

# Impact of Moisture on Seed Germination

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```
library(faraway)

data(seeds)
## creating a new predictor describing the box:
seeds$box <- factor(x=rep(1:8, c(6,6,6,6,6,6,6,6)),
levels=c("1","2","3","4","5","6","7","8"))
## removing one observation with missing data
(seeds[is.na(seeds$germ),])

##      germ moisture covered box
## 47    NA          9      yes   8

seeds <- seeds[!is.na(seeds$germ),]
str(seeds)

## 'data.frame':    47 obs. of  4 variables:
##  $ germ      : num  22 41 66 82 79 0 25 46 72 73 ...
##  $ moisture: num   1 3 5 7 9 11 1 3 5 7 ...
##  $ covered  : Factor w/ 2 levels "no","yes": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
##  $ box      : Factor w/ 8 levels "1","2","3","4",...: 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 ...

a)

#Fit binomial model with moisture and box as predictors
binomial_mod = glm(cbind(germ,100-germ) ~ moisture + box, family=binomial,seeds)
summary(binomial_mod)

##
## Call:
## glm(formula = cbind(germ, 100 - germ) ~ moisture + box, family = binomial,
##      data = seeds)
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
## (Intercept)  0.593872   0.098319   6.040 1.54e-09 ***
## moisture    -0.110487   0.008813 -12.537 < 2e-16 ***
```

```
## box2      -0.041493   0.117609  -0.353    0.724
## box3      -0.041493   0.117609  -0.353    0.724
## box4       0.020724   0.117544   0.176    0.860
## box5      -0.090012   0.117697  -0.765    0.444
## box6      -0.062269   0.117643  -0.529    0.597
## box7      -0.069200   0.117655  -0.588    0.556
## box8       0.067297   0.123410   0.545    0.586
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## (Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
##
##      Null deviance: 1791.0  on 46  degrees of freedom
## Residual deviance: 1624.4  on 38  degrees of freedom
## AIC: 1832.1
##
## Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 5
```

b)

```
#Interpret using odds
1-exp(-0.1104873)
```

```
## [1] 0.1046023
```

```
1-exp(0.0207244)
```

```
## [1] -0.02094064
```

Keeping all other predictors fixed, 1 unit increase in moisture reduces the odds of seed germination by 10%.

Keeping all other predictors fixed, 1 unit increase in box 4 relative to box 1 increases the odds of seed germination by 2%.

c)

The first hypothesis test we can do to assess the model's goodness of fit is the binomial deviance method. The other test is Pearson's chi-squared method.

Below is the binomial deviance method.

```
#p-chi squared test
pchisq(deviance(binomial_mod),df.residual(binomial_mod),lower = FALSE)
```

```
## [1] 6.957246e-317
```

The null hypothesis states that the model is adequate, however since the p-value is extremely small ( $\ll 0.5$ ), we reject the null hypothesis indicating strong evidence for lack of fit.

d)

The other common causes for a deviance value to be larger than expected are:

- Wrong form of the model such as not including right predictors or transformations;
- Data being sparse;
- Presence of outliers.

e)

```
# sigma squared
sigma2 = sum(residuals(binomial_mod,type="pearson")^2)/(df.residual(binomial_mod))

sigma2
```

```
## [1] 35.71223
```

The dispersion parameter = 35.71223, indicating that there is a problem of over-dispersion.

f)

```
#F-test
drop1(binomial_mod,scale=sigma2,test="F")

## Warning in drop1.glm(binomial_mod, scale = sigma2, test = "F"): F test assumes
## 'quasibinomial' family
```

```
## Single term deletions
##
## Model:
## cbind(germ, 100 - germ) ~ moisture + box
##
## scale: 35.71223
##
##           Df Deviance    AIC F value  Pr(>F)
## <none>      1624.4 1832.2
## moisture  1   1786.5 1834.7   3.7918 0.05892 .
## box       7   1627.0 1818.2   0.0086 1.00000
## ---
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```

```
summary(binomial_mod,dispersion=sigma2)
```

```
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##      data = seeds)
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
## (Intercept)  0.59387    0.58755   1.011  0.3121
## moisture    -0.11049    0.05266  -2.098  0.0359 *
## box2        -0.04149    0.70283  -0.059  0.9529
## box3        -0.04149    0.70283  -0.059  0.9529
## box4         0.02072    0.70244   0.030  0.9765
```

```
## box5      -0.09001    0.70335  -0.128   0.8982
## box6      -0.06227    0.70303  -0.089   0.9294
## box7      -0.06920    0.70310  -0.098   0.9216
## box8       0.06730    0.73750   0.091   0.9273
## ---
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g)

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