

# STAT347: Generalized Linear Models

## Lecture 3

Today's topics: Chapters 4.3-4.4

- Hypothesis testing for  $\beta$
- Deviance analysis of a GLM

### 1 Wald, likelihood-ratio and score tests

In last lecture, we have mentioned that when  $n$  is large

$$\hat{\beta} - \beta_0 \overset{\sim}{\sim} N(0, V_{\beta_0})$$

How to test

$$H_0 : A\beta_0 = a_0 \quad \text{V.S.} \quad H_1 : A\beta_0 \neq a_0$$

#### 1.1 Wald test

Test statistics:

$$T = (A\hat{\beta} - a_0)^T \left[ \widehat{\text{Var}}(A\hat{\beta}) \right]^{-1} (A\hat{\beta} - a_0)$$

- $\widehat{\text{Var}}(A\hat{\beta}) = AV_{\hat{\beta}}A^T$
- If  $a_0 \in \mathbb{R}^1$ , Wald statistic can also be written as

$$z = \frac{A\hat{\beta} - a_0}{\sqrt{\widehat{\text{Var}}(A\hat{\beta})}}$$

- Under  $H_0$ , Wald statistic  $z \overset{\sim}{\sim} N(0, 1)$
- We can also obtain a 95% CI for  $A\beta_0$  as  $[A\hat{\beta} - 1.96\sqrt{\widehat{\text{Var}}(A\hat{\beta})}, A\hat{\beta} + 1.96\sqrt{\widehat{\text{Var}}(A\hat{\beta})}]$
- When  $a_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , then under  $H_0$ ,  $T \overset{\sim}{\sim} \chi_d^2$
- This is the GLM R function output for the analysis of each component  $\beta_j$

#### 1.2 A potential issue with Wald test

Let's look at an example of using Wald test for Binomial data  $y_i \sim \text{Binomial}(n_i, p_i)$  where we work on the null model:

$$\log \frac{p_i}{1 - p_i} = \log \frac{\mu_i}{n_i - \mu_i} = \beta_0$$

- As we use a canonical link, the asymptotic variance is  $V_{\beta_0} = (X^T W X)^{-1}$  where  $W = D^2 V^{-1} = D/a(\phi) = D$  (Lecture 2, section 2.2 and  $a(\phi) = 1$  for Binomial data).
- $D_{ii} = \frac{1}{g'(\mu_i)} = \mu_i(n_i - \mu_i)/n_i$
- An estimate  $\widehat{V}_{\beta_0} = V_{\hat{\beta}} = [(\sum_i n_i) \hat{p}(1 - \hat{p})]^{-1}$  where  $\hat{p}_i = \hat{p} = e^{\hat{\beta}}/(1 + e^{\hat{\beta}})$
- If we are interested in testing  $H_0 : p_i \equiv 0.5$  or equivalently  $H_0 : \beta_0 = 0$ , the Wald statistics is

$$z = \hat{\beta} \sqrt{(\sum_i n_i) \hat{p}(1 - \hat{p})}$$

- If we only have one sample with  $y = 23$  and  $n = 25$ , then  $z = 11$ . If  $y = 24$  and  $n = 25$  then  $z = 9.7$ . Why do we have a smaller  $z$  when we have stronger evidence against the null?
- In the above specific example with only one sample, we can also obtain the CLT of  $\hat{p} = y/n$ , which result in another Wald statistics

$$z = \frac{\hat{p} - 0.5}{\sqrt{\hat{p}(1 - \hat{p})/n}}$$

So the Wald statistics is not unique and depends on parameterization.

- We will discuss this more when we learn binary GLM (Chapter 5.3.3)

### 1.3 Score test

We only discuss the simple case

$$H_0 : \beta = \beta_0 \in \mathbb{R}^p \quad V.S. \quad H_1 : \beta \neq \beta_0$$

Last time we used the property of the likelihood that:

$$\text{Var}(\dot{L}(\beta_0)) = \mathbb{E}\left(\left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \beta} \Big|_{\beta=\beta_0}\right)^2\right) = -\mathbb{E}(\ddot{L}(\beta_0))$$

where  $\beta_0$  is the true value of the parameter. We construct the test statistics:

$$T = -\dot{L}(\beta_0)^T (\ddot{L}(\beta_0))^{-1} \dot{L}(\beta_0)$$

We make use of the asymptotic normal distribution of  $\dot{L}(\beta_0)$ . Under  $H_0$ , we have  $T \rightarrow \mathcal{X}_p^2$  when  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

### 1.4 Likelihood ratio test

We test for the null

$$H_0 : A\beta_0 = a_0 \quad V.S. \quad H_1 : A\beta_0 \neq a_0$$

where  $a_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . The likelihood ratio test statistics is

$$-2 \log \Lambda = -2 (L(\tilde{\beta}) - L(\hat{\beta}))$$

where  $\tilde{\beta}$  is the MLE of  $\beta$  under the constraint  $A\beta = a_0$ , and  $\hat{\beta}$  is our original MLE of  $\beta$  without any constraint. As  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , under  $H_0$

$$-2 \log \Lambda \rightarrow \chi_d^2$$

- Relationship among the three tests: Agresti Chapter 4.3.4
- Construct CI: invert tests (illustrate more in later lectures)

## 2 Deviance analysis

Remember that in linear regression, we use  $R^2$ , defined as

$$R^2 = 1 - \frac{\sum_i (y_i - \hat{\mu}_i)^2}{\sum_i (y_i - \bar{y})^2} = \frac{\sum_i (\hat{\mu}_i - \bar{y})^2}{\sum_i (y_i - \bar{y})^2}$$

to evaluate how well the model fits the data. We have an analogy in GLM, which is the deviance analysis.

### 2.1 Definition (more general than the textbook)

Consider density function  $f(y; \theta) = e^{\frac{y\theta - b(\theta)}{a(\phi)}} f_0(y; \phi)$  at two values  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$ . Measure the “distance” between two distributions:

$$\begin{aligned} D(\theta_1, \theta_2) &= 2\mathbb{E}_{\theta_1} \left\{ \log \frac{f(y; \theta_1)}{f(y; \theta_2)} \right\} = 2\mathbb{E}_{\theta_1} \{y(\theta_1 - \theta_2) - b(\theta_1) + b(\theta_2)\} / a(\phi) \\ &= 2 [\mu_1(\theta_1 - \theta_2) - b(\theta_1) + b(\theta_2)] / a(\phi) \end{aligned}$$

Remember the 1-to-1 mapping between  $\mu$  and  $\theta$ , we also write  $D(\mu_1, \mu_2) = D(\theta_{\mu_1}, \theta_{\mu_2})$

- $D(\mu_1, \mu_2) \geq 0$  and the equality holds only when  $\mu_1 = \mu_2$
- Generally,  $D(\mu_1, \mu_2) \neq D(\mu_2, \mu_1)$
- KL divergence:  $D(\mu_1, \mu_2)/2$
- If  $f$  is the normal density, then  $D(\mu_1, \mu_2) = (\mu_1 - \mu_2)^2 / \sigma^2$

Saturated model: imagine the case that we collect an infinite number of covariates, then we can perfectly fit the data and obtain  $\hat{\mu}_i = y_i$  for all samples. Then this is called a saturated model.

Deviance between the saturated model (saturated when there is only one observation  $y$ ):  $\hat{\mu} = y$  and another model with  $\mu$ :

$$\begin{aligned} D(y, \mu) &= 2 [y(\theta_y - \theta) - b(\theta_y) + b(\theta)] / a(\phi) \\ &= -2 \log [f(y, \theta) / f(y, \theta_y)] \end{aligned}$$

With samples  $(X_1, y_1), (X_2, y_2), \dots, (X_n, y_n)$ , the total deviance in GLM (the deviance definition in the text book)

$$\begin{aligned} D_+(y, \hat{\mu}) &= \sum_i D(y_i, \hat{\mu}_i) \\ &= -2 \sum_i \log [f(y_i, \hat{\theta}_i) / f(y_i, \theta_{y_i})] \end{aligned}$$

This is also called the residual deviance, and compares the estimated GLM model with the saturated model Null deviance:

$$\sum_i D(y_i, \bar{y})$$

where  $\bar{y} = \sum_i y_i/n$ . The null deviance compares the null model ( $\mu_i \equiv \mu$ ) with the saturated model.

## 2.2 Deviance analysis for nested models

Let  $\beta = \begin{pmatrix} \beta^{(1)} \\ \beta^{(2)} \end{pmatrix}$  where  $\beta^{(1)} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_1}$  and  $X = (X^{(1)} \quad X^{(2)})$ .

We call  $\mathcal{M}^{(1)}$  with

$$g(\mu_i) = X^{(1)}\beta^{(1)}$$

a nested model of the full model  $\mathcal{M}$  where

$$g(\mu_i) = X\beta.$$

Let  $\hat{\beta}^{(1)}$  be the MLE solution of the model  $\mathcal{M}^{(1)}$  and  $\hat{\mu}^{(1)}$  be the corresponding estimated expectations of  $y$  in the fitted model.

Then,

$$D_+(y, \hat{\mu}^{(1)}) - D_+(y, \hat{\mu}) = -2 \left[ L(\hat{\beta}^{(1)}) - L(\hat{\beta}) \right]$$

is the likelihood ratio between two models.

- Test for  $H_0 : \beta^{(2)} = 0$ . Under  $H_0$ ,

$$D_+(y, \hat{\mu}^{(1)}) - D_+(y, \hat{\mu}) \rightarrow \chi_{p-p_1}^2$$

- Compare with the null model, we can also define “ $R^2$ ” in GLM:

$$1 - \frac{D_+(y, \hat{\mu})}{\sum_i D(y_i, \bar{y})}$$

## 2.3 Model comparison with deviance analysis table

Say we partition our covariates as

$$X = (1, X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}, \dots, X_{(j)})$$

and  $X_{(j)} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_j}$ . We can sequentially add each partition of covariates into the model (in some pre-determined order) and understand each partition’s “relative contribution” with a deviance analysis table.

Define the following quantities:

- $\hat{\beta}^{(j)}$  is the MLE solution of the GLM model with covariates  $X^{(j)} = (1, X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}, \dots, X_{(j)})$
- $\hat{\mu}^{(j)}$  is the corresponding vector of expectations of  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$  in the fitted model.

Model	twice log-likelihood	residual deviance	difference	df	Compare with
$\hat{\beta}^{(0)}$ (null)	$2L(\hat{\beta}^{(0)})$	$D_+(y, \hat{\mu}^{(0)}) = \sum_i D(y_i, \bar{y})$			
$\hat{\beta}^{(1)}$	$2L(\hat{\beta}^{(1)})$	$D_+(y, \hat{\mu}^{(1)})$	$D_+(y, \hat{\mu}^{(0)}) - D_+(y, \hat{\mu}^{(1)})$	$d_1$	$\chi_{d_1}^2$
$\hat{\beta}^{(2)}$	$2L(\hat{\beta}^{(2)})$	$D_+(y, \hat{\mu}^{(2)})$	$D_+(y, \hat{\mu}^{(1)}) - D_+(y, \hat{\mu}^{(2)})$	$d_2$	$\chi_{d_2}^2$
$\vdots$					
$\hat{\beta}^{(J)}$	$2L(\hat{\beta}^{(J)})$	$D_+(y, \hat{\mu}^{(J)})$	$D_+(y, \hat{\mu}^{(J-1)}) - D_+(y, \hat{\mu}^{(J)})$	$d_J$	$\chi_{d_J}^2$

Table 1: Deviance analysis table.

Then the deviance analysis table is shown in Table 1.

The difference of two residual deviances

$$D_+(y, \hat{\mu}^{(j-1)}) - D_+(y, \hat{\mu}^{(j)}) = 2L(\hat{\beta}^{(j)}) - 2L(\hat{\beta}^{(j-1)})$$

so that we can use the likelihood ratio test.

Next time: Chapters 4.4.6, 4.5 and 4.7, residuals, computation and data examples