

# Logistic regression, 1

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## Read in the data for today

```
admissions <- read.csv("https://stats.idre.ucla.edu/stat/data/binary.csv")  
head(admissions)
```

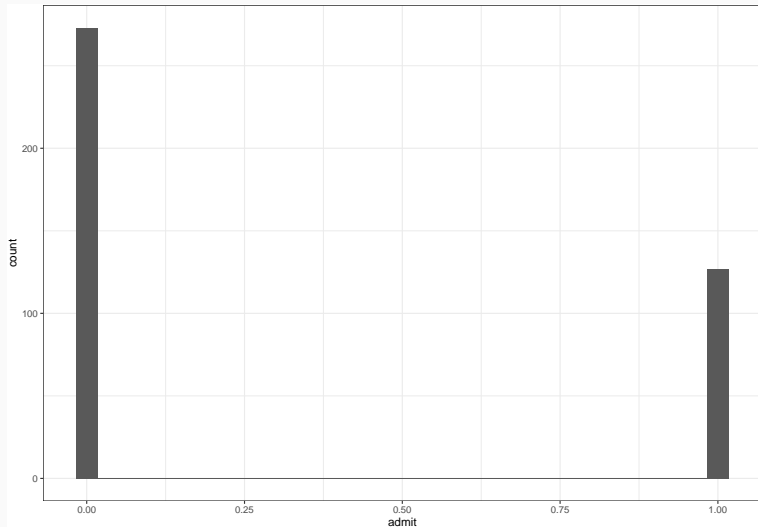
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```

```
nrow(admissions)
```

```
## [1] 400
```

## Evaluate distribution of binary admission variable

```
ggplot(admissions, aes(x = admit)) + geom_histogram()
```



## Properties of Bernoulli variables

If  $y$  is an i.i.d. Bernoulli variable with probability  $p$ :

$$y \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$$

$$\Pr(y = 1) = p = 1 - \Pr(y = 0)$$

$$E(y) = \bar{y} = p$$

$$\text{Var}(y) = p(1 - p)$$

## Summary of admit: What can we say about the probability of admission?

```
mean(admissions$admit)
```

```
## [1] 0.3175
```

```
sum(admissions$admit==1)/nrow(admissions)
```

```
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```
var(admissions$admit)
```

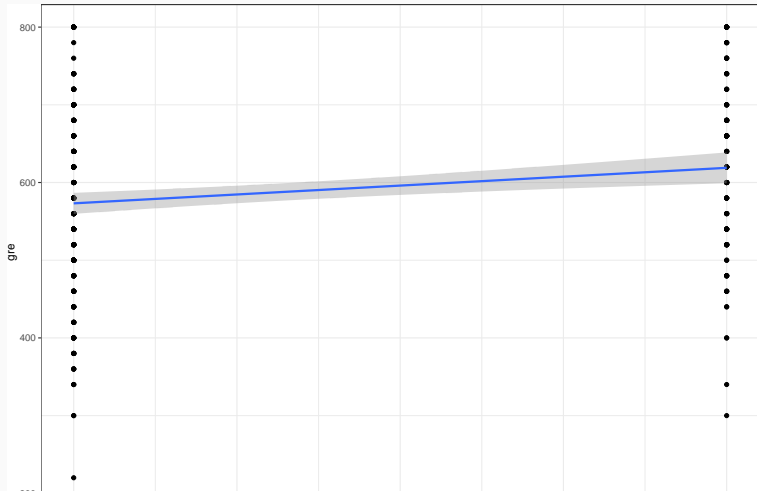
```
## [1] 0.2172368
```

```
mean(admissions$admit) * (1 - mean(admissions$admit))
```

```
## [1] 0.2166937
```

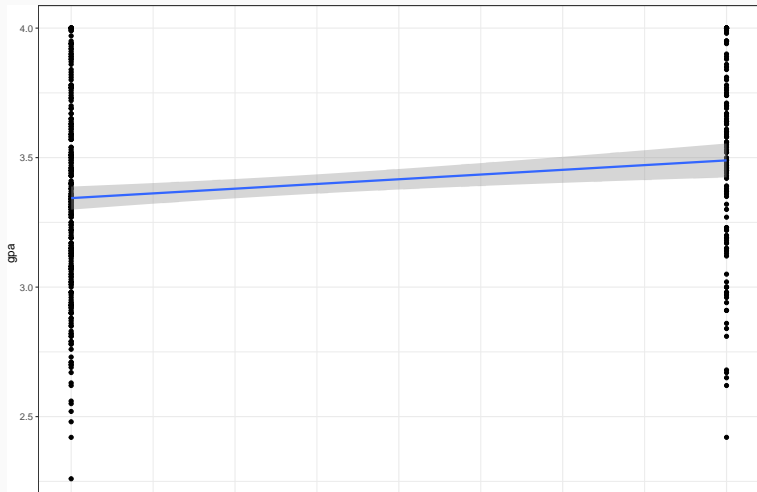
## How does GRE relate to admission?

```
ggplot(admissions,  
       aes(x = admit, y = gre)) + geom_point() +  
  geom_smooth(method = "lm")
```



# GPA?

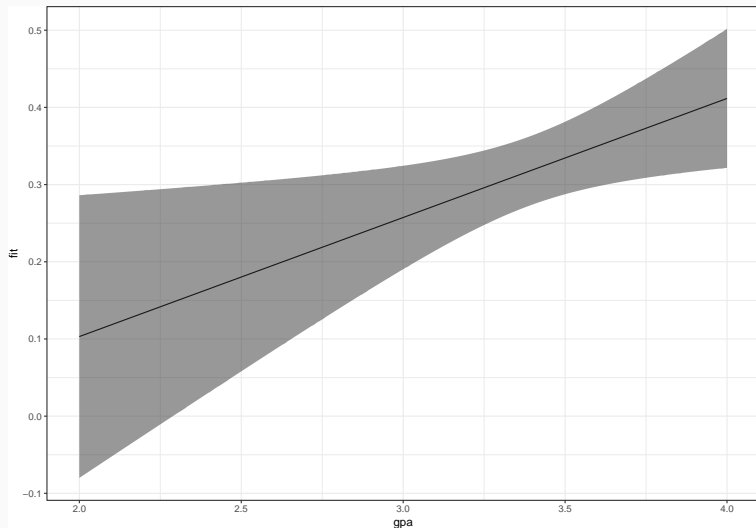
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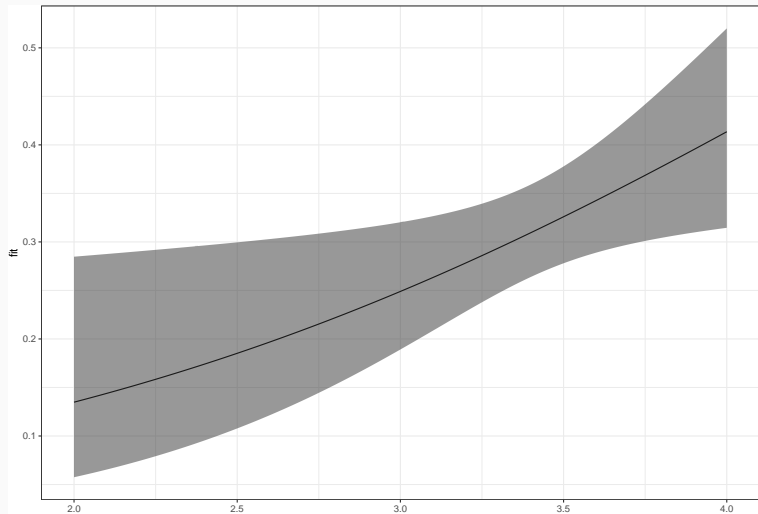
## Can we fit a model to predict admission?

```
m1<-lm(admit ~ gre + gpa,  
       data = admissions)
```



## Let's try a different approach

```
m2<-glm(admit ~ gre + gpa,  
        data = admissions,  
        family = "binomial")
```



## A generalized linear model

Our linear probability model was:

$$Pr(admit = 1) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 GRE + \beta_2 GPA + \beta_3 Rank + \varepsilon$$

Our logistic regression model takes the form:

$$\text{logit}(Pr(admit = 1)) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 GRE + \beta_2 GPA + \beta_3 Rank$$

The logit function is our link between the linear predictor term  $X\beta$  and the outcome *admit*.

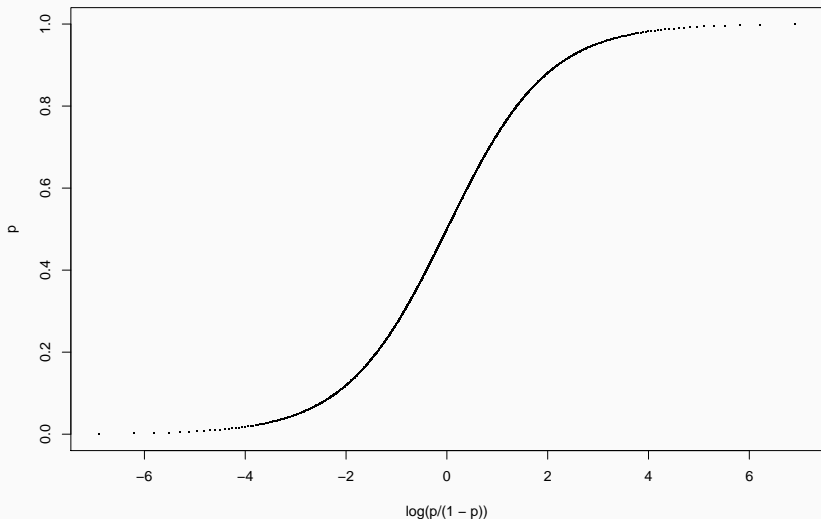
# The logit function

The logit function transforms a probability value on  $[0, 1]$  to a continuous distribution

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

## The logit function

```
p<-seq(0,1,0.001)  
plot(log(p/(1-p)), pch = ".", p)
```



## Logistic regression is a GLM with a logit link

A generalized linear model with link function  $g$  takes the form:

$$g(y) = x\beta$$

For OLS, the link function is the identity function  $g(y) = y$

For logistic regression, the link function is the logit function

$$\text{logit}(y) = x\beta$$

$$y = \text{logit}^{-1}(x\beta)$$

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*Challenge:* create two functions in R. `logit()` and `inv_logit()` that will compute the logit for any  $p$  and the inverse logit for any  $x$ .



## Defining logit and its inverse

```
logit<-function(p){  
  log(p/(1-p))  
}
```

```
inv_logit<-function(x){  
  exp(x) / (exp(x) + 1)  
}
```

## Challenge: practice with these functions

1. Create a tibble with values of  $p$  ranging from 0 to 1
2. Use mutate to add a variable called logit\_p that is equal to  $\text{logit}(p)$
3. Use ggplot to plot  $p$  and logit  $p$

# Solution

#1.

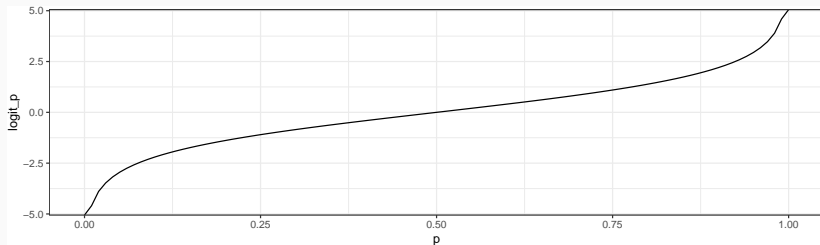
```
new_dat<-tibble(p = seq(0, 1, by = 0.01))
```

#2.

```
new_dat<-new_dat %>%  
  mutate(logit_p = logit(p))
```

#3.

```
ggplot(new_dat,  
  aes(x = p, y = logit_p)) +  
  geom_line()
```



## Challenge: practice with these functions

1. Create a tibble with values of  $x$  ranging from -10 to 10
2. Use `mutate` to add a variable called `inv_logit_x` that is equal to  $\text{logit}^{-1}(x)$
3. Use `ggplot` to plot  $x$  and `inv_logit_x`

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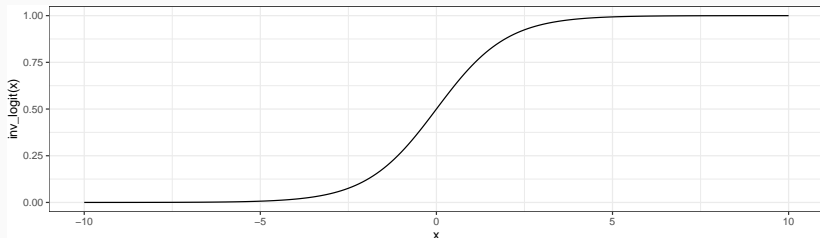
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new_dat<-tibble(x = seq(-10, 10, by = 0.1))
```

#2.

```
new_dat<-new_dat %>%  
  mutate(inv_logit_x = inv_logit(x))
```

#3.

```
ggplot(new_dat,  
  aes(x = x, y = inv_logit(x))) +  
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1. Select a model that works for binary outcomes
2. Preserve the linear structure for predictors
3. Map unbounded  $(-\infty, \infty)$  linear predictors onto probability  $(0, 1)$
4. Map expected probability into binary outcomes

## Running logistic models in R: the glm() function

```
m1<-glm(admit ~ gpa,  
        data = admissions,  
        family = "binomial")
```

```
m1_b<-stan_glm(admit ~ gpa,  
              data = admissions,  
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```

## What do these models mean?

```
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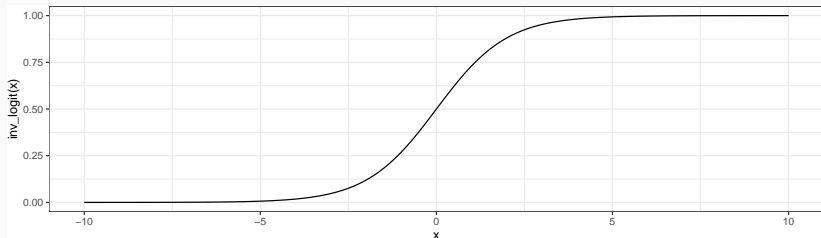
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- Probability:  $\text{logit}^{-1}(x) = \frac{\exp(x\beta)}{\exp(x\beta)+1}$

# The challenge of interpretation

The expected change in probability for  $p$  for a 1 unit change in  $x$  (or slope) is not constant!

```
ggplot(new_dat,  
      aes(x = x, y = inv_logit(x))) +  
  geom_line()
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2. For a student with a 3.0 GPA
3. Assume the 2.0 and 3.0 student each bumped their GPA up by 0.5.  
How much does their expected probability of admission change?

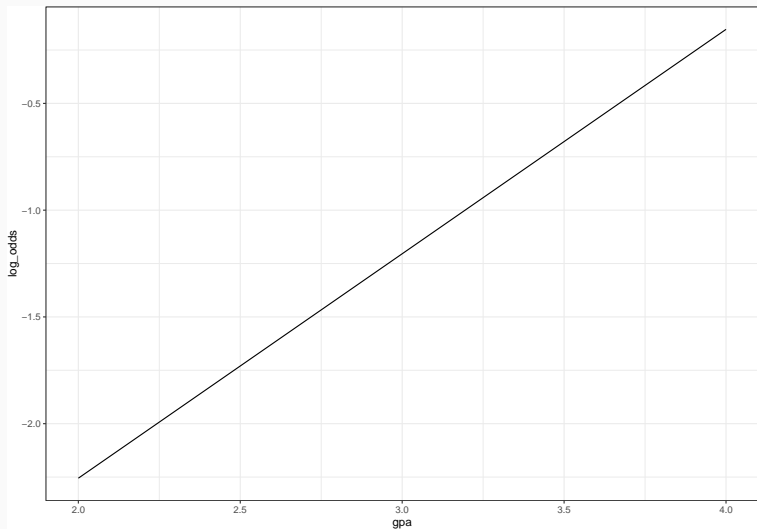
# The challenge of interpretation

```
new_dat<-data.frame(gpa = seq(2, 4, by= 0.25))
new_dat<-new_dat %>%
  mutate(log_odds = predict(m1, new_dat),
         probability = predict(m1, new_dat, type = "response"))
new_dat
```

```
##   gpa   log_odds probability
## 1 2.00 -2.2553699  0.09488728
## 2 2.25 -1.9925927  0.11998284
## 3 2.50 -1.7298155  0.15061118
## 4 2.75 -1.4670383  0.18739319
## 5 3.00 -1.2042611  0.23071805
## 6 3.25 -0.9414839  0.28060069
## 7 3.50 -0.6787068  0.33655000
## 8 3.75 -0.4159296  0.39749117
## 9 4.00 -0.1531524  0.46178656
```

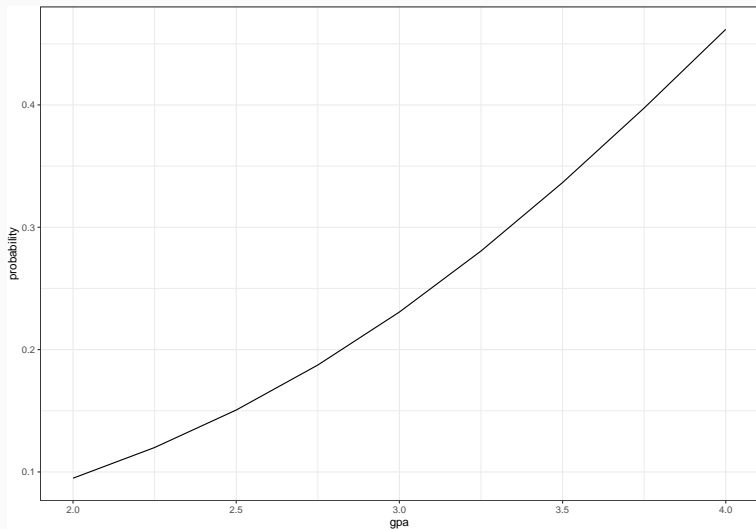
## The challenge of interpretation: log odds scale

```
ggplot(new_dat, aes(x = gpa, y = log_odds)) +  
  geom_line()
```



# The challenge of interpretation: probability scale

```
ggplot(new_dat, aes(x = gpa, y = probability)) +  
  geom_line()
```



# Break

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## Lab: Let's fit a more complex model

What else might predict admission?

```
head(admissions)
```

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## Homework 5

Who was most (and least) likely to die on the Titanic? Use `~/hw/data/titanic.csv` for this one.

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