

Multivariate Statistics in Ecology and  
Quantitative Genetics  
**Generalized Linear Models (GLMs)**

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> daph
  counts foodlevel species
1     68      high  magna
2     54      high  magna
3     59      high  magna
4     24      high galeata
5     27      high galeata
6     16      high galeata
7     20      low   magna
8     18      low   magna
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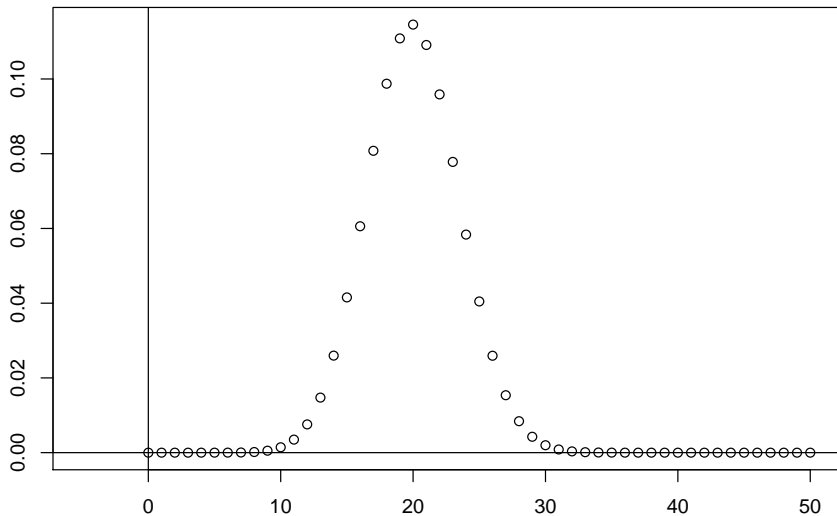
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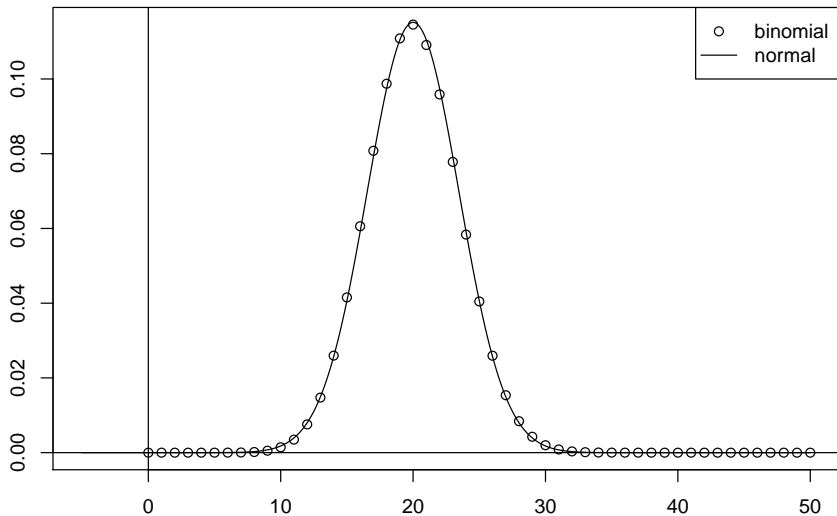


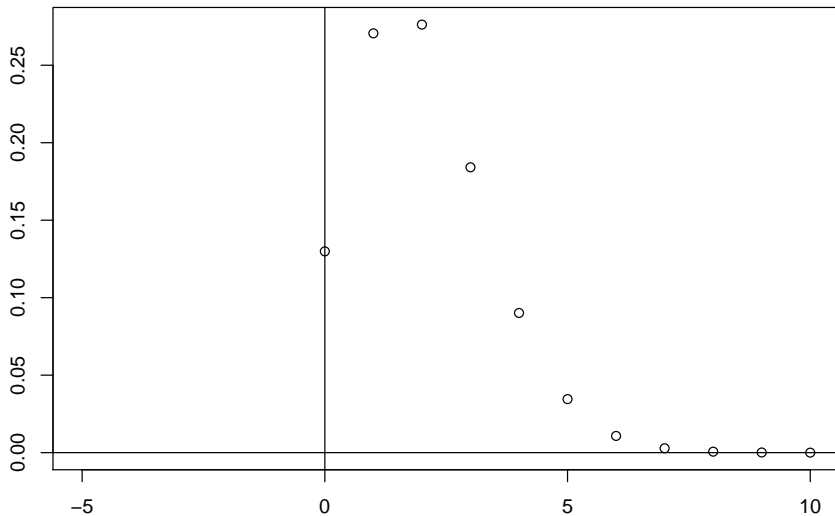
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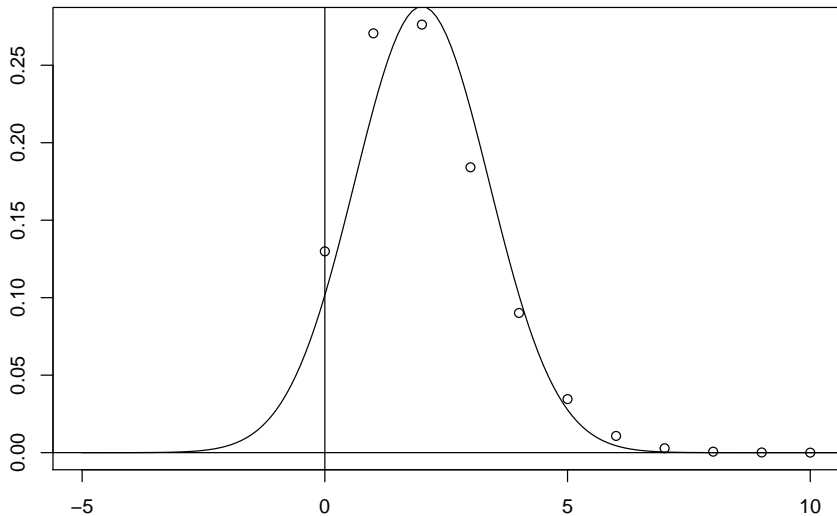
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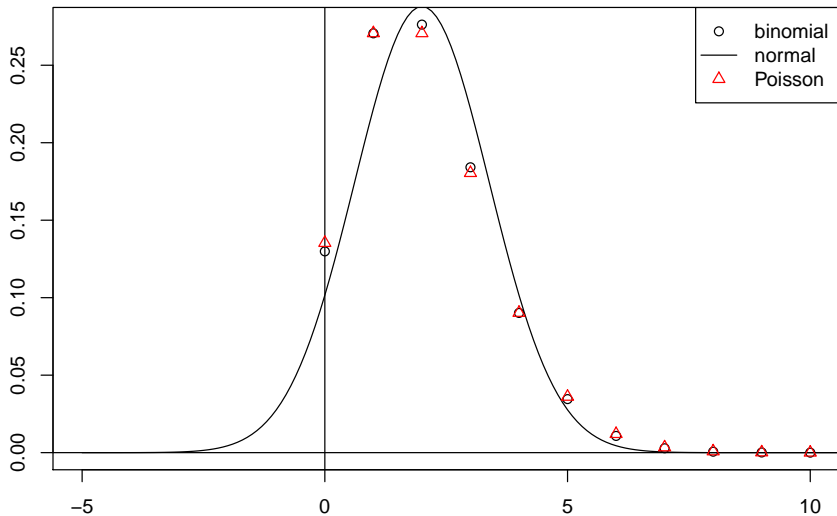
$\mathcal{N}(\mu = n \cdot p, \sigma^2 = n \cdot p \cdot (1 - p))$  approximates the binomial distribution  $\text{Bin}(n, p)$  if  $n \cdot p \cdot (1 - p)$  is not too small (rule of thumb:  $n \cdot p \cdot (1 - p) > 9$ ),  $\text{Pois}(\lambda = n \cdot p)$  gives a better approximation when  $p$  is small.

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(but note that the additional  $\sigma^2$  is missing!)

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                family=poisson)
> summary(pmod1)
[...]
```

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z )	
(Intercept)	3.1166	0.1105	28.215	< 2e-16	***
foodlevellow	-1.1567	0.1298	-8.910	< 2e-16	***
speciesmagna	0.9794	0.1243	7.878	3.32e-15	***

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or, equivalently,

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Thus, this Poisson model assumes multiplicative effects.

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This Test is the classical likelihood-ratio test. (Note that  $D_1 - D_2$  is 2x the log of the likelihood-ratio of the two models.)

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> qpm1 <- glm(counts~foodlevel+species,data=daph,
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> expect <- predict(pmod1,type="response")
> sim <- rpois(12,expect)
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### Analysis of Variance Table

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	Res.Df	RSS	Df	Sum of Sq	F	Pr(>F)
1	9	1289.42				
2	8	109.33	1	1180.1	86.348	1.464e-05 ***

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How about a multiplicative linear model?

```
> expect <- predict(pmod1,type="response")
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1	9	0.19216				
2	8	0.19115	1	0.0010162	0.0425	0.8418

This solves the biggest problem, but what does the model say?

```
> lmod1 <- lm(log(counts)~foodlevel+species,data=daph)
[...]
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Coefficients:

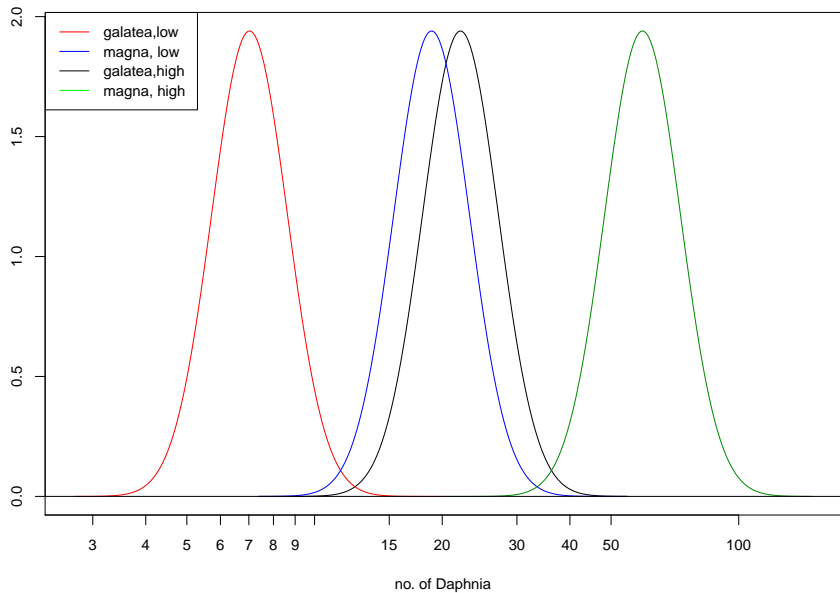
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speciesmagna	0.9883	0.1187	8.326	1.61e-05	***

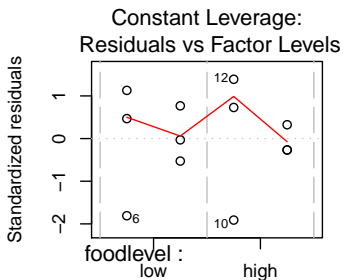
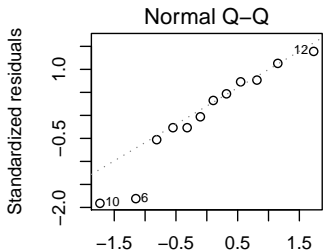
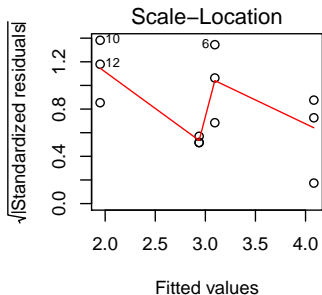
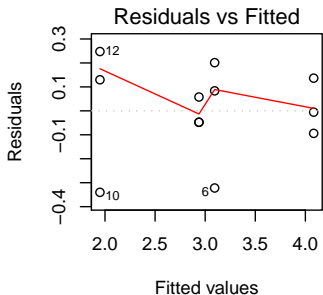
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[...]
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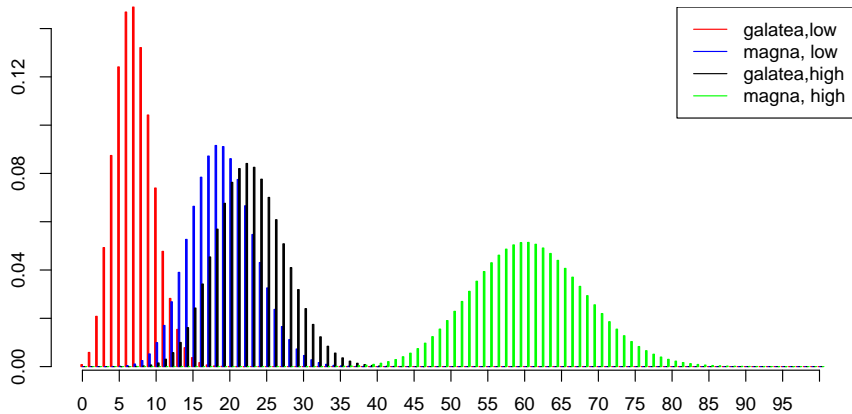
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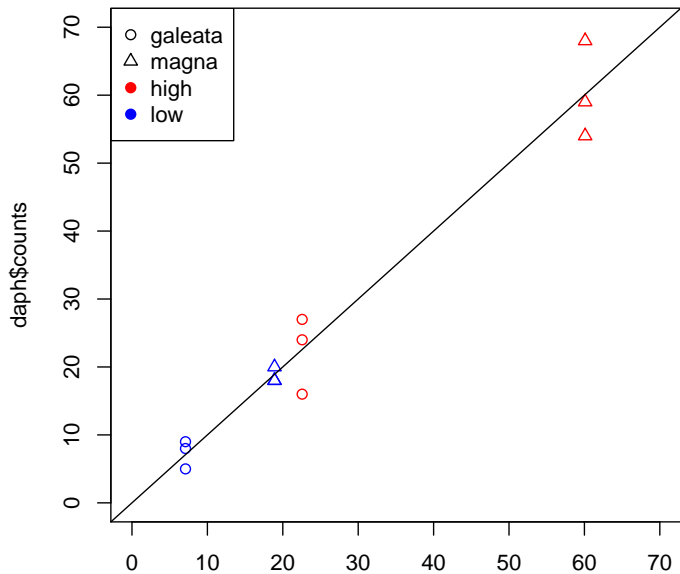






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> summary(pmod1)
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glm(formula = counts ~ foodlevel + species,
     family = poisson, data = daph)
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              Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept)    3.1166     0.1105  28.215 < 2e-16 ***
foodlevellow  -1.1567     0.1298  -8.910 < 2e-16 ***
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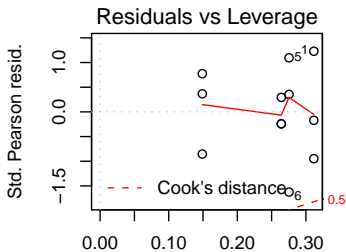
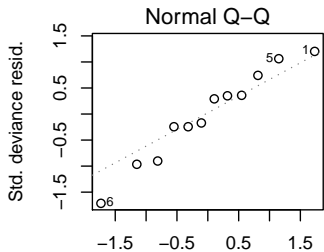
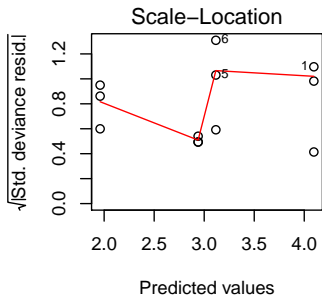
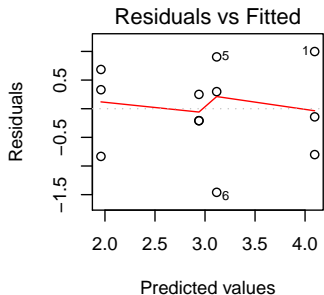
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```
> str(canc)
'data.frame': 301 obs. of 2 variables:
 $ deaths      : int  1 0 3 4 3 4 1 5 5 5 ...
 $ inhabitants: int  445 559 677 681 746 869 950 976 ...
```

## First trial:

```
> mod0 <- glm(deaths~inhabitants,data=canc,family=poisson)
> summary(mod0)
```

## Call:

```
glm(formula = deaths ~ inhabitants, family = poisson,
data = canc)
```

## Deviance Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-13.8783	-2.6449	-0.8845	1.8160	6.9909

## Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z )	
(Intercept)	2.961e+00	1.320e-02	224.2	<2e-16	***
inhabitants	4.044e-05	3.374e-07	119.9	<2e-16	***

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If  $b = 1$ , then  $e^a$  is just the individual risk to die by breast cancer (during the time span of the survey).

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in R: use the command `offset` to tell R not to estimate a coefficient for the first  $\log(S_i)$

```
> mod3 <- glm(deaths~offset(log(inhabitants))+log(inhabitants),
               data=canc,family=quasipoisson)
> summary(mod3)
[...]
```

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )	
(Intercept)	-5.53150	0.14865	-37.212	<2e-16	***
log(inhabitants)	-0.01165	0.01503	-0.775	0.439	

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Thus, the expected number of deaths seems to be just proportional to the number of inhabitants. No significant dependence of the death rate on the county size was found.

Another way of testing this:

```
> mod4 <- glm(deaths~offset(log(inhabitants)),
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```

```
> anova(mod4,mod3,test="F")
```

Analysis of Deviance Table

Model 1:

```
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```

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```
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```

	Resid.	Df	Resid.	Dev	Df	Deviance	F	Pr(>F)
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2		299		785.85	1	1.5315	0.5995	0.4394



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.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
753	30C02	4	7	NA	females	2	vir
754	30C02	6	12	NA	females	2	vir
755	30C02	6	11	NA	females	2	vir
756	30C02	6	15	NA	females	2	vir

```
> str(fly)
'data.frame': 756 obs. of 7 variables:
 $ odorant: Factor w/ 3 levels "30CO2","CO2",...: 2 2 2 2 ...
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 $ PI     : logi  NA NA NA NA NA NA ...
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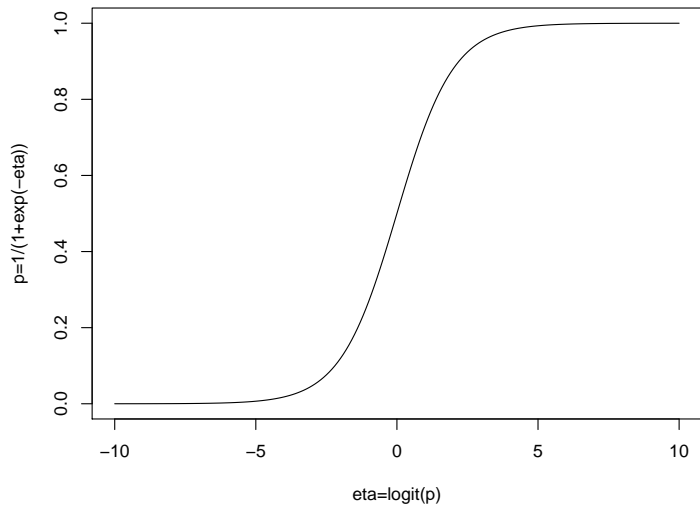
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Binomial GLM with the logit link is also called *logistic regression*.

### The logistic function $1/(1+\exp(-\eta))$



# Likelihood and Deviance

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$$L(\hat{p}) = \binom{n_1}{Y_1} \hat{p}_1^{Y_1} (1 - \hat{p}_1)^{n_1 - Y_1} \cdot \binom{n_2}{Y_2} \hat{p}_2^{Y_2} (1 - \hat{p}_2)^{n_2 - Y_2} \dots \\ \dots \binom{n_k}{Y_k} \hat{p}_k^{Y_k} (1 - \hat{p}_k)^{n_k - Y_k}$$

Using this likelihood, the *deviance* and the deviance residuals are defined like in the Poisson GLM.



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There is an overdispersed binomial GLM (available in R with the option `family=quasibinomial`) with an additional dispersion parameter. For these models one can use both  $\chi^2$  approximation and  $F$  approximations in analyses of deviance.

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.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
753	30C02	4	7	NA	females	2	vir
754	30C02	6	12	NA	females	2	vir
755	30C02	6	11	NA	females	2	vir
756	30C02	6	15	NA	females	2	vir

```
> modelbin <- glm(cbind(resp,air)~(sex+species)*odorant+day,
+                 subset=odorant!="oct",
+                 data=fly,family=binomial)
> summary(modelbin)
```

Call:

```
glm(formula = cbind(resp, air) ~ (sex + species) * odorant +
     day, family = binomial, data = fly,
     subset = odorant != "oct")
```

Deviance Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-3.3735	-0.9693	-0.1187	0.7240	4.4994

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z )	
(Intercept)	-1.376503	0.123901	-11.110	< 2e-16	***
sexmales	0.131066	0.053810	2.436	0.014863	*
speciesatr	0.227528	0.145096	1.568	0.116854	
speciesere	0.057917	0.150061	0.386	0.699528	
speciesmau	0.141718	0.163017	0.869	0.384658	

speciesmel	-1.128202	0.164920	-6.841	7.87e-12	***
speciespse	1.318299	0.143279	9.201	< 2e-16	***
speciessec	-0.518238	0.143658	-3.607	0.000309	***
speciessim	0.427407	0.136345	3.135	0.001720	**
speciestei	-0.266130	0.144181	-1.846	0.064921	.
speciesvir	0.424609	0.173881	2.442	0.014608	*
speciesyak	-0.454361	0.170760	-2.661	0.007795	**
odorantC02	-0.922118	0.171020	-5.392	6.97e-08	***
day	-0.008059	0.014922	-0.540	0.589129	
sexmales:odorantC02	-0.023450	0.067791	-0.346	0.729408	
speciesatr:odorantC02	1.180104	0.194524	6.067	1.31e-09	***
speciesere:odorantC02	1.473309	0.200023	7.366	1.76e-13	***
speciesmau:odorantC02	1.214336	0.222429	5.459	4.78e-08	***
speciesmel:odorantC02	1.530291	0.219269	6.979	2.97e-12	***
speciespse:odorantC02	0.384300	0.195086	1.970	0.048849	*
speciessec:odorantC02	2.046612	0.194380	10.529	< 2e-16	***
speciessim:odorantC02	1.369519	0.189228	7.237	4.57e-13	***

speciestei:odorantC02	1.033078	0.199579	5.176	2.26e-07	***
speciesvir:odorantC02	1.262574	0.225086	5.609	2.03e-08	***
speciesyak:odorantC02	1.919994	0.215587	8.906	< 2e-16	***

---

Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\*' 0.001 '\*\*' 0.01 '\*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)

Null deviance: 2429.1 on 663 degrees of freedom  
Residual deviance: 1187.1 on 639 degrees of freedom  
AIC: 3430.7

Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 4

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Select parameters

1. that seem important to you from the biological context
2. or have low  $p$ -values.

```
> model <- glm(cbind(resp,air)~(sex+species)*odorant+day,
+             subset=odorant!="oct",
+             data=fly,family=quasibinomial)
> drop1(model,test="F")
Single term deletions
```

Model:

```
cbind(resp, air) ~ (sex + species) * odorant + day
```

	Df	Deviance	F value	Pr(F)
<none>		1187.1		
day	1	1187.3	0.1571	0.6920
sex:odorant	1	1187.2	0.0644	0.7997
species:odorant	10	1431.1	13.1365	<2e-16 ***

---

```
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

```
> model2 <- update(model, ~.-day)
```

```
> drop1(model2, test="F")
```

```
Single term deletions
```

```
Model:
```

```
cbind(resp, air) ~ sex + species + odorant + sex:odorant
```

	Df	Deviance	F value	Pr(F)
<none>		1187.3		
sex:odorant	1	1187.5	0.0673	0.7953
species:odorant	10	1432.6	13.2215	<2e-16 ***

```
---
```

```
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

```
> model3 <- update(model2, ~.-sex:odorant)
```

```
> drop1(model3, test="F")
```

Single term deletions

Model:

```
cbind(resp, air) ~ sex + species + odorant + species:odorant
```

	Df	Deviance	F value	Pr(F)	
<none>		1187.5			
sex	1	1200.0	6.7785	0.00944	**
species:odorant	10	1432.7	13.2366	< 2e-16	***

---

Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\*' 0.001 '\*\*' 0.01 '\*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

```
> model4 <- glm(cbind(resp,air)~sex+species+odorant
+               +species:odorant+species:sex,
+               subset=odorant!="oct",
+               data=fly,family=quasibinomial)
> anova(model3,model4,test="F")
```

### Analysis of Deviance Table

Model 1: cbind(resp, air) ~ sex + species + odorant + spe

Model 2: cbind(resp, air) ~ sex + species + odorant + spe  
species:sex

	Resid. Df	Resid. Dev	Df	Deviance	F	Pr(>F)
1	641	1187.5				
2	631	1157.1	10	30.395	1.7232	0.072 .
---						

Signif. codes: 0 \*\*\* 0.001 \*\* 0.01 \* 0.05 . 0.1 1

```
> drop1(model4, test="F")
```

```
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```

```
Model:
```

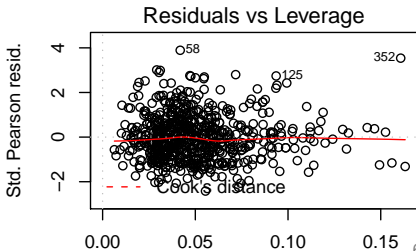
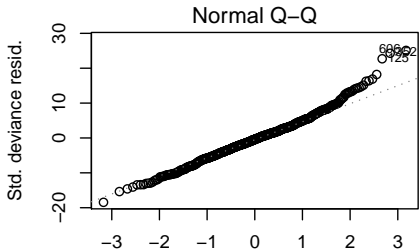
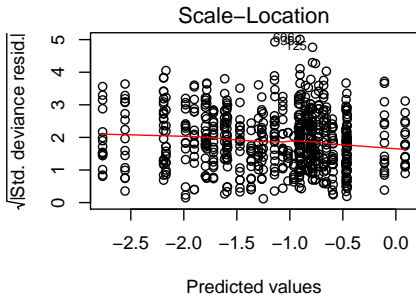
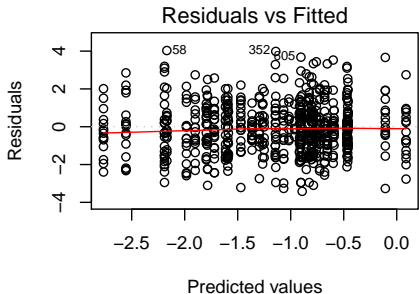
```
cbind(resp, air) ~ sex + species + odorant + species:odorant
                  species:sex
```

	Df	Deviance	F value	Pr(F)
<none>		1157.1		
species:odorant	10	1402.9	13.4043	< 2e-16 ***
sex:species	10	1187.5	1.6575	0.08708 .

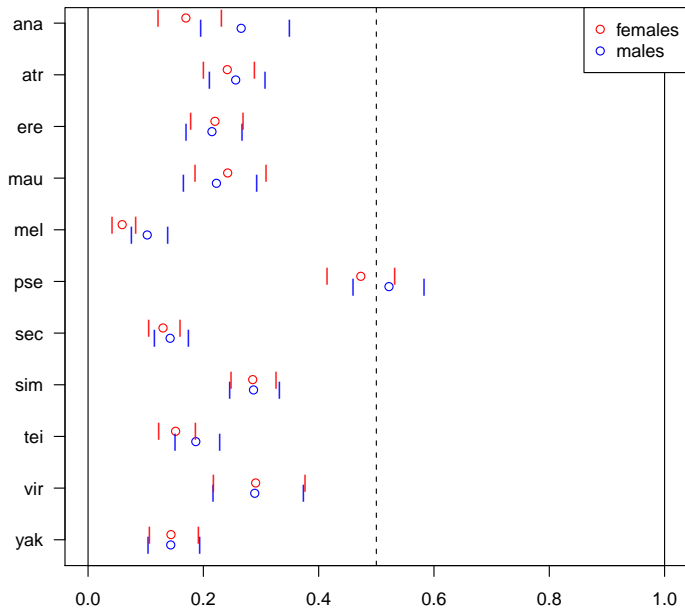
```
---
```

```
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

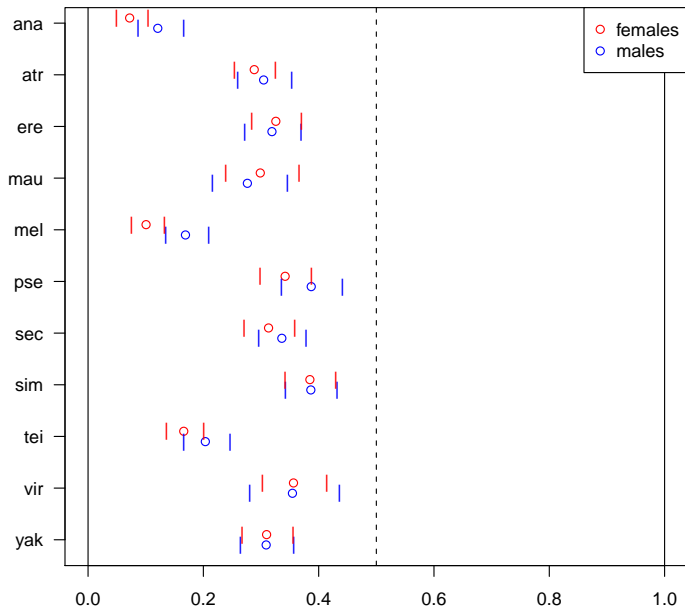




**estimated probability of choosing 30CO2  
with 95% confidence bands**



### estimated probability of choosing CO2 with 95% confidence bands



```
> newdata <- data.frame(species=rep(levels(fly$species),4),  
+                       odorant=rep(levels(fly$odorant)[1:2],rep(22,2)),  
+                       sex=rep(rep(levels(fly$sex),2),rep(11,4)))
```

```
> newdata
```

	species	odorant	sex
1	ana	30C02	females
2	atr	30C02	females
3	ere	30C02	females
4	mau	30C02	females
5	mel	30C02	females
6	pse	30C02	females
7	sec	30C02	females
8	sim	30C02	females
9	tei	30C02	females
10	vir	30C02	females
11	yak	30C02	females
12	ana	30C02	males
13	atr	30C02	males
14	ere	30C02	males
15	mau	30C02	males
16	mel	30C02	males

23	ana	C02 females
24	atr	C02 females
25	ere	C02 females
26	mau	C02 females
27	mel	C02 females
28	pse	C02 females
29	sec	C02 females
30	sim	C02 females
31	tei	C02 females
32	vir	C02 females
33	yak	C02 females
34	ana	C02 males
35	atr	C02 males
36	ere	C02 males
37	mau	C02 males
38	mel	C02 males
39	pse	C02 males
40	sec	C02 males
41	sim	C02 males
42	tei	C02 males
43	vir	C02 males

```
> predict(model4,newdata,type="link")
```

1	2	3	4	5	
-1.58789551	-1.14469372	-1.26487696	-1.14101650	-2.76586374	-0.1077
7	8	9	10	11	
-1.90097360	-0.91699408	-1.72012424	-0.89185179	-1.78389658	-1.0172
13	14	15	16	17	
-1.06650110	-1.29566564	-1.25030454	-2.16842944	0.08781449	-1.7959
19	20	21	22	23	
-0.91001993	-1.47044203	-0.89969326	-1.78744176	-2.55428808	-0.9039
25	26	27	28	29	
-0.72774118	-0.85332683	-2.19052045	-0.65510800	-0.78579246	-0.4694
31	32	33	34	35	
-1.61457993	-0.59147161	-0.80167681	-1.98367468	-0.82573216	-0.7585
37	38	39	40	41	
-0.96261487	-1.59308615	-0.45953795	-0.68077358	-0.46245135	-1.3648
43	44				
-0.59931308	-0.80522198				

```
> predict(model4, newdata, type="response")
```

	1	2	3	4	5	6
0.16968019	0.24145963	0.22013549	0.24213378	0.05919695	0.47308714	0
8	9	10	11	12	13	
0.28557077	0.15185516	0.29072783	0.14382265	0.26555715	0.25606905	0
15	16	17	18	19	20	
0.22264743	0.10262158	0.52193952	0.14234421	0.28699576	0.18687544	0
22	23	24	25	26	27	
0.14338666	0.07213894	0.28824462	0.32569061	0.29873544	0.10060499	0
29	30	31	32	33	34	
0.31307282	0.38475223	0.16595372	0.35629727	0.30966695	0.12092766	0
36	37	38	39	40	41	
0.31896554	0.27635496	0.16895014	0.38709544	0.33608867	0.38640446	0
43	44					
0.35450087	0.30890960					

# Compute an approx. 95% confidence range

```
> case <- data.frame(species="mel",odorant="CO2",sex="males")
> (pred <- predict(model4,case,type="link",se.fit=TRUE) )
$fit
-1.593086
$se.fit
[1] 0.1327248
$residual.scale
[1] 1.328106
> invlink <- function(x) {      ## inverse link function
+   1/(1+exp(-x))
+ }
> invlink(pred$fit)           ## prediction
0.1689501
> invlink(pred$fit-2*pred$se.fit)  ## lower bound
0.1348738
> invlink(pred$fit+2*pred$se.fit)  ## upper bound
0.2095506
```



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Should be done on the linear predictor (“link”) scale and not on the response scale because it is based on a normal distribution approximation, which is only (more or less) valid on the linear predictor scale. (Remember: for a normal distribution,  $> 95\%$  are within the  $2\sigma$ -bounds around the mean.)

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S. Foitzik, I.M. Kureck, M.H. Rüger, D. Metzler (2010)  
Alternative reproductive tactics and the influence of local  
competition on sex allocation in the ant *Hypoponera opacior*.  
*Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology*, to appear.

How does the ratio of queens and males produced by an ant  
nest depend on the nest size?

- ▶ Winged sexuals were observed in June, unwinged sexuals in August.
- ▶ New queens and workers have more genetic material in common than new males and workers.
- ▶ Queens are larger than males and thus more costly to produce.
- ▶ Other factors: local resource competition, local mate competition...

# Variables in the ants data set.

**Nest.size** number of workers in the nest

**Puppen** pupae produced by the nest

**New.Males** new males produced by the nest

**New.Queens** new queens produced by the nest

**month** 6=June, 8=August

(Many more variables in full dataset)

```
> str(ants)
'data.frame': 229 obs. of 5 variables:
 $ Puppen      : int  71 16 7 6 12 13 330 12 180 0 ...
 $ Nest.size   : int  39 6 5 2 5 4 18 9 47 10 ...
 $ New.Males   : int  0 1 3 0 0 0 2 2 0 0 ...
 $ New.Queens  : int  1 3 9 0 2 0 2 1 0 0 ...
 $ month       : int  6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 ...
> attach(ants)
> productivity <- ( Puppen + New.Males +
                   New.Queens )/ (Nest.size)
```

```

> M0 <- glm(cbind(New.Queens,New.Males)~(as.factor(month)
+           +Nest.size+productivity)^2,family=binomial)
> summary(M0)
[...]
```

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z )	
(Intercept)	-0.428	0.3175	-1.3	0.1776	
as.factor(month)8	-0.205	0.3664	-0.5	0.5757	
Nest.size	0.066	0.0177	3.7	0.0001	***
productivity	0.002	0.0178	0.1	0.8670	
as.factor(month)8:Nest.size	-0.030	0.0171	-1.8	0.0710	.
as.factor(month)8:productivity	-0.016	0.0165	-0.9	0.3225	
Nest.size:productivity	-0.000	0.0007	-0.5	0.5988	

```

[..]
Null deviance: 494.61 on 138 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 354.96 on 132 degrees of freedom
(10 observations deleted due to missingness)
AIC: 529.5
```



We already have lots of parameters and interactions in the model, but the residual deviance of 354.96 is still too high for 132 degrees of freedom.

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⇒ Use *overdispersed* binomial (quasibinomial).

```

> M1 <- glm(cbind(New.Queens,New.Males)~(as.factor(month)
+      +Nest.size+productivity)^2,family=quasibinomial)
> summary(M1)
[..]

```

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
(Intercept)	-0.4281	0.470	-0.9	0.36
as.factor(month)8	-0.2050	0.542	-0.3	0.70
Nest.size	0.0667	0.026	2.5	0.01 *
productivity	0.0029	0.026	0.1	0.91
as.factor(month)8:Nest.size	-0.0309	0.025	-1.2	0.22
as.factor(month)8:productivity	-0.0164	0.024	-0.6	0.50
Nest.size:productivity	-0.0003	0.001	-0.3	0.72

```

---
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

(Dispersion parameter for quasibinomial family 2.190267)

Null deviance: 494.61  on 138  degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 354.96  on 132  degrees of freedom
(10 observations deleted due to missingness)
AIC: NA

```

- ▶ Less significance now.
- ▶ Residual deviance still the same, but no reason to worry for overdispersed models
- ▶ AIC not available anymore; that's a real pity!

```
> drop1(M1,test="F")  
Single term deletions
```

Model:

```
cbind(New.Queens, New.Males) ~ (as.factor(month)  
+ Nest.size + productivity)^2
```

	Df	Deviance	F value	Pr(F)
<none>		354.96		
as.factor(month):Nest.size	1	358.39	1.2754	0.2608
as.factor(month):productivity	1	355.94	0.3642	0.5472
Nest.size:productivity	1	355.24	0.1035	0.7482

# Model selection when AIC is not available.

- ▶ Apply backward model selection strategy: apply drop1 and remove the variable with the highest p-value. Apply drop1 on the reduced model and repeat this again and again until you only variables are left which are significant or almost significant.
- ▶ Variables will not be removed if they are involved in interactions, because drop1 won't show those variables.
- ▶ Do not remove a variable if there is a good biological reason why it should be in the model.

```
> M2 <- update(M1, ~.-as.factor(month):productivity)
```

```
> drop1(M2, test="F")
```

Single term deletions

Model:

```
cbind(New.Queens, New.Males) ~ as.factor(month)
+ Nest.size + productivity + as.factor(month):Nest.size
+ Nest.size:productivity
```

	Df	Deviance	F value	Pr(F)
<none>		355.94		
as.factor(month):Nest.size	1	358.86	1.0911	0.2981
Nest.size:productivity	1	355.96	0.0067	0.9349

```
> M3 <- update(M2, ~.-Nest.size:productivity)
> drop1(M3, test="F")
```

Single term deletions

Model:

```
cbind(New.Queens, New.Males) ~ as.factor(month) +
  Nest.size + productivity +
  as.factor(month):Nest.size
```

	Df	Deviance	F value	Pr(F)
<none>		355.96		
productivity	1	358.57	0.9832	0.3232
as.factor(month):Nest.size	1	359.40	1.2952	0.2571



```
> M4 <- update(M3, ~.-productivity )
> drop1(M4, test="F")
Single term deletions
```

Model:

```
cbind(New.Queens, New.Males) ~ as.factor(month) +
  Nest.size + as.factor(month):Nest.size
```

	Df	Deviance	F value	Pr(F)
<none>		358.57		
as.factor(month):Nest.size	1	360.07	0.5626	0.4545

```
> M5 <- update(M4, ~.-as.factor(month):Nest.size)
```

```
> drop1(M5, test="F")
```

Single term deletions

Model:

```
cbind(New.Queens, New.Males) ~ as.factor(month) + Nest.size
```

	Df	Deviance	F value	Pr(F)	
<none>		360.07			
as.factor(month)	1	399.32	14.828	0.0001806	***
Nest.size	1	417.47	21.684	7.559e-06	***

---

Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\*' 0.001 '\*\*' 0.01 '\*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 '1'

```
> summary(M5)
```

Call:

```
glm(formula = cbind(New.Queens, New.Males) ~ as.factor(month) +  
     Nest.size, family = quasibinomial)
```

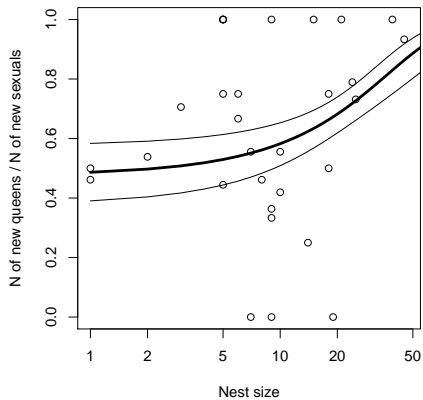
Deviance Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-3.5049	-0.8569	0.0000	0.3521	4.2843

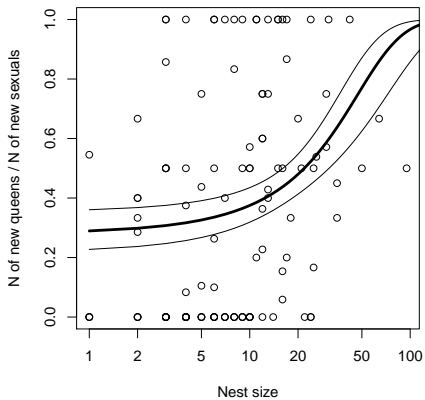
Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )	
(Intercept)	-0.156142	0.236048	-0.661	0.509	
as.factor(month)8	-0.839253	0.202793	-4.138	6.10e-05	***
Nest.size	0.045656	0.009749	4.683	6.76e-06	***

June



August



```
plot(Nest.size[month==6],  
     New.Queens[month==6]/(New.Males[month==6]+New.Queens[month==6]),  
     main="June", log="x", xlab="Nest size",  
     ylab="N of new queens / N of new sexuals")  
  
hypotheticaljune <- data.frame(month=6,Nest.size=0:200)  
  
pred <- predict(M5,hypotheticaljune,type="link",se.fit=TRUE)  
  
lines(0:200,1/(1+exp(-pred$fit)),lwd=3)  
  
lines(0:200,1/(1+exp(-(pred$fit+2*pred$se.fit))))  
  
lines(0:200,1/(1+exp(-(pred$fit-2*pred$se.fit))))
```

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# GLMs and their links (canonical links first)

Poisson  $\log(\mu)$ ,  $\mu$ ,  $\sqrt{\mu}$

binomial logit, probit, cloglog

gaussian  $\mu$

Gamma  $-1/\mu$ ,  $\mu$ ,  $\log(\mu)$

inverse gaussian  $-2/\mu^2$

Also interesting: **negative binomial** as alternative to overdispersed Poisson.