

BIOS 526 Course Summary

1. Ordinary least squares (M1):

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov } \mathbf{Y} &= \sigma^2 \mathbf{I} \\ \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{OLS} &= (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{Y}\end{aligned}$$

2. Generalized least squares (M4, slide 16) is a formulation for any given covariance matrix:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov } \mathbf{Y} &= \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \\ \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{GLS} &= (\mathbf{X}'\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}\mathbf{Y}\end{aligned}$$

- Need to know $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$.
- In practice, we impose structure on $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ and estimate a statistical model, e.g., mixed models with Gaussian assumptions, GEE with Gaussian assumptions.

3. Linear mixed models (M2)

- Random intercept:

$$\begin{aligned}y_{ij} &= \mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta} + \theta_i + \epsilon_{ij} \\ \theta_i &\stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, \tau^2) \\ \epsilon_{ij} &\stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2) \\ \epsilon_{ij} &\perp\!\!\!\perp \theta_i\end{aligned}$$

- Also see random slopes and hierarchical models

4. Generalized linear models (M3 part I):

$$\begin{aligned}y_i &\stackrel{ind}{\sim} P(Y_i | \mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}) \\ g(E(Y_i)) &= \mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}\end{aligned}$$

- logistic regression for 0, 1 response:

– Model:

$$y_i \stackrel{ind}{\sim} Bernoulli(E[Y_i])$$

$$\log \left\{ \frac{E[Y_i]}{1 - E[Y_i]} \right\} = \mathbf{x}_i' \boldsymbol{\beta}$$

– $\text{Var}(Y_i) = E(Y_i) \{1 - E(Y_i)\}$.

- Poisson regression for count data.

– Model:

$$y_i \stackrel{ind}{\sim} Poisson(E[Y_i]),$$

$$\log \{E[Y_i]\} = \mathbf{x}_i' \boldsymbol{\beta}.$$

– $\text{Var}(Y_i) = E(Y_i)$.

– Watch out for overdispersion, i.e., $\text{Var}(Y_i) > E(Y_i)$.

5. Generalized linear mixed models (M2, M3 part II):

Random intercept model:

$$y_{ij} \sim P(Y_{ij} | \mathbf{x}_{ij}' \boldsymbol{\beta} + \theta_i)$$

$$g \{E(y_{ij} | \theta_i)\} = \mathbf{x}_{ij}' \boldsymbol{\beta} + \theta_i$$

$$\theta_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, \tau^2)$$

- Handle repeated measurements / longitudinal / clustered data.
- For Gaussian, interpretation of $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ not impacted by conditional versus marginal (the estimates of $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ from LMM and GEE are different but usually similar, in some cases GEE with exchangeable correlation structure and random intercept LMM have equivalent $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$).
- For logistic, interpretation of $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ in GLMM (conditional model) is different from the interpretation in a GEE (the estimates of $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ from GLMM and GEE are different).
- For Poisson, the interpretation of β_1, \dots, β_p in GLMM (conditional model) is the same as in the GEE due to a special property of the log link. The intercept changes, as the intercept in the marginal models includes $\tau^2/2$; see the R code.
- Use mixed models if interested in subject-specific predictions (shrinkage towards population effects).
- Can use if no overdispersion in logistic or Poisson, no heteroscedasticity in Gaussian.

6. Generalized estimating equations (M4):

$$y_{ij} \sim P(Y_{ij} | \mathbf{x}'_{ij} \boldsymbol{\beta})$$

$$g(E[Y_{ij}]) = \mathbf{x}'_{ij} \boldsymbol{\beta}$$

$$\text{Cov}(\mathbf{Y}_i) = \mathbf{D}_i^{1/2} \mathbf{R}(\alpha) \mathbf{D}_i^{1/2}$$

where $\mathbf{R}(\alpha)$ is the working correlation and \mathbf{D}_i is a diagonal matrix with diagonal elements equal to the variance determined by the likelihood.

- Handle repeated measurements / longitudinal / clustered data.
- Use robust standard errors.
- Use if heteroscedasticity and/or overdispersion (valid inference, unlike GLMM).
- Marginal inference (no random effects).

7. Generalized additive models (M5):

$$g(E(Y_i)) = \beta_0 + s_1(x_{i1}) + \cdots + s_j(x_{ip})$$

- Handle non-linear effects.
- Can incorporate random effects for longitudinal / repeated measures / clustered data.
- Can generalize interactions from linear models to bivariate splines, e.g., $s(x_{i1}, x_{i2})$, i.e., 2D surfaces.
- Estimate $s(x_{ik})$ using either cross-validation or mixed model formulation of spline coefficients.

8. Bias-Variance Tradeoff (M5, part I, slides 33-43, M6, part II, slides 5-6)

- $MSE(\hat{f}(x)) = Var(\hat{f}(x)) + Bias(\hat{f}(x))^2$
- Fewer parameter: more bias, less variance
- More parameters: less bias, more variance
- Use cross-validation or generalized cross-validation to approximately minimize the MSE

9. Principal component analysis (M6 I): uses the singular value decomposition on standardized $N \times p$ data:

$$\mathbf{X}_{scaled} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{V}'$$

- Lower dimensional representation using first q left eigenvectors.
- Principal component scores: $\mathbf{U}_{1:q} \mathbf{D}_{1:q}$,

- Can use in principal component regression when have issues with multicollinearity.

10. Ridge Regression (L2-norm regularization) (M5 part II, M6 part II):

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{Ridge} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X} + \lambda\mathbf{I})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{Y}$$

- Regularization method with a nice closed form.
- Also extends to likelihoods (M6 part II):

$$\underset{\boldsymbol{\beta}}{\operatorname{argmin}} - \sum_{i=1}^n \ell(y_i; \mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}) + \lambda \|\boldsymbol{\beta}\|_2^2.$$

- Can use when lots of covariates, $p > n$.
- Use for shrinking spline coefficients in GAMs (used in MGCV).

11. Lasso (L1-norm regularization) (M6 part II):

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{Lasso} = \underset{\boldsymbol{\beta}}{\operatorname{argmin}} - \sum_{i=1}^n \ell(y_i; \mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}) + \lambda \|\boldsymbol{\beta}\|_1$$

- Regularization that results in variable selection by setting many coefficients equal to 0.

12. Elastic net (L1-norm and L2-norm regularization) (M6 part II):

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{Elnet} = \underset{\boldsymbol{\beta}}{\operatorname{argmin}} - \sum_{i=1}^n \ell(y_i; \mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}) + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p \left(\alpha |\beta_j| + \frac{(1-\alpha)}{2} \beta_j^2 \right).$$

- A good choice when predictors are correlated.
- Use for variable selection.