

# APPLIED STATISTICS

## Logistic Regression for Binomial Counts

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# References

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Chapter 21 of *The Statistical Sleuth*
2. ANU STAT3015 Lecture Notes
3. The slides are made by **R Markdown**.  
<http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com>

## Example: Anaesthetic Data (Con'd)

(Taken from STAT3015 notes.)

Thirty patients were given a particular anaesthetic at various predetermined concentrations for 15 minutes before a stimulus was applied.

The response variable was simply an indication as to whether the patient responded to the stimulus in any way.

“Response” is 1 if the patient responded to the stimulus.

# Standard Data Form

```
setwd('~\\Desktop\\Research\\AppliedStat2017\\L12')  
a=read.csv('anaesthetic.csv');a
```

## Concentration Response

## 1	0.8	1
## 2	0.8	1
## 3	0.8	1
## 4	0.8	1
## 5	0.8	1
## 6	0.8	1
## 7	0.8	0
## 8	1.0	1
## 9	1.0	1
## 10	1.0	1
## 11	1.0	1
## 12	1.0	0
## 13	1.2	1
## 14	1.2	1
## 15	1.2	0
## 16	1.2	0
## 17	1.2	0
## 18	1.2	0
## 19	1.4	1
## 20	1.4	1
## 21	1.4	0
## 22	1.4	0
## 23	1.4	0
## 24	1.4	0
## 25	1.6	0
## 26	1.6	0
## 27	1.6	0
## 28	1.6	0
## 29	2.5	0
## 30	2.5	0

sum = 6  $\rightarrow$  the number of "success"  
at concentration = 0.8

the number of "trials"  
at concentration = 0.8  $\rightarrow 7$

# Some Terminologies to Interpret Standard Data

“Trial”: Thirty patients correspond to thirty trials for this anaesthetic experiment.

Different trials are independent.

“Success”: one trial is called “success” if in this trial, the patient responds to the stimulus, or equivalently,  $\text{Response} = 1$ .

“Failure”: one trial is called “failure” if in this trial, the patient does not respond to the stimulus, or equivalently,  $\text{Response} = 0$ .

Probability of “Success”: the probability that one trial is a “success”, **or equivalently**, the probability that the patient responds to the stimulus in the trial, **or equivalently**, the probability that  $\text{Response} = 1$ .

$\rightarrow \pi \rightarrow \text{logit}(\pi) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \dots + \beta_K x_K \rightarrow \text{binary model}$

# Aggregated Data Form

Note that in the data, we have repeated concentration (X) values. Can we aggregate response  $Y$  by  $X$ ?

The number of “successes” (i.e. Response = 1 here) given some  $X = x$ :

```
attach(a)
tapply(Response, Concentration, sum) → sum of values of response by concentration
```

```
## 0.8 1 1.2 1.4 1.6 2.5 → Concentration
## 6 4 2 2 0 0 → sum
```

The number of “trials” (equivalent to patients here) given some  $X = x$ :

```
tapply(Response, Concentration, length) → length of the response vector by concentration
```

```
## 0.8 1 1.2 1.4 1.6 2.5
## 7 5 6 6 4 2
```

The aggregated dataset is

```
b=data.frame(Concentration=unique(Concentration), BinomialCount=tapply(Response, Concentration, sum),
              TotalNumber=tapply(Response, Concentration, length));b
```

##	Concentration	BinomialCount	TotalNumber
## 0.8	0.8	6	7
## 1	1.0	4	5
## 1.2	1.2	2	6
## 1.4	1.4	2	6
## 1.6	1.6	0	4
## 2.5	2.5	0	2

# Binomial Count

In a lot of real data, we only have the aggregated data form instead of the standard data form. Specifically in this example, we have

1. at a specific concentration, we have the number of "successes" (the number of patients that respond to the stimulus), which is called binomial count, denoted by  $Z$ ;
2. at a specific concentration, we have the total number of "trials" (the total number of patients given this specific level of anaesthetic concentration), denoted by  $M$ .



Logistic regression for binomial counts deals with the particular case of the aggregated data, and is used to model the binomial count response  $Z$ .

However, the total number of "trials"  $M$  should also be observed such that we can employ this model.



# Some Terminologies to Interpret Aggregated Data

A typical row for an aggregated dataset:

Explanatory	Binomial Count	Total Number
X	Z	M

Z is the number of “successes” given some specific X.

M is the number of “trials” given some specific X.

Given X, the probability of one “success” in a trial is denoted by  $\pi \in [0, 1]$ .

The binomial count Z is modelled by  $\text{Binomial}(M, \pi)$  distribution. Specifically,

$$P(Z = z) = \binom{M}{z} \pi^z (1 - \pi)^{M-z}, \quad \binom{M}{z} = \frac{M(M-1) \cdots (M-z+1)}{z(z-1) \cdots 1},$$

for  $z = 0, \dots, M$ .

$M=1, z=0, 1 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} P(Z=1) = \pi^1 (1-\pi)^{1-1} \\ P(Z=0) = \pi^0 (1-\pi)^{1-0} \end{cases} \rightarrow \text{Bernoulli}$

Given X, the proportion of “successes” is  $Z/M$ , which can be used to estimate  $\pi$  when  $M$  is large.

# Overview of This Course

	Continuous $X$ + Categorical $X$
Continuous $Y$	MLR + Indicator Variables
Two-Category $Y$	Binary Logistic Regression + Indicator Variables
Multicategory $Y$ - Nominal	Nominal Response Regression + Indicator Variables
Multicategory $Y$ - Ordinal	Ordinal Response Regression + Indicator Variables
Binomial Count $Z$	<b>Binomial Logistic Regression + Indicator Variables</b>

# Binomial Logistic Regression Model Assumptions

1. **Binomial distribution:** There is a Binomial distributed (sub)population of responses  $Z$  for given values of the explanatory variables  $(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_k = x_k)$ . That means if we let  $X = (X_1, \dots, X_k)$ , the probability that  $Z = z$  given  $X$  is

$$P(Z = z) = \binom{M}{z} \pi^z (1 - \pi)^{M-z}.$$

2. **Generalised Linearity:** The transformation of the probability of “success”  $\pi$  falls on a linear function of the explanatory variables

$g(\pi) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \dots + \beta_k X_k$ , for  $X = (X_1, \dots, X_k)$ ,  
where  $g(u) = \log\{u/(1 - u)\}$ , which is called logit link function.

$$\pi = g^{-1}(\beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \dots + \beta_k X_k)$$

# Binary Logistic Regression Model Assumptions (Con'd)

**Remark:** the inverse function of the logit link function is

$$g^{-1}(v) = \frac{e^v}{1 + e^v} \in [0, 1]. \quad \rightarrow \text{logistic function}$$

Then

$$\pi = g^{-1}(\beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \cdots + \beta_k X_k) \in [0, 1],$$

which is consistent with the range  $\pi \in [0, 1]$ .

### 3. Independence: Observations

$$(X_{1,1}, \cdots X_{k,1}, Z_1, M_1),$$

$$\vdots$$

$$(X_{1,m}, \cdots X_{k,m}, Z_m, M_m),$$

are independent, where  $m$  is the sample size.

The interpretation of the binomial logistic regression model stays largely the same as for the binary logistic regression model.

# Estimation, z-Test and CI

The likelihood function for the observations and the MLE can be obtained.  
The inferential tools for generalised linear model can be used.

```
attach(b)
Y=cbind(BinomialCount, TotalNumber-BinomialCount)
fit=glm(Y ~ Concentration, family=binomial(link=logit))
summary(fit)
```

```
##
## Call:
## glm(formula = Y ~ Concentration, family = binomial(link = logit))
##
## Deviance Residuals:
##      0.8      1      1.2      1.4      1.6      2.5
## -0.20147  0.45367 -0.56890  0.70000 -0.81838 -0.04826
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
## (Intercept)    6.469      2.419   2.675  0.00748 **
## Concentration  -5.567      2.044  -2.724  0.00645 **
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## (Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
##
##    Null deviance: 15.4334 on 5 degrees of freedom
## Residual deviance: 1.7321 on 4 degrees of freedom
## AIC: 13.811
##
## Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 5
```

is not a Binomial Count

full model

95% CI of  $\beta_1$  :  
 $\hat{\beta}_1 \pm 1.96 SE(\hat{\beta}_1)$

$\beta_1 = 0$

$\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1$  maximizes  $L(\beta_0, \beta_1)$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial \log L(\beta_0, \beta_1)}{\partial \beta_0} \\ \frac{\partial \log L(\beta_0, \beta_1)}{\partial \beta_1} \end{cases}$$

# Drop-in-Deviance $\chi^2$ -Test

$$H_0 : \beta_1 = 0 \leftrightarrow H_a : \text{otherwise.}$$

```
#drop in deviance test
#reduced model
fitr=glm(Y~1,family=binomial(link=logit)) → reduced model
anova(fitr,fit,test='Chisq')
```

```
## Analysis of Deviance Table
```

```
##
```

```
## Model 1: Y ~ 1
```

```
## Model 2: Y ~ Concentration
```

```
##      Resid. Df Resid. Dev Df Deviance Pr(>Chi)
```

```
## 1          5    15.4334 → reduced model
```

```
## 2          4    1.7321  1    13.701 0.0002143 ***
```

```
## --- → full model
```

```
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

## Fitted Probabilities of “Success”

Using MLE  $\hat{\beta}_0, \dots, \hat{\beta}_k$ , the estimated (fitted) probability of “success” is given by:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\pi} &= g^{-1}(\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 X_1 + \dots + \hat{\beta}_k X_k) \\ &= \frac{e^{\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 X_1 + \dots + \hat{\beta}_k X_k}}{1 + e^{\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 X_1 + \dots + \hat{\beta}_k X_k}}.\end{aligned}$$

*logistic function*

It is worth noting that

$$g(\hat{\pi}) = \log\left(\frac{\hat{\pi}}{1 - \hat{\pi}}\right) = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 X_1 + \dots + \hat{\beta}_k X_k,$$


where function  $g$  is the logit link function. Hence the logit transformation of fitted probabilities should be on a straight line.

When we talk about “fitted”,  $X$  is usually from the training dataset (see Lecture Notes 8).

When  $X_{\text{new}}$  is from the new dataset or the test dataset, we actually talk about prediction.

# Predicted Probabilities of “Success”

The predicted probability of “success” is given by

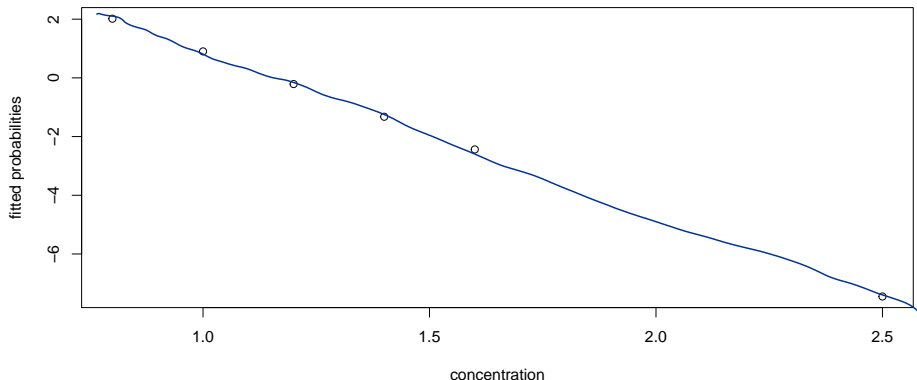
$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\pi} &= g^{-1}(\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 X_{1,\text{new}} + \cdots + \hat{\beta}_k X_{k,\text{new}}) \\ &= \frac{e^{\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 X_{1,\text{new}} + \cdots + \hat{\beta}_k X_{k,\text{new}}}}{1 + e^{\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 X_{1,\text{new}} + \cdots + \hat{\beta}_k X_{k,\text{new}}}}.\end{aligned}$$




## Example: Anaesthetic Data (Con'd)

*result of "glm"* → *fitted probabilities*

```
plot(Concentration, log(fit$fitted.values / (1 - fit$fitted.values)),  
     xlab="concentration", ylab="fitted probabilities")
```




The logit transformations of fitted probabilities are on a straight line.

## Example: Anaesthetic Data (Con'd)

By using this example, we might be interested in predicting the probability of “success” if an anaesthetic at a new concentration of 1.5 is given. The forecast of probability is:

```
Xnew=data.frame(Concentration=1.5)  
predict(fit,Xnew,type='response')
```

```
##           1  
## 0.1322204
```



# Fitted Values of Response and Prediction of Response

A typical row for an aggregated data set

Explanatory	Binomial Count	Total Number
X	Z	M

The binomial count Z is modelled by Binomial( $M, \pi$ ) distribution. Specifically,

$$P(Z = z) = \binom{M}{z} \pi^z (1 - \pi)^{M-z}, \text{ for } \underline{z = 0, \dots, M}.$$

Based on the properties of the Binomial distribution, the mean of response Z is given by

$$\underline{\mu\{Z|X\}} = \underline{M\pi}.$$

*Handwritten note:  $= 0 \times P(Z=0) + 1 \times P(Z=1) + \dots + M \times P(Z=M)$*

Using MLE  $\hat{\beta}_0, \dots, \hat{\beta}_k$ , the fitted values of response Z are given by:

$$\hat{Z} = \hat{\mu}\{Z|X\} = M\hat{\pi}.$$

→ Similar to MLR  
 $\hat{\mu}\{Y|X\} \rightarrow$  fitted value

## Example: Anaesthetic Data (Con'd)

By using this example, we might be interested in predicting the number of “successes” if an anaesthetic at a new concentration of 1.5 is given.

Suppose the number of “trials” is 5 in this case. The forecast should be

```
Mnew=5
```

```
Mnew*predict(fit,Xnew,type='response')
```

```
## 1  
## 0.6611018
```

$Z = 0, 1, \dots, M$

$0, 1, \dots, 5 \ (M=5)$

However, it is not an integer. So we consider

```
round(Mnew*predict(fit,Xnew,type='response'),0)
```

```
## 1  
## 1
```

roughly as the prediction of response Z.

# 1. Logit Proportion versus Explanatory Variable Plot

Recall that in the Binomial logistic regression model assumptions, the logit transformation of the probability of "success"  $\pi$  falls on a linear function of the explanatory variables

$$g(\pi) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \dots + \beta_k X_k, \text{ for } X = (X_1, \dots, X_k),$$

where  $g(u) = \log\{u/(1-u)\}$  is the **logit** link function. Here the probability of "success"  $\pi$  depends on unknown parameters and hence is also unknown.

For a typical row for an aggregated data:

Explanatory	Binomial Count	Total Number
X	Z	M

The proportion of "successes" is  $Z/M$  given  $X$ , which can be used to estimate  $\pi$  when  $M$  is large.

Hence it can be useful to plot the logit proportion  $g(Z/M)$  versus explanatory variable (e.g.,  $X_1$ ).

MLR  $Y \sim X$

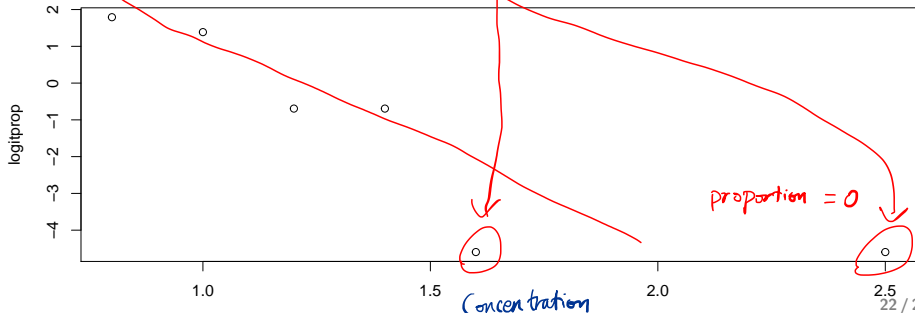
# 1. Logit Proportion versus Explanatory Variable Plot (Con'd)

The plot should show a straight line. Otherwise the model assumption is violated. See Lecture Notes 3 for solutions to this problem.

Note:  $g(Z/M)$  is undefined for  $Z/M$  equal to 0 or 1. We need to add (subtract) a small quantity to values of 0 (1).

```
proportion=BinomialCount/TotalNumber  
proportion=ifelse(proportion==0, 0.01, proportion)  
proportion=ifelse(proportion==1, 1-0.01, proportion)  
logitprop=log(proportion/(1-proportion))  
plot(Concentration,logitprop)
```

$g(u) = \log\left(\frac{u}{1-u}\right)$   
problem of log



## Review: Studentized Residuals for Continuous Response $Y$

Recall residual:  $\text{res}_i = \hat{\varepsilon}_i = \underline{Y_i} - \underline{\hat{Y}_i}$  for observation  $i$ , where  $\hat{Y}_i$  is the fitted value of response.

One can obtain

*Constant variance  $\varepsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$*   
*Leverage*

$$\underline{\text{SD}(\text{res}_i)} = \underline{\sigma \sqrt{1 - h_i}}, \text{ and}$$
$$\underline{\text{SE}(\text{res}_i)} = \underline{\hat{\sigma} \sqrt{1 - h_i}}, \text{ where } \hat{\sigma} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \text{res}_i^2}{n - k - 1}}.$$

A studentized residual is a residual divided by its standard error, namely

$$\text{studres}_i = \frac{\text{res}_i}{\text{SE}(\text{res}_i)}$$

Using studentized residuals allows the residuals to be viewed on the same scale.

These studentized residuals are roughly standard normally distributed  $[N(0, 1)]$ , if the observation is from the MLR model with all the assumptions satisfied.

## Pearson Residuals for Binomial Count $Z$

The residual for Binomial count  $Z$  is defined as:  $\text{res}_i = Z_i - \hat{Z}_i$  for observation  $i$ , where  $\hat{Z}_i$  is the fitted value of response.  $\hat{Z}_i = M_i \hat{\pi}_i$

One can obtain

$$\text{SD}(\text{res}_i) = \sqrt{M_i \pi_i (1 - \pi_i)}, \text{ and}$$

$$\text{SE}(\text{res}_i) = \sqrt{M_i \hat{\pi}_i (1 - \hat{\pi}_i)}, \text{ where } \hat{\pi}_i = \frac{e^{\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 X_{1,i} + \dots + \hat{\beta}_k X_{k,i}}}{1 + e^{\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 X_{1,i} + \dots + \hat{\beta}_k X_{k,i}}}.$$

A Pearson residual is a residual divided by its standard error, namely

$$\text{Peares}_i = \frac{\text{res}_i}{\text{SE}(\text{res}_i)}$$

Using Pearson residuals allows the residuals to be viewed on the same scale.

For large values of  $M_i$  ( $>5$ ), these Pearson residuals are roughly standard normally distributed  $[N(0, 1)]$ , if the observation is from the Binomial logistic model with the all the assumptions satisfied.



## 2. Pearson Residual Plot

Due to the nature of the  $N(0, 1)$  distribution, most values of the  $N(0, 1)$  distribution concentrate in the middle around 0.

Hence, if  $\text{Peares}_i$  falls into the two tails of the  $N(0, 1)$  distribution, namely  $|\text{Peares}_i|$  is too large, then it is unlikely that observation  $i$  is from the Binomial logistic model with the all the assumptions satisfied.

$\text{Peares}_i > 1.96$  (97.5 % quantile of  $N(0, 1)$ ), or  
 $\text{Peares}_i < -1.96$  (2.5 % quantile of  $N(0, 1)$ ).

$\Rightarrow$

$\text{Peares}_i$  falls into the two tails of the  $N(0, 1)$  distribution.

$\Rightarrow$

$|\text{Peares}_i|$  is too large.

$\Rightarrow$

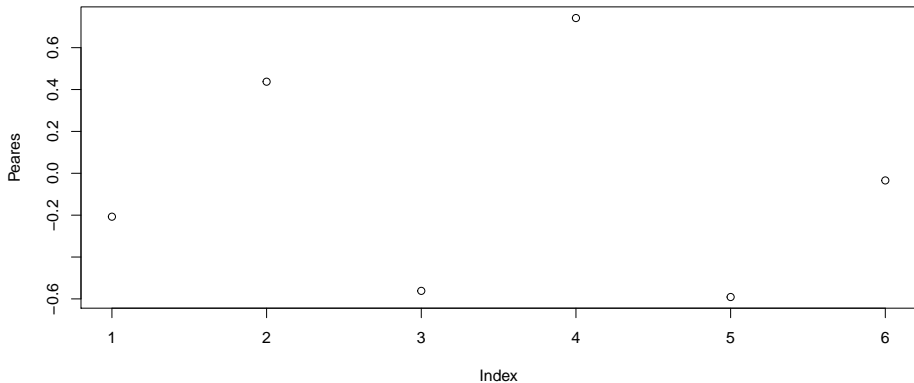
Observation  $i$  is **an outlier**.

Sometimes we use 2 instead of 1.96 for simplicity.

## 2. Pearson Residual Plot (Con'd)

↙ "glm" output

```
Peares=residuals(fit,type="pearson")  
plot(Peares)  
abline(h=1.96,col='red')  
abline(h=-1.96,col='red')
```



The Pearson residuals do not indicate any problems - none are outside the range of  $[-1.96, 1.96]$  and no pattern is evident.

### 3. Deviance Goodness-of-Fit Test

$H_0$  : Binomial model  $g(\pi) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \cdots + \beta_k X_k$  is appropriate  $\leftrightarrow$

$H_a$  : The Binomial logistic model is not appropriate.

The test statistic is

$$TS = \text{deviance of model } g(\pi) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \cdots + \beta_k X_k.$$

This test statistic should be compared to approximately  $\chi^2_{m-k-1}$  distribution, where  $k$  is the number of explanatory variables.

data are  
 $x_1 \ z_1 \ m_1$   
 $\vdots \ \vdots \ \vdots$   
 $x_m \ z_m \ m_m$

The  $p$ -value is

$$p\text{-value} = P(S > TS), \text{ where } S \sim \chi^2_{m-k-1}.$$

If  $p\text{-value} < \alpha \Rightarrow$  reject  $H_0$ ;  $p\text{-value} \geq \alpha \Rightarrow$  not reject  $H_0$ .

### 3. Deviance Goodness-of-Fit Test (Con'd)

The output from the `summary()` output can be used to perform the goodness-of-fit test.

```
summaryfit=(summary(fit))
summaryfit
```

```
##
## Call:
## glm(formula = Y ~ Concentration, family = binomial(link = logit))
##
## Deviance Residuals:
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##
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##
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```

### 3. Deviance Goodness-of-Fit Test (Con'd)

The test statistic and the number of degrees of freedom are

```
summaryfit$deviance
```

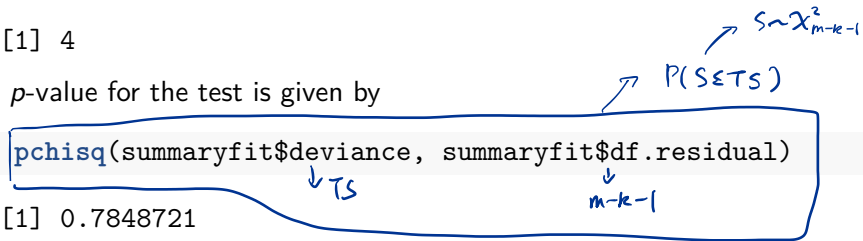
```
## [1] 1.732136
```

```
summaryfit$df.residual
```

```
## [1] 4
```

The  $p$ -value for the test is given by

```
1 - pchisq(summaryfit$deviance, summaryfit$df.residual)
```



```
## [1] 0.7848721
```

```
detach(b)
```

We cannot reject the null. There is no evidence that the model is inappropriate.