

3.1 → Introduction

→ link function $\rightarrow g(\mu_i) = \sum_i^T \beta$

3.2 → Exponential family of distributions

→ Let y be a variable whose probability distribution depends on a single parameter θ . The distribution is exponential family if

it can be written in the form

$$\begin{aligned} f(y|\theta) &= S(y) t(\theta) e^{a(y) b(\theta)} \\ &\downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ &\text{known functions} \\ &= \exp \left\{ \ln [S(y) t(\theta) e^{a(y) b(\theta)}] \right\} \\ &= \exp \left\{ a(y) b(\theta) + c(\theta) + d(y) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

→ if $a(y) = y \Rightarrow$ canonical form
(standard)

$\rightarrow b(\theta) = \text{natural parameter}$

→ other parameters are nuisance parameters \Rightarrow treated as known

Distr.	natural parameter	c	d
Poisson	$\ln(\theta)$	$-\theta$	$-\ln(\theta+1)$
Normal	$\frac{\theta}{\sigma^2}$	$-\frac{\theta^2}{2\sigma^2} - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \ln(2\pi\sigma^2)$	$-\frac{y^2}{2\sigma^2}$
Binomial	$\ln(\theta/(1-\theta))$	$\ln(1-\theta)$	$\ln(\frac{y}{n})$

→ Poisson dist.

$$\begin{aligned} f(y|\theta) &= \frac{e^{-\theta} \theta^y}{y!} = \exp \left\{ \ln \left[e^{-\theta} \theta^y / y! \right] \right\} \\ &= \exp \left\{ -\theta + y \ln(\theta) - \ln(y!) \right\} \\ &\quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ &\Rightarrow \text{canonical form} \end{aligned}$$

→ Poisson models count data

→ Real data often has higher variance \Rightarrow overdispersed (see ch 4)

→ Normal dist.

$$\begin{aligned} f(y|\theta) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\theta}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\theta}(y-\theta)^2} \\ &\downarrow \\ &= \exp \left\{ \ln \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\theta}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\theta}(y-\theta)^2} \right] \right\} \\ &= \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi\theta) - \frac{1}{2\theta} (y-\theta)^2 \right\} \\ &= \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi\theta) - \frac{1}{2\theta} y^2 + \frac{1}{2\theta} 2\theta y - \frac{1}{2\theta} \theta^2 \right\} \\ &\quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ &\Rightarrow \text{canonical form} \end{aligned}$$

→ Normal models centered, symmetric data

→ CDF \Rightarrow even if skewed, curve is \approx normal

→ lots of theoretical properties \Rightarrow want to transform to normal representation

$\rightarrow z = y - \bar{y} \text{ or } z' = \ln(y)$

→ Binomial dist.

$$\begin{aligned} f(y|\theta) &= \binom{n}{y} \theta^y (1-\theta)^{n-y} \\ &= \exp \left\{ \ln \left[\binom{n}{y} \theta^y (1-\theta)^{n-y} \right] \right\} \\ &= \exp \left\{ \ln \left(\frac{n}{y} \right) + y \ln(\theta) + (n-y) \ln(1-\theta) \right\} \\ &= \exp \left\{ \ln \left(\frac{n}{y} \right) + y \left[\ln(\theta) - \ln(1-\theta) \right] - n \ln(1-\theta) \right\} \\ &\quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ &= \frac{\ln(n)}{\ln(y)} \quad \frac{\ln(\theta)}{\ln(\theta)} \quad \frac{\ln(1-\theta)}{\ln(1-\theta)} \quad \rightarrow \text{canonical form} \end{aligned}$$

→ Binomial dist models processes w/ binary outcomes

→ etc.

3.3 → Properties of distributions in the exponential family

→ Need expressions for $E[a(y)]$ & $V[a(y)]$

→ needed results (assuming order of integration & differentiation can be interchanged)
(true for any dist.)

$\rightarrow \int f(y|\theta) dy = 1$

→ differentiate both sides

$\frac{1}{\theta} \int \theta f(y|\theta) dy = \frac{d}{d\theta} 1 = 0$

→ reverse order of derivative & integrate

$\int \frac{d}{d\theta} f(y|\theta) dy = 0$

→ differentiate twice

$\int \frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} f(y|\theta) dy = 0$

→ These results can now be used for distributions in the exponential family

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow f(y|\theta) &= \exp \left\{ a(y) b(\theta) + c(\theta) + d(y) \right\} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{d f(y|\theta)}{d\theta} &= \left[a(y) b'(\theta) + c'(\theta) \right] f(y|\theta) \quad \rightarrow \left(\frac{d}{d\theta} e^{g(\theta)} = g'(\theta) e^{g(\theta)} \right) \\ \Rightarrow 0 = \int \frac{d}{d\theta} f(y|\theta) dy &= \int \left[a(y) b'(\theta) + c'(\theta) \right] f(y|\theta) dy \\ &= \int (a(y) b'(\theta) f(y|\theta) + c'(\theta) f(y|\theta)) dy \\ &= b'(\theta) \int a(y) f(y|\theta) dy + c'(\theta) \int f(y|\theta) dy \\ &= E(a(y)) + c'(\theta) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow E[a(y)] = -\frac{c'(\theta)}{b'(\theta)}$$

→ Similarly, $0 = \int \frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} f(y|\theta) dy \rightarrow \frac{d}{d\theta} g(\theta) f(\theta) = g'(\theta) f(\theta) + f'(\theta) g(\theta)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int \left[a(y) b''(\theta) + b'(\theta) f(y|\theta) + \left[a(y) b'(\theta) + c'(\theta) \right]^2 f(y|\theta) \right] dy \\ &= b''(\theta) \int a(y) f(y|\theta) dy + b'(\theta) \int f(y|\theta) dy + a(y) b'(\theta)^2 \int f(y|\theta) dy \\ &= b''(\theta) E[a(y)] + b'(\theta) V[a(y)] + a(y) b'(\theta)^2 \int f(y|\theta) dy \\ &= b''(\theta) E[a(y)] + b'(\theta) V[a(y)] + (b'(\theta))^2 V[f(y|\theta)] \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow V[a(y)] = -\frac{b''(\theta) E[a(y)] - c''(\theta)}{(b'(\theta))^2}$$

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