

STAT538, Brief Outline

Purpose: This is a (mostly) applied graduate course on inference & computation in statistical models with non-normal response variables.

Prerequisite Knowledge:

linear algebra (vectors, matrices, inverse, eigenvalues/decompositions, positive (semi)definiteness, symmetric matrices)

multivariable calculus (gradient, hessian, basic optimization)

undergraduate statistics (basic estimation and inference, linear regression, probability theory)

Resources:

Dobson & Barnett, "Introduction to Generalized Linear Models," 3rd ed, CRC Press.

McCullagh & Nelder, "Generalized Linear Models," 2nd ed, CRC Press.

McCulloch & Searle, "Generalized, Linear, and Mixed Models," Wiley.

Faraway, "Extending the Linear Model with R," CRC Press.

Possible Topics:

review and limits of linear/normal models

exponential families and GLMs

estimation / fitting

diagnostics / evaluation

inference

model selection

survival analysis

longitudinal data

log-linear models

large-scale data

Bayesian GLMs, inference

outliers, missing data

random/mixed effects