

Logistic Regression



When And Why



- To predict an outcome variable that is categorical from one or more categorical or continuous predictor variables.
- Used because having a categorical outcome variable violates the assumption of linearity in normal regression.

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Aims

- When and Why do we Use Logistic Regression?
 - Binary
 - Multinomial
- Theory Behind Logistic Regression
 - Assessing the Model
 - Assessing predictors
 - Things that can go Wrong
- Interpreting Logistic Regression

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Methods of Regression

- Forced Entry: All variables entered simultaneously.
- Hierarchical: Variables entered in blocks.
 - Blocks should be based on past research, or theory being tested. Good Method.
- Stepwise: Variables entered on the basis of statistical criteria (i.e. relative contribution to predicting outcome).
 - Should be used only for exploratory analysis.

Which method should I use?



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With One Predictor

$$P(Y) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(b_0 + b_1 X_1 + \varepsilon_i)}}$$

- Outcome
 - We predict the *probability* of the outcome occurring
- b_0 and b_1
 - Can be thought of in much the same way as multiple regression
 - Note the normal regression equation forms part of the logistic regression equation

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With Several Predictor

$$P(Y) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(b_0 + b_1 X_1 + b_2 X_2 + \dots + b_n X_n + \varepsilon_i)}}$$

- Outcome
 - We still predict the *probability* of the outcome occurring
- Differences
 - Note the multiple regression equation forms part of the logistic regression equation
 - This part of the equation expands to accommodate additional predictors

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Binary classification performance metrics

- Confusion matrix
- Accuracy

$$ACC = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN}$$

Accuracy, Precision , Recall, F1 Score

$$ACC = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN}$$

$$P = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

$$R = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

$$F1 = 2 \frac{PR}{P + R}$$