

Generalized Linear Model

- Poisson Distribution (i.e., rate)
 - Variance of response = expectation
 - Variance not assumed to be constant
 - Standard LR w/ log transformation causes violations in constant variance
- Exponential Distribution (i.e., wait time)
- Other Distributions
 - Gamma, Bernoulli (Binomial)

Normal	$g(m) = m$	$m = x^T \beta$
Poisson	$g(m) = \log(m)$	$m = e^{x^T \beta}$
Bernoulli	$g(m) = \log(\frac{m}{1-m})$	$m = \frac{e^{x^T \beta}}{1 + e^{x^T \beta}}$
Gamma	$g(m) = \frac{1}{m}$	$m = \frac{1}{x^T \beta}$

Poisson Regression (using Maximum Likelihood Estimation to estimate model parameters)

- log function is the log rate $\ln(\lambda(x)) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$
- with an increase with one unit in x (if quantitative): $\frac{e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1(x+1)}}{e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x}} = e^{\beta_1}$
- if categorical with respect to the baseline: $\frac{e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1(x=1)}}{e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1(x=0)}} = e^{\beta_1}$
- interpret regression coefficients in terms of log ratio of the rate keeping all other var constant
- No error term: p+1 regression coefficients if including intercept (p = # of predict. variables)
- Constant variance does not hold for poisson regression

Example:

- Test using standard LR -> Test to see if variance of residuals is constant therefore use Poiss
- For one unit increase, the log expected [response] increases by XXX, holding other var fixed
- The rate ratio for [response] would be expected increase by a factor of $\exp(XXX) = \text{ANS}$

Statistical Inference:

- MLE assumption of normal relies on the assumption of large sample size -> not reliable for small sample data
- Use Z-test (Wald test) for statistical significance of parameter -> normal distribution (not t as in standard regression)
- Small sample sizes causes more type 1 errors than expected $\hat{\beta}_j \pm z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{V(\hat{\beta}_j)}$
- Testing for Subsets of Coefficients
 - Null Hypothesis: All alpha coefficients (those not in reduced model) = 0
 - Alternative: At least one of the parameters not included does not equal 0
 - Use Wald test (Terms argument is the terms that need to be tested)
- Overall Regression
 - Similar but use difference in deviance between full and null models. DOF = # of variables
 - Use chi-squared distribution ($1 - \text{pchisq}(\text{null dev} - \text{resid dev}, (\text{null DOF} - \text{resid DOF}))$)
 - Small p-value reject null hypothesis and determine that at least one predicting variable significantly explains the variability

Goodness of Fit:

- Poisson regression assumptions (No error terms!)
 - Linearity Assumption $\log(E(Y|x_1, \dots, x_p)) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \dots + \beta_p x_p$
 - Independence Assumption: Y_1, \dots, Y_n are independent random variables
 - Variance Assumption: $E(Y|x_1, \dots, x_p) = V(Y|x_1, \dots, x_p)$
 - Don't need to assume the variance is constant
- Pearson residuals follow directly a normal approximation to a binomial
- How to evaluate?
 - Use person residuals to identify if they are normally distributed (if normal then good fit)
 - Hypothesis testing (want large p values to fail to reject null hypothesis)
 - Null hypothesis: Poisson model fits the data (chi-squared dist = n-p-1 DOF)
 - Alternative hypothesis: Poisson model does not fit the data
- Not a good fit -> what to do?
 - Add predicting variables, transform predicting variables to improve linearity, inter. terms
 - Identify outliers
 - Poisson distribution isn't appropriate:
 - Overdispersion:** Variability of the est. rates is larger than implied by Poisson model
 - Correlation in observed responses, heterogeneity in rates that hasn't been modeled
 - $\hat{\phi} = \frac{D}{n - p - 1}$ where D is the sum of the squared deviances, $\phi > 2$ then overdisp.
- Example:
 - $p = 1 - \text{pchisq}(\text{resid deviance}, \text{resid DOF})$ -> if greater than alpha then good fit
 - Still need to test for residual normality

Goodness of Fit (Logistic Regression)

- Logistic regression without replications (ni = 1)
 - One separate set of predictors for each observation (i.e., each observation is an independent trial)
- Logistic regression with replications (ni > 1)
 - Binomial distribution of repeated responses for each unique set of predictors
- Residuals can only be defined **with** replications
 - Only perform goodness of fit **with** replications
- Ways to test
 - Visual GOF Interpretation
 - Normal probability plot and normal distribution in histogram of residuals
 - Hypothesis testing
 - H_0 : Logistic regression model fits the data
 - H_a : Logistic regression model does not fit the data
 - Want large p-values so we fail to reject the null hypothesis
- Goodness of fit -> model assumptions hold ($1 - \text{pchisq}(\text{deviance}([\text{model}]), \text{DOF})$)
 - Can also use Pearson residuals
 - DOF is residual DOF
- Simpsons paradox: Sign of coefficient changes depending on marginal/conditional

Variable Selection

- Objectives
 - High Dimensionality
 - Multicollinearity
 - Predictive vs Explanatory Objective
 - Explanatory purpose: Can use correlated predictors
 - Meet Bias vs Variance Tradeoff
 - Many # of predictors -> Low Bias, High Variance
 - Low # of predictors -> High Bias, Low Variance
- Training Risk: Biased estimator of prediction risk
- Criteria:
 - Mallows Cp
 - AIC
 - $k = 2$
 - Measure of prediction risk
 - BIC
 - Penalizes complexity more than other approaches
 - $k = \log(n)$
- Methods
 - Stepwise
 - Backward: More computationally intensive than forward
 - Not a greedy algorithm: Does not check all possible combinations
 - Forward regression preferred -> Starts with smaller model
 - Ridge Regression (Regularized Regression)
 - Reduces standard error by adding bias to estimators
 - Minimizes SSE plus L2 error term
 - LASSO Regression (Regularized Regression)
 - Does not perform well under multicollinearity
 - Requires algorithm to minimize the penalized sum of least squares
 - Minimize sum of absolute value of regression coefficients
 - Elastic Net (Regularized Regression)
 - Combines variable selection of LASSO and minimization of standard error of ridge (i.e. uses both penalties of ridge and LASSO)
- Penalties
 - L0: Provides best model given criteria while searching through all models
 - L1 (LASSO): Measures sparsity and forces coefficients to 0
 - L2 (Ridge): Does not do variable selection
- Notes
 - Variables that are used to control bias should be forced into the model
 - Penalization in linear regression means penalizing for complex models
 - Can be applied even when number of predictors is larger than observations
 - Must standardize/rescale variables before regularized regression