

## *intermediate generalized linear models*

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*packages*

```
library(ggplot2)
theme_set(theme_bw())
library(aods3)

## Loading required package: lme4

## Loading required package: Matrix

## Loading required package: boot
```

*overdispersion*

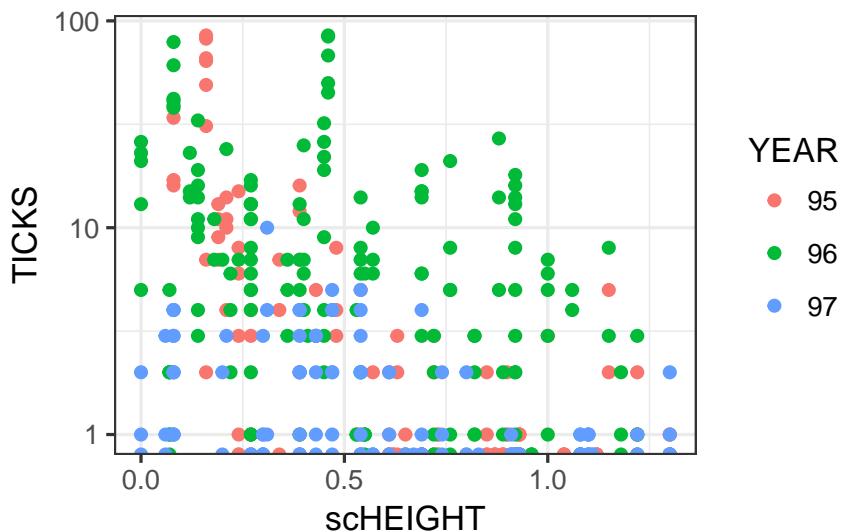
*overdispersion*

- more variance than expected based on statistical model
- e.g. variance > mean for Poisson
- in general leads to *overconfidence*
  - overly narrow confidence intervals
  - too-small p-values
  - inflated type I error

*Tick example*

```
ticks <- read.table("../data/Elston2001_tickdata.txt",
  header = TRUE)
ticks <- transform(ticks, YEAR = factor(YEAR),
  scHEIGHT = (HEIGHT - min(HEIGHT))/100)
ggplot(ticks, aes(scHEIGHT, TICKS, colour = YEAR)) +
  geom_point() + scale_y_log10()

## Warning: Transformation introduced infinite
## values in continuous y-axis
```



```
ticks_glm1 <- glm(TICKS ~ scHEIGHT * YEAR, ticks,
  family = poisson)
aods3::gof(ticks_glm1)

## D = 3008.964, df = 397, P(>D) = 0
## X2 = 4496.887, df = 397, P(>X2) = 0
```

### *methods*

- quasi-likelihood models
- compounded distributions
- observation-level random effects

### *quasi-likelihood*

- quantify excess variance
- e.g.  $\phi = \text{sum}(\text{residuals}(m, \text{type}=\text{"pearson"})^2) / \text{df.residual}(m)$
- multiply estimated standard errors by  $\sqrt{\phi}$
- recompute  $Z/t$  statistics,  $p$  values
- `family=quasipoisson` or `family=quasibinomial` does this automatically
- no likelihood/AIC available

### *ticks*

```
ticks_QP <- update(ticks_glm1, family = quasipoisson)
summary(ticks_QP)

##
## Call:
## glm(formula = TICKS ~ scHEIGHT * YEAR, family = quasipoisson,
```

```

##      data = ticks)
##
## Deviance Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -6.0993 -1.7956 -0.8414  0.6453 14.1356
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value
## (Intercept) 4.0008    0.2391 16.731
## scHEIGHT     -5.8198    0.8547 -6.809
## YEAR96      -0.9831    0.2729 -3.603
## YEAR97      -2.9448    0.5057 -5.824
## scHEIGHT:YEAR96 4.4693    0.8959  4.988
## scHEIGHT:YEAR97 4.0453    1.2081  3.349
##              Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) < 2e-16 ***
## scHEIGHT     3.64e-11 ***
## YEAR96      0.000355 ***
## YEAR97      1.19e-08 ***
## scHEIGHT:YEAR96 9.12e-07 ***
## scHEIGHT:YEAR97 0.000890 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:
## 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## (Dispersion parameter for quasipoisson family taken to be 11.3272)
##
## Null deviance: 5847.5 on 402 degrees of freedom
## Residual deviance: 3009.0 on 397 degrees of freedom
## AIC: NA
##
## Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 6

```

### *compounded distributions*

- instead of Poisson/binomial/etc., use a compounded distribution
- Gamma + Poisson = negative binomial (e.g. MASS::glmer.nb)
- Beta + binomial = beta-binomial (e.g. glmmTMB, bbmle::mle2)

```

ticks_NB <- MASS::glm.nb(TICKS ~ scHEIGHT * YEAR,
                           data = ticks)
summary(ticks_NB)

##
## Call:

```

```

## MASS::glm.nb(formula = TICKS ~ scHEIGHT * YEAR, data = ticks,
##               init.theta = 0.9000852793, link = log)
##
## Deviance Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -2.3765 -1.0281 -0.5052  0.2408  3.2440
##
## Coefficients:
##             Estimate Std. Error z value
## (Intercept) 3.3829    0.2323 14.559
## scHEIGHT     -4.1308    0.4033 -10.242
## YEAR96       -0.2890    0.2829 -1.022
## YEAR97       -2.1926    0.3286 -6.672
## scHEIGHT:YEAR96 2.6132    0.4824  5.418
## scHEIGHT:YEAR97 2.0861    0.5571  3.745
##             Pr(>|z|)
## (Intercept) < 2e-16 ***
## scHEIGHT     < 2e-16 ***
## YEAR96       0.307009
## YEAR97       2.52e-11 ***
## scHEIGHT:YEAR96 6.04e-08 ***
## scHEIGHT:YEAR97 0.000181 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:
## 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## (Dispersion parameter for Negative Binomial(0.9001) family taken to be 1)
##
## Null deviance: 840.71 on 402 degrees of freedom
## Residual deviance: 418.82 on 397 degrees of freedom
## AIC: 1912.6
##
## Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 1
##
## Theta: 0.9001
## Std. Err.: 0.0867
##
## 2 x log-likelihood: -1898.5880

```

*observation-level random effects*

- use mixed models; add a Normal deviate to each observation  
(on the link-function/linear predictor scale)

- e.g. logit-Normal-binomial, or log-Normal-Poisson

```

ticks <- transform(ticks, obs = 1:nrow(ticks))
ticks_OR <- glmer(TICKS ~ scHEIGHT * YEAR + (1 |
  obs), data = ticks, family = poisson)
summary(ticks_OR)

## Generalized linear mixed model fit by
##   maximum likelihood (Laplace Approximation)
## [glmerMod]
## Family: poisson  ( log )
## Formula: TICKS ~ scHEIGHT * YEAR + (1 | obs)
##   Data: ticks
##
##       AIC     BIC   logLik deviance df.resid
##   1903.0 1931.0   -944.5    1889.0      396
##
## Scaled residuals:
##       Min     1Q Median     3Q    Max
## -1.29773 -0.50197 -0.06591  0.22414  1.91379
##
## Random effects:
## Groups Name        Variance Std.Dev.
## obs   (Intercept) 1.132    1.064
## Number of obs: 403, groups: obs, 403
##
## Fixed effects:
##             Estimate Std. Error z value
## (Intercept) 2.7402    0.2429 11.284
## scHEIGHT    -4.0492    0.4154 -9.746
## YEAR96      -0.2069    0.2958 -0.699
## YEAR97      -1.9407    0.3482 -5.573
## scHEIGHT:YEAR96 2.5381    0.5026  5.050
## scHEIGHT:YEAR97 1.8683    0.5888  3.173
##
##             Pr(>|z|)
## (Intercept) < 2e-16 ***
## scHEIGHT    < 2e-16 ***
## YEAR96      0.48433
## YEAR97      2.50e-08 ***
## scHEIGHT:YEAR96 4.41e-07 ***
## scHEIGHT:YEAR97 0.00151 **
## ---
## Signif. codes:
## 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##

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## Correlation of Fixed Effects:
##                               (Intr) scHEIGHT YEAR96 YEAR97
## scHEIGHT                 -0.830
## YEAR96                  -0.818  0.682
## YEAR97                  -0.693  0.580   0.568
## sHEIGHT:YEAR96      0.689 -0.826   -0.835 -0.480
## sHEIGHT:YEAR97      0.592 -0.704   -0.485 -0.834
##                           sHEIGHT:YEAR96
## scHEIGHT
## YEAR96
## YEAR97
## sHEIGHT:YEAR96
## sHEIGHT:YEAR97  0.583

```

### *offsets*

- account

### *complete separation*

- what happens when a logistic regression model is too good?
- some threshold: all below=0, all above=1
- best slope estimate on logit scale is *infinite*
- Wald approximation breaks down (*Hauck-Donner effect*)
- symptoms:  $|\beta| > 10$ , crazy SEs and terrible p-values
- strong effects, or slicing data too thin

### *solutions*

- model comparison (`anova()`) still works
- profile CI should get *lower* limit of parameters
- penalization (`brglm`, “Firth’s method”)
- Bayesian approaches: put a prior on parameters (`blme`, `brms`)

### *zero-inflation*

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- *too many* zeros
- “lots of zeros” can occur just because of low mean
- mode at zero *and* away from zero usually does mean Z-I

#### *zero-inflation models*

- *zero-inflation*: mixture of structural and sampling zeroes  
(**not** “true” and “false”)

- *hurdle*: zeros plus truncated distribution
- choice depends on meaning of zeros
- Z-I as well as conditional mean may be modeled

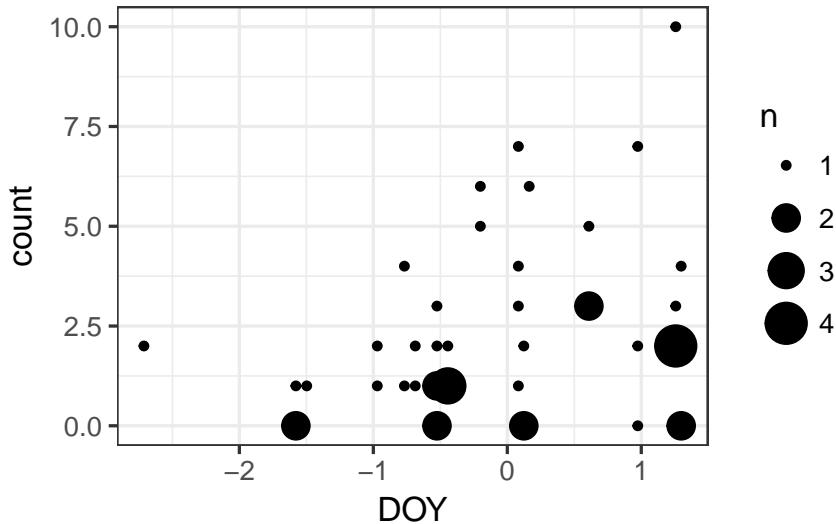
*testing for zero-inflation*

- a little tricky
- easiest (?) to fit Z-I model and then test whether you needed it or not
- *posterior predictive simulation*

*posterior simulation*

Use the `simulate()` method, if available

```
data(Salamanders, package = "glmmTMB")
ss <- subset(Salamanders, spp == "GP" & mined ==
  "no")
## fit model
ggplot(ss, aes(DOY, count)) + stat_sum()
```

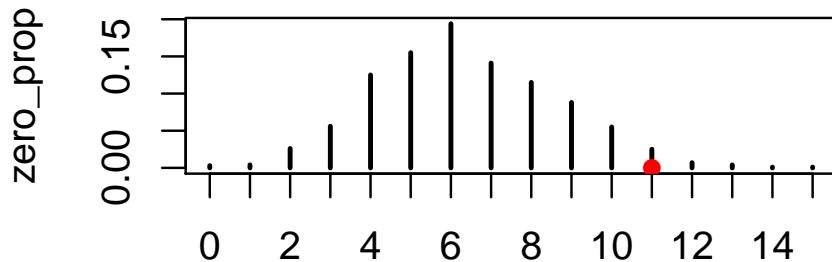


```
salam_1 <- glm(count ~ DOY, ss, family = poisson)
## simulate 1000 realizations from the model
sims <- simulate(salam_1, 1000)
## count proportions of zeros per simulation
zero_prop <- prop.table(table(colSums(sims ==
  0)))
zero_ind <- as.numeric(names(zero_prop))
obs_zeros <- sum(ss$count == 0)
## p-value
sum(zero_prop[zero_ind >= obs_zeros])
```

```
## [1] 0.038
```

*zero-inflation plot*

```
plot(zero_prop)
points(obs_zeros, 0, col = "red", pch = 16)
```



*alternative families and links*

*Gamma*

*complementary log-log*

*beyond the exponential family*

*beta regression*

- GLMs require counts (denominators), e.g.  $40\% = 4/10$
- what if data don't have obvious denominators
- e.g. cover scores, activity budgets
- *Beta distribution*

*negative binomial regression*