

Maximum Likelihood, Logistic Regression, Generalized Linear Models

Maximum Likelihood

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Logistic Regression: make a function of p (the parameter of interest) a linear combination of your features.

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Maximum likelihood: we plug the last line into the 2nd line

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The base log odds ratio.

$0 \Rightarrow \log(odds) = 0 \Rightarrow odds = 1 \Rightarrow p = 1/2;$

$\log(2) \Rightarrow \log(odds) = \log(2) \Rightarrow odds = 2 \Rightarrow p = 2/3$

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Let slope=0, thus a unit increase in predictor of 1 implies:

$$\log(\text{new_odds}) = \log(\text{odds}) + 0$$

$$\text{new_odds} = \exp(\log(\text{odds}) + 0) = \exp(\log(\text{odds})) * \exp(0) = \text{odds} * 1 = \text{odds}$$

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$$\log(\text{new_odds}) = \log(\text{odds}) + \log(2)$$

$$\text{new_odds} = \exp(\log(\text{odds}) + \log(2)) = \exp(\log(\text{odds})) * \exp(\log(2)) = \text{odds} * 2$$

Generalized linear models

What did we do with logistic regression?

1. used the appropriate probability model
2. transformed the parameter to an unbounded range
3. set that equal to a linear model
4. work backwards to get the likelihood

The above is the basic process for GLMs. See:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Generalized_linear_model#Link_function