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# Preamble:

- Applying parametric survival models to analyze target location error (TLE) was the brainchild of Todd Remund, Greg Hutto, and Jeff Beekman (Beekster).
- This presentation details how the parametric survival model was adapted to TLE.
- An example is given- input file and source code in Python are available

# Introduction

- Basic idea: precision target location, germane to navigation, weapon delivery and target tracking, can be related to distance from a target, as well as other possible explanatory factors (elevation and azimuth angles to the target, for example)
- Use the approach presented in Meeker and Escobar, *Statistical Reliability*, to use a generalized linear model based on log-link distribution function.
- Model fitting capabilities exist in JMP, as well as code written in Python and R

# CEP

- CEP, CE10 and CE90 defined as
  - radius of a circle about the target that has the property that 50%, 10%, or 90% (respectively) of the values are within a circle of radius 'CEP' and so forth
- Using parametric survival model, estimate CEP (or CE90, CE10) as functions of range R and associated covariates
- Additionally, we'd like confidence intervals for CE estimates, an RMS error estimate and 95/90 tolerance limits

# Development

- TLE error estimates are similar to reliability of a component;
  - the cumulative probability of failure can be related to time in service
  - Similarly, cumulative probability of TLE can be related to range to the target
- Reliability (parametric) modeling provides a way to specify CEP (or CEwhatever) as a function of range to target.

# Parametric Model

- Summary: generalized linear model
- $P(T \leq t_i | X) = \Phi\left(\frac{\log(t_i) - \mu_i}{\sigma_i}\right)$ , where  
 $\mu_i = b_0 + b_1 X_i$  and  $\sigma_i = b_2 + b_3 X_i$
- Percentile estimates, RMS, tolerance intervals all given by  $\Phi$
- $X$  an  $n \times m$  design matrix, columns contain covariates
- Details in Meeker and Escobar, *Statistical Reliability*

# A few details

- $X$  is a design matrix,  $n$  rows,  $m$  columns,  $X(i,j)$  =  $i$ -th observation, explanatory variable  $j$
- In terms of matrix algebra:
- $\boldsymbol{\mu} = X\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$ ,  
 $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  is  $n \times 1$ ,  $X$  is  $n \times m$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  is  $m \times 1$ , and  $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$  is  $n \times 1$   
similarly for  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$
- Estimates of  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  found by maximum likelihood
- Log link functions:

Log Error	Link Distribution
Log normal	normal
Extreme value	Weibull
log-logistic	logistic

# Log Link Models

- Innovation from the reliability model: log-link models
  - Fit log-error using MLE and a 'log error' distribution – from previous slide
  - Example:  $\log(\text{TLE}) \sim \text{gumble}(\text{location}, \text{scale})$ , then  $\text{TLE} \sim \text{Weibull}(\text{location}, \text{scale})$



# Link Equations

- The key is the link between the distribution of the log of a random variable and the distribution of the random variable;
  - $Y \sim \text{Weibull}$ , then  $\log(Y) \sim \text{gumbel (EVS)}$
  - $Y \sim \text{Normal}$ , then  $\log(Y) \sim \text{lognormal}$
  - $Y \sim \text{Logistic}$ , then  $\log(Y) \sim \text{loglogistic}$
- Fit a generalized linear model to the  $\log(Y)$ - in the 'normal' case:

$$P(\log(Y) < y) = \Phi_{\ln}^{-1} \left( \frac{y - \mu_r}{\sigma_r} \right),$$

$\mu_r$ , and  $\sigma_r$  functions of range

# Normal-lognormal case

For  $\Phi_{\ln}$ , the log normal distribution function,

$$\Pr(Y \leq y) = F(y; \mu, \sigma) = F(y; \beta_0, \beta_1, \sigma) = \Phi_{\ln}((y - \mu) / \sigma)$$

The quantile function for this model is

$$y_p(r) = \mu + \Phi_{\ln}^{-1}(p)\sigma = \beta_0 + \beta_1 r + \Phi_{\ln}^{-1}(p)\sigma$$

The quantile function then gives us probability curves for TLE, just select 'p'

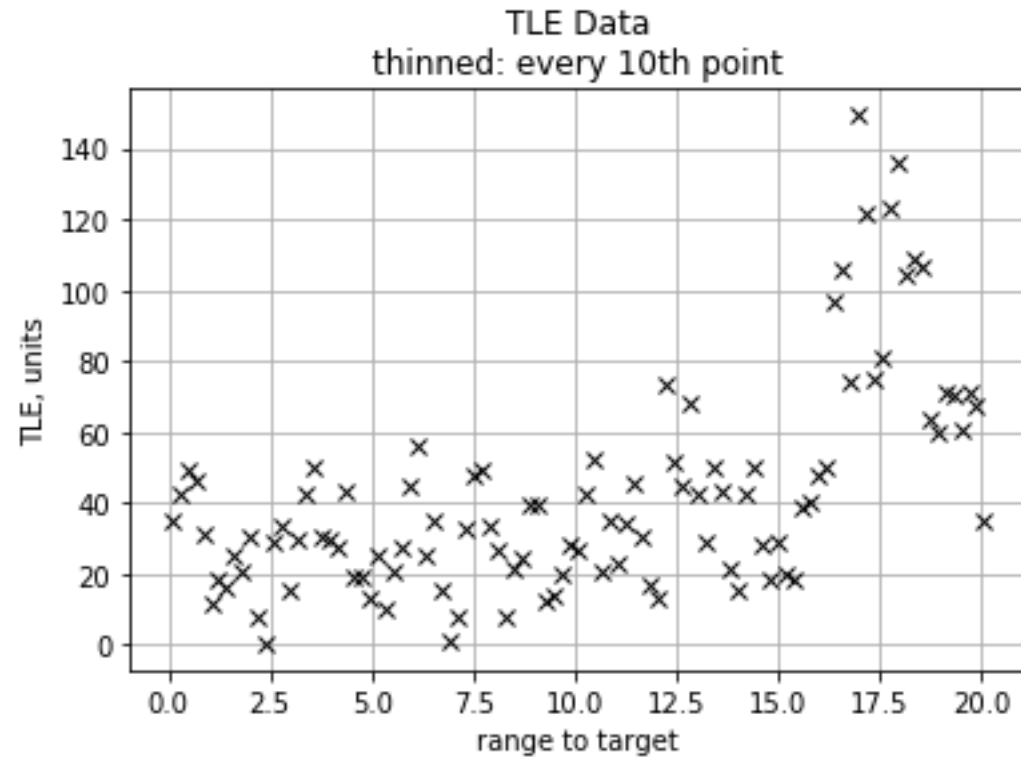
Estimation of parameters,  $\beta_0$ ,  $\beta_1$ , and  $\sigma$  is based on the likelihood function

$$likelihood(\beta_0, \beta_1, \sigma) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sigma} \phi\left(\frac{y_i - \mu_i}{\sigma}\right)$$

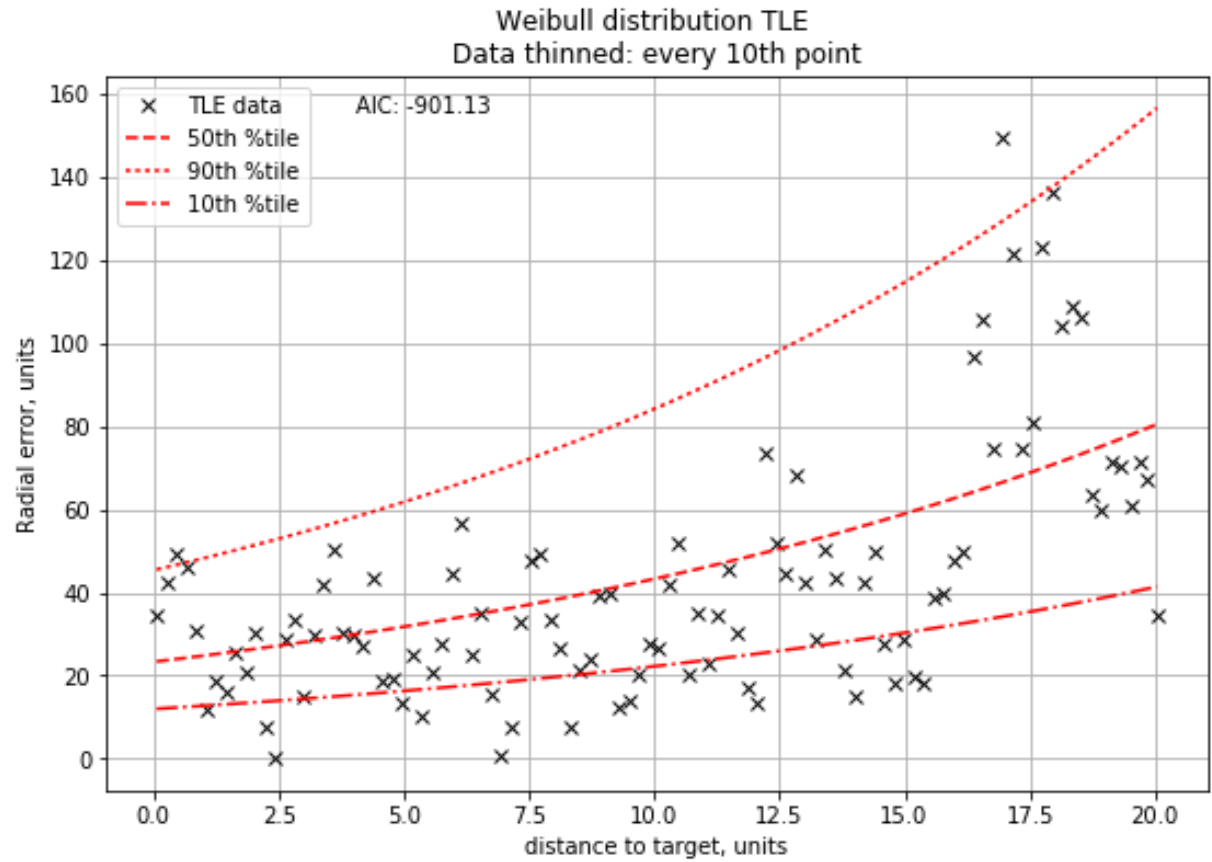
# Upshot..

- Parametric modeling, if appropriate is better than laboring to get IID errors
- Drawback- modeling assumes each realization (data run) is representative of a stationary, ergodic process
- Better approach may be a hierarchical model

# Example: Original data



# Weibull distribution



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