

# Generalized Linear Models and their Applications

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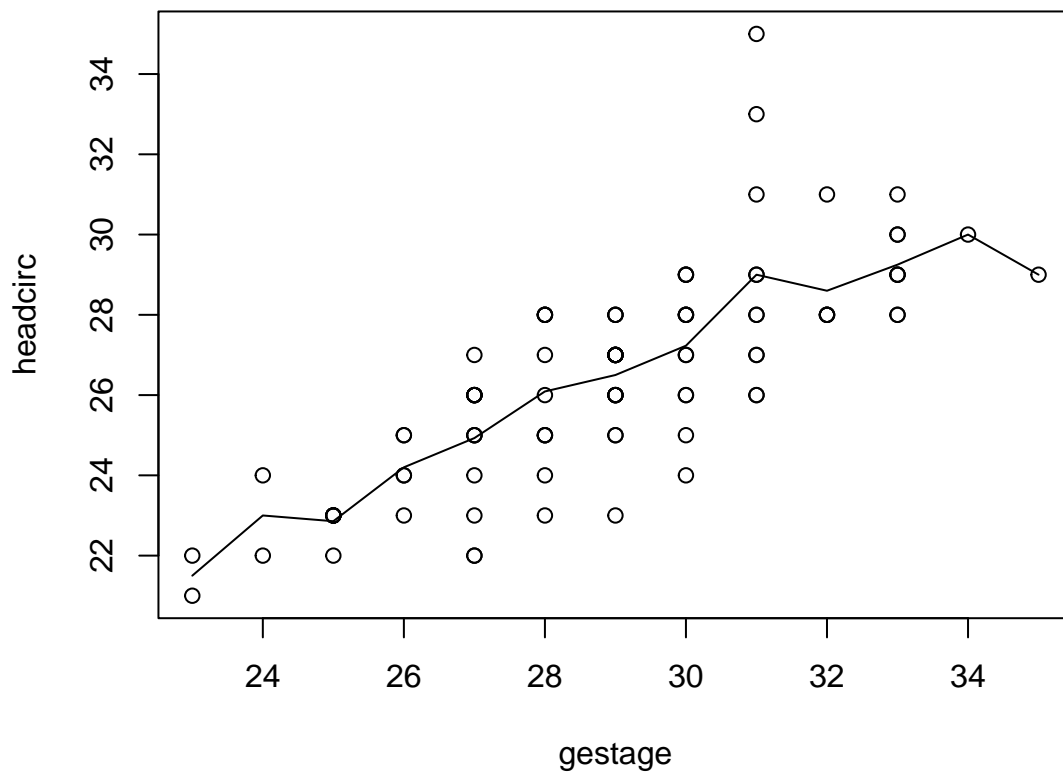
## Topic 1a: Review of Linear Regression

### Example: low birthweight infants study<sup>1</sup>

A study was conducted at two teaching hospitals in Boston, Massachusetts, where the head circumference, gestational age and some other variables are recorded for 100 low birth weight infants.

Question: what is the relationship between *gestational age* & *head circumference*?

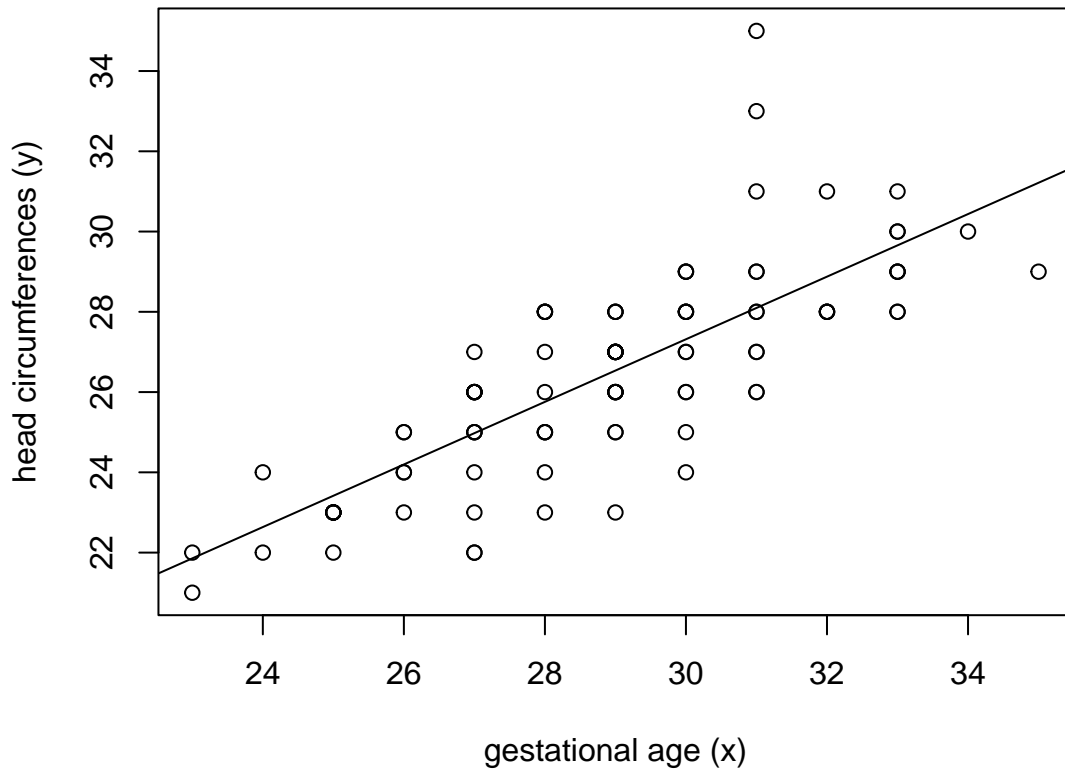
### A Scatterplot of the Data



We wish to model the relationship between *gestational age* and *head circumference* using a straight line!

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<sup>1</sup>Principles of Biostatistics 2nd Edition by Marcello Pagano, Kimberlee Gauvreau.



## The Model Fitting Process

- ① **Model Specification:** select a probability distribution for the response variable and a linear equation linking the response to the explanatory variables.
- ② **Estimation:** finding the equation (the parameters of the model).
- ③ **Model checking:** how well does the model fit the data?
- ④ **Inference:** interpret the fitted model, calculate confidence intervals, conduct hypothesis tests.

### ① Model Specification

#### Notation

For each subject  $i = 1, \dots, n$  we have:

- $Y_i$  = random variable representing the response, and
- $\mathbf{x}_i = (1, x_{i1}, \dots, x_{ip})^\top$  a vector of explanatory variables.

### Specification for Multiple Linear Regression

- Linear regression equation:

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \cdots + \beta_p x_{ip} + \varepsilon_i \text{ where } \varepsilon_i \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2).$$

- Equivalently,  $Y_i$ 's are independent  $\mathcal{N}(\mu_i, \sigma^2)$  random variables or

$$\mu_i = \mathbb{E}[Y_i] = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \cdots + \beta_p x_{ip}.$$

- For convenience, we often write linear regression models in matrix form as

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon},$$

where

$$\mathbf{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \\ \vdots \\ Y_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_{11} & \cdots & x_{1p} \\ 1 & x_{21} & \cdots & x_{2p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_{n1} & \cdots & x_{np} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \boldsymbol{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_p \end{bmatrix}, \quad \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \vdots \\ \varepsilon_n \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \sim \text{MVN}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}).$$

## ② Estimation

### Least Squares Method

We wish to minimize a loss function:

$$\begin{aligned} S(\boldsymbol{\beta}) &= \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - (\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \cdots + \beta_p x_{ip}))^2 \\ &= (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})^\top (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}). \end{aligned}$$

The least squares estimators (LSE) are the solutions to the equations:

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial \boldsymbol{\beta}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\beta}} (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})^\top (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}) = 0.$$

### Maximum Likelihood Method

The probability density function for  $Y_i$  is:

$$f(y_i) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (y_i - (\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \cdots + \beta_p x_{ip}))^2\right\}.$$

The log-likelihood function is therefore:

$$\begin{aligned}\ell(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2) &= \log\left(\prod_{i=1}^n f(y_i)\right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(-\frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (y_i - (\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \dots + \beta_p x_{ip}))^2\right) \\ &= -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})^\top (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}).\end{aligned}$$

The maximum likelihood estimators (MLE) of  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  are obtained by solving:

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \boldsymbol{\beta}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{\beta}} \left[ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})^\top (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}) \right] = 0.$$

- **Parameter Estimates:** For linear regression LSE and MLE of  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  are the same

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = (\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{Y}.$$

- **Fitted values:**  $\hat{\mathbf{Y}} = \mathbf{X}\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$ .
- **Residuals:**  $\hat{r}_i = (y_i - \hat{y}_i)$ .
- **Variance estimates:**

- An unbiased estimate of  $\sigma^2$  is:

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n - (p + 1)} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{r}_i^2.$$

- An estimate of the variance of  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$  is:

$$\widehat{\mathbf{V}}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) = \hat{\sigma}^2 (\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1}.$$

### Low Birthweight Infant Data Example

- For  $n = 100$  infants, we have observed  $Y_i$  = head circumference and  $x_i$  = gestational age for baby  $i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 100$ .
- Consider a simple linear regression model:

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \varepsilon_i.$$

- We can fit the model and obtain LSE/MSE using the `lm()` function in R.

```
lowbwt <- read.table("lowbwt.txt", header = T)
fit <- lm(headcirc ~ gestage, data = lowbwt)
summary(fit)
```

```
Call:
lm(formula = headcirc ~ gestage, data = lowbwt)
```

```
Residuals:
    Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
-3.5358 -0.8760 -0.1458  0.9041  6.9041
```

```

Coefficients:
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept)  3.91426    1.82915    2.14   0.0348 *
gestage      0.78005    0.06307   12.37  <2e-16 ***
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Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 1.59 on 98 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared:  0.6095, Adjusted R-squared:  0.6055
F-statistic: 152.9 on 1 and 98 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

```

- What is the interpretation of regression parameters  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$ ?
  - $\beta_0$  (intercept): expected headcirc for a baby of a gestational age zero ( $x = 0$ ).
  - $\beta_1$  (slope): expected change in headcirc associated with a one unit increase in gestational age.

### ③ Model Checking

Standardized Residuals:

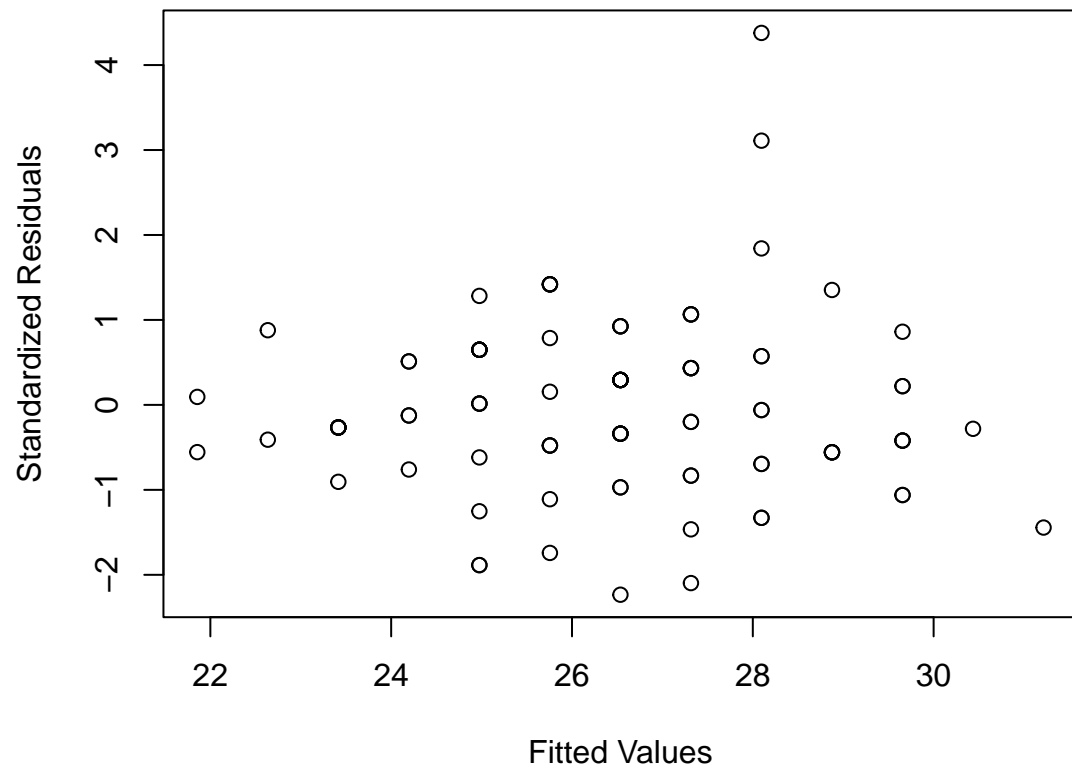
$$d_i = \frac{r_i}{\sqrt{\hat{\sigma}^2(1 - h_{ii})}},$$

where  $h_{ii}$  is the  $(i, i)$  element of  $\mathbf{H} = (\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top$ . By asymptotic theory, if the model provides a good fit to the data then we should expect that:

$$d_i \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, 1).$$

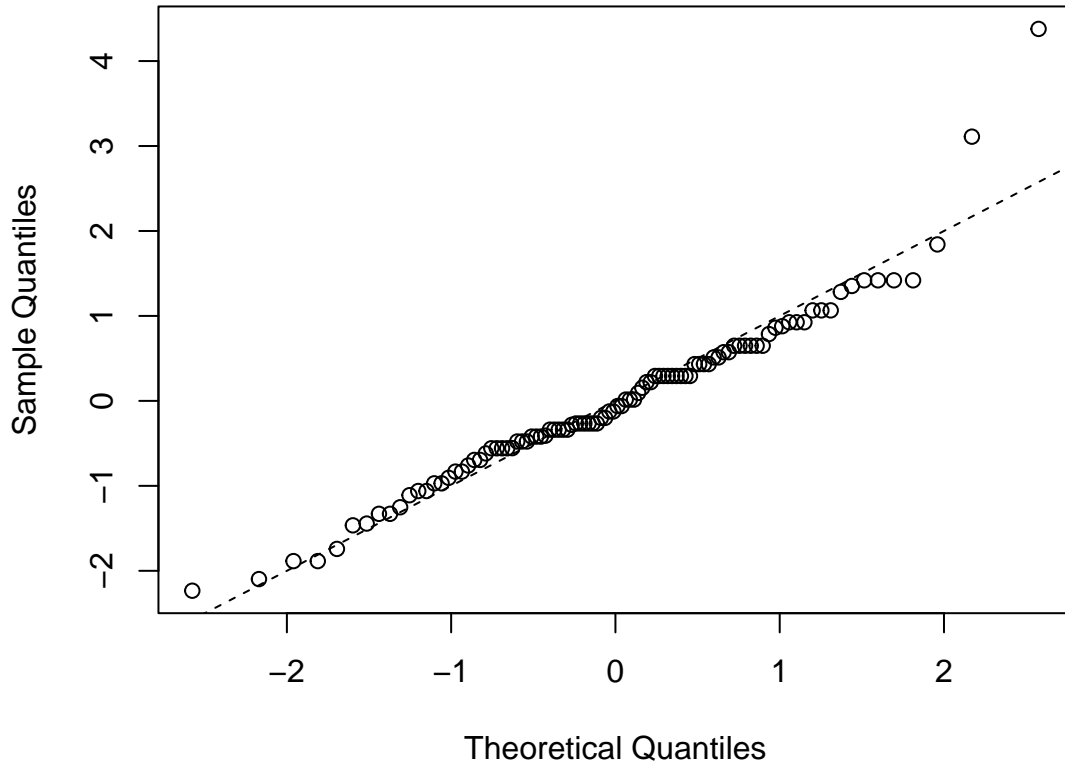
We visually check this by examining residual plots such as:

- Standardized residuals versus the fitted values.
- Standardized residuals versus the explanatory variable(s).
- Normal probability plot (QQ plot) of the standardized residuals.





## Normal Q-Q Plot



### ④ Inference

- Under suitable assumptions, the fitted regression parameters are asymptotically normally distributed:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\beta} &\sim \text{MVN}(\beta, \sigma^2(\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1}), \\ \hat{\beta}_j &\sim \mathcal{N}(\beta_j, \sigma^2 v_{jj}), \quad \text{where } v_{jj} = [(\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1}]_{(j,j)}.\end{aligned}$$

- Since  $\sigma^2$  is generally unknown, we replace it with the unbiased estimate  $\hat{\sigma}^2$ , and obtain  $\text{se}(\hat{\beta}_j) = \sqrt{\hat{\sigma}^2 v_{jj}}$ .
- The inference is then based on the  $t$ -distribution result:

$$\frac{\hat{\beta}_j - \beta_j}{\text{se}(\hat{\beta}_j)} \sim t_{n-p-1}.$$

### Low Birthweight Infant Data Example

- Is there a significant (linear) relationship between head circumference and gestational age?

We wish to test  $H_0: \beta_1 = 0$  vs  $H_A: \beta_1 \neq 0$ .

$$t = \frac{\hat{\beta}_1 - (0)}{\text{se}(\hat{\beta}_1)} \sim t_{98},$$

if  $H_0$  is true, and we reject  $H_0$  if  $|t| > t_{98,0.975} = 1.985$ . Here we have  $t = 0.78/0.063 = 12.37 \gg 1.985$ , so we reject  $H_0$ .

- What is the 95 % confidence interval for the expected increase in head circumference when the gestational age of a baby increases by 1 week?

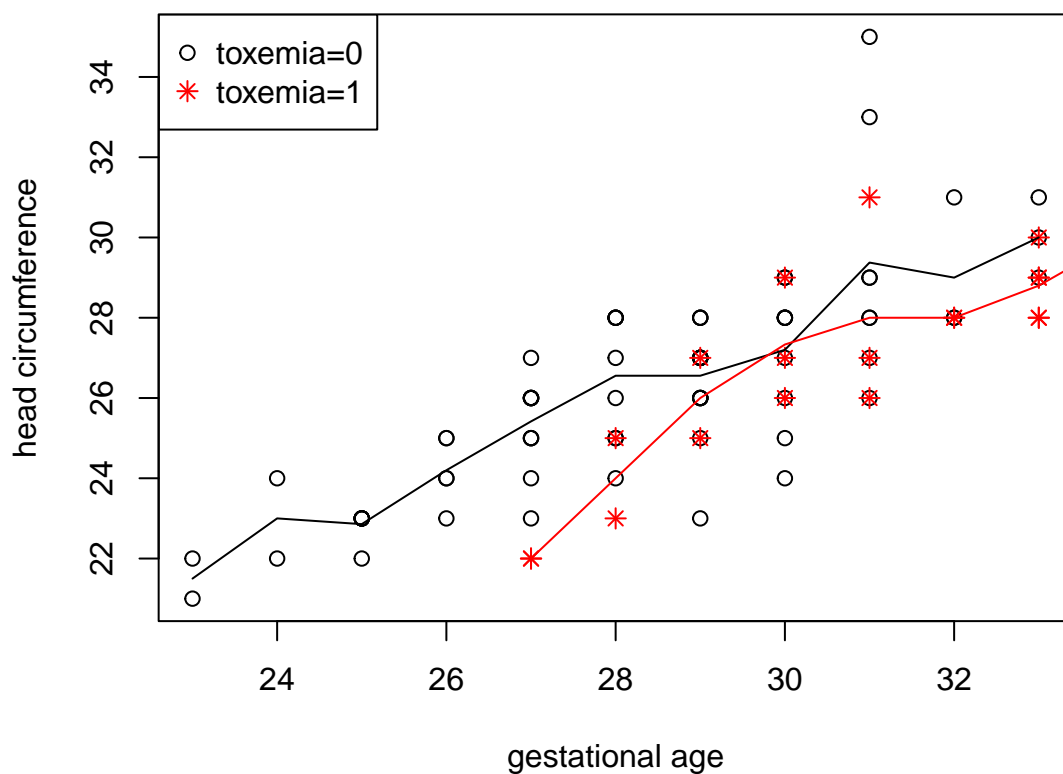
A 95 % CI for  $\beta_1$ :

$$\hat{\beta}_1 \pm t_{98,0.975} \text{se}(\hat{\beta}_1) = 0.78 \pm 1.985(0.063) = (0.665, 0.905).$$

## Linear models with multiple predictors

### Low Birthweight Infant Data Example

- Toxemia*, a pregnancy complication characterized by high blood pressure and signs of damage to liver and kidneys, may also have an impact on the development of babies.



- Does *toxemia*, after adjustment for gestational age, also affect the head circumference?

```
fit <- lm(headcirc ~ gestage + factor(toxemia), data = lowbwt)
summary(fit)
```

```
Call:
lm(formula = headcirc ~ gestage + factor(toxemia), data = lowbwt)
```

```
Residuals:
    Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
```

```
-3.8427 -0.8427 -0.0525 0.8109 6.4092
```

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
(Intercept)	1.49558	1.86799	0.801	0.42530
gestage	0.87404	0.06561	13.322	< 2e-16 ***
factor(toxemia)1	-1.41233	0.40615	-3.477	0.00076 ***

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Residual standard error: 1.507 on 97 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.6528, Adjusted R-squared: 0.6456

F-statistic: 91.18 on 2 and 97 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

What is the interpretation of  $\beta_2$ ?

$\hat{\beta}_3 = -1.41233$ . After adjustment of gestational age, the babies whose mothers had toxemia have smaller (by 1.41 cm) than those whose mothers did not. This difference is significant (test  $H_0: \beta_2 = 0$ ,  $p$ -value =  $0.0076 < 0.05$ ).

- Is the rate of increase of head circumference with gestational age the same for infants whose mothers with toxemia as those whose mother without it?

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \beta_2 x_{i2} + \beta_3 x_{i1} x_{i2} + \varepsilon_i.$$

```
fit <- lm(headcirc ~ gestage * factor(toxemia), data = lowbwt)
summary(fit)
```

Call:

```
lm(formula = headcirc ~ gestage * factor(toxemia), data = lowbwt)
```

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-3.8366	-0.8366	-0.0928	0.7910	6.4341

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
(Intercept)	1.76291	2.10225	0.839	0.404
gestage	0.86461	0.07390	11.700	<2e-16 ***
factor(toxemia)1	-2.81503	4.98515	-0.565	0.574
gestage:factor(toxemia)1	0.04617	0.16352	0.282	0.778

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Residual standard error: 1.515 on 96 degrees of freedom

Multiple R-squared: 0.6531, Adjusted R-squared: 0.6422

F-statistic: 60.23 on 3 and 96 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

What is the interpretation of  $\beta_3$ ?

$\beta_3$  is the differences in slopes between the two groups (toxemia=1 vs toxemia=0). We want to test  $H_0: \beta_3 = 0$ ,  $t = 0.282$ ,  $p$ -value =  $0.778 > 0.05$ . No evidence to reject  $H_0$ .

## Limitations of Linear Regression

Linear regression models can be very useful but may not be appropriate to use when response  $Y$  is not continuous and can not be assumed to be normally distributed, e.g.,

- Binary data ( $Y = 0$  or  $Y = 1$ ),
- Count data ( $Y = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ).

**Generalized Linear Models (GLM)** extend the linear regression framework to address the above issue.

- Suitable for continuous and discrete data.
- Normal/Gaussian linear regression is a special case of GLM.
- Inference based on maximum likelihood methods (review next class — 431 Appendix, Stat 330 notes).

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## Topic 1b: Review of Likelihood Methods

### Distributions with a Single Parameter

#### Setup

- Suppose  $Y$  is a random variable with probability density (or mass) function  $f(y; \theta)$ , where  $\theta \in \Omega$  is a continuous parameter.
- The true value of  $\theta$  is unknown.
- We wish to make inferences about  $\theta$  (i.e., we may want to estimate  $\theta$ , calculate a 95 % CI or carry out tests of hypotheses regarding  $\theta$ ).

### Likelihood Function

- The **Likelihood function** is any function which is proportional to the probability of observing the data one actually obtained, i.e.,

$$L(\theta; y) = cf(y; \theta) = c\mathbb{P}(Y = y; \theta),$$

where  $c$  is a *proportionality constant* that does not depend on  $\theta$ .

- $L(\theta; y)$  contains all the information regarding  $\theta$  from the data.
- $L(\theta; y)$  ranks the various parameter values in terms of their consistency with the data.
- Since  $L(\theta; y)$  is defined in terms of the random variable  $y$ , it is itself a random variable.

### Maximum Likelihood Estimator

- For the purposes of estimation we typically want to find  $\theta$  value that makes the observed data the most likely (hence the term **maximum likelihood**).
- The **maximum likelihood estimator (MLE)** of  $\theta$  is

$$\hat{\theta} = \arg \max_{\theta} L(\theta; y).$$

- Estimation becomes a simple optimization problem!

- It is often easier to work with the logarithm of the likelihood function, i.e., the **log-likelihood function**

$$\ell(\theta; y) = \log(L(\theta; y)).$$

- Equivalently, since the  $\log(\cdot)$  function is monotonic, the value of  $\theta$  that maximizes  $L(\theta; y)$  also maximizes the log-likelihood  $\ell(\theta; y)$ .
- For simplicity, we drop the  $y$  and use  $L(\theta) = L(\theta; y)$  and  $\ell(\theta) = \ell(\theta; y)$ .

## A List of Important Functions

- **Log-likelihood function:**  $\ell(\theta) = \log(L(\theta))$ .
- **Score function:**  $S(\theta) = \frac{\partial \ell(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = \ell'(\theta)$ .
- **Information function:**  $I(\theta) = -\frac{\partial^2 \ell(\theta)}{\partial \theta^2} = -\ell''(\theta)$ .
- **Fisher information function:**  $\mathcal{I}(\theta) = \mathbb{E}[I(\theta)]$ .
- **Relative likelihood function:**  $R(\theta) = L(\theta)/L(\hat{\theta})$ .
- **Log relative likelihood function:**  $r(\theta) = \log(L(\theta)/L(\hat{\theta})) = \ell(\theta) - \ell(\hat{\theta})$ .

## Maximum Likelihood Estimation

- Want  $\theta$  that maximizes  $\ell(\theta)$ , or equivalently solves  $S(\theta) = 0$ .
- Sometimes  $S(\theta) = 0$  can be solved explicitly (easy in this case), but often we must solve iteratively.
- Check that the solution corresponds to a maxima of  $\ell(\theta)$  by verifying the value of the second derivative at  $\hat{\theta}$  is negative, or

$$I(\hat{\theta}) = -\ell''(\hat{\theta}) > 0.$$

- **Invariance property of MLEs:** if  $g(\theta)$  is any function of the parameter  $\theta$ , then the MLE of  $g(\theta)$  is  $g(\hat{\theta})$ .

If  $\hat{\theta}$  is the MLE of  $\theta$ , then  $e^{\hat{\theta}}$  is the MLE of  $e^{\theta}$ .

## Example: Binomial Distribution

### Example: Binomial Distribution

- A study was conducted to examine the risk for hormone use in healthy postmenopausal women.
- Suppose a group of  $n$  women received a combined hormone therapy, and were monitored for the development of breast cancer during 8.5 years follow-up.
- Let

$$Y_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{, if woman } i \text{ developed breast cancer,} \\ 0 & \text{, otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

- Suppose  $Y_i \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{BERN}(\pi)$  where  $\pi = \mathbb{P}(Y_i = 1)$ , then the total number of woman developed breast cancer is:

$$Y = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i \sim \text{BIN}(n, \pi).$$

- We wish to find the MLE of unknown parameter  $\pi$  (probability of cancer).

- **Likelihood function:**

$$L(\pi; y) = c \mathbb{P}(Y = y; \pi) = \pi^y (1 - \pi)^{n-y},$$

where we take  $c = 1/\binom{n}{y}$  to simplify the likelihood.

- **Log-likelihood function:**

$$\ell(\pi) = y \log(\pi) + (n - y) \log(1 - \pi).$$

- **Score function:**

$$S(\pi) = \frac{y}{\pi} - \frac{n - y}{1 - \pi}.$$

- **Maximum Likelihood Estimator:**

$$S(\pi) = 0 \implies \hat{\pi} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i}{n} = \bar{y}.$$

- Second derivative test using **information function:**

$$I(\pi) = -\ell''(\pi) = \frac{y}{\pi^2} + \frac{n - y}{(1 - \pi)^2} > 0 \quad \forall \pi \in (0, 1).$$

#### Example: Hormone Therapy Data

- A group of  $n = 8506$  postmenopausal women aged 50-79 received EPT and  $Y = 166$  developed invasive breast cancer during the follow-up.
- Assume  $Y \sim \text{BIN}(n, \pi)$  with unknown parameter  $\pi$ .
- The **maximum likelihood estimate** of  $\pi$  is:

$$\hat{\pi} = \bar{y} = \frac{y}{n} = \frac{166}{8506} = 0.0195.$$

#### Example: Poisson Distribution

Suppose  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  is an iid sample from a Poisson distribution with probability mass function:

$$f(y; \lambda) = \mathbb{P}(Y = y; \lambda) = \frac{\lambda^y e^{-\lambda}}{y!}, \quad \lambda > 0, y = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

- **Likelihood function:**

$$L(\lambda; y_1, \dots, y_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(y_i; \lambda) = \frac{\lambda^{\sum y_i} e^{-n\lambda}}{\prod_i y_i!}.$$

- **Log-likelihood function:**

$$\ell(\lambda) = \left( \sum_i y_i \right) \log(\lambda) - n\lambda - \sum_{i=1}^n \log(y_i!).$$

- **Score function:**

$$S(\lambda) = \frac{\sum_i y_i}{\lambda} - n = 0 \implies \hat{\lambda} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i}{n} = \bar{y}.$$

## Newton Raphson Algorithm For Finding MLE

- Sometimes, solving  $S(\theta) = 0$  can be challenging and closed form solutions may not be obtained, iterative method need to be used to find the MLE.
- Recall **Taylor Series** expansion of a differentiable function  $f(x)$  about a point  $a$ :

$$f(x) = f(a) + \frac{f'(a)}{1!}(x-a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x-a)^2 + \dots$$

- Now suppose we wish to find  $\hat{\theta}$ , the root of  $S(\theta) = 0$  and  $\theta^{(0)}$  is a guess that is “close” to  $\hat{\theta}$ .
- Consider the Taylor series expansion of  $S(\theta)$  about  $\theta^{(0)}$ :

$$S(\theta) = S(\theta^{(0)}) + \frac{S'(\theta^{(0)})}{1!}(\theta - \theta^{(0)}) + \frac{S''(\theta^{(0)})}{2!}(\theta - \theta^{(0)})^2 + \dots$$

- For  $|\theta - \theta^{(0)}|$  very small, the second and higher order terms can be dropped to a good approximation:

$$S(\theta) \simeq S(\theta^{(0)}) + S'(\theta^{(0)})(\theta - \theta^{(0)}).$$

$$S(\theta) \simeq S(\theta^{(0)}) - I(\theta^{(0)})(\theta - \theta^{(0)}).$$

- Then at  $\theta = \hat{\theta}$ ,

$$S(\hat{\theta}) \simeq S(\theta^{(0)}) - I(\theta^{(0)})(\hat{\theta} - \theta^{(0)})$$

$$I(\theta^{(0)})(\hat{\theta} - \theta^{(0)}) \simeq S(\theta^{(0)})$$

$$(\hat{\theta} - \theta^{(0)}) \simeq I^{-1}(\theta^{(0)})S(\theta^{(0)})$$

$$\hat{\theta} \simeq \theta^{(0)} + I^{-1}(\theta^{(0)})S(\theta^{(0)}).$$

- This suggests a revised guess for  $\hat{\theta}$  is:

$$\theta^{(1)} = \theta^{(0)} + I^{-1}(\theta^{(0)})S(\theta^{(0)})$$

### Newton Raphson Algorithm for finding the MLE

- Begin with an initial estimate  $\theta^{(0)}$ .
- Iteratively obtain updated estimate by using:

$$\theta^{(i+1)} = \theta^{(i)} + I^{-1}(\theta^{(i)})S(\theta^{(i)}).$$

- Iteration continues until  $\theta^{(i+1)} \simeq \theta^{(i)}$  within a specified tolerance.
- Then set  $\hat{\theta} = \theta^{(i+1)}$ , check that  $I(\hat{\theta}) > 0$ .

## Inference for Scalar Parameters $\theta$

- So far we have discussed estimation of  $\hat{\theta}$ , next we want to conduct inference about  $\theta$ , i.e., carry out hypothesis tests and construct confidence intervals of  $\theta$ .
- Likelihood inference relies on the following **asymptotic distribution results**:

### Useful asymptotic distributional results

- (log) Likelihood ratio statistic:  $-2 \log(R(\theta)) = -2r(\theta) \sim \chi^2_{(1)}$ .
- Score statistic:  $(S(\theta))^2 / I(\theta) \sim \chi^2_{(1)}$ .
- Wald statistic:  $(\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2 I(\hat{\theta}) \sim \chi^2_{(1)}$  or  $(\hat{\theta} - \theta) \sqrt{I(\hat{\theta})} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  since  $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \implies Z^2 \sim \chi^2_1$ .

## Confidence Interval (CI)

Suppose we want a  $100(1 - \alpha) \%$  confidence interval for  $\theta$ .

- The Likelihood ratio (LR) based pivotal gives a confidence interval:

$$\{\theta : -2r(\theta) < \chi^2_1(1 - \alpha)\},$$

where  $\chi^2_1(1 - \alpha)$  is the upper  $\alpha$  percentage point of the  $\chi^2_1$  distribution.

- The Wald-based pivotal gives an interval:

$$\{\theta : (\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2 I(\hat{\theta}) < \chi^2_1(1 - \alpha)\},$$

or equivalently

$$\hat{\theta} \pm Z_{1-\alpha/2} (I(\hat{\theta}))^{-1/2},$$

where  $Z_{1-\alpha/2}$  is the upper  $\alpha/2$  percentage point of the standard normal.

## Example: Hormone Therapy Data

Likelihood Ratio based 95 % CI:  $\{\theta : -2r(\theta) < \chi^2_1(0.95)\}$  where  $r(\theta) = \ell(\theta) - \ell(\hat{\theta})$ .

- For the Binomial distribution:  $\hat{\theta} = y/n$ , and

$$r(\theta) = (y \log(\theta) + (n - y) \log(1 - \theta)) - \left( y \log\left(\frac{y}{n}\right) + (n - y) \log\left(1 - \frac{y}{n}\right) \right).$$

- To find the root of  $-2r(\theta) = \chi^2_1(0.95)$ :

```
y = 166
n = 8506
LRCI = function(theta, y, n) {
  -2 * (y * log(theta) + (n - y) * log(1 - theta) - y * log(y/n) -
    (n - y) * log(1 - y/n)) - qchisq(0.95, 1)
}
mle = y/n
uniroot(LRCI, c(0, mle), y = y, n = n)$root

[1] 0.01673867

uniroot(LRCI, c(mle, 1), y = y, n = n)$root

[1] 0.02260709
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- The likelihood ratio based 95 % CI is (0.017, 0.023).

Wald based 95 % CI:  $\hat{\theta} \pm Z_{0.975}(I(\hat{\theta}))^{-1/2}$ .

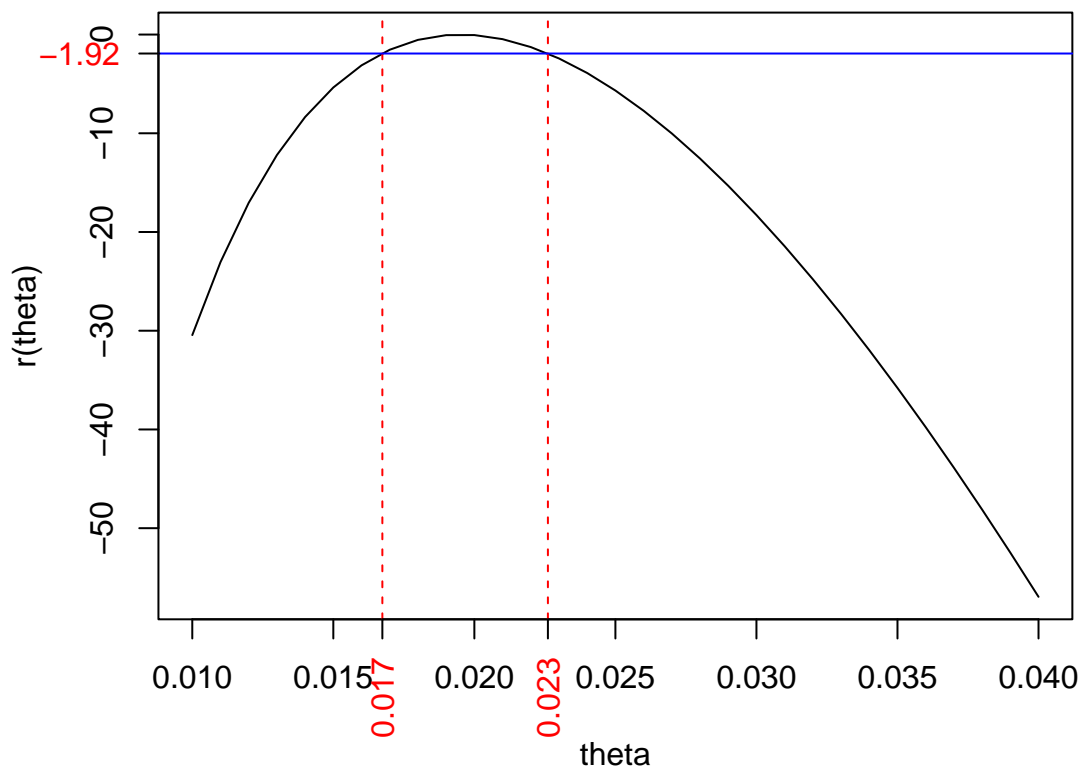
- For Binomial distribution  $\hat{\theta} = y/n$  and

$$I(\hat{\theta}) = \frac{y}{\hat{\theta}^2} + \frac{n-y}{(1-\hat{\theta})^2} = n^2 \left( \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{n-y} \right).$$

- So we solve:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\theta} \pm 1.96(I(\hat{\theta}))^{-1/2} &= 0.0195 \pm 1.96(0.0015) \\ &= (0.017, 0.022). \end{aligned}$$

- The Wald based 95 % CI is: (0.017, 0.022).



## Hypotheses Test

Suppose we are interested in testing hypotheses:

$$H_0: \theta = \theta_0 \text{ vs } H_A: \theta \neq \theta_0.$$

- **Likelihood ratio (LR) test:**  $p\text{-value} = \mathbb{P}(\chi_1^2 > -2r(\theta_0)).$

- **Score test:**  $p\text{-value} = \mathbb{P}\left(\chi_1^2 > (S(\theta))^2 / I(\theta_0)\right)$ .

- **Wald test:**

$$p\text{-value} = \mathbb{P}\left(\chi_1^2 > (\hat{\theta} - \theta_0)^2 I(\hat{\theta})\right), \text{ or } p\text{-value} = \mathbb{P}\left(|Z| > |\hat{\theta} - \theta_0| \sqrt{I(\hat{\theta})}\right).$$

### Example: Hormone Therapy Data

Suppose we wish to test if women received EPT would have a risk of breast cancer same as that of the general population, say about 1.5 %.

$$H_0: \theta = 0.015 \text{ vs } H_A: \theta \neq 0.015.$$

- **Likelihood Ratio** based test:

$$\begin{aligned} r(\theta_0 = 0.015) &= \left( y \log(0.015) + (n - y) \log(1 - 0.015) \right) - \left( y \log\left(\frac{y}{n}\right) + (n - y) \log\left(1 - \frac{y}{n}\right) \right) \\ &= -5.3637. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the  $p$ -value for the test is given by:

$$p = \mathbb{P}\left(\chi_{(1)}^2 > -2r(0.015)\right) = \mathbb{P}\left(\chi_{(1)}^2 > 10.7274\right) = 0.001.$$

Therefore, we *reject*  $H_0$  and conclude that the risk of breast cancer for women received EPT is significantly different from 1.5 %.

### Notes on Asymptotic Inference

- Asymptotic results: approximation improves as sample size increases.
- Results are exact for a Normal linear model if  $\theta$  is the mean parameter and  $\sigma^2$  is known.
- **LR approach:**
  - Need to evaluate (log) likelihood at two locations.
  - Not always a closed form solution for a CI.
  - Usually the best approach.
- **Score approach:**
  - Usually the least powerful test.
  - Don't actually need to find MLE to use.
- **Wald's approach:**
  - Always get a closed form solution for a CI.
  - May not behave well for skewed likelihoods (transform?).
- All three are asymptotically equivalent!

## Likelihood Methods for Parameter Vectors

Suppose  $\theta \in \Omega$  is a continuous  $p \times 1$  parameter vector indexing a probability density (or mass) function  $f(y; \theta)$ . The likelihood and log-likelihood functions are defined as before, but

- $S(\theta) = \frac{\partial \ell(\theta)}{\partial \theta}$  is the  $p \times 1$  **Score vector**, i.e.,

$$S(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \ell(\theta)}{\partial \theta_1} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial \ell(\theta)}{\partial \theta_p} \end{bmatrix}.$$

- $I(\theta) = -\frac{\partial^2 \ell(\theta)}{\partial \theta^\top \partial \theta}$  is the  $p \times p$  **Information matrix**, i.e.,

$$I(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\partial^2 \ell(\theta)}{\partial \theta_1^2} & -\frac{\partial^2 \ell(\theta)}{\partial \theta_1 \partial \theta_2} & \cdots & -\frac{\partial^2 \ell(\theta)}{\partial \theta_1 \partial \theta_p} \\ -\frac{\partial^2 \ell(\theta)}{\partial \theta_2 \partial \theta_1} & -\frac{\partial^2 \ell(\theta)}{\partial \theta_2^2} & \cdots & -\frac{\partial^2 \ell(\theta)}{\partial \theta_2 \partial \theta_p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -\frac{\partial^2 \ell(\theta)}{\partial \theta_p \partial \theta_1} & -\frac{\partial^2 \ell(\theta)}{\partial \theta_p \partial \theta_2} & \cdots & -\frac{\partial^2 \ell(\theta)}{\partial \theta_p^2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

- The Newton Raphson algorithm applies as before, but with vectors and matrices as follows:

$$\theta^{(i+1)} = \theta^{(i)} + I^{-1}(\theta^{(i)})S(\theta^{(i)}).$$

- Again, we apply iteratively until we obtain convergence, but now check to see if  $I(\hat{\theta})$  is a positive definite matrix.
- Analogues to the LR, Score and Wald results apply based on partitioning the Information matrix by  $\theta = (\alpha, \beta)^\top$ , where  $\alpha$  is a  $p \times 1$  vector of nuisance parameters and  $\beta$  is a  $q \times 1$  vector of parameters of interest:

$$I = I(\alpha, \beta) = \begin{pmatrix} I_{\alpha\alpha}(\alpha, \beta) & I_{\alpha\beta}(\alpha, \beta) \\ I_{\beta\alpha}(\alpha, \beta) & I_{\beta\beta}(\alpha, \beta) \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $I_{\alpha\alpha}(\alpha, \beta) = -\frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial \alpha \partial \alpha^\top}$  is  $p \times p$ ,  $I_{\alpha\beta}(\alpha, \beta) = -\frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial \alpha \partial \beta^\top}$  is  $p \times q$ ,  $I_{\beta\alpha}(\alpha, \beta) = -\frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial \beta \partial \alpha^\top}$  is  $q \times p$ , and  $I_{\beta\beta}(\alpha, \beta) = -\frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial \beta \partial \beta^\top}$  is  $q \times q$ .

## Topic 2a: Formulation of Generalized Linear Models

### The Exponential Family

#### Definition (Exponential Family)

Consider a random variable  $Y$  with probability density (or mass) function  $f(y; \theta, \phi)$ , we say that the distribution is a member of the **exponential family** if we can write

$$f(y; \theta, \phi) = \exp \left\{ \frac{y\theta - b(\theta)}{a(\phi)} + c(y; \phi) \right\},$$

for some functions  $a(\cdot)$ ,  $b(\cdot)$ , and  $c(\cdot)$ .

- The parameter  $\theta$  is called the **canonical** parameter, and it is unknown.
- The parameter  $\phi$  is called the **scale/dispersion** parameter, is constant, and assumed to be known.

Many well known distributions (continuous/discrete) can be shown to be a member of the exponential family.

## Examples

- Poisson Distribution:  $Y \sim \text{POI}(\lambda)$ ,

$$f(y; \lambda) = \frac{\lambda^y e^{-\lambda}}{y!}, \quad \lambda > 0, y = 0, 1, \dots$$

Show that Poisson is a member of exponential family and identify the canonical parameter and the functions  $a(\cdot)$ ,  $b(\cdot)$ , and  $c(\cdot)$ .

**Solution.**  $f(y; \lambda) = \exp\{\log(f(y; \lambda))\} = \exp\left\{\frac{y \log(\lambda) - \lambda}{1} - \log(y!)\right\}$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &= \log(\lambda) && \text{(canonical/natural parameter),} \\ b(\theta) &= \lambda = e^\theta, \\ \phi &= 1, \\ a(\phi) &= 1, \\ c(y; \phi) &= -\log(y!). \end{aligned}$$

- Normal Distribution:  $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$  and  $\sigma^2$  known,

$$f(y; \theta, \phi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{(y - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right\}.$$

Show that this Normal distribution is a member of the exponential family.

**Solution.**

$$\begin{aligned} f(y; \mu, \sigma^2) &= \exp\left\{-\frac{y^2 - 2\mu y + \mu^2}{\sigma^2} - \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2)\right\} \\ &= \exp\left\{\frac{y\mu - \mu^2/2}{\sigma^2} - \frac{y^2}{2\sigma^2} - \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2)\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &= \mu, \\ \phi &= \sigma^2, \\ a(\phi) &= \phi = \sigma^2, \\ b(\theta) &= \frac{\mu^2}{2} = \frac{\theta^2}{2}, \\ c(y; \phi) &= -\frac{y^2}{2\sigma^2} - \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2). \end{aligned}$$

## Properties of Exponential Family

Consider a single observation  $y$  from the exponential family.

$$L(\theta, \phi; y) = f(y; \theta, \phi) = \exp\left\{\frac{y\theta - b(\theta)}{a(\phi)} + c(y; \phi)\right\}.$$

$$\ell(\theta, \phi; y) = \log(f(y; \theta, \phi)) = \frac{y\theta - b(\theta)}{a(\phi)} + c(y; \phi).$$

$$S(\theta) = \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \theta} = \frac{y - b'(\theta)}{a(\phi)}.$$

$$I(\theta) = -\frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial \theta^2} = \frac{b''(\theta)}{a(\phi)}.$$

$$\mathcal{I}(\theta) = \mathbb{E}\left[-\frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial \theta^2}\right] = I(\theta).$$

## Some General Results for Score and Information

### Result # 1

The expectation of the score function is zero.

$$\mathbb{E}[S(\theta)] = 0.$$

**Proof:**

$$\begin{aligned} \int f(y; \theta, \phi) dy &= 1 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \int f(y; \theta, \phi) dy &= 0 \\ \int \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(y; \theta, \phi) dy &= 0 \\ \int \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log(f(y; \theta, \phi)) \right) f(y; \theta, \phi) dy &= 0 \\ \int S(\theta) f(y; \theta, \phi) dy &= 0 \\ \mathbb{E}[S(\theta)] &= 0 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

### Result # 2

The expectation of the score function squared is the expected information.

$$\mathbb{E}[S(\theta; y)^2] = \mathbb{E}[I(\theta; y)]$$

**Proof:** Differentiate (1) again,

$$\begin{aligned} \int \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log(f(y; \theta, \phi)) \right) f(y; \theta, \phi) dy &= 0 \\ \int \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \log(f(y; \theta, \phi)) \right) f(y; \theta, \phi) dy + \int \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log(f(y; \theta, \phi)) \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(y; \theta, \phi) dy &= 0 \\ \int \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \log(f(y; \theta, \phi)) f(y; \theta, \phi) dy + \int \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(y; \theta, \phi) \right)^2 f(y; \theta, \phi) dy &= 0 \\ \int -I(\theta) f(y; \theta, \phi) dy + \int S(\theta)^2 f(y; \theta, \phi) dy &= 0 \\ \mathbb{E}[-I(\theta; y)] + \mathbb{E}[S(\theta; y)^2] &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now for the exponential family, we apply above results and obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[S(\theta)] &= 0, \\ \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{Y - b'(\theta)}{a(\phi)}\right] &= 0, \\ \mathbb{E}[Y] &= b'(\theta), \\ \mathbb{E}[S(\theta)^2] &= \mathbb{E}[I(\theta)], \\ \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\frac{Y - b'(\theta)}{a(\phi)}\right)^2\right] &= \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{b''(\theta)}{a(\phi)}\right], \\ \frac{1}{a(\phi)^2} \mathbb{E}\left[(Y - \mathbb{E}[Y])^2\right] &= \frac{b''(\theta)}{a(\phi)}, \\ \text{Var}(Y) &= b''(\theta)a(\phi).\end{aligned}$$

#### Mean and Variance for the Exponential Family

- Mean:  $\mathbb{E}[Y] = b'(\theta) = \mu$ .
- Variance:  $\text{Var}(Y) = b''(\theta)a(\phi)$ .

Note that:

- $b'(\theta) = \mu$  tells the relationship between *canonical* parameter  $\theta$  and  $\mu$ .
- $b''(\theta)$  is a function of  $\theta$  and hence can be also expressed as a function of  $\mu$ .
- Thus, we write  $b''(\theta) = V(\mu)$  and call  $V(\mu)$  the **variance function**.
- Subsequently, we have:

$$\text{Var}(Y) = b''(\theta)a(\phi) = V(\mu)a(\phi),$$

which is the **mean-variance relationship** for the exponential family.

## Link Functions

#### Definition (Link Function)

The **link function** relates the linear predictor  $\eta = \mathbf{x}^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}$  to the expected value  $\mu$  of the random variable  $Y$ , i.e.,

$$g(\mu) = \eta = \mathbf{x}^\top \boldsymbol{\beta},$$

where  $g(\cdot)$  is the link function.

#### Definition (Canonical Link Function)

When  $Y$  is a member of the exponential family we define the **canonical link function** to be:

$$g(\mu) = \theta = \eta = \mathbf{x}^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}$$

(i.e., the choice of  $g(\cdot)$  that sets canonical parameter = linear predictor).

## Examples

Recall that  $\text{POI}(\lambda)$  is a member of exponential family,

$$f(y; \lambda) = \frac{\lambda^y e^{-\lambda}}{y!} = \exp \left\{ \frac{y \log(\lambda) - \lambda}{1} - \log(y!) \right\}$$

where  $\theta = \log(\lambda)$ ,  $\phi = 1$ ,  $b(\theta) = \lambda = e^\theta$ , and  $a(\phi) = 1$ . Now to find the mean, variance function, and canonical link function:

- **Mean:**  $\mathbb{E}[Y] = b'(\theta) = e^\theta = \mu \implies \theta = \log(\mu)$ .
- **Variance Function:**  $V(\mu) = b''(\theta) = e^\theta \implies V(\mu) = \mu$ .
- **Variance:**  $\text{Var}(Y) = V(\mu)a(\phi) = \mu$  (mean-variance relationship).
- **Canonical link:** set  $\theta = \eta$  using  $\theta = \log(\mu) = \eta = \mathbf{x}^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}$ , i.e.,  $g(\mu) = \log(\mu)$  where  $\log(\cdot)$  is the canonical link.

Moving forward, we consider a log-linear model:  $\log(\mu_i) = \mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}$ .

## Remarks on Link Function

- We can choose any function  $g(\cdot)$  as the link function in theory.
- The canonical link is a special link function, we often choose to use canonical link for its good statistical properties.
- Context and goodness of fit should motivate the choice of link function in practice.

## Generalized Linear Models

### Definition (Generalized Linear Model (GLM))

A **Generalized Linear Model (GLM)** is composed of three components:

- **Random Component:** The responses  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  are independent random variables and each  $Y_i$  is assumed to come from a parametric distribution that is a member of the exponential family.
- **Systematic Component** (or linear predictor):

$$\eta_i = \mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta},$$

a linear combination of explanatory variables  $\mathbf{x}_i$  and regression parameters  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ .

- **Link function:**

$$g(\mu_i) = \eta_i = \mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta},$$

a function that relates the mean of response to the linear predictor.

## Topic Summary

1. Definition of the **Exponential Family**.

- Exponential form of the probability density (or mass) function.
- Derivation of Score and Information.
- Properties of exponential family, mean-variance relationship.
- Definition of canonical link.

## 2. Definition of a **Generalized Linear Model**.

Next Topic: 2b Estimation for Generalized Linear Models.

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# Topic 2b: Maximum Likelihood Estimation for Generalized Linear Models

## Generalized Linear Models

Suppose for each subject  $i = 1, \dots, n$  in a random sample:

- $Y_i$  is the response variable.
- $x_{i1}, \dots, x_{ip}$  are explanatory variables associated with  $Y_i$ .

We consider a **Generalized Linear Model** (GLM) for the data, by definition the GLM is composed following three components:

### ① Random Component:

$$Y_i \sim \text{exponential family}, \quad Y_1, \dots, Y_n \text{ are independent.}$$

### ② Systematic Component (or linear predictor):

$$\eta_i = \mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \dots + \beta_p x_{ip}.$$

- $\mathbf{x}_i = (1, x_{i1}, \dots, x_{ip})^\top$  is a covariate vector.
- $\boldsymbol{\beta} = (\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_p)^\top$  is a vector of regression coefficients.

### ③ Link function: a function $g(\cdot)$ links $\mathbb{E}[Y_i] = \mu_i$ to a linear prediction $\eta_i$ :

$$g(\mu_i) = \eta_i = \mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}.$$

## Example: A Poisson Regression Model

Suppose  $Y_i \stackrel{\text{ind}}{\sim} \text{POI}(\lambda_i)$  with mean  $\mathbb{E}[Y_i] = \lambda_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ :

$$f(y_i) = \frac{e^{-\lambda_i} \lambda_i^{y_i}}{y_i!} = \exp\{y_i \log(\lambda_i) - \lambda_i - \log(y_i!)\}.$$

Poisson distribution is a member of exponential family with:

- Canonical parameter:  $\theta_i = \log(\lambda_i)$ .
- Canonical link:  $\theta_i = \eta_i \implies \log(\lambda_i) = \mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}$  (log link).

A Poisson regression model with the canonical link takes the form:

$$\log(\lambda_i) = \mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \dots + \beta_p x_{ip} \quad (\text{log-linear model}).$$



## Example: A Normal Regression Model

Assume  $Y_i \stackrel{\text{ind}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(\mu_i, \sigma^2)$  and  $\sigma^2$  is known,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ :

$$\begin{aligned} f(y_i) &= (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-1/2} \exp\left\{-\frac{(y_i - \mu_i)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right\} \\ &= \exp\left\{\frac{y_i\mu_i - \mu_i^2/2}{\sigma^2} - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{y_i^2}{\sigma^2} + \log(2\pi\sigma^2)\right)\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

A Normal distribution ( $\sigma^2$  known) is a member of exponential family with:

- Canonical parameter:  $\theta_i = \mu_i$ .
- Canonical link:  $\theta_i = \eta_i \implies \mu_i = \mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}$  (identity link).

A Normal regression model with the canonical link takes the form:

$$\mu_i = \mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \dots + \beta_p x_{ip} \quad (\text{linear model}).$$

Linear regression model (STAT 331) is a Normal GLM using the canonical link!

## Likelihood for Generalized Linear Models

We wish to use likelihood methods for the estimation of the regression parameter  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  from the GLM:  $g(\mu_i) = \mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}$ . Consider the log-likelihood for a *single* observation from the exponential family:

$$\ell(\theta, \phi; y) = \frac{y\theta - b(\theta)}{a(\phi)} + c(y; \phi).$$

- $\ell$  is a function of  $\theta$  (assume that  $\phi$  is known).
- $\theta$  is related to  $\mu$  through the result:

$$\mu = b'(\theta).$$

- $\eta$  can be expressed in terms of  $\mu$  through the link function:

$$g(\mu) = \eta.$$

- $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  can be expressed in terms of  $\eta$  through the linear predictor:

$$\eta = \mathbf{x}^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}.$$

## Score Vector

To find the maximum likelihood estimator for  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ , we must solve  $\mathbf{S}(\boldsymbol{\beta}) = \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \boldsymbol{\beta}} = \mathbf{0}$ . Consider taking derivative with respect to  $\beta_j$  using the chain rule:

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \beta_j} = \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \mu} \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial \beta_j},$$

where

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \theta} = \frac{y - b'(\theta)}{a(\phi)},$$

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \mu} = \left(\frac{\partial \mu}{\partial \theta}\right)^{-1} = \frac{1}{b''(\theta)}$$

since  $\mu = b'(\theta)$ ,

$$\frac{\partial \mu}{\partial \eta} = \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial \eta},$$

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial \beta_j} = x_j$$

since  $\eta = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \dots + \beta_j x_j + \dots + \beta_p x_p$ .

Hence, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \beta_j} &= \frac{y - b'(\theta)}{a(\phi)} \frac{1}{b''(\theta)} \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial \eta} x_j \\
&= \frac{y - \mu}{\text{Var}(Y)} \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial \eta} x_j && \text{since } \mu = b'(\theta), \text{Var}(Y) = a(\phi)b''(\theta) \\
&= \frac{y - \mu}{\text{Var}(Y)} \left( \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial \eta} \right)^2 \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial \mu} x_j && \text{since } \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial \eta} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial \mu} = 1 \\
&= (y - \mu) \left( \text{Var}(Y) \left( \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial \eta} \right)^2 \right)^{-1} \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial \mu} x_j \\
&= (y - \mu) W \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial \mu} x_j,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $W^{-1} = \text{Var}(Y) \left( \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial \mu} \right)^2$ . Note that generally  $\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial \mu}$  is easier to calculate than  $\frac{\partial \mu}{\partial \eta}$  since we define the link as  $\eta = g(\mu)$ .

For a random sample  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  from exponential family and each  $Y_i$  has a probability density function

$$f(y_i; \theta, \phi) = \exp \left\{ \frac{y_i \theta_i - b(\theta_i)}{a(\phi)} + c(y_i, \phi) \right\}.$$

We write likelihood and log-likelihood functions as:

$$\begin{aligned}
L &= \prod_{i=1}^n f(y_i; \theta_i, \phi) = \prod_{i=1}^n \exp \left\{ \frac{y_i \theta_i - b(\theta_i)}{a(\phi)} + c(y_i, \phi) \right\}, \\
\ell &= \sum_{i=1}^n \ell_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{y_i \theta_i - b(\theta_i)}{a(\phi)} + c(y_i, \phi).
\end{aligned}$$

The **element of the score vector** is:

$$[\mathbf{S}(\beta)]_j = \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \beta_j} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial \ell_i}{\partial \beta_j} = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu_i) W_i \frac{\partial \eta_i}{\partial \mu_i} x_{ij}$$

where  $W^{-1} = \text{Var}(Y_i) \left( \frac{\partial \eta_i}{\partial \mu_i} \right)^2$ ,  $g(\mu_i) = \eta_i = \mathbf{x}_i^\top \beta$ . In vector and matrix form we can write:

$$\mathbf{S}(\beta) = \mathbf{X} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}),$$

where

- $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_n)^\top$  and  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)^\top$  are  $n \times 1$  vectors,
- $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n)$  is a  $(p+1) \times n$  matrix,
- $\mathbf{W} = \text{diag}(W_1, \dots, W_n) = \begin{bmatrix} W_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & W_n \end{bmatrix}$ , and
- $\mathbf{A} = \text{diag} \left( \frac{\partial \eta_1}{\partial \mu_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial \eta_n}{\partial \mu_n} \right)$ .

### Example: Poisson Regression Model (Problem 1.4)

For a random sample from Poisson distribution,  $Y_i \sim \text{POI}(\lambda_i)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,

$$\ell_i = \log(f(y_i; \lambda_i)) = (y_i \log(\lambda_i) - \lambda_i - \log(y_i!)).$$

Poisson regression with a log-link:

$$\log(\lambda_i) = \eta_i = \mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}.$$

To write down the score vector for the regression coefficients  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ , we may calculate the derivative using standard methods, i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} [\mathbf{S}(\boldsymbol{\beta})]_j &= \sum_i \frac{\partial \ell_i}{\partial \beta_j} \\ &= \sum_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} (y_i \log(\lambda_i) - \lambda_i - \log(y_i!)) \\ &= \sum_i (y_i x_{ij} - e^{\mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}} x_{ij}). \end{aligned}$$

Or we can use the general results derived for the GLMs on the previous slides.

### Solving $\mathbf{S}(\boldsymbol{\beta}) = \mathbf{0}$ for MLE

① Newton Raphson update equation is:

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{(r+1)} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{(r)} + \mathbf{I}^{-1}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{(r)}) \mathbf{S}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{(r)}),$$

where  $\mathbf{I}$  is the observed information matrix.

- This requires us to find and repeatedly evaluate the information  $\mathbf{I}$  (possibly computationally intensive).
- Fisher suggested using the expected information matrix  $\mathcal{I}$  rather than the observed information matrix.

② Fisher Scoring update equation is:

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{(r+1)} = \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{(r)} + \mathcal{I}^{-1}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{(r)}) \mathbf{S}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{(r)}).$$

### Information Matrix

Consider the  $(j, k)$  element of the Information matrix:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{I}_{jk} &= -\frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial \beta_j \partial \beta_k} \\ &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_k} \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \beta_j} \\ &= \sum_i -\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_k} \left[ (y_i - \mu_i) W_i \left( \frac{\partial \eta_i}{\partial \mu_i} \right) x_{ij} \right] \\ &= \sum_i -(y_i - \mu_i) \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_k} \left[ W_i \left( \frac{\partial \eta_i}{\partial \mu_i} \right) x_{ij} \right] \right\} - W_i \left( \frac{\partial \eta_i}{\partial \mu_i} \right) x_{ij} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_k} (y_i - \mu_i) \right) \\ &= \sum_i -(y_i - \mu_i) \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_k} \left[ W_i \left( \frac{\partial \eta_i}{\partial \mu_i} \right) x_{ij} \right] \right\} + W_i \left( \frac{\partial \eta_i}{\partial \mu_i} \right) x_{ij} \frac{\partial \mu_i}{\partial \beta_k} \frac{\partial \eta_i}{\partial \mu_i} \\ &= \sum_i -(y_i - \mu_i) \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_k} \left[ W_i \left( \frac{\partial \eta_i}{\partial \mu_i} \right) x_{ij} \right] + x_{ij} W_i x_{ik}. \end{aligned}$$

## Fisher Information

To get an element of the Expected/Fisher Information matrix:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{I}_{jk} &= \sum_i \mathbb{E} \left[ -\frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial \beta_j \partial \beta_k} \right] \\
 &= \sum_i \mathbb{E} \left[ -(y_i - \mu_i) \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_k} \left[ W_i \left( \frac{\partial \eta_i}{\partial \mu_i} \right) x_{ij} \right] + x_{ij} W_i x_{ik} \right] \\
 &= \sum_i -\mathbb{E}[(y_i - \mu_i)] \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_k} \left[ W_i \left( \frac{\partial \eta_i}{\partial \mu_i} \right) x_{ij} \right] + x_{ij} W_i x_{ik} \\
 &= \sum_i x_{ij} W_i x_{ik}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we can write the  $(j, k)$  element of the Fisher information as:

$$\mathcal{I}_{jk} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ij} W_i x_{ik} = [\mathbf{X} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{X}^\top]_{jk}$$

where again,  $\mathbf{W} = \text{diag}(W_1, \dots, W_n)$  and  $W_i^{-1} = \text{Var}(Y_i) \left( \frac{\partial \eta_i}{\partial \mu_i} \right)^2$ .

## When is Fisher Scoring Equivalent to Newton Raphson?

Recall information matrix:

$$I_{jk} = \sum_i -(y_i - \mu_i) \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_k} \left[ W_i \left( \frac{\partial \eta_i}{\partial \mu_i} \right) x_{ij} \right] + x_{ij} W_i x_{ik}.$$

Now examine:

$$\begin{aligned}
 W_i \left( \frac{\partial \eta_i}{\partial \mu_i} \right) x_{ij} &= \left( \text{Var}(Y_i) \left( \frac{\partial \eta_i}{\partial \mu_i} \right)^2 \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{\partial \eta_i}{\partial \mu_i} \right) x_{ij} \\
 &= \left( a(\phi) b''(\theta_i) \frac{\partial \eta_i}{\partial \mu_i} \right)^{-1} x_{ij} && \text{since } \text{Var}(Y_i) = a_i(\phi) b''(\theta_i) \\
 &= \left( a(\phi) \frac{\partial \mu_i}{\partial \theta_i} \frac{\partial \eta_i}{\partial \mu_i} \right)^{-1} x_{ij} && \text{since } b'(\theta_i) = \mu_i, b''(\theta_i) = \frac{\partial \mu_i}{\partial \theta_i} \\
 &= (a(\phi))^{-1} x_{ij} && \text{under the canonical link } \theta_i = \eta_i.
 \end{aligned}$$

So under the **canonical link**,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_k} \left[ W_i \left( \frac{\partial \eta_i}{\partial \mu_i} \right) x_{ij} \right] = \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_k} \left[ (a(\phi))^{-1} x_{ij} \right] = 0,$$

therefore information matrix is same as the Fisher information:

$$I_{jk} = \sum_i x_{ij} W_i x_{ik} = \mathcal{I}_{jk}$$

and Fisher Scoring is equivalent to Newton Raphson.

## Iteratively Reweighted Least Squares

The Fisher Scoring is also called **iteratively reweighted least squares** (IRWLS). The reason is that the update equation can be rewritten as:

$$\hat{\beta}^{(r+1)} = \left( \mathbf{X} \mathbf{W}(\hat{\beta}^{(r)}) \mathbf{X}^\top \right)^{-1} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{W}(\hat{\beta}^{(r)}) \mathbf{Z}(\hat{\beta}^{(r)})$$

where  $\mathbf{Z}$  is a transformation of the response vector  $\mathbf{Y}$  such that:

$$\mathbf{Z} = \boldsymbol{\eta} + (\mathbf{Y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) * \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\eta}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\mu}}$$

- See manipulation in Section 1.2.3 of course notes.
- Same form as the weighted LS estimate of  $\beta$  with dependent variable  $\mathbf{Z}$  and weight matrix  $\mathbf{W}$ .
- $\mathbf{Z}$  and  $\mathbf{W}$  are updated at each iteration.

## Topic Summary

2b Maximum Likelihood Estimation of Generalized Linear Models:

- When  $Y_i$  come from a distribution in the **exponential family**, we can use the theory of **Generalized Linear Models** to fit the regression equations of the form:

$$g(\mu_i) = \mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}.$$

- The **link function**  $g(\cdot)$  may be the canonical link, but its choice should come from model interpretation and fit.
- Can use Fisher Scoring (also known as IRWLS) to estimate the regression parameters  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  from any GLM based on general forms for  $\mathbf{I}(\boldsymbol{\beta})$  and  $\mathbf{S}(\boldsymbol{\beta})$ .
- **PRACTICE**: Chapter 1 review problems.

## Topic 3a: Binary Data and Odds Ratios

### Binary Data Set-up

Consider the simplest case with two *binary* variables:

- COVID-19: infected or not infected (response).
- Vaccination: yes or no (explanatory variable).

Use a  $2 \times 2$  table to summarize the data:

Vaccination	COVID-19		
	infected	not infected	
yes	$y_1$	$m_1 - y_1$	$m_1$
no	$y_2$	$m_2 - y_2$	$m_2$
Total	$y_\bullet$	$m_\bullet - y_\bullet$	$m_\bullet$

Treat  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  as fixed, assume  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  are independent binomial r.v.'s

$$Y_k \sim \text{BIN}(m_k, \pi_k), \quad k = 1, 2,$$

where  $\pi_k = \mathbb{P}(\text{infection} \mid \text{group } k)$ .

How do we measure the associate between COVID-19 infection and vaccination?

## Measures of Association

### Definition (Odds Ratio)

The **Odds Ratio** (OR) is the ratio of the odds of an event occurring in one group to the odds of the event in another group (e.g., not vaccinated):

$$\text{Odds Ratio} = \frac{\pi_1/(1 - \pi_1)}{\pi_2/(1 - \pi_2)}.$$

Interpretation of OR:

$$\begin{array}{llll} \pi_1 = \pi_2 & \implies & \text{OR} = 1 & \implies \text{equal risk (no association)} \\ \pi_1 > \pi_2 & \implies & \text{OR} > 1 & \implies \text{higher risk in group 1} \\ \pi_1 < \pi_2 & \implies & 0 < \text{OR} < 1 & \implies \text{higher risk in group 2} \end{array}$$

### Relative Risk (RR)

The **Relative Risk** (RR) is the ratio of the probability of an event occurring in one group versus another group:

$$\text{Relative Risk} = \frac{\pi_1}{\pi_2}$$

In the case of a **rare disease** (i.e., when  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  are very small),

$$\text{OR} = \frac{\pi_1/(1 - \pi_1)}{\pi_2/(1 - \pi_2)} = \frac{\pi_1}{\pi_2} \underbrace{\left( \frac{1 - \pi_2}{1 - \pi_1} \right)}_{\approx 1} \approx \frac{\pi_1}{\pi_2} = \text{RR},$$

then

$$\text{OR} \approx \text{RR}.$$

## Maximum Likelihood Estimation of Odds Ratio

Goal: Estimate odds ratio  $\psi = \frac{\pi_1/(1 - \pi_1)}{\pi_2/(1 - \pi_2)}$  using likelihood method. Based on “grouped” binomial data,

$$Y_k \sim \text{BIN}(m_k, \pi_k), \quad k = 1, 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} L(\pi_1, \pi_2) &= \binom{m_1}{y_1} \pi_1^{y_1} (1 - \pi_1)^{m_1 - y_1} \binom{m_2}{y_2} \pi_2^{y_2} (1 - \pi_2)^{m_2 - y_2} \\ &\propto \left( \frac{\pi_1/(1 - \pi_1)}{\pi_2/(1 - \pi_2)} \right)^{y_1} \left( \frac{\pi_2}{1 - \pi_2} \right)^{y_2 + y_1} (1 - \pi_1)^{m_1} (1 - \pi_2)^{m_2}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $\pi_1, \pi_2 \in [0, 1]$  and odds ratio  $\psi \in (0, \infty)$  are restricted, we consider re-parameterize:

$$\theta_1 = \log\left(\frac{\pi_1/(1 - \pi_1)}{\pi_2/(1 - \pi_2)}\right) = \log(\psi), \quad \theta_2 = \log\left(\frac{\pi_2}{1 - \pi_2}\right),$$

and now  $\theta_1, \theta_2 \in (-\infty, \infty)$ .

Our re-parameterization implies:

$$\pi_1 = \frac{e^{\theta_1 + \theta_2}}{1 + e^{\theta_1 + \theta_2}}, \quad \pi_2 = \frac{e^{\theta_2}}{1 + e^{\theta_2}}.$$

Now the likelihood becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} L(\theta_1, \theta_2) &= (e^{\theta_1})^{y_1} (e^{\theta_2})^{y_1 + y_2} (1 + e^{\theta_1 + \theta_2})^{m_1} (1 + e^{\theta_2})^{-m_2}, \\ \ell(\theta_1, \theta_2) &= y_1 \theta_1 + (y_1 + y_2) \theta_2 - m_1 \log(1 + e^{\theta_1 + \theta_2}) - m_2 \log(1 + e^{\theta_2}). \end{aligned}$$

The score vector is:

$$S(\theta_1, \theta_2) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \theta_1} \\ \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \theta_2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 - m_1 \left( \frac{e^{\theta_1 + \theta_2}}{1 + e^{\theta_1 + \theta_2}} \right) \\ y_1 + y_2 - m_1 \left( \frac{e^{\theta_1 + \theta_2}}{1 + e^{\theta_1 + \theta_2}} \right) - m_2 \left( \frac{e^{\theta_2}}{1 + e^{\theta_2}} \right) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Solving  $S(\theta_1, \theta_2) = \mathbf{0}$  gives us the MLEs:

$$\hat{\theta}_1 = \log \left( \frac{y_1 / (m_1 - y_1)}{y_2 / (m_2 - y_2)} \right), \quad \hat{\theta}_2 = \log \left( \frac{y_2}{m_2 - y_2} \right).$$

So by the invariance property of MLEs, we have:

$$\hat{\pi}_1 = \frac{y_1}{m_1}, \quad \hat{\pi}_2 = \frac{y_2}{m_2}, \quad \hat{\psi} = \frac{\hat{\pi}_1 / (1 - \hat{\pi}_1)}{\hat{\pi}_2 / (1 - \hat{\pi}_2)} = \frac{y_1 / (m_1 - y_1)}{y_2 / (m_2 - y_2)}.$$

## Inference for Odds Ratio

In order to do inference we will need the Information Matrix:

$$\mathbf{I}(\theta_1, \theta_2) = \begin{bmatrix} I_{11} & I_{12} \\ I_{21} & I_{22} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{where } I_{jk} = -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_j \partial \theta_k} \ell(\theta_1, \theta_2).$$

Here, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} I_{11} &= m_1 \left( \frac{e^{\theta_1 + \theta_2}}{(1 + e^{\theta_1 + \theta_2})^2} \right), \\ I_{12} &= I_{21} = m_1 \left( \frac{e^{\theta_1 + \theta_2}}{(1 + e^{\theta_1 + \theta_2})^2} \right), \\ I_{22} &= m_1 \left( \frac{e^{\theta_1 + \theta_2}}{(1 + e^{\theta_1 + \theta_2})^2} \right) + m_2 \left( \frac{e^{\theta_2}}{(1 + e^{\theta_2})^2} \right). \end{aligned}$$

We are interested in doing inference on  $\theta_1 = \log(\psi)$  (while  $\theta_2$  is nuisance).

Recall the asymptotic distribution result of a **Wald statistic**:

### Wald Statistic

For a vector  $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\theta_1, \theta_2)^\top$  where  $\theta_1 = \log(\psi)$  is a scalar parameter of interest:

$$(\hat{\theta}_1 - \theta_1)^2 (I^{11}(\hat{\theta}_1, \hat{\theta}_2))^{-1} \sim \chi_{(1)}^2,$$

where  $I^{11}$  is the  $(1, 1)$  element of  $\mathbf{I}^{-1}$  evaluated at MLE  $\hat{\theta}_1$  and  $\hat{\theta}_2$ .

- Calculation of  $I^{11}$  by using a general result:

$$\mathbf{I} = \begin{pmatrix} I_{11} & I_{12} \\ I_{21} & I_{22} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{I}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \textcolor{red}{I}^{11} & I^{12} \\ I^{21} & I^{22} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \textcolor{red}{I}^{11} = (I_{11} - I_{12} I_{22}^{-1} I_{21})^{-1}.$$

- We can use the Wald result to find a confidence interval for  $\theta_1 = \log(\psi)$ .

## Confidence Interval for Odds Ratio

Here, we obtain:

$$I^{11}(\hat{\theta}_1, \hat{\theta}_2) = \frac{1}{y_1} + \frac{1}{m_1 - y_1} + \frac{1}{y_2} + \frac{1}{m_2 - y_2}.$$

Thus, a Wald-based 95 % confidence interval for  $\theta_1 = \log(\psi)$  is:

$$\hat{\theta}_1 \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{1}{y_1} + \frac{1}{m_1 - y_1} + \frac{1}{y_2} + \frac{1}{m_2 - y_2}} = (\hat{\theta}_{1L}, \hat{\theta}_{1U}).$$

A 95 % confidence interval for the Odds Ratio  $\psi$  is:

$$(\exp\{\hat{\theta}_{1L}\}, \exp\{\hat{\theta}_{1U}\}).$$

### Example: Prenatal Care from Two Clinics

Consider the data below for the relationship between:

- **Response:** Fetal Mortality.
- **Explanatory variable:** Level of Care.

Level of Care	Fetal Mortality		Total
	Died	Survived	
Intensive	20	316	336
Regular	46	373	419
	66	689	755

- Using the above data, we obtain MLE of odds ratio  $\psi$ :

$$\hat{\psi} = \frac{y_1/(m_1 - y_1)}{y_2/(m_2 - y_2)} = \frac{20/316}{46/373} = 0.51.$$

$\hat{\psi} = 0.51 < 1$ , the risk of mortality is lower with intensive care.

- A 95 % CI for  $\theta_1 = \log(\psi)$ :

$$\log(0.51) \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{1}{20} + \frac{1}{316} + \frac{1}{46} + \frac{1}{373}} = (-1.219, -0.127).$$

- A 95 % CI for odds ratio  $\psi$ :

$$(\exp\{-1.219\}, \exp\{-0.127\}) = (0.30, 0.89).$$

Note that the CI does not cover the value  $\psi = 1$  (no association), so we reject the null hypothesis of no association between fetal mortality and level of care. In other words, there is evidence of association.

### Example: Prenatal Care from Two Clinics

There is an **additional explanatory variable**: Clinic (A vs B).

#### Prenatal Care Data Stratified by Clinic

Level of Care	Clinic A			Clinic B		
	Died	Survived	Total	Died	Survived	Total
Intensive	16	293	309	4	23	27
Regular	12	176	188	34	197	231
	28	469	497	38	220	258

- $\hat{\psi}_A = 0.80$  (0.37, 1.73) and  $\hat{\psi}_B = 1.01$  (0.33, 3.10). These cover value 1, different from the results from the pooled analysis on the previous slide.
- These results do NOT agree with the results from the pooled analysis on the previous slide.



### Association Between Clinic and Level of Care

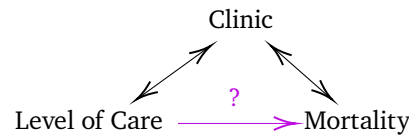
	A	B	
Intensive	309	27	336
Regular	118	231	419
	497	258	755

- $\hat{\psi} = 14.06$  (9.12, 21.76).

### Association Between Clinic and Mortality

	A	B	
Died	28	38	66
Survived	469	220	689
	497	258	755

- $\hat{\psi} = 0.35$  (0.21, 0.58).
- The initial strong association between Level of Care and Infant Mortality disappeared when we stratified by clinic.



- Instead of having to examine multiple  $2 \times 2$  tables we'd like to estimate the OR and compute associations using a multiple regression model.
- One way to do this is by fitting a Binomial GLM to the data.

WEEK 4  
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## Topic 3b: Binomial Regression Models for Binary Data

### Recall Topic 3a: Binary Data and Odds Ratios

Last week, we introduce a simple method for association between two binary variables,  $2 \times 2$  contingency table

analysis: Measure of Association:  $OR = \psi = \frac{\pi_1/(1 - \pi_1)}{\pi_2/(1 - \pi_2)}$ ,

Level of Care	Mortality		
	Died	Survived	
Intensive	$y_1$	$m_1 - y_1$	$Y_1 \sim \text{BIN}(m_1, \pi_1)$
Regular	$y_2$	$m_2 - y_2$	$Y_2 \sim \text{BIN}(m_2, \pi_2)$

- $OR = 1$  (equal risk).
- $0 < OR < 1$  (lower risk in group 1).
- $OR > 1$  (higher risk in group 1).

Maximum likelihood estimator for OR is:

$$\hat{\psi} = \frac{y_1/(m_1 - y_1)}{y_2/(m_2 - y_2)},$$

and a Wald-based 95 % CI is:

$$\exp\left\{\log(\hat{\psi}) \pm 1.96 \underbrace{\sqrt{\frac{1}{y_1} + \frac{1}{m_1 - y_1} + \frac{1}{y_2} + \frac{1}{m_2 - y_2}}}_{\text{se}(\log(\hat{\psi}))}\right\}.$$

Prenatal Care Data Example: However, Mortality and Care are also related to another variable, Clinic:

OR ( <a href="#">Mortality and Care</a> )	Est.	95 % CI
Intensive vs Regular	<a href="#">0.51</a>	<a href="#">(0.30, 0.89)</a>

Table 1:  $1 \notin (0.30, 0.89) \implies$  evidence of association between Mortality and Care.

OR ( <a href="#">Mortality and Clinic</a> )	Est.	95 % CI
Intensive vs Regular	<a href="#">0.35</a>	<a href="#">(0.12, 0.58)</a>

Table 2: Association between Mortality and Clinic.

OR ( <a href="#">Care and Clinic</a> )	Est.	95 % CI
Intensive vs Regular	<a href="#">14.06</a>	<a href="#">(9.12, 21.76)</a>

Table 3: Association between Care and Clinic.

- Therefore, we wish to consider how a variable, e.g., Mortality ( $Y$ ), is related to multiple explanatory variables together, e.g., Care ( $x_1$ ) and Clinic ( $x_2$ ).
- This can be done using [multiple regression methodology](#) for binary data  $\implies$  Topic 3b: Binomial Regression Models for Binary Data.

## Multiple Regression for Binary Data

- Often we need to consider the relationship between a binary outcome and multiple explanatory variables, using multiple regression methodology.
- This is because we may want to:
  - control for confounding variables and hence want to examine the effect of several variables simultaneously;
  - examine the effect of categorical variables ( $> 2$  levels) or continuous covariates;
  - develop sophisticated models that describe complex relationship.
- Suppose [subject level data](#) is binary with a value of 1 indicating that an event of interest occurs and a value of 0 indicating that event doesn't occur.
- Subjects can be classified according to the values of explanatory variables into  $n$  groups (i.e., common covariates values within each group), so we have [grouped data](#) such that:
  - $m_i$  denotes number of subjects in group  $i$ ;
  - $Y_i$  denotes number of subjects experienced the event in group  $i$ ;
  - $x_{i1}, \dots, x_{ip}$  denote the covariates values associated with group  $i$  where  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

## Set-up of a Binomial Regression Model

- ① **Response Variable:**  $Y_i \sim \text{BIN}(m_i, \pi_i)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , and Binomial distribution is a member of Exponential family!

$$\begin{aligned} f(y_i) &= \binom{m_i}{y_i} \pi_i^{y_i} (1 - \pi_i)^{m_i - y_i} \\ &= \exp \left\{ y_i \log \left( \frac{\pi_i}{1 - \pi_i} \right) + m_i \log(1 - \pi_i) + \log \left( \binom{m_i}{y_i} \right) \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_i &= \log \left( \frac{\pi_i}{1 - \pi_i} \right), \\ a(\phi) &= \phi = 1, \\ b(\theta_i) &= -m_i \log(1 - \pi_i) = m_i \log(1 + e^{\theta_i}). \\ c(y_i; \phi) &= \log \left( \binom{m_i}{y_i} \right). \end{aligned}$$

- ② **Linear Predictor:**

$$\eta_i = \mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \dots + \beta_p x_{ip}.$$

- ③ **Link Function:** Recall that for Binomial distribution, we have  $\mathbb{E}[Y_i] = \mu_i = m_i \pi_i$ , therefore we typically re-write the link function in terms of  $\pi_i$ ,

$$g(\pi_i) = \mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}.$$

As  $\pi_i \in (0, 1)$ , any function  $g: (0, 1) \rightarrow (-\infty, \infty)$  may work, and here are some link functions we can consider:

log-log	$g(\pi) = \log(-\log(\pi))$
complementary log-log	$g(\pi) = \log(-\log(1 - \pi))$
Probit <sup>a</sup>	$g(\pi) = \Phi^{-1}(\pi)$
Logit ( <b>canonical</b> )	$g(\pi) = \log(\pi/(1 - \pi))$

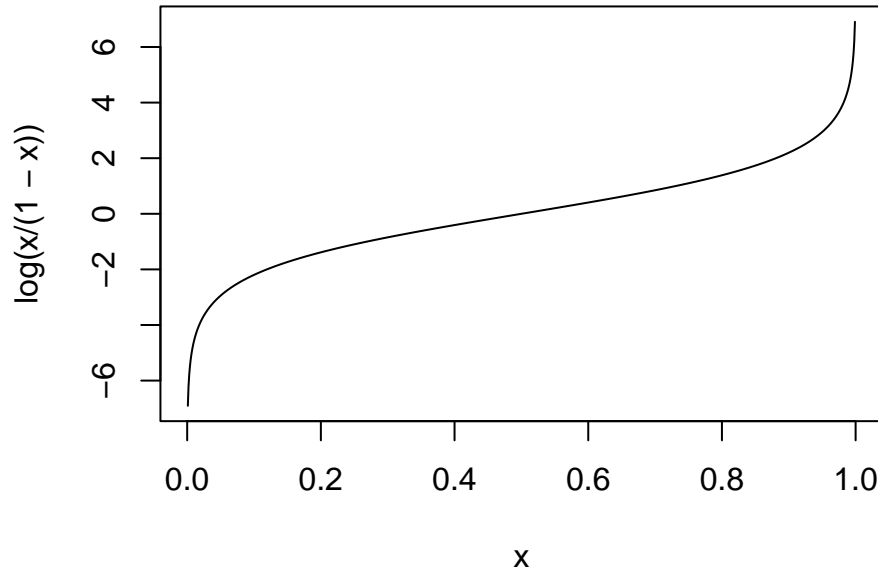
<sup>a</sup>For the Probit link,  $\Phi(\cdot)$  is the CDF of  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ .

## Canonical Link and Logistic Regression

Recall for Binomial distribution  $\theta_i = \log \left( \frac{\pi_i}{1 - \pi_i} \right)$ , and by setting  $\theta_i = \eta_i$ , we have:

$$\log \left( \frac{\pi_i}{1 - \pi_i} \right) = \eta_i.$$

The **Logit link**,  $g(\pi_i) = \log(\pi_i/(1 - \pi_i))$ , is the canonical link for the Binomial!



This leads to a Logistic Regression Model:

$$\log\left(\frac{\pi_i}{1 - \pi_i}\right) = \mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \cdots + \beta_p x_{ip}.$$

## Prediction from Logistic Regression

Aside: The inverse of the logit function is called the expit function:

$$\text{logit}(\pi_i) = \log\left(\frac{\pi_i}{1 - \pi_i}\right) = \mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta} \iff \pi_i = \frac{\exp\{\mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}\}}{1 + \exp\{\mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}\}} = \text{expit}(\mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}).$$

Suppose we have found MLE  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$  using Fisher scoring, then the fitted value for the **probability of response**  $\pi_i$  given explanatory variables  $\mathbf{x}_i$  is:

$$\hat{\pi}_i = \frac{\exp\{\mathbf{x}_i^\top \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}\}}{1 + \exp\{\mathbf{x}_i^\top \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}\}}.$$

The predicted number of responses are:  $\hat{Y}_i = m_i \hat{\pi}_i$ .

## Interpretation of $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ in Logistic Regression

- Consider a simple logistic model with a single binary explanatory variable:

$$\log\left(\frac{\pi_i}{1 - \pi_i}\right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1},$$

where  $x_{i1} = 0$  (group 0) and  $x_{i1} = 1$  (group 1).

- Let's compare the model when  $x_{i1} = 1$  vs  $x_{i1} = 0$ .
- We subtract line 2 from line 1 to isolate  $\beta_1$  and find its interpretation.
- $\beta_1 = \log$  odds ratio of response for subjects with  $x_{i1} = 1$  vs  $x_{i1} = 0$ .
- Please see Section 2.4.2 for general interpretations of  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ 's in multiple logistic regression models.

Group	$\mathbf{x}_i^\top$	$\eta_i = \log(\pi_i/(1 - \pi_i))$
1	$(1, 1)^\top$	$\beta_0 + \beta_1 = \log(\pi_1/(1 - \pi_1))$
0	$(1, 0)^\top$	$\beta_0 = \log(\pi_0/(1 - \pi_0))$
		$\beta_1 = \log\left(\frac{\pi_1/(1-\pi_1)}{\pi_0/(1-\pi_0)}\right) = \log(\text{OR})$

## Logistic Regression for Prenatal Care Example

- **Response:** Fetal Mortality, that is,

$$Y_i \sim \text{BIN}(m_i, \pi_i), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots$$

- Explanatory Variables:

$$x_{i1} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{Intensive Care} \\ 0 & \text{Regular Care} \end{cases}$$

$$x_{i2} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{Clinic A} \\ 0 & \text{Clinic B} \end{cases}$$

$$x_{i3} = x_{i1}x_{i2} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{Intensive care and Clinic A} \\ 0 & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- We will use the context of this example to illustrate how to:
  - fit (simple and multiple) logistic regression models using R, and
  - interpret regression parameters.

### Model 1: Level of Care only model

$$\log\left(\frac{\pi_i}{1 - \pi_i}\right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1}.$$

Level of Care	Clinic	$\mathbf{x}_i^\top$	$\log(\pi_i/(1 - \pi_i))$
Intensive	—	$(1, 1)^\top$	$\beta_0 + \beta_1$
Regular	—	$(1, 0)^\top$	$\beta_0$

- $\beta_0 = \text{log odds}$  of mortality for babies born to mothers treated with regular care.
- $\beta_1 = \text{log odds ratio}$  of mortality for babies born to mothers treated with intensive vs regular care.

### Model 2: Main effects model

$$\log\left(\frac{\pi_i}{1 - \pi_i}\right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \beta_2 x_{i2}.$$

- $\beta_0 = \text{log odds}$  of mortality with regular care at Clinic B.
- $\beta_1 = \text{log odds ratio}$  of mortality for babies born to mothers treated with **intensity vs regular** care at the *same clinic*.
- $\beta_2 = \text{log odds ratio}$  of mortality for babies born to mothers treated at **Clinic A vs Clinic B** at the *same level of care*.

Level of Care	Clinic	$\mathbf{x}_i^\top$	$\log(\pi_i/(1 - \pi_i))$
Intensive	A	$(1, 1, 1)^\top$	$\beta_0 + \beta_1 + \beta_2$
Regular	A	$(1, 0, 1)^\top$	$\beta_0 + \beta_2$
Intensive	B	$(1, 1, 0)^\top$	$\beta_0 + \beta_1$
Regular	B	$(1, 0, 0)^\top$	$\beta_0$

### Model 3: Interaction model

$$\log\left(\frac{\pi_i}{1 - \pi_i}\right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \beta_2 x_{i2} + \beta_3 x_{i3}.$$

Level of Care	Clinic	$\mathbf{x}_i^\top$	$\log(\pi_i/(1 - \pi_i))$
Intensive	A	$(1, 1, 1)^\top$	$\beta_0 + \beta_1 + \beta_2 + \beta_3$
Regular	A	$(1, 0, 1)^\top$	$\beta_0 + \beta_2$
Intensive	B	$(1, 1, 0)^\top$	$\beta_0 + \beta_1$
Regular	B	$(1, 0, 0)^\top$	$\beta_0$

- $\beta_0$  = **log odds ratio** of mortality for babies born to mothers treated with **intensity vs regular** care at *Clinic B*.
- $\beta_1 + \beta_3$  = **log odds ratio** of mortality for babies born to mothers treated with **intensity vs regular** care at *Clinic A*.
- $\beta_2$  = **log odds ratio** of mortality for babies born to mothers treated at **Clinic A vs Clinic B** with *regular* care.
- $\beta_2 + \beta_3$  = **log odds ratio** of mortality for babies born to mothers treated at **Clinic A vs Clinic B** with *intensive* care.
- $\beta_3$  represents the **difference in log odds ratios**.
- If  $\beta_3 = 0$  then association between mortality and level of care does not depend on clinic.
- Equivalently, if  $\beta_3 = 0$  then the association between mortality and clinic does not depend on level of care.

#### Data file prenatal.dat

```

clinic loc  y   m
1      0   0 34 231
2      0   1  4  27
3      1   0 12 188
4      1   1 16 309

```

- The first line contains the variable names/labels.
- We are using indicator variables for the explanatory variables:

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_{i1} &= \text{loc} && (1 \text{ for Intensive, } 0 \text{ for Regular}) \\
 x_{i2} &= \text{clinic} && (1 \text{ for Clinic A, } 0 \text{ for Clinic B})
 \end{aligned}$$

- The variable y records the number of deaths (events).

## Fit GLMs using R

The `glm()` function in R is used to fit the generalized linear models:

```
fit = glm(formula, family = (link = ), data = ).
```

- formula: a linear formula describing the model, e.g.,

```
resp ~ loc + clinic.
```

- family: a description of the exponential family distribution and link function to be used in the model, e.g.,

```
family = binomial, gaussian, poisson, Gamma, etc..
```

```
link = logit, log, loglog, cloglog, identity, probit, etc..
```

- The default is the canonical link.

## R Code and Output for Analysis of Prenatal Care data

```
# read file prenatal.data
prenatal.dat = read.table("prenatal.dat", header = T)
# construct the binomial response for the logistic regression
# analysis
prenatal.dat$resp = cbind(prenatal.dat$y, prenatal.dat$m - prenatal.dat$y)
prenatal.dat
```

	clinic	loc	y	m	resp.1	resp.2
1	0	0	34	231	34	197
2	0	1	4	27	4	23
3	1	0	12	188	12	176
4	1	1	16	309	16	293

The logistic regression models are fit using the `glm()` commands like:

```
# fit the logistic model using the glm function
model1 = glm(resp ~ loc, family = binomial(link = logit), data = prenatal.dat)
summary(model1)
```

## Fit of Model 1: Level of Care Model

$$\log\left(\frac{\pi_i}{1 - \pi_i}\right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1}.$$

```
# fit the logistic model using the glm function
model1 = glm(resp ~ loc, family = binomial(link = logit), data = prenatal.dat)
summary(model1)$coefficients
```

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z )
(Intercept)	-2.0929370	0.1562692	-13.393150	6.630754e-41
loc	-0.6670729	0.2785400	-2.394891	1.662530e-02

Components of the `summary()` output for `glm` objects:

- **Estimate**: the maximum likelihood estimates of the regression coefficients  $\hat{\beta}_0$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1$ .
- **Std. Error**: estimated standard errors, the square root of the diagonal of the inverse of the Information matrix:

$$\text{se}(\hat{\beta}_j) = \sqrt{[I^{-1}(\hat{\beta})]_{jj}} = \sqrt{I^{jj}(\hat{\beta})}.$$

- **z value**: Wald-type test statistics for testing the hypotheses:

$$H_0: \beta_j = 0 \text{ vs } H_A: \beta_j \neq 0.$$

- **Pr(>|z|)**:  $p$ -value for above Wald test.

For this model:

- $\beta_1$  is the log odds ratio of mortality for infants born to mothers treated with intensive versus regular care.

### Hypothesis test for $\beta_j$

- We may wish to test:

$$H_0: \beta_j = \beta^* \text{ versus } H_A: \beta_j \neq \beta^*.$$

- The general **Wald** result for a single parameter  $\beta_j$  is:

$$(\hat{\beta}_j - \beta^*)^2 (I^{jj}(\hat{\beta}))^{-1} \sim \chi_1^2,$$

equivalently  $\frac{\hat{\beta}_j - \beta^*}{\text{se}(\hat{\beta}_j)} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  where  $\text{se}(\hat{\beta}_j) = \sqrt{I^{jj}(\hat{\beta})}$ .

- We can find the  $p$ -value of this test using:

$$p = 2 \mathbb{P}\left(Z > \frac{|\hat{\beta}_j - \beta^*|}{\text{se}(\hat{\beta}_j)}\right).$$

- The `summary()` output gives the test statistics and  $p$ -values for testing

$$H_0: \beta_j = 0 \text{ vs } H_A: \beta_j \neq 0.$$

### Hypothesis test for $\beta_1$ from Model 1: Level of Care Model

```
summary(model1)$coefficients
```

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z )
(Intercept)	-2.0929370	0.1562692	-13.393150	6.630754e-41
loc	-0.6670729	0.2785400	-2.394891	1.662530e-02

- We wish to test:

$$H_0: \beta_1 = 0 \text{ vs } H_A: \beta_1 \neq 0$$

- Wald test:

$$z = \frac{\hat{\beta}_1 - 0}{\text{se}(\hat{\beta}_1)} = \frac{-0.6671}{0.2785} = -2.3949$$



- $p$ -value:

$$p = 2\mathbb{P}(Z > |-2.3949|) = 0.0166 < 0.05$$

- Therefore, we reject the null hypothesis that  $\beta_1 = 0$ .
- Estimate of OR for Mortality for Intensive vs Regular Care:

$$\hat{\psi} = \exp\{\hat{\beta}_1\} = \exp\{-0.6670729\} = 0.51.$$

- Confidence Interval for OR:

$$\begin{aligned}\exp\{\hat{\beta}_1 \pm 1.96 \text{se}(\hat{\beta}_1)\} &= \exp\{-0.6671 \pm 1.96(0.2785)\} \\ &= (\exp\{-1.2130\}, \exp\{-0.1211\}) \\ &= (0.30, 0.89)\end{aligned}$$

- The estimate and Wald 95 % CI here match those found previously from the  $2 \times 2$  table analysis. That is, the  $2 \times 2$  table analysis is equivalent to a simple logistic regression with a single binary covariate.

## Fit of Model 2: Main Effects Model

$$\log\left(\frac{\pi_i}{1 - \pi_i}\right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \beta_2 x_{i2}.$$

```
model2 <- glm(resp ~ loc + clinic, family = binomial(link = logit),
  data = prenatal.dat)
summary(model2)$coefficients
```

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z )
(Intercept)	-1.7410476	0.1784691	-9.7554560	1.748132e-22
loc	-0.1503053	0.3301670	-0.4552402	6.489365e-01
clinic	-0.9862793	0.3089322	-3.1925427	1.410261e-03

- What is the OR for mortality for Intensive vs Regular Care, now controlling for Clinic?

$$\widehat{\text{OR}} = \hat{\psi} = \exp\{-0.1503\} = 0.86.$$

- 95 % CI:

$$\exp\{-0.1503 \pm 1.96 \times 0.3302\} = (0.4505, 1.6436).$$

## Fit of Model 3: Interaction Model

$$\log\left(\frac{\pi_i}{1 - \pi_i}\right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \beta_2 x_{i2} + \beta_3 x_{i3}.$$

```
model3 <- glm(resp ~ loc + clinic + loc * clinic, family = binomial(link = logit),
  data = prenatal.dat)
summary(model3)$coefficients
```

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z )
(Intercept)	-1.756843204	0.1857092	-9.46018403	3.074017e-21
loc	0.007643349	0.5726827	0.01334657	9.893513e-01
clinic	-0.928734141	0.3514300	-2.64272868	8.224091e-03
loc:clinic	-0.229649891	0.6949054	-0.33047646	7.410400e-01

Level of Care	Clinic	$\mathbf{x}_i^\top$	$\log(\pi_i/(1 - \pi_i))$
Intensive	A	$(1, 1, 1)^\top$	$\beta_0 + \beta_1 + \beta_2 + \beta_3$
Regular	A	$(1, 0, 1)^\top$	$\beta_0 + \beta_2$
Intensive	B	$(1, 1, 0)^\top$	$\beta_0 + \beta_1$
Regular	B	$(1, 0, 0)^\top$	$\beta_0$

- What is the OR for Mortality for Intensive vs Regular Care at Clinic A?

$$\text{OR} = \psi = \exp\{\beta_1 + \beta_3\} \implies \hat{\psi} = \exp\{0.0076 - 0.2296\} = 0.8.$$

- $\text{se}(\hat{\beta}_1 + \hat{\beta}_3)$  is required for calculation of 95 % CI.
  - Recall  $\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}) = \mathbf{I}^{-1}(\hat{\beta})$ , now for any linear function of  $\beta$ 's, e.g.,  $\mathbf{c}\beta$  where  $\mathbf{c}$  is a row vector of constants, then MLE of  $\mathbf{c}\beta$  is  $\mathbf{c}\hat{\beta}$ , and  $\text{se}(\mathbf{c}\hat{\beta}) = \sqrt{\mathbf{c}\mathbf{I}^{-1}(\hat{\beta})\mathbf{c}^\top}$ .
- Therefore,  $\log(\psi) = \beta_1 + \beta_3 = \mathbf{c}\beta$ ,  $\mathbf{c} = (0, 1, 0, 1)^\top$ . In R, `vcov(model3)` gives  $\mathbf{I}^{-1}(\hat{\beta})$ .
- What is OR for Mortality for Intensive vs Regular Care at Clinic B?

$$\text{OR} = \psi = \exp\{\beta_1\} \implies \hat{\psi} = \exp\{0.0076\} = 1.01.$$

## Topic 3c: Likelihood Ratio Test for Logistic Regression Models

### Logistic Regression Models

Recall major developments of Binomial logistic regression from last topic 3b:  $Y_i \sim \text{BIN}(m_i, \pi_i)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$  independently, with covariate vector  $\mathbf{x}_i$  and

$$\log\left(\frac{\pi_i}{1 - \pi_i}\right) = \mathbf{x}_i^\top \beta.$$

- Estimation:  $\hat{\beta}$  come from Fisher scoring using R function `glm()`.
- Interpretation:  $\exp\{\beta_j\}$  has OR interpretation.
- Hypothesis tests of  $H_0: \beta_j = 0$  using Wald statistic.
- Confidence Intervals:  $\hat{\beta}_j \pm z_{1-\alpha/2} \text{se}(\hat{\beta}_j)$ .

### Likelihood for Logistic Regression Models

- Log-likelihood for Binomial Distribution:

$$\begin{aligned} \ell &= \log\left(\prod_{i=1}^n \pi_i^{y_i} (1 - \pi_i)^{m_i - y_i}\right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \log\left(\frac{\pi_i}{1 - \pi_i}\right) + m_i \log(1 - \pi_i). \end{aligned}$$

- Using logit link we can re-parameterize the log-likelihood in terms of  $\beta$ :

$$\log\left(\frac{\pi_i}{1 - \pi_i}\right) = \mathbf{x}_i^\top \beta, \quad \pi_i = \frac{\exp\{\mathbf{x}_i^\top \beta\}}{1 + \exp\{\mathbf{x}_i^\top \beta\}}.$$

- Log likelihood for logistic regression:

$$\ell = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta} - m_i \log(1 + \exp\{\mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}\}).$$

- Maximization of log-likelihood  $\ell(\boldsymbol{\beta})$  gives MLE  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$ , and

- estimated probability of response:

$$\hat{\pi}_i = e^{\mathbf{x}_i^\top \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}} / (1 + e^{\mathbf{x}_i^\top \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}}) = \text{expit}(\mathbf{x}_i^\top \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}),$$

- estimated number of responses:  $\hat{y}_i = m_i \hat{\pi}_i$ .

- Questions:

- How good is the model? How well do the estimated number of events  $\hat{y}_i$  approximate the observed data  $y_i$ ? (**goodness of fit**).
- How much worse is the fit of a model when several of the covariates are excluded? (**nested models**):

$$H_0: \beta_k = \beta_{k+1} = 0 \text{ vs } H_A: \beta_k \neq 0 \text{ or } \beta_{k+1} \neq 0.$$

## Likelihood Ratio Test (General Setting)

- Suppose  $\ell(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  is the likelihood for a  $q$ -dimension parameter vector  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  and let

- $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$  be the  $q$ -dim MLE of  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  (unconstrained/**saturated**,  $q = n$ ),
- $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$  be the  $p$ -dim MLE of  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  (constrained/**unsaturated**,  $p < q$ ).

- Hypotheses:

- $H_0$ : the constrained model is adequate (i.e., as good as the unconstrained).
- $H_A$ : constrained model is not adequate.

- Recall the Likelihood Ratio (LR) result:

$$\text{Under } H_0: \quad -2 \log \left( \frac{L(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}})}{L(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}})} \right) = -2[\ell(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) - \ell(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}})] \sim \chi_{q-p}^2.$$

- Reject  $H_0$  at  $\theta$  if

$$p\text{-value} = \mathbb{P}(\chi_{q-p}^2 > -2[\ell(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) - \ell(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}})]) < \alpha.$$

## Likelihood Ratio Test (Logistic Regression Model)

- **Saturated** (unconstrained) model MLEs:

$$\tilde{\pi}_i = \frac{y_i}{m_i}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

- Binomial MLE without imposing any constraint.
- We will have  $\tilde{y}_i = m_i \tilde{\pi}_i = y_i$ , **a perfect fit**!

- **Unsaturated** (constrained) model MLEs:

$$\hat{\pi}_i = \text{expit}(\mathbf{x}_i^\top \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}).$$

- Regression models are a way of imposing constraints on the estimation of  $\pi_i$  through  $p$ -dim regression coefficients  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ .

- We will have fitted number of responses  $\hat{y}_i = m_i \hat{\pi}_i = m_i \text{expit}(\mathbf{x}_i^\top \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})$ .
- **Hypotheses:**
  - $H_0$ : the  $p$ -dim model, e.g.,  $\text{logit}(\pi_i) = \mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}$  is adequate.
  - $H_A$ : the  $p$ -dim model, e.g.,  $\text{logit}(\pi_i) = \mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}$  is not adequate compared to the  $n$ -dim saturated model.
- **Likelihood Ratio Statistic** (also referred to as the **Deviance**):

$$\begin{aligned} D &= -2[\ell(\hat{\boldsymbol{\pi}}) - \ell(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\pi}})] \\ &= -2\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(y_i \log(\hat{\pi}_i) + (m_i - y_i) \log(1 - \hat{\pi}_i)\right) - \sum_{i=1}^n \left(y_i \log(\tilde{\pi}_i) + (m_i - y_i) \log(1 - \tilde{\pi}_i)\right)\right) \\ &= -2\sum_{i=1}^n \left(y_i \log\left(\frac{y_i}{m_i \hat{\pi}_i}\right) + (m_i - y_i) \log\left(\frac{m_i - y_i}{m_i(1 - \hat{\pi}_i)}\right)\right). \end{aligned}$$

- The **LR/Deviance** can also be written in a general form as:

$$D = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^2 \left( O_{ij} \log\left(\frac{O_{ij}}{E_{ij}}\right) \right).$$

- $O_{i1} = y_i$ ,  $E_{i1} = m_i \hat{\pi}_i$  (observed and expected # of events).
- $O_{i2} = m_i - y_i$ ,  $E_{i2} = m_i(1 - \hat{\pi}_i)$  (observed and expected # of non-events).
- We expect  $D \sim \chi_{n-p}^2$  under  $H_0$ , and reject  $H_0$  if  $\mathbb{P}(\chi_{n-p}^2 > D) < \alpha$ .
  - Unfortunately, this is not a great approximation.
  - Approximation is much better for testing nested unsaturated models though.

## Example: Prenatal Care Data

- Model 2: Main Effects Model,
 
$$\text{logit}(\pi_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \beta_2 x_{i2}.$$
  - $H_0$ : Model 2 is adequate.
  - $H_A$ : Model 2 is not adequate compared to the saturated model.
- In R, the `summary()` output  $D$  is reported as the **Residual Deviance**.

```
model2 = glm(resp ~ loc + clinic, family = binomial(link = logit),
  data = prenatal.dat)
summary(model2)
```

Call:

```
glm(formula = resp ~ loc + clinic, family = binomial(link = logit),
  data = prenatal.dat)
```

Deviance Residuals:

1	2	3	4
-0.08521	0.25805	0.13909	-0.11719

Coefficients:

Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z )
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```

(Intercept) -1.7410      0.1785    -9.755 < 2e-16 ***
loc          -0.1503      0.3302    -0.455  0.64894
clinic       -0.9863      0.3089    -3.193  0.00141 **
---
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)

    Null deviance: 16.91763  on 3  degrees of freedom
Residual deviance:  0.10693  on 1  degrees of freedom
AIC: 23.262

Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 3

```

- Deviance:  $D = 0.10693$ .
- $p$ -value:  $\mathbb{P}(\chi_{n-p}^2 > D) = \mathbb{P}(\chi_1^2 > D) = 0.7436689 \gg 0.05$ .
- Do not reject the null hypothesis that Model 2 is adequate.

## Pearson Statistic

- The Pearson statistic is another statistic that can be used for assessing “overall” fit (or goodness of fit) of a Binomial model:

$$P = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(y_i - m_i \hat{\pi}_i)^2}{m_i \hat{\pi}_i (1 - \hat{\pi}_i)}.$$

- As with LR/Deviance statistic,  $P \sim \chi_{n-p}^2$  under  $H_0$ : the model is adequate.
- Note that  $P$  has the general form:

$$P = \sum_i \frac{(O_i - E_i)}{V_i}.$$

- The  $\chi^2$  approximation is a bit better than for deviance statistic  $D$ .
- Both are poor if the sample size ( $m_i$ ) is small though.

## Testing Nested Non-saturated Models

- The previous LR/Deviance test was for an unsaturated model vs a saturated model.
- Now consider two unsaturated models ( $p < q < n$ ).

$$\text{logit}(\pi_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \cdots + \beta_{p-1} x_{ip-1} \tag{1}$$

$$\text{logit}(\pi_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \cdots + \beta_{p-1} x_{ip-1} + \cdots + \beta_{q-1} x_{iq-1} \tag{2}$$

- Model (1) is *nested* within Model (2).
- $H_0$ : Model (1) fits the data as well as Model (2).
  - $H_0$ :  $\beta_p = \cdots = \beta_{q-1} = 0$ .
- $H_A$ : Model (1) is inadequate compared to Model (2).
  - $H_A$ : at least one of  $\beta_p, \dots, \beta_{q-1} \neq 0$ .

Model	Dimension	MLEs
(1) Reduced model	$p$	$\hat{\pi}_i$
(2) Full model	$q$	$\tilde{\pi}_i$
Saturated model	$n$	$\tilde{\tilde{\pi}}_i$

- LR/Deviance test of Model (1) vs Saturated Model:

$$D_0 = -2(\ell(\hat{\pi}) - \ell(\tilde{\tilde{\pi}})).$$

- LR/Deviance test of Model (2) vs Saturated Model:

$$D_A = -2(\ell(\tilde{\pi}) - \ell(\tilde{\tilde{\pi}})).$$

- Now, we wish to conduct LR test of Model (1) vs Model (2):

$$\Delta D = D_0 - D_A = -2(\ell(\hat{\pi}) - \ell(\tilde{\pi})).$$

- It can be shown that under  $H_0$ : Model (1) is as adequate as Model (2),

$$\Delta D \sim \chi_{q-p}^2.$$

- This approximation is much better than when testing an unsaturated model vs the saturated model.
- If  $p = \mathbb{P}(\chi_{q-p}^2 > \Delta D) < \alpha$  then reject  $H_0$ .
  - Reduced model does not fit the data as well as Full model.
  - One or more of covariates  $x_{ip}, \dots, x_{iq-1}$  is important (i.e., associated with the response).

### Example: Prenatal Care Data

- Summary of Deviance (“residual deviance”) from R output:

Model	Covariates	Deviance	Parameters	$n - p$
1	loc	10.814378	2	2
2	loc + clinic	0.106928	3	1
3	loc + clinic + loc*clinic	0	4	0
4	clinic	0.314841	2	2

- Compare nested models:
  - Model 2:  $\text{logit}(\pi_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \beta_2 x_{i2}$ .
  - Model 4:  $\text{logit}(\pi_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_2 x_{i2}$ .
- Is level of care associated with fetal mortality after accounting for clinic?
  - $H_0$ : Model 4 is as adequate as Model 2 (e.g.,  $\beta_1 = 0$ ).
  - $H_A$ : Model 4 is inadequate compared to Model 2 (e.g.,  $\beta_1 \neq 0$ ).
- LR test for comparing Model 4 vs Model 2, or equivalently testing hypotheses:

$$H_0: \beta_1 = 0 \text{ vs } H_A: \beta_1 \neq 0.$$

- We do not reject  $H_0$  of no association between level and care and fetal mortality after controlling for Clinic.

```

model2 = glm(resp ~ loc + clinic, family = binomial, data = prenatal.dat)
model4 = glm(resp ~ clinic, family = binomial, data = prenatal.dat)
D = model4$deviance - model2$deviance
1 - pchisq(D, 2 - 1)

[1] 0.6484081

```

- This implies that level of care is no longer important when clinic is included in the model.
- It also implies that Model 4 is as adequate compared to Model 2.
- Finally, when testing a single parameter, e.g.,  $H_0: \beta_1 = 0$ , LR/Deviance test result is consistent with the Wald test result provided in the R output:

```

model2 = glm(resp ~ loc + clinic, family = binomial, data = prenatal.dat)
summary(model2)

Call:
glm(formula = resp ~ loc + clinic, family = binomial, data = prenatal.dat)

Deviance Residuals:
    1      2      3      4 
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(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)

    Null deviance: 16.91763  on 3  degrees of freedom
Residual deviance:  0.10693  on 1  degrees of freedom
AIC: 23.262

Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 3

```

## Summary of LR/Deviance Test for Logistic Regression

- For Binomial GLM with logit link the LR/Deviance test statistic is:

$$D = \sum_{i=1}^n 2 \left( y_i \log \left( \frac{y_i}{m_i \hat{\pi}_i} \right) + (m_i - y_i) \log \left( \frac{m_i - y_i}{m_i (1 - \hat{\pi}_i)} \right) \right).$$

- This is reported as the “Residual Deviance” in R glm summary output.
- Deviance statistic  $D$  can be used to:
  - Test adequacy/goodness of fit of a non-saturated logistic model:

$$D \stackrel{H_0}{\sim} \chi_{n-p}^2.$$

- Compare the fit of two nested-non saturated logistic models:

$$\Delta D = D_0 - D_A \stackrel{H_0}{\sim} \chi_{q-p}^2.$$

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## Topic 3d: Residuals for Binomial Data and Neuroblastoma Example

### Recall: Residuals in Linear Regression Models

- Normal linear regression models (STAT 331),

$$y_i = \mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta} + \varepsilon_i, \quad \varepsilon_i \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2).$$

- Fitted values:

$$\hat{y}_i = \mathbf{x}_i^\top \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}.$$

- Residuals:

$$r_i = y_i - \hat{y}_i.$$

- The overall fit of the model and validity of the model assumptions are assessed using various *residual plots*, e.g.,
  - Residuals  $r_i$  vs fitted value  $\hat{y}_i$  plot (check normality and constant variance).
  - QQ plot of residuals  $r_i$ 's (check normality).

### Residuals for Binomial Data

- When fit a logistic regression model to Binomial data, we evaluate the adequacy of the model by using the LR deviance test statistic:

$$\begin{aligned} D &= \sum_{i=1}^n 2 \left( y_i \log \left( \frac{y_i}{m_i \hat{\pi}_i} \right) + (m_i - y_i) \log \left( \frac{m_i - y_i}{m_i (1 - \hat{\pi}_i)} \right) \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n d_i. \end{aligned}$$

- *Deviance Residual*:

$$r_i^D = \text{sign}(y_i - m_i \hat{\pi}_i) \sqrt{|d_i|}.$$

- Under  $H_0$ : the model is adequate:

$$D = \sum_{i=1}^n d_i \stackrel{\text{approx}}{\sim} \chi_{n-p}^2 \implies r_i^D \stackrel{\text{approx}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, 1).$$

- We can use the plots of deviance residuals to assess whether  $r_i^D$ 's look independent observations from  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ .

### Example: Prenatal Care Data

$$\text{logit}(\pi_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{clinic}_i$$



Age (months)	Stage				
	I	II	III	IV	V
0-11	11/12	15/16	2/4	5/18	18/19
12-23	3/4	3/7	5/8	0/25	1/3
24+	4/5	4/12	3/15	3/93	2/5

```
model4 <- glm(resp ~ clinic, family = binomial(link = logit), data = prenatal.dat)
summary(model4)
```

Call:

```
glm(formula = resp ~ clinic, family = binomial(link = logit),
    data = prenatal.dat)
```

Deviance Residuals:

```
      1      2      3      4
-0.00432  0.01262  0.43671 -0.35206
```

Coefficients:

```
              Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept)  -1.7560      0.1757  -9.996  < 2e-16 ***
clinic        -1.0624      0.2621  -4.053  5.06e-05 ***
```

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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: 16.91763  on 3  degrees of freedom
Residual deviance:  0.31484  on 2  degrees of freedom
AIC: 21.47
```

Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 4

- **Pearson Residual:**

$$r_i^P = \frac{y_i - m_i \hat{\pi}_i}{\sqrt{m_i \hat{\pi}_i (1 - \hat{\pi}_i)}} = \frac{O_i - E_i}{\sqrt{V_i}}.$$

- Under  $H_0$ : the model is adequate,

$$r_i^P \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1).$$

- Note: if  $m_i \hat{\pi}_i < 5$  (or  $m_i(1 - \hat{\pi}_i) < 5$ ) for one or more cases, we should be concerned about the validity of the approximation ( $\chi^2$  or  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ ) and hence our conclusions.

## Prognosis for Children with Neuroblastoma

- A study is conducted to investigate the probability of *disease-free survival* (surviving 2 years free of disease) following the treatment for neuroblastoma.
- Associated risk factors include *age at diagnosis* and *stage of disease at diagnosis*.
  - Cell entries are of the form  $y/m$  with  $y$  representing the number of patients surviving 2 years, and  $m$  representing the number of patients in that age-stage combination at the start of the study.

Age (months)	Stage					Total
	I	II	III	IV	V	
0-11	11/12	15/16	2/4	5/18	18/19	51/69
12-23	3/4	3/7	5/8	0/25	1/3	12/47
24+	4/5	4/12	3/15	3/93	2/5	16/130
Total	18/21	22/35	10/27	8/136	21/27	79/246

- As an initial look at the data, consider the marginal distributions.
  - Higher chance of survival at younger age at diagnosis.
  - Higher chance of survival with lower stage of disease at diagnosis.

## Setup Regression Models for Neuroblastoma Data

- Response Variable:
  - $Y_i$  is the number of 2-yr disease-free survivors out of  $m_i$  total children in group  $i$ , assume  $Y_i \sim \text{BIN}(m_i, \pi_i)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 15$ , and

$$\pi_i = \mathbb{P}(\text{2-yr disease-free survival in group } i).$$

- Explanatory Variables:
  - **Age** (0-11, 12-23, 24+ months); age 0-11 month is the baseline/reference,

$$x_{i1} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if age 12-23 months} \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \quad x_{i2} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if age 24+ months} \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

- **Stage** (I, II, III, IV, V); stage 1 is the baseline/reference,

$$x_{i3} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{stage II} \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \quad x_{i4} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if stage III} \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$x_{i5} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if stage IV} \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases} \quad x_{i6} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if stage V} \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

- Consider the following logistic regression models:

- Model 1: Age & Stage

$$\text{logit}(\pi_i) = \beta_0 + \underbrace{\beta_1 x_{i1} + \beta_2 x_{i2}}_{\text{Age}} + \underbrace{\beta_3 x_{i3} + \beta_4 x_{i4} + \beta_5 x_{i5} + \beta_6 x_{i6}}_{\text{Stage}}.$$

- Model 2: Age only

$$\text{logit}(\pi_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \beta_2 x_{i2}.$$

- Model 3: Stage only

$$\text{logit}(\pi_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_3 x_{i3} + \beta_4 x_{i4} + \beta_5 x_{i5} + \beta_6 x_{i6}.$$

## Fitting Logistic Regression Models Using R

```

neuro.dat = read.table("neuro.dat", header = T)
neuro.dat

  age stage  y  m
1   1     1  11 12
2   1     2  15 16
3   1     3   2  4
4   1     4   5 18
5   1     5  18 19
6   2     1   3  4
7   2     2   3  7
8   2     3   5  8
9   2     4   0 25
10  2     5   1  3
11  3     1   4  5
12  3     2   4 12
13  3     3   3 15
14  3     4   3 93
15  3     5   2  5

# here we construct the response variable for logistic
# regression
neuro.dat$resp = cbind(neuro.dat$y, neuro.dat$m - neuro.dat$y)
neuro.dat

```

```

  age stage  y  m resp.1 resp.2
1   1     1  11 12     11      1
2   1     2  15 16     15      1
3   1     3   2  4      2      2
4   1     4   5 18      5     13
5   1     5  18 19     18      1
6   2     1   3  4      3      1
7   2     2   3  7      3      4
8   2     3   5  8      5      3
9   2     4   0 25      0     25
10  2     5   1  3      1      2
11  3     1   4  5      4      1
12  3     2   4 12      4      8
13  3     3   3 15      3     12
14  3     4   3 93      3     90
15  3     5   2  5      2      3

```

## Summary of Model 1: Age & Stage

$$\text{logit}(\pi_i) = \beta_0 + \underbrace{\beta_1 x_{i1} + \beta_2 x_{i2}}_{\text{Age}} + \underbrace{\beta_3 x_{i3} + \beta_4 x_{i4} + \beta_5 x_{i5} + \beta_6 x_{i6}}_{\text{Stage}}.$$

Call:  
 glm(formula = resp ~ factor(age) + factor(stage), family = binomial(link = logit),  
 data = neuro.dat)

Deviance Residuals:

```

      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
-1.47408  -0.61913  -0.09643   0.53163   1.52114

Coefficients:
              Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept)      3.3175     0.7721   4.297 1.73e-05 ***
factor(age)2     -2.1181     0.5736  -3.693 0.000222 ***
factor(age)3     -2.6130     0.5017  -5.208 1.91e-07 ***
factor(stage)2   -1.2529     0.7837  -1.599 0.109860
factor(stage)3   -1.7759     0.8003  -2.219 0.026478 *
factor(stage)4   -4.3678     0.7902  -5.528 3.25e-08 ***
factor(stage)5   -1.0222     0.8644  -1.183 0.236980
---
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)

    Null deviance: 162.832  on 14  degrees of freedom
Residual deviance:   9.625  on  8  degrees of freedom
AIC: 55.382

Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 4

```

- Before interpreting these results too much, we should look to see how good the fit is to the data.

```

y = neuro.dat$y
m = neuro.dat$m
fv1 = model1$fitted.values
yhat = m * fv1
rd1 = residuals.glm(model1, "deviance")
rp1 = (y - m * fv1)/sqrt(m * fv1 * (1 - fv1))
cbind(rd1, rp1, yhat, y)

```

	rd1	rp1	yhat	y
1	-0.77808711	-0.91184050	11.580304	11
2	0.68559153	0.63381666	14.198641	15
3	-1.47407847	-1.69888561	3.294804	2
4	0.17884403	0.18019371	4.665014	5
5	0.63431439	0.58779486	17.261237	18
6	-0.08658336	-0.08736144	3.073705	3
7	-0.30801258	-0.30734393	3.406432	3
8	1.52114028	1.56325351	2.877982	5
9	-1.43545385	-1.02556686	1.009324	0
10	-0.73520283	-0.73328264	1.632557	1
11	0.64949774	0.62163765	3.345991	4
12	-0.23825133	-0.23663531	4.394927	4
13	-0.50305728	-0.48993834	3.827214	3
14	0.42894854	0.44782015	2.325662	3
15	-0.09643089	-0.09619454	2.106206	2

- Residuals are a random scatter around 0 and  $\in (-2, 2)$  therefore  $r_i^D$  (or  $r_i^P$ )  $\sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ . Therefore, model 1 is adequate.

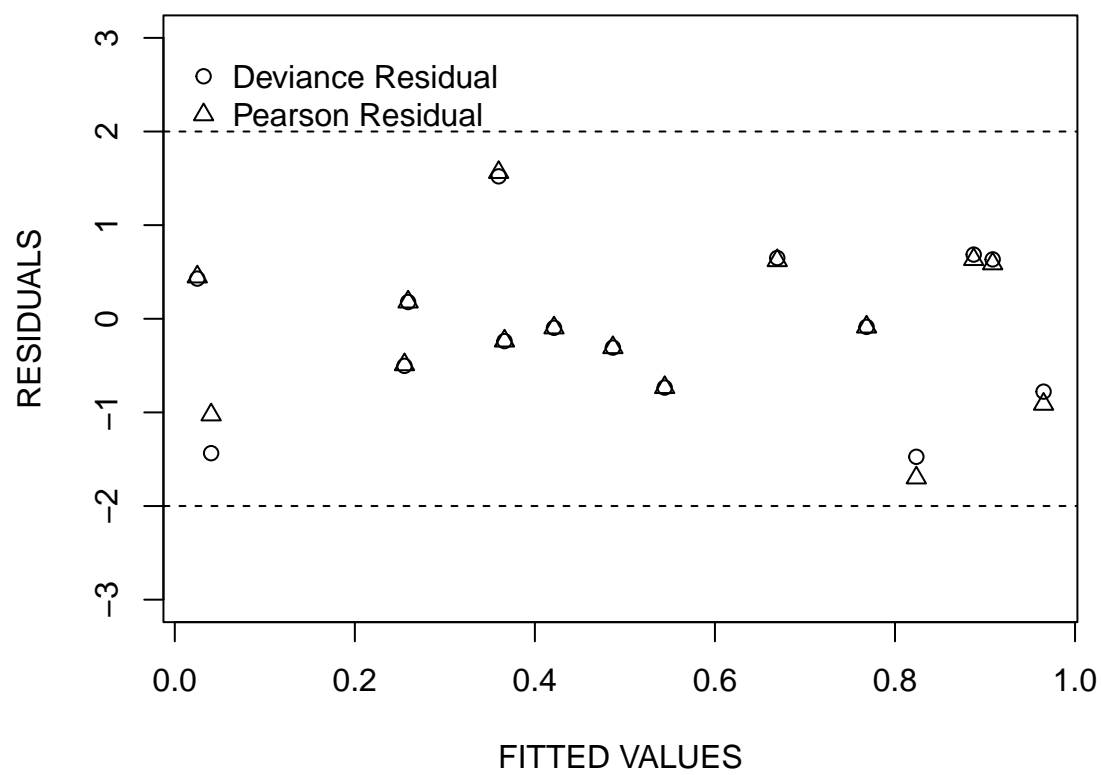


Figure 1: Plot of Residuals by Fitted Values for Neuroblastoma Data based on Logistic Regression Model with main effects of Age and Stage.

- We can test  $H_0$ : model 1 is adequate using LR/D statistic  $p\text{-value} = \mathbb{P}(\chi_8^2 > 9.625) < 0.05$ , do not reject  $H_0$ .

## Summary of Model 2: Age only

- Now we consider simplifying the model further by examining the decrease in the quality of the fit that results from dropping the stage variable(s).

$$\text{logit}(\pi_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \beta_2 x_{i2}.$$

```
model2 = glm(resp ~ factor(age), family = binomial(link = logit),
  data = neuro.dat)
summary(model2)
```

Call:  
glm(formula = resp ~ factor(age), family = binomial(link = logit),  
data = neuro.dat)

Deviance Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-4.0853	-0.3591	1.5613	2.0684	3.4667

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z )
(Intercept)	1.0415	0.2742	3.799	0.000145 ***
factor(age)2	-2.1119	0.4325	-4.883	1.05e-06 ***
factor(age)3	-3.0051	0.3827	-7.853	4.06e-15 ***

---  
Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\*' 0.001 '\*\*' 0.01 '\*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)

Null deviance: 162.832 on 14 degrees of freedom  
Residual deviance: 83.583 on 12 degrees of freedom  
AIC: 121.34

Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 5

## Summary of Model 3: Stage only

- Now we fit the model excluding the age variable to examine the drop in the quality of fit from model 1.

$$\text{logit}(\pi_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_3 x_{i3} + \beta_4 x_{i4} + \beta_5 x_{i5} + \beta_6 x_{i6}.$$

```
model2 = glm(resp ~ factor(stage), family = binomial(link = logit),
  data = neuro.dat)
summary(model3)
```

```

Call:
glm(formula = resp ~ loc + clinic + loc * clinic, family = binomial(link = logit),
    data = prenatal.dat)

Deviance Residuals:
[1]  0  0  0  0  0

Coefficients:
              Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept) -1.756843    0.185709  -9.460  < 2e-16 ***
loc           0.007643    0.572683   0.013  0.98935
clinic       -0.928734    0.351430  -2.643  0.00822 **
loc:clinic   -0.229650    0.694905  -0.330  0.74104
---
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)

    Null deviance:  1.6918e+01  on 3  degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: -4.3521e-14  on 0  degrees of freedom
AIC: 25.155

Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 3

```

## Testing Nested Models

- Now we can compare nested models using [LR/Deviance](#) Tests:

Model	Covariates	Deviance ( $D$ )	Parameters ( $p$ )	DF ( $n - p$ )
M1	Age & Stage	9.625	7	8
M2	Age	83.583	3	12
M3	Stage	42.446	5	10

- Recall:

$$\Delta D = D_0 - D_A = -2(\ell(\hat{\pi}) - \ell(\tilde{\pi})) \sim \chi_{q-p}^2$$

- $D_0$  and  $D_A$  are deviances from the [reduced](#) and [full](#) models respectively.
- $\hat{\pi}$  and  $\tilde{\pi}$  represents the MLEs from the [reduced](#) and [full](#) models respectively.

**Objective:** Pick the model that best represents the important associations between the outcome and explanatory variables.

### 1. Is Stage important?

$$H_0: \beta_3 = \dots = 0$$

(Model 2 is as adequate as Model 1)

$$H_A: \text{at least one of them is not 0}$$

(Model 2 is not adequate)

$$\Delta D = D_2 - D_1 = 83.583 - 9.625 = 73.958$$

$$p = \mathbb{P}(\chi_{7-3}^2 > 73.958) < 0.001$$

```
1 - pchisq(model2$deviance - model1$deviance, model2$df.residual -
model1$df.residual)

[1] 7.464321e-08
```

We reject  $H_0$  and conclude that there is evidence that Stage is important.

## 2. Is Age important?

$H_0: \beta_1 = \beta_2 = 0$  (Model 3 is as adequate as Model 1)  
 $H_A$ : at least one of them is not 0 (Model 3 is not adequate)

$$\Delta D = D_3 - D_1 = 42.446 - 9.625 = 32.821$$

$$p = \mathbb{P}(\chi^2_{7-5} > 32.821) < 0.001$$

```
1 - pchisq(model3$deviance - model1$deviance, model3$df.residual -
model1$df.residual)

[1] NaN
```

We reject  $H_0$  and conclude that there is evidence that Age is important.

## 3. Do we need an Age\*Stage interaction?

```
1 - pchisq(model1$deviance, model1$df.residual)

[1] 0.292341
```

- Model with age, stage, and age\*stage is the saturated model!
- Do not reject  $H_0$ : model 1 is as adequate as the saturated model (interaction model).
- Do not need to consider age\*stage.

## Interpret the Selected Model

So we select **Model 1** for interpretation.

```
model1 = glm(resp ~ factor(age) + factor(stage), family = binomial(link = logit),
data = neuro.dat)
summary(model1)
```

Call:  
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Coefficients:



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```

Q1: What is the **odds ratio** of 2 yr disease-free survival for a child **aged 24+ months** versus **aged < 12 months**?

Age	Stage	$\mathbf{x}_i^\top$	$\log(\pi_i/(1 - \pi_i))$
0-11	—	$(1, 0, 0, x_{i3}, x_{i4}, x_{i5}, x_{i6})^\top$	$\beta_0 + \beta_3 x_{i3} + \beta_4 x_{i4} + \beta_5 x_{i5} + \beta_6 x_{i6}$
24+	—	$(1, 0, 1, x_{i3}, x_{i4}, x_{i5}, x_{i6})^\top$	$\beta_0 + \beta_2 + \beta_3 x_{i3} + \beta_4 x_{i4} + \beta_5 x_{i5} + \beta_6 x_{i6}$

- The odds ratio is therefore  $\psi = \exp\{\beta_2\}$ , its MLE is:

$$\hat{\psi} = \exp\{\hat{\beta}_2\} = \exp\{-2.614\} = 0.0733.$$

- The **95 % CI** for this odds ratio is:

$$\exp\{\hat{\beta}_2 \pm 1.96 \text{se}(\hat{\beta}_2)\} = \exp\{-2.613 \pm 1.96 \times 0.5017\} = (0.0274, 0.1960).$$

- When controlling for stage at the diagnosis, the odds of 2-yr DFS for children aged 24+ months is only about 7% [95 % CI: (0.0274, 0.1960)] of that for those aged less than 12 months.

Q2: What is the **odds ratio** of 2 yr disease-free survival for a child with **stage V** versus **stage II** cancer?

Age	Stage	$\mathbf{x}_i^\top$	$\log(\pi_i/(1 - \pi_i))$
—	V	$(1, x_{i1}, x_{i2}, 0, 0, 0, 1)^\top$	$\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \beta_2 x_{i2} + \beta_6$
—	II	$(1, x_{i1}, x_{i2}, 1, 0, 0, 0)^\top$	$\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \beta_2 x_{i2} + \beta_3$

- The odds ratio is therefore  $\psi = \exp\{\beta_6 - \beta_3\}$ , its MLE is:

$$\hat{\psi} = \exp\{\hat{\beta}_6 - \hat{\beta}_3\} = \exp\{-1.022 + 1.253\} = 1.26.$$

- When controlling for age at the diagnosis, the odds of a 2-yr DFS for those diagnosed in stage V is 1.26 times of that for those diagnosed in stage II.

Q3: What is the **95 % CI** for **OR**  $\psi = \exp\{\beta_6 - \beta_3\}$ ?

1. Finding the 95 % CI for  $\eta = \beta_6 - \beta_3 = \mathbf{c}^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}$ , where

$$\mathbf{c}^\top = [0 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad -1 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 1], \quad \boldsymbol{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_6 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Standard error for  $\hat{\eta} = \hat{\beta}_6 - \hat{\beta}_3 = \mathbf{c}^\top \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$ :

$$\widehat{\text{Var}}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) = \mathbf{I}^{-1}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})$$

$$\text{se}(\mathbf{c}^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}) = \sqrt{\mathbf{c}^\top \mathbf{I}^{-1}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) \mathbf{c}}.$$

```
C = c(0, 0, 0, -1, 0, 0, 1)
se = sqrt(C %*% vcov(model1) %*% C)
se

      [,1]
[1,] 0.6729361
```

The 95 % CI for  $\eta = \beta_6 - \beta_3$  is:

$$\hat{\eta} \pm 1.96 \text{se}(\hat{\eta}) = (-1.0222 + 1.2529) \pm 1.96 \times 0.6729 = (-1.0882, 1.5496).$$

2. Exponentiate it to obtain the 95 % CI for  $\psi = \exp\{\eta\} = \exp\{\beta_6 - \beta_3\}$ :

$$\exp\{\hat{\eta} \pm 1.96 \text{se}(\hat{\eta})\} = (0.3368, 4.7098).$$

## Topic 3e: Dose-Response Models

### Bioassay Experiments

- **Bioassay experiment:** Several groups of subjects are exposed to varying levels of a drug/toxin to determine how many responses within a fixed period of time.
- **Stimulus:** Each group is subjected to a particular dose of the drug/toxin:

$$\text{dose} = \log(\text{concentration})$$

- **Response:** As a result of the stimulus, subjects will often manifest a binary response indicating the occurrence of an adverse event (e.g., death).
- **Tolerance:** We assume that for each subject there is a certain dose level above which the response will always occur.
  - This level is called the tolerance or threshold.
  - The tolerance varies from one individual to another in the population and therefore from subject to subject in the sample.
  - We can therefore ascribe a distribution to it.

## The Tolerance Distribution

- $z$  = concentration of the stimulus (toxin/drug).
- $x = \log(z)$  = dose/intensity of the stimulus.
- $f(x)$  = pdf for the distribution of the tolerance in the population (*i.e.*, the distribution for the stimulus/dose at which response occurs).
- Suppose a dose of  $x_0$  were applied to the population. What proportion would respond?

$$\pi_0 = \int_{-\infty}^{x_0} f(s) \, ds = F(x_0)$$

- If  $x_0 < x_1$ , then  $\pi_0 < \pi_1$ .

## Modelling the Dose-Response Relationship

For each group  $i = 1, \dots, n$  let:

- $x_i$  = dose applied to subjects in group  $i$ ,
- $m_i$  = number of subjects in group  $i$ ,
- $y_i$  = the number of subjects with response in group  $i$ .

Dose	Responders	Total	
$x_i$	$y_i$	$m_i$	$y_i/m_i$
1.6907	6	59	0.10
1.7242	13	60	0.22
1.7552	18	62	0.29
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$

- Assume

$$Y_i \sim \text{BIN}(m_i, \pi_i), \quad i = 1, \dots, n,$$

$\pi_i$  = probability of response in group  $i$  with dose  $x_i$ .

- **Objective:** To model probability of response  $\pi_i$  as a function of dose  $x_i$ .
- Binomial Regression Models:

$$g(\pi) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i,$$

where  $g(\cdot)$  is a choice of link function.

- Then we have:

$$\pi_i = g^{-1}(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i),$$

that is, the probability of response as a function of dose  $x_i$  via  $g^{-1}(\cdot)$ .

- Question: What link function should we select?
- Realize that:

- If we assume a tolerance distribution  $f(x)$ , the probability of response to dose  $x_i$  is:

$$\pi_i = \int_{-\infty}^{x_i} f(x) \, dx = F(x_i).$$

- With a Binomial regression model and a link function  $g(\cdot)$ , we have:

$$\pi_i = g^{-1}(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i).$$

- These suggest that the choice of the tolerance distribution determines the form of the link function, i.e., selecting  $g(\cdot)$  such that  $g^{-1}(\cdot)$  is a cdf:

$$\pi_i = g^{-1}(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i) = F^*(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i).$$

## Some Choices for the Tolerance Distribution

### ① Normal Tolerance Distribution:

$$\begin{aligned}\pi(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^x f(s) \, ds \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{s-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right\} \, ds \\ &= \Phi\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)\end{aligned}$$

where  $\Phi$  is the  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  cdf. This implies that

$$\Phi^{-1}(\pi) = \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma},$$

i.e., the **Probit link** s.t.,

$$g(\pi) = \Phi^{-1}(\pi) = -\frac{\mu}{\sigma} + \frac{1}{\sigma}x = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x.$$

A Binomial Probit Model:

$$\Phi^{-1}(\pi) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x.$$

How do we interpret  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$ ?

- They are no longer log odds ratios (as with logistic link)
- Interpretation is in terms of  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  the parameters of the Normal distribution for tolerance, i.e.,

$$\beta_0 = -\frac{\mu}{\sigma}, \quad \beta_1 = \frac{1}{\sigma}.$$

### ② Logistic Distribution:

$$f(x; \mu, s) = \frac{\exp\left\{-\frac{x-\mu}{s}\right\}}{s \left[1 + \exp\left\{-\frac{x-\mu}{s}\right\}\right]^2}, \quad s > 0, \mathbb{E}[X] = \mu.$$

The probability of response:

$$\begin{aligned}\pi(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^x f(x; \mu, s) \, ds = \left[1 + \exp\left\{-\frac{x-\mu}{s}\right\}\right]^{-1} \\ 1 - \pi(x) &= \frac{\exp\left\{-\frac{x-\mu}{s}\right\}}{1 + \exp\left\{-\frac{x-\mu}{s}\right\}} \\ \log\left(\frac{\pi(x)}{1 - \pi(x)}\right) &= \frac{x - \mu}{s}.\end{aligned}$$

This implies the **Logit link** s.t.,

$$g(\pi) = \text{logit}(\pi) = -\frac{\mu}{s} + \frac{1}{s}x = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x.$$

### ③ Extreme Value Distribution:

$$f(x; \mu, s) = \frac{1}{s} \exp\left\{\frac{x - \mu}{s} - \exp\left\{\frac{x - \mu}{s}\right\}\right\}, \quad s > 0.$$

The probability of response:

$$\begin{aligned}\pi(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^x f(x; \mu, s) \, ds \\ &= 1 - \exp\left\{-\exp\left\{-\frac{x - \mu}{s}\right\}\right\} \\ \log(-\log(1 - \pi(x))) &= \frac{x - \mu}{s}.\end{aligned}$$

This implies the [Complementary log-log link](#) s.t.,

$$g(\pi) = \log(-\log(1 - \pi)) = -\frac{\mu}{s} + \frac{1}{s}x = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x.$$

Tolerance Distribution	Link Function	Dose-Response Model
Normal	Probit	$\Phi^{-1}(\pi) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$
Logistic	Logit	$\text{logit}(\pi) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$
Extreme Value	Complementary log-log	$\log(-\log(1 - \pi)) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$

## Median Lethal/Effective Dose

- The [median lethal/effective dose](#) (ED50) is the dose at which 50 % of the population has the response.
- That is, if we let  $\delta$  be the ED50, then by definition:

$$\pi(\delta) = \int_{-\infty}^{\delta} f(x) \, dx = 0.50.$$

- How do we find the expression of  $\delta$  given a Dose-Response model? Suppose we fit a Binomial Probit model (i.e., Normal tolerance distribution):

$$\Phi^{-1}(\pi) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x.$$

Note that at dose  $\delta$  (ED50),  $\pi = 0.50$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi^{-1}(0.50) &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 \delta \\ 0 &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 \delta \\ \delta &= -\frac{\beta_0}{\beta_1}\end{aligned}$$

## A Dose-Response Example — Beetle Mortality

### Beetle Mortality

Consider an experiment by Bliss (Annals of Applied Biology, 1935) in which groups of beetles were exposed to varying concentrations of carbon disulphide (CS<sub>2</sub>) gas.

Dose ( $x_i$ )	# of insects killed ( $x_i$ )	# of insects $m_i$	$y_j/m_i$
1.6907	6	59	0.10
1.7242	13	60	0.22
1.7552	18	62	0.29
1.7842	28	56	0.50
1.8113	52	63	0.83
1.8369	53	59	0.89
1.8610	61	62	0.98
1.8839	60	60	1.00

- **Objective:** modelling the dose-response relationship.
- We will fit several binomial regression models to this data:

$$g(\pi_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i,$$

where  $x_i$  = dose in group  $i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 8$ .

- Various link functions will be used to find the best fitted model:
  - Logistic link.
  - Probit link.
  - Cloglog link.

## Dose-Response Analysis using R

```
# read beetle data
beetle.dat = read.table("beetle.dat", header = T)
# here we construct the response variable for Binomial
# regression
beetle.dat$resp <- cbind(beetle.dat$y, beetle.dat$m - beetle.dat$y)
beetle.dat
```

	dose	y	m	resp.1	resp.2
1	1.6907	6	59	6	53
2	1.7242	13	60	13	47
3	1.7552	18	62	18	44
4	1.7842	28	56	28	28
5	1.8113	52	63	52	11
6	1.8369	53	59	53	6
7	1.8610	61	62	61	1
8	1.8839	60	60	60	0

## Fit of the Logistic Model

```
model1 = glm(resp ~ dose, family = binomial(link = logit), data = beetle.dat)
summary(model1)
```

```

Call:
glm(formula = resp ~ dose, family = binomial(link = logit), data = beetle.dat)

Deviance Residuals:
    Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
-1.5941  -0.3944   0.8329   1.2592   1.5940

Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept)  -60.717     5.181  -11.72  <2e-16 ***
dose          34.270     2.912   11.77  <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: 284.202  on 7  degrees of freedom
Residual deviance:  11.232  on 6  degrees of freedom
AIC: 41.43

Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 4

```

## Fit of the Probit Model

```

model2 = glm(resp ~ dose, family = binomial(link = probit), data = beetle.dat)
summary(model2)

Call:
glm(formula = resp ~ dose, family = binomial(link = probit),
    data = beetle.dat)

Deviance Residuals:
    Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
-1.5714  -0.4703   0.7501   1.0632   1.3449

Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept)  -34.935     2.648  -13.19  <2e-16 ***
dose          19.728     1.487   13.27  <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: 284.20  on 7  degrees of freedom
Residual deviance:  10.12  on 6  degrees of freedom
AIC: 40.318

Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 4

```

## Fit of the Complementary Log-log Model

```
model3 = glm(resp ~ dose, family = binomial(link = cloglog), data = beetle.dat)
summary(model3)
```

Call:

```
glm(formula = resp ~ dose, family = binomial(link = cloglog),
    data = beetle.dat)
```

Deviance Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-0.80329	-0.55135	0.03089	0.38315	1.28883

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z )
(Intercept)	-39.572	3.240	-12.21	<2e-16 ***
dose	22.041	1.799	12.25	<2e-16 ***

---

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

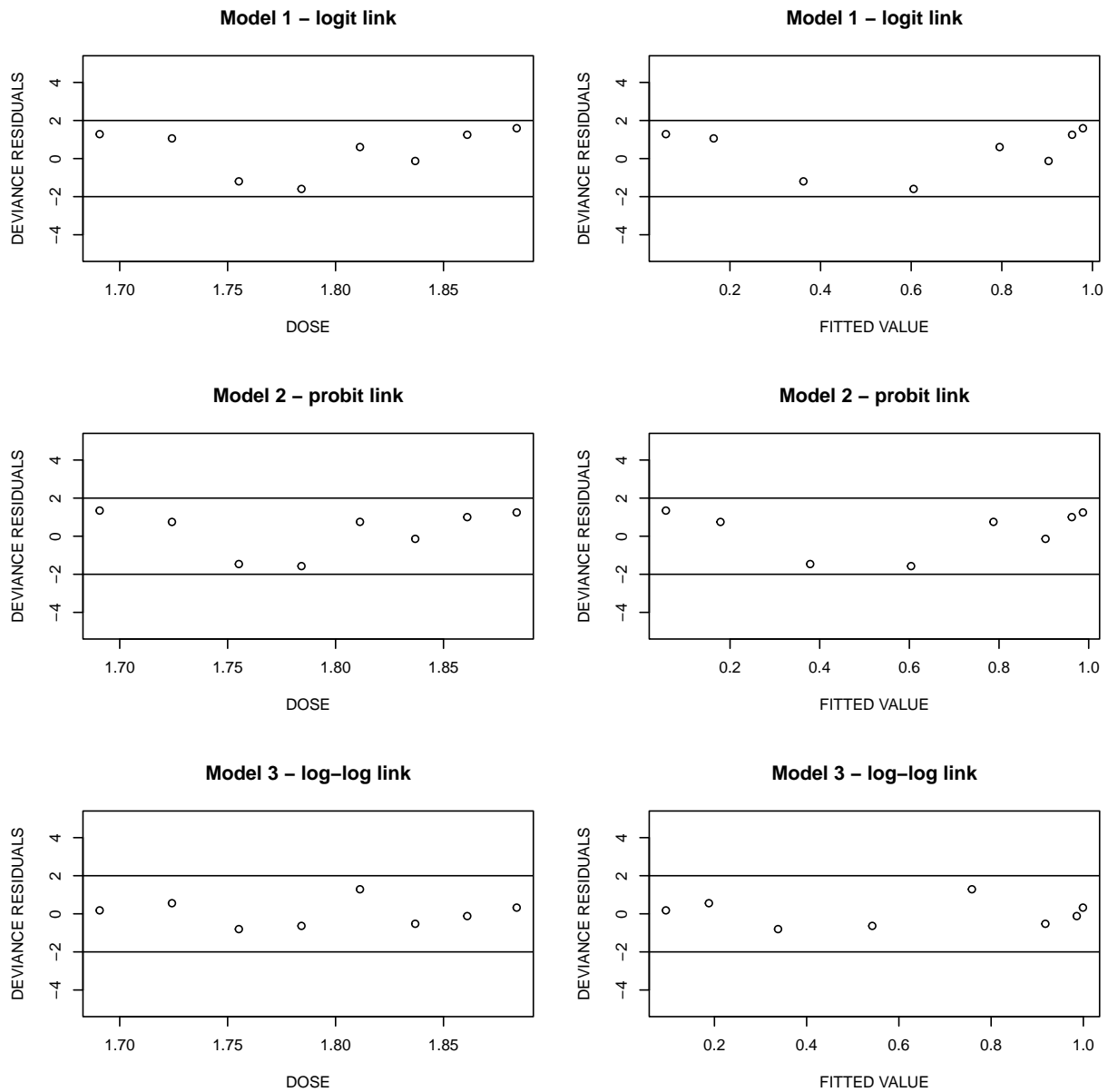
(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)

Null deviance: 284.2024 on 7 degrees of freedom  
Residual deviance: 3.4464 on 6 degrees of freedom  
AIC: 33.644

Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 4

## Deviance Residual Plots





## Choice of Tolerance Distribution or Binomial Model

- Observed probability of response:

$$\tilde{\pi}_i = \frac{y_i}{m_i}.$$

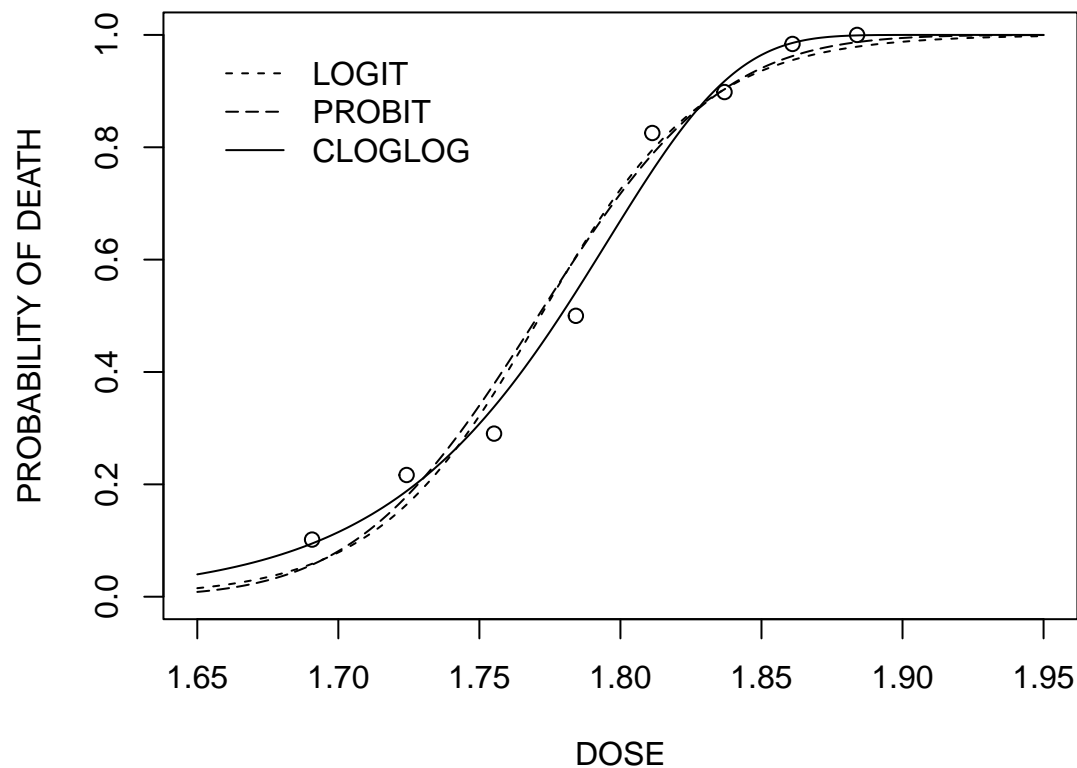
- Fitted probability of response:

$$\hat{\pi}_i = g^{-1}(\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i).$$

- The tolerance distribution (or the Binomial model) that provides the “best” agreement between the observed and fitted probability of response is the one that fits the data the “best.”
- We can check this by plotting the observed and fitted probability of response  $\tilde{\pi}_i$  and  $\hat{\pi}_i$ , against dose  $x_i$ .

## Fitted Dose-Response Curves

```
# Plot the dose-response curves
plot(beetle.dat$dose, beetle.dat$y/beetle.dat$m, xlim = c(1.65, 1.95),
     ylim = c(0, 1), xlab = "DOSE", ylab = "PROBABILITY OF DEATH")
x = seq(1.65, 1.95, by = 0.001)
prob = as.vector(rep(1, length(x)))
beta = as.vector(model1$coefficients) # logistic model
for (i in 1:length(x)) {
  prob[i] = exp(beta[1] + beta[2] * x[i]) / (1 + exp(beta[1] + beta[2] *
    x[i]))
}
lines(x, prob, lty = 2)
beta = as.vector(model2$coefficients) # probit model
for (i in 1:length(x)) {
  prob[i] = pnorm(beta[1] + beta[2] * x[i])
}
lines(x, prob, lty = 5)
beta = as.vector(model3$coefficients) # cloglog model
for (i in 1:length(x)) {
  prob[i] = 1 - exp(-exp(beta[1] + beta[2] * x[i]))
}
lines(x, prob, lty = 1)
legend(1.65, 1, c("LOGIT", "PROBIT", "CLOGLOG"), lty = c(2, 5, 1),
     bty = "n")
```



- Note that the curve for the complementary log-log link fits the data better than the other two, as expected from the residual plots and the deviance statistics.
- (The R code for generating above plot see course notes, 2.10.3, page 47).

## Interpretation of Dose-Response Models

- Interpretation of regression parameter  $\beta_1$  will depend on the link function.
  - Logistic model:  $\text{logit}(\pi) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$ .
    - \*  $\beta_1 = \log$  odds ratio for response associated with a one unit increase in dose.
  - Probit model:  $\Phi^{-1}(\pi) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$ , or Complementary log-log model  $\log(-\log(1 - \pi)) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$ , interpretation of  $\beta$  parameters is not as natural as in logistic models.
- Estimation of  $\delta$  (ED50) from a Binomial model  $g(\pi) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x$ :

$$g(\pi = 0.5) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \delta \implies \hat{\delta} = \frac{g(0.5) - \hat{\beta}_0}{\hat{\beta}_1}.$$

- **Exercise:** What is  $\delta_{0.25}$ , the dose at which 25 % of the population has the response?

```
qnorm(0.25)
```

```
[1] -0.6744898
```

$$\hat{\delta}_{0.25} = \frac{-0.6745 + 34.9353}{19.7279} = 1.737.$$