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Statistical Modelling: Beyond Linear Models, Generalized Linear Models

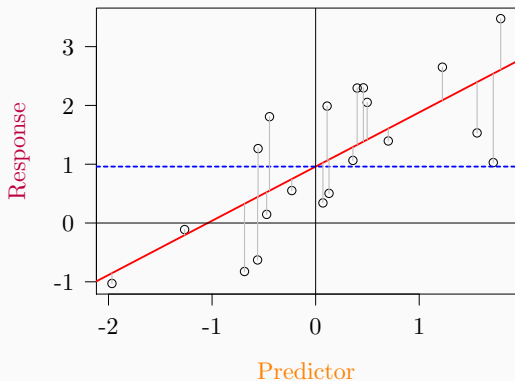
Chapter 5

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Simple linear models

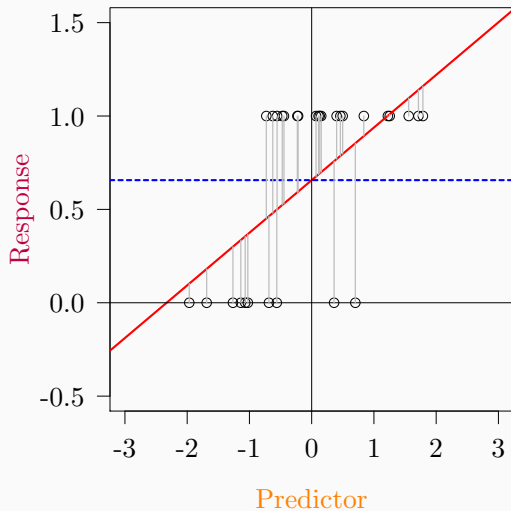
$$\text{Response} = \text{Intercept} + \text{Slope} \times \text{Predictor} + \text{Error}$$



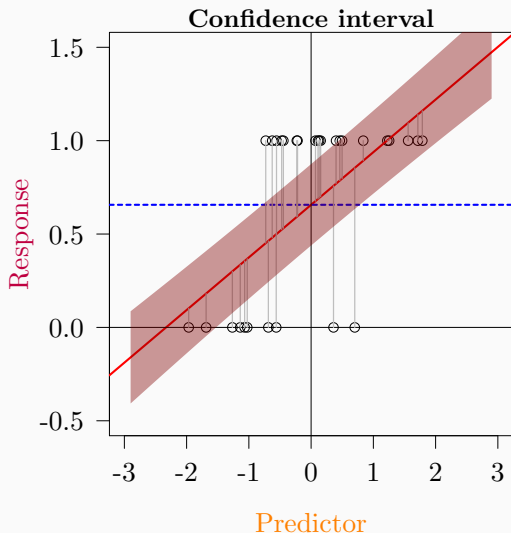
Linear model basic assumptions

- Predictor not perfectly correlated
Risk: Model won't run, unstable convergence, or huge SE
- Little error in predictors
Risk: bias estimates (underestimate with Gaussian error)
- Gaussian error distribution
Risk: Poor predictions
- Homoscedasticity (constant error variance)
Risk: Over-optimistic uncertainty, unreliable predictions
- Independence of error
Risk: Bias and over-optimistic uncertainty

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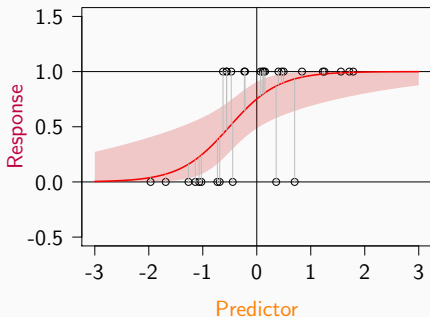
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Assumptions violated:

Non-Gaussian errors, non-constant error variance, correlated errors

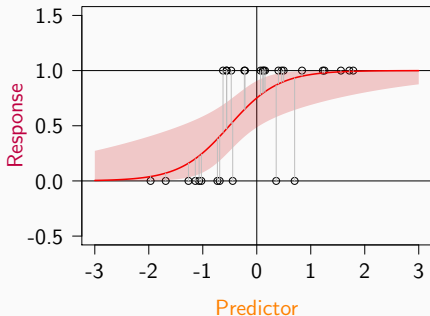
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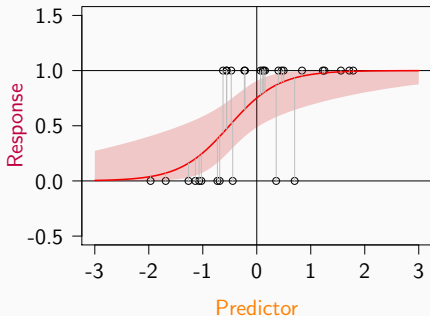
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GLMs fit continuous expected response; we observe discrete realizations

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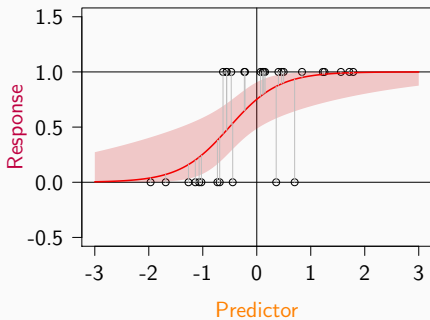
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What is the Bernoulli distribution?

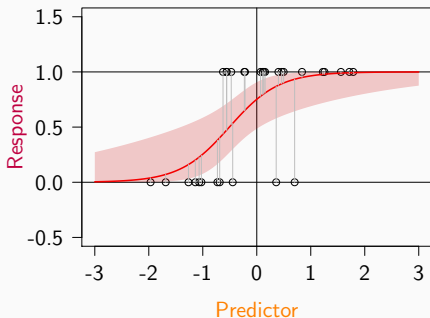
```
bernouilli_random_sample <- rbinom(n = 10000, size = 1, prob = 0.3)
hist(bernouilli_random_sample)
mean(bernouilli_random_sample); 0.3
var(bernouilli_random_sample); 0.3*(1-0.3)
```

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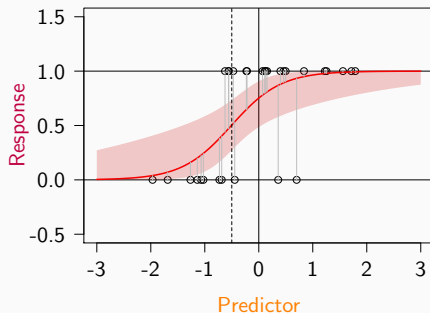
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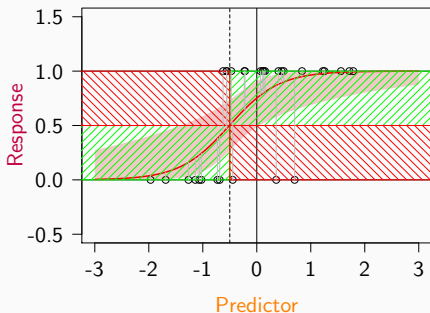
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Logistic regression in R

```
glm(formula = obs ~ 1 + x, family = "binomial", data=data)
```

Does survival probability depend on size?

Exercise, part 1

1. Load `survivalsize.csv`
2. Plot survival data. What kind of distribution is it?
3. Logistic GLM of survival as a function of size. How does size correlates with survival?
4. What is the unit of coefficients?

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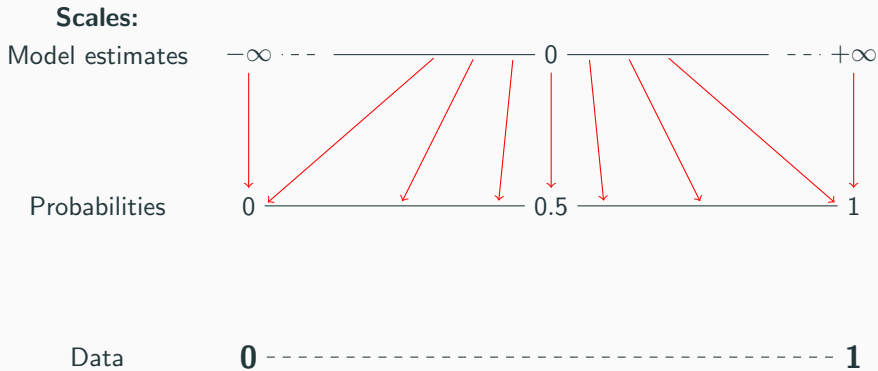
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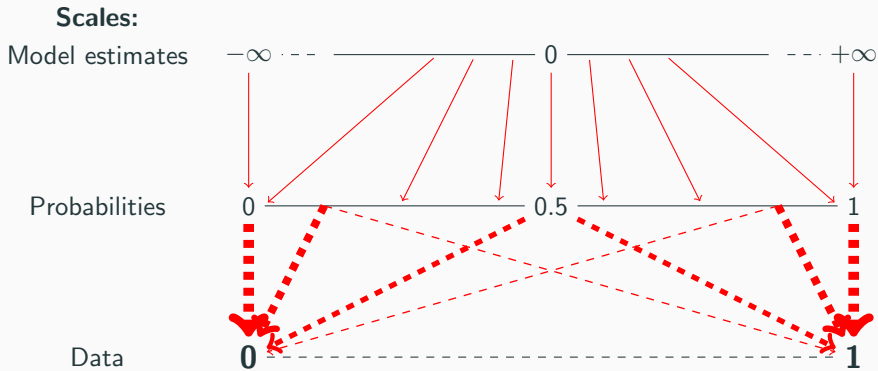
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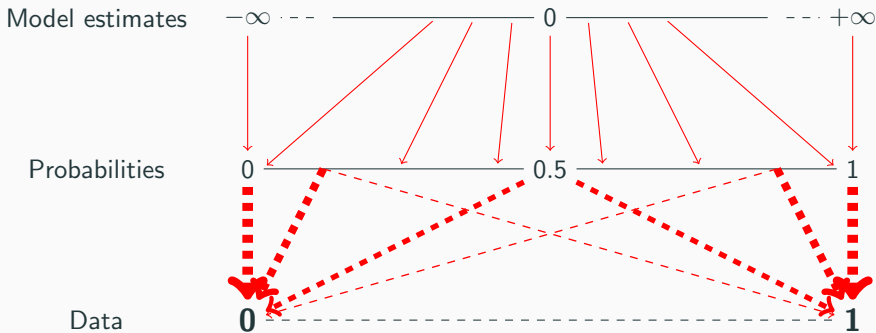


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Conversion:

- from model to probability: $p = \frac{1}{1+\exp(-x)}$ or `plogis(x)`
- probability and data on same scale, but continuous/discrete
- $\exp(\text{slope}) = \text{odds-ratio}$

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hints:

1. For a given predicted y , $\exp(y)$ is the odd ratio: probability success / probability failure
2. Back-transformation inverse-logit: $probability = \frac{1}{1+\exp(-y)}$

Solutions part 2

```
surv <- read.csv("Data/survival.csv")
plot(surv$survival)
lmsurv <- glm(survival~1, data=surv, family=gaussian)
lregsurv <- glm(survival~1, data=surv, family=binomial)

#linear model prediction:
coefficients(lmsurv)

#logistic reg prediction:
plogis(coefficients(lregsurv))
1/(1+exp(-coefficients(lregsurv)))
exp(coefficients(lregsurv))

#observed mean survival:
mean(surv$survival)

#mean odd-ratio:
mean(surv$survival)/(1-mean(surv$survival))
```

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Exercise, part 3

1. Fit a linear regression and a logistic regression of survival on relative size, compare the outputs
2. Check the diagnostic plots for both models. Should you be worried?
3. Extract and visualize a model prediction from both models (use the function `predict()`, and/or do it by hand to practice link-function back-transformation)

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```
lmsurvS <- glm(survival~1 + relative_size, data=surv, family=gaussian)
lregsurvS <- glm(survival~1 + relative_size, data=surv, family=binomial)

summary(lmsurvS)
summary(lregsurvS)

plot(lmsurvS)
plot(lregsurvS)

plot(surv$relative_size, surv$survival, ylim=c(-0.2,1.2))
abline(lmsurv, col="red")

plot(surv$relative_size, surv$survival, ylim=c(-0.2,1.2))
datforpred <- data.frame(relative_size=seq(from=-3,to=4, by=0.1))
datforpred$prob <- predict(lregsurvS, newdata = datforpred,
type = "response")
lines(datforpred$relative_size, datforpred$prob, col="red")

ggplot(surv, aes(x = relative_size, y=survival))+geom_point()+
stat_smooth(method = "glm", method.args = list(family = "binomial"))
```


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NO assumptions about the distribution of residuals (Normality, homoscedasticity).

BUT more assumptions in non-binary GLMs (proportions and count data)!!

More practice: does survival probability depend on weight?
does the relationship depend on sex?

Exercise

1. Load `survivalweight.csv`
2. Plot data
3. Fit a logistic model to address these questions
4. Plot the results

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Poisson regression

- Count data
- Poisson distribution
- Link function: logarithm
- Inverse link function: exponential
- Linear function $y = \textit{intercept} + \textit{slope}_1 \textit{predictor}_1 + \textit{slope}_2 \textit{predictor}_2 + \dots$

What is the Poisson distribution?

```
poisson_random_sample <- rpois(n = 10000, lambda = 4)
hist(poisson_random_sample)
mean(poisson_random_sample)
var(poisson_random_sample)
```

Poisson regression in R

```
glm(formula = obs ~ 1 + x, family = "poisson", data=data)
```

```
glm(formula = obs ~ 1 + x, family = "quasipoisson", data=data)
```

family = "poisson" is dangerous

- A true Poisson distribution has $E(\exp(Y)) = V(\exp(Y))$
- Assumes no unexplained variation in Y
- `glm()` follows this assumption
- In nature, $E(\exp(Y)) < V(\exp(Y))$ most of the time
- SE and p-value too small
- family = "quasipoisson" correct the uncertainty in `glm()`
- or mixed model with $(1|obs)$
- other packages never follow the assumption (`MCMCglmm`)

Exercise

1. Load the data reproduction.csv
2. Plot reproduction data, calculate the mean and variance.
3. Overlay a Gaussian distribution of same mean and variance, does it fit?
4. Fit and compare a lm and a Poisson glm of reproduction on size
5. Check the diagnostic plots for both models. Should you be worried?
6. Extract and visualize a model prediction from both models (use the function predict, and/or do it by hand to practice link-function back-transformation)
7. Before GLMs, researchers used to log-transform the data and fit linear models. What are the problems with this approach?

Can we decrease aggressive behavior in noisy miners?

Context

- "Harassment.Data.csv"
- Outcome measure: number of attacks
- Experimental factor: Removal of noisy miners (Control/Treatment); Just-After Treatment / long-term ("Phase")
- Data: 6 farms, 8 one-hour surveys for each combination

