Module 0: Welcome to STA 310

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Welcome!

Teaching Team

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Announcements

- ▶ We will meet on Friday, January 10th for lecture, so please come prepared for lecture and not lab.
- ➤ The course webpage (https://resteorts.github.io/teach/generalized.html) will be updated on roughly a weekly basis, so please check this frequently for any updates.

Course logistics

Lectures

Mondays and Wednesdays, 11:45 - 1:00 pm, Gray 228

Labs (Office Hour or Alternate Lecture Time)

Lab 01: Friday, 11:45 - 1:00 pm, Social Sciences 105

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Example: Logistic regression

$$\pi = P(y = 1|x) \Rightarrow \text{Link function: } \log\left(\frac{\pi}{1-\pi}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \log\left(\frac{\pi}{1-\pi}\right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$$

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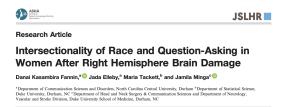
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- effectively communicate results from statistical analyses to a general audience in writing.

Course topics

Generalized Linear Models

- Review of distributions, likelihoods, and regression
- ► Introduce models for non-normal response variables
- Estimation, interpretation, and inference
- Mathematical details of GLMs as a unified framework

GLMs in practice



"... we used **negative binomial regression** to model the association between the number of questions produced, race, and group after adjusting for the additional covariates age and years of education. **Poisson and zero-inflated Poisson regression models** were also considered... the negative binomial model was a good fit for the data given the **overdispersion** in the distribution of number of questions asked."²

²Fannin, D. K., Elleby, J., Tackett, M., & Minga, J. (2023). Intersectionality of Race and Question-Asking in Women After Right Hemisphere Brain Damage. Journal of Speech, Language, and Hearing Research, 66(1), 314-324.

GLMs in practice



"...a logistic regression model is used to test how the likelihood of a foul is affected by which team is the home team, the foul differential, and the score differential... The logistic regression was run under several specifications ... using clustered observation standard errors, with each game as a cluster. This is done as an attempt to adjust for the fact that observations may not be independent as required under the logistic specification.³

³ Anderson, K. J., & Pierce, D. A. (2009). Officiating bias: The effect of foul differential on foul calls in NCAA basketball. Journal of sports sciences, 27(7), 687-694.

Meet your classmates!

- ► Get in groups of 2 3
- ► Each person in the group...
 - Introduce yourself
 - Share a boring fact about yourself
- Everyone will introduce one person from your group to the class

Course details

Pre-reqs

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STA 210 and STA 230 / STA 240

Background knowledge

Statistical methods

- Linear and logistic regression
- Statistical inference
- Basic understanding of random variables

Computing

- Using R for data analysis
- Writing reports using Rmd
- Understanding of github
- Understanding reproducibility

Course toolkit

Course webpage:

https://resteorts.github.io/teach/generalized.html

Course information and course schedule

Canvas

- Changes to Schedule
- ► Ed Discussion
- Homework uploads

Gradescope (link on course webpage)

Homework uploads (make sure to upload to Canvas as well).

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Course discussion

Class Meetings

Lectures

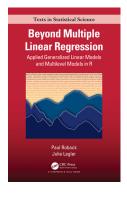
- Some traditional lecture
- Short individual and group activities
- Bring fully-charged laptop / tablet to use R

Labs (start January 10)

- Work on class assignments with TA support
- Time for clarifying questions regarding course material
- Alternative lecture time when needed

Attendance is strongly expected (if you are healthy!)

Readings



- Primary textbook: Beyond Multiple Linear Regression by Roback and Legler
- Other texts:
 - R for Data Science (2nd edition) by Wickham, Çetinkaya-Rundel, and Grolemund
 - Tidy Modeling with R by Kuhn and Silge
- Articles and videos periodically assigned

Computing toolkit

R and RStudio

- ► Install R and RStudio on your laptop
- ▶ Click here for instructions to install RStudio and configure git

or

Access RStudio through Docker container provided by Duke OIT

 Reserve a generic **RStudio** container (there is no course specific container)

Canvas and Gradescope

- All homework assignments will be uploaded to Gradescope and Canvas.
- Gradescope allows more fair and balanced grading.
- Canvas allows us to check the reproducibility of your work.
- Unfortunately, there is no platform that does both (to my knowledge).
- Feedback will be given in Gradescope and is individual and private.

Ed Discussion

- Online discussion forum (like Piazza, etc.)
- ► Platform to ask questions about course content, logistics, assignments, etc.
- Content organized by channels. Before posting, please browse previous posts to see if your question has already been answered. If not, please post your question in the relevant channel.
- ▶ Questions about grades, absences, and other private matters should be emailed to me with "STA 310" in the subject line.

Activities & Assessment

Homework (40%)

- ► Individual assignments
- Combination of conceptual questions, guided analyses, and open-ended analyses
- ► Lowest homework grade is dropped

Quizzes (60%)

- ► Individual online quizzes
- ► Covers content since the previous quiz, including readings, lecture notes, in-class activities, and homework
- ► Lowest quiz grade is dropped

Grading

Final grades will be calculated as follows

| Category | Percentage |
|----------|------------|
| Homework | 40% |
| Quizzes | 60% |

See the course syllabus for letter grade thresholds.

Course community

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- Uphold the Duke Community Standard:
 - I will not lie, cheat, or steal in my academic endeavors;
 - ► I will conduct myself honorably in all my endeavors;
 - I will act if the Standard is compromised.
- Commit to respect, honor, and celebrate our diverse community
- Commit to being part of a learning environment that is welcoming and accessible to everyone

Accessibility

- The Student Disability Access Office (SDAO) is available to ensure that students are able to engage with their courses and related assignments.
- If you have documented accommodations from SDAO, please send the documentation within the first week to make sure all accommodations can be put in place as quickly as possible!
- ▶ I am committed to making all course activities and materials accessible. If any course component is not accessible to you in any way, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Support

- ▶ Office hours to meet with a member of the teaching team.
 - Find the course schedule on the course webpage
 - Office hours begin January 16
 - ▶ Please see me after class if you have questions before then.
- ► Ed Discussion for questions about course logistics, content, and assignments
- ► Email for questions not appropriate for Ed Discussion, e.g., regarding personal matters or grades
 - ▶ Please put **STA** 310 in the subject line

See the syllabus regarding additional academic and mental health and wellness resources.

Questions

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