

1. Let  $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$  be independent random variables with

$$P(X_i = 1) = 1 - P(X_i = 0) = \frac{e^{\alpha + \beta d_i}}{1 + e^{\alpha + \beta d_i}},$$

where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are unknown real-valued parameters and  $d = (d_1, \dots, d_n)$  is a vector of known numbers.

This model is a *linear logistic regression* model and the vector  $d$  might typically describe varying doses of drug administered to different individuals and  $X_i$  whether individual  $i$  responds or not.

- (a) Show that this is a canonical exponential family with canonical sufficient statistic

$$t(x) = \left( \sum_i x_i, \sum_i x_i d_i \right).$$

- (b) Write down the likelihood equation for the parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .
- (c) Consider now the case where  $\alpha$  is known and  $\alpha = 0$ . Find the Fisher information for  $\beta$  and the asymptotic variance of  $\hat{\beta}$ .
- (d) The likelihood equation must be solved by iterative methods. Write down the iterative step for Fisher's scoring method in the case where  $\alpha = 0$  is known.
- (e) What is the iterative step for the Newton-Raphson method, when  $\alpha = 0$  is known?
- (f) Write the iterative step for Fisher's method of scoring in the case where both  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are unknown.
- (g) Find the asymptotic covariance matrix of  $(\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta})$ .

2. Let  $Y = (Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$  be independent Poisson random variables with

$$\mathbf{E}(Y_i) = \beta + \alpha d_i$$

where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are unknown real-valued parameters and  $d = (d_1, \dots, d_n)$  is a vector of known numbers.

This could be a model for the measured number of particles emitted by  $d_i$  radioactive sources, each emitting particles at the intensity of  $\alpha$  (particles per time unit), and  $\beta$  is the intensity of the *background* radiation.

Consider now the background intensity as being known and equal to unity  $\beta = 1$ . We wish to estimate  $\alpha$ .

- (a) Why is this *not* a canonical exponential family?
- (b) Find the score statistic for  $\alpha$ ;
- (c) Find the Fisher information for  $\alpha$ ;
- (d) Write down the iterative step for solving the likelihood equation by the Newton–Raphson method;
- (e) Write down the iterative step for solving the likelihood equation by Fisher’s scoring method;
- (f) Suppose that instead of observing  $Y$  as above, we had ‘complete data’  $(B_i, X_i), i = 1, \dots, n$ , where  $B_i$  is counting the number of background emissions and  $X_i$  the number of emissions from the radioactive sources, so that each were independent Poisson and

$$\mathbf{E}(B_i) = \beta, \mathbf{E}(X_i) = \alpha d_i, \quad Y_i = B_i + X_i.$$

Find the MLE for estimating  $\alpha$  based on complete data, assuming  $\beta = 1$  is known.

- (g) This setup is ideal for using the EM algorithm in the case where we have only observed  $Y$  as above. Show that the E-step can be implemented through calculating  $x_i^* = \mathbf{E}(X_i | Y_i)$ , and find this conditional expectation.
- (h) Describe the E-step and M-step of the EM algorithm for estimating  $\alpha$ , assuming  $\beta$  is known.
- (i) How are the steps of the EM algorithm if the background intensity  $\beta$  is unknown as well?