STAT711
Generalized Linear Models
S2 Evening 2014
Statistics

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General Information

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Credit points
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Prerequisites
Admission to MRes

Corequisites
STAT710

Co-badged status
STAT811 is co-taught with STAT411 and STAT711

Unit description
This unit starts with the classical normal linear regression model. The family of generalized linear models is then introduced and maximum likelihood estimators are derived. Models for counted responses, binary responses, continuous non-normal responses and categorical responses; and models for correlated responses, both normal and non-normal, and generalized additive models, are studied. All models and methods are illustrated using data sets from scientific disciplines such as biology, marine science and medicine. SAS software is used.

Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates
Learning Outcomes

1. Formulate a generalized linear model; estimate the parameters using SAS or other appropriate statistical software; perform diagnostic model checking; perform model selection; and interpret the model parameters.
2. Derive the maximum likelihood estimators for a generalized linear model, and test hypotheses.
3. Carry out in-depth graphical data exploration, and perform appropriate data transformations.
4. Formulate and estimate a model for correlated data, using random effects or generalized estimating equations, as appropriate; interpret the model parameters.
5. Formulate and estimate a generalized additive model.
6. Write a well-structured technical report on statistical analysis performed.
7. Write a report on statistical analysis performed, for a non-statistical audience.

General Assessment Information

In order to pass the unit, students need to perform satisfactorily on all components of assessment (assignments and examinations).

Assignment submission Assignments should be submitted to the lecturer, by 6pm on the due date. On-campus students are expected to submit assignments at the lecture; external students should email or mail them.

Extensions and penalties Extensions to assignments is at the discretion of the lecturer. It is the responsibility of the student to prove that there has been unavoidable disruption. Marks will be deducted for late submissions in the absence of an approved extension.

Examination There will be a two-hour sit-down examination, and a take-home examination which you have four days to complete. You will be permitted to bring an A4 sheet of notes, handwritten or typed, on both sides, into the sit-down examination. Please note that students who have not performed satisfactorily in the assignments, will not be permitted to sit either the sit-down or the take-home examination. Any student who is to be excluded from the examinations, will be notified in writing of this after the due date of the last assignment. The sit-down examination will be timetabled in the official University examination timetable. The timing of the take-home examination will be determined in class, once the draft University timetable has been published. A tentative hand-in date of 24 November has been set.

Assessment Tasks

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**Assignment 1**

Due: **August 25**  
Weighting: **15%**

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:

- Formulate a generalized linear model; estimate the parameters using SAS or other appropriate statistical software; perform diagnostic model checking; perform model selection; and interpret the model parameters.
- Derive the maximum likelihood estimators for a generalized linear model, and test hypotheses.
- Carry out in-depth graphical data exploration, and perform appropriate data transformations.
- Write a well-structured technical report on statistical analysis performed.
- Write a report on statistical analysis performed, for a non-statistical audience.

**Assignment 2**

Due: **October 13**  
Weighting: **15%**

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:

- Derive the maximum likelihood estimators for a generalized linear model, and test hypotheses.
- Carry out in-depth graphical data exploration, and perform appropriate data transformations.
- Formulate and estimate a model for correlated data, using random effects or generalized estimating equations, as appropriate; interpret the model parameters.
• Write a well-structured technical report on statistical analysis performed.
• Write a report on statistical analysis performed, for a non-statistical audience.

Assignment 3
Due: **November 3**
Weighting: **15%**

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:
• Formulate a generalized linear model; estimate the parameters using SAS or other appropriate statistical software; perform diagnostic model checking; perform model selection; and interpret the model parameters.
• Derive the maximum likelihood estimators for a generalized linear model, and test hypotheses.
• Carry out in-depth graphical data exploration, and perform appropriate data transformations.
• Formulate and estimate a model for correlated data, using random effects or generalized estimating equations, as appropriate; interpret the model parameters.
• Formulate and estimate a generalized additive model.
• Write a well-structured technical report on statistical analysis performed.
• Write a report on statistical analysis performed, for a non-statistical audience.

Take home exam
Due: **November 24**
Weighting: **30%**

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:
• Formulate a generalized linear model; estimate the parameters using SAS or other appropriate statistical software; perform diagnostic model checking; perform model selection; and interpret the model parameters.
• Derive the maximum likelihood estimators for a generalized linear model, and test hypotheses.
• Carry out in-depth graphical data exploration, and perform appropriate data transformations.
• Formulate and estimate a model for correlated data, using random effects or generalized estimating equations.
Formulate and estimate a generalized linear model; estimate the parameters using SAS or other appropriate statistical software; perform diagnostic model checking; perform model selection; and interpret the model parameters.

Derive the maximum likelihood estimators for a generalized linear model, and test hypotheses.

Carry out in-depth graphical data exploration, and perform appropriate data transformations.

Formulate and estimate a model for correlated data, using random effects or generalized estimating equations, as appropriate; interpret the model parameters.

Formulate and estimate a generalized additive model.

### Exam

**Due:** S2 exam period  
**Weighting:** 25%

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:

- Formulate a generalized linear model; estimate the parameters using SAS or other appropriate statistical software; perform diagnostic model checking; perform model selection; and interpret the model parameters.
- Derive the maximum likelihood estimators for a generalized linear model, and test hypotheses.
- Carry out in-depth graphical data exploration, and perform appropriate data transformations.
- Formulate and estimate a model for correlated data, using random effects or generalized estimating equations, as appropriate; interpret the model parameters.
- Formulate and estimate a generalized additive model.

### Delivery and Resources

Lectures and tutorials are at the following times:

**Lecture:** Monday 6-8pm, E6A 131

**Tutorial:** Monday 8-9pm, E4B 214

External students are expected to study the course notes and attempt the tutorials, weekly. They are also welcome to optionally attend the weekly lectures and tutorials:

**Course notes:** Course notes are available on iLearn, prior to the lecture. Tutorial solutions are posted on iLearn.

**Required and recommended resources**

There is no prescribed text for this unit. The following are useful references:


5. SAS manual, available in the SAS help menu.

Some references to texts on Generalized Linear Models using SAS are given on [http://www.statsci.org/glm/books.html](http://www.statsci.org/glm/books.html)

**Recommended web sites**

[http://www.statsci.org/glm/](http://www.statsci.org/glm/)


**TECHNOLOGY USED**

**Software**

We will be using the software SAS version 9.3. If you require the software for your home computer, we will supply you with a fully working version (with one year's licence). You can also access SAS remotely using the iLab application. Please see separate handout concerning this.

**iLearn**

We will be using iLearn for posting of course notes, assignments, solutions and data sets, and online discussions. You are encouraged to use the forums for discussions on the course material. Remember that if you are confused about something, the chances are that other students are also confused. Everybody benefits from the discussions, and you should not be embarrassed to admit that you do not understand a concept.

**Audio recordings of lectures** Audio recordings of the lectures (Echo) will be available on the iLearn site.

**Unit Schedule**

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### Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/policy.html). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:


In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/learning_and_teaching/) of Policy Central.
Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit http://students.mq.edu.au/support/

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- Workshops
- StudyWise
- Academic Integrity Module for Students
- Ask a Learning Adviser

Student Enquiry Service

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

Equity Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the Disability Service who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the Acceptable Use Policy. The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

PG - Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

Our postgraduates will be capable of utilising and reflecting on prior knowledge and experience, of applying higher level critical thinking skills, and of integrating and synthesising learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments. A characteristic of this form of thinking is the generation of new, professionally oriented knowledge through personal or group-based critique of practice and theory.

This graduate capability is supported by:
Learning outcomes

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• Formulate and estimate a generalized additive model.

Assessment tasks

• Assignment 1
• Assignment 2
• Assignment 3
• Take home exam
• Exam

PG - Effective Communication

Our postgraduates will be able to communicate effectively and convey their views to different social, cultural, and professional audiences. They will be able to use a variety of technologically supported media to communicate with empathy using a range of written, spoken or visual formats.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

• Write a well-structured technical report on statistical analysis performed.
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PG - Discipline Knowledge and Skills

Our postgraduates will be able to demonstrate a significantly enhanced depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content knowledge in their chosen
This graduate capability is supported by:

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**PG - Research and Problem Solving Capability**

Our postgraduates will be capable of systematic enquiry; able to use research skills to create new knowledge that can be applied to real world issues, or contribute to a field of study or practice to enhance society. They will be capable of creative questioning, problem finding and problem solving.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Learning outcomes**

- Formulate a generalized linear model; estimate the parameters using SAS or other appropriate statistical software; perform diagnostic model checking; perform model selection; and interpret the model parameters.
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PG - Engaged and Responsible, Active and Ethical Citizens

Our postgraduates will be ethically aware and capable of confident transformative action in relation to their professional responsibilities and the wider community. They will have a sense of connectedness with others and country and have a sense of mutual obligation. They will be able to appreciate the impact of their professional roles for social justice and inclusion related to national and global issues.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Write a well-structured technical report on statistical analysis performed.
- Write a report on statistical analysis performed, for a non-statistical audience.

Assessment task

- Take home exam

PG - Capable of Professional and Personal Judgment and Initiative

Our postgraduates will demonstrate a high standard of discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgment. They will have the ability to make informed choices and decisions that reflect both the nature of their professional work and their personal perspectives.

This graduate capability is supported by:

Learning outcomes

- Write a well-structured technical report on statistical analysis performed.
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