

STATISTICS 602-3

Generalized Linear and Nonlinear Modelling

Course Outline

Prerequisite: A Practical Knowledge of Multiple Regression and ANOVA.

Reference: Statistical Modelling in GLIM
Aitkin, Anderson, Francis and Hinde
Oxford Science Publications

Text: An Introduction to Generalized Linear Models by A. Dobson
Chapman and Hall, 1990

Note: This course extends the concepts, methods and approach of standard regression and ANOVA to cover a wide variety of types of outcome data. It employs a modern unified approach to a broad array of nonlinear regression problems.

1. Brief Review of Fundamental background.
2. **Overview:** Empty model, link function, simple examples of structuring a mean value vector with link function and design matrix, and of structuring variance with a variance function; iterated reweighted least squares estimation.
3. **Examples from exponential-type likelihood models:** Normal, including classical linear regression and other links; Poisson, including log-linear regression; Binomial, including logit, probit, and dilution assay. Examples allowing overdispersion.
4. Other Examples.
5. **Inference:** The variance-covariance matrix of the estimated regression vector and confidence intervals for linear predictors, fitted values, other relevant estimated quantities; comparative evaluation of models, deviance, Pearson statistic, residuals.
6. Logistic Regression.
7. Contingency tables and log-linear models.
8. **Ordinal-type outcome:** Proportional odds model, proportional hazards model.
9. Survival data.
(or as much of the above as time permits)

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