Winter Institute in Data Science and Big Data Generalized Linear Models

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Overview

- ightharpoonup Previously we have seen "closed form" estimators for quantities of interest, such as $\mathbf{b} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{y}$.
- ▶ Moving to nonlinear models for categorical and limited support outcomes requires a more flexible process.
- ▶ Maximum Likelihood Estimation (Fisher 1922, 1925) is a classic method that finds the value of the estimator "most likely to have generated the observed data, assuming the model specification is correct."
- ▶ There is both an abstract idea to absorb and a mechanical process to master.

More Background

- \triangleright Suppose we care about some political phenomenon \mathbf{Y} , and determine that it has distribution f().
- ➤ The stochastic component is:

$$\mathbf{Y} \sim f(\mu, \tau)$$
.

➤ The systematic component is:

$$\mu = g^{-1}(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})$$

- ▶ This setup is very general and covers all of the nonlinear regression models we will cover.
- ➤ You have seen the linear model in a similar form before:

$$\mathbf{Y}_i = \mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i$$

$$\epsilon_i = N(0, \sigma^2).$$

More Background

▶ But now we are going to think of it in this more general way, for example:

$$Y_i \sim N(\mu_i, \sigma^2)$$

$$\mu_i = \mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}.$$

► An even more general way specifies a link function:

$$g(\mathbf{Y}_i) = \mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i$$
 $\mathbf{Y}_i = g^{-1}(\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}) + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i$ $\mathbf{Y}_i = g^{-1}(\mu_i) + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i$

▶ We typically write this in expected value terms:

$$\mathbb{E}[Y|\mathbf{X},\boldsymbol{\beta}] = \mathbf{M}$$

The Likelihood Function

➤ Assume that:

$$x_1, x_1, \ldots, x_n \sim \text{ iid } f(x|\theta),$$

where θ is a parameter that is critical to the data generation process (DGP).

➤ Since these values are independent, the joint distribution of the observed data is just the product of their individual PDF/PMFs:

$$f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) = f(x_1|\theta)f(x_2|\theta)\cdots f(x_n|\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i|\theta).$$

- \triangleright But once we observe the data **x** is fixed.
- \triangleright It is θ that is unknown, so rewrite the joint distribution function according to:

$$f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) = L(\theta|\mathbf{x}).$$

▶ Note that this is a purely *notational* change, nothing is different mathematically.

The Likelihood Function

 \triangleright Fisher (1922) justifies this because at this point we know \mathbf{x} .

$$f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \longrightarrow L(\theta|\mathbf{x}).$$

► A semi-Bayesian justification works as follows, we want to perform:

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\theta) = \frac{p(\mathbf{x})}{p(\theta)}p(\theta|\mathbf{x}).$$

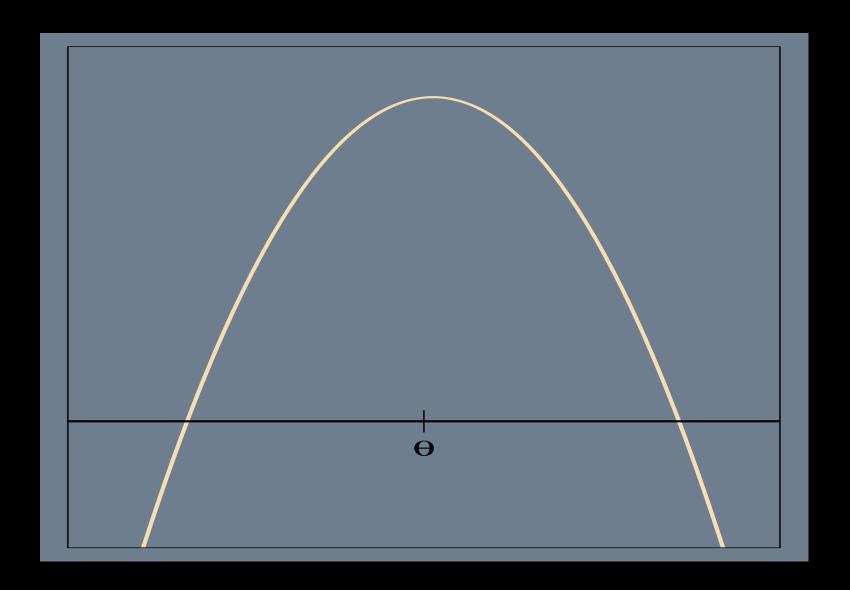
but $p(\mathbf{x}) = 1$ since the data has already occurred, and if we put a finite uniform prior on θ over its finite allowable range (support), then $p(\theta) = 1$.

➤ Therefore:

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\theta) = \frac{1}{1}p(\theta|\mathbf{x}) = p(\theta|\mathbf{x}).$$

ightharpoonup The only caveat here is the finiteness of the support of θ .

Generic Likelihood Function Illustration



Poisson MLE

 \triangleright Start with the Poisson PMF for x_i :

$$p(X = x_i) = f(x_i|\theta) = \frac{e^{-\theta}\theta^{x_i}}{x_i!},$$

which requires the assumptions: non-concurrence of arrivals, the number of arrivals is proportion to the time of study, this rate is constant over the time, and there is no serial correlation of arrivals.

➤ The likelihood function is created from the joint distribution:

$$L(\theta|\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} \frac{e^{-\theta}\theta^{x_i}}{x_i!} = \frac{e^{-\theta}\theta^{x_1}}{x_1!} \frac{e^{-\theta}\theta^{x_2}}{x_2!} \cdots \frac{e^{-\theta}\theta^{x_n}}{x_n!} = e^{-n\theta}\theta^{\sum x_i} \left(\prod_{i=1}^{n} x_i!\right)^{-1}.$$

 \triangleright Suppose we have the data: $\mathbf{x} = \{5, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 3, 2, 3, 4\}$, then the likelihood function is:

$$L(\theta|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{e^{-10\theta}\theta^{20}}{207360},$$

which is the probability of observing *this* exact sample.

Poisson MLE

▶ It is often easier to deal the logarithm of the MLE:

$$\log L(\theta|\mathbf{x}) = \ell(\theta|\mathbf{x}) = \log \left(e^{-n\theta} \theta^{\sum x_i} \left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i! \right)^{-1} \right) = -n\theta + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \log(\theta) - \log \left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i! \right).$$

► For our small example this is:

$$\ell(\theta|\mathbf{x}) = -10\theta + 20\log(\theta) - \underbrace{\log(207360)}_{12.242}.$$

- ▶ Importantly, for the family of functions that we will use the likelihood function and the log-likelihood function have the same mode (maximum of the function) for θ .
- ▶ They are both guaranteed to be concave to the x-axis.

Obtaining the Poisson MLE

- ▶ Freshman calculus: where is the maximum of the function? At the point when first derivative of the function equals zero.
- ➤ So take the first derivative, set it equal to zero, and solve.
- $ightharpoonup \frac{d}{d\theta}\ell(\theta|\mathbf{x}) \equiv 0$ is called the likelihood equation.
- ► For the example:

$$\ell(\theta|\mathbf{x}) = -10\theta + 20\log(\theta) - \underbrace{\log(207360)}_{12.242}.$$

Taking the derivative, and setting equal to zero:

$$\frac{d}{d\theta}\ell(\theta|\mathbf{x}) = -10 + 20\theta^{-1} \equiv 0,$$

so that $20\theta^{-1} = 10$, and therefore $\hat{\theta} = 2$ (note the hat).

Obtaining the Poisson MLE

► More generally:

$$\ell(\theta|\mathbf{x}) = -n\theta + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log(\theta) - \log\left(\prod_{i=1}^{n} x_{i}!\right)$$
$$\frac{d}{d\theta}\ell(\theta|\mathbf{x}) = -n + \frac{1}{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i} \equiv 0$$
$$\hat{\theta} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i} = \bar{\mathbf{x}}$$

ightharpoonup It is not true that the MLE is always the data mean.

General Steps

- ➤ This process is import to us:
 - 1. Identify the PMF or PDF.
 - 2. Create the likelihood function from the joint distribution of the observed data.
 - 3. Change to the log for convenience.
 - 4. Take the first derivative with respect to the parameter of interest.
 - 5. Set equal to zero.
 - 6. Solve for the MLE.

Poisson Example in R

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# POISSON LIKELIHOOD AND LOG-LIKELIHOOD FUNCTION

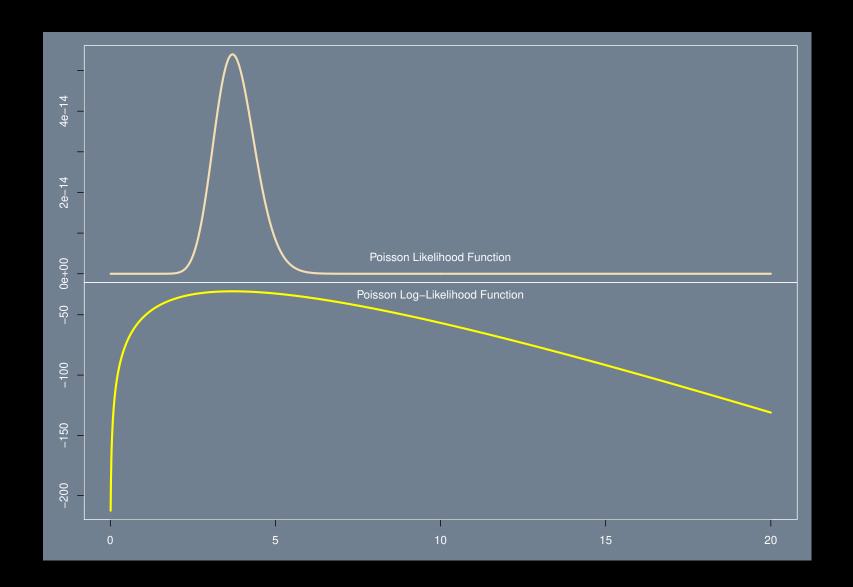
llhfunc<-function(X,p,do.log=TRUE) {
    d <- rep(X,length(p))
    q.vec <- rep(length(y.vals),length(p)); p.vec <- rep(p,q.vec)
    print(q.vec)
    d.mat <- matrix(dpois(d,p.vec,log=do.log),ncol=length(p))
    print(d.mat)
    if (do.log==TRUE) apply(d.mat,2,sum)
    else apply(d.mat,2,prod)
}</pre>
```

Poisson Example in R

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# HERE'S A TEST FUNCTION
y.vals < -c(1,3,1,5,2,6,8,11,0,0)
llhfunc(y.vals,c(4,30))
[1] 10 10
         [,1] \qquad [,2]
 [1,] -2.6137 -26.599
 [2,] -1.6329 -21.588
 [3,] -2.6137 -26.599
 [4,] -1.8560 -17.782
 [5,] -1.9206 -23.891
 [6,] -2.2615 -16.172
 [7,] -3.5142 -13.395
 [8,] -6.2531 -10.089
 [9,] -4.0000 -30.000
[10,] -4.0000 -30.000
    -30.666 -216.114
```

Poisson Example in R

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# USE THE R CORE FUNCTION FOR OPTIMIZING, par=STARTING VALUES,
# control=list(fnscale=-1) INDICATES A MAXIMIZATION, bfgs=QUASI-NEWTON ALGORITHM
mle <- optim(par=1,fn=llhfunc,X=y.vals,control=list(fnscale=-1),method="BFGS")</pre>
# MAKE A PRETTY GRAPH OF THE LOG AND NON-LOG VERSIONS
ruler \leftarrow seg(from=.01, to=20, by=.01)
poison.ll <- llhfunc(y.vals,ruler)</pre>
poison.l <- llhfunc(y.vals,ruler,do.log=FALSE)</pre>
par(oma=c(3,3,1,1), mar=c(0,0,0,0), mfrow=c(2,1))
plot(ruler, poison.1, col="wheat", type="1", xaxt="n", lwd=3)
text(mean(ruler),mean(poison.1),"Poisson Likelihood Function")
plot(ruler,poison.ll,col="yellow",type="l",lwd=3)
text(mean(ruler), mean(poison.11)/2, "Poisson Log-Likelihood Function")
```



Measuring the Uncertainty of the MLE

- ➤ The first derivative measures slope and the second derivative measures "curvature" of the function at a given point.
- ▶ The more peaked the function is at the MLE, the more "certain" the data are about this estimator.
- ➤ The square root of the negative inverse of the expected value of the second derivative is the SE of the MLE.
- \triangleright In multivariate terms for vector θ , we take the negative inverse of the expected *Hessian*.
- ➤ Poisson example:

$$\frac{d}{d\theta}\ell(\theta|\mathbf{x}) = -n + \frac{1}{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i$$

$$\frac{d^2}{d\theta^2}\ell(\theta|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\frac{d}{d\theta}\ell(\theta|\mathbf{x})\right) = -\theta^{-2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i$$

 \triangleright The expected value (estimate) of θ is the MLE, so:

$$SE(\hat{\theta}) = \frac{\hat{\theta}^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} = \frac{\bar{\mathbf{x}}^2}{n\bar{\mathbf{x}}} = \frac{\bar{\mathbf{x}}}{n}.$$

Multivariable MLE

- \triangleright Now θ is a vector of coefficients to be estimated (eg. regression).
- ➤ The Score Function is:

$$\dot{\ell}(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} \ell(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{x})$$

which we use to get the MLE $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$.

➤ The Hessian Matrix is:

$$\mathbf{H} = rac{\partial^2 \ell(oldsymbol{ heta}|\mathbf{x})}{\partial oldsymbol{ heta} \partial oldsymbol{ heta}}$$

which we use to get the SE of the MLE.

➤ The information matrix is:

$$\mathbf{I} = -\mathbb{E}(f) \left[\frac{\partial^2 \ell(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{x})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta} \partial \boldsymbol{\theta}'} \Big|_{\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}} \right] \equiv \mathbb{E}(bbbh) \left[\frac{\partial \ell(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{x})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} \frac{\partial \ell(\boldsymbol{\theta} | \mathbf{x})}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}'} \Big|_{\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}} \right]$$

where the equivalence of these forms is called the *information equality*.

▶ The variance-covariance of $\hat{\theta}$ is produced by:

$$\Sigma = \mathbf{I}^{-1}$$

Properties of the MLE (Birnbaum 1962)

➤ Consistency:

$$p\lim \hat{\theta} = \theta.$$

➤ Asymptotic Normality:

$$\hat{\theta} \sim N\left(\theta, I(\theta)^{-1}\right) \quad \text{where } I(\theta) = -\mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial^2 \ell(\theta)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'}\right].$$

- ► Asymptotic Efficiency: no other estimator has lower variance, the variance of the MLE meets the Crámer-Rao Lower Bound.
- ➤ Invariance To Reparameterization:

$$\gamma = c(\theta) \implies \hat{\gamma} = c(\hat{\theta}).$$

Dichotomous Overview

- ➤ We will create a regression model for dichotomous outcome variables: vote/not-vote, war/no-war, pass/fail, etc.
- ▶ Note that this is different than having dichotomous explanatory variables.
- ▶ Remember that regression is really conditional average, $\mathbb{E}[Y|X]$, which does not have the same implications for 0/1 outcomes on the LHS.
- ➤ Consider the probability that a single case has a 0 or a 1 as the outcome:

$$\pi_i = p(Y_i) = p(Y = 1 | \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}_i), \text{ where } \pi \in [0:1].$$

➤ So:

$$\mathbb{E}(Y_i|\mathbf{x}_i) = (\pi_1)(1) + (1 - \pi_i)(0) = \pi_i.$$

(recall that for discrete RV $\mathbb{E}(A) = \sum_{\text{over events}} P(A) \times A$)

▶ This means that we are *estimating* an underlying probability value for given levels of a vector of explanatory variable values.

New Conceptual Model

- ► Start with the linear predictor $\eta = \alpha + \beta \mathbf{x}$.
- ▶ Now let's specify a link function that relates the linear additive RHS component to the expected value of the nonlinear LHS component:

$$\pi_i = g^{-1}(\eta_i) = p(\alpha_i + \beta_i x) \implies g(\pi_i) = \eta_i = \alpha_i + \beta_i x.$$

- \triangleright Objectives for $g^{-1}()$:
 - \triangleright smooth on [0:1]
 - \triangleright For a positive effect of \mathbf{x}_i on π_i :
 - $\bullet \ g^{-1} \to 0 \text{ as } x_i \to -\infty$
 - $g^{-1} \to 1$ as $x_i \to +\infty$.
 - \triangleright For a negative effect of \mathbf{x}_i on π_i :
 - $g^{-1} \to 1$ as $x_i \to , -\infty$
 - $g^{-1} \to 0$ as $x_i \to +\infty$.

New Conceptual Model

- \triangleright There are two common solutions for $g^{-1}()$.
- ► Logit:

$$\Lambda(\eta_i) = [1 + \exp(-\eta_i)]^{-1}$$

➤ Probit:

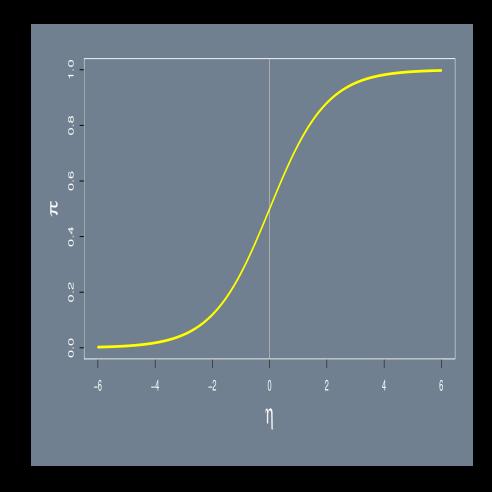
$$\Phi(\eta_i) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\eta_i} \exp[-\frac{1}{2}\eta_i^2] d\eta_i$$

- ► These are sometimes given in g() form: $\Phi^{-1}(\pi_i)$ and $\Lambda^{-1}(\pi_i) = \operatorname{logit}(\pi_i) = \operatorname{log}(\frac{p_i}{1-p_i})$.
- ► Less common is the cloglog function:

$$g(\mu) = -\log(-\log(1-\mu))$$
 $g^{-1}(\eta) = 1 - \exp(-\exp(\eta))$

Latent Variable Justification

- ► Humans make dichotomous decisions from smooth preference structures, but we only see discrete choices in the data.
- ➤ The Index Function (Utility) model states that if benefits costs = U is greater than zero then the choice should be a one, and vice-versa.



Latent Variable Justification

- ▶ Utility model states: $U_i = \mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i$ (subsume the constant into the vector), and $p(U_i > 0) = p(\mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i > 0) = p(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i > -\mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta})$.
- ➤ Political Example:
 - $\triangleright U^R$, the utility of voting for the Republican candidate
 - $\triangleright U^D$, the utility of voting for the Democratic candidate
 - \triangleright direction is arbitrary, so pick Y = 1 the decision to vote for the Republican candidate
 - ▶ Define the two utility functions in regression terms:

$$U_i^R = \mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{eta}_R + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{iR} \qquad \qquad U_i^D = \mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{eta}_D + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{iD}$$

So now:
$$p(Y_i = 1 | \mathbf{x}_i) = p(U_i^R > U_i^D)$$
$$= p(\mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_R + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{iR} > \mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_D + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{iD} | \mathbf{x}_i)$$
$$= p(\mathbf{x}_i [\boldsymbol{\beta}_R - \boldsymbol{\beta}_D] + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{iR} - \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{iD} > 0)$$
$$= p(\mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon} > 0)$$

which is just 1-CDF.

Binomial Regression Model

ightharpoonup If Y_i for $i=1,\ldots,n$ is iid binomial $B(n_i,p_i)$, then:

$$p(Y_i = y_i) = \binom{n_i}{y_i} p_i^{y_i} (1 - p_i)^{n_i - y_i}$$

- ▶ Further suppose that these are affected by the same q predictors (covariates, explanatory variables), x_{i1}, \ldots, x_{iq} .
- \triangleright The tool that connects these predictors to p is the linear predictor:

$$\eta_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \ldots + \beta_q x_{iq}.$$

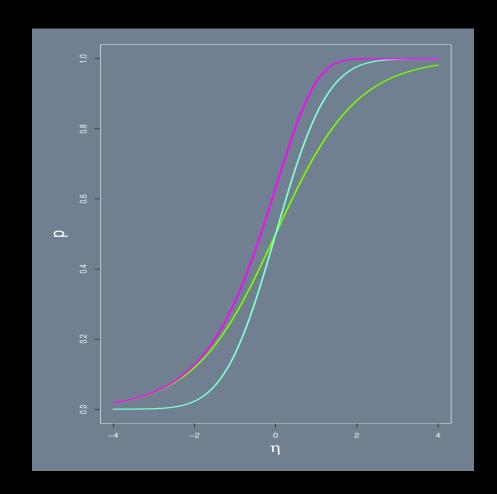
▶ We still need a link function, $\eta_i = g(p_i)$, that is not an identity $(\eta_i = p_i)$ since we need $0 \le p_i \le 1$.

Binomial Link Functions

- ► Logit (logistic): $\eta = \log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right)$, $p = \frac{\exp(\eta)}{1+\exp(\eta)} [1+\exp(-\eta)]$.
- ightharpoonup Probit: $\eta = \Phi^{-1}(p), p = \Phi(\eta)$.
- ► Complementary log-log:

$$\eta = \log(-\log(1-p)),$$

$$p = 1 - \exp(-\exp(\eta)).$$



Binomial Model Estimation

- ▶ Define a likelihood function for observed iid y_i , where i = 1, ..., n from f(y|p).
- ▶ Then the *joint distribution* of these observed data is:

$$p(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) = p(y_1|\boldsymbol{\beta}, \mathbf{x}_1) f(y_2|\boldsymbol{\beta}, \mathbf{x}_2) \cdots f(y_n|\boldsymbol{\beta}, \mathbf{x}_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(y_i|\boldsymbol{\beta}, \mathbf{x}_i).$$

- ▶ If we consider that p is really the unknown and the y_i are known, then it makes sense to think of this joint function as a function that reveals something about β .
- ightharpoonup Denote it $L(\beta|\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y})$, which is called a likelihood function.

Binomial Model Estimation

 \triangleright More precisely, we can incorporate the information that Y can only be 0 or 1:

$$L(\boldsymbol{\beta}|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = \prod_{y_i=0} [1 - F(\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta})] \prod_{y_i=1} [F(\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta})]$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^n [1 - F(\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta})]^{1-y_i} [F(\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta})]^{y_i}$$

$$\ell(\boldsymbol{\beta}|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = \sum_{i=1}^n [(1 - y_i) \log(1 - F(\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta})) + y_i \log(F(\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}))]$$

- ▶ The log-likelihood is concave to the x-axis for common choices of F(), and produces coefficient estimates that are distributed student's-t.
- \triangleright Generally with the binomial setup it is easier to think in terms of the CDF, F(), rather than the PDF, f(), since the former directly describes the S-curve of theoretical interest.

Binomial Model MLE

➤ The gradient is given by:

$$G = \frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\beta}} \ell(\boldsymbol{\beta} | \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[\frac{y_i f_i}{F_i} + (1 - y_i) \frac{-f + i}{1 - F_i} \right] \mathbf{x}_i$$

► The Hessian is given by:

$$H = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \boldsymbol{\beta} \partial \boldsymbol{\beta}'} \ell(\boldsymbol{\beta} | \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{f_i^2}{F_i (1 - F_i)} \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i'$$

➤ The Variance-Covariance Matrix is calculated as:

$$VC_{\beta} = E\left[-H^{-1}\right]$$

Common Forms

▶ Probit, where $\phi_i = \phi_i(\mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta})$ and $\Phi_i = \Phi_i(\mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta})$:

$$G = \sum_{y=0} \frac{-\phi_i}{1 - \Phi_i} \boldsymbol{\beta} \mathbf{x}_i + \sum_{y_i=1} \frac{\phi_i}{\Phi_i} \boldsymbol{\beta} \mathbf{x}_i$$

$$H = \left\{ \sum_{i=0} \left[-\frac{-\phi_i^2}{(1 - \Phi_i)^2} + \frac{\mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta} \phi_i}{1 - \Phi_i} \right] + \sum_{i=1} \left[-\frac{\mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta} \phi_i}{\Phi_i} - \phi_i^2 \right] \right\} \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i'$$

$$VC_{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\phi_i^2}{\Phi_i (1 - \Phi_1)} \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i'$$

► Logit, where $\Lambda_i = 1/[1 + \exp(\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta})]$:

$$G = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \Lambda_i) \mathbf{x}_i \qquad H = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \{-\Lambda_i (1 - \Lambda_i)\} \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i'$$
$$VC_{\beta} = \left[\sum_{i=1}^{n} \{\Lambda_i (1 - \Lambda_i)\} \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i'\right]^{-1}$$

Interpretation of Individual Binomial **3** Results

- ➤ sign of the parameter estimate
- ➤ predicted/fitted values
- ➤ marginal effects, including first differences
- ➤ derivative methods
- ▶ Note logit(β) $\approx \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{3}}$ probit(β)
- ► Wald (t-tests) for significance:

$$W = (R\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - q) \left[R(VC_{\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}})R' \right]^{-1} (R\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - q)$$

for $H_0: R\hat{\beta} = q$ (commonly R = 1, q = 0, so that $W \sim F_{df=J,n-K}$. (where J is the number of restrictions stipulated in R). For individual coefficients, this reduces to:

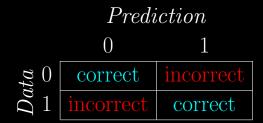
$$W_k = (\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_k' \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_k / V C_{\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}}[k,k])^{\frac{1}{2}} \sim t_{df=n-k}$$

(where $n \times k$ is the dimension of the X matrix).

▶ Note that the F-test is more robust than the t-test (Hauck-Donner effect, JASA 1977).

Percent Predicted Correctly

➤ Compares actual against predicted in a 2-by-2 table:



 \triangleright But wait! These models do not produce predicted 0/1 values, for instance:

```
round(logitmod2$fitted.values,3)
                     4 5
                             6
                                                       10
                                                             11
                                   7
                                         8
                                                                   12
                                                                         13
0.939 0.859 0.829 0.603 0.430 0.375 0.375 0.375 0.322 0.274 0.230 0.230 0.230
        15
              16
                          18
                                19
                                      20
                                           21
                                                 22
   14
                    17
                                                       23
0.230 0.158 0.130 0.086 0.086 0.069 0.069 0.045 0.036 0.023
```

from the Bernoulli treatment.

Percent Predicted Correctly

➤ The naïve criteria:

$$p_i = 1 \text{ if, } F(\mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}) > 0.5$$
 $p_i = 0 \text{ if, } F(\mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}) < 0.5$

➤ Create the table:

```
ppc <- cbind(orings2$damage, round(logitmod2$fitted.values,3))
( naive <- matrix(c(
    nrow(ppc[(ppc[,1] == 0) & (ppc[,2] < 0.5),])/nrow(ppc),
    nrow(ppc[(ppc[,1] == 0) & (ppc[,2] > 0.5),])/nrow(ppc),
    nrow(ppc[(ppc[,1] == 1) & (ppc[,2] < 0.5),])/nrow(ppc),
    nrow(ppc[(ppc[,1] == 1) & (ppc[,2] > 0.5),])/nrow(ppc)),
    byrow=TRUE,ncol=2) )

[,1] [,2]
[1,] 0.69565 0.00000
[2,] 0.13043 0.17391
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 \triangleright Better criteria: mean of \hat{y}_i , substantive/theoretical point.

Binomial Model Comparison

- ▶ Compare two models, one with ℓ parameters and one with s parameters such that $\ell > s$ and every parameter in the s set is also in the ℓ set: nesting.
- ightharpoonup Denote the first as $L(p|\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X}_L) = L_L$ and the second as $L(p|\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{X}_S) = L_S$.
- ➤ A tool for comparing these models is the likelihood ratio statistic:

$$LRT = 2\log\frac{L_L}{L_S} = 2(\log(L_L) - \log(L_S)) = -2\log\frac{L_S}{L_L} = -2(\log(L_S) - \log(L_L)).$$

- ▶ This is distributed asymptotically χ^2 with degrees of freedom the difference between the number of parameters in the two models.
- ➤ Tail values support the nesting values, meaning that the restricted values are not supported.

Binomial Model Comparison

- ▶ The most extreme case of L_L fits a "covariate" to every datapoint as an indicator function, and is thus a regression model where every datapoint is a separate inference.
- ▶ This is called the saturated model and provides no data-reduction and no modeling value, but serves as a reference point.
- ▶ For the binomial model, the saturated model can be described by $\hat{p}_i = y_i/n_i$, which is the number of success over the number of trials for the *i* th case (frequently $n_i = 1$).
- ightharpoonup Another reference point is a model that uses β_0 only and is called a *mean model*.
- ➤ Thus any model we specify "lives" between these two extremes of model fit.
- ➤ Residuals in the nonlinear regression sense are called deviances to distinguish them from the assumptions in linear models.

Binomial Model Comparison

➤ So it should be clear that:

$$\sum D_{\text{saturated model}} < \sum D_{\text{our specified model}} < \sum D_{\text{mean model}}$$

➤ For the binomial model, the LRT reduces to a ratio of the saturated model to the specified model, given by:

$$D = 2\sum_{i=1}^{n} \{y_i \log(y_i/\hat{y}_i) + (n_i - y_i) \log((n_i - y_i)/(n_i - \hat{y}_i))\},\,$$

where \hat{y}_i are the fitted values from the smaller (specified) model.

- \triangleright The mean model provides a large value of D called the *null deviance*.
- ▶ D for assessing a model with p covariates is asymptotically distributed χ_{n-p}^2 , where n-p is the degrees of freedom.
- \triangleright Returning the Challenger example (n = 23), I left off the following information before:

```
summary(logitmod)
   :
   Null deviance: 38.898 on 22 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 16.912 on 21 degrees of freedom
```

Binomial Model Comparison

► Formal tests:

▶ Specified model versus saturated model:

```
pchisq(deviance(logitmod),df.residual(logitmod),lower=FALSE)
0.71641
```

which is not in the χ_{21}^2 tail, so it is statistically "close" to the saturated model and therefore a good fit.

▶ Mean model versus saturated model:

```
pchisq(38.9,22,lower=FALSE)
0.014489
```

which is in the χ^2_{22} tail, so it is statistically "far" from the saturated model and therefore not a good fit.

 \triangleright Specified model (with temperature) versus mean model $(D_S - D_L)$:

```
pchisq(38.9-16.9,1,lower=FALSE)
2.7265e-06
```

which is in the χ^2_{22} tail, so L_S is statistically "far" from L_L .

Binomial Model Comparison

➤ Cautions:

- \triangleright The approximation of D to a χ^2 distributed statistic is poor for small n_i and "lumpy" distribution of n_i as well.
- \triangleright Most texts recommend $n_i \ge 5$, $\forall i$, but this is just a rule-of-thumb.
- ▶ We could also have done a Wald test on temperature:

```
Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
temp -0.2162 0.0532 -4.07 4.8e-05
```

but differences of deviances are usually more accurate than tests on a single deviance.

▶ When Wald provides significant results but a deviance comparison doesn't (the Hauck-Donner effect).

Binomial Model Comparison

- ► Confidence interval for the *j* th coefficient: $\hat{\beta}_j \pm z^{\alpha/2} se(\hat{\beta}_j)$.
- ► Low-tech method:

```
c(-0.2162-1.96*0.0532,-0.2162+1.96*0.0532)
-0.32047 -0.11193
```

➤ Hi-tech method:

▶ Profile likelihood version (accounts for covariance):

Real Example: Model of Vote Choice 1994 American National Election Study

	Parameter	Standard		
	Estimate	Error	z-statistic	p-value
Choice Parameters				
Intercept	-1.116	0.387	-2.882	0.004
Democratic Support for Clinton	-0.015	0.008	-1.943	0.052
Republican Support for Clinton	0.030	0.011	2.701	0.007
Democratic Crime Concern	0.044	0.009	4.960	0.000
Republican Crime Concern	0.007	0.009	0.699	0.485
Democratic Gvt. Help Disadv.	0.029	0.011	2.698	0.007
Republican Gvt. Help Disadv.	-0.006	0.013	-0.438	0.661
Democratic Gvt. Spending	0.114	0.025	4.633	0.000
Republican Gvt. Spending	-0.100	0.025	-4.030	0.000
Democratic Federal Healthcare	0.031	0.008	3.670	0.000
Republican Federal Healthcare	-0.017	0.010	-1.691	0.091
Democratic Ideology Entropy	0.104	0.131	0.794	0.427
Republican Ideology Entropy	0.303	0.068	4.437	0.000
Party Identification Scale	0.368	0.028	13.158	0.000

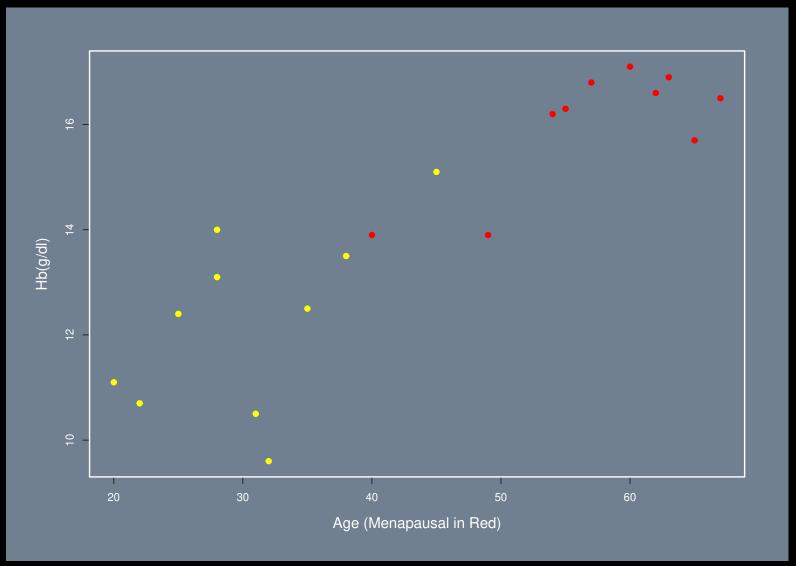
Goodness of Fit Test: LRT=359.3869, p<0.0001 for $\chi^2_{df=19}$ Percent Correctly Classified: 78.66% (using the "naive criteria")

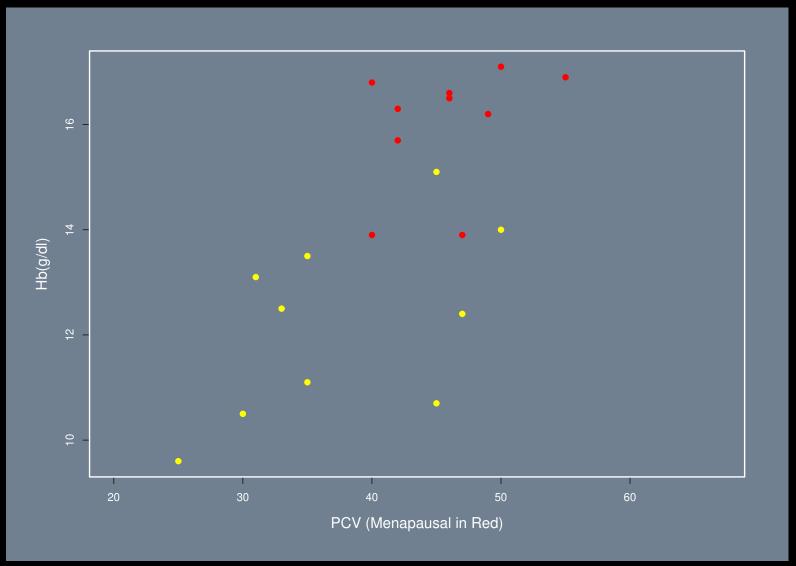
Example: Anaemia

- ► Consider again the study of anaemia in women in a given clinic where 20 cases are chosen at random from the full study to get the data here.
- ► From a blood sample we get:
 - ⊳ haemoglobin level (Hb) in grams per deciliter (12–15 g/dl is normal in adult females)
 - ▶ packed cell volume (PCV) in percent of blood volume that is occupied by red blood cells (also called hematocrit, Ht or HCT, or erythrocyte volume fraction, EVF). 38% to 46% is normal in adult females.
- ➤ We also have:
 - ▶ age in years
 - ⊳ menopausal (0=no, 1=yes)
- ➤ There is an obvious endogeneity problem in modeling Hb(g/dl) versus PCV(%).

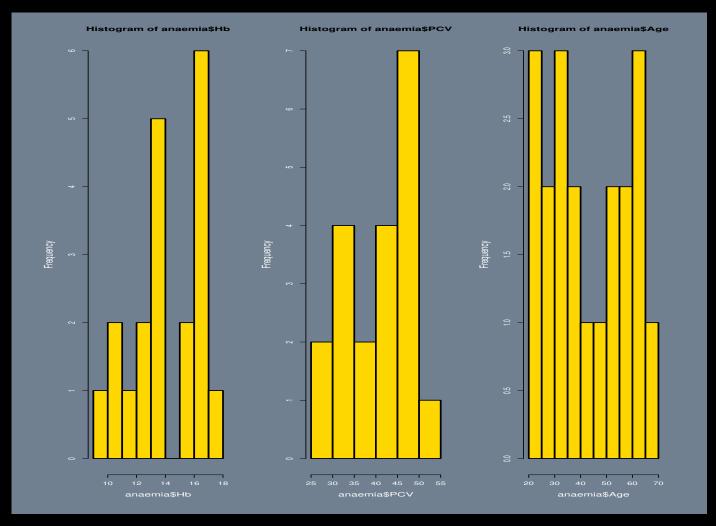
Anaemia Data

Subject	Hb(g/dl)	PCV(%)	Age	Menopausal
1	11.1	35	20	0
2	10.7	45	22	0
3	12.4	47	25	0
4	14.0	50	28	0
5	13.1	31	28	0
6	10.5	30	31	0
7	9.6	25	32	0
8	12.5	33	35	0
9	13.5	35	38	0
10	13.9	40	40	1
11	15.1	45	45	0
12	13.9	47	49	1
13	16.2	49	54	1
14	16.3	42	55	1
15	16.8	40	57	1
16	17.1	50	60	1
17	16.6	46	62	1
18	16.9	55	63	1
19	15.7	42	65	1
20	16.5	46	67	1





Distribution of the Anaemia Data?



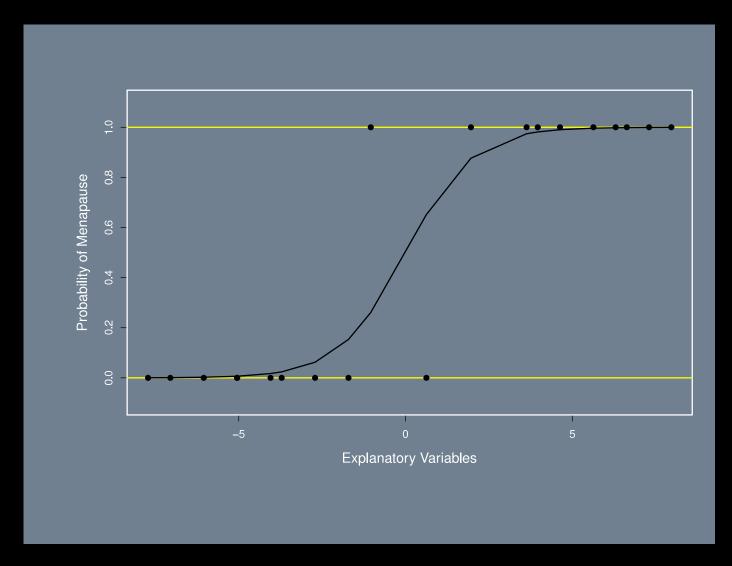
Age

Logistic Regression: Anaemia Example

Null deviance: 27.7259 on 19 degrees of freedom Residual deviance: 5.7632 on 18 degrees of freedom

0.334 0.174 1.92 0.055

Logistic Illustration



Logistic Illustration

```
inv.logit <- function(mu) log(mu/(1-mu))</pre>
logit <- function(Xb) 1/(1+exp(-Xb))</pre>
ana.logit <- glm(Menapause ~ Age, data=anaemia, family=binomial(link=logit))</pre>
postscript("Class.PreMed.Stats/Images/logit.anaemia1.fig.ps")
par(mfrow=c(1,1), mar=c(5,5,2,2), lwd=2, col.axis="white", col.lab="white",
        col.sub="white",col="white",bg="slategray",
        cex.lab=1.3,oma=c(4,2,2,2))
xbeta <- as.matrix(cbind(rep(1,length=nrow(anaemia)),anaemia$Age))</pre>
        %*% coef(ana.logit)
plot(range(xbeta),c(-0.1,1.1),type="n",xlab="Explanatory Variables",
        ylab="Probability of Menapause")
abline(h=c(0,1),col="yellow")
x <- seq(from=min(xbeta),to=max(xbeta),length=100)</pre>
points(xbeta,anaemia$Menapause,col="black",pch=19)
lines(xbeta,logit(xbeta),col="black")
dev.off()
```

Logit Model for Survey Responses in Scotland

- ➤ These data come from the British General Election Study, Scottish Election Survey, 1997 (ICPSR Study Number 2617).
- ▶ These data contain 880 valid cases, each from an interview with a Scottish national after the election.
- ▶ Our outcome variable of interest is their party choice in the UK general election for Parliament where we collapse all non-Conservative party choices (abstention, Labour, Liberal Democrat, Scottish National, Plaid Cymru, Green, Other, Referendum) to one category, which produces 104 Conservative votes.
- ▶ For probit, $\sigma^2 = 1$ to establish the scale and provide an intuitive (standard) probit metric.

Logit Model for Survey Responses in Scotland, Explanatory Variables

- ▶ POLITICS, which asks how much interest the respondent has in political events (increasing scale: none at all, not very much, some, quite a lot, a great deal).
- ► READPAP, which asks about daily morning reading of the newspapers (yes=1 or no=0).
- ▶ PTYTHNK, how strong that party affiliation is for the respondent (categorical by party name).
- ▶ IDSTRNG (increasing scale: not very strong, fairly strong, very strong).
- ► TAXLESS asks if "it would be better if everyone paid less tax and had to pay more towards their own healthcare, schools and the like" (measured on a five point increasing Likert scale).
- ▶ DEATHPEN asks whether the UK should bring back the death penalty ((measured on a five point increasing Likert scale).
- ▶ LORDS queries whether the House of Lords should be reformed (asked as *remain as is* coded as zero and *change is needed* coded as one).
- ▶ SCENGBEN asks how economic benefits are distributed between England and Scotland with the choices: England benefits more = -1, neither/both lose = 0, Scotland benefits more = 1.

Logit Model for Survey Responses in Scotland, Explanatory Variables

- ▶ INDPAR asks which of the following represents the respondent's view on the role of the Scottish government in light of the new parliament: (1) Scotland should become independent, separate from the UK and the European Union, (2) Scotland should become independent, separate from the UK but part of the European Union, (3) Scotland should remain part of the UK, with its own elected parliament which has some taxation powers, (4) Scotland should remain part of the UK, with its own elected parliament which has no taxation powers, and (5) Scotland should remain part of the UK without an elected parliament.
- ► SCOTPREF1 asks "should there be a Scottish parliament within the UK? (yes=1, no=0).
- ► RSEX, the respondent's sex.
- ► RAGE, the respondent's age.
- ► RSOCCLA2, the respondents social class (7 category ascending scale).
- ▶ TENURE1, whether the respondent rents (0) or owns (1) their household.
- ▶ PRESBm a categorical variable for church affiliation, measurement of religion is collapsed down to one for the dominant historical religion of Scotland (Church of Scotland/Presbyterian) and zero otherwise and designated

Logit Model for Survey Responses in Scotland

- ➤ Run a probit model for the conservative/not-conservative outcome with these covariates:
- ➤ Results give across two slides...

```
scot.mat <- read.table("http://jeffgill.org/data/scotland.dat",sep=",",header=TRUE)
Y <- as.numeric(scot.mat[,1])
X <- as.matrix(scot.mat[,2:ncol(scot.mat)])
glm.out <- glm(Y ~ X, family=binomial(link=probit))</pre>
```

Logit Model for Survey Responses in Scotland, Results (not in order)

```
summary(glm.out)
Call:
glm(formula = Y \sim X[, -1], family = binomial(link = probit))
Deviance Residuals:
  Min 1Q Median 3Q
                                 Max
-2.223 -0.287 -0.120 -0.022 3.598
(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
   Null deviance: 639.38 on 879 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 338.98 on 864 degrees of freedom
AIC: 371
```

Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 8

Logit Model for Survey Responses in Scotland, Results (not in order)

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z)
(Intercept)	-0.8032	0.5655	-1.42	0.1555
X[, -1]POLI	TICS 0.1999	0.0777	2.57	0.0101
X[, -1]READI	PAP 0.2626	0.1840	1.43	0.1536
X[, -1]PTYTI	HNK −0.5765	0.0928	-6.21	5.3e-10
X[, -1]IDST	RNG 0.2114	0.0775	2.73	0.0064
X[, -1]TAXLI	ESS 0.1059	0.0736	1.44	0.1501
X[, -1]DEATI	HPEN 0.0817	0.0578	1.41	0.1573
X[, -1]LORDS	-0.4267	0.1597	-2.67	0.0075
X[, -1]SCEN	GBEN 0.3279	0.1107	2.96	0.0031
X[, -1]SCOPE	REF1 -0.9728	0.1889	-5.15	2.6e-07
X[, -1]RSEX	0.3785	0.1712	2.21	0.0270
X[, -1]RAGE	0.0118	0.0043	2.74	0.0062
X[, -1]RSOC	CLA2 -0.1218	0.0582	-2.09	0.0363
X[, -1]TENU	RE1 0.4634	0.1808	2.56	0.0104
X[, -1]PRESI	-0.1417	0.1675	-0.85	0.3975
X[, -1]IND.	PAR 0.2500	0.1925	1.30	0.1940

Percent Predicted Correctly

Percent Predicted Correctly

Tolerance Distribution (related to IRT)

- ightharpoonup A student taking a test has aptitude $T \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, which we would like to measure.
- \triangleright A particular question has difficulty d_i , and the student will get it right if $d_i < T$.
- \triangleright Consider d_i to be fixed, so that the probability that the student gets the question wrong is:

$$p_i = p(T \le d_i) = \Phi^{-1} \left(\frac{d_i - \mu}{\sigma} \right),$$

and from rearranging:

$$\Phi(p_i) = \frac{d_i - \mu}{\sigma}$$
$$= -\mu/\sigma + d_i/\sigma$$
$$= \beta_0 + \beta_1 d_i$$

meaning that this is really a probit regression model with a $tolerance\ distribution\ for\ T$.

▶ Not much more here except that this shows the connection between a normal assumption and probit regression.

Tabular Analysis of Binary Outcomes

- ▶ Binary outcomes are often called *events*, meaning they either happened or didn't.
- ▶ Usually these are labeled 0 and 1, where the one denotes "happened."
- ➤ Sometimes the 1 is called a "success."
- ▶ These are only labels and switching the assignment never changes the construction or reliability of the statistical model.
- ➤ Tables of events have a very specific construction:

 2×2 Contingency Table

 $Experimental \hbox{-} Manipulation$

	1		
Outcome	Treatment	Control	Row Total
Positive	a	b	a+b
Negative	c	d	c+d
Column Total	a+c	b+d	

▶ Hypothesized relationships are usually down the primary diagonal of the table.

Odds and Odds Ratios

 \triangleright Odds of an event is the ratio of the probability of an event *happening* to the probability of the event *not happening*:

$$Odds = \frac{p}{1-p},$$

where p is the probability of the event.

▶ Odds Ratio compares the odds of an event under treatment to odds under control:

$$OR = \frac{\left(\frac{p_T}{1 - P_T}\right)}{\left(\frac{P_C}{1 - P_C}\right)} = \frac{\frac{\frac{a}{a + c}}{1 - \frac{a}{a + c}}}{\frac{\frac{b}{b + d}}{1 - \frac{b}{b + d}}} = \frac{\frac{\frac{a}{a + c}}{\frac{a + c}{a + c} - \frac{a}{a + c}}}{\frac{\frac{b}{b + d}}{b + d} - \frac{b}{b + d}} = \frac{\left(\frac{a}{c}\right)}{\left(\frac{b}{d}\right)} = \frac{ad}{bc}.$$

- For rare events, the odds and probability are close since $a \ll c$, so $a/c \approx a/(a+c)$, and the OR is close to the RR $(RR \approx \frac{p_T}{p_C})$.
- ▶ Nicely, the OR for failure is just the inverse of the OR for success (symmetry).

Interpreting Odds

 \triangleright Some people prefer to think in terms of *odds* rather than probability:

$$o = \frac{p}{1-p} = \frac{p(y=1)}{p(y=0)}$$
 $p = \frac{o}{1+o}$

where 0 is obviously on the support $(0:\infty)$.

➤ This is essentially how logit works since:

$$\log(\text{odds}) = \log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2.$$

- ▶ So if x_2 is held constant, then a one-unit change in x_1 gives a β_1 change in the log-odds of success (or a $\exp(\beta_1)$ change in the odds).
- ▶ Relatedly, if p_1 is the probability of success under condition 1 and p_2 is the probability of success under condition 2, then the relative risk is simply:

$$RR = \frac{p_1}{p_2}$$

Example: Cohort Study of Adolescents

- ▶ A random sample of size 2437, asking about cannabis and psychotic symptoms up to 4 years later(!).
- ➤ Summary table (Henquet, et al. 2005):

\sim 1 ·	TT	1	\mathbf{D}	1 .
Cannabis	SUSE	and	Psvc	hosis
Carmani		α	1 D.y C	110010

	Cannabis	No Cannabis	Total
Event	82	342	424
No Event	238	1775	2013
Total	320	2117	2437

➤ Thus the odds ratio for psychosis is:

$$OR = \frac{ad}{bc} = \frac{82 \times 1775}{342 \times 238} = 1.79.$$

➤ Since psychosis is a relatively rare event, this close to the relative risk:

$$RR = \frac{p_T}{p_C} = \frac{\left(\frac{82}{320}\right)}{\left(\frac{342}{2117}\right)} = 1.59.$$

Interpreting Odds, Respiratory Disease

 \triangleright Respiratory Disease in < 1 year-olds:

Null deviance: 26.37529 on 5 degrees of freedom

Residual deviance: 0.72192 on 2 degrees of freedom

Interpreting Odds, Respiratory Disease

- ▶ The interaction model is the saturated model for these data since k-1 degrees of freedom gets consumed by 1 sex and 2 food categories.
- ▶ A deviance (not Wald) test for each of the main effects relative to the full is done with:

where the LRTs show strong evidence for inclusion.

Interpreting Odds, Respiratory Disease

- ➤ Coefficient interpretations:
 - \triangleright foodBreast -0.669, so $\exp(-0.669) = 0.51222$, meaning that breast feeding reduces the odds of respiratory disease to 51% of bottle only feeding (the reference).
 - ➤ Computing a confidence interval on the log-odds scale (better coverage properties for categorical variables):

Overdispersion in Dichotomous Choice Models

- ▶ If we meet the described assumptions, then the two times the residual (summed) deviance is approximately χ^2 with n-p degrees of freedom.
- ► However, sometimes we are in the tail of this distribution not because we have chosen the wrong explanatory variables, but because of:
 - > outliers,
 - ⊳ sparse data,
 - \triangleright overdispersion: $Var(Y) \gg mp(1-p)$, where m is the size of the binomial trial group (often denoted n_i when there are differences).
- ► Underdispersion is rare.
- ➤ Typical causes of overdispersion:
 - \triangleright variation in p across binomial trials (violates iid assumption),
 - ▶ unmeasured clustering in the data,
 - ▶ dependence between trials (which can come from clustering).
- ightharpoonup One diagnostic: plot $\hat{\mu}$ versus $(y \hat{\mu})^2$.

Overdispersion in Dichotomous Choice Models

- ▶ In regular models $\sigma^2 = \phi = 1$, and R even reminds us of this assumption.
- \triangleright A test for $\phi > 1$ can be constructed by modifying the Pearson statistic according to:

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = X^2/(n-k) = \frac{1}{n-k} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(y_i - n_i \hat{p}_i)^2}{n_i \hat{p}_i (1 - \hat{p}_i)}.$$

▶ Then the variance of the coefficient variance is adjusted with:

$$\widehat{\operatorname{Var}}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = \hat{\sigma}^2(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{W}\mathbf{X})^{-1},$$

where $\mathbf{W} = \operatorname{diag}(mp(1-p))$ (the coefficient estimate is still unbiased).

▶ This added uncertainty replaces the chi-square model comparison with an approximate F-test:

$$F pprox rac{D_{small} - D_{large}}{\widehat{\mathrm{Var}}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}(df_{small} - df_{large})}.$$

```
data(troutegg)
ftable(xtabs(cbind(survive,total) ~ location+period, troutegg))
                 survive total
location period
                            94
                      89
                      94
                            98
                      77
                            86
         11
                     141
                     106
                           108
                      91
                           106
                            96
         11
                     104
                           122
                     119
                           123
                     100
                           130
                      88
                           119
                           125
         11
                      91
                     104
                           104
                      80
                            99
         11
                     111
                           132
                      49
                      11
                           113
                      18
                           138
         11
```

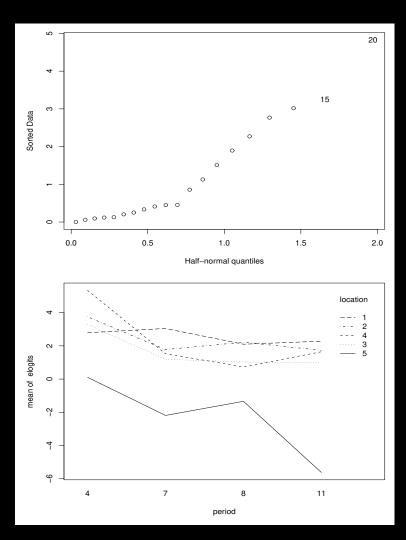
```
bmod <- glm(cbind(survive,total-survive) ~ location+period, family=binomial,troutegg)</pre>
bmod
Coefficients:
(Intercept)
               location2
                            location3
                                         location4
                                                       location5
                                                                      period7
                                                                                   period8
                               -1.242
                                                          -4.614
                                                                       -2.170
      4.636
                  -0.417
                                            -0.951
                                                                                    -2.326
   period11
     -2.450
Degrees of Freedom: 19 Total (i.e. Null); 12 Residual
Null Deviance:
                          1020
Residual Deviance: 64.5
                                AIC: 157
```

▶ Since 64.5 is way into the tail of a χ_{12}^2 distribution, we know to be worried.

- ➤ Sparseness? No, min(troutegg\$total) returns 86.
- ➤ Outliers? No, halfnorm(residuals(bmod)) shows no problems.
- ▶ Specification error? No, an interaction plot of the empirical logits $(\log(y+0.5) \log(m-y+0.5))$ shows no major relationships.

```
elogits <- log((troutegg$survive+0.5)/
(troutegg$total-troutegg$survive+0.5))</pre>
```

with(troutegg,interaction.plot(period,
location,elogits))



ightharpoonup Estimating $\hat{\sigma}^2$ shows it to be much larger than 1:

```
(sigma2 <- sum(residuals(bmod,type="pearson")^2)/12)
5.3303</pre>
```

▶ Now do an F-test of the predictors using the new $\hat{\sigma}^2$:

```
drop1(bmod,test="Chi")
Single term deletions
scale: 5.3303
```

```
Df Deviance AIC F value Pr(F)
<none> 64 157
location 4 914 308 39.5 8.1e-07
period 3 229 182 10.2 0.0013
```

Overdispersion Example: boxes of trout eggs buried in 5 places

ightharpoonup And summarize the new results using the new value of $\hat{\sigma}^2$:

summary(bmod,dispersion=sigma2)

```
Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept)
           4.636
                    0.649
                           7.14 9.5e-13
location2 -0.417
                    0.568 - 0.73 0.463
                    0.507 - 2.45 0.014
location3 -1.242
location4 -0.951
                    0.528 - 1.80 0.072
location5 -4.614
                    0.578 -7.99 1.4e-15
period7
       -2.170
                    0.550 -3.94 8.1e-05
period8 -2.326
                    0.561 -4.15 3.4e-05
period11 -2.450
                    0.540 -4.53 5.8e-06
```

(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 5.3303)

The Poisson PMF

▶ probability mass function:

$$f(Y|\mu) = \frac{(\mu)^Y e^{-\mu}}{Y!}, \qquad y = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \ \mu > 0$$

where μ is the intensity parameter.

- \triangleright This is the probability that exactly Y arrivals occur.
- ➤ The chapter uses Faraway's Galapagos Island data:

data(gala)
head(gala)

	Species	Endemics	Area	Elevation	Nearest	Scruz	Adjacent
Baltra	58	23	25.09	346	0.6	0.6	1.84
Bartolome	31	21	1.24	109	0.6	26.3	572.33
Caldwell	3	3	0.21	114	2.8	58.7	0.78
Champion	25	9	0.10	46	1.9	47.4	0.18
Coamano	2	1	0.05	77	1.9	1.9	903.82
Daphne.Major	18	11	0.34	119	8.0	8.0	1.84

Poisson Assumptions

- ▶ Infinitesimal Interval. The probability of an arrival in the interval: $(t : \delta t)$ equals $\mu \delta t + \circ (\delta t)$ where μ is the intensity parameter discussed above and $\circ (\delta t)$ is a time interval with the property: $\lim_{\delta t \to 0} \frac{\circ (\delta t)}{\delta t} = 0$. In other words, as the interval δt reduces in size towards zero, $\circ (\delta t)$ is negligible compared to δt . This assumption is required to establish that μ adequately describes the intensity or expectation of arrivals. Typically there is no problem meeting this assumption provided that the time measure is adequately granular with respect to arrival rates.
- Non-Simultaneity of Events. The probability of more than one arrival in the interval: $(t : \delta t)$ equals $\circ(\delta t)$. Since $\circ(\delta t)$ is negligible with respect to $\mu \delta t$ for sufficiently small $\mu \delta t$, the probability of simultaneous arrivals approaches zero in the limit.
- ▶ I.I.D. Arrivals. The number of arrivals in any two consecutive or non-consecutive intervals are independent and identically distributed. More specifically, $P(Y = y) \in (T_j : T_{j+1})$ does not depend on $P(Y = y) \in (T_k : T_{k+1})$ for any $j \neq k$.

Poisson Features

- ▶ The intensity parameter (μ) is both the mean and variance for a single Poisson distributed random variable.
- ▶ The intensity parameter is tied to a time interval, and rescaling time rescales the intensity parameter.
- ➤ Sums of independent Poisson random variables are themselves Poisson.
- \triangleright We can also specifically model time by including it in the intensity parameter: $\mu^* = \mu t$.

Relationships to Other Forms

- ▶ Poisson assumption is that there is no upper limit; if there is one use a binomial PMF.
- ▶ If $\mu = np$ as $n \to \infty$, then the Poisson is a good approximation for the binomial.
- ▶ If n is small, then $logit(p) \approx log(p)$, so the logit model is close to the Poisson model.
- ▶ If counts are bins, then use the multinomial PMF (Chapter 5).

Derivation of MLE

► PMF:

$$p(Y = y|\mu) = \frac{e^{-\mu}\mu^y}{y!}$$

► Likelihood function:

$$L(\mu|\mathbf{y}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} \frac{e^{-\mu} \mu^{y_i}}{y_i!}$$

► Log-likelihood function:

$$\ell(\mu|\mathbf{y}) = -n\mu + \log(\mu) \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log(y_i!)$$

► MLE:

$$\frac{d}{d\mu}\ell(\mu|\mathbf{y}) = -n + \frac{1}{\mu} \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i \equiv 0 \implies n\mu = \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i \implies \hat{\mu} = \bar{y}$$

Derivation of the Variance

➤ Second derivative of the LL:

$$\frac{d^2}{d\mu^2}\ell(\mu|\mathbf{y}) = \frac{d}{d\mu}\left(-n + \frac{1}{\mu}\sum_{i=1}^n y_i\right) = -\mu^{-2}\sum_{i=1}^n y_i,$$

called the Hessian.

➤ Fisher Information:

$$FI = -E_{\mu} \left[\frac{d^2}{d\mu^2} \ell(\mu | \mathbf{y}) \right] = -E_{\mu} \left[-\mu^{-2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i \right] = n\bar{y} E_{\mu} \left[\mu^{-2} \right] = \frac{n}{\bar{y}}$$

since $E\mu = \bar{y}$.

➤ Variance:

$$Var[\mu] = (FI)^{-1} = \bar{y}/n.$$

Link Function for Poisson Regression

➤ Definition:

$$\log(\mu_i) = \eta_i \implies \mu_i = \exp(\eta_i) = \exp(\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta})$$

➤ Start with the substitution:

$$L(\boldsymbol{\beta}|\mathbf{y}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} \frac{e^{-\mu} \mu^{y_i}}{y_i!} \Big|_{\mu_i = \exp(\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta})} = \prod_{i=1}^{n} e^{-\exp(\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta})} \exp(\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta})^{y_i} / y_i!$$

➤ Take the log:

$$\ell(\boldsymbol{\beta}|\mathbf{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[-\exp(\mathbf{X}_{i}\boldsymbol{\beta}) + y_{i}(\mathbf{X}_{i}\boldsymbol{\beta}) - \log(y_{i}!) \right]$$

➤ Now take the first derivative:

$$\frac{d}{d\boldsymbol{\beta}}\ell(\boldsymbol{\beta}|\mathbf{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[\exp(\mathbf{X}_{i}\boldsymbol{\beta})\mathbf{X}_{j} + \mathbf{y}_{i}\mathbf{X}_{j} \right], \quad \forall j$$

- ightharpoonup Or in full matrix terms: $\mathbf{X'y} = \mathbf{X'}\hat{\mu}$, where $\hat{\mu} = \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$ (the normal equation for the Poisson model).
- \triangleright Problem: there does not exist a closed form solution for $\hat{\beta}$, so we use numerical methods.

- ➤ Sub-Saharan Africa has experienced a disproportionately high proportion of regime changes due to the military takeover of government for a variety of reasons, including ethnic fragmentation, arbitrary borders, economic problems, outside intervention, and poorly developed governmental institutions.
- ▶ These data, selected from a larger set given by Bratton and Van De Walle (1994), look at potential causal factors for counts of military coups (ranging from 0 to 6 events) in 33 sub-Saharan countries over the period from each country's colonial independence to 1989.
- ➤ Seven explanatory variables are chosen here to model the count of military coups: **Military**Oligarchy (the number of years of this type of rule); **Political Liberalization** (0 for no observable civil rights for political expression, 1 for limited, and 2 for extensive); **Parties** (number of legally registered political parties); **Percent Legislative Voting**; **Percent Registered**Voting; **Size** (in one thousand square kilometer units); and **Population** (given in millions).

▶ A generalized linear model for these data with the Poisson link function is specified as:

$$g^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = g^{-1}(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}) = \exp\left[\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}\right] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{Y}] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{Military Coups}].$$

- ▶ In this specification, the systematic component is $\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}$, the stochastic component is $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{Military\ Coups}$, and the link function is $\boldsymbol{\theta} = \log(\mathbf{M})$.
- ▶ We can re-express this model by moving the link function to the left-hand side exposing the linear predictor: $g(\mathbf{M}) = \log(\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{Y}]) = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}$ (although this is now a less intuitive form for understanding the outcome variable).
- ➤ The R language GLM call for this model is:

```
africa.out <- glm(MILTCOUP ~ MILITARY+POLLIB+PARTY93+PCTVOTE+PCTTURN +SIZE*POP+NUMREGIM*NUMELEC, family=poisson).
```

► The new part is family=poisson, where poisson is not capitalized.

	Parameter	Standard	95% Confidence
	Estimate	Error	Interval
(Intercept)	2.9209	1.3368	[0.3008:5.5410]
Military Oligarchy	0.1709	0.0509	$[\ 0.0711:\ 0.2706]$
Political Liberalization	-0.4654	0.3319	[-1.1160: 0.1851]
Parties	0.0248	0.0109	[0.0035:0.0460]
Percent Legislative Voting	0.0613	0.0218	[0.0187:0.1040]
Percent Registered Voting	-0.0361	0.0137	[-0.0629:-0.0093]
Size	-0.0018	0.0007	[-0.0033:-0.0004]
Population	-0.1188	0.0397	[-0.1965:-0.0411]
Regimes	-0.8662	0.4571	[-1.7621: 0.0298]
Elections	-0.4859	0.2118	[-0.9010:-0.0709]
(Size)(Population)	0.0001	0.0001	[0.0001: 0.0002]
(Regimes)(Elections)	0.1810	0.0689	[0.0459: 0.3161]

- ▶ Note that the two interaction terms are specified by using the multiplication character. The iteratively weighted least squares algorithm converged in only four iterations using Fisher scoring, and the results are provided in the table.
- ➤ The model appears to fit the data quite well:
 - > an improvement from the null deviance of 62 on 32 degrees of freedom to a residual deviance of 7.5 on 21 degrees of freedom
 - \triangleright evidence that the model does not fit would be supplied by a model deviance value in the tail of a χ^2_{n-k} distribution
 - > and nearly all the coefficients have 95% confidence intervals bounded away from zero and therefore appear reliable in the model.

Back to Residuals and Model Fit

- General Deviance Notation: $D = \sum_{i=1}^{n} d(\boldsymbol{\eta}, y_i)$, where the individual deviance function is defined as: $d(\boldsymbol{\eta}, y_i) = -2 \left[\ell(\hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}}, \psi | y_i) \ell(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\eta}}, \psi | y_i) \right]$, where $\hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}}$ is the model estimate and $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\eta}}$ is the saturated estimate.
- ightharpoonup Linear Model Residual Vector: $\mathbf{R}_{standard} = \mathbf{Y} \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}$.
- ightharpoonup Response Residual Vector: $\mathbf{R}_{Response} = \mathbf{Y} g^{-1}(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}) = \mathbf{Y} \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}$.
- Pearson Residual Vector: $\mathbf{R}_{Pearson} = \frac{\mathbf{Y} \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}}{\sqrt{VAR[\boldsymbol{\mu}]}}$ (the sum of the Pearson residuals for a Poisson generalized linear model is the Pearson χ^2 goodness-of-fit measure).
- ▶ Working Residual Vector: $\mathbf{R}_{Working} = (\mathbf{y} \boldsymbol{\mu}) \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} \boldsymbol{\mu}$ (from the last step of Iteratively Reweighted Least Squares algorithm).

Deviance for the Poisson Model

➤ The "G-statistic" (summed deviance) for this model is:

$$D_{\text{Poisson}} = 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i \log(y_i/\hat{\mu}_i) - (y_i - \hat{\mu}_i)) \sim \chi_{n-p}^2,$$

where p is the number of explanatory variables including the constant, and $\hat{\mu}_i$ is the predicted outcome for the *i*th case.

► Individual Deviance Function:

$$R_{Deviance} = \frac{(y_i - \hat{\mu}_i)}{|y_i - \hat{\mu}_i|} \sqrt{|d(\boldsymbol{\eta}, y_i)|} \quad \text{where:} \quad d(\boldsymbol{\eta}, y_i) = -2 \left[\ell(\hat{\boldsymbol{\eta}}, \psi | y_i) - \ell(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\eta}}, \psi | y_i)\right].$$

► Recall also the Pearson's statistic:

$$X^{2} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{(y_{i} - \hat{\mu}_{i})^{2}}{\hat{\mu}_{i}} \sim \chi_{n-p}^{2}.$$

▶ Generally the summed deviance is more robust.

Deviance Summary (again)

Table 1: DEVIANCE FUNCTIONS

Distribution	Canonical Parameter	Deviance Function
$\mathrm{Poisson}(\hat{\mu})$	$\eta = log(\hat{\mu})$	$2\sum \left[y_i \log\left(\frac{y_i}{\hat{\mu}_i}\right) - y_i + \hat{\mu}_i\right]$
$\operatorname{Binomial}(m,p)$	$\eta = log\left(rac{\hat{\mu}}{1-\hat{\mu}} ight)$	$2\sum \left[y_i \log\left(\frac{y_i}{\hat{\mu}_i}\right) + (m_i - y_i) \log\left(\frac{m_i - y_i}{m_i - \hat{\mu}_i}\right)\right]$
$\operatorname{Normal}(\hat{\mu}, \sigma)$	$\eta=\hat{\mu}$	$\sum \left[y_i - \hat{\mu}_i\right]^2$
$\mathrm{Gamma}(\hat{\mu}, \pmb{\delta})$	$\eta=-rac{1}{\hat{\mu}}$	$2\sum \left[-\log\left(\frac{y_i}{\hat{\mu}_i}\right)\frac{y_i-\hat{\mu}_i}{\hat{\mu}_i}\right]$
Negative Binom $(\hat{\mu}, p)$	$\eta = \log(1 - \hat{\mu})$	$2\sum \left[y_i \log\left(\frac{y_i}{\hat{\mu}_i}\right) + (1+y_i) \log\left(\frac{1+\hat{\mu}_i}{1+y_i}\right)\right]$

Poisson GLM of Capital Punishment Data

The model is developed from the Poisson link function, $\eta = \log(\mu)$, with the objective of finding the best β vector in:

$$\underbrace{g^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\eta})}_{17\times 1} = g^{-1}(\boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})$$

$$= \exp\left[\boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}\right]$$

$$= \exp\left[\mathbf{1}\beta_0 + \mathbf{INC}\beta_1 + \mathbf{POV}\beta_2 + \mathbf{BLK}\beta_3 + \mathbf{CRI}\beta_4 + \mathbf{SOU}\beta_5 + \mathbf{DEG}\beta_6\right]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{Y}] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{EXE}].$$

Poisson GLM of Capital Punishment Data, 1997

Median Percent Violent Proporti						Proportion	
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State	Executions	Income	Poverty	Black	Crime/100K	South	w/Degrees
Texas	37	34453	16.7	12.2	644	1	0.16
Virginia	9	41534	12.5	20.0	351	1	0.27
Missouri	6	35802	10.6	11.2	591	0	0.21
Arkansas	4	26954	18.4	16.1	524	1	0.16
Alabama	3	31468	14.8	25.9	565	1	0.19
Arizona	2	32552	18.8	3.5	632	0	0.25
Illinois	2	40873	11.6	15.3	886	0	0.25
South Carolina	2	34861	13.1	30.1	997	1	0.21
Colorado	1	42562	9.4	4.3	405	0	0.31
Florida	1	31900	14.3	15.4	1051	1	0.24
Indiana	1	37421	8.2	8.2	537	0	0.19
Kentucky	1	33305	16.4	7.2	321	0	0.16
Louisiana	1	32108	18.4	32.1	929	1	0.18
Maryland	1	45844	9.3	27.4	931	0	0.29
Nebraska	1	34743	10.0	4.0	435	0	0.24
Oklahoma	1	29709	15.2	7.7	597	0	0.21
Oregon	1	36777	11.7	1.8	463	0	0.25
	EXE	INC	POV	BLK	CRI	\mathbf{SOU}	DEG

Source: United States Census Bureau, United States Department of Justice.

Poisson GLM of Capital Punishment Data

Table 2: Modeling Capital Punishment in the United States: 1997

	Coefficient	Standard Error	95% Confidence Interval	
(Intercept)	-6.30665	4.17678	[-14.49299: 1.87969]	
Median Income	0.00027	0.00005	[0.00017; 0.00037]	
Percent Poverty	0.06897	0.07979	[-0.08741: 0.22534]	
Percent Black	-0.09500	0.02284	[-0.13978: -0.05023]	
log(Violent Crime)	0.22124	0.44243	[-0.64591: 1.08838]	
South	2.30988	0.42875	[1.46955: 3.15022]	
Degree Proportion	-19.70241	4.46366	[-28.45102:-10.95380]	
Null deviance: 136.573, $df = 16$ Maximized $\ell()$				
Summed deviance: 18.212, $df = 11$ AIC: 77				

Poisson GLM of Capital Punishment Data

Γ	\mathbf{Int}	INC	\mathbf{POV}	BLK	$log(\mathbf{CRI})$	\mathbf{SOU}	DEG]
ı	17.445501654	-0.000131052	-0.198325558	0.017689695	-1.484011921	0.368916884	-4.651658695
ı	-0.000131052	0.000000003	0.000001862	0.000000113	0.000004171	-0.000006245	-0.000094858
i	-0.198325558	0.000001862	0.006365688	0.000158039	0.003911954	-0.017825119	0.121451892
ı	0.017689695	0.000000113	0.000158039	0.000521871	-0.003283494	-0.005090192	-0.033679253
ı	-1.484011921	0.000004171	0.003911954	-0.003283494	0.195742167	-0.001384018	0.397439934
l	0.368916884	-0.0000006245	-0.017825119	-0.005090192	-0.001384018	0.183825030	0.298730196
	-4.651658695	-0.000094858	0.121451892	$-0.03\overline{3}679253$	0.397439934	0.298730196	19.924250374

First Differences for Non-Linear Models

- \blacktriangleright We can no longer use "a one unit change in X gives a β change in Y."
- ➤ Main idea:
 - \triangleright pick one covariate of interest, \mathbf{X}_q
 - \triangleright choose 2 levels of this variable, $\mathbf{X}_{1,q}$, $\mathbf{X}_{2,q}$
 - \triangleright set all other covariates at their mean, $\bar{\mathbf{X}}_{-q}$
 - > create two predictions by running these values through the link function:

$$\hat{Y}_1 = g^{-1}(\bar{\mathbf{X}}_{-q}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{-q} + \mathbf{X}_{1,q}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_q)$$

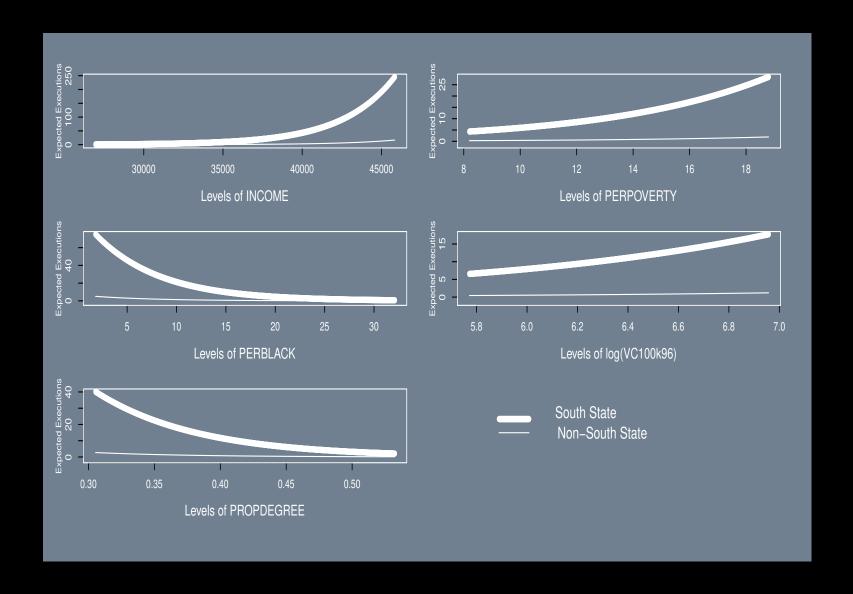
$$\hat{Y}_2 = g^{-1}(\bar{\mathbf{X}}_{-q}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{-q} + \mathbf{X}_{2,q}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_q)$$

 \triangleright Look at $\hat{Y}_1 - \hat{Y}_2$.

► For example:

```
dp.1 <- dp.2 <- c(1,apply(dp.97[,c(3,4,5,6,7,15)],2,mean))
dp.1[6] <- 0; dp.2[6] <- 1
y.1 <- exp(dp.1 %*% dp.out$coef); y.2 <- exp(dp.2 %*% dp.out$coef)
y.2 - y.1</pre>
```

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Poisson GLM of Capital Punishment, First Difference Code

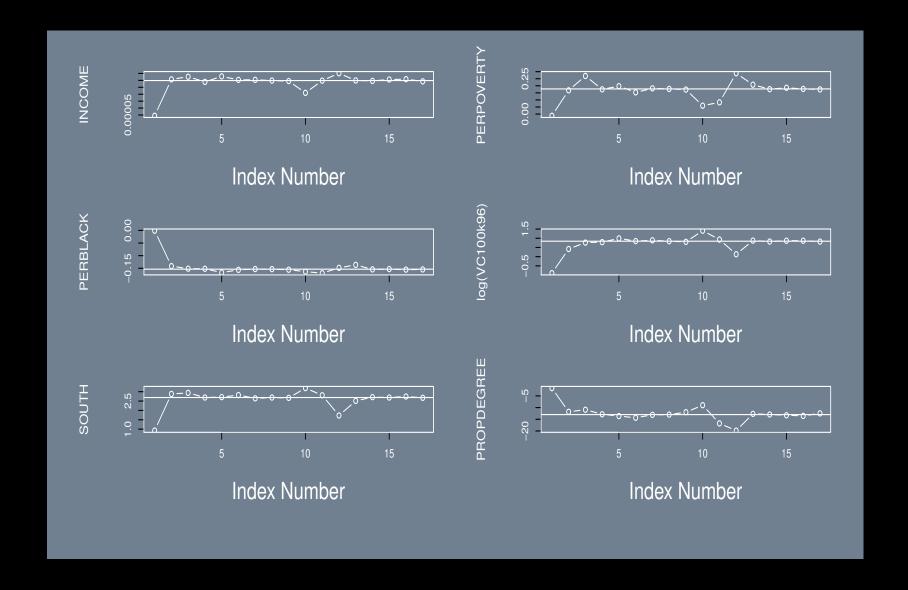
Poisson GLM of Capital Punishment, First Difference Code

```
for (i in 2:(ncol(X.0)-1)) {
  if (i==6) i <- i+1
  ruler \leftarrow seq(min(X.0[,i]),max(X.0[,i]),length=1000)
  xbeta0 <- exp(dp.out$coefficients[-i]%*%apply(X.0[,-i],2,mean)</pre>
                + dp.out$coefficients[i]*ruler)
  xbeta1 <- exp(dp.out$coefficients[-i]%*%apply(X.1[,-i],2,mean)</pre>
                + dp.out$coefficients[i]*ruler)
  plot(ruler,xbeta0,type="1",xlab="",ylab="",
      ylim=c(min(xbeta0,xbeta1)-2,max(xbeta0,xbeta1)) )
  lines(ruler,xbeta1,type="b")
  mtext(outer=F, side=1, paste("Levels of", dimnames(X.0)[[2]][i]), cex=0.8, line=3)
  mtext(outer=F,side=2,"Expected Executions",cex=0.6,line=2)
}
plot(ruler[100:200],rep(ruler[400],101),bty="n",xaxt="n",yaxt="n",xlab="",ylab="",
        type="l",xlim=range(ruler),ylim=range(ruler))
lines(ruler[100:200],rep(ruler[600],101),type="b")
text(ruler[445],ruler[400],"Non-South State",cex=1.4)
text(ruler[390],ruler[700], "South State", cex=1.4)
dev.off()
```

Poisson GLM of Capital Punishment, Continued

Table 3: Residuals From Poisson Model of Capital Punishment

	Response	Pearson	Working	Deviance	Anscombe
Texas	1.70755431	0.28741478	0.04837752	0.28515874	0.28292493
Virginia	0.87407687	0.30671010	0.10762321	0.30136452	0.29629097
Missouri	4.59530299	3.86395636	3.24898061	2.86925916	2.27854829
Arkansas	0.26481208	0.13694108	0.07081505	0.13544624	0.13391171
Alabama	0.95958171	0.67097152	0.46916278	0.62736060	0.58874967
Arizona	0.95395198	0.93375106	0.91397549	0.82741022	0.74425671
Illinois	0.13924315	0.10197129	0.07467388	0.10084230	0.09963912
South Carolina	-0.38227185	-0.24752186	-0.16027167	-0.25478237	-0.26235519
Colorado	-0.95901329	-0.68428704	-0.48826435	-0.75706323	-0.84845827
Florida	-1.82216650	-1.08543456	-0.64657649	-1.25272634	-1.49557143
Indiana	-2.17726883	-1.21566195	-0.67880001	-1.42915840	-1.74185735
Kentucky	-2.31839936	-1.26926054	-0.69489994	-1.49593905	-1.83715998
Louisiana	-1.60160305	-0.99359914	-0.61640776	-1.13620002	-1.33738726
Maryland	0.10161119	0.10709684	0.11287657	0.10527242	0.10341466
Nebraska	0.07022962	0.07261924	0.07506941	0.07194451	0.07107841
Oklahoma	0.49917358	0.70406163	0.99304011	0.62019695	0.55401828
Oregon	-0.90510552	-0.65451282	-0.47330769	-0.72189767	-0.80517526



New and Old Ways to Look at Model Fit

► Approximation to Pearson's Statistic.

$$X^{2} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbf{R}_{Pearson}^{2} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[\frac{\mathbf{Y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}}{\sqrt{VAR[\boldsymbol{\mu}]}} \right]^{2}.$$

- If the sample size is sufficiently large, then $\frac{X^2}{a(\psi)} \sim \chi^2_{n-p}$ where n is the sample size, p is the number of explanatory variables including the constant, and $a(\psi)$ is the scale function that we'll see in Chapter 6.
- ▶ For the summed deviance with sufficient sample size it is also true that $D(\eta, \mathbf{y})/a(\psi) \sim \chi_{n-p}^2$.
- ▶ Recall that it is also common to contrast this with the *null deviance*: the deviance function calculated for a model with no covariates (mean function only).

New and Old Ways to Look at Model Fit

► Akaike Information Criterion.

minimizes the negative likelihood penalized by the number of parameters:

$$AIC = -2\ell(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}|\mathbf{y}) + 2p$$

where $\ell(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}|\mathbf{y})$ is the maximized model log likelihood value and p is the number of explanatory variables in the model (including the constant). (AIC has a bias towards models that overfit with extra parameters since the penalty component is obviously linear with increases in the number of explanatory variables, and the log likelihood often increases more rapidly.)

➤ Schwartz Criterion/Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC).

$$BIC = -2\ell(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}|\mathbf{y}) + p\log(n)$$

where n is the sample size.

▶ There is also a Deviance Information Criterion (DIC) used in Bayesian MCMC estimation.

Congressional Cosponsoring of Bills

► Fowler (2006) looks at patterns of sponsorship and cosponsorship in Congress from 1973 to 2004.

```
cosponsor <- read.table("http://jeffgill.org/files/jeffgill/files/fowler.dat_.txt",
summary(cosponsor)</pre>
```

```
Congress Period
                     Total.Sponsors Total.Bills
                                                Mean.Bills.Per.Leg
100th: 2 1974: 2
                               Min. : 4188
                 Min. : 99.0
                                             Min. : 15.00
101st: 2 1976: 2 1st Qu.:101.0 1st Qu.: 7278 1st Qu.: 19.00
102nd: 2 1978: 2 Median :267.0
                               Median: 7849 Median: 44.50
103rd: 2 1980: 2 Mean :268.9
                               Mean : 8814 Mean : 47.62
104th: 2 1982: 2 3rd Qu.:437.0
                               3rd Qu.: 8832
                                             3rd Qu.: 75.00
105th: 2 1984: 2
                 Max. :442.0
                               Max.
                                     :20994
                                             Max.
                                                   :111.00
```

```
Mean.Cos.Per.Leg Mean.Cos.Per.Bill Cos.Per.Leg Mean.Dist
                                                             Senate
Min. :121.0
                              Min. : 49.0
              Min. : 2.000
                                            Min. :1.170
                                                         Min. :0.0
1st Qu.:174.5 1st Qu.: 3.000
                              1st Qu.: 70.0
                                           1st Qu.:1.300 1st Qu.:0.0
Median : 260.0 Median : 4.000
                              Median: 80.5
                                           Median :1.545
                                                         Median:0.5
                              Mean :101.5
Mean
    :247.5
              Mean : 7.969
                                            Mean :1.515
                                                         Mean
                                                              :0.5
3rd Qu.:303.8
              3rd Qu.:14.250
                              3rd Qu.:143.2
                                            3rd Qu.:1.673
                                                         3rd Qu.:1.0
Max. :376.0
              Max. :19.000
                              Max. :184.0
                                                         Max. :1.0
                                            Max. :1.950
```

Application to Congressional Cosponsoring of Bills

► Look at summary statistics:

```
mean(cosponsor$Mean.Bills.Per.Leg)
[1] 47.625
var(cosponsor$Mean.Bills.Per.Leg)
[1] 828.24

mean(cosponsor$Mean.Cos.Per.Leg)
[1] 247.5
var(cosponsor$Mean.Cos.Per.Leg)
[1] 6134.7
```

- ▶ This is clear evidence of *overdispersion* in the original unconditional count data.
- ▶ We are actually more interested in overdispersion in the modeled counts, which are conditional on the form of the model specification including the link function and the collection of covariates.

Over/Under Dispersion

- ▶ For Poisson models the mean and the variance of a single random variable are assumed to be the same.
- \triangleright For the likelihood function as a statistic, the variance is scaled by n.
- ▶ Overdispersion, $Var(Y) > \mathbb{E}(Y)$, is relatively common, whereas underdispersion, $Var(Y) < \mathbb{E}(Y)$ is rare.
- ▶ Biggest effect is to make the standard errors wrong.
- ightharpoonup One diagnostic: plot $\hat{\mu}$ versus $(y \hat{\mu})^2$.
- Solution: make μ a random variable rather than a fixed constant to be estimated, with a gamma distribution: $G[\mu\alpha, \alpha]$. So

$$\mathbb{E}[Y] = \mu \qquad \qquad \operatorname{Var}[Y] = \frac{\mu}{\phi}$$

 \triangleright This is called the "Poisson-Gamma" model and it means that Y is distributed negative binomial.

Negative Binomial

- ▶ Negative binomial distribution has the same sample space (i.e. on the counting measure) as the Poisson, but contains an additional parameter which can be thought of as gamma distributed and therefore used to model a variance function.
- ▶ Used by many to fit a count model with overdispersion.
- The binomial distribution measures the number of successes in a given number of fixed trials, whereas the negative binomial distribution measures the number of failures, y before the rth success.
- ➤ An alternative but equivalent form,

$$f(y|r,p) = {y-1 \choose r-1} p^r (1-p)^{y-r},$$

measures the number of trials necessary to get r successes.

An important application of the negative binomial distribution is in survey research design. If the researcher knows the value of p from previous surveys, then the negative binomial can provide the number of subjects to contact in order to get the desired number of responses for analysis.

Negative Binomial

➤ The PMF is:

$$f(Y|k,p) = {y-1 \choose k-1} p^k (1-p)^{y-k}, y = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 0 \le p \le 1.$$

➤ For this parameterization, we get:

$$\mathbb{E}[Y] = \mu, \qquad \operatorname{Var}[Y] = \frac{\mu(1+\phi)}{\phi}.$$

 \triangleright If ϕ (the dispersion parameter) is unknown, use the estimate:

$$\hat{\phi} = \frac{X^2}{n-p} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(y_i - \hat{\mu}_i)^2}{\hat{\mu}_i}}{n-p}.$$

➤ This gives an F-test for comparing models (big values implies a difference in models).

Negative Binomial

- ➤ There are two interpretations:
 - ▶ as a generalized Poisson,
 - \triangleright with probability p, modeling the number of trials, Y, before the kth success (alternatively failure) where k is fixed in advance.
- ► For estimation, use library(MASS), which has glm.nb.
- ➤ Note that there is also:

```
dnbinom(x, size, prob, mu, log = FALSE)
pnbinom(q, size, prob, mu, lower.tail = TRUE, log.p = FALSE)
qnbinom(p, size, prob, mu, lower.tail = TRUE, log.p = FALSE)
rnbinom(n, size, prob, mu)
```

Negative Binomial GLM, Congressional Activity: 1995

- ➤ Compare the number of bills assigned to committee in the first 100 days of the 103rd and 104th Houses as a function of the number of members on the committee, the number of subcommittees, the number of staff assigned to the committee, and a dummy variable indicating whether or not it is a high prestige committee.
- ➤ The model is developed with the link function:

$$\eta = g(\mu) = \log\left(\frac{\mu}{\mu + \frac{1}{k}}\right) \longrightarrow \mu = g^{-1}(\eta) = \frac{\exp(\eta)}{k(1 - \exp(\eta))},$$

where $\eta = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}$, and $k \geq 1$ is the overdispersion term.

Negative Binomial GLM, Bills Assigned to Committed, First 100 Days

Committee	Size	Subcommittees	Staff	Prestige	Bills-103 rd	Bills-104 th
Appropriations	58	13	109	1	9	6
Budget	42	0	39	1	101	23
Rules	13	2	25	1	54	44
Ways and Means	39	5	23	1	542	355
Banking	51	5	61	0	101	125
Economic/Educ. Opportunities	43	5	69	0	158	131
Commerce	49	4	79	0	196	271
International Relations	44	3	68	0	40	63
Government Reform	51	7	99	0	72	149
Judiciary	35	5	56	0	168	253
Agriculture	49	5	46	0	60	81
National Security	55	7	48	0	75	89
Resources	44	5	58	0	98	142
Transport./Infrastructure	61	6	74	0	69	155
Science	50	4	58	0	25	27
Small Business	43	4	29	0	9	8
Veterans Affairs	33	3	36	0	41	28
House Oversight	12	0	24	0	233	68
Standards of Conduct	10	0	9	0	0	1
Intelligence	16	2	24	0	2	4

Model Code

```
committee.dat <- read.table("http://jeffgill.org/files/jeffgill/files/committe.dat_.txt
        header=TRUE)
committee.poisson <- glm(BILLS104 ~ SIZE + SUBS * (log(STAFF)) + PRESTIGE +</pre>
        BILLS103, family=poisson, data=committee.dat)
1 - pchisq(summary(committee.poisson)$deviance,
           summary(committee.poisson)$df.residual)
[1] O # IN THE TAIL INDICATES OVERDISPERSION
committee.out <- glm.nb(BILLS104 ~ SIZE + SUBS * (log(STAFF)) + PRESTIGE +</pre>
        BILLS103, data=committee.dat)
resp <- resid(committee.out,type="response")</pre>
pears <- resid(committee.out,type="pearson")</pre>
working <- resid(committee.out,type="working")</pre>
devs <- resid(committee.out,type="deviance")</pre>
cbind(resp,pears,working,devs)
```

Negative Binomial GLM, Congressional Activity: 1995

	resp	pears	working	devs
Appropriations	-7.38308	-0.99451	-0.55167	-1.22671
Budget	-6.17325	-0.40931	-0.21161	-0.43997
Rules	22.54158	1.98665	1.05048	1.56745
Ways_and_Means	-135.06135	-0.56848	-0.27560	-0.63081
Banking	21.00117	0.40998	0.20194	0.38568
Economic_Educ_Oppor	-93.92104	-0.85695	-0.41757	-1.01572
Commerce	-58.03818	-0.36306	-0.17639	-0.38675
<pre>International_Relations</pre>	-49.33480	-0.89295	-0.43918	-1.06810
Government_Reform	32.60986	0.57003	0.28018	0.52480
Judiciary	27.80878	0.25343	0.12349	0.24378
Agriculture	24.21181	0.85168	0.42635	0.75680
National_Security	27.14348	0.87911	0.43881	0.77861
Resources	26.13708	0.45893	0.22559	0.42884
TransInfrastructure	79.10378	2.10068	1.04226	1.64133
Science	-34.35454	-1.12146	-0.55993	-1.43001
Small_Business	-12.50419	-1.14887	-0.60984	-1.48074
Veterans_Affairs	-14.18802	-0.66378	-0.33630	-0.75200
House_Oversight	16.14917	0.62009	0.31145	0.56716
Stds_of_Conduct	0.37836	0.44850	0.60864	0.40700
Intelligence	-13.58498	-1.43490	-0.77253	-2.05981

Modeling Bill Assignment – 104th House, Results

	Coefficient	Standard Error	95% Confidence Interval
(Intercept)	-6.80543	2.54651	[-12.30683:-1.30402]
Size	-0.02825	0.02093	[-0.07345: 0.01696]
Subcommittees	1.30159	0.54370	$[\ 0.12701 \colon 2.47619]$
$\log({ m Staff})$	3.00971	0.79450	[1.29329: 4.72613]
Prestige	-0.32367	0.44102	[-1.27644: 0.62911]
Bills in 103 rd	0.00656	0.00139	[0.00355:0.00957]
${\bf Subcommittees:} {\bf log(STAFF)}$	-0.32364	0.12489	[-0.59345:-0.05384]
Null deviance: 107.314, $df = 19$			Maximized $\ell()$: 10559
Summed deviance: 20.948, $df = 1$	AIC: 121130		

Modeling Bill Assignment – 104th House, Residuals Diagnostics



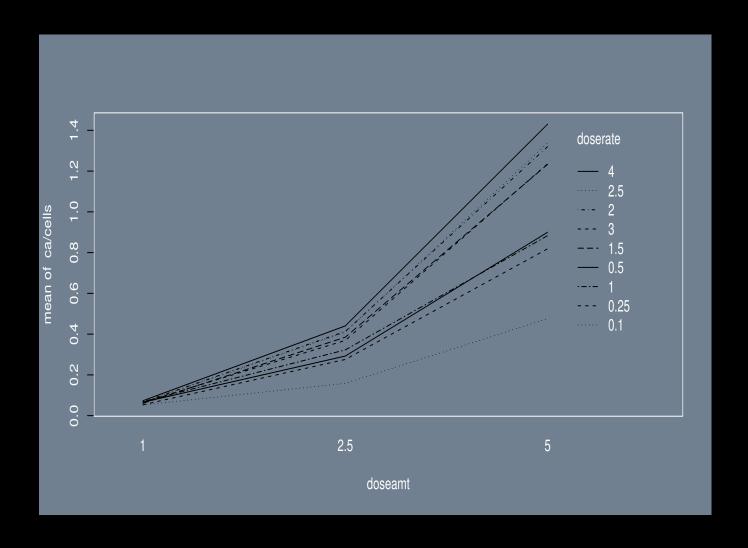
- ► Accounts for occurrences, maximum possible events, time.
- ▶ Note that the binomial does not account for repeat events on the same unit.
- ▶ A key problem is that units may differ in size: crime events are higher in bigger cities.
- ➤ Focus on rate:

$$Rate = \frac{\#events}{unit} = \frac{occurrences}{possibilities}$$

- ► Example from Faraway:
 - ▶ gamma radiation leads to cell abnormalities,
 - > ca is the count of chromosonal abnormalities,
 - ▷ cells is the number (in hundreds) of exposed cells,
 - \triangleright doseamt = dose amount,
 - ▷ doserate = rate of application.

```
library(faraway)
data(dicentric)
round(xtabs(ca/cells ~ doseamt + doserate, dicentric),2)
       doserate
doseamt 0.1 0.25 0.5 1 1.5 2 2.5 3 4
       0.05 0.05 0.07 0.07 0.06 0.07 0.07 0.07 0.07
    2.5 0.16 0.28 0.29 0.32 0.38 0.41 0.41 0.37 0.44
       0.48 0.82 0.90 0.88 1.23 1.32 1.34 1.24 1.43
postscript("Class.MLE/dicentric.ps")
par(mfrow=c(1,1),col.axis="white",col.lab="white",col.sub="white",col="white",
    bg="slategray")
with(dicentric,interaction.plot(doseamt,doserate,ca/cells))
dev.off()
```

Rate Models



▶ MODEL 1: Linearly modeling the ratio directly seems to fit well, but there is overdispersion.

```
lmod <- lm(ca/cells ~ log(doserate)*factor(doseamt), dicentric); summary(lmod)</pre>
```

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	0.06349	0.01953	3.25	0.0038
log(doserate)	0.00457	0.01669	0.27	0.7868
<pre>factor(doseamt)2.5</pre>	0.27631	0.02762	10.01	1.9e-09
<pre>factor(doseamt)5</pre>	1.00412	0.02762	36.36	< 2e-16
<pre>log(doserate):factor(doseamt)2.5</pre>	0.06393	0.02361	2.71	0.0132
<pre>log(doserate):factor(doseamt)5</pre>	0.23913	0.02361	10.13	1.5e-09

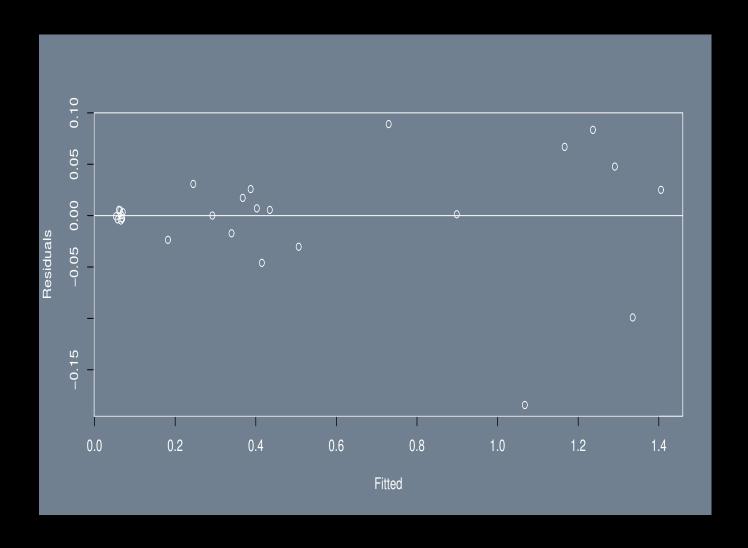
```
Residual standard error: 0.0586 on 21 degrees of freedom
```

Multiple R-squared: 0.987, Adjusted R-squared: 0.984

F-statistic: 330 on 5 and 21 DF, p-value: <2e-16

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Rate Models



► MODEL 2: Poisson modeling directly the counts, starting with logging the number of cells since it has a multiplicative effect on the outcome, and make doseamt a factor:

```
dicentric$dosef <- factor(dicentric$doseamt)
pmod <- glm(ca ~ log(cells)+log(doserate)*dosef,family=poisson,dicentric)
summary(pmod)</pre>
```

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z)
(Intercept)	-2.7653	0.3812	-7.25	4e-13
log(cells)	1.0025	0.0514	19.52	< 2e-16
log(doserate)	0.0720	0.0355	2.03	0.04240
dosef2.5	1.6298	0.1027	15.87	< 2e-16
dosef5	2.7667	0.1229	22.52	< 2e-16
<pre>log(doserate):dosef2.5</pre>	0.1611	0.0484	3.33	0.00087
log(doserate):dosef5	0.1932	0.0430	4.49	7e-06

(Dispersion parameter for poisson family taken to be 1)

```
Null deviance: 916.127 on 26 degrees of freedom Residual deviance: 21.748 on 20 degrees of freedom AIC: 211.2
```

Using an Offset

- ▶ We just modeled these as counts independent of the amount of exposure.
- ▶ But the deaths are actually out of a number of cases exposed.
- ▶ This is called a rate model in the count literature: events per unit of exposed.
- ➤ Thus we want to put exposure on the RHS of the model, being careful about logs:

$$\log \left(\frac{\mathbb{E}[Y|\boldsymbol{\beta}, \mathbf{X}]}{\text{exposure}} \right) = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}$$
$$\log(\mathbb{E}[Y|\boldsymbol{\beta}, \mathbf{X}]) - \log(\text{exposure}) = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}$$
$$\log(\mathbb{E}[Y|\boldsymbol{\beta}, \mathbf{X}]) = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \log(\text{exposure})$$
$$\mathbb{E}[Y|\boldsymbol{\beta}, \mathbf{X}] = \exp\left[\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \log(\text{exposure})\right]$$

which justifies putting a log-constant on the RHS to reflect the number exposed in each case.

▶ In R this is done with the offset() specification, for example:

```
glm(Y ~ X1 + X2 + offset(X3), family=poisson, data=swe07)
```

► MODEL 3: make this intuitive like a standard Poisson model:

$$\log\left(\frac{\mathtt{ca}}{\mathtt{cells}}\right) = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \log(\mathtt{ca}) = \log(\mathtt{cells}) + \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}.$$

▶ Note also the estimate log(cells) 1.0025 in the previous model, which suggests that this parameter is really just 1, so fix it at one using an offset:

```
rmod <- glm(ca ~ offset(log(cells))+log(doserate)*dosef, family=poisson, dicentric);

Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)

(Intercept) -2.7467 0.0343 -80.16 < 2e-16

log(doserate) 0.0718 0.0352 2.04 0.04130

dosef2.5 1.6254 0.0495 32.86 < 2e-16

dosef5 2.7611 0.0435 63.49 < 2e-16

log(doserate):dosef2.5 0.1612 0.0483 3.34 0.00084

log(doserate):dosef5 0.1935 0.0424 4.56 5.1e-06

(Dispersion parameter for poisson family taken to be 1)
```

```
Null deviance: 4753.00 on 26 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 21.75 on 21 degrees of freedom
```

AIC: 209.2

Zero-Inflated Poisson Model

- ➤ Zero-inflated Poisson (ZIP) regression is first introduced Lambert (1992) although the ZIP distribution, without covariates, has been discussed early in literatures (Cohen 1963, Yip 1988).
- ➤ The main advantage of this model is to deal with so called "structural" zeros in modeling count data.
- ▶ The ZIP regression model assumes that zeros are observed with probability π , and the rest of observations come from a Poisson(λ) with probability 1π .

Zero-Inflated Poisson Model

ightharpoonup Let Y_1, \ldots, Y_N be a sample of size N independently drawn from

$$Y_i \sim \begin{cases} 0 & \text{with probability } \pi_i \\ \text{Poisson}(\lambda_i) & \text{with probability } 1 - \pi_i \end{cases}$$

➤ So the probability mass function is given by

$$P(Y_i = h) = \begin{cases} \pi_i + (1 - \pi_i)e^{-\lambda_i} & \text{for } h = 0\\ (1 - \pi_i)e^{-\lambda_i}\lambda_i^h/h! & \text{for } h = 1, 2, \dots \end{cases}$$

Zero-Inflated Poisson Model

- ➤ The regression model with this zero-inflated Poisson distribution now consists of two generalized linear models.
- ▶ The first part is a logistic regression, specified by $\operatorname{logit}(\pi_i) = \mathbf{u}_i^{\mathsf{T}} \boldsymbol{\gamma}$, where the response variable states zero or nonzero status and $\boldsymbol{\gamma}$ is a regression coefficient vector for covariates $\mathbf{u}_i^{\mathsf{T}}$.
- ► The second part is a poisson regression, specified by $\log(\lambda_i) = \mathbf{x}_i^{\mathrm{T}} \boldsymbol{\beta}$, where the response variable is a non-negative count from a $\operatorname{Poisson}(\lambda_i)$ and $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ is a regression coefficient vector for covariates $\mathbf{x}_i^{\mathrm{T}}$.
- ➤ This separation allows the predictors in each model to perform different roles; for example, what causes exact zeros (no-movement) is different from what causes vigorous activities.

Hurdle Model

- ➤ A similar approach to handle zero-inflated count data is also introduced in Mullahy (1986) referred as a hurdle model.
- ➤ This model utilizes a zero-truncated Poisson distribution:

$$P(Y_i = h|Y_i > 0) = \lambda_i^h / \{(e^{\lambda_i} - 1)h!\}$$

➤ The probability mass function in the ZIP model is modified to

$$P(Y_i = h) = \begin{cases} \pi_i & \text{for } h = 0\\ (1 - \pi_i)\lambda_i^h / \{(e^{\lambda_i} - 1)h!\} & \text{for } h = 1, 2, \dots \end{cases}$$

▶ The hurdle model has the advantage of handling both zero-inflated and zero-deflated count data.

Congress and the Supreme Court

➤ Zorn (1996) observes...

Whether due to institutional deference, agreement with case outcomes, or simple inattention, the typical Supreme Court decision is final: Congress rarely intervenes to modify or overturn the high Court's ruling. As a result, the vast majority of Supreme Court cases are never addressed by the Congress.

➤ So this is a perfect application for ZIP and hurdle models.

Descriptive Statistics for Dependent and Independent Variables

		Std.		
Variables	Mean	Dev.	Min.	Max.
Number of Actions Taken	0.11	0.64	0	11
ln(Exposure)	2.04	0.55	0	2.30
Year of Decision	1972.4	9.85	1953	1988
Liberal Decision	0.52	0.50	0	1
Lower Court Disagreement	0.23	0.42	0	1
Alteration of Precedent	0.02	0.15	0	1
Declaration of Unconstitutionality	0.08	0.27	0	1
Unanimous Vote	0.34	0.47	0	1

Note: N = 4052. Data are all Supreme Court decisions handed down during the 1953-1987 terms and which fall under the jurisdiction of House and Senate Judiciary committees. See Zorn and Caldeiral (1995) and Eskridge (1991) for a fuller description of how the cases were selected and coded for analysis.

Congress and the Supreme Court

- ➤ The vast majority of decisions received no Congressional scrutiny.
- ➤ Of those that did, the total number of such actions ranged from one to eleven, with a mean of 2.6.
- ▶ he data contain significantly more zeros than would be predicted by a Poisson with a mean of 0.11.
- ► In nearly 96 percent of all cases analyzed here no Congressional response occurred during the 1979-1988 period.

Frequencies: Numbers of House and Senate Actions Taken in Response to Supreme Court Decisions, 1979-1988

Number of Actions	Frequency	Percentage
0	3882	95.80
1	63	1.55
2	38	0.94
3	32	0.79
4	8	0.20
5	12	0.30
6	12	0.30
7	3	0.07
10	1	0.02
11	1	0.02
Total	4052	100.0

Model Results (Numbers in parentheses are t-ratios)

Variables	Poisson	Negative Binomial
(Constant)	-160.125 (-9.91)	-134.411 (-4.93)
log(Exposure)	0.544 (4.77)	0.178 (0.67)
Year of Decision	0.079 (9.82)	0.067 (4.89)
Liberal Decision	0.296 (3.02)	0.099 (0.45)
Lower Court Disagreement	-0.212 (-1.79)	-0.321 (-1.22)
Alteration of Precedent	-0.254 (-0.67)	-0.102 (-0.13)
Declaration of Unconstitutionality	-1.838 (-4.78)	-1.538 (-2.89)
Unanimous Decision	-0.407 (-3.74)	-0.297 (-1.28)
(σ)	-	32.233 (30.96)
Log-Likelihood	-1636.308	-989.542

	Zero-Inflated Poisson		Hurdle F	oisson
Variables	Prob(Y=0)	E(Y)	Prob(Y>0)	E(Y)
(Constant)	153.580	-8.793	-153.217	-9.967
	(6.35)	(-0.63)	(-5.86)	(-0.60)
log(Exposure)	-0.487	0.089	0.510	0.079
	(-2.64)	(0.65)	(2.76)	(0.62)
Year of Decision	-0.076	0.005	0.076	0.005
	(-6.24)	(0.68)	(5.77)	(0.64)
Liberal Decision	-0.091	0.190	0.139	0.192
	(-0.54)	(2.08)	(0.87)	(1.70)
Lower Court	0.043	-0.138	-0.079	-0.147
Disagreement	(0.22)	(-1.30)	(-0.43)	(-1.01)
Alteration of	-0.401	-0.582	0.171	-0.601
Precedent	(-0.65)	(-1.08)	(0.34)	(-1.11)
Declaration of	1.590	-0.421	-1.696	-0.367
Unconstitutionality	(2.42)	(-0.69)	(-2.88)	(-0.78)
Unanimous	0.499	0.098 (0.96)	-0.460	0.088
Decision	(2.58)		(-2.59)	(0.70)
Log-Likelihood	-979.483		-671.4	128

Gamma Regression

- ▶ The Gamma GLM is used when the support of the outcome variable is $[0:\infty]$.
- \triangleright Assume Y is distributed gamma indexed by two parameters: the shape parameter, and the inverse-scale parameter.
- ➤ The gamma distribution is most commonly written in "rate" format:

$$f(y|\alpha,\beta) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \beta^{\alpha} y^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta y}, \qquad y,\alpha,\beta > 0.$$

▶ R uses as a default the "scale" format:

$$f(y|\alpha,\beta) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \beta^{-\alpha} y^{\alpha-1} e^{-y/\beta}, \qquad y,\alpha,\beta > 0.$$

Gamma Regression

- ▶ The canonical link for the gamma family variable μ , is $\theta = -\frac{1}{\mu}$.
- ▶ So $b(\theta) = \log(\mu) = \log(-\frac{1}{\theta})$ with the restriction: $\theta < 0$. Therefore: $b(\theta) = -\log(-\theta)$.
- ▶ The χ^2 distribution is gamma $(\frac{\rho}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ for ρ degrees of freedom, and the exponential distribution is gamma $(1, \beta)$.

Gamma GLM of Electoral Politics in Scotland

- On September 11, 1997 Scottish voters overwhelming (74.3%) approved the establishment of the first Scottish national parliament in nearly three hundred years.
- On the same ballot, the voters gave strong support (63.5%) to granting this parliament taxation powers.
- Data: 32 *Unitary Authorities* (also called council districts), U.K. government sources, includes 40 potential explanatory variables
- Used here: CouncilTax (COU), PerClaimantFemale (PCR), StdMortalityRatio (MOR), Active (ACT), GDP (GDP), Percentage5to15 (PER).

The model for these data using the gamma link function is produced by:

$$\underbrace{g^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\theta})}_{32\times1} = g^{-1}(\boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\boldsymbol{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}}$$

$$= -[\mathbf{1}\beta_0 + \mathbf{COU}\beta_1 + \mathbf{PCR}\beta_2 + \mathbf{MOR}\beta_3 + \mathbf{ACT}\beta_4 + \mathbf{GDP}\beta_5]^{-1}$$

$$= E[\mathbf{Y}] = E[\mathbf{YES}].$$

The systematic component here is $X\beta$, the stochastic component is Y = YES, and the link function is $\theta = -\frac{1}{u}$.

Gamma GLM

Gamma GLM

Family: Gamma I	Link function: i	nverse			
	Coef	Std.Err.	0.95 Lower	0.95 Upper	CIs:ZE+RO
(Intercept)	-1.777	1.148	-4.026	0.473	0
CouncilTax	0.005	0.002	0.002	0.008	0
PerClaimantFemale	0.203	0.053	0.099	0.308	0
StdMortalityRatio	-0.007	0.003	-0.012	-0.002	0
Active	0.011	0.004	0.003	0.019	0
GDP	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0
Percentage5to15	-0.052	0.024	-0.099	-0.005	0
CouncilTax:PerClaima	antFemale 0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0
N: 32 log-likelih	nood: 59.892	AIC: -111	.784 Disper	csion Parame	ter: 0.0035842

Null deviance: 0.536 on 31 degrees of freedom

Residual deviance: 0.087 on 24 degrees of freedom