# COMPoissonReg: Usage, the Normalizing Constant, and Other Computational Details

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#### Abstract

COMPoissonReg is an R package which supports Conway-Maxwell Poisson (CMP) and Zero-Inflated Conway-Maxwell Poisson (ZICMP) models. This vignette describes fundamental computational details, especially those involving the normalizing constant and related quantities. The CMP normalizing constant does not have a general closed form; furthermore, it requires care to handle numerically as its magnitude can vary greatly with changes in the parameters. Primary COMPoissonReg functions are demonstrated with examples, including those implementing basic distribution functions and regression modeling.

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# 1 Introduction

The R package COMPoissonReg supports Conway-Maxwell Poisson (CMP) and Zero-Inflated Conway-Maxwell Poisson (ZICMP) models for analysis of count data in a flexible manner, to account for data dispersion relative to a Poisson model. The package provides regression functionality in addition to basic distribution functions. Interested users can refer to Sellers and Shmueli [2010] and Sellers and Raim [2016] regarding the underlying theoretical developments for the CMP and ZICMP regressions, respectively. A full specification of the public COMPoissonReg interface can be found in the manual. In addition to package prerequisites Rcpp [Eddelbuettel, 2013] and numDeriv [Gilbert and Varadhan, 2019], ggplot2 [Wickham, 2016] is also used in this vignette.

One of the challenges of working with CMP and ZICMP lies in computing the normalizing constant and related quantities. The normalizing constant does not have a simple closed form in general and can quickly increase or decrease magnitude as parameters are varied. COMPoissonReg takes a hybrid approach of either truncating the infinite series or making use of an approximation, depending on parameter values.

The remainder of the vignette proceeds as follows. Section 2 describes functions to support the CMP distribution, including numerical handling of the normalizing constant. Section 3 describes functions for ZICMP. Finally, Section 4 demonstrates regression functions; Sections 4.1 and 4.2 give specific examples based on CMP and ZICMP outcomes, respectively. The COMPoissonReg package is on CRAN at https://cran.r-project.org/package=COMPoissonReg and the source code is on Github at https://github.com/lotze/COMPoissonReg.

# 2 Conway-Maxwell Poisson Distribution

Let  $Y \sim \text{CMP}(\lambda, \nu)$  be a Conway-Maxwell Poisson (CMP) random variable with density

$$f(y \mid \lambda, \nu) = \frac{\lambda^y}{(y!)^{\nu} Z(\lambda, \nu)}, \quad y \in \mathbb{N}, \quad Z(\lambda, \nu) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^r}{(r!)^{\nu}},$$

where  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $\nu > 0$ , and  $\mathbb{N}$  represents the nonnegative integers  $\{0, 1, 2, ...\}$ . Three notable special cases of  $\text{CMP}(\lambda, \nu)$  help to demonstrate its flexibility in count modeling.

- a. The case  $\nu = 1$  corresponds to Poisson( $\lambda$ ).
- b. When  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  and  $\nu = 0$ , the CMP $(\lambda, \nu)$  distribution is Geometric $(1 \lambda)$  with density  $f(y \mid \lambda) = (1 \lambda)\lambda^y$  for  $y \in \mathbb{N}$ , which is overdispersed relative to Poisson.
- c. When  $\nu \to \infty$ , CMP $(\lambda, \nu)$  converges to a Bernoulli $(\lambda/(1 + \lambda))$  distribution which is underdispersed relative to Poisson.

# 2.1 Normalizing Constant

The normalizing constant  $Z(\lambda, \nu)$  presents some challenges in the practical use of CMP models and has been a topic of interest in the CMP literature. In general, there is no simple closed form expression for the series  $Z(\lambda, \nu)$ . Shmueli et al. [2005] give the approximation

$$Z(\lambda,\nu) = \frac{\exp(\nu\lambda^{1/\nu})}{\lambda^{(\nu-1)/2\nu}(2\pi)^{(\nu-1)/2}\nu^{1/2}} \left\{ 1 + O(\lambda^{-1/\nu}) \right\},\tag{1}$$

where the  $O(\cdot)$  term vanishes as  $\lambda^{-1/\nu}$  becomes small. Approximations have been further studied and refined in subsequent literature; see for example Gillispie and Green [2015], Daly and Gaunt [2016], and Gaunt et al. [2019]. The expression in (1) emphasizes that the magnitude of  $Z(\lambda, \nu)$  explodes as  $\nu \to 0$  when  $\lambda > 1$ . For example,  $Z(2, 0.075) \approx e^{780.515}$  is too large to store as a double-precision floating point number, and may evaluate to infinity if care is not taken. In contrast,  $Z(\lambda, \nu) \to 1/(1-\lambda)$  when  $\lambda < 1$  and  $\nu \to 0$ .

In practice, the COMPoissonReg package does not place constraints on  $\lambda$  and  $\nu$ , except to ensure that they are positive, so that their values are driven by the data or the user's selection. A hybrid strategy motivated by (1) is taken by COMPoissonReg.

To compute  $Z(\lambda, \nu)$ , suppose we are given a small tolerance  $\delta > 0$ . If

$$\lambda^{-1/\nu} < \delta,\tag{2}$$

the first term of (1) dominates the second term, and we take

$$Z(\lambda,\nu) \approx \frac{\exp(\nu\lambda^{1/\nu})}{\lambda^{(\nu-1)/2\nu}(2\pi)^{(\nu-1)/2}\nu^{1/2}} = \exp\left\{\nu\lambda^{1/\nu} - \frac{\nu-1}{2\nu}\log\lambda - \frac{\nu-1}{2}\log(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2}\log\nu\right\}.$$
 (3)

as an approximation. Otherwise, the series is computed by truncating to a finite number of terms, which is described next. In either case, computations are kept on the log-scale as much as possible to accommodate numbers with potentially very large and very small magnitudes.

We approximate  $Z(\lambda, \nu)$  by a finite summation  $Z^{(M)}(\lambda, \nu) = \sum_{r=0}^{M} \lambda^r / (r!)^{\nu}$  if condition (2) fails, so that the remainder is smaller than a given tolerance. The general approach is described in Appendix B of Shmueli et al. [2005]. Robbins [1955] gives bounds for Stirling's approximation as

$$\sqrt{2\pi}n^{n+1/2}e^{-n}e^{1/(12n+1)} < n! < \sqrt{2\pi}n^{n+1/2}e^{-n}e^{1/(12n)}.$$

Noting that  $e^{1/(12n+1)} \ge 1$  for  $n \ge 1$  and  $\sqrt{2\pi}e^{1/(12n)} \le e$  for  $n \ge 2$ , we obtain simpler bounds

$$\sqrt{2\pi}n^{n+1/2}e^{-n} \le n! \le en^{n+1/2}e^{-n}$$

which will be convenient in the following calculations.<sup>1</sup> We may then bound the truncation error for  $Z^{(M)}(\lambda,\nu)$  using

$$\begin{aligned} |Z(\lambda,\nu) - Z^{(M)}(\lambda,\nu)| &= Z(\lambda,\nu) - Z^{(M)}(\lambda,\nu) \\ &= \sum_{r=M+1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^r}{(r!)^{\nu}} \\ &\leq \sum_{r=M+1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^r}{(2\pi)^{\nu/2} r^{\nu r+\nu/2} e^{-r\nu}} \\ &\leq \sum_{r=M+1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^r}{(2\pi)^{\nu/2} (M+1)^{\nu r+\nu/2} e^{-r\nu}} \\ &= (2\pi)^{-\nu/2} (M+1)^{-\nu/2} \sum_{r=M+1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\lambda e^{\nu}}{(M+1)^{\nu}}\right)^r \\ &= (2\pi)^{-\nu/2} (M+1)^{-\nu/2} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\lambda e^{\nu}}{(M+1)^{\nu}}\right)^{r+M+1} \\ &= (2\pi)^{-\nu/2} (M+1)^{-\nu/2} \left(\frac{\lambda e^{\nu}}{(M+1)^{\nu}}\right)^{M+1} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\lambda e^{\nu}}{(M+1)^{\nu}}} \\ &=: \Delta_M, \end{aligned}$$

assuming that  $|\lambda e^{\nu}/(M+1)^{\nu}| < 1$  so that the geometric series in (4) converges. To ensure this convergence we choose M at least large enough so that

$$\lambda e^{\nu}/(M+1)^{\nu} < 1 \iff M > \lambda^{1/\nu} e - 1$$

For a small given number  $\epsilon > 0$ , we may consider bounding the relative error by

$$\frac{|Z(\lambda,\nu) - Z^{(M)}(\lambda,\nu)|}{Z^{(M)}(\lambda,\nu)} \le \frac{\Delta_M}{Z^{(M)}(\lambda,\nu)} < \epsilon.$$
(5)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>These bounds are also stated at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stirling/%27s\_approximation, last accessed 2022-10-09.

The second inequality of (5) can be expressed on the log-scale using

$$\log \Delta_M - \log Z^{(M)}(\lambda, \nu) < \log \epsilon, \tag{6}$$

where

$$\log \Delta_M = -\frac{\nu}{2} \log(2\pi) - \nu \left(M + \frac{3}{2}\right) \log(M+1) + (M+1)(\nu + \log \lambda) - \log \left(1 - \frac{\lambda e^{\nu}}{(M+1)^{\nu}}\right)$$

Therefore, we compute  $Z^{(M)}(\lambda,\nu)$  until at least  $M > \lambda^{1/\nu}e - 1$ , increasing M and updating  $Z^{(M)}(\lambda,\nu)$  until (6) is satisfied. This is summarized as Algorithm 1.

Algorithm 1 Compute the CMP normalizing constant using truncation approach.

**Input**:  $\lambda > 0$  rate parameter. **Input**:  $\nu > 0$  dispersion parameter. **Input**:  $\epsilon > 0$  tolerance. **Input**:  $y_{\max} \in \mathbb{N}$  upper limit for M1: function TRUNCATED- $Z(\lambda, \nu, \epsilon, y_{\text{max}})$  $M = 0, Z^{(0)} = 1$ 2: while  $\stackrel{'}{M} \leq \lambda^{1/\nu} e - 1$  and  $M \leq y_{\max}$  do  $Z^{(M+1)} \leftarrow Z^{(M)} + \lambda^M / (M!)^{\nu}$ 3: 4:  $M \leftarrow M + 1$ 5: while  $\log \Delta_M - \log Z^{(M)} \ge \log \epsilon$  and  $M \le y_{\max}$  do  $Z^{(M+1)} \leftarrow Z^{(M)} + \lambda^M / (M!)^{\nu}$ 6: 7: $M \leftarrow M + 1$ 8: return  $\{Z^{(M)}, M\}$ 9:

The individual terms  $\lambda^r/(r!)^{\nu}$  in the summation may be too large to store at their original scale. Therefore, summation is carried out at the log-scale, wherever possible, using the identity

$$\log(x+y) = \log x + \log(1 + \exp\{\log y - \log x\});$$
(7)

this is especially helpful when  $0 < y \ll x$ , as  $\log x$  may be kept on the log-scale by the first term of the right-hand side of (7), and the standard library function log1p may be used to accurately compute  $\log(1 + \phi)$  for very small  $\phi > 0$ .

Many of the functions in the user interface of COMPoissonReg take an optional control argument, which can be constructed as follows.

```
> control = get.control(
+ ymax = 100000,
+ hybrid.tol = 1e-2,
+ truncate.tol = 1e-6
+ )
```

The tolerances  $\delta$  and  $\epsilon$  are specified as hybrid.tol and truncate.tol respectively. Taking hybrid.tol to be a very small positive number results in use of the truncated sum  $Z^{(M)}(\lambda,\nu)$ , while hybrid.tol = Inf uses the approximation method (3), except in extreme cases where  $\lambda^{-1/\nu}$  evaluates to zero or  $\infty$ numerically. The argument ymax specifies upper limit M; this is a safety measure which prevents very large computations unless the user opts to allow them. When no control object is specified, a global default (via option COMPoissonReg.control) is used.

```
> control = getOption("COMPoissonReg.control")
> control$ymax
[1] 1e+06
> control$hybrid.tol
[1] 0.01
```

> control\$truncate.tol
[1] 1e-06

The default may be replaced in your current session if desired.

```
> options(COMPoissonReg.control = control)
```

The control object contains several other useful arguments to be discussed later in the vignette.

The ncmp function computes the normalizing constant  $Z(\lambda, \nu)$  and returns its value either on the original scale or the log-scale.

```
> ncmp(lambda = 1.5, nu = 1.2)
[1] 4.01341
> ncmp(lambda = 1.5, nu = 1.2, log = TRUE)
[1] 1.389641
> ncmp(lambda = 1.5, nu = 1.2, log = TRUE, control = get.control(hybrid.tol = 1e10))
[1] 1.373642
> ncmp(lambda = 1.5, nu = 1.2, log = TRUE, control = get.control(hybrid.tol = 1e-10))
[1] 1.389641
```

Before proceeding, let us define a function to display errors and warnings which are intentionally triggered in the remainder of the vignette.

> print\_warning = function(x) { print(strwrap(x), quote = FALSE) }

The function tcmp returns the truncation value M obtained from Algorithm 1.

```
> nu_seq = c(1, 0.5, 0.2, 0.1, 0.05, 0.03)
> tryCatch({ tcmp(lambda = 1.5, nu = nu_seq) }, warning = print_warning)
[1] simpleWarning in y_trunc(prep$lambda, prep$nu, tol = truncate.tol, ymax
[2] = ymax): Terms of normalizing constant CMP(1.5, 0.03) could not be
[3] bounded by a geometric series when y <= 1e+06. Consider adjusting the
[4] controls ymax, hybrid.tol, and truncate.tol
```

Note that tcmp returns 1e6 and produces a warning for the smallest nu value 0.03 because Algorithm 1 has reached ymax = 1e6 before the series could be bounded by a geometric series. Here, it is likely that support values with non-negligible mass are being left out. Let us increase ymax to avoid this problem.

> tcmp(lambda = 1.5, nu = nu\_seq, control = get.control(ymax = 3e6))
[1] 11 20 56 219 9039 2013739

It is also possible to reach the second loop of Algorithm 1 where the geometric series can be used, but ymax is not large enough to satisfy (6). Here is an example where this occurs.

```
> tcmp(lambda = 1.2, nu = 0.03, control = get.control(ymax = 1200))
Warning in y_trunc(prep$lambda, prep$nu, tol = truncate.tol, ymax = ymax):
Absolute relative error 1.13902e-05 was larger than tolerance 1e-06 with
CMP(1.2, 0.03) truncated to 1200. Consider adjusting the controls ymax,
hybrid.tol, and truncate.tol
[1] 1200
```

Now that we have a somewhat robust computation for the normalizing constant, let us create a plot of the interesting behavior when  $\lambda > 1$  and  $\nu$  is decreasing.

library(ggplot2)

nu\_seq = seq(0.03, 1.5, length.out = 20)
nc1 = ncmp(lambda = 0.5, nu = nu\_seq, log = TRUE)

```
nc2 = ncmp(lambda = 1.05, nu = nu_seq, log = TRUE)
nc3 = ncmp(lambda = 1.20, nu = nu_seq, log = TRUE)
ggplot() +
  geom_point(data = data.frame(x = nu_seq, y = nc1), aes(x = x, y = y), pch = 1) +
  geom_point(data = data.frame(x = nu_seq, y = nc2), aes(x = x, y = y), pch = 2) +
  geom_point(data = data.frame(x = nu_seq, y = nc3), aes(x = x, y = y), pch = 3) +
  xlab("nu") +
  ylab("log of normalizing constant") +
  theme_bw()
```



Figure 1: Log of normalizing constant for  $\lambda = 0.5$  ( $\circ$ ),  $\lambda = 1.05$  ( $\Delta$ ), and  $\lambda = 1.20$  (+).

We see that with  $\lambda = 1.2$  a value of  $Z(\lambda, 0.03) \approx e^{18.67}$  is obtained, which is an extremely large jump from the next value in the series  $Z(\lambda, 0.1074) \approx e^{3.2}$ .

## 2.2 Density, Generation, CDF, and Quantile Functions

The respective functions for CMP density, variate generation, CDF, and quantile functions are dcmp, rcmp, pcmp, and qcmp. Their usage is similar to distribution functions provided by the R stats package.

```
> dcmp(0, lambda = 10, nu = 0.9)
[1] 6.819476e-06
> dcmp(0:17, lambda = 10, nu = 0.9, log = TRUE)
[1] -11.895728 -9.593143 -7.914390 -6.600556 -5.545636
                                                           -4.691545
[7]
     -4.001543 -3.450278 -3.019190 -2.694107 -2.463848
                                                           -2.319369
[13]
     -2.253200 -2.259069 -2.331636 -2.466296 -2.659041 -2.906347
> dcmp(c(0, 1, 2), lambda = c(10, 11, 12), nu = c(0.9, 1.0, 1.1), log = TRUE)
[1] -11.895728 -8.602105 -6.071951
> rcmp(50, lambda = 10, nu = 0.9)
[1] 10 13 8 18 17 12 13 15 13 10 20 13 13 14 15 5 18 14 14 17 9 20 17 10 10
[26] 16 11 13 10 12 14 12 15 14 11 14 10 11 14 8 13 18
                                                       6 13 18 18 11 13 15
> pcmp(0:17, lambda = 10, nu = 0.9)
[1] 6.819476e-06 7.501423e-05 4.404609e-04 1.800073e-03 5.704532e-03
```

```
[6] 1.487703e-02 3.316443e-02 6.490125e-02 1.137420e-01 1.813448e-01
[11] 2.664516e-01 3.647872e-01 4.698497e-01 5.742973e-01 6.714341e-01
[16] 7.563328e-01 8.263482e-01 8.810232e-01
> qq = seq(0, 0.95, length.out = 10)
> qcmp(qq, lambda = 10, nu = 0.9)
[1] 0 8 10 11 12 13 14 15 17 19
```

The CMP distribution functions compute the normalizing constant via Section 2.1. The density dcmp uses the hybrid method, while rcmp, pcmp, and qcmp use the truncation method regardless of condition (2). Variate generation, CDF, and quantiles are then computed on CMP as if it were a discrete distribution on the sample space  $\{0, \ldots, M\}$ . As with tcmp and ncmp, a warning is emitted in cases where they may not produce reliable results.

```
> tryCatch({ rcmp(1, lambda = 2, nu = 0.01) }, warning = print_warning)
[1] simpleWarning in r_cmp(n, prep$lambda, prep$nu, hybrid.tol,
[2] truncate.tol, ymax): Terms of normalizing constant CMP(2, 0.01) could
[3] not be bounded by a geometric series when y <= 1e+06. Consider
[4] adjusting the controls ymax, hybrid.tol, and truncate.tol</pre>
```

The truncation method for qcmp can result in unreliable quantiles when the requested probability is very close to 1. For example, the actual quantile for probability 1 is  $\infty$ , which can be expressed with no computation, but the computed quantity will be the truncation value M. More generally, (5) implies that

$$\frac{Z(\lambda,\nu) - Z^{(M)}(\lambda,\nu)}{Z(\lambda,\nu)} < \epsilon \iff \mathbf{P}(Y > M) < \epsilon$$
$$\iff 1 - F(M \mid \lambda,\nu) < \epsilon$$
$$\iff F^{-}(1 - \epsilon \mid \lambda,\nu) < M. \tag{8}$$

Therefore, it is possible that quantiles larger than  $1 - \epsilon$  may be inaccurately computed with the truncated support. COMPoissonReg gives a warning when these are requested.

As a sanity check, let us ensure that the empirical density values, cumulative probabilities, and quantiles of draws from rcmp align with respective results computed via dcmp, pcmp, and qcmp.

```
library(ggplot2)
```

```
n = 100000
lambda = 0.5
nu = 0.1
x = rcmp(n, lambda, nu)
xx = seq(-1, max(x)) ## Include -1 to ensure it gets probability zero
qq = seq(0, 0.99, length.out = 100)
fx = dcmp(xx, lambda, nu)
px = pcmp(xx, lambda, nu)
```

```
qx = qcmp(qq, lambda, nu)
qx_emp = quantile(x, probs = qq)
ggplot() +
    geom_bar(data = data.frame(x = x), aes(x = x, y = ..prop..), fill = "NA",
        col = "black") +
    geom_point(data = data.frame(x = xx[-1], fx = fx[-1]), aes(x, fx)) +
        ylab("Density") +
        theme_bw()
Warning: The dot-dot notation (`..prop..`) was deprecated in ggplot2 3.4.0.
i Please use `after_stat(prop)` instead.
This warning is displayed once every 8 hours.
Call `lifecycle::last_lifecycle_warnings()` to see where this warning was
generated.
```



Figure 2: Empirical density of draws (histogram) versus density computed via the dcmp function (points).

```
ggplot() +
stat_ecdf(data = data.frame(x = x), aes(x), geom = "step") +
geom_point(data = data.frame(x = xx, px = px), aes(x, px)) +
ylab("Probability") +
theme_bw()

ggplot() +
geom_point(data = data.frame(x = qq, qx_emp = qx_emp), aes(qq, qx_emp), pch = 1) +
geom_point(data = data.frame(x = qq, qx = qx), aes(qq, qx), pch = 3) +
xlab("Probability") +
ylab("Quantile") +
theme_bw()
```

### 2.3 Expected Value and Variance

For  $Y \sim \text{CMP}(\lambda, \nu)$ , we can consider computing the expectation and variance of Y in two ways. First, if there is a moderately-sized M where  $\{0, \ldots, M\}$  contains all but a negligible amount of the mass of Y, we



Figure 3: Empirical CDF of draws (solid line) versus CDF computed via the pcmp function (points).



Figure 4: Empirical quantiles of draws (o) versus quantiles computed via the qcmp function (+).

can compute the moments using truncated summations

$$\mathbf{E}(Y) = \sum_{y=0}^{M} y \frac{\lambda^{y}}{(y!)^{\nu} Z(\lambda, \nu)}, \quad \mathbf{E}(Y^{2}) = \sum_{y=0}^{M} y^{2} \frac{\lambda^{y}}{(y!)^{\nu} Z(\lambda, \nu)}, \quad \mathrm{Var}(Y) = \mathbf{E}(Y^{2}) - [\mathbf{E}(Y)]^{2}.$$

Otherwise, a different approach is taken. Notice that the expected value is related to the first derivative of the log-normalizing constant via

$$\begin{split} &\frac{\partial}{\partial\lambda}\log Z(\lambda,\nu) = \frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial\lambda}Z(\lambda,\nu)}{Z(\lambda,\nu)} = \frac{1}{Z(\lambda,\nu)}\sum_{y=0}^{\infty}y\frac{\lambda^{y-1}}{(y!)^{\nu}}\\ &\iff \mathrm{E}(Y) = \lambda\frac{\partial}{\partial\lambda}\log Z(\lambda,\nu). \end{split}$$

For the second derivative,

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial\lambda^2} \log Z(\lambda,\nu) &= \frac{Z(\lambda,\nu) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial\lambda^2} Z(\lambda,\nu) - [\frac{\partial}{\partial\lambda} Z(\lambda,\nu)]^2}{Z(\lambda,\nu)^2} = \frac{1}{Z(\lambda,\nu)} \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} y(y-1) \frac{\lambda^{y-2}}{(y!)^{\nu}} - \left[\frac{\mathbf{E}(Y)}{\lambda}\right]^2 \\ \iff \lambda^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial\lambda^2} \log Z(\lambda,\nu) = \mathbf{E}[Y(Y-1)] - [\mathbf{E}(Y)]^2 = \mathrm{Var}(Y) - \mathbf{E}(Y) \\ \iff \mathrm{Var}(Y) &= \lambda^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial\lambda^2} \log Z(\lambda,\nu) + \mathbf{E}(Y). \end{split}$$

Therefore, we may use first and second derivatives of  $\log Z(\lambda, \nu)$ , taken with respect to  $\lambda$ , to compute E(Y) and Var(Y). The ecmp and vcmp functions implement this computation of the expectation and variance, respectively. The control object is used to determine whether to use the truncation or differentiation approach. Condition (2) is used to determine whether to use the truncation approach (if false) or differentiation approach (if true).

```
> ecmp(lambda = 10, nu = 1.2)
[1] 6.727397
> ecmp(lambda = 1.5, nu = 0.5)
[1] 2.815447
> ecmp(lambda = 1.5, nu = 0.05)
[1] 3334.757
> ecmp(lambda = 1.5, nu = 0.05, control = get.control(hybrid.tol = 1e-10))
[1] 3334.762
> ecmp(lambda = 1.5, nu = 0.05, control = get.control(hybrid.tol = 1e10))
[1] 3334.757
> vcmp(lambda = 10, nu = 1.2)
[1] 5.679667
> vcmp(lambda = 1.5, nu = 0.5)
[1] 4.513041
> vcmp(lambda = 1.5, nu = 0.05)
[1] 66505.13
> vcmp(lambda = 1.5, nu = 0.05, control = get.control(hybrid.tol = 1e-10))
[1] 66505.03
> vcmp(lambda = 1.5, nu = 0.05, control = get.control(hybrid.tol = 1e10))
[1] 66505.13
```

Provided that an enormously large truncation value M is not required, we may compute other moments by truncated sums using tcmp.

> M = tcmp(lambda = 1.5, nu = 0.05)
> print(M)

```
[1] 9039
> xx = seq(0, M)
> sum(xx^3 * dcmp(xx, lambda, nu))  # E(X^3)
[1] 7.794469
> sum(xx^4 * dcmp(xx, lambda, nu))  # E(X^4)
[1] 35.92968
```

# 3 Zero-Inflated Conway-Maxwell Poisson Distribution

Let  $S \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$  and  $T \sim \text{CMP}(\lambda, \nu)$  be independent random variables. Then Y = (1 - S)T follows a Zero-Inflated Conway-Maxwell Poisson distribution  $\text{ZICMP}(\lambda, \nu, p)$  with density

$$f(y \mid \lambda, \nu, p) = (1 - p) \frac{\lambda^y}{(y!)^{\nu} Z(\lambda, \nu)} + p \cdot \mathbf{I}(y = 0), \quad y \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Like CMP, several interesting special cases are obtained.

- a. Taking  $\nu = 1$  corresponds to Zero-Inflated Poisson ZIP $(\lambda, p)$  with density  $f(y \mid \lambda, p) = (1-p)e^{-\lambda}\lambda^y/y! + p \cdot I(y=0)$ .
- b. When  $\lambda \in (0,1)$  and  $\nu \to 0$ , ZICMP $(\lambda, \nu)$  converges to a Zero-Inflated Geometric distribution with density  $f(y \mid \lambda, p) = (1-p)(1-\lambda)\lambda^y + p \cdot I(y=0)$  for  $y \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- c. When  $\nu \to \infty$ , ZICMP $(\lambda, \nu, p)$  converges to a "Zero-Inflated Bernoulli" distribution with density  $f(y \mid \lambda, p) = (1-p) \left[ \frac{\lambda}{(1+\lambda)} \right]^y \left[ \frac{1}{(1+\lambda)} \right]^{1-y} + p \cdot I(y=0)$ . which remains a Bernoulli distribution with an adjusted success probability. Here the  $\lambda$  and p parameters are not individually identifiable. Therefore, users may want to avoid zero-inflation in CMP data analyses with extreme underdispersion.
- d. Finally, p = 0 yields  $\text{CMP}(\lambda, \nu)$ .

## 3.1 Density, Generation, CDF, and Quantile Functions

There is a close relationship between the CMP and ZICMP distributions, as we have seen from construction of ZICMP. The relationship between the CMP densities and variate generation mechanisms was given earlier in this section. Denote  $F(x \mid \lambda, \nu)$  and  $F(x \mid \lambda, \nu, p)$  as the CDFs of  $\text{CMP}(\lambda, \nu)$  and  $\text{ZICMP}(\lambda, \nu, p)$ , respectively. We have

$$F(x \mid \lambda, \nu, p) = (1 - p)F(x \mid \lambda, \nu) + p \cdot \mathbf{I}(x \ge 0).$$

For a given probability  $\phi \in [0, 1]$ , the associated CMP and ZICMP quantile functions are related via

$$F^{-}(\phi \mid \lambda, \nu, p) = \inf\{x \in \mathbb{N} : F(x \mid \lambda, \nu, p) \ge \phi\}$$
  
=  $\inf\{x \in \mathbb{N} : (1-p)F(x \mid \lambda, \nu) + p \cdot I(x \ge 0) \ge \phi\}$   
=  $\inf\{x \in \mathbb{N} : F(x \mid \lambda, \nu) \ge (\phi - p)/(1-p)\}$   
=  $F^{-}\left(\frac{\phi - p}{1-p} \mid \lambda, \nu\right).$  (9)

The respective functions for ZICMP density, variate generation, CDF, and quantile functions are dzicmp, rzicmp, pzicmp, and qzicmp. They make use of the CMP implementation described in Section 2 such as the criteria to either truncate or approximate the normalizing constant.

```
> qq = seq(0, 0.95, length.out = 20)
> rzicmp(20, lambda = 1.5, nu = 0.2, p = 0.25)
[1] 10 17 14 8 0 11 0 19 12 16 8 0 10 0 0 12 8 10 12 0
> dzicmp(c(0, 1, 2), lambda = 1.5, nu = 0.2, p = 0.25)
```

```
[1] 0.26630689 0.02446034 0.03194095
> pzicmp(c(0, 1, 2), lambda = 1.5, nu = 0.2, p = 0.25)
[1] 0.2663069 0.2907672 0.3227082
> qzicmp(qq, lambda = 1.5, nu = 0.2, p = 0.25)
[1] 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 11 12 13 15 17 20
```

As with qcmp, the qzicmp function is computed by the truncation method, and cannot accurately compute quantiles very close to 1. More specifically, from the CMP distribution, (8) gives

$$M > F^{-}(1 - \epsilon \mid \lambda, \nu)$$
  
=  $F^{-}\left(\frac{\phi_{\epsilon} - p}{1 - p} \mid \lambda, \nu\right)$   
=  $F^{-}(\phi_{\epsilon} \mid \lambda, \nu, p)$ 

where  $\phi_{\epsilon} = (1 - \epsilon)(1 - p) + p$  and the last equality uses (9). This motivates a warning from qzicmp when the argument is larger than  $\phi_{\epsilon}$ .

Let us repeat the sanity check from Section 2.2 to ensure that the empirical density values, cumulative probabilities, and quantiles line up with the ones computed via dzicmp, pzicmp, and qzicmp.

library(ggplot2)

```
n = 100000
lambda = 0.5
nu = 0.1
p = 0.5
x = rzicmp(n, lambda, nu, p)
xx = seq(-1, max(x)) ## Include -1 to ensure it gets probability zero
qq = seq(0, 0.99, length.out = 100)
fx = dzicmp(xx, lambda, nu, p)
px = pzicmp(xx, lambda, nu, p)
qx = qzicmp(qq, lambda, nu, p)
qx_emp = quantile(x, probs = qq)
ggplot() +
    geom_bar(data = data.frame(x = x), aes(x = x, y = ..prop..), fill = "NA",
        col = "black") +
   geom point(data = data.frame(x = xx[-1], fx = fx[-1]), aes(x, fx)) +
   ylab("Density") +
   theme_bw()
```



Figure 5: Empirical density of draws (histogram) versus density computed via the dzicmp function (points).

```
ggplot() +
    stat_ecdf(data = data.frame(x = x), aes(x), geom = "step") +
    geom_point(data = data.frame(x = xx, px = px), aes(x, px)) +
    ylab("Probability") +
    theme_bw()
                              1.00
                              0.75
                           Probability
                              0.50
                              0.25
                              0.00
                                      ò
                                                          8
                                                                    12
                                                4
                                                    Х
```

Figure 6: Empirical CDF of draws (solid line) versus CDF computed via the pzicmp function (points).

```
ggplot() +
  geom_point(data = data.frame(x = qq, qx_emp = qx_emp), aes(qq, qx_emp), pch = 1) +
  geom_point(data = data.frame(x = qq, qx = qx), aes(qq, qx), pch = 3) +
  xlab("Probability") +
  ylab("Quantile") +
  theme_bw()
```



Figure 7: Empirical quantiles of draws (o) versus quantiles computed via the qzicmp function (+).

### **3.2** Expectation and Variance

The expected value and variance of  $Y \sim \text{ZICMP}(\lambda, \nu, p)$  are apparent from the construction Y = (1 - S)T given earlier in this section. Namely,

$$E(Y) = (1-p)E(T)$$
 and  $Var(Y) = (1-p)\{Var(T) + p[E(T)]^2\}$ 

may be obtained using formulas for iterated conditional expectations and variances. They are evaluated in COMPoissonReg using the ezicmp and vzicmp functions respectively. These functions make use of the ecmp and vcmp functions described in Section 2.3 to compute E(T) and Var(T).

> ezicmp(lambda = 1.5, nu = 0.5, p = 0.1)
[1] 2.533903
> ezicmp(lambda = 1.5, nu = 0.5, p = c(0.1, 0.2, 0.5))
[1] 2.533903 2.252358 1.407724
> vzicmp(lambda = 1.5, nu = 0.5, p = 0.1)
[1] 4.775144
> vzicmp(lambda = 1.5, nu = 0.5, p = c(0.1, 0.2, 0.5))
[1] 4.775144 4.878712 4.238206

# 4 Regression Modeling with CMP and ZICMP

Suppose there are *n* subjects with outcomes  $y_1, \ldots, y_n \in \mathbb{N}$  and covariates  $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^{d_1}$ ,  $s_i \in \mathbb{R}^{d_2}$ , and  $w_i \in \mathbb{R}^{d_3}$  for  $i = 1, \ldots, n$ . The COMPoissonReg package fits both CMP and ZICMP regression models.

The CMP regression model assumes that

$$Y_i \stackrel{\text{ind}}{\sim} \text{CMP}(\lambda_i, \nu_i), \quad i = 1, \dots, n,$$

where  $\log \lambda_i = \boldsymbol{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}$  and  $\log \nu_i = \boldsymbol{s}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\gamma}$ . Writing  $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\gamma})$ , the likelihood is

$$L(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} \left[ \frac{\lambda_i^{y_i}}{(y_i!)^{\nu_i} Z(\lambda_i, \nu_i)} \right].$$
(10)

The ZICMP regression model assumes that

$$Y_i \stackrel{\text{ind}}{\sim} \text{ZICMP}(\lambda_i, \nu_i, p_i), \quad i = 1, \dots, n,$$

where  $\log \lambda_i = \boldsymbol{x}_i^{\top} \boldsymbol{\beta}$ ,  $\log \nu_i = \boldsymbol{s}_i^{\top} \boldsymbol{\gamma}$ , and  $\operatorname{logit} p_i = \boldsymbol{w}_i^{\top} \boldsymbol{\zeta}$ . Writing  $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}, \boldsymbol{\zeta})$ , the likelihood is

$$L(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} \left[ (1-p_i) \frac{\lambda_i^{y_i}}{(y_i!)^{\nu_i} Z(\lambda_i, \nu_i)} + p_i \operatorname{I}(y_i = 0) \right].$$
(11)

We will write  $d = d_1 + d_2 + d_3$  for the total dimension of  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ . The  $n \times d_1$  design matrix whose rows consist of  $\boldsymbol{x}_i$  will be denoted  $\boldsymbol{X}$ . Similarly, we will write  $\boldsymbol{S}$  and  $\boldsymbol{W}$  as the  $n \times d_2$  and  $n \times d_3$  design matrices constructed from  $\boldsymbol{s}_i$  and  $\boldsymbol{w}_i$ , respectively. The glm.cmp function provides a formula interface to fit models of both types: (10) and (11).

The interface contains three formulas: formula.lambda specifies the regression  $\boldsymbol{x}_i^{\top} \boldsymbol{\beta}$  used for  $\lambda_i$ , while formula.nu and formula.p correspond to  $\boldsymbol{s}_i^{\top} \boldsymbol{\gamma}$  for  $\nu_i$  and  $\boldsymbol{w}_i^{\top} \boldsymbol{\zeta}$  for  $p_i$ , respectively. ZICMP regression is utilized when formula.p is set to something other than its default NULL value; otherwise, CMP regression is assumed. The data argument is used to pass a data.frame explicitly rather than having the data be read from the local environment. The init, fixed, and control arguments and associated helper functions are described below.

The init argument represents an initial value for the optimizer. The following functions can be used to construct it.

```
> get.init(beta = c(1, 2, 3), gamma = c(-1, 1), zeta = c(-2, -1))
$beta
[1] 1 2 3
$gamma
[1] -1 1
$zeta
[1] -2 -1
attr(,"class")
[1] "COMPoissonReg.init"
> get.init.zero(d1 = 3, d2 = 2, d3 = 2)
$beta
[1] 0 0 0
$gamma
[1] 0 0
$zeta
[1] 0 0
attr(,"class")
[1] "COMPoissonReg.init"
```

The fixed argument is used to specify indices of the three coefficients which will remain fixed at their initial value during optimization.

```
> get.fixed(beta = c(1L, 2L), gamma = c(1L))
$beta
[1] 1 2
$gamma
[1] 1
$zeta
integer(0)
attr(,"class")
[1] "COMPoissonReg.fixed"
```

The specification above requests the first two elements of **beta** and the first element of **gamma** to be fixed. Notice that indices must be integers and that the default value is an empty integer vector which is interpreted as "no elements are fixed". The **fixed** argument can usually be disregarded but may be useful in some circumstances; an example is given in Section 4.2.

Specifying the elements of init and fixed may be somewhat awkward with the formula interface, as they require knowledge of how formulas will be expanded into design matrices and coefficients. It can be helpful to produce the design matrices using R's model.matrix function.

```
> model.matrix(formula.lambda, data = data)
> model.matrix(formula.nu, data = data)
> model.matrix(formula.p, data = data)
```

The control argument has been introduced in Section 2; regression modeling makes use of several additional arguments. COMPoissonReg uses optim to compute the maximum likelihood estimate (MLE)  $\hat{\theta}$  for  $\theta$  under the specified model. Several controls are provided to influence how COMPoissonReg invokes optim; here are their default values.

```
> control = getOption("COMPoissonReg.control")
> control$optim.method
[1] "L-BFGS-B"
> control$optim.control
$maxit
[1] 150
```

The element optim.method is a string which is passed as the method argument to optim, while optim.control is a list passed as the control argument of optim. Note that, for the latter, if an entry is given for fnscale, it will be ignored and overwritten internally by COMPoissonReg.

The covariance of  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$  is estimated by  $\hat{\boldsymbol{V}}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) = -[\boldsymbol{H}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}})]^{-1}$ , where  $\boldsymbol{H}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \partial^2 \log L(\boldsymbol{\theta}) / [\partial \boldsymbol{\theta} \partial \boldsymbol{\theta}^{\top}]$  is the Hessian of the log-likelihood computed by optim. The standard error for coefficient  $\theta_j$  in  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  is then obtained as the square root of the *j*th diagonal of  $\hat{\boldsymbol{V}}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}})$ .

We will now illustrate use of the regression tools using two examples whose data are included in the package. Note that these demonstrations are not intended to be complete regression analyses, and results may be slightly different than previously published analyses due to differences in the computations.

## 4.1 CMP Regression

### 4.1.1 Freight Dataset

The freight dataset [Kutner et al., 2003] was analyzed using CMP regression by Sellers and Shmueli [2010] and found to exhibit underdispersion. The data describe n = 10 instances where 1,000 ampules were transported via air shipment. The outcome of interest is the variable broken which describes the number of

broken ampules in each shipment. The covariate **transfers** describes the number of times the carton was transferred from one aircraft to another during the shipment.

Let us load and view the dataset.

```
> data(freight)
> print(freight)
   broken transfers
1
       16
                    1
2
        9
                    0
3
       17
                    2
4
       12
                    0
5
       22
                    3
6
       13
                    1
7
        8
                    0
8
       15
                    1
9
       19
                    2
                    0
10
       11
```

Before fitting a CMP regression, let us fit a Poisson regression model  $Y_i \stackrel{\text{ind}}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\lambda_i)$  with

 $\log \lambda_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot \text{transfers}_i.$ 

This can be carried out with the standard glm function.

```
> glm.out = glm(broken ~ transfers, data = freight, family = poisson)
> summary(glm.out)
Call:
glm(formula = broken ~ transfers, family = poisson, data = freight)
Coefficients:
           Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept) 2.35295
                       0.13174 17.86 < 2e-16 ***
                                3.33 0.000869 ***
transfers
            0.26384
                       0.07924
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
(Dispersion parameter for poisson family taken to be 1)
   Null deviance: 12.5687 on 9 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 1.8132 on 8 degrees of freedom
AIC: 50.395
```

Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 4

#### 4.1.2 CMP Regression

Next, let us fit a similar CMP regression model with

 $\log \lambda_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot \text{transfers}_i, \\ \log \nu_i = \gamma_0,$ 

using only an intercept for  $\nu_i$ .

```
> cmp.out = glm.cmp(broken ~ transfers, data = freight)
> print(cmp.out)
```

```
CMP coefficients
             Estimate
                           SE z-value
                                        p-value
X:(Intercept) 13.8286 6.2405 2.2159
                                         0.0267
X:transfers
               1.4843 0.6892 2.1537
                                        0.03127
S:(Intercept) 1.7550 0.4493 3.9065 9.365e-05
___
Transformed intercept-only parameters
   Estimate
                SE
    5.7835 2.5982
nu
Chi-squared test for equidispersion
X^2 = 9.1048, df = 1, p-value = 2.5494e-03
Elapsed: 0.05 sec
                    Sample size: 10
                                      formula interface
                                  BIC: 44.1975
LogLik: -18.6449
                   AIC: 43.2898
Optimization Method: L-BFGS-B
                                Converged status: 0
Message: CONVERGENCE: REL_REDUCTION_OF_F <= FACTR*EPSMCH
```

The coefficients used in the  $\lambda_i$  formula are prefixed with an X: label, while an S: label is used for coefficients of the  $\nu_i$  formula. Notice that estimates for X: coefficients from the CMP fit are dissimilar to those from the Poisson fit; this may occur when the estimate of  $\nu$  deviates from the value of 1. Similarly to the glm output, the output of glm.cmp displays several quantities for each coefficient  $\theta_j$ ,  $j = 1, \ldots, d$ : a point estimate  $\hat{\theta}_j$ , an associated standard error  $\widehat{SE}(\hat{\theta}_j)$ , a z-value  $z_j = \hat{\theta}_j / \widehat{SE}(\hat{\theta}_j)$ , and a p-value  $2\Phi(-|z_j|)$  for the test  $H_0: \theta_j = 0$ versus  $H_1: \theta_j \neq 0$ . Here,  $\Phi$  is the CDF of the standard normal distribution. Because an intercept-only formula was specified for  $\nu_i$ ,  $\hat{\nu} = \exp(\hat{\gamma})$  does not vary with *i* and its estimate and associated standard error are added to the display. Here we see evidence of underdispersion with  $\hat{\nu} > 1$ . A test for equidispersion is displayed to determine whether there is a significant amount of over or underdispersion in the data. In particular, a likelihood ratio test is used to decide whether  $H_0: \gamma = 0$  versus  $H_0: \gamma \neq 0$ . The test statistic is displayed along with the degrees of freedom and associated p-value. Here we have fairly strong evidence to reject the null hypothesis of equidispersion.

The AIC for the CMP model cmp.out shows some improvement over that of glm.out. Let us also consider a slope coefficient for the  $\nu$  component using

 $\log \nu_i = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 \cdot \text{transfers}_i.$ 

via the following call to glm.cmp.

```
> cmp2.out = glm.cmp(broken ~ transfers, formula.nu = ~ transfers, data = freight)
> print(cmp2.out)
CMP coefficients
              Estimate
                           SE z-value
                                        p-value
X:(Intercept) 15.5959 7.1087 2.1939
                                        0.02824
X:transfers
                4.6322 2.3978 1.9319
                                        0.05338
S:(Intercept)
                1.8935 0.4525 4.1846 2.857e-05
S:transfers
                0.1206 0.0505 2.3883
                                        0.01693
Chi-squared test for equidispersion
X^2 = 11.6991, df = 2, p-value = 2.8812e-03
Elapsed: 0.08 sec
                    Sample size: 10
                                      formula interface
LogLik: -17.3477
                   AIC: 42.6954
                                  BIC: 43.9058
Optimization Method: L-BFGS-B
                                Converged status: 0
Message: CONVERGENCE: REL_REDUCTION_OF_F <= FACTR*EPSMCH
```

Model cmp2.out provides a slight improvement over cmp.out in AIC and BIC, but we may prefer cmp.out

in the interest of simplicity.

#### 4.1.3 Adjustments to Optim

To gain some insight into the optimization, we may wish to increase the trace level, which can be done as follows.

```
> control = get.control(optim.control = list(maxit = 5, trace = 3, REPORT = 1))
> cmp3.out = glm.cmp(broken ~ transfers, data = freight, control = control)
N = 3, M = 5 machine precision = 2.22045e-16
This problem is unconstrained.
At XO, O variables are exactly at the bounds
At iterate
              0 f=
                          273.34 |proj g|=
                                                  260.29
                           49.923 |proj g|=
              1 f =
At iterate
                                                       113
                                   proj g =
At iterate
             2 f =
                           46.155
                                                    44.594
At iterate
             3 f =
                           29.883
                                   proj g =
                                                    22.868
At iterate
              4 f =
                           27.657
                                                    2.6174
                                   |proj g|=
At iterate
              5 f =
                           27.599
                                                    4.443
                                   proj g =
At iterate
              6 f =
                           27.359
                                   proj g =
                                                    7.3357
final value 27.359209
stopped after 6 iterations
N = 2, M = 5 machine precision = 2.22045e-16
This problem is unconstrained.
At XO, O variables are exactly at the bounds
At iterate
              0 f=
                          148.87
                                                  152.94
                                  |proj g|=
At iterate
              1 f =
                           57.259
                                   projg=
                                                    146.63
At iterate
              2 f =
                           53.033
                                   |proj g|=
                                                    67.913
              3 f =
At iterate
                           42.039
                                   projg=
                                                    42.645
At iterate
              4 f =
                           36.942
                                                    38.126
                                   proj g =
At iterate
              5 f =
                           32.584
                                   proj g =
                                                    43.852
At iterate
                                                    17.695
              6 f =
                            24.06
                                   proj g =
final value 24.060495
stopped after 6 iterations
```

Data from the local environment may be passed to the glm.cmp function without explicitly using the data argument.

```
> y = freight$broken
> x = freight$transfers
> glm.cmp(y ~ x)
```

### 4.1.4 Offset Term

In a count regression model, it may be desirable to include offset terms such as

 $\log \lambda_i = \boldsymbol{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta} + \operatorname{offx}_i, \quad \log \nu_i = \boldsymbol{s}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta} + \operatorname{offs}_i.$ 

An offset term may be used in the formula interface to accomplish this.

```
> freight$offx = 13
> freight$offs = 1
> glm.cmp(broken ~ transfers + offset(offx), data = freight)
> glm.cmp(broken ~ transfers + offset(offx), formula.nu = ~1 + offset(offs), data = freight)
```

For users who wish to bypass the formula interface and prepare the X and S design matrices manually, a "raw" interface to the regression functionality is also provided.

```
> y = freight$broken
> X = model.matrix(~ transfers, data = freight)
> S = model.matrix(~ 1, data = freight)
> offs = get.offset(x = rep(13, nrow(freight)), s = rep(1, nrow(freight)))
> cmp.raw.out = glm.cmp.raw(y, X, S, offset = offs)
```

#### 4.1.5 Accessor Functions

Several accessors are provided to extract results from the output object.

```
> logLik(cmp.out)
                                ## Log-likelihood evaluated at MLE.
[1] -18.64489
> AIC(cmp.out)
                                ## AIC evaluated at MLE.
[1] 43.28978
> BIC(cmp.out)
                                ## BIC evaluated at MLE.
[1] 44.19754
> coef(cmp.out)
                                ## Estimates of theta as a flat vector
X:(Intercept) X:transfers S:(Intercept)
    13.828561
                  1.484303
                                1.755002
> coef(cmp.out, type = "list") ## Estimates of theta as a named list
$beta
X:(Intercept)
               X:transfers
    13.828561
                   1.484303
$gamma
S:(Intercept)
     1.755002
> vcov(cmp.out)
                                ## Estimated covariance matrix of theta hat
              X:(Intercept) X:transfers S:(Intercept)
X:(Intercept)
                  38.944034
                            4.0877545
                                            2.8000943
X:transfers
                   4.087754
                                            0.2978880
                              0.4749988
                   2.800094
S:(Intercept)
                              0.2978880
                                            0.2018301
> sdev(cmp.out)
                                ## Standard deviations from vcov(...) diagonals
X:(Intercept)
              X:transfers S:(Intercept)
    6.2405155
                  0.6892016
                              0.4492551
> sdev(cmp.out, type = "list") ## Standard deviations as a named list
$beta
[1] 6.2405155 0.6892016
$gamma
```

[1] 0.4492551

The predict function computes several useful quantities evaluated at the estimate  $\hat{\theta}$ . The argument default type = "response" produces a vector of estimates of the response  $\hat{y}_i = E(Y_i)$  for i = 1, ..., n using the method described in Section 2.3. The argument type = "link" produces a data.frame with columns for the linked parameters  $\lambda_i$  and  $\nu_i$ .

```
4 1013136 5.78346
5 87004438 5.78346
6 4469845 5.78346
7 1013136 5.78346
8 4469845 5.78346
9 19720454 5.78346
10 1013136 5.78346
```

Note that the estimated **nu** values are equal for all observations because the model assumed only an intercept term for the dispersion component.

We can also use **predict** on new covariate values. Note that models fit with the formula interface expect the new data to be provided as a **data.frame** which is interpreted using the formula used to fit the model. If the raw interface was used to fit the model, use the **get.modelmatrix** function to specify design matrices to use for prediction.

```
# Prepare new data to fit by formula interface
new.df = data.frame(transfers = 0:10)
# Prepare new data to fit by raw interface
X = model.matrix(~ transfers, data = new.df)
S = model.matrix(~ 1, data = new.df)
new.data = get.modelmatrix(X = X, S = S)
# Pass new data to model from by formula interface
y.hat.new = predict(cmp.out, newdata = new.df)
# Pass new data to model from by raw interface
y.hat.new = predict(cmp.raw.out, newdata = new.data)
# Compute predictions for links
predict.out = predict(cmp.out, newdata = new.df, type = "link")
# Plot predictions
ggplot() +
   geom_point(data = new.df, aes(transfers, y.hat.new)) +
   xlab("Number of transfers") +
   ylab("Predicted number broken") +
   theme bw()
```



The leverage function computes the diagonal entries of a "hat" matrix which can be formulated in CMP regression. These can be used to diagnose influential observations. For details, see Section 3.6 of Sellers and Shmueli [2010].

```
> leverage(cmp.out)
[1] 0.1541752 0.1943925 0.2733327 0.2259140 0.6002368 0.3795226 0.2379250
[8] 0.1117655 0.3653074 0.4574283
```

The residuals function provides either raw (the default) or quantile-based residuals [Dunn and Smyth, 1996]. In a CMP regression setting, raw residuals  $y_i - \hat{y}_i$  generally do not work well with traditional regression diagnostics, such as Q-Q plots. Quantile-based residuals often produce interpretable diagnostics; however, a random element is used in the computation of quantile residuals for discrete distributions. This aids interpretability but gives slightly different residual values each time they are computed. See Dunn and Smyth [1996] for details.

```
> res.raw = residuals(cmp.out)
> res.qtl = residuals(cmp.out, type = "quantile")
```

Pearson residuals may be preferred over raw residuals for diagnostics; these can be obtained by standardizing raw residuals using leverage values and variance estimates.

```
> link.hat = predict(cmp.out, type = "link")
> vv = vcmp(link.hat$lambda, link.hat$nu)
> hh = leverage(cmp.out)
> res.pearson = res.raw / sqrt(vv*(1-hh))
```

For each type of residual—raw, Pearson, and quantile—we now plot fitted values versus residuals and Q-Q plots.

```
plot.fit.res = function(y.hat, res) {
    ggplot(data.frame(y = y.hat, res = res)) +
        geom_point(aes(y, res)) +
        xlab("Fitted Value") +
        ylab("Residual Value") +
        theme bw() +
        theme(plot.title = element_text(size = 10))
}
plot.qq.res = function(res) {
    ggplot(data.frame(res = res), aes(sample = res)) +
        stat_qq() +
        stat_qq_line() +
        theme_bw() +
        theme(plot.title = element_text(size = 10))
}
y.hat = predict(cmp.out)
plot.fit.res(y.hat, res.raw) +
    ggtitle("Fitted Values vs. Raw Residuals")
plot.qq.res(res.raw) +
    ggtitle("Q-Q Plot of Raw Residuals")
plot.fit.res(y.hat, res.pearson) +
    ggtitle("Fitted Values vs. Pearson Residuals")
plot.qq.res(res.pearson) +
    ggtitle("Q-Q Plot of Pearson Residuals")
plot.fit.res(y.hat, res.qtl) +
    ggtitle("Fitted Values vs. Quantile Residuals")
plot.qq.res(res.qtl) +
    ggtitle("Q-Q Plot of Quantile Residuals")
```



In this example, with only 10 observations, it is difficult to see an advantage of using quantile residuals; the benefit will be more apparent in Section 4.2. One benefit of raw residuals is that they may be used to

compute a mean-squared error.

```
> mean(res.raw<sup>2</sup>)
[1] 2.191384
```

To access the results of the equidispersion test shown in the output of cmp.out, we may use the equitest accessor function.

```
> equitest(cmp.out)
$teststat
[1] 9.104772
$pvalue
[1] 0.002549436
$df
---
```

[1] 1

The deviance function computes the deviance quantities  $D_i = -2[\log L_i(\hat{\theta}) - \log L_i(\tilde{\theta}_i)]$  for i = 1, ..., n, where  $L_i(\theta)$  is the term of the likelihood corresponding to the *i*th observation,  $\hat{\theta}$  is the MLE computed under the full likelihood  $L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} L_i(\theta)$ , and  $\tilde{\theta}_i$  is the maximizer of  $L_i(\theta)$ .

```
> deviance(cmp.out)
[1] 0.3376988 -0.5150035 -1.7750671 -0.6863613 -2.2081582 -1.9383878
[7] 2.1710154 -1.1354954 -1.6584238 -2.1772063
```

The parametric.bootstrap function carries out a parametric bootstrap with R repetitions. Using the fitted MLE  $\hat{\theta}$ , bootstrap samples  $y^{(r)} = (y_1^{(r)}, \ldots, y_n^{(r)})$  are drawn from the likelihood  $L(\hat{\theta})$  for  $r = 1, \ldots, R$ . Estimate  $\hat{\theta}^{(r)}$  is fitted from bootstrap sample  $y^{(r)}$ . An  $R \times d$  matrix is returned whose rth row is  $\hat{\theta}^{(r)}$ .

```
> cmp.boot = parametric.bootstrap(cmp.out, reps = 100)
> head(cmp.boot)
     (Intercept) transfers (Intercept)
[1,]
       12.435045 1.066322
                               1.620051
[2,]
       22.895677 2.768967
                               2.297103
[3,]
       21.989757 2.518793
                               2.223626
[4,]
       26.788708 2.663686
                               2.416597
[5,]
       15.550523
                  2.011527
                               1.873008
[6,]
        8.892033 1.240461
                               1.348294
```

We used R = 100 in the display above to keep vignette computations small, but a larger number may be desired in practice. Bootstrap repetitions can be used, for example, to compute 95% confidence intervals for each of the coefficients.

#### 4.1.6 Large Covariates

Large covariates can present numerical difficulties in fitting CMP regression. We will briefly demonstrate the difficulties and some possible workarounds. First let us generate a new dataset based on a large covariate in the regression for  $\lambda_i$ .

set.seed(1234)
n = 200

```
x = rnorm(n, 500, 10)
X = cbind(intercept = 1, slope = x)
S = matrix(1, n, 1)
beta_true = c(-0.05, 0.05)
gamma_true = 2
lambda_true = exp(X %*% beta_true)
nu_true = exp(S %*% gamma_true)
y = rcmp(n, lambda_true, nu_true)
```

Notice that the generated counts  $y_1, \ldots, y_n$  are relatively small compared to the covariate  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$ .

```
> summary(x)
Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max.
471.4 492.3 498.3 499.4 505.5 530.4
> summary(y)
Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max.
22.0 27.0 29.0 29.1 31.0 37.0
```

An initial attempt to fit the true data-generating model fails.

Internally, the linked rate parameter  $\lambda_i = \exp(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i)$  may evaluate to Inf or become very close to zero as the optimizer moves  $\beta_1$  away from zero in a positive or negative direction, respectively. Some possible ways to address this are as follows.

Standardize the covariate to have mean zero and variance one.

```
> glm.cmp(y ~ scale(x), formula.nu = ~ 1)
CMP coefficients
             Estimate
                          SE z-value
                                       p-value
X:(Intercept) 26.0617 2.5565 10.1944
                                       2.1e-24
X:scale(x)
              0.5253 0.0627 8.3848 5.082e-17
S:(Intercept) 2.0416 0.0980 20.8290 2.365e-96
--
Transformed intercept-only parameters
  Estimate
              SE
nu 7.7031 0.755
Chi-squared test for equidispersion
X^2 = 232.4625, df = 1, p-value = 1.7311e-52
Elapsed: 0.65 sec
                   Sample size: 200
                                      formula interface
                   AIC: 841.8689
LogLik: -417.9344
                                  BIC: 851.7638
Optimization Method: L-BFGS-B Converged status: 0
Message: CONVERGENCE: REL_REDUCTION_OF_F <= FACTR*EPSMCH
```

Use a logarithmic transformation on the covariate.

```
25.8123 3.1597 8.1693 3.103e-16
X:log(x)
S:(Intercept)
                2.0422 0.1017 20.0764 1.188e-89
Transformed intercept-only parameters
   Estimate
              SE
   7.7074 0.784
nu
___
Chi-squared test for equidispersion
X^2 = 232.3911, df = 1, p-value = 1.7943e-52
                   Sample size: 200
Elapsed: 0.65 sec
                                      formula interface
                   AIC: 841.9738
LogLik: -417.9869
                                    BIC: 851.8688
Optimization Method: L-BFGS-B Converged status: 0
Message: CONVERGENCE: REL_REDUCTION_OF_F <= FACTR*EPSMCH
```

Change optimization method or other optim arguments.

```
> control = get.control(optim.method = "BFGS", optim.control = list(maxit = 200))
> suppressWarnings({
+
   cmp.out = glm.cmp(y ~ x, formula.nu = ~ 1, control = control)
   print(cmp.out)
+
+ })
CMP coefficients
                           SE z-value p-value
             Estimate
X:(Intercept) 12.1759 0.0467 260.6333
                                             0
X:x
              -0.0210
                                           NaN
                          NaN
                                   NaN
S:(Intercept) -0.6747
                          NaN
                                   NaN
                                           NaN
Transformed intercept-only parameters
  Estimate SE
nu
    0.5093 NaN
Chi-squared test for equidispersion
X^2 = 254.5417, df = 1, p-value = 2.6567e-57
Elapsed: 0.13 sec
                    Sample size: 200
                                       formula interface
LogLik: -937.3960
                    AIC: 1880.7921
                                    BIC: 1890.6870
                           Converged status: 0
Optimization Method: BFGS
```

In this case, standardization and logarithmic transformation produce a usable fit. Changing the optimization method to BFGS allows the optimization to finish, but there are further numerical problems in computing the Hessian for standard errors.

### 4.1.7 Large Outcomes

Now consider a generated dataset with large outcomes but a relatively small covariate. This situation can also present numerical difficulties.

```
set.seed(1234)
n = 200
x = runif(n, 1, 2)
X = cbind(intercept = 1, slope = x)
S = matrix(1, n, 1)
beta_true = c(1, 1)
gamma_true = -0.95
```

```
lambda_true = exp(X %*% beta_true)
nu_true = exp(S %*% gamma_true)
y = rcmp(n, lambda_true, nu_true)
> summary(x)
  Min. 1st Qu.
                Median
                          Mean 3rd Qu.
                                         Max.
 1.009
        1.238
                1.486
                         1.483
                               1.735
                                        1.999
> summary(y)
  Min. 1st Qu. Median
                          Mean 3rd Qu.
                                         Max.
 156.0 332.0 606.5 810.5 1161.2 2391.0
```

An initial attempt to fit the data-generating model fails.

Informative starting values help the optimizer to initially make progress. True data-generating parameters will not be available in a real data analysis situation but help to illustrate the idea.

```
> init = get.init(beta = beta_true, gamma = gamma_true)
> glm.cmp(y ~ x, formula.nu = ~ 1, init = init)
CMP coefficients
             Estimate
                          SE z-value
                                       p-value
X:(Intercept) 0.9970 0.1050 9.4933 2.238e-21
               1.0029 0.1047 9.5757 1.012e-21
X:x
S:(Intercept) -0.9498 0.1044 -9.0936 9.584e-20
Transformed intercept-only parameters
  Estimate
               SE
    0.3868 0.0404
nu
Chi-squared test for equidispersion
X^2 = 133.5665, df = 1, p-value = 6.7968e-31
___
Elapsed: 0.02 sec
                   Sample size: 200
                                     formula interface
LogLik: -1023.2186 AIC: 2052.4373
                                    BIC: 2062.3322
Optimization Method: L-BFGS-B Converged status: 0
Message: CONVERGENCE: REL_REDUCTION_OF_F <= FACTR*EPSMCH
```

Without choosing an initial value, changing the optimization method to Nelder-Mead and increasing the maximum number of iterations also helps the optimizer find a solution.

```
> control = get.control(optim.method = "Nelder-Mead", optim.control = list(maxit = 1000))
> glm.cmp(y ~ x, formula.nu = ~ 1, control = control)
CMP coefficients
             Estimate
                          SE z-value
                                         p-value
X:(Intercept)
              0.8460 0.0424 19.9591
                                        1.25e-88
X:x
               0.8518 0.0417 20.4230 1.043e-92
S:(Intercept) -1.1133 0.0486 -22.8895 5.915e-116
___
Transformed intercept-only parameters
   Estimate
              SE
nu 0.3285 0.016
```

```
Chi-squared test for equidispersion

X^2 = 5048.8383, df = 1, p-value = 0.0000e+00

--

Elapsed: 0.03 sec Sample size: 200 formula interface

LogLik: -1024.1845 AIC: 2054.3691 BIC: 2064.2640

Optimization Method: Nelder-Mead Converged status: 0
```

Note that this solution is different from the previous one; the log-likelihood of the previous one is slightly better.

# 4.2 ZICMP Regression

#### 4.2.1 Couple Dataset

The couple dataset [Loeys et al., 2012] was analyzed with ZICMP regression in Sellers and Raim [2016] and found to exhibit overdispersion. The data concern separation trajectories of n = 387 couples. The variable UPB records the number of unwanted pursuit behavior perpetrations and is considered the outcome of interest. Included covariates are the binary variable EDUCATION, which is 1 if at least a bachelor's degree was attained, and a continuous variable ANXIETY which measures anxious attachment. A zero-inflated count model is considered for these data because 246 of the 387 records have an outcome of zero.

Let us load and view the first few records in the dataset.

>	<pre>data(couple)</pre>				
>	<pre>head(couple)</pre>				
	UPB	EDUCATION	ANXIETY		
1	15	0	1.0053		
2	0	0	-0.7034		
3	0	1	-0.7034		
4	3	1	0.6110		
5	12	0	0.2167		
6	0	1	2.0569		

As a preliminary model, let us fit a standard Poisson model  $Y_i \stackrel{\text{ind}}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\lambda_i)$  with

 $\log \lambda_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot \text{EDUCATION}_i + \beta_2 \cdot \text{ANXIETY}_i.$ 

We may use the standard glm function.

```
> glm.out = glm(UPB ~ EDUCATION + ANXIETY, data = couple, family = poisson)
> summary(glm.out)
Call:
glm(formula = UPB ~ EDUCATION + ANXIETY, family = poisson, data = couple)
Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
                       0.04386 18.628
(Intercept) 0.81695
                                          <2e-16 ***
EDUCATION
            -0.21579
                        0.07047
                                -3.062
                                          0.0022 **
ANXIETY
             0.42169
                        0.03333 12.651
                                          <2e-16 ***
____
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
(Dispersion parameter for poisson family taken to be 1)
   Null deviance: 2478.3 on 386 degrees of freedom
```

Residual deviance: 2310.8 on 384 degrees of freedom AIC: 2782.4

```
Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 6
```

#### 4.2.2 ZICMP Regression

Now consider a ZICMP regression with

$$\begin{split} &\log \lambda_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot \text{EDUCATION}_i + \beta_2 \cdot \text{ANXIETY}_i, \\ &\log \nu_i = \gamma_0, \\ &\text{logit } p_i = \zeta_0 + \zeta_1 \cdot \text{EDUCATION}_i + \zeta_2 \cdot \text{ANXIETY}_i. \end{split}$$

We use the glm.cmp function as follows.

```
> zicmp0.out = glm.cmp(UPB ~ EDUCATION + ANXIETY,
+
   formula.nu = ~ 1,
+
   formula.p = ~ EDUCATION + ANXIETY,
   data = couple)
> print(zicmp0.out)
ZICMP coefficients
              Estimate
                            SE z-value
                                         p-value
X:(Intercept) -0.1604 0.0189 -8.4844 2.169e-17
               -0.0678 0.0325 -2.0849
X:EDUCATION
                                         0.03708
X:ANXIETY
               0.0226 0.0142 1.5923
                                          0.1113
S:(Intercept) -11.0963 59.4006 -0.1868
                                          0.8518
W:(Intercept)
              0.4176 0.1599 2.6119 0.009005
W:EDUCATION
               -0.3863 0.2677 -1.4433
                                          0.1489
W:ANXIETY
              -0.5234 0.1335 -3.9200 8.856e-05
Transformed intercept-only parameters
   Estimate
               SE
         0 9e-04
nu
Chi-squared test for equidispersion
X^2 = 350.5662, df = 1, p-value = 3.1903e-78
Elapsed: 4.73 sec
                    Sample size: 387
                                       formula interface
LogLik: -627.1675
                   AIC: 1268.3350
                                    BIC: 1296.0440
Optimization Method: L-BFGS-B
                                Converged status: 0
Message: CONVERGENCE: REL_REDUCTION_OF_F <= FACTR*EPSMCH
```

There are now three sets of coefficients reported in the output: the X:, S:, and W: prefixes label estimates for the  $\lambda_i$ ,  $\nu_i$ , and  $p_i$  formulas respectively.

#### 4.2.3 Comments about Results

The AIC of the ZICMP model is drastically smaller than the Poisson model, indicating a greatly improved fit. However, there are signs of possible numerical issues. The estimate for  $\gamma_0$  is a large negative number, but with an extremely large associated SE, which suggests that the effect may not be statistically significant. On the other hand, the estimate of  $\nu$  is nearly zero with a small SE, which suggests that the dispersion parameter is indeed statistically significant. On the surface, this seems to be a contradiction.

The issue is that the Hessian of the log-likelihood becomes insensitive to small changes in  $\gamma_0$  when  $\lambda_i < 1$ and  $\gamma_0$  is a large negative number. Let us first verify that the estimates for  $\lambda_i$  are indeed smaller than 1.

```
> pred.out = predict(zicmp0.out, type = "link")
> summary(pred.out$lambda)
Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max.
0.7719 0.8034 0.8264 0.8300 0.8560 0.9030
```

To show the insensitivity of the Hessian, let us consider a simpler setting with  $Y \sim \text{CMP}(\lambda, \nu)$ ,  $\lambda = \exp\{-0.25\} \approx 0.7788$  fixed, and  $\nu = \exp\{\gamma_0\}$ . We then have log-density

$$\log f(y \mid \gamma_0) = y \log \lambda - e^{\gamma_0} \log(y!) - \log Z(\lambda, e^{\gamma_0}),$$

with first derivative and second derivatives, respectively,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \gamma_0} \log f(y \mid \gamma_0) = -e^{\gamma_0} \log(y!) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \gamma_0} \log Z(\lambda, e^{\gamma_0}),$$
$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \gamma_0^2} \log f(y \mid \gamma_0) = -e^{\gamma_0} \log(y!) - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \gamma_0^2} \log Z(\lambda, e^{\gamma_0}).$$

For a given value of y,  $-e^{\gamma_0} \log(y!)$  approaches zero as  $\gamma_0$  decreases. Therefore, let us focus on the function  $g(\gamma_0) = -\log Z(\lambda, e^{\gamma_0})$  and its first and second derivatives. The following code illustrates their behavior.

```
library(numDeriv)
g = function(gamma0) {
    -ncmp(lambda = exp(-0.25), nu = exp(gamma0), log = TRUE)
}
dat = data.frame(gamma0 = seq(0, -13), g = NA, d_g = NA, d2_g = NA)
for (j in 1:nrow(dat)) {
    gamma0 = dat$gamma0[j]
    dat$g[j] = g(gamma0)
    dat$d_g[j] = numDeriv::grad(func = g, x = gamma0)
    dat$d2_g[j] = numDeriv::hessian(func = g, x = gamma0)
}
```

Here is the result.

```
> print(dat)
   gamma0
                              d_g
                                           d2_g
                   g
       0 -0.7788006 1.899077e-01 -6.055103e-02
1
       -1 -0.9888736 2.197811e-01 1.939888e-03
2
3
       -2 -1.1975605 1.883311e-01 5.754063e-02
4
       -3 -1.3531805 1.206365e-01 7.009797e-02
5
      -4 -1.4415733 6.002814e-02 4.795655e-02
6
       -5 -1.4821920 2.534234e-02 2.308249e-02
7
      -6 -1.4986634 9.858232e-03 9.528758e-03
8
      -7 -1.5049621 3.704947e-03 3.658399e-03
9
      -8 -1.5073136 1.373898e-03 1.364919e-03
      -9 -1.5081834 5.069224e-04 5.060507e-04
10
11
      -10 -1.5085040 1.866893e-04
                                  1.865710e-04
12
      -11 -1.5086220 6.870664e-05
                                  6.869063e-05
13
      -12 -1.5086654 2.527949e-05 2.527732e-05
14
     -13 -1.5086814 9.300307e-06 9.300014e-06
```

Notice that  $g(\gamma_0)$  approaches a limit as  $\gamma_0 \to -\infty$ , which coincides with the CMP distribution approaching a Geometric distribution. It may not be surprising that the first and second derivatives approach zero accordingly. This explains the large SE for  $\gamma_0$  in the model **zicmp0.out**. With estimates tending to this region of the parameter space, it may be preferable to fix fix  $\gamma_0$  at a value such as  $-\infty$ , which will be done in the next section.

#### 4.2.4 Fixed Coefficients

Our attempt to fit the previous model strongly tended to the Zero-Inflated Geometric special case of ZICMP, but SEs computed via the Hessian become large in this region. In this section, we fix  $\gamma_0$  at the extreme  $-\infty$  and fit the remaining coefficients. Let us use the raw interface to do this.

```
init = coef(zicmp0.out, type = "list")
y = couple$UPB
X = model.matrix(~ EDUCATION + ANXIETY, data = couple)
S = model.matrix(~ 1, data = couple)
W = model.matrix(~ EDUCATION + ANXIETY, data = couple)
control = get.control(optim.method = "BFGS")
zicmp.out = glm.zicmp.raw(y, X, S, W,
    init = get.init(beta = c(-1,0,0), gamma = -Inf, zeta = c(-1,0,0)),
   fixed = get.fixed(gamma = 1L), control = control)
> print(zicmp.out)
ZICMP coefficients
                                        p-value Fixed
              Estimate
                           SE z-value
X:(Intercept)
              -0.1605 0.0188 -8.5432 1.305e-17
                                                     F
X:EDUCATION
                                                     F
               -0.0678 0.0325 -2.0837
                                        0.03718
X:ANXIETY
                0.0226 0.0142 1.5896
                                         0.1119
                                                     F
S:(Intercept)
                  -Inf
                           NA
                                   NA
                                             NA
                                                     Т
W: (Intercept)
                0.4172 0.1599 2.6090
                                       0.009082
                                                     F
                                                     F
W:EDUCATION
               -0.3863 0.2678 -1.4428
                                         0.1491
W:ANXIETY
               -0.5245 0.1336 -3.9261 8.632e-05
                                                     F
___
Transformed intercept-only parameters
   Estimate SE
         0 0
nu
Some elements of gamma were fixed. Chi-squared test for equidispersion not defined.
Elapsed: 0.88 sec
                    Sample size: 387
                                       raw interface
                    AIC: 1266.3345
                                     BIC: 1290.0850
LogLik: -627.1672
Optimization Method: BFGS Converged status: 0
```

Notice that an additional Fixed column has been added to the display, indicating that the coefficient gamma is fixed. Furthermore, its Estimate column is set to the initial value and the columns SE, z-value, and p-value are set to NA. This model achieves a similar log-likelihood value as our first attempt using L-BFGS-B but does not exhibit signs of numerical issues.

#### 4.2.5 Accessor Functions

Here are several of the accessors provided to extract model outputs.

```
> logLik(zicmp.out)
                                  ## Log-likelihood evaluated at MLE
[1] -627.1672
> AIC(zicmp.out)
                                  ## AIC evaluated at MLE
[1] 1266.334
> BIC(zicmp.out)
                                  ## BIC evaluated at MLE
[1] 1290.085
                                  ## Estimates of theta as a flat vector
> coef(zicmp.out)
                                X:ANXIETY S:(Intercept) W:(Intercept)
X:(Intercept)
                X:EDUCATION
                                                    -Inf
  -0.16047147
                -0.06776507
                               0.02257241
                                                            0.41722279
 W:EDUCATION
               W:ANXIETY
```

```
-0.38633736 -0.52450590
> coef(zicmp.out, type = "list") ## Estimates of theta as a named list
$beta
X:(Intercept)
              X:EDUCATION
                              X:ANXIETY
 -0.16047147 -0.06776507
                              0.02257241
$gamma
S:(Intercept)
        -Inf
$zeta
W:(Intercept)
               W:EDUCATION
                             W:ANXIETY
   0.4172228
               -0.3863374
                             -0.5245059
> vcov(zicmp.out)
                                 ## Estimated covariance matrix of theta hat
             X:(Intercept) X:EDUCATION
                                            X:ANXIETY W:(Intercept)
X:(Intercept) 0.0003528180 -2.909813e-04 -1.246030e-04 0.0005767772
X:EDUCATION -0.0002909813 1.057615e-03 2.583975e-05 -0.0005084108
X:ANXIETY
             -0.0001246030 2.583975e-05 2.016361e-04 -0.0001489969
W: (Intercept) 0.0005767772 -5.084108e-04 -1.489969e-04 0.0255741783
W:EDUCATION -0.0005266101 2.146314e-03 7.074582e-05 -0.0255267345
W:ANXIETY
             -0.0001695705 1.830298e-04 3.848049e-04 -0.0006753149
               W:EDUCATION
                               W:ANXIETY
X:(Intercept) -5.266101e-04 -0.0001695705
X:EDUCATION 2.146314e-03 0.0001830298
X:ANXIETY
              7.074582e-05 0.0003848049
W:(Intercept) -2.552673e-02 -0.0006753149
W:EDUCATION 7.169741e-02 0.0009802763
W:ANXIETY
              9.802763e-04 0.0178471340
> sdev(zicmp.out)
                                 ## Standard deviations from vcov(...) diagonals
                            X:ANXIETY W:(Intercept)
X:(Intercept) X:EDUCATION
                                                        W:EDUCATION
  0.01878345 0.03252099 0.01419986
                                         0.15991929
                                                         0.26776372
   W: ANXIETY
  0.13359317
> sdev(zicmp.out, type = "list") ## Standard deviations as a named list
$beta
[1] 0.01878345 0.03252099 0.01419986
$gamma
[1] NA
$zeta
[1] 0.1599193 0.2677637 0.1335932
> equitest(zicmp0.out)
                               ## Likelihood ratio test for H_0: gamma = 0
$teststat
[1] 350.5662
$pvalue
[1] 3.190326e-78
$df
[1] 1
> tryCatch({
                                 ## An error is thrown for model with fixed gamma
+ equitest(zicmp.out)
```

```
+ }, error = print_warning)
[1] Error in equitest.zicmpfit(zicmp.out): Some elements of gamma were
[2] fixed, chi-squared test for equidispersion not defined
```

Because we fixed  $\gamma = -\infty$  to obtain zicmp0.out, the equitest function throws an error instead of proceeding with an equidispersion test.

The predict function behaves similarly as in CMP regression; however, the link type here also includes a column with the estimated  $p_i$ .

In this example, we can see the benefit of using quantile residuals rather than raw residuals for diagnostic plots. The functions plot.fit.res and plot.qq.res have been defined in Section 4.1.

```
res.raw = residuals(zicmp.out, type = "raw")
res.qtl = residuals(zicmp.out, type = "quantile")
plot.fit.res(y.hat, res.raw) +
   ggtitle("Fitted Values vs. Raw Residuals")
plot.qq.res(res.raw) +
   ggtitle("Q-Q Plot of Raw Residuals")
```

```
plot.fit.res(y.hat, res.qtl) +
    ggtitle("Fitted Values vs. Quantile Residuals")
plot.qq.res(res.qtl) +
    ggtitle("Q-Q Plot of Quantile Residuals")
```





Here is an example of computing fitted values for new covariate data.

```
new.df = data.frame(EDUCATION = round(1:20 / 20), ANXIETY = seq(-3,3, length.out = 20))
X.new = model.matrix(~ EDUCATION + ANXIETY, data = new.df)
S.new = model.matrix(~ 1, data = new.df)
W.new = model.matrix(~ EDUCATION + ANXIETY, data = new.df)
new.data = get.modelmatrix(X.new, S.new, W.new)
# For model fit using raw interface, use get.modelmatrix to prepare new design
# matrices, offsets, etc
y.hat.new = predict(zicmp.out, newdata = new.data)
# For models fit with the formula interface, pass a data.frame with the same
# structure as used in the fit.
y.hat.new = predict(zicmp0.out, newdata = new.df)
> print(y.hat.new)
[1] 0.4699009 0.5622034 0.6711344 0.7991174 0.9487440 1.1227246 1.3238519
[8] 1.5549321 1.8187435 2.1180079 2.0359259 2.2797300 2.5382952 2.8108725
[15] 3.0968672 3.3959399 3.7081292 4.0339807 4.3745609 4.7316167
```

As with CMP regression, a parametric.bootstrap function is provided for convenience to obtain a bootstrap sample  $\hat{\theta}^{(r)}$  of  $\theta$  based on the estimate  $\hat{\theta}$ . Because it is too time consuming to run this example within the vignette, we show the code without output below. As in Section 4.1, we consider using the bootstrap samples to construct a 95% confidence interval for each of the coefficients.

```
> zicmp.boot = parametric.bootstrap(zicmp.out, reps = 100)
> head(zicmp.boot)
> apply(zicmp.boot, 2, quantile, c(0.025,0.975))
```

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