

# General Linear Models (GLMS)

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## Linear Regression

Basic Form:

$$\hat{y} = \beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j X_j$$

Each coefficient can be interpreted as the expected average change in the response  $Y$  for a one unit change in the predictor  $X_j$ , holding all other predictors  $X_{j'}$  constant.

## Assumptions

1.  **$f(x)$  is linear in nature** - The true function  $f(x)$  (or  $\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X})$ , which can be read as, “The expected value of the response  $Y$  given the input array  $X$ .”) is **linear in nature** (or that the linear assumption is a reasonable one). This means that, *regardless of the value of an attribute  $X_j$* , a one unit increase in the value of  $X_j$  results in a  $\beta_j$  increase in  $Y$  (holding all other attributes constant).

An example of this assumption being removed would be if there was a “leveling off” affect - where at a certain value of  $X_j$ , the expected absolute change in  $Y$  is *less* than what it was at a different level of  $X_j$ . Alternatively, there could be an “exponentiation” affect - where at a certain value of  $X_j$ , the expected absolute change in  $Y$  is *greater* than what it was at a different level of  $X_j$ .

Either way, the the linear assumption states that  $\beta_j$  is the expected change in  $Y$  for **any value of  $X_j$** .

2.  **$f(x)$  is additive** - The additive assumption states that there aren’t any interaction effects between the attributes. Another way of saying this is: “ $\beta_j$ , the expected change in  $Y$  for a one unit change in  $X_j$ , is independent of changes in any other attributes  $X_{j'}$ .”

Removing this assumption opens up the possibility for interaction terms, which is to say that changing the value of  $X_j$  could change  $\beta_{j'}$ , the effect of a different attribute  $X_{j'}$  on the response  $Y$ .

Adding an interaction term takes the form of:

$$\begin{aligned}
y &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \beta_3 X_1 X_2 \\
&= \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_3 X_1 X_2 + \beta_2 X_2 && \text{putting like terms near each other} \\
&= \beta_0 + X_1(\beta_1 + \beta_3 X_2) + \beta_2 X_2 && \text{combining like terms} \\
&= \beta_0 + \tilde{\beta}_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 \text{ where } \tilde{\beta}_1 = \beta_1 + \beta_3 X_2 && \text{substitution}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\beta_3$  can be interpreted as the effect that a one unit change in  $X_2$  has on the **effectiveness** of  $X_1$  in changing  $Y$ .

```

import numpy as np
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error
from sklearn.pipeline import Pipeline

mod = LinearRegression()
mod.fit(x_train, y_train)
y_hat = mod.predict(x_test)

rmse = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_test, y_hat))

lin_reg_pipe = Pipeline([
    ('column', ColumnSelector(name='column')),
    ('regression', LinearRegression())
])

y_hat = lin_reg_pipe.predict(x_test)
rmse = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_test, y_hat))

```

## Logistic Regression

Logistic regression is used in a classification setting, namely when the response is dichotomous (binary). When this is the case, one seeks to model the probability of an observation being a “success” (or “of interest”, encoded as a 1) or a failure (encoded as a 0).

Logistic regression is similar to linear regression in that it still assumes the relationship between the attributes  $\mathbf{X}$  and the response  $\mathbf{y}$  is linear, however with one small caveat; logistic regression assumes that the log odds of a success are linear in  $\mathbf{X}$ .

### Reasoning

Since the response in logistic regression is dichotomous, and one would like to model the probability of an observation being a success, a good place to start would be:

$$P(Y = 1|X = x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \cdots + \beta_p x_p$$

$$P(Y = 1|X = x) = \beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^P \beta_j x_j$$

However, this opens up the possibility of the output  $P(Y = 1|X = x)$  taking on a value greater than 1 or less than 0, which violates probabilities. To remedy this, one makes use of the *logistic function* (hence the name),

which restricts all output to be within the bounds of 0 and 1, and therefore a valid probability (note that there are two ways to write the logistic function, but they are equivalent and will lead to the same result):

$$\frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} = f(x) = \frac{e^x}{e^x + 1}$$

So, knowing that one would like the output to be a valid probability, we simply substitute  $P(Y = 1|X = x)$  into the above equation in place of  $f(x)$ , where  $x$  is equal to the linear model  $\beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^P \beta_j x_j$ :

$$\frac{1}{1 + e^{-(\beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^P \beta_j x_j)}} = P(Y = 1|X = x) = \frac{e^{\beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^P \beta_j x_j}}{e^{\beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^P \beta_j x_j} + 1}$$

### Quick Aside on Probability and Odds

In order to illustrate how everything comes together, it is important to note the relationship between the *probability* of an event occurring and the *odds* of an event occurring, given below:

$$Odds = \frac{P}{1 - P} \quad \text{and} \quad P = \frac{Odds}{Odds + 1}$$

### Reasoning (continued)

#### Method 1

Now knowing the relationship between probabilities and odds, is clear how the right hand side of the two equations above are related, reproduced below:

$$\frac{Odds}{Odds + 1} = P(Y = 1|X = x) = \frac{e^{\beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^P \beta_j x_j}}{e^{\beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^P \beta_j x_j} + 1}$$

Therefore, we can express the odds of a success as:

$$Odds = e^{\beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^P \beta_j x_j}$$

Using the natural logarithm on both sides of the equation, it is evident that **the log odds of a success are linear in the attributes X**.

$$\log(Odds) = \log(e^{\beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^P \beta_j x_j})$$

$$\log(Odds) = \beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^P \beta_j x_j$$

## Method 2

The other way to reconcile logistic regression is to look at the other expression of logistic regression, reproduced below:

$$P(Y = 1|X = x) = \frac{1}{1 + \epsilon^{-(\beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^P \beta_j x_j)}}$$

Knowing the above, one can substitute the right side of the equation into the odds ratio and solve for  $\beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^P \beta_j x_j$ :

$$\text{Given Odds} = \frac{P}{1-P} \quad \text{and} \quad P(Y = 1|X = x) = \frac{1}{1 + \epsilon^{-(\beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^P \beta_j x_j)}}$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Odds} &= \frac{\left( \frac{1}{1 + \epsilon^{-(\beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^P \beta_j x_j)}} \right)}{1 - \left( \frac{1}{1 + \epsilon^{-(\beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^P \beta_j x_j)}} \right)} \\ \text{Odds} &= \frac{\frac{1}{a}}{1 - \frac{1}{a}} && \text{set } a = 1 + \epsilon^{-(\beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^P \beta_j x_j)} \text{ to clean up this proof} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{a}}{\frac{a}{a} - \frac{1}{a}} && \text{change the 1 to } \frac{a}{a} \text{ to combine like terms} \\ &= \frac{\frac{a}{a^2}}{\frac{a}{a} - \frac{1}{a}} && \text{multiply each term by } a \\ &= \frac{1}{a - 1} && \text{simplify} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \epsilon^{-(\beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^P \beta_j x_j)} - 1} && \text{substitute } 1 + \epsilon^{-(\beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^P \beta_j x_j)} \text{ in for } a \\ &= \frac{1}{\epsilon^{-(\beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^P \beta_j x_j)}} && \text{1's in denominator cancel} \\ &= \epsilon^{(\beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^P \beta_j x_j)} && \text{bring the negative exponent up} \\ \text{Log(Odds)} &= \text{Log}(\epsilon^{(\beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^P \beta_j x_j)}) && \text{take the log of both sides} \\ \text{Log(Odds)} &= \beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^P \beta_j x_j && \text{the log odds are linear in } \mathbf{X} \end{aligned}$$

And, once again, the conclusion is made that the log odds of a success are linear in the attributes  $\mathbf{X}$ .

$$\text{Log}(\text{Odds}) = \beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^P \beta_j x_j$$

## Loss Function

The loss function (or cost function) for logistic regression, called the log loss, is given below:

$$\text{Log Loss} = - \left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (y_i \log(\hat{y}_i) + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - \hat{y}_i))}{N} \right)$$

## Walkthrough

The key to understanding the loss function is to look at each term in the numerator, reproduced below:

$$\text{Log loss} = y_i \log(\hat{y}_i) + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - \hat{y}_i)$$

Since logistic regression is used in a *binary* setting, the response  $\mathbf{y}$  will be a vector of 1's and 0's. Therefore,  $y_i$  will be either a 1 or a 0. With that in mind, it is clear that the first part of both terms in the above equation,  $y_i$  and  $(1 - y_i)$ , serve the same functionality that an indicator function serves; if  $y_i$  is a 1, the second term in the equation will zero out, and conversely, if  $y_i$  is a 0, the first term in the equation will zero out:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{If } y_i = 1, \quad \text{Log loss} & \begin{cases} = (1) \log(\hat{y}_i) + (1 - 1) \log(1 - \hat{y}_i) \\ = (1) \log(\hat{y}_i) \\ = \log(\hat{y}_i) \end{cases} \\ \text{If } y_i = 0, \quad \text{Log loss} & \begin{cases} = (0) \log(\hat{y}_i) + (1 - 0) \log(1 - \hat{y}_i) \\ = (1) \log(1 - \hat{y}_i) \\ = \log(1 - \hat{y}_i) \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Now, the output of logistic regression is a **probability**, which is to say  $\hat{y}_i$  will be the probability that observation  $i$  is a 1. Therefore, the loss function will always be taking the log of a probability. Referencing the formulas above, if  $y_i = 1$ ,  $\text{Log loss} = \log(\hat{y}_i)$  and if  $y_i = 0$ ,  $\text{Log loss} = \log(1 - \hat{y}_i)$ .

Since all models seek to **minimize the loss**, ideally the log loss is as close to 0 as possible. As it turns out,  $\log(1) = 0$ . So, when  $y_i = 1$ ,  $\text{Log loss} = \log(1)$  will minimize the loss, and if  $y_i = 0$ ,  $\text{Log loss} = \log(1 - 0)$  will minimize the loss. **It is clear that this setup minimizes the error when  $\hat{y}_i$  is as close to  $y_i$  as possible, averaged over all observations.**

## Interpretation

- Each coefficient of logistic regression is interpreted as the change in the **log of the odds** of a success for a one unit change in the predictor, holding all else constant. To translate this to a probability of a success:

1. Plug each predictor value of a test observation into the linear equation, using the respective coefficients and the intercept; this returns the **log odds** of a success for that test observation.

$$\log(\text{Odds}) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 \dots$$

2. Exponentiate this value; this removes the log and **returns the odds of a success** for the test observation.

$$\text{Odds} = e^{\log(\text{Odds})}$$

3. Divide the odds by one plus the odds (odds / (1 + odds)) and you have the **probability that the test observation is a success**.

$$\text{Prob}(y_i = 1) = \frac{\text{Odds}}{1 + \text{Odds}}$$

- Note that your *X* matrix (NOT your *y* vector) must be scaled before being used by sklearn's *LogisticRegression()* class (it utilizes Lasso, which must have scaled data)

```
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, precision_score, recall_score

mod = LogisticRegression
mod.fit(x_train, y_train)
# return predicted probability of being a success
y_hat_probs = mod.predict_proba(x_test)[: , 1]
# returns the predicted class (success or failure)
y_hat = mod.predict(x_test)

acc = accuracy_score(y_test, y_hat)
prec = precision_score(y_test, y_hat)
recall = recall_score(y_test, y_hat)

def log_odds_to_prob(log_odds):
    """
    Converts the log odds of a success into the probability of a success.

    Input:
        log_odds: (int) The log odds of a success / the output of a logistic regression model
    Output:
        Probability: (float) The probability of a success
    """
    odds = np.exp(log_odds)
    prob = odds / (1 + odds)
    return prob
```

## Regularized Regression

- Both Ridge Regression and Lasso Regression both model the relationship between a set **X** of *p* predictors and a quantitative response **y** as a linear model (same as linear regression).
- However, both Ridge and Lasso have an additional term appended onto the loss function of a linear model, the RSS:
  - Ridge:  $\lambda$  multiplied by the summation of the *squares* of all coefficients. (*l2* penalty)

\* So, the loss function becomes

$$RSS + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j^2$$

– Lasso:  $\lambda$  multiplied by the summation of the *absolute values* of all the coefficients. (*l1* penalty)

\* So, the loss function becomes

$$RSS + \lambda \sum_{j=1}^p |\beta_j|$$

The tuning parameter  $\lambda$  is best selected using cross validation. The practical difference between Lasso and Ridge regression is that Lasso will set some of the coefficients equal to *exactly zero* while ridge regression shrinks the coefficients *towards zero*.

### Lasso Regression

```
import numpy as np
from sklearn.linear_model import Lasso
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error

lassie = Lasso()
lassie.fit(x_train, y_train)
y_hat = lassie.predict(x_test)
print(np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_test, y_hat)))
```

### Ridge Regression

```
import numpy as np
from sklearn.linear_model import Ridge()
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score

ridge = Ridge()
ridge.fit(x_train, y_train)
y_hat = ridge.predict(x_test)
print(np.sqrt(accuracy_score(y_test, y_hat)))
```

## Multicollinearity

### Variance Inflation Factor (VIF)

#### [Penn State VIF](#)

The VIF is a statistic that can help one determine whether multicollinearity exists in multivariate regression. By regressing each of the  $k$  predictors on the remaining predictors, one can obtain an estimate of *how well the  $k_{th}$  predictor can be estimated with the other predictors*:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Instead of ... } \mathbf{y} &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_3 + \cdots + \beta_p x_p \\ \text{Build a model ... } \mathbf{x}_j &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_3 + \cdots + \beta_{p-1} x_{p-1} \end{aligned}$$

In the same manner that the  $R^2$  value for a “normal” regression ( $y = \beta_0 + \sum_{j=1}^P \beta_j x_j$ ) illustrates the percentage of the total variance in the response explained by the model, regressing the  $k_{th}$  variable on the other predictors can determine if the  $k_{th}$  predictor could be (somewhat accurately) predicted by the other predictors.

The VIF for the  $k_{th}$  predictor,  $VIF_k$ , is a measure of how much the variance of the coefficient for the  $k_{th}$  predictor is inflated due to the existence of multicollinearity. Looking at the equation below, it is clear that if  $R_k^2 = 0$ , which is to say there is zero multicollinearity between the  $k_{th}$  predictor and the other predictors, the  $VIF_k$  would be equal to 1. Alternatively,  $VIF$ 's exceeding 4 - 5 warrant further investigation, since that indicates there is some multicollinearity.

$$VIF_k = \frac{1}{1 - R_k^2}$$