CS 660: Mathematical Foundations for Analytics

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Course Overview

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- In our discussion of OLS we noted that the assumption of normality must hold for the dependent variable Y
- Generalized linear models extend the linear-model framework to include dependent variables that are non-normal
- In R we use the glm() function to fit generalized linear models
- Two popular models in this framework are logistic regression (dependent variable is categorical) and Poisson regression (dependent variable is a count variable)

- Logistic regression is a good first choice for binary classification problems
- Logistic regression can directly predict values that are restricted to the (0,1) interval, like probabilities
- Logistic regression assumes that $\log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right)$ is a linear function of the X's

• In the linear regression framework we model the expected value of Y given X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_p

$$\mu_Y = \beta_0 + \sum_{i=1}^p \beta_i X_i$$

 In the generalized linear model framework we model a function of the expected value of Y

$$g(\mu_Y) = \beta_0 + \sum_{i=1}^p \beta_i X_i$$

where $g(\mu_Y)$ is called a *link function*

• The format for the glm() is as follows:

```
glm(formula, family=family(link=function), data=)
where family is the probability distribution, and function is the link
function
```

Family	Default link function		
binomial	(link = "logit")		
gaussian	(link = "identity")		
gamma	(link = "inverse")		
inverse.gaussian	(link = "1/mu^2")		
poisson	(link = "log")		
quasi	(link = "identity", variance = "constant")		
quasibinomial	(link = "logit")		
quasipoisson	(link = "log")		

- Logistic regression applies to situations in which the response variable is dichotomous (0 or 1)
- The model assumes that Y follows a binomial distribution
- It takes the form

$$\log\left(\frac{\pi}{1-\pi}\right) = \beta_0 + \sum_{i=1}^p \beta_i X_i$$

where $\pi=\mu_Y$ is the conditional mean of Y (that is, the probability that Y=1 given a set of X values), $\left(\frac{\pi}{1-\pi}\right)$ is the *odds* that Y=1, and $\log\left(\frac{\pi}{1-\pi}\right)$ is the log odds, or *logit*

- $\log\left(\frac{\pi}{1-\pi}\right)$ is the link function
- The probability distribution is binomial
- Suppose we have a data frame called mydata with dependent variable Y and independent variables X1, X2, and X3
- We can fit our logistic regression model as follows:

```
glm(Y\sim X1+X2+X3, family=binomial(link="logit"), data=mydata)
```

Let's consider an example..

```
install.packages("AER")
data(Affairs, package = "AER")
summary(Affairs)
table(Affairs$affairs)
```

Looking at the table we see Affairs \$\affairs\$ contains count data - we can convert count data to a binary variable for our logistic regression

```
## create a dichotomous variable from the counts
Affairs$ynaffair[Affairs$affairs > 0] <- 1
Affairs$ynaffair[Affairs$affairs == 0] <- 0</pre>
```

```
Affairs$ynaffair <- factor(Affairs$ynaffair, levels=c(0,1), labels=c("No","Yes")) table(Affairs$ynaffair)
```

Now our dependent variable is in a form we can use for logistic regression

Fit a logistic regression model using all the variables

What do you observe?

Fit a reduced logistic regression model using only the significant variables

What do you observe?

Use anova () to compare nested models

```
anova(fit.reduced, fit.full, test="Chisq")
```

Let's try to interpret the model

Since the logistic output is log odds the coefficients are difficult to interpret

Let's look at the odds instead...

```
exp(coef(fit.reduced))
(Intercept) age yearsmarried religiousness rating
     6.895 0.965     1.106      0.720 0.630
```

Here's what we observe

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```

- For each year increase in yearsmarried the odds of having an affair increase by a factor of 1.106
- The odds decrease for a unit increase in each of age, religiousness, and rating
- Since none of the variables takes on a value of 0 the intercept has no interpretation

For the effect of an n unit change we use $(e^{\hat{\beta}_j})^n$

What is often most useful is the probability of the "outcome" so we transform the output to a probability

$$\Pr(Y = 1 | \mathbf{X}) = \frac{e^{\hat{\beta}_0 + \sum \hat{\beta}_i X_i}}{1 + e^{\hat{\beta}_0 + \sum \hat{\beta}_i X_i}}$$

in R we just use the predict () function

Let's use our fitted model to test the effect of \mathtt{rating} on the probability of having an affair

testdata

Now let's use our fitted model to test the effect of age on the probability of having an affair

- Recall that in the logistic model Y is assumed to have a binomial distribution
- We validate this assumption by testing for overdispersion
- Overdispersion occurs when the observed variance of the response variable is larger than what would be expected from a binomial distribution; this can lead to inaccurate tests of significance

 One way to detect overdispersion is to compare the residual deviance to the residual degrees of freedom in the model

$$\phi = \frac{\textit{Residual Deviance}}{\textit{Resdiual df}}$$

if $\phi >> 1$ there is evidence of overdispersion

summary(fit.reduced)\$deviance/df.residual(fit.reduced)

 Or fit the same model but use family=quasibinomial() instead of family=binomial()

- While using the results of a logistic regression model to estimate the probability or likelihood of the event there are other useful interpretations
- We saw earlier that the (conditional) probability is the odds ratio divided by one plus the odds ratio
- Relative risk is the ratio of the conditional probability of one group to another
- Relative risk allows us to compare the risk between two groups
- Using our earlier result we see the probability of a 17 year old having an extra-marital affair is 0.335; for a 57 year old it is 0.109

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$$RR = 0.335/0.109 \approx 3.07$$

a 17 year old is about 3 times more likely to have an extra-marital affair than a 57 year old

- Probabilities estimated from logistic regression models are point estimates $\hat{\pi}$
- We can compute a confidence interval for the probability
- First we need the standard error of the probability estimate

$$SE(\hat{\pi}) = \hat{\pi}(1 - \hat{\pi})SE(logit)$$

A 95% confidence interval is

$$\hat{\pi} \pm 1.96 \times SE(\hat{\pi})$$

Extensions of Logistic Regression

- Robust logistic regression –The glmRob() function in the robust package can be used to fit a robust logistic regression model helpful when fitting logistic regression models to data containing outliers and influential observations
- Multinomial logistic regression –When the response variable has more than two unordered categories (for example, arried/widowed/divorced), you can fit a polytomous logistic regression using the mlogit() function in the mlogit package
- Ordinal logistic regression When the response variable is a set
 of ordered categories (for example, credit risk as
 poor/good/excellent), you can fit an ordinal logistic regression
 using the lrm() function in the rms package

Logistic Regression Models - Summary

- Logistic regression is a generalized linear model used for modeling binary, multi-level, and ordered dependent variables
- The transformation for a logistic regression converts the binary outcomes to the log of the odds ratio
- We can transform the predicted values into a probability
- Logistic regression is good first technique for modeling probabilities
- When we set a threshold probability value we can use a logistic regression model as a classifier
- If the Predicted proability exceed the threshold we classify the observation as true, otherwise it is false
- We use the glm() function in R to fit a logistic regression

Poisson Regression Models

- In the example using the Affairs data frame we converted the number of affairs to a binary variable
- If we wanted to predict the number of affairs rather than the probability of having an affair we would fit a Poisson regression

The Poisson regression has the form

$$\log(Y) = \sum_{i=0}^{p} \beta_i X_i$$

Poisson Regression Models

We update the model to remove the insignificant variables

Let's use our Poisson model to predict the number of affairs

Poisson Regression Models – Summary

- Poisson regression is useful when the dependent variable represents count data
- The transformed dependent variable is log(Y)
- When predicting from a Poisson model remember to use type='response'' or exponentiate the raw output

- Sample data sets used in teaching data analysis tend to be complete
- Real world data are often incomplete and we need to deal with it appropriately
- We'll explore how to identify and deal with missing data so we can get the most actionable information form our data

- When dealing with missing data we need to identify the missing data
- Find the causes of the missing data
- Deal with the issue
 - Delete the cases with missing data or
 - Repalce the missing values with reasonable data values

Classifying Missing Data

- Missing Completely at Random (MCAR) The data are MCAR if the presence of missing data on a variable is unrelated to any other observed or unobserved variable; there is no systematic reason why the data are missing
- Missing at Random (MAR) The data are MAR if the presence of missing data on a variable is related to other observed variables but not to its own unobserved values
- Not Missing at Random (NMAR) If the missing data on a variable are neither MCAR nor MAR then the data are NMAR

Table 1: R functions for identifying missing values

Х	is.na(x)	is.nan(x)	is.infinite(x)
x <- NA	TRUE	FALSE	FALSE
x < -0/0	TRUE	TRUE	FALSE
x <- 1/0	FALSE	FALSE	TRUE

Other functions to help us understand the missing data

- Load the sleep data from the VIM package data(sleep, package="VIM")
- List the rows without missing data using complete.cases() sleep[complete.cases(sleep),]
- List the ones with missing datasleep[!complete.cases(sleep),]
- Since TRUE and FALSE are equivalent to 1 and 0 we can do sum(is.na(sleep\$Dream)) mean(is.na(sleep\$Dream)) mean(!complete.cases(sleep))
- complete.cases() returns true for NA and NaN and not Inf and -Inf

Exploring missing data for patterns

- While the previous functions help us identify missing data there are other ways to understand missing data
- The mice package has a function md.pattern() that tabulates missing data

```
library(mice)
data(sleep, package="VIM")
md.pattern(sleep)
```

Visually exploring missing data for patterns

 Besides summarizing the missing data in a table we can visually inspect for patterns of missingness

```
library("VIM")
```

 Plot the number of missing values for each variable alone, and for each combination of variables

```
aggr(sleep, prop=FALSE, numbers=TRUE)
```

 Display missing values for each observation – lighter colors are lower values for the variable and darker are higher – red represents missing values

```
matrixplot(sleep)
```

 Plot the relationship between two variables and their distributions given missing vales

```
marginplot(sleep[c("Gest", "Dream")], pch =20,
col = c("darkgray", "red", "blue"))
```

The questions we want to address are...

- What percentage of the data is missing?
- Are the missing data concentrated in a few variables or widely distributed?
- Do the missing values appear to be random?
- Does the anything suggest a possible mechanism that's producing the missing values?

- There are several approaches we can take with missing data
- Rationalize the missing value from other variables
 - Suppose we have a survey and we want to group respondents by birth year
 - We collect date of birth, and age
 - If date of birth is missing we can fill-in the birth year from age and today's date
- Complete case analysis which means delete any observation (row) that is missing one or more value – only analyze complete data
- Use multiple imputation to impute the missing values

- Multiple imputation (MI) provides an approach to missing values based on repeated simulations
- MI is a widely-used method for complex missing-values problems
- Typically a set of 3 to 10 complete datasets is generated from an existing dataset that's missing values
- Monte Carlo methods are used to fill in the missing data in each of the simulated datasets
- Finally standard statistical methods are applied to each of the simulated datasets and the outcomes are combined
- These provide estimated results and confidence intervals that take into account the uncertainty introduced by the missing values

```
fit.na <- lm(Dream ~ Span + Gest, data = sleep)
summary(fit.na)
library(mice)
imp <- mice(sleep, m=5)
fit.mi <- with(imp, lm(Dream ~ Span + Gest))
pooled <- pool(fit.mi)
summary(pooled)</pre>
```

 We see from the results that the pooled estimate is close to the original using mising data, but the pooled results provide additional information

Methods for Missing Data - Summary

- When working with real data we will almost always encounter missing values
- To deal with missing values in your data you can delete the entire observation (complete cases) or find a suitable value to use
- Missing data may be MCAR, MAR, NMAR
- If the data are missing at random and a small percentage of your data then deletion is OK
- Impute a value through rationalization
- Multiple imputation provides an approach based on simulations

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