

Conversion from OR to RR or RD

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1 Notations

- OR = Odds ratio
- RR = Risk ratio
- RD = Risk difference
- p_0 = Background event rate (e.g., for unexposed group)
- p_1 = Risk for experiencing event for exposed group
- O_0 = Background odds of experiencing events
- O_1 = Odds for experiencing event for exposed group

2 Functions

2.1 OR to RD

Following ref 1

```
OR2RD <- function(OR,p0){  
  O0 = p0/(1-p0)  
  RD = O0*(OR-1)/( (1+OR*O0)*(1+O0) )  
  return(RD)  
}
```

2.2 OR to RR

Following ref 1

```
OR2RR <- function(OR,p0){  
  O0 = p0/(1-p0)  
  RD = O0*(OR-1)/( (1+OR*O0)*(1+O0) )  
  RR = (RD+p0)/p0  
  return(RR)  
}
```

Following ref 2

```
OR2RRx <- function(OR,p0){  
  O0 = p0/(1-p0)  
  O1 = OR*O0  
  p1 = O1/(1+O1)  
  RR = p1/p0  
  return(RR)  
}
```

Following ref 3

```
OR2RRy <- function(OR,p0){  
  RR = OR/(1 - p0 + (OR * p0))  
  return(RR)  
}
```

3 Testing the Function

3.1 OR to RD

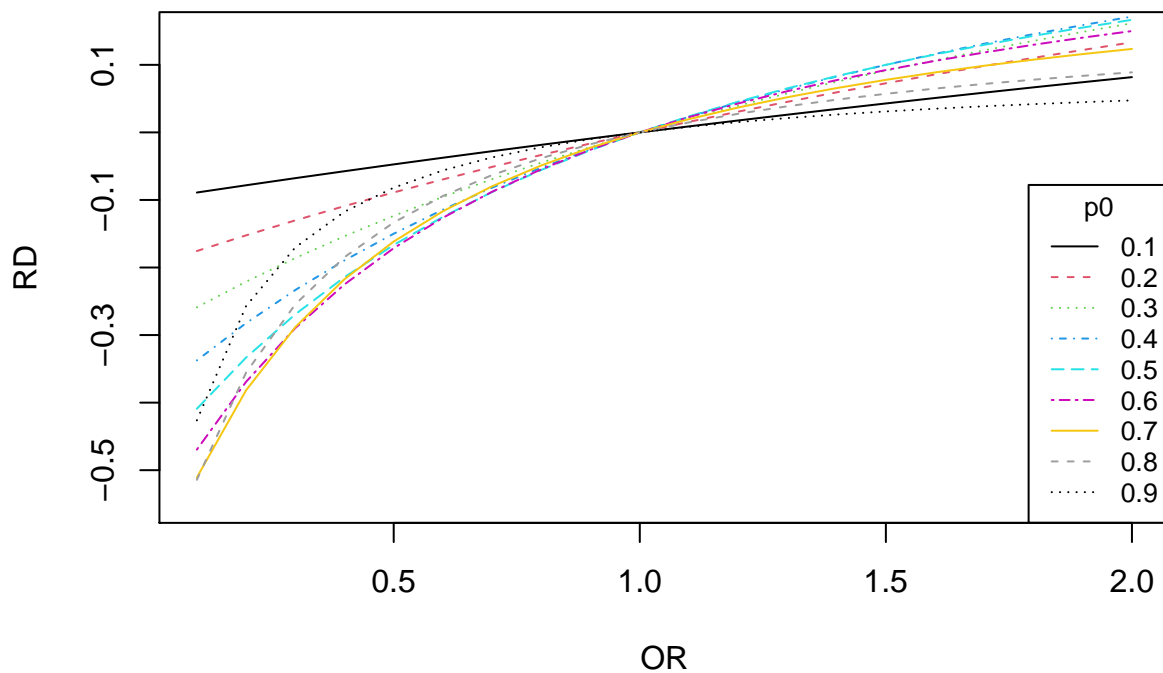
3.1.1 Option 1

Using derivation by a student: Liang Xu.

```

OR = seq(0.1,2,0.1)
p0.list = seq(0.1,.9,0.1)
plot(OR,seq(-0.55,0.15,length=20), type = "n", xlab = "OR", ylab = "RD")
for (i in p0.list){
  p0 = i
  p1 = OR * (p0/(1 - p0))/(1 + OR * (p0/(1 - p0)))
  RD = p1-p0
  lines(OR,RD, col = i*10, lty = i*10)
}
legend("bottomright", legend=p0.list, title="p0",
      col=p0.list*10, lty=p0.list*10, cex=0.8)

```

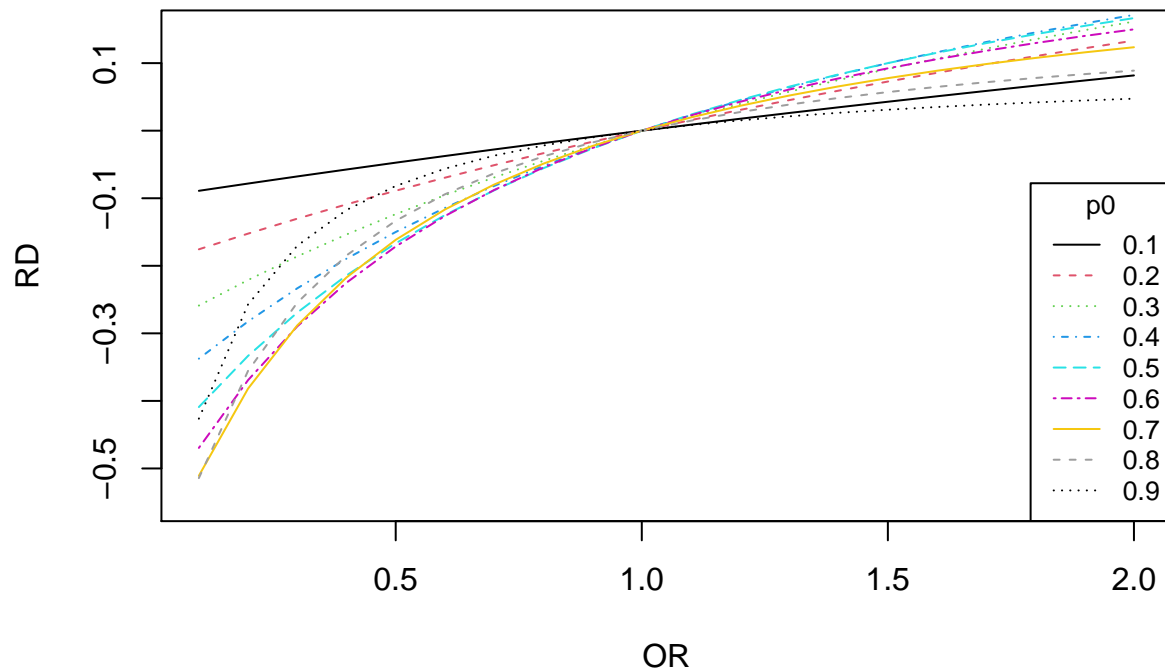


3.1.2 Option 2

```

OR = seq(0.1,2,0.1)
p0.list = seq(0.1,.9,0.1)
plot(OR,seq(-0.55,0.15,length=20), type = "n", xlab = "OR", ylab = "RD")
for (i in p0.list){
  RD = OR2RD(OR = OR, p0 = i)
  lines(OR,RD, col = i*10, lty = i*10)
}
legend("bottomright", legend=p0.list, title="p0",
      col=p0.list*10, lty=p0.list*10, cex=0.8)

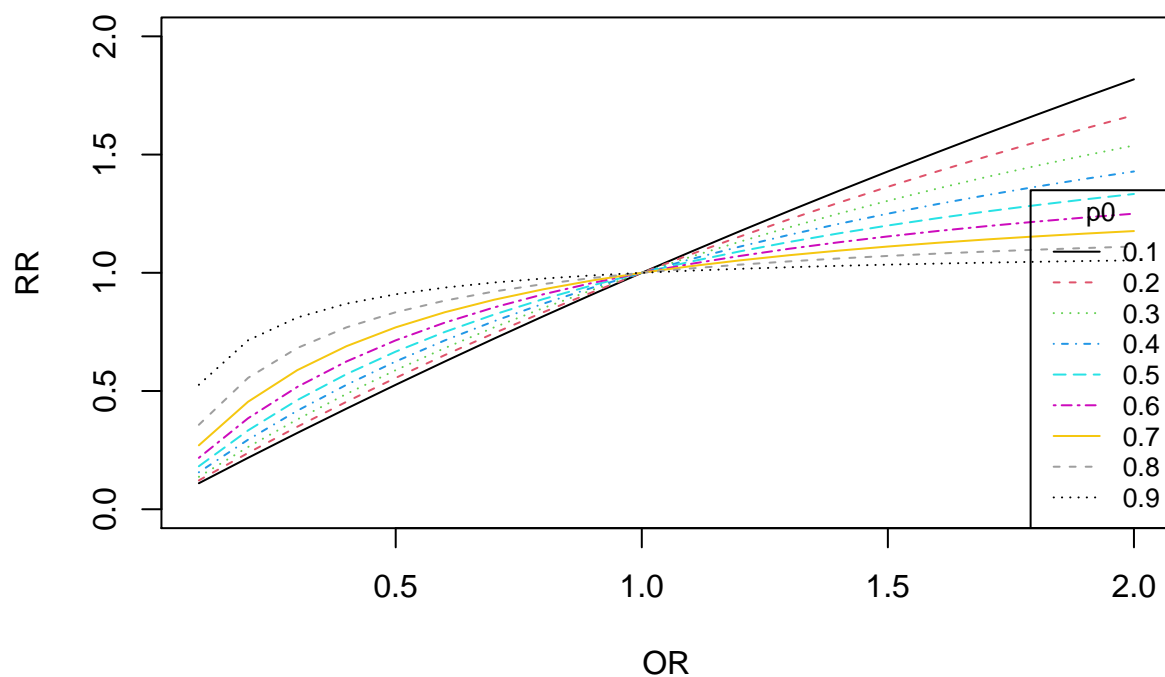
```



3.2 OR to RR

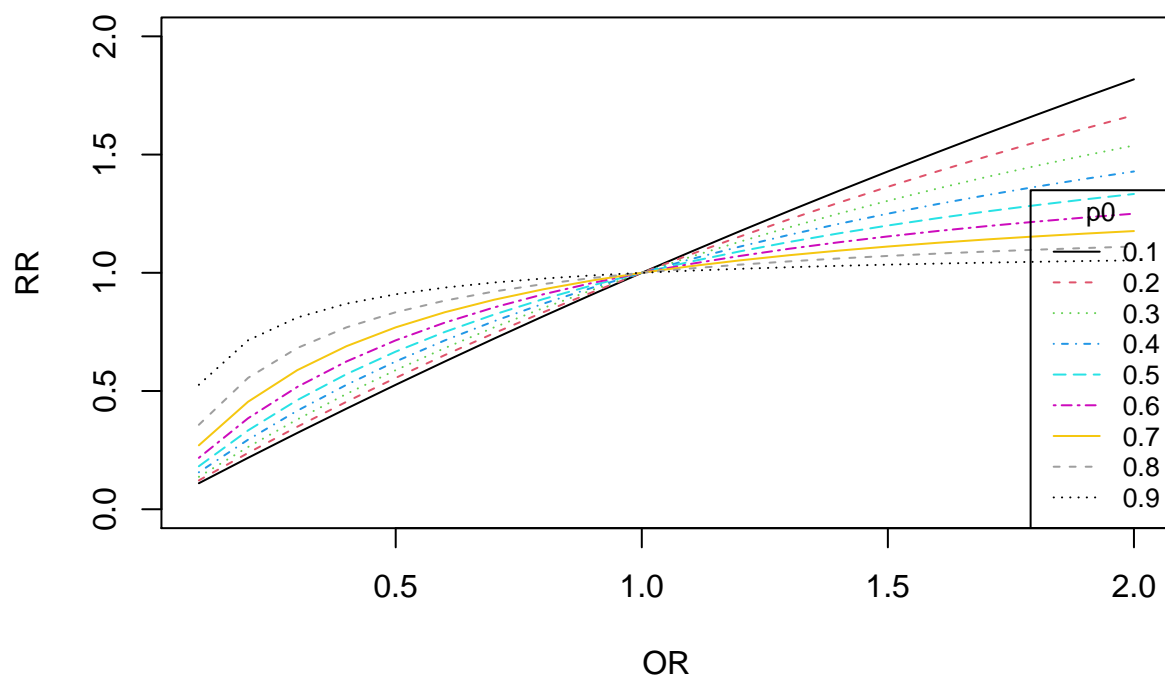
3.2.1 Option 1

```
OR = seq(0.1,2,0.1)
p0.list = seq(0.1,.9,0.1)
plot(OR,seq(0,2,length=20), type = "n", xlab = "OR", ylab = "RR")
for (i in p0.list){
  p0 = i
  p1 = OR * (p0/(1 - p0))/(1 + OR * (p0/(1 - p0)))
  RR = p1/p0
  lines(OR,RR, col = i*10, lty = i*10)
}
legend("bottomright", legend=p0.list, title="p0",
      col=p0.list*10, lty=p0.list*10, cex=0.8)
```



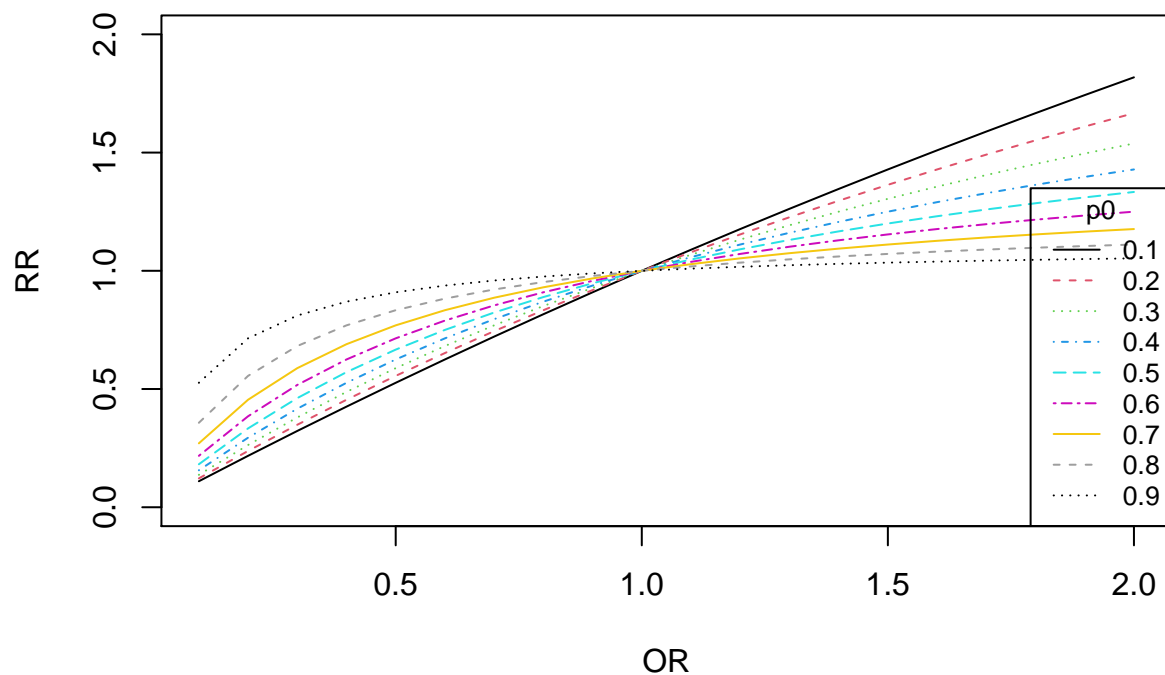
3.2.2 Option 2

```
OR = seq(0.1,2,0.1)
p0.list = seq(0.1,.9,0.1)
plot(OR,seq(0,2,length=20), type = "n", xlab = "OR", ylab = "RR")
for (i in p0.list){
  RR = OR2RR(OR = OR, p0 = i)
  lines(OR,RR, col = i*10, lty = i*10)
}
legend("bottomright", legend=p0.list, title="p0",
      col=p0.list*10, lty=p0.list*10, cex=0.8)
```



3.2.3 Option 3

```
OR = seq(0.1,2,0.1)
p0.list = seq(0.1,.9,0.1)
plot(OR,seq(0,2,length=20), type = "n", xlab = "OR", ylab = "RR")
for (i in p0.list){
  RR = OR2RRx(OR = OR, p0 = i)
  lines(OR,RR, col = i*10, lty = i*10)
}
legend("bottomright", legend=p0.list, title="p0",
      col=p0.list*10, lty=p0.list*10, cex=0.8)
```



4 Working with a data

4.1 Titanic data

4.1.1 OR

```
url <- "http://biostat.mc.vanderbilt.edu/wiki/pub/Main/DataSets/titanic.txt"
titanic <- read.csv(file = url, stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
titanic$age[is.na(titanic$age)] <- median(titanic$age, na.rm = TRUE)
fit.OR <- glm(survived ~ sex,
              family = binomial("logit"), data = titanic)
est.OR = exp(coef(fit.OR))
est.OR
```

```
## (Intercept)    sexmale
##  1.9679487    0.1019158
```

```
require(epiDisplay)
logistic.display(fit.OR)
```

```
##
## Logistic regression predicting survived
```

```
##
##              OR(95%CI)      P(Wald's test) P(LR-test)
## sex (cont. var.) 0.1 (0.08,0.13) < 0.001      < 0.001
##
## Log-likelihood = -679.3609
## No. of observations = 1313
## AIC value = 1362.7217
```

4.1.2 RD

- The outcome variable is **survived**
- **sex** variable is considered as the exposure variable: **Female** category is the reference category, and hence considered here as the background population to calculate p_0 .
- Stating values were identified by grid search (e.g., using **for** loop within plausible values)

```
tablex <- table(titanic$sex,titanic$survived)
tablex
```

```
##
##           0    1
##  female 156 307
##   male   708 142
```

```
survival.rate = tablex[, "1"] / sum(tablex[, "1"])
survival.rate
```

```
##   female      male
## 0.6837416 0.3162584
```

```
p0 <- survival.rate[1]
p0
```

```
##   female
## 0.6837416
```

```
OR2RD(OR=est.OR[2],p0=p0)
```

```
##   female
## -0.5031861
```

```
fit.RD <- glm(survived ~ sex, start = c(.1,-.01),
              family = binomial("identity"), data = titanic)
fit.RD
```

```
##
## Call: glm(formula = survived ~ sex, family = binomial("identity"),
##          data = titanic, start = c(0.1, -0.01))
##
## Coefficients:
## (Intercept)      sexmale
```



```
##      0.6631      -0.4960
##
## Degrees of Freedom: 1312 Total (i.e. Null);  1311 Residual
## Null Deviance:      1687
## Residual Deviance: 1359  AIC: 1363
```

4.1.3 RR

```
OR2RR(OR=est.OR[2],p0=p0)
```

```
##      female
## 0.2640699
```

```
OR2RRx(OR=est.OR[2],p0=p0)
```

```
##      sexmale
## 0.2640699
```

```
OR2RRy(OR=est.OR[2],p0=p0)
```

```
##      sexmale
## 0.2640699
```

```
require(sjstats)
or_to_rr(or=est.OR, p0=p0)
```

```
## (Intercept)      sexmale
##   1.1842080    0.2640699
```

- Stating values were identified by grid search (e.g., using `for` loop within plausible values)

```
fit.RR <- glm(survived ~ sex, start=c(-1,.5),
              family = binomial("log"), data = titanic)
fit.RR
```

```
##
## Call:  glm(formula = survived ~ sex, family = binomial("log"), data = titanic,
##          start = c(-1, 0.5))
##
## Coefficients:
## (Intercept)      sexmale
##   -0.4109      -1.3785
##
## Degrees of Freedom: 1312 Total (i.e. Null);  1311 Residual
## Null Deviance:      1687
## Residual Deviance: 1359  AIC: 1363
```

```
exp(coef(fit.RR))
```

```
## (Intercept)      sexmale  
##    0.6630670    0.2519486
```

5 References

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