





# **Introduction Logistic regression**

Smart Analytics for Big Data

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#### **Overview**

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# **Motivations**

#### **Motivations**

#### **Human dimension**

- Demand concept in engineering, business, marketing, planning, policy making
- Operational in many fields (transportation, marketing, energy, finance, etc.)
- Choice of product, brand, mode, destination, contract type and usage, buy and sell, etc.
- Need for behavioral theories, quantitative methods, operational mathematical models

### **Typical choice questions**

McFadden (2014) merges the three elements of consumption choices :

#### Three choice questions

**"Which":** Product choice: option choice mode choice, itinary choice, etc.

"How many": Product quantity

Number of trips, motorisation rate, travelled distance travel time

"When": Moment or length of a consumption

Car replacement, departure time, duration between events

### **Regression modelling & Econometrics**

#### Statistical and Econometric Models

- How much & When : Duration model (survival model)
- How many : Count models
- Which : Discrete Choice Models

# Four broad frameworks in categorical variables analysis

### Binary Choice: A choice between a pair of options

- taking or not an action
- decision be between two distinctly different choices, (public or private transportation).
- the 0/1 outcome is a label for "no/yes"

### Multinomial Choice: A choice among more than two choices

- the observed response is simply a label (a brand, a place, the travel mode)
- numerical assignments are not meaningful

# Four broad frameworks in categorical variables analysis

Can be extended to

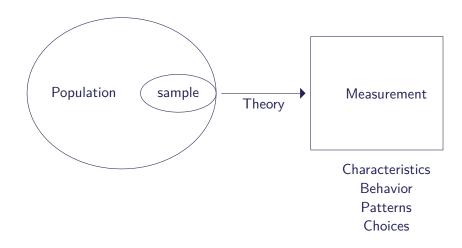
**Ordered Choice**: The individual reveals the strength of his or her preferences with respect to a single outcome.

- Familiar cases: strength of feelings about a commodity or self-assessed well-being.
- Opinions are given meaningful numeric values, usually 0, 1, . . . , J for some upper limit, J .
- numerical values are only a ranking, not a quantitative measure
- Thus a "1" is greater than a "0" in a qualitative sense, but not by one unit,
- The difference between a "2" and a "1" is not the

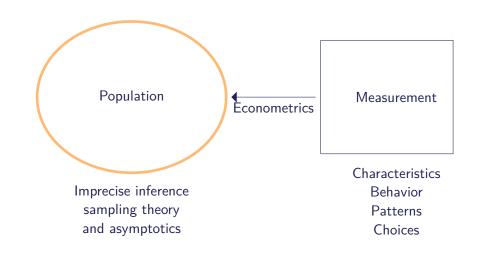
**Event Counts**: The observed outcome is a count of the number of occurrences.

- Similar to the preceding three settings:
   "dependent variable" measures an individual choice (number of visits...)
- The event count might be the outcome of some natural process, such as incidence of a disease in a population (or the number of defects per unit of time in a production process).
- The models will still be constructed to accommodate the discrete nature of the observed response variable.

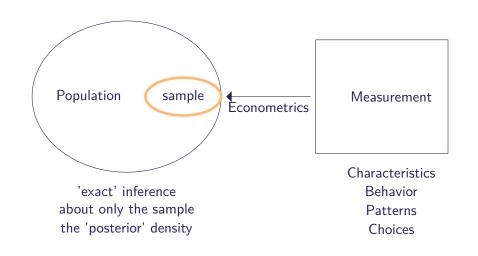
# Sample and Measurement



### **Classical Inference**



# **Bayesian Inference**



# Issues in Model Building and Regression Basics

- Model: the conditional mean function
  - modeling the mean or modeling the probabilities for DCM
- Estimation
  - Coefficients
  - Interesting Partial Effects
- Functional Form and Specification
- Statistical Inference
- Prediction
  - Individuals or Aggregates
- Model Assessment and Evaluation

# **Regression Modelling**

# Hypothesis Testing, Estimation, and Prediction

#### **Statistics comprises**:

- Hypothesis testing
- Statistical estimation
- Prediction

### Hypothesis testing

- Null hypothesis is the absence of some effect
- Hypothesis testing can be done without regression model
- even with **non parametric** test and p-values
- but
  - easily be done within the context of a statistical model
  - non parametric test produces hardly magnitudes of effects
  - incorporate complexities (cluster sampling; repeated measurements)
  - with a model: carry out many different statistical tests "the dataset was too small to allow modeling, so we just did hypothesis tests"

- It is not widely recognized that multivariable modeling is extremely \*\*valuable\* even in well-designed randomized experiments
- But to be able to estimate absolute effects one must develop a multivariable model of the response variable.

### Statistical estimation is usually model-based

#### But

- Inaccurate estimates can result from incorrectly assumed linearity assumption (not on ly in linear reg. model)
- Too many "confounding" variables leads to "over-adjusted" estimates (spurious associations)
- Reasonable multivariable predictive model: hypothesis testing and estimation of effects are byproducts of the fitted model

#### **Prediction**

"Superset of hypothesis testing and estimation"

#### Prediction vs. Classification

- Classification is still inferior to probability modeling
  - for predictive instrument; for estimation; hypothesis testing
- Better to use the full information in the data
  - to develop a probability model,
  - then develop *classification rules* based on estimated probabilities
- At the least, this forces the analyst to use a proper accuracy score
- In many cases, best option : to refuse to make a decision or to obtain more data

A gray zone can be helpful, and predictions include gray zones automatically.

Utility function (or loss or cost function) depends on variables

- that are not predictive of outcome
- are not collected (e.g., subjects' preferences)
- that are available only at the decision point

# **Planning for Modeling**

### "Will this model actually be used?"

Models are often developed using a "convenience sample," that is, a dataset that was not collected with such predictions in mind.

- predictor or response variables may not have been collected,
- subjects are not representative of the population
- Key variables are missing in large numbers of subjects.
- Data are not missing at random
- Operational definitions of some of the key variables were never made
- Reliability of measurements is unknown, as measurement errors factors

Predictive model will be more accurate, as well as useful, when data collection is planned prospectively

Many things can go wrong in statistical modeling, including the following.

- 1. The process generating the data is not stable
- 2. The model is misspecified with regard to nonlinearities or interactions, or there are predictors missing
- 3. The model is misspecified in terms of the transformation of the response variable or the model's distributional assumptions
- 4. The model contains discontinuities (e.g., by categorizing continuous predictors or fitting regression shapes with sudden changes) that can be gamed by users
- 5. Correlations among subjects are not specified, or the correlation structure is misspecified, resulting in inefficient parameter estimates and overconfident inference
- 6. The model is overfitted, resulting in predictions that are too extreme or positive associations that are false
- The user of the model relies on predictions obtained by extrapolating to combinations of predictor values well outside

### **Emphasizing Continuous Variables**

- Some categorical variables are subjective and hard to standardize,
- On the average they do not contain the same amount of statistical information as continuous variables
- Unwise to categorize naturally continuous variables during data collection

#### Choice of the Model

### Where do probability models come from?

- Method by which an underlying statistical model should be chosen by the analyst is not well developed
- Knowledge exists to pre-specify
  - a model (e.g., Weibull or log-normal survival model),
  - a transformation for the response variable,
  - a structure for how predictors appear in the model
- Question : Does the notion of a true model even exist?

#### Choice of the Model

- Few general guidelines choosing the statistical model :
  - The model must use the data efficiently
    - ex : Proba to live 5 years after diag : Logistic vs survival model
    - ordered appreciation : MNL vs Ordered MNL
  - Choose a model that fits overall structures likely to be present in the data
    - constant vs non constant hazard
  - Choose a model that is robust to problems in the data that are difficult to check
  - Choose a model whose mathematical form is appropriate for the response being modeled
    - minimizing numbers of interactions terms
  - Choose a model that is readily extendable

#### Choice of the Model

### Ameen <sup>1</sup> stated that a good model is

- a) satisfactory in performance relative to the stated objective,
- b) logically sound,
- c) representative,
- d) questionable and subject to on-line interrogation,
- e) able to accommodate external or expert information and
- f) able to convey information."

### Many authors point :

Severe problems that result from treating an empirically derived model as if it were pre-specified and as if it were the correct model.

<sup>1.</sup> cited in "C. Chatfield. Model uncertainty, data mining and statistical inference (with discussion). J Roy Stat Soc A, 158 :419–466, 1995."

R and Tests for Categorical Data

#### Introduction

#### **Proportion Tests - Motivation**

- Theory of test and application with R
- Statistical inference and indicators of interest : confidence interval, p-value
- Proportion and risk and odd ratio

# Inference for a (Single) Proportion

#### **Proportion Test**

- $H_0: \pi = 0.5$  is tested against the two-sided alternative  $H_1: \pi \neq 0.5$
- a 95 % confidence interval for  $\pi$  is calculated
- both the test and the CI incorporate a continuity correction.

#### **Example**

Half of the students have experienced inferencial test with R?

```
Our sample : n = 20, R users : n_1 = 8
```

```
##
##
    1-sample proportions test with continuity correction
##
## data: 8 out of 20, null probability 0.5
## X-squared = 0.45, df = 1, p-value = 0.5023
## alternative hypothesis: true p is not equal to 0.5
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## 0.1997709 0.6358833
## sample estimates:
##
    р
## 0.4
```

### Inference for a (Single) Proportion

#### One-way Proportion Test - Exercise

Explain this new test and conclude?

```
##
## 1-sample proportions test without continuity correction
##
## data: 8 out of 20, null probability 0.4
## X-squared = 0, df = 1, p-value = 0.5
## alternative hypothesis: true p is greater than 0.4
## 99 percent confidence interval:
## 0.194216 1.000000
## sample estimates:
## p
## 0.4
```

### **Two-Way Contingency Tables**

#### The table as Matrix

```
Ruser <- matrix(c(435,147,375,134),nrow=2,byrow=TRUE)</pre>
dimnames(Ruser) <- list(c("Female", "Male"), c("Yes", "No"))</pre>
names(dimnames(Ruser)) <- c("Gender", "R.User")</pre>
round(Ruser / sum(Ruser), 3)
rowtot <- apply(Ruser,1,sum)
coltot <- apply(Ruser,2,sum)</pre>
sweep(Ruser,1,rowtot,"/") #apply "/" to Ruser by row
sweep(Ruser,2,coltot,"/")
##
           R.User
## Gender Yes
                      Nο
     Female 0.399 0.135
##
##
    Male 0.344 0.123
```

### **Two-Way Contingency Tables**

```
## proportion by row - Gender
##
         R.User
## Gender
               Yes
                      No
    Female 0.7474227 0.2525773
##
   Male 0.7367387 0.2632613
##
## proportion by column - R-Use
         R. User
##
## Gender
              Yes
                        No
##
    Female 0.537037 0.5231317
##
    Male 0.462963 0.4768683
```

### Independance test

```
prop.test(Ruser)
##
##
   2-sample test for equality of proportions with continuity correctio
##
## data: Ruser
## X-squared = 0.11103, df = 1, p-value = 0.739
## alternative hypothesis: two.sided
## 95 percent confidence interval:
## -0.04321353 0.06458148
## sample estimates:
##
     prop 1 prop 2
## 0.7474227 0.7367387
```

# **Comparing Proportions**

#### Aim

Identify *significant* factor effect on a categorical variable (or discrete choice)

Let take an example and define parameters for comparing groups difference, relative risk, odds ratio

	Disease	Status	
Risk Factor	Yes (1)	No (0)	Total
Yes (1)	50	20	70
No (0)	100	130	230
Total	150	150	300

- p<sub>1</sub>: probability of success (disease) in row 1
- $1 p_1$ : probability of failure (no disease) in row 1
- p<sub>2</sub>: probability of success (disease) in row 2
- $1 p_2$ : probability of failure (no disease) in row 2

# Difference of proportions

The difference of proportions of successes :  $p_1 - p_2$ 

(basic comparison of the two rows)

Comparison on failures is equivalent :  $(1 - p_1) - (1 - p_2) = p_1 - p_2$ 

- between -1 and +1
- equals zero when identical conditional distribution : Y is independent
- may have greater importance when both  $p_i$  are close to 0 or 1
- difference between 0.010 and 0.001 is more noteworthy than the difference between 0.410 and 0.401

### Relative Risk

The relative risk is the ratio of probabilities

$$RR = \frac{p_1}{p_2}$$

- nonnegative real number
- A relative risk of 1.0 corresponds to independence
- $(1-p_1)/(1-p_2)$  gives a different relative risk

### Let define the odds

The odds of getting disease for the people who were exposed to the risk factor (Risk factor = Yes (1)):

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Total	150	150	300

 $p_1$ : probability of success (disease) in row 1  $1 - p_1$ : probability of failure (no disease) in row 1

$$O_X = \frac{p_1}{1 - p_1} \sim \frac{\hat{p_1}}{1 - \hat{p_1}} = \frac{50/70}{20/70} = 2.5$$

### **Odds Ratio**

The odds of getting disease for the people who were not exposed to the risk factor (Risk factor = No (0))

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	Disease	Status	
Risk Factor	Yes (1)	No (0)	Total
Yes (1)	50	20	70
No (0)	100	130	230
Total	150	150	300

 $p_2$ : probability of success (disease) in row 2  $p_2$ : probability of failure (no disease) in row 2

$$O_{NoX} = \frac{p_2}{1 - p_2} \sim \frac{\hat{p_2}}{1 - \hat{p_2}} = \frac{100/230}{130/230} = 0.77$$

### The Odds-Ratio

The Odds Ratio of having disease for people who were exposed to the risk factor versus not exposed

$$\theta = OR = \frac{O_X}{O_{NoX}} \sim \frac{\frac{\hat{p_1}}{1 - \hat{p_1}}}{\frac{\hat{p_2}}{1 - \hat{p_2}}} = \frac{50 \times 130}{20 \times 100} = 3.25$$

Interpretation: The odds of having disease are 3.25 times higher for those who were exposed to the risk factor than those who were not exposed to the risk factor.

## The Odds-Ratio

- If  $\theta > 1$ , then the odds of success are higher for exposed individuals than for not exposed
- If  $\theta$  < 1, then the odds of success are lower for exposed individuals than for not exposed
- If  $\theta = 1$ , then the odds of success are equal for exposed individuals than for not exposed
- For inference : independence corresponds to  $log(\theta)=0$
- The log odds ratio is symmetric about this value

### Limits of DR:

- DR cannot be constant
- DR depend on the initial risk

#### Limits of RR:

- RR have limited range of risk
- ex. RR = 2 can only apply to risks below .5
- above that point the RR must diminish
- Risk ratios are similar to odds ratios if the risk is small

OR is a natural description of an effect in a probability model since an OR can be constant.

Without Risk Factor		With Risk Factor	
Probability p <sub>1</sub>	Odds	Odds	Probability $p_2$
Risk Factor	Yes (1)	No (0)	Total
.2	.25	.5	.33
.5	1	2	.67
.8	4	8	.89
.9	9	18	.95
.98	49	98	.99

Effect of an odds ratio of 2 on various risks

- $\bullet$  OR : unlimited range  $\to$  can describe an effect over the entire range of risk
- positive OR still yield valid probability
- constant OR describe the effect independently of other covariables

Let  $X_1$  a binary factor and  $A = \{X_2, \dots, X_p\}$  other factors (independent from  $X_1$ )

The estimate of  $DR = P(Y = 1|X_1 = 1, A) - P(Y = 1|X_1 = 0, A)$  is :

$$DR = \frac{1}{1 + exp\{-(\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 + \hat{\beta}_2 X_2 + ...)\}}$$
$$-\frac{1}{1 + exp\{-(\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_2 X_2 + ...)\}}$$
$$= \frac{1}{1 + (\frac{1-\hat{R}}{\hat{R}}) exp(-\hat{\beta}_1)} - \hat{R}$$

The DR estimate can be plotted against  $\hat{R}$  or against levels of A to display absolute risk increase against overall risk.

Fig. 1 depicts the relationship between risk of a subject without the risk factor and the increase in risk for a variety of relative increases (odds ratios). It demonstrates how absolute risk increase is a function of the baseline risk (Harrell (2013))

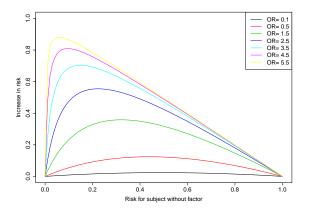


Figure  ${\bf 1}$  – Absolute benefit as a function of the baseline risk. The odds ratios are given for each curve

### The Odds-Ratio with R

## [6] "conf.int"

Ruser

# Go back on our example of ${\sf R}$ users

```
## R.User

## Gender Yes No

## Female 435 147

## Male 375 134

R.test <- prop.test(Ruser)

names(R.test)

## [1] "statistic" "parameter" "p.value" "estimate" "null.va
```

"alternative" "method"

"data.name"

### The Odds-Ratio with R

```
Proportion of "Yes"
R.test$estimate
##
      prop 1 prop 2
## 0.7474227 0.7367387
Odds of "Yes" over "No"
odds <- R.test$estimate/(1-R.test$estimate)</pre>
names(odds) <- c("Odds1: F", "Odds2: M") ; odds
## Odds1: F Odds2: M
## 2.959184 2.798507
Odds are almost equivalent
```

### The Odds-Ratio with R

### Odds ratio

```
## Odds of "F" over "M"
OR <- odds[1]/odds[2]
names(OR) <- c("OR") ; OR

## OR
## 1.057415
The odds of being R-user are "greater" by 6% for exposed individuals (women) than for not exposed (men)</pre>
```

### **Confidence Interval for Odds Ratio**

For large sample, the log of odds ratio,  $ln(\hat{\theta})$ , follows asymptotically a normal distribution.

The  $(1-\alpha)100$  % confidence interval estimate for the Log Odds Ratio is

$$ln(\hat{ heta})\pm z_{lpha/2}\hat{ heta}$$

The (1-lpha)100 % confidence interval estimate for the Odds Ratio is

$$\left(e^{\ln(\hat{\theta})-z_{\alpha/2}\hat{s}},e^{\ln(\hat{\theta})+z_{\alpha/2}\hat{s}}\right)$$

where  $\hat{s}=\sqrt{\sum(1/n_{ij})}$  (from Delta Method) and  $z_{lpha/2}$  the normal quantile

### **Confidence Interval for Odds Ratio**

### CI for Odds Ratio

```
theta <- odds[1]/odds[2]
ASE <- sqrt(sum(1/Ruser))
# ASE
ASE
logtheta.CI \leftarrow log(theta) + c(-1,1)*1.96*ASE
# IC log(theta)
logtheta.CI
# IC(OR)
exp(logtheta.CI)
```

## ASE:

### **Confidence Interval for Odds Ratio**

```
## [1] 0.1386756
## CI of log theta
## [1] -0.2159770 0.3276314
## exp(CI log theta)
## [1] 0.8057539 1.3876774
Interpretation?
```

### The Odds-Ratio

## [1] 0.95

# Automatic calculus with function oddsratio.R source(file = "../fichiers\_aux/data/oddsratio.R") odds.ratio(Ruser) ## \$estimator ## [1] 1.057415 ## ## \$ASE ## [1] 0.1386756 ## ## \$conf.interval ## [1] 0.8057579 1.3876705 ## ## \$conf.level

### The Odds-Ratio - Exercice 1

# Seat-Belt Use and Traffic Deaths (Agresti (2013))

Fatality results for children under age 18 who were passengers in auto accidents in Florida in 2008 according to whether the child was wearing a seat belt

	Injury	Outcome	
Seat-Belt Use	Fatal	Nonfatal	Total
No	54	10,325	10,379
Yes	25	51,790	51,815

Calculte OR and its CI. Conclude on the benefit of waering the seatbelt?

### Solution

- The sample odds ratio  $\hat{ heta}=10.83$
- Estimated standard error  $\hat{s}$  of  $log(\hat{\theta}) = 2.383$  is  $\hat{s}(log(\hat{\theta})) = 0.242$
- A 95 % confidence interval for  $log(\hat{\theta})$  is  $2.383 \pm 1.96(0.242)$ , or (1.908, 2.857).
- interval fore is [exp(1.908), exp(2.857)] or (6.74, 17.42)
- There is a very strong association
- Even though the overall sample size is extremely large, the estimate of the true odds ratio is rather imprecise because of the relatively small number of fatalities

```
SeatBelt <- c("No","No","Yes","Yes")
Accident <- c("Fatal","Nonfatal","Fatal","Nonfatal")
Count <- c(54 , 10325, 25 , 51790)
Accdf <- data.frame(SeatBelt,Accident,Count)
Accdf</pre>
```

SeatBelt	Accident	Count
No	Fatal	54
No	Nonfatal	10325
Yes	Fatal	25
Yes	Nonfatal	51790

```
rm(SeatBelt, Accident, Count)
names(dimnames(Accdf)) <- c("SeatBelt", "Accident")</pre>
tab1 <- tapply(Accdf$Count, list(Accdf$SeatBelt,
Accdf$Accident),c);tab1
      Fatal Nonfatal
##
## No
          54 10325
## Yes 25 51790
R.test <- prop.test(tab1)</pre>
odds <- R.test$estimate/(1-R.test$estimate)
names(odds) <- c("Odds1: F", "Odds2: NF"); odds
```

```
Odds1: F Odds2: NF
##
## 0.0052300242 0.0004827187
OR <- odds[1]/odds[2]
names(OR) \leftarrow c("OR") : OR
         ΩR.
##
## 10.83452
theta <- odds[1]/odds[2]
ASE <- sqrt(sum(1/tab1))
# ASE
ASE
## [1] 0.242146
```

```
logtheta.CI \leftarrow log(theta) + c(-1,1)*1.96*ASE
# IC log(theta)
logtheta.CI
## [1] 1.908131 2.857343
# IC(OR)
exp(logtheta.CI)
## [1] 6.740479 17.415198
source(file = "../fichiers_aux/data/oddsratio.R")
odds.ratio(tab1)
```

```
## $estimator
## [1] 10.83452
##
## $ASE
## [1] 0.242146
##
## $conf.interval
## [1] 6.740538 17.415047
##
## $conf.level
## [1] 0.95
```

# **Binary Logistic Regression**

### Introduction

### Context

- Assume we observe the output from a binary choice
- We have to analyse a binary variable (0 or 1)
- Are the classic linear regression a suitable tool to analyse binary choice?

# **Linear Probability Model**

# Regression Models with Binary Outcome Variable Simple Linear Regression Model

- $Y_i = \alpha + \beta X_i + u_i$
- assuming  $E(u_i) = 0$
- $E(Y_i|X_i) = \alpha + \beta X_i$
- The hypothetical model is simple linear regression

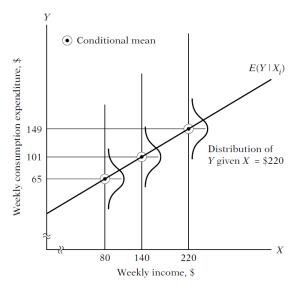


Figure 2 – Simple Linear Regression Gujarati (2003)

# **Linear Probability Model**

# Introductory example Simple Linear Regression Model

Hypothetical Data on Home Ownership and Income

FAMILY: 40 families

Y: Home Ownership where

1:Owns a House

0 : Does Not Own a House

X : Family Income, Thousands of \$

1. **Estimate** *Y* over *X* 

Interpret this regression (intercept, slope, predicted probabilities, residuals)

```
tab151 <- read.table("../fichiers_aux/data/Tab151.txt", header = T)
head(tab151)
lm(data=tab151, Y~X)</pre>
```

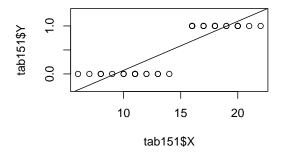
FAMILY	Υ	X
1	0	8
2	1	16
3	1	18
4	0	11
5	0	12
6	1	19

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = Y \sim X, data = tab151)
##
## Residuals:
##
     Min 1Q Median 3Q Max
## -0.4842 -0.1777 0.0052 0.2095 0.3329
##
## Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
##
## X 0.10213 0.00816 12.515 4.73e-15 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ''
##
## Residual standard error: 0.2264 on 38 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared: 0.8048, Adjusted R-squared: 0.7996
## F-statistic: 156.6 on 1 and 38 DF, p-value: 4.726e-15
```

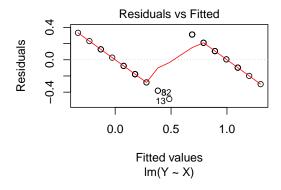
### **Problems with LPM**

### **Linear Probability Model Problems**

Interpretation?



# Interpretation?



# Non normality of the Disturbances $u_i$

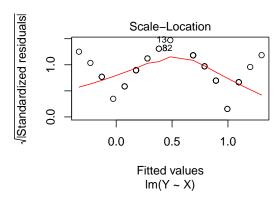
The probability distribution of  $u_i$  is given by  $u_i = Y_i - \alpha - \beta X_i$ 

	u <sub>i</sub>	Prob.
When $Y_i = 1$	$1-\alpha-\beta X_i$	$P_i$
When $Y_i = 0$	$\alpha - \beta X_i$	$(1-P_i)$

#### Heteroscedastic Variances of the Disturbances

- Even if  $E(u_i) = 0$  and  $cov(u_i, u_i) = 0$
- The variance of the  $u_i$  is

$$var(u_i) = P_i(1 - P_i)$$



#### Problems with LPM

LPM is plagued with several problems

- non-normality of  $u_i$
- heteroscedasticity of u<sub>i</sub>
- possibility of  $\hat{Y}_i$  lying outside [0,1]
- generally lower R<sup>2</sup>

That can be surmountable...

 assumes P<sub>i</sub> = E(Y = 1|X) increases linearly with X : constant marginal effect of X

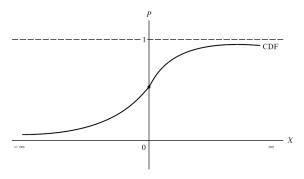


Figure 3 – A cumulative distribution function (cdf) Gujarati (2003)

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Logistic Regression Model

# Logit Model - v1

LPM

$$P_i = E(Y = 1|X_i) = \alpha + \beta X_i$$

#### Logit Model - v1

This linear form can be replaced by the logistic cdf:

$$P_i = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-Z_i}} = \frac{e^{Z_i}}{1 + e^{Z_i}}$$

where  $Z_i = \alpha + \beta X_i$ 

- ranges between 0 and 1
- $P_i$  is non linearly related to  $Z_i$
- can be estimated after simple transformation : see v2

## Logit Model - v2

### Logit Model - v2

The logistic model is a regression of the logit (log odds) (in favor of success at  $X_i$ ):

$$L_i = \text{logit}(P_i) = \ln\left(\frac{P_i}{1 - P_i}\right) = \alpha + \beta X_i$$

We can write

$$\frac{P_i}{1 - P_i} = \frac{1 + e^{Z_i}}{1 + e^{-Z_i}} = e^{Z_i}$$

#### How can we interpret $\beta$ ?

- The sign of  $L_i$  gives the relative position of  $P_i$  vs  $1 P_i$
- $\beta$  measures the change in  $L_i$  for a unit change of  $X_i$ : the log-odds change!
- $\beta$  sign determines whether  $L_i(x)$  is increasing or decreasing as x increases.
- $\alpha$  is the value of the log-odds when  $X_i = 0...$
- Logit v2: odds are an exponential function of x. The odds multiply by  $e^{\beta}$  for every 1-unit increase in x. In other words,  $e^{\beta}$  is an odds ratio, the odds at X=x+1 divided by the odds at X=x
- For dummy variables  $d:e^{\beta}$  is the odds ratio for d=1 vs d=0.

Logistic regression function has curved appearance (rather than linear) then the rate of change in  $P_i(x)$  per unit change in x varies

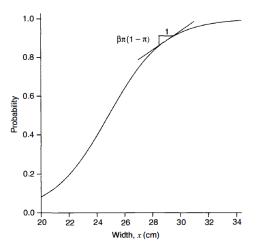


Figure 4 – Linear approximation to logistic regression curve Agresti (2013)

## Marginal effect (m.e.):

•  $\partial P_i(x)/\partial x$ :

$$\frac{\partial P_i(x)}{\partial x_i} = \beta \cdot P_i(x) \cdot (1 - P_i(x))$$

- m.e. is large when  $P_i(x) \sim 0.5$  (steepest slope)
  - i.e.  $x = -\alpha/\beta$  (i.e.  $e^{-Z_i} = 1$ )
- Near x where  $P_i(x) = 1/2$ 
  - a change in x of  $1/\beta$  corresponds to a change in  $P_i(x)$  of roughly  $(1/\beta)(\beta/4) = 1/4$
  - that is  $1/\beta$  approximates the distance between x values where  $P_i(x) = 0.50$  and where  $P_i(x) = 0.25$  or 0.75.

### Derivative of the probability

$$\frac{\partial P_i(x)}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial (e^{Z_i}/1 + e^{Z_i})}{\partial x}$$

$$= \frac{e^{Z_i}(1 + e^{Z_i}) - e^{Z_i}e^{Z_i}}{(1 + e^{Z_i})^2} \frac{\partial Z_i}{\partial x}$$

$$= \frac{e^{Z_i}}{(1 + e^{Z_i})^2} \frac{\partial Z_i}{\partial x}$$

$$= \frac{\partial Z_i}{\partial x} P_i(1 - P_i)$$

With 
$$P_i(x) = \frac{e^{Z_i}}{1 + e^{Z_i}}$$
 and  $1 - P_i(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{Z_i}}$ 

## Computing marginal effects (quantitative x)

Since the rate of change varies with x:

- 1. Evaluate the marginal effects at the sample means of the data  $(\bar{x})$
- 2. Evaluate the average partial effects :  $APE = E[\frac{\partial P_i(\mathbf{x})}{\partial \mathbf{x}}]$  use the sample average of the individual marginal effects (m.e.)

$$\frac{\partial P_i(x)}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial F(t)}{\partial t} \frac{\partial t}{\partial x} = f(\alpha + \beta x)\beta$$
$$A\hat{P}E = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} f(\hat{\alpha} + \hat{\beta} X_i)\hat{\beta}$$

with the logistic c.d.f. : 
$$F(x) = \frac{e^x}{1+e^x}$$
 and  $f(x) = \frac{e^x}{(1+e^x)^2}$  (or the probit density function for probit)

## Computing marginal effects (quantitative x)

- MEA and AME give Equivalent results in large samples
- Current practice favors averaging the individual marginal effects

## Computing marginal effects dummy variables d

$$m.e. = P(Y = 1|\bar{x}_{(d)}, d = 1) - P(Y = 1|\bar{x}_{(d)}, d = 0)$$

where  $\bar{x}_{(d)}$  denotes the means of all other variables.

# **Logit Model Estimation**

## **Estimation and Inference in Binary Logistic Regression**

#### **Estimation in Binary Logit**

- Estimation of binary models is usually based on ML.
- Each observation is a single draw from a Bernoulli distribution (binomial with one draw).
- The model (resp. Logit) with success probability  $P_i = F(\alpha + \beta X_i)$  (resp.  $F(\alpha + \beta X_i) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{\alpha + \beta X_i}}$ ) and n iid observations
- leads to the joint probability (likelihood function) :

$$P(Y_1 = y_1, Y_2 = y_2, ..., Y_n = y_n | X) = \prod_{i=1}^n F_i(Y_i)$$

$$= \prod_{y_i=1} F(\alpha + \beta X_i) \prod_{y_i=0} [1 - F(\alpha + \beta X_i)]$$

## **Estimation in Binary Logit**

The likelihood function for a sample of n observations

$$\mathcal{L} = f(Y_1 = y_1, Y_2 = y_2, \dots, Y_n = y_n | X) = \prod_{i=1}^n P_i^{y_i} (1 - P_i)^{1 - y_i}$$
$$= \prod_{i=1}^n [F(\alpha + \beta X_i)]^{y_i} [1 - F(\alpha + \beta X_i)]^{1 - y_i}$$

- the log likelihood function :

$$ln\mathcal{L} = lnf(Y_1 = y_1, Y_2 = y_2, ..., Y_n = y_n | X) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i ln[F(\alpha + \beta X_i)] + (1 - y_i) ln[1 - F(\alpha + \beta X_i)]$$

- with the logit function :  $F(\alpha + \beta X_i) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{\alpha + \beta X_i}}$  for logit model

## **Estimation in Binary Probit**

#### **Estimation in Binary Probit**

• For the normal distribution, the log-likelihood is

$$InL = \sum_{y_i=1} \Phi(\alpha + \beta X_i) \sum_{y_i=0} In[1 - \Phi(\alpha + \beta X_i)]$$

## Likelihood and Properties of estimates

#### Likelihood equations

$$\frac{\partial In\mathcal{L}}{\partial \beta} = \sum_{i}^{n} \left( \frac{y_{i}f_{i}}{F_{i}} + (1 - y_{i}) \frac{-fi}{1 - F_{i}} \right) x_{i} = 0$$

- where  $fi = dF_i/d(\beta x_i)$
- choice of F<sub>i</sub> leads to the empirical model

## Likelihood and Properties of estimates

### Likelihood equations

- Unless for LPM, these equation are non-linear and require an iterative solution
- if  $x_i$  contains a constant term, the first-order conditions imply that the average of the predicted probabilities must equal the proportion of ones in the sample

## Likelihood and Properties of estimates

# Optimisation method Likelihood equations

Second derivatives for the logit model :

$$H = \frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}}{\partial \beta \partial \beta'}$$

do not involve the random variable  $y_i$ , so Newton's method is also the method of scoring

- Hessian is always negative definite, so the log-likelihood is globally concave (less obvious for probit)
- Newton's method will usually converge to the maximum of the log-likelihood in just a few iterations

## **Asymptotic covariance matrix**

#### Likelihood equations

- Asymptotic covariance matrix for the maximum likelihood estimator can be estimated by using the inverse of the Hessian evaluated at the maximum likelihood estimates
- Hessian for the logit model does not involve  $y_i$ , so H = E[H], not true for probit.

## Asymptotic covariance matrix

#### For the logit model:

$$\mathcal{L} = \prod_{i}^{n} p_{i}^{y_{i}} (1 - p_{i}^{1 - y_{i}}) = \prod_{i}^{n} \left(\frac{p_{i}}{1 - p_{i}}\right)^{y_{i}} (1 - p_{i})$$

$$In(\mathcal{L}) = \sum_{i} y_{i} In\left(\frac{p_{i}}{1 - p_{i}}\right) + \sum_{i} In(1 - p_{i})$$

$$= \sum_{i} \beta x_{i} y_{i} - \sum_{i} In(1 + e^{\beta x_{i}})$$

## **Asymptotic covariance matrix**

#### For the logit model:

$$\frac{\partial ln\mathcal{L}}{\partial \beta} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\frac{y_i f_i}{F_i} + (1 - y_i) \frac{-f_i}{1 - F_i}\right) x_i = 0$$

$$= \sum_{i} x_i y_i - \sum_{i} x_i (1 + e^{-\beta x_i})^{-1}$$

$$= \sum_{i} x_i y_i - \sum_{i} x_i \hat{y}_i$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 ln\mathcal{L}}{\partial \beta \partial \beta} = -\sum_{i}^{n} x_i x_i' \hat{y}_i (1 - \hat{y}_i)$$

where 
$$\hat{y}_i = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\beta x_i}}$$

**Exercise: Binary Logit and Probit** 

## **Exercise:** Effect of Personalized system of instruction <sup>2</sup>

- Research question: Does a new method of teaching economics (Personalized System of Instructions, PSI) influence performance in later economics courses
- Data available
  - GRADE: Indicator of improving grade between basic and intermediate economics courses (binary)
  - GPA : Grade point average (number in range)
  - TUCE : Score on pretest : entering knowledge (number in range)
  - PSI: Exposure to new teaching method (binary)

<sup>2.</sup> Example Greene (2008) p.694 : Study of Spector and Mazzeo (1980) Data:(http://people.stern.nyu.edu/wgreene/Text/Edition6/tablelist6.htm)

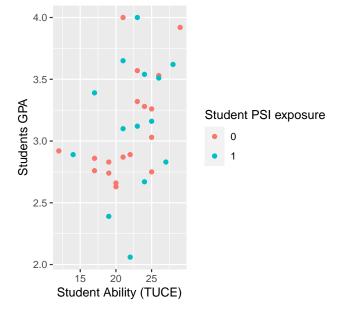
## **Estimating a Binary Logit**

```
library(faraway)
head(spector)
spector$psi <- factor(spector$psi)
spector$grade <- factor(spector$grade)</pre>
```

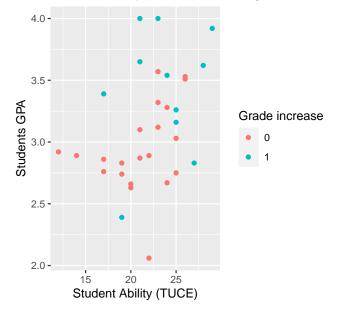
grade	psi	tuce	gpa
0	0	20	2.66
0	0	22	2.89
0	0	24	3.28
0	0	12	2.92
1	0	21	4.00
0	0	17	2.86

```
ggplot(data = spector, aes(x=tuce, y=gpa)) +
  geom_point(aes(colour=psi)) +
  ggtitle("Student Ability (TUCE) vs GPA given PSI exposure") +
  xlab("Student Ability (TUCE)") + ylab("Students GPA") +
  labs(colour="Student PSI exposure")
```

## Student ability (TUCE) vs GPA given PSI ex



## Student ability (TUCE) vs GPA given PSI ex



## **Estimating the corresponding Binary Logit**

#### **Exercise**

Assuming:

$$L_{i} = In\left(\frac{P_{i}}{1 - P_{i}}\right) = \alpha + \beta_{2}GPA_{i} + \beta_{3}TUCE_{i} + \beta_{3}PSI_{i} + u_{i}$$

- Let estimate the logit model : - Calculate effects of variables on odds-ratio - Calculate marginal effects on probabilities at the mean point

```
Logit1 <- glm(grade ~ gpa + tuce + psi, x = TRUE,
    data = spector, family = binomial(link = "logit"))
summary(Logit1)
exp(coefficients(Logit1))</pre>
```

```
##
## Call:
## glm(formula = grade ~ gpa + tuce + psi, family = binomial(link = "lo
##
      data = spector, x = TRUE)
##
## Deviance Residuals:
##
      Min 1Q Median 3Q
                                      Max
## -1.9551 -0.6453 -0.2570 0.5888 2.0966
##
## Coefficients:
              Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
##
## (Intercept) -13.02135   4.93127   -2.641   0.00828 **
          2.82611 1.26293 2.238 0.02524 *
## gpa
## tuce 0.09516 0.14155 0.672 0.50143
## psi1
              2.37869 1.06456 2.234 0.02545 *
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## (Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
##
                                                            96
      Null deviance: 41.183 on 31 degrees of freedom
##
```

## Odds Ratios

```
## [1] "exp(beta)"
```

##	(Intercept)	gpa	tuce	psil
##	0.0000	16.8797	1.0998	10.7907

```
# Logit # xb*:
betas <- t(data.frame(coef(Logit1))) ; betas
xmean <- c(1, mean(spector$gpa), mean(spector$tuce),</pre>
           mean(as.numeric(spector$psi))-1)
xmean
print("XBetas:")
xb_logit <- sum(xmean*betas) ; xb_logit</pre>
# Slopes (at mean): Lambda(mean(xb))*(b)
print("Slopes:")
logit_slopes <- dlogis(xb_logit)*betas ; logit_slopes</pre>
```

```
## (Intercept) gpa tuce psi1
## coef.Logit1. -13.02135 2.826113 0.09515766 2.378688
## [1] 1.000000 3.117188 21.937500 0.437500
## [1] "XBetas:"
## [1] -1.083627
## [1] "Slopes:"
## (Intercept) gpa tuce psi1
## coef.Logit1. -2.459761 0.5338588 0.01797549 0.4493393
```

## **Estimating the corresponding Binary Probit**

#### **Exercise**

- Let estimate the probit model
- Calculate effects of variables on odds-ratio
- Calculate marginal effects on probabilities at the mean point

```
probit1 \leftarrow glm(grade \sim gpa + tuce + psi, x = TRUE,
    data = spector, family = binomial(link = "probit"))
summary(probit1)
##
## Call:
## glm(formula = grade ~ gpa + tuce + psi, family = binomial(link = "pr
      data = spector, x = TRUE)
##
##
## Deviance Residuals:
              1Q Median 3Q
                                      Max
##
      Min
## -1.9392 -0.6508 -0.2229 0.5934 2.0451
##
## Coefficients:
             Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
##
## (Intercept) -7.45231 2.57152 -2.898 0.00376 **
           1.62581 0.68973 2.357 0.01841 *
## gpa
## tuce 0.05173 0.08119 0.637 0.52406
       1.42633 0.58695 2.430 0.01510 *
## psi1
## ---
                                                           101
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

## Comparison of marginal effects at mean:

	X.Intercept.	gpa	tuce	psi1
coef.probit1.	-2.444734	0.5333484	0.0169695	0.4679083
coef.Logit1.	-2.459761	0.5338588	0.0179755	0.4493393

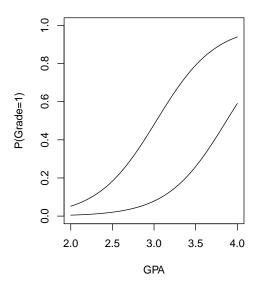
## **Estimating the corresponding Binary Logit**

#### Exercise

 Draw Predicted probabilities with varying GPA, fixed TUCE (at its average), and for PSI = 0 or PSI = 1, for logit and probit

```
# Probability Curves for the Probit model
psi0 \leftarrow function(x) pnorm(-7.452 + 1.626*x + 0.052*21.938)
psi1 \leftarrow function(x) pnorm(-7.452 + 1.626*x + 0.052*21.938 + 1.426)
curve(psi0, xlim=c(2,4), ylim=c(0,1), main="Effect of PSI on Pred.
      Probabilities (Probit)", ylab="P(Grade=1)", xlab="GPA")
curve(psi1, add=T)
# Probability Curves for the Logit model
psi0 \leftarrow function(x) plogis(-13.021 + 2.826*x + 0.095*21.938)
psi1 \leftarrow function(x) plogis(-13.021 + 2.826*x + 0.095*21.938 + 2.379)
curve(psi0, xlim=c(2,4), ylim=c(0,1), main="Effect of PSI on Pred.
      Probabilities (Logit)", ylab="P(Grade=1)", xlab="GPA")
curve(psi1, add=T)
```

## Effect of PSI on Pred. Probabilities (Logi



# **Estimating the corresponding Binary Logit**

#### Exercise

Calculate Average Partial Effect, for logit and probit

# **Average Marginal effects**

```
predict() returns X\beta
# Probit
fav_probit <- mean(dnorm(predict(probit1, type = "link")))
fav_probit * coef(probit1)
# Logit
fav_Logit <- mean(dlogis(predict(Logit1, type = "link")))
fav_Logit * coef(Logit1)</pre>
```

V1	X.Intercept.	gpa	tuce	psi1		
probit	-	0.3607870	10132720.01147915			
	1.65375669119005					
probit	-	0.3625808	3159472 <b>0</b> .01220841	.09570182230517770227781		
	1.6705954252256					

- LPM, logit, and probit give qualitatively similar results
- Between logit and probit, which model is preferable?
- In most applications the models are quite similar
- Main difference being slightly fatter tails of the logistic distribution
- Conditional probability  $P_i$  approaches 0 or 1 at a slower rate in logit than in probit
- There is no compelling reason to choose one over the other
- In practice, logit model because of its comparative mathematical simplicity

Inference in Binary Logit Model

# Hypothesis tests

Three familiar procedures for conventional hypothesis tests about restrictions on the model coefficients

#### 1.Likelihood Ratio test

- The likelihood ratio statistic is :  $\lambda_{LR} = 2(\ln L_1 \ln L_2)$
- where InL<sub>1</sub> indicates the log-likelihood computed at the unrestricted (alternative) estimator
- InL<sub>0</sub> at the restricted (null) estimator
- It follows an  $\chi^2(df)$ , where df are the degree of freedom = number of restrictions

#### 2. Wald test

- Hypothesis :  $r(\theta, c) = 0$  $r(\theta, c)$  is a vector of J functionally independent restrictions on  $\theta$  and c is a vector of constants.
- The Wald statistic uses the delta method to obtain an asymptotic covariance matrix for r(θ, c).
   The statistic is: W = r(θ, c)'[Var(r(θ, c))]^{-1}r(θ, c)

## **Example: Wald test**

```
## Wald test:
## -----
##
## Chi-squared test:
## X2 = 10.6, df = 3, P(> X2) = 0.014
## Wald test:
## -----
##
## Chi-squared test:
## 2 = 4.8, df = 1, P(> X2) = 0.028
```

```
## Call:
## glm(formula = grade ~ 1, family = binomial(link = "probit"),
##
      data = spector, x = TRUE)
##
## Deviance Residuals:
##
      Min 10 Median 30
                                       Max
## -0.9178 -0.9178 -0.9178 1.4614 1.4614
##
## Coefficients:
             Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
##
## (Intercept) -0.4023 0.2282 -1.763 0.0779 .
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## (Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
##
      Null deviance: 41.183 on 31 degrees of freedom
##
## Residual deviance: 41.183 on 31 degrees of freedom
## ATC: 43.183
##
```

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##

# Measuring the Fit of the Model to the Data

 $\rho^2$  or LRI

In Logit and Probit models :

- There is no R squared
- There are no residuals or sums of squares
- The model is not computed to optimize the fit of the model to the data

# Measuring the Fit of the Model to the Data

$$\rho^2$$
 or LRI

## Considering null and full model:

- The null model or restricted model is :  $E(Y_i) = \bar{y}_i$ ,  $(LnL_0)$
- The full model or saturated model is :  $E(Y_i) = y_i$ , then the likelihood is 1 and  $InL_f = 0$

## **Evaluating** deviances

- Null deviance is :  $D_0 = -2ln\frac{L_0}{L_f} = 2(LnL_f LnL_0)$
- Residual deviance is  $D_x = -2ln\frac{L_x}{L_f} = 2(LL_f LL_x)$
- Variable effect is measured by

$$D_x - D_0 = -2ln\frac{L_x}{L_0} = 2(LL_0 - LL_x)$$

```
sum(as.numeric(spector$grade)-1 )
## [1] 11
length(spector$grade)
## [1] 32
sum(as.numeric(spector$grade)-1 )/length(spector$grade)
## [1] 0.34375
-2*(11*log(0.34375)+21*log(1-0.34375))
## [1] 41.18346
```

# Measuring the Fit of the Model to the Data

Likelihood ratio index (LRI) ou Pseudo-R<sup>2</sup> :

$$\rho^2 = 1 - \frac{\ln L\beta^*}{\ln L_0}$$

Where  $L(\beta^*)$  is the Likelihood of the estimated model and L(0) the Likelihood of the *null* model with no regressors (only intercept)

- McFadden  $R^2$ :  $R^2_{MCF} = 1 \frac{ln(L(\beta^*))}{ln(L_0)}$
- Cox and Snell  $R^2$  is :  $R_{C\&S}^2 = 1 (\frac{L_0}{L(\beta^*)})^{2/n}$

## **To Compare Models:**

#### You can also use:

- logL
  - Use information criteria to compare nonnested models (AIC, BIC,...)
    - $AIC = -2 \times InL + 2 \times k$ , where k represents the number of parameters in the fitted model
    - $BIC = -2 \times InL + k \times log(n)$ ,

- Dividing the sample up according to their predicted probabilities, or risks.
- Observations in the sample are then split into g groups according to their predicted probabilities
- With g=10, the 1rst group consists of the observations with the lowest 10% predicted probabilities, etc
- Within each interval, the expected number of events is obtained by adding up the predicted probabilities
- The expected number of non-events is obtained by subtracting the expected number of events from the number of cases in the interval

- These expected frequencies  $(e_{kl})$  are compared with observed frequencies  $(o_{kl})$  by the conventional Pearson chi-square statistic
- The degrees of freedom is the number of intervals minus 2

$$\sum_{k=0,1} \sum_{l=1}^{g} \frac{(n_{kl} - e_{kl})^2}{e_{kl}}$$

```
library(ResourceSelection)
Logit1 <- glm(grade ~ gpa + tuce + psi, x = TRUE,
    data = spector, family = binomial(link = "logit"))
names(Logit1)</pre>
```

```
##
    [1] "coefficients"
                             "residuals"
                                                  "fitted.values"
    [4] "effects"
                             "R."
                                                   "rank"
##
    [7] "qr"
##
                             "family"
                                                   "linear.predictors"
   [10] "deviance"
                             "aic"
                                                   "null.deviance"
   [13] "iter"
                             "weights"
                                                  "prior.weights"
## [16] "df.residual"
                             "df.null"
                                                   "v"
## [19] "converged"
                             "boundary"
                                                   "model"
## [22] "x"
                             "call"
                                                  "formula"
## [25] "terms"
                             "data"
                                                  "offset."
## [28] "control"
                             "method"
                                                   "contrasts"
## [31] "xlevels"
hoslem.test(Logit1$y, fitted(Logit1))
```

```
##
## Hosmer and Lemeshow goodness of fit (GOF) test
##
## data: Logit1$y, fitted(Logit1)
## X-squared = 6.0948, df = 8, p-value = 0.6366
```

## **ROC Curves**

## ROC is short for Receiver Operating Characteristic

#### Classification tables

to generate actual predictions of whether or not Y=1, we need some cutpoint value **natural choice** .5

```
classDF <- data.frame(response = Logit1$y, predicted = round(fitted(Log
xtabs(~ predicted + response, data = classDF)

## response</pre>
```

```
## respons
## predicted 0 1
## 0 18 3
## 1 3 8
```

## Classification Table

## Overall proportion of predictions that are correct

```
ClassTab <- xtabs(~ predicted + response, data = classDF)

(ClassTab[1,1] + ClassTab[2,2] ) / sum(ClassTab)

## [1] 0.8125</pre>
```

### Classification table

### But

- Suppose that a data set has 100 events and 900 non-events.
- A no predictors model will generate predicted values that are all .10,
- all the cases would be predicted as non-events
- right 90 % of the time!

## Classification table

## Sensitivity

 proportion of non-events that are correctly predicted, in this case 18/21

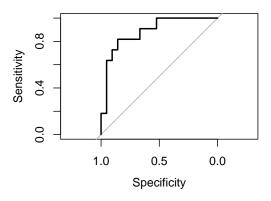
## **Specificity**

proportion of events that are correctly predicted, 8/11

#### ROC

- for each cut point c sensitivity and specificity are estimated
- increase the cut-point c, fewer observations will be predicted as positive
- ROC: plot of the values of sensitivity against one minus specificity, as the value of the cut-point c is increased from 0 through to 1

```
predpr <- predict(Logit1,type=c("response"))
library(pROC)
roccurve <- roc(spector$grade ~ predpr)
plot(roccurve)</pre>
```



## **ROC**

- The 45-degree line represents the expected ROC curve for the null model (no predictive power)
- The more the curve departs from the 45-degree line, the greater the predictive power.
- The standard statistic for summarizing that departure is the area under the curve

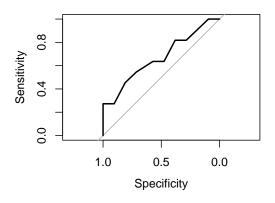
## **AUC** - Area under the ROC

- Discrimination ability: ROC curve which goes closer to the top left hand corner
- No discrimination ability has an ROC curve close to a 45 degree line
- AUC ranges from 1, corresponding to perfect discrimination, to
   0.5, corresponding to a model with no discrimination ability

auc(roccurve)

## Area under the curve: 0.8831

```
Logit2 <- glm(grade ~ tuce , x = TRUE,
    data = spector, family = binomial(link = "logit"))
predpr2 <- predict(Logit2,type=c("response"))
library(pROC)
roccurve2 <- roc(spector$grade ~ predpr2)
plot(roccurve2)
auc(roccurve2)</pre>
```



## Area under the curve: 0.6688

**Multinomial Logistic Regression** 

# **Multinomial Logistic Regression**

Generalize the model to J categories, with the running index  $j=1,\ldots,J$ . Let  $p_{ij}$  be the probability that individual i falls into category j.

The model is then

$$L_{ij} = In\left(\frac{P_{ij}}{P_{iJ}}\right) = \alpha_j + \beta_j X_i$$

$$j = 1, \dots, J - 1$$

where -  $x_i$  is a column vector of variables describing individual i -  $\beta_j$  is a row vector of coefficients for category j - Note that each category is compared with the highest category J

# Multinomial Logistic Regression

with 
$$Z_{ij} = \alpha_j + \beta_j X_i$$

We can write

$$P_{ij} = \frac{e^{Z_{ij}}}{1 + \sum_{k=1}^{J-1} e^{-Z_{ik}}}$$

Because the probabilities for all J categories must sum to 1, we have

$$P_{iJ} = \frac{1}{1 + \sum_{k=1}^{J-1} e^{-Z_{ik}}}$$

## Interpreting the coefficients

Comparing any two alternatives j and k of the dependent variable :

$$ln\left(\frac{P_{ij}}{P_{ik}}\right) = (\beta_j - \beta_k)x_i$$

- naturally interpreted in terms of effects on contrasts between pairs of categories for the dependent variable

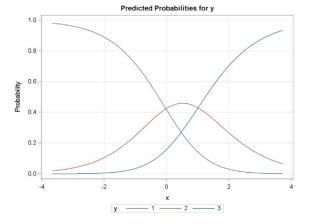
# Problem if interpreting the probabilities

Suppose

$$\ln\left(\frac{P_1}{P_3}\right) = 1.0 - 2.0x$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{P_2}{P_3}\right) = 1.0 - 1.0x$$

- it's tempting to say that increases in x produce decreases in the probability of being in category 2.
- But if we graph the probabilities,



**Figure 5** – Effect of x on the Probability of Being in Each of the Three Categories

- multinomial logit coefficients must always be interpreted as effects on contrasts between pairs of categories
- never on the probability of being in a particular category

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