

1: The Bisection Method (25%)

For function $f(x) = x^3 + 6x^2 + \pi x - 12$, the derivative is $f'(x) = 3x^2 + 12x + \pi$. The we can calculate that zeros of the derivative are $\frac{-12-\sqrt{12(12-\pi)}}{6}$ and $\frac{-12+\sqrt{12(12-\pi)}}{6}$.

$f(\frac{-12-\sqrt{12(12-\pi)}}{6}) = 7.864841$ and $f(\frac{-12+\sqrt{12(12-\pi)}}{6}) = -12.43121$ Hence, the function f has totally 3 zeros.

Algorithm: Bisection Method in the R file.

Result: zeros -4.837944, -2.259727, and 1.097664.

2: Poisson Regression - Newton's Method (25%)

(1) Since $y_i \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_i)$ and $\log(\lambda_i) = \alpha + \beta x_i + \gamma x_i^2$, we can get the Likelihood function:

$$L(\alpha, \beta, \gamma | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\lambda_i^{y_i} e^{-\lambda_i}}{y_i!} = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{e^{(\alpha + \beta x_i + \gamma x_i^2) y_i} e^{-e^{\alpha + \beta x_i + \gamma x_i^2}}}{y_i!}$$

(2) The log-Likelihood function is

$$l(\alpha, \beta, \gamma | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^n (\alpha + \beta x_i + \gamma x_i^2) y_i - e^{\alpha + \beta x_i + \gamma x_i^2} - \log y_i!$$

Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{\partial l(\alpha, \beta, \gamma | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \alpha} \right|_{\hat{\alpha}} &= \sum_{i=1}^n [y_i - e^{\alpha + \beta x_i + \gamma x_i^2}] \Big|_{\hat{\alpha}} = 0 \\ \left. \frac{\partial l(\alpha, \beta, \gamma | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \beta} \right|_{\hat{\beta}} &= \sum_{i=1}^n [x_i y_i - x_i e^{\alpha + \beta x_i + \gamma x_i^2}] \Big|_{\hat{\beta}} = 0 \\ \left. \frac{\partial l(\alpha, \beta, \gamma | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \gamma} \right|_{\hat{\gamma}} &= \sum_{i=1}^n [x_i^2 y_i - x_i^2 e^{\alpha + \beta x_i + \gamma x_i^2}] \Big|_{\hat{\gamma}} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial l(\alpha, \beta, \gamma | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \alpha} \\ \frac{\partial l(\alpha, \beta, \gamma | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \beta} \\ \frac{\partial l(\alpha, \beta, \gamma | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \gamma} \end{pmatrix}, \text{ then } \mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 l(\alpha, \beta, \gamma | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \alpha^2} & \frac{\partial^2 l(\alpha, \beta, \gamma | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \beta \partial \alpha} & \frac{\partial^2 l(\alpha, \beta, \gamma | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \gamma \partial \alpha} \\ \frac{\partial^2 l(\alpha, \beta, \gamma | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \alpha \partial \beta} & \frac{\partial^2 l(\alpha, \beta, \gamma | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \beta^2} & \frac{\partial^2 l(\alpha, \beta, \gamma | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \gamma \partial \beta} \\ \frac{\partial^2 l(\alpha, \beta, \gamma | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \alpha \partial \gamma} & \frac{\partial^2 l(\alpha, \beta, \gamma | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \beta \partial \gamma} & \frac{\partial^2 l(\alpha, \beta, \gamma | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \gamma^2} \end{pmatrix}, \text{ in}$$

which

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^2 l(\alpha, \beta, \gamma | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \alpha^2} &= \sum_{i=1}^n -e^{\alpha + \beta x_i + \gamma x_i^2} \\
\frac{\partial^2 l(\alpha, \beta, \gamma | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \alpha \partial \beta} &= \frac{\partial^2 l(\alpha, \beta, \gamma | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \beta \partial \alpha} = \sum_{i=1}^n -x_i e^{\alpha + \beta x_i + \gamma x_i^2} \\
\frac{\partial^2 l(\alpha, \beta, \gamma | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \alpha \partial \gamma} &= \frac{\partial^2 l(\alpha, \beta, \gamma | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \gamma \partial \alpha} = \sum_{i=1}^n -x_i^2 e^{\alpha + \beta x_i + \gamma x_i^2} \\
\frac{\partial^2 l(\alpha, \beta, \gamma | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \beta^2} &= \sum_{i=1}^n -x_i^2 e^{\alpha + \beta x_i + \gamma x_i^2} \\
\frac{\partial^2 l(\alpha, \beta, \gamma | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \beta \partial \gamma} &= \frac{\partial^2 l(\alpha, \beta, \gamma | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \gamma \partial \beta} = \sum_{i=1}^n -x_i^3 e^{\alpha + \beta x_i + \gamma x_i^2} \\
\frac{\partial^2 l(\alpha, \beta, \gamma | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \gamma^2} &= \sum_{i=1}^n -x_i^4 e^{\alpha + \beta x_i + \gamma x_i^2}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by Newton's Method, given initial guess $\alpha^{(0)}$, $\beta^{(0)}$, and $\gamma^{(0)}$, for each iteration:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha^{(n)} \\ \beta^{(n)} \\ \gamma^{(n)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha^{(n-1)} \\ \beta^{(n-1)} \\ \gamma^{(n-1)} \end{pmatrix} - \mathbf{F}'[(\mathbf{x})]^{-1} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}).$$

Hence, for the algorithm: $\mathbf{x}^{(n)} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha^{(n)} \\ \beta^{(n)} \\ \gamma^{(n)} \end{pmatrix}$,

STEP 1: Solve $\mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{x}^{(n)}) \Delta \mathbf{x}^{(n)} = -\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}^{(n)})$;

STEP 2: Update by $\mathbf{x}^{(n+1)} = \mathbf{x}^{(n)} + \Delta \mathbf{x}^{(n)}$.

(3) Algorithm: Newton's Method code in the R file.

Result: $\alpha = 1.503533$, $\beta = 1.052351$, and $\gamma = 1.957396$.

3: Logistic Regression - Newton's Method (20%)

(1) Since $y_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p_i)$ and $\text{logit}(p_i) = \alpha + \beta x_i$, we can know that $f(y_i, p_i) = p_i^{y_i} (1 - p_i)^{1-y_i}$, and $p_i = \frac{e^{\alpha + \beta x_i}}{1 + e^{\alpha + \beta x_i}}$. Then we can get the following Likelihood function:

$$\begin{aligned}
L(\alpha, \beta | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) &= \prod_{i=1}^n p_i^{y_i} (1 - p_i)^{1-y_i} \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{e^{\alpha + \beta x_i}}{1 + e^{\alpha + \beta x_i}} \right)^{y_i} \left(1 - \frac{e^{\alpha + \beta x_i}}{1 + e^{\alpha + \beta x_i}} \right)^{1-y_i}
\end{aligned}$$

(2) The log-Likelihood function is

$$\begin{aligned}
l(\alpha, \beta | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) &= \sum_{i=1}^n y_i (\alpha + \beta x_i - \log(1 + e^{\alpha + \beta x_i})) + (1 - y_i) \log\left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{\alpha + \beta x_i}}\right) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha x_i + \beta x_i y_i - \log(1 + e^{\alpha + \beta x_i})
\end{aligned}$$

Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
\left. \frac{\partial l(\alpha, \beta | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \alpha} \right|_{\hat{\alpha}} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left[y_i - \frac{e^{\alpha + \beta x_i}}{1 + e^{\alpha + \beta x_i}} \right] \Big|_{\hat{\alpha}} = 0 \\
\left. \frac{\partial l(\alpha, \beta | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \beta} \right|_{\hat{\beta}} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left[x_i y_i - \frac{x_i e^{\alpha + \beta x_i}}{1 + e^{\alpha + \beta x_i}} \right] \Big|_{\hat{\beta}} = 0
\end{aligned}$$

Let $\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial l(\alpha, \beta | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \alpha} \\ \frac{\partial l(\alpha, \beta | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \beta} \end{pmatrix}$, then $\mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 l(\alpha, \beta | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \alpha^2} & \frac{\partial^2 l(\alpha, \beta | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \beta \partial \alpha} \\ \frac{\partial^2 l(\alpha, \beta | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \alpha \partial \beta} & \frac{\partial^2 l(\alpha, \beta | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \beta^2} \end{pmatrix}$, in which

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^2 l(\alpha, \beta | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \alpha^2} &= -\frac{e^{\alpha + \beta x_i}}{(1 + e^{\alpha + \beta x_i})^2} \\
\frac{\partial^2 l(\alpha, \beta | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \beta \partial \alpha} &= \frac{\partial^2 l(\alpha, \beta | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \alpha \partial \beta} = -\frac{x_i e^{\alpha + \beta x_i}}{(1 + e^{\alpha + \beta x_i})^2} \\
\frac{\partial^2 l(\alpha, \beta | \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})}{\partial \beta^2} &= -\frac{x_i^2 e^{\alpha + \beta x_i}}{(1 + e^{\alpha + \beta x_i})^2}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by Newton's Method, given initial guess $\alpha^{(0)}$ and $\beta^{(0)}$, for each iteration:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha^{(n)} \\ \beta^{(n)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha^{(n-1)} \\ \beta^{(n-1)} \end{pmatrix} - \mathbf{F}'(\mathbf{x})^{-1} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x}).$$

Hence, for the algorithm: $\mathbf{x}^{(n)} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha^{(n)} \\ \beta^{(n)} \end{pmatrix}$,

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(3)Algorithm: Newton's Method code in the R file.

Result: $\alpha = 1.564284$ and $\beta = 1.771093$.

4: EM Algorithm (30%)

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