



Logistic Regression Introduction

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Cartwheel Data

Random sample of 25 adults attempted cartwheels

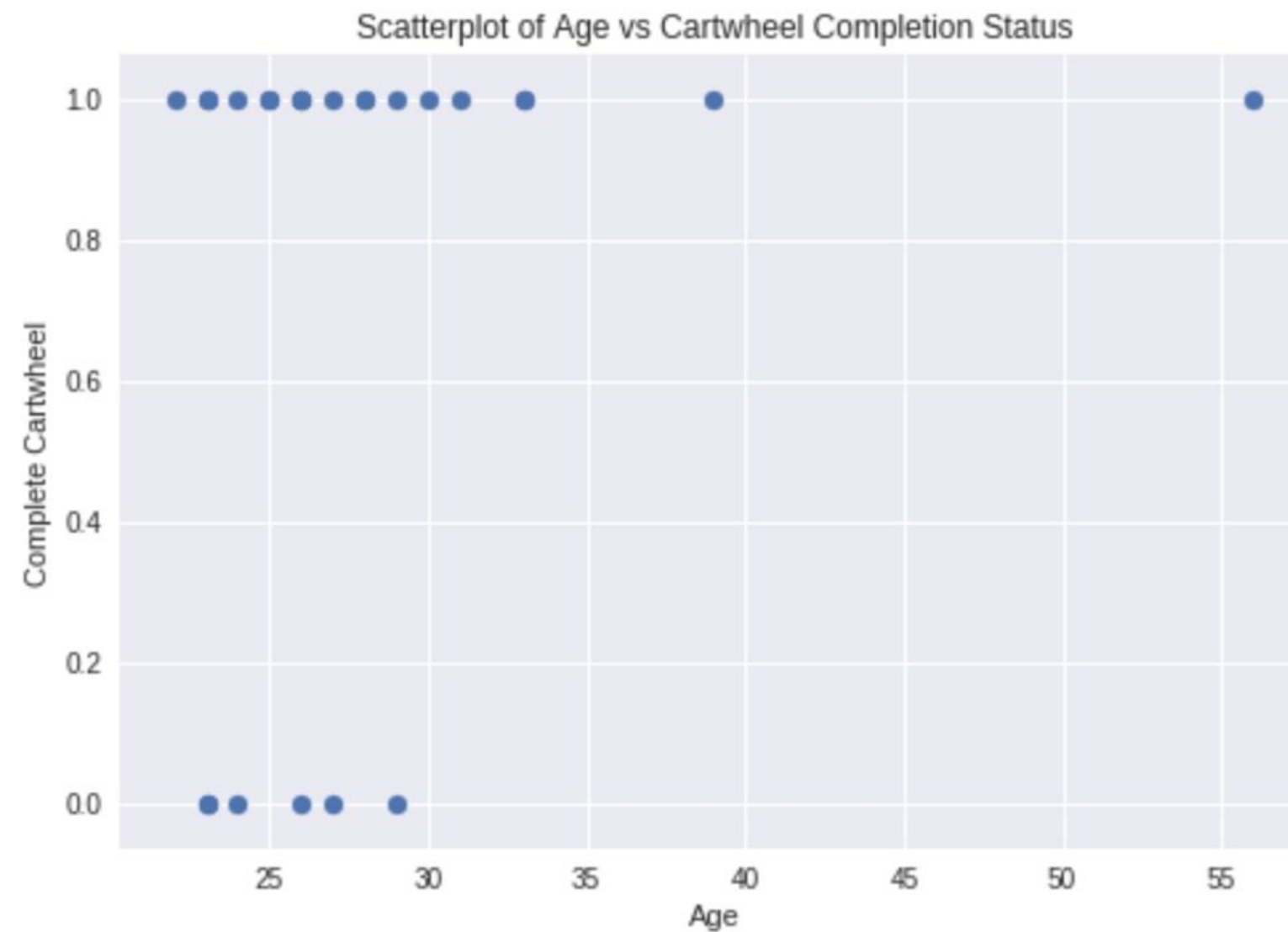
Primary Variable of interest: Cartwheel completion



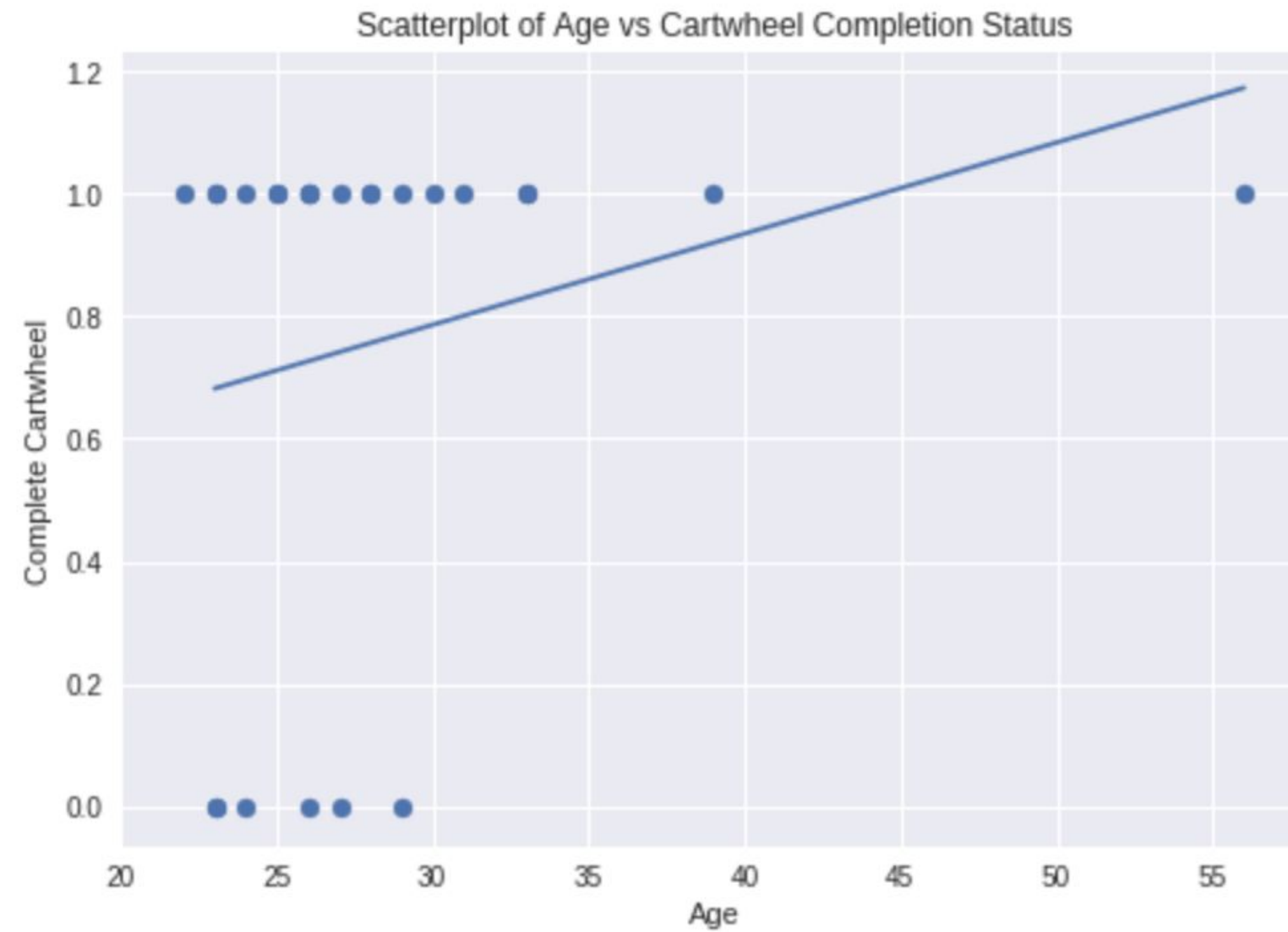
Research Question

Based on age, can we predict whether a cartwheel is completed?

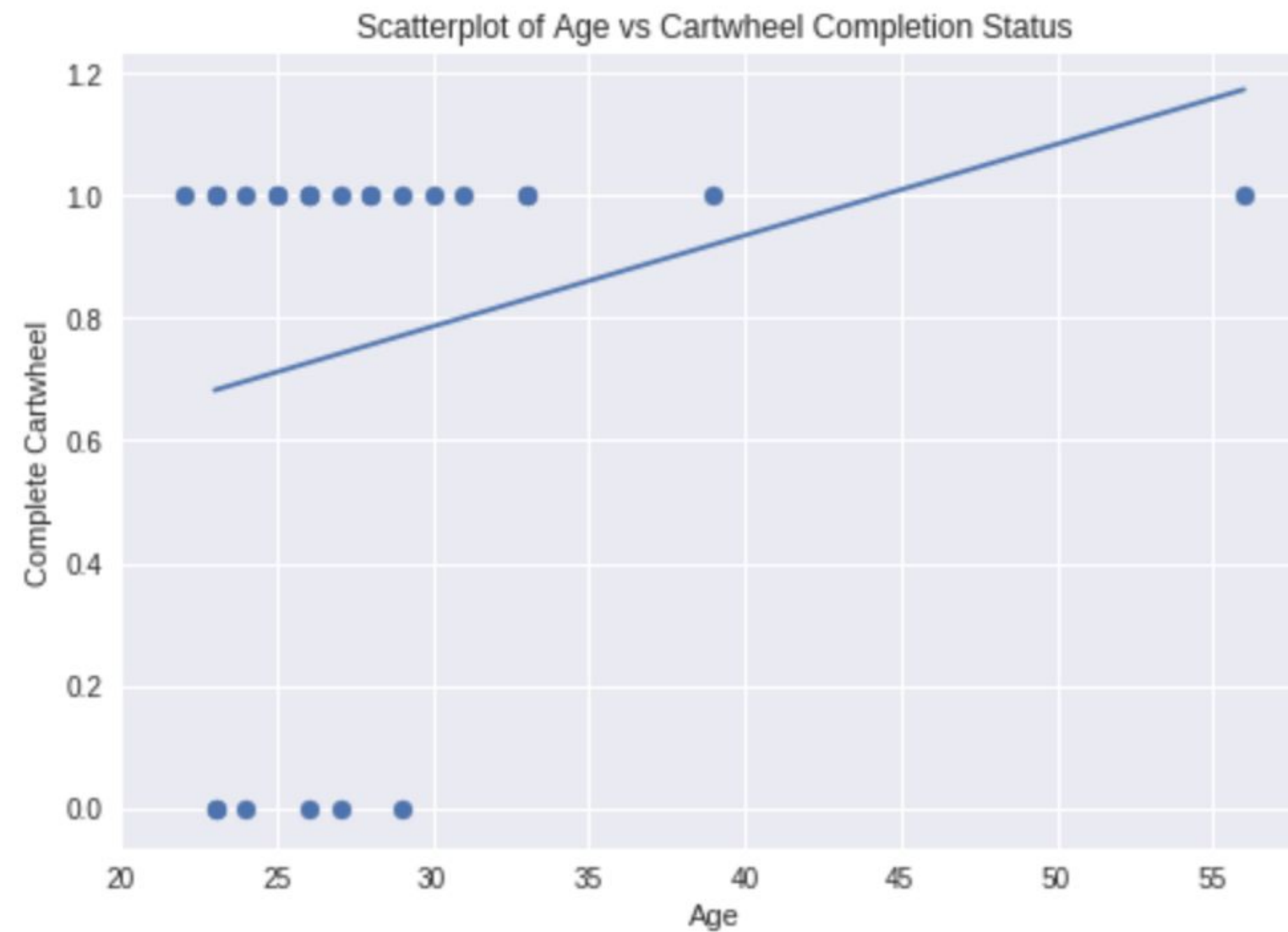
Let's Look at the Data



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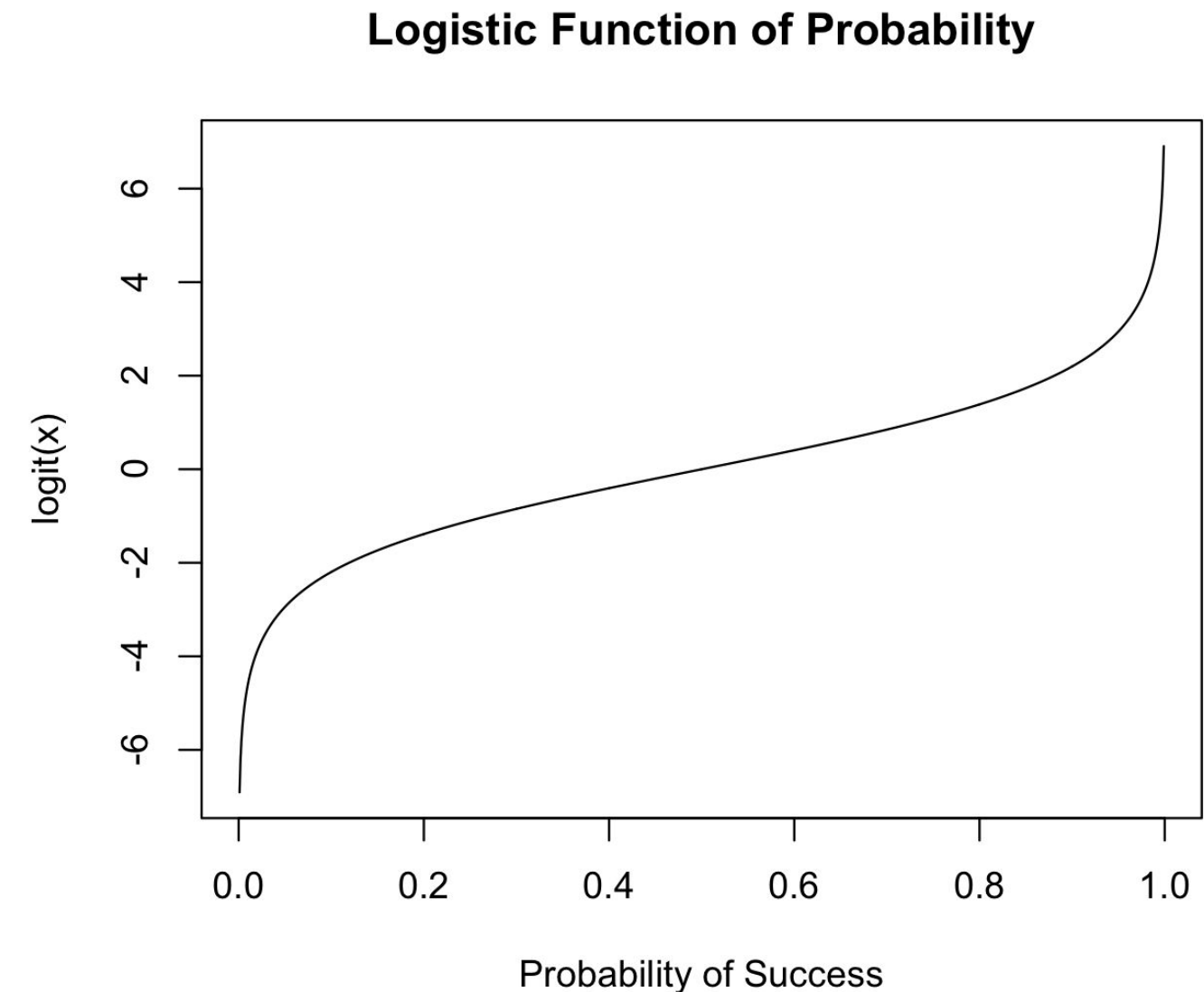
$$\hat{y} = 0.34 + 0.015 \text{ age}$$

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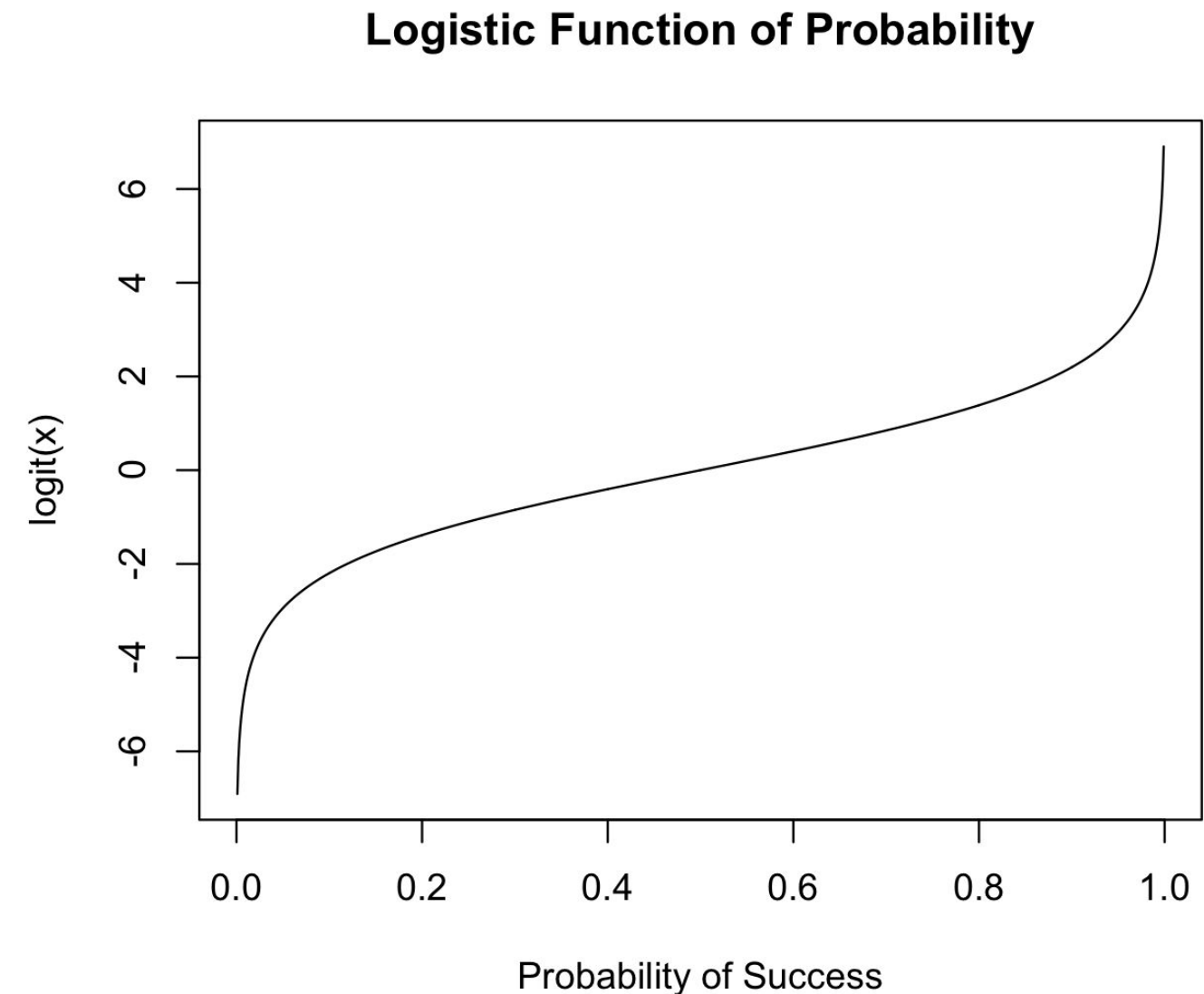
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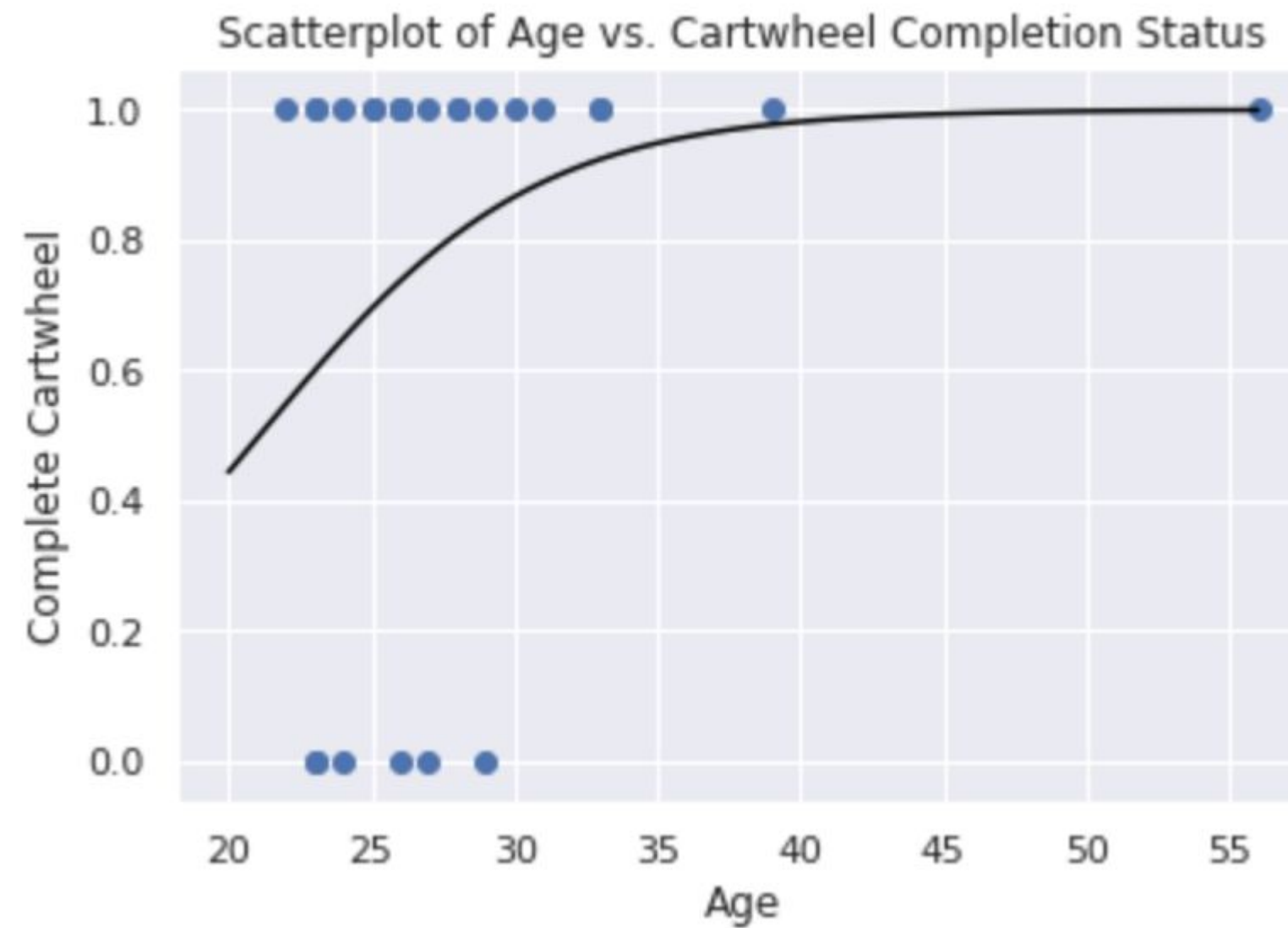


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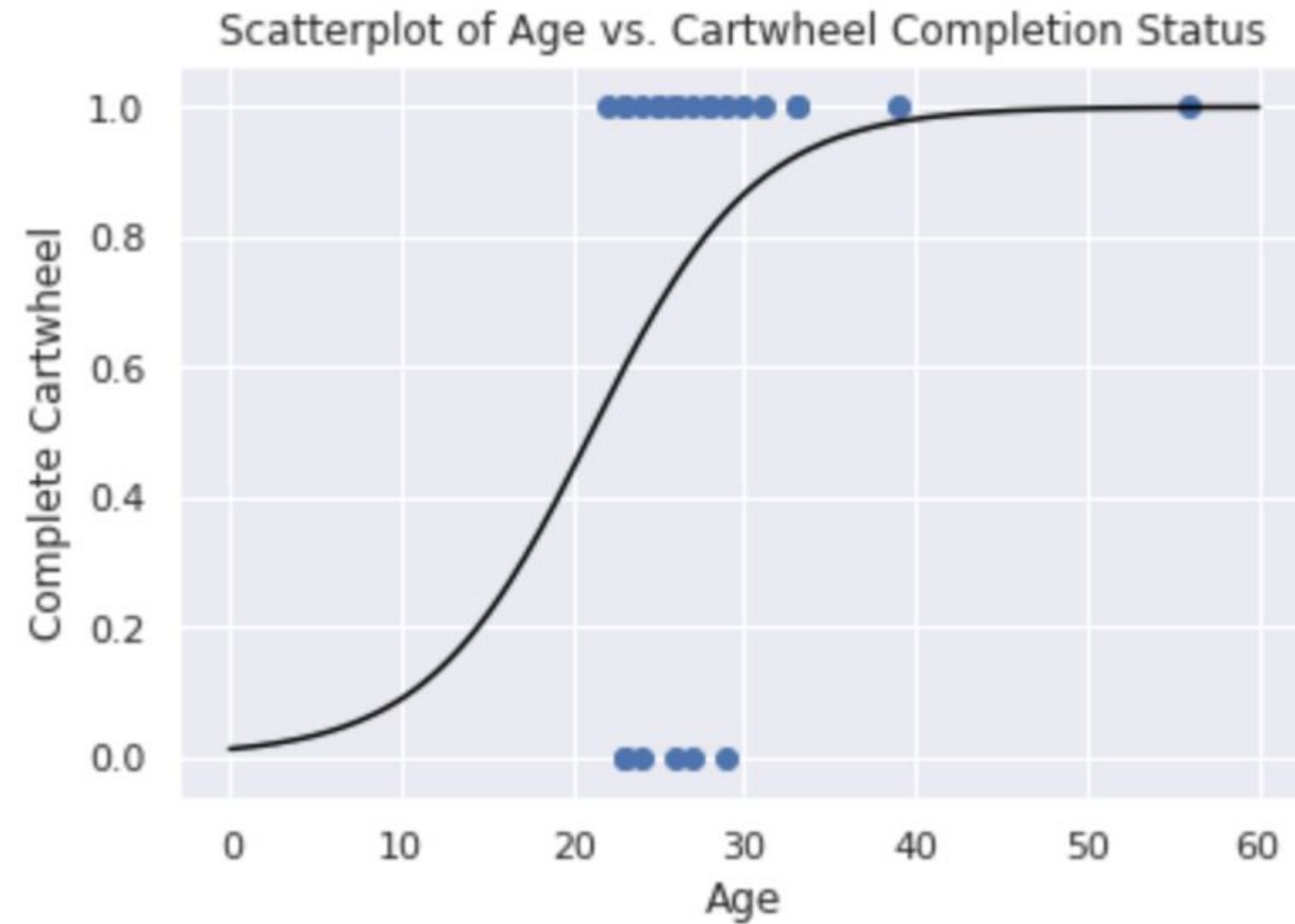
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Extrapolation IVQ

Would you feel comfortable using this model to estimate the probability that a teenager who is 15 can complete a cartwheel?

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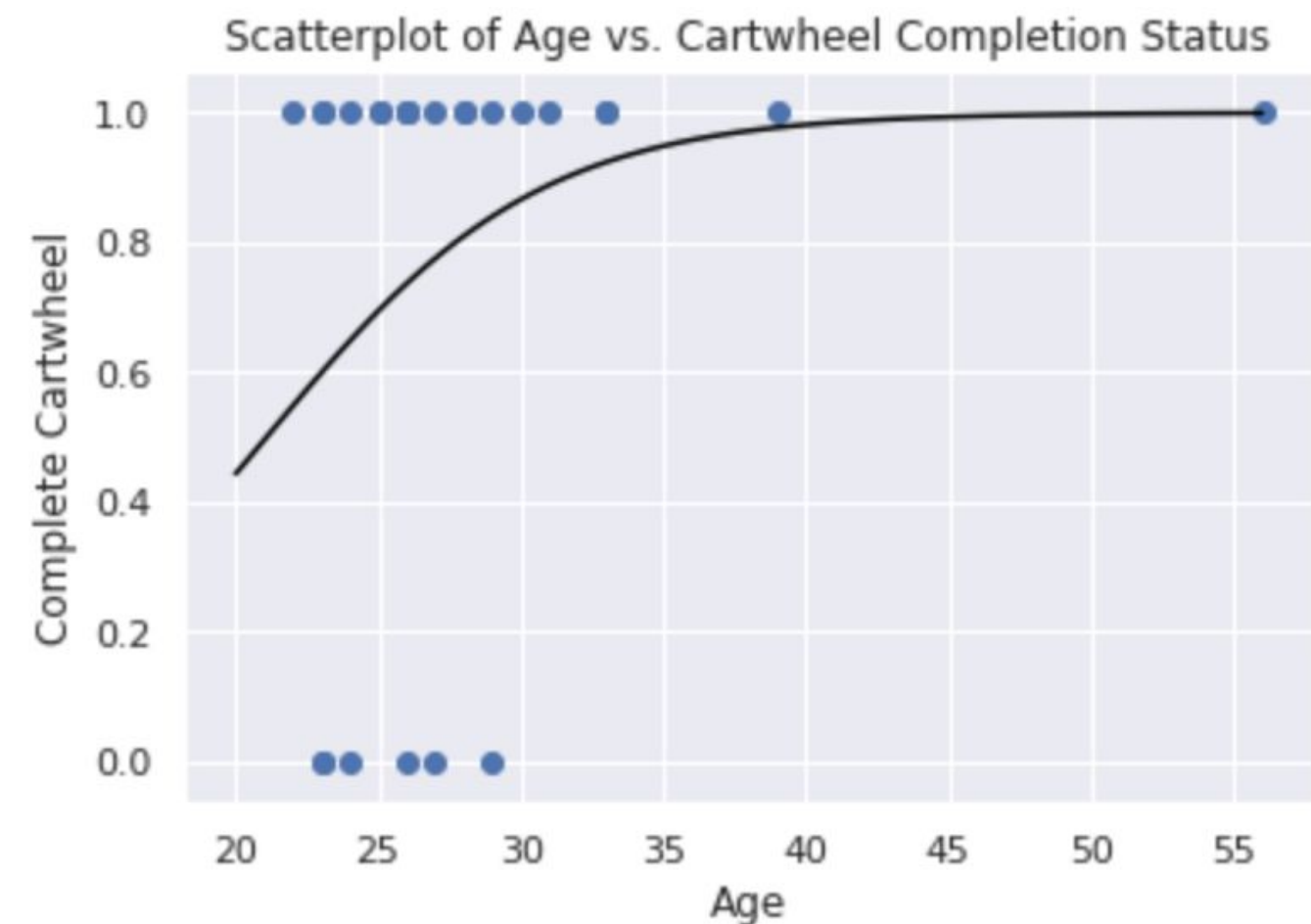
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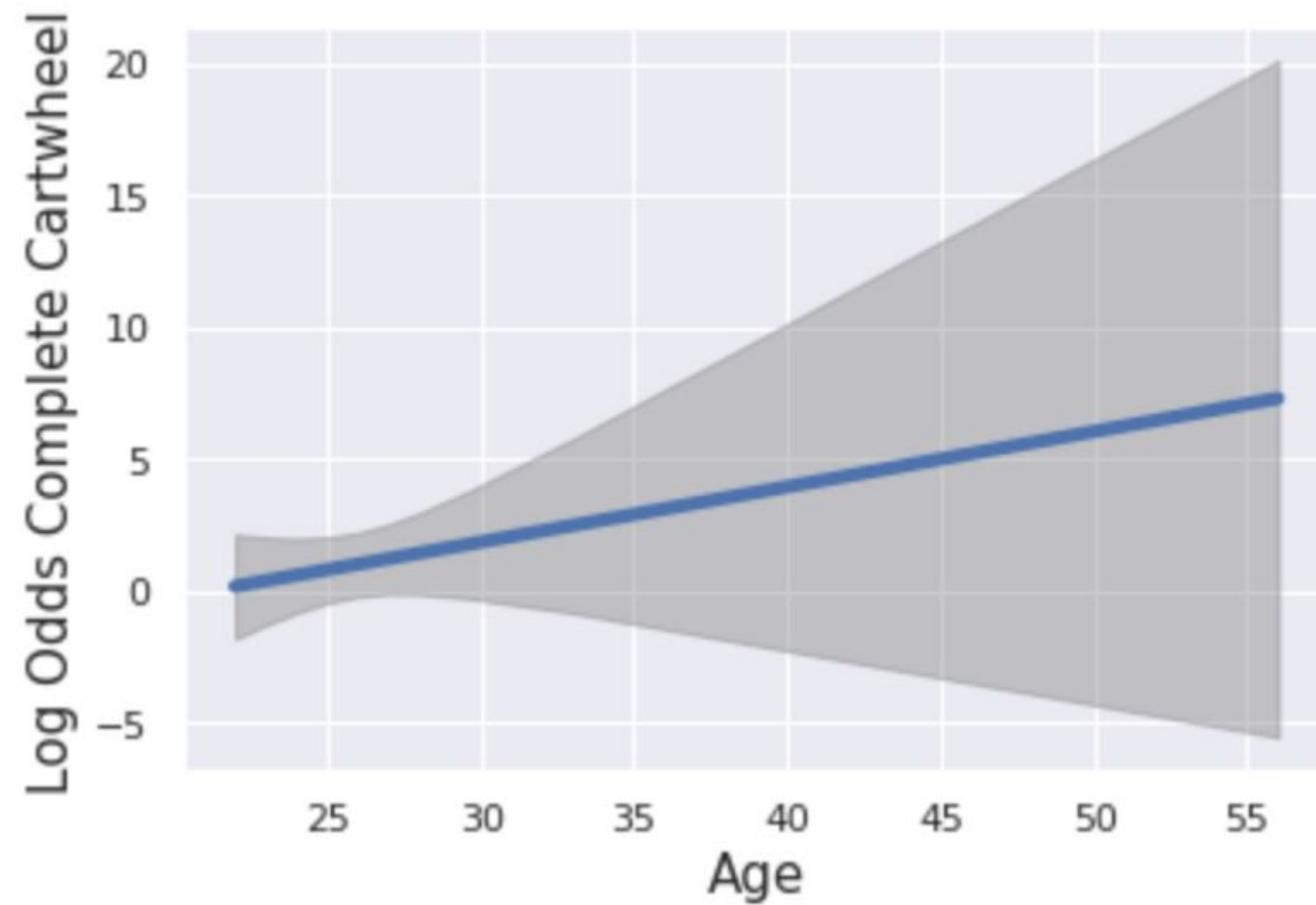
$$\begin{aligned}\text{logit}(\hat{y}) &= -4.42 + 0.2096 \text{ age} \\ &= -4.42 + 0.2096 (36) \\ &= 3.13\end{aligned}$$

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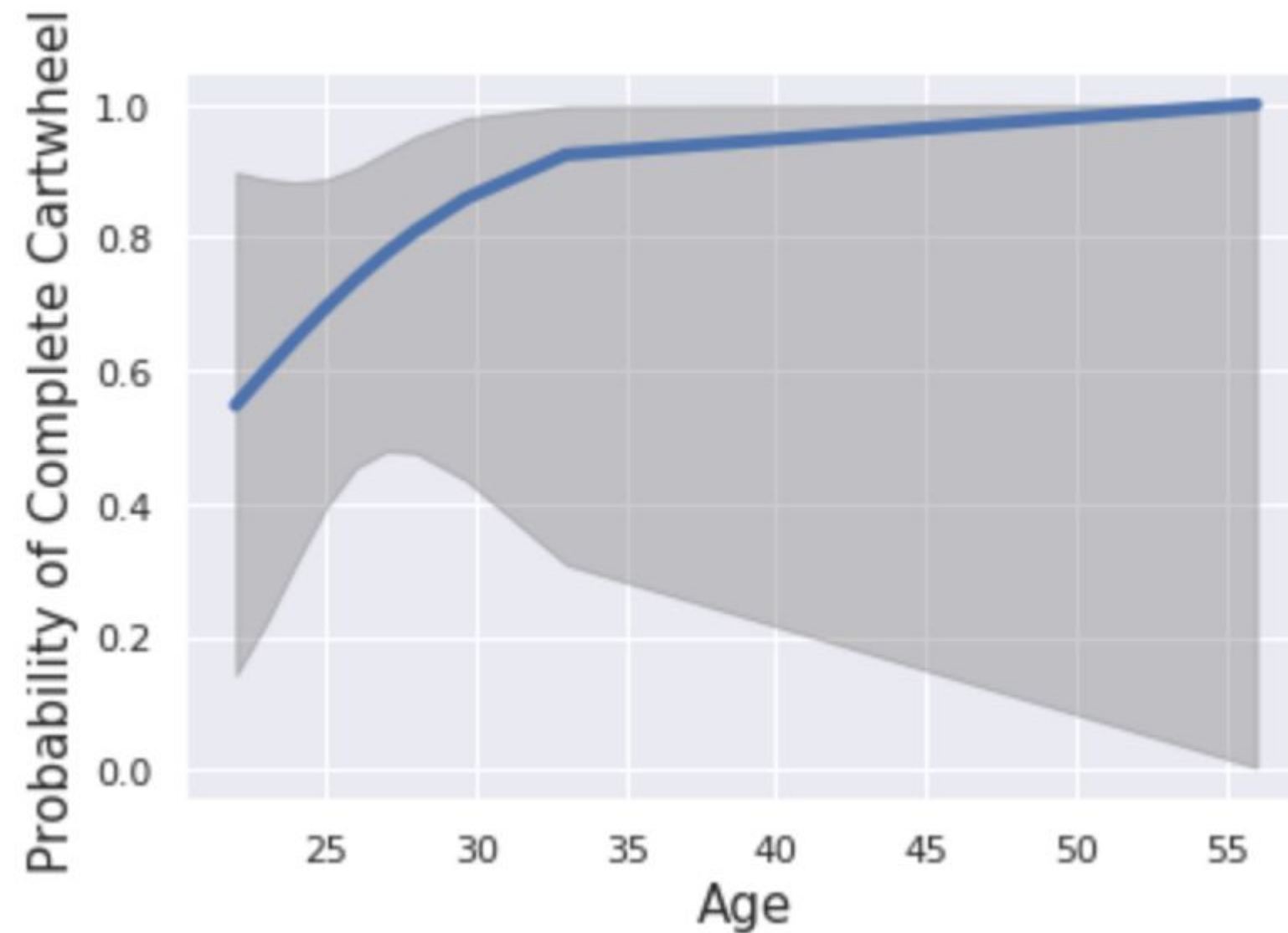
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- Using the graph on the right, estimate what the probability of success might be?



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- ~to create informative residual plots, it helps if x takes a wide range of values and to have additional covariates