

## GLMMs

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Why we use GLMMs (Applied Regression Modelling) (Gelman Hill 11.5)  
(Ruppert, Wand, Carroll, Semiparametric Regression)

- interested in estimating group=level regression coefficients that account for individual + group level variation
- Allow us to model individual-level coefficients parsimoniously
- estimating regression coefficients for particular groups. Especially relevant when group size is small
  - GLMMs are best when number of groups  $> 5$
  - best when there is a lot of variation across groups

## GLMMS Notation

Recipe for GLMM:

- GLM-like formulation
  - $g(E(Y_{ij}|u_i)) = X_{ij}^T \beta + Z_{ij}^T u_i$
  - $g$  is a glm link
  - $Y_{ij}$  is  $j$ th observation in  $i$ th group
  - $u_i$  is random effects for the  $i$ th group
  - $\dim(X_{ij}^T) = (1, p)$   $\dim(Z_{ij}^T) = (1, q)$
- $y_{ij}|u_i \sim f$  for  $f \in$  exponential family
- $u_i \sim N(0, G_\theta)$

## Estimation

$$L(\beta, \theta) = f(\bar{y}|\beta\theta) \\ = \int_{R^q} f(\bar{y}|u, \beta) f(u) du \quad (*)$$

## Two main methods

- Laplace approximation of \*
  - Use partial quasilikelihood
  - Laplace approximation to ingeral
  - Uses NR-like techniques, with a penalty on the coefficients
- Bayesian MCMC methods to sample from posterior distribution of  $\beta$  and  $\theta$

## Degrees of Freedom

Extension of hat matrix to  
For GLM

$\text{trace}(H_b)$   
For GLMM

$$\text{trace}(H_{\beta,\theta}) \leq p + n * q$$

this is sometimes called "effective" df.

### Example

Spinal implant procedure. Patients receive procedure and have follow up visits 1 and 2 days after. Binary outcome measuring success ("no pain") or failure ("pain").

$$y_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if patient } i \text{ at visit } j \text{ has no pain} \\ 0 & \text{if patient } i \text{ at visit } j \text{ has pain} \end{cases}$$

$$x_j = \begin{cases} 1 & j=2, \text{ if patient's second visit} \\ 0 & j=1, \text{ if pateint's first visit} \end{cases}$$

	No Pain	Pain
No pain	63	16
pain	12	35

## Logistic Normal model

$$\text{logit}(\Pr(Y_{ij} = 1|u_i)) = \alpha + \beta x_i + u_i$$

$$u_i \sim N(0, \sigma_{u_i}^2)$$

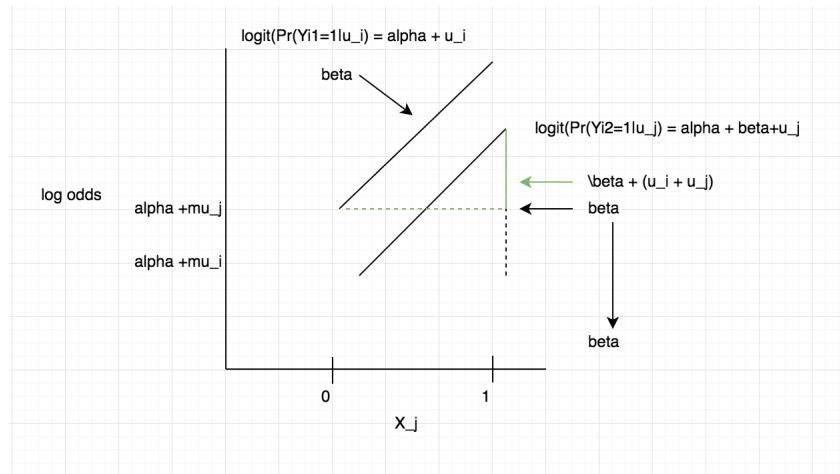
or

$$Y_{ij}|u_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\pi_{ij})$$

$$\pi_{ij} = \text{logit}^{-1}(\alpha + \beta x_j + u_i)$$

$\beta \rightarrow$  change in log odds of success from visit 1 to 2 for a specific subject  
or, change in log odds for a subjects w/ same random intercept  $u_i$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{logit}(\Pr(Y_i2 = 1|u_j)) &= \alpha + \beta + u_j \\ -\text{logit}(\Pr(Y_i2 = 1|u_i)) &= \alpha + u_j \\ &= \beta + (u_i + u_j) \end{aligned}$$



## GLMMs can be used to model overdispersion

- random terms (intercepts) add extra variability to outcome
- $\text{logit}(\Pr(Y_{ij} = 1|u_i)) = x\beta + u_i$
- $u_i \sim N(0, \sigma_u^2)$
- $Y_{ij}|u_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\pi_{ij})$
- $Y_{ij}|u_i \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_{ij})$
- $\log(\lambda_{ij}) = x\beta + u_i$