

# Logistic Regression model to estimate voxel activation

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We let  $Y_{ij}$  be the  $j$ -th voxel of study  $i$ ,

$$y_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if is } on \text{ in the } i\text{-th study} \\ 0 & \text{if is } off \text{ in the } i\text{-th study} \end{cases}$$

For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, I$ . With one voxel we can assume that it follows a Bernoulli distribution,

$$Y_{ij} \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\pi_{ij})$$

$$\log \frac{\pi_{ij}}{1 - \pi_{ij}} = \beta_0 + \sum_{k=1}^p \beta_k X_{ijk},$$

where  $X = (X_{ij1}, \dots, X_{ijp})$  are possible covariates that influence the activation of the voxel  $j$ . Information about the possible covariates of each study will be needed.

After estimation  $\pi_{ij}$  we can build our prior based on the average values of the  $\pi_{ij}$ 's over studies. Our probability surface would be estimated as

$$\pi_j = \frac{1}{I} \sum_{i=1}^I \pi_{ij}$$

We need to assign the prior distribution of  $\beta = (\beta_0, \dots, \beta_p)$ . It is reasonable to assume that the  $\beta_k$  are independent and follow a zero mean normal distribution with large and fixed variance. For the posterior distribution we will use a Markov Chain Monte Carlo method to obtain samples from the resultant posterior distribution.