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### Overview

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- 1. Logistic regression
- 2. Standardization
  - Outcome model based standardization
  - Inverse probability weighting
- 3. Data fusion

Each section will include time to work with code

As the goal is to illustrate implementation, we will not dwell on identification assumptions of these examples  $^{\!1}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Hernan & Robins Causal Inference: What If; Cole et al. AJE 2012

### Notation - Reminder

 $O_i$ : observed data for unit i

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$$O_i = (W_i, X_i, Y_i)$$

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$$\mathsf{expit}(a) = 1/(1 + \exp(-a))$$

#### Notation – Reminder

Estimating function

$$\psi(O_i;\theta)$$

Estimating equation

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \psi(O_i; \theta)$$

Logistic regression

## Example

Data from the Zambia Preterm Birth Prevention Study (ZAPPS)<sup>2</sup>

$$O_i = (Y_i, X_i, W_i)$$

 $Y_i$ , preterm birth

 $X_i$ , anemia

 $W_i$ , elevated blood pressure

We want to estimate

$$Pr(Y_i = 1) = expit(\beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + \beta_2 W_i)$$
$$= expit(\mathbf{Z}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}^T)$$

where  $\boldsymbol{Z}_i = (1, X_i, W_i)$  and  $\boldsymbol{\beta} = (\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2)$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Castillo et al. Gates Open Research 2019

### ZAPPS data

- n=826 pregnant people
- 14.2% delivered preterm
- 14.3% diagnosed with anemia
- 18.9% diagnosed with elevated blood pressure

## Estimating $\beta$ by MLE

Let  $\tilde{\beta}$  be the estimate of  $\beta$  by MLE

 $ilde{oldsymbol{eta}}$  are the values that maximize the log-likelihood

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \ln \left( L(\boldsymbol{O_i}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) \right)$$

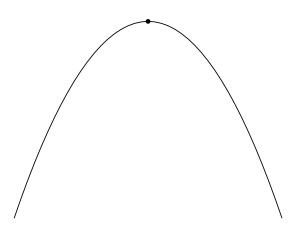
$$= \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i \mathsf{ln} \big( \mathsf{expit}(\boldsymbol{Z}_i \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^T) \big) + (1 - Y_i) \mathsf{ln} \big( 1 - \mathsf{expit}(\boldsymbol{Z}_i \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^T) \big)$$

# Estimating $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$ : Code

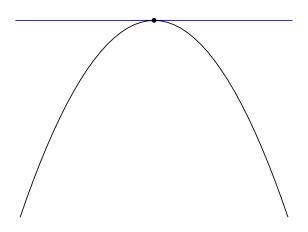
#### Under Regression by MLE

- SAS proc logistic or genmod
- R stats::glm
- Python statsmodels.GLM

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Our log-likelihood is

$$\ln\!\left(L(\boldsymbol{O_i},\boldsymbol{\beta})\right) = Y_i \!\ln\!\left(\exp\!\operatorname{it}(\boldsymbol{Z_i}\boldsymbol{\tilde{\beta}}^T)\right) + (1-Y_i) \!\ln\!\left(1 - \exp\!\operatorname{it}(\boldsymbol{Z_i}\boldsymbol{\tilde{\beta}}^T)\right)$$

Functions for the slope (derivative<sup>3</sup>)

$$\psi(\boldsymbol{O_i},\boldsymbol{\beta}) = \frac{\partial \text{ln}\big(L(\boldsymbol{O_i},\boldsymbol{\beta})\big)}{\partial \boldsymbol{\beta}} = \begin{bmatrix} Y_i - \text{expit}(\boldsymbol{Z}_i\boldsymbol{\beta}^T) \\ \big(Y_i - \text{expit}(\boldsymbol{Z}_i\boldsymbol{\beta}^T)\big)X_i \\ \big(Y_i - \text{expit}(\boldsymbol{Z}_i\boldsymbol{\beta}^T)\big)W_i \end{bmatrix}$$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>first-order partial derivatives, called the "score" functions

Let  $\hat{\beta}$  be the estimate of  $\beta$  by root finding (M-estimation)

Our estimating equation

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\label{eq:continuous_problem} \begin{split} & \text{yhat} = \text{inverse\_logit}(\text{theta}[0]*1 + \\ & \text{theta}[1]*d[\ 'X'] + \text{theta}[2]*d[\ 'W']) \end{split} \text{residual} = d[\ 'Y'] - \text{yhat} \text{score} = [\text{residual}*1, \text{ residual}*d[\ 'X'], \text{ residual}*d[\ 'W']]
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Under Root-finding

- SAS nlplm
- R rootSolve::multiroot
- Python scipy.optimize.root

# $ilde{oldsymbol{eta}}$ and $\hat{oldsymbol{eta}}$ from R

	$eta_0$	$eta_1$	$eta_2$
$\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$	-1.89450081814 <b>3</b>	0.1187353484 <b>2</b> 8	0.3605113262 <b>7</b> 6
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Difference is result of algorithm/tolerance

### **Variance**

Let  $V(\beta)$  be the  $3 \times 3$  covariance matrix of  $\beta$ 

The diagonal vector of  $m{V}/n$  (i.e.,  $\mathrm{diag}(m{V}/n)$ ) are the finite sample variances

For Wald-type confidence intervals, we use  $\mathsf{SE}(\beta) = \sqrt{\mathsf{diag}(\boldsymbol{V}/n)}$ 

# Estimating $V( ilde{oldsymbol{eta}})$ by MLE

$$oldsymbol{V}(\tilde{oldsymbol{eta}}) = oldsymbol{I}(\tilde{oldsymbol{eta}})^{-1}$$

where  $I( ilde{oldsymbol{eta}})$  is the observed information matrix at  $ilde{oldsymbol{eta}}$ 

# Estimating $oldsymbol{V}( ilde{oldsymbol{eta}})$

There are two ways to estimate  $I( ilde{oldsymbol{eta}})$ 

1. Hessian-based estimator

$$\boldsymbol{I}(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[ -\psi'(\boldsymbol{O_i}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) \right] \text{ where } \boldsymbol{\psi}' = \frac{\partial \psi(\boldsymbol{O_i}, \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}})}{\partial \tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}}$$

 $\psi'$  are first-order partial derivatives of the score

2. Residual-based estimator

$$I(\tilde{oldsymbol{eta}}) = rac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[ \psi(oldsymbol{O_i}, \tilde{oldsymbol{eta}}) \psi(oldsymbol{O_i}, \tilde{oldsymbol{eta}})^T 
ight]$$

Asymptotically equal when chosen parametric family is correct Hessian is more efficient and default (logistic, glm, GLM)

## Estimating $oldsymbol{V}(\hat{oldsymbol{eta}})$ by sandwich variance estimator

$$V(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) = \boldsymbol{B}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})^{-1} \boldsymbol{F}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) [\boldsymbol{B}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}})^{-1}]^T$$

#### Recall

- $m{eta}(\hat{m{eta}}) = rac{1}{n} \sum_i \left[ -m{\psi}'(m{O_i}, \hat{m{eta}}) 
  ight]$  This corresponds to the Hessian-based info matrix estimator
- $F(\hat{m{eta}}) = rac{1}{n} \sum_i \left[ m{\psi}(m{O_i}, \hat{m{eta}}) m{\psi}(m{O_i}, \hat{m{eta}})^T 
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## Asymptotic equivalence

When chosen parametric family is correct (here, logistic)

$$egin{aligned} oldsymbol{V}(oldsymbol{eta}) &= oldsymbol{B}(oldsymbol{eta})^{-1} oldsymbol{F}(oldsymbol{eta}) ig[oldsymbol{B}(oldsymbol{eta})^{-1}ig]^T \ &= oldsymbol{I}(oldsymbol{eta})^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

# Estimating $V(\hat{oldsymbol{eta}})$ : code

#### Under Baking the bread

- SAS nlpfdd
- R numDeriv::jacobian
- Python scipy.optimize.approx\_fprime

# Estimating $oldsymbol{V}(\hat{oldsymbol{eta}})$ : code

#### Under Cooking the Filling

- Transpose
  - SAS '
  - R base::t
  - Python numpy.transpose
- Dot product
  - SAS \*
  - R %\*%
  - Python numpy.dot

# Estimating $oldsymbol{V}(\hat{oldsymbol{eta}})$ : code

#### Under Assembling the Sandwich

- Inverse
  - SAS inv
  - R base::solve()
  - Python numpy.linalg.inv

## Standard errors from R

	$eta_0$	$eta_1$	$eta_2$
MLE, Hessian-based	0.01 <b>4</b> 96046	0.077 <b>6</b> 4837	0.056 <b>6</b> 0453
MLE, Residual-based	0.01 <b>5</b> 08328	0.077 <b>6</b> 1366	0.056 <b>7</b> 0628
Sandwich estimator	0.01 <b>4</b> 84043	0.077 <b>7</b> 2035	0.056 <b>5</b> 2969

Time to work with code

## Standardization

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Using the same data as the prior example

$$O_i = (Y_i, X_i, W_i)$$

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We want to estimate the marginal risk difference and risk ratio of anemia on preterm birth, standardized by elevated blood pressure.

We will illustrate two standardization approaches

- Outcome model based standardization (i.e., g-computation)
- Inverse probability weighting

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where  $oldsymbol{ heta} = (oldsymbol{eta}, oldsymbol{\mu}, oldsymbol{\delta})$ 

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#### R

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pscore <- plogis(alpha[1] + alpha[2]*bp)
ef_1 <- (anemia - pscore)
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# Data Fusion

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"Fusion" study designs combine data from multiple sources<sup>4</sup>

#### Examples

- Using external validation data to address measurement error
- Transporting a parameter to an external target population
- Bridged treatment comparisons (combine trials)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Cole et al. AJE 2012

#### **Example: Misclassification**

We want to estimate the point prevalence of HIV treatment for 950 HIV positive adults in MACS/WIHS cohort study (R=1) in  $1995^5$ 

$$\Pr(Y=1|R=1)$$

In MACS/WIHS, HIV treatment is measured by self-report which may be inaccurate. Let  ${\cal W}$  be self-reported treatment.

In a separate data source (R=0), we have data on both self-reported treatment W and treatment documented in medical and pharmacy records (the gold-standard, Y) for 331 individuals.

$$O_i = (R_i, Y_i(1 - R_i), W_i)$$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Cole et al. AJE 2010;171(1)

#### Data

Study cohort: 680 reported HIV treatment

$$\widehat{\Pr}(W = 1 | R = 1) = 0.716$$

Validation data

		Medical Records	
		+	-
Reported	+	204	18
	-	38	71
		242	89

Sensitivity:  $\widehat{\Pr}(W=1|Y=1)=0.843$ Specificity:  $\widehat{\Pr}(W=0|Y=0)=0.798$ 

# Rogan and Gladen 1978 AJE

Let 
$$Se = Pr(W = 1|Y = 1)$$
 (sensitivity)  
Let  $Sp = Pr(W = 0|Y = 0)$  (specificity)

$$\Pr(Y = 1) = \frac{\Pr(W = 1) - (1 - \mathsf{Sp})}{\mathsf{Se} - (1 - \mathsf{Sp})}$$

We will apply this Rogan Gladen equation in our study sample

$$\Pr(Y = 1 | R = 1) = \frac{\Pr(W = 1 | R = 1) - (1 - \mathsf{Sp})}{\mathsf{Se} - (1 - \mathsf{Sp})}$$

leveraging our validation sample to estimate Se and Sp

#### Four steps

- 1. Estimate  $\nu = \Pr(W = 1 | R = 1)$
- 2. Estimate  $\gamma = \Pr(W = 1 | Y = 1, R = 0)$
- 3. Estimate  $\eta = \Pr(W = 0 | Y = 0, R = 0)$
- 4. Estimate  $\phi = \Pr(Y = 1 | R = 1) = \frac{\nu (1 \eta)}{\gamma (1 \eta)}$

Our estimating equation is

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \psi(O_{i}, \hat{\theta}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \begin{bmatrix} R_{i}(W_{i} - \hat{\nu}) \\ (1 - R_{i})Y_{i}(W_{i} - \hat{\gamma}) \\ (1 - R_{i})(1 - Y_{i})((1 - W_{i}) - \hat{\eta}) \\ \hat{\phi}(\hat{\gamma} - (1 - \hat{\eta})) - (\hat{\nu} - (1 - \hat{\eta})) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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# Deriving our estimating functions

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$$\nu = \Pr(W = 1|R=1) = \frac{\Pr(W=1,R=1)}{\Pr(R=1)}$$

$$\hat{\nu} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} W_i R_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} R_i}$$

$$\hat{\nu} \sum_{i=1}^{n} R_i = \sum_{i=1}^{n} W_i R_i$$

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Therefore, our estimating function is  $W_i R_i - \hat{\nu} R_i = R_i (W_i - \hat{\nu})$ 

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$$\gamma = \Pr(W = 1 | Y = 1, R = 0) = \frac{\Pr(W = 1, Y = 1, R = 0)}{\Pr(Y = 1, R = 0)}$$

$$\hat{\gamma} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} W_i (1 - R_i) Y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (1 - R_i) Y_i}$$

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#### SAS

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\begin{array}{l} ef_{-1} < - \ r*(w - nu) \\ ef_{-2} < - \ (1 - \ r)*y*(w - \ gamma) \\ ef_{-3} < - \ (1 - \ r)*(1 - \ y)*((1 - w) - eta) \\ ef_{-4} < - \ psi*(gamma - \ (1 - eta)) - \ (nu - \ (1 - eta)) \end{array}
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