0.0001526 13.76 <2e-16 ***

Ballots_Declined -0.1616481 0.0146562 -11.03 <2e-16 ***

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Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

(Dispersion parameter for poisson family taken to be 1)
```

Null deviance: 7267.09 on 49 degrees of freedom Residual deviance: 851.94 on 47 degrees of freedom

(4 observations deleted due to missingness)

AIC: 1073.4

Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 5

## **Option C: Negative Binomial Regression**

If the count data are overdispersed which is the variance exceeds the mean, negative binomial regression is more appropriate.

```
model_negbin <- MASS::glm.nb(Candidate1_Votes ~ Total_Ballots + Ballots_Declined, data=data_
summary(model_negbin)</pre>
```

```
Call:
MASS::glm.nb(formula = Candidate1_Votes ~ Total_Ballots + Ballots_Declined,
    data = data_cleaned, init.theta = 0.9269733256, link = log)
Coefficients:
                  Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
                 2.9760859 0.1561980 19.053 <2e-16 ***
(Intercept)
Total_Ballots
                 0.0017253 0.0008147
                                       2.118
                                                0.0342 *
Ballots_Declined -0.1150320 0.0786546 -1.462
                                                0.1436
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
(Dispersion parameter for Negative Binomial(0.927) family taken to be 1)
    Null deviance: 122.463 on 49 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 58.863 on 47 degrees of freedom
  (4 observations deleted due to missingness)
AIC: 428
Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 1
             Theta: 0.927
          Std. Err.: 0.191
```

2 x log-likelihood: -419.998

## **Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)**

The EDA step involves visualizing the distribution of Candidate1\_Votes using a histogram. This visualization is crucial as it provides insights into the distribution of the count data, including its skewness, presence of outliers, and whether it resembles the Poisson distribution (where the mean roughly equals the variance) or exhibits overdispersion (variance significantly exceeds the mean).

## Logistic Regression

The logistic regression model is used to predict a binary outcome based on predictor variables. In this context, created a binary variable Candidate1\_Win to indicate whether a candidate won a majority of votes in each polling station. Logistic regression is suitable for questions about the probability of an event (e.g., winning) occurring given a set of predictors. Applicability: If the research question is specifically about the likelihood of a candidate winning or losing based on other factors, logistic regression is the appropriate model.

## **Poisson Regression**

Poisson regression is used for modeling count data, particularly when the data distribution is expected to follow the Poisson distribution, where the mean count is approximately equal to its variance.

Applicability: This model is suitable if Candidate1\_Votes across polling stations follows a Poisson distribution. If the EDA indicates that the mean and variance of votes are roughly equal and there's no overdispersion, Poisson regression can effectively model the vote count based on predictors like Total\_Ballots and Ballots\_Declined.

## **Negative Binomial Regression**

Negative binomial regression extends the Poisson regression to account for overdispersion in the count data, where the variance exceeds the mean. This is a more flexible model that includes an additional parameter to model the variance independently of the mean.

Applicability: If the EDA reveals overdispersion in Candidate1\_Votes, which is common in real-world count data, negative binomial regression is more appropriate than Poisson regression. It can more accurately estimate the effects of predictors on the vote count while properly accounting for the extra variability in the data.

## **Decision Criteria and Discussion**

-Based on EDA: The choice between these models should first consider the EDA findings. If the vote counts are overdispersed, negative binomial regression is preferred. If the data appear to follow a Poisson distribution (mean—variance), Poisson regression is suitable.

Research Question: The choice also depends on the research question. If the interest lies in predicting binary outcomes (e.g., win or lose), logistic regression is the way to go. For modeling the count of votes as influenced by other variables, depending on the presence or absence of overdispersion, choose between Poisson and negative binomial regression.

Model Diagnostics: After fitting the models, it's crucial to perform diagnostics. For logistic regression, check the model's goodness-of-fit (e.g., Hosmer-Lemeshow test) and the area under the ROC curve (AUC). For Poisson and negative binomial regressions, assess the dispersion and the fit to ensure that the chosen model appropriately addresses the data's characteristics.