

## 8.2 Logistic Regression

Form of regression analysis used for prediction of discrete variables using mix of continuous and discrete variables

- Used when the research objective is focussed on whether or not an event occurred rather than when it occurred i.e. time course information is not used
- Instead of building a predictive model for "Y" Reps response directly, the approach models Log odds (Y); hence the name logistics or Logit
- Used as an alternative to Multivariate Discriminant analysis when underlying assumptions for Discriminant analysis are violated.

Logistics Regression used when:

- Dependent Variable : Categorical
- Independent Variable : Continuous or Categorical

examples

- Customer default on credit card Payment
- Customer response to direct mailer
- Customer will buy or not



## Types of Logistic Regression

### Binary Logit

→ Used when response variable is binary or dichotomous

→ It has only 2 outcomes

e.g. Good - Bad, Yes - No

### Ordered Logit

→ Used when response variable has more than 2 outcomes

→ and the outcomes can be ordered in meaningful way

e.g. High - Medium - Low

Strongly Agree - Agree - Disagree - Strongly disagree

## Multinomial Logit

- used when response variable has more than 2 outcomes
- and the outcomes cannot be ordered in any manner

e.g. Type choice of Bread

Travel Itinerary



## Odds Ratio

It is a standard statistical term that denotes probability of success to probability of failure

If probability of success is 0.75, then  
odds ratio =  $\frac{0.75}{0.25} = 3 \quad \left( \frac{P}{1-P} \right)$

i.e. there is 3:1 chance of success

## Logistic Regression

$$P(DV) = f(IN) \quad (P: \text{Probability})$$

But, probability values can take values between 0 and 1

$$\log 0 \Rightarrow -\infty$$

$$\log \infty \Rightarrow \infty$$

One way solve this problem to take an odds ratio  $(P/(1-P))$  and then take log

$$\frac{P}{1-P} \Rightarrow \text{can take values of } 0 \text{ to } \infty$$

$$f\left(\log\left(\frac{P}{1-P}\right)\right) \Rightarrow \text{can take values of } -\infty \text{ to } \infty$$

Prediction values can take values from  $-\infty$  to  $\infty$

So the Equation:

$$\log\left(\frac{P}{1-P}\right) = Y = f(X)$$



Log Transformation has linear relationship with predictors

A unit change in  $x$  will lead to fixed % change in  $\log y$

In terms of  $y \Rightarrow$  A unit change in  $x$  will lead to multiplicative  $e^B$  change in  $y$

$$\% \text{ change in } y \text{ approx} = 100 \times (e^B - 1)$$

(for small values of coefficient)



Data Preparation for Logistic Regression includes:

### 1. Response Variable Coding

The response variable will need to be converted to 1/0

Code    Repaid Loan as 1 and  
          Default Loan as 0

### 2. Missing value Treatment

- using logical rules

### 3. Outlier Detection

- to ensure we don't have highly skewed values.

### 4. Multicollinearity

2 independent variables do not provide similar info



## 5. Variable Transformation

- we have meaningful transformation of variables depending on the research and modelling scope.

## 6. Descriptive Statistics

- basic measures of central tendency need to be output to validate if correct data is being used for modelling

## 7. Predictors

- review if existing set of predictors are good enough or more meaningful predictors can be created.



Ideally : Proportion of 1's to 0's should not be less than 2:1.

- If rare events proportion of 1's is  $< 2\%$  oversample
- keep rare events and reduce the no of non events

e.g. fraudulent transactions which are rare

artificial

This approach will not alter the model form. It has an impact on the constant term or intercept and has to be corrected once the model is finalized.

Logistics Regression model form is

$$\text{Log} \left( \frac{P_i}{1 - P_i} \right) = a + b_1 X_1 + b_2 X_2 + b_3 X_3$$

then



bias correction in Intercept due to  
oversampling

$$\text{Log} \left( \frac{p_i}{1-p_i} \right) = a + b_1 x_1 + b_2 x_2 + b_3 x_3 -$$

$$\text{LN} \left( \frac{w_0 u_1}{w_1 u_0} \right)$$

where

$w_0$  — population proportion of 0

$w_1$  — population proportion of 1

$u_0$  — derived sample proportion 0

$u_1$  — derived sample proportion of 1

LN — Natural Log

## Estimation for Logistic

The coefficients for the Logistic equation are estimated using a technique known Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE)

MLE is a popular method of estimation

- It does not have any underlying assumptions of distribution
- When the underlying distribution of error terms is normal, MLE estimates are similar to OLS estimates
- OLS like many other distributions is a special case of MLE

## Intuition of MLE

- what values of the unknown parameters make the data we see least surprising?



SAS Code

Split data into Training dataset and Validation dataset

```
proc surveyselect data = inter1  
method = SRS out = SAMPLE samprate = 0.5  
outall ;  
run;
```

```
data train;  
set sample;  
where selected = 0;  
run;
```

## Logistic Regression model code

```
proc logistic data = xxx outest = modelx;
```

```
Model Repayment Status = Credit Hist Loan  
Amount Income level  
run;
```

Outest - save the output in a temporary  
SAS dataset

Model - input dependent and  
independent variables



## Logistics Regression steps

- Build a logistic model using all the variables given
- Choosing variables
  - Using the variables shortlisted from profiling & by using the significant variables, build multiple logistic regression models
- Best Model Summary will have
  - P values to choose most significant variables
  - Significant difference between null deviance and residual deviance
  - Least AIC value

glm  $\Rightarrow$  generalised linear model

## Model Validation

- Plot the ROC curve
- Choose a point that has high TPR and low FPR. Using this choose the cut off
- Check the AUC value. Choose the model with highest AUC value
- Test the model on at least 3 to 4 test samples to ensure model performance consistency

\* TPR : True Positive Rate

\* FPR : False Positive Rate

\* AUC : Area Under Curve



R Code :

# Customers who spend more than average are good customers

family = "binomial"  $\Rightarrow$  states that we want logistic regression output

step (mod, direction = "both")

# stepwise regression

# direction  $\Rightarrow$  forward as well as backward selection

# It will give suggestion for attributes

type = "response"  $\Rightarrow$  will give predictions  
in terms of predictions

# kappa matrix  $\rightarrow$  if  $> 0.6$  then it is good  
model

# Confusion matrix

positive = "1"  $\Rightarrow$  what we want predict<sup>to</sup>  
will give parse that as positive

# what is gains chart?