

15.4 Refer to the previous exercise. One of the WAIS subtests, called Picture completion, asks questions about 20 pictures that have one vital detail missing. It IS considered a test of attention to fine detail. The observations for 20 subjects on (x, y), where x = picture completion score and y = symptoms of senility (1 = yes), are

(7,1), (5,1), (3,1), (8,1) (1,1), (2,1) (9,1), (3,1),(6,1),(4,1),(6,0),(9,0),(7,0),(7,0),(10,0), (12,0),(14,0),(8,0),(8,0),(11,0).

(a) Using software, estimate the logistic regression equation.

➤ **Logistic Regression**

```
. bysort senility: su picture

-> senility = no
+-----+
| Variable | Obs   | Mean   | Std. Dev. | Min  | Max  |
+-----+
| picture  | 10    | 9.2    | 2.529822  | 6    | 14   |
+-----+

-> senility = yes
+-----+
| Variable | Obs   | Mean   | Std. Dev. | Min  | Max  |
+-----+
| picture  | 10    | 4.8    | 2.65832   | 1    | 9    |
+-----+

. keep if !missing(picture, senility)
(0 observations deleted)
```

Table 1: Picture Completion and Senility

```
. logit senility picture

Iteration 0:  log likelihood = -13.862944
Iteration 1:  log likelihood = -8.0259967
Iteration 2:  log likelihood = -8.024565
Iteration 3:  log likelihood = -8.0245642

Logistic regression               Number of obs   =      20
                                LR chi2(1)           =      11.68
                                Prob > chi2          =      0.0006
                                Pseudo R2            =      0.4212

Log likelihood = -8.0245642
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senility	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]
picture	-.7721148	.3578407	-2.16	0.031	-1.47347 - .0707599
_cons	5.426567	2.627976	2.06	0.039	.2758298 10.5773

Table 2: Logistic Regression for Picture Completion and Senility

x = picture completion score

y = symptoms of senility

$$\text{logit } [p(y=1)] = a + \beta x$$

$$\text{logit } [p(y=1)] = 5.4 - 0.77x$$

Since the estimate -0.77 of β is negative, the estimated probabilities of having senility increasing at lower levels of picture completion score.

➤ **Graph of Regression**

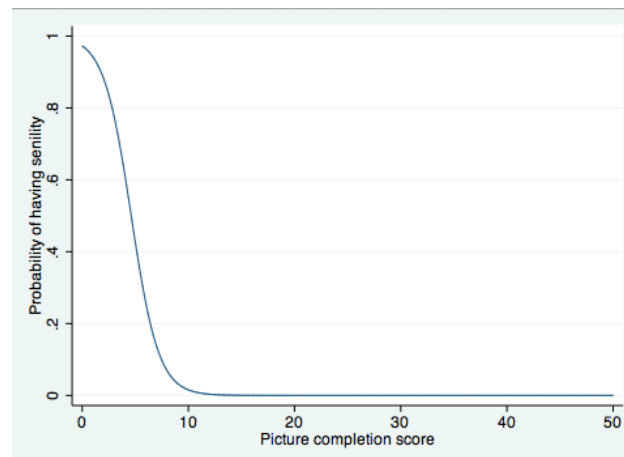


Figure 1: Graph of logistic regression

For the estimates in table 1, a person with picture completion x score has estimated probability of having senility equal to:

$$\hat{P}(y = 1) = \frac{e^{5.4-0.77x}}{1 + e^{5.4-0.77x}}$$

➤ **x (6,14)**

For subjects with picture $x = 6$, the lowest picture completion score, the estimated probability equals:

$$P(y=1) = 0.69$$

For subjects with picture $x = 14 > 6$, the highest picture completion score, the estimated probability equals:

$$P(y=1) = 0.0046 < 0.69$$

As shown in figure 1, the higher score of picture completion, the lower probability of having senility.

(b) Estimate the probability that symptoms of senility are present when (i) $x = 0$, (ii) $x = 20$.

➤ **$x = 0$**

For subjects with picture completion $x = 0$, the estimated probability equals:

$$\hat{P}(y = 1) = \frac{e^{5.4-0.77*0}}{1 + e^{5.4-0.77*0}}$$

$$P(y=1) = 0.97$$

As shown in Software:

```
. di _b[_cons] + 0* _b[picture]
5.4265673

. di exp( _b[_cons] + 0* _b[picture]) / (1+ _b[_cons] + exp( _b[_cons] + 0* _b[picture]))
.97251184
```

When picture completion score is 0, the probability of having senility is 0.97.

➤ **x = 20**

For subjects with picture completion x = 20, the estimated probability equals:

$$\hat{P}(y = 1) = \frac{e^{5.4 - 0.77 \cdot 20}}{1 + e^{5.4 - 0.77 \cdot 20}}$$

$$P(y=1) = 0.000045$$

As shown in Software:

```
. di _b[_cons] + 20* _b[picture]
-10.015728

. di exp( _b[_cons] + 20* _b[picture]) / (1+ _b[_cons] + exp( _b[_cons] + 20* _b[picture]))
6.954e-06
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When picture completion score is 20, the probability of having senility is 0.000045.

➤ **Logistic Regression Graph**

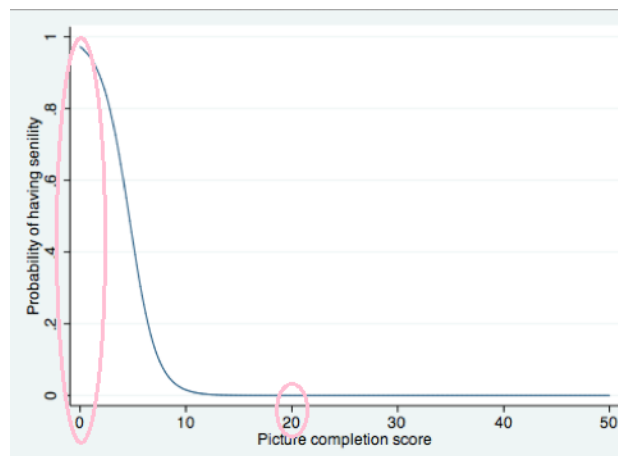


Figure 2: Logistic regression for x=0 and x=20.

As indicated before, since the estimate -0.77 of β is negative, the estimated probabilities of having senility increasing and the score of picture completion is negative connected:

$$x = 0 < x = 20$$

$$P = 0.97 > P = 0.000045$$

(c) Over what range of x-score is the estimated probability of senility greater than 0.5.

➤ **P = 0.5**

$$x = -a/\beta = 5.4/(-0.77) = 7.01$$

$$P(y = 1) = 0.50 \text{ when } x = 7.01$$

That is to say, the estimated probability equals 0.50 at x equal 7.01.

➤ **P(y = 1) > 0.50**

As indicated above, $\beta = -0.77$, there is negative relations between x and y.

Thus, the estimated probability of having senility is below 0.50 for Picture completion score above 7.01; and above 0.50 for Picture score blow this level.

$$P(y = 1) < 0.50 \text{ when } x > 7.01$$

$$P(y = 1) > 0.50 \text{ when } x < 7.01$$

➤ **Line Drawn Tangent to a Logistic Regression**

A straight line drawn tangent to the curve has slope $\beta P(y=1)[1-P(y=1)]$. Where $P(y=1)$ is the probability at that point.

The slope is greatest when $P(y=1) = 1/2$, where $\beta(1/2)(1/2) = \beta/4$.

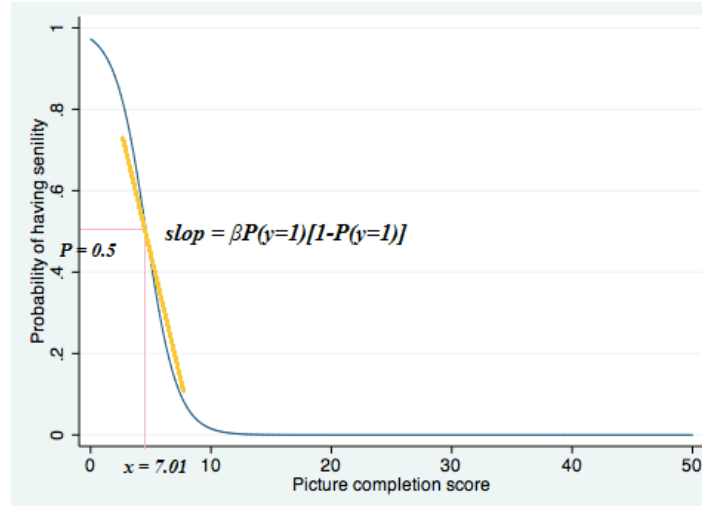


Figure 3: Graph of Logistic regression, slope = $-0.77/4 = -0.1295$.

(d) Estimate the effect of a one-unit increase in x on the odds that senility symptoms exist.

➤ **Using the Odds and Odds Ratio**

$$\frac{P(y' = 1)}{1 - P(y = 1)} = e^{\alpha + \beta x} = e^{\alpha} (e^{\beta})^x.$$

This exponential relationship implies that every unit increase in x has a multiplicative

effect of e^β on the odds:

$$e^\beta = e^{-0.77} = 0.46$$

➤ **Interpretation**

When annual picture completion score increases by one-unit, the estimated odds of having senility symptoms multiple 0.46.

For instance, when $x = 6$:

$$\text{Estimated odds} = P(y=1) / (1-P(y=1)) = e^{5.4-0.77*6} = 0.46$$

Whereas when $x = 7$:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Estimated odds} &= P(y=1) / (1-P(y=1)) = e^{5.4-0.77*7} = 0.99 \\ 0.46/0.99 &= 0.46 = e^{-0.77}\end{aligned}$$

The probability of $x = 7$ is 0.46 times of $x = 6$. In other words, $e^{-0.77} = 0.46$ is an estimated odds ratio, equaling the estimated odds at $x = n$ divided by the estimated odds at $x = n+1$.