

# Encephalitis - Loglinear Poisson Model and Normal Distribution Model

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First of all, the encephalitis data are loaded:

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> library(catdata)
> data(encephalitis)
> attach(encephalitis)
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Some variables are renamed and recoded before fitting the model.

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> BAV <- country
> BAV[BAV==2] <-0
> TIME <- year
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The number of infections (count) is modeled in dependence on country and TIME. A Loglinear Poisson Model is fitted.

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> enc1 <- glm(count ~ TIME+I(TIME^2)+BAV+TIME*BAV, family = poisson)
> summary(enc1)

Call:
glm(formula = count ~ TIME + I(TIME^2) + BAV + TIME * BAV, family = poisson)

Deviance Residuals:
    Min      1Q      Median      3Q      Max 
-1.7747 -0.4820   0.0403   0.5141   1.2125 

Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)    
(Intercept) -0.255532  0.518309 -0.493  0.622005  
TIME         0.513148  0.127845  4.014  5.97e-05 *** 
I(TIME^2)   -0.030485  0.007871 -3.873  0.000108 *** 
BAV          -1.587333  0.584286 -2.717  0.006594 **  
TIME:BAV     0.211396  0.059441  3.556  0.000376 *** 
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Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

(Dispersion parameter for poisson family taken to be 1)

Null deviance: 77.434  on 25  degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 12.855  on 21  degrees of freedom
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AIC: 105.74

Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 4

For comparison the linear Normal Model with the identity link is fitted.

> enc2 <- glm(count ~ TIME+I(TIME^2)+BAV+TIME*BAV, family = gaussian("identity"))
> summary(enc2)

Call:
glm(formula = count ~ TIME + I(TIME^2) + BAV + TIME * BAV, family = gaussian("identity"))

Deviance Residuals:
    Min      1Q  Median      3Q      Max
-4.1325 -1.4000 -0.0303  1.4372  4.2604

Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)  0.39710   1.69760   0.234  0.817312
TIME         1.15424   0.47280   2.441  0.023577 *
I(TIME^2)   -0.06554   0.03027  -2.166  0.042002 *
BAV          -4.41444   1.79700  -2.457  0.022816 *
TIME:BAV     0.85309   0.20713   4.119  0.000489 ***
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Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

(Dispersion parameter for gaussian family taken to be 4.847447)

Null deviance: 399.54 on 25 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 101.80 on 21 degrees of freedom
AIC: 121.27

Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 2

Fit of loglinear Normal Model. That means a normal model with log-link.

> enc3 <- glm(count ~ TIME+I(TIME^2)+BAV+TIME*BAV, family = gaussian("log"),
+               start=enc1$coef)
> summary(enc3)

Call:
glm(formula = count ~ TIME + I(TIME^2) + BAV + TIME * BAV, family = gaussian("log"),
     start = enc1$coef)

Deviance Residuals:
    Min      1Q  Median      3Q      Max
-5.3340 -0.8481  0.0009  1.1639  3.9298

Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) -0.223708   0.592457  -0.378  0.70952

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TIME          0.499564   0.134163   3.724  0.00126 **  
I(TIME^2)    -0.029337   0.007919  -3.704  0.00131 **  
BAV          -1.478283   0.621729  -2.378  0.02700 *  
TIME:BAV     0.198575   0.062320   3.186  0.00444 **  
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Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
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(Dispersion parameter for gaussian family taken to be 3.701177)

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Null deviance: 399.538 on 25 degrees of freedom  
Residual deviance: 77.724 on 21 degrees of freedom  
AIC: 114.26
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Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 4