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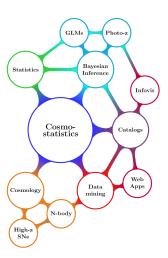


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- 2 The Overlooked Potential of Generalized Linear Models in Astronomy-II: Gamma regression and photometric redshifts. ASCL link: http://ascl.net/1408.018



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- 1 CosmoABC: Cosmological parameter estimation via PMC-ABC. To be submitted to A&C.
- The Overlooked Potential of Generalized Linear Models in Astronomy-III: Bayesian Models for Count data
- 3 Gaussian Mixture Models for bi-modality studies in Globular Cluster
- Multiple Survey Analysis and Supernova Cosmology
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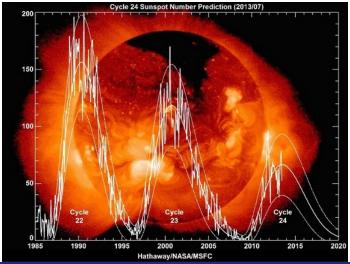
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Problem Genesis

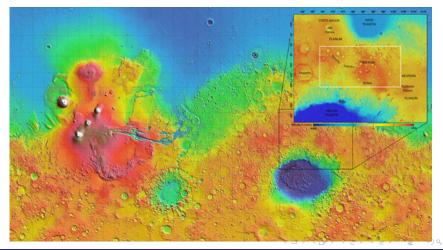
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Sunspot Counts Cycles



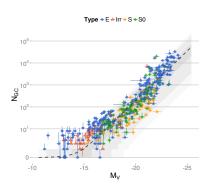


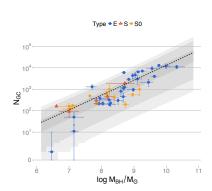
Mars Crater Counts (NASA/MOLA Science Team /D. Loizeau et al.)



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Globular Cluster Counts (COIN, in preparation)







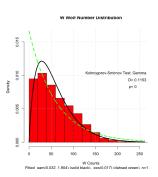
Models

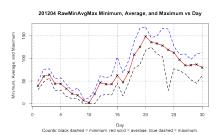
Sunspot Counts Models (partial cycle data)

- Sunspot counts, diurnal
- 60 observers in a month (random effect)
- Fixed effects
 - Seeing condition (E, G, F, P)
 - Location in sunspot cycle (year, month)
 - Observing experience (7 levels)



Raw Sunspot Counts (typical monthly non-minima data)



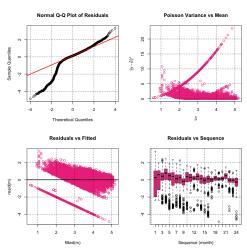


$$y_{ij}^* \mid u_i \stackrel{\cdot}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(\mu_{ij}^*, \sigma_{ij}^{*2}), \quad u_i \stackrel{\cdot}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(\mu_{Ri}, \sigma_{Ri}^2)$$

For $Y|u \sim Poi(\mu_{n \times 1})$, transform the response such that

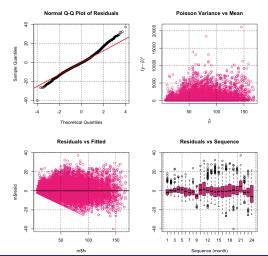
| Effect | Mean Model | Dispersion Model |
|--------|---|--|
| Fixed | $egin{aligned} Y_{ij}^* \mid u_i &\sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{ij}^*, \sigma^{*2}) \ \mu_{ij}^* &= x_{ij}^T oldsymbol{eta} + z_i^T u \ y_{ij}^* &= ln(y_{ij} + 1) \end{aligned}$ | $\epsilon_{ij} \stackrel{\mathit{iid}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0,\sigma^{*2})$ |
| Random | $u_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_R^2)$ | |

$$y_{ij}^* \mid u_i \stackrel{.}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(\mu_{ij}^*, \sigma_{ij}^{*2}), \quad u_i \stackrel{.}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(\mu_{Ri}, \sigma_{Ri}^2), \quad \frac{\textit{Var}(\hat{Y}_{ij}^*)}{\hat{Y}_{ii}^*} = 24.204$$



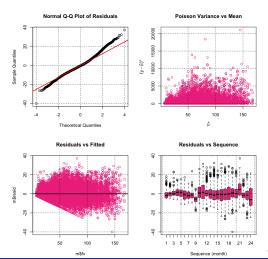
| Effect | Mean Model | Dispersion Model |
|--------|--|---|
| | $Y_{ij} \mid u_i \sim (\mu_{ij}, \phi_{ij}\mu_{ij})$ | $d_{ij} \sim (\phi_{ij}, 2\phi_{ij}^2)$ |
| Fixed | | $\eta_{	extit{dij}} = \gamma_0$ |
| | $\eta_{ij} = g(\mu_{ij})$ | $\eta_{	extit{d}ij} = g_{	extit{d}}(\phi_{ij})$ |
| | $u_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_{Ri}, \sigma_{Ri}^2)$ | $d_{R_i} \sim (\zeta_i, 2\zeta_i^2)$ |
| Random | | $\eta_{dRi} = \delta_0$ |
| | $v_i = g_R(u_i)$ | $\eta_{dRi} = g_{dR}(\zeta_i)$ |

$$y_{ij} \mid u_i \stackrel{\cdot}{\sim} \mathcal{P}oi(\mu_{ij}), \quad u_i \stackrel{\cdot}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(\mu_{Ri}, \sigma_{Ri}^2), \quad \frac{Var(Y_{ij})}{\hat{Y}_{ii}} = 20.010$$



| Effect | Mean Model | Dispersion Model |
|--------|--|---|
| | $Y_{ij} \mid u_i \sim (\mu_{ij}, \phi_{ij}\mu_{ij})$ | $d_{ij} \sim (\phi_{ij}, 2\phi_{ij}^2)$ |
| Fixed | | $\eta_{	extit{dij}} = \gamma_0$ |
| | $\eta_{ij} = g(\mu_{ij})$ | $\eta_{	extit{dij}} = g_{	extit{d}}(\phi_{	extit{ij}})$ |
| | $u_i \sim 	extit{gamma}(heta_i, \kappa_i)$ | $d_{R_i} \sim (\zeta_i, 2\zeta_i^2)$ |
| Random | | $\eta_{dRi} = \delta_0$ |
| | $v_i = g_R(u_i)$ | $\eta_{dRi} = g_{dR}(\zeta_i)$ |





Proposition

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Overdispersion of

- The conditional response mean model deviance residuals
- The random effects mean model deviance residuals

Contain information about random effects distributions

Propose

- A random effects mean-variance power-law function
- \blacksquare Estimate the mean-variance power-law function exponent ψ :

$$V_R(\mu_{Ri}) = \mu_{Ri}^{\psi} \tag{1}$$

from random effects deviance residuals (from HGLM IWLS estimation)



Counting (especially) large numbers of events is complex

- A stochastic component of this complex system is observer
- An exponential family mean-variance (first and second) moment) specification is estimable via quasi-likelihood
- A mean-variance power-law function suggests stochastic process clustering structures
- Mean-variance power-law function is scale invariant thus accommodating small to large numbers of observers



HGLM random effects power-law mean-variance quasi distribution

| Effect | Mean Model | Dispersion Model |
|--------|---|---|
| | $Y_{ij} \mid u_i \sim (\mu_{ij}, \phi_{ij}\mu_{ij})$ | $d_{ij} \sim (\phi_{ij}, 2\phi_{ij}^2)$ |
| Fixed | $\eta_{ij} = x_{ij}^{T} \boldsymbol{\beta} + z_{i}^{T} v$ | $\eta_{	extit{dij}} = \gamma_0$ |
| | $\eta_{ij} = g(\mu_{ij})$ | $\eta_{	extit{dij}} = g_{	extit{d}}(\phi_{	extit{ij}})$ |
| | $u_i \sim (\mu_{Ri}, \zeta_i \mu_{Ri}^\psi)$ | $d_{R_i} \sim (\zeta_i, 2\zeta_i^2)$ |
| Random | | $\eta_{dRi} = \delta_0$ |
| | $v_i = g_R(u_i)$ | $\eta_{dRi} = g_{dR}(\zeta_i)$ |



From (Lee and Nelder, 1996):

- lacksquare For a power-law exponent ψ
- The random effects i^{th} deviance residual d_{Ri} is defined as

$$d_{Ri} = \int_{\hat{\mu}_{Ri}}^{\xi_i} \frac{\xi_i - s}{s^{\psi}} ds \tag{2}$$

- ξ_i is the i^{th} random effects pseudo model response
- $\hat{\mu}_{Ri}$ is the i^{th} estimated mean of the random effects
- s is the scaling variable of integration



Random effects deviance residual expected value

Models

The expected value of the i^{th} random effects deviance residual is

$$\mathcal{E}(d_{Ri}) = 2 \left[\frac{\mathcal{E}(\xi_i^{2-\psi}) - (2-\psi)\mu_{Ri}^{1-\psi}\mathcal{E}(\xi_i) + (1-\psi)\mu_{Ri}^{2-\psi}}{(1-\psi)(2-\psi)} \right]$$
(3)



Power normal distribution

Power normal distribution models random effects deviance residuals

$$d_{Ri} \sim \mathcal{PN}(\lambda, f_R(\mu_{Ri}), V_R(\mu_{Ri})) \tag{4}$$

- Right skewed
- Left truncated (λ the cut point)
- Degenerates to normal as $\lambda \to 0$
- ullet λ estimated from data as a Box-Cox transformation exponent
- PN deviance residuals model parameters characterize the random effects power-law function exponent



Power normal distribution expected value

Models

The first moment of the power normal distribution is estimated as (Freeman and Modarres, 2006)

$$\mathcal{E}(d_{Ri}) = (\lambda d_{\lambda i}^{\lambda} + 1)^{\frac{1}{\lambda}} (1 - \lambda^2)$$

= $d_{Ri}(1 - \lambda^2)$ (5)

Where λ is the PN distribution truncation parameter



The data allow the estimation of

- The random effects deviance residual d_{Ri}
- lacksquare The power normal distribution parameter λ
- The random effects mean μ_{Ri}
- The pseudo-response ξ_i

From which the random effects mean-variance power-law function exponent ψ may be estimated



Mathematics and Analysis

- Mathematical development
- Myers's and Montgomery's (2002) Rats data
- Sunspot counts data supplied by the American Association of Variable Star Observers Solar Section

Models

$$2\left[\frac{\mathcal{E}(\xi^{2-\psi}) - (2-\psi)\mu_{Ri}^{1-\psi}\mathcal{E}(\xi_i) + (1-\psi)\mu_{Ri}^{2-\psi}}{(1-\psi)(2-\psi)}\right] = d_{Ri}(1-\lambda^2) \quad (6)$$

- Equate RE deviance residuals to the power normal first moment
- Simplify Equation 6
- Show term-by-term estimations
- Use IWLS for parameter estimation



Taylor Approximation

■ In Equation 6, estimate μ_{Ri} with $\mathcal{E}(\xi_i)$

$$2\left[\frac{\mathcal{E}(\xi^{2-\psi}) - (2-\psi)[\mathcal{E}(\xi_i)]^{2-\psi} + (1-\psi)[\mathcal{E}(\xi_i)]^{2-\psi}}{(1-\psi)(2-\psi)}\right] = d_{Ri}(1-\lambda^2)$$
(7)

■ Estimate $\mathcal{E}(\xi_i^{2-\psi})$ with a Taylor approximation about $\hat{\mu}_{Ri}$

$$\mathcal{E}[H(\xi_{i})] \doteq \mathcal{E}\left\{H(\hat{\mu}_{Ri}) + H'(\hat{\mu}_{Ri})(\xi_{i} - \hat{\mu}_{Ri}) + \frac{1}{2}H''(\hat{\mu}_{Ri})(\xi_{i} - \hat{\mu}_{Ri})^{2}\right\}$$

$$= \bar{\xi}^{-\psi}Var(\xi_{i})$$
(8)



With this approximation, we have

Models

$$\bar{\xi}^{-\psi} Var(\xi_i) = (1 - \lambda^2) \bar{d}_R, \tag{9}$$

 d_R substituted for d_{Ri} as deviance residuals assumed independent. Therefore, the power-law exponent is

$$\hat{\psi} = \frac{\ln[Var(\xi_i)] - \ln(1 - \hat{\lambda}^2) - \ln(\bar{d}_R)}{\ln(\bar{\xi})},\tag{10}$$



Empirical (Nonlinear Regression) Estimate of ψ

Models

Uses Taylor approximation where the means $\bar{\xi}$ and \bar{d}_R are substituted with ξ_i and d_{Ri} as assumed independent

$$egin{aligned} \xi_i^{-\psi} extit{Var}(\xi_i) &= (1 - \hat{\lambda}^2) d_{Ri} \ d_{Ri} &= rac{ extit{Var}(\xi_i)}{1 - \hat{\lambda}^2} \xi_i^{-\psi}, \quad -1 < \hat{\lambda} < 1 \ d_{Ri} &= a \xi_i^{-\psi} \end{aligned}$$

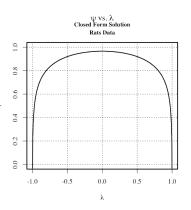
where $a = Var(\xi_i)/(1-\hat{\lambda}^2)$, a and ψ estimated



Estimation and Efficacy

$$\frac{\hat{\lambda}}{0.1010}$$
 95% CI 0.1010 (-0.0288, 0.2718)

| Solution | $\hat{\psi}$ | 95% CI |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Closed form | 0.9639 | (0.8686, 1.0478) |
| Empirical | 0.9701 | (0.9001, 1.0396) |
| $\Delta \hat{\psi}$ | 0.6432% | |

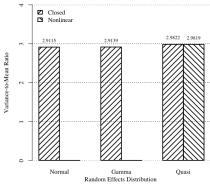


Rat data variance-to-mean ratio

- Closed form ratio 0.01% larger than nonlinear ratio
- Closed form ratio 2.43% larger than normal ratio
- Nonlinear ratio 2.35% larger than normal ratio
- Closed form ratios 2.35% gamma ratio
- Nonlinear ratio 2.3331% gamma ratio

Comparison of Variance-to-Mean Ratios

Rats Data Closed Form and Nonlinear Solutions for ψ λ From Assumed Gamma Random Effects



Variance-to-mean ratio = 1 is desired

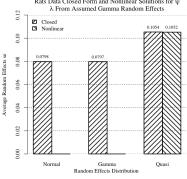


Rat data standard errors

- Closed form estimate 0.19% greater than nonlinear estimate
- Closed form estimate 32.01% greater than normal estimate
- Nonlinear estimate 31.81% larger than normal estimate
- Closed form estimate 32.13% gamma estimate
- Nonlinear estimate 31.93% gamma estimate
- Normal and gamma standard errors often too small giving Type I errors
- Quasi standard errors more conservative accounting for overdispersion

| Solution | s.e.(RE) | 95% | CI |
|------------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Closed form | 0.1054 | (0.0773, | 0.1334) |
| Empirical | 0.1052 | (0.0771, | 0.1333) |
| $\Delta s.e(RF)$ | 0.1898% | | |

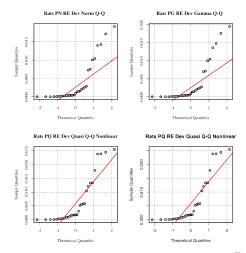
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Smallest average standard error is best.



Rat data normal Q-Q diagnostic plots



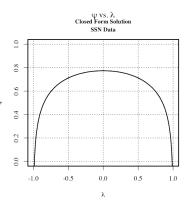


Rat data efficacy measures

- The variance-to-mean ratio
 No distribution is preferred
- Random effects standard errors
 Normal and gamma se often too small for overdispersion correction
- Normality diagnostics
 The quasi distribution for REs suggests a nonnormal residual distribution



| Solution | $\hat{\psi}$ | 95% CI |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Closed form | 0.7734 | (0.6077, 0.8882) |
| Empirical | 0.9930 | (0.9662, 1.0197) |
| $\Delta \hat{\psi}$ | 16.132% | |

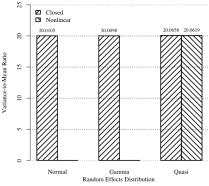


Sunspot data variance-to-mean ratio

- Closed form ratio 0.02% larger than nonlinear ratio
- Closed form ratio 0.28% larger than normal ratio
- Nonlinear ratio 0.26% larger than normal ratio
- Closed form ratios 0.28% gamma ratio
- Nonlinear ratio 0.26% gamma ratio

Comparison of Variance-to-Mean Ratios

SSN Data Closed Form and Nonlinear Solutions for ψ λ From Assumed Gamma Random Effects



Variance-to-mean ratio = 1 is desired.



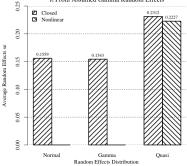
Sunspot data standard errors

- Closed form estimate 3.68% greater than nonlinear estimate
- Closed form estimate 48.26% greater than normal estimate
- Nonlinear estimate 42.85% larger than normal estimate
- Closed form estimate 49.77% gamma estimate
- Nonlinear estimate 44.30% gamma estimate
- Normal and gamma standard errors often too small giving Type I errors
- Quasi standard errors more conservative accounting for overdispersion

| Solution | s.e.(RE) | 95% CI | |
|------------------|----------|------------------|---|
| Closed form | 0.2312 | (0.2024, 0.2599) | _ |
| Empirical | 0.2227 | (0.1944, 0.2515) | |
| $\Delta s.e(RE)$ | 3.6765% | | _ |

Comparison of Random Effects Average Standard Errors SSN Data Closed Form and Nonlinear Solutions for ψ

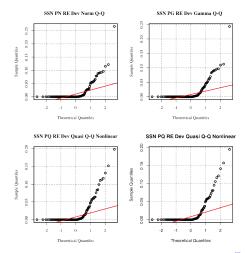
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Conclusions

Proposed

- Expected value of the random effects deviance residuals
 - Assumed distributed as a power normal distribution (PN)
 - PN mean estimated from first moment approximation
 - PN truncation parameter λ estimated from the Box-Cox transformation on the random effects deviance residuals
 - Data set specific
- lacksquare Power-law quasi distribution exponent ψ estimated
 - As a closed form solution
 - Empirical determination



- Overdispersion
 Quasi power-law no worse than normal and gamma
- Normality of standardized deviance residuals
 Quasi power-law no worse, sometimes better than normal and gamma
- Random effects standard errors
 Quasi power-law s.e. reflects overdispersion underestimated by normal and gamma standard errors

Future Research

- Power normal distribution
 - MLF rather than MMF to avoid domain constraints
 - Examine effect on random effects overdispersion
- Equate expected value of random effects deviance residuals to other distributions
 - Account for truncation (truncated quasi distribution)
 - Right-skewness
- Profile estimation of ψ
- Random effects estimation of means model deviance residuals
 - Use the joint glm means model
 - Variance components estimation
 - Bayesian estimation
 - Simulation study



Models

Overdispersion in counts data show more variation than the Poisson model assumes. Random effects standard errors are under-estimated by assuming normal or gamma distributions.

The power normal distribution estimates of the power-law quasi distribution exponent ψ on the selected data sets provide increased random effects standard error corrections commensurate with the overdispered data.

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Appendix

Hierarchical Generalized Linear Model

Models

Conditional Response Part

$$y \mid v \sim Poi(\mu)$$
 $\mu = \text{mean vector of } y \mid v$
 $g(\mu) = X\beta + Zv$
 $X_{n \times p} = \text{fixed effects design matrix}$
 $\beta_{p \times 1} = \text{fixed effects parameter vector}$

Models

Random Effects Part

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Z_{n \times a} = \text{random effects design matrix}
       v = g_R(u), random effects param fct consistent with g(\cdot)
   u_{a\times 1} \sim \mathcal{EF}(\mu_R, \zeta V(\mu_R))
\mu_{R,q \times 1} = mean vector of random effects u
       \zeta = \text{dispersion parameter}
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Suppose X is a random variable $\exists x \in \{X : x \ge 0\}$

Models

$$Y = \begin{cases} \frac{X^{\lambda} - 1}{\lambda} &, \lambda \neq 0 \\ \ln(X) &, \lambda = 0 \end{cases}$$
 (11)

The inverse of the normal random variable Y is

$$X = \begin{cases} (\lambda Y + 1)^{\frac{1}{\lambda}} &, \lambda \neq 0 \\ \exp(Y) &, \lambda = 0 \end{cases}$$
 (12)

Models

Truncated normal distribution

Y is more accurately represented as a truncated normal (TN) distribution than a normal distribution

$$Y = \begin{cases} \mathcal{T}\mathcal{N}(\mu_Y, \sigma_Y^2, -\frac{1}{\lambda}) &, \lambda \neq 0 \\ \mathcal{N}(\mu_Y, \sigma_Y^2) &, \lambda = 0, \end{cases}$$
(13)

where $\frac{1}{\lambda}$ is the left or right truncation value.



Truncated normal distribution

The probability distribution function (pdf) of Y is

$$g\left(Y\mid\mu,\sigma^2,-\frac{1}{\lambda}\right) = \frac{1}{K(T)}\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}}\exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(Y-\mu)^2\right]. \quad (14)$$

The constant K(T) is

$$K(T) = \begin{cases} \Phi[\operatorname{sgn}(\lambda)T] & , \lambda \neq 0 \\ 1 & , \lambda = 0, \end{cases}$$
 (15)

where Φ is the cdf of the standard normal distribution.

 $T = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sigma}} + \frac{\mu}{\sigma}$ makes K(T) the normalizing constant. With only positive real number support for a random variable X,

$$Y(\lambda) = \begin{cases} \frac{X^{\lambda} - 1}{\lambda} \sim \mathcal{TN}(\mu, \sigma^2, -\frac{1}{\lambda}) &, \lambda \neq 0\\ \ln(X) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2) &, \lambda = 0. \end{cases}$$
(16)



Power normal distribution

Redefine rv $X \ni X \sim \mathcal{PN}(\lambda, \mu, \sigma)$, a power normal distribution

$$f\left(X\mid\lambda,\mu,\sigma^{2}\right) = \frac{1}{K(T)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^{2}}} X^{\lambda-1} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^{2}} (p_{\lambda}(X) - \mu)^{2}\right], X > 0,$$
(17)

where K(T) is as above, and

$$p_{\lambda}(X) = Y. \tag{18}$$

ML estimators are not consistent for constant K(T) (Maruo et. al., 2011)



Power normal parameter estimation

Models

Freeman & Modares (2006a) and Freeman & Modares (2006b) provide moments estimators.

The r^{th} moment of the pre-transform X is

$$\mathcal{E}X^{r} = \begin{cases} \int_{-\frac{1}{\lambda}}^{\infty} (\lambda y + 1)^{\frac{r}{\lambda}} \phi\left(\frac{y - \mu}{\sigma}\right) \frac{dy}{d\sigma} &, \lambda > 0\\ \exp(r\mu + r^{2}\sigma^{2}/2) &, \lambda = 0. \end{cases}$$
(19)

In discrete form:

$$\mathcal{E}X^{r} = \begin{cases} \sum_{\text{even } k \geq 0} \frac{\sigma^{k} k!}{s^{\frac{k}{2}} \left(\frac{k}{2}\right)!} (\lambda Y + 1)^{\frac{r}{\lambda} - k} \prod_{l=1}^{k-1} (r - l\lambda) &, \lambda \neq 0 \\ \exp(r\mu + r^{2} \sigma^{2} / 2) &, \lambda = 0. \end{cases}$$

$$(20)$$



Power normal parameter estimation

The series approximation of the first moment, μ , is

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$$\mu = \mathcal{E}X^{1} = \begin{cases} (\lambda Y + 1)^{\frac{1}{\lambda}} (1 - \lambda^{2}) &, \lambda \neq 0 \\ \exp(\mu + \sigma^{2}/2) &, \lambda = 0, \end{cases}$$
(21)

which is equated to the expected value of the random effects deviance residuals.



DEQL Algorithm

- Initialize starting values
- 2 Construct an augmented response vector $y_a = (y, \xi)^T$
- Use a GLM to estimate initial values of the conditional response model parameters eta and the random effects parameters v, given the conditional response dispersion parameter ϕ , and the random effects dispersion parameter ζ . Save the deviance components and leverages from this initial fitted model

DEQL Algorithm

- 4 Use a $d_i \sim gamma(\cdot,\cdot)$ GLM to estimate β_d from the conditional response deviance residuals and their associated leverages q_i (IWLS leverages from, where these deviance components are from step 3). The gamma GLM is a random intercept model. Update the dispersion parameter by setting ϕ equal to the predicted response vector from this step 4 model
- 5 Use a similar GLM to step 4 to estimate ζ from the random effects deviance residuals again obtained from the step 3 GLM
- 6 Iterate steps 3 to 5 until convergence



Linear Models

- Some definitions
 - Fixed effects X has all possible observations levels
 - Random effects Z is a sample of all possible observations levels
- Classical General Linear Models (GLMs)
 - ullet $g(\mu)=\mu$, the link is the identity for linearity in the parameters
 - The responses Y_i must follow a normal (Gaussian) distribution
 - The random effects parameters u_i must follow a normal distribution
- Generalized Linear Models
 - $g(\mu)$, the link the identity, log, logit, reciprocal, etc., to make linear in the parameters
 - lacktriangle The responses Y_i need not follow a normal distribution
 - The random effects parameters u_i need not follow a normal distribution



Current use

- \blacksquare Allows u_i to follow normal, beta, gamma, inverse-gamma
- Theory allows RE variance to be a scaled function of the RE mean, $V(\mu_i) = \phi \mu_R$
- Extended use (not used in practice)
 - \blacksquare Allow u_i to follow a power function function of the RE mean, $V(\mu_i) = \mu_P^{\psi}$
 - If $\psi = 0$, REs follow a normal distribution
 - If $\psi = 1, 2$, REs follow a gamma distribution
 - If $\psi = 1/2$, REs follow a beta distribution
 - If $\psi \neq 0, 1/2, 1, 2$, no named pdf
- Model standardized residuals must follow a normal distribution to have an adequate fit to the data



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