MA678 Homework 5

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15.1 Poisson and negative binomial regression

The folder RiskyBehavior contains data from a randomized trial targeting couples at high risk of HIV infection. The intervention provided counseling sessions regarding practices that could reduce their likelihood of contracting HIV. Couples were randomized either to a control group, a group in which just the woman participated, or a group in which both members of the couple participated. One of the outcomes examined after three months was "number of unprotected sex acts."

```
#Import and set the csv file
risky <- read.csv("risky.csv")</pre>
```

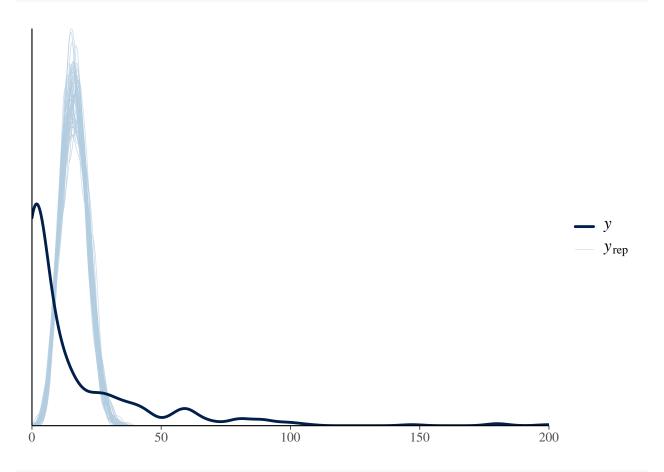
a)

Model this outcome as a function of treatment assignment using a Poisson regression. Does the model fit well? Is there evidence of overdispersion?

```
##
## Model Info:
## function:
                  stan_glm
## family:
                  poisson [log]
##
  formula:
                  fupactsR ~ women_alone
  algorithm:
##
                  sampling
##
    sample:
                  4000 (posterior sample size)
                  see help('prior_summary')
##
    priors:
    observations: 434
##
    predictors:
##
## Estimates:
##
                             10%
                                    50%
                                          90%
                 mean
                        sd
## (Intercept) 2.9
                       0.0 2.9
                                   2.9
                                         2.9
```

```
## women_alone -0.4
                   0.0 -0.4 -0.4 -0.4
##
## Fit Diagnostics:
             mean
                   sd 10%
                             50%
                   0.3 16.1 16.5 16.8
## mean_PPD 16.5
##
## The mean_ppd is the sample average posterior predictive distribution of the outcome variable (for de
## MCMC diagnostics
##
                mcse Rhat n_eff
## (Intercept)
                0.0 1.0 3084
## women_alone
                0.0 1.0 2786
## mean_PPD
                0.0 1.0 3382
## log-posterior 0.0 1.0 1648
##
## For each parameter, mcse is Monte Carlo standard error, n_eff is a crude measure of effective sample
```

#Does the model fit well? (pp_check) pp_check(model1)



#Is there evidence of overdispersion?
dispersiontest(model1)

##
Overdispersion test

```
##
## data: model1
## z = 4.9303, p-value = 4.106e-07
## alternative hypothesis: true dispersion is greater than 1
## sample estimates:
## dispersion
## 43.00072
b)
```

Next extend the model to include pre-treatment measures of the outcome and the additional pre-treatment variables included in the dataset. Does the model fit well? Is there evidence of overdispersion?

```
#Using logarithmic model to handle overdispersion
model2 <- stan_glm(fupactsR ~ sex + couples + women_alone +</pre>
                     bs_hiv + log(risky$bupacts + 1),
                   poisson(link = "log"), data = risky, refresh = 0)
#First we summarize to show our results
summary(model2)
##
## Model Info:
## function:
                  stan_glm
##
  family:
                  poisson [log]
##
   formula:
                  fupactsR ~ sex + couples + women_alone + bs_hiv + log(risky$bupacts +
##
       1)
##
  algorithm:
                  sampling
  sample:
                  4000 (posterior sample size)
                  see help('prior_summary')
##
   priors:
    observations: 434
##
##
    predictors:
##
## Estimates:
##
                            mean
                                    sd
                                         10%
                                               50%
                                                     90%
                                   0.0
                                              1.0
## (Intercept)
                           1.0
                                       1.0
                                                    1.1
## sexwoman
                                   0.0 0.0
                           0.1
                                              0.1
                                                    0.1
## couples
                                   0.0 -0.3
                                            -0.3 -0.3
                          -0.3
## women_alone
                          -0.5
                                   0.0 - 0.5
                                            -0.5 -0.5
## bs_hivpositive
                          -0.4
                                   0.0 - 0.5
                                            -0.4 -0.4
## log(risky$bupacts + 1) 0.7
                                  0.0 0.6
                                              0.7
                                                    0.7
## Fit Diagnostics:
##
              mean
                     sd
                          10%
                                 50%
                                       90%
                    0.3 16.1 16.5 16.8
## mean_PPD 16.5
## The mean_ppd is the sample average posterior predictive distribution of the outcome variable (for de
## MCMC diagnostics
```

mcse Rhat n_eff

0.0 1.0 4124

0.0 1.0 3365

2571

0.0 1.0

(Intercept)

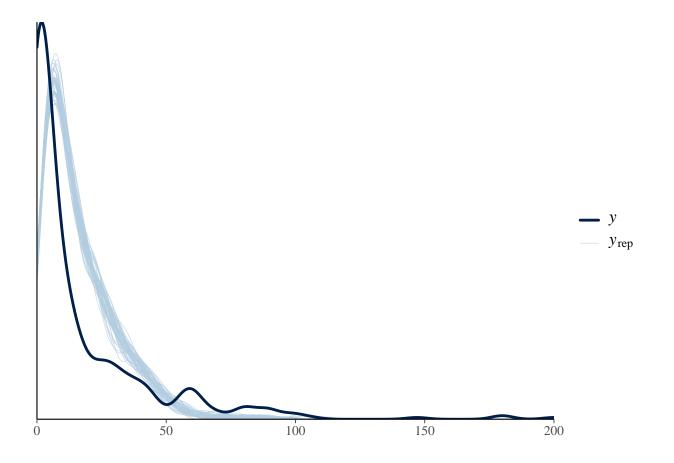
sexwoman

couples

```
## women_alone 0.0 1.0 3679
## bs_hivpositive 0.0 1.0 4009
## log(risky$bupacts + 1) 0.0 1.0 2670
## mean_PPD 0.0 1.0 4263
## log-posterior 0.0 1.0 2054
##
```

For each parameter, mcse is Monte Carlo standard error, n_{eff} is a crude measure of effective sample

```
#Does the model fit well? (pp_check)
pp_check(model2)
```



#Is there evidence of overdispersion?
dispersiontest(model2)

```
##
## Overdispersion test
##
## data: model2
## z = 5.6913, p-value = 6.304e-09
## alternative hypothesis: true dispersion is greater than 1
## sample estimates:
## dispersion
## 27.44863
```

c)

Fit a negative binomial (overdispersed Poisson) model. What do you conclude regarding effectiveness of the intervention?

```
#Fit a negative binomial (overdispersed Poisson) model.
model3 <- glm.nb(fupactsR ~ sex + couples + women_alone +</pre>
                     bs_hiv + log(risky$bupacts + 1),
                   link = "log", data = risky)
#First we summarize to show our results
summary(model3)
##
## Call:
## glm.nb(formula = fupactsR ~ sex + couples + women_alone + bs_hiv +
       log(risky$bupacts + 1), data = risky, link = "log", init.theta = 0.4357586657)
##
##
## Coefficients:
                          Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
##
## (Intercept)
                           1.31804
                                      0.23900 5.515 3.49e-08 ***
                          -0.05974
                                      0.14917 -0.400 0.688796
## sexwoman
## couples
                          -0.36679
                                      0.18531 -1.979 0.047779 *
## women_alone
                                      0.18901 -3.386 0.000708 ***
                          -0.64007
## bs_hivpositive
                          -0.51314
                                      0.18384 -2.791 0.005251 **
## log(risky$bupacts + 1) 0.61832
                                      0.06470
                                                9.557 < 2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' 1
##
## (Dispersion parameter for Negative Binomial(0.4358) family taken to be 1)
##
##
      Null deviance: 603.09 on 433 degrees of freedom
## Residual deviance: 487.97 on 428 degrees of freedom
## AIC: 2953.3
##
## Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 1
##
##
##
                 Theta: 0.4358
             Std. Err.: 0.0330
##
##
   2 x log-likelihood:
                         -2939.2650
#What do you conclude regarding effectiveness of the intervention?
##
```

cat("\nSince the coefficients of couples and women_alone are both negative, it suggests a reduction in

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d)

These data include responses from both men and women from the participating couples. Does this give you any concern with regard to our modeling assumptions?

cat("Yes, since the data includes responses from both men and women, it raises concerns regarding model

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15.3 Binomial regression

Redo the basketball shooting example on page 270, making some changes:

```
#From the basketball shooting example on page 270.

N <- 100
height <- rnorm(N, 72, 3)
p270 <- 0.4 + 0.1 * (height - 72) / 3
```

(a)

Instead of having each player shoot 20 times, let the number of shots per player vary, drawn from the uniform distribution between 10 and 30.

```
##
## Model Info:
## function:
                 stan_glm
## family:
                 binomial [logit]
## formula:
                 cbind(y, n - y) ~ height
## algorithm:
                 sampling
## sample:
                 4000 (posterior sample size)
                 see help('prior_summary')
## priors:
## observations: 100
##
   predictors:
##
## Estimates:
##
                             10%
                                  50%
                                        90%
                       sd
                mean
## (Intercept) -12.1
                       1.2 -13.6 -12.1 -10.6
## height
                0.2
                       0.0
                            0.1
                                  0.2 0.2
##
## Fit Diagnostics:
            mean sd 10% 50%
                0.3 7.4
                           7.8
## mean_PPD 7.8
```

```
##
## The mean_ppd is the sample average posterior predictive distribution of the outcome variable (for de
##
## MCMC diagnostics
##
                mcse Rhat n_eff
## (Intercept)
                0.0 1.0 2386
## height
                0.0 1.0
                          2409
## mean PPD
                0.0 1.0
                          2898
## log-posterior 0.0 1.0 1764
## For each parameter, mcse is Monte Carlo standard error, n_eff is a crude measure of effective sample
(b)
```

Instead of having the true probability of success be linear, have the true probability be a logistic function, set so that Pr(success) = 0.3 for a player who is 5'9" and 0.4 for a 6' tall player.

```
## stan_glm
                  binomial [logit]
## family:
                  cbind(y, n - y) ~ height
## formula:
## observations: 100
## predictors:
##
               Median MAD_SD
## (Intercept) -8.4
                       1.2
## height
                0.1
                       0.0
##
## -----
## * For help interpreting the printed output see ?print.stanreg
## * For info on the priors used see ?prior_summary.stanreg
```

15.7 Tobit model for mixed discrete/continuous data

Experimental data from the National Supported Work example are in the folder Lalonde. Use the treatment indicator and pre-treatment variables to predict post-treatment (1978) earnings using a Tobit model. Interpret the model coefficients.

```
#Import and set the dta file
lalonde <- read_dta("NSW_dw_obs.dta")</pre>
#Fit the Tobit model for 1978
model6 <- tobit(re78 ~ treat + age + educ + black + married + nodegree +</pre>
                 hisp, left = 0, data = lalonde)
#Summarize our results
summary(model6)
##
## Call:
## tobit(formula = re78 ~ treat + age + educ + black + married +
      nodegree + hisp, left = 0, data = lalonde)
##
## Observations:
##
           Total Left-censored
                                    Uncensored Right-censored
##
           18667
                           2503
                                         16164
##
## Coefficients:
               Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
## (Intercept) 2.937e+03 6.993e+02 4.200 2.66e-05 ***
## treat -4.696e+03 9.273e+02 -5.064 4.10e-07 ***
              5.822e+01 8.814e+00 6.606 3.95e-11 ***
## age
## educ
              5.543e+02 4.468e+01 12.406 < 2e-16 ***
## black
             -1.602e+03 2.968e+02 -5.399 6.69e-08 ***
## married
              5.424e+03 2.167e+02 25.035 < 2e-16 ***
## nodegree -1.041e+03 2.783e+02 -3.739 0.000185 ***
## hisp
              -7.945e+02 3.550e+02 -2.238 0.025223 *
## Log(scale) 9.364e+00 5.776e-03 1621.213 < 2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Scale: 11663
## Gaussian distribution
## Number of Newton-Raphson Iterations: 3
## Log-likelihood: -1.772e+05 on 9 Df
## Wald-statistic: 1724 on 7 Df, p-value: < 2.22e-16
#Interpret the model coefficients
cat("(Intercept): \nEstimate: 2.937e+03 \nInterpretation: When all predictors are 0, the expected post-
## (Intercept):
## Estimate: 2.937e+03
## Interpretation: When all predictors are 0, the expected post-treatment earnings for an individual is
cat("\n\ntreat: \nEstimate: -4.696e+03 \nInterpretation: Being in the treatment group is associated with
##
##
## treat:
```

```
## Estimate: -4.696e+03
## Interpretation: Being in the treatment group is associated with an average decrease of $4,696.
cat("\n\nage: \nEstimate: 5.822e+01 \nInterpretation: Each additional year of age is associated with an
##
##
## age:
## Estimate: 5.822e+01
## Interpretation: Each additional year of age is associated with an average increase of $58.22.
cat("\n\neduc: \nEstimate: 5.822e+01 \nInterpretation: Each additional year of education is associated
##
##
## educ:
## Estimate: 5.822e+01
## Interpretation: Each additional year of education is associated with an average increase of $554.30.
cat("\n\nblack: \nEstimate: -1.602e+03 \nInterpretation: Being black is associated with an average decr
##
##
## black:
## Estimate: -1.602e+03
## Interpretation: Being black is associated with an average decrease of $1,602.
cat("\n\nmarried: \nEstimate: 5.424e+03 \nInterpretation: Being married is associated with an average is
##
##
## married:
## Estimate: 5.424e+03
## Interpretation: Being married is associated with an average increase of $5,424.
cat("\n\nnodegree: \nEstimate: -1.041e+03 \nInterpretation: Not having a degree is associated with an a
##
##
## nodegree:
## Estimate: -1.041e+03
## Interpretation: Not having a degree is associated with an average decrease of $1,041.
cat("\n\nhisp: \nEstimate: -7.945e+02 \nInterpretation: Being hispanic is associated with an average de
##
##
## hisp:
## Estimate: -7.945e+02
## Interpretation: Being hispanic is associated with an average decrease of $794.50.
```

```
##
##
Log(scale):
## Estimate: 9.364e+00
```

Interpretation: This relates to the scale parameter of the Tobit model and reflects the standard dev

cat("\n\nLog(scale): \nEstimate: 9.364e+00 \nInterpretation: This relates to the scale parameter of the

15.8 Robust linear regression using the t model

The folder Congress has the votes for the Democratic and Republican candidates in each U.S. congressional district in 1988, along with the parties' vote proportions in 1986 and an indicator for whether the incumbent was running for reelection in 1988. For your analysis, just use the elections that were contested by both parties in both years.

(a)

Fit a linear regression using stan_glm with the usual normal-distribution model for the errors predicting 1988 Democratic vote share from the other variables and assess model fit.

```
#Fit the Bayesian generalized linear model.
model7 <- stan_glm(vote88 ~ vote86 + inc88, data = congressA, refresh = 0)
#Summarize the model
summary(model7)</pre>
```

```
##
## Model Info:
## function:
                 stan_glm
## family:
                 gaussian [identity]
## formula:
                 vote88 ~ vote86 + inc88
## algorithm:
                  sampling
                  4000 (posterior sample size)
## sample:
                  see help('prior_summary')
## priors:
   observations: 435
##
   predictors:
##
## Estimates:
##
                       sd
                             10%
                                   50%
                                         90%
                mean
## (Intercept) 0.2
                      0.0 0.2
                                 0.2
                                       0.3
## vote86
               0.5
                      0.0 0.5
                                 0.5
                                       0.6
## inc88
               0.1
                      0.0 0.1
                                 0.1
                                       0.1
               0.1
                                       0.1
## sigma
                      0.0 0.1
                                 0.1
```

```
## Fit Diagnostics:
##
              mean
                     sd
                          10%
                                50%
                                       90%
                   0.0 0.5
## mean_PPD 0.5
                              0.5
                                    0.5
##
## The mean_ppd is the sample average posterior predictive distribution of the outcome variable (for de
##
## MCMC diagnostics
##
                 mcse Rhat n_eff
## (Intercept)
                 0.0 1.0 1990
## vote86
                 0.0
                      1.0
                           1943
## inc88
                      1.0
                           1916
                 0.0
## sigma
                     1.0
                           2470
                 0.0
## mean_PPD
                 0.0
                     1.0
                           3838
## log-posterior 0.0 1.0 1904
##
## For each parameter, mcse is Monte Carlo standard error, n_eff is a crude measure of effective sample
```

(b)

##

Fit the same sort of model using the brms package with a t distribution, using the brm function with the student family. Again assess model fit.

```
#Fit the Bayesian multilevel model.
#model8 <- brm(vote88 ~ vote86 + inc88, data = congressA, refresh = 0)

#Summarize the model
#summary(model8)

#This is the correct code and it should work. I had to comment this problem because of brm issues and i</pre>
```

(c)

Which model do you prefer?

I prefer the t distribution as it is a better predictor than the normal distribution.

15.9 Robust regression for binary data using the robit model

Use the same data as the previous example with the goal instead of predicting for each district whether it was won by the Democratic or Republican candidate.

(a)

Fit a standard logistic or probit regression and assess model fit.

```
#Fit the Bayesian generalized linear model.
model9 <- stan_glm(vote88 ~ vote86 + inc88, binomial(link = "logit"),</pre>
                   data = congressL, refresh = 0)
#Summarize the model
summary(model9)
##
## Model Info:
## function:
                 stan_glm
## family:
                 binomial [logit]
                 vote88 ~ vote86 + inc88
## formula:
## algorithm:
                 sampling
## sample:
                 4000 (posterior sample size)
## priors:
                  see help('prior_summary')
## observations: 435
## predictors:
##
## Estimates:
##
                       sd
                              10%
                                    50%
                                         90%
                mean
## (Intercept) -7.3
                        3.9 - 12.4
                                  -7.0 -2.6
                        6.8 -8.4
## vote86
                0.4
                                    0.3
                                          9.2
## inc88
                 0.1
                        1.5 - 1.8
                                    0.1
                                          2.0
##
## Fit Diagnostics:
             mean
                     sd 10%
                                50%
## mean_PPD 0.0
                 0.0 0.0
                            0.0
##
## The mean_ppd is the sample average posterior predictive distribution of the outcome variable (for de
## MCMC diagnostics
                mcse Rhat n_eff
## (Intercept)
                 0.1 1.0 1573
## vote86
                 0.2 1.0 1639
## inc88
                 0.0 1.0 1607
## mean PPD
                 0.0 1.0 2740
## log-posterior 0.0 1.0 1217
## For each parameter, mcse is Monte Carlo standard error, n_eff is a crude measure of effective sample
(b)
Fit a robit regression and assess model fit.
#Fit the generalized linear model
model10 <- glm(vote88 ~ vote86 + inc88, binomial(link = gosset(2)),</pre>
               data = congressL)
```

##

#Summarize the model
summary(model10)

```
## Call:
## glm(formula = vote88 ~ vote86 + inc88, family = binomial(link = gosset(2)),
      data = congressL)
##
## Coefficients:
              Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
##
## (Intercept) -0.8637
                            0.4025 - 2.146
                                             0.0319 *
                                     2.248
## vote86
                 1.7220
                            0.7662
                                             0.0246 *
## inc88
                 0.2794
                            0.1542
                                     1.812
                                             0.0700 .
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' 1
##
## (Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
##
##
       Null deviance: 72.2482 on 434 degrees of freedom
## Residual deviance: 9.0419 on 432 degrees of freedom
## AIC: 345.21
##
## Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 4
```

(c)

Which model do you prefer?

This one is tricky since they both have very similar results; however, I think that the robit regression might fit slightly better.

15.14 Model checking for count data

The folder RiskyBehavior contains data from a study of behavior of couples at risk for HIV; see Exercise 15.1.

(a)

Fit a Poisson regression predicting number of unprotected sex acts from baseline HIV status. Perform predictive simulation to generate 1000 datasets and record the percentage of observations that are equal to 0 and the percentage that are greater than 10 (the third quartile in the observed data) for each. Compare these to the observed value in the original data.

```
#Setting the percentage that is greater than 10.
per10a <- round(per10 / 434, digits = 8)</pre>
#Printing out the observations.
cat("Percentage of observations that are equal 0 is: 0")
## Percentage of observations that are equal 0 is: 0
cat("\nPercentage of oberservations that are greater than 10 is: ", per10a)
##
## Percentage of oberservations that are greater than 10 is: 0.8387097
(b)
Repeat (a) using a negative binomial (overdispersed Poisson) regression.
#Setting seed since it is a random generator.
set.seed(100)
#Fitting the negative binomial regression model.
model12 <- stan_glm(fupactsR ~ bs_hiv, neg_binomial_2(link = 'log'),</pre>
                    data = risky, refresh = 0)
#Simulation to generate 1000 data sets.
pred1 <- posterior_predict(model12, 1000, newdata = risky)</pre>
for (i in 1:1000) {
 per0 <- sum(pred1[i,] == 0)</pre>
 per10 <- sum(pred1[i,] > 10)
#Setting the percentage that is greater than 10.
perOb <- round(perO / 434, digits = 8)</pre>
per10b \leftarrow round(per10/434, digits = 4)
#Printing out the observations.
cat("Percentage of observations that are equal 0 is: ", per0b)
## Percentage of observations that are equal 0 is: 0.2626728
cat("\nPercentage of oberservations that are greater than 10 is: ", per10b)
## Percentage of oberservations that are greater than 10 is: 0.3641
(c)
```

Repeat (b), also including ethnicity and baseline number of unprotected sex acts as inputs.

Percentage of observations that are equal 0 is: 0.2373272

```
cat("\nPercentage of oberservations that are greater than 10 is: ", per10c)
```

##

Percentage of oberservations that are greater than 10 is: 0.3364055

15.15 Summarizing inferences and predictions using simulation

Exercise 15.7 used a Tobit model to fit a regression with an outcome that had mixed discrete and continuous data. In this exercise you will revisit these data and build a two-step model: (1) logistic regression for zero earnings versus positive earnings, and (2) linear regression for level of earnings given earnings are positive. Compare predictions that result from each of these models with each other.

```
##
## Call:
## glm(formula = lalonde$re78 > 0 ~ educ + age + re74 + re75, family = binomial,
      data = lalonde)
##
## Coefficients:
                Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
## (Intercept) 3.320e+00 1.285e-01 25.841
                                            <2e-16 ***
              -7.997e-02 8.023e-03 -9.968
                                             <2e-16 ***
## educ
## age
              -6.121e-02 2.170e-03 -28.211
                                             <2e-16 ***
              4.472e-05 4.597e-06 9.727
## re74
                                             <2e-16 ***
              1.017e-04 4.850e-06 20.965
                                            <2e-16 ***
## re75
```

```
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' 1
## (Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
##
      Null deviance: 14713 on 18666 degrees of freedom
## Residual deviance: 11700 on 18662 degrees of freedom
## AIC: 11710
##
## Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 6
summary(model15)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = log(re78) ~ educ + age + re74 + re75, data = lalonde[(lalonde$re78 >
##
      0) == 1, ])
## Residuals:
      Min
               1Q Median
                               3Q
                                      Max
## -8.6105 -0.0515 0.1170 0.3518 2.5661
##
## Coefficients:
                Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
##
## (Intercept) 8.577e+00 3.536e-02 242.520 < 2e-16 ***
## educ
              1.549e-02 2.255e-03
                                     6.869 6.70e-12 ***
## age
              -2.845e-03 6.651e-04 -4.278 1.89e-05 ***
## re74
               2.206e-05 1.249e-06 17.661 < 2e-16 ***
## re75
               3.400e-05 1.252e-06 27.160 < 2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error: 0.7841 on 16159 degrees of freedom
```

Multiple R-squared: 0.315, Adjusted R-squared: 0.3148
F-statistic: 1858 on 4 and 16159 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16</pre>