

Generalized Linear Models

STA 7249

Spring 2015

Course Content and Objectives: In a generalized linear model (GLM), the response variable has a distribution in an exponential dispersion family and the mean response is related to covariates through a link function and a linear predictor. GLMs allow a unified theory for many of the models used in statistical practice, including normal theory regression and ANOVA models, loglinear models, logit and probit models for binary data, and models for gamma responses and survival data. This course will focus on the theory and applications of generalized linear models and related statistical topics. Questions on this material appear on the PhD qualifying exam in statistics.

Prerequisites: STA 6327 and STA 6208

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Class: MWF 11:45 am - 12:35 pm, Griffin-Floyd Hall, Room 230

Office Hours: MWF 2 pm - 3 pm

Lecture Notes: The main text for the class will be the GLM Lecture Notes compiled by Prof. Brett Presneli. The Lecture Notes will be provided in the first week of class. The book by McCullagh and Neider is also strongly recommended.

Homework: Homework will be assigned periodically and graded. Homework assignments may require data analysis and other computations using a statistical package and/or programming language. Homework is worth 10% of the final grade. No late homework will be accepted.

Exams: Three exams will each count for 30% of the final grade. The schedule will be announced by the second week of class.

Grading: The usual 10 point scale (90% for an A, 80% for a B, . . .) is tentatively adopted, but may be adjusted later. The final grading scale will be announced after Exam 2.

Policies: Students are responsible for all material covered in class. If you are absent, make arrangements with a classmate to borrow the notes and any handouts from them. Handouts will be distributed once and only once.

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