

The Logistic Curve Is A Theoretical Construct

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1 The Logistic Curve

💡 Equations

The equation for the curve below comes from the logistic regression equation:

$$\ln \left(\frac{p(\text{outcome})}{1 - p(\text{outcome})} \right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1$$

We exponentiate both sides of the equation:

$$\frac{p(\text{outcome})}{1 - p(\text{outcome})} = e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1}$$

We multiply both sides by the denominator of the fraction that is on the left hand side of the equation:

$$p(\text{outcome}) = e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1} (1 - p(\text{outcome}))$$

Then:

$$p(\text{outcome}) = e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1} - e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1} * p(\text{outcome})$$

Then:

$$p(\text{outcome}) + e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1} * p(\text{outcome}) = e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1}$$

Then:

$$(1 + e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1}) * p(\text{outcome}) = e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1}$$

And, finally:

$$p(\text{outcome}) = \frac{e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1}}{1 + e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1}}$$

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(function y = exp(x)/(1 + exp(x)), range(-10 10) lwidth(thick) lpattern(dash)), ///
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ytitle("Probability") ///
scheme(stcolor)

graph export logistic.png, width(2000) replace

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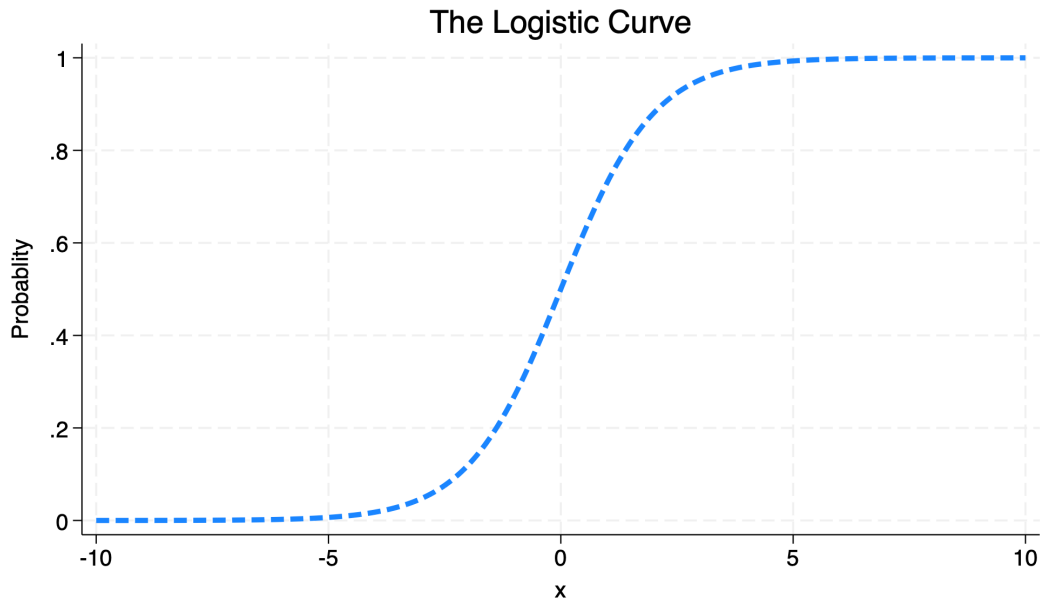


Figure 1: The Logistic Curve

2 The Logistic Curve is a *Theoretical Construct*

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title("Any Given Data Set") ///
ytitle("Probability") ///
subtitle("Usually Maps To Only Part Of The Full Logistic Curve") ///
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graph export logistic2.png, width(2000) replace

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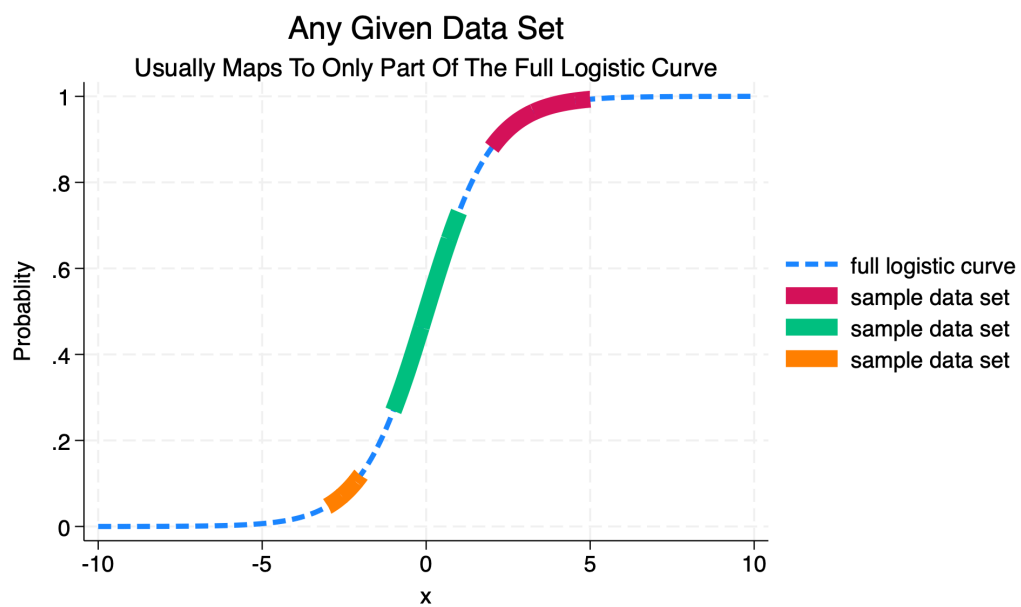


Figure 2: The Logistic Curve Is A Theoretical Construct