

# Week 3: Generalised Linear Models (GLM)

# 3.1 Generalised Linear Models definition and examples

- **Definition**

- The idea of a generalised linear model (GLM): Nelder and Wedderburn (1972)
- GLM is defined as a set of independent random variables  $Y_1, \dots, Y_N$  each with a distribution from the **exponential family** with the following properties:
  - The distribution of each  $Y_i$  has the **canonical form** and depends on a **single parameter**  $\theta_i$  (the  $\theta_i$ s do not all have to be the same), thus

$$f(y_i; \theta_i) = \exp[y_i b(\theta_i) + c(\theta_i) + d(y_i)]$$

- The distributions of all the  $Y_i$ s are of the same form (e.g. all Gaussian, or all Poisson). The joint density function for independent  $Y_i$ 's is

*$Y_i$ 's are indep and with the same dist*

$$\begin{aligned} f(y_1, \dots, y_N; \theta_1, \dots, \theta_N) &= \prod_{i=1}^N \exp[y_i b(\theta_i) + c(\theta_i) + d(y_i)] \quad \checkmark \\ &= \exp \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N y_i b(\theta_i) + \sum_{i=1}^N c(\theta_i) + \sum_{i=1}^N d(y_i) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (3.1.1)$$

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## • Cont. Definition

- The  $N$  parameters  $\theta_i$  are typically not of direct interest.
- We are interested in a smaller set of parameters  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_p$ , where  $p < N$ .
  - Suppose that  $E(Y_i) = \mu_i$  is some function of  $\theta_i$ .
  - For a GLM there is a transformation of  $\mu_i$  such that

\* when defining the link function we need it to be consistent with the range and nature of response variable.

$$\eta_i = g(\mu_i) = x_i^T \beta$$

link function  $\leftarrow$   $g(\mu_i)$   $\rightarrow$  linear relationship based on  $\mu_i \in \mathbb{R}$  (3.1.2)

- where
- $g$  is a monotone, differentiable function called the **link function**,
  - $x_i$  is a  $p$  vector of explanatory variables (or covariates) and the  $i$ th column of the design matrix  $\mathbf{X}$

$$x_i^T = (x_{i1}, \dots, x_{ip})$$

- $\beta$  is the  $p$  vector of parameters.

- For responses  $Y_1, \dots, Y_N$ , we can write a GLM in matrix notation as

$$g[E(y)] = \mathbf{X}\beta,$$

Elements of  $\mathbf{X}$  are constants for levels of categorical explanatory variables or measured values of continuous explanatory variables

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\* normal dist belongs to exp family  
\* its in the canonical form  
 $a(\eta_i) = \eta_i$     $b(\mu_i) = \frac{\mu_i}{\sigma}$

- **Example: Normal linear model**

- The best known case of a GLM is the normal linear model

$$E(Y_i) = \mu_i = x_i^T \beta; \quad Y_i \sim N(\mu_i, \sigma^2)$$

- The link function is the identity function  $g(\mu_i) = \mu_i$ .  $\longrightarrow \mu_i = x_i^T \beta$
- This model is usually written in the form

$$y = X\beta + \varepsilon$$

where  $\varepsilon$  is a vector of i.i.d. random variables with  $\varepsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$ .

- In this form, the linear component  $\mu = X\beta$  represents the 'signal' and  $\varepsilon$  represents the 'noise'.
  - Multiple regression and ANOVA (analysis of variance) are of this form

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- MLE for GLMs

- The joint distribution is

$$f(Y_1, \dots, Y_N | \theta_1, \dots, \theta_N) = \prod_{i=1}^N \exp[Y_i b(\theta_i) + c(\theta_i) + d(Y_i)]$$
$$= \exp \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N Y_i b(\theta_i) + \sum_{i=1}^N c(\theta_i) + \sum_{i=1}^N d(Y_i) \right]$$

Handwritten notes:

$$L(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N)$$
$$= \exp \left( \sum_{i=1}^N Y_i b(\theta_i) + \dots \right)$$
$$\ell = \log L(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N)$$

The log-likelihood for all the  $Y_i$ 's is then

$$\ell(\theta; Y_1, \dots, Y_N) = \sum_{i=1}^N \ell_i = \sum_{i=1}^N Y_i b(\theta_i) + \sum_{i=1}^N c(\theta_i) + \sum_{i=1}^N d(Y_i).$$

- For each  $Y_i$ , we know that

$$\mathbb{E}(Y_i) = \mu_i = -\frac{c'(\theta_i)}{b'(\theta_i)}, \quad \text{Var}(Y_i) = \frac{b''(\theta_i)c'(\theta_i) - c''(\theta_i)b'(\theta_i)}{[b'(\theta_i)]^3}, \quad g(\mu_i) = \mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta} = \eta_i.$$

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- **Cont. MLE for GLMs**

- The **score function** is then given by

$$U_j = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \frac{(Y_i - \mu_i)}{\text{Var}(Y_i)} X_{ij} \left( \frac{d\mu_i}{d\eta_i} \right) \right] \quad (3.1.4)$$

Detailed proof

- The variance-covariance matrix of the score is

$$\mathcal{I}_{jk} = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{X_{ij} X_{ik}}{\text{Var}(Y_i)} \left( \frac{d\mu_i}{d\eta_i} \right)^2 \quad (3.1.6)$$

Detailed proof

- How to apply the method of scoring to approximate the MLE??

Provide details

## 3.2 Logistic Regression

- General logistic regression

multiple logistic regression (more than 2 predictor)  
multinomial logistic regression (more than 2 option for  $Y_i$ )

- Consider a model where the outcome variables are measured on a binary scale.

- Define a binary random variable

$$P(Y_i = 1) = \pi_i = 1 - P(Y_i = 0)$$

$$P(Y_i = y) = \pi_i^{y_i} (1 - \pi_i)^{1 - y_i}$$

$$Y = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if the outcome is a "success" } \pi \\ 0 & \text{if the outcome is a "failure" } (1 - \pi) \end{cases} \quad (3.2.1)$$

i.e.  $Y$  has a Bernoulli distribution,  $Y \sim B(\pi)$ .

$$Y \sim B(n, \pi)$$

- Goal:** The goal is to relate  $\pi_i$  to a set of explanatory variables  $\mathbf{x}_i^T$ .
- The joint likelihood function is

Binomial dist  
n: # of repeat  
 $\pi$ : prob. of success

$$f(Y_1, \dots, Y_N | \pi) = \prod_{i=1}^N \pi_i^{Y_i} (1 - \pi_i)^{1 - Y_i}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \prod_{i=1}^N \pi_i^{Y_i} (1 - \pi_i)^{1 - Y_i} = \exp \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N Y_i \log \left( \frac{\pi_i}{1 - \pi_i} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^N \log(1 - \pi_i) \right] \quad (3.2.3)$$

natural parameter  $\rightarrow$  canonical link function

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$$Y_i \sim \mathcal{B}(\pi_i) \longrightarrow E(Y_i) = \pi_i \text{ and } \text{Var}(Y_i) = \pi_i(1 - \pi_i)$$

- **Cont. General logistic regression**

- We want to describe the probability of success with respect to some predictors:

$$g(\pi_i) = \mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta} \quad (3.2.4)$$

Note that

- The response variable is binary and not continuous
- The response variable is bounded (in  $[0, 1]$ )
- The variance is not constant  $\text{Var}(Y_i) = \pi_i(1 - \pi_i)$

Similar considerations apply to ordinal response variables.

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- **Example 1: Predicting the medical condition based on the symptoms**

- Suppose there are three possible diagnoses:

$$Y = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{stroke} \\ 2 & \text{drug overdose} \\ 3 & \text{epileptic seizure} \end{cases}$$

- Using a linear regression would assume
  - The ordering is meaningful: numbers 1, 2 and 3 are just labels!
  - The difference between "stroke" and "drug overdose" has the same meaning than that between "drug overdose" and "epileptic seizure"

## 3.2 Logistic Regression

- **Cont. Example 1.**
- The general logistic regression model is

*natural parameter  
≡ canonical link function*

$$\text{logit}(\pi_i) = \log \left( \frac{\pi_i}{1 - \pi_i} \right) = \mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta} \quad (3.2.5)$$

where

- $\mathbf{x}_i$  is a vector of either continuous measurements or categorical variables
- $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  is a parameter vector.

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$$\begin{aligned} \pi_i \rightarrow 0 &\implies \frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i} \rightarrow 0 \\ \pi_i \rightarrow 1 &\implies \frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i} \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

- Cont. Example 1.

- $\frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i} \in [0, \infty)$  is an odds, indicating very low and very high probability  $\pi_i$ .

$$\log\left(\frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i}\right) = \mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta} \implies \pi_i = \frac{\exp[\mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}]}{1 + \exp[\mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}]}$$

- The log-likelihood can be rewritten with respect to  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  can be estimated by maximizing  $\ell(\boldsymbol{\beta}; \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x})$ :

$$\ell(\boldsymbol{\beta}; \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ y_i \log\left(\frac{\exp[\mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}]}{1 + \exp[\mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}]}\right) + (1 - y_i) \log\left(\frac{1}{1 + \exp[\mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}]}\right) \right] \quad (3.2.6)$$

- The estimation process is the same if  $Y_i \sim \text{Bin}(n, \pi)$  (modify to consider  $n$ ).
- If the goal is prediction, one might predict

$$Y_{N+1} = 1 \quad \text{if } \pi_{N+1} | \mathbf{x}_{N+1}^\top > 0.5.$$

Other thresholds could also be used, e.g., to be conservative, set the threshold to 0.1.

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- **Example 2: Analysis of trade union dataset**

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- **Prediction**

- Once the coefficients have been estimated, predictions are obtained by using those estimates with the desired level of predictors.

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## 3.2 Logistic Regression

- Goodness of fit

- In a linear model, residual plots are useful in exhibiting violations of model assumptions (e.g. independence, homoscedasticity).
- In a GLM, we would like to assign a residual  $e_i$  to each observation which measures the discrepancy between  $Y_i$  and the value predicted by the fitted model.
- There are two main difficulties associated with generalised linear models:
  - The model variances depend on the expectations; Binomial  $\mu_i = n_i p_i, \sigma^2 = n_i p_i (1 - p_i)$
  - It is not obvious that data and fitted values should be compared on the original Poisson scale of the responses.  $\mu_i = \lambda_i, \sigma^2 = \lambda_i$

link function  $g(\mu_i) = \eta_i = \mathbf{x}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}$

logistic regression  $y_i = 0 \text{ or } 1$  while fitted values  $\hat{\pi}_i \in (0, 1)$   
set a threshold  $\hat{y}_i$

## 3.2 Logistic Regression

- **Goodness of fit: Pearson chi-squared statistic**

- **Pearson residuals:** the difference between observed and fitted values, divide by an estimate of the standard deviation of the observed values.
- For  $Y_i \sim \text{Bin}(n_i, \pi_i)$ , the Pearson residuals are

$$P_i = \frac{(y_i - n_i \hat{\pi}_i)}{\sqrt{n_i \hat{\pi}_i (1 - \hat{\pi}_i)}}, \quad i = 1, \dots, N.$$

- Instead of maximising the likelihood, estimate the parameters by minimising the weighted sum of squares

$$S_w = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(y_i - \mathbb{E}(Y_i))^2}{\text{Var}(Y_i)} = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(y_i - n_i \pi_i)^2}{n_i \pi_i (1 - \pi_i)}$$

- If  $o_i$  is the observed and  $e_i$  is the expected frequencies, then **Pearson chi-squared statistic** is

$$P^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(o_i - e_i)^2}{e_i}.$$

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- Cont. Goodness of fit: Pearson chi-squared statistic

- The reason for the equivalence is

$\sum \frac{(o_i - e_i)^2}{e_i}$

$P^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(y_i - n_i \pi_i)^2}{n_i \pi_i} + \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{[(n_i - y_i) - n_i(1 - \pi_i)]^2}{n_i(1 - \pi_i)}$

$= \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(y_i - n_i \pi_i)^2}{n_i \pi_i (1 - \pi_i)} (1 - \pi_i + \pi_i) = S_w$

*Handwritten notes: "expected values" points to  $n_i \pi_i$  and  $n_i(1 - \pi_i)$ .  $P^2$  and  $S_w$  are circled in green.*

- $P^2$  is evaluated at the estimated expected frequencies; i.e.,  $P^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(y_i - n_i \hat{\pi}_i)^2}{n_i \hat{\pi}_i (1 - \hat{\pi}_i)}$

Frequencies for  $N$  Binomial distributions.

	Subgroups			
	1	2	...	$N$
Successes	$Y_1$	$Y_2$	...	$Y_N$
Failures	$n_1 - Y_1$	$n_2 - Y_2$	...	$n_N - Y_N$
Totals	$n_1$	$n_2$	...	$n_N$

*Handwritten notes: "observed" points to  $Y_1$ . Arrows point from the Successes and Failures rows to the right.*

## 3.2 Logistic Regression

- **Goodness of fit: Deviance**

- The deviance for the logistic model is

$$D = 2 \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ y_i \log \left( \frac{y_i}{n_i \hat{\pi}_i} \right) + (n_i - y_i) \log \left( \frac{n_i - y_i}{n_i - n_i \hat{\pi}_i} \right) \right] \quad (3.2.7)$$

Proof

- The deviance is asymptotically equivalent to the Pearson chi-squared statistic evaluated at the estimated expected frequencies. (Proof)
- Under the null hypothesis ( $H_0$ ), the asymptotic distribution of  $D$  is

$$D \sim \chi^2(N - p) \quad \Rightarrow \quad P^2 \sim \chi^2(N - p) \quad (3.2.8)$$

- The adequacy of the approximation depends on how well  $D$  or  $P^2$  are  $\chi^2$ -distributed.
- There is some evidence that  $P^2$  is better than  $D$ , however both of them are influenced by small frequencies. This is typical of continuous covariates.

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- **Goodness of fit: Hosmer-Lemeshow Statistic**

- A possible solution is to group observations, based on their predicted probabilities.
- Each group has approximately equal numbers of observations.
- The Pearson chi-squared statistic is computed on the contingency table obtained by grouping observations.
- This statistic is called Hosmer-Lemeshow statistic.

$g \rightarrow$  less than 10

$\hookrightarrow$  2 rows  $\begin{cases} \text{success} \\ \text{failure} \end{cases}$   
 $g$  columns

$$\hookrightarrow \sim \chi^2_{g-2}$$

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## 3.2 Logistic Regression

- Likelihood ratio, Pseudo  $R^2$ , AIC and BIC

- Likelihood ratio  $\chi^2$  statistic

- Compare the log-likelihood of the fitted model with the log-likelihood of the minimal model, in which all  $\pi_i$  are equal and  $\tilde{\pi} = \sum_{i=1}^N y_i / \sum_{i=1}^N n_i$ .
    - The statistic is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} C &= 2[\ell(\hat{\pi}; \mathbf{y}) - \ell(\tilde{\pi}; \mathbf{y})] \\ &= 2 \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ y_i \log \left( \frac{\hat{y}_i}{n_i \tilde{\pi}} \right) + (n_i - y_i) \log \left( \frac{n_i - \hat{y}_i}{n_i - n_i \tilde{\pi}} \right) \right] \sim \chi^2(p - 1) \end{aligned}$$

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- **Pseudo- $R^2$**

- Analogously to the multiple LR, the likelihood ratio statistic can be normalised

$$\text{pseudo-}R^2 = \frac{\ell(\tilde{\pi}; \mathbf{y}) - \ell(\hat{\pi}; \mathbf{y})}{\ell(\tilde{\pi}; \mathbf{y})} \quad (3.2.9)$$

- It represents the proportional improvement in the log-likelihood function due to the terms in the model of interest, compared with the minimal model.
- As for  $R^2$ , the distribution of the pseudo- $R^2$  cannot be determined, and it increases as the number of predictors increases. Therefore, several adjustments have been proposed.

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## 3.2 Logistic Regression

- **Cont. Likelihood ratio, Pseudo  $R^2$ , AIC and BIC**

- **AIC and BIC**

- The Akaike information criterion (AIC) and the Bayesian information criterion (BIC) are very popular goodness of fit statistics based on the log-likelihood, with an adjustment for the number of parameters,  $p$ , and the sample size,  $N$ .

$$AIC = -2\ell(\hat{\pi}; \mathbf{y}) + 2p \quad (3.2.10)$$

$$BIC = -2\ell(\hat{\pi}; \mathbf{y}) + p \times \log N \quad (3.2.11)$$

- **Remark:** all these statistics (except the pseudo- $R^2$ ) summarise how well a particular model fits the data: a small value (or a large p-value) indicates that the model fits well.

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## 3.2 Logistic Regression

- **Residuals**

- For  $Y_i \sim \text{Bin}(n_i, \pi_i)$ , the **Pearson Residuals** are

$$P_i = \frac{(Y_i - n_i \hat{\pi}_i)}{\sqrt{n_i \hat{\pi}_i (1 - \hat{\pi}_i)}}, \quad i = 1, \dots, N$$

which can be **standardised** by dividing by the **leverage**  $h_{ii}$

$$e_{iP} = \frac{P_i}{\sqrt{1 - h_{ii}}}$$

- Notice that  $\sum_{i=1}^N P_i^2 = P^2$
- The **Deviance Residuals** are defined as

$$d_i = \text{sign}(Y_i - n_i \hat{\pi}_i) \left\{ 2 \left[ Y_i \log \left( \frac{y_i}{n_i \hat{\pi}_i} \right) + (n_i - y_i) \log \left( \frac{n_i - Y_i}{n_i - n_i \hat{\pi}_i} \right) \right] \right\}^{1/2}$$

(the sign term makes sure that the signs of  $d_i$  and  $P_i$  match).

- Note that  $\sum_{i=1}^N d_i^2 = D$ , the deviance.

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- **Cont. Residuals**

- The residuals can be used in the usual way: they should be
  - Plotted against each continuous explanatory variable (check linearity assumption)
  - Plotted against other possible explanatory variables not included in the model
  - Plotted in the order of the measurements to check for correlation
  - Through normality plots *→ standardized residuals should be normal*
- For GLM, residual plots are less informative than for multiple LR, therefore check all the other goodness-of-fit statistics.
- Plot residuals against the values of the linear predictors in GLM to look for patterns in the residuals (related to the mean).
- Sometimes, it can be hard to see patterns in residual plots for GLM.
  - In logistic regression, with binary responses, the residuals can only take on two possible values (depending on whether the response is zero or one) and when residuals are plotted against linear predictor values, all points lie on one of the two smooth curves.
- Superimpose a scatterplot smoother on the residual plot to identify any trends.

Example and R Code

## 3.3 Poisson Regression

- **Poisson regression and Log-Linear regression**

- Poisson distribution is used for count data.
- If a random variable  $Y$  is Poisson distributed then it has probability distribution

*natural parameter*

$$\exp \{ y \log \mu - \mu - \log y! \}$$

*canonical form*

$$f(y) = \frac{\mu^y e^{-\mu}}{y!} \quad y = 0, 1, \dots$$
$$E(Y) = \text{Var}(Y) = \mu \quad (3.3.1)$$

where  $\mu$  is a parameter such that  $\mathbb{E}(Y) = \mu$  and which is often called "rate".

### Example

The number of tropical cyclones crossing the North Queensland coast can be represented as a Poisson random variable.

$\mu$ : the rate of tropical cyclones crossing the North Queensland coast in the cyclone season, from November to April.

## 3.3 Poisson Regression

effect of different marketing advertisements of sales  
• the number of people exposed to diff types of advertisement are constant  
response  $\rightarrow$  sale      predictor  $\rightarrow$  type of advertisement

- **Cont. Poisson regression and Log-Linear regression**

- The effect of explanatory variables on the response  $Y$  is modelled through the parameter  $\mu$ .

- **Poisson regression:** the events relate to varying amounts of exposure which need to be taken into account when modelling the rate of events (explanatory variables are usually continuous or categorical)
- **Log-linear regression:** exposure is constant (explanatory variables are usually categorical)

rate of hospital admissions for a specific disease across diff regions.  
response  $\rightarrow$  # of hospital admissions  
predictors  $\rightarrow$  average age in the region, income level  
Exposure  $\rightarrow$  population in each area  $\rightarrow$  offset



## 3.3 Poisson Regression

- **Poisson regression**

- Let  $Y_1, \dots, Y_N$  be independent random variables, with  $Y_i$  denoting the number of events observed from exposure  $n_i$  for the  $i$ -th covariate pattern.
- The expected value of  $Y_i$  is

$$\mathbb{E}(Y_i) = \mu_i = n_i \theta_i. \quad (3.3.2)$$

Parameter  $\theta_i$  depends on a set of explanatory variables  $\mathbf{x}_i$  and is modelled as

$$\theta_i = e^{\mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}} \quad (3.3.3)$$

- The natural link function is the logarithmic function

$$\log \mu_i = \log n_i + \mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta} \quad (3.3.4)$$

- The term  $\log n_i$  is called the **offset**, a known constant.

## 3.3 Poisson Regression

- Cont. Poisson regression

- Interpretation in terms of rate ratio (RR): Suppose we have a dummy variable

$$x_j = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if factor is absent} \\ 1 & \text{if factor is present} \end{cases}$$

Then, if the other explanatory variables stay the same, RR for presence versus absence is

$$RR = \frac{\mathbb{E}(Y_i | \text{present})}{\mathbb{E}(Y_i | \text{absent})} = e^{\beta_j} \quad (3.3.5)$$

- Similarly, for a continuous explanatory variable  $x_l$ ,  $e^{\beta_l}$  represents the multiplicative effect on the rate  $\mu$ .

$$x_l + 1 \longrightarrow \mu \times e^{\beta_l}$$

## 3.3 Poisson Regression

- Residuals for the Poisson model

- Once the regression coefficients are estimated through  $\hat{\beta}$ , the fitted values are given by

$$\hat{Y}_i = \hat{\mu}_i = n_i e^{\mathbf{x}_i^\top \hat{\beta}}, \quad i = 1, \dots, N \quad (3.3.6)$$

- Similarly to LR, we can call these fitted values  $e_i$  since they estimate the expected values  $\mathbb{E}(Y_i) = \mu_i$ .
- Using the fact that  $\text{Var}(Y_i) = \mathbb{E}(Y_i)$ , the **Pearson Residuals** are

$$P_i = \frac{o_i - e_i}{\sqrt{e_i}}$$

where  $o_i$  (or  $Y_i$ ) denotes the observed count and  $e_i$  (or  $\hat{Y}_i$ ) the expected count.

- The Pearson residuals are used to compute the Pearson chi-squared goodness of fit statistic

$$P^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N P_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(o_i - e_i)^2}{e_i} \quad (3.3.7)$$

$$\frac{Y_i - \mathbb{E}(Y_i)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(Y_i)}}$$

## 3.3 Poisson Regression

- Cont. Residuals for the Poisson model

- The deviance residuals are

$$d_i = \text{sign}(o_i - e_i) \sqrt{2[o_i \log(o_i/e_i) - (o_i - e_i)]}, \quad i = 1, \dots, N$$

Again,  $D = \sum d_i^2$  is the deviance and

$$D = 2 \sum_{i=1}^N [o_i \log(o_i/e_i) - (o_i - e_i)] \quad (3.3.8)$$

Since in many cases  $\sum_{i=1}^N o_i = \sum_{i=1}^N e_i$ , we have  $D = 2 \sum_{i=1}^N [o_i \log(o_i/e_i)]$ . Use a Taylor expansion of  $o_i \log(o_i/e_i)$ :

$$o_i \log(o_i/e_i) = (o_i - e_i) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{(o_i - e_i)^2}{e_i} + \dots,$$

$$\Rightarrow D = 2 \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ (o_i - e_i) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{(o_i - e_i)^2}{e_i} - (o_i - e_i) \right] = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \frac{(o_i - e_i)^2}{e_i} \right] = P^2$$

## 3.3 Poisson Regression

- **Cont. Residuals for the Poisson model**

- An important aspect of  $D$  and  $P^2$  is that they depend on the fitted values and the observations, and do not depend on any nuisance parameters (like  $\sigma^2$  for the Normal).

### Example (Poisson regression)

Consider the artificial dataset `poisson` from the `dobson` package in R and which represents counts  $y$  observed at various values of a covariate  $x$ .

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## 3.3 Poisson Regression

### Example (Cont. Poisson regression)

**Assumption:**  $Y_i \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu_i)$

- **Why this assumption??** variability increases with  $Y$ .

If  $Y_i \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu_i)$ , then  $\mathbb{E}(Y_i) = \text{Var}(Y_i)$ . Let us model the relationship between  $Y_i$  and  $X_i$  by the straight line

$$\mathbb{E}(Y_i) = \mu_i = \beta_1 + \beta_2 X_i = \mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, N$ , where

$$\boldsymbol{\beta} = (\beta_1, \beta_2)^\top, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{x}_i = (1, X_i)^\top.$$

### 3.3 Poisson Regression

general:  $\eta_i = g(\mu_i)$

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- Modelling with the identity link function**

- Take the link function to be the identity function:

$\eta_i = \mu_i = \mathbf{x}_i^T \beta \rightarrow$  link function is identity

$$g(\mu_i) = \mu_i = \mathbf{x}_i^T \beta = \eta_i \Rightarrow d\eta_i/d\mu_i = 1.$$

In this case we have

$$w_{ii} = \frac{1}{\text{Var}(Y_i)} = \frac{1}{\beta_1 + \beta_2 X_i}$$

Using an estimate  $\hat{\beta} = (\hat{\beta}_1, \hat{\beta}_2)^T$  for  $\beta$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} Z_i &= \mathbf{x}_i^T \hat{\beta} + (Y_i - \hat{\mu}_i) \left( \frac{d\eta_i}{d\mu_i} \right) \\ &= \cancel{\hat{\beta}_1} + \cancel{\hat{\beta}_2 X_i} + (Y_i - \cancel{\hat{\beta}_1} - \cancel{\hat{\beta}_2 X_i}) \\ &= Y_i \end{aligned}$$

$$I = X^T W X$$

$$\begin{aligned} I^{(m-1)} &= \hat{\beta}^{(m-1)} + V^{(m-1)} \\ &= X^T W Z \end{aligned}$$

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$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_N \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{W} = \text{diag} \left( \frac{1}{\hat{\beta}_1 + \hat{\beta}_2 x_i} \right)$$

- Cont. Modelling with the identity link function

Additionally,

$$\mathcal{I} = \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{W} \mathbf{X} = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\hat{\beta}_1 + \hat{\beta}_2 x_i} & \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{x_i}{\hat{\beta}_1 + \hat{\beta}_2 x_i} \\ \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{x_i}{\hat{\beta}_1 + \hat{\beta}_2 x_i} & \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{x_i^2}{\hat{\beta}_1 + \hat{\beta}_2 x_i} \end{pmatrix}.$$

and

$$\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{W} \mathbf{z} = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{y_i}{\hat{\beta}_1 + \hat{\beta}_2 x_i} \\ \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{x_i y_i}{\hat{\beta}_1 + \hat{\beta}_2 x_i} \end{pmatrix}.$$

The maximum likelihood estimates are obtained iteratively from the equations

$$(\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{W} \mathbf{X})^{(m-1)} \hat{\beta}^{(m)} = \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{W} \mathbf{z}^{(m-1)}.$$



## 3.3 Poisson Regression

### Example (Cont. Poisson regression)

- Code:
  1. Initial points to start the iteration in finding MLE
  2. Obtaining MLE
  3. Find the 95% confidence intervals
  4. Use `glm` function in R

## 3.3 Poisson Regression

- Modelling with the canonical link function

### Example (Cont. Poisson regression)

- Code:
  1. Use the canonical link function
  2. The rate ratio of increasing the predictor of 1 unit
  3. The Pearson residuals
  4. The Pearson chi-squared goodness of fit statistic
  5. The deviance statistic
  6. The pseudo  $R^2$

## 3.4 Log-linear regression

- Log-linear models:

$$\log \mathbb{E}(Y_i) = c + \mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta} \quad (3.4.1)$$

We will analyse

- Analyse the introduction of interaction terms.
- Analogous of the ANOVA for log-linear models.

## 3.4 Log-linear regression

### Example (Melanoma Dastset)

- Cross-sectional study of patients some skin cancer
- $N = 400$   $\rightarrow$  constant
- Information about the site and the histological type of the tumour.  $\rightarrow$  categorical predictors
- contingency table

Tumor type	Site			Total
	Head & neck	Trunk	Extrem -ities	
Hutchinson's melanotic freckle	22	2	10	34
Superficial spreading melanoma	16	54	115	185
Nodular	19	33	73	125
Indeterminate	11	17	28	56
Total	68	106	226	400

observed values

$\theta_{21}$

estimated freq  
in saturated  
model

## 3.4 Log-linear regression

$\theta_{jk}$ : probability of being in cell  $(j, k)$

- In case of no association:

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B) \leftarrow \theta_{jk} = \theta_{j.} \theta_{.k} \quad j = 1, \dots, J \quad \text{and} \quad k = 1, \dots, K \quad (3.4.2)$$

*size and type are indep*

- In the case of independence  $\rightarrow E(Y)_{jk} = n \theta_{jk} \leftarrow \theta_{j.} \theta_{.k}$

$$\log E(Y)_{jk} = \log n + \log \theta_{j.} + \log \theta_{.k} \quad (3.4.3)$$

which can be compared with the dependent model, i.e.

$$\log E(Y)_{jk} = \log n + \log \theta_{jk} \quad (3.4.4)$$

## 3.4 Log-linear regression

- Analogously to ANOVA, introduce the factors relative to the single predictors/factors

$$\log \mathbb{E}(Y)_{jk} = \mu + \alpha_j + \beta_k + (\alpha\beta)_{jk}, \quad \text{Saturated Model} \quad (3.4.5)$$

where  $(\alpha\beta)_{jk}$  is a coefficient relative to the interaction term.

- To test for independence, we can compare (3.4.5) with

$$\log \mathbb{E}(Y)_{jk} = \mu + \alpha_j + \beta_k, \quad \text{Additive Model}$$

or, since  $\log(n)$  is in all the models,

$$\log \mathbb{E}(Y)_{jk} = \mu, \quad \text{minimal Model}$$

## 3.4 Log-linear regression

- The specification of log-linear models is hierarchical: if the higher-order term (interaction) is included in the model, all the lower-order terms are included as well.

$$(\alpha\beta)_{jk} \longrightarrow \alpha_j \text{ and } \beta_k$$

- Warning:** In many cases, log-linear models have many parameters: constraints may be needed!
- While several distributions can be used, Poisson distributions can be assumed. Therefore, all standard methods for GLM can be applied (weighted least squares, goodness-of-fit statistics like  $P^2$  and  $D$ , Pearson and deviance residuals).

## 3.4 Log-linear regression

- **Code**
  - The saturated model
  - The model with no interaction terms
  - The minimal model



### 3.4 Log-linear regression

- For the reference category *type:Hutchinson's melanotic freckle on site:extremities* the expected frequencies are

- minimal model:  $e^{3.507} = 33.33 \rightarrow e^{\hat{\beta}_{\min}}$
- additive model:  $e^{2.9554} = 19.21 \rightarrow e^{\hat{\beta}_{\text{add}}}$
- saturated model:  $e^{2.3026} = 10.00 \rightarrow e^{\hat{\beta}_{\text{satur}}}$

Note: the expected frequencies for the saturated model correspond to the observed frequencies.

- For *type:indeterminate tumours on site:head-neck* the expected frequencies are

- minimal model:  $e^{3.507} = 33.33 \rightarrow e^{\hat{\beta}_{\min}}$
- additive model:  $e^{2.9554 - 1.2010 + 0.499} = 9.520049 \rightarrow e^{\hat{\mu} + \hat{\alpha}_{\text{indet}} + \hat{\beta}_{\text{head-neck}}}$
- saturated model:  $e^{2.3026 + 0.7885 + 1.0296 - 1.7228} = 11.000 = \text{observed value}$

Again the expected frequencies for the saturated model correspond to the observed frequencies.

## 3.4 Log-linear regression

- For type:nodular tumours on site:trunk the expected frequencies are
  - minimal model:  $e^{3.507} = 33.33$
  - additive model:  $e^{2.9554-0.7571+1.3020} = e^{3.5003} = 33.12$
  - saturated model:  $e^{2.3026-1.6094+1.9879+0.8155} = e^{3.4966} = 33.00$

• saturated model fit the data accurately