

which patient features are reasonable to predict target "number of physician office visits"

emr ?	ald/diff	turn/hc
hosp ?	hazmat	employed
poorhealth	mutual	person
homeless	age	medicaid
	male	

$$p_{Y|X}(y, x) = \lambda^y \cdot e^{-\lambda} \quad (\lambda(x) = \exp(ax+b))$$

$$\log p_{Y|X}(y, x) = \log(\lambda^y \cdot e^{-\lambda}) = \log(\lambda^y) + \log(e^{-\lambda}) = y \cdot \log(\lambda) - \lambda$$

using $\lambda(x) = \exp(ax+b)$:

$$= y \cdot \log(\exp(ax+b)) - \exp(ax+b)$$

to maximise the ~~log~~ Negative log-likelihood, we need to min. it.

$$L(a, b) = - \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i (ax_i + b) - \exp(ax_i + b))$$

$$\Rightarrow L(a, b) = \sum_{i=1}^n [\exp(ax_i + b) - y_i (ax_i + b)]$$