

# Problem Set 6

QTM 200: Applied Regression Analysis

Due: May 6, 2020

## Instructions

- Please show your work! You may lose points by simply writing in the answer. If the problem requires you to execute commands in **R**, please include the code you used to get your answers. Please also include the **.R** file that contains your code. If you are not sure if work needs to be shown for a particular problem, please ask.
- Your homework should be submitted electronically on the course GitHub page in **.pdf** form.
- This problem set is due before midnight on Wednesday, May 6, 2020. No late assignments will be accepted.
- Total available points for this homework is 100.

## Question 1 (50 points): Biology

Load in the data labelled `cholesterol.csv` on GitHub, which contains an observational study of 315 observations.

- Response variable:
  - **cholCat**: 1 if the individual has high cholesterol; 0 if the individual does not have high cholesterol
- Explanatory variables:
  - **sex**: 1 Male; 0 Female
  - **fat**: grams of fat consumed per day

Please answer the following questions:

1. We are interested in predicting the cholesterol category based on sex and fat intake.
  - (a) Fit an additive model. Provide the summary output, the global null hypothesis, and  $p$ -value. Please describe the results and provide a conclusion.

Call:

```
glm(formula = cholCat ~ sex + fat, family = binomial(link = "logit"),
data = cholesterol)
```

Deviance Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-2.89662	-0.73093	0.07127	0.64186	2.23806

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z )
(Intercept)	-4.759162	0.563834	-8.441	<2e-16 ***
sex	1.356750	0.552130	2.457	0.014 *
fat	0.065729	0.007826	8.399	<2e-16 ***

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(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)

Null deviance: 435.54 on 314 degrees of freedom

Residual deviance: 279.58 on 312 degrees of freedom

AIC: 285.58

Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 5

The global null hypothesis:

$H_0 : \text{all slopes} = 0$

$H_a : \text{at least one } \beta_j \text{ not equal to zero}$

The results show that the  $p$  value is  $\leq 0.01$ , we can conclude that at least one predictor is reliable in the model.

2. If explanatory variables are significant in this model, then
  - (a) For women, how does increasing their fat intake by 1 gram per day change their odds on being in the high cholesterol group? (Interpretation of a coefficient)

For women, increasing the fat intake by 1 gram, increases the odds of being in high cholesterol group by a multiplicative factor 1.067, it increases the odd by 6.79%.

- (b) For men, how does increasing their fat intake by 1 gram per day change their odds on being in the high cholesterol group? (Interpretation of a coefficient)

For men, by increasing the their fat intake by 1 gram, increases odds of being in a high cholesterol group by a multiplicative factor of 0.0158, meaning it increases the odds by 1.59%.

- (c) What is the estimated probability of a woman with a fat intake of 100 grams per day being in the high cholesterol group?

The estimated probability of a woman with a fat intake of 100 grams per day being in the high cholesterol group is 14%.

- (d) Would the answers to 2a and 2b potentially change if we included the interaction term in this model? Why?

- Perform a test to see if including an interaction is appropriate.

Interaction model:

Call:

```
glm(formula = cholCat ~ sex * fat, family = binomial(link = "logit"),
data = cholesterol)
```

Deviance Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-2.86893	-0.72131	0.06984	0.65091	2.22120

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z )
(Intercept)	-4.674853	0.587978	-7.951	1.85e-15 ***
sex	0.541829	1.924729	0.282	0.778
fat	0.064513	0.008187	7.880	3.28e-15 ***
sex:fat	0.012351	0.028011	0.441	0.659

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(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)

Null deviance: 435.54 on 314 degrees of freedom

Residual deviance: 279.37 on 311 degrees of freedom

AIC: 287.37

Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 6

There is no evidence that including an interactive effect of sex and fat intake is a significant predictor for the odds being in a high cholesterol group.

## Question 2 (50 points): Political Economy

We are interested in how governments' management of public resources impacts economic prosperity. Our data come from Alvarez, Cheibub, Limongi, and Przeworski (1996) and is labelled `gdpChange.csv` on GitHub. The dataset covers 135 countries observed between 1950 or the year of independence or the first year for which data on economic growth are available ("entry year"), and 1990 or the last year for which data on economic growth are available ("exit year"). The unit of analysis is a particular country during a particular year, for a total  $> 3,500$  observations.

- Response variable:
  - `GDPWdiff`: Difference in GDP between year  $t$  and  $t-1$ . Possible categories include: "positive", "negative", or "no change"
- Explanatory variables:
  - `REG`: 1=Democracy; 0=Non-Democracy
  - `OIL`: 1=if the average ratio of fuel exports to total exports in 1984-86 exceeded 50%; 0= otherwise

Please answer the following questions:

1. Construct and interpret an unordered multinomial logit with `GDPWdiff` as the output and "no change" as the reference category, including the estimated cutoff points and coefficients.

Coefficients:

(Intercept)	REG	OIL
no change	-3.8011902	-1.351703
positive	0.7284081	0.389905

Std. Errors:

(Intercept)	REG	OIL
no change	0.27014596	0.75825317
positive	0.04789662	0.07552484

Residual Deviance: 4678.728

AIC: 4690.728

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Coefficients:

	(Intercept)	REG	OIL
no change	0.02234416	0.2587991	0.0003619269
positive	2.07177984	1.4768404	0.8124904479

2. Construct and interpret an ordered multinomial logit with `GDPWdiff` as the outcome variable, including the estimated cutoff points and coefficients.