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logLik.bamlss <- function(object, ..., optimizer = FALSE, samples = FALSE)
{
  Call <- match.call()
  Call <- Call[!(names(Call) %in% c("optimizer", "samples"))]
  mn <- as.character(Call)[-1L]
  object <- list(object, ...)
  mstop <- object$mstop
  if(any(names(object) != "")) {
    i <- names(object) == ""
    object <- object[i]
    mn <- mn[i]
  }
  object <- object[mn != "mstop"]
}
```

# Advanced Bayesian Methods: Theory and Applications in R

Creating Families

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```
"family.bamlss", "gamlss2.family",  
"gamlss.family"
```

- Objects of class "family.bamlss", "gamlss2.family" and "gamlss.family" are used to specify the information required for model fitting in the *gamlss2* package.
- These objects include the parameter names, link functions, density function, log-likelihood function, and the derivatives of the log-likelihood with respect to predictors.
- Family objects also assist with post-modeling tasks, such as residual diagnostics and random number generation.

# Details of Family Objects

Family objects in *bamlss* must satisfy the following minimum requirements:

- Return a list of class "family.bamlss" or "gamlss2.family".
- Contain the family name as a character string.
- Contain the names of parameters and corresponding link functions.
- Contain a density function `d()` for evaluating (log-)density.

The density function must take arguments:

$$d(y, \text{par}, \text{log} = \text{FALSE}, \dots)$$

with `y` as the response and `par` as a named list of distribution parameters.

# Optional Derivative Functions

Optionally, family objects may include functions to compute:

- First derivatives of the log-likelihood w.r.t predictors.
- Negative second derivatives.

These functions should have the following structure:

```
function(y, par, ...)
```

If not provided, numerical approximation of derivatives will be used.

# Additional Functions in Family Objects

Family objects may also include:

- Cumulative distribution function,  $p()$ .
- Quantile function,  $q()$ .
- Random number generation,  $r()$ .

These functions follow the structure of the density function.

# Example: Normal Distribution Family Object

A simple example for the normal distribution family:

- Two parameters:  $\mu$  (mean) and  $\sigma$  (standard deviation).
- Link functions: identity for  $\mu$ , log for  $\sigma$ .
- Missing score functions.
- Missing Hessian functions.
- Density function for normal distribution.

# Normal Family Object Code

```
R> Normal <- function(...) {
+   fam <- list(
+     "family" = "Normal",
+     "names" = c("mu", "sigma"),
+     "links" = c("mu" = "identity", "sigma" = "log"),
+     "d" = function(y, par, log = FALSE, ...) {
+       dnorm(y, par$mu, par$sigma, log = log)
+     }
+   )
+   class(fam) <- "family.bamlss"
+   return(fam)
+ }
```

# Normal Family Object Code

```
R> library("bamlss")
R> data("rent", package = "gamlss.data")
R> print(dim(rent))
[1] 1969    9
R> f <- list(
+   R ~ s(F1) + s(A),
+     ~ s(F1) + s(A)
+ )
R> set.seed(123)
R> b <- bamlss(f, data = rent, family = Normal)
```



# Normal Family Object Code

```
AICc 87934513 logPost -4410029 logLik -4396722 edf 34.852 eps 1.0000 iteration 1
AICc 30613243 logPost -1533240 logLik -1530658 edf 36.998 eps 0.7936 iteration 2
AICc 11197622 logPost -5603084 logLik -5598772 edf 37.587 eps 0.2116 iteration 3
AICc 4125293. logPost -2063192 logLik -2062608 edf 37.892 eps 0.1427 iteration 4
AICc 1527177. logPost -763794. logLik -763550. edf 37.969 eps 0.1093 iteration 5
AICc 572684.4 logPost -286529. logLik -286303. edf 37.953 eps 0.0890 iteration 6
AICc 222786.6 logPost -111583. logLik -111354. edf 37.954 eps 0.0752 iteration 7
AICc 95296.98 logPost -47839.1 logLik -47609.7 edf 37.954 eps 0.0649 iteration 8
AICc 49602.98 logPost -24992.1 logLik -24762.7 edf 37.954 eps 0.0566 iteration 9
AICc 33937.97 logPost -17159.6 logLik -16930.2 edf 37.954 eps 0.0488 iteration 10
AICc 29169.43 logPost -14775.3 logLik -14545.9 edf 37.954 eps 0.0398 iteration 11
AICc 28103.62 logPost -14242.4 logLik -14013.0 edf 37.954 eps 0.0275 iteration 12
AICc 27991.44 logPost -14186.3 logLik -13957.0 edf 37.954 eps 0.0122 iteration 13
AICc 27989.25 logPost -14185.2 logLik -13955.9 edf 37.954 eps 0.0020 iteration 14
AICc 27989.25 logPost -14185.2 logLik -13955.9 edf 37.954 eps 0.0000 iteration 15
AICc 27989.25 logPost -14185.2 logLik -13955.9 edf 37.954 eps 0.0000 iteration 15
elapsed time: 0.76sec
Starting the sampler...
```

# Normal Family Object Code

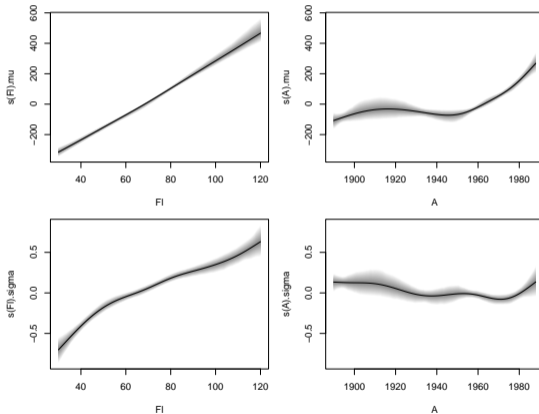
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*		5%	8.91sec	0.47sec
**		10%	8.42sec	0.94sec
***		15%	7.93sec	1.40sec
****		20%	7.91sec	1.98sec
*****		25%	7.41sec	2.47sec
*****		30%	6.93sec	2.97sec
*****		35%	6.44sec	3.47sec
*****		40%	5.96sec	3.97sec
*****		45%	5.47sec	4.47sec
*****		50%	4.97sec	4.97sec
*****		55%	4.48sec	5.47sec
*****		60%	4.03sec	6.04sec
*****		65%	3.52sec	6.54sec
*****		70%	3.02sec	7.04sec
*****		75%	2.51sec	7.54sec
*****		80%	2.01sec	8.04sec

# Normal Family Object Code

```
|*****| 85% 1.51sec 8.53sec  
|*****| 90% 1.00sec 9.04sec  
|*****| 95% 0.50sec 9.54sec  
|*****| 100% 0.00sec 10.04sec
```

# Normal Family Object Code

```
R> par(mfrow = c(2, 2), mar = c(4, 4, 1, 1))  
R> plot(b, spar = FALSE, pages = 1)
```



# Conclusion

- Family objects in *bamlss* (and *gamlss2*) play a crucial role in defining the model fitting process.
- They specify the distribution, parameter link functions, density, and derivative functions required for model estimation and diagnostics.