

Stats*3510 - Assignment 2
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Q3

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library(data.table)
dfNFL = fread("http://users.stat.ufl.edu/~winner/data/fieldgoal.dat")
colnames(dfNFL) = c("Yardage", "SuccessIndicator", "WeekNum")
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a)

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nfl.model = glm(SuccessIndicator~Yardage, family = binomial, data = dfNFL)
summary(nfl.model)
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Coefficients:
              Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept)   5.69788    0.45110   12.63  <2e-16 ***
Yardage      -0.10991    0.01058  -10.38  <2e-16 ***
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Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)

    Null deviance: 955.38  on 947  degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 817.20  on 946  degrees of freedom
AIC: 821.2

Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 5
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b)

There is an extremely significant relationship ($p = <2e-16$) between yardage and field goals successful field goal attempts. That is, for every 1 unit increase in yardage the estimated log odds of a successful field goal attempt decreases by 0.10991.

c)

$\log(\text{odds}) = (p/1-p) = e^{B_0\text{hat}+B_1\text{hat}(X)}$:

For every 1 unit increase in yardage the estimated log odds of a successful field goal attempt decreases by 0.10991.

$\text{odds} = p = e^{B_0\text{hat}+B_1\text{hat}(X)} / (1 + e^{B_0\text{hat}+B_1\text{hat}(X)})$

For every 1 unit increase in yardage the estimated odds of a successful field goal attempt are multiplied by $e^{-(0.10991)}$

d)

Casual googling has suggested the upper limit on successful field goal attempts is around 70 yards.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{odds} &= p = e^{B_0\text{hat}+B_1\text{hat}(X)} / (1 + e^{B_0\text{hat}+B_1\text{hat}(X)}) \\ \text{Odds} &= e^{5.69788 + (-0.10991)(70)} / (1 + e^{5.69788 + (-0.10991)(70)}) \\ &= 0.119642\end{aligned}$$

The estimated odds of a successful field goal attempt at 70 yards is approximately 11.96%. I am surprised by how large this estimate is given the farthest reported successful field goal attempt in game and in practice in in the mid 60s.