

# Regression Analysis

## Logistic Regression

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Statistical Inference



## About This Lesson



# Model Estimation

**Model** the probability of success given predictor(s):

$$\text{Logit}(\Pr(Y = 1 | X_1, \dots, X_p)) = \text{Logit}(p(X_1, \dots, X_p)) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \dots + \beta_p X_p$$

**Parameters:**  $\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_p$

**Approach:** Maximum Likelihood Estimation

$$\max_{\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_p} \mathcal{L}(\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_p) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(X_{i,1}, X_{i,2}, \dots, X_{i,p})^{Y_i} (1 - p(X_{i,1}, X_{i,2}, \dots, X_{i,p}))^{1-Y_i}$$

or

$$\max_{\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_p} \ell(\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_p) = \max_{\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_p} \log(\mathcal{L}(\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_p))$$

$$= \max_{\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_p} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( Y_i \log \left( \frac{e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{i,1} + \dots + \beta_p X_{i,p}}}{1 + e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{i,1} + \dots + \beta_p X_{i,p}}} \right) + (1 - Y_i) \log \left( \frac{1}{1 + e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{i,1} + \dots + \beta_p X_{i,p}}} \right) \right)$$



# Statistical Inference

Maximum Likelihood Estimators (MLEs):

$$\hat{\beta} = (\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1, \dots, \hat{\beta}_p)$$

Statistical Properties of MLEs:

- Approximate Sampling Distribution:  $\hat{\beta} \approx N(\beta, V)$
- The normal approximation relies on the assumption of large sample size
- Statistical inference is not reliable for small sample data

$$1-\alpha \text{ Approximate Confidence interval } \left\{ \hat{\beta}_j \pm z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_j)} \right.$$



## Statistical Inference (cont'd)

- Hypothesis testing and Confidence Intervals rely on the approximately normal distribution of large sample sizes
- Use the z-test (**Wald test**)
  - Test is for the statistical significance of  $\hat{\beta}_j$  given all other predicting variables in the model
  - Null hypothesis is that  $\beta_j$  is not significant  
 $H_0: \beta_j = 0$  vs.  $H_a: \beta_j \neq 0$
  - z-value =  $\frac{\hat{\beta}_j - 0}{se(\hat{\beta}_j)} = \frac{\hat{\beta}_j}{se(\hat{\beta}_j)}$
  - Reject  $H_0$  if |z-value| is too large
    - Implies that  $\beta_j$  is statistically significant



## Statistical Inference (cont'd)

For  $H_0: \beta_j = b$  vs.  $H_a: \beta_j \neq b$  (to test if the coefficient equals constant  $b$ )

- z-value =  $\frac{\hat{\beta}_j - b}{se(\hat{\beta}_j)}$
- Reject  $H_0$  if |z-value| >  $z_{\alpha/2}$  for significance level  $\alpha$
- Alternatively, compute P-value
  - P-value =  $2\Pr(Z > |z\text{-value}|)$

For  $H_0: \beta_j \leq 0$  vs.  $H_a: \beta_j > 0$  (to test for a significantly positive coefficient)

- P-value =  $\Pr(Z > |z\text{-value}|)$

For  $H_0: \beta_j \geq 0$  vs.  $H_a: \beta_j < 0$  (to test for a significantly negative coefficient)

- P-value =  $\Pr(Z < |z\text{-value}|)$



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For  $H_0: \beta_j \geq 0$  vs.  $H_a: \beta_j < 0$  (to test for a significantly negative coefficient)

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- Because the approximation of the normal distribution relies on large sample size, so do the hypothesis testing procedures.
- What if  $n$  is small?
  - The hypothesis testing procedure will have a probability of type I error larger than the significance level.
  - In other words, there will likely be more type I errors than expected.



## Testing for Subsets of Coefficients

**Full model:**

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Logit}\left(p(X_1, \dots, X_p, Z_1, \dots, Z_q)\right) \\ &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \dots + \beta_p X_p + \alpha_1 Z_1 + \dots + \alpha_q Z_q \end{aligned}$$

**Reduced model:**

$$\text{Logit}\left(p(X_1, \dots, X_p)\right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \dots + \beta_p X_p$$

**The hypothesis test:**

$$H_0: \alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \dots = \alpha_q = 0$$

vs.

$$H_a: \alpha_i \neq 0 \text{ for at least one } \alpha_i, i = 1, \dots, q$$

- Maximize the likelihood function under reduced model:  $\mathcal{L}(\bar{\beta}_0, \bar{\beta}_1, \dots, \bar{\beta}_p)$
- Maximize the likelihood function under full model:  $\mathcal{L}(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1, \dots, \hat{\beta}_p, \hat{\alpha}_1, \dots, \hat{\alpha}_q)$
- Test Statistics
  - Deviance =  $\log(\mathcal{L}(\bar{\beta}_0, \bar{\beta}_1, \dots, \bar{\beta}_p)) - \log(\mathcal{L}(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1, \dots, \hat{\beta}_p, \hat{\alpha}_1, \dots, \hat{\alpha}_q)) \approx \chi_q^2$
  - P-value =  $\Pr(\chi_q^2 > \text{Deviance})$



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# Testing for Overall Regression

**Full model:**

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**Reduced model:**

$$\text{Logit}(p(X_1, \dots, X_p)) = \beta_0$$

**The hypothesis test:**

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$$H_a: \beta_i \neq 0 \text{ for at least one } \beta_i, i = 1, \dots, p$$

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# Summary

