

Statistics 203: Introduction to Regression and Analysis of Variance

Generalized Linear Models I

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- Response: $Y_i \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_i)$ independent.
- Popular applications:
 1. anything with count data
 2. contingency tables
- Link functions:
 1. $g(x) = \log(x)$;
 2. $g(x) = 1/x$
- Variance function: $V(\mu) = \mu$.



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- In logistic regression, we identified logit as “canonical” link because

$$g'(\mu) = \frac{1}{V(\mu)}.$$

- We have to solve

$$g'(\mu) = \frac{1}{\mu}.$$

- Therefore, in Poisson regression the canonical link is

$$g(\mu) = \log \mu.$$



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- An $m \times k$ contingency table is a table of counts categorized by two categorical variables A and B

	B(1)	...	B(k)	
A(1)	Y_{11}	...	Y_{1k}	$Y_{1.}$
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
A(n)	Y_{n1}	...	Y_{nk}	$Y_{n.}$
	$Y_{.1}$...	$Y_{.k}$	$Y_{..}$

where $Y_{ij} \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_{ij})$.

- Thinking of categorizing a population of birds, say, by two variables: one being occurrence (or not) of West Nile virus, the other, which type of bird.
- Question: is there more West Nile virus in one type of bird? Or, if we sample a bird at random are the events $\{\text{has West Nile virus}\}$ and $\{\text{is a bird of type } j\}$ independent?
- Equivalent to

$$H_0 : \mathbb{E}(Y_{ij}) = \lambda_{i,A} \times \lambda_{j,B} \iff \log(\mathbb{E}(Y_{ij})) = \eta_i + \gamma_j$$



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■ Under H_0

$$\hat{Y}_{ij} = \frac{Y_{i\cdot} Y_{\cdot j}}{Y_{\cdot\cdot}}$$

■ Pearson's X^2

$$X^2 = \sum_{i,j} \frac{\left(Y_{ij} - \hat{Y}_{ij}\right)^2}{\hat{Y}_{ij}}.$$

■ Under H_0 , if λ_{ij} 's are not too small, X^2 is approximately $\chi^2_{nk-n-k+1}$.



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- Easy to see that the Poisson deviance is

$$DEV(\mu|Y) = 2 \left(Y \log \frac{Y}{\mu} - (Y - \mu) \right).$$

- Because $\phi = 1$ in a Poisson model, under H_0

$$2 \sum_{i,j} \left(Y_{ij} \log \frac{Y_{ij}}{\hat{Y}_{ij}} - (Y_{ij} - \hat{Y}_{ij}) \right) \sim \chi_{nk-k+1}^2$$



Overdispersed Poisson models

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- If the data truly is Poisson, $\phi = 1$ but *not all* count data is Poisson.
- Example that throw off “Poisson”ness: clustering, i.e. counting disease occurrence within families and using many families. If disease has a genetic component then the total number of occurrences will be more like a mixture of Poissons.
- How to accomodate this in inference (or test for it)?

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



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- Pearson's X^2 can be thought of as a sum of “weighted” residuals squared.

- Pearson residual

$$r_{i,P} = \frac{Y_i - \hat{\mu}_i}{V(\hat{\mu}_i)}$$

- Deviance in a GLM can be expressed as a sum of n terms:

$$DEV(\hat{\mu}|Y) = \sum_{i=1}^n DEV(\hat{\mu}_i|Y_i)$$

- Leads to deviance residuals

$$r_{i,DEV} = \text{sign}(Y_i - \hat{\mu}_i) \cdot \sqrt{DEV(\hat{\mu}_i|Y_i)}$$

these are the default ones in R.

- Once you have residuals, one can do all the standard diagnostic plots.



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- Univariate root finding: suppose we want to find a root of $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Start at some x_0 ,

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}, \quad n \geq 0.$$

- Multivariate root finding: suppose we want to find roots of $f : \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$

$$\{x \in \mathbb{R}^p : f(x) = 0 \in \mathbb{R}^p\}.$$

Start at some x_0

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - Jf(x_n)^{-1}f(x_n), \quad n \geq 0.$$

where Jf is the Jacobean of f .

- Convergence to a solution is guaranteed (at least assuming that all solutions points x^* have $\det(Jf(x^*)) \neq 0$).



Finding critical points

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- Multivariate critical point finding: suppose we want to find critical points of $g : \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Start at some x_0

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \nabla^2 g(x_n)^{-1} \nabla g(x_n), \quad n \geq 0$$

where $\nabla^2 g(x)$ is the Hessian of g .

- Convergence to a critical point is guaranteed assuming $\det(\nabla^2 g(x^*)) \neq 0$ for all critical points x^* .
- If g is convex: convergence to global minimizer, otherwise can converge to other critical points.



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■ In the Poisson model,

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} DEV(\hat{\mu}|Y) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} DEV(\hat{\mu}_i|Y_i) \\ &= - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{Y_i - \hat{\mu}_i}{\hat{\mu}_i} \frac{\partial \hat{\mu}_i}{\partial \beta_j} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{Y_i - \hat{\mu}_i}{\hat{\mu}_i} \frac{1}{g'(\hat{\mu}_i)} X_{ij}\end{aligned}$$



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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \beta_k \partial \beta_j} DEV(\hat{\mu}|Y) \\
 &= - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_k} \left(\frac{Y_i - \hat{\mu}_i}{\hat{\mu}_i} \frac{1}{g'(\hat{\mu}_i)} X_{ij} \right) \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{\hat{\mu}_i} \frac{1}{g'(\hat{\mu}_i)^2} X_{ij} X_{ik} + \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + (Y_i - \hat{\mu}_i) \left(-\frac{1}{V(\hat{\mu}_i)^2} \cdot \frac{\partial V(\hat{\mu}_i)}{\partial \hat{\mu}_i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_k} \frac{1}{g'(\hat{\mu}_i)} X_{ij} \right) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore Newton-Raphson needs the extra terms not in our algorithm!

$$\mathbb{E}_{\beta=\hat{\beta}} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \beta_k \partial \beta_j} DEV(\hat{\mu}|Y) \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\hat{\mu}_i} \frac{1}{g'(\hat{\mu}_i)^2} X_{ij} X_{ik}$$



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- If $g'(\mu) = V(\mu)^{-1} = \mu^{-1}$ in the Poisson case, then

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} DEV(\hat{\mu}|Y) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} DEV(\hat{\mu}_i|Y_i) \\ &= - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{Y_i - \hat{\mu}_i}{\hat{\mu}_i} \frac{\partial \hat{\mu}_i}{\partial \beta_j} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \hat{\mu}_i) X_{ij}\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \beta_k \partial \beta_j} DEV(\hat{\mu}|Y) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{g'(\hat{\mu}_i)} X_{ik} X_{ij} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n V(\hat{\mu}_i) X_{ik} X_{ij}\end{aligned}$$



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- We have seen logistic and Poisson regression: when else can we talk about GLMs?
- Suppose the density or mass function of Y

$$f(Y|\theta, \phi) \propto \exp((y\theta - b(\theta))/a(\phi) + c(y, \phi))$$

then

$$\ell(\theta, \phi|Y) = (y\theta - b(\theta))/a(\phi) + c(y, \phi)$$

- Using the facts

$$\mathbb{E}_{(\theta, \phi)} \left(\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \theta} \right) = 0$$

$$\text{Var}_{(\theta, \phi)} \left(\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \theta} \right) = -\mathbb{E}_{(\theta, \phi)} \left(\frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial \theta^2} \right)$$

we see

$$\mathbb{E}(Y) = b'(\theta), \quad \text{Var}(y) = b''(\theta)a(\phi).$$

- Poisson: $b(\theta) = e^\theta$, $a(\phi) = 1$.



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- The variance function is

$$V(\mu) = b'' \circ b'^{-1}(\mu).$$

- The canonical link is $g = b' - 1$.

- Why?

$$g'(\mu) = \frac{1}{b''(b'^{-1}(\mu))} = \frac{1}{V(\mu)}$$

- Poisson: $g(x) = \log x$