

negative binomial regression

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Negative binomial regression is a generalization of poisson regression. It removes the restriction of variance-mean equality. Similarly, the dependent variable follows the negative binomial distribution. Assume there are only 2 independent variables and we let x_1 be 0 and 1.

$$\begin{aligned} E[Y_i|x_i, \tau_i] &= \mu_i \tau_i \\ &= e^{x_i \beta + \epsilon_i} \\ E[Y_i|x_i, \tau_i] &= e^{x_1 \beta_1 + x_2 \beta_2 + \epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2} \\ first\ diff &= e^{\beta_1 + x_2 \beta_2 + \epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2} - e^{x_2 \beta_2 + \epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2} \end{aligned}$$

The τ_i is independent of the regressors. The introduction of τ_i is to generalize poisson regression.