#### Models for binary response

Logistic regression

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#### Outline

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Interpretation of the parameters

Variable selection

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Interpretation of the results



#### Introduction

- ▶ Suppose that for each individual, the response y, can take only two possible values, 0 and 1 (also known as *dichotomous*)
- ► Examples: in biomedicine where we might want to predict if a patient respond or not to a drug; in business management, a bank may want to predict whether or not an individual is likely to pay his credit card bills, etc.
- ▶ We may write

$$\Pr(y_i = 1) = \pi_i$$
  $\Pr(y_i = 0) = 1 - \pi_i$ 

Normally, we will have a set of covariates  $X=(x_1,\ldots,x_p)$  associated with each individual, and our goal will be to investigate the relationship between the response probability  $\pi=\pi(X)$  and the explanatory variables.



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\* Alternatively, we can clasify the individuals according to the variables of interest in k groups.

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#### See Logreg. R > ftable(list(g02,sexo,bebedor)) x.3 poco/nada ocasional frecuente x.1 x.2 good male 223 335 36 female 516 281 15 bad male 2090 792 190

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female

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Models for Binary data

- ▶ When binary data are grouped by covariate class, the responses have the form  $y_i/n_i$ , where  $0 \le y_i \le n_i$  is the number of successes out of the  $n_i$  individuals in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  covariate class, and the total number of individuals is  $n = \sum_i n_i$ .
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- ▶ In the Health perception data example:
  - $ightharpoonup n_i$  is the number of observations in group i
  - $\blacktriangleright \ y_i$  is the number of individuals that perceived themselves as Healthy people within group i

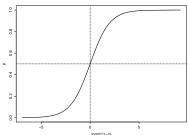
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Models for Binary data (cont.)

- ▶ With binary data, working with probabilities we need that  $\pi_i \in (0,1)$
- ► Solution: Logit or log-odds, i.e.:

$$\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1i} + \dots + \beta_k x_{ki} = \eta_i = \log\left(\frac{p_i}{1 - p_i}\right)$$



- ► Odds\* is  $\frac{p_i}{1-p_i}$
- ▶ **logit** transforms the probability  $p \in (0,1) \rightarrow \in (-\infty,\infty)$
- ▶ when p = 1/2, odds = 1 and logit = 0
- $\qquad \qquad \log \mathrm{it} < 0 \text{ corresponds to } p < 1/2 \text{ and } \\ \text{viceversa.}$

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Odds: is the possibility that something will happen, the chance that one thing will happen instead of a different thing

Models for Binary data (cont.)

▶ The **logit** transformation is *one-to-one*, its inverse is known as the *antilogit* and allows the calculation of the probability from the logit, i.e.:

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

The logistic regression model assumes that the logit of the probability can be modelled by a linear model of the form:

$$logit(p_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1i} + \ldots + \beta_p x_{pi}$$

and then

$$p_i = \frac{e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1i} + ... + \beta_p x_{pi}}}{1 + e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1i} + ... + \beta_p x_{pi}}}$$

► The probability is a <u>non-linear function</u> of the predictors, and then it is difficult to interpret the effect in the probability given changes in the predictors. That is the main reason why it is better to work with the <u>logit</u>.

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as a Generalized Linear Model

▶ The estimates of the  $\beta$ 's are obtained maximizing the Likelihood, i.e. in logistic regression:

$$\log \mathcal{L}(\beta) = \sum (y_i \log(p_i) + (n_i - p_i) \log(1 - p_i))$$

as we saw previously the maximization problem cannot be solve analytically, and hence an iterative method based on Newton-Raphson must be used.

- ► Remind from previous session that for binary data, logistic regression is a particular case of a GLM
- ► A GLM has 3 components:
  - Probability distribution of the response as a member of the Exponential family (Bernoulli or Binomial)
  - 2. Systematic component: the linear predictor  $\eta = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + ... + \beta_k x_k$
  - 3. Link function to relate the mean with the linear predictor, i.e.  $g(\mu)=\eta$  (logit)

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  - > logistic1 <- glm(g02~sexo+bebedor,family=binomial(link=logit))</pre>
  - > summary(logistic1)



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```
Coefficients:
```

```
(Intercept) 1.26858
                        0.06027 21.049 < 2e-16 ***
sexofemale -0.23868 0.06230 -3.831 0.000128 ***
bebedorocasional 0.55151 0.06288 8.771 < 2e-16 ***
bebedorfrecuente 0.49377 0.15984 3.089 0.002007 **
```

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Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)

(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)

Null deviance: 7177.9 on 7356 degrees of freedom Residual deviance: 7059.2 on 7353 degrees of freedom

ATC: 7067.2

Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 4



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```
> attributes(logistic1)
```

```
[1] "coefficients"
                           "residuals"
                                                "fitted.values"
[4] "effects"
                          "R."
                                                "rank"
[7] "qr"
                          "family"
                                                "linear.predictors"
[10] "deviance"
                           "aic"
                                                "null.deviance"
[13] "iter"
                                                "prior.weights"
                          "weights"
[16] "df.residual"
                           "df.null"
[19] "converged"
                                                "model"
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[22]
    "call"
                          "formula"
                                                "terms"
[25] "data"
                          "offset"
                                                "control"
[28] "method"
                           "contrasts"
                                                "xlevels"
```

#### \$class

\$names

[1] "glm" "lm"



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▶ The model is

$$\log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) = 1,27-0,238*\mathsf{sexo}_\mathsf{female} + 0,55*\mathsf{bebedor}_\mathsf{ocasional} + 0,49*\mathsf{bebedor}_\mathsf{frec}$$

► Confidence intervals are also obtained as:

```
> confint(logistic1)
```

```
2.5 % 97.5 %
(Intercept) 1.1512601 1.3875492
sexofemale
           -0.3609674 -0.1167008
bebedorocasional
                0.4283962
                          0.6749056
bebedorfrecuente
                0.1891390
                          0.8169365
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The function glm() in R (cont.)

#### ► In terms of **odds**

#### See Logreg.R



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- ▶ In a logistic model with canonical link function we assume that

$$logit(p_i) = ln(odds) = ln\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) = \beta x_i.$$

Hence, a unit increase in the explanatory variable will result in a  $\beta$  increase in the log-odds. It is difficult to think in terms of log-odds, so, if we take exponential in both sides:

$$odds = \frac{p_i}{1 - p_i} = \exp(\beta x_i).$$

▶ Hence if  $x_i$  increases in one unit, the odds will be increased by  $\exp(\beta)$ .



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- ▶ When interpreting parameters in logistic regression we have to consider:
  - functional relationship between the dependent variable and independent variable/s
  - 2. The unit of change of the independent variable/s
- ► The interpretation also will depend on the type of independent variables: dichotomous, polytomous or continuous.



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Dichotomous independent variable

- ▶ Let us first consider the case where *X* takes two possible values (coded as 0 or 1 or defined as a factor).
- ▶ The model is

$$\log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1$$

the difference in the **logit** for an individual such that x = 0 and x = 1 is  $\beta_1$ .

► Hence,

$$p = \frac{e^{(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1)}}{1 + e^{(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1)}} \quad \text{and} \quad 1 - p = \frac{1}{1 + e^{(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1)}}$$



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The odds of the response variable when X=1 is:

$$\frac{p(y=1|x=1)}{p(y=0|x=1)} = \frac{p(y=1|x=1)}{1 - p(y=1|x=1)}$$

and similarly when X = 0, i.e.

$$p(y = 1|x = 0)/1 - p(y = 1|x = 0)$$



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- Odds ratios have often been confused with relative risk in medical literature
- ▶ Relative risk (RR) is the risk of an event (or of developing a disease) relative to exposure. Relative risk is a ratio of the probability of the event occurring in the exposed group versus a non-exposed group.
- $\blacktriangleright$  To approximate OR to RR, p(y=1|x=1) and p(y=1|x=0) should be very small.



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▶ e.g.: Let us consider the Health perception survey data

```
> table(g02,sexo)

sexo
g02 male female
good 594 812
had 3072 2879
```

$$p(y=1|x=1) = 2879/(2879+812) = 0.78 \qquad p(y=0|x=1) = 0.22$$
 
$$p(y=1|x=0) = 3072/(3072+594) = 0.838 \qquad p(y=0|x=0) = 0.162$$
 
$$\mathsf{RR} = \frac{0.78}{0.838} = 0.93 \qquad \mathsf{OR} = \frac{0.78/0.22}{0.838/0.162} = 0.68$$

➤ The event of healthy women is 0,68 times lower.



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Dichotomous independent variable

 e.g.: Confidence intervals for the estimated odds-ratio is computed with exponentials, i.e.

$$\exp\left(\hat{\beta}_1 \pm \widehat{z_{\alpha/2}s.e.(\hat{\beta}_1)}\right)$$



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> exp(coefficients(logistic2))

(Intercept) edad22 edad23
9.0186914 0.6407686 0.2403349
```

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► How do we interpret the odds ratios?

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- ► Let us study the relationship between **Health perception** (g02) and **Body Mass Index** (imc)

#### See Logreg.R

> logistic3 <- glm(g02~imc,family=binomial(link=logit))</pre>



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#### How do we interpret the coefficient for imc?

▶ The coefficient and intercept estimates give us the following equation:

$$\log(p/(1-p)) = logit(p) = 4,1203830 - 0,1077952 * imc$$



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▶ We can say now that the coefficient for imc is the difference in the log odds. In other words, for a one-unit increase in the imc, the expected change in log odds is -0.1077952.



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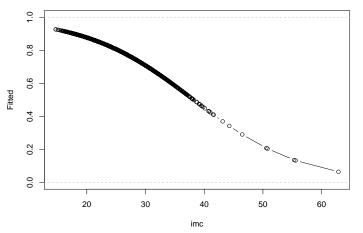
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- ▶ If we consider an increase of *c* units in imc, then:



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► Let us plot the fitted values (See Logreg.R)





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  - ► Let us illustrate the idea graphically!!!



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- ► Recall that sexo2 is a factor and lm codifies x as a dummy variable (sexo2 = 1 or 0)
  - $\triangleright$   $\beta_1$  represents the difference in BMI between the two groups (males/females)



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► For simplicity, let us consider a model with **no-interaction**:

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \operatorname{sexo} 2 + \beta_2 \operatorname{peso} + \epsilon$$
,

where sexo2 is a dichotomous variable ('males', or 'female') and continuous variable peso (for weight in kgr).

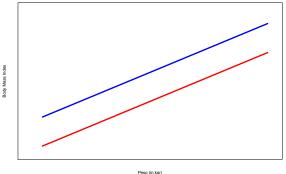
- ► Recall that sexo2 is a factor and lm codifies x as a dummy variable (sexo2 = 1 or 0)
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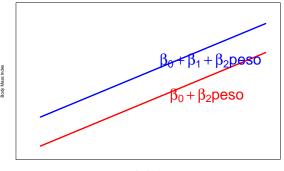
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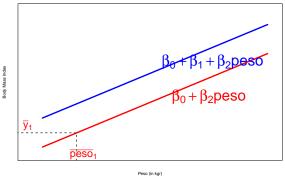


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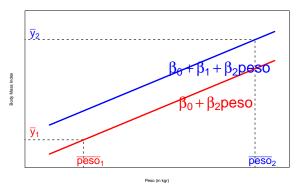


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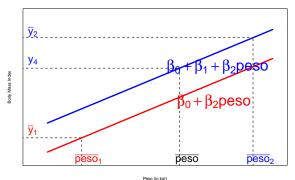
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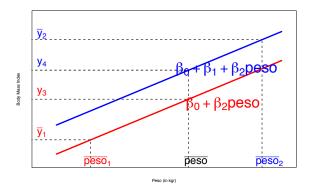


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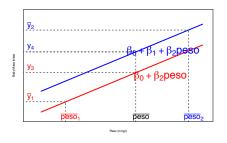
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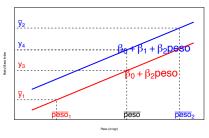


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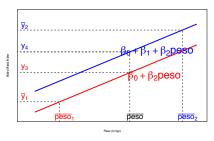
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▶ Let us consider the health perception data and the logistic regression model

$$\log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 * \text{sexo} + \beta_2 * \text{edad}$$

```
> logistic4<-glm(g02~sexo,family=binomial(link=logit))</pre>
```

- > logistic5<-glm(g02~sexo+edad,family=binomial(link=logit))
- > coefficients(logistic4)

```
(Intercept) sexofemale
1.6432048 -0.3775068
```

> coefficients(logistic5)

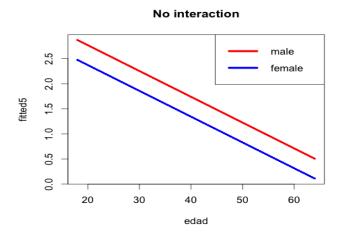
```
(Intercept) sexofemale edad
3.79723317 -0.39588681 -0.05144576
```

▶ Both  $\beta_1$  coefficients are similar because mean values of edad for male and females are similar (39,16 and 39,32)

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Categorical and Continuous independent variables (cont.)

► Let us plot the fitted values (See Logreg.R script)





Interaction and confusion

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> coefficients(logistic5)[2]
```

sexofemale

- -0.3958868
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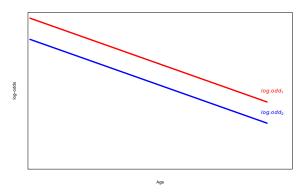
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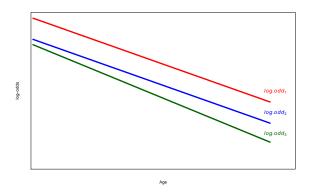
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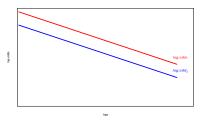
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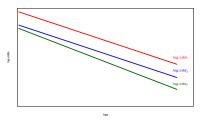
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> logistic7<-glm(g02~sexo+edad+sexo:edad,family=binomial(link=logit))</pre>
> summary(logistic7)
Call:
glm(formula = g02 ~ sexo + edad + sexo:edad, family = binomial(link = logit))
Deviance Residuals:
   Min
             1Q Median
                              30
                                     Max
-2.3857 0.3889 0.5161 0.6780 1.1544
Coefficients:
                Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept)
              3.653489 0.170571 21.419 <2e-16 ***
sexofemale -0.135450 0.230287 -0.588 0.556
              -0.048200 0.003721 -12.952 <2e-16 ***
edad
sexofemale:edad -0.005918 0.005046 -1.173 0.241
___
Signif. codes: 0
```



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- ► The sexo:edad coefficient is not significant
- ► The coefficient for sexofemale changed and became not significant.
- ▶ NOTE: In this case, we cannot use the criteria and say that sexofemale is confounding, because including the interaction term (specially when the covariate is continuous) usually changes the estimation of the parameters, even if the interaction is not significative.

```
> coefficients(logistic7)
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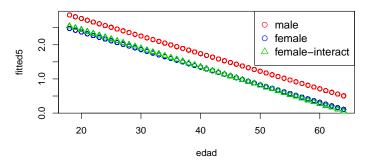
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► Graphically, the inclusion of an interaction term does not change the slope.

#### without & with interaction sexo:edad



\* Hence, the covariate edad is not counfounding or modication effect.



Interaction and confusion

▶ Let us include now the variable peso instead of edad:

#### without interaction

```
> logistic8<-glm(g02~sexo+peso,family=binomial(link=logit))
> summary(logistic8)
Call:
glm(formula = g02 ~ sexo + peso, family = binomial(link = logit))
Deviance Residuals:
   Min
           1Q Median
                           3Q
                                 Max
-2.2849 0.5139 0.6055 0.6773 1.7336
Coefficients:
           Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept) 3.712536 0.218700 16.975 <2e-16 ***
sexofemale -0.825937 0.076422 -10.808 <2e-16 ***
      peso
Signif. codes: 0
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Interaction and confusion

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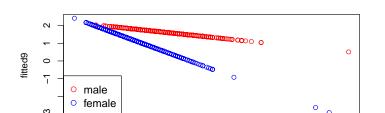
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Interaction and confusion

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with interaction

► The health perception by peso is different for males and females. Females are more affected by covariate peso.

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peso

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140

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#### ► In practice

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#### Solution:

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- ► Take the exponential of the obtain difference



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 (4)

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▶ In our health perception example, we have:

```
> coefficients(logistic9)
```

(Intercept) sexofemale peso sexofemale:peso 2.56152098 1.23683081 -0.01171294 -0.02898403

▶ The comparison between females and males is  $f_1 - f_0$ , hence

$$\mathsf{OR} = \exp(1,237 - 0,029x)$$



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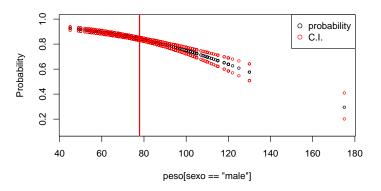
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- ► To compute the C.I.'s of the probabilities, we only need to use the relationship between the logit and the probability, i.e.:

$$\frac{e^{\mathsf{C.I.\ logit}}}{1 + e^{\mathsf{C.I.\ logit}}}$$



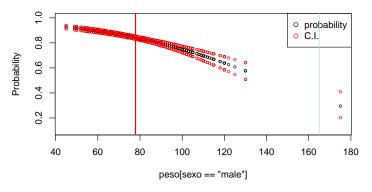
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- ► The vertical line is the average weight for males.
- Each black point represents the average of the response (health perception) for males given a value of weight.
  - C.I.'s are wider at the end of the range because there are less observations.

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- ▶ The estimated proportion of males with good health perception and 80 kgr of weight is 0.834 within a  $95\,\%$  confidence interval  $\in (0.822, 0.847)$ . Q: And for males with weight of 165 kgr.?
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- \* NOTE: Do not confuse significance of a predictor variable with goodness-of-fit of the model (in the latter we look at the adecuacy of the fitted values in a absolute sense).



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in a GLM: logistic regression

▶ In a GLM the comparison of the models is based on the log-likelihood,

$$\log \mathcal{L}(\beta) = \sum (y_i \log(p_i) + (n_i - p_i) \log(1 - p_i))$$

▶ The saturated model is the model that has as many parameters as data values, i.e.  $\hat{y}_i = y_i$ . Then the comparison between the observed values and the fitted values is done with the **Deviance** ( $\mathcal{D}$ ):

$$\mathcal{D} = -2\log \underbrace{\left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{Likelihood of the fitted model} \\ \hline \text{Likelihood of the saturated model} \end{array} \right]}_{(*)}$$

the value (\*) is called Likelihood ratio. We take logarithms and multiply by -2 to obtain that  $\mathcal{D}\sim\chi^2$  (Chi-square distribution)

▶ Then, we can use the  $\chi^2$  for Hypothesis Testing: Likelihood Ratio Test (LRT)

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LRT: logistic regression

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#### Example: variable bebedor

```
Analysis of Deviance Table

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Model 2: g02 ~ sexo + bebedor

Resid. Df Resid. Dev Df Deviance Pr(>Chi)

1 7355 7137.8

2 7353 7059.2 2 78.579 < 2.2e-16 ***

---

Signif. codes: 0
```

> anova(logistic4,logistic4a,test="Chisq")

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▶ The Wald test can be used to test the true value of the parameter based on the sample estimate. (Theoretical results skipped)

#### wald.test

```
> library(aod)
> wald.test(coef(logistic4a), Sigma=vcov(logistic4a), Terms=3:4)
Wald test:
Chi-squared test:
X2 = 78.5, df = 2, P(> X2) = 0.0
```

- ▶ The order in which the coefficients are given in the table of coefficients is the same as the order of the terms in the model. Terms=3:4 indicates the coefficients for the variable behedor levels.
- ▶ The  $\chi^2$  statistic of 78,5 with 2 degrees of freedom is associated to a p-value of 0, indicating that the overall effect of bebedor is statistically significant.

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We can also test additional hypotheses about the differences in the coefficients for the different levels of bebedor.

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------
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X2 = 0.13, df = 1, P(> X2) = 0.72
```

- ▶ 1 is a vector that defines the test we want to perform. We want to test the difference of the terms bebedorocasional and bebedorfrequente
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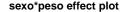
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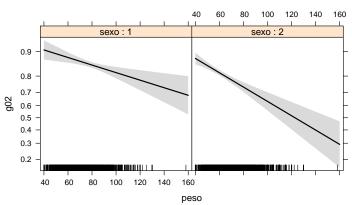
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► We can plot the interaction effects of the variables using the function effect in library(effects)





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stepwise procedures

- ▶ We can choose a model by AIC in a Stepwise Algorithm
- ► See ?stepAIC in library(MASS)

#### let us include the variable anio

- > mod <- glm(formula=g02~educa+edad2+bebedor+sexo\*peso+anio, family = binomial(link = > library(MASS)
- > stepAIC(mod, trace=FALSE) \$anova



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$$r(y_j, \hat{p}_j) = \frac{y_j - m_j \hat{p}_j}{\sqrt{m_j \hat{p}_j (1 - \hat{p}_j)}}$$

where  $m_j$  es the number of individuals that share the same covariates pattern, i.e. the same combinations of predictors.

► The **Pearson**- $\chi^2$  is

$$\chi^2 = \sum_{j=1}^{J} r(y_j, \hat{p}_j)^2,$$

where J es the number of different patterns.

The standardized Pearson residuals are distributed as a  $\mathcal{N}(0,1)$ , and hence should be within the interval (-3,3).

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- > sum(residuals(logistic1, type = "pearson")^2)
- > sum(residuals(logistic1, type = "deviance")^2)



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# Goodness-of-fit (cont.)

> library(ResourceSelection)

▶ If any of the covariates is continuous, we cannot use these test, and instead we use the so-called Hosmer-Lemeshow test for logistic regression models.

#### Consider logistic13

```
> g02num <- as.numeric(g02)-1 # transform to numeric 0/1
> hoslem.test(g02num,fitted(logistic13))
Hosmer and Lemeshow goodness of fit (GOF) test
```

```
data: g02num, fitted(logistic13)
X-squared = 6.1108, df = 8, p-value = 0.6348
```

► The p-value of indicates that the GoF is ok (a large p-value indicates no evidence of poor fit)



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		DISEASE	
		+	-
T E	+	True + (a)	False + (b)
S	-	False - (c)	True - (d)
		Sensitivity = a / a + c = TP / TP + FN	Specificity = d / b + d = TN / FP + TN



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- ► The ROC (Receiver Operating Characteristic) curve is a graphic display that gives a measure of the predictive accuracy of the model.
- ▶ It allows to represent the impact of the cutoff point on the sensitivity and specificity (you have to keep in mind that as you increase the cutoff point from 0 to 1, the sensitivity decreases and the specificity increases).
- ▶ Ideally, we would like to have high values for both sensitivity and specificity.
- ▶ The ROC curve is a plot of **Sensitivity** against 1 -**Specificity**, i.e.,  $1 F_+$ .
- Then compute the area under the curve (AUC).
- ► For a model with high predictive accuracy, the ROC curve rises quickly.



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**AUC** 

- Measuring the area under the ROC curve, we can obtain the accuracy of the classfication test.
- ► The larger area, the better the diagnostic test is.
- ▶ If the area is 1.0, we have an ideal test because test achieves 100% sensitivity and 100% specificity.
- ▶ If the area is 0.5, we have a test which has effectively  $50\,\%$  sensitivity and  $50\,\%$  specificity.
- ▶ In a few words, the area measures the ability of the test to correctly classify those with and without the disease.

$$AUC = \int_0^1 ROC(t)dt$$

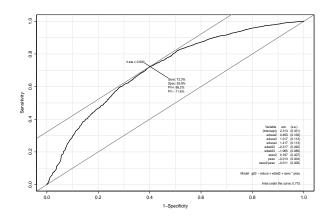
where t = 1 – specificity (false positive rate) and ROC(t) is sensitivity (true positive rate).

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#### ► Let us plot the ROC curve

- > library(Epi)
- > ROC(form=g02~educa+edad2+sexo\*peso, data=salud,plot="ROC",lwd=3,cex=1.5)

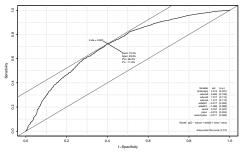




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#### In general:

- ► AUC ≤ 0,5: the model is worthless, it does not help us to discriminate
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- ▶ 0.8AUC < 0.9: excellent (good)
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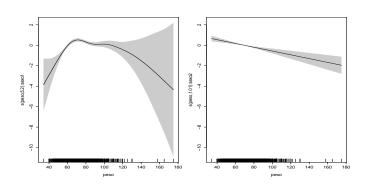
- ► Coefficient's estimates are biased.
- ► The relation of the logit and the predictors is not linear.
- ► The relation between the variables is multiplicative, not additive (there is interaction, contrast statistical significance).
- If we include more variables than needed, the standard errors of the estimated coefficients increases, the efficiency of the estimadors are reduced, although there is no bias.
- Presence of multicolinearity, i.e. correlated predictors. (cor(model.matrix(logistic13)[,-1]))



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- ▶ If the relationship between the logit and the predictors is **not linear** a unit increment of *X* is not constant, and do depends on the value of *X*.
- ► We can detect the non-linearity using a smoothing technique and the function gam() in library(mgcv)





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Residual analysis

- ▶ We had defined different type of residuals in the case of a glm:
  - 1. Response residuals:  $y_i \hat{\mu}_i$ , they are not appropriate since  $Var(y_i)$  is not constant.
  - 2. Pearson residuals:

$$r_{i,P} = \frac{y_i - \hat{\mu}_i}{\sqrt{\widehat{Var}(y_i)}}$$

They have constant variance and mean zero. Mostly useful for detecting variance misspecification.

3. Deviance residuals:

$$sign(y_i - \hat{\mu}_i)\sqrt{d_i^2}$$

where  $d_i$  is the contribution to the model deviance of the  $i^th$  observation. For many models the deviance residuals are closer to a Normal distribution than the Pearson residuals, and so they are more appropriate for constructing diagnostic plots.

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# Model diagnostics in logistic regression

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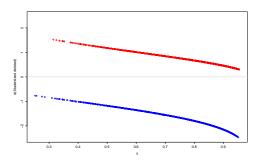
4. **Standardized residuals:** Both the Pearson and the deviance residuals can be variance-standardized and corrected for the effects of leverage by dividing them by  $\sqrt{\phi(1-h_{ii})}$ , in most cases  $\phi=1$ , and when it is not, it is replaced by an estimate. These residuals should be approximately N(0,1) for Poisson and binomial models with large counts and should lie within -2 and +2.

$$r_i = \frac{y_i - \hat{\mu}_i}{\sqrt{\hat{V}(y_i)}} = \frac{y_i - n_i \hat{\pi}_i}{\sqrt{n_i \hat{\pi}_i (1 - \hat{\pi}_i)}}$$

See Logreg.R

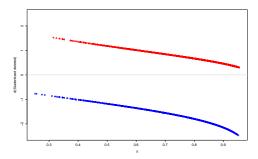


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- ► And two polytomous edad2 and education level (educa), we also include the sexo:peso interaction.



#### > summary(logistic13)

```
Coefficients:
```

```
Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept) 2.313414
                   0.330517 6.999 2.57e-12 ***
educa2
         educa3 1.017172 0.111848 9.094 < 2e-16 ***
educa4 1.417463 0.113447 12.495 < 2e-16 ***
edad22
                  0.092114 -3.439 0.000585 ***
         -0.316745
edad23 -1.064558
                  0.089488 -11.896 < 2e-16 ***
sexo2
        0.166893
                  0.406530 0.411 0.681417
                   0.003967 -3.170 0.001527 **
peso
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sexo2:peso
        -0.011252
                   0.005626 -2.000 0.045488 *
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```

```
(Intercept)
                             educa3
                 educa2
                                          educa4
                                                      edad22
                                                                   edad23
10.1088729
              1.5679890
                          2.7653644
                                      4.1266397
                                                   0.7285166
                                                               0.3448804
                         sexo2:peso
     sexo2
                   peso
 1.1816273
              0.9875053
                          0.9888107
```

> exp(confint(logistic13))



#### Results for variables edad and educa:

Variable values	Odds Ratio	<b>C.I.</b> 95 %
Age		
< 29	1.00	
30 - 44	0.73	0.61 0.87
45 - 64	0.34	0.29 0.41
Education Level		
Low	1.00	
Low-Mid	1.56	1.27 1.92
Mid-High	2.76	2.22 3.44
High	4.12	3.30 5.15

- ► The estimated OR for individuals of mid-age is 0,73.
- ► The odd of having a good health perception for individuals between 30-44 years is 0,73 lower than for the individual (same sex, education and weight) but younger.
- ► The odds for indivuals aged 45 64 is much lower.
- ► For the variable Education levels, all the odds values are greater than 1, that means that a higher Education level is an advantage in good health perception

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