

# Political Methodology III: Model Based Inference

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# Going Public (Franco, Grimmer, and Whang 2017)

- Presidents interrupt prime time coverage  $\rightsquigarrow$  why? what effect?
- There are at least 6 explanations (Canes Wrone 2001, 2006) (others: credit claim, veto bargain, beauty contest, highlight obstruction, stupid)
- Gathered serendipitous surveys  $\rightsquigarrow$  happen to be in field when presidents go public (before  $\rightsquigarrow$  control; after  $\rightsquigarrow$  treatment) (we also have social media data and newspapers)
- Does going public increase probability respondents identify topic of president's speech as salient problem?
- Do respondents identify it as most important problem?

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Issues:

- 1) Predictions outside of 0 and 1
- 2) Constant effect
- 3) Efficiency loss



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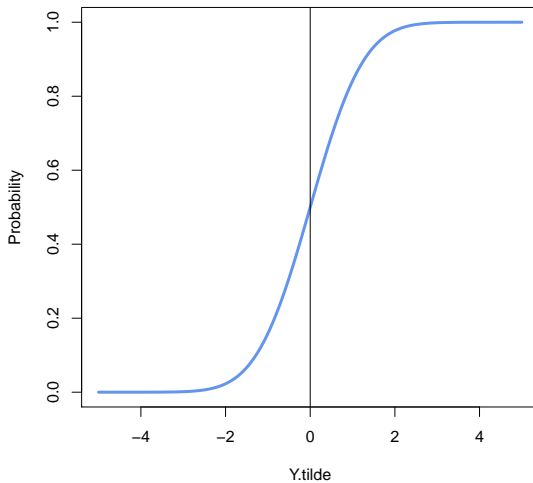
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Hessian (typical entry  $h_{kj}$ ):

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- Newton Raphson
- BFGS (Quasi-Newton. Requires only an approximate Hessian.)

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## R Code

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We will perform inference on these on Monday!



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Define:

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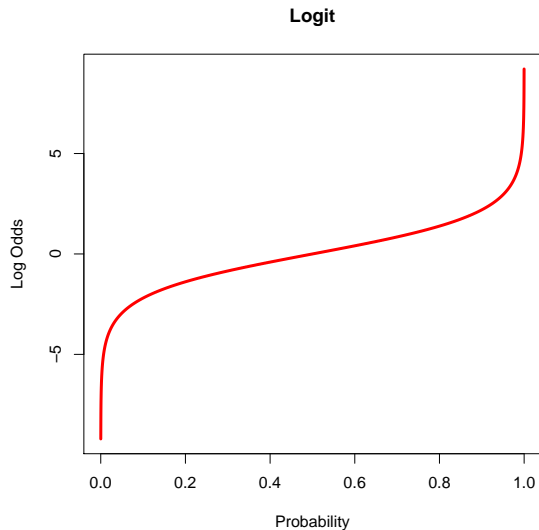
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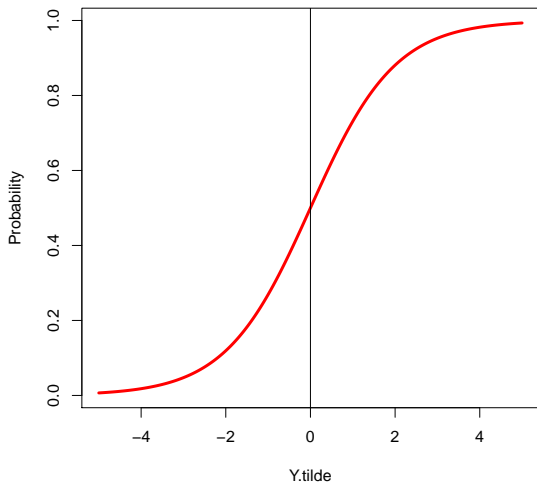
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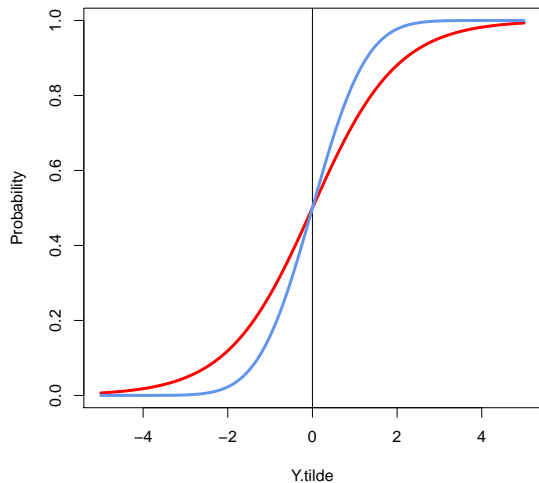
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# Logit Model

Log-likelihood:

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Homework: Derive Score + Hessian for Logistic Normal + Implement with Optim

## R Code



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$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial F(\mathbf{X}_i' \boldsymbol{\beta})}{\partial X_{ij}} &= f(\mathbf{X}_i' \boldsymbol{\beta}) \beta_j \\ \text{Max Effect} &= 0.25 \times \beta_j\end{aligned}$$

# Most Important Problem: Linear Probability Model

	Probit	Logit	LPM
Intercept	-0.26 (0.03)	-0.41 (0.05)	0.40 (0.13)
Post-Speech	-0.01 (0.05)	-0.02 (0.09)	-0.004 (0.02)
Republican	-0.20 (0.05)	-0.32 (0.08)	-0.07 (0.02)

LPM might (usually) be ok, but

- 1) Probit/Logit = easy to run
- 2) Base for more complicated models