Exponential Families

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Definition

Let X be a random variable/vector with sample space $\mathcal{X} \subset R^q$ and probability model P_θ . The class of probability models $\mathcal{P} = \{P_\theta, \theta \in \Theta\}$ is a one-parameter exponential family if the density/pmf function $p(x \mid \theta)$ can be written:

$$p(x \mid \theta) = h(x)exp\{\eta(\theta)T(x) - B(\theta)\}\$$

where

$$h: \mathcal{X} \to R$$

$$\eta:\Theta\to R$$

$$B:\Theta\rightarrow R$$
.

Note:

- By the Factorization Theorem, T(X) is sufficient for θ $p(x \mid \theta) = h(x)g(T(x), \theta)$ Set $g(T(x), \theta) = exp\{\eta(\theta)T(x) B(\theta)\}$
- T(X) is the Natural Sufficient Statistic.

Poisson Distribution (1.6.1) :
$$X \sim Poisson(\theta)$$
, where $E[X] = \theta$.

$$p(x \mid \theta) = \frac{\theta^x}{x!} e^{-\theta}, \quad x = 0, 1, \dots$$

$$= \frac{1}{x!} exp\{(log(\theta)x - \theta)\}$$

$$= h(x)exp\{\eta(\theta)T(x) - B(\theta)\}$$

$$h(x) = \frac{1}{x!}$$

•
$$\eta(\theta) = \log(\theta)$$

•
$$T(x) = x$$

Binomial Distribution (1.6.2) :
$$X \sim Binomial(\theta, n)$$

$$p(x \mid \theta) = \binom{n}{x} \theta^{1} (1 - \theta)^{n - x} \quad x = 0, 1, \dots, n$$

$$= \binom{n}{x} exp\{log(\frac{\theta}{1 - \theta})x + nlog(1 - \theta)\}$$

$$= h(x)exp\{\eta(\theta)T(x) - B(\theta)$$

$$\bullet \ h(x) = \left(\begin{array}{c} n \\ x \end{array}\right)$$

•
$$\eta(\theta) = \log(\frac{\theta}{1-\theta})$$

$$\bullet$$
 $T(x) = x$

•
$$B(\theta) = -nlog(1 - \theta)$$

Normal Distribution : $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma_0^2)$. (Known variance)

$$p(x \mid \theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_0^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma_0^2}(x-\mu)^2}$$

$$= \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_0^2}} \exp\{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma_0^2}\}\right] \times \exp\{\frac{\mu}{\sigma_0^2}x - \frac{\mu^2}{2\sigma_0^2}\}$$

$$= h(x) \exp\{\eta(\theta) T(x) - B(\theta)$$

•
$$h(x) = \left[-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_0^2}} exp\left\{ -\frac{x^2}{2\sigma_0^2} \right\} \right]$$

•
$$\eta(\theta) = \frac{\mu}{\sigma_0^2}$$

$$\bullet \ T(x) = \overset{\circ}{x}$$

$$\bullet \ B(\theta) = \frac{\mu^2}{2\sigma_0^2}$$

Normal Distribution : $X \sim N(\mu_0, \sigma^2)$. (Known mean)

$$p(x \mid \theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x-\mu_0)^2}$$

$$= \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \right] \times exp\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x-\mu_0)^2\} - \frac{1}{2}log(\sigma^2)\}$$

$$= h(x)exp\{\eta(\theta)T(x) - B(\theta)$$

$$h(x) = \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\right]$$

$$\bullet \ \eta(\theta) = -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}$$

•
$$T(x) = (x - \mu_0)^2$$

•
$$B(\theta) = \frac{1}{2}log(\sigma^2)$$

Samples from One-Parameter Exponential Family Distribution

Consider a sample: X_1, \ldots, X_n , where X_i are iid P where $P \in \mathcal{P} = \{P_\theta, \theta \in \Theta\}$ is a one-parameter exponential family distribution with density function

$$p(x \mid \theta) = h(x) \exp\{\eta(\theta) T(x) - B(\theta)\}\$$

The sample $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ is a random vector with density/pmf:

$$p(\mathbf{x} \mid \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} (h(x_i) \exp[\eta(\theta) T(x_i) - B(\theta)])$$

$$= [\prod_{i=1}^{n} h(x_i)] \times \exp[\eta(\theta) \sum_{i=1}^{n} T(x_i) - nB(\theta)]$$

$$= h^*(x) \exp\{\eta^*(\theta) T^*(\mathbf{x}) - B^*(\theta)\}$$

where:

$$\bullet h^*(x) = \prod_{i=1}^n h(x_i)$$

$$\bullet \ \eta^*(\theta) = \eta(\theta)$$

•
$$T^*(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^n T(x_i)$$

•
$$B^*(\theta) = nB(\theta)$$

Note: The Sufficient Statistic T^* is one-dimensional for all n



Samples from One-Parameter Exponential Family Distribution

Theorem 1.6.1 Let $\{P_{\theta}\}$ be a one-parameter exponential family of discrete distributions with pmf function:

$$p(x \mid \theta) = h(x) exp\{\eta(\theta)T(x) - B(\theta)\}\$$

Then the family of distributions of the statistic T(X) is a one-parameter exponential family of discrete distributions whose frequency functions are

$$P_{\theta}(T(x) = t) = p(t \mid \theta) = h^{**}(t) \exp\{\eta(\theta)t - B(\theta)\}\$$

where

$$h^{**}(t) = \sum_{\{x:T(x)=t\}} h(x)$$

Proof: Immediate



Canonical Exponential Family

- ullet Re-parametrize setting $\eta=\eta(heta)$ the Natural Parameter
- The density has the form

$$p(x,\eta) = h(x) \exp\{\eta T(x) - A(\eta)\}\$$

• The function $A(\eta)$ replaces $B(\theta)$ and is defined as the normalization constant:

$$log(A(\eta)) = \int \int \cdots \int h(x) exp\{\eta T(x)\} dx$$
if X continuous

or

$$log(A(\eta)) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} h(x) exp\{\eta T(x)\}$$
if X discrete

- The Natural Parameter Space $\{\eta: \eta = \eta(\theta), \theta \in \Theta\} = \mathcal{E}$ (Later, Theorem 1.6.3 gives properties of \mathcal{E})
- T(x) is the Natural Sufficient Statistic.



Canonical Representation of Poisson Family

Poisson Distribution (1.6.1) :
$$X \sim Poisson(\theta)$$
, where $E[X] = \theta$.

$$p(x \mid \theta) = \frac{\theta^x}{x!} e^{-\theta}, \quad x = 0, 1, \dots$$

$$= \frac{1}{x!} exp\{(log(\theta)x - \theta)\}$$

$$= h(x)exp\{\eta(\theta)T(x) - B(\theta)\}$$

where:

- $h(x) = \frac{1}{x!}$
- $\eta(\theta) = \log(\theta)$
- T(x) = x

Canonical Representation

- $\eta = log(\theta)$.
- $A(\eta) = B(\theta) = \theta = e^{\eta}$.

MGFs of Canonical Exponential Family Models

Theorem 1.6.2 Suppose X is distributued according to a canonical exponential family, i.e., the density/pmf function is given by

$$p(x \mid \eta) = h(x) exp[\eta T(x) - A(\eta)], \text{ for } x \in \mathcal{X} \subset R^q.$$

If η is an interior point of ${\mathcal E},$ the natural parameter space, then

• The moment generating function of $\mathcal{T}(X)$ exists and is given by

$$M_T(s) = E[e^{sT(X)} \mid \eta] = exp\{A(s+\eta) - A(\eta)\}$$
 for s in some neighborhood of 0.

- $E[T(X) | \eta] = A'(\eta)$.
- $Var[T(X) | \eta] = A''(\eta)$.

Proof:

$$M_{T}(s) = E[e^{sT(X)}) \mid \eta] = \int \cdots \int h(x)e^{(s+\eta)T(x)-A(\eta)}dx$$

= $[e^{[A(s+\eta)-A(s)]}] \times \int \cdots \int h(x)e^{(s+\eta)T(x)-A(s+\eta)}dx$
= $[e^{[A(s+\eta)-A(s)]}] \times 1$

Remainder follows from properties of MFGs.

Moments of Canonical Exponential Family Distributions

Poisson Distribution:
$$A(\eta) = B(\theta) = \theta = e^{\eta}$$
.
 $E(X \mid \theta) = A'(\eta) = e^{\eta} = \theta$.
 $Var(X \mid \theta) = A''(\eta) = e^{\eta} = \theta$.

Binomial Distribution:

$$p(x \mid \theta) = \binom{n}{x} \theta^{X} (1 - \theta)^{n - x}$$

$$= h(x) exp \{ log(\frac{\theta}{(1 - \theta)}) x + n log(1 - \theta) \}$$

$$= h(x) exp \{ \eta x - n log(e^{\eta} + 1) \}$$
So $A(\eta) = n log(e^{\eta} + 1,)$ with $\eta = log(\frac{\theta}{1 - \theta})$

$$A'(\eta) = n \frac{e^{\eta}}{e^{\eta} + 1} = n\theta$$

$$A''(\eta) = n \frac{1}{e^{\eta} + 1} e^{\eta} + n e^{\eta} \times \frac{-1}{(e^{\eta} + 1)^{2}} e^{\eta}$$

$$= n [\frac{e^{\eta}}{e^{\eta} + 1}] \times (1 - \frac{e^{\eta}}{(e^{\eta} + 1)})$$

$$= n\theta(1 - \theta)$$

Moments of the Gamma Distribution

$$X_1, \ldots, X_n$$
 i.i.d $Gamma(p, \lambda)$ distribution with density $p(x \mid \lambda, p) = \frac{\lambda^p x^{p-1} e^{-\lambda x}}{\Gamma(p)}, \ 0 < x < \infty$

where

$$\Gamma(p) = \int_0^\infty \lambda^p x^{p-1} e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

$$p(x \mid \lambda, p) = \left[\frac{x^{p-1}}{\Gamma(p)}\right] exp\{-\lambda x + plog(\lambda)\}$$

$$= h(x) exp\{\eta T(x) - A(\eta)\}$$

where

•
$$\eta = -\lambda$$

•
$$A(\eta) = -plog(\lambda) = -plog(-\eta)$$

Thus

$$E(X) = A'(\eta) = -p/\eta = p/\lambda$$

 $Var(X) = A''(\eta) = (p/\eta^2) = p/\lambda^2$

Notes on Gamma Distribution

- $Gamma(p = n/2, \lambda = 1/2)$ corresponds to the Chi-Squared distribution with n degrees of freedom.
- p = 2 corresponds to the Exponential Distribution
- For p = 1, $\Gamma(1/2) = \sqrt{\pi}$
- $\Gamma(p+1) = p\Gamma(p)$ for positive integer p.

Rayleigh Distribution Sample X_1, \dots, X_n iid with density function

$$p(x \mid \theta) = \frac{x}{\theta^2} exp(-x^2/2\theta^2)$$

$$= [x] \times exp\{-\frac{1}{2\theta^2}x^2 - log(\theta^2)\}$$

$$= h(x)exp\{\eta T(x) - A(\eta)\}$$

where

$$\bullet \ \eta = -\frac{1}{2\theta^2}$$

•
$$T(X) = X^2$$
.

•
$$A(\eta) = log(\theta^2) = log(\frac{-1}{2\eta}) = -log(-2\eta)$$

By the mgf

$$E(X^2)$$
 = $A'(\eta) = -\frac{2}{2\eta} = -\frac{1}{\eta} = 2\theta^2$
 $Var(X^2)$ = $A''(\eta) = +\frac{1}{\eta^2} = 4\theta^4$

For the n- sample: $\mathbf{X}=(X_1,\ldots,X_n)$

•
$$T(X) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_{i}^{2}$$

•
$$E[T(X)] = -n/\eta = 2n\theta^2$$

•
$$Var[T(X)] = n\frac{1}{\eta^2} = 4n\theta^4$$
.

Note: $P(X \le x) = 1 - exp\{-\frac{x^2}{2\theta^2}\}$ (Failure time model)

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Definition

 $\{P_{\theta}, \theta \in \Theta\}$, $\Theta \subset R^k$, is a k-parameter exponential family if the the density/pmf function of $X \sim P_{\theta}$ is

$$p(x \mid \theta) = h(x) exp[\sum_{j=1}^{k} \eta_{j}(\theta) T_{j}(x) - B(\theta)],$$

where $x \in \mathcal{X} \subset R^q$, and

- η_1, \ldots, η_k and B are real-valued functions mappying $\Theta \to R$.
- T_1, \ldots, T_k and h are real-valued functions mapping $R^q \to R$.

Note: By the Factorization Theorem (Theorem 1.5.1):

- $\mathbf{T}(X) = (T_1(X), \dots, T_k(X))^T$ is sufficient.
- For a sample X_1, \ldots, X_n iid P_θ , the sample $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \ldots, X_n)$ has a distribution in the k-parameter exponential family with natural sufficient statistic

$$T^{(n)} = (\sum_{i=1}^{n} T_1(X_i), \dots, \sum_{i=1}^{n} T_1(X_n))$$

Multiparameter Exponential Family Examples

Example 1.6.5. Normal Family $P_{\theta} = N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, with

$$\Theta = R \times R_+ = \{(\mu, \sigma^2)\}$$
 and density

$$p(x \mid \theta) = \exp\left\{\frac{\mu}{\sigma^2}X - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2}X^2 - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\mu^2}{\sigma^2} + \log(2\pi\sigma^2)\right)\right\}$$

a k=2 multiparameter exponential family $(\mathcal{X}=R^1,q=1)$ and

•
$$\eta_1(\theta) = \frac{\mu}{\sigma^2}$$
 and $T_1(X) = X$

•
$$\eta_2(\theta) = -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}$$
 and $T_2(X) = X^2$

•
$$B(\theta) = \frac{1}{2}(\frac{\mu^2}{\sigma^2} + \log(2\pi\sigma^2))$$

•
$$h(x) = 1$$

Note:

• For an *n*-sample $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ the natural suffficient statistic is $\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{X}) = (\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i, \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i^2)$



Canonical k-Parameter Exponential Family

Corresponding to

$$p(x \mid \theta) = h(x) exp[\sum_{j=1}^{k} \eta_{j}(\theta) T_{j}(x) - B(\theta)],$$

consider

- Natural Parameter: $\eta = (\eta_1, \dots, \eta_k)^T$
- Natural Sufficient Statistic: $\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{X}) = (T_1(X), \dots, T_k(X))^T$
- Density function

$$q(x \mid \boldsymbol{\eta}) = h(x)exp\{\mathbf{T}^T(x)\boldsymbol{\eta}) - A(\boldsymbol{\eta})\}$$

where

$$A(\eta) = \log \int \cdots \int h(x) \exp\{\mathbf{T}^T(x)\eta\} dx$$

or

$$A(\boldsymbol{\eta}) = log[\sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} h(x) exp\{\mathbf{T}^{T}(x)\boldsymbol{\eta}\}]$$

• Natural Parameter space: $\mathcal{E} = \{ \eta \in R^k : -\infty < A(\eta) < \infty \}$

Canonical Exponential Family Examples (k > 1)

Example 1.6.5. Normal Family (continued) $P_{\theta} = N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, with $\Theta = R \times R_+ = \{(\mu, \sigma^2)\}$ and density

$$p(x \mid \theta) = \exp\left\{\frac{\mu}{\sigma^2} X - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} X^2 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\mu^2}{\sigma^2} + \log(2\pi\sigma^2)\right)\right\}$$

- $\eta_1(\theta) = \frac{\mu}{\sigma^2}$ and $T_1(X) = X$
- $\eta_2(\theta) = -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}$ and $T_2(X) = X^2$
- $B(\theta) = \frac{1}{2}(\frac{\mu^2}{\sigma^2} + \log(2\pi\sigma^2))$ and h(x) = 1

Canonical Exponential Density:

$$q(x \mid \eta) = h(x)exp\{\mathbf{T}^T(x)\boldsymbol{\eta} - A(\boldsymbol{\eta})\}$$

- $\mathbf{T}^T(x) = (x, x^2) = (T_1(x), T_2(x))$
- $\bullet \ \boldsymbol{\eta} = (\eta_1, \eta_2)^T = (\frac{\mu}{\sigma^2}, -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2})$
- $A(\eta) = \frac{1}{2} [-\frac{\eta_1^2}{2\eta_2} + log(\pi \times \frac{-1}{\eta_2})]$
- $\mathcal{E} = R \times R_{-} = \{(\eta_1, \eta_2) : A(\boldsymbol{\eta}) \text{ exists}\}$



Canonical Exponential Family Examples (k > 1)

Multinomial Distribution

$$X = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_q) \sim Multinomial(n, \theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_q))$$

$$p(x \mid \theta) = \frac{n}{x_1! \dots x_q!} \text{ where}$$

- q is a given positive integer,
- $\bullet \ \theta = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_q) : \sum_{i=1}^q \theta_i = 1.$
- n is a given positive integer
- $\bullet \sum_{i=1}^{q} X_i = n.$

Notes:

- What is Θ?
- What is the dimensionality of Θ
- What is the Multinomial distribution when q = 2?



Example: Multinomial Distribution

$$\begin{aligned}
\rho(x \mid \theta) &= \frac{\frac{n}{x_1! \cdots x_q!} \theta_1^{x_1} \theta_2^{x_2} \cdots \theta_q^{x_q}}{1 + \frac{n}{x_1! \cdots x_q!}} \\
&= \frac{\frac{n}{x_1! \cdots x_q!} \times exp\{log(\theta_1)x_1 + \cdots + log(\theta_{q-1})x_{q-1} \\
&+ log(1 - \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \theta_j)[n - \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} x_j]\} \\
&= h(x) exp\{\sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \eta_j(\theta) T_j(x) - B(\theta)\}
\end{aligned}$$

where:

•
$$h(x) = \frac{n}{x_1! \cdots x_q!}$$

•
$$\eta(\theta) = (\eta_1(\theta), \eta_2(\theta), \dots, \eta_{q-1}(\theta))$$

 $\eta_j(\theta) = \log(\theta_j/(1 - \sum_1^{q-1} \theta_j)), j = 1, \dots, q-1$

•
$$T(x) = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{q-1}) = (T_1(x), T_2(x), \dots, T_{q-1}(x)).$$

•
$$B(\theta) = -n\log(1 - \sum_{j=1}^{q-1} \theta_j)$$

• For the canonical exponential density: $A(\eta) = +n\log(1 + \sum_{i=1}^{q-1} e^{\eta_i})$



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Definition: Submodels Consider a *k*-parameter exponential family $\{q(x \mid \eta); \eta \in \mathcal{E} \subset R^k\}$. A **Submodel** is an exponential family defined by

$$\begin{array}{c} p(x\mid\theta)=q(x\mid\eta(\theta))\\ \text{where }\theta\in\Theta\subset R^{k^*}, k^*\leq k, \text{ and }\eta:\Theta\to R^k. \end{array}$$

Note:

- The submodel is specified by Θ.
- The natural parameters corresponding to Θ are a subset of the natural parameter space $\mathcal{E}^* = \{ \eta \in \mathcal{E} : \eta = \eta(\theta), \theta \in \Theta \}.$

Example: X is a discrete r.v.'s as X with $\mathcal{X} = \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$, and X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are iid as X. Let $\mathcal{P} = \text{set of distributions for}$ $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$, where the distribution of the X_i is a member of any fixed collection of discrete distributions on \mathcal{X} . Then

ullet $\mathcal P$ is exponential family (subset of Multinomial Distributions).



Models from Affine Transformations: Case I

• Consider \mathcal{P} , the class of distributions for a r.v. X which is a canonical family generated by the natural sufficient statistic $\mathbf{T}(X)$, a $(k \times 1)$ vector-statistic, and $h(\cdot): \mathcal{X} \to R$. A distribution in \mathcal{P} has density/pmf function:

$$p(X \mid \eta) = h(x) exp\{\mathbf{T}^{T}(x)\eta - A(\eta)\}\$$

where

$$A(\eta) = log[\sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} h(x) exp\{\mathbf{T}^{T}(x)\}]$$

or

$$A(\eta) = log[\int \cdots \int_{\mathcal{X}} h(x) exp\{\mathbf{T}^{T}(x)\} dx]$$

• **M**: an affine tranformation form R^k to R^{k^*} defined by $\mathbf{M}(\mathbf{T}) = M\mathbf{T} + b$.

where M is $k^* \times k$ and b is $k^* \times 1$, are known constants.

Models from Affine Transformations (continued)

• Consider \mathcal{P}^* , the class of distributions for a r.v.X generated by the natural sufficient statistic

$$M(\mathbf{T}(X)) = M\mathbf{T}(X) + b$$

 Since the distribution of X has density/pmf: density/pmf function:

$$p(x \mid \eta) = h(x) exp\{\mathbf{T}^{T}(x)\eta - A(\eta)\}$$
we can write
$$p(x \mid \eta) = h(x) exp\{[M(\mathbf{T}(x)]^{T}\eta^{*} - A^{*}(\eta^{*})\}$$

$$= h(x) exp\{[M\mathbf{T}(x) + b]^{T}\eta^{*} - A^{*}(\eta^{*})\}$$

$$= h(x) exp\{\mathbf{T}^{T}(x)[M^{T}\eta^{*}] + b^{T}\eta^{*} - A^{*}(\eta^{*})$$

$$= h(x) exp\{\mathbf{T}^{T}(x)[M^{T}\eta^{*}] - A^{**}(\eta^{*})$$

a subfamily pf ${\mathcal P}$ corresponding to

$$\Theta = \{ \eta^* : \exists \eta \in \mathcal{E} : \eta = M^T \eta^* \}$$

• Density constant for level sets of M(T(x))

Models from Affine Transformations: Case II

• Consider \mathcal{P} , the class of distributions for a r.v. X which is a canonical family generated by the natural sufficient statistic $\mathbf{T}(X)$, a $(k \times 1)$ vector-statistic, and $h(\cdot): \mathcal{X} \to R$. A distribution in \mathcal{P} has density/pmf function:

$$p(X \mid \eta) = h(x) exp\{\mathbf{T}^{T}(x)\eta - A(\eta)\}\$$

- For $\Theta \subset R^{k^*}$, define $\eta(\theta) = B\theta \in \mathcal{E} \subset R^k$, where B is a constant $k \times k^*$ matrix.
- The submodel of \mathcal{P} is a submodel of the exponential family generated by $B^T \mathbf{T}(X)$ and $h(\cdot)$.

Models from Affine Transformations

Logistic Regression. Y_1, \ldots, Y_n are independent $Binomial(n_i, \lambda_i), i = 1, 2, \ldots, n$

Case 1: Unrestricted
$$\lambda_i$$
: $0 < \lambda_i < 1$, $i = 1, ..., n$

- n-parameter canonical exponential family
- $\mathcal{Y}_i = \{0, 1, \dots, n_i\}$
- Natural sufficient statistic: $T(Y_1, ..., Y_n) = Y$.

•
$$h(\mathbf{y}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} \binom{n_i}{y_i} \mathbf{1}(\{0 \le y_i \le n_i\})$$

- $\eta_i = log(\frac{\lambda_i}{1-\lambda_i})$
- $A(\eta) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} n_i \log(1 + e^{\eta_i})$
- $p(\mathbf{y} \mid \boldsymbol{\eta}) = h(\mathbf{y}) exp\{\mathbf{Y}^T \boldsymbol{\eta} A(\boldsymbol{\eta})\}$



Logistic Regression (continued)

Case 2: For specified levels $x_1 < x_2 < \cdots < x_n$ assume $\eta_i(\theta) = \theta_1 + \theta_2 x_i, i = 1, \dots, n$ and $\theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2)^T \in R^2$.

• $\eta(\theta) = B\theta$, where B is the $n \times 2$ matrix

$$B = [\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{x}] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n \end{bmatrix}$$

• Set $M = B^T$, this is the 2-parameter canonical exonential family generated by

$$M\mathbf{Y} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} Y_i, \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i Y_i\right)^T \text{ and } h(\mathbf{y}) \text{ with } A(\theta_1, \theta_2) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} n_i \log(1 + \exp(\theta_1 + \theta_2 x_i)).$$



Logistic Regression (continued)

Medical Experiment

- x_i measures toxicity of drug
- n_i number of animals subjected to toxicity level x_i
- Y_i = number of animals dying out of the n_i when exposed to drug at level x_i .
- Assumptions:
 - Each animal has a random toxicity threshold *X* and death results iff drug level at or above *x* is applied.
 - Independence of animals' response to drug effects.
 - Distribution of *X* is *logistic*

$$P(X \le x) = [1 + exp(-(\theta_1 + \theta_2 x))]^{-1}$$

$$\log\left(\frac{P[X \le x]}{1 - P(X \le x)}\right) = \theta_1 + \theta_2 x$$



Building Exponential Models

Additional Topics

- Curved Exponential Families, e.g.,
 - Gaussian with Fixed Signal-to-Noise Ratio
 - Location-Scale Regression
- Super models
 - Exponential structure preserved under random (iid) sampling

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