

# Tutorial 10 Solutions

*STAT 3013/4027/8027*

- Consider a Poisson regression model using the canonical link function (how do we determine the canonical link function?):

$$\begin{aligned} Y_1, \dots, Y_n &\stackrel{\text{indep.}}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\lambda_i) \\ \log(\lambda_i) &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \beta_2 x_i^2 \\ &\text{for } i = 1, \dots, n. \end{aligned}$$

- Data: A sample from a population of 52 female song sparrows was studied over the course of a summer and their reproductive activities were recorded. In particular, the age and number of new offspring were recorded for each sparrow (Arcese et al, 1992). Let  $Y$  = fledged (number of offspring), and  $X$  = age (age of mother).
- Based on the results from last week, test (through a frequentist approach):

$$H_0 : \beta_1 = 0 \text{ and } \beta_2 = 0 \quad vs. \quad H_1 : \beta_1 \neq 0 \text{ or } \beta_2 \neq 0 \quad (H_0 \text{ is not true})$$

**Ans.** The likelihoods under the two models (constrained and unconstrained) are:

$$\begin{aligned} L(\beta_0 | \mathbf{y}) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{e^{-\theta_i} \theta_i^{-y_i}}{y_i!} \right) \\ \log(\theta_i) &= \beta_0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L(\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2, | \mathbf{y}) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{e^{-\theta_i} \theta_i^{-y_i}}{y_i!} \right) \\ \log(\theta_i) &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \beta_2 x_i^2 \end{aligned}$$

- Now the likelihood ratio statistic is:

$$\lambda = \frac{L(\hat{\beta}_0 | \mathbf{y})}{L(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1, \hat{\beta}_2, | \mathbf{y})}$$

- The rejection region asymptotically is:

$$R = \{-2 \log(\lambda) > \chi^2_{(3-1)=2}\}$$

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D <- read.table("Data", header=TRUE)
summary(D)

##      fledged         age
##  Min.   :0.000   Min.   :1.000
##  1st Qu.:1.000   1st Qu.:2.000
##  Median :2.000   Median :3.000
##  Mean   :2.404   Mean   :3.077
##  3rd Qu.:3.000   3rd Qu.:4.000
##  Max.   :7.000   Max.   :6.000
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n <- nrow(D)

y <- D[,1]
x <- D[,2]

##
log.lik.h0 <- function(theta){
  beta0 <- theta[1]

  out <- sum(dpois(y, exp(beta0), log=TRUE))
  return(out)
}

##
theta.start <- 0
out.h0 <- optim(theta.start, log.lik.h0, hessian = TRUE,
                 control = list(fnscale=-1), method="BFGS")

##
log.lik.h1 <- function(theta){

  beta0 <- theta[1]
  beta1 <- theta[2]
  beta2 <- theta[3]

  out <- sum(dpois(y, exp(beta0 + beta1*x + beta2*x^2), log=TRUE))
  return(out)
}

##
theta.start <- c(0,0,0)
out.h1 <- optim(theta.start, log.lik.h1, hessian = TRUE,
                 control = list(fnscale=-1), method="BFGS")

##
asym.lrt <- -2*log(exp(out.h0$value)/exp(out.h1$value))
asym.lrt

## [1] 8.24364
qchisq(0.95, 2)

## [1] 5.991465
##
asym.lrt > qchisq(0.95, 2)

## [1] TRUE

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As  $\text{asym.lrt} > 5.991$ , we can reject the null hypothesis at the  $\alpha = 0.05$  level.

2. SI 7.1, 7.3, 7.10, 7.15. **Ans.: See the handwritten solutions.**

GJJ Q 7.1

a.)  $x_1, \dots, x_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\theta)$

We also have a prior,  $p(\theta)$

$\Rightarrow$  The posterior is:

$$P(\theta | x_1, \dots, x_n) = P(\theta | \underline{x}) \propto P(\underline{x} | \theta) p(\theta)$$

$$\propto \left[ \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{e^{-\theta} \theta^{x_i}}{x_i!} \right] p(\theta)$$

$$\propto \frac{e^{-n\theta} \theta^{\sum x_i}}{\prod_{i=1}^n x_i!} p(\theta)$$

$$\propto e^{-n\theta} \theta^{\sum x_i} p(\theta)$$

b.) Suppose  $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(n\theta)$

$$P(\theta | y) \propto P(y | \theta) p(\theta)$$

$$\propto \frac{e^{-n\theta} \theta^y}{y!} p(\theta)$$

$$\propto e^{-n\theta} \theta^y p(\theta)$$

c.) If  $\underline{Y} = \Sigma \underline{x}$ :

$$\Rightarrow P(g|\underline{x}) = P(g|\underline{y})$$

$\therefore$  By Def 7.1  $\underline{Y} = \Sigma \underline{x}$ ; is a  
Sufficient Statistic  
for  $\underline{\theta}$ .

GJJ Q 7.3

$$f(x|\theta) = \frac{\theta^x}{\theta+1} (x+1) \exp(-x\theta)$$

for  $x > 0, \theta > 0$ .

- To show this a pdf it should integrate to 1 when integrating by  $x$ .

$$\Rightarrow \int \frac{\theta^x}{\theta+1} (x+1) \exp(-x\theta) dx$$

$$= \frac{\theta^x}{\theta+1} \int (x+1) \exp(-x\theta) dx$$

$$= \frac{\theta^x}{\theta+1} \left[ \int x \exp(-x\theta) dx + \int \exp(-x\theta) dx \right]$$

$$= \frac{\theta^x}{\theta+1} \left[ \underbrace{\int x^{z-1} \exp(-x\theta) dx}_{\text{Kernel for a gamma distribution}} + \int \exp(-x\theta) dx \right]$$

Kernel for a gamma distribution

$$= \frac{\theta^x}{\theta+1} \left[ \frac{\Gamma(z)}{\theta^z} \int \frac{\theta^z}{\Gamma(z)} x^{z-1} \exp(-x\theta) dx + \int \exp(-x\theta) dx \right]$$

$= 1$

$$\Gamma(n) = (n-1)! \Rightarrow \Gamma(z) = \underline{1!} = \underline{1}$$

$$= \frac{\theta^2}{\theta+1} \left[ 1 + \int \exp(-x\theta) dx \right]$$

$\int \exp(-x\theta) dx = \frac{1}{\theta}$

Note, we know the integrating constant of  $\int c \exp(-x\theta) = 1 \Rightarrow c = \theta$

$$\therefore \int \theta \exp(-x\theta) = 1$$

$$\therefore \int \exp(-x\theta) = \frac{1}{\theta}.$$

$$\therefore = \frac{\theta^2}{\theta+1} \left[ \frac{1}{\theta^2} + \frac{1}{\theta} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\theta^2}{\theta+1} \left[ \frac{1}{\theta^2} + \frac{\theta}{\theta^2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\theta^2}{\theta+1} \left[ \frac{1+\theta}{\theta^2} \right] = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

$\therefore f(x|\theta)$  is a pdf.

$$\begin{aligned}
 a.) L(\theta) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\theta^2}{\theta+1} (x_i + 1) \exp(-\theta x_i) \\
 &= \frac{\theta^{2n}}{(\theta+1)^n} \left[ \prod_{i=1}^n (x_i + 1) \right] \exp(-\theta \sum x_i)
 \end{aligned}$$

• In Bayes land, when we ignore  
constants of proportionality we mean  
the  $\propto$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 L(\theta) &\propto \frac{\theta^{2n}}{(\theta+1)^n} \exp(-\theta \sum x_i) \\
 &\propto \left( \frac{\theta}{\theta+1} \right)^n \exp(-\theta \sum x_i)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$b.) L(\theta) = \left( \frac{\theta^2}{\theta+1} \right)^n \exp(-\theta \sum x_i) \left[ \prod_{i=1}^n (x_i + 1) \right]$$

$K_1[t|\theta]$   $K_2[\Sigma]$

$T = \sum x_i$ . From Q7.1, we  
know  $T$  is a sufficient statistic.

c.) We want a conjugate prior  
for  $\theta$ . Based on the likelihood

replace  $n, \Sigma x_i$  with  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$ :

$$P(\theta) \propto \left( \frac{\theta^2}{\theta+1} \right)^{\alpha_1} \exp(-\theta \alpha_2)$$

$\Rightarrow$  Check that this is conjugate:

$$P(\theta|y) \propto P(y|\theta) P(\theta)$$

$$\propto \left( \frac{\theta^2}{\theta+1} \right)^n \exp(-\theta \Sigma x_i) \left( \frac{\theta^2}{\theta+1} \right)^{\alpha_1} \exp(-\theta \alpha_2)$$

$$\propto \left( \frac{\theta^2}{\theta+1} \right)^{n+\alpha_1} \exp(-\theta (\Sigma x_i + \alpha_2))$$

$\therefore$  Posterior and prior have the same form.

- Note, we just need the integrating constant. Or consider approaches to sample from the posterior without the integrating constant (e.g. Metropolis-Hastings)

GJJ Q 7.10  $x_1, \dots, x_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\theta)$

$$\text{a.) } L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{e^{-\theta} \theta^{x_i}}{x_i!} = \frac{e^{-n\theta} \theta^{\sum x_i}}{\prod x_i!}$$

$\alpha e^{-n\theta} \theta^{\sum x_i}$   
 $\prod$

In terms of  $\theta$ , this is

a kernel for a gamma distribution

∴ the conjugate prior is a  
gamma distribution.

$$\theta \sim \text{gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$$

$$p(\theta) = \frac{\theta^{\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \exp(-\theta\beta)$$

$$E(\theta) = \frac{\alpha}{\beta} ; \quad \text{Var}(\theta) = \frac{\alpha}{\beta^2}$$

$$\text{We want } \frac{\alpha}{\beta} = 1 \quad \& \quad \frac{\alpha}{\beta^2} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \beta \Rightarrow \frac{\beta}{\beta^2} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\beta} = 1$$

$$\therefore \alpha = \beta = 1$$

$$\therefore P(\theta) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n)} \theta^{n-1} \exp(-\theta)$$

$$= \exp(-\theta)$$

b.)  $P(\theta | x) \propto P(x | \theta) P(\theta)$

$$\propto \left[ \theta^{\sum x_i} \exp(-\theta n) \right] \exp(-\theta)$$

$$\propto \theta^{\sum x_i} \exp(-\theta(n+1))$$

$$\propto \theta^{\sum x_i + 1 - 1} \exp(-\theta(n+1))$$

Kernel for a gamma

(Recall we used a  
conjugate prior so  
this must be true!)

$$[\theta | x] \sim \text{gamma}(a = \sum x_i + 1, b = n + 1)$$

c.)  $2b[\theta | x] \sim \chi_{2a}^2$

$$P\left( \chi_{2a}^2 \leq 2b[\theta | x] \leq \chi_{1-\alpha/2, 2a}^2 \right) = 1 - \alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow P \left( \frac{x_{\alpha, n}^2}{2b} \leq [S|x] \leq \frac{x_{1-\alpha, n}^2}{2b} \right) \geq 1-\alpha$$

~~GJJ Q 7.15~~

$$x_1, \dots, x_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \exp(\theta); E(x) = \frac{1}{\theta}$$

Test  $H_0: \theta = 1$  vs  $H_1: \theta \neq 1$

$$\text{Note: } P(H_0) = p; P(H_1) = 1 - p$$

$$P(H_0 | \underline{x}) = \frac{P(\underline{x} | H_0) P(H_0)}{P(\underline{x})}$$

$$P(H_1 | \underline{x}) = \frac{P(\underline{x} | H_1) P(H_1)}{P(\underline{x})}$$

$$Q^* = \frac{P(\underline{x} | H_0)}{P(\underline{x} | H_1)} \times \frac{P(H_0)}{P(H_1)}$$

Bayes Factor under  $H_0: \theta = 1$   
 $\hookrightarrow = \exp(-\theta \sum x_i)$

$$BF = \frac{\Theta_0^n \exp(-\Theta_0 \sum x_i)}{A}$$

$$A = \left\{ \int_{H_1} \Theta^n \exp(-\Theta \sum x_i) P(\theta | H_1) d\theta \right\}$$

$$[\theta | H_1] \sim \text{gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$$

$$E(\theta | H_1) = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$$

$$A = \int_{H_1} \theta^\alpha \exp(-\theta \varepsilon x_i) \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \theta^{\alpha-1} \exp(-\theta \beta) d\theta$$

$$= \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{H_1} \theta^{\alpha+1} \exp(-\theta (\varepsilon x_i + \beta)) d\theta$$

$$= \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{H_1} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{b^\alpha} \frac{b^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \theta^{\alpha-1} \exp(-\theta b) d\theta$$

$$= \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{b^\alpha} \int_{H_1} \frac{b^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \theta^{\alpha-1} \exp(-\theta b) d\theta$$

= 1

$$BF = \frac{\exp(-\varepsilon x_i) \Gamma(\alpha) b^\alpha}{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)}$$

$$Q^* = BF \frac{P(H_0)}{P(H_1)} = \frac{\exp(-\varepsilon x_i) \Gamma(\alpha) b^\alpha}{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)} \left[ \frac{p}{1-p} \right]$$