

# Package: hurdlr (via r-universe)

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**Description** When considering count data, it is often the case that many more zero counts than would be expected of some given distribution are observed. It is well-established that data such as this can be reliably modelled using zero-inflated or hurdle distributions, both of which may be applied using hurdlr functions. Bayesian analysis methods are used to best model problematic count data that cannot be fit to any typical distribution. The hurdlr package functions are flexible and versatile, and can be applied to varying count distributions, parameter estimation with or without covariate information, and are able to allow for multiple hurdles as it is also not uncommon that count data have an abundance of large-number observations which would be considered outliers of the typical distribution. In lieu of throwing out data or mis-specifying the typical distribution, these extreme observations can be applied to a second, extreme distribution. With the given functions of the hurdlr package, such a two-hurdle model may be easily specified in order to best manage data that is both zero-inflated and over-dispersed.

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dist_ll	<i>Distributional Likelihood for Hurdle Model Count Data Regression</i>
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## Description

dist\_ll is the data likelihood function for hurdle model regression using [hurdle](#).

## Usage

```
dist_ll(y, hurd = Inf, lam = NULL, size = 1, mu = NULL, xi = NULL,
        sigma = NULL, dist = c("poisson", "nb", "lognormal", "gpd"), g.x = F,
        log = T)
```

## Arguments

y	numeric response vector.
hurd	numeric threshold for 'extreme' observations of two-hurdle models. Inf for one-hurdle models.
lam	current value for the poisson likelihood lambda parameter.
size	size parameter for negative binomial likelihood distributions.
mu	current value for the negative binomial or log normal likelihood mu parameter.
xi	current value for the generalized pareto likelihood xi parameter.
sigma	current value for the generalized pareto likelihood sigma parameter.
dist	character specification of response distribution.
g.x	logical operator. TRUE if operating within the third component of the likelihood function (the likelihood of 'extreme' observations).
log	logical operator. if TRUE, probabilities p are given as log(p).

**Details**

Currently, Poisson, Negative Binomial, log-Normal, and Generalized Pareto distributions are available.

**Value**

The log-likelihood of the zero-inflated Poisson fit for the current iteration of the MCMC algorithm.

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**See Also**

[hurdle](#)

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GenPareto

*The Generalized Pareto Distribution*

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**Description**

Density, distribution function, quantile function and random generation for the Generalized Pareto distribution with parameters  $\mu$ ,  $\sigma$ , and  $\xi$ .

**Usage**

```
dgpd(x, mu = 0, sigma = 1, xi = 1, log = F)
```

```
mgpd(x, mu = 0, sigma = 1, xi = 1, log = F)
```

```
pgpd(q, mu = 0, sigma = 1, xi = 1, lower.tail = T)
```

```
qgpd(p, mu = 0, sigma = 1, xi = 1, lower.tail = T)
```

```
rgpd(n, mu = 0, sigma = 1, xi = 1)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x, q</code>	vector of quantiles.
<code>mu</code>	location parameter.
<code>sigma</code>	(non-negative) scale parameter.
<code>xi</code>	shape parameter.
<code>log</code>	logical; if TRUE, probabilities $p$ are given as $\log(p)$ .
<code>lower.tail</code>	logical; if TRUE, probabilities are $P[X \leq x]$ , otherwise, $P[X > x]$ .
<code>p</code>	numeric predictor matrix.
<code>n</code>	number of random values to return.

**Details**

The generalized pareto distribution has density

$$f(x) = \frac{\sigma^{\frac{1}{\xi}}}{(\sigma + \xi(x - \mu))^{\frac{1}{\xi} + 1}}$$

**Value**

dgpd gives the continuous density, pgpd gives the distribution function, qgpd gives the quantile function, and rgpd generates random deviates.

mgpd gives a probability mass function for a discretized version of GPD.

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**Examples**

```
dexp(1,rate=.5) #Exp(rate) equivalent to gpd with mu=0 AND xi=0, and sigma=1/rate.
dgpd(1,mu=0,sigma=2,xi=0) #cannot take xi=0.
dgpd(1,mu=0,sigma=2,xi=0.0000001) #but can get close.

##"mass" function of GPD
mgpd(8) == pgpd(8.5) - pgpd(7.5)
```

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hurdle

*Hurdle Model Count Data Regression*

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**Description**

hurdle is used to fit single or double-hurdle regression models to count data via Bayesian inference.

**Usage**

```
hurdle(y, x = NULL, hurd = Inf, dist = c("poisson", "nb", "lognormal"),
      dist.2 = c("gpd", "poisson", "lognormal", "nb"),
      control = hurdle_control(), iters = 1000, burn = 500, nthin = 1,
      plots = FALSE, progress.bar = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

y	numeric response vector.
x	numeric predictor matrix.
hurd	numeric threshold for 'extreme' observations of two-hurdle models. Inf for one-hurdle models.

dist	character specification of response distribution.
dist.2	character specification of response distribution for 'extreme' observations of two-hurdle models.
control	list of parameters for controlling the fitting process, specified by <a href="#">hurdle_control</a> .
iters	number of iterations for the Markov chain to run.
burn	numeric burn-in length.
nthin	numeric thinning rate.
plots	logical operator. TRUE to output plots.
progress.bar	logical operator. TRUE to print progress bar.

### Details

Setting `dist` and `dist.2` to be the same distribution creates a single dist-hurdle model, not a double-hurdle model. However, this is being considered in future package updates.

### Value

`hurdle` returns a list which includes the items

**pD** measure of model dimensionality  $p_D$  where  $p_D = \bar{D} - D(\bar{\theta})$  is the "mean posterior deviance - deviance of posterior means"

**DIC** Deviance Information Criterion where  $DIC = \bar{D} - p_D$

**PPO** Posterior Predictive Ordinate (PPO) measure of fit

**CPO** Conditional Predictive Ordinate (CPO) measure of fit

**pars.means** posterior mean(s) of third-component parameter(s) if `hurd != Inf`

**ll.means** posterior means of the log-likelihood distributions of all model components

**beta.means** posterior means regression coefficients

**dev** posterior deviation where  $D = -2\text{Log}L$

**beta** posterior distributions of regression coefficients

**pars** posterior distribution(s) of third-component parameter(s) if `hurd != Inf`

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### Examples

```
#Generate some data:
p=0.5; q=0.25; lam=3;
mu=10; sigma=7; xi=0.75;
n=200
```

```
set.seed(2016)
y <- rbinom(n,1,p)
```

```

nz <- sum(1-y)
extremes <- rbinom(sum(y),1,q)
ne <- sum(extremes)
nt <- n-nz-ne
yt <- sample(mu-1,nt,replace=TRUE,prob=dpois(1:(mu-1),3)/(ppois(mu-1,lam)-ppois(0,lam)))
yz <- round(rgpd(nz,mu,sigma,xi))
y[y==1] <- c(yt,yz)

```

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hurdle\_control

*Control Parameters for Hurdle Model Count Data Regression*


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### Description

Various parameters for fitting control of hurdle model regression using [hurdle](#).

### Usage

```

hurdle_control(a = 1, b = 1, size = 1, beta.prior.mean = 0,
  beta.prior.sd = 1000, beta.tune = 1, pars.tune = 0.2, lam.start = 1,
  mu.start = 1, sigma.start = 1, xi.start = 1)

```

### Arguments

a	shape parameter for gamma prior distributions.
b	rate parameter for gamma prior distributions.
size	size parameter for negative binomial likelihood distributions.
beta.prior.mean	mu parameter for normal prior distributions.
beta.prior.sd	standard deviation for normal prior distributions.
beta.tune	Markov-chain tuning for regression coefficient estimation.
pars.tune	Markov chain tuning for parameter estimation of 'extreme' observations distribution.
lam.start	initial value for the poisson likelihood lambda parameter.

mu.start            initial value for the negative binomial or log normal likelihood mu parameter.  
 sigma.start        initial value for the generalized pareto likelihood sigma parameter.  
 xi.start            initial value for the generalized pareto likelihood xi parameter.

**Value**

A list of all input values.

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**See Also**

[hurdle](#)

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loglik_zinb	<i>Zero-inflated Negative Binomial Data Likelihood</i>
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**Description**

Data likelihood function for zero-inflated negative binomial model regression using [zero\\_nb](#).

**Usage**

```
loglik_zinb(y, z, mu, size, p)
```

**Arguments**

y                    numeric response vector.  
 z                    vector of binary operators.  $z == 0$  for observations considered belonging to the negative binomial distribution,  $z == 1$  for observations considered to be 'extra' zeros.  
 mu                   current value for the negative binomial likelihood mu parameter.  
 size                 size parameter for negative binomial distribution.  
 p                    vector of 'extra' zero-count probabilities.

**Value**

The log-likelihood of the zero-inflated negative binomial fit for the current iteration of the MCMC algorithm.

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**See Also**[zero\\_nb](#)

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`loglik_zip`*Zero-inflated Poisson Data Likelihood*

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**Description**

Data likelihood function for zero-inflated Poisson model regression using [zero\\_poisson](#).

**Usage**

```
loglik_zip(y, z, lam, p)
```

**Arguments**

<code>y</code>	numeric response vector.
<code>z</code>	vector of binary operators. <code>z == 0</code> for observations considered belonging to the negative binomial distribution, <code>z == 1</code> for observations considered to be 'extra' zeros.
<code>lam</code>	current value for the Poisson likelihood lambda parameter.
<code>p</code>	vector of 'extra' zero-count probabilities.

**Value**

The log-likelihood of the zero-inflated Poisson fit for the current iteration of the MCMC algorithm.

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**See Also**[zero\\_poisson](#)



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mlnorm *Density Function for Discrete Log Normal Distribution*

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**Description**

Density function of the discrete log normal distribution whose logarithm has mean equal to meanlog and standard deviation equal to sdlog.

**Usage**

```
mlnorm(x, meanlog = 0, sdlog = 1, log = T)
```

**Arguments**

x	vector of quantiles.
meanlog	mean of the distribution on the log scale.
sdlog	standard deviation of the distribution on the log scale.
log	logical; if TRUE, probabilities p are given as log(p).

**Value**

Discrete log-normal distributional density.

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PE *Extreme Count Probability Likelihood*

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**Description**

PE is used to calculate the likelihood of a user-defined 'extreme' value count observation in a double-hurdle regression model.

**Usage**

```
PE(p, q, log = T)
```

**Arguments**

p	vector of zero-count probabilities.
q	vector of 'extreme' count probabilities.
log	logical operator. If TRUE, probabilities p and q are given as log(p), log(q).

**Value**

A vector of probabilities.

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**See Also**

[hurdle](#)

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PT

*Typical Count Probability Likelihood*

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**Description**

PT is used to calculate the likelihood of a user-defined 'typical' value count observation in a double-hurdle regression model.

**Usage**

```
PT(p, q, log = T)
```

**Arguments**

p	vector of zero-count probabilities.
q	vector of 'typical' count probabilities.
log	logical operator. If TRUE, probabilities p and q are given as $\log(p)$ , $\log(q)$ .

**Value**

A vector of probabilities.

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**See Also**

[hurdle](#)

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PZ *Zero Count Probability Likelihood*

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**Description**

PZ is used to calculate the likelihood of a zero-value count observation in a single or double-hurdle regression model.

**Usage**

```
PZ(p, log = T)
```

**Arguments**

`p` vector of zero-count probabilities.  
`log` logical operator. If TRUE, probabilities `p` and `q` are given as `log(p)`, `log(q)`.

**Value**

A vector of probabilities.

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**See Also**

[hurdle](#)

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`update_beta` *MCMC Second-Component Parameter Update Function for Hurdle Model Count Data Regression*

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**Description**

MCMC algorithm for updating the second-component likelihood parameters in hurdle model regression using [hurdle](#).

**Usage**

```
update_beta(y, x, hurd, dist, like.part, beta.prior.mean, beta.prior.sd, beta,  
           XB, beta.acc, beta.tune, g.x = F)
```

**Arguments**

<code>y</code>	numeric response vector of observations within the bounds of the second component of the likelihood function, $y[0 < y \& y < hurd]$
<code>x</code>	optional numeric predictor matrix for response observations within the bounds of the second component of the likelihood function, $y[0 < y \& y < hurd]$ .
<code>hurd</code>	numeric threshold for 'extreme' observations of two-hurdle models.
<code>dist</code>	character specification of response distribution for the third component of the likelihood function.
<code>like.part</code>	numeric vector of the current third-component likelihood values.
<code>beta.prior.mean</code>	mu parameter for normal prior distributions.
<code>beta.prior.sd</code>	standard deviation for normal prior distributions.
<code>beta</code>	numeric matrix of current regression coefficient parameter values.
<code>XB</code>	$x * beta[, 1]$ product matrix for response observations within the bounds of the second component of the likelihood function, $y[0 < y \& y < hurd]$ .
<code>beta.acc</code>	numeric matrix of current MCMC acceptance rates for regression coefficient parameters.
<code>beta.tune</code>	numeric matrix of current MCMC tuning values for regression coefficient estimation.
<code>g.x</code>	logical operator. TRUE if operating within the third component of the likelihood function (the likelihood of 'extreme' observations).

**Value**

A list of MCMC-updated regression coefficients for the estimation of the second-component likelihood parameter as well as each coefficient's MCMC acceptance ratio.

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**See Also**

[hurdle](#)  
[dist\\_ll](#)

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update_pars	<i>MCMC Third-Component Parameter Update Function for Hurdle Model Count Data Regression</i>
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**Description**

MCMC algorithm for updating the third-component likelihood parameters in hurdle model regression using [hurdle](#).

**Usage**

```
update_pars(y, hurd, dist, like.part, a, b, size, lam, mu, xi, sigma, lam.acc,
            mu.acc, xi.acc, sigma.acc, lam.tune, mu.tune, xi.tune, sigma.tune, g.x = F)
```

**Arguments**

y	numeric response vector of observations within the bounds of the third component of the likelihood function, $y[y \geq \text{hurd}]$ .
hurd	numeric threshold for 'extreme' observations of two-hurdle models.
dist	character specification of response distribution for the third component of the likelihood function.
like.part	numeric vector of the current third-component likelihood values.
a	shape parameter for gamma prior distributions.
b	rate parameter for gamma prior distributions.
size	size parameter for negative binomial likelihood distributions.
lam	current value for the poisson likelihood lambda parameter.
mu	current value for the negative binomial or log normal likelihood mu parameter.
xi	current value for the generalized pareto likelihood xi parameter.
sigma	current value for the generalized pareto likelihood sigma parameter.
lam.acc, mu.acc, xi.acc, sigma.acc	current MCMC values for third-component parameter acceptance rates.
lam.tune, mu.tune, xi.tune, sigma.tune	current MCMC tuning values for each third-component parameter.
g.x	logical operator. TRUE if operating within the third component of the likelihood function (the likelihood of 'extreme' observations).

**Value**

A list of MCMC-updated likelihood estimator(s) for the third-component parameter(s) and each parameter's MCMC acceptance ratio.

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**See Also**

[hurdle](#)  
[dist\\_ll](#)

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update_probs	<i>MCMC Probability Update Function for Hurdle Model Count Data Regression</i>
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**Description**

MCMC algorithm for updating the likelihood probabilities in hurdle model regression using [hurdle](#).

**Usage**

```
update_probs(y, x, hurd, p, q, beta.prior.mean, beta.prior.sd, pZ, pT, pE, beta,
            XB2, XB3, beta.acc, beta.tune)
```

**Arguments**

y	numeric response vector.
x	optional numeric predictor matrix.
hurd	numeric threshold for 'extreme' observations of two-hurdle models.
p	numeric vector of current 'p' probability parameter values for zero-value observations.
q	numeric vector of current 'q' probability parameter values for 'extreme' observations.
beta.prior.mean	mu parameter for normal prior distributions.
beta.prior.sd	standard deviation for normal prior distributions.
pZ	numeric vector of current 'zero probability' likelihood values.
pT	numeric vector of current 'typical probability' likelihood values.
pE	numeric vector of current 'extreme probability' likelihood values.
beta	numeric matrix of current regression coefficient parameter values.
XB2	$x * beta[, 2]$ product matrix.
XB3	$x * beta[, 3]$ product matrix.
beta.acc	numeric matrix of current MCMC acceptance rates for regression coefficient parameters.
beta.tune	numeric matrix of current MCMC tuning values for regression coefficient estimation.

**Value**

A list of MCMC-updated regression coefficients for the estimation of the parameters 'p' (the probability of a zero-value observation) and 'q' (the probability of an 'extreme' observation) as well as each coefficient's MCMC acceptance ratio.

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**See Also**

[hurdle](#)  
[dist\\_ll](#)

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 zero\_nb

*Zero-Inflated Negative Binomial Regression Model*


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**Description**

zero\_nb is used to fit zero-inflated negative binomial regression models to count data via Bayesian inference.

**Usage**

```
zero_nb(y, x, size, a = 1, b = 1, mu.start = 1, beta.prior.mean = 0,
        beta.prior.sd = 1, iters = 1000, burn = 500, nthin = 1, plots = T,
        progress.bar = T)
```

**Arguments**

y	numeric response vector.
x	numeric predictor matrix.
size	size parameter for negative binomial likelihood distributions.
a	shape parameter for gamma prior distributions.
b	rate parameter for gamma prior distributions.
mu.start	initial value for mu parameter.
beta.prior.mean	mu parameter for normal prior distributions.
beta.prior.sd	standard deviation for normal prior distributions.
iters	number of iterations for the Markov chain to run.
burn	numeric burn-in length.
nthin	numeric thinning rate.
plots	logical operator. TRUE to output plots.
progress.bar	logical operator. TRUE to print progress bar.

**Details**

Fits a zero-inflated negative binomial (ZINB) model.

**Value**

zero\_nb returns a list which includes the items

**mu** numeric vector; posterior distribution of mu parameter

**beta** numeric matrix; posterior distributions of regression coefficients

**p** numeric vector; posterior distribution of parameter 'p', the probability of a given zero observation belonging to the model's zero component

**ll** numeric vector; posterior log-likelihood

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zero\_poisson

*Zero-Inflated Poisson Regression Model*

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**Description**

zero\_poisson is used to fit zero-inflated poisson regression models to count data via Bayesian inference.

**Usage**

```
zero_poisson(y, x, a = 1, b = 1, lam.start = 1, beta.prior.mean = 0,
             beta.prior.sd = 1, iters = 1000, burn = 500, nthin = 1, plots = T,
             progress.bar = T)
```

**Arguments**

y	numeric response vector.
x	numeric predictor matrix.
a	shape parameter for gamma prior distributions.
b	rate parameter for gamma prior distributions.
lam.start	initial value for lambda parameter.
beta.prior.mean	mu parameter for normal prior distributions.
beta.prior.sd	standard deviation for normal prior distributions.
iters	number of iterations for the Markov chain to run.
burn	numeric burn-in length.
nthin	numeric thinning rate.
plots	logical operator. TRUE to output plots.
progress.bar	logical operator. TRUE to print progress bar.



**Details**

Fits a zero-inflated Poisson (ZIP) model.

**Value**

`zero_poisson` returns a list which includes the items

**lam** numeric vector; posterior distribution of lambda parameter

**beta** numeric matrix; posterior distributions of regression coefficients

**p** numeric vector; posterior distribution of parameter 'p', the probability of a given zero observation belonging to the model's zero component

**ll** numeric vector; posterior log-likelihood

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