

# Logistic Regression

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# Parameters in Logistic Regression

- ▶ Y is response variable (0,1) and X is explanatory variable

$$\pi(x) = \exp(\alpha + \beta x) / (\exp(\alpha + \beta x) + 1)$$

- ▶ Equivalently, logit is linear

$$\log \frac{\pi(x)}{1 - \pi(x)} = \alpha + \beta x$$

## Interpret $\beta$

- ▶ As  $x$  increase by one unit, odd increase by  $e^\beta$
- ▶  $\frac{\partial \pi}{\partial x} = \beta \pi(1 - \pi)$
- ▶ Effect of  $\alpha$  is not of interest.
- ▶ But when we use centred data, then it is value at the mean.

## Looking at the data

- ▶ We use MLE in  $\pi(x)$
- ▶ We need to check whether logistic regression is appropriate model.
- ▶ One way is to look at sample logit or adjusted sample logit and see whether they are linear.

$$\log \frac{y_i + 0.5}{n_i - y_i + 0.5}$$

- ▶ We can also substitute quartile values of  $x$  into  $\pi(x)$ . Then, we can compare between different explanatory variables.

# Logistic Regression with Retrospective Studies

- ▶  $X$  rather than  $Y$  is random.
- ▶ For samples of subjects having  $Y=1$  (case) and  $Y=0$  (control), we observe  $X$ .
- ▶ Let  $\rho_1 = P(Z = 1|y = 1)$ , probability of sampling a case and  $\rho_2 = P(Z = 1|y = 0)$
- ▶ Use Bayes' theorem to calculate  $P(Y = 1, z = 1, x)$
- ▶ Also, suppose that  $P(Z = 1|y, x) = P(Z = 1|y)$ , then we can show that  $P(Y = 1|z = 1, x)$  also follows logistic model if  $P(Y = 1|x)$  follows logistics model.

# Inference for logistics regression

- ▶ For single predictor

$$\text{logit}[\pi(x)] = \alpha + \beta x$$

- ▶ Significance test focus on  $\beta = 0$
- ▶ We can use likelihood ratio test, wald test, score test.
- ▶ They all follow asymptotically chi-square 1

# Confidence Interval

- ▶ From Wald approach, interval  $\hat{\beta} \pm z(SE)$
- ▶ For  $\pi(x)$ , we approximate by  $\hat{\alpha} + \hat{\beta}x_o$
- ▶ Large sample SE is given by  $var(\alpha) + x^2 var(\beta) + 2xcov(\alpha, \beta)$

## Checking Goodness of fit

- ▶ Uses a likelihood-ratio test to compare the model to more complex ones.
- ▶ At each setting of  $x$ , we can calculate fitted value. Then we use Pearson test. (if  $x$  is categorical)
- ▶ It is important that table is grouped. IF ungrouped then it does not follow chi square



## For continuous or ungrouped Data

- ▶ We group data or partition  $X$  into various spaces.
- ▶ The fitted value for 'yes' is sum of the estimated probabilities for all data having  $X$  in that category.
- ▶ Degree of freedom will be number of partition - number of parameter in logistic regression.
- ▶ Hosmer-Lemeshow test

## Logistic model with categorical predictor

- ▶ Extend to include qualitative explanatory variables.
- ▶  $\log \frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i} = \alpha + \beta_i$
- ▶ We can recode such that  $\beta_I = 0$
- ▶ The model has any many parameters observation.
- ▶ When factor has no effect, X and Y are independent.

## Indicator Variables

- ▶ Use one hot encoding then this corresponds to the constraint  $\beta_I = 0$
- ▶ Another use encoding such that  $\sum \beta_i = 0$
- ▶ Individual  $\beta_i$  is not important.
- ▶ Depending on coding individual value might change, but model fit does not change.

## For ordinal variable

- ▶ Above model does not take account of order.
- ▶ If there is score  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_I)$
- ▶ If there is order and we expect a monotone effect,

$$\log \frac{\pi_i}{1 - \pi_i} = \alpha + \beta x_i$$

## Cochran-Armitage Trend test

- ▶ Consider linear probability model  $\pi_i = \alpha + \beta x_i$
- ▶ We fit this value using ordinary least square.
- ▶ Pearson statistic  $X^2(I)$  can be decomposed into  $z^2 + X^2(L)$
- ▶  $X^2(L)$  is asymptotically chi squared if linear model holds.
- ▶  $z^2$  is test for  $\beta = 0$  when linear model holds.  
(Cochran-Armitage test)
- ▶ This test is equivalent to the score statistic in linear logit model.

## Using directed models

- ▶ Partition  $G^2$  into  $J-1$  component (When  $2 \times j$  case)
- ▶  $j$ th component where the first column combines column 1  $j$  and second column is  $j+1$
- ▶ In general,  $J-1$  partition to  $I \times J$  table
- ▶ df for the subtable must sum to df for the full table.
- ▶ Each cell count in the full table must be in one and only one
- ▶ each marginal total of the full table must be marginal total for one and only one subtable

# Multiple Logistic Regression

- ▶ Without ordinal assumption, we calculate ordinary  $G^2$  and  $X^2$
- ▶  $G^2(I|L) = G^2(I) - G^2(L)$  is likelihood-ratio statistic comparing the linear logit model and the independence model.
- ▶ Most of analysis can directly extend to multiple logistic regression.
- ▶ Instantaneous rate of change for  $x_j$  is  $\beta_j\pi(1 - \pi)$  adjusting for other variable