

1. Consider the following data set ratstime.txt:

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time poison treat
1 0.31      I     A
2 0.82      I     B
3 0.43      I     C
4 0.45      I     D
5 0.45      I     A
6 1.10      I     B
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Effect of toxic agents on rats

Description

An experiment was conducted as part of an investigation to combat the effects of certain toxic agents.

A data frame with 48 observations on the following 3 variables.

time  
survival time in tens of hours

poison  
the poison type - a factor with levels I II III

treat  
the treatment - a factor with levels A B C D

The response variable is  $Y = \text{time}$  and the explanatory variables are  $X_1 = \text{poison}$  and  $X_2 = \text{treat}$ .

- (a) Model the data with the main effect model

$$\mu_{jh} = \beta_0 + \beta_j + \alpha_h,$$

with the assumption of  $Y_{ijk} \sim N(\mu_{jh}, \sigma^2)$ . Test all pairwise average differences

$$H_0 : \left( \frac{\mu_{1h} + \mu_{2h} + \cdots + \mu_{kh}}{k} \right) - \left( \frac{\mu_{1h_*} + \mu_{2h_*} + \cdots + \mu_{kh_*}}{k} \right) = 0, \quad h \neq h_*,$$

i.e., test whether there is average differences on means in the levels of  $X_2$ =treat variable. Particularly, report the Wald test statistic value obtained from the comparison of A and B treatments.

(2 points)

- (b) Model the data with the main effect model

$$\mu_{jh} = \beta_0 + \beta_j + \alpha_h,$$

with the assumption of  $Y_{ijk} \sim N(\mu_{jh}, \sigma^2)$ . Test all pairwise predictive average differences

$$H_0 : \left( \frac{Y_{i1h} + Y_{i2h} + \cdots + Y_{ikh}}{k} \right) - \left( \frac{Y_{i1h_*} + Y_{i2h_*} + \cdots + Y_{ikh_*}}{k} \right) = 0, \quad h \neq h_*,$$

i.e., test whether there is average differences on random variables in the levels of  $X_2$ =treat variable. Particularly, report the so-called  $d$ -value obtained from the comparison of A and B treatments.

(2 points)

- (c) Let us continue to assume
- $Y_i \sim N(\mu_{jh}, \sigma^2)$
- . Model the data with the models

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{jh} &= \beta_0 + \beta_j + \alpha_h, \\ \log(\mu_{jh}) &= \beta_0 + \beta_j + \alpha_h, \\ \frac{1}{\mu_{jh}} &= \beta_0 + \beta_j + \alpha_h. \end{aligned}$$

Calculate the mean square error value  $MSE = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{\mu}_{jh})^2}{n}$  for all these models. Which link function fits best to the data?

(2 points)

## 2. Consider the data in file Alba.txt.

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> data<-read.table("Alba.txt", sep="\t", dec=".", header=TRUE)
> head(data)
  Dose Herbicide DryMatter
1    1  Glyphosate      4.7
2    1  Glyphosate      4.6
3    1  Glyphosate      4.1
4    1  Glyphosate      4.4
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Data are from an experiment, comparing the potency of the two herbicides glyphosate and bentazone in white mustard *Sinapis alba*.  
 Dose - a numeric vector containing the dose in g/ha.  
 Herbicide - a factor with levels Bentazone Glyphosate (the two herbicides applied).  
 DryMatter - a numeric vector containing the response (dry matter in g/pot).  
 Christensen, M. G. and Teicher, H. B., and Streibig, J. C. (2003)  
 Linking fluorescence induction curve and biomass in herbicide screening,  
 Pest Management Science, 59, 1303-1310.

Denote the variables as  $Y = \text{DryMatter}$ ,  $X_1 = \text{Dose}$ , and  $X_2 = \text{Herbicide}$ .

- (a) Let us assume  $Y_i \sim \text{Gamma}(\mu_i, \phi)$ . Consider modeling the expected value  $\mu_i$  of the response variable  $Y = \text{DryMatter}$  by the following model

$$\mathcal{M}: \quad \frac{1}{\mu_i} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \alpha_j + \gamma_j x_{i1},$$

where index  $j$  is related to the categories of  $X_2$ . Calculate the maximum likelihood estimate for the expected value  $\mu_{i*}$  when  $X_1 = 50$  and  $X_2 = \text{Glyphosate}$ . (2 points)

- (b) Let us continue to assume  $Y_i \sim \text{Gamma}(\mu_i, \phi)$ , and let us continue to model the expected value  $\mu_i$  by the model

$$\mathcal{M}: \quad \frac{1}{\mu_i} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \alpha_j + \gamma_j x_{i1},$$

Create 80 % prediction interval for new observation  $y_f$ , when  $X_1 = 50$  and  $X_2 = \text{Glyphosate}$ . Particularly, what is your estimate for lowerbound of the prediction interval? (2 points)

- (c) Let us assume  $Y_i \sim \text{IG}(\mu_i, \phi)$ . Consider modeling the expected value  $\mu_i$  of the response variable  $Y = \text{DryMatter}$  by the following model

$$\mathcal{M}: \quad \frac{1}{\mu_i^2} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \alpha_j + \gamma_j x_{i1},$$

where index  $j$  is related to the categories of  $X_2$ . Calculate the 95% confidence interval estimate for the expected value  $\mu_{i*}$  when  $X_1 = 50$  and  $X_2 = \text{Glyphosate}$ . Particularly, what is your estimate for lowerbound of the confidence interval? (2 points)

3. (a) Let us assume  $Y_i \sim IG(\mu_i, \phi)$ . Consider the model

$$\log(\mu_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \log(x_i).$$

Let the estimates of the parameters  $\beta_0, \beta_1, \phi$  be as  $\hat{\beta}_0 = 1, \hat{\beta}_1 = 0.5, \tilde{\phi} = 0.05$ .

- i. Calculate the maximum likelihood estimate for the expected value  $\mu_i$  when  $x_i = 5$ .
- ii. Calculate the Pearson residual

$$o_i = \frac{y_i - \hat{\mu}_i}{\sqrt{\widehat{\text{Var}}(Y_i)}},$$

when  $x_{i*} = 5$  and the observed value is  $y_i = 12$ .

(2 points)

- (b) Let  $Y_i \sim \text{Poi}(\mu_i)$ . Then the probability density function of the random variable  $Y_i$  is

$$f(y_i|\mu_i) = \frac{e^{-\mu_i} \mu_i^{y_i}}{y_i!}.$$

Show first that  $Y_i$  belongs to the exponential family of distributions, and then show that

$$\begin{aligned} E(Y_i) &= \mu_i, \\ \text{Var}(Y_i) &= \mu_i. \end{aligned}$$

**Hint! There is no dispersion parameter  $\phi$  in Poisson distribution and hence you may consider it as  $\phi = 1$ .**

(2 points)

- (c) In generalized linear models, the likelihood equations can be written in form

$$\frac{\partial l(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \phi)}{\partial \beta_j} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{y_i - \mu_i}{\text{Var}(Y_i)} x_{ij} \left( \frac{\partial \mu_i}{\partial \eta_i} \right) = 0, \quad j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, p.$$

Consider now the simple Gamma model with

$$\begin{aligned} Y_i &\sim \text{Gamma}(\mu_i, \phi), \\ \mu_i &= \eta_i = \beta_0. \end{aligned}$$

What kind of more simplified form the likelihood equations have in this case? That is, what form  $\frac{\partial l(\beta_0)}{\partial \beta_0}$  has in the simple Gamma model? By using the likelihood equations, find the maximum likelihood estimator  $\hat{\beta}_0$ .

(2 points)