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- Logistic Regression (**LR**) is a statistical measure to link the Independent variables (X) with a Bernoulli output (Y) [ 0/1]
- LR is an extension of the Linear Regression
- Models the probability of an event occurring (Y) based on the Independent variables ( $x_1, x_2, \dots x_n$ ) **that are numeric or categorical** in nature
- Estimate the probability that an event happens for any given combination of independent variables
- Classify observations in a particular category

## Examples

- Will a potential customer get a bank loan - Get / Not get
- Allergic to a particular drug – Allergic / Not allergic
- Student will get admission in college – Will get / will not get

- Goal of LR is to estimate the probability  $p$ .
- This estimate of  $p$  is represented as  $\hat{p}$
- The values of  $\hat{p}$  lie between 0 and 1
- **Logit** is the name of function that links the X-variables with the probabilities (Y)

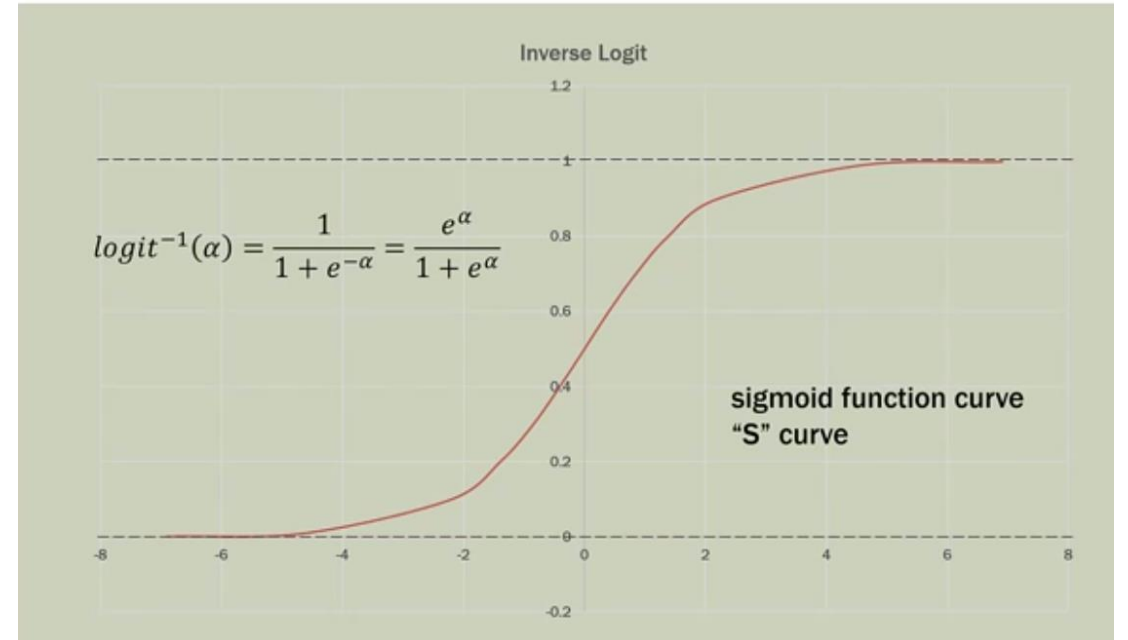
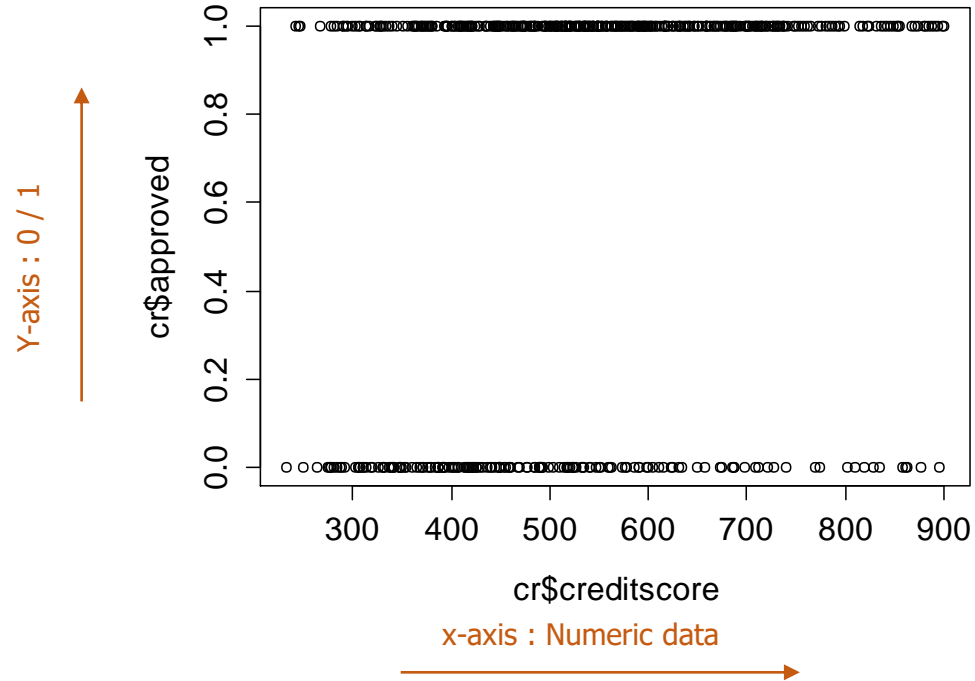
- Logit is defined as the natural log of the [odds ratio](#)

$$\text{logit}(p) = \log(p / 1-p)$$

- In this equation, the probabilities lie along the X-axis
- But, probabilities need to be along the Y-axis – **Inverse logit(p)**
- So, Inverse of the above function gives the **Sigmoid function**

$$\text{logit}^{-1}(x) = (e^x / 1 + e^{-x})$$

$x$  = linear combination of independent variables in the coefficients



*Image courtesy : Statistics 101*

## Develop an estimated regression equation

- that fits the Inverse Logit model
- Use the coefficients returned by the equation, plot them to get the S-graph

### **A note on Logistic Regression Coefficients**

- Regression coefficients of LR are calculated using the Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE)
- MLE  $\equiv$  Least Squares of Linear Regression

MLE is trying to find out the optimal value for the Mean or Standard Deviation for a given distribution of a dataset


$$\text{logit}(p) = \log (p / 1-p) = a + b_1x_1 + b_2x_2 + b_3x_3 + ..... (1)$$

Taking antilog on both sides in (1)


$$p/1-p = e^{a + bx}$$

Solving for p using algebra, we get

$$\hat{p} = \frac{e^{a+bx}}{1 + e^{a+bx}}$$



$$\hat{p} = \frac{e^{a+b_1x_1 + b_2x_2 + ... + b_nx_n}}{1 + e^{a+b_1x_1 + b_2x_2 + ... + b_nx_n}}$$



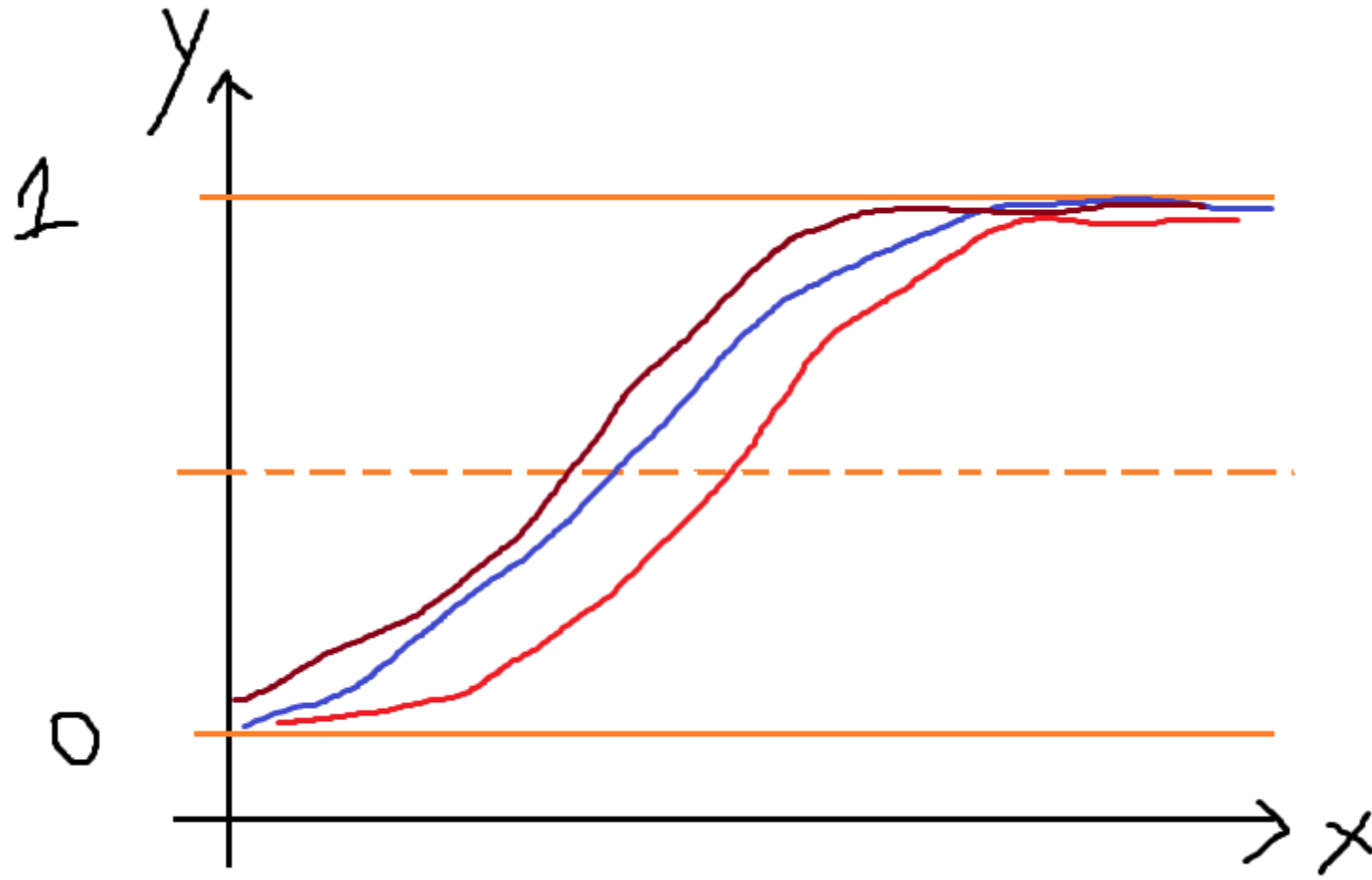
**Estimated Logistic Regression Equation**

| p   | logit(p) |
|-----|----------|
| 0.5 | 0        |
| 0.6 | +ve      |
| 0.2 | -ve      |

**where**  
**p/1-p** → odds ratio  
**x<sub>1</sub>,x<sub>2</sub>..** → independent variables  
**(RHS)** → link function to determine a non-linear relation in a linear way  
**b** → coefficients.

**Eg:**  
**if b = 1.12624, then exp(b) = 3.084**  
 (the odds ratio)  
 1 unit increase in x multiplies the odds of event happening (Y) by 3.084

**In LogisticRegression, we select the best fit curve**



# Odds, Odds Ratio

- Logistic Regression results are interpreted using the concept of odds

## Odds

### The ratio of the probability of success and failure

Assume probability of an event occurring = 0.8 (success)

∴ probability of failure = 0.2 (1-0.8)

#### Odds of success

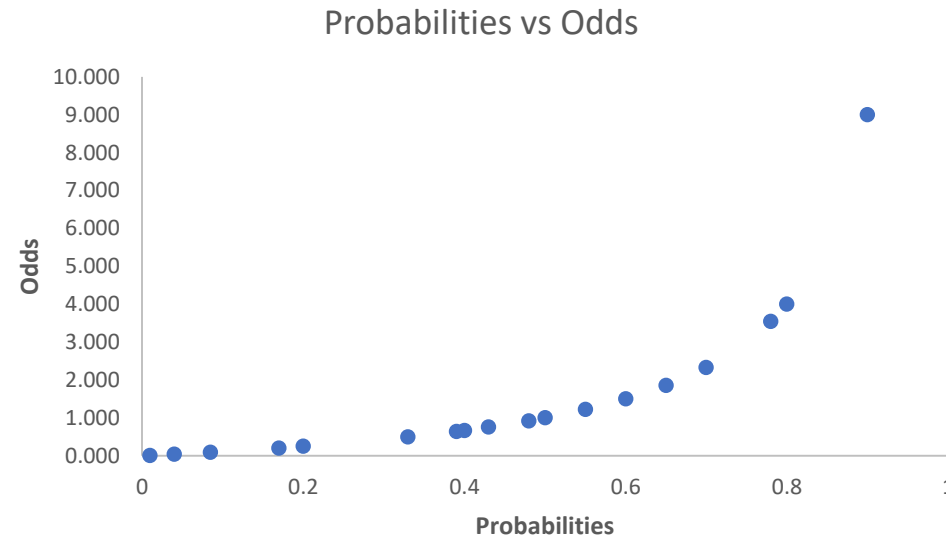
= ratio of (probability of success / probability of failure)

= 0.8/0.2

= 4 : 1

Odds can be

- In Favour
- Against



Odds increase as probability increases and vice versa

| p     | 1-p   | odds (p/1-p) | logodds  |
|-------|-------|--------------|----------|
| 0.01  | 0.99  | 0.010        | -4.59512 |
| 0.04  | 0.96  | 0.042        | -3.17805 |
| 0.085 | 0.915 | 0.093        | -2.37627 |
| 0.17  | 0.83  | 0.205        | -1.58563 |
| 0.2   | 0.8   | 0.250        | -1.38629 |
| 0.33  | 0.67  | 0.493        | -0.70819 |
| 0.39  | 0.61  | 0.639        | -0.44731 |
| 0.4   | 0.6   | 0.667        | -0.40547 |
| 0.43  | 0.57  | 0.754        | -0.28185 |
| 0.48  | 0.52  | 0.923        | -0.08004 |
| 0.5   | 0.5   | 1.000        | 0        |
| 0.55  | 0.45  | 1.222        | 0.200671 |
| 0.6   | 0.4   | 1.500        | 0.405465 |
| 0.65  | 0.35  | 1.857        | 0.619039 |
| 0.7   | 0.3   | 2.333        | 0.847298 |
| 0.78  | 0.22  | 3.545        | 1.265666 |
| 0.8   | 0.2   | 4.000        | 1.386294 |
| 0.9   | 0.1   | 9.000        | 2.197225 |
| 0.99  | 0.01  | 99.000       | 4.59512  |



## Why log odds ?

- It is usually difficult to model a variable which has restricted range, such as probability. This transformation is an attempt to get around the restricted range problem. It maps probability ranging between 0 and 1 to log odds ranging from negative infinity to positive infinity.
- Log of odds is one of the easiest to understand and interpret. This transformation is called logit transformation.

# Feature Selection

Salient features / Independent variables in Logistic regression can be determined by the following methods:

- Summary of the model
- Recursive Feature Elimination
- Information value (IV)
- `step(<model>)` function using AIC score (in R)

## How is Logistic regression different from Linear Regression ?

| # | Linear Regression   | Logistic Regression   |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Linear Regression makes a few <b>assumptions</b> on the data  | Logistic Regression does not make these assumptions   |
| 2 | Uses the general linear equation<br>$y = a + \sum(b_i x_i) + \epsilon$<br><br>$y \rightarrow$ continuous dependent variable – <b>any value</b><br>$x_i \rightarrow$ continuous / binary variables | Uses the same basic Linear equation<br>$y = e^{a+bx} / 1 + e^{a+bx}$<br><br>$y \rightarrow$ continuous dependent variable – <b>Dichotomous (0/1)</b><br>$x_i \rightarrow$ continuous / binary variables |
| 3 | Change in $x$ = change in $y$   | Change in $x$ = change in odds of $y$   |
| 4 | Uses LSE (Least Square Error)   | Uses MLE (Maximum Likelihood Estimation)  |
| 5 | Eg: BMI can predict Blood Pressure  | Eg: BMI can predict the odds of being a diabetic  |

## For a binary distribution (Logistic Regression), why can't we use Linear Regression ?

- The linear regression model is based on an assumption that the outcome is continuous, with errors ( $e$ ), which are normally distributed.  
If the outcome variable is binary this assumption is clearly violated.
- For a binary outcome the mean is the probability of a 1, or success. If we use linear regression to model a binary outcome it is quite possible to have a fitted regression that can give predicted values for some observations more than (0,1) range

# Interpreting the Logistic Regression output

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Call:
glm(formula = admit ~ ., family = binomial, data = training_data)

Deviance Residuals:
    Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
-1.6915  -0.9117  -0.6167   1.1011   2.1731

Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept) -2.916494   1.357630  -2.148   0.0317 *
gre          0.002092   0.001309   1.598   0.1101
gpa          0.773460   0.397327   1.947   0.0516 .
prestige     -0.670156   0.155945  -4.297 1.73e-05 ***
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Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)

    Null deviance: 360.03  on 279  degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 324.68  on 276  degrees of freedom
AIC: 332.68

Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 3
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*The coefficient for a variable (gre) says that, holding the other variables constant (gpa and prestige), what is the rate of change of odds of getting a yes*

e.g: keeping **gpa** and **prestige** fixed, the odds of getting an admission in a college with the **gre score** alone is  $\exp(0.002092) = 1.002094 = 0.209\%$  (which is very less)

$[\text{abs}(1-\exp(0.002092))*100]$

# Null and Residual deviance

- **Null deviance**

How well the response variable is predicted by the model when only the intercept term is present

- **Residual deviance**

How well the response variable is predicted by the model when all the variables are included

- ND and RD are chi-square statistics with the *dof*
- In the example, the addition of 3 independent variables decreased the deviance from 360.03 to 324.68 (a reduction of 35.35) with a loss of 3 *dof*
- If Null deviance is small, the Null model explains the data well
- Likewise with Residual deviance

- **Fisher Scoring Iterations**

Number of iterations performed to get the best fit curve

# Loss Function

- The loss function for Logistic Regression is called the **Log Loss / Cross Entropy**

- **Formula**

- *For a single training example*

$$E(\text{Loss}) = - \{y \log(\hat{p}) + (1-y) \log(1-\hat{p})\}$$

- *For multiple training examples*

$$E(\text{Loss}) = - \sum_{n=1}^N [y \log(\hat{p}) + (1-y) \log(1-\hat{p})]$$

where

**y** = actual class label (0 or 1)

**$\hat{p}$**  = predicted y (probability values between 0 and 1)

**log** = natural log

- In Logistic Regression, the output is 0 / 1
- Output (probabilities) are numbers between 0 and 1
- Hence, Logistic Regression Error cannot have a Gaussian Distribution
- **Incorrect prediction = Bigger cost**

$$E(\text{Loss}) = - \{y \log(\hat{p}) + (1-y) \log(1-\hat{p})\}$$

| <b>y<br/>(actual)</b> | <b><math>\hat{p}</math><br/>(pred)</b> | <b><math>\log(\hat{p})</math></b> | <b><math>\log(1-\hat{p})</math></b> | <b><math>y * \log(\hat{p})</math><br/>(a)</b> | <b><math>(1-y) \log(1-\hat{p})</math><br/>(b)</b> | <b>-(a+b)</b> |
|-----------------------|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|---------------|
| 1                     | 1.000                                  | 0.000                             | #NUM!                               | 0.000   | #NUM!   | #NUM!         |
| 0                     | 0.000                                  | #NUM!                             | 0.000                               | #NUM!   | 0.000   | #NUM!         |
| 1                     | 0.900                                  | -0.105                            | -2.303                              | -0.105  | 0.000   | 0.105         |
| 1                     | 0.500                                  | -0.693                            | -0.693                              | -0.693  | 0.000   | 0.693         |
| 1                     | 0.100                                  | -2.303                            | -0.105                              | -2.303  | 0.000   | 2.303         |



# Dummy variables

- Every independent factor variable is coded (also known as One-Hot encoding)
- Requires a Reference class value

- **Example:**

- Consider the following factor variables having the following values
- Text in red is the **"reference class"**
- For 'n' factor values, there will be n-1 dummy variables

| Department | BusinessTravel | Gender |
|------------|----------------|--------|
| HR         | Frequently     | Male   |
| R&D        | Rarely         | Female |
| Sales      | None           |        |
| Admin      |                |        |

- Codification of the factor variables will be as follows

| Department |       |       | BusinessTravel |      | Gender |
|------------|-------|-------|----------------|------|--------|
| RD         | Sales | Admin | Rarely         | None | Female |
| 1          | 0     | 0     | 1              | 0    | 1      |
| 0          | 1     | 0     | 0              | 1    |        |
| 0          | 0     | 1     |                |      |        |

# Interpretation of Dummy variables

- Consider the “Titanic” dataset, where the factor variable “**SeatType**” has values:
  - **First**
  - **Second**
  - **Third**
- Reference class = “First”
- The Regression model (glm) outputs the following coefficients for the “SeatType”:
  - Second = -1.270
  - Third = -2.241

**This means that**

**The chances of survival of Second/Third class relative to the First class**

$$\exp(-1.270) = 0.2808 \text{ (odds)}$$

- The odds of surviving in Second class is 0.2808 times the odds of surviving in the first class (other variables fixed)
- $0.2808 - 1 = -0.7192$  : The odds of surviving is 71.92% less for Third class passenger than for a First class passenger

$$\exp(-2.241) = 0.1063 \text{ (odds)}$$

- The odds of surviving in Third class is 0.1063 times the odds of surviving in the first class (other variables fixed)
- $0.1063 - 1 = -0.8937$  : The odds of surviving is 89.37% less for Third class passenger than for a First class passenger

# Interpretation of Dummy variables

## The chances of survival of Second and Third class

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Coeff(Third)} - \text{Coeff(Second)} \\ &= -2.241 - (-1.270) \\ &= -0.971 \end{aligned}$$

$$\exp(-0.971) = 0.3787 \text{ (odds)}$$

- The odds of surviving in Third class is 0.3787 times the odds of surviving in the Second class
- $0.3787 - 1 = -0.6212$  : The odds of surviving is 62.12% less for Third class passenger than for a Second class passenger

# Model evaluation

- Using the Confusion matrix, we can determine the goodness of a classification model using various [measures](#)