A Comparison of Statistical Models with Longitudinal Data: An Application to Outpatient Clinical Treatment for Problem Drinkers

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A challenge for any researcher is knowing when a statistical model is wrong, but useful, and knowing when the model is simply wrong. We will explore how different models affect the discovery of information in a case study observing the longitudinal behavior for problem drinkers. We will explore several models (Generalized Estimating Equations, Generalized Linear Mixed Models, Markov Models, and Generalized Linear Mixed-Effects Markov Models) commonly used to evaluate such data. We will see how model choice can impact how we quantify the effectiveness of different interventions for problem drinkers. Our goal is provide social science researchers a starting point to explore what types of information can be obtained through different statistical models.

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