

Introduction to R

Session 5 – Advanced Graphics

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1. Logistic regression

1. Suppose the only information available about mercury concentration were that the lakes were either clean (0) or contaminated (1). Create a factor called `cont`, such that `cont = 1` if `mercury > 0.53` and `cont = 0` if `mercury ≤ 0.53`.

```
cont <- ifelse(joined.long.df$Mercury > 0.53, 1, 0)
cont <- as.factor(cont)
```

2. Check the one-way frequency table of `cont`.

```
table(cont)
```

```
## cont
##  0  1
## 91 68
```

3. Add `cont` to `joined.long.df`.

```
joined.long.df$cont <- cont
```

4. (a) Perform a logistic regression to assess how `pH` influences the probability of contamination.

```
myglm <- glm(cont~pH, family = binomial, data = joined.long.df)
```

- (b) What is the overall significance of `pH`.

```
anova(myglm, test = "Chisq")
```

```
## Analysis of Deviance Table
##
## Model: binomial, link: logit
##
## Response: cont
##
## Terms added sequentially (first to last)
##
##
##      Df Deviance Resid. Df Resid. Dev  Pr(>Chi)
## NULL                158      217.08
## pH      1    50.445      157    166.64 1.226e-12 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

- (c) How does a 1 unit increase in `pH` change the log odds of contamination?

```
summary(myglm)
```

```
##
## Call:
```

```
## glm(formula = cont ~ pH, family = binomial, data = joined.long.df)
##
## Deviance Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -1.8899  -0.8550  -0.4251   0.9729   1.9320
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
## (Intercept)   6.8833     1.2482   5.515 3.5e-08 ***
## pH            -1.1002     0.1897  -5.798 6.7e-09 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## (Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
##
##      Null deviance: 217.08  on 158  degrees of freedom
## Residual deviance: 166.64  on 157  degrees of freedom
## AIC: 170.64
##
## Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 4
```

A 1 unit increase in pH decreases the log odds of contamination by 1.03