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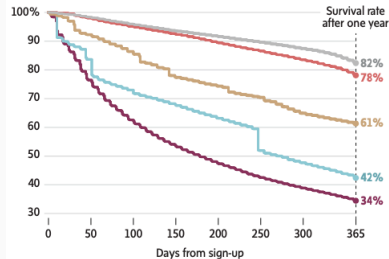
Week 8

November 2 2022

E-commerce domain survival rates, by platform, 2019–2021

Percentage of domains that survive by number of days after sign-up

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1. Upcoming events **No Class on November 9**
2. Housekeeping
3. Recap
4. Observational studies and causality
5. Measures of risk
6. Generalized linear models
7. In the News
8. **Office Hour Wednesday November 2: 4-5 pm in person; 7-8 pm on Zoom**

- November 3 3.30-4.30 Statistical Sciences Seminar
Room 9014, Hydro Building
and [online](#)

Alexandra Schmidt, McGill U

“Modelling non-Gaussian spatio-temporal processes”



- November 10 9.00-6.00 CANSSI Ontario Statistical Software Conference
BL224 140 St. George St.
and [online](#)



LOCATION
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Toronto
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CONFERENCE [CENTRE FOR STATISTICAL METHODOLOGY series event](#)

A celebration of 50 Years of the Cox model in memory of Sir David Cox



Photo shows Sir David Cox speaking at the Royal Statistical Society Conference. Photo credit: Royal Statistical Society.

Where and when



Venue LSHTM, Keppel Street
London
WC1E 7HT
United Kingdom

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Room John Snow Lecture Theatre
and South Courtyard Café

Date Thursday 10 November
2022

Time 11:00 - 19:30

Date and time zone is UK

Admission

Registration required for in-person tickets. Free and open to all.

Contact

1972]

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Regression Models and Life-Tables

BY D. R. COX

Imperial College, London

[Read before the ROYAL STATISTICAL SOCIETY, at a meeting organized by the Research Section, on Wednesday, March 8th, 1972, Mr M. J. R. HEALY in the Chair]

SUMMARY

The analysis of censored failure times is considered. It is assumed that on each individual are available values of one or more explanatory variables. The hazard function (age-specific failure rate) is taken to be a function of the explanatory variables and unknown regression coefficients multiplied by an arbitrary and unknown function of time. A conditional likelihood is obtained, leading to inferences about the unknown regression coefficients. Some generalizations are outlined.

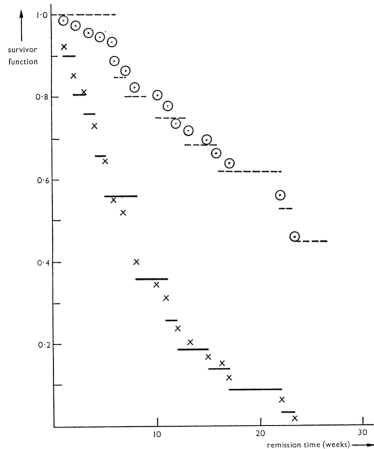
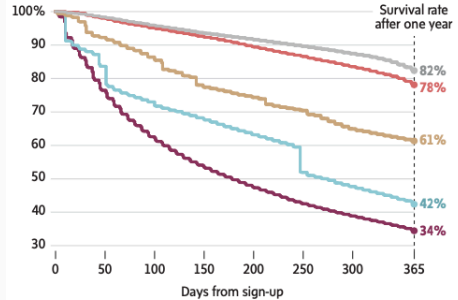


FIG. 1. Empirical survivor functions for data of Table 1. Product limit estimate, ---, sample 0 (6-MP); —, sample 1 (control). Estimate constrained by proportionality: ○, sample 0; ×, sample 1. For clarity, the constrained estimates are indicated by the left ends of the defining horizontal lines.

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- Project – see course web page for [outline and marking scheme](#)
- Homework
 - HW7 due Nov 4 (Friday)
 - HW8 posted Nov 2/3/4 due Nov 16 (Wednesday)
 - HW9 posted Nov 16/17 due Nov 23 (Wednesday)
 - HW10 (Last) posted Nov 23/24 due Dec 1 (Wednesday)
- Syllabus – see course web page for [updated syllabus](#)
 - nonparametric regression (ELM-2 Ch.14, ELM-1 Ch.11)
 - survival data analysis (SM Ch.5.4, 10.8)
 - analysis of categorical responses (ELM-2 Ch. 6,7, ELM-1 Ch.5)
 - random effects and mixed models (ELM2 Ch.10, ELM-1 Ch.8)
 - longitudinal data analysis (ELM-2 Ch.11, ELM-1 Ch.9)

marking

- likelihood function inference [Cheatsheet](#)
- Maximum Likelihood Estimate $\hat{\theta}$ and estimated cov matrix $\{-\ell''(\hat{\theta})\}^{-1} = j(\hat{\theta})^{-1}$
- Likelihood ratio test and nested models $w(\theta) = 2\{\ell(\hat{\theta}) - \ell(\theta)\}$
- Application to binomial: regression model and **saturated** model
- Residual deviance as a test of model fit
- **Pearson's χ^2 correction**

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \left[\left\{ \frac{y_i - n_i p_i(\hat{\beta})}{n_i p_i(\hat{\beta})} \right\}^2 + \left\{ \frac{n_i - y_i - n_i(1 - p_i(\hat{\beta}))}{n_i \{1 - p_i(\hat{\beta})\}} \right\}^2 \right] = \dots =$$

“Boxes of trout eggs were buried at five different stream locations and retrieved at 4 different times. The number of surviving eggs was recorded. The box was not returned to the stream.”

J. Hinde, C.G.B. Demétrio / Computational Statistics & Data Analysis 27 (1998) 151–170 159

Table 3
Trout egg data

Location in stream	Survival period (weeks)			
	4	7	8	11
1	89/94	94/98	77/86	141/155
2	106/108	91/106	87/96	104/122
3	119/123	100/130	88/119	91/125
4	104/104	80/97	67/99	111/132
5	49/93	11/113	18/88	0/138

- $Y_i \sim \text{Bin}(n_i, p_i) \Rightarrow E(Y_i) = n_i p_i, \quad \text{Var}(Y_i) = n_i p_i (1 - p_i)$
- variance is determined by the mean
- ```
bmod <- glm(cbind(survive,total-survive) ~ location + period, family = binomial,
 data = troutegg)
```

```
summary(bmod)
```

```
Null deviance: 1021.469 on 19 degrees of freedom
```

```
Residual deviance: 64.495 on 12 degrees of freedom
```

```
AIC: 157.03
```

- quasi-binomial:  $E(Y_i) = n_i p_i, \quad \text{Var}(Y_i) = \phi n_i p_i (1 - p_i)$
- estimate  $\phi$ ?
- usually use  $X^2/(n - p)$ , where

over-dispersion parameter

$$\chi^2 = \sum \frac{(y_i - n_i \hat{p}_i)^2}{n_i \hat{p}_i (1 - \hat{p}_i)}$$

- the estimation of over-dispersion, and use of  $t$ - and  $F$ -tests, is approximate
- there isn't a binomial model with this structure
- but it is sometimes a handy fudge
- a more formal approach is to find a more flexible distribution for responses that are binary, or proportions
- for example, the beta distribution on  $(0, 1)$  has two parameters

ELM-2 §3.6

$$f(y \mid \alpha, \beta) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} y^{\alpha-1} (1 - y)^{\beta-1}, \quad 0 < y < 1$$

•

$$E(Y) = \mu = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta}, \quad \text{var}(Y) = \frac{\mu(1 - \mu)}{1 + \alpha + \beta} = \frac{\mu(1 - \mu)}{1 + \phi}, \quad \phi = \alpha + \beta$$

- $\text{logit}(\mu_i) = \mathbf{x}_i^T \beta$ , etc.  $1/(1 + \phi)$  is now the overdispersion parameter

# Measures of risk

- see **posted handout** on case-control studies
- consider for simplicity binomial responses with a single binary covariate:

$$\text{logit}(p_i) \sim \beta_0 + \beta_1 z_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

- no difference between groups  $\iff$  odds-ratio  $\equiv 1 \iff \beta_1 = 0$
- odds ratio of 3 or more is considered “large”

## ... Measures of risk

- we might be interested in **risk ratio**  $\frac{p_1}{p_0}$  instead of **odds ratio**  $\frac{p_1(1-p_0)}{p_0(1-p_1)}$
- also called **relative risk**
- if  $p_1$  and  $p_0$  are both small, ( $y = 1$  is rare), then

$$\frac{p_1}{p_0} \approx \frac{p_1(1-p_0)}{p_0(1-p_1)}$$

- sometimes  $p_1/p_0$  can be large but if  $p_1$  and  $p_0$  are both small the **risk difference**  $p_1 - p_0$  might also be very small
- in order to estimate the difference we need to know the baseline risk  $p_0$
- bacon sandwiches [www.youtube.com/watch?v=4szyEbU94ig](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4szyEbU94ig)
- risk calculator <https://realrisk.wintoncentre.uk/p1>

## Results



### Risk for Usual care

Out of 100 UK patients receiving mechanical ventilation for COVID-19, we would expect around 41 to die after 28 days

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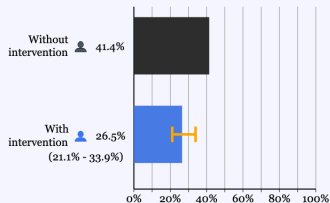
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experimental

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taking dexamethasone

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Relative risk 0.64 (0.51 – 0.82)

### BASELINE CONDITION

Usual care

### EXPERIMENTAL CONDITION

Usual care plus dexamethasone

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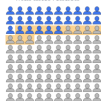
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41 out of 100 without  
intervention



26 (22 - 33) out of 100  
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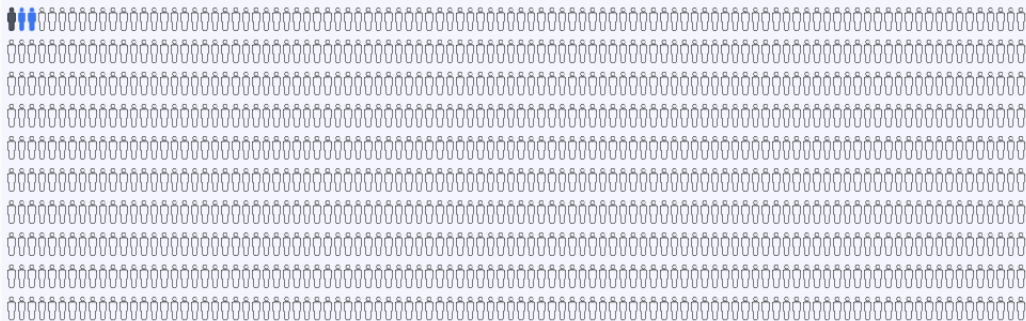
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 1 / 1000

 3 / 1000 (2 extra cases)



Odds ratio 2.91; baseline risk 1/1000



Whether we sample **prospectively** or **retrospectively**, the odds ratio is the same

|                 | Lung cancer |               |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------|
|                 | 1<br>cases  | 0<br>controls |
| smoke = 1 (yes) | 688         | 650           |
| smoke = 0 (no)  | 21          | 59            |
|                 | 709         | 709           |

$$\text{retro: OR} = \frac{(688/709)/(21/709)}{(650/709)/(59/709)} = \frac{688 \times 59}{650 \times 21} = 2.97$$

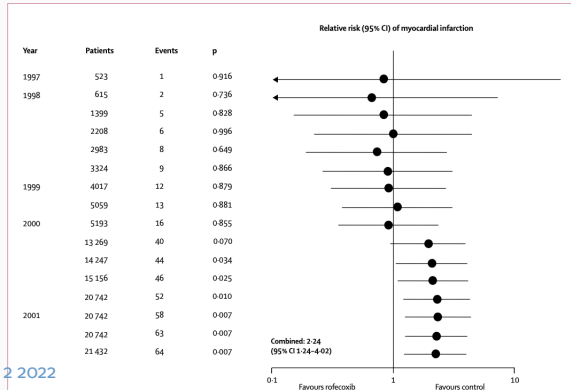
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# Types of observational studies

- secondary analysis of data collected for another purpose
- estimation of some feature of a defined population
  - could in principle be found exactly
- tracking across time of such features
- study of a relationship between features, where individuals may be examined
  - at a single time point
  - at several time points for different individuals
  - at different time points for the same individual
- census
- meta-analysis: statistical assessment of a collection of studies on the same topic

- Meta-analyses combine the results from many different studies
- it is helpful if the coefficient estimates are all on the same scale
- Example: Jüni et al., 2004 Rofecoxib trials

online



- Several 'effect estimates' have been proposed
- in the context of these meta-analyses
- Cohen's  $d$  is a difference in means, divided by an estimate of the **standard deviation** of the difference  
not the standard error
- relative risks, or odds-ratios, for 0, 1 explanatory variables are already on a standardized scale  
related to probabilities
- A-level maths paper referred to standardized estimates of  $\beta$  after logistic regression
- this might be a re-scaling of the covariates (math ability, etc.) to standardized units  
??

To understand how Cohen's  $d$  for two independent groups is calculated, let's first look at the formula for the  $t$ -statistic:

$$t = \frac{\overline{M}_1 - \overline{M}_2}{SD_{\text{pooled}} \times \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}}$$

Here  $\overline{M}_1 - \overline{M}_2$  is the difference between the means, and  $SD_{\text{pooled}}$  is the pooled standard deviation (Lakens, 2013), and  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  are the sample sizes of the two groups that are being compared. The  $t$ -value is used to determine whether the difference between two groups in a  $t$ -test is statistically significant (as explained in the chapter on  $p$ -values. The formula for Cohen's  $d$  is very similar:

$$d_s = \frac{\overline{M}_1 - \overline{M}_2}{SD_{\text{pooled}}}$$

As you can see, the sample size in each group ( $n_1$  and  $n_2$ ) is part of the formula for a  $t$ -value, but it is not part of the formula for Cohen's  $d$  (the pooled standard deviation is computed by

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## On the Nuisance of Control Variables in Regression Analysis

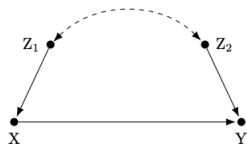
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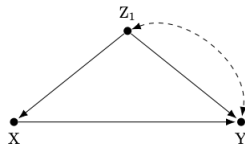
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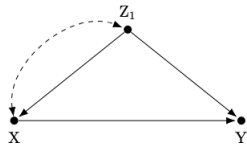
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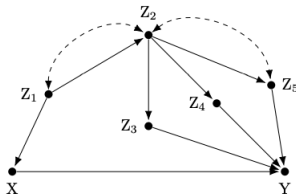
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(b)



(c)



(d)

Figure 1: Examples of causal diagrams with valid control variable  $Z_1$ 

can estimate causal effect  
of  $X$  on  $Y$  by controlling  
for  $Z_1$ , but cannot estimate  
causal effect of  $Z_1$  on  $Y$

- with binary data, may get complete separation of 1s and 0s
- leading to likelihood function not maximized at finite  $\beta$

ELM-2 2.7

- sometimes binary responses can be thought of as an indicator for the size of a **latent variable**  $Z$ ,

ELM-2 4.1

- i.e.  $Y = 1 \iff Z > c$  for some fixed  $c$
- distribution of  $Z$  sometimes called a tolerance distribution

- could be, e.g.  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ , then  $Y = 1$  with probability
- if  $Z \sim \text{Logistic}$ , then  $Y = 1$  with probability

$$\frac{\exp(y-\mu)/\sigma}{1+\exp(y-\mu)/\sigma}$$



`link`

a specification for the model link function. This can be a name/expression, a literal character string, a length-one character vector, or an object of class "link-glm" (such as generated by `make.link`) provided it is not specified via one of the standard names given next.

The gaussian family accepts the links (as names) identity, log and inverse; the binomial family the links logit, probit, cauchit, (corresponding to logistic, normal and Cauchy CDFs respectively) log and cloglog (complementary log-log); the Gamma family the links inverse, identity and log; the poisson family the links log, identity, and sqrt; and the inverse.gaussian family the links  $1/\mu^2$ , inverse, identity and log.

# Generalized linear models

glm has several options for family

```
binomial(link = "logit")
```

```
gaussian(link = "identity")
```

```
Gamma(link = "inverse")
```

```
inverse.gaussian(link = "1/mu^2")
```

```
poisson(link = "log")
```

```
quasi(link = "identity", variance = "constant")
```

```
quasibinomial(link = "logit")
```

```
quasipoisson(link = "log")
```

Each of these is a member of the class of generalized linear models

Generalized: distribution of response is not assumed to be normal

Linear: some transformation of  $E(y_i)$  is of the form  $x_i^T \beta$

link function

- $f(y_i; \mu_i, \phi_i) = \exp\left\{\frac{y_i\theta_i - b(\theta_i)}{\phi_i} + c(y_i; \phi_i)\right\}$
- $E(y_i | x_i) = b'(\theta_i) = \mu_i$  defines  $\mu_i$  as a function of  $\theta_i$
- $g(\mu_i) = x_i^T \beta = \eta_i$  links the  $n$  observations together via covariates
- $g(\cdot)$  is the **link** function;  $\eta_i$  is the **linear predictor**
- $\text{Var}(y_i | x_i) = \phi_i b''(\theta_i) = \phi_i V(\mu_i)$
- $V(\cdot)$  is the **variance function**

# Examples

- Normal:  $f(y_i; \mu_i, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)\sigma}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(y_i - \mu_i^2)\right\}$   
 $= \exp\left\{\frac{y_i\mu_i - (1/2)\mu_i^2}{\sigma^2} - (1/2)\log \sigma^2 - y_i^2/2\sigma^2 - (1/2)\log \sqrt{(2\pi)}\right\}$

$$\phi_i = \sigma^2, \quad \theta_i = \mu_i, \quad b(\mu_i) = \mu_i^2/2, \quad b'(\mu_i) = \mu_i, \quad b''(\mu_i) = 1$$

- Binomial:  $f(r_i; p_i) = \binom{m_i}{r_i} p_i^{r_i} (1 - p_i)^{m_i - r_i}; \quad y_i = r_i/m_i$   
 $= \exp[m_i y_i \log\{p_i/(1 - p_i)\} + m_i \log(1 - p_i) + \log \binom{m_i}{m_i y_i}]$

$$\phi_i = 1/m_i, \quad \theta_i = \log\{p_i/(1 - p_i)\}, \quad b(p_i) = -\log(1 - p_i), \quad p_i = E(y_i)$$

- ELM (§8.1/6.1) uses  $a_i(\phi)$  in place of  $\phi_i$ , later  $a_i(\phi) = \phi/w_i$ ;  
SM uses  $\phi_i$ , later (p. 483)  $\phi_i = \phi a_i$

| Family           | Canonical link                 | Variance function | $\phi_i$   |
|------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Normal           | $\eta = \mu$                   | 1                 | $\sigma^2$ |
| Binomial         | $\eta = \log\{\mu/(1 - \mu)\}$ | $\mu(1 - \mu)$    | $1/m_i$    |
| Poisson          | $\eta = \log(\mu)$             | $\mu$             | 1          |
| Gamma            | $\eta = 1/\mu$                 | $\mu^2$           | $1/\nu$    |
| Inverse Gaussian | $\eta = 1/\mu^2$               | $\mu^3$           | $\xi$      |

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Gamma: } f(y_i; \mu_i, \nu) &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \left(\frac{\nu}{\mu_i}\right)^\nu y_i^{\nu-1} \exp\left(-\frac{\nu}{\mu_i}\right) y_i \\
 &= \exp\left[-\frac{\nu}{\mu_i} y_i - \nu \log\left(\frac{1}{\mu_i}\right) + (\nu - 1) \log(y_i) + \nu \log(\nu) - \log\{\Gamma(\nu)\}\right] \\
 &= \exp\left\{\nu\left(\frac{y_i}{-\mu_i} - \log\left(\frac{1}{\mu_i}\right) + (\nu - 1) \log(y_i) - \log \Gamma(\nu) + \nu \log(\nu)\right)\right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

# Summary

Model:

$$\mathbb{E}(y_i) = \mu_i; \quad g(\mu_i) = \mathbf{x}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}; \quad \text{Var}(y_i) = \phi_i \mathbf{V}(\mu_i) \quad \phi_i = \mathbf{a}_i \boldsymbol{\phi}$$

Estimation:

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{W} \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{W} \mathbf{z}; \quad \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\beta} + \mathbf{W}^{-1} \mathbf{u}; \quad \mathbf{z}(\boldsymbol{\beta}) = \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\beta} + \mathbf{W}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\beta}) \mathbf{u}(\boldsymbol{\beta})$$

Variance:

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) \doteq (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{W} \mathbf{X})^{-1} \quad \mathbf{W} \text{ is diagonal}$$

On pp. 118-119 of ELM, this iteration is carried out in R on the `bliss` data

## Summary 2

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$$u_i =$$

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$$W_{ii} = \frac{1}{\phi a_i \{g'(\mu_i)\}^2 V(\mu_i)}$$

$$u_i = \frac{y_i - \mu_i}{\phi a_i g'(\mu_i) V(\mu_i)}$$

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### Warnings

1. in ELM  $W$  is defined slightly differently (no  $\phi$ ), so he writes  $\widehat{\text{Var}}(\hat{\beta}) = (X^T W X)^{-1} \hat{\phi}$
2. ELM uses  $w_i$  where SM uses  $1/a_i$



# Analysis of data using GLMs: overview

- choose a model, often based on type of response or on mean/variance relationship
- fit a model, using maximum likelihood estimation convergence (almost) guaranteed
- inference for individual coefficients  $\hat{\beta}_j$  from summary
- inference for groups of coefficients by analysis of deviance
- estimation of  $\phi$  based on Pearson's Chi-square

typo in ELM p.121: cross out =  $\text{var}(\hat{\mu})$

$$\hat{\phi} = \frac{1}{n-p} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(y_i - \hat{\mu}_i)^2}{V(\hat{\mu}_i)}$$

- analysis of deviance: see p. 121 (near bottom) likelihood ratio tests
- diagnostics: same as for `lm` ELM p.124; SM p.477
  - residuals: deviance or Pearson; can be standardized ELM likes 1/2 normal plots
  - influential observations: uses hat matrix `SMPracticals` has very good GLM diagnostics

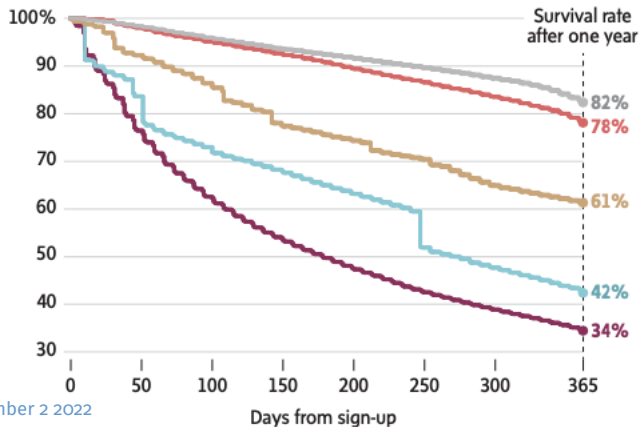
`glm.diag`, `plot.glm.diag`



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## Sleep facilitates spatial memory but not navigation using the Minecraft Memory and Navigation task

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