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Preamble:



- Target Location Error, in many instances, varies with range to the target
- Todd Remund, Greg Hutto and Jeff Beekman (Beekster) demonstrated the use of a parametric survival model to estimate targeting system CEP as a function of range to the target
- This presentation details how the parametric survival model was adapted to estimation of TLE.



Introduction



- Precision target location is germane to navigation, weapon delivery and target tracking.
- This presentation considers TLE as a function of range to the target, specifically when TLE is expressed in terms of ‘CE_{xx}’
 - CEP: 50th percentile. Radius of a circle about the target that has the property that 50% of the time estimated target location is inside the circle, 50% of the time it is outside the circle
 - CE10 and CE90 the 10th and 90th percentile values
- Answer the question, “At range R what is the CEP?” or “what is the CE90?”



TLE: cumulative probability



- General idea: Probability($TLE \leq d; r$), the probability that TLE is less than some distance, d , at range r , to the target-cumulative distribution function:

$$\Pr(TLE \leq d; r) = F(d; r) = F(d)$$

- Models: $F(d)$ for log-normal, Weibull:
 $z = (\log(d) - \mu(d)) / \sigma$, μ a function of range
- Simplest case: μ is a linear function

$$\mu_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 r_i$$

- Fit a log-normal and Weibull distribution function



General Idea



- Also could model the probability that TLE is less than some quantity, d , as a function of a number of explanatory variables- range, software load, system, threat type, and the like
- More elaborate regression models are possible; quadratic regression for μ , and/or relating σ to range, or to other explanatory variables.
- Likelihood methods used to fit the model



Presentation overview



- Show how parametric reliability/failure models can be adapted to TLE analyses.
- Use log-normal and Weibull cumulative distribution functions estimate probability distributions of TLE at each range, r
 - Describe the parameters of the model
 - Set up maximum likelihood estimates of the model
 - Hypothesis tests for significance of parameters
 - Display results graphically



Aside



- Todd Remund, Jeff Beekman and Greg Hutto developed this approach using JMP© and R
- TLE analysis was derived from parametric survival models described in from Meeker and Escobar
- Remund *et al.* found that Weibull and log-normal probability functions appear to have the most utility in TLE analysis



Simplest case



For Φ_{\ln} , log-normal distribution,

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

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, β_0 , β_1 , and σ is based on the likelihood function

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



Example:



- Start with a data set of TLE values taken from one or more flights
- Thin the data as necessary to eliminate 'point-to-point' correlation of observations
- Model the cumulative distribution of the errors as a log-normal cumulative distribution function: (Φ_{\ln} the log-normal distribution function)

$$\Pr(D \leq d) = \Phi_{\ln} ((d - \mu(d)) / \sigma)$$

– μ is a function of d ; $\mu_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 d_i$

- Use maximum likelihood to get estimates of β_0 , β_1 , and σ

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Maximum likelihood



- Find values of b_0 , b_1 , and σ so that the probability

$$\log(\textit{likelihood}) = p(b_0, b_1, \sigma | d) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sigma} \phi\left(\frac{d_i - \mu_i}{\sigma}\right)$$

is a maximum

- Use logs to find the maximum, i.e. apply Python function 'minimize' to $-\log(\textit{likelihood})$
- Python function *minimize* from `scipy.optimize`
- Use the MLE estimates b_0^* , b_1^* , and σ^* to get TLE as a function or range to the target



What it looks like in Python



- ```
def logLikelihood(b, density, distribution, r, X, delta):
 sig = b[0]
 logLike = 0
 mu = np.dot(X, b[1:])
 for i in range(len(r)):
 z=(np.log(r[i])-theta[i])/sig
 if delta[i]: logLike -= float(np.log(density(z))-
np.log(sig)-np.log(r[i])) # delta == 0 => observed value
 # delta != 0 => truncated value
 else: logLike -= float(np.log(1- distribution(z)))
 return logLike
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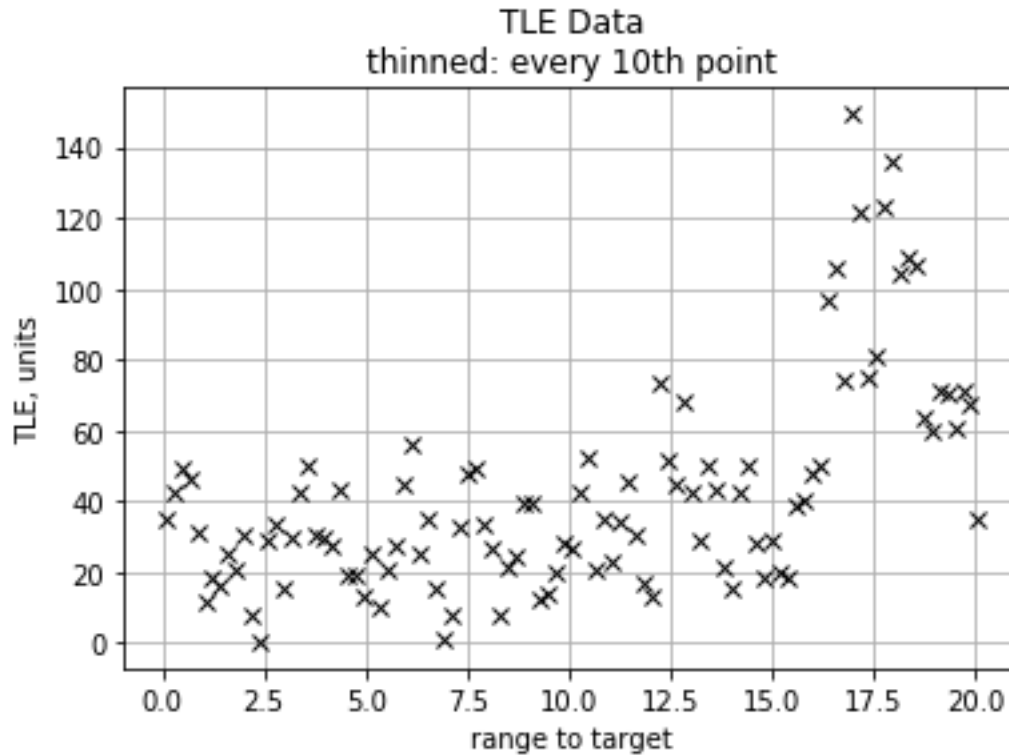
# Plot original data, TLEs



- Plot(distance, r)
- Get the median value from the fit distribution,  $\Phi$ :
  - Model:  $\mu = b_0 + b_1 * d$
  - $CEP = \exp(\mu + \Phi^{-1}(0.5)) * \text{scale}$
  - Similar for CE90, CE10
- Plot CE10, CEP, CE90 curves with the data

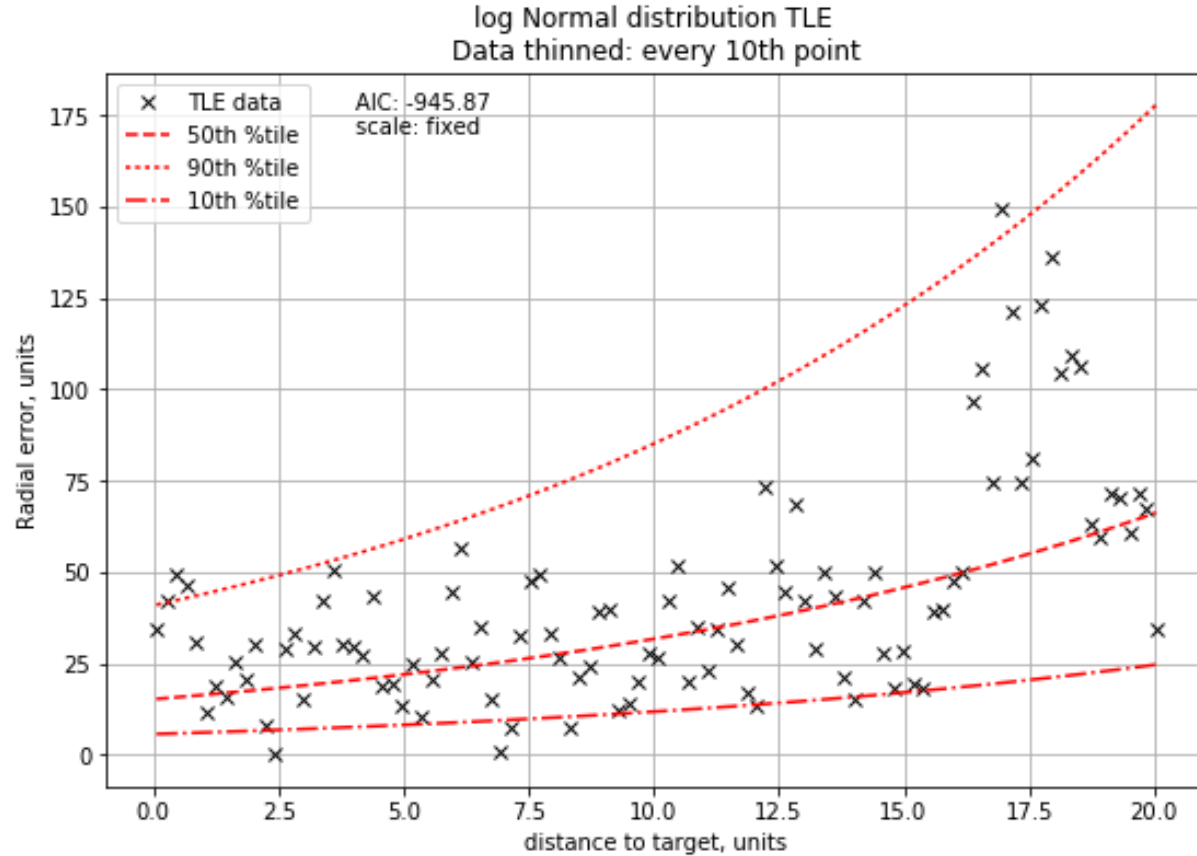


# Original data, thinned





# Fit to Log normal distribution





# Estimates!



- In the previous slide, the x's represent the (thinned) data
  - MLE assumed observations were independent
  - Used partial autocorrelation function to find the thinning factor
- The red dashed lines show the 90<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> (CEP) and 10<sup>th</sup> percentile estimates at each range.
- The AIC is given; different cumulative distribution functions can be used: select as 'best' among them the one with lowest AIC



# Log Normal Fit



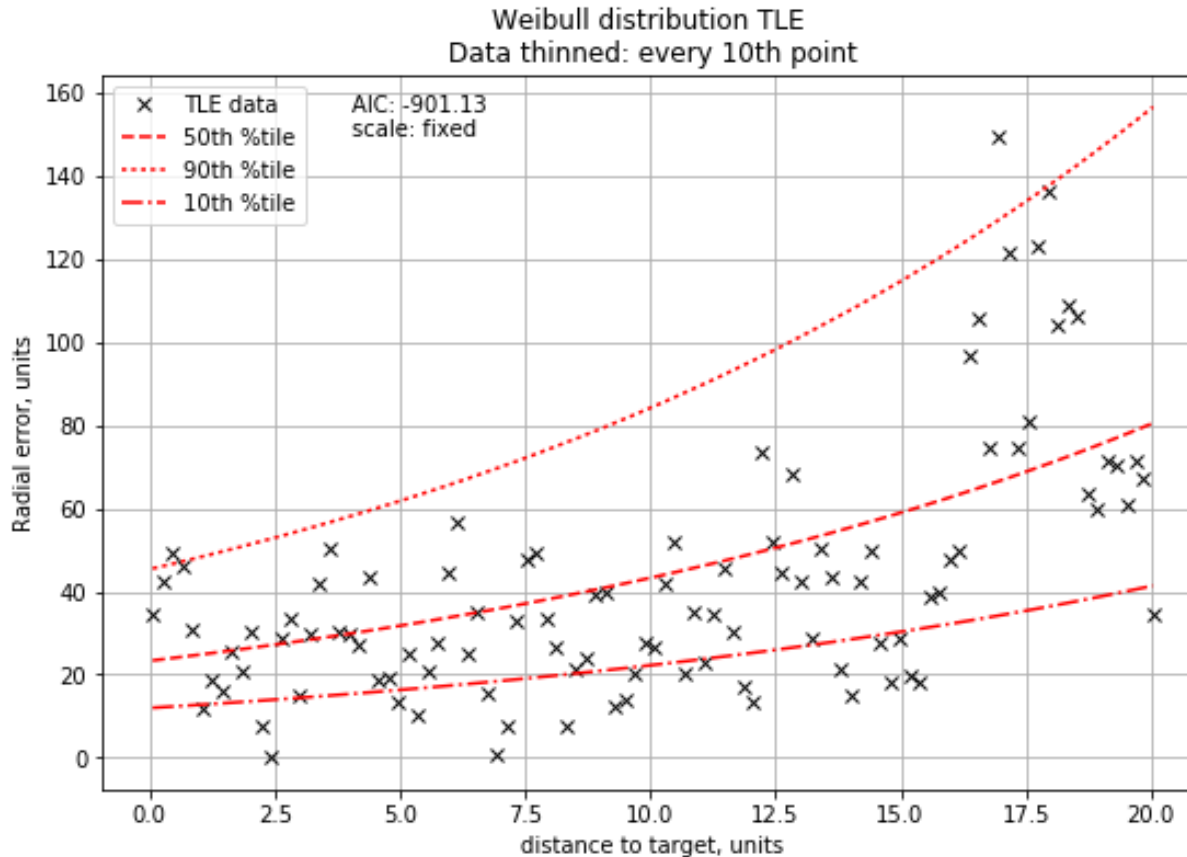
| <b>parameter</b> | <b>std error</b> | <b>t-value</b> | <b>p-value</b> |
|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Sigma: 0.77      | 0.023            | 33.6           | 0.0            |
| $b_0$ : 2.72     | 0.044            | 62.4           | 0.0            |
| $b_1$ : 0.07     | 0.008            | 9.38           | 0.0            |

AIC: -945.9





# Weibull distribution





# Weibull fit



| • parameter  | std error | t-value | p-value |
|--------------|-----------|---------|---------|
| Sigma: 0.52  | 0.040     | 13.00   | 0.0     |
| $b_0$ : 3.15 | 0.11      | 28.58   | 0.0     |
| $b_1$ : 0.06 | 0.01      | 7.39    | 0.0     |

AIC: -901.13

**AIC: log-normal a better fit than Weibull**



# What about non-constant scale, $\sigma$ ?



- Model both  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  as dependent on one (or more) explanatory variable(s)

- Again,  $p(R \leq r) = \Phi_{\ln}((\log(r) - \mu) / \sigma)$

- where

$$\mu = \beta_0^{[\mu]} + \beta_1^{[\mu]}x + \beta_2^{[\mu]}x^2, \text{ and}$$

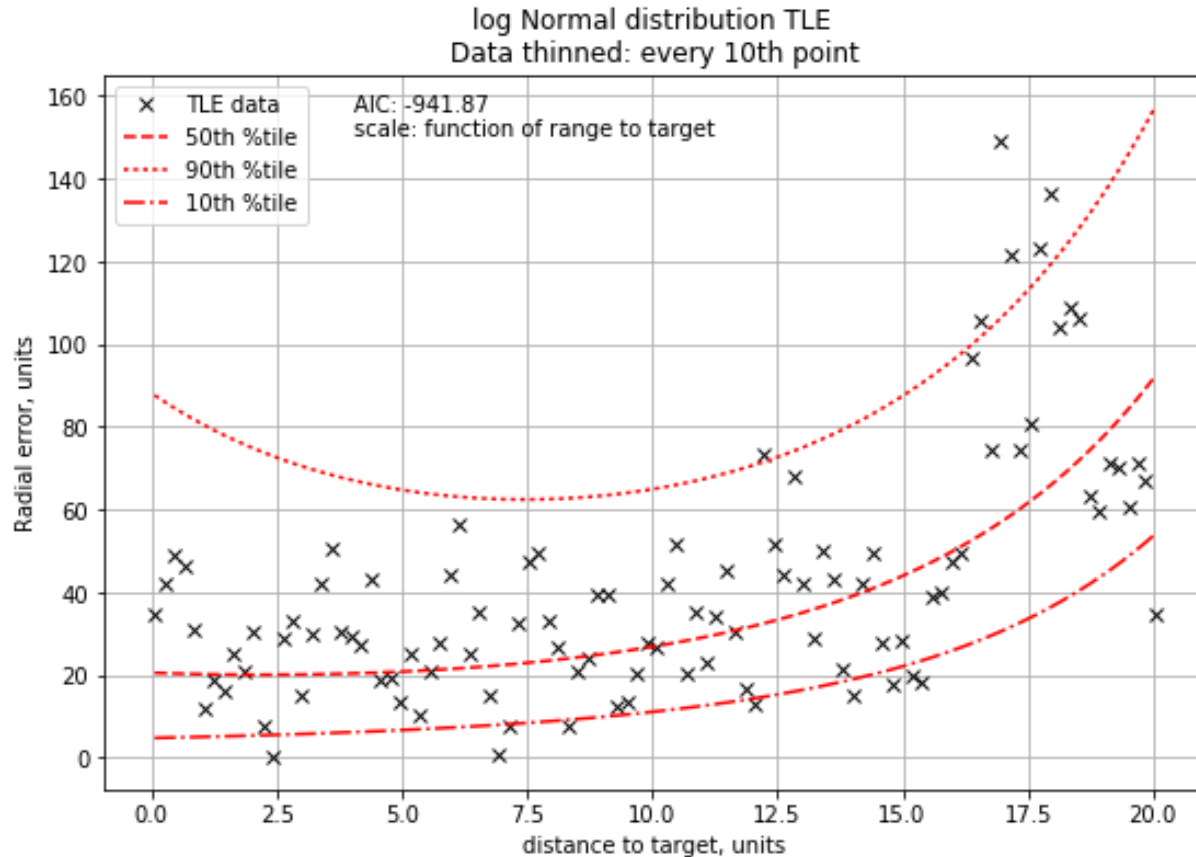
$$\log(\sigma) = \beta_0^{[\sigma]} + \beta_1^{[\sigma]}x$$

- Log quantile, to get CEP, CE90, is then

$$r_p(x) = \beta_0^{[\mu]} + \beta_1^{[\mu]}x + \beta_2^{[\mu]}x^2 + \Phi^{-1}(p) \exp(\beta_0^{[\sigma]} + \beta_1^{[\sigma]}x)$$



# Log normal, quadratic fit





# Log-normal, quadratic fit

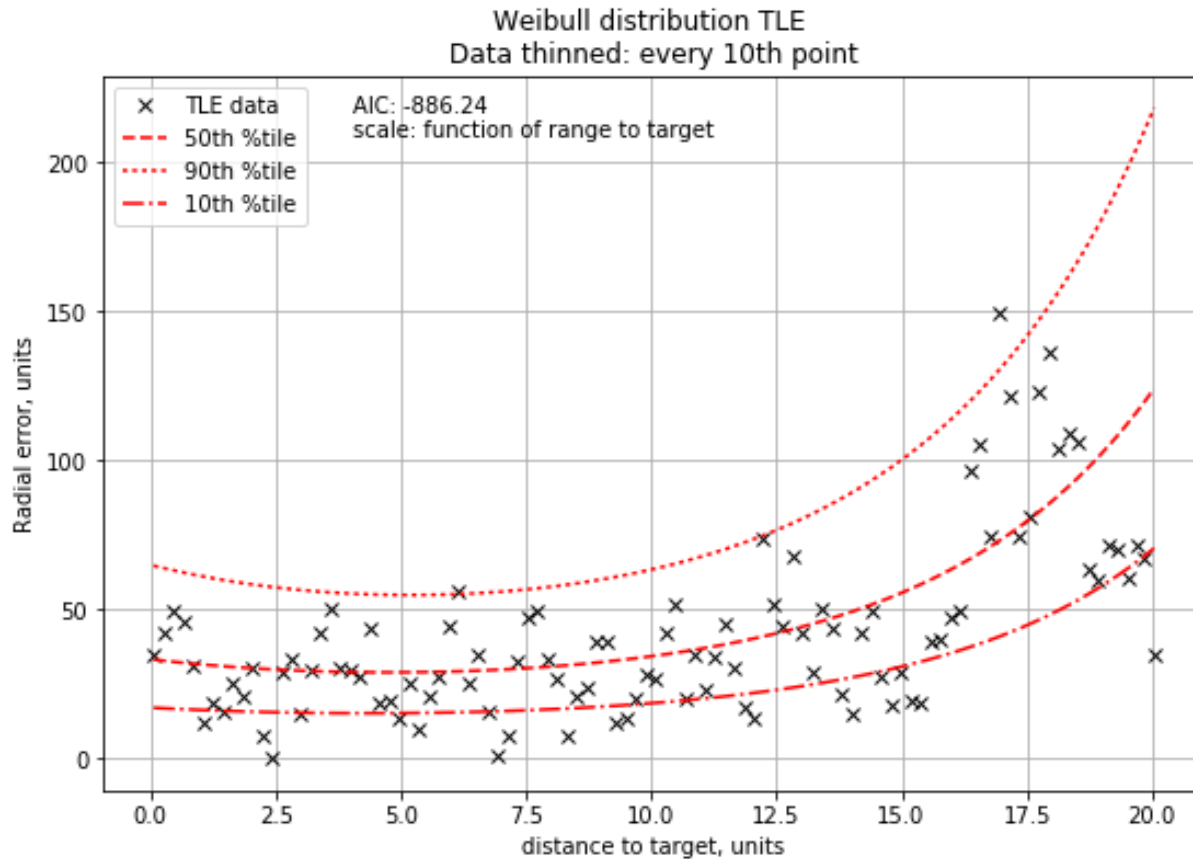


| • parameter              | std error | t-value | p-value |
|--------------------------|-----------|---------|---------|
| $b_0^{[\mu]}$ : 3.02     | 0.28      | 10.69   | 0.00    |
| $b_1^{[\mu]}$ : -0.02    | 0.05      | -0.40   | 0.66    |
| $b_2^{[\mu]}$ : 0.005    | 0.002     | 2.16    | 0.02    |
| $b_0^{[\sigma]}$ : 0.13  | 0.14      | 0.92    | 0.18    |
| $b_1^{[\sigma]}$ : -0.05 | 0.012     | -4.26   | 0.00    |

AIC: -941.9



# Weibull, quadratic fit





# Weibull, quadratic fit



| <b>parameter</b>           | <b>std error</b> | <b>t-value</b> | <b>p-value</b> |
|----------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| $b_0^{[\mu]}$ : 3.51       | 0.14             | 24.795         | 0.0            |
| $b_1^{[\mu]}$ : -0.059     | 0.032            | -1.85          | 0.97           |
| $b_2^{[\mu]}$ : 0.0062     | 0.002            | 4.04           | 0.00           |
| $b_0^{[\sigma]}$ : -0.65   | 0.15             | -4.29          | 0.0            |
| $b_1^{[\sigma]}$ : -0.0084 | 0.013            | -0.661         | 0.74           |

AIC: -886.24



# Conclusions?



- AIC values identify the log-normal fit, with fixed sigma as the best model
- For quadratic fit, the linear term (in both log-normal and Weibull) is not significantly different from zero
- Any reason to add other distributions?
  - Log-logistic, Gumbel first asymptote (largest extreme value),
  - Use AIC to decide, or to weight model results for a final estimate of CE values





# Questions??



- Slides will be posted on sharepoint!
- References:
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