

Problem Set #1

3. Poisson Regression

(b)

Canonical response function for poisson regression family

→ Giving the distribution's mean as a function of the natural parameter.

$$p(y; \lambda) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^y}{y!}$$

$$\eta = \log \lambda$$

$$g(\eta) = \lambda \leftarrow \text{mean (= variance of poisson distribution)}$$

$$g(\log \lambda) = \lambda$$

$$g(\eta) = e^\eta$$

$$\therefore h_\theta(x) = E(y | x; \theta) = \lambda = e^\eta = e^{\theta^T x}$$