

# Predictive Methods

## Logistic Regression

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# Logistic regression

Assessing the effect of continuous variables on a dichotomous outcome

**Response variable : Binary/dichotomous**

(or a proportion, ordinal variable, nominal variable)

Examples:

Buy a product, Pass a course, Obtain a credit, Level the preference for a service  
Having Alzheimer's disease, Responding to a chemotherapy, Smoking in high school, Evacuate before a hurricane

Other than: tumor size, daily packs of cigarettes, Final course score

# Score and Mortality in Sepsis

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Formalization:

Target population: septic patients

Response variable: mortality after 30 days

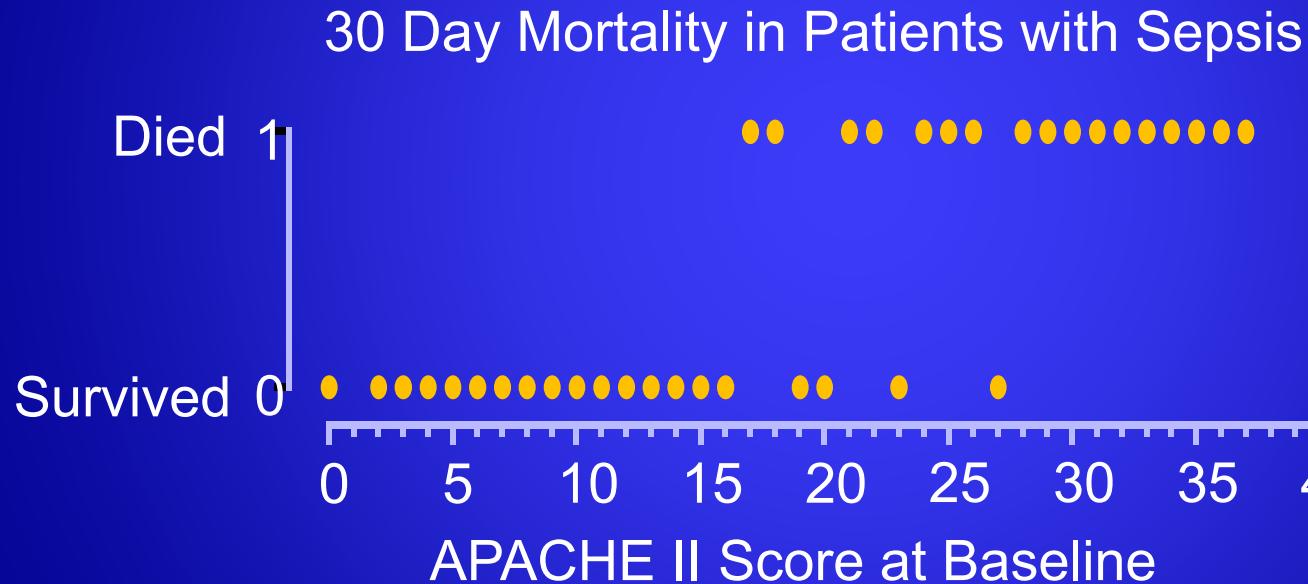
1 means patient died after 30 days

0 means patient survived after 30 days

Explanatory variable: Score obtained in APACHE II Scale at day 1

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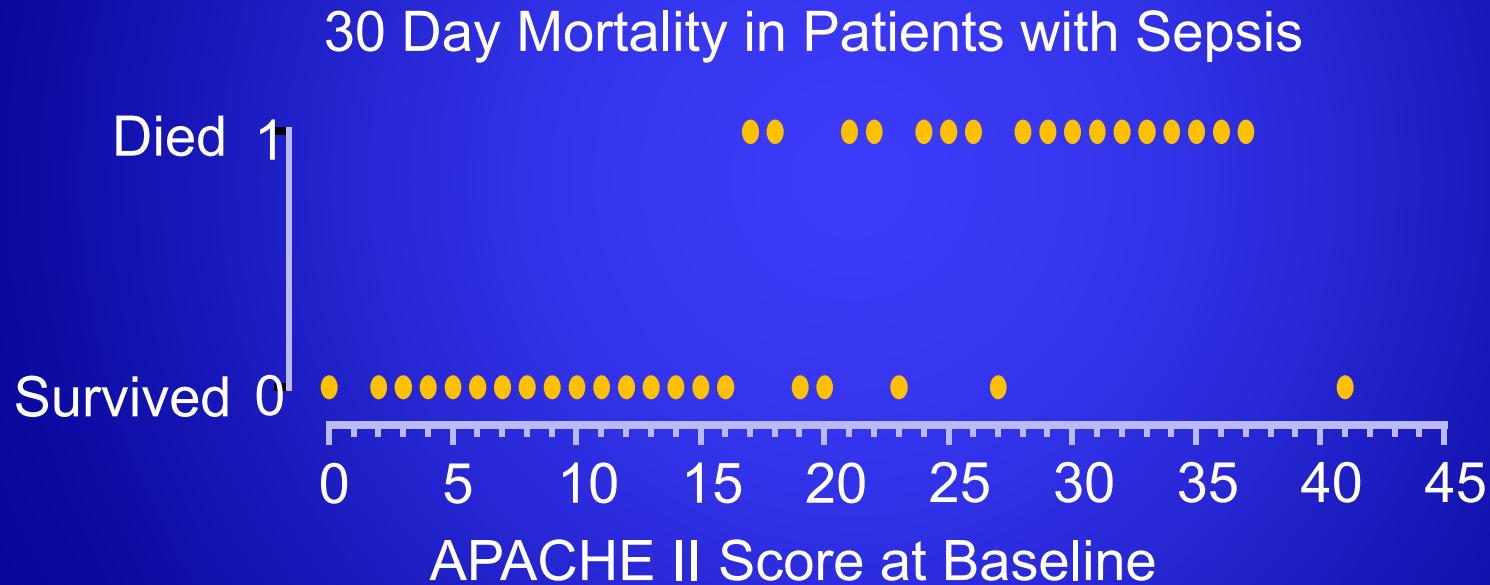
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# Logistic regression

**Response variable : Binary**

$$y_i = \begin{cases} 1 \text{ if } + & \text{with } p_i \\ 0 \text{ if } - & \text{with } (1 - p_i) \end{cases}$$

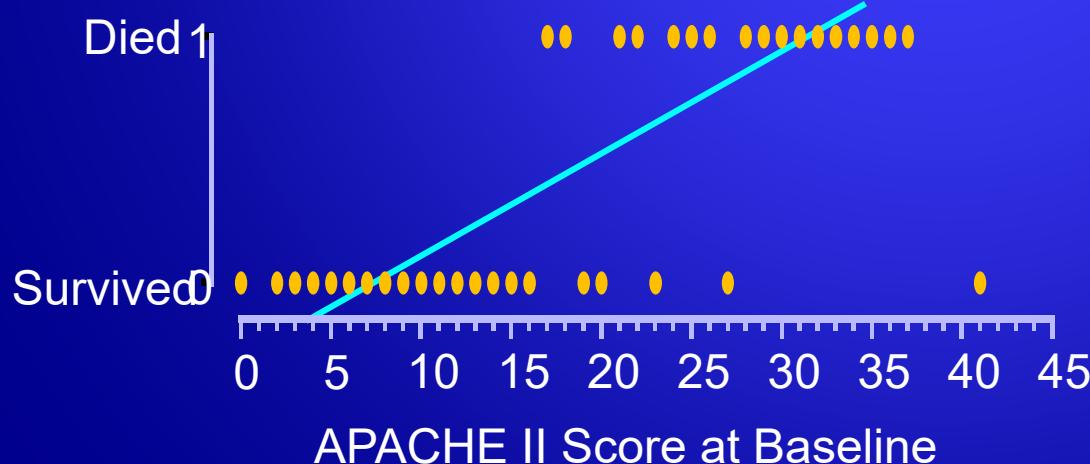
Does not work!!!

$$E[y_i / x_{i1}, \dots, x_{ip}] = \hat{y} = b_0 + b_1 x_1 + \dots + b_p x_p$$

**Linear Model fit**

```
> lm = lm(as.vector(dict) ~ ratfin)
```

30 Day Mortality in Patients with Sepsis



$$-\infty < \hat{y} < \infty$$

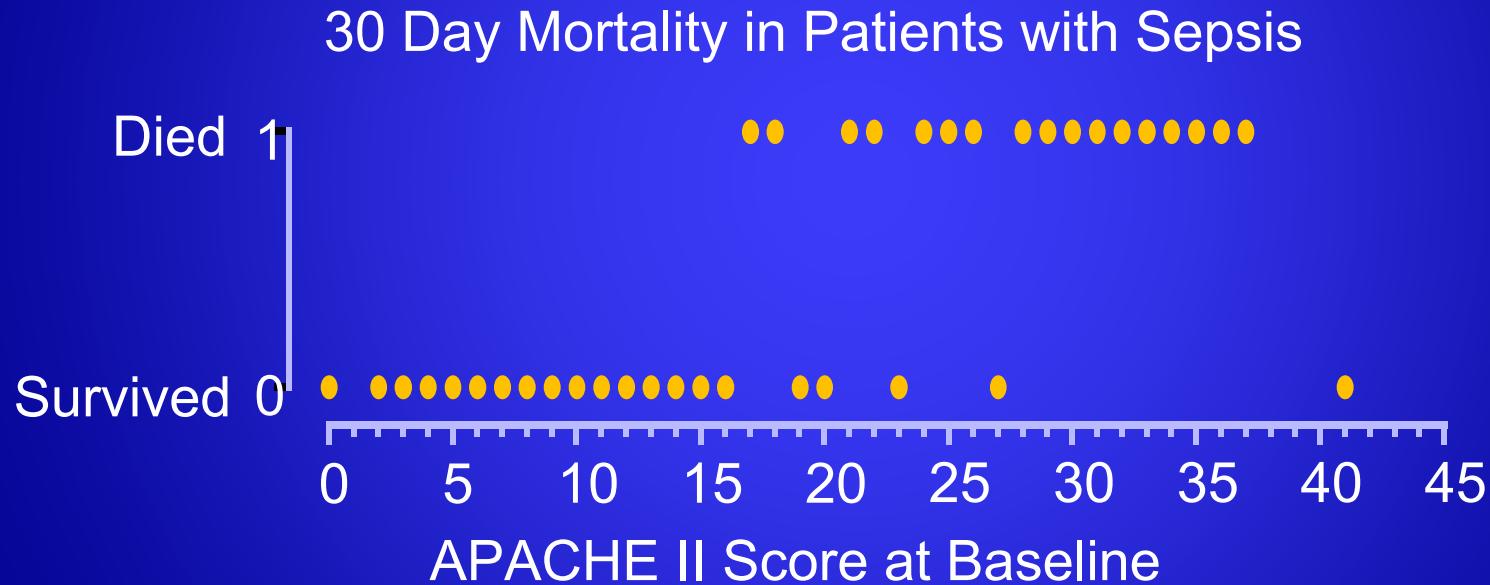
(continuous prediction  $\hat{y}$  senseless  
 $\hat{y} \notin [0, 1]$  senseless )  
Error non normal (Bernoulli)

Non linearity

Violation of linear model hypothesis

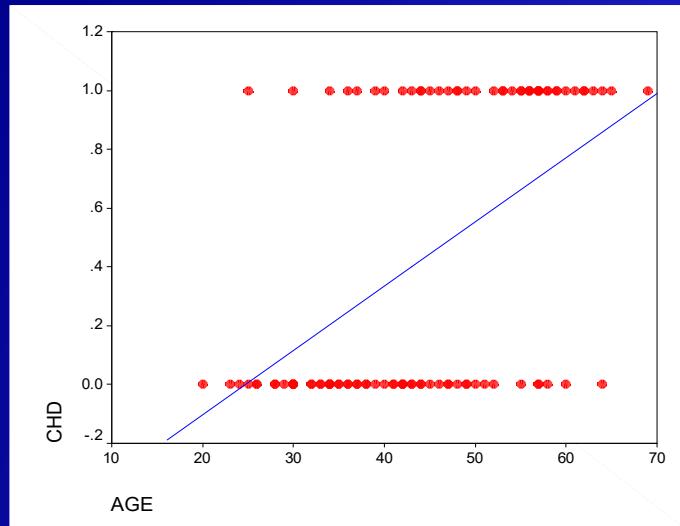
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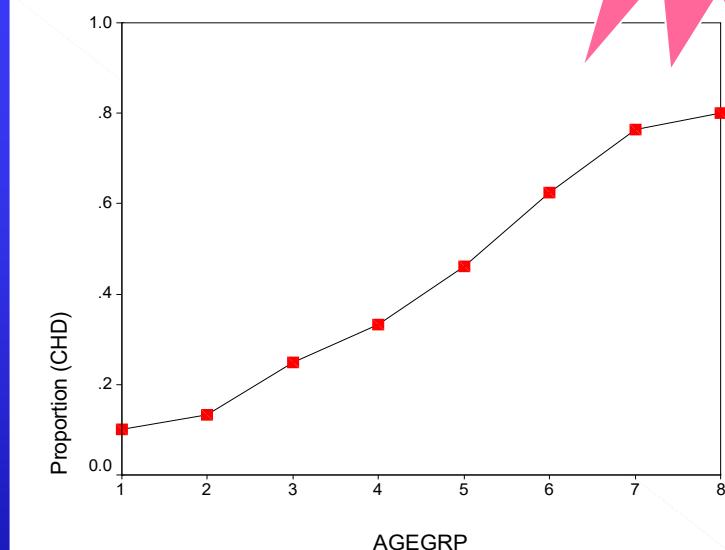
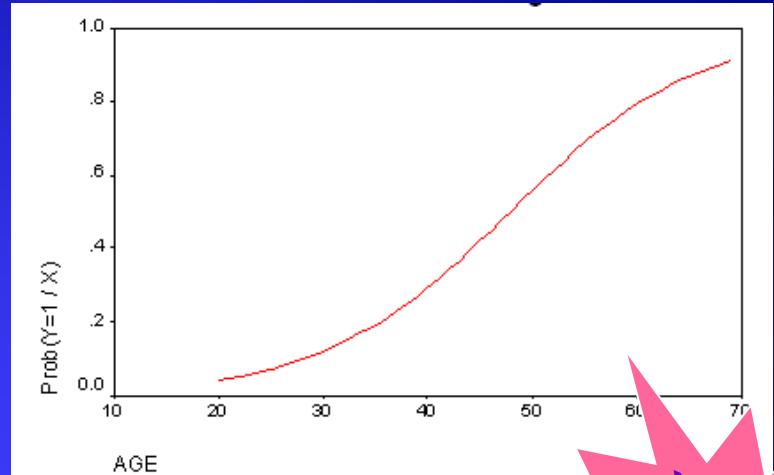


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# Reformulate



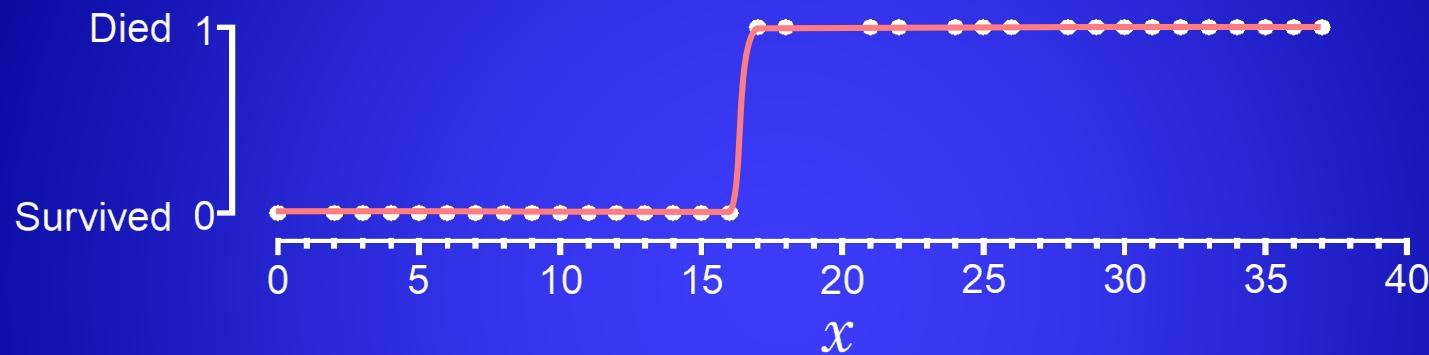
Age Group	n	CHD absent	CHD present	Mean (Proportion)
20 – 29	10	9	1	0.10
30 – 34	15	13	2	0.13
35 – 39	12	9	3	0.25
40 – 44	15	10	5	0.33
45 – 49	13	7	6	0.46
50 – 54	8	3	5	0.63
55 - 59	17	4	13	0.76
60 - 69	10	2	8	0.80
Total	100	57	43	0.43



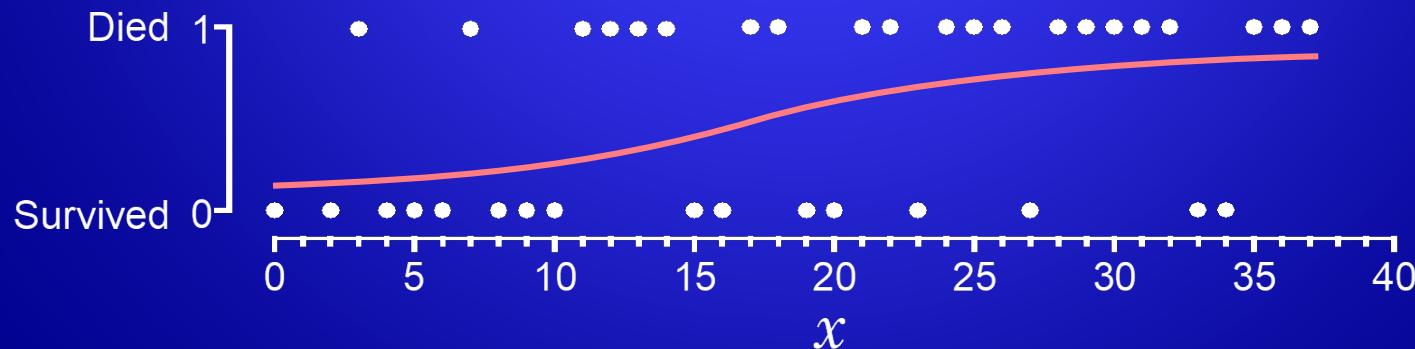
$Y = \text{freq of Dead}$

# Find best curve to fit the data.

Sharp cut off point between live or die



Lengthy transition from survival to death



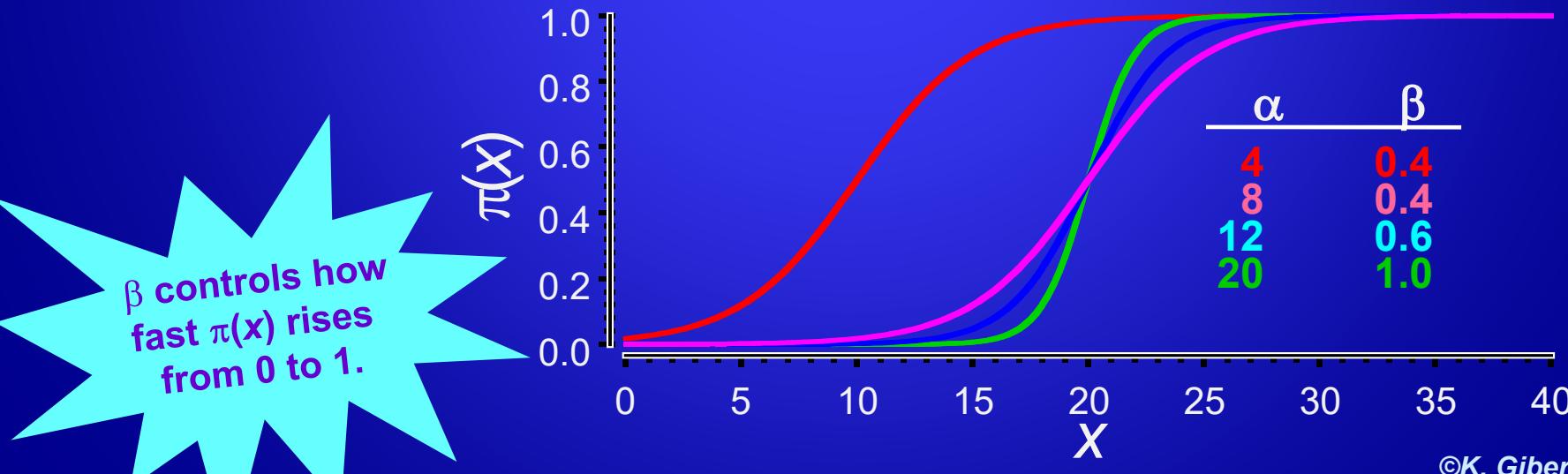
# How can we model binary responses?

Response is binary 0/1

$$y_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{Prob}_i(1) = p_i, \\ 0 & \text{Prob}_i(0) = 1 - p_i. \end{cases}$$

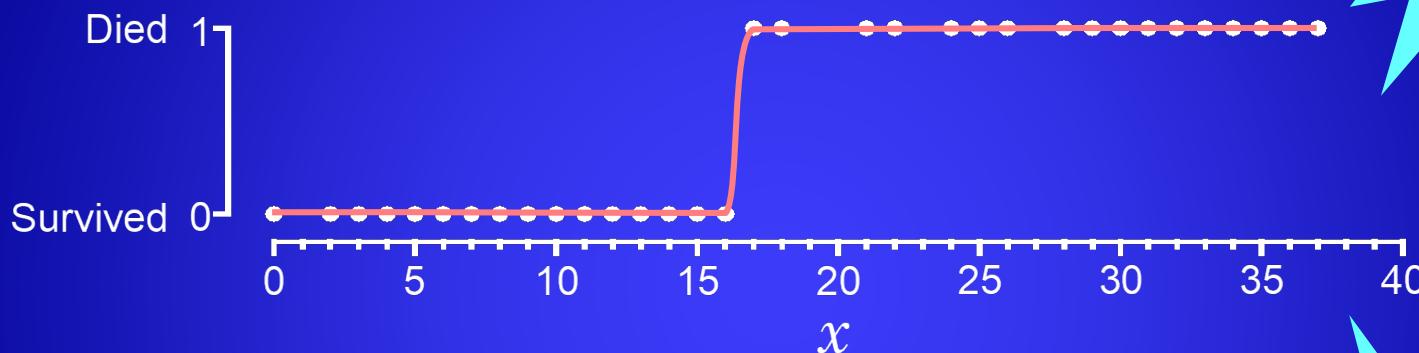
Modelling: Family of sigmoidal curves

$$\pi(y|x) = \frac{e^{\alpha + \beta x}}{1 + e^{\alpha + \beta x}}$$

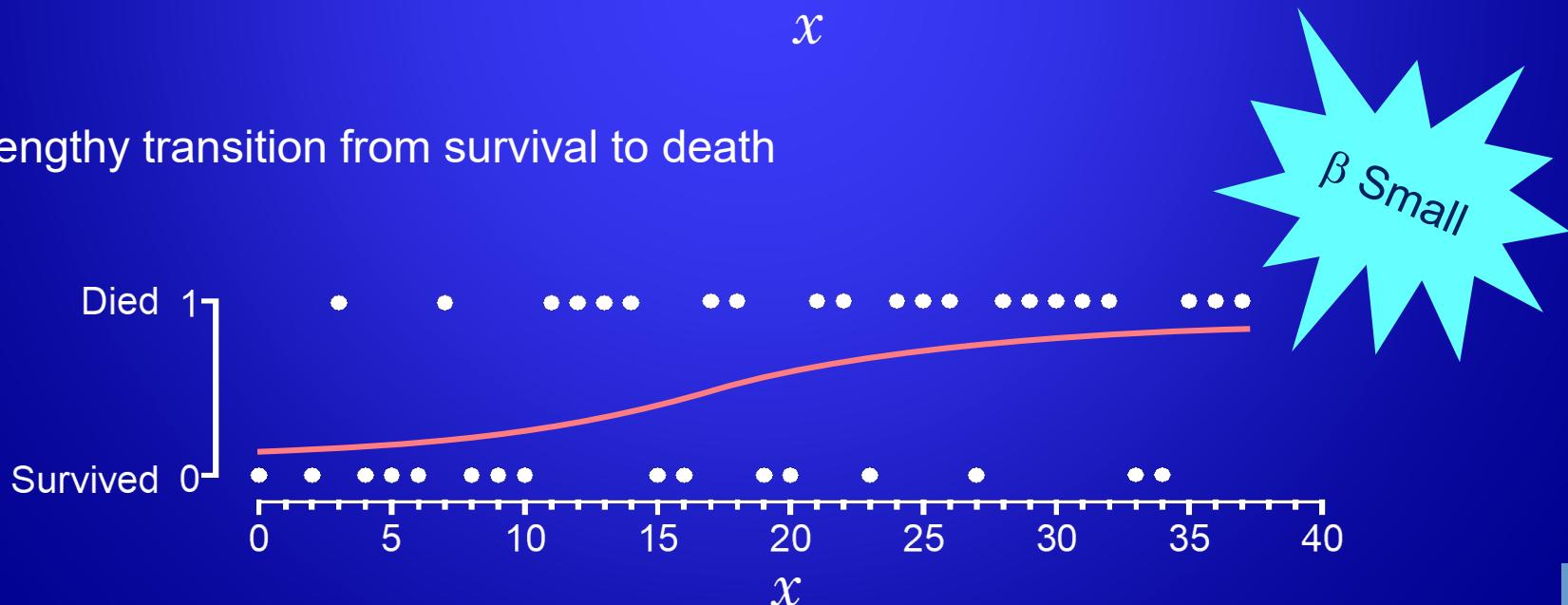


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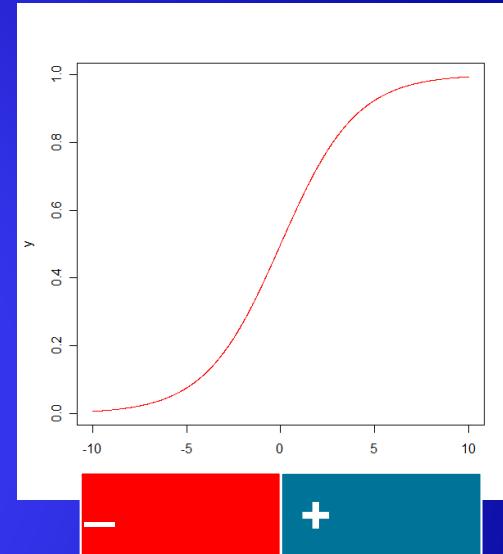
# Interpretation of the logistic function

Propensity of the + event

**Decision rule:**

**Determine a threshold  $\ell$  (i.e 0.5)**

**If  $\eta_i > \ell$  then consider  $i$  propense to +,  
otherwise assign -**



**Threshold low: conservative model**

In economy the propensity to buy/invest is associated to a user choice  
In health propensity is associated to disease  
In survival analysis is associated to survival

# Transformation

Probability of dead ( $Y=1$ ) given  $x$

$$\pi(y|x) = \frac{e^{\alpha+\beta x}}{1 + e^{\alpha+\beta x}}$$

Probability of non dead ( $Y=0$ ) given  $x$

$$1 - \pi(y|x) = 1 - \frac{e^{\alpha+\beta x}}{1 + e^{\alpha+\beta x}} = \frac{1 + e^{\alpha+\beta x} - e^{\alpha+\beta x}}{1 + e^{\alpha+\beta x}} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{\alpha+\beta x}}$$

Odds of dead: prob of dead vs non dead

$$\frac{\pi(y|x)}{1 - \pi(y|x)} = \frac{e^{\alpha+\beta x}}{1 + e^{\alpha+\beta x}} \cdot \frac{1 + e^{\alpha+\beta x}}{1 + e^{\alpha+\beta x}} = e^{\alpha+\beta x}$$

Linear transformation

$$\text{logit } (\pi(y|x)) = \ln(\text{odds})$$

$$\ln\left[\frac{P(y|x)}{1-P(y|x)}\right] = \alpha + \beta x.$$

Reduction to  
Multiple Linear  
Regression

# Multiple logistic regression

Several independent variables

$$\ln \left[ \frac{P(y|x)}{1 - P(y|x)} \right] = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta_K$$

✓  $\beta_0$  = log odds ratio for  $X=0$  (*baseline odds ratio, moves curve left/right*)

✓  $\beta_k$  = log odds ratio associated with  $X_k$  (Steepness of curve)

increase of log-odds when  $X_k$  increases one unit and

$X \neq X_k$  keep constant

(*marginal unitary effect of  $X_k$  on log odds*)

✓  $e^{\beta_k}$  = unitary marginal odds ratio

Regressors  
numerical  
or dummy

# Interpreting the coefficients of a logistic regression

Lets take one predictor  $x=0, 1$

$$\frac{\Pr(+ / x = 1)}{\Pr(- / x = 1)} = e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1}$$

$$\frac{\Pr(+ / x = 0)}{\Pr(- / x = 0)} = e^{\beta_0}$$

Likewise, ...

The ODDS RATIO

$$\frac{\Pr(+ / 1) / \Pr(- / 1)}{\Pr(+ / 0) / \Pr(- / 0)} = e^{\beta_1}$$

**The exponential of the  $\beta_1$  coefficient measures the change in the odds of being in class + against -, when passing from  $x=0$  to  $x=1$**

# Interpreting the coefficients of a logistic regression

Lets take one predictor  $x=0,1$  (i.e. 0=non-married, 1=married)

CREDSO application:

Response variable: Dictamen  
Regressor: Civil Status (dummies)

The odds for a married person, express how more likely a married person is to have a positive dictamen rather than negative

$$\frac{\Pr(+ / x = 1)}{\Pr(- / x = 1)} = e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1}$$

$$\frac{\Pr(+ / x = 0)}{\Pr(- / x = 0)} = e^{\beta_0}$$

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$$\ln \left[ \frac{P(y|x)}{1 - P(y|x)} \right] = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta_K x_K$$

$$\left[ \frac{P(y|x)}{1 - P(y|x)} \right] = e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta_K x_K}$$

Change in probability  
no constant with constant changes in  $X$

## ✓ Assumptions:

Non assumed normality, linearity, homokedasticity, independency

Discriminant analysis more powerful when assumptions hold

Sensitive to outliers

## ✓ Good practice guidelines:

10 cases minimum per regressor (Hosmer and Lemeshow)

50 cases minimum per regressor for stepwise

Group avoiding multicollinearity is better (separability)

# Multiple logistic regression

**The logit function:**  $\pi \in [0,1]$   $\text{logit}(\pi) = \log(\pi / (1 - \pi))$

$$y_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } + \quad \text{with } p_i \\ 0 & \text{if } - \quad \text{with } (1 - p_i) \end{cases} \sim B(p_i)$$

$$E(y_i) = p_i = \pi(x_i)$$

$x_i$  the APACHE II score of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  patient  
 $\pi$ , probability of dying with a certain APACHE II score

**Logistic regression equation** can be rewritten as

$$\text{logit}(E(y_i)) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \dots + \beta_K X_K$$



# Fitting the model

Estimate the coefficients of the linear equation by ordinary methods:

Maximum likelihood estimation

- Model selection:
  - Complete model (no-viable with big K)
  - Hierarchical method  
*(enter control variables before predictors affected by them)*
  - Stepwise method  
*(enter first more significant variables)*
  - Contribution: chi2

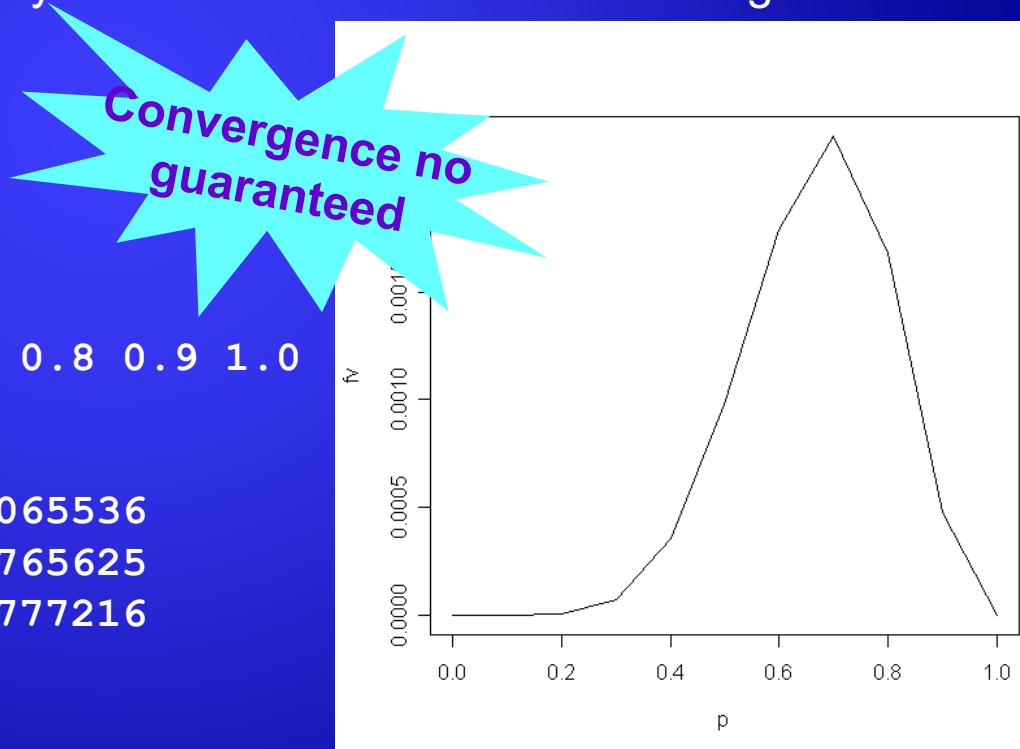
# Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE) remainder

Choose as estimates of the parameters those who maximize the probability of the observed data

$$\text{Max } L(\theta) = \Pr(x_1, \dots, x_n / \theta) = \Pr(x_1 / \theta) \times \dots \times \Pr(x_n / \theta)$$

A silly example, estimate the probability of heads in 10 coin tosses if we get 7 heads

```
> n = 10
> n1 = 7
> n0 = n - n1
> p = seq(from=0, to=1, by=0.1)
> p
0.0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9 1.0
> fv = p^n1*(1-p)^n0
> fv
0.0000000000 0.0000000729 0.0000065536
0.0000750141 0.0003538944 0.0009765625
0.0017915904 0.0022235661 0.0016777216
0.0004782969 0.0000000000
> plot(p,fv,type="l")
```



# MLE of the Logistic Regression

$$L(\beta) = \Pr((y_1, x_1), \dots, (y_n, x_n)) = \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(y_i / x_i) = \prod_{i=1}^n p_i^{y_i} (1-p_i)^{1-y_i}$$

$$\log L(\beta) = l(\beta) = \sum_i^n \log p_i = \sum_i^n (y_i \log p_i + (1-y_i) \log(1-p_i))$$

$$p_i^{y_i} (1-p_i)^{1-y_i} = \left( \frac{p_i}{1-p_i} \right)^{y_i} (1-p_i) = \left( e^{\beta' x_i} \right)^{y_i} \left( \frac{1}{1+e^{\beta' x_i}} \right)$$

$$l(\beta) = \sum_i^n (y_i \beta' x_i - \log(1+e^{\beta' x_i})) \quad \frac{\partial l(\beta)}{\partial \beta} = \sum_i^n (y_i x_i - \frac{e^{\beta' x_i}}{1+e^{\beta' x_i}} x_i)$$

$$\frac{\partial l(\beta)}{\partial \beta} = X'(y - p)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 l(\beta)}{\partial \beta \partial \beta'} = \sum_i^n -\frac{e^{\beta' x_i}}{(1+e^{\beta' x_i})^2} x_i x_i'$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 l(\beta)}{\partial \beta \partial \beta'} = -X' W X$$

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} \ddots & & \\ & p_i(1-p_i) & \\ & & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

# MLE of the Logistic Regression

*Newton-Raphson*

$$\beta^{t+1} = \beta^t - \left( \frac{\partial^2 l(\beta)}{\partial \beta \partial \beta'} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{\partial l(\beta)}{\partial \beta} \right)$$

$$\beta^{t+1} = \beta^t + (X'WX)^{-1} X'(y - p) = (X'WX)^{-1} X'Wz = X\beta^t + W^{-1}(y - p)$$

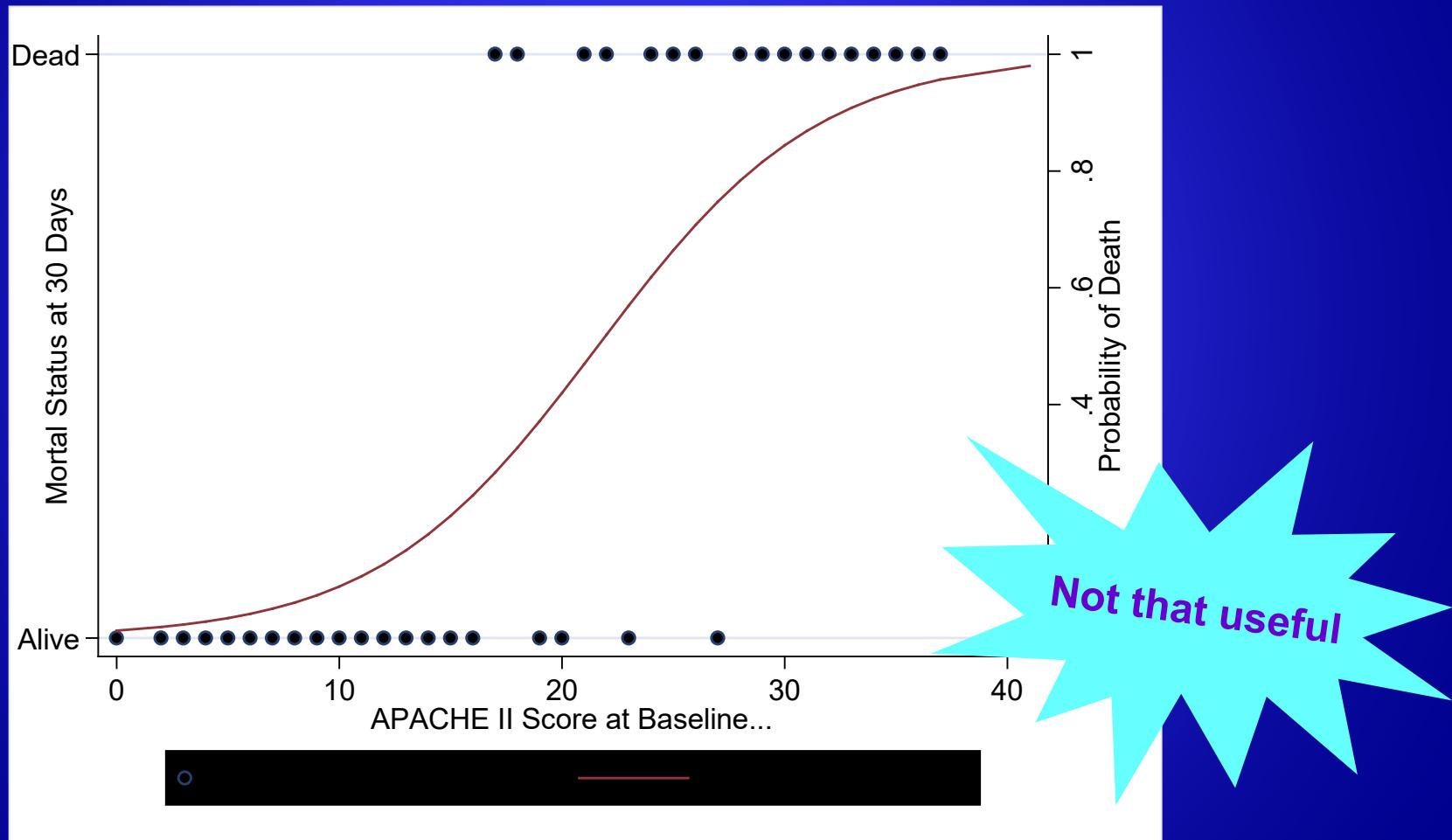
**Iterated Reweighted Least Squares (IRLS algorithm)**

Initialize  $\beta_0 = \log(n_+/n_-)$   $\beta_j = 0$ ,  $j=1, \dots, p$  (null model)

Iterate till convergence

- Estimate  $p$  and  $W$
- Calculate  $z$
- Update  $\beta$  by weighted regression

# *Joint representation of observed data and fits*



# *Model inference*

- The Wald statistic for the  $\beta_k$  coefficient is:

$$\left( \frac{\hat{\beta}_k}{S_{\hat{\beta}_k}} \right)^2 \sim \chi^2_1 \quad \text{if pvalue}<0.05 \text{ keep the term}$$

- The "Partial R" is  $R = \sqrt{\frac{Wald-2}{2LL(\alpha)}}$

$LL(\alpha)$ : log likelihood of the null model (only constant term)

- Determine the significant regressors

95%-IC for coefficients:  $[e^{-\hat{\beta}_k} e^{\pm \chi^2_{1,0.05} S_{\hat{\beta}_k}}]$

For very large n, normal approach works  $[e^{-\hat{\beta}_k} e^{\pm 1.96 S_{\hat{\beta}_k}}]$

**Warning:  
Multicollinearity**

# Model inference

Wald Confidence Interval for  $\pi (\pi(x_i))$ :

$$IC(\pi, 1 - \alpha) = [\hat{\pi} \pm z_{1-\alpha} S_{\hat{\pi}}]$$

*n large*  
 $n\pi > 5,$   
 $n(1 - \pi) > 5$

Wilson Confidence Interval

$$IC(\pi, 1 - \alpha) = \left[ \hat{\pi} + \frac{1}{2n} z_{1-\alpha}^2 \pm z_{1-\alpha} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \hat{\pi}(1 - \hat{\pi}) + \frac{1}{4n^2} z_{1-\alpha}^2} \right]$$

Larger  
intervals

$$1 - \alpha = 0.95 \rightarrow z_{1-\alpha} = 1,96$$

# Model assessment/validation

Numerical (eval training/test):

*Confusion matrix*

*Goodness of fit indicators*

*Deviance*

*Pseudo- $R^2$*

*AIC (Akaike information criterion)*



Graphical:

*Residuals plots*

*ROC curve*

*Simple/cross validation (generalization error)*

# Model assessment/validation

## Deviance

Ratio between Likelihood of the proposed model and the perfect one  $p_i = y_i$  (saturated).

$$D = -2 \log \frac{L(\beta_{cur})}{L(\beta_{sat})} = -2 \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i \log p_i + (1-y_i) \log(1-p_i)) \square \chi^2_{\nu=n-p-1}$$

Measures proximity between model fit and data,

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## Null Deviance ( $D_0$ )

Deviance of the null model (just with constant term)

By chance accuracy

## Residual deviance ( $D_e$ ) :

Deviance of the proposed model

improvement over Accuracy of random assignment

$$D_0 - D_e \sim \chi^2_{\nu_0 - \nu_e} \text{ added explanatory capacity of variables in model}$$

## AIC:

Deviance with complexity penalization (+2p)

Standard errors >2  
Point numerical problems

# Pseudo-R<sup>2</sup>

- McFadden's-R<sup>2</sup> statistic (a pseudo-R<sup>2</sup>) :

$$\text{McFadden's-}R^2 = 1 - \frac{LL(\alpha, \beta)}{LL(\alpha)}$$

R<sup>2</sup> in [0,1], close to 1 much like the R<sup>2</sup> in a LP model

# *Structural Breaks*

- You may have structural breaks in your data. Pooling the data imposes the restriction that an independent variable has the same effect on the dependent variable for different groups of data when the opposite may be true.
- You can conduct a likelihood ratio test:

$$LR[i+1] = -2LL(\text{pooled model})$$

$$[-2LL(\text{sample 1}) + -2LL(\text{sample 2})]$$

where samples 1 and 2 are pooled, and  $i$  is the number of independent variables.

```

> learn <- sample(1:n, round(0.67*n))
> l3 = glm(dict ~ edat+ratfin+tiptreb, family = binomial, data = dd[learn,])
> summary(l3)
  glm(formula = dict ~ edat + ratfin + tiptreb, family = binomial(link = logit),
  data = dd[learn, ])

```

Deviance Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-2.1157	-1.0444	0.4602	1.0010	1.9476

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z )
(Intercept)	-0.515779	0.875162	-0.589	0.555625
edat	0.033935	0.010838	3.131	0.001742 **
ratfin	-0.033892	0.006085	-5.569	2.56e-08 ***
tiptrebauton	1.619291	0.662626	2.444	0.014536 *
tiptrebfixe	2.231853	0.657498	3.394	0.000688 ***
tiptrebtemp	0.562770	0.766715	0.734	0.462948
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Null deviance: 563.92 on 406 degrees of freedom

Residual deviance: 489.35 on 401 degrees of freedom

AIC: 501.35

Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 4

## Could we simplify the model?

```
> step(l3)
Start: AIC= 501.35
dict ~ edat + ratfin + tiptreb
      Df Deviance    AIC
<none>     489.35 501.35
- edat      1   499.60 509.60
- tiptreb   3   520.95 526.95
- ratfin    1   525.10 535.10

Call: glm(formula = dict ~ edat + ratfin + tiptreb, family = binomial(link = logit),
data = dd[learn, ])
Coefficients:
(Intercept)          edat          ratfin        tiptrebauton      tiptrebfixe      tiptrebtemp
-0.51578         0.03394       -0.03389        1.61929        2.23185        0.56277

Degrees of Freedom: 406 Total (i.e. Null); 401 Residual
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```

The obtained model:

$$\log \frac{P_i}{1-p_i} = -0.51578 + 0.03394edat - 0.03389ratfin + 1.61929auton + 2.23185fixe + 0.56277temp$$

i: edat=25, ratfin=40, temp=1

$$\log \frac{P_i}{1-p_i} = -0.51578 + 0.03394 \times 25 - 0.03389 \times 40 + 0.56277 = -0.46011 \quad p_i = 0.387$$

i': edat=26, ratfin=40, temp=1

$$\log \frac{P_{i'}}{1-p_{i'}} = -0.51578 + 0.03394 \times 26 - 0.03389 \times 40 + 0.56277 = -0.42617 \quad p_{i'} = 0.395$$

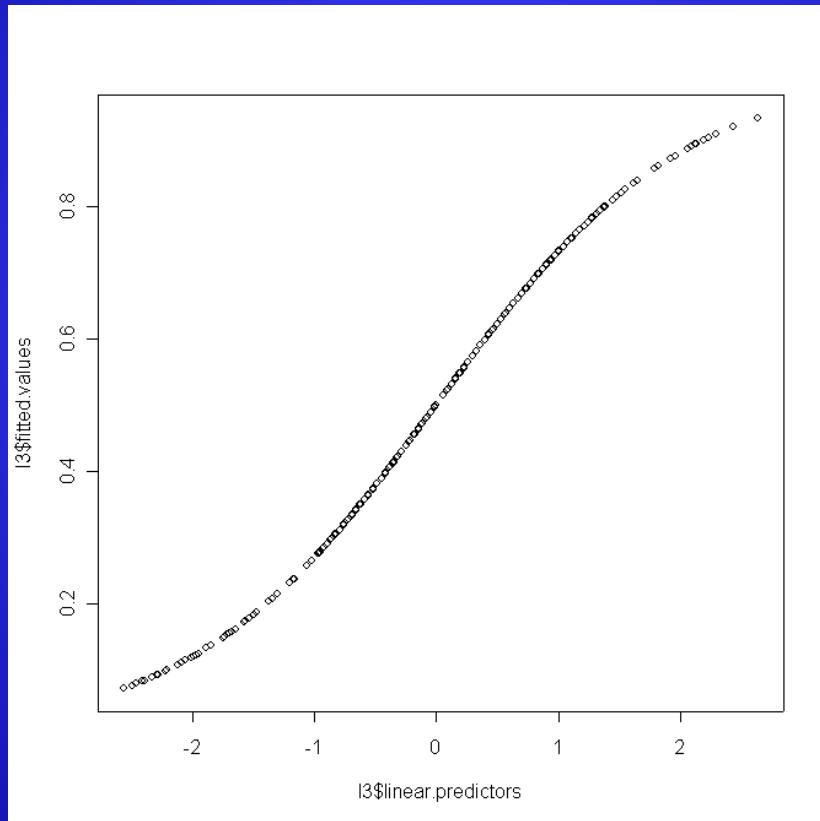
efecto de la edat:  $\log \frac{P_{i'}}{1-p_{i'}} - \log \frac{P_i}{1-p_i} = 0.03394$      $\frac{P_{i'}}{1-p_{i'}} = e^{0.03394} = 1.0345$

## Interpret the coefficients

```
> exp(l3$coefficients)
(Intercept)      edat       ratfin    tiptrebauton   tiptrebfixe   tiptrebtemp
  0.5970355     1.0345176     0.9666757     5.0495067     9.3171141     1.7555279
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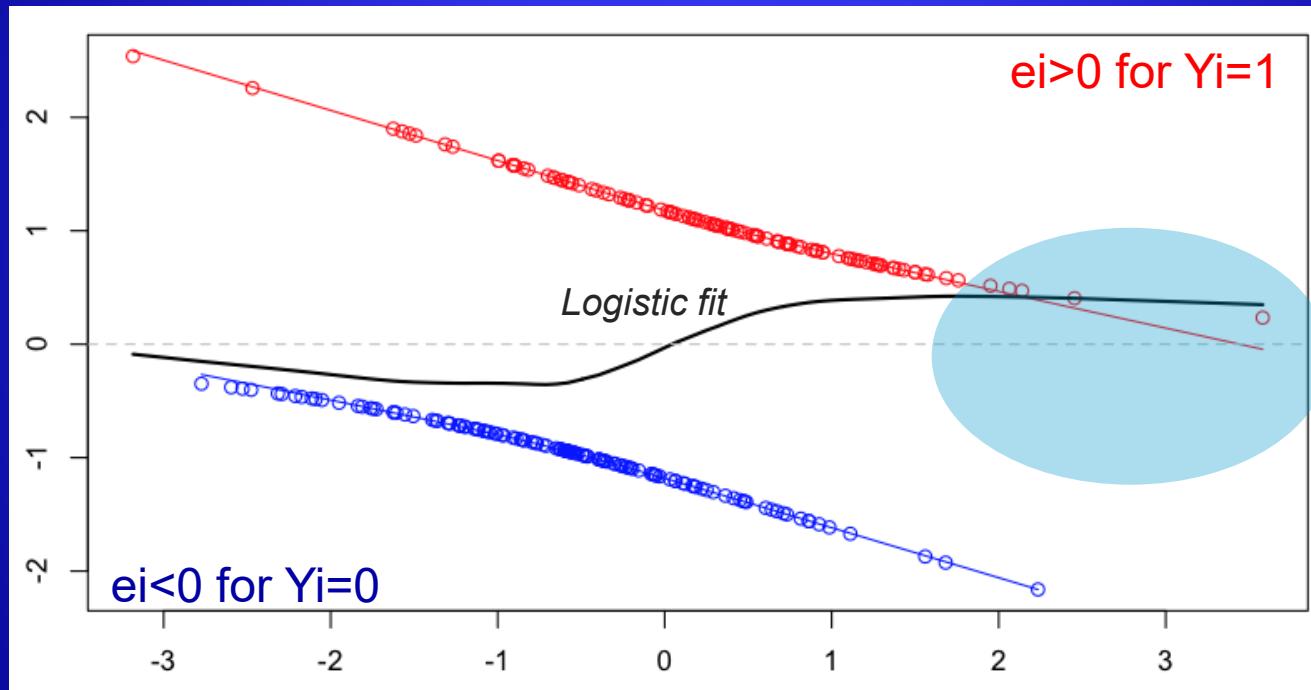
## Plot of the linear predictor and the estimated probabilities

```
> plot(l3$linear.predictors,l3$fitted.values)
```



# *Residuals analysis*

```
plot(predict(reg),residuals(reg))  
abline(h=0,lty=2,col="grey")
```



# Importance of the variables

## Descomposition of the Deviance

```
> anova(l3)
Analysis of Deviance Table
Model: binomial, link: logit

Response: dict
Terms added sequentially (first to last)
          Df Deviance Resid. Df Resid. Dev
NULL           406   563.92
edat         1     9.38    405   554.54
ratfin       1    33.59    404   520.95
tiptreb      3    31.60    401   489.35
```

$$Deviance_1 - Deviance_2 \stackrel{D}{\sim} \chi_{v_1 - v_2}^2$$

$$E[\chi_v^2] = v$$

# Selecting the model

Estimate of the Generalization Error in a test sample:

## Error rate in *learn*

```
> l3pred=NULL  
> l3pred[l3$fitted.values<0.5]=0  
> l3pred[l3$fitted.values>=0.5]=1  
> table(dict[learn],l3pred)  
l3pred  
 0   1  
0 118 80  
1  67 142
```

$$P_{acerto} = 63.9\%$$

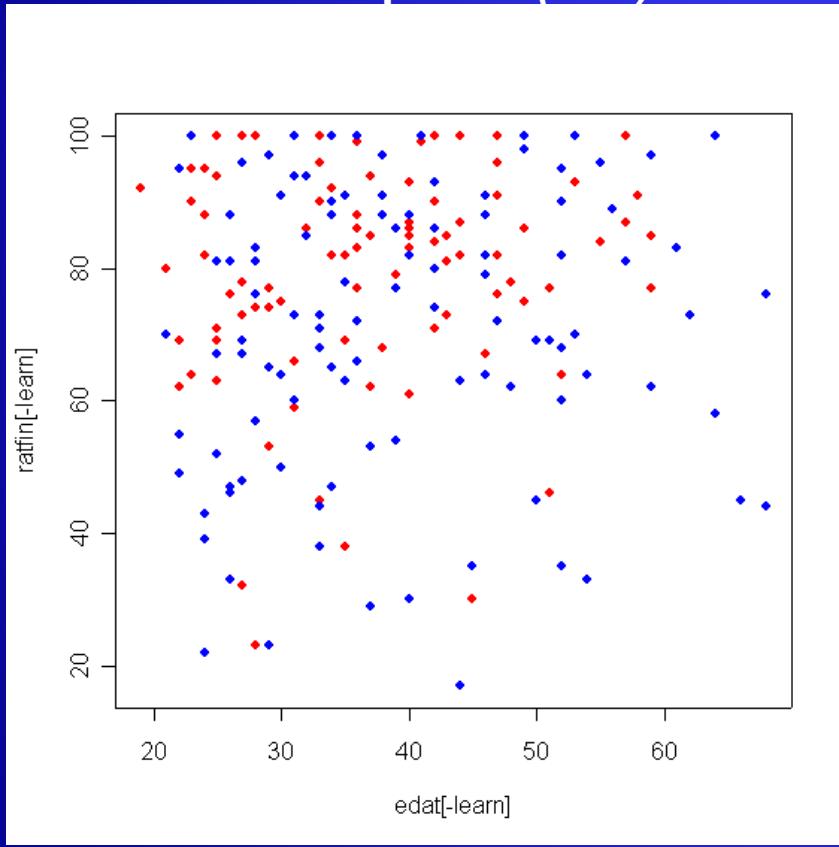
## GE in *test*

```
> l3t = predict(l3, dd[-learn,])  
> pt = 1/(1+exp(-l3t))  
> l3predt = NULL  
> l3predt[pt<0.5]=0  
> l3predt[pt>=0.5]=1  
> table(dict[-learn],l3predt)  
l3predt  
 0   1  
0 65 40  
1 36 59
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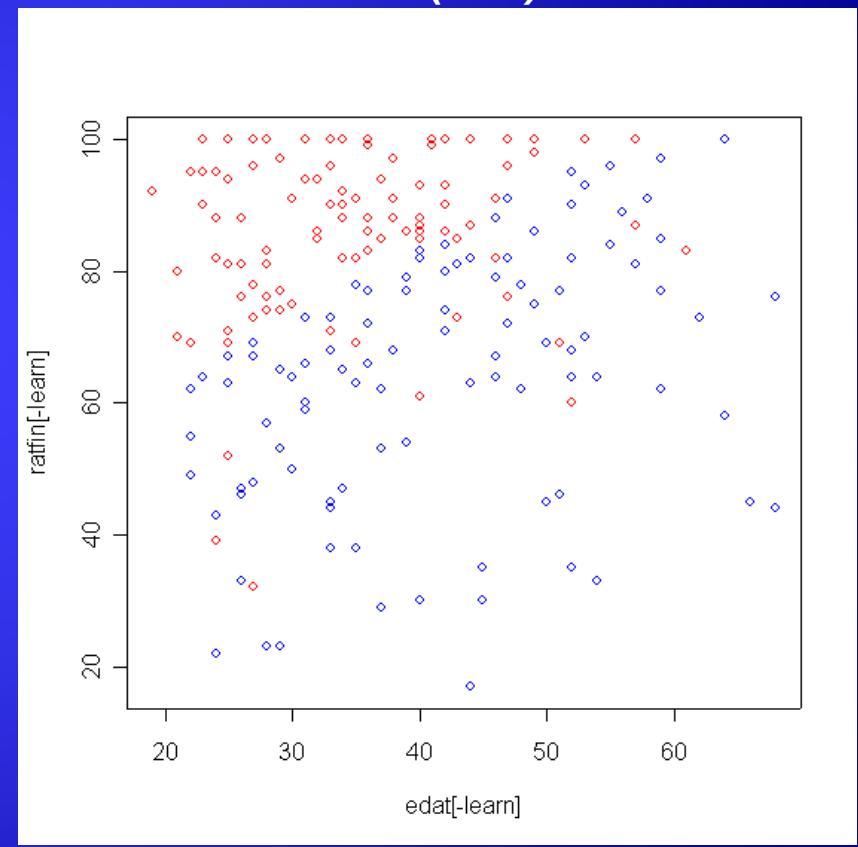
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## Graphical comparison of the real response respect to the predicted in the test sample

Actual response (*test*)



Prediction (*test*)



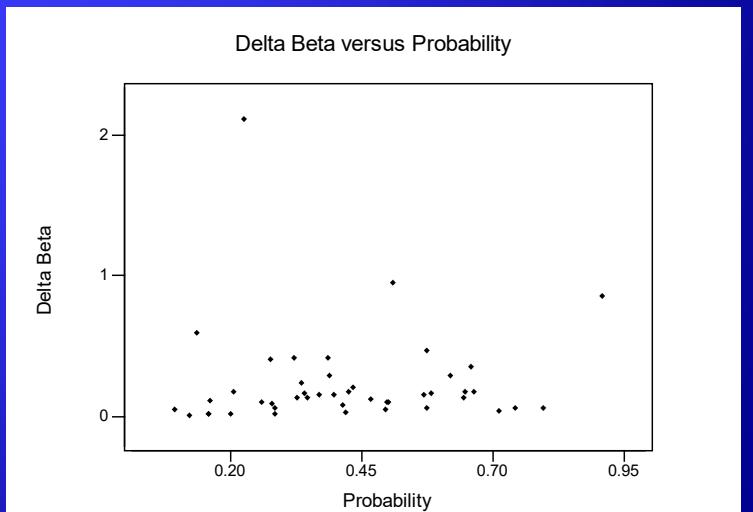
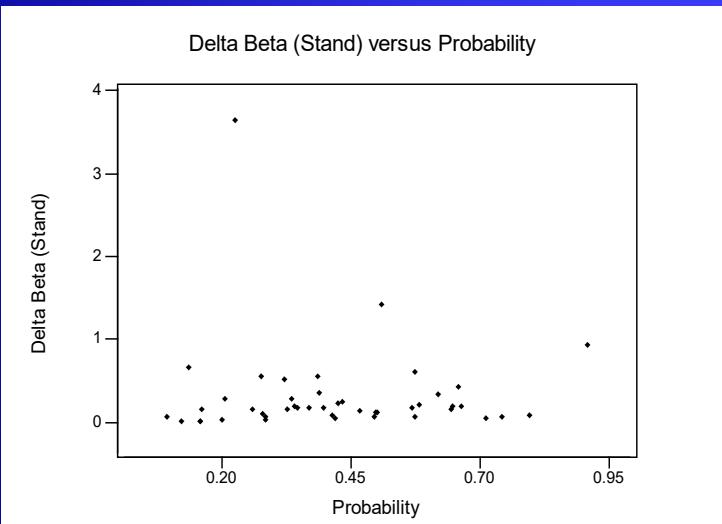
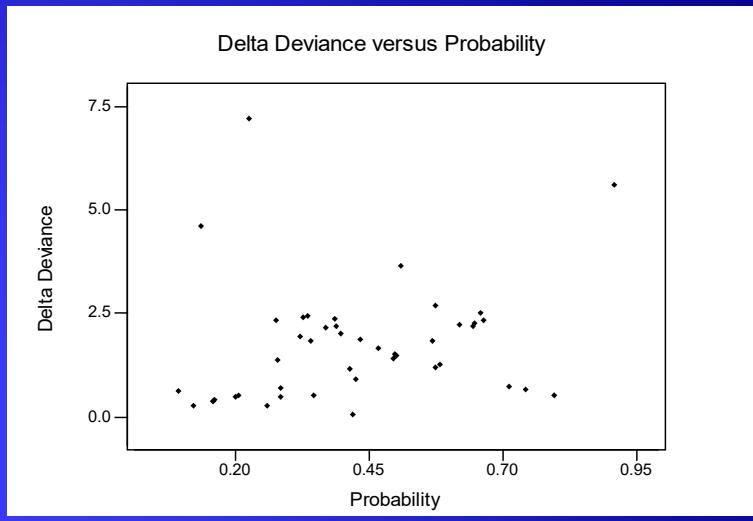
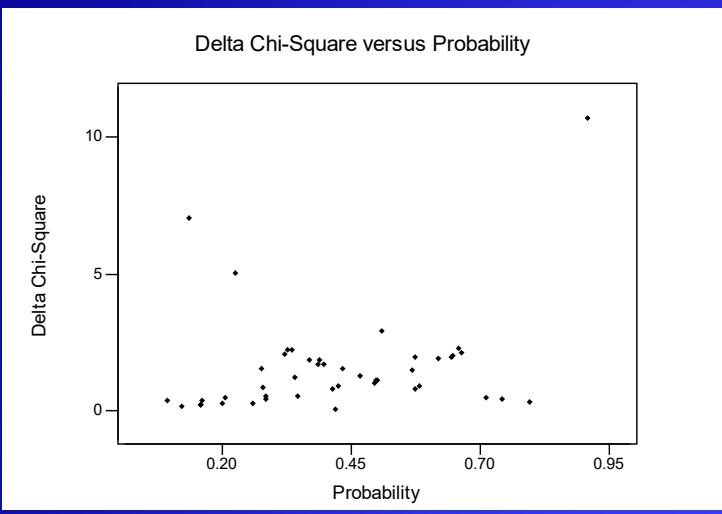
# Regression Diagnostics

- In logistic regression Residual = 1– Estimated probability.

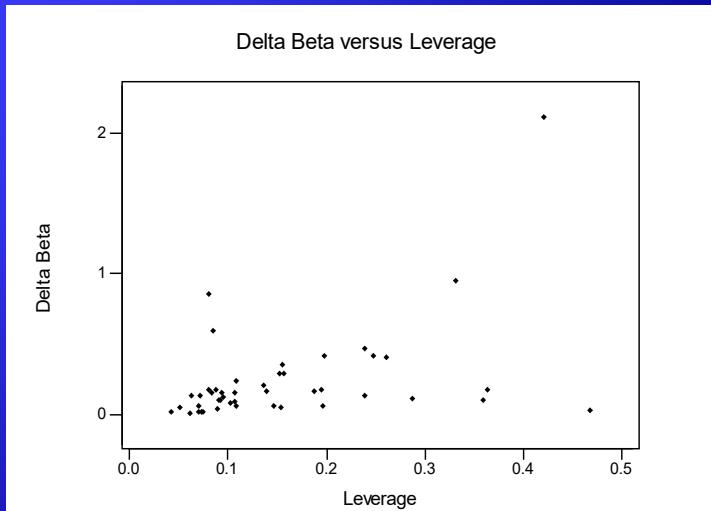
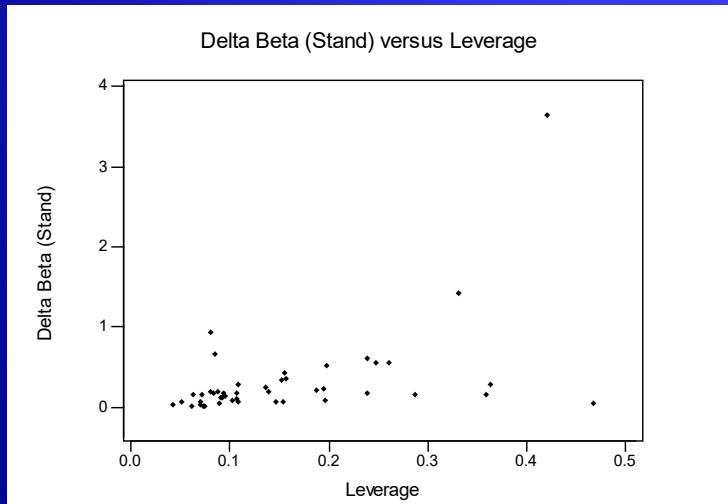
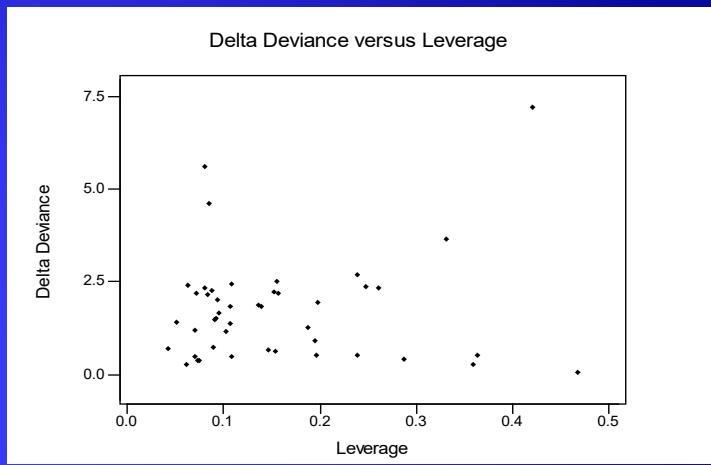
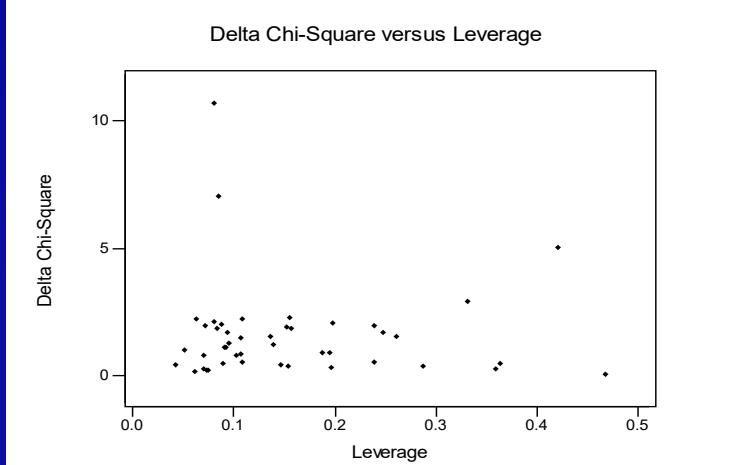
Residuals for each subject are calculated standardised and plotted against probability. Eight diagnostic plots are available, four dealing with residuals and four with leverage.

- These plots are demonstrated in the slides that follow.
- ROC and concentration curves

# Diagnostic plots for residuals



# Diagnostic plots for leverage



# Índex Gini de rendiment

- Àrea entre la curva ROC i la bisectriu de  $45^\circ$

	Logistic Regression	RBF	CART Tree	K-NN MBR
Gini index	0,4375	0,4230	0,4445	0,5673

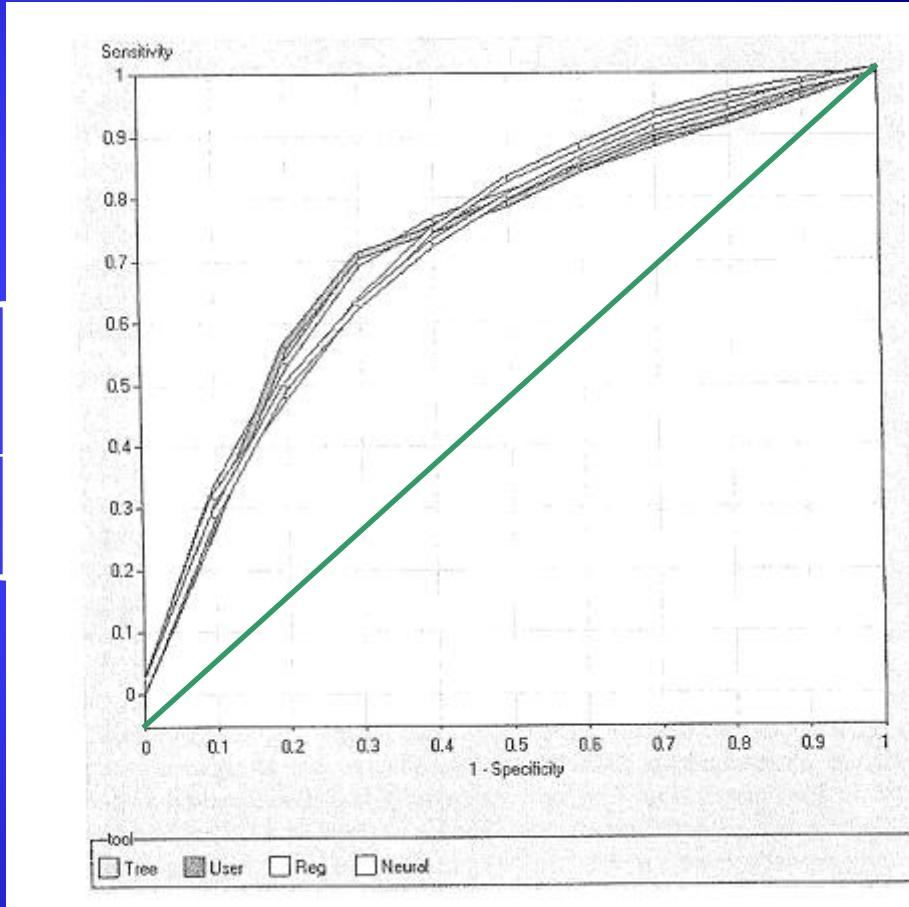


Figure 10.5 ROC curves for the considered models. The curve called user is the MBR model.

## 2. The Binomial Distribution

Let

$m$  be the number of people at risk of death

$d$  be the number of deaths

$\pi$  be the probability that any patient dies.

The death of one patient has no effect on any other.

Then  $d$  has a **binomial distribution** with

parameters  $m$  and  $\pi$ ,

mean  $m\pi$ , and

variance  $m\pi(1-\pi)$ .

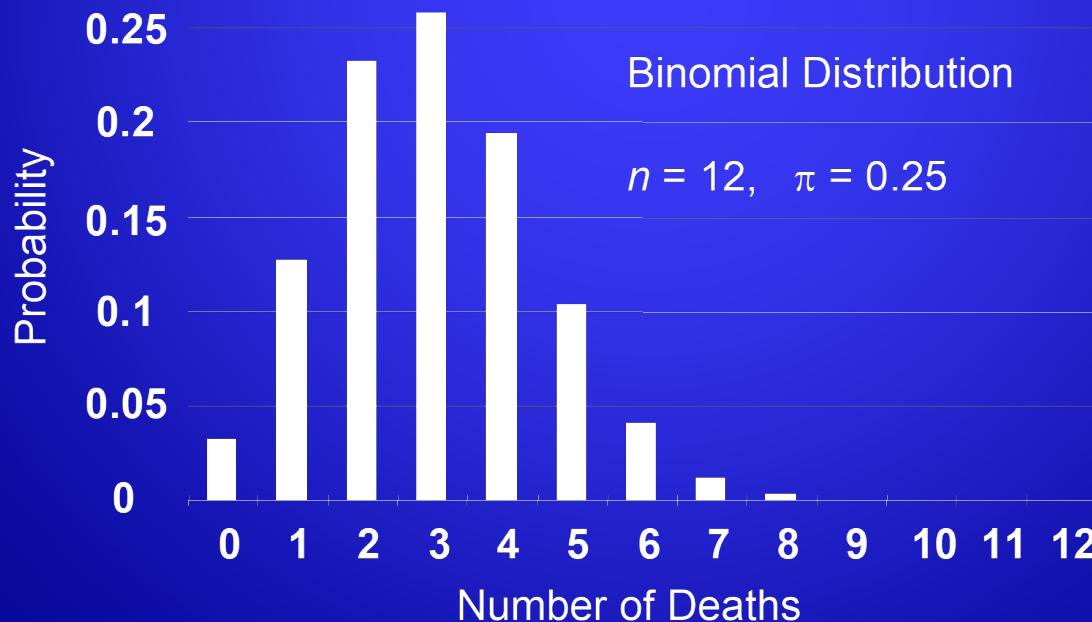
$\Pr[d \text{ deaths}]$

$$= \frac{m!}{(m-d)!d!} \pi^d (1-\pi)^{(m-d)} : d = 0, 1, \dots, m \quad \{3.4\}$$

The population mean of any random variable  $x$  is also equal to its expected value and is written  $E(x)$ . Hence

$$E(d) = \pi m \text{ and } E(d/m) = \pi$$

For  $m = 12$  and  $\pi = 0.25$  this distribution is as follows.



### 3. Generalized Linear Models

Logistic regression is an example of a generalized linear model. These models are defined by three attributes: The distribution of the model's random component, its linear predictor, and its link function. For logistic regression these are defined as follows.

## a) The random component

$d_i$  is the **random component** of the model. In logistic regression,  $d_i$  has a binomial distribution obtained from  $m_i$  trials with mean  $E(d_i)$ . (In the sepsis example,  $m_i = 1$  for all  $i$ .)

Stata refers to the distribution of the random component as the **distributional family**.

## b) The linear predictor

$\alpha + x_i \beta$  is called the **linear predictor**

## c) The link function

$E(d_i)$  is related to the linear predictor through a **link function**. Logistic regression uses a logit link function

$$\text{logit}(E(d_i)) = \alpha + x_i \beta$$

# How can we model binary responses?

The response is binary 0/1

$$y_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{Prob}_i(1) = p_i, \\ 0 & \text{Prob}_i(0) = 1 - p_i. \end{cases}$$

$\varepsilon_i$  bernoulli,  $\hat{y}$  continuous

Violation of linear model hypothesis

$$y_i = r(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \cdots + \beta_p x_{ip}) + \varepsilon_i = E[y_i | x_{i1}, \dots, x_{ip}] + \varepsilon_i$$

For each individual we know  $y_i$ , but we would need an estimation of  $p_i$

$\varepsilon_i$  binomial      $\varepsilon \sim B(n_i, p_i)$

$$E[y_i | x_{i1}, \dots, x_{ip}] = 1 \times p_i + 0 \times (1 - p_i) = p_i$$

$$y_i = p_i + \varepsilon_i$$

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Lets do a transformation of the linear component :  $\beta'x_i$

In such a way that  $r(\beta'x_i)$  mapping function in the interval 0:1 (=probability)

$$p_i = r(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \dots + \beta_p x_{ip})$$

$$\varepsilon_i \text{ binomial } \varepsilon \sim B(n_i, p_i)$$

$$y_i = p_i + \varepsilon_i$$

**Generalized Linear Model**

$n_i$  number of observations in individual  $i$   
 $p_i$  probability of  $y=1$  for individual  $i$

# Which $r$ function to choose?

## Logistic function

$$p_i = r(\beta' x_i) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp^{-\beta' x_i}}$$

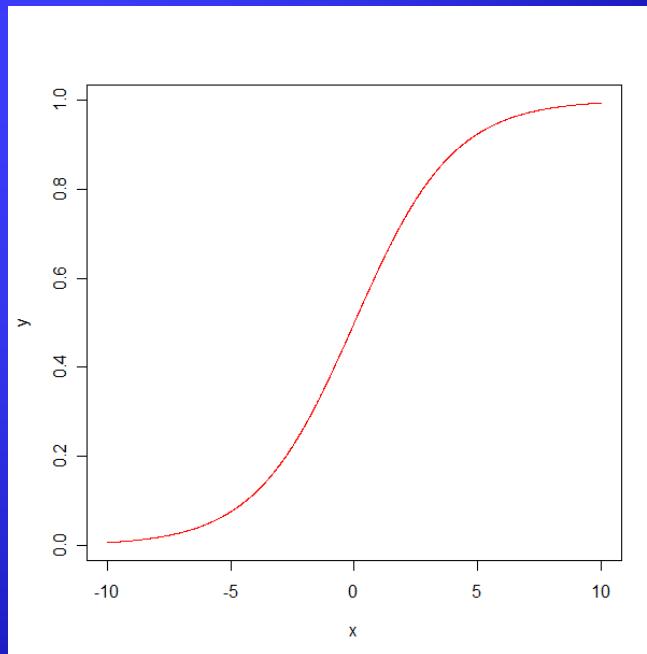
The log odds (=logit) is a linear function of the predictors

$$\ln \frac{P(+ / x_i)}{P(- / x_i)} = \beta' x_i$$

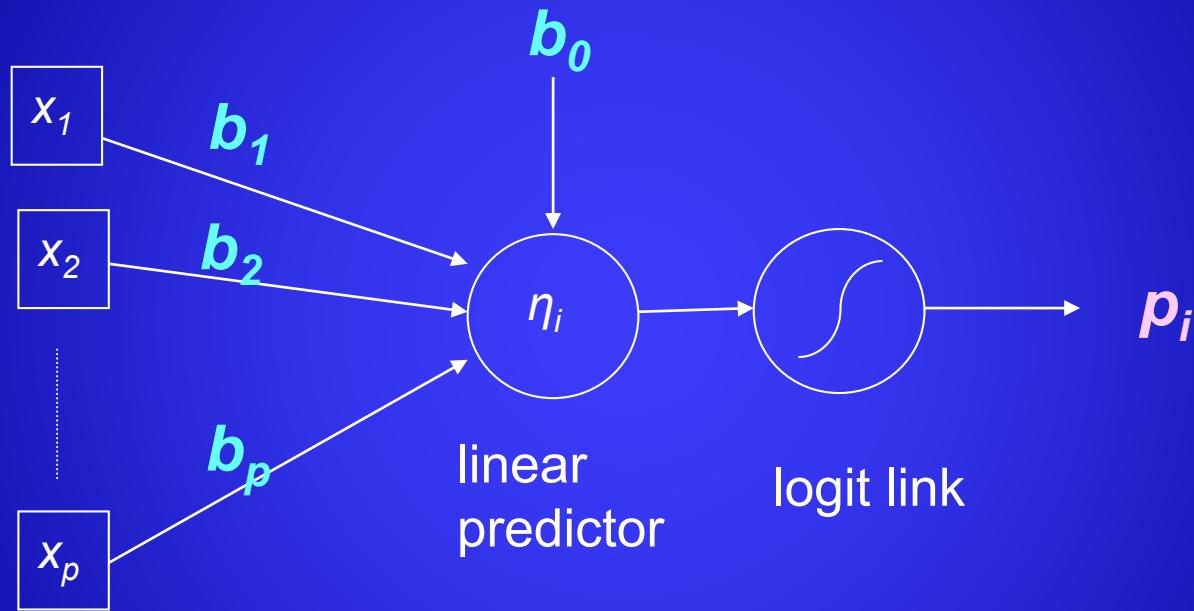
$$\ln \frac{p_i}{1 - p_i} = \beta' x_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \dots + \beta_p x_{ip}$$

Logistic function is very close to the inverse of the normal distribution function (probit function)

$$p_i = \frac{1}{1 + \exp^{-\beta' x_i}} \cong \Phi^{-1}(\beta' x_i)$$



# A graphical representation of the logistic regression



$$\eta_i = b_0 + b_1 x_1 + \cdots + b_p x_p$$

$$p_i = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\eta_i}}$$

But, how to estimate the  $b_0, b_1, \dots, b_p$

# Multiple logistic regression

Several independent variables

$$\ln \left[ \frac{P(y|x)}{1 - P(y|x)} \right] = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta_K$$

✓  $\beta_0$  = log odds ratio for  $X=0$  (*baseline odds ratio, moves curve left/right*)

✓  $\beta_k$  = log odds ratio associated with  $X_k$  (Steepness of curve)

increase of log-odds when  $X_k$  increases one unit and

$X \neq X_k$  keep constant

(*marginal unitary effect of  $X_k$  on log odds*)

✓  $e^{\beta_k}$  = unitary marginal odds ratio

Regressors  
numerical  
or dummy

# Logistic regression

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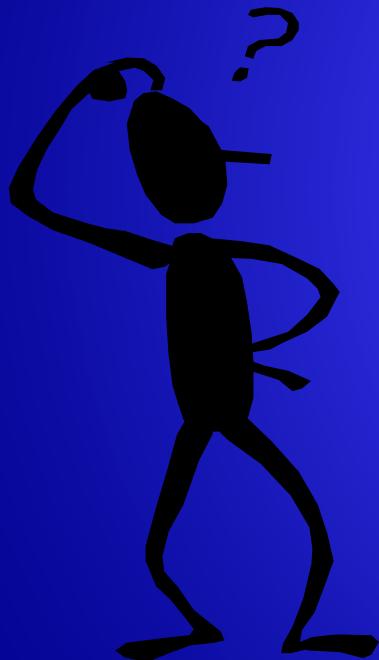
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