

# Log-linear Models Part One<sup>1</sup>

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## Background: Re-parameterization

- Data are denoted  $D \sim P_\theta, \theta \in \Theta$
- Likelihood function  $\ell(\theta, D) = \ell(\theta)$
- Another, equivalent way of writing the parameter may be more convenient.
- Let  $\beta = g(\theta), \beta \in \mathcal{B}$
- The function  $g : \Theta \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  is one-to-one, meaning  $\theta = g^{-1}(\beta)$ .
- Re-parameterize, writing the likelihood function in a different form.
- $\ell[\theta] = \ell[g^{-1}(g(\theta))] = \ell[g^{-1}(\beta)] = \ell_2[\beta]$ .
- The largest value of  $\ell[\theta]$  is the same as the largest value of  $\ell_2[\beta]$ .
- $\ell[\hat{\theta}] = \ell_2[\hat{\beta}]$

# Invariance principle of maximum likelihood estimation

$$\hat{\beta} = g(\hat{\theta})$$

- Assume  $\hat{\theta}$  is unique, meaning  $\ell(\hat{\theta}) > \ell(\theta)$  for all  $\theta \in \Theta$  with  $\theta \neq \hat{\theta}$ .
- **What if** there were a  $\beta \neq g(\hat{\theta})$  in  $\mathcal{B}$  with  $\ell_2(\beta) \geq \ell_2(g(\hat{\theta}))$ .
- In that case we would have

$$\begin{aligned} \ell[g^{-1}(\beta)] &\geq \ell[g^{-1}(g(\hat{\theta}))] \\ \Leftrightarrow \ell(\theta) &\geq \ell(\hat{\theta}) \end{aligned}$$

for some  $\theta \neq \hat{\theta}$ . But that's impossible, so there can be no such  $\beta$ . ■

## Main point about re-parameterization

- If you have a reasonable model, you can re-write the parameters in any way that's convenient, as long as it's one-to-one with (equivalent to) the original way.
- Maximum likelihood does not care how you express the parameters.
- Log-linear models depend heavily on re-parameterization.

## Features of log-linear models

- Used to analyze multi-dimensional contingency tables.
- All variables are categorical.
- No distinction between explanatory and response variables.
- Build a picture of how all the variables are related to each other.
- ANOVA-like models for the logs of the expected frequencies.
- “Response variable” is a vector of log observed frequencies.
- Relationships between variables correspond to interactions in the ANOVA model.

# ANOVA-like models

For the logs of the expected frequencies

- Relationships between variables are represented by two-factor interactions.
- Three-factor interactions mean the nature of the relationship *depends* ...
- Etc.

## It's like the rotten potatoes example

		Course		
Passed		Catch-up	Mainstream	Elite
No		$\pi_{11}$	$\pi_{12}$	$\pi_{13}$
Yes		$\pi_{21}$	$\pi_{22}$	$\pi_{23}$

- No relationship means the conditional distribution of Course is the same, regardless of whether the student passed or not.
- Probabilities are proportional:

$$\frac{\pi_{11}}{\pi_{21}} = \frac{\pi_{12}}{\pi_{22}} = \frac{\pi_{13}}{\pi_{23}}$$

- Because  $\mu_{ij} = n\pi_{ij}$ , same applies to the expected frequencies.

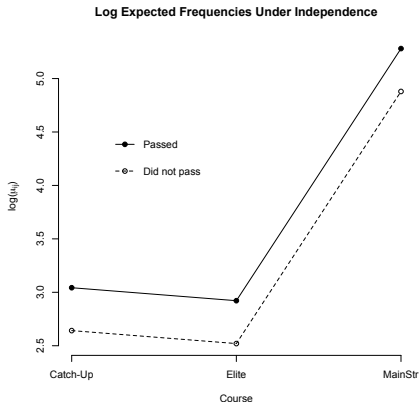
# Expected frequencies are proportional

Under  $H_0$  of independence

$$\frac{\mu_{11}}{\mu_{21}} = \frac{\mu_{12}}{\mu_{22}} = \frac{\mu_{13}}{\mu_{23}}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (\log \mu_{11} - \log \mu_{21}) = (\log \mu_{12} - \log \mu_{22}) = (\log \mu_{13} - \log \mu_{23})$$

So the profiles are parallel in the log scale — no interaction means no relationship.





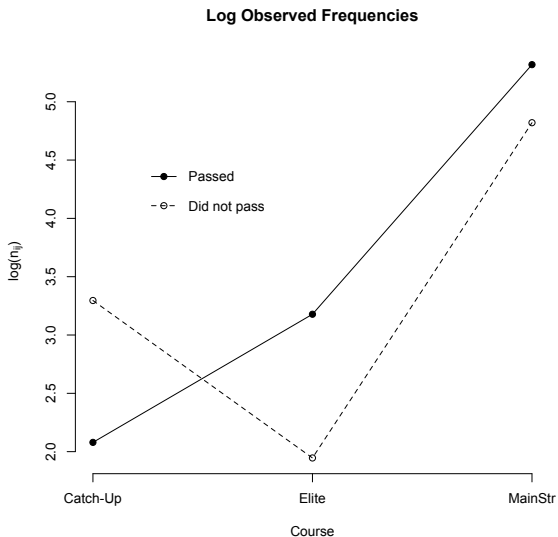
# For the record: R code for the last plot

## Log expected frequencies

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# Using mathcat.data
# Get expected frequencies to plot logs
c1 = chisq.test(tab1)
tab0 = c1$expected; tab0
Course = c(1,2,3,1,2,3)
logexpect = log(c(tab0[1,],tab0[2,]))
# Plot
plot(Course,logexpect, pch=' ', frame.plot=F, axes=F,
      xlab="Course", ylab=expression(paste('log(',mu[ij],')')) , xaxt='n') )
axis(side=1,labels=c("Catch-Up", "Elite", "MainStr"),at=1:3)
axis(side=2)
lines(1:3,logexpect[1:3],lty=2) # Did not pass
points(1:3,logexpect[1:3])
lines(1:3,logexpect[4:6],lty=1) # Yes Passed
points(1:3,logexpect[4:6],pch=19)
title("Log Expected Frequencies Under Independence")
legend(1.25,4.5,legend='Passed',lty=1,pch=19,bty='n')
legend(1.25,4.25,legend='Did not pass',lty=2,pch=1,bty='n')
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# Suggests plotting $\log$ *observed* frequencies

To see departure from independence



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## Log observed frequencies

```
# Using mathcat.data
Course = c(1,2,3,1,2,3)
logobs = log(c(tab1[1,],tab1[2,]))
# Plot
plot(Course,logobs, pch=' ', frame.plot=F, axes=F,
      xlab="Course", ylab=expression(paste('log(',n[ij],')') , xaxt='n') )
axis(side=1,labels=c("Catch-Up","Elite","MainStr"),at=1:3)
axis(side=2)
lines(1:3,logobs[1:3],lty=2) # Did not pass
points(1:3,logobs[1:3])
lines(1:3,logobs[4:6],lty=1) # Yes Passed
points(1:3,logobs[4:6],pch=19)
title("Log Observed Frequencies")
legend(1.25,4.5,legend='Passed',lty=1,pch=19,bty='n')
legend(1.25,4.25,legend='Did not pass',lty=2,pch=1,bty='n')
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It would be faster to do this in MS Excel.

# Regression-like model of independence for the log expected frequencies: No interaction

Use effect coding

$$\log \mu = \beta_0 + \beta_1 p_1 + \beta_2 c_1 + \beta_3 c_2$$

<b>Passed</b>	<b>Course</b>	$p_1$	$c_1$	$c_2$	$\log \mu$
No	Catch-up	1	1	0	$\beta_0 + \beta_1 + \beta_2$
No	Elite	1	0	1	$\beta_0 + \beta_1 + \beta_3$
No	Mainstream	1	-1	-1	$\beta_0 + \beta_1 - \beta_2 - \beta_3$
Yes	Catch-up	-1	1	0	$\beta_0 - \beta_1 + \beta_2$
Yes	Elite	-1	0	1	$\beta_0 - \beta_1 + \beta_3$
Yes	Mainstream	-1	-1	-1	$\beta_0 - \beta_1 - \beta_2 - \beta_3$

Notice how this assumes there are no zero probabilities.

# Model of independence has main effects only

No interaction terms

$$\log \mu = \beta_0 + \beta_1 p_1 + \beta_2 c_1 + \beta_3 c_2$$

## Course

Passed	Catch-up	Elite	Mainstream	Mean
No	$\beta_0 + \beta_1 + \beta_2$	$\beta_0 + \beta_1 + \beta_3$	$\beta_0 + \beta_1 - \beta_2 - \beta_3$	$\beta_0 + \beta_1$
Yes	$\beta_0 - \beta_1 + \beta_2$	$\beta_0 - \beta_1 + \beta_3$	$\beta_0 - \beta_1 - \beta_2 - \beta_3$	$\beta_0 - \beta_1$
Mean	$\beta_0 + \beta_2$	$\beta_0 + \beta_3$	$\beta_0 - \beta_2 - \beta_3$	$\beta_0$

- Grand mean is  $\beta_0$ .
- Main effects for Passed are  $\beta_1$  and  $-\beta_1$ .
- Main effects for Course are  $\beta_2$ ,  $\beta_3$  and  $-\beta_2 - \beta_3$ .
- Effects always add up to zero.
- This is an additive model.

$\log \mu_{ij} = \text{Grand Mean} + \text{Main effect for factor } A + \text{Main effect for factor } B$

# Textbook's notation for the additive model

$\log \mu_{ij} = \text{Grand Mean} + \text{Main effect for factor } A + \text{Main effect for factor } B$

$$\log \mu_{ij} = \lambda + \lambda_i^X + \lambda_j^Y$$

Course

Passed	Catch-up	Elite	Mainstream	Mean
No	$\lambda + \lambda_1^X + \lambda_1^Y$	$\lambda + \lambda_1^X + \lambda_2^Y$	$\lambda + \lambda_1^X + \lambda_3^Y$	$\beta_0 + \beta_1$
Yes	$\lambda + \lambda_2^X + \lambda_1^Y$	$\lambda + \lambda_2^X + \lambda_2^Y$	$\lambda + \lambda_2^X + \lambda_3^Y$	$\beta_0 - \beta_1$
Mean	$\beta_0 + \beta_2$	$\beta_0 + \beta_3$	$\beta_0 - \beta_2 - \beta_3$	$\beta_0$

There is more than one parameterization. I like this one:

$\lambda = \beta_0$	The grand mean
$\lambda_1^X = \beta_1$	The main effect for $X = 1$
$\lambda_2^X = -\beta_1$	The main effect for $X = 1$
$\lambda_1^Y = \beta_2$	The main effect for $Y = 1$
$\lambda_2^Y = \beta_3$	The main effect for $Y = 2$
$\lambda_3^Y = -\beta_2 - \beta_3$	The main effect for $Y = 3$

## Some effects are redundant

Just like in classical ANOVA models

$$\log \mu_{ij} = \lambda + \lambda_i^X + \lambda_j^Y,$$

where

$$\sum_{i=1}^I \lambda_i^X = 0 \text{ and } \sum_{j=1}^J \lambda_j^Y = 0$$

## Explore the meaning of the parameters

- This is a multinomial model (of independence).
- Set of unique main effects must correspond somehow to the set of unique marginal probabilities.
- But how?
- First, how many parameters are there?



## Count the parameters

$$\log \mu_{ij} = \lambda + \lambda_i^X + \lambda_j^Y$$

- There are  $(I - 1) + (J - 1)$  unique marginal probabilities.
- There are  $(I - 1) + (J - 1)$  unique main effects.
- Plus the grand mean  $\lambda$ .
- Parameterizations cannot be one-to-one unless number of parameters is the same.
- It turns out that the grand mean is redundant, but not in the way you might think.

# The grand mean is redundant

But ...

You might think that since under independence

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_{ij} &= n\pi_{ij} \\ &= n\pi_{i+}\pi_{+j} \\ \Leftrightarrow \log \mu_{ij} &= \log n + \log \pi_{i+} + \log \pi_{+j} \\ &= \lambda + \lambda_i^X + \lambda_j^Y\end{aligned}$$

- We should have  $\lambda = \log n$ ,
- And  $\lambda_i^X = \log \pi_{i+}$
- And  $\lambda_j^Y = \log \pi_{+j}$
- But it's not so simple.

# Expressing $\lambda$ in terms of the other parameters

$$\begin{aligned}n &= \sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{j=1}^J \mu_{ij} \\&= \sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{j=1}^J e^{\lambda + \lambda_i^X + \lambda_j^Y} \\&= e^\lambda \sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{j=1}^J e^{\lambda_i^X + \lambda_j^Y} \\ \Leftrightarrow e^\lambda &= \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{j=1}^J e^{\lambda_i^X + \lambda_j^Y}} \\ \Leftrightarrow \lambda &= \log \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^I \sum_{j=1}^J e^{\lambda_i^X + \lambda_j^Y}} \neq \log n\end{aligned}$$

# Connection of main effects to marginal probabilities

- Consider  $2 \times 2$  case
- Simplify the notation

		Y		
		1	2	
X	1	$\frac{1}{n} e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 + \beta_2}$	$\frac{1}{n} e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 - \beta_2}$	<i>a</i>
	2	$\frac{1}{n} e^{\beta_0 - \beta_1 + \beta_2}$	$\frac{1}{n} e^{\beta_0 - \beta_1 - \beta_2}$	<i>1 - a</i>
		<i>b</i>	<i>1 - b</i>	<i>1</i>

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		Y		
		1	2	
X	1	$\frac{e^{\beta_1 + \beta_2}}{s}$	$\frac{e^{\beta_1 - \beta_2}}{s}$	<i>a</i>
	2	$\frac{e^{-\beta_1 + \beta_2}}{s}$	$\frac{e^{-\beta_1 - \beta_2}}{s}$	<i>1 - a</i>
		<i>b</i>	<i>1 - b</i>	<i>1</i>

where  $s = e^{\beta_1 + \beta_2} + e^{\beta_1 - \beta_2} + e^{-\beta_1 + \beta_2} + e^{-\beta_1 - \beta_2}$

# Four equations in two unknowns

Solve for  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$

		Y		
		1	2	
X	1	$\frac{e^{\beta_1 + \beta_2}}{s} = ab$	$\frac{e^{\beta_1 - \beta_2}}{s} = a(1 - b)$	$a$
	2	$\frac{e^{-\beta_1 + \beta_2}}{s} = (1 - a)b$	$\frac{e^{-\beta_1 - \beta_2}}{s} = (1 - a)(1 - b)$	$1 - a$
		$b$	$1 - b$	$1$

$$\text{Odds}(Y = 1|X = 1) = e^{2\beta_2} = \frac{ab}{a(1-b)} = \frac{b}{1-b}$$

$$\text{Odds}(X = 1|Y = 1) = e^{2\beta_1} = \frac{ab}{(1-a)b} = \frac{a}{1-a}$$

So

$$\beta_1 = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{a}{1-a}$$

$$\beta_2 = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{b}{1-b}$$

## Regression coefficients (Main Effects)

$$\beta_1 = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{a}{1-a}$$

$$\beta_2 = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{b}{1-b}$$

- Are functions of the marginal log odds.
- More generally, they are functions of log odds ratios.
- Notice  $\beta_1 = 0 \Leftrightarrow a = 1/2$ .
- Zero main effects correspond to equal probabilities, if there are no interactions involving that factor.

## What if there are interactions?

$$\log \mu = \beta_0 + \beta_1 p_1 + \beta_2 c_1 + \beta_3 c_2 + \beta_4 p_1 c_1 + \beta_5 p_1 c_2$$

- Five parameters correspond to five probabilities
- A saturated model

Passed	Course	$p_1$	$c_1$	$c_2$	$p_1 c_1$	$p_1 c_2$	Interactions only
No	Catch-up	1	1	0	1	0	$\beta_4$
No	Elite	1	0	1	0	1	$\beta_5$
No	Mainstream	1	-1	-1	-1	-1	$-\beta_4 - \beta_5$
Yes	Catch-up	-1	1	0	-1	0	$-\beta_4$
Yes	Elite	-1	0	1	0	-1	$-\beta_5$
Yes	Mainstream	-1	-1	-1	1	1	$\beta_4 + \beta_5$

$$\log \mu_{ij} = \lambda + \lambda_i^X + \lambda_j^Y + \lambda_{ij}^{XY}$$

## Interactions are departures from an additive model

### Course

Passed	Catch-up	Elite	Mainstream	Sum
No	$\beta_4$	$\beta_5$	$-\beta_4 - \beta_5$	0
Yes	$-\beta_4$	$-\beta_5$	$\beta_4 + \beta_5$	0
Sum	0	0	0	0

- Add to zero down each row and across each column.
- Unique interaction effects are easy to count.
- They correspond to products of dummy variables.
- If non-zero, they make the profiles non-parallel.



# Why probabilities and effects ( $\beta$ values) are one-to-one in general

- Since we know  $n$ ,  $\pi_{ij}$  and  $\mu_{ij}$  are one-to-one.
- $\mu_{ij}$  and  $\log \mu_{ij}$  are one-to-one.
- So if we have all the  $\beta$  values, we can solve for the  $\pi_{ij}$ .

Suppose we have all the  $\pi_{ij}$  values. Can we solve for the  $\beta$ s?

- We can get the  $\log \mu_{ij}$  values.
- $\beta_0$  is the mean of all the  $\log \mu_{ij}$ .
- Look how easy it is to solve for the main effects.

Course

Passed	Catch-up	Elite	Mainstream	Mean
No	$\log \mu_{11}$	$\log \mu_{12}$	$\log \mu_{13}$	$\beta_0 + \beta_1$
Yes	$\log \mu_{21}$	$\log \mu_{22}$	$\log \mu_{23}$	$\beta_0 - \beta_1$
Mean	$\beta_0 + \beta_2$	$\beta_0 + \beta_3$	$\beta_0 - \beta_2 - \beta_3$	$\beta_0$

- Interaction terms are just differences between differences (the difference depends).
- So we can get all the  $\beta$ s.

## Extension to higher dimensional tables

- Relationships between variables are represented by two-factor interactions.
- Three-factor interactions mean the nature of the relationship *depends* ... etc.
- This holds provided all lower-order interactions involving the factors are in the model.
- Stick to *hierarchical* models, meaning if an interaction is in the model, then all main effects and lower-order interactions involving those factors are also in the model.

## Bracket notation for hierarchical models

- Enclosing two or more factors (variables) in brackets means they interact.
- And all lower-order effects are automatically in the model.
- Suppose there are 4 variables,  $A, B, C, D$
- $(AB) (CD)$  means  $A$  is related to  $B$  and  $C$  is related to  $D$ , but  $A$  is independent of  $C$  and  $D$ , and  $B$  is independent of  $C$  and  $D$ .
- The log-linear model includes 4 main effects and 2 interactions.

## More examples

- $(A)(B)(C)(D)$  means mutual independence.
- $(AB)(AC)(AD)(BC)(BD)(CD)$  means all two-way relationships are present, but the form of those relationships do not depend on the values of the other variables.
- Sometimes called “homogeneous association.”

# Given bracket notation, write the model in $\lambda$ notation

- $(XY)(Z)$

$$\log \mu_{ijk} = \lambda + \lambda_i^X + \lambda_j^Y + \lambda_k^Z + \lambda_{ij}^{XY}$$

- $(XYZ)$

$$\begin{aligned} \log \mu_{ijk} = & \lambda + \lambda_i^X + \lambda_j^Y + \lambda_k^Z \\ & + \lambda_{ij}^{XY} + \lambda_{ik}^{XZ} + \lambda_{jk}^{YZ} \\ & + \lambda_{ijk}^{XYZ} \end{aligned}$$

## Parameter estimation: Iterative proportional model fitting

- Indirect maximum likelihood: Goes straight to estimated expected frequencies, and then estimates all the parameters (unique or not) from there.
- Just specify a list of vectors: Bracket notation.
- Each vector contains a set of indices corresponding to variables
- 1=rows, 2=cols, etc.

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