Weibull

Parametrisation

The Weibull distribution is (`variant=0`)

$$f(y) = \alpha y^{\alpha-1} \lambda \exp(-\lambda y^{\alpha}), \qquad \alpha > 0, \qquad \lambda > 0$$

and (`variant=1`)

$$f(y) = \alpha y^{\alpha-1} \lambda^{\alpha} \exp(-(\lambda y)^{\alpha}), \qquad \alpha > 0, \qquad \lambda > 0$$

where

α**:** shape parameter.

Link-function

The parameter λ is linked to the linear predictor as:

$$\lambda = \exp(\eta)$$

Hyperparameters

The α parameter is represented as

$$\alpha = \exp(S\theta)$$

and the prior is defined on θ. The constant S currently set to 0.1 to avoid numerical instabilities in the optimization, since small changes of α can make a huge difference.

Specification

- family = `weibull` for regression and family = `weibullsurv` for survival
- Required arguments: y (to be given using `inla.surv()` for survival models), and `variant=0` (default) or 1 to define the parameterisation.

Hyperparameter spesification and default values

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Example

In the following example we estimate the parameters in a simulated case

```
n = 1000
alpha = 1.1
beta = 2.2
x = c(scale(runif(n)))
eta = 1+beta*x
lambda = exp(eta)

for(variant in 0:1) {
    y = rweibull(n,
                 shape= alpha,
                 scale= if (variant == 0)
                            lambda^(-1/alpha)
                        else
                            1/lambda)

    print(paste("VARIANT=", variant))
    event = rep(1,n)
    data = list(y=y, event=event, x=x)

    formula=inla.surv(y,event)~ x
    r=inla(formula,
           family ="weibullsurv",
           data=data,
           control.family = list(list(variant = variant)))
    print("SURV")
    print(summary(r))
```

```
    formula= y ~ x
    r=inla(formula,
           family ="weibull",
           data=data,
           control.family = list(list(variant = variant)))
    print("REGRESSION")
    print(summary(r))
}
```

Notes

- Weibullsurv model can be used for right censored, left censored, interval censored data. If the observed times y are large/huge, then this can cause numerical overflow in the likelihood routine. If you encounter this problem, try to scale the observatios, `time = time / max(time)` or similar.