

1. Consider a generalised linear model with log-link for (ungrouped) data with exponentially distributed response. The model can be summarised as

$$y_i|x_i \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda_i) = \text{Exp}\left(\frac{1}{\mu_i}\right)$$

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_i} = \mu_i = E(y_i|x_i) = \exp(\beta^T x_i).$$

- (a) Starting from the generic expression for the score-function in a GLM,

$$S(\beta) = \frac{1}{\phi} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu_i) \frac{1}{\mathcal{V}(\mu_i)} \frac{\partial h(\eta_i)}{\partial \eta_i} x_i,$$

find the score function for this particular situation.

- (b) By differentiating the expression derived in part (a), find the observed Fisher Information $F_{\text{obs}}(\beta)$.
- (c) By taking an expectation, find the Fisher-Information $F(\beta)$.
2. Suppose that we are given observations for 17 leukemia patients on the variables wbc (white blood cell count) and time (survival time between diagnosis and deaths in weeks).

wbc	3.36	2.88	3.63	3.41	3.78	4.02	4.00	4.23	3.73
time	65	156	100	134	16	108	121	4	39
wbc	3.85	3.97	4.51	4.54	5.00	5.00	4.72	5.00	
time	143	56	26	22	1	1	5	65	

- (a) A generalised linear model of the type described above is fitted to these data, with linear predictor $\eta_i = \beta_1 + \beta_2 \text{wbc}_i$. Compute the expected Fisher Information matrix and its inverse (you can use your calculations from Question 1).
- (b) The (edited) summary of the model fitted in R is as follows:

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> linm = glm(time~wbc, family = Gamma(link=log))
> summary(linm, dispersion = 1)
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Call:

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glm(formula = time ~ wbc, family = Gamma(link = log))
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Coefficients:      Estimate
(Intercept)    8.4775
wbc           -1.1093
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(Dispersion parameter for Gamma family taken to be 1)

Use the above code and your answer to Question 1 to calculate an estimate of the expected value of time as well as an approximate 95% confidence interval for this expected value, when $\text{wbc} = 3$.

- (c) The estimate for β_2 is $\hat{\beta}_2 = -1.109$. Interpret this value, and suggest and evaluate a test of $H_0: \beta_2 = 0$ at the 5% level of significance.