

# Class 5 – Logistic Regression

## Classification

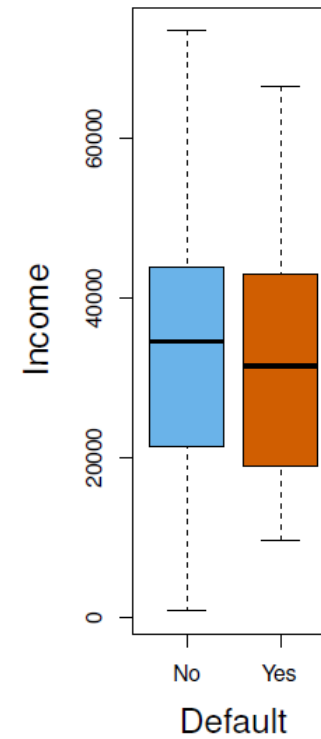
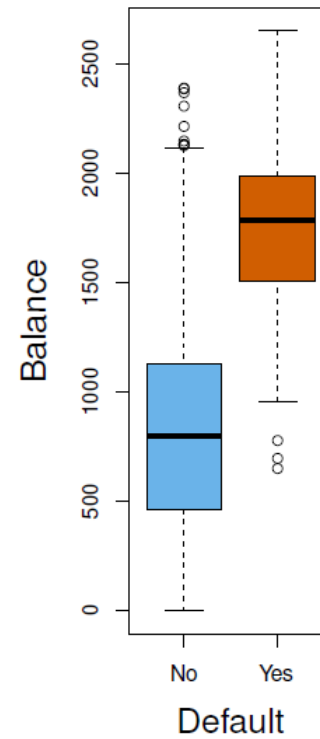
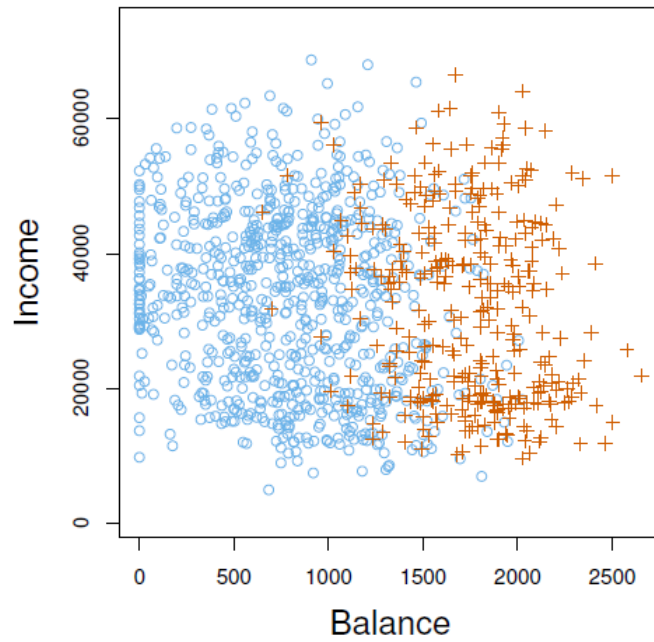
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# Credit Card Default



# Can we use linear probability model (LPM)?

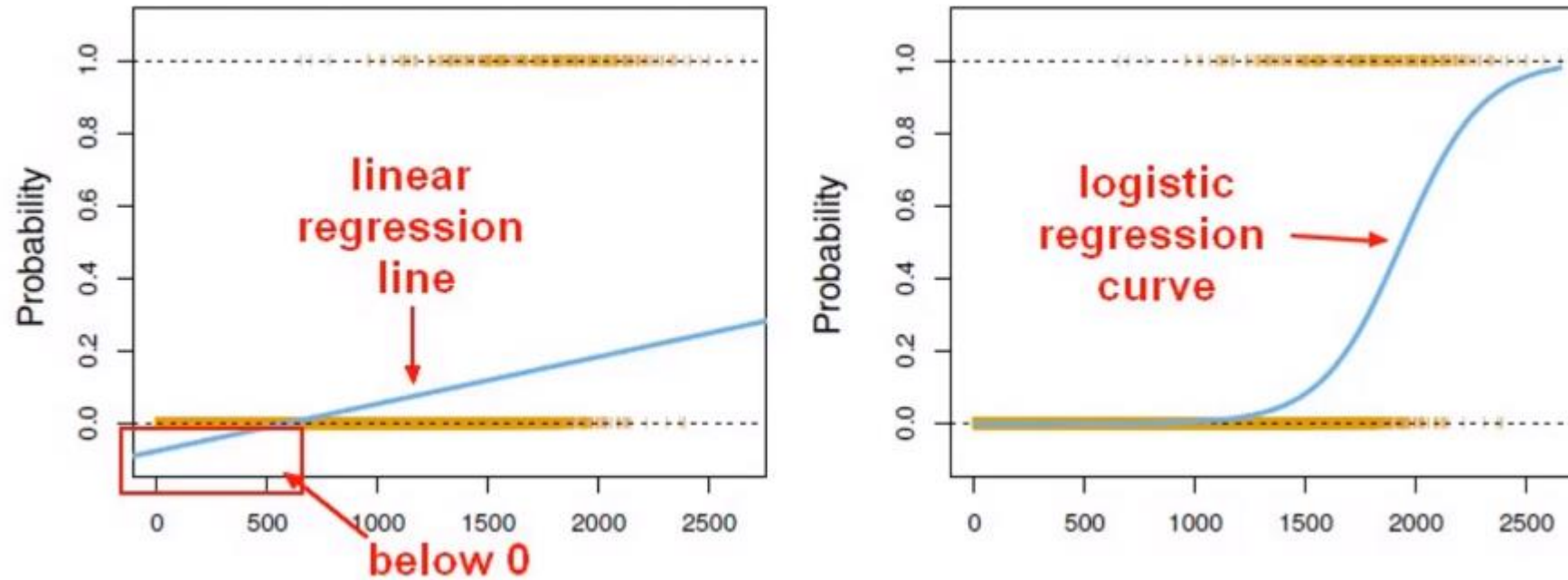
Suppose for the **Default** classification task that we code

$$Y = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if No} \\ 1 & \text{if Yes.} \end{cases}$$

Can we simply perform a linear regression of  $Y$  on  $X$  and classify as **Yes** if  $\hat{Y} > 0.5$ ?

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- Since in the population  $E(Y|X = x) = \Pr(Y = 1|X = x)$ , we might think that regression is perfect for this task.
  - However, *linear* regression might produce probabilities less than zero or bigger than one. *Logistic regression* is more appropriate.

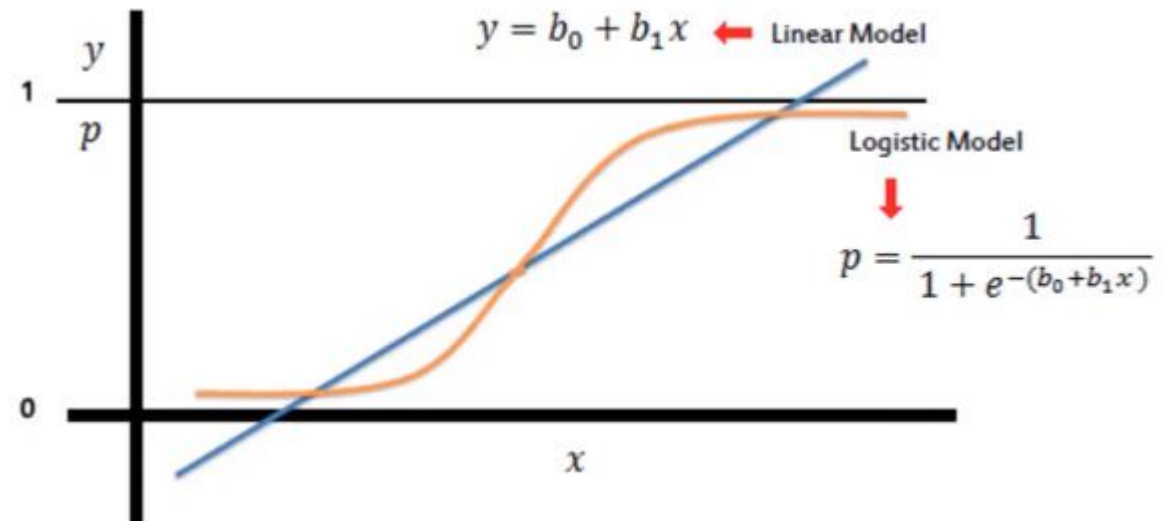
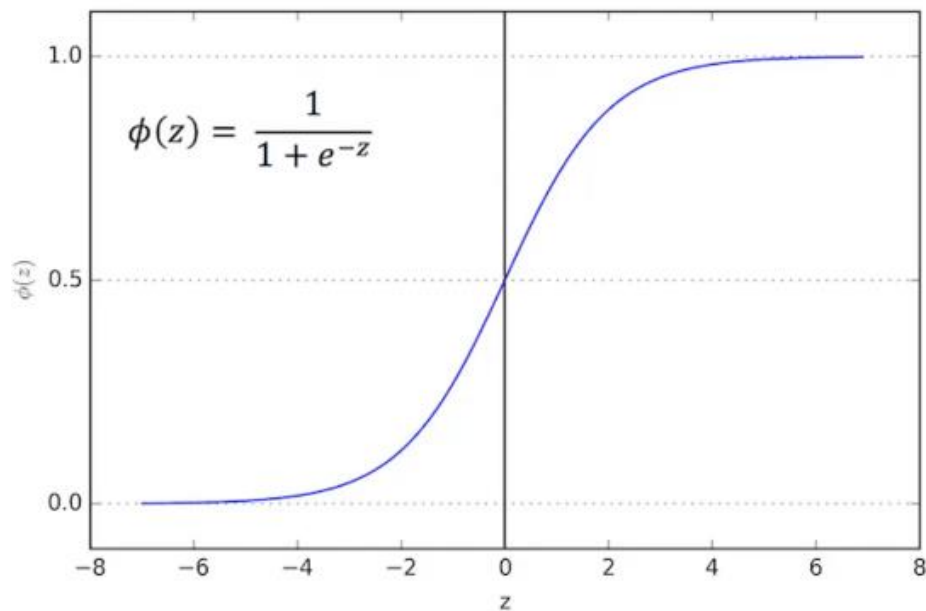
# Linear versus Logistic Regression



The orange marks indicate the response  $Y$ , either 0 or 1. Linear regression does not estimate  $\Pr(Y = 1|X)$  well. Logistic regression seems well suited to the task.

# Sigmoid Function

The Sigmoid (aka Logistic) function has a range of  $[0,1]$



# Logistic Regression

Let's write  $p(X) = \Pr(Y = 1|X)$  for short and consider using **balance** to predict **default**. Logistic regression uses the form

$$p(X) = \frac{e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 X}}{1 + e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 X}}.$$

( $e \approx 2.71828$  is a mathematical constant [Euler's number.] )

It is easy to see that no matter what values  $\beta_0$ ,  $\beta_1$  or  $X$  take,  $p(X)$  will have values between 0 and 1.

## Logistic Regression (cont'd)

$$p(X) = \frac{e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 X}}{1 + e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 X}}.$$

A bit of rearrangement gives

$$\log \left( \frac{p(X)}{1 - p(X)} \right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X.$$

This monotone transformation is called the *log odds* or *logit* transformation of  $p(X)$ . (by log we mean *natural log*:  $\ln$ .)

Logistic regression ensures that our estimate for  $p(X)$  lies between 0 and 1.

Logistic regression is very popular for classification, especially when  $K = 2$

# Maximum Likelihood

We use maximum likelihood to estimate the parameters.

$$\ell(\beta_0, \beta) = \prod_{i:y_i=1} p(x_i) \prod_{i:y_i=0} (1 - p(x_i)).$$

This *likelihood* gives the probability of the observed zeros and ones in the data. We pick  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$  to maximize the likelihood of the observed data.

Most statistical packages can fit linear logistic regression models by maximum likelihood. In **R** we use the **glm** function.

|                  | Coefficient | Std. Error | Z-statistic | P-value  |
|------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|----------|
| <b>Intercept</b> | -10.6513    | 0.3612     | -29.5       | < 0.0001 |
| <b>balance</b>   | 0.0055      | 0.0002     | 24.9        | < 0.0001 |



# Predictions

What is our estimated probability of **default** for someone with a balance of \$1000?

$$\hat{p}(X) = \frac{e^{\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 X}}{1 + e^{\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 X}} = \frac{e^{-10.6513 + 0.0055 \times 1000}}{1 + e^{-10.6513 + 0.0055 \times 1000}} = 0.006$$

With a balance of \$2000?

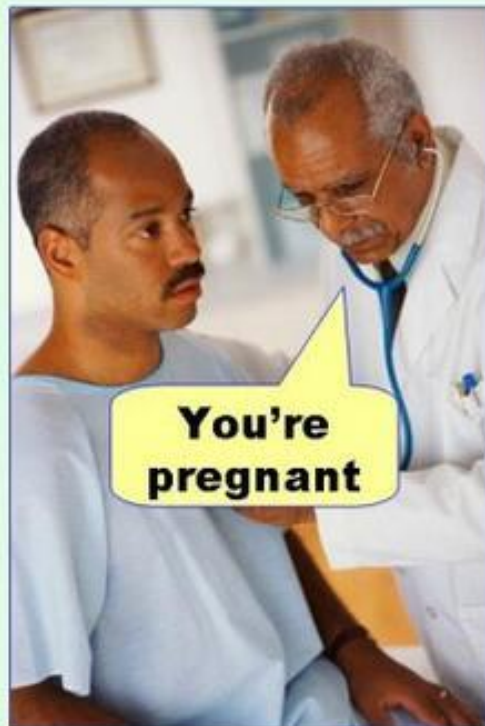
$$\hat{p}(X) = \frac{e^{\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 X}}{1 + e^{\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 X}} = \frac{e^{-10.6513 + 0.0055 \times 2000}}{1 + e^{-10.6513 + 0.0055 \times 2000}} = 0.586$$

# Other measures

|                     |                              | True condition  |  |  |  |
|---------------------|------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Total population    |                              | Condition positive  | Condition negative   | Prevalence<br>= $\frac{\Sigma \text{Condition positive}}{\Sigma \text{Total population}}$  | Accuracy (ACC) =<br>$\frac{\Sigma \text{True positive} + \Sigma \text{True negative}}{\Sigma \text{Total population}}$ |
| Predicted condition | Predicted condition positive | True positive   | False positive,<br>Type I error  | Positive predictive value (PPV), Precision =<br>$\frac{\Sigma \text{True positive}}{\Sigma \text{Predicted condition positive}}$ | False discovery rate (FDR) =<br>$\frac{\Sigma \text{False positive}}{\Sigma \text{Predicted condition positive}}$      |
|                     | Predicted condition negative | False negative,<br>Type II error  | True negative  | False omission rate (FOR) =<br>$\frac{\Sigma \text{False negative}}{\Sigma \text{Predicted condition negative}}$                 | Negative predictive value (NPV) =<br>$\frac{\Sigma \text{True negative}}{\Sigma \text{Predicted condition negative}}$  |
|                     |                              | True positive rate (TPR), Recall, Sensitivity, probability of detection,<br>$\text{Power} = \frac{\Sigma \text{True positive}}{\Sigma \text{Condition positive}}$ | False positive rate (FPR), Fall-out, probability of false alarm<br>$= \frac{\Sigma \text{False positive}}{\Sigma \text{Condition negative}}$ | Positive likelihood ratio (LR+)<br>$= \frac{\text{TPR}}{\text{FPR}}$   | Diagnostic odds ratio (DOR)<br>$= \frac{\text{LR+}}{\text{LR-}}$   |
|                     |                              | False negative rate (FNR), Miss rate<br>$= \frac{\Sigma \text{False negative}}{\Sigma \text{Condition positive}}$   | Specificity (SPC), Selectivity, True negative rate (TNR)<br>$= \frac{\Sigma \text{True negative}}{\Sigma \text{Condition negative}}$         | Negative likelihood ratio (LR-)<br>$= \frac{\text{FNR}}{\text{TNR}}$   |  |
|                     |                              |   |  | F <sub>1</sub> score =<br>$2 \cdot \frac{\text{Precision} \cdot \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}}$                |  |

# Types of errors

**Type I error**  
(false positive)



**Type II error**  
(false negative)

