

Stat637 Homework 3 ¹

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1 Titanic

The odds ratio is the ratio between odds, and not probabilities. The correct interpretation should be, “the *odds* of survival for females is 11.4 times that for males”.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Odds} &= \frac{p_f/(1-p_f)}{p_m/(1-p_m)} = 11.4 \\ \implies & \frac{2.9}{p_m/(1-p_m)} = 11.4 \\ \implies & p_m = \frac{2.9/11.4}{1 + 2.9/11.4} \\ \implies & p_m = \mathbf{.2027972} \\ \text{Odds for females} &= \frac{p_f}{1-p_f} = 2.9 \\ \implies & p_f = \frac{2.9}{1 + 2.9} \\ \implies & p_f = \mathbf{.7435897}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the proportion of males that survived = **.2027972**, and the proportion of females that survived = **.7435897**.

2 Crime

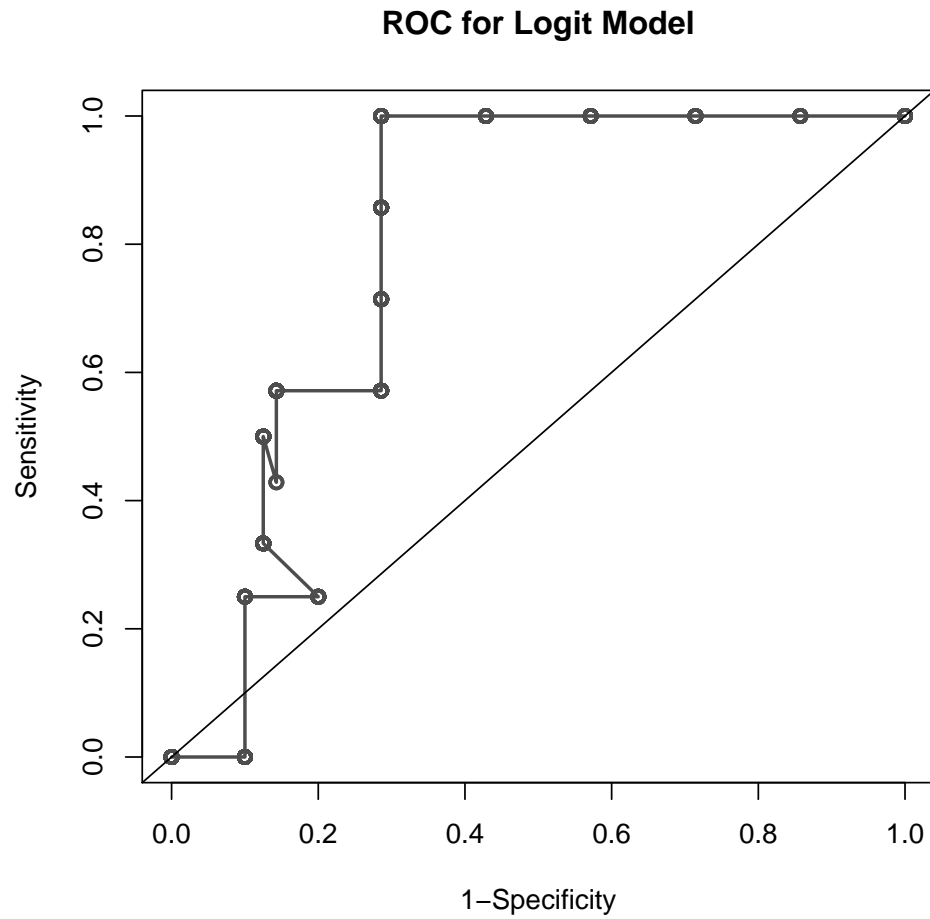
The conditional distribution these statistics refer to is $X|Y$. Assuming the set of all races only includes “Black” and “White”,

$$P[Y = W|X = W] = \frac{P(X = W|Y = W)P(Y = W)}{P(X = W|Y = W)P(Y = W) + P(X = W|Y = B)P(Y = B)},$$

and the only statistics unknown in the above formula is $P[Y=B]$ (or $P[Y=W] = 1-P[Y=B]$). So, the only other statistic needed is the proportion of victims that are white.

¹<https://github.com/luiarthur/Fall2014/blob/master/Stat637/3/sleep.R>

3 Sensitivity & Specificity



On average, the model predicts better than guessing. This means that the logit model was a good model choice.