

Generalized Linear Model

Linear Models and Mixed Models for categorical and count dependent variables

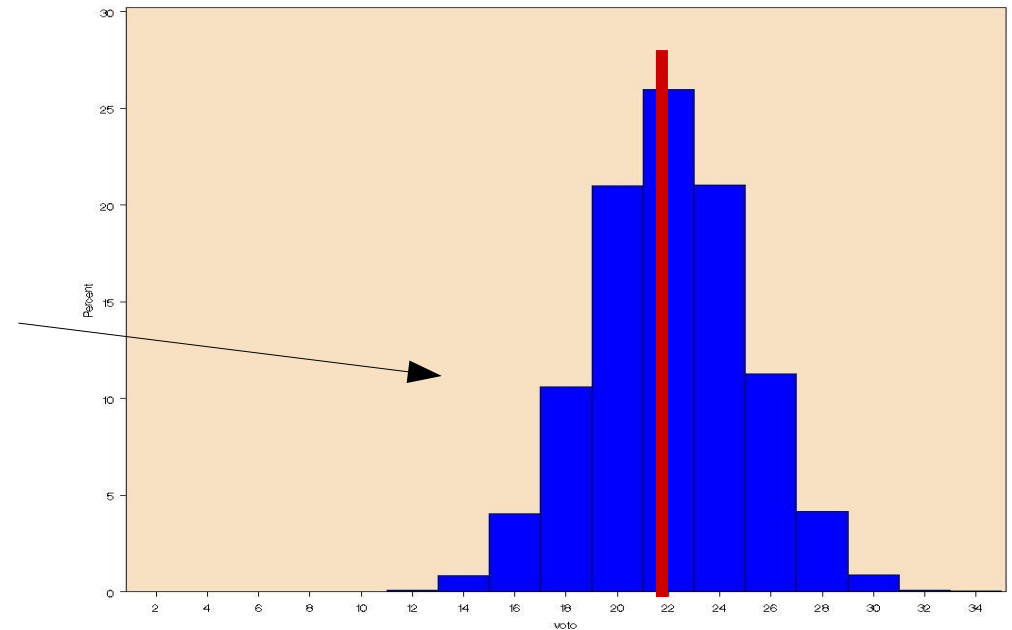
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GLM Assumptions

$$y_i = a + e_i$$
$$\text{corr}(e_i, e_j) = 0$$

3) Random variations are normally distributed

$$e_i \sim N(0, \sigma)$$



Generalized Linear Models

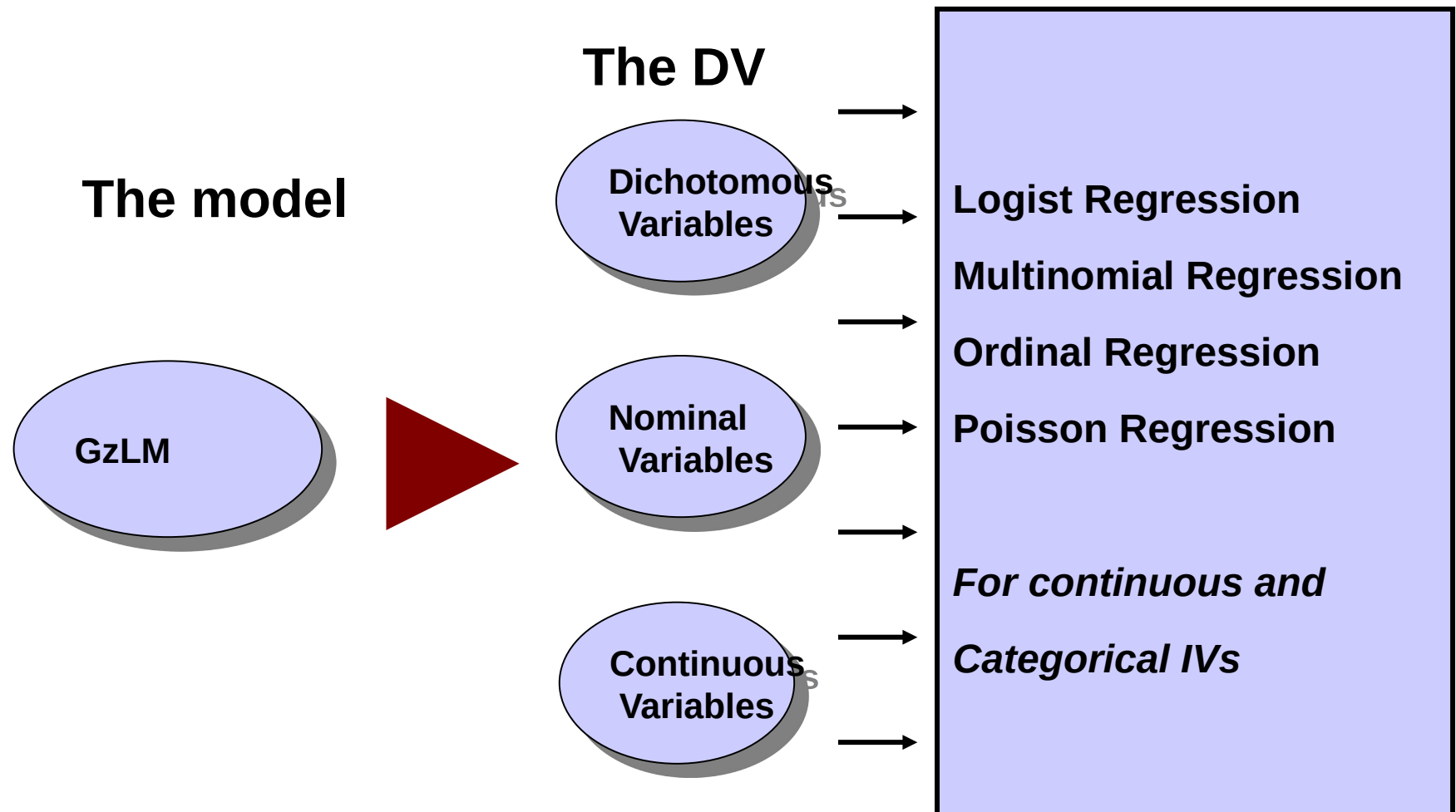
- There are many situations where the dependent variable is not normally distributed:
 - Predicting groups
 - Predicting choices (yes/no, left/right, etc.)
 - Predicting frequencies of behavior

GLM

When the assumptions are NOT met because the dependent variable is not normally distributed (dichotomous, frequencies, categorical etc), we generalize the GLM to the

Generalized Linear Model (GLM)

Generalized Linear Model



- The generalized linear model is a linear model with the dependent variable modelled with a **specific function (link function)** and with **specific error distribution**

Generalized Linear Model

$$f(y_i) = a + b_1 \cdot x_{1i} + b_2 \cdot x_{2i} + \dots + b_k \cdot x_{ki} + e_i$$

**Dependent
variable**

**Specify a
distribution
shape**

Generalized linear model

- Applying this logic we obtain a large set of possible statistical techniques

$$f(y_i) = a + b_1 \cdot x_{1i} + b_2 \cdot x_{2i} + \dots + b_k \cdot x_{ki} + e_i$$

Dependent Variable	function	Distribution
Continuous	identity	Normal
Dichotomous	Logit of odd	Binomial
Categorical	Logit of odd	Multinomial
Ordinal	Cumulative Logit	Multinomial
Frequencies	Frequencies LN	Poisson

Generalized Linear Model:

Logistic model

The Logistic Regression

- The aim of Logistic regression is to estimate the effects of one or more IV on a dichotomous dependent variable
- Logistic regression is a particular case of the Generalized(General)LM
- Due to our knowledge of the GLM, we can apply all the techniques of the GLM (regression, ANOVA, interactions, etc.) to the case of dichotomous dependent variable
- To understand logistic regression, it is useful to understand why we cannot use the GLM (linear regression) as we already know it

Linear regression assumptions

- When we run a GLM model (regression, ANOVA, etc) we are implicitly making specific assumptions:

What we do

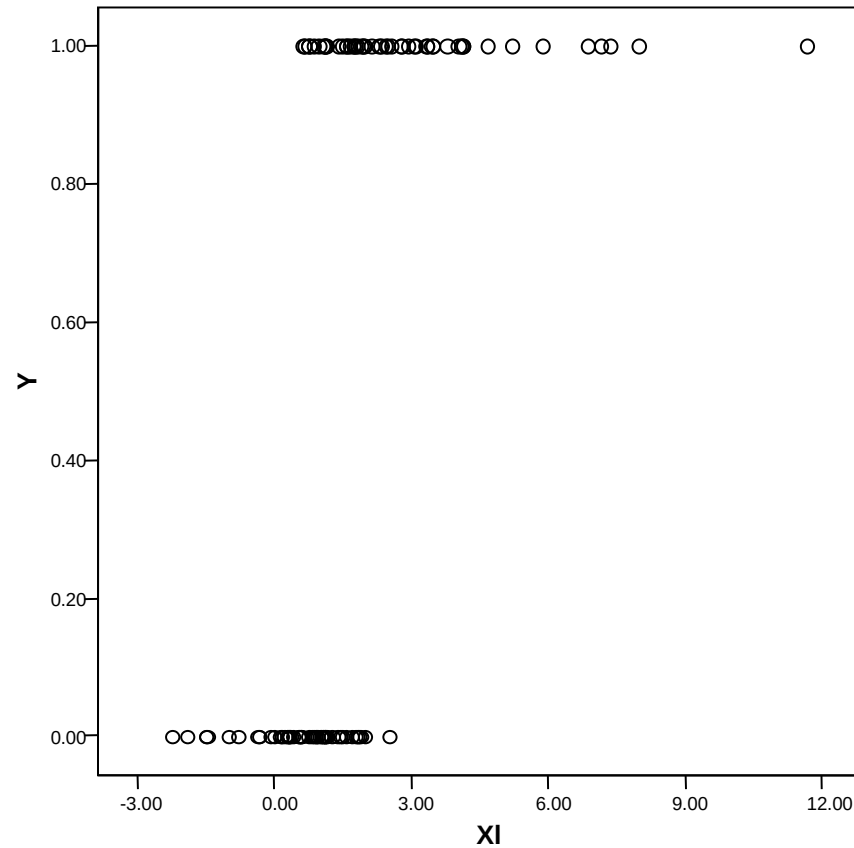
- Estimates the effects
- Estimates variance explained
- Test for significance

Corresponding assumption

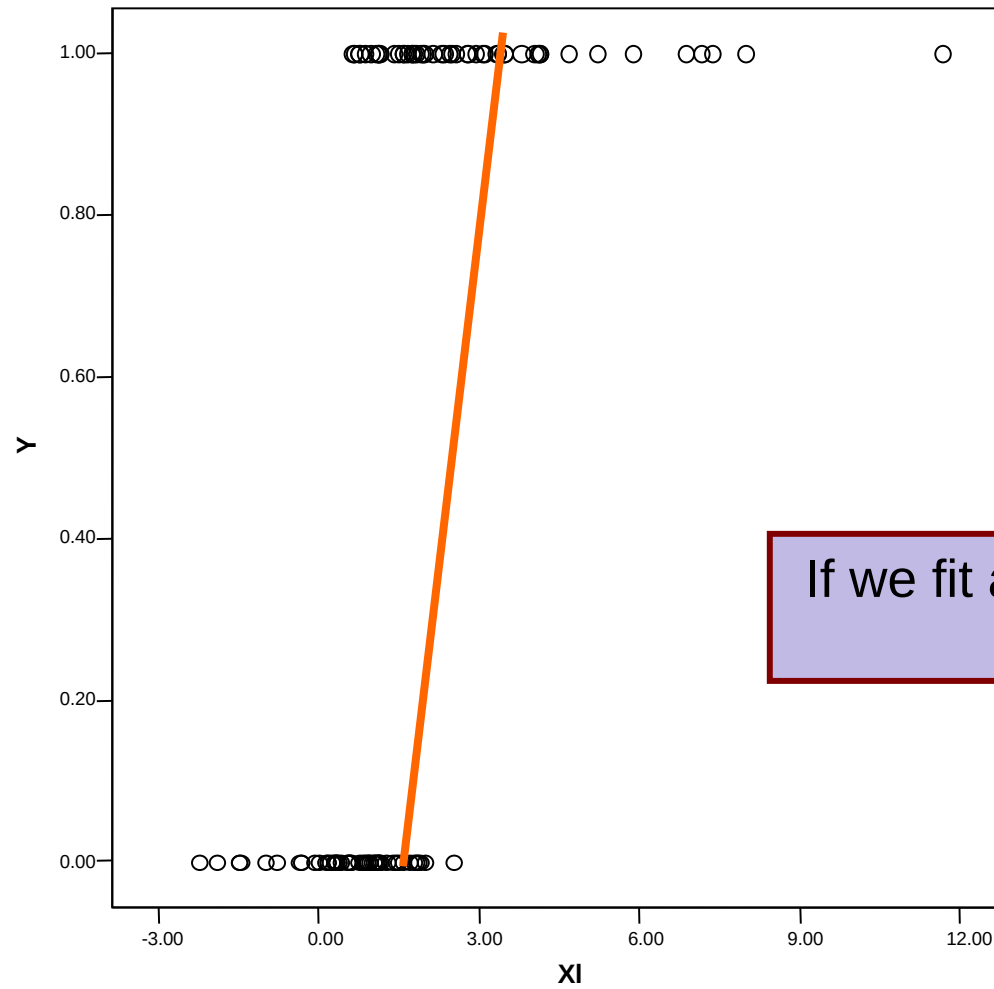
- The effect is linear or conditional linear
- The error variance is constant across the predicted values
- The errors of the predicted values are normally distributed

Example

- When the DV is dichotomous, the scatterplot $Y \sim X$ will always look something like this:



Example



If we fit a linear regression in the scatterplot

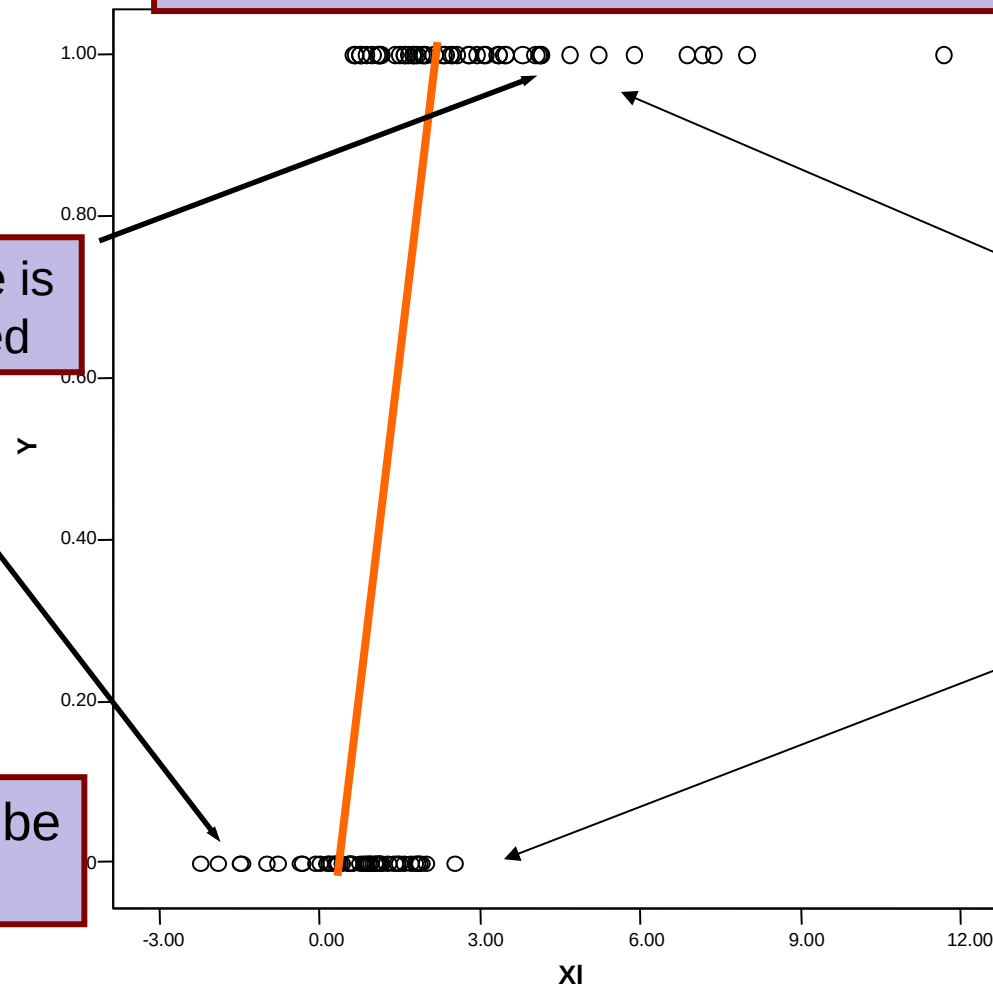
GLM on Dichotomous DV

The effect can never been linear

Much of the variance is
always not explained

The error term will be
always big

Scores will be always
along two flat lines



GLM on Dichotomous DV

- Two important facts are known in advance about the GLM in the case the DV is dichotomous one:
 - The distribution of residuals will never be normal
 - The model will produce predicted values (so fitted values) that do not make sense

Residuals of the regression

- Recall that the errors of the regressions are the differences between the predicted values and the observed values of the DV

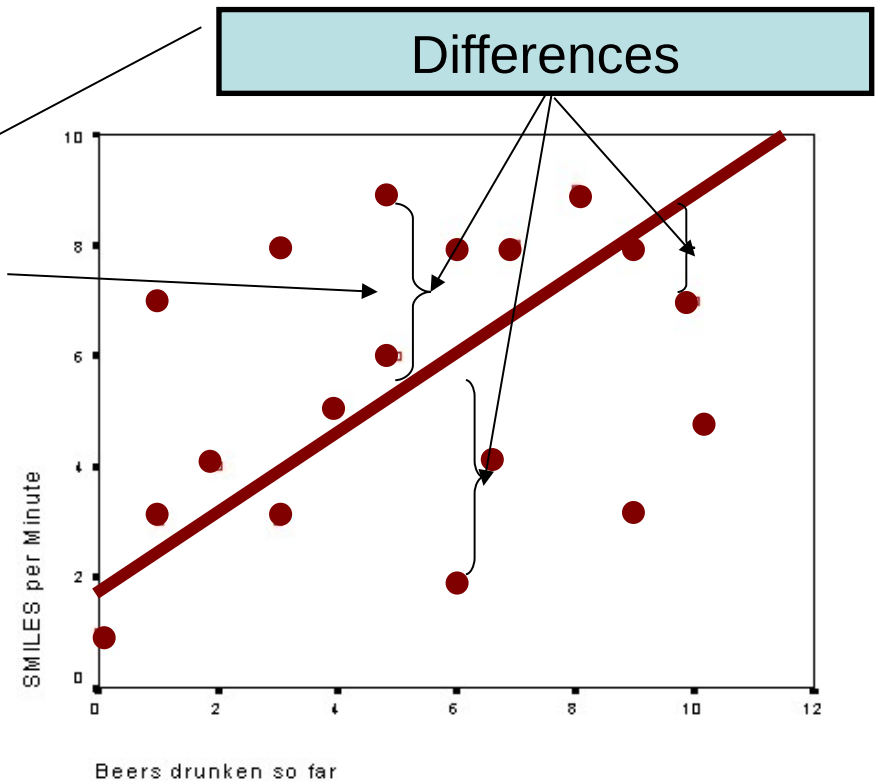
$$\hat{y}_i = a + b_{yx} x_i$$

Predicted

Errors

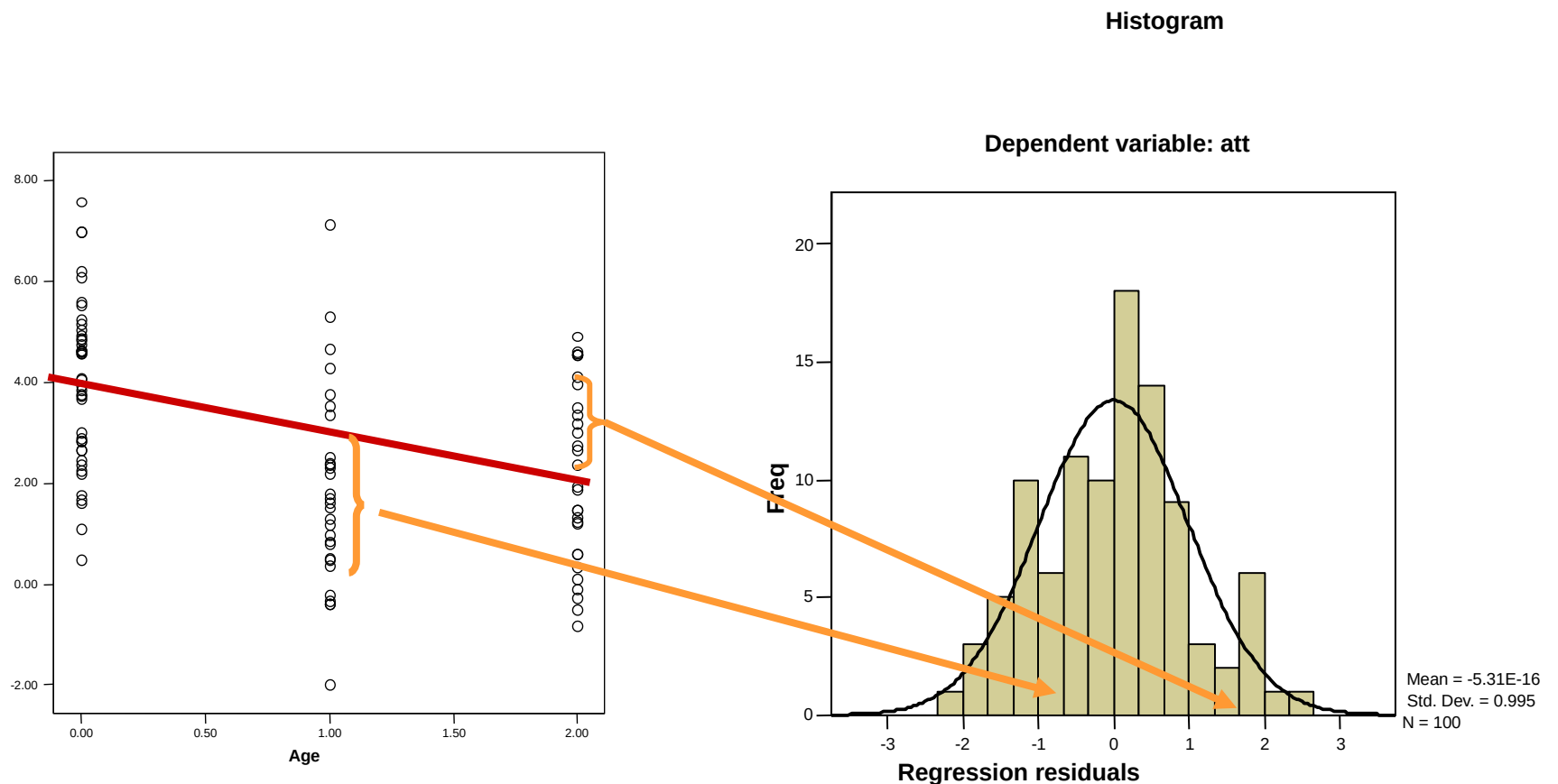
$$e_i = y_i - \hat{y}_i = y_i - (a + b_{yx} x_i)$$

Residuals: error of the regression in predicting participant's value



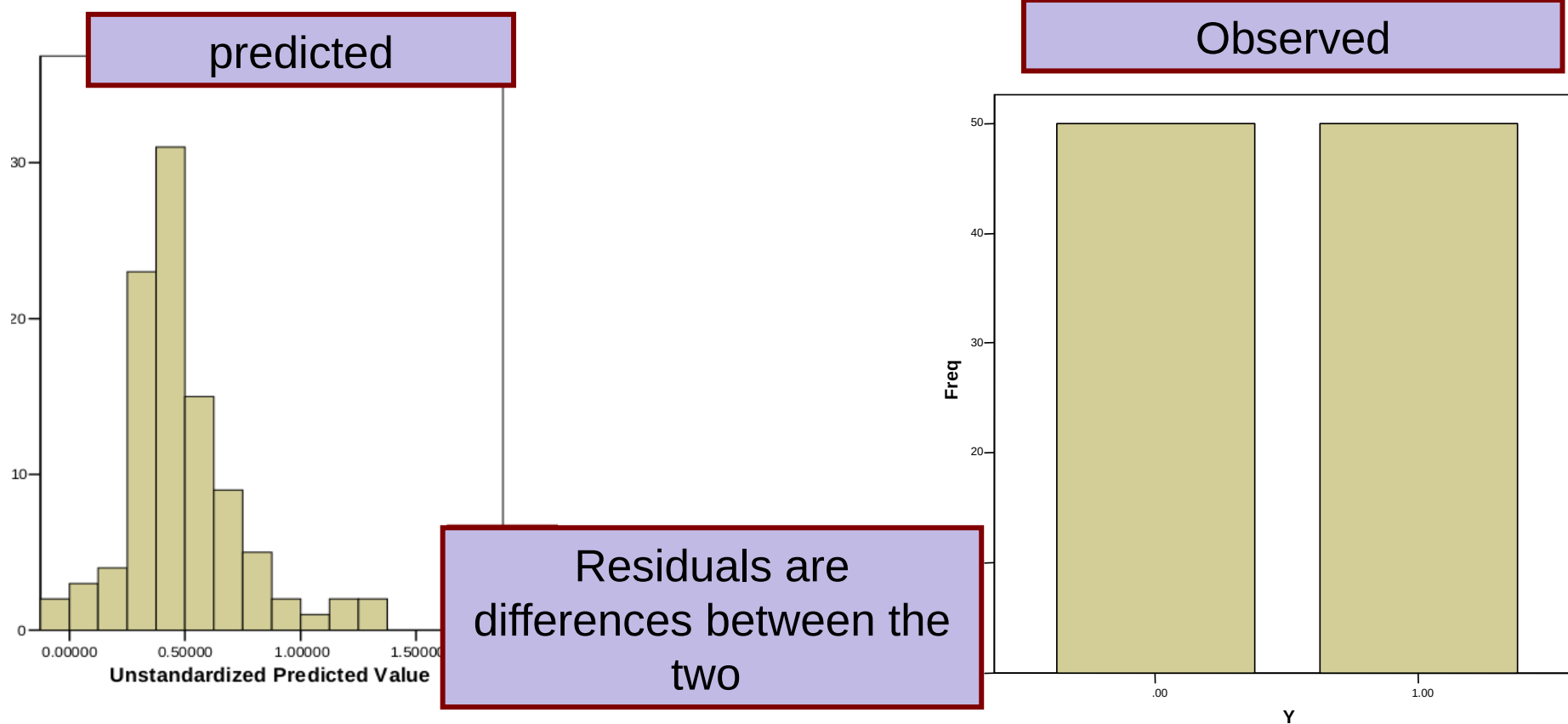
Errors Distribution

- In GLM, the assumption is that these errors are normally distributed, meaning that their frequency histogram is bell-shaped



Predicted and Observed Values

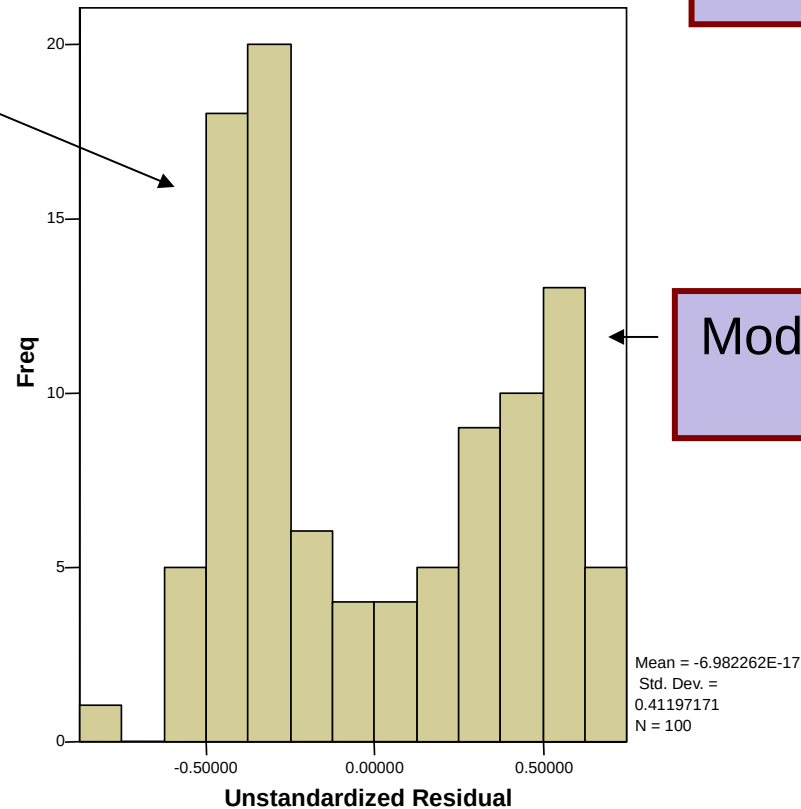
- When the DV is dichotomous, the predicted values varies across the range of possible values, the observed only assume 1 or 0 values



Violation of Normality

- The residuals will always have a bimodal distribution

Mode for observed value
0

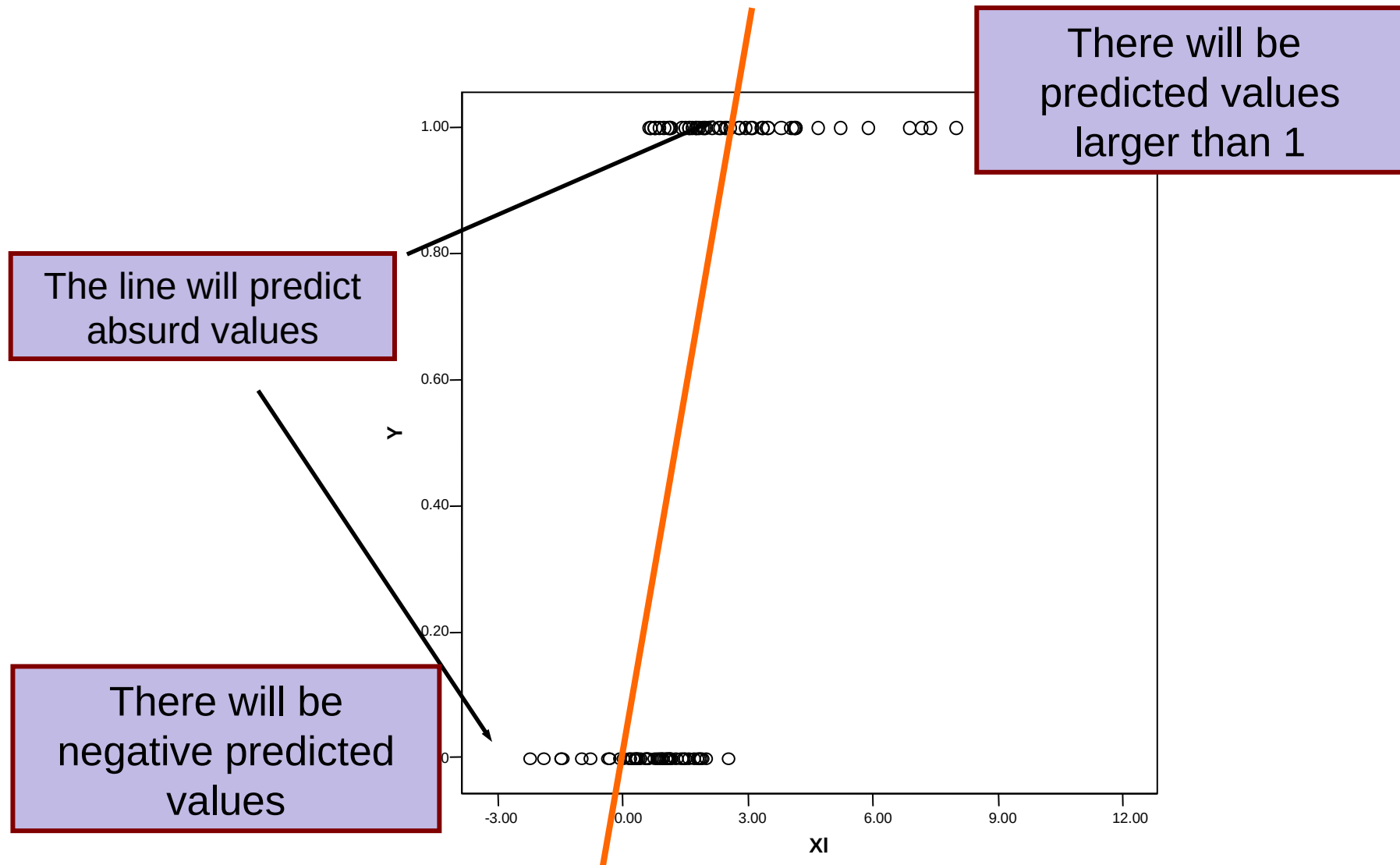


Residuals

Mode for observed value
1

GLM on Dichotomous DV

- When the DV is dichotomous, the predicted values will not make sense



Dichotomous DV

- As we have seen, a variable is a dichotomy if each participant has either 1 or 0 as values.
- There are billions of them, but in psychology dichotomous DV are often “choice behavior”
- The average of the DV is the probability of observing the value 1

$$\bar{Y} = \frac{n_1}{n_{tot}}$$

- Thus, when we want to predict a dichotomous variable, we are predicting the probability of observing the value 1 (or belonging to the group with DV=1)

Solution

Logistic regression

$$f(y_i) = a + b_1 \cdot x_{1i} + b_2 \cdot x_{2i} + \dots + b_k \cdot x_{ki} + e_i$$

- Find a **link function** (transforms the dependent variable) to:
 - Overcome the boundaries of 1 and 0
 - Linearize the relationship
 - Obtain sensible predicted values

Solution

Logistic regression

$$f(y_i) = a + b_1 \cdot x_{1i} + b_2 \cdot x_{2i} + \dots + b_k \cdot x_{ki} + e_i$$

Find a **residual distribution** (assume a different distribution) to fit the actual distribution of the DV

Solution: part 1

- First, instead of trying to predict the probability, we try to predict the **odds** of being in one group (DV=1) rather than the other (DV=0)
- If we try to predict if somebody would choose an option or not, we now predict the odds of choosing the option on not choosing the option
- **odd: Probability of 1 over the probability of 0**

$$P_i = a + b_{yx} x_i \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{P_i}{1 - P_i} = a + b_{yx} x_i$$

Odds properties

- The odds transformation makes the dependent variable unbounded in the positive range (it varies from 0 to infinity)

$$Odd_i = \frac{P_i}{1 - P_i}$$

- **Example: if the probability of having a daughter is .50**

$$Odd = \frac{.5}{1 - .5} = 1$$

- **If the probability of voting democrats is .70**

$$Odd = \frac{.7}{1 - .7} = 2.33$$

Odds

- Odds indicate how many times is more likely the value 1 over the value 0

$$Odd = \frac{P_i}{1 - P_i}$$

- **Example: A daughter is as likely as a son**

$$Odd = \frac{.5}{1 - .5} = 1$$

- Example: Voting democrats is 2.33 times more likely than not voting them**

$$Odd = \frac{.7}{1 - .7} = 2.33$$

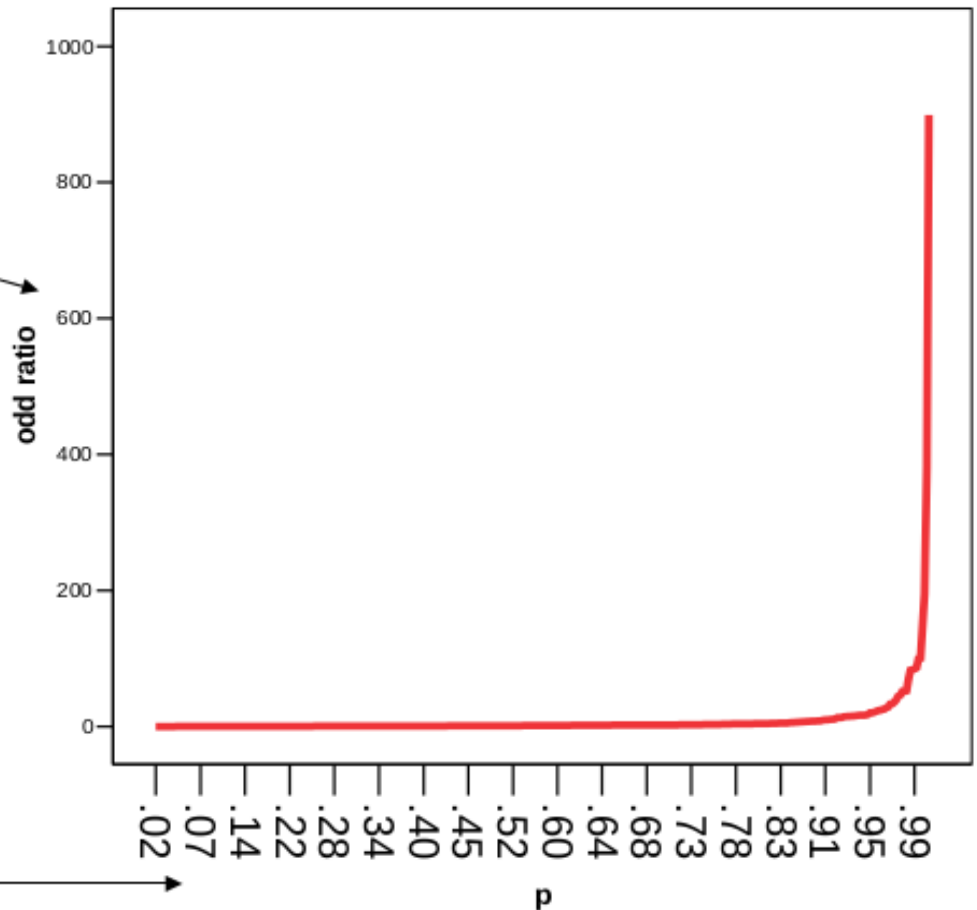
Odds range

- The odds carry the same information than the probability, but as a variable that range from 0 to infinity

Odd from 0 to infinity

$$Odd = \frac{P_i}{1 - P_i}$$

Probability from 0 to 1



Odds: Interpretation

Events are equally likely

$$p = .5 \rightarrow odd = \frac{.5}{1 - .5} = 1$$

The odd is greater than 1 if the event DV=1 is more likely than the DV=0

$$p = .7 \rightarrow odd = \frac{.7}{1 - .7} = 2.33 > 1$$

The odd is less than 1 if the event DV=1 is less likely than the DV=0

$$p = .2 \rightarrow odd = \frac{.2}{1 - .2} = .25 < 1$$

The problem with odds

- If we try to use the GLM machinery to predict odds, however, we will have negative prediction that do not make sense *a priori*

$$\frac{P_i}{1 - P_i} = a + b_{yx} x_i$$

If $a=1$, $b=3$ e $x=-2$

$$\frac{P_i}{1 - P_i} = 1 + 3 * (-2) = -5$$

Solution: part 2

- Instead of predicting the odds, we predict the logarithm of the odds

$$\frac{P_i}{1 - P_i} = a + b_{yx} x_i \quad \Rightarrow \quad \ln\left(\frac{P_i}{1 - P_i}\right) = a + b_{yx} x_i$$

The logarithm transformation is called **logit**

$$\text{logit} = \ln\left(\frac{P_i}{1 - P_i}\right)$$

The regression that predict the logit is called the
logistic regression

Logarithm

- Exponent of the power to which it is necessary to raise a fixed number (the base) to produce the given number. For example, the logarithm of 100 (base 10) is 2 because 10^2 equals 100.

$$\text{Log}_{10}(100) = 2$$

- We often use the (*napierian*) natural logarithm, which is the power to which it is necessary to raise e to obtain a given number

$$e = 2.718281828459045235360287471352662497757 \dots$$

$$e^{4.605} = 100$$

$$\text{Ln}(100) = 4.605$$

Why the Logarithm

- The logistic uses the logarithm because:
 - Transforms the odds in negative and positive
 - Is positive if the odd is greater than 1
 - Is negative if the odd is less than 1
 - Is zero if the odd is 1

Logit Transformation

- Basically, we transform the probability such that it can assume values that make sense when predicted with a regression

$$\frac{P_i(Y=1)}{1 - P_i(Y=0)} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{Odd} = \frac{P_i}{1 - P_i} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \ln\left(\frac{P_i}{1 - P_i}\right)$$

Said YES

How more likely is to
say YES over say NO

A continuous variable
across negative and
positive values

P=.80
P=0.50
P=.20

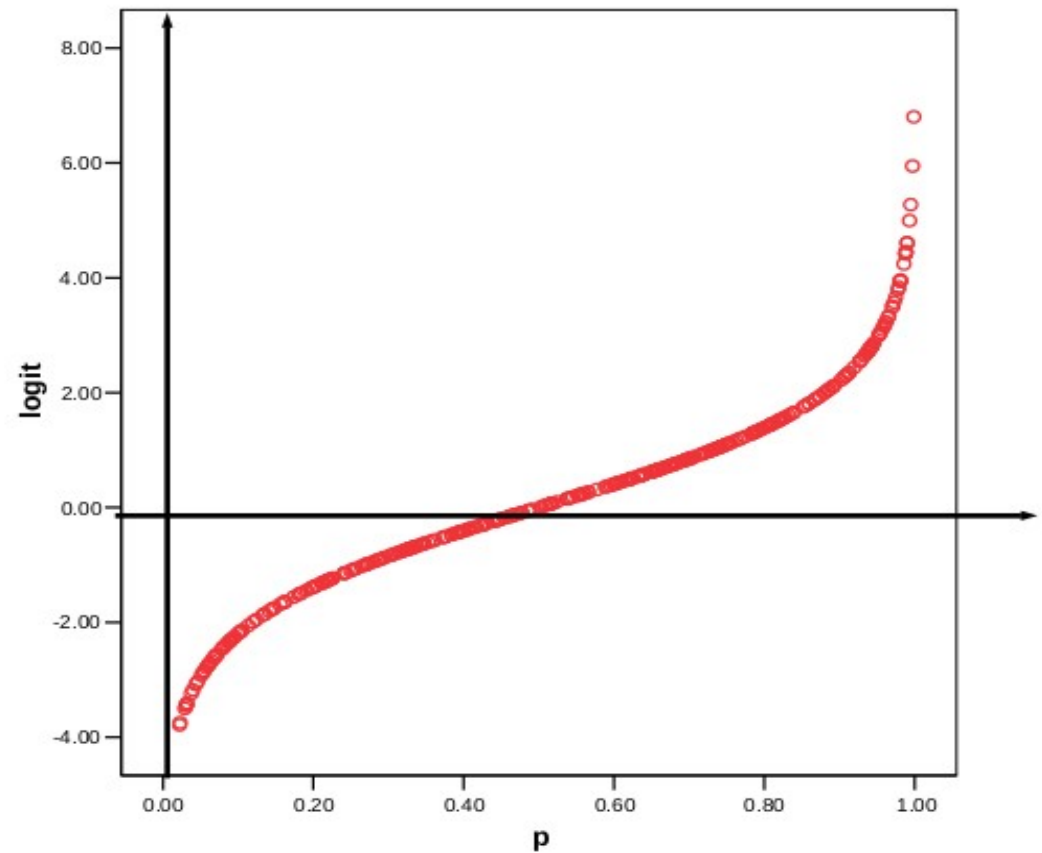
Odd=4
Odd=1
Odd=.25

Ln=1.38
Ln=0
Ln=-1.38

The Logit

- All possible predictions make sense, because the logit varies from negative to positive

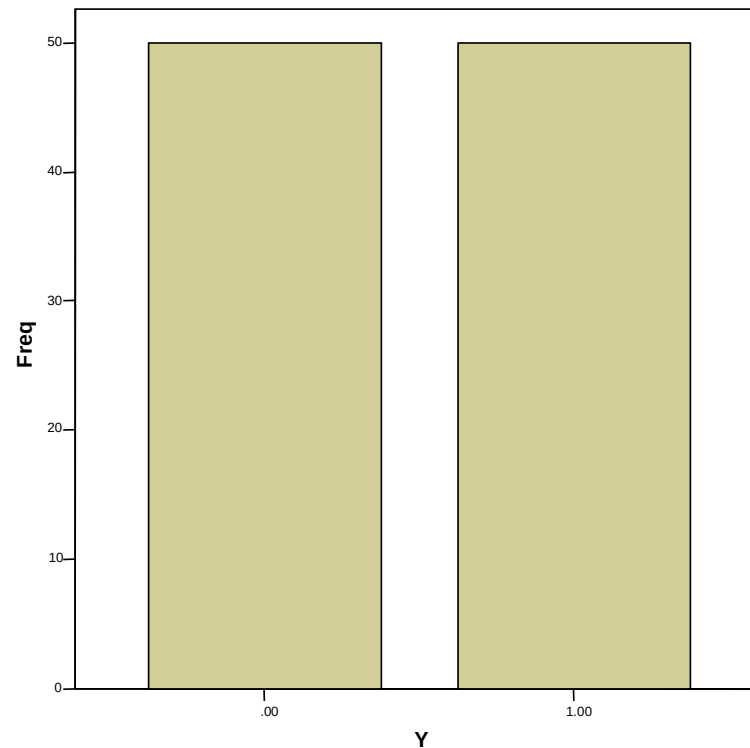
$$\text{logit} = \ln\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right)$$



Assumption about the distribution

- In logistic regression, the assumption is that the data come from a binomial distribution, in which values only assume 1 or 0 values

Binomial Distribution



A case of GzLM

$$\ln\left(\frac{P_i}{1 - P_i}\right) = a + b_{yx}x_i$$

- If the logistic is simply a regression on the logit, the logic of regression can be used in the logistic (that is nice)
- As for any regression, the B coefficients are expressed in terms of the scale of the dependent variable (this is not nice)

Example

- I want to establish if there is an effect of extroversion on people preference for beer or wine

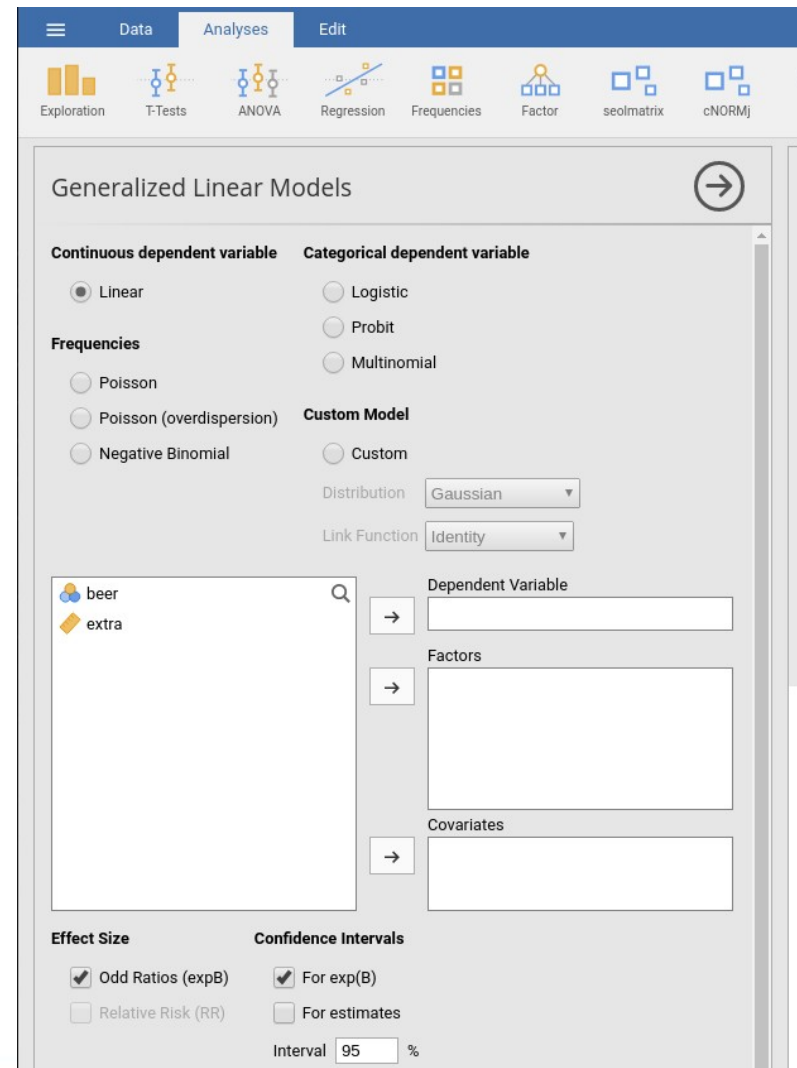
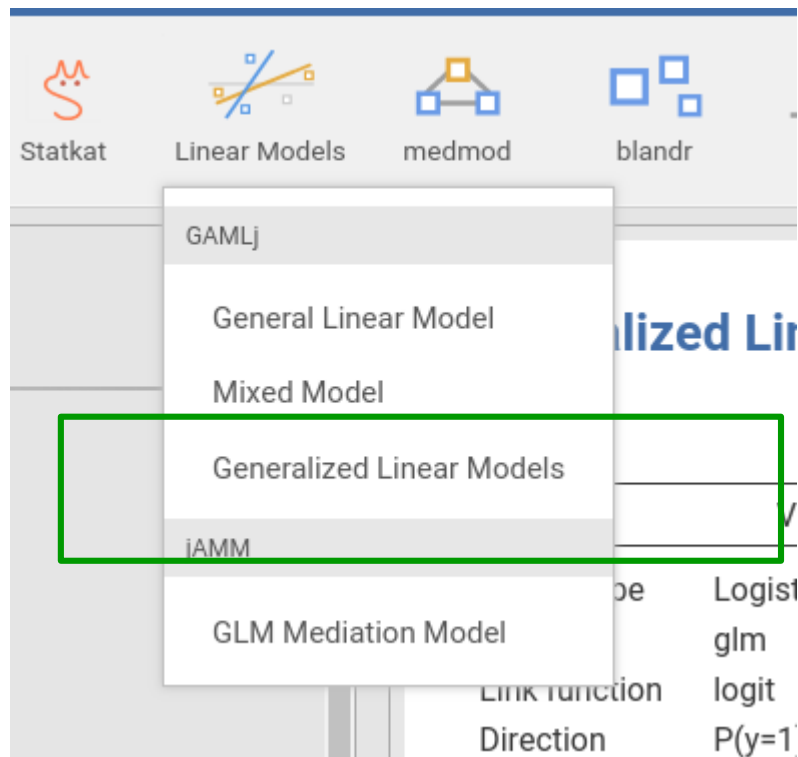
$$\ln \left(\frac{Beer}{Wine} \right) = a + b_{yx} EXTRO_i$$

jamovi Data

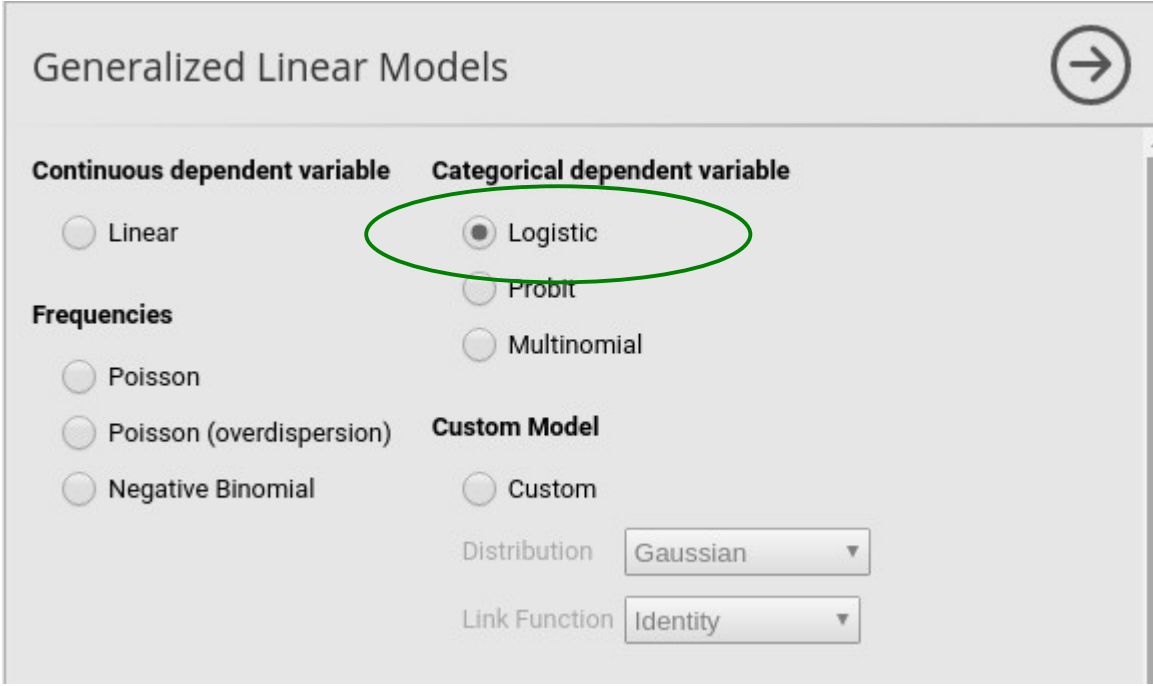
	beer	extra
1	0	12.97
2	0	11.29
3	0	9.55
4	0	9.48
5	1	12.02
6	1	9.61
7	0	10.24
8	1	11.65
9	1	11.10
10	0	10.50
11	0	9.72
12	1	11.15
13	1	10.28
14	0	9.52
15	1	12.86
16	0	9.88
17	1	11.92
18	0	8.61
19	0	7.95
20	1	11.75
21	1	11.55
22	0	9.17
23	1	11.06

**Dichotomous
Dependent
variable**

- We use “generalized linear models”, which can be used for several different types of GzLM models



- First, we select the type of model we need: logistic



The screenshot shows the 'Generalized Linear Models' dialog box. It has a title bar with a right arrow icon. The dialog is divided into two main sections: 'Continuous dependent variable' and 'Categorical dependent variable'. Under 'Continuous dependent variable', there are three radio button options: 'Linear', 'Poisson', and 'Poisson (overdispersion)'. Under 'Categorical dependent variable', there are three radio button options: 'Logistic', 'Probit', and 'Multinomial'. The 'Logistic' option is selected and circled in green. Below these sections, there is a 'Frequencies' section with three radio button options: 'Poisson', 'Poisson (overdispersion)', and 'Negative Binomial'. To the right of the 'Frequencies' section is a 'Custom Model' section with a radio button option 'Custom'. Below the 'Custom Model' section, there are two dropdown menus: 'Distribution' set to 'Gaussian' and 'Link Function' set to 'Identity'.

- We set the roles of the variables

The screenshot shows the jamovi software interface for setting up a logistic regression model. The 'Link Function' is set to 'Identity'. The 'Dependent Variable' is 'beer'. The 'Factors' list is empty. The 'Covariates' list contains 'extra'. The 'Effect Size' section has 'Odd Ratios (expB)' checked. The 'Confidence Intervals' section has 'For exp(B)' checked and the 'Interval' set to 95%.

Link Function: Identity

Dependent Variable: beer

Factors:

Covariates: extra

Effect Size:
☒ Odd Ratios (expB)
☐ Relative Risk (RR)

Confidence Intervals:
☒ For exp(B)
☐ For estimates
Interval: 95 %

**Dichotomous
Dependent
variable**

**Continuous
Independent
variable**

Results

- Info about the model

Model

Generalized Linear Models

Model Info

Info	Value	Comment
Model Type	Logistic	Model for binary y
Call	glm	beer ~ 1 + extra
Link function	Logit	Log of the odd of y=1 over y=0
Direction	$P(y=1)/P(y=0)$	$P(\text{beer} = 1) / P(\text{beer} = 0)$
Distribution	Binomial	Dichotomous event distribution of y
R-squared	0.245	Proportion of reduction of error
AIC	54.831	Less is better
Deviance	50.831	Less is better
Residual DF	48	
Chi-squared/DF	1.050	Overdispersion indicator
Converged	yes	Whether the estimation found a solution

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Coefficients

- Coefficients should be interpreted as in regression: The expected change when you move the IV of one unit

Parameter Estimates

Names	Estimate	SE	exp(B)	95% Exp(B) Confidence Interval		z	p
				Lower	Upper		
(Intercept)	-0.536	0.350	0.585	0.283	1.14	-1.53	0.126
extra	1.146	0.342	3.145	1.722	6.71	3.35	<.001

$$\ln\left(\frac{\text{beer}}{\text{wine}}\right) = -0.536 + 1.146 \text{EXTRO}_i$$

Constant term

- Coefficients should be interpret as in regression
- The expected value of the DV for the IV equal to zero

$$\ln(odd_0) = a + b_{yx} 0$$

$$\ln(odd_0) = a$$

Coefficient B

- Coefficients should be interpret as in regression
- The expected change when you move the IV of one unit

$$\ln(odd_0) = a + b_{yx} 0$$

$$\ln(odd_1) = a + b_{yx} 1$$

$$b_{yx} = \ln(odd_1) - \ln(odd_0)$$

Coefficients

- Coefficients should be interpreted as in regression
- Thus they tell us the change in logarithm of the odds (?!)

Parameter Estimates

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Differences in the
log of the odds

$$b_{yx} = \ln(odd_{x+1}) - \ln(odd_x)$$

EXP(B)

- To interpret the results, we remove the logarithm scale from the B by applying the exponential transformation

$$\exp(\ln(x)) = x$$

- If you take the exponential transformation on a logarithm, the result will be expressed in the scale (units) of the argument of the log

$$\exp(\ln(\textit{meters})) = \textit{meters}$$

EXP(B) constant

- By removing the log scale, we obtain the odds for $X=0$

$$a = \ln(odd_0)$$

$$\exp(a) = odd_0$$

- How more likely is the DV=1 for the independent variable equal to zero
- How more likely is to choose wine rather than beer for 0 extroversion

Coefficients

- Coefficients should be interpreted as in regression
- EXP constant coefficient is expressed in odds scale

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For extroversion = 0, preferring beer is 0.585 times more likely than choosing wine

EXP(B): Slope

- The only difficulty to overcome is remember that the exponential of a log difference is equal to a ratio

$$\ln(a) - \ln(b) = q$$

$$\exp(\ln(a) - \ln(b)) = \exp(q)$$

$$\exp(q) = \frac{a}{b}$$

EXP(B): Odd ratio

- Thus the $\exp(B)$ is the odd ratio between two consecutive odds, as you move the IV of 1 unit

$$b_{yx} = \ln(\text{odd}_{x+1}) - \ln(\text{odd}_x)$$

$$\exp(b_{yx}) = \frac{\text{odd}_{x+1}}{\text{odd}_x}$$

- Thus the $\exp(B)$ is **how many times** the odd changes as you move the independent variable of one unit

Coefficients: Effects

- The odd ratio $\exp(B)$ tells us how many times the odd of wine over beer changes as you change the IV of one unit

Parameter Estimates

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As extroversion increases of 1 unit, the odd of preferring beer over wine increases 3.145 times

EXP(B): Odd ratio

- The odd ratio $\exp(B)$ tells us how many times the odd of wine over beer changes as you change the IV of one unit

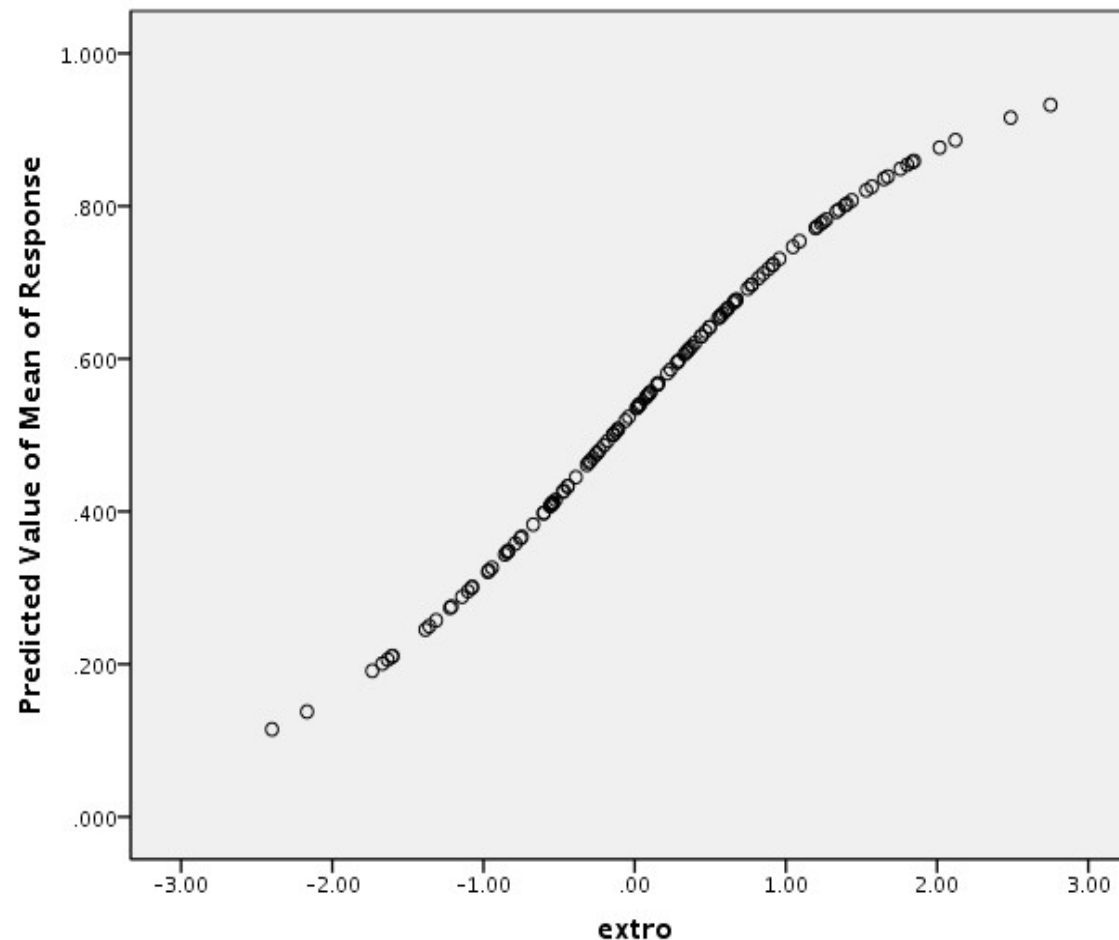
$$\exp(b_{yx}) = \frac{odd_{x+1}}{odd_x}$$

$$odd_{x+1} = \exp(b_{yx}) * odd_x$$

As extroversion increases of 1 unit, the odd of preferring beer over wine increases of 3.145 times

Visualizing the effects

- As in regression one looks at the line, here one looks at the predicted probability of being in a group (rather than the other)

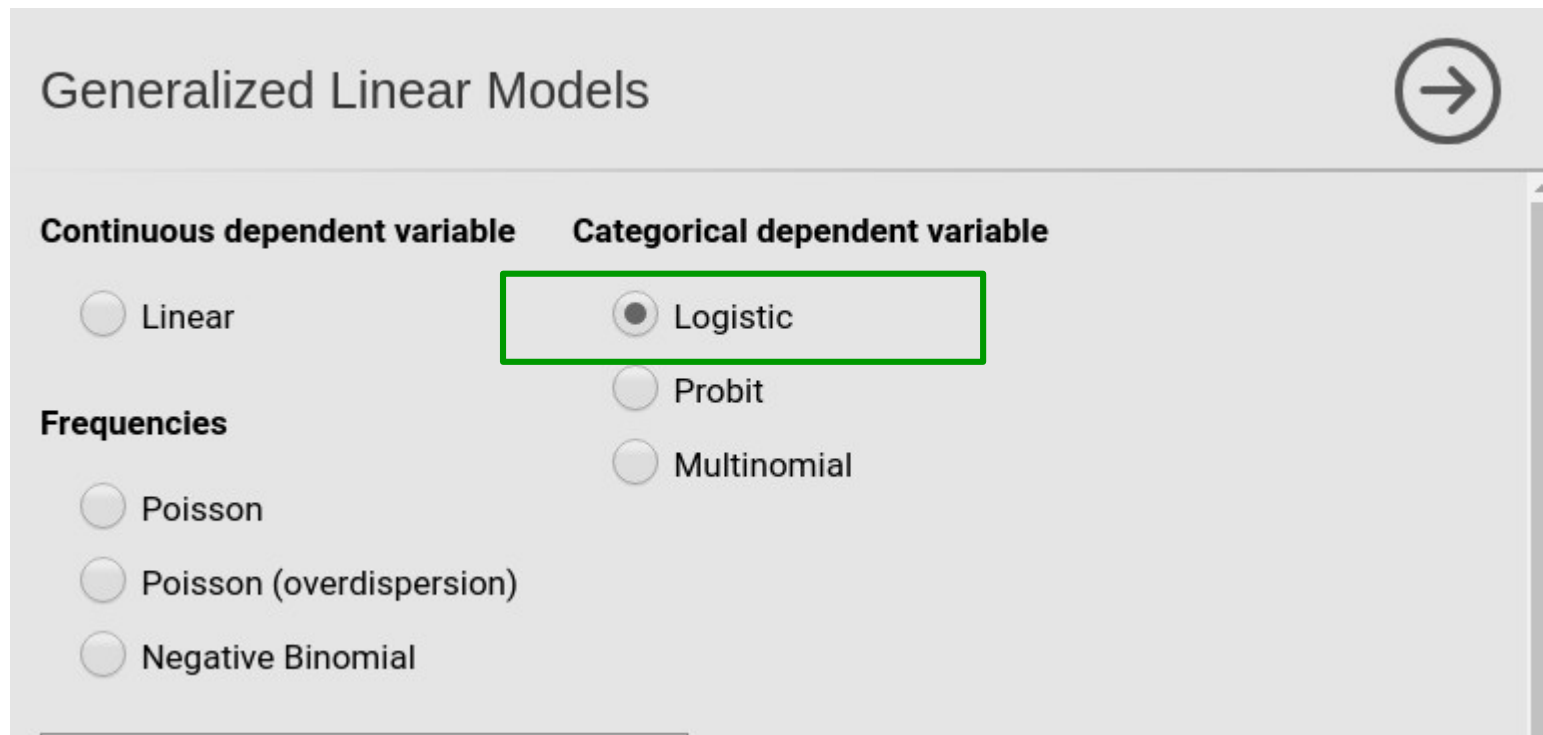



Jamovi: example

- The data set Neuralgia contains five variables: Treatment, Sex, Age, Duration, and Pain. The last variable, Pain, is the response variable. A specification of Pain=Yes indicates there was pain, and Pain=No indicates no pain. The variable Treatment is a categorical variable with three levels: A and B represent the two test treatments, and P represents the placebo treatment. The gender of the patients is given by the categorical variable Sex. The variable Age is the age of the patients, in years, when treatment began. The duration of complaint, in months, before the treatment began is given by the variable Duration.
- Let's first consider the relationship between **pain** and **age**

Jamovi: example

- First we need to select the type of model we need



Generalized Linear Models 

Continuous dependent variable **Categorical dependent variable**

☐ Linear ☒ Logistic

☐ Probit

Frequencies ☐ Multinomial

☐ Poisson

☐ Poisson (overdispersion)

☐ Negative Binomial

Jamovi: example

- Then we define the variables role

The screenshot displays the Jamovi software interface for defining variable roles in a logistic regression model. On the left, a list of available variables includes 'A' (represented by a yellow ruler icon), 'Treatment' (blue circle with 'a'), 'Sex' (blue circle with 'a'), and 'Duration' (blue circle with 'a'). The 'Duration' variable is currently selected and highlighted with a blue background. On the right, three designated areas for variable assignment are shown: 'Dependent Variable' (containing 'Pain'), 'Factors' (currently empty), and 'Covariates' (containing 'Age'). Arrows indicate the movement of variables from the left list into these roles. At the bottom, the 'Effect Size' section has the 'Odd Ratios (expB)' option checked. The 'Confidence Intervals' section also has its checkbox checked, with the 'Interval' set to '95 %'.

Available Variables:

- A
- Treatment
- Sex
- Duration

Dependent Variable:

Pain

Factors:

Covariates:

Age

Effect Size:

☒ Odd Ratios (expB)

Confidence Intervals:

☒ Confidence intervals Interval 95 %

Jamovi: example

● Results: recap table

Model Info

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Call	glm	Pain ~ 1 + Age
Link function	logit	Log of the odd of y=1 over y=0
Direction	$P(y=1)/P(y=0)$	$P(\text{Pain} = \text{Yes}) / P(\text{Pain} = \text{No})$
Distribution	Binomial	Dichotomous event distribution of y
R-squared	0.104	Proportion of reduction of error
AIC	77.056	Less is better
Deviance	73.056	Less is better
Residual DF	58	
Converged	yes	A solution was found

The R-squared can be interpreted as in the GLM: the proportion of reduce error: how well the model fits the data

Jamovi: example

● Results: omnibus tests and coefficients

Model Results

Loglikelihood ratio tests

	X ²	df	p
Age	8.45	1	0.004

This is equivalent to the GLM F-test

Fixed Effects Parameter Estimates

Names	Effect	Estimate	SE	95% Confidence Interval		exp(B)	z	p
				Lower	Upper			
(Intercept)	(Intercept)	-0.377	0.2826	-0.9468	0.171	0.686	-1.33	0.183
Age	Age	0.160	0.0600	0.0499	0.288	1.174	2.67	0.007

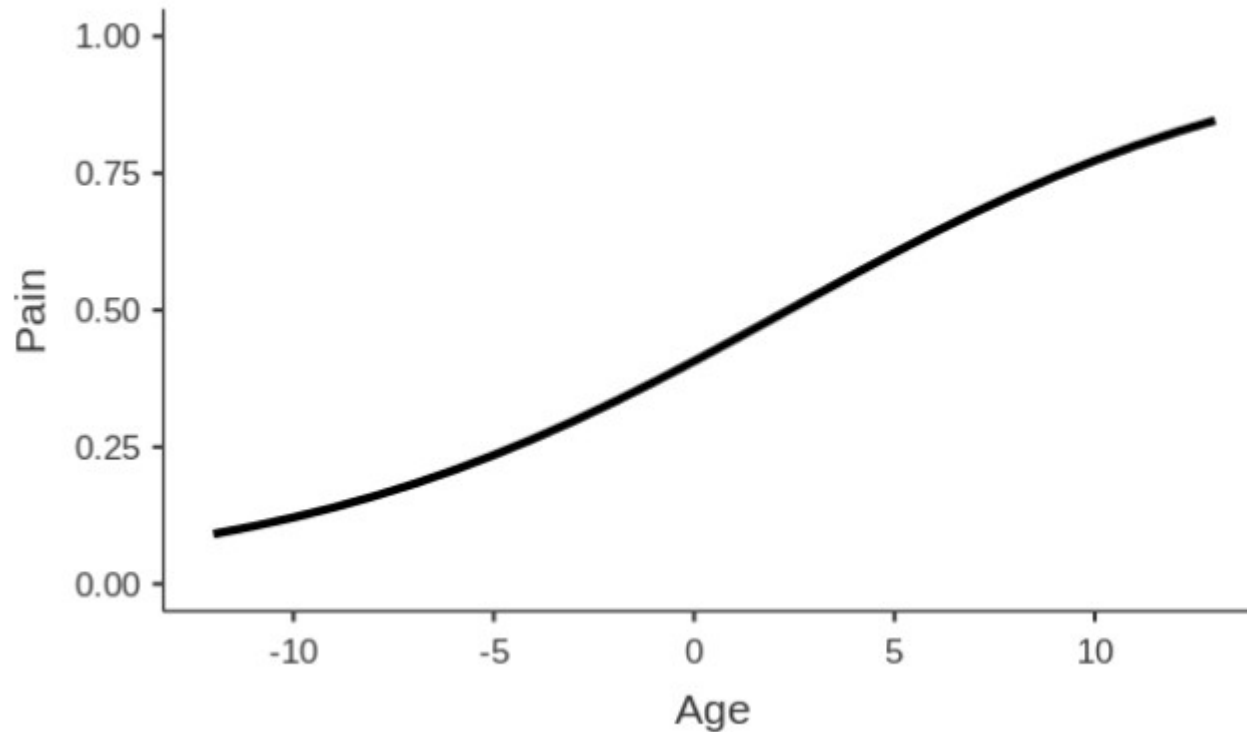
This is equivalent to the GLM B and t-test table

SPSS uses wald-test. Jamovi uses z-tests, results are equivalent

Jamovi: example

- Results: plot of probabilities (of being in group 1)

Plots



With increasing age, the prob. of feeling pain increases

Logistic on ANOVA designs

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- Let's first consider the relationship between **pain** and **sex** and **treatment**

Logistic on ANOVA designs

- Let's first consider the relationship between **pain** and **sex and treatment**
- We simply apply the logic of the ANOVA (as in GLM) knowing that the predicted values are the *logit of the odd of being in group 1 rather than group 0*

Generalized Linear Models

Continuous dependent variable

☐ Linear

Frequencies

☐ Poisson

☐ Poisson (overdispersion)

☐ Negative Binomial

Categorical dependent variable

☒ Logistic

☐ Probit

☐ Multinomial

Specify the type of model

The screenshot displays the jamovi software interface for specifying a statistical model. On the left, a list of variables includes 'A' (represented by a yellow square icon), 'Treatment' (represented by a blue circle with an 'a' icon), and 'Duration' (represented by a blue circle with an 'a' icon). 'Duration' is currently selected and highlighted in blue. To the right of this list are three boxes for specifying the model components: 'Dependent Variable', 'Factors', and 'Covariates'. Each box has a right-pointing arrow button next to it. The 'Dependent Variable' box contains 'Pain' (represented by a blue circle with an 'a' icon). The 'Factors' box contains 'Sex' and 'Age' (both represented by blue circles with an 'a' icon). The 'Covariates' box is currently empty. At the bottom of the interface, there are two sections: 'Effect Size' and 'Confidence Intervals'. Under 'Effect Size', the checkbox for 'Odd Ratios (expB)' is checked. Under 'Confidence Intervals', the checkbox for 'Confidence intervals' is checked, and the 'Interval' is set to '95 %'.

Specify the DV and factors

Dependent Variable

→ Pain

Factors

→ Sex
Age

Covariates

→

Effect Size

☒ Odd Ratios (expB)

Confidence Intervals

☒ Confidence intervals Interval 95 %

Coefficients

- Coefficients are expressed in the logarithmic scale (B) and in the odd ratios scale $\exp(B)$

Model Results

Loglikelihood ratio tests

	X ²	df	p
Sex	7.59	1	0.006
Treatment	15.96	2	< .001
Sex * Treatment	7.11e-15	2	1.000

Main effects and interactions (as the F in GLM)

B coefficients and Odd ratios B

Fixed Effects Parameter Estimates

Names	Effect	Estimate	SE	95% Confidence Interval		$\exp(B)$	z	p
				Lower	Upper			
(Intercept)	(Intercept)	-0.434	0.357	-1.191	0.2786	0.648	-1.22	0.224
Sex1	M - (F, M)	0.896	0.357	0.246	1.6859	2.449	2.51	0.012
Treatment1	B - (A, B, P)	-0.868	0.505	-2.025	0.0694	0.420	-1.72	0.086
Treatment2	P - (A, B, P)	1.735	0.505	0.834	2.9049	5.670	3.44	< .001
Sex1 * Treatment1	M - (F, M) * B - (A, B, P)	-4.92e-16	0.505	-0.972	1.1430	1.000	-9.75e-16	1.000
Sex1 * Treatment2	M - (F, M) * P - (A, B, P)	6.44e-16	0.505	-0.972	1.1430	1.000	1.28e-15	1.000

Visualizing the effect

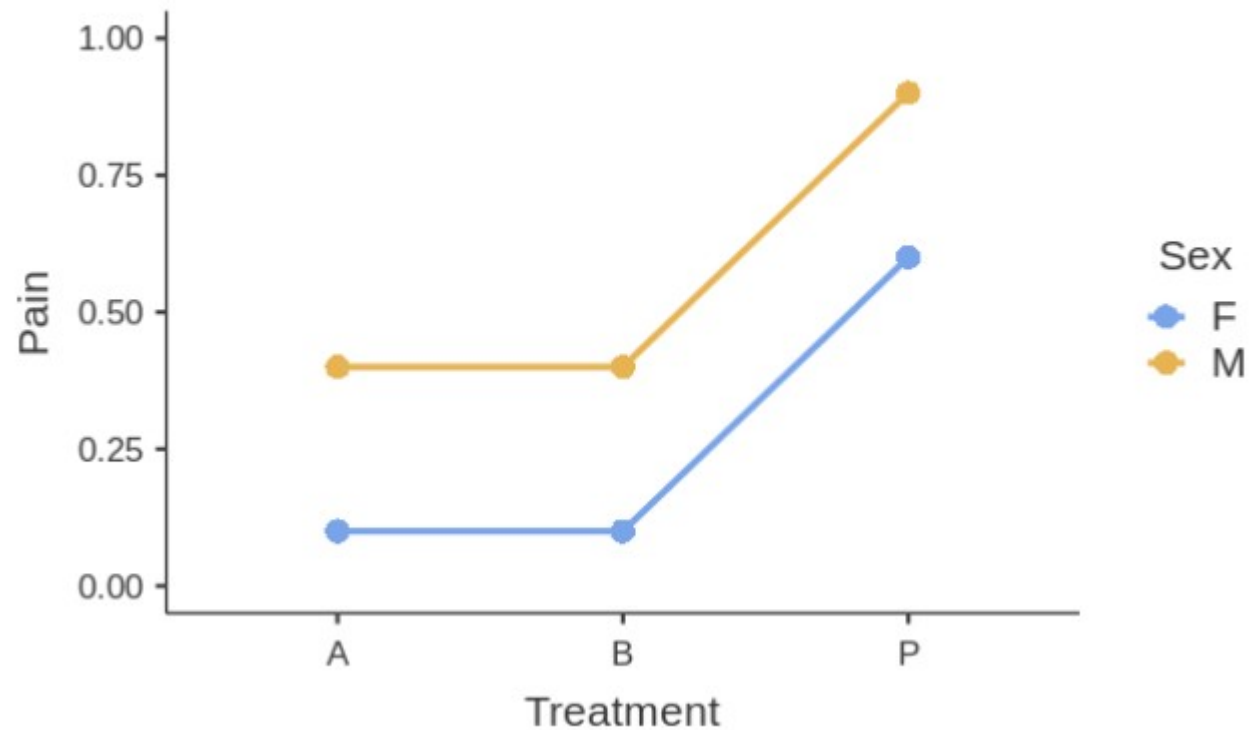
- As in ANOVA one looks at the cell means, here one looks at table of probabilities of being in group 1 (pain=yes)

Sex:Treatment					
Sex	Treatment	Prob.	SE	95% Confidence Interval	
				Lower	Upper
F	A	0.100	0.0949	0.0139	0.467
M	A	0.400	0.1549	0.1583	0.703
F	B	0.100	0.0949	0.0139	0.467
M	B	0.400	0.1549	0.1583	0.703
F	P	0.600	0.1549	0.2974	0.842
M	P	0.900	0.0949	0.5328	0.986

Visualizing the effect

- Or at the plots of probabilities

Plots



Regression vs Logistic

- All we know about regression/ANOVA (interaction, partial effects, intercept, covariate, dummies for categorical IVs) remains the same for logistic models
- The difference lies in the interpretation of the coefficients

Recap

- **Logistic regression** computes a regression with a dichotomous dependent variable
- The coefficients are expressed in the logarithmic scale (B) and as odd ratios $\exp(B)$
- The $\exp(B)$ is the amount the odd ratio is multiplied when we move the independent variable of 1 unit
- Goodness of fit is measured with likelihood ratio, and approximation of R^2
- Overall significance is test with the Chi-square test

Generalized linear model

- Applying this logic we obtain a large set of possible statistical techniques

$$f(y_i) = a + b_1 \cdot x_{1i} + b_2 \cdot x_{2i} + \dots + b_k \cdot x_{ki} + e_i$$

Dependent Variable	function	Distribution
Continuous	identity	Normal
Dichotomous	Logit of odd	Binomial
Categorical	Logit of odd	Multinomial
Ordinal	Cumulative Logit	Multinomial
Frequencies	Frequencies LN	Poisson

Multinomial model

Dependent variable with more than two groups

Theory

The Multinomial model decomposes the dependent variable in $K-1$ dummies, where K is the number of levels, and uses logistic regression to estimate the effects of the independent variables on these dummies

Groups	dummy1	dummy2
A	0	0
B	0	1
C	1	0

Theory

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Groups
A
B
C

dummy1

$$\ln \left(\frac{p(B)}{p(A)} \right) = a_1 + b_1 X$$

dummy2

$$\ln \left(\frac{p(C)}{p(A)} \right) = a_2 + b_2 X$$

Theory

- It produces an intercept and a coefficient for each dummy
- And an omnibus effect testing that all effects are zero

If there are more IV, each IV has a coefficient for each dummy

Groups
A
B
C

dummy1

$$\ln \left(\frac{p(B)}{p(A)} \right) = a_1 + b_1 X$$

dummy2

$$\ln \left(\frac{p(C)}{p(A)} \right) = a_2 + b_2 X$$

Example

The data set contains variables on 200 students. The outcome (dependent) variable is **prog**, program type. There are three programs that students can choose: general program, vocational program and academic program. The predictor (independent) variables are social economic status, **ses**, a three-level categorical variable and writing score, **write**, a continuous variable (UCLA idre web page).

We ask whether ability to **write** influences the **program** choice

Contingency Tables

Contingency Tables

prog	ses			Total
	high	low	middle	
academic	42	19	44	105
general	9	16	20	45
vocation	7	12	31	50
Total	58	47	95	200

Example

The model picks a reference group for the dependent variable, say
general program


The model estimates the influence of the independent variable(s) on the logit (log of odd) of choosing each program over the academic program.

Having three programs, our analysis will estimate two (K-1) sets of coefficients:

- the effect of the independent variables on the (log) odd of choosing **academic program over choosing general**,
- the (log) odd of choosing **vocation program over choosing general**

Example

Generalized Linear Models



Continuous dependent variable

- ☐ Linear

Categorical dependent variable

- ☐ Logistic
- ☐ Probit
- ☒ Multinomial

Frequencies

- ☐ Poisson
- ☐ Poisson (overdispersion)
- ☐ Negative Binomial

Specify the type of model

Example

The interface shows a list of variables on the left: A, id, female, ses, schtyp, read, math, science, socst, honors, and awards. Each variable has a unique icon. On the right, there are three sections: 'Dependent Variable' with 'prog' selected, 'Factors' which is empty, and 'Covariates' with 'write' selected. Arrows indicate the movement of variables between these sections and the main list. At the bottom, there are checkboxes for 'Effect Size' (Odd Ratios (expB)) and 'Confidence Intervals' (95%).

Variables list:

- A
- id
- female
- ses
- schtyp
- read
- math
- science
- socst
- honors
- awards

Dependent Variable: prog

Factors:

Covariates: write

Effect Size: ☒ Odd Ratios (expB)

Confidence Intervals: ☒ Confidence intervals Interval 95 %

**Specify variables
role**

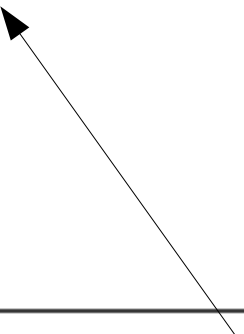
Results: model info

Model Info

Info	Value	Comment
Model Type	Multinomial	Model for categorical y
Call	multinom	prog ~ 1 + write
Link function	logit	Log of the odd of each category over y=0
Direction	$P(y=x)/P(x=0)$	$P(\text{prog}=\text{academic})/P(\text{prog}=\text{general})$, $P(\text{prog}=\text{vocation})/P(\text{prog}=\text{general})$
Distribution	Multinomial	Multi-event distribution of y
R-squared	0.0911	Proportion of reduction of error
AIC	379.0217	Less is better
Deviance	371.0217	Less is better
Residual DF	4.0000	
Converged	yes	A solution was found

The R-squared can be interpreted as usual

Indicates the directions of the effects



Results: estimates and tests

Model Results

Loglikelihood ratio tests

	X ²	df	p
write	37.2	2	< .001

Indicates that there is an overall effect of the IV on the probabilities of being in the DV groups

Fixed Effects Parameter Estimates

Response Contrasts	Names	Effect	Estimate	SE	95% Confidence Interval		exp(B)	z	p
					Lower	Upper			
academic - general	(Intercept)	(Intercept)	0.7707	0.1849	0.4083	1.13312	2.161	4.168	< .001
	write	write	0.0660	0.0210	0.0248	0.10717	1.068	3.143	0.002
vocation - general	(Intercept)	(Intercept)	-0.0876	0.2265	-0.5314	0.35627	0.916	-0.387	0.699
	write	write	-0.0518	0.0225	-0.0959	-0.00768	0.950	-2.301	0.021

The IV influences the program choice

Results: estimates and tests

Model Results

Loglikelihood ratio tests

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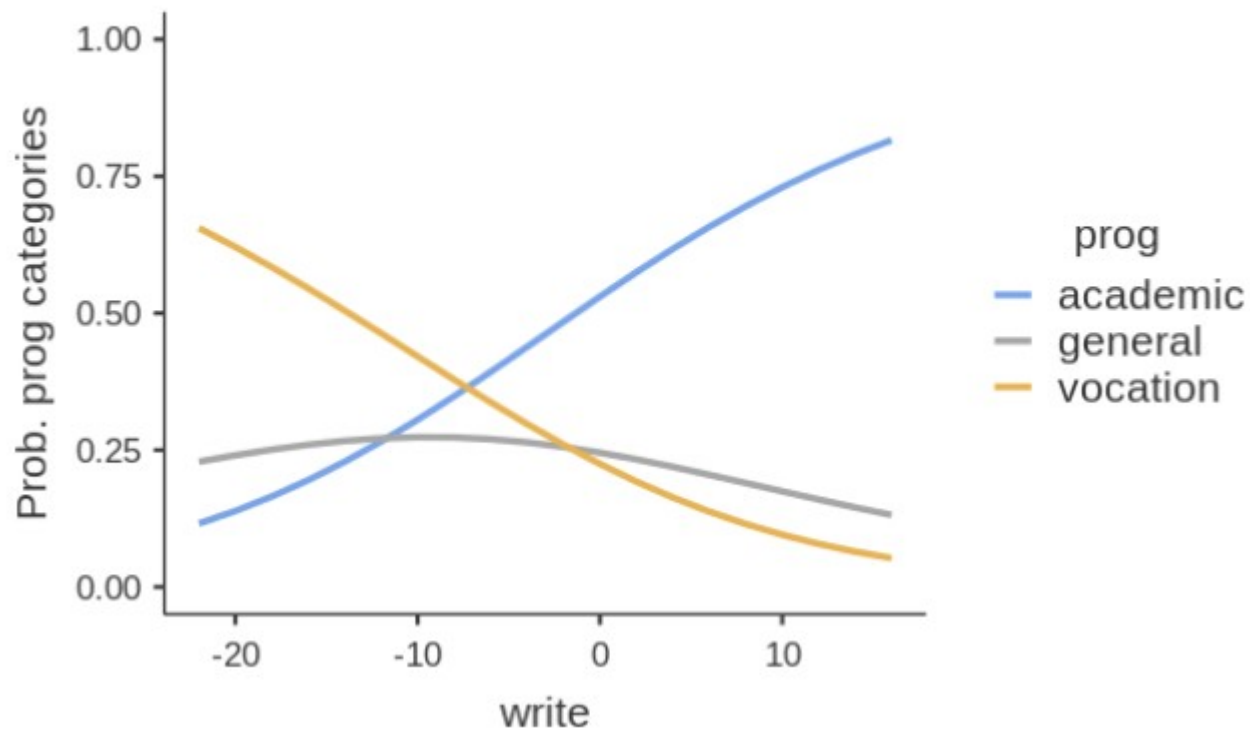
Higher scores in write are associated with higher probability of going to academic rather than general

Higher scores in write are associated with lower probability of going to vocation rather than general

Results: plot

The probability of being in each group defined by the DV

Plots



Generalized linear model

- Applying this logic we obtain a large set of possible statistical techniques

$$f(y_i) = a + b_1 \cdot x_{1i} + b_2 \cdot x_{2i} + \dots + b_k \cdot x_{ki} + e_i$$

Dependent Variable	function	Distribution
Continuous	identity	Normal
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Poisson model

Dependent variable is a count variable

Count variable

A sample of children is measured with a test of aggression based on the school teachers evaluations. To understand the validity of the measure, a session of observed play is assessed, counting for each child how many aggressi behaviors s/he produces. The variable is the the count (the frequency) of aggressive acts produced by each child

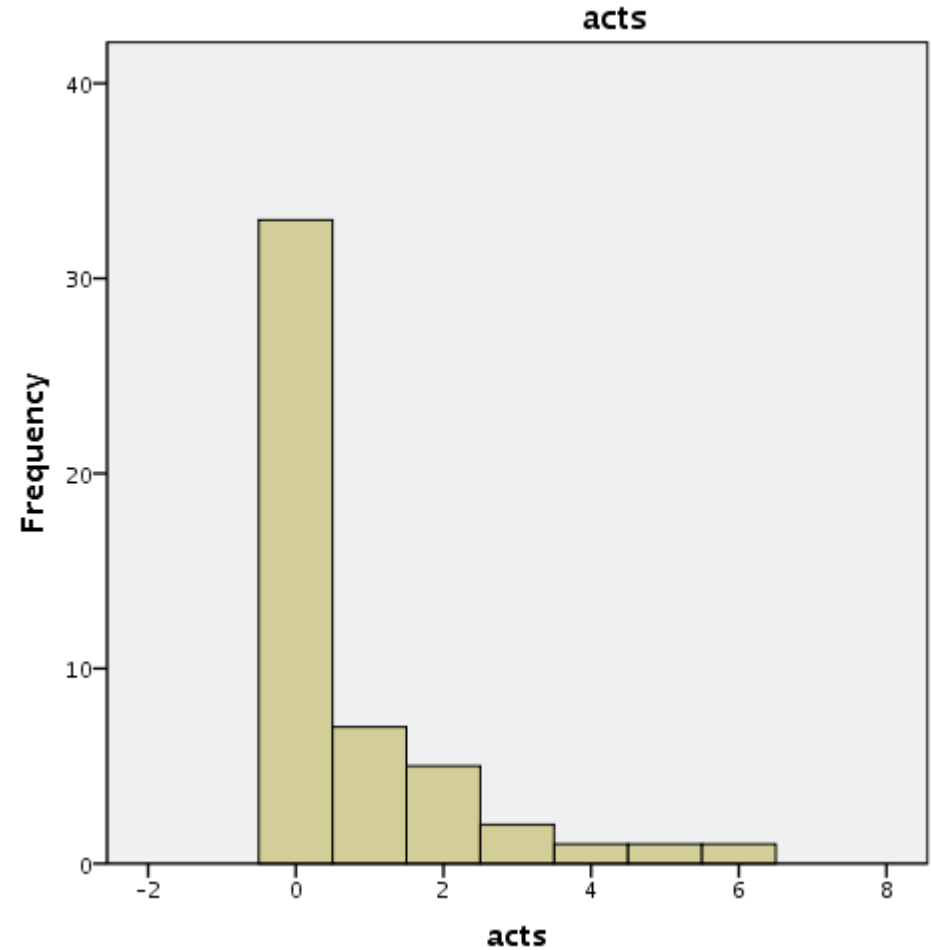
		acts			
		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	0	33	66.0	66.0	66.0
	1	7	14.0	14.0	80.0
	2	5	10.0	10.0	90.0
	3	2	4.0	4.0	94.0
	4	1	2.0	2.0	96.0
	5	1	2.0	2.0	98.0
	6	1	2.0	2.0	100.0
	Total	50	100.0	100.0	

Count variable

The dependent variable is clearly not normal.

Count data are likely to follow a

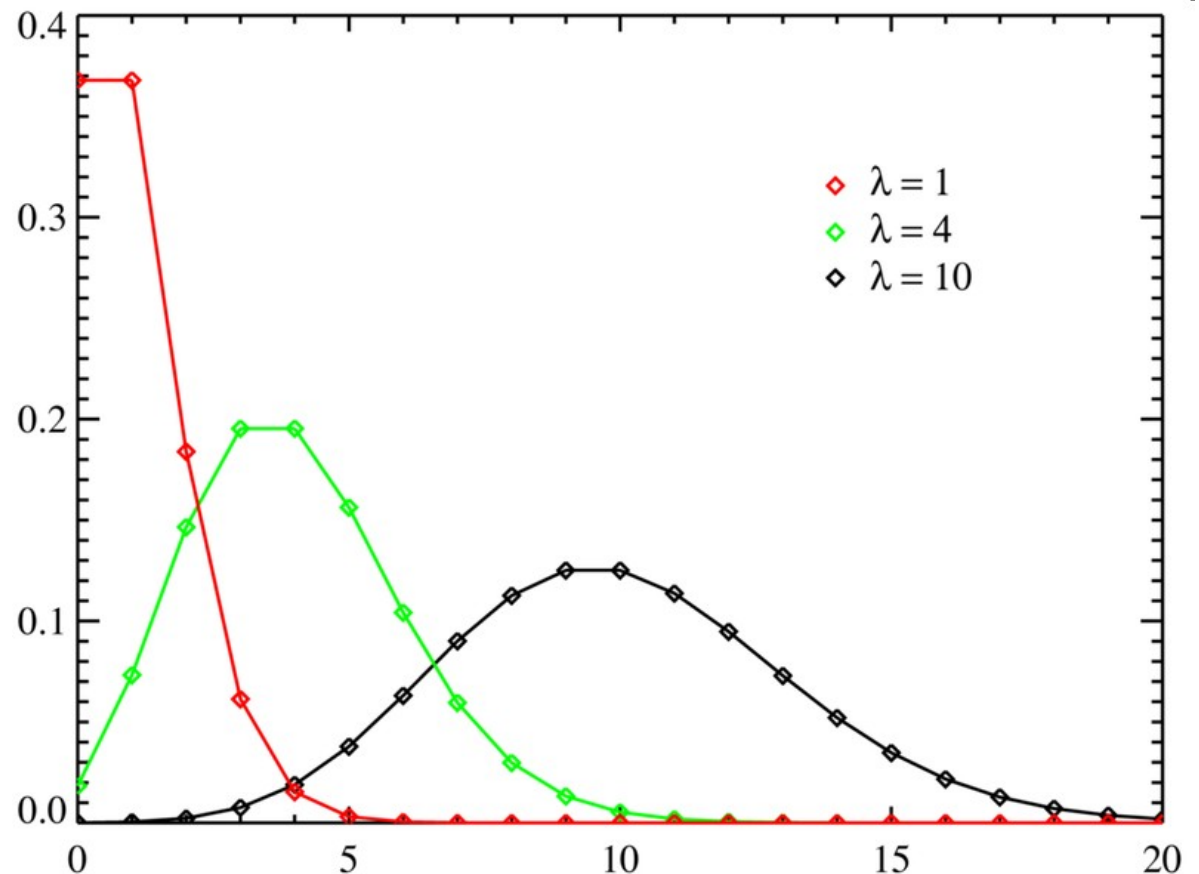
Poisson distribution



The Poisson distribution

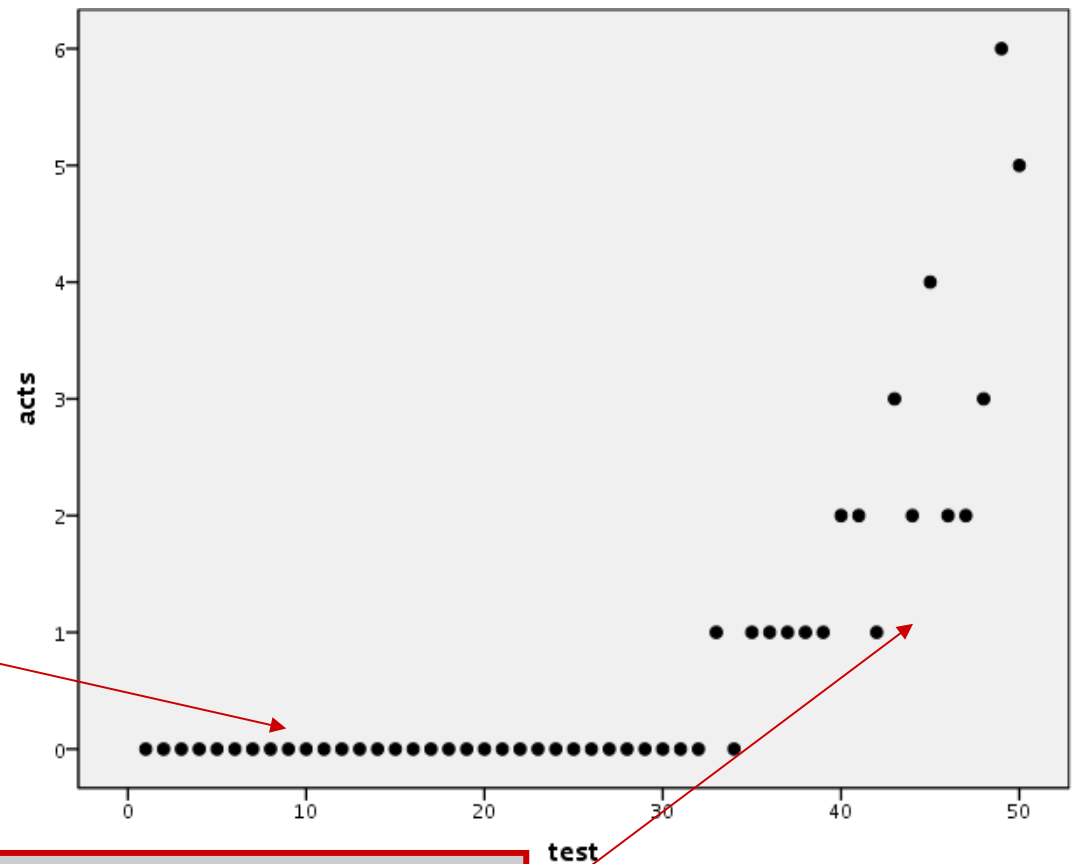
- The Poisson distribution describe the probability of observing an event with different possible frequency, given that the event has a fixed rate of occurring (λ)

The more the event is rare, the less the distribution resambles a normal distribution



Relationships with counts variables

- Count variables distributed as Poisson tend to be related with other variables in a **non-linear** fashion



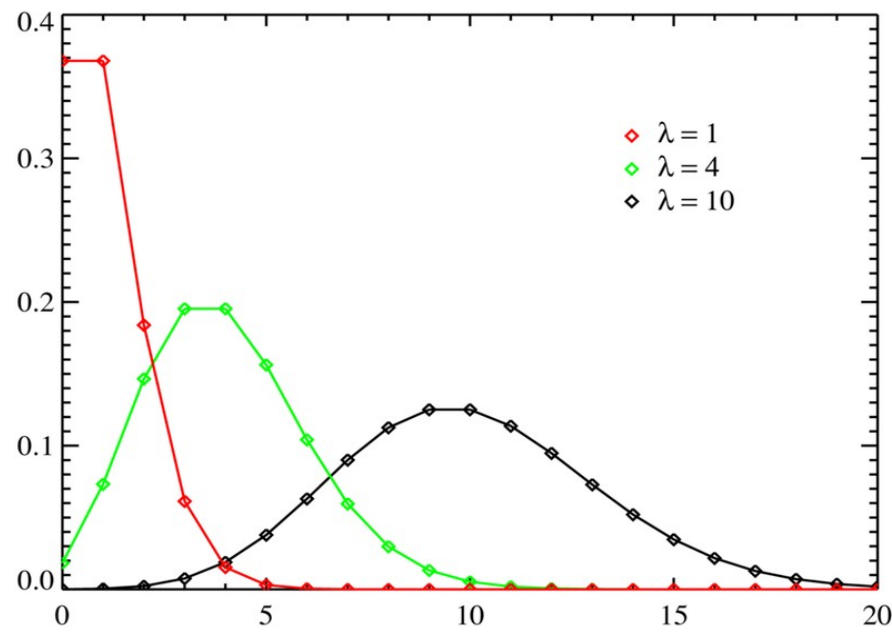
Low frequency in the count for a large range of the IV

Fast increase for a few high values of the IV

Building a model

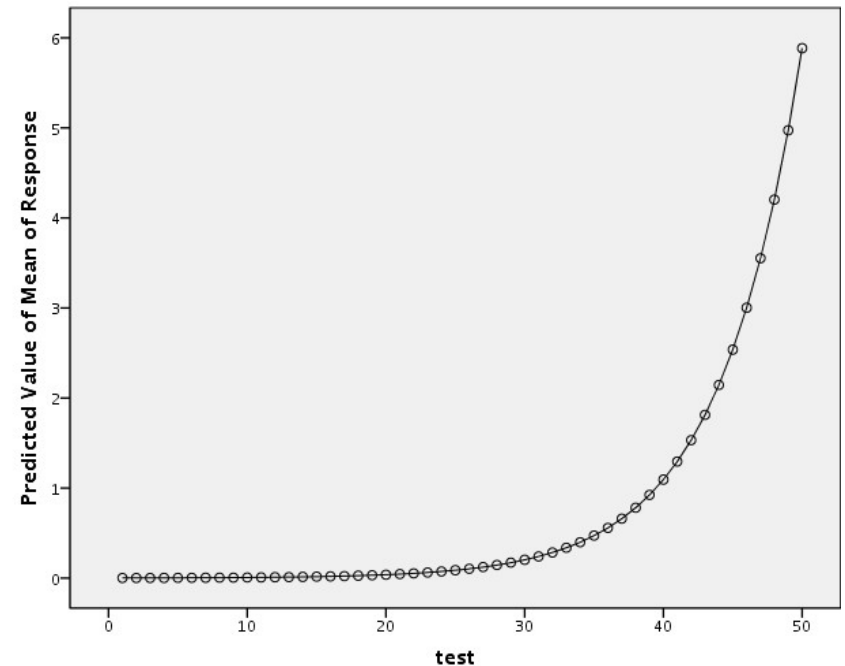
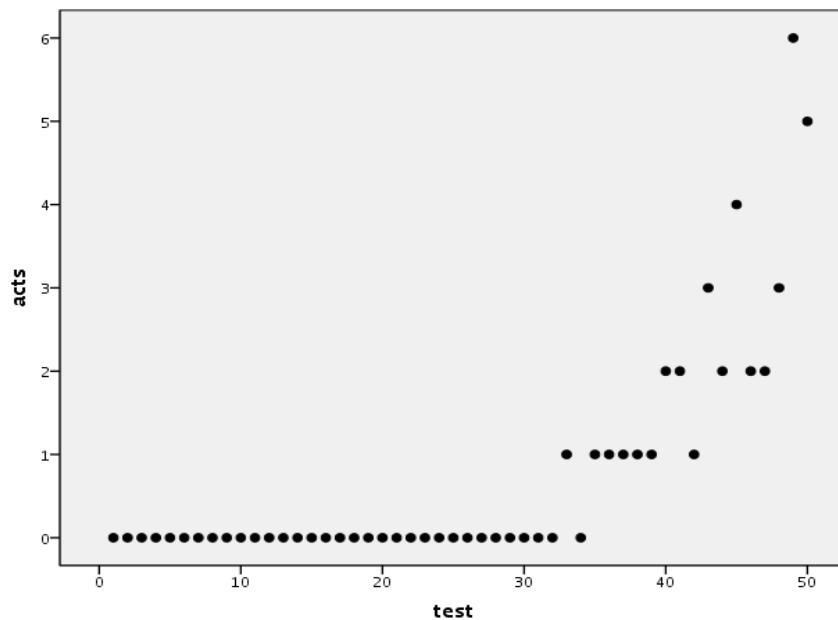
- Thus, we can be a GzLM assuming that the dependent variable follow a Poisson distribution

$$y = \text{Poisson}(y)$$



Trasformation of “counts”

- To capture the non-linear shape of the relationship between the dependent variable and the indepenent variable(s) we use the logarithm transformation (link function)




$$y' = \ln(y)$$

The Poisson model

- We end up with a GzLM with logarithm link function and Poisson distribution of error

Link function: logarithm

Error distribution: Poisson



The diagram shows two red arrows pointing from the boxes above to the equation below. One arrow points from the 'Link function: logarithm' box to the $\ln(y)$ term, and the other points from the 'Error distribution: Poisson' box to the e_i term.

$$\ln(y) = a + b_x x_i + b_w w_i + e_i$$

The Poisson model: practice

- In jamovi we use the “generalized linear model” interface

Select Poisson loglinear

Generalized Linear Models

Continuous dependent variable

☐ Linear

Categorical dependent variable

☐ Logistic

☐ Probit

☐ Multinomial

Frequencies

☒ Poisson

☐ Poisson (overdispersion)

☐ Negative Binomial

Custom Model

☐ Custom

Distribution

Link Function

Dependent Variable

Factors

id

acts

The Poisson model: practice

- And follow the same steps we used for the logistic regression

Select the dependent variable

Define predictors

The screenshot shows the 'Generalized Linear Models' window. The 'Link Function' is set to 'Identity'. The 'Dependent Variable' is 'acts'. The 'Factors' section is empty. The 'Covariates' section contains 'test'. The list of variables on the left includes 'id', 'age', 'aggres', 'MeanPredicted', 'MeanPredicted_1', and 'MeanPredicted_2'. Red arrows indicate the selection of 'acts' as the dependent variable and 'age', 'MeanPredicted', 'MeanPredicted_1', and 'MeanPredicted_2' as predictors.

Effect Size Confidence Intervals

The Poisson model: practice

- And follow the same steps we used for the logistic regression

Define effects

The screenshot shows a software interface for defining a model. At the top, there is a tab labeled 'Model'. Below it, there are two main panels: 'Components' on the left and 'Model Terms' on the right. The 'Components' panel contains a list with the item 'test'. The 'Model Terms' panel also contains a list with the item 'test'. Between these two panels are two buttons: a right-pointing arrow and a right-pointing arrow with a small downward arrow. At the bottom left of the interface, there is a checkbox labeled 'Fixed Intercept' which is checked.

- For most models, the effects are set up automatically

The Poisson model: practice

Model Info

Info	Value	Comment
Model Type	Poisson	Model for count data
Call	glm	acts ~ 1 + test
Link function	log	Coefficients are in the log(y) scale
Distribution	Poisson	Model for count data
R-squared	0.889	Proportion of reduction of error
AIC	58.129	Less is better

This tests the whole model
•(Like the F of the R^2 in GLM)

Model Results

Loglikelihood ratio tests

	X^2	df	p
test	85.9	1	< .001

Parameter Estimates

Names	Estimate	SE	exp(B)	95% Exp(B) Confidence Interval		z	p
				Lower	Upper		
(Intercept)	-2.349	0.5492	0.0955	0.0280	0.245	-4.28	< .001
test	0.168	0.0275	1.1832	1.1269	1.256	6.11	< .001


These test the effects
(Like the F of the effects in GLM)

These are the coefficients

Interpretation

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Logarithm scale: the increase of the logarithm of the frequency of DV for each unit more of the IV

Exp(B)

- We can interpret the $\exp(B)$ which removes the log from the scale of B

Parameter Estimates

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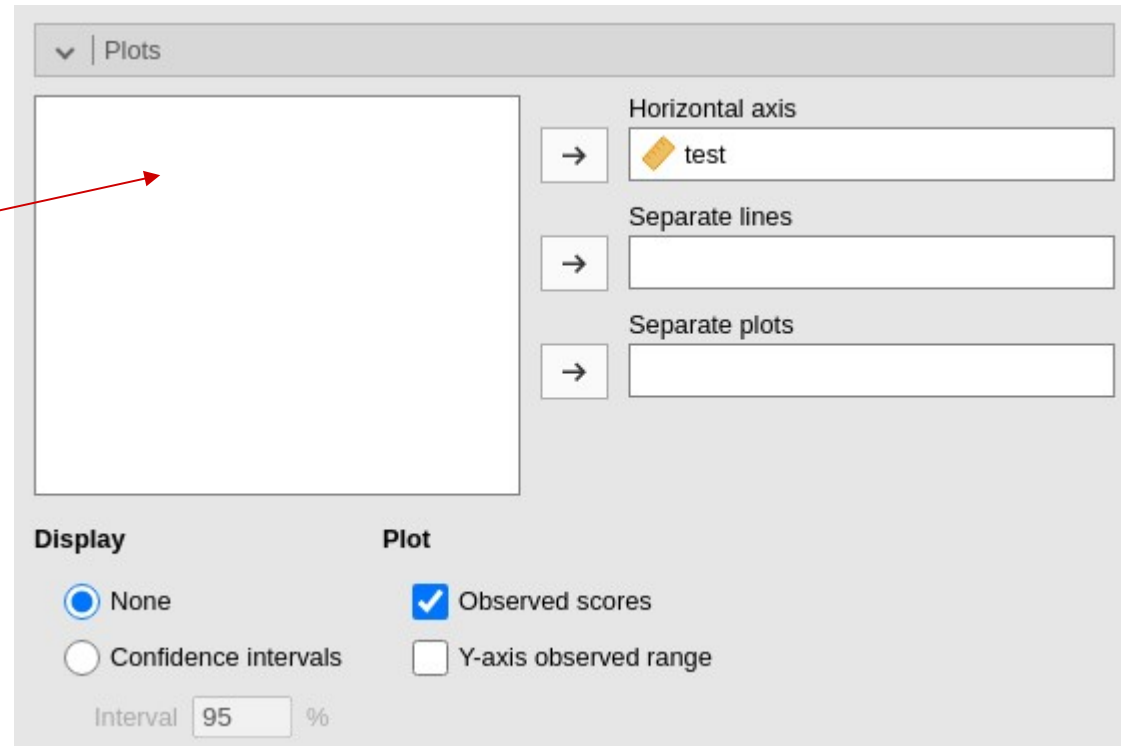


count scale: the rate of increase of the frequency of DV for each unit more of the IV

count scale: **how many times** the frequency of DV increases for each unit more of the IV

Picture the model

Ask for the plot of the predicted values of the model



The interface shows a 'Plots' section with a large empty plot area. To the right of the plot area are three input fields with arrows pointing to them: 'Horizontal axis' (containing 'test'), 'Separate lines', and 'Separate plots'. Below the plot area are two sections: 'Display' and 'Plot'. The 'Display' section has two radio buttons: 'None' (selected) and 'Confidence intervals'. Below these is an 'Interval' field with the value '95' and a '%' symbol. The 'Plot' section has two checkboxes: 'Observed scores' (checked) and 'Y-axis observed range' (unchecked).

Plots

Horizontal axis

→ test

Separate lines

→

Separate plots

→

Display

☒ None

☐ Confidence intervals

Interval 95 %

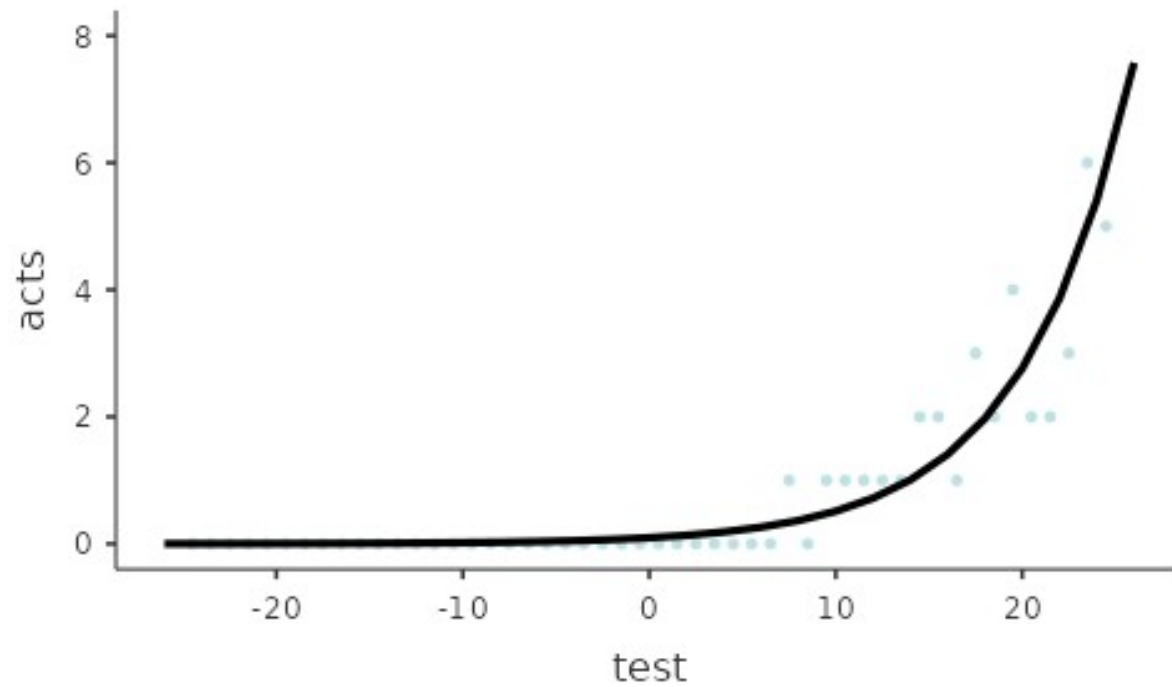
Plot

☒ Observed scores

☐ Y-axis observed range

And plot the predicted values

Plots



Generalized Linear Mixed Models

Statistical models aimed at studying the effects of one or more IV on dependent variables that are non-normally distributed

The mixed model generalize these models by allowing coefficients to vary across clusters of data

Theory

- The theory behind GGMM is simple: they are equivalent to the GGLM we just overviewed but the coefficients (intercepts and the effects) can be **fixed** and **random**, varying across **clusters**
- By specifying a model like we did in GGLM (for instance a logistic regression) and using the knowledge of the Mixed models (what can be random and what cannot be) we can specify and interpret a generalized mixed model.

Practice

- From a practical point of view we use the SPSS interface of generalized mixed model which is, unfortunately, a bit strange!

Example

- An experimental study on the relationship between mother and child. Children of this sample suffered from developmental difficulties. The sample features three categories of mothers: anxious, depressed, and control (no psychological condition).
- Mothers had to write an essay about the feelings and emotions they felt related to their child difficulties.
- Two essays were required, one about the feelings they felt thinking about the child **past** years, and one regarding the feelings they felt thinking about the **future** of the child.
- Essays were categorized by an independent coder as **hostile** or **not hostile**

Example

- Research design is 3 GROUP (anxious, depressed, control) X 2 TIME (past vs future) , with the last factor as a repeated measure factor.
- There was also a measure of Mental Development Index for the child, to be used as a covariate

Data

- Data are in the long-format

	ID	GROUP	Time	MDI	Hostility	var
1	2010	1	0	87	1	
2	2010	1	1	87	1	
3	2023	1	0	78	1	
4	2023	1	1	78	1	
5	2029	1	0	84	1	
6	2029	1	1	84	1	
7	2130	1	0	97	0	
8	2130	1	1	97	0	
9	2131	2	0	72	0	
10	2131	2	1	72	1	
11	2291	2	0	99	1	
12	2291	2	1	99	0	
13	2344	2	0	99	0	
14	2344	2	1	99	1	
15	2345	1	0	95	0	
16	2345	1	1	95	1	
17	2426	1	0	118	1	
18	2426	1	1	118	1	
19	2601	1	0	92	1	
20	2601	1	1	92	1	
21	2666	2	0	106	0	
22	2666	2	1	106	1	
23	2691	1	0	102	0	

Data

- Cross-tabs of the interesting variables

Group * Time Crosstabulation

Count

		Time		Total
		Past	Future	
Group	Control	40	40	80
	Anxiety	48	48	96
	Depression	32	32	64
Total		120	120	240

Model

We define a logistic regression model with intercept as random to capture the dependency of the responses across participants

$$\ln\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) = \bar{a} + a_j + \bar{b}_1 \cdot Time_{ij} + \bar{b}_2 Group + \bar{b}_3 Time \cdot Group + e_{ij}$$

- Fixed effects? Intercept, group, time, and interaction effects
- Random effects? Intercepts
- Clusters? mothers

- Imagine a study conducted in 70 schools. In each school the same exam is taken by students of equivalent age and grade. For each student, we recorded whether the student passed the exam, pass, the student's score in math test, math, and the number of extracurricular activities the student undertook during the semester.
- The researcher wants to estimate the effect of the math test on the probability of passing the exam, and also test whether the amount of extracurricular activities may moderate the math effect.
- Each school has a different number of students, ranging from 51 to 100. Each student presents three values: the score in the math test, the number of activity undertaken and whether the exam was passed pass=1 or not, pass=0.

Design

- Schools are the clusters

Frequencies

Frequencies of pass

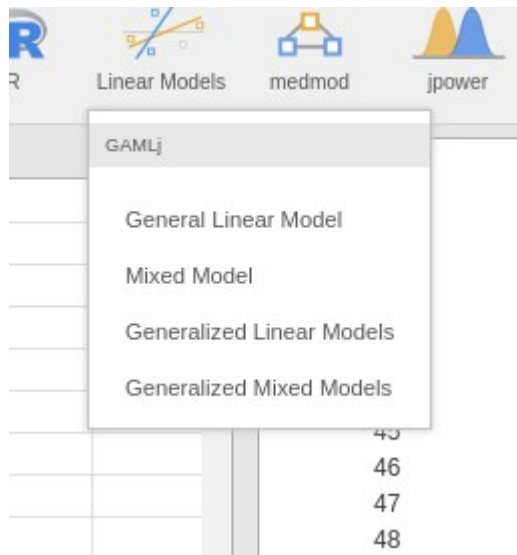
Levels	Counts	% of Total	Cumulative %
0	2479	49.2 %	49.2 %
1	2562	50.8 %	100.0 %

Frequencies of school

Levels	Counts	% of Total	Cumulative %
1	95	1.9 %	1.9 %
2	62	1.2 %	3.1 %
3	60	1.2 %	4.3 %
4	56	1.1 %	5.4 %
5	90	1.8 %	7.2 %
6	72	1.4 %	8.6 %
7	82	1.6 %	10.3 %
8	89	1.8 %	12.0 %
9	100	2.0 %	14.0 %
10	59	1.2 %	15.2 %

GzLMM

- We launch the module



Generalized Mixed Models

Categorical dependent variable

☒ Logistic
☐ Probit

Frequencies

☐ Poisson
☐ Poisson (overdispersion)

Custom Model

☐ Custom

Distribution: Gaussian

Link Function: Identity

Dependent Variable

→ y

Factors

→

Covariates

→ x1
x2

Cluster variables

→ cluster

GzLMM

- We select the variables role

Generalized Mixed Models

Custom Model

☐ Custom

Distribution

Gaussian

Link Function

Identity

→

pass

→

→

math
activity

→

school

Effect Size

☒ Odd Ratios (expB)

Confidence Intervals

☒ For exp(B)

☐ For estimates

Interval

95

 %

GzLMM

- Define the model parameters

▼ | Fixed Effects

Components

math

1

activity

1

→

→ ▼

Model Terms

math

activity

math * activity

☒ Fixed Intercept

▼ | Random Effects

Components

math | school

activity | school

math : activity | school

←

→ ▼

Random Coefficients

Intercept | school

Results

- Info table

Direction of the model: What are we predicting?

R-squared for the whole model and for the fixed effects

Model Info

Info	Value	Comment
Model Type	Logistic	Model for binary y
Call	glm	pass ~ 1 + math + activity + math:activity + (1 school)
Link function	Logit	Log of the odd of y=1 over y=0
Direction	$P(y=1)/P(y=0)$	$P(\text{pass} = 1) / P(\text{pass} = 0)$
Distribution	Binomial	Dichotomous event distribution of y
LogLikel.	-2785.0640	Less is better
R-squared	0.0395	Marginal
R-squared	0.3787	Conditional
AIC	5580.1300	Less is better
BIC	5612.7547	Less is better
Deviance	5287.0900	Conditional
Residual DF	5036.0000	

Results

- Random component

Random Components

Groups	Name	SD	Variance
school	(Intercept)	1.34	1.80
Residuals		1.00	1.00

Note. Number of Obs: 5041 , groups: school , 70

**Residual variance
is always 1**

Results

- Fixed effects

Model Results

Fixed Effect Omnibus tests

	X ²	df	p
math	95.125	1.000	< .001
activity	31.939	1.000	< .001
math * activity	52.336	1.000	< .001

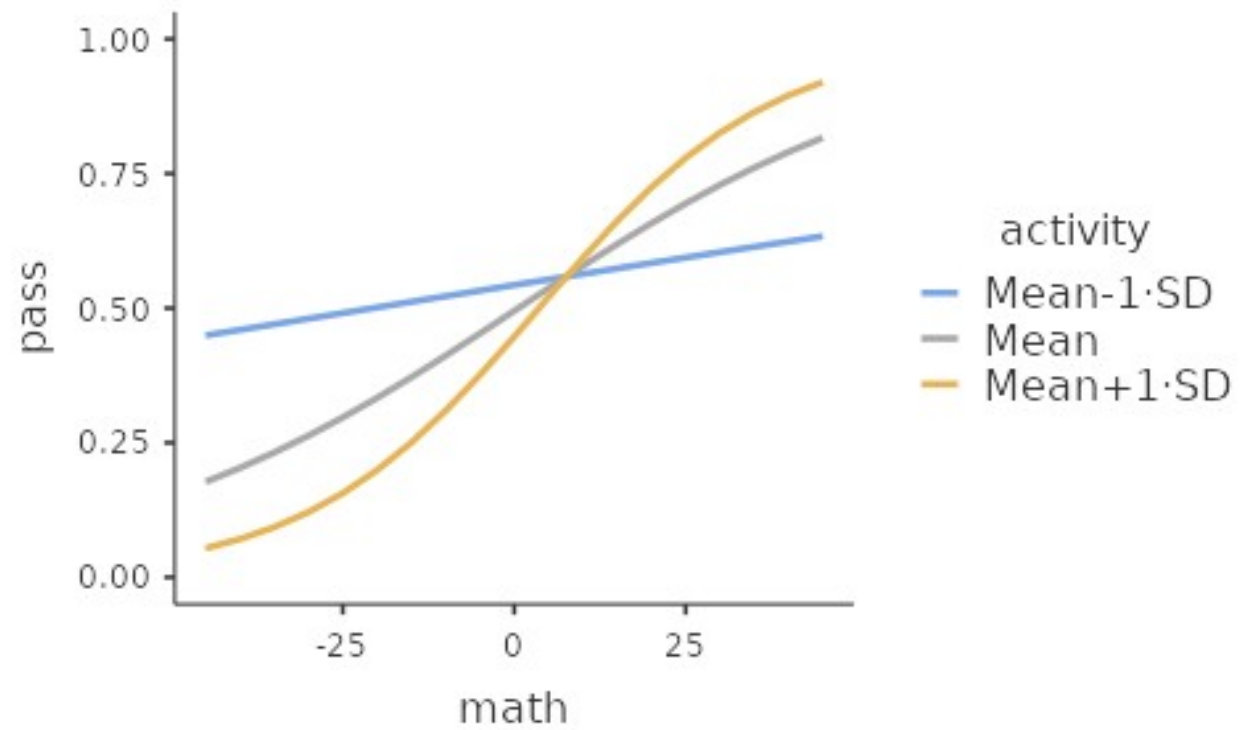
Fixed Effects Parameter Estimates

Names	Estimate	SE	exp(B)	95% Exp(B) Confidence Interval		z	p
				Lower	Upper		
(Intercept)	-0.020	0.164	0.980	0.710	1.352	-0.123	0.902
math	0.034	0.003	1.034	1.027	1.041	9.753	< .001
activity	-0.186	0.033	0.830	0.779	0.886	-5.651	< .001
math * activity	0.024	0.003	1.025	1.018	1.032	7.234	< .001

Results

- Plots

Effects Plots



Results

- Fixed effects

Model Results

Fixed Effect Omnibus tests

	X ²	df	p
math	95.1	1.00	< .001
activity	31.9	1.00	< .001
math * activity	52.3	1.00	< .001

**GAMLj uses the
Chi-Squared**

Results

- Fixed effects

Here we found the
 $\exp(B)$

Fixed Effects Parameter Estimates

Names	Estimate	SE	exp(B)	95% Exp(B) Confidence Interval		z	p
				Lower	Upper		
(Intercept)	-0.0202	0.16416	0.980	0.710	1.352	-0.123	0.902
math	0.0337	0.00345	1.034	1.027	1.041	9.753	< .001
activity	-0.1858	0.03288	0.830	0.779	0.886	-5.651	< .001
math * activity	0.0245	0.00338	1.025	1.018	1.032	7.234	< .001

Results

● Plot

Plots

Horizontal axis

→ math

Separate lines

→ activity

Separate plots

→

Display

☒ None

☐ Confidence intervals

Interval %

☐ Standard Error

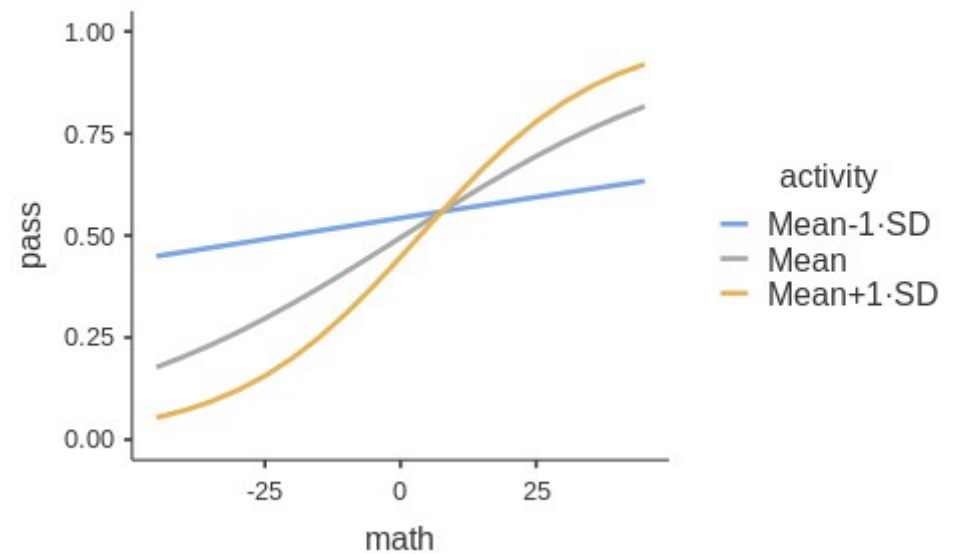
☐ Observed scores

☐ Y-axis observed range

☐ Random effects

☐ Linear Predictor

Effects Plots



Recap

- **General linear model** allows for analyzing a variety of design with normally distributed DV by apply regression/ANOVA techniques
- For repeated measures (or in general dependent data), we use the **Linear Mixed model** to allow coefficients to vary randomly across clusters, thus taking dependency into the account
- When the DV is categorical, we can use the **Generalized Linear model** which allows to apply regression/ANOVA techniques to categorical dependent variables
- For repeated measures (or in general dependent data), we use the **Generalized Linear Mixed model** to allow coefficients to vary randomly across clusters, thus taking dependency into the account

