

# Logistic Regression

## **History of Logistic Regression**

- Logistic function was invented in the 19<sup>th</sup> century to describe the growth of populations and the course of autocatalytic chemical reactions.
- Quetelet and Verhulst
- Population growth was described easiest by exponential growth but led to impossible values

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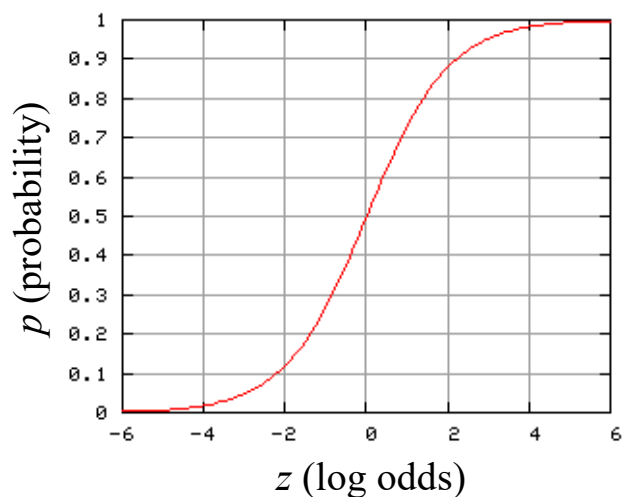
- Logistic function was the solution to a differential equation that was examined from trying to dampen exponential population growth models.

### **History of Logistic Regression**

- Published in 3 different papers around the 1840's. The first paper showed how the logistic models agreed very well with the actual course of the populations of France, Belgium, Essex, and Russia for periods up to the early 1830's.

### The Logistic Curve

$$\text{LOGIT}(p) = \ln\left(\frac{p}{(1-p)}\right) = z \Leftrightarrow p = \frac{\exp(z)}{1 + \exp(z)}$$



## Modeling discrete response variables

In a very large number of problems in cognitive science and related fields

the response variable is categorical, often *binary* (yes/no; acceptable/not acceptable; phenomenon takes place/does not take place)

potentially explanatory factors (independent variables) are categorical, numerical or both

## Binary outcomes

- Linear regression is appropriate for continuous outcomes
- in biomedical research, our outcomes are more commonly of different forms
- Binary is probably the most prevalent
  - disease versus not disease *患病, 未患病*
  - cured versus not cured
  - progressed versus not progressed
  - dead versus alive

## Examples: multinomial responses

Discrete response variable without natural ordering:

Subject decides to buy one of 4 different products

We have brain scans of subjects seeing 5 different objects, and we want to predict seen object from features of the scan

We model the chances of developing 4 different (and mutually exclusive) psychological syndromes in terms of a number of behavioural indicators

## Binomial and multinomial logistic regression models

Problems with binary (yes/no, success/failure, happens/does not happen) dependent variables are handled by (binomial) logistic regression

Problems with more than one discrete output are handled by

- ▶ ordinal logistic regression, if outputs have natural ordering
- ▶ multinomial logistic regression otherwise

The output of ordinal and especially multinomial logistic regression tends to be hard to interpret, whenever possible I try to reduce the problem to a binary choice

- ▶ E.g., if output is yes/maybe/no, treat “maybe” as “yes” and/or as “no”

## Don't be afraid of logistic regression!

Logistic regression seems less popular than linear regression

This might be due in part to historical reasons

the formal theory of generalized linear models is relatively recent: it was developed in the early nineteen-seventies  
the iterative maximum likelihood methods used for fitting logistic regression models require more computational power than solving the least squares equations

Results of logistic regression are not as straightforward to understand and interpret as linear regression results

Finally, there might also be a bit of prejudice against discrete data as less “scientifically credible” than hard-science-like continuous measurements

## Classic multiple regression

The by now familiar model:

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \times x_1 + \beta_2 \times x_2 + \dots + \beta_n \times x_n + \epsilon$$

Why will this not work if variable is binary (0/1)?

Why will it not work if we try to model proportions instead of responses (e.g., proportion of YES-responses in condition C)?

## Properties of the residuals (with linear regression)

- Nonnormal error terms
  - Each error term can only take one of two values:

$$\begin{aligned} e_i &= 1 - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_i & \text{if } y_i = 1 \\ e_i &= -\beta_0 - \beta_1 x_i & \text{if } y_i = 0 \end{aligned}$$

- Nonconstant error variance: the variance depends on X:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\hat{p}) &= p(1-p) \\ \sigma^2 &= p(1-p) \\ \sigma^2 &= (\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i)(1 - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_i) \end{aligned}$$

## Modeling log odds ratios

Following up on the “proportion of YES-responses” idea, let’s say that we want to model the probability of one of the two responses (which can be seen as the population

proportion of the relevant response for a certain choice of the values of the dependent variables)

Probability will range from 0 to 1, but we can look at the logarithm of the odds ratio instead:

$$\text{logit}(p) = \log \frac{p}{1-p}$$

This is the logarithm of the ratio of probability of 1-response to probability of 0-response

It is arbitrary what counts as a 1-response and what counts as a 0-response, although this might hinge on the ease of interpretation of the model (e.g.,

treating YES as the 1-response will probably lead to more intuitive results than treating NO as the 1-response)

Log odds ratios are not the most intuitive measure (at least for me), but they range continuously from  $-1$  to  $+1$

## Relationship between Odds & Probability

$$\text{Odds}(\text{event}) = \frac{\text{Probability}(\text{event})}{1 - \text{Probability}(\text{event})}$$

$$\text{Probability}(\text{event}) = \frac{\text{Odds}(\text{event})}{1 + \text{Odds}(\text{event})}$$

## The logistic regression model

Predicting log odds ratios:

$$\text{logit}(p) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \times x_1 + \beta_2 \times x_2 + \dots + \beta_n \times x_n$$

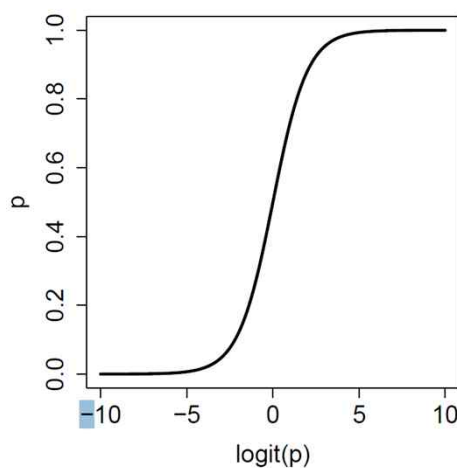
Back to probabilities:

$$p = \frac{e^{\text{logit}(p)}}{1 + e^{\text{logit}(p)}}$$

Thus:

$$p = \frac{e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 \times x_1 + \beta_2 \times x_2 + \dots + \beta_n \times x_n}}{1 + e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 \times x_1 + \beta_2 \times x_2 + \dots + \beta_n \times x_n}}$$

## From log odds ratios to probabilities

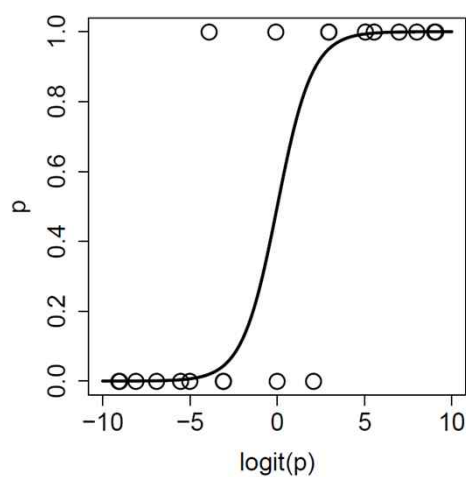


$$p = \frac{e^{x\beta}}{1 + e^{x\beta}}$$

$$\Phi^{-1}(p)$$



## Probabilities and responses



## A subtle point: no error term

NB:

$$\overset{= \text{ } p}{\text{logit}(p)} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \times x_1 + \beta_2 \times x_2 + \dots + \beta_n \times x_n$$

The outcome here is not the observation, but (a function of)  $p$ , the expected value of the *probability* of the observation given the current values of the dependent variables

This probability has the classic “coin tossing” Bernoulli distribution, and thus variance is not free parameter to be estimated from the data, but model-determined quantity given by  $p(1 - p)$

Notice that errors, computed as observation  $- p$ , are not independently normally distributed: they must be near 0 or near 1 for high and low  $ps$  and near .5 for  $ps$  in the middle

## The generalized linear model

glm

Logistic regression is an instance of a “generalized linear model”

Somewhat brutally, in a generalized linear model

a weighted linear combination of the explanatory variables models a function of the expected value of the dependent variable (the “link” function)

the actual data points are modeled in terms of a distribution function that has the expected value as a parameter

General framework that uses same fitting techniques to estimate models for different kinds of data

## Linear regression as a generalized linear model

Linear prediction of a function of the mean:

$$g(E(y)) = X\beta \quad \text{... glm model}$$

“Link” function is identity:

⇒ normality assumption ~~eq. 3~~

$$g(E(y)) = E(y)$$

Given mean, observations are normally distributed with variance estimated from the data

- This corresponds to the error term with mean 0 in the linear regression model

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“Link” function is :

$$g(E(y)) = \log \frac{E(y)}{1 - E(y)} \Rightarrow \text{---} \infty \sim \infty \text{의 값을 가질 수 있다.}$$

Given  $E(y)$ , i.e.,  $p$ , observations have a Bernoulli distribution with variance  $p(1 - p)$

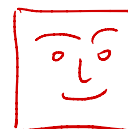
“Link” functions:  $P(Y=1)$

- Logit link:

$$\text{logit}(P(Y=1)) = \log\left(\frac{P(Y=1)}{1 - P(Y=1)}\right)$$

- Probit link:

$$\text{probit}(P(Y=1)) = \Phi^{-1}(P(Y=1))$$



→ 표준 정규 분포.

- Complementary log-log:

$$c \log \log(P(Y=1)) = \log[-\log(1 - P(Y=1))]$$

$$(1 - P(Y=1))^{-1}$$

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### The Odds Ratio

Definition of Odds Ratio: Ratio of two odds estimates.

So, if  $\text{Pr}(\text{response} \mid \text{trt}) = 0.40$  and  $\text{Pr}(\text{response} \mid \text{placebo}) = 0.20$

Then:

$$\hat{\text{Odds}}(\text{response} \mid \underbrace{\text{trt group}}_{\text{treatment}}) = \frac{0.40}{1 - 0.40} \doteq 0.667$$

$$\hat{\text{Odds}}(\text{response} \mid \underbrace{\text{placebo group}}_{\text{control group}}) = \frac{0.20}{1 - 0.20} = 0.25$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\text{OR}}(\text{Trt vs. Placebo}) \doteq \frac{0.667}{0.25} \doteq 2.67$$

## Interpretation of the Odds Ratio

• Example cont'd:

Outcome = response,  $\hat{OR}_{(trt\ vs.\ plb)} = \underline{2.67}$

Then, the odds of a response in the treatment group were estimated to be 2.67 times the odds of having a response in the placebo group.

Alternatively, the odds of having a response were 167% higher in the treatment group than in the placebo group.

$\frac{90}{70} \dots$   $\frac{10}{30}$  ]  $\frac{90}{70} \div \frac{10}{30} = 2.67$   
 $\Rightarrow$  How much more likely the treatment group was to respond (vs placebo) compared to placebo

## Assumptions in logistic regression

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  - $Y_i$  are from Bernoulli or binomial ( $n_i, \mu_i$ ) distribution
  - $Y_i$  are independent
  - Log odds  $P(Y_i = 1)$  or logit  $P(Y_i = 1)$  is a linear function of covariates

- Relationships among probability, odds and log odds

Measure	Min	Max	Name
$\Pr(Y=1)$	0	1	prob
$\frac{\Pr(Y = 1)}{1 - \Pr(Y = 1)}$	0	$\infty$	odds
$\log\left(\frac{\Pr(Y = 1)}{1 - \Pr(Y = 1)}\right)$	$-\infty$	$\infty$	log odds

### Commonality between linear and logistic regression

- Operating on the logit scale allows a linear model that is similar to linear regression to be applied
- Both linear and logistic regression are apart of the family of Generalized Linear Models (GLM)

## Logistic Regression is a General Linear Model (GLM)

- Family of regression models that use the same general framework
- Outcome variable determines choice of model

Outcome	GLM Model
Continuous	Linear regression
(binary) = Dichotomous	Logistic regression
Counts	Poisson regression

## Estimation of logistic regression models

Minimizing the sum of squared errors is not a good way to fit a logistic regression model

The least squares method is based on the assumption that errors are normally distributed and independent of the expected (fitted) values

As we just discussed, in logistic regression errors depend on the expected ( $p$ ) values (large variance near .5, variance approaching 0 as  $p$  approaches 1 or 0), and for each  $p$  they can take only two values ( $1 - p$  if response was 1,  $p - 0$  otherwise)

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \varepsilon \rightarrow \text{오차}$$

$$\hat{y} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x + e \rightarrow \text{잔차}$$

$$\varepsilon = \hat{e}$$

→ 오차의 잔차 추정

$\hat{\varepsilon} = \hat{e} = \hat{y} - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 x$

### Logistic Regression Models are estimated by Maximum Likelihood

- Using this estimation gives model coefficient estimates that are asymptotically consistent, efficient, and normally distributed.
- Thus, a 95% Confidence Interval for  $\beta_K$  is given by:

$$\hat{\beta}_K \pm z_{\alpha/2} \left( SE_{\hat{\beta}_K} \right)$$

$$= (L, U)$$

→ 95% 신뢰구간

### Logistic Regression Models are estimated by Maximum Likelihood

- The Odds Ratio for the  $k^{\text{th}}$  model coefficient is:

$$\underline{\hat{OR} = \exp(\hat{\beta}_K)}$$

- We can also get a 95% CI for the  $\hat{OR}$  from:

$$= (e^L, e^U)$$

where  $(L, U)$  is a 95% CI for  $\beta_K$

→ Odds Ratio의 신뢰구간



## Estimation of logistic regression models

The  $\beta$  terms are estimated instead by maximum likelihood, i.e., by searching for that set of  $\beta$ s that will make the observed responses maximally likely (i.e., a set of  $\beta$  that will in general assign a high  $p$  to 1-responses and a low  $p$  to 0-responses)

There is no closed-form solution to this problem, and the optimal  $\vec{\beta}$  tuning is found with iterative “trial and error” techniques

Least-squares fitting is finding the maximum likelihood estimate for linear regression and *vice versa* maximum likelihood fitting is done by a form of *weighted* least squares fitting

## Interpreting the $\beta$ s

Again, as a rough-and-ready criterion, if a  $\beta$  is more than 2 standard errors away from 0, we can say that the corresponding explanatory variable has an effect that is significantly different from 0 (at  $\alpha = 0.05$ )

However,  $p$  is not a linear function of  $X\beta$ , and the same  $\beta$  will correspond to a more drastic impact on  $p$  towards the center of the  $p$  range than near the extremes (recall the S shape of the  $p$  curve)

As a rule of thumb (the “divide by 4” rule),  $\beta/4$  is an upper bound on the difference in  $p$  brought about by a unit difference on the corresponding explanatory variable

P-value

=) 귀무가설이 맞는지 가정해볼 때  
 0.05에 있는 데이터가 0.05에  
 임의적 데이터가 귀무가설을  
 뒷받침하는 확률

## Goodness of fit 이론적 접근과 예측이 얼마나 합치는지

Again, measures such as  $R^2$  based on residual errors are not very informative

One intuitive measure of fit is the *error rate*, given by the proportion of data points in which the model assigns  $p > .5$  to 0-responses or  $p < .5$  to 1-responses

This can be compared to baseline in which the model always predicts 1 if majority of data-points are 1 or 0 if majority of data-points are 0 (baseline error rate given by proportion of minority responses over total)

Some information lost (a .9 and a .6 prediction are treated equally)

Other measures of fit proposed in the literature, no widely agreed upon standard

## Binned goodness of fit

Goodness of fit can be inspected visually by grouping the  $p$ s into equally wide bins (0-0.1, 0.1-0.2, ...) and plotting the average  $p$  predicted by the model for the points in each bin vs. the observed proportion of 1-responses for the data points in the bin

We can also compute a  $R^2$  or other goodness of fit measure on these binned data

## Deviance

Deviance is an important measure of fit of a model, used also to compare models

Simplifying somewhat, the deviance of a model is  $-2$  times the log likelihood of the data under the model

- plus a constant that would be the same for all models for the same data, and so can be ignored since we always look at differences in deviance

deviance는  
불일치 정도

The larger the deviance, the worse the fit

As we add parameters, deviance decreases

## Deviance

The difference in deviance between a simpler and a more complex model approximates a  $\chi^2$  distribution with the difference in number of parameters as df's

This leads to the handy rule of thumb that the improvement is significant (at  $\alpha = .05$ ) if the deviance difference is larger than the parameter difference (play around with `pchisq()` in R to see that this is the case)

A model can also be compared against the “null” model that always predicts the same  $p$  (given by the proportion of 1-responses in the data) and has only one parameter (the fixed predicted value)

np > 5 & nq > 52000

⇒ proportion ~ N

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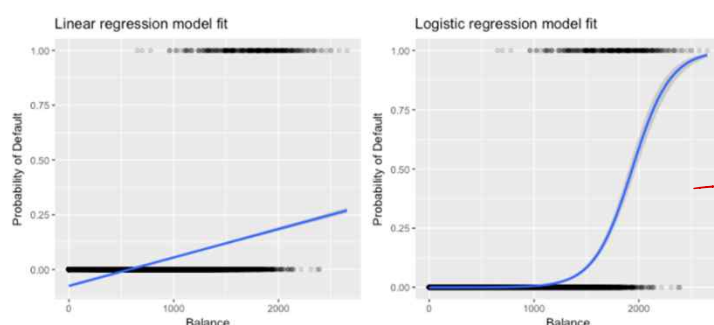
## Replication Requirements

- # Packages
- `library(tidyverse)` # data manipulation and visualization
- `library(modelr)` # provides easy pipeline modeling functions
- `library(broom)` # helps to tidy up model outputs
  
- # Load data
- `(default <- as_tibble(ISLR::Default))`

## Why Logistic Regression

$$Y = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if epileptic seizure;} \\ 2, & \text{if stroke;} \\ 3, & \text{if drug overdose.} \end{cases}$$

probability odds ratio  
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 $\Phi(\eta) = \frac{e^\eta}{1+e^\eta} \rightarrow \text{오dds}$



$$p = \frac{e^\eta}{1+e^\eta}$$

## Preparing Data

- split data into a training (60%) and testing (40%) data sets so we can assess how well our model performs on an out-of-sample data set.

$\Rightarrow$  cross validation

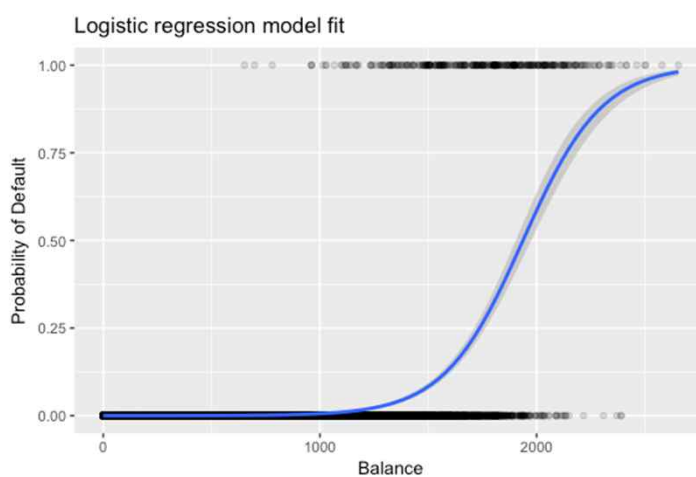
- set.seed(123)
- sample <- sample(c(TRUE, FALSE), nrow(default), replace = T, prob = c(0.6, 0.4))  $\Rightarrow$  true label을 60%로 지정
- train <- default[sample, ]
- test <- default[!sample, ]

## Simple Logistic Regression

- `model1 <- glm(default ~ balance, family = "binomial", data = train)`

$$\ell(\beta_0, \beta_1) = \prod_{i:y_i=1} p(x_i) \prod_{i':y_{i'}=0} (1 - p(x_{i'}))$$

```
default %>%
  mutate(prob = ifelse(default == "Yes", 1, 0)) %>%
  ggplot(aes(balance, prob)) +
  geom_point(alpha = .15) +
  geom_smooth(method = "glm", method.args = list(family = "binomial")) +
  ggtitle("Logistic regression model fit") +
  xlab("Balance") +
  ylab("Probability of Default")
```



```
summary(model1)
##
## Call:
## glm(formula = default ~ balance, family = "binomial", data = train)
##
## Deviance Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -2.2905  -0.1395  -0.0528  -0.0189   3.3346
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
## (Intercept) -1.101e+01  4.887e-01  -22.52  <2e-16 ***
## balance      5.669e-03  2.949e-04   19.22  <2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## (Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
##
##      Null deviance: 1723.03  on 6046  degrees of freedom
## Residual deviance:  908.69  on 6045  degrees of freedom
## AIC: 912.69
##
## Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 8
```

## Assessing Coefficients

```
tidy(model1)
```

	term	estimate	std.error	statistic	p.value
## 1	(Intercept)	-11.006277528	0.488739437	-22.51972	2.660162e-112
## 2	balance	0.005668817	0.000294946	19.21985	2.525157e-82

```
exp(coef(model1))
## (Intercept)      balance
## 1.659718e-05 1.005685e+00
```

```
confint(model1)
##              2.5 %      97.5 %
## (Intercept) -12.007610373 -10.089360652
## balance      0.005111835   0.006269411
```