# logistic-regression

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In []: import numpy as np
    import pandas as pd
    import statsmodels.api as sm
    import statsmodels.formula.api as smf
In []: %matplotlib inline
    from matplotlib import pyplot as plt
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### 0.1 Titanic data set

The titanic.txt data set contains information on the survival of passengers of the ship RMS Titanic, following it's sinking in the North Atlantic in 1912. In addition to survival information, this data set includes information such as passengers age, the passenger class (1st, 2nd, 3rd), etc.

The titanic data set was obtained from http://lib.stat.cmu.edu/S/Harrell/data/descriptions/titanic.html. That site also includes a more detailed description of the data's provenance.

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In []: titanic = pd.read_csv('https://github.com/pmagwene/Bio723/raw/master/datasets/titanic.csv')
In □: titanic.columns
In []: # read the documentation on the drop attribute of DataFrames
       help(pd.DataFrame.drop)
In []: # drop the useless "row.names" columns
       titanic.drop('row.names', axis=1, inplace=True)
In []: males = titanic[titanic.sex == 'male']
In []: # alternate way to subset data, using query method
       females = titanic.query('sex == "female"')
In []: # the query method allow for complex queries
       adult_males = titanic.query('sex == "male" & age > 18')
       young_males = titanic.query('sex == "male" & age < 18')</pre>
       # isnull() returns true for missing values
       noage_males = males[males['age'].isnull()]
In []: print "Adult male data set dimensions: ", adult_males.shape
       print "Young male data set dimensions: ", young_males.shape
       print "Data set dimensions for males where age is not known: ", noage_males.shape
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## 1 Logistic regression using StatsModels

As with least squares regression, StatsModels provides a formula based interface for carrying logistic regression from the statsmodels.formula.api.

## 2 The Seaborn Statistical Plotting Library

Seaborn is a plotting library, built on top of Matplotlib, that specializes in generating nice statistical figures. In addition to providing a set of useful functions, Seaborn changes the default plotting and background colors for Matplotlib plots to provide better color discrimination and more readable plots. If you don't like the changes that Seaborn makes you can change the defaults (see the Seaborn documentation)

## 2.1 Logistic Regression Plots in Seaborn

Seaborn makes it very easy to fit regression models. The basic plotting function for all regression models is regplot(). If we wish to fit a logistic regression we can simply set the logistic argument to True.

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In []: import seaborn as sns
    g = sns.regplot("age", "survived", data=titanic, y_jitter=.02, logistic=True)
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## 2.2 Subsetting on categorical variables

Another powerful feature of Seaborn is that it makes it very easy to subset data on categorical variables. To do this we use the lmplot() function which combines the regplot() with a class for handling faceted data called a FacetGrid (see the Seaborn docs).

In the plot above, the overlapping observations are a bit messy, so let's break out the logistic regressions for the separate sexes into two side by side panels.

Breaking the data set down by sex reveals an important trend that was masked in the data as a whole – probability of survival increases with age in women, but decreases with age in men!

## 2.3 Exploring survival as a function of passenger class

Now let's explore how the passengers ticket class affected the probability of survival.

#### 2.3.1 Grouping in Pandas

When working with categorical variables in Pandas, the groupby function is very useful.

In []: # express the above table in terms of the number of passengers in each class

grouping2.survived.count() / class\_grouping.pclass.count()

#### 2.3.3 Interpretation and Logistic Regression on Class

Our table above suggests that approximately 40% of first class passengers died, while >80% of 3rd class passengers died! Let's create a complementary logistic regression for the data broken down by class and sex.

The logistic regression shows us that the effect of passenger class on survival is particularly prominent for the female passengers!

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