Supplementary Materials : Regression with archaeological count data

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This document provides a companion to the paper "Regression with archaeological count data" in *Advances* in *Archaeological Practice*. All data and code required to reproduce the examples in the paper are available below.

As discussed in the introduction of the paper, regression in archaeology often relies on ordinary least squares regression (see Table 1 in the main manuscript). However, there are several reasons why this may not be the best approach when working with counts. After a brief review comparing count regression with least squares regression, we introduce a suggested workflow (Figure 1) for fitting and checking count regression models. We then illustrate different paths through this workflow with five case studies. These include:

- 1. Counts of Yurok houses by village area (where Poisson regression works OK)
- 2. Counts of household members by household size in Guatemala (where we fail to reject the null hypothesis)
- 3. Counts of active ceramic vessels per household by the number of adult residents (where overdispersion leads to a negative binomial)
- 4. Counts of cattle bones across time periods (where sampling windows vary with categorical predictors)
- 5. Counts of projectile point types per time period vary with proxies of precipitation and temperature (where multivariate analysis is needed)

Count regression vs. Least Squares regression

Here we draw on a hypothetical example of how counts of obsidian artifacts vary with distance from the volcanic source to illustrate the limitations of OLS and the benefits of count regression.

##		dist.km	count
##	1	3	17
##	2	8	19
##	3	19	7
##	4	20	9
##	5	20	3
##	6	22	6
##	7	27	5
##	8	33	1
##	9	37	6
##	10	40	1
##	11	46	2
##	12	62	2



Results of a) linear (ordinary least squares [OLS]), b) log-linear (OLS with a logged response variable), and c) Poisson regression predicting counts of obsidian artifacts across hypothetical archaeological sites as a function of the distance from the volcanic source. Black dots show the observed values at each site. Grey solid lines show the predicted model fit. Black vertical lines show the distance between the predicted and observed value for each site (the residuals), which the model is trying to minimize should. Grey horizontal dashed lines indicate zero.

As discussed in the text, each model does progressively better at describing the data (Table 1 in the main text for definitions of terms):

- a) The linear model has several issues: it under-predicts both high values (see i) and low values (see ii), which is a sign of a poor fit and patterning in the residuals; moreover, it predicts counts below zero (see ii), which is impossible. Overall it has a reasonable goodness-of-fit, accounting for 60% of the deviance in model fit (likelihood r-squared [r_l²] = 0.60).
- b) The log-linear model does a bit better: while it also under-estimates high values (see iii), it does not predict counts below zero (see iv). It has a slightly lower goodness-of-fit than the linear model ($r_l^2 = 0.57$).
- c) The Poisson model does the best job: it more closely predicts the high values (see v) and does not predict values below zero (see vi). It has the highest goodness-of-fit $(r_l^2 = 0.57)$. In this case, count regression is a better choice than a linear or log-linear model for describing the relationship and making predictions about how obsidian tool count declines as a function of distance to the volcanic source.



Figure 1: Flowchart outlining recommended procedures for fitting and evaluating count models. This is not exhaustive, but provides guidance on model fitting and diagnostics that archaeologists are likely to encounter. An example flowchart for multiple regression is available below

1 Poisson regression: Yurok villages

Question: How do house counts vary with village (or archaeological site) size?

To answer this question, we draw on data from Cook and Treganza (1950) who report investigations from Waterman (1920) on how the counts of houses (and inferred people) vary with village size across historic Yurok villages in northwestern California. These data are commonly used with other data sets examining how hunter-gatherer population size may vary with village size to make predictions about residential population size from archaeological site size (e.g., Yellen 1977; Codding et al. 2016). These data can also help estimate how many structures may be expected in a site of a specific size.

Spoiler alert: this first example illustrates when a simple Poisson regression works OK.

##		Village	Area	Houses	Population
##	1	Omen	766	4	24
##	2	Rekwoi	19314	22	132
##	3	Woxero	2251	6	36
##	4	Woxtek	3942	7	42
##	5	Qootep	4896	19	114
##	6	Pekwan	5690	16	96
##	7	Meta	2223	5	30
##	8	Murek	16002	18	108
##	9	Saa	4719	9	54
##	10	Kepel	3068	9	54
##	11	Qenek	1802	6	36
##	12	Wahsek	2132	9	54
##	13	Weitspus	11589	21	126
##	14	RLrgr	1338	5	30
##	15	Pekwutul	2174	6	36
##	16	Tsurai	6349	11	66

Variables include:

Waterman

- Village = Yurok village name
- Area = area in square feet (note: their table says "Area (in sq. mi.)" but this cannot be the case and Waterman's original maps indicate feet as the unit).
- Houses = the number of houses per village
- Population = the village population estimated by multiplying house count by 6, which they say is "the most likely value for the mean number of inhabitants per house" (Cook and Treganza 1950: 232).

1.1 Exploratory data analysis

```
#pdf("Figure3.pdf", height = 4, width = 7)
par(pty = "s", mfrow = c(1, 2))
with(Waterman,
        hist(Houses,
        main = NA,
        xlab = "Houses"
        )
    )
with(Waterman,
    plot(Houses ~ Area,
```

```
ylab = "Houses",
xlab = "Village Area\n(square ft)",
pch = 19
)
```



1.2 Fit a Poisson GLM

Note: here we follow an arbitrary convention in naming model objects where the first terms before the period indicate the model and family, and the second set after the period indicate the response and predictor(s). Subsequent objects derived from the model object will have an additional period followed by the next object type.

1.2.1 Model diagnostics

Before checking the model results, we should run some diagnostics.

1.2.1.1 Overdispersion First, check for overdispersion: if the variance is greater than the mean. Following Bolker et al. (2022) we do this by dividing the sum of Pearson's squared residuals over the residual degrees of freedom. The value should be close to one.

This can be done as such:

sum(residuals(model.object, type="pearson")^2)/df.residual(model.object)

Or, we can use the function written by Bolker et al. (2022) that includes the estimation of a p-value as well:

```
overdisp_fun <- function(model) {</pre>
                                            #create a new function
    rdf <- df.residual(model)</pre>
                                             #object for residual degrees of freedom (rdf)
    rp <- residuals(model,type="pearson")#object for Pearson's residuals
    Pearson.chisq <- sum(rp^2)</pre>
                                            #sum of squared residuals (ssr)
    prat <- Pearson.chisq/rdf</pre>
                                            #ssr divided by rdf
    pval <- pchisq(Pearson.chisq,</pre>
                                            #chi-square test on ssr
                    df=rdf,
                    lower.tail=FALSE)
    c(chisq = Pearson.chisq,
                                            #data for output
      ratio = prat,
      rdf = rdf,
      p = pval)
}
```

Apply the function to our model:

overdisp_fun(glm_Pois.House_Area)

chisq ratio rdf p
21.21964206 1.51568872 14.00000000 0.09613494

The over-dispersion parameter (ratio) is close enough to 1, suggesting a Poisson distribution that assumes equal mean and variance is sufficient.

1.2.1.2 Zero-inflation Zero-inflation is when the model over- or under-fits zeros. We can check this by calculating the ratio of observed zeros to predicted zeros. This should also be around $1 (\pm 1)$. In this particular case, we know this cannot be a problem as there are no zeros in the data. Nonetheless, we can calculate this by dividing the sum of observed zero cases by the sum of predicted zero cases:

sum(Waterman\$Houses == 0)/sum(glm_Pois.House_Area\$fitted.values == 0)

We can also make this into a function for future use:

```
zeroinfl_fun <- function(model, response) {
    obs_zero <- sum(response == 0)  #number of zeros in observations
    mod_zero <- sum(round(model$fitted.values) == 0)#number of predicted zeros rounded
    c(obs_0 = obs_zero,
        mod_0 = mod_zero,
        ratio = obs_zero/mod_zero)
}</pre>
```

To apply this function, pass the model object and the response variables:

zeroinfl_fun(model = glm_Pois.House_Area, response = Waterman\$Houses)

obs_0 mod_0 ratio
0 0 NaN

There are no zero observations (i.e., no villages without houses), so the model does not predict any zeros. The ratio returned is "not a number" or "NaN".

1.2.1.3 Residuals Now let's look at the model residuals, specifically, the deviance residuals.

```
glm_Pois.House_Area.resid <- residuals(glm_Pois.House_Area, "deviance")</pre>
```

```
par(pty = "s", mfrow = c(1,2))
hist(glm_Pois.House_Area.resid,
    xlab = "Residuals",
    main = "")
plot(glm_Pois.House_Area.resid ~ glm_Pois.House_Area$fitted.values,
    ylim = c(-3,3),
    ylab = "Residuals",
    xlab = "Fitted",
    main = "",
    pch = 19
    )
abline(h = 0, #draw a horizontal line at zero
        col = "grey")
```



Two or three villages have more houses than expected given their size. This suggests that they are densely occupied villages, which may be due to a number of factors such as physical restraints on areas suitable for houses, or social benefits to aggregation in some locations. Examining outliers such as this can lead to further research questions and bring the investigator back to the data in order to better explain such trends. For more on these villages, see Waterman (1920).

Though overall, this is not terribly bad, especially given the small sample size.

Sidebar: What would "bad" residuals look like?



Examples of residual by fitted plots to examine a) acceptable pattering in Poisson residuals, b) patterning structured by between-group variation (dashed lines show group-level mean residuals), and c) patterning structured by a non-linear relationship between y and x not accounted for in the model.

1.2.2 Results

1.2.2.1 Goodness of fit Is our model an improvement on a null model?

Fit the null model:

Compare to the proposed model using a likelihood ratio test with the **anova** function:

```
anova(glm_Pois.House_null, #note: the models must be nested from less to more complex
    glm_Pois.House_Area,
    test = "LRT" #specify likelihood ratio test (lrt)
)
```

```
##
  Analysis of Deviance Table
##
## Model 1: Houses ~ 1
## Model 2: Houses ~ Area
     Resid. Df Resid. Dev Df Deviance Pr(>Chi)
##
## 1
            15
                   51.247
## 2
            14
                                32.144 1.432e-08 ***
                   19.103
                            1
##
                   0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Signif. codes:
```

Yes, the model is a significant improvement on a null model with only the y-intercept. If the proposed model were not an improvement, the Pr(>Chi) value would be blank.

Now calculate the likelihood r-squared (r_l^2) value. This can be done with the model object by either calculating one minus the residual deviance over the null deviance, or by the model deviance over the null deviance.

with(glm_Pois.House_Area, 1 - (deviance/null.deviance))

[1] 0.6272335

with(glm_Pois.House_Area, (null.deviance-deviance)/null.deviance)

[1] 0.6272335

This shows that village area accounts for about 62% of the deviance, or variation, in house count.

1.2.2.2 Coefficients Now that we know the model is doing a reasonable job, we can examine what it tells us about the relationship between the number of houses and village size. To do this we pass the model object to the summary function:

summary(glm_Pois.House_Area)

```
##
## Call:
  glm(formula = Houses ~ Area, family = poisson(link = "log"),
##
##
       data = Waterman)
##
## Coefficients:
                Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
##
## (Intercept) 1.918e+00 1.195e-01 16.052 < 2e-16 ***
## Area
               6.940e-05
                         1.151e-05
                                      6.029 1.65e-09 ***
##
  ___
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## (Dispersion parameter for poisson family taken to be 1)
##
##
       Null deviance: 51.247
                             on 15
                                     degrees of freedom
## Residual deviance: 19.103 on 14 degrees of freedom
## AIC: 88.498
##
## Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 4
```

The summary function returns a lot of information. Let's focus on a few important points:

- Call: this repeats the model call.
- Deviance Residuals: this shows the quantiles (minimum, first quartile, median, third quartile, and maximum value) of deviance residuals. These are the same values we plotted above in a histogram.
- Coefficients: these are very important, they show all the model coefficients for the intercept and the predictor variables. It is good practice to produce this table in your manuscript or supplementary materials when publishing results.
 - Estimate: this is the coefficient for each term (see main text). Note: as the mode link is logarithm, take the exponent of the coefficient for it to be on the scale of the response (counts).
 - Std. Error: this is the standard error of the coefficient.
 - z value: this is the test statistic, for a Poisson it will be a "z" value.
 - $\Pr(>|z|)$: this is the *p*-value which reports the probability of a Type-I error, or a false positive, specifically, falsely rejecting a true null hypothesis. While researchers often pay a lot of attention to p-values, they are prone to several issues and misinterpretations. Nonetheless, it is good to carefully consider what they imply, and to report them.
- Signif. codes: this is just a key to the symbols that correspond to each p-value at standard thresholds or alpha values.
- (Dispersion parameter...): this reports the dispersion parameter of the model, note it will not be 1 with all models such as negative binomial models (see below).

- Null deviance: this is the total deviance from the null model, calculated as the sum of log-likelihoods of each y observation given only information about the y-intercept.
- Residual deviance: this is the deviance remaining after accounting for the predictor variables, calculated as the sum of log-likelihoods of each observation given information about the y-intercept and predictor variable(s).
- ... degrees of freedom: the number of independent values, should be n-2 for a bivariate model accounting for the slope and intercept.
- AIC: this is the Aikake's information criteria value, which helps approximate how well a model fits the data. Lower values indicate a better fit.
- Number of Fisher...: This reports how many rounds were needed to fit the model.

We can extract each coefficient from the object. For example, let's pull the coefficient for the predictor variable and take it's exponent:

```
exp(glm_Pois.House_Area$coefficients[2])
```

Area

```
## 1.000069
```

##

1

As discussed in the text, this means that the number of houses increases by 0.0007% with each unit increase in the predictor, or by each square foot. This may not seem like a lot, but remember the range of square feet in village size is about 800 - 19000.

1.2.2.3 Prediction Now we can use prediction to estimate counts from other values. For example, if working on an archaeological site that is 4,000 square feet in area, how many house features should you expect to find?

To answer this, we again use the **predict** function. Note that we have to supply a **data.frame** with the new data we'd like to predict from. The variable(s) in this data frame must have exactly the same names as the variables in the model, and must include all variables in the model.

```
predict(glm_Pois.House_Area,
    newdata = data.frame(Area = 4000),
    type = "response" #*
    )
```

```
## 8.984357
#* for simplicity sake, we are asking for the prediction to be in the response scale
#* (i.e., counts) but this is not the best practice when also taking the standard
#* error in order to plot confidence intervals; this is discussed more below
#* and in Simpson (2018a)
```

If similar processes are structuring the relationship between house number and village size, we should expect to find about 9 houses at a village site of 4,000 square feet.

To examine how the predicted number of houses varies across the full range of village areas, we can predict along a sequence (note: if your values have missing or NA values, include na.rm = TRUE in the min and max call used to identify the range of values; this is true for median or mean as well if used to hold additional variables constant at the central tendency in multivariate models; see Section 5 below).

Check out the resulting object. For each value in the prediction sequence (area_seq), the object has a predicted fit and standard error around the fit. Note these are on the link scale, so they are the logged values: house_pred

```
## $fit
##
          1
                    2
                             3
                                       4
                                                 5
                                                          6
                                                                    7
                                                                             8
## 1.901654 1.971052 2.040450 2.109848 2.179246 2.248644 2.318042 2.387440
##
          9
                   10
                            11
                                      12
                                               13
                                                         14
                                                                   15
                                                                            16
## 2.456838 2.526236 2.595634 2.665032 2.734430 2.803828 2.873226 2.942624
##
         17
                   18
                            19
                                      20
                                                21
## 3.012022 3.081420 3.150818 3.220216 3.289614
##
## $se.fit
##
                        2
                                    3
                                                4
                                                           5
            1
                                                                       6
                                                                                   7
##
  0.12156780 0.11281644 0.10460079 0.09705698 0.09035345 0.08468997 0.08028694
                        9
                                                          12
##
            8
                                   10
                                              11
                                                                      13
                                                                                  14
## 0.07735988 0.07607934 0.07652802 0.07867634 0.08239145 0.08747395 0.09370160
                                                                                 21
##
           15
                       16
                                   17
                                              18
                                                          19
                                                                      20
## 0.10086250 0.10877250 0.11728011 0.12626459 0.13563122 0.14530611 0.15523163
##
## $residual.scale
## [1] 1
```

We can use these to make a plot of the model fit, but first, we need one more thing. We have to save the inverse link function from the model object (note, this will be the same for all Poisson and negative binomial GLMs that have a log link). We use this to convert the predicted value, which is logged, back to the response scale.

family(glm_Pois.House_Area)

##
Family: poisson
Link function: log
#this function tells you the model family and link, it also
#includes an inverse link function

inv_link.glm_Pois <- family(glm_Pois.House_Area)\$linkinv #save model inverse link

Plot the predicted model fit:

```
par(pty = "s")
with(Waterman,
    plot(Houses ~ Area,
        pch = 19,
        xlim = c(0, 20000),
        ylim = c(0, 25),
        xlab = "House Area (square feet)",
        ylab = "Number of Houses",
        type = "p"
        )
    )
#this plots the predicted model fit
lines(inv_link.glm_Pois(house_pred$fit) ~ area_seq)
```



In this case, we would get the same thing if we plotted the exponent of the predicted fit:

```
par(pty = "s")
with(Waterman,
    plot(Houses ~ Area,
        pch = 19,
        xlim = c(0, 20000),
        ylim = c(0, 25),
        xlab = "House Area (square feet)",
        ylab = "Number of Houses",
        type = "p"
        )
    )
#this plots the predicted model fit
lines(exp(house_pred$fit) ~ area_seq) #using exp instead of inv_link
```



Note, we could also round the prediction so that we display the response as counts:

```
par(pty = "s")
with(Waterman,
    plot(Houses ~ Area,
        pch = 19,
        xlim = c(0, 20000),
        ylim = c(0, 25),
        xlab = "House Area (square feet)",
        ylab = "Number of Houses",
        type = "p"
        )
    )
#this plots the predicted model fit
lines(round(inv_link.glm_Pois(house_pred$fit), 0) ~ area_seq)
```



We can add the 95% confidence intervals by adding and subtracting two times the standard error (or, approximately 95%) to the predicted response:

```
par(pty = "s")
with(Waterman,
     plot(Houses ~ Area,
          pch = 19,
          xlim = c(0, 20000),
          ylim = c(0, 25),
          xlab = "House Area (square feet)",
          ylab = "Number of Houses",
          type = "p"
          )
     )
#this plots the predicted model fit
lines(inv_link.glm_Pois(house_pred$fit) ~ area_seq)
#this plots the predicted model fit plus two times the standard error, approx. 95%
lines(inv_link.glm_Pois(house_pred$fit + 2 * house_pred$se.fit) ~ area_seq, lty = 2)
#this plots the predicted model fit minus two times the standard error, approx. 95%
lines(inv_link.glm_Pois(house_pred$fit - 2 * house_pred$se.fit) ~ area_seq, lty = 2)
```



Note: this is where we need to use the inverse link as opposed to taking the exponent. For an excellent post on why, see Simpson (2018a).

We can also plot the confidence intervals as a polygon:

```
par(pty = "s")
plot(NA, #start with a blank plot
     pch = 19,
    xlim = c(0, 20000),
    ylim = c(0, 25),
    xlab = "House Area (square feet)",
    ylab = "Number of Houses",
     type = "p"
     )
polygon(y = c(inv_link.glm_Pois(house_pred$fit + 2 * house_pred$se.fit),
              rev(inv_link.glm_Pois(house_pred$fit - 2 * house_pred$se.fit))),
       x = c(area_seq, rev(area_seq)),
       col = "grey",
       border = F
        )
#note the use of c() to stitch together the back and forth, and the use of rev to flip
#the vector. Imagine you are specifying all the points to draw outlines of the polygon.
lines(inv_link.glm_Pois(house_pred$fit) ~ area_seq)
#add the data points
with(Waterman,
    points(Houses ~ Area, pch = 19)
)
```



There are clearly some outliers here, specifically Qo'-o-tep and Pe'kwan villages which appear to have more densely clustered houses than other villages (see Waterman 1920: Maps 14-15). This residual variation may inspire the researcher to look more into this to understand what might be behind this behavioral difference.

2 Poisson regression: Guatemalan households

Question: How do the number of residents vary with house size?

To answer this, we draw on Loucky's data reporting occupants and size from two maize-growing communities in Guatemala (San Juan la Laguna and Santa Catarina Palopó) taken from a random samples of households in each village (Kolb 1985, first presented by Kolb and Loucky in 1974 at the Society for American Archaeology meeting). Data are from Kolb (1985: Tables 9 and 10; https://www.jstor.org/stable/2743081). Spoiler alert: this is an example where we fail to reject the null hypothesis.

Loucky

##		(COMMUNITY	HOUSEHOLD.ID	FAMILY.TYPE	NUM.PERSONS	HOUSE.SIZE.M2
##	1	SAN JUAN I	LA LAGUNA	1	N	4	52.67
##	2	SAN JUAN I	LA LAGUNA	2	N	2	16.85
##	3	SAN JUAN I	LA LAGUNA	3	N	4	28.09
##	4	SAN JUAN I	LA LAGUNA	4	N	6	16.85
##	5	SAN JUAN I	LA LAGUNA	5	N	6	35.29
##	6	SAN JUAN I	LA LAGUNA	6	N	7	35.82
##	7	SAN JUAN I	LA LAGUNA	7	E	7	77.95
##	8	SAN JUAN I	LA LAGUNA	8	E	6	35.11
##	9	SAN JUAN I	LA LAGUNA	9	E	9	30.90
##	10	SAN JUAN I	.A LAGUNA	10	N	6	24.58
##	11	SAN JUAN I	LA LAGUNA	11	E	5	21.07
##	12	SAN JUAN I	.A LAGUNA	12	N	2	47.05
##	13	SAN JUAN I	.A LAGUNA	13	E	5	33.36
##	14	SAN JUAN I	.A LAGUNA	14	N	6	55.48
##	15	SAN JUAN I	.A LAGUNA	15	N	6	50.56
##	16	SAN JUAN I	.A LAGUNA	16	N	7	54.77
##	17	SAN JUAN I	.A LAGUNA	17	N	4	39.33
##	18	SAN JUAN I	LA LAGUNA	18	N	7	54.07
##	19	SAN JUAN I	LA LAGUNA	19	N	6	24.23
##	20	SAN JUAN I	LA LAGUNA	20	N	6	64.25
##	21	SAN JUAN I	LA LAGUNA	21	N	4	67.06
##	22	SAN JUAN I	LA LAGUNA	22	E	2	61.09
##	23	SAN JUAN I	LA LAGUNA	23	N	7	28.97
##	24	SAN JUAN I	LA LAGUNA	24	N	6	28.09
##	25	SANTA CATARIN	IA PALOPO	1	N	5	44.25
##	26	SANTA CATARIN	IA PALOPO	2	N	6	84.24
##	27	SANTA CATARIN	IA PALOPO	3	N	7	28.07
##	28	SANTA CATARIN	IA PALOPO	4	N	4	28.08
##	29	SANTA CATARIN	IA PALOPO	5	N	7	16.87
##	30	SANTA CATARIN	IA PALOPO	6	N	2	14.04
##	31	SANTA CATARIN	IA PALOPO	7	N	2	42.14
##	32	SANTA CATARIN	IA PALOPO	8	E	2	28.08
##	33	SANTA CATARIN	IA PALOPO	9	N	5	33.70
##	34	SANTA CATARIN	IA PALOPO	10	N	2	21.06
##	35	SANTA CATARIN	IA PALOPO	11	N	8	14.08

Variables include:

- COMMUNITY = San Juan la Laguna or Santa Catarina Palopó
- HOUSEHOLD.ID = arbitrary identifier
- FAMILY.TYPE = Nuclear or Extended
- NUM.PERSONS = Number of individuals residing in the house
- HOUSE.SIZE.M2 = Size of house in meters squared

Other variables in Kolb (1985: Tables 9 and 10) not included here:

- AREA.PER.PERSON.M2 = Per person household area
- NUM.ROOMS = Number of rooms in each household
- WALL = Construction of walls: A, adobe; C, cania (cane, vertical strips); W, wattle-and-daub; Cm, cement, B, bajareque (cane, horizontal strips)
- WALL.HL = Construction of walls simplified to indicate high (adobe or cement) vs. low investment (cane) (or mixed; M); any one building with adobe or cement marked as permenant for the household
- ROOF = Construction of roof: C, tejada (ceramic tile); L, limina (sheet roofing); T, techumbre (thatch) or paja (straw).

2.1 Exploratory data analysis

```
par(pty = "s", mfrow = c(1,2))
with(Loucky,
    hist(NUM.PERSONS,
        xlab = "Number of Persons",
        main = NA
        )
    )
with(Loucky,
    plot(NUM.PERSONS ~ HOUSE.SIZE.M2,
        ylab = "Number of Persons",
        xlab = expression("House Size ("~m^2~")")
        )
)
```



2.2 Fit a Poisson GLM

2.2.1 Diagnostics

As above, we will check for overdispersion and zero-inflation.

overdisp_fun(glm_Pois.Persons_Area)

2.2.1.1 Overdispersion

chisq ratio rdf p
25.3801189 0.7690945 33.0000000 0.8258485

No meaningful overdispersion.

zeroinfl_fun(glm_Pois.Persons_Area, response = Loucky\$NUM.PERSONS)

2.2.1.2 Zero-inflation

obs_0 mod_0 ratio

0 0 NaN

There are no zero observations.

2.2.2 Results

Next evaluate the model fit relative to a null model and evaluate the proportion deviance explained.

2.2.2.1 Goodness of fit

```
## Analysis of Deviance Table
##
## Model 1: NUM.PERSONS ~ 1
## Model 2: NUM.PERSONS ~ HOUSE.SIZE.M2
## Resid. Df Resid. Dev Df Deviance Pr(>Chi)
## 1 34 28.230
## 2 33 28.119 1 0.11039 0.7397
```

The model is not a significant improvement on the null model.

```
with(glm_Pois.Persons_Area, (null.deviance-deviance)/null.deviance)
```

[1] 0.003910364

House size only accounts for 0.3% of the variation in the number of residents.

```
summary(glm_Pois.Persons_Area)
```

2.2.2.2 Coefficients

```
##
## Call:
## glm(formula = NUM.PERSONS ~ HOUSE.SIZE.M2, family = poisson,
##
       data = Loucky)
##
## Coefficients:
                 Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
##
## (Intercept)
                1.584871
                            0.175754
                                       9.018
                                               <2e-16 ***
## HOUSE.SIZE.M2 0.001371
                            0.004115
                                       0.333
                                                0.739
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## (Dispersion parameter for poisson family taken to be 1)
##
##
      Null deviance: 28.230 on 34 degrees of freedom
## Residual deviance: 28.119 on 33 degrees of freedom
```

AIC: 151.89 ## ## Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 4

Given the poor model fit, there is no need to evaluate the model further. We can reject the null hypothesis that the number of household members varies positively with house area.

What other factors may confound this relationship? Consider looking at the data set further to evaluate this.

3 Negative binomial regression: Michoacán pottery

Question: How do counts of active ceramic vessels vary with the number of household adults?

Michael Shott's ethnoarchaeological work examines the distribution of surviving and failed pottery across 24 households in Michoacán (Shott 2018, 2022). These data are from Shott (2022) "Shott supplementary material 1" available at https://doi.org/10.1017/aaq.2022.57. The data table used here aggregates Shott's supplementary data by household.

Spoiler alert: this case illustrates overdisperion and the need to move to a negative binomial regression. Shott

##		fam	failed	active	famsiz	adults	volume
##	1	1	50	11	4	2	NA
##	2	2	69	26	5	4	NA
##	3	3	49	12	7	3	NA
##	4	4	10	19	3	2	NA
##	5	5	16	31	10	4	456
##	6	6	38	19	7	4	NA
##	7	7	10	16	5	2	246
##	8	8	44	7	2	2	NA
##	9	9	41	14	7	3	NA
##	10	10	35	14	1	1	341
##	11	11	33	38	7	5	275
##	12	12	15	37	8	4	NA
##	13	13	27	8	4	4	NA
##	14	14	27	28	4	4	243
##	15	15	90	5	1	1	NA
##	16	16	18	16	2	2	NA
##	17	17	20	14	3	2	NA
##	18	18	24	28	3	3	NA
##	19	19	15	6	7	2	754
##	20	20	33	32	7	3	420
##	21	21	5	7	5	4	541
##	22	22	0	11	2	2	261
##	23	23	0	27	6	5	285
##	24	24	2	9	NA	NA	1197

The data include:

- fam = number code for household (1-24)
- failed = failed pottery (summed from status column; 0 = failed; 1 = surviving)
- active = surviving pottery (summed from status column; 0 =failed; 1 =surviving)
- famsiz = number of co-residents
- adults = number of adults
- volume = median volume of all pottery in cc

3.1 Exploratory data analysis

```
par(pty = "s", mfrow = c(1,2))
with(Shott,
     hist(active,
          main = NA,
          xlab = "Inventory Size"
          )
     )
with(Shott,
     plot(active ~ adults,
          pch = 19,
          xlim = c(0, 6),
          ylim = c(0, 40),
          xlab = "Adults",
          ylab = "Inventory Size"
          )
     )
```



3.2 Fit a Poisson GLM

3.2.1 Model diagnostics

Before checking the model results, we should run sum diagnostics. First, check for overdispersion. Apply the function to our model:

overdisp_fun(glm_pois.inv_adu)

chisq ratio rdf p
7.134988e+01 3.397613e+00 2.100000e+01 2.131621e-07

Significant overdispersion, meaning the mean and variance are not equal. The ratio suggests the variance is 3.4 times the mean.

3.3 Refit with a negative binomial GLM

Let's retry the fit with a negative binomial model in the MASS library (Venables and Ripley 2002): library(MASS)

Warning: package 'MASS' was built under R version 4.3.2

Fit the negative binomial model:

3.3.1 Model diagnostics

3.3.1.1 Overdispersion Check if the negative binomial model fits better:

overdisp_fun(glm_nb.inv_adu)

chisq ratio rdf p
20.0899018 0.9566620 21.0000000 0.5155733

Looks good! This model adequately accounts for overdispersion.

3.3.1.2 Residuals Just as with a Poisson model, we can plot the deviance residuals.

glm_nb.inv_adu.resid <- residuals(glm_nb.inv_adu, "deviance")</pre>



The residuals look as expected. Some linear patterning due to the nature of count data, but overall centered on zero and spread fairly evenly across the range of fitted values.

We can also examine how well the model performs by examining the fitted by observed values. If this were a perfect fit, the points should all vary along a 45 degree line.

abline(a = 0, b = 1) #45 degree line



#note: last case does (#24) not have co-resident estimate so this case is dropped
#automatically in the model and needs to be manually dropped here for plotting.
#This is why the code includes "Shott.inv[-24,]".

3.3.2 Results

First check goodness of fit.

3.3.2.1 Goodness of fit Compare to a null model:

##	Re	esponse:	active						
##		Model	theta	Resid.	df	2 x log-lik.	Test	df LR stat.	Pr(Chi)
##	1	1	3.911032		23	-174.4211			
##	2	adults	7.351390		21	-156.9579	1 vs 2	2 17.46318	0.0001614055

A model that includes the number of adults significantly improves the model fit.

Calculate the proportion of deviance explained:

```
with(glm_nb.inv_adu, (null.deviance-deviance)/null.deviance)
```

[1] 0.373723

The number of co-residing adults accounts for about 37% of the deviance in ceramic inventory.

3.3.2.2 Coefficients Now that we know the model is doing a reasonable job, we can examine what it tells us about the relationship between the number of co-residing adults and active pottery per household. To do this we pass the model object to the summary function:

summary(glm_nb.inv_adu)

```
##
## Call:
## glm.nb(formula = active ~ adults, data = Shott, init.theta = 7.351389966,
##
       link = log)
##
## Coefficients:
##
               Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(|z|)
                                     7.572 3.68e-14 ***
## (Intercept) 1.97980
                           0.26147
## adults
                0.29786
                           0.07961
                                     3.741 0.000183 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## (Dispersion parameter for Negative Binomial(7.3514) family taken to be 1)
##
##
       Null deviance: 37.497 on 22 degrees of freedom
## Residual deviance: 23.483 on 21 degrees of freedom
     (1 observation deleted due to missingness)
##
## AIC: 162.96
##
## Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 1
```

##
##
Theta: 7.35
Std. Err.: 3.12
##
2 x log-likelihood: -156.958

This output looks the same as for the Poisson GLM above, but note that it reports the dispersion parameter/Theta value, which is estimated by the model.

Extract the coefficient and take the exponent:

```
exp(glm_nb.inv_adu$coefficients[2])
```

adults ## 1.346978

With each additional adult, we expect there to be 35% more ceramic vessels in the house.

3.3.2.3 Prediction How many pots would we expect to find in a household of 10 adults?

```
predict(glm_nb.inv_adu,  #the model object
    newdata = data.frame(adults = 10), #for 10 adults
    type = "response"  #for simplicity, predict on the response scale
    )
```

```
## 1
## 142.3713
```

The model predicts 142 active vessels for a house of ten adults, but note: this does predict outside the range of observation, and so should be treated with caution.

Predict across a range of x:

#* note, the new data must be a data frame with columns corresponding to each variable
#* in the model, each of which must have the exact same name as the model variable.

Check out the resulting object. For each value in the prediction sequence (adults_seq), the object has a predicted fit and standard error around the fit. Note these are on the link scale, so they are the logged value: pottery_pred

\$fit ## 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 ## 1.979802 2.128734 2.277666 2.426597 2.575529 2.724461 2.873393 3.022325 ## 10 11 12 13 9

```
## 3.171257 3.320188 3.469120 3.618052 3.766984
##
## $se.fit
                                   3
                                              4
                                                          5
                                                                                 7
##
            1
                        2
                                                                     6
## 0.26146708 0.22464346 0.18903261 0.15547013 0.12560886 0.10272878 0.09218357
##
            8
                        9
                                  10
                                                         12
                                                                    13
                                              11
## 0.09803780 0.11787282 0.14610129 0.17879083 0.21390589 0.25042821
##
## $residual.scale
## [1] 1
```

We can use these to make a plot of the model fit, but first, we need one more thing. We have to save the inverse link function from the model object (note, this will be the same for all negative binomial GLMs). We use this to convert the predicted value, which is logged, back to the response scale. For a more detailed explanation and tutorial on this, see Simpson (2018a).

```
family(glm_nb.inv_adu)
```

##
Family: Negative Binomial(7.3514)
Link function: log
#this function tells you the model family and link,
#it also includes an inverse link function

inv_link.glm_nb <- family(glm_nb.inv_adu)\$linkinv #inverse link of the model</pre>

Plot the response:

```
par(pty = "s")
with(Shott,
    plot(active ~ adults,
        pch = 19,
        xlim = c(0, 6),
        ylim = c(0, 40),
        xlab = "Household Adults",
        ylab = "Inventory Size",
        type = "p"
        )
    lines(inv_link.glm_nb(pottery_pred$fit) ~ adults_seq)
lines(inv_link.glm_nb(pottery_pred$fit + 2 * pottery_pred$se.fit) ~ adults_seq, lty = 2)
lines(inv_link.glm_nb(pottery_pred$fit - 2 * pottery_pred$se.fit) ~ adults_seq, lty = 2)
```



Household Adults

Graphical representation of the predicted model fit compared to the null and saturated models:

```
#pdf("Figure5.pdf", height = 3, width = 7.5) #save pdf figure
par(pty = "s", mfrow = c(1,3))
with (Shott,
    plot(active ~ adults,
          pch = 19,
          xlim = c(0, 6),
          ylim = c(0, 40),
          xlab = "Household Adults",
         ylab = "Inventory Size",
          type = "p"
          )
     )
abline(h = mean(Shott$active)) #only the mean
mtext("a) Null", side = 3, line = 0.5, adj = 0, cex = 0.75)
with(Shott,
     plot(active ~ adults,
          pch = 19,
          xlim = c(0, 6),
         ylim = c(0, 40),
          xlab = "Household Adults",
          ylab = "Inventory Size",
          type = "p"
          )
     )
lines(inv_link.glm_nb(pottery_pred$fit) ~ adults_seq)
mtext("b) Model", side = 3, line = 0.5, adj = 0, cex = 0.75)
with(Shott[with(Shott, order(adults, active)),], #order by x axis values
     plot(active ~ adults,
          pch = 19,
          xlim = c(0, 6),
          ylim = c(0, 40),
          xlab = "Household Adults",
          ylab = "Inventory Size",
          type = "o"
                                           #over plot - a fit for every point
          )
     )
mtext("c) Saturated", side = 3, line = 0.5, adj = 0, cex = 0.75)
```



4 Count regression with variable sampling windows: Neolithic cattle

Question: Do counts of auroch and cattle (*Bos* spp.) bones increase during the Neolithic compared to the Mesolithic?

To address this question, we draw on the EUROEVOL data set that examines the Cultural Evolution of Neolithic Europe (Manning 2016; Manning et al. 2015; Timpson et al. 2016). These data are from Manning and colleague's (2015) "FaunalBones" – two files providing the data (EUROEVOL09-07-201516-34_FaunalBones.csv) and field type definitions (FaunalBones_fields.csv) for each bone assigned by PhaseCode and species with associated measurements.

To answer our question, we are interested in two species: aurochs (*Bos primigenius*) and cattle (*Bos taurus*). However, distinguishing between the two based on their bones alone is problematic given that it is done by size and there is overlap between them (Wright 2016). Here we include all *Bos* counts for this analysis given that we are interest to determine if there is an increase reliance on *Bos* with the transition to agriculture. Here we model variation over categorical time periods.

Manning

##		Phase	Period	bos	NISP
##	1	AARTS	LN	24	63
##	2	ABL	LN	753	3249
##	3	ADP	EN	12	26
##	4	AGER	LM	0	43
##	5	AGR	LN	1	3
##	6	AH	LN	0	15
##	7	ALS	MN	10	21
##	8	AP	EN	11	23
##	9	AUE	LN	27	58
##	10	AULS	LN	187	910
##	11	AUW	EN	11	29
##	12	BAL1	EN	138	312
##	13	BAL2	MN	96	206
##	14	BR1	EN	16	40
##	15	BRNK	MN	6	13
##	16	BUC	EBA	147	482
##	17	BUH	EBA	51	118
##	18	CALB	LN	99	223
##	19	CCZ	EBA	250	602
##	20	CH	LN	21	42
##	21	CHAT	MN	20	40
##	22	CHL2	LN	75	273
##	23	CHL4	LN	25	113
##	24	CHL6	LN	117	395
##	25	CHL8	LN	91	468
##	26	CLM	MN	16	39
##	27	CML	MN	14	36
##	28	COUR	MN	9	18
##	29	CP-C	LN	6	13
##	30	CRN12	MN	6	13
##	31	CSO	EN	30	75
##	32	CYA	EN	18	36
##	33	DBK	LMEN	7	31
##	34	DH	LN	11	36

##	35	DM1	EN	12	31
##	36	DRC	LNEBA	2	5
##	37	DRZ	MN	13	33
##	38	DUL	LN	11	30
##	39	DW	LN	0	1484
##	40	E1	EN	146	341
##	41	ERGO	LN	64	226
##	42	FALK	MN	63	163
##	43	FF	EBA	6	12
##	44	FN	MN	4	17
##	45	FTF2	LMEN	3	6
##	46	FTF4	LN	5	12
##	47	FTF5	EBA	7	14
##	48	GDEC	LN	311	622
##	49	GDF	LN	25	108
##	50	GGB	MN	0	13
##	51	GGBZ	EBA	9	39
##	52	GGC	MN	0	20
##	53	GGCAM	LN	19	67
##	54	GNA	EN	28	82
##	55	GNA2	MN	4	18
##	56	GRAV	MN	40	81
##	57	GRYS1	LN	30	70
##	58	GW	EN	22	48
##	59	GW2	MN	23	47
##	60	GWЗ	MN	8	16
##	61	GW4	MN	19	39
##	62	HAL	MN	9	20
##	63	HCE	EN	12	24
##	64	HENE1	LN	188	587
##	65	HH	EN	13	31
##	66	HH-HS	EN	2	5
##	67	HH-SS	EN	10	41
##	68	HK	EN	12	39
##	69	HK2	MN	908	2608
##	70	HLB	EN	2	4
##	71	K1	EN	0	1
##	72	K2	LN	2	4
##	73	KBR	LN	1	3
##	74	KRP2	MN	26	52
##	75	KWII	LN	1	3
##	76	LAG	EN	10	20
##	77	LAG5	MN	58	129
##	78	LD	MN	36	82
##	79	LGX	LN	6	12
##	80	LROB	MN	105	241
##	81	LSMII	EN	11	44
##	82	LSMIII	EN	25	56
##	83	MAIX	LN	494	1154
##	84	MAIZ	MN	29	88
##	85	MC1	EN	4	24
##	86	MESP2	LN	16	52
##	87	MIC	MN	164	315
##	88	ML1	LM	0	8

##	89	ML234	EBA	9	26
##	90	MLB	EN	4	12
##	91	MRO	MN	23	60
##	92	MSCH	LN	2	4
##	93	MSEE	LN	31	73
##	94	MW	MN	99	214
##	95	NBO	MN	32	82
##	96	NIED	LN	3	6
##	97	NOY1	MN	101	255
##	98	ODE	LN	18	53
##	99	P1	EN	7	14
##	100	P2	LN	2	4
##	101	PBF1	LN	6	14
##	102	PFH	EN	1	6
##	103	PLARB	MN	21	56
##	104	PLF	EN	7	14
##	105	POGJ	MN	13	27
##	106	PORH	EN	0	41
##	107	RADW	EBA	3	30
##	108	RAT	EN	29	70
##	109	RB	MN	31	104
##	110	REBA	MN	30	74
##	111	RES	LN	77	238
##	112	RG	EN	3	9
##	113	RI2	LNEBA	13	36
##	114	ROTF	EN	3	28
##	115	SCB3	EBA	147	362
##	116	SCBG	LN	371	882
##	117	SCE	EN	37	74
##	118	SCH	MN	13	38
##	119	SCHI	MN	60	165
##	120	SEEA	LN	61	138
##	121	SHN	EBA	3	9
##	122	SPH	LM	2	9
## ##	123	SK8	MN	52	114
## ##	124	SKF		3	12
## ##	125		EBA	191	400
## ##	107	SIRLI	EN MN	15	102
## ##	100	SIRLZ	MNI MNI	4 01	40
## ##	120	DIW TEM1	MIN T M	21	42
## ##	129			20	40
## ##	131	TUTE		10	24
## ##	132	TRM2	T N	12 Q	2 4 18
##	133	VAT	EN	925	2447
##	134	VTOI.	MN	193	463
##	135	WEG12	MN	52	104
##	136	WH1	EN	145	307
##	137	WH3	EN	46	100
##	138	WHX	EN	1	2
##	139	WHX2		12	25
##	140	WIT	LN	1	3
##	141	WKP	LN	6	32
##	142	WM	LN	4	22

143 ZWJ EN 3 6

- Phase = "The use of the term 'Phase' in these datasets refers to data aggregated at the level of the cultural unit... the most common level of aggregation in the faunal and archaeobotanical reports, and therefore offered maximum comparative potential between the different datasets" (Timpson et al. 2016).
 Period = time period
 - "LM" = late Mesolithic
 - "LMEN" = late Mesolithic/early Neolithic
 - "EN" = early Neolithic
 - "MN" = middle Neolithic
 - "LN" = late Neolithic
 - "LNEBA" = late Neolithic/early Bronze Age
 - "EBA" = early Bronze Age
- bos = counts of identifiable specimens (NISP) to Bos primigenius or Bos taurus.
- NISP = total number of all identifiable specimens (NISp)

First we need to prepare the data to answer the question: how do counts of *Bos* bones vary over time? We need to order the factors for each time period.

The unit of analysis is each "phase", which we can examine by period to see how counts of *Bos* bones vary. However, by modeling time period as a factor, the result will examine variation relative to the reference class, in this case, how each subsequent time period compares to the late Mesolithic. This is appropriate given our question, however, the transitional time period "LMEN" complicates this hypothesis test. As such, we remove it.

```
Manning.sub <- subset(Manning, Period != "LMEN") #all except transitional M-N
```

```
Manning.sub$Period <- droplevels(Manning.sub$Period) #drop unused factor level
```

How many levels do we have?

levels(Manning.sub\$Period)

[1] "LM" "EN" "MN" "LN" "LNEBA" "EBA"

Note: the first level value is the reference class to which all others will be compared. For us, this is perfect as we want to compare agricultural periods with the last non-agricultural period. However, you can re-order factor levels however you need to answer the question. See **?levels**.

4.1 Exploratory data analysis

Plot the distribution of *Bos* bones for each time period using box plots and see how the number of *Bos* bones varies with the total number of identifiable specimens (NISP).

```
par(pty = "s", mfrow = c(1,2))
```

ylab = expression(italic("Bos ")~"spp. Bones")
)



Clearly the number of cattle bones increases as a function of the total number of bones per phase, so we need to include an offset for NISP.

4.2 Fit a Poisson GLM with offsets

4.2.1 Model diagnostics

overdisp_fun(glm_Pois.bos_period)

4.2.1.1 Overdispersion

 ##
 chisq
 ratio
 rdf
 p

 ##
 9.973755e+02
 7.387967e+00
 1.350000e+02
 1.746483e-131

Significant overdispersion detected.

4.3 Refit with a negative binomial GLM

Note, the syntax for including an offset differs with MASS::glm.nb so that we include it as an additive term specified as an offset.

4.3.1 Model diagnostics

overdisp_fun(glm_negb.bos_period)

4.3.1.1 Overdispersion

##	chisq	ratio	rdf	р
##	71.1213609	0.5268249	135.0000000	0.9999988

The negative binomial model accounts for overdispersion.

zeroinfl_fun(model = glm_negb.bos_period, response = Manning.sub\$bos)

4.3.1.2 Zero-inflation

obs_0 mod_0 ratio
8.000000 3.000000 2.666667

There are 8 observed zeros and 3 predicted zeros, which suggests some zero-inflation, but nothing too concerning. Just make sure to pay attention when interpreting predictions of low counts as these could be zero.

4.3.2 Results

Now assess goodness of fit and model coefficients.

4.3.2.1 Goodness of fit First compare to a null model:

```
glm_negb.bos_null <- glm.nb(bos ~ 1 +</pre>
                             offset(log(NISP)),
                             data = Manning.sub
                             )
anova(glm_negb.bos_null,
      glm_negb.bos_period,
      test = "Chisq" #X^2 for negative binomial see ?MASS::anova.negbin
      )
## Likelihood ratio tests of Negative Binomial Models
##
## Response: bos
##
                                    theta Resid. df
                                                        2 x log-lik.
                           Model
                                                                        Test
                                                                                df
          1 + offset(log(NISP)) 6.087784
                                                          -1009.5073
## 1
                                                140
## 2 Period + offset(log(NISP)) 7.195535
                                                135
                                                           -990.7728 1 vs 2
                                                                                 5
##
    LR stat.
                  Pr(Chi)
## 1
## 2 18.73456 0.002153641
```

This model is a significant improvement on the null.

Likelihood r_l^2 :

with(glm_negb.bos_period, (null.deviance-deviance)/null.deviance)

[1] 0.1122308

Period accounts for about 11% of the deviance in *Bos* bone counts.

summary(glm_negb.bos_period)

4.3.2.2 Coefficients

```
##
## Call:
## glm.nb(formula = bos ~ Period + offset(log(NISP)), data = Manning.sub,
##
       init.theta = 7.19553472, link = log)
##
## Coefficients:
##
               Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
                            0.7233 -4.553 5.29e-06 ***
## (Intercept)
                -3.2933
## PeriodEN
                 2.3420
                            0.7277
                                     3.219 0.001288 **
## PeriodMN
                 2.4023
                            0.7265
                                     3.307 0.000944 ***
## PeriodLN
                 2.2028
                            0.7267
                                     3.031 0.002437 **
## PeriodLNEBA
                 2.3003
                            0.8282
                                     2.777 0.005479 **
## PeriodEBA
                 2.3094
                            0.7346
                                     3.144 0.001668 **
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## (Dispersion parameter for Negative Binomial(7.1955) family taken to be 1)
##
##
       Null deviance: 175.61 on 140
                                      degrees of freedom
## Residual deviance: 155.90 on 135 degrees of freedom
## AIC: 1004.8
##
## Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 1
##
##
##
                 Theta:
                        7.20
##
             Std. Err.:
                        1.24
##
   2 x log-likelihood: -990.773
##
```

Bos bone counts are significantly higher during all Neolithic and Bronze age periods compared to the Mesolithic.

To get the rate ratio for any period, just take the exponent of that coefficient. For example, for the Early Neolithic (EN) period, the ratio is exp(2.34), or ≈ 10.4 times the number of *Bos* spp. bones when compared to the late Mesolithic.

Note: when the predictor variable is a factor, the first factor is the "reference class" to which all others are compared, as such, the model does not return coefficients for the first class. Here this is useful as it allows us to assess how *Bos* bone counts vary across Neolithic (i.e., farmer) periods relative to the Mesolithic (i.e., hunter-gatherer) period.

4.3.2.3 Prediction Plot the predicted responses per time period holding the sample size (NISP) at the median value (n = 40):

As we predicted on the link scale, this will show the predicted log counts of bones:

bos_pred\$fit

 ##
 1
 2
 3
 4
 5
 6

 ##
 0.3955356
 2.7375444
 2.7978110
 2.5983163
 2.6957899
 2.7049125

As above, take the exponent to see the predicted counts:

```
exp(bos_pred$fit)
```

 ##
 1
 2
 3
 4
 5
 6

 ##
 1.485179
 15.449002
 16.408690
 13.441088
 14.817218
 14.953009

Show the predicted number of *Bos* bones for each time period with confidence intervals. This can be done as a box-and-whisker plot using the **points** and **arrows** functions.

```
plot(NA,
```

```
xlab = "Period",
     ylab = expression(italic(Bos) ~ "spp. bones"),
     xlim = c(0.5, 6.5), #number of categories with buffer
     ylim = c(0, max(inv_link.glm_nb(bos_pred$fit))+20), #max value plus buffer
     xaxt = "n" #turn off the axis to plot periods later
     )
axis(side = 1, at = 1:6, levels(Manning.sub$Period)) #add time period labels
points(1:6, inv_link.glm_nb(bos_pred$fit), pch = 19)
#use arrows to make the whiskers as 95% confidence intervals
\operatorname{arrows}(x0 = 1:6,
       x1 = 1:6,
       y0 = inv_link.glm_nb(bos_pred$fit + (2*bos_pred$se.fit)),
       y1 = inv_link.glm_nb(bos_pred$fit - (2*bos_pred$se.fit)),
       angle = 90, #90 degree angle for flat arrowhead
       code = 3, #heads on y0 (1), y1 (2), or or both (3)
       length = 0.1 #length of arrowhead in in inches
       )
```



This shows the predicted number of *Bos* bones for each time period from the Late Mesolithic to Early Bronze Age with 95% confidence intervals as if each sample size (NISP) was the median (n = 40).

For an example of how predictions would vary with different sample sizes, let's plot this again but hold NISP at the maximum value (n = 3249):

```
points(1:6, inv_link.glm_nb(bos_pred$fit), pch = 19)
#use arrows to make the whiskers as 95% confidence intervals
arrows(x0 = 1:6,
    x1 = 1:6,
    y0 = inv_link.glm_nb(bos_pred$fit + (2*bos_pred$se.fit)),
    y1 = inv_link.glm_nb(bos_pred$fit - (2*bos_pred$se.fit)),
    angle = 90, #90 degree angle for flat arrowhead
    code = 3, #heads on y0 (1), y1 (2), or or both (3)
    length = 0.1 #length of arrowhead in in inches
    )
```



Note that their relative position remains the same, but the absolute predicted count is inflated.

For another example, consider repeating the above using the Snodgrass data (Price and Griffin 1979; Cogswell et al. 2001) in the **archdata** package (Carlson 2017) to see how "prestige" items such as earplugs and effigies vary by excavation section while controlling for household size.

Multiple Regression



Figure 2: Flowchart outlining recommended procedures for fitting and evaluating count models with multiple predictors. For other examples with mixed effects models, see Bolker et al. (2009).

5 Count regression with multiple predictors: Texas point types

Question: Does environmental stress and risk of resource shortfall influence technological intensification and innovation?

In order to assess the "risk hypothesis" for technological complexity – that populations under risk of resource stress or shortfall will invest more in specialized tools leading to greater technological types (see Torrence 1983) – Buchannan et al. (2016: Table 1) compile data on the number of projectile point types by time period in Texas relative to proxies of environmental "risk".

Buchannan

##		Time period	Number of point turned	Stort	End	Duration
##		IIme.period	Number.or.point.types	Start	Ena	Duration
##	1	Early Paleoindian	2	13060	11910	1150
##	2	Late Paleoindian	19	11910	8854	3056
##	3	Early Archaic	27	8854	5142	3712
##	4	Middle Archaic	30	5142	3185	1957
##	5	Late Archaic	32	3185	1523	1662
##	6	Transitional Archaic	16	1523	1174	349
##	7	Late Prehistoric	40	1174	404	770
##		Regional_risk_C13 Glo	obal_risk_018			
##	1	-4.035	-3.486			
##	2	-7.985	-1.540			
##	3	-6.360	0.347			
##	4	-5.960	0.116			
##	5	-8.190	-0.043			
##	6	-6.770	-0.184			
##	7	-3.730	-0.163			

The data include:

- Time.period = Categorical name of each time period: "Early Paleoindian", "Late Paleoindian", "Early Archaic", "Middle Archaic", "Late Archaic", "Transitional Archaic", "Late Prehistoric".
- Number.of.point.types = The number of projectile point types in Texas per period.
- Start = Beginning year of the time period (calibrated years BP).
- End = Ending year of the time period (calibrated years BP).
- Duration = Total duration of the time period.
- Regional_risk_C13 = Stable carbon-13 ratio from a sediment cores in Denton County (north-central Texas) as a proxy for precipitation. Higher values equate to driver conditions.
- Global_risk_O18 = Average ratio of oxygen-18 to oxygen-16 stable isotopes in the atmosphere derived from the Vostok (Antarctica) ice core as a measure of global temperature. Higher values equate to higher global temperatures.

They note that, "[f]or the purposes of testing the risk hypothesis, we assumed that decreasing precipitation and increasing temperature coincided with increasing risk because drier and hotter environments in Texas, such as large areas of southwestern Texas, have less biomass available, which translates into less subsistence resources available for human foragers." One question they ask is whether regional precipitation or global temperature has a stronger influence on point types.

5.1 Exploratory data analysis

```
par(pty = "s")
with(Buchannan,
    hist(Number.of.point.types,
        xlab = "Number of Projectile Point Types",
        main = NA)
    )
```



Number of Projectile Point Types

Create bivariate plots of the response and predictors (note, the expression and paste functions are used to include Greek symbols, subscript, and superscript type).



As the duration of time periods varies, our model will need to account for this:

```
par(pty = "s")
```

```
with(Buchannan,
```

```
plot(Number.of.point.types ~ Duration,
    ylab = "Number of Projectile Point Types",
    xlab = "Duration of Period (years)")
)
```



5.1.1 Multicollinearity

Importantly, as we want to assess multivariate relationships, we need to check for multicollinearity. This can be done with a bi-variate plot and a simple correlation test.

```
par(pty = "s")
with(Buchannan,
    plot(Global_risk_018 ~ Regional_risk_C13,
        ylab = expression(paste("Global Temperature (", delta ^{18},"0",''[atm],")")),
        xlab = expression(paste("Regional Precipitation (", delta ^{13},"C)"))
        )
    )
```



While the two predictors have a correlation coefficient of -0.33, that should not be strong enough to inflate model coefficients – though we will double-check below. We should feel comfortable using both predictors.

5.2 Fit a Poisson GLM

5.2.1 Model diagnostics

overdisp_fun(glm_pois.point_multi)

5.2.1.1 Overdispersion

chisq ratio rdf p
9.023024e+01 2.255756e+01 4.000000e+00 1.176511e-18

Meaningful overdispersion. Refit with negative binomial GLM.

5.3 Fit negative binomial GLM

5.3.1 Model diagnostics

overdisp_fun(glm_nb.point_multi)

5.3.1.1 Overdispersion

chisq ratio rdf p
5.6935509 1.4233877 4.0000000 0.2232328

The negative binomial model adequately handles overdispersion.

zeroinfl_fun(glm_nb.point_multi, response = Buchannan\$Number.of.point.types)

5.3.1.2 Zero-inflation

obs_0 mod_0 ratio ## 0 0 NaN

No zero values.

5.3.1.3 Variance inflation factor While it was not apparent *a priori*, multicollinearity may still influence the model result. As such, we need to assess the influence of multicollinearity on the model result. We can rely on the vif function in the car package (Fox and Weisberg 2019). For more, see ?car::vif.

library(car)

car::vif(glm_nb.point_multi)

Global_risk_018 Regional_risk_C13
1.04068 1.04068

If the VIF value is near 1, then there is no concern. If the value is close to 5, then there is moderate correlation. If the value is well above 5, then the predictors are highly correlated.

5.3.1.4 Residuals Plot the residuals.



The model does a fairly good job, but note the high outlier. We can examine this further by plotting the observed by fitted values and labeling them to see which time period is not predicted well by the model.

```
plot(Buchannan$Number.of.point.types ~ glm_nb.point_multi$fitted.values,
    ylab = "Observed",
    xlab = "Fitted",
    xlim = c(-10,125),
    ylim = c(-10,125)
    )
abline(a=0, b = 1, col="gray")
#label by time period
text(x = glm_nb.point_multi$fitted.values,
    y = Buchanna$Number.of.point.types,
    Buchanna$Time.period,
    pos = c(4,3,2,1,2,4,4), #custom placement
    cex = 0.65 #smaller labels
    )
```

par(pty = "s")



The model predicts way more point types than observed for the "Early Archaic" period. Why might this be? Technically these data are a time series, so it would be good to assess the residuals for temporal autocorrelation. This is beyond our scope here, but see Simpson (2018b)

5.3.2 Results

Examining the results of multivariate models follow bivariate models, with a few additions.

```
5.3.2.1 Goodness of fit Compare to a null model:
glm_nb.point_null <- glm.nb(Number.of.point.types ~ 1 +
```

```
offset(log(Duration)),
                              data = Buchannan
                              )
anova(glm nb.point null,
      glm_nb.point_multi,
      test = "Chisq"
      )
## Likelihood ratio tests of Negative Binomial Models
##
## Response: Number.of.point.types
##
                                                             Model
                                                                      theta
                                        1 + offset(log(Duration)) 1.235997
## 1
## 2 Global_risk_018 + Regional_risk_C13 + offset(log(Duration)) 2.626179
##
     Resid. df
                  2 x log-lik.
                                  Test
                                          df LR stat.
                                                          Pr(Chi)
## 1
             6
                     -61.52922
## 2
                     -55.53585 1 vs 2
             4
                                           2 5.993371 0.04995236
```

A slight improvement on a null model with only the offsets.

How much deviance in projectile point type count is explained by both predictors?

```
with(glm_nb.point_multi, (null.deviance-deviance)/null.deviance)
```

[1] 0.5450301

About 55% of the variation in the number of projectile point types is accounted for by the combination of local precipitation and global temperature.

5.3.2.2 Coefficients Let's evaluate the model coefficients.

```
summary(glm_nb.point_multi)
```

```
##
## Call:
  glm.nb(formula = Number.of.point.types ~ Global_risk_018 + Regional_risk_C13 +
##
       offset(log(Duration)), data = Buchannan, init.theta = 2.62617933,
##
##
       link = log)
##
## Coefficients:
##
                     Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
## (Intercept)
                      -2.5839
                                  1.0853
                                         -2.381 0.01727 *
## Global risk 018
                       0.7692
                                  0.2358
                                           3.262 0.00111 **
                                           1.038 0.29944
## Regional_risk_C13
                       0.1699
                                  0.1637
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## (Dispersion parameter for Negative Binomial(2.6262) family taken to be 1)
##
```

```
##
       Null deviance: 15.3273 on 6 degrees of freedom
                                     degrees of freedom
## Residual deviance: 6.9735
                               on 4
##
  AIC: 63.536
##
##
  Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 1
##
##
##
                 Theta:
                         2.63
##
             Std. Err.:
                         1.47
##
##
   2 x log-likelihood: -55.536
```

The global measure of temperature seems to have more influence over the number of projectile point types, but how much more important is it than regional precipitation? Determining this requires that each variable be scaled so they vary by the order of magnitude and are centered on the mean, which also has the added benefit of making the intercept parameter represent the expected count under average conditions.

5.3.2.3 Variable importance Refit the model with scaled variables so that each vary by the same order of magnitude and are centered on their mean. This can be done using the scale function:

Note how the coefficients are different than above:

coeff.point_multi_s <- summary(glm_nb.point_multi_s)\$coefficients</pre>

coeff.point_multi_s

```
## Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
## (Intercept) -4.1723183 0.2576743 -16.192220 5.722598e-59
## scale(Global_risk_018) 1.0516325 0.3223692 3.262199 1.105515e-03
## scale(Regional_risk_C13) 0.2968273 0.2860595 1.037642 2.994368e-01
```

Note, to plot these below, we will use some standard indexing to select specific rows and columns. This is done with a square bracket following the object. For example, if we wanted only the estimates corresponding to the predictor variables, we'd want to drop the first row and select only the first column:

coeff.point_multi_s[-1,1]

scale(Global_risk_018) scale(Regional_risk_C13)
1.0516325 0.2968273

Note that when one coefficient is negative and one is positive, indicating a different directional response, it may be useful to aid comparison of the magnitude of effect by taking the absolute value (abs) of the scaled coefficients. If this is done, be sure to note so.

abs(coeff.point_multi_s[-1,1])

scale(Global_risk_018) scale(Regional_risk_C13)
1.0516325 0.2968273

Plot the value of the scaled coefficients and their standard error:

```
par(pty = "s", oma = c(0,1,0,0)) #square plot, add outer margin to left side
plot(NA,
     xlab = "Coefficients",
    ylab = NA,
    xlim = c(0, 6),
    ylim = c(0.5, 2.5),
     yaxt = "n"
     )
#points can plot the scaled coefficients
points(x = exp(coeff.point_multi_s[-1,1]), #select predictor coeffs
       y = 1:2,
       pch = 19)
#the arrows function can draw "whiskers" representing the 95% confidence intervals
arrows(x0 = exp(coeff.point_multi_s[-1,1] + (2*coeff.point_multi_s[-1,2])),
       x1 = exp(coeff.point_multi_s[-1,1] - (2*coeff.point_multi_s[-1,2])),
       y0 = 1:2,
      y1 = 1:2,
      length = 0.1,
      code = 3,
       angle = 90
       )
axis(side = 2,
     at = 1:2,
     rev(c(expression(paste("Local Precip. (", delta ^{13},"C)")),
           expression(paste("Global Temp. (", delta ^{18},"0",''[atm],"))))),
     las = 1
     )
abline(v = 1, col = "grey")
```



Both variables have positive effects, as predicted, but the local precipitation proxy has confidence intervals that overlap with 1 (meaning no response) while global temperature has only values above 1.

5.3.2.4 Prediction We can examine the effect of each variable on the response while holding the other constant. These are called partial or marginal response plots.

For interpretive purposes, we are going to return back to the un-scaled model and make predictions for each variable. As above, we will make predictions across the range of each focal variable, though here we need to specify the value at which we want to hold the other variable constant. Often it is recommended to go with the mean or median value, though other values can allow the investigator to explore different scenarios.

In this case, let's explore how the number of projectile point types varies with each predictor while holding the other constant at their *minimum* value so to evaluate the scenario where "environmental risk" is lowest for one predictor across the range of the other. In other words, this will allow us to assess how investment in specialized technology varies with temperature when precipitation is high (i.e., when precipitation induced risk is low), and with precipitation when temperature is low (i.e., when temperature induced risk is low).

```
Global_risk_018 = min(Buchannan$Global_risk_018),
                            #hold at the median duration
                            Duration = median(Buchannan$Duration)
                            ),
                          type = "link",
                          se = TRUE
                          )
#a sequence across the range global risk
glo.seq <- seq(min(Buchannan$Global_risk_018),</pre>
               max(Buchannan$Global_risk_018),
                length.out = 100) #arbitrary 100 values
con_pred.glo <- predict(glm_nb.point_multi,</pre>
                         newdata = data.frame(
                            #hold precip at the min value
                            Regional_risk_C13 = min(Buchannan$Regional_risk_C13),
                            #predict across the range of temp
                            Global_risk_018 = glo.seq,
                            #hold at the median duration
                            Duration = median(Buchannan$Duration)
                           ),
                          type = "link",
                          se = TRUE
                          )
```

Plot the predicted values side-by-side with 95% confidence intervals.

```
#pdf("Figure6.pdf", height = 4, width = 7)
par(mfrow = c(1,2), pty = "s")
#blank plot
with(Buchannan,
     plot(NA,
          ylim = c(0, 100),
          xlim = c(min(reg.seq), max(reg.seq)),
          xlab = expression(paste("Regional Precipitation (", delta ^{13},"C)")),
          ylab = "Projectile Point Types"
          )
     )
#add 95% CI
polygon(x = c(reg.seq, rev(reg.seq)),
        y = c(inv_link.glm_Pois(con_pred.reg$fit + (2*con_pred.reg$se)),
              rev(inv_link.glm_Pois(con_pred.reg$fit - (2*con_pred.reg$se)))
              ),
       border = NA,
        col = "lightgrey"
        )
#add model fit
lines(exp(con_pred.reg$fit) ~ reg.seq)
```

```
#add the data points
with(Buchannan,
     points(Number.of.point.types ~ Regional_risk_C13)
     )
#add a panel label for publication
mtext("a)", side = 3, adj = -0.2, line = 1.5)
#add text in the margin of the plot to aid interpretation
mtext(text = c("wetter", "drier"),
      at = c(min(reg.seq), max(reg.seq)),
      side = 3,
      line = 0.5
      )
#blank plot
with(Buchannan,
    plot(NA,
          ylim = c(0, 100),
          xlim = c(min(glo.seq), max(glo.seq)),
          xlab = expression(paste("Global Temperature (", delta ^{18},"0",''[atm],")")),
         ylab = "Projectile Point Types"
          )
     )
#add 95% CI
polygon(x = c(glo.seq, rev(glo.seq)),
        y = c(inv_link.glm_Pois(con_pred.glo$fit + (2*con_pred.glo$se)),
              rev(inv_link.glm_Pois(con_pred.glo$fit - (2*con_pred.glo$se)))
              ),
        border = NA,
        col = "lightgrey"
        )
#add model fit
lines(exp(con_pred.glo$fit) ~ glo.seq)
#add points
with(Buchannan,
     points(Number.of.point.types ~ Global_risk_018)
     )
#add a panel label for publication
mtext("b)", side = 3, adj = -0.2, line = 1.5)
#add text in the margin of the plot to aid interpretation
mtext(text = c("cooler", "warmer"),
      at = c(min(glo.seq), max(glo.seq)),
      side = 3,
      line = 0.5
      )
```



The results illustrate that even holding global temperature to cooler conditions, an increase in regional precipitation does not lead to a increase in projectile point types, while an increase in global temperature even holding regional precipitation to wetter conditions does lead to an increase in projectile point types.

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7 Session Information

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##	arch	x86_64
##	os	mingw32
##	crt	ucrt
##	system	x86_64, mingw32
##	status	
##	major	4
##	minor	3.0
##	year	2023
##	month	04
##	day	21
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