The Relationship Between Arsenic Concentrations and Well Usage

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Introduction

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Many of the wells used for drinking water in Bangladesh and other South Asian countries are contaminated with natural arsenic, affecting an estimated 100 million people. Arsenic is a cumulative poison, and exposure increases the risk of cancer and other diseases, with risks estimated to be proportional to exposure. Any locality can include wells with a range of arsenic levels, as can be seen from the map in Figure 5.7 of all the wells in a collection of villages in a small area of Bangladesh. The bad news is that even if your neighbor's well is safe, it does not mean that yours is safe. However, the corresponding good news is that, if your well has a high arsenic level, you can probably find a safe well nearby to get your water from—if you are willing to walk the distance and your neighbor is willing to share. (The amount of water needed for drinking is low enough that adding users to a well would not exhaust its capacity, and the surface water in this area is subject to contamination by microbes, hence the desire to use water from deep wells.) In the area shown in Figure 5.7, a research team from the United States and Bangladesh measured all the wells and labeled them with their arsenic level as well as a characterization as "safe" (below 0.5 in units of hundreds of micrograms per liter, the Bangladesh standard for arsenic in drinking water) or "unsafe" (above 0.5). People with unsafe wells were encouraged to switch to nearby private or community wells or to new wells of their own construction. A few years later, the researchers returned to find out who had switched wells. We shall perform a logistic regression analysis to understand the factors predictive of well switching among the users of unsafe wells. In the notation of the previous section, our outcome variable is

yi = 1 if household i switched to a new well yi = 0 if household i continued using its own well

We consider the following inputs: • A constant term • The distance (in meters) to the closest known safe well • The arsenic level of respondent's well • Whether any members of the household are active in community organizations • The education level of the head of household.

We shall first fit the model just using distance to nearest well and then put in arsenic concentration, organizational membership, and education.

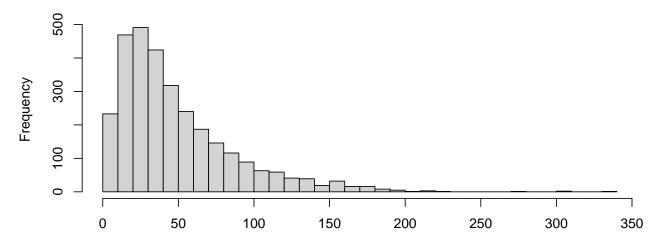
```
# Set up cleaned dataset for Bangladesh well-switching
# Read in the data
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all <- read.dta ("all.dta", convert.factors=F)</pre>
# For simplicity, pull out all wells with missing data in the variables that
# we will be using in our analysis
# according to well owner's wife/sister-in-law
# survey of laypersons, not scientific experts
missing <- is.na (all[,"func"] + all[,"as"] + all[,"distnearest"] + all[,"assn"]
                  + all[, "ed"] + all[, "ed4"] + all[, "drink"] + all[, "status"]
                  + all[, "change"] + all[, "shifted"])
table(missing)
## missing
## FALSE TRUE
## 6498
            12
# with the added predictors, still only 12 missing out of 6510
# recode change and shifted to 0/1
# https://www.ldeo.columbia.edu/~avangeen/publications/documents/vanGeen_JESH_07.pdf
# PREDICTIVE ACCURACY
# try recoding: the levels of education among the 3020 respondents varied from
# 0 to 18 years, with nearly a third having zero. We repeated our analysis with
# a discrete recoding of the education variable
# (0 = 0 \text{ years}, 1 = 1-8 \text{ years}, 2 = 9-12 \text{ years}, 3 = 12+ \text{ years}),
# and our results were essentially unchanged.
# ed4: ed/4 - if ed is not a multiple of 4, ed4 truncates the quotient,
# e.g. ed = 10, ed4 = 10/4 = 2.5 \rightarrow 2
# perception of well safety; not based on arsenic concentrations
# (already know that every well in consideration is unsafe) -> see question 6
# to explain potential biases, source of misinformation
# Include only the wells that are functioning (func==1) - analysis does not
# consider preferences (switching for no apparent reason related to safety)
# and "unsafe" (as>50) - arsenic concentration mq/dL > 50
keep <- all[,"func"]==1 & all[,"as"]>50
attach.all (all[!missing & keep,])
```

```
## The following object is masked from package:MASS:
##
## survey
```

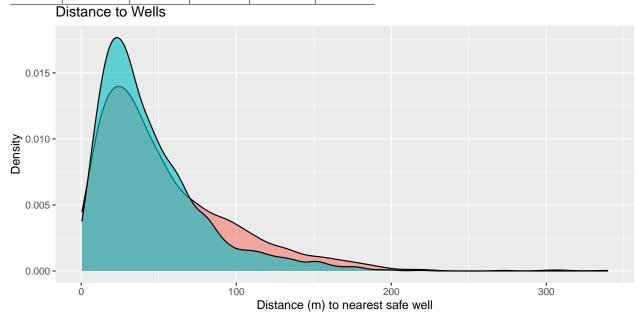
```
# Give convenient names to the variables
switch <- switch
arsenic \leftarrow as/100
dist <- distnearest
assoc <- ifelse (assn > 0, "Yes", "No")
educ <- ed
educ4 \leftarrow case\_when(ed4 == 0 \sim "0",
                    ed4 == 1 \sim "1-8",
                    ed4 == 2 \sim "9-12",
                    ed4 == 3 \sim "12+")
use <- case_when(drink == 0 ~ "Neither",
                 drink == 1 ~ "Unfrequently",
                 drink == 2 ~ "Drinking",
                 drink == 3 ~ "Cooking",
                 drink == 13 ~ "Cooking",
                 drink == 23 ~ "Both")
status perceived <- case_when(status == 0 ~ "Unsafe",
                               status == 1 ~ "Safe",
                               status == 2 ~ "Don't Know")
well shift <- ifelse (shifted == 0, "No", "Yes")
wells.data <- cbind (switch, arsenic, dist, assoc, educ, educ4, use,
                      status_perceived, well_shift)
write.table (wells.data, "wells.dat")
wells <- read.table("wells.dat", header = TRUE)</pre>
df <- data.frame(wells) %>%
  mutate(switch = as.factor(switch),
         assoc = as.factor(assoc),
         educ4 = factor(educ4, levels = c("0", "1-8", "9-12", "12+")),
         use = factor(use, levels = c("Unfrequently", "Drinking", "Cooking", "Both", "Ne
         status perceived = factor(status perceived, levels = c("Safe", "Unsafe", "Don't
         well shift = as.factor(well shift))
drinkorcook_wells <- wells[wells$use!=0,]</pre>
## Stopping point
```

Distance to Wells

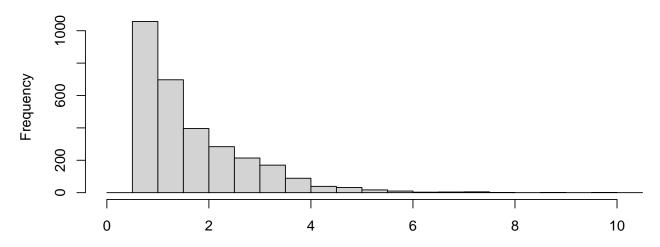


Distance (m) to nearest safe well

min	max	mean	sd	median	IQR
0.387	339.531	48.332	38.479	36.761	42.924

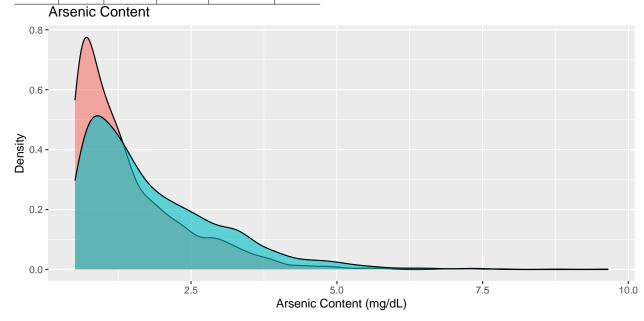


Arsenic Content

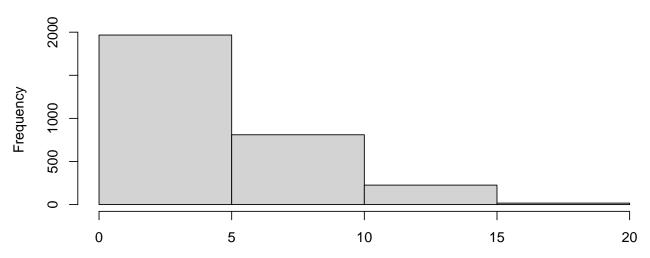


Arsenic Content (mg/dL)

min	max	mean	sd	median	IQR
0.51	9.65	1.657	1.107	1.3	1.38

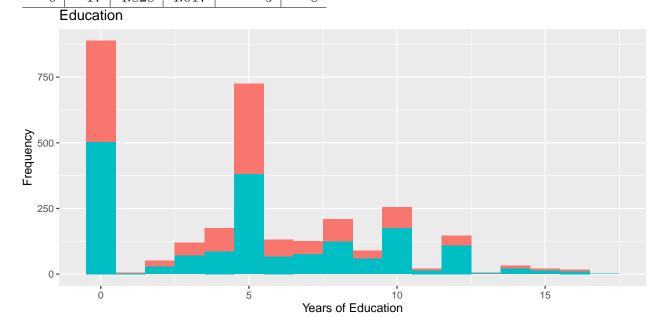


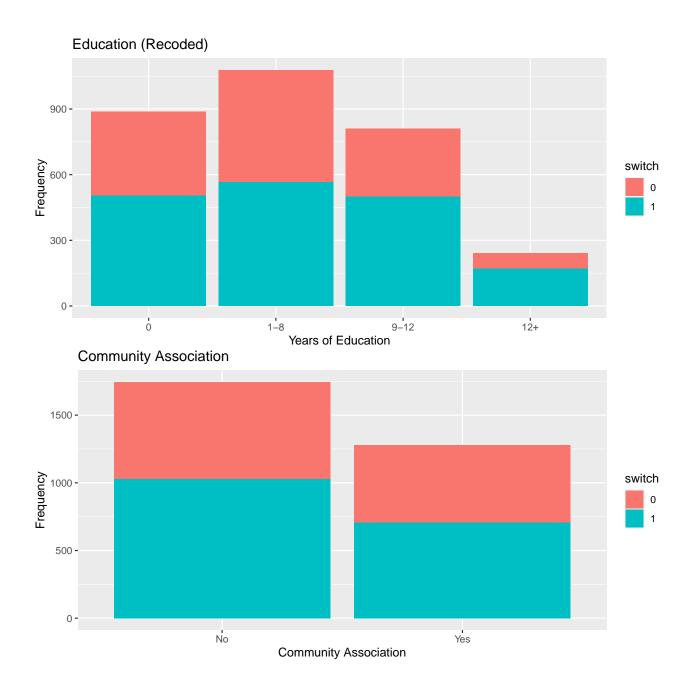
Education

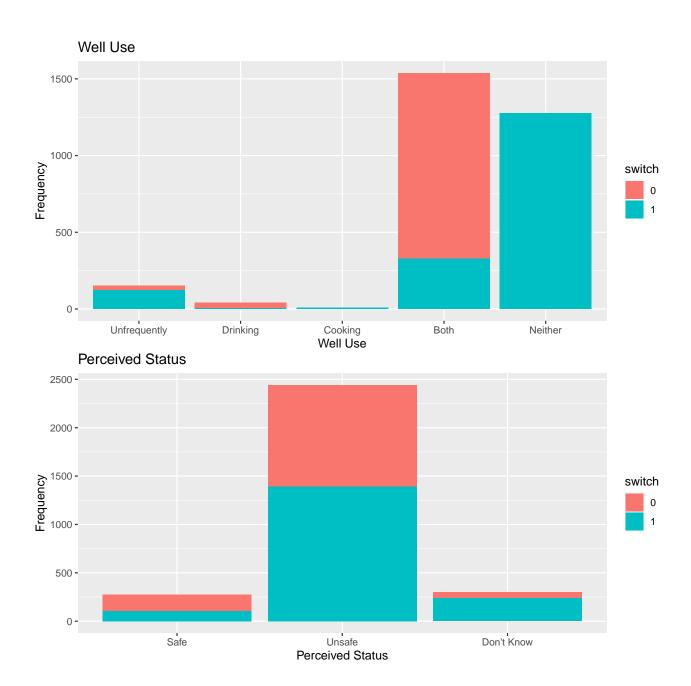


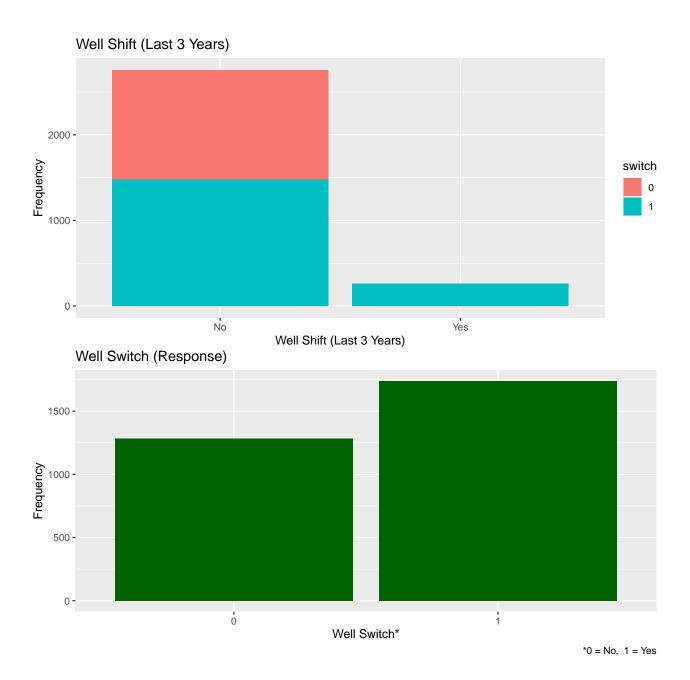
Years of Education

min	max	mean	sd	median	IQR
0	17	4.828	4.017	5	8









```
## Inference for Stan model: bernoulli.
## 4 chains, each with iter=2000; warmup=1000; thin=1;
## post-warmup draws per chain=1000, total post-warmup draws=4000.
##
                                                       25%
                                                                50%
##
                     mean se mean
                                     sd
                                            2.5%
                                                                         75%
                                            0.49
                                                      0.57
## (Intercept)
                     0.61
                              0.00 0.06
                                                               0.61
                                                                        0.65
                              0.00 0.00
                                           -0.01
                                                              -0.01
## dist
                    -0.01
                                                     -0.01
                                                                       -0.01
## mean PPD
                     0.58
                              0.00 0.01
                                            0.55
                                                      0.57
                                                               0.57
                                                                        0.58
## log-posterior -2041.03
                              0.03 1.04 -2043.84 -2041.43 -2040.70 -2040.29
##
                    97.5% n eff Rhat
## (Intercept)
                     0.73 1409
## dist
                     0.00 3112
                                    1
## mean PPD
                     0.60
                           1373
## log-posterior -2040.03
                             904
                                    1
##
## Samples were drawn using NUTS(diag e) at Fri Apr 30 23:40:53 2021.
## For each parameter, n eff is a crude measure of effective sample size,
## and Rhat is the potential scale reduction factor on split chains (at
## convergence, Rhat=1).
# Redefine distance in 100-meter units and fit the model again
dist100 <- dist/100
fit.2 <- stan_glm(switch ~ dist100, data = wells,</pre>
                 family = binomial(link = "logit"),
                 prior = normal(0,1), prior intercept = normal(0,1),
                 seed = seed,
                 refresh = 0)
print(fit.2$stanfit)
## Inference for Stan model: bernoulli.
## 4 chains, each with iter=2000; warmup=1000; thin=1;
## post-warmup draws per chain=1000, total post-warmup draws=4000.
##
##
                                            2.5%
                                                       25%
                                                                50%
                                                                         75%
                     mean se mean
                                     sd
                     0.60
                              0.00 0.06
                                            0.49
                                                      0.56
                                                               0.60
                                                                        0.65
## (Intercept)
## dist100
                    -0.62
                              0.00 0.10
                                           -0.79
                                                     -0.68
                                                              -0.62
                                                                       -0.55
## mean PPD
                     0.57
                              0.00 0.01
                                            0.55
                                                      0.57
                                                               0.57
                                                                        0.58
                              0.02 0.98 -2043.80 -2041.61 -2040.92 -2040.49
## log-posterior -2041.20
##
                    97.5% n eff Rhat
                     0.72 2248
## (Intercept)
## dist100
                    -0.43 2358
                                    1
## mean PPD
                     0.60 3007
                                    1
## log-posterior -2040.22
                           1756
                                    1
```

```
##
## Samples were drawn using NUTS(diag_e) at Fri Apr 30 23:41:02 2021.
## For each parameter, n_eff is a crude measure of effective sample size,
## and Rhat is the potential scale reduction factor on split chains (at
## convergence, Rhat=1).
```

```
### END OF EDITED CODE

# plots of model fit

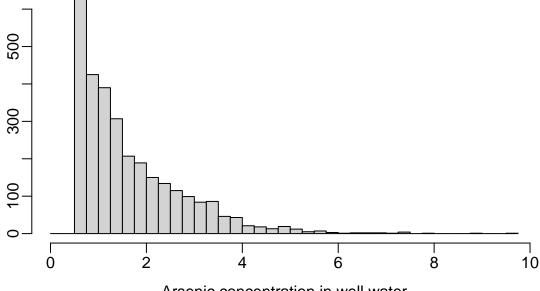
jitter.binary <- function(a, jitt=.05){
    a + (1-2*a)*runif(length(a),0,jitt)
}

#postscript ("c:/books/multilevel/arsenic.logitfit.1new.a.ps", height=3.5, width=4, ho
#plot(c(0,max(dist, na.rm=TRUE)*1.02), c(0,1), xlab="Distance (in meters) to nearest s
#curve (invlogit(coef(fit.1)[1]+coef(fit.1)[2]*x), lwd=1, add=TRUE)
#points (dist, jitter.binary(switch), pch=20, cex=.1)
#dev.off ()

# histogram of As levels

#rostscript ("c:/books/multilevel/arsenic.levels.a.ps", height=3, width=4, horizontal=</pre>
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#postscript ("c:/books/multilevel/arsenic.levels.a.ps", height=3, width=4, horizontal=
hist (arsenic, breaks=seq(0,.25+max(arsenic[!is.na(arsenic)]),.25), freq=TRUE, xlab="Arsenic"



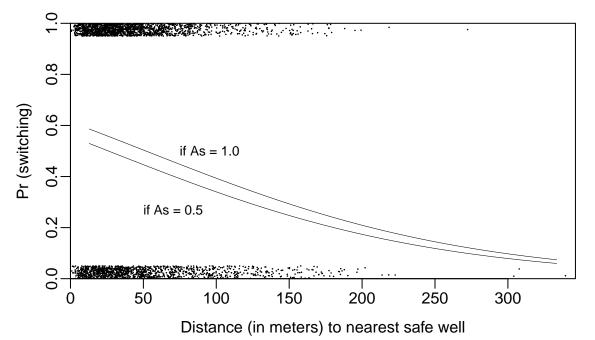
Arsenic concentration in well water

```
#dev.off ()
# model with 2 predictors
```

```
fit.3 <- glm (switch ~ dist100 + arsenic, family=binomial(link="logit"))
display (fit.3)</pre>
```

```
## glm(formula = switch ~ dist100 + arsenic, family = binomial(link = "logit"))
##
               coef.est coef.se
## (Intercept)
                0.00
                         0.08
## dist100
               -0.90
                         0.10
                0.46
                         0.04
## arsenic
## ---
     n = 3020, k = 3
##
     residual deviance = 3930.7, null deviance = 4118.1 (difference = 187.4)
```

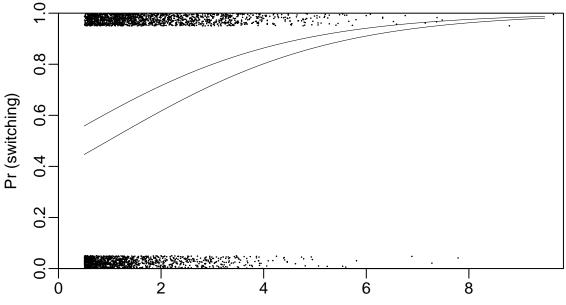
#postscript ("c:/books/multilevel/arsenic.2variables.a.ps", height=3.5, width=4, horize
plot(c(0,max(dist,na.rm=TRUE)*1.02), c(0,1), xlab="Distance (in meters) to nearest safe
points (dist, jitter.binary(switch), pch=20, cex=.1)
curve (invlogit(coef(fit.3)[1]+coef(fit.3)[2]*x/100+coef(fit.3)[3]*.50), lwd=.5, add=TR
curve (invlogit(coef(fit.3)[1]+coef(fit.3)[2]*x/100+coef(fit.3)[3]*1.00), lwd=.5, add=TR
text (50, .27, "if As = 0.5", adj=0, cex=.8)
text (75, .50, "if As = 1.0", adj=0, cex=.8)



#dev.off ()

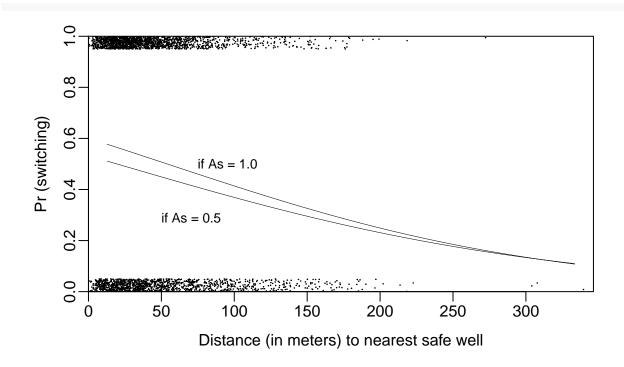
#postscript ("c:/books/multilevel/arsenic.2variables.b.ps", height=3.5, width=4, horiz
plot(c(0,max(arsenic,na.rm=TRUE)*1.02), c(0,1), xlab="Arsenic concentration in well wate
points (arsenic, jitter.binary(switch), pch=20, cex=.1)

```
curve (invlogit(coef(fit.3)[1]+coef(fit.3)[2]*0+coef(fit.3)[3]*x), from=0.5, lwd=.5, ad
curve (invlogit(coef(fit.3)[1]+coef(fit.3)[2]*0.5+coef(fit.3)[3]*x), from=0.5, lwd=.5,
text (50, .78, "if dist = 0", adj=0, cex=.8)
text (200, .6, "if dist = 50", adj=0, cex=.8)
```



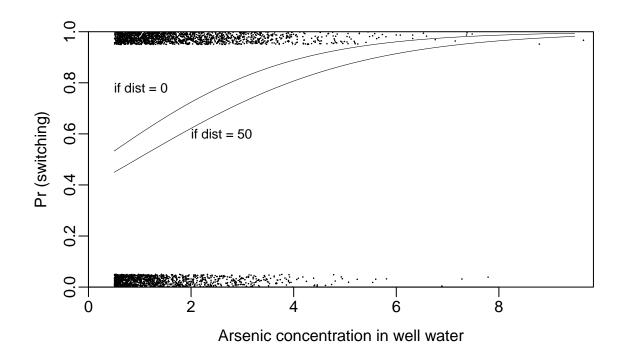
Arsenic concentration in well water

#dev.off () # including an interaction fit.4 <- glm (switch ~ dist100 + arsenic + dist100:arsenic, family=binomial(link="logit")) # centering the input variables c.dist100 <- dist100 - mean (dist100) c.arsenic <- arsenic - mean (arsenic)</pre> fit.5 <- glm (switch ~ c.dist100 + c.arsenic + c.dist100:c.arsenic, family=binomial(link="logit")) #postscript ("c:/books/multilevel/arsenic.interact.a.ps", height=3.5, width=4, horizon plot(c(0,max(dist,na.rm=TRUE)*1.02), c(0,1), xlab="Distance (in meters) to nearest safe points (dist, jitter.binary(switch), pch=20, cex=.1) curve (invlogit(coef(fit.4)[1]+coef(fit.4)[2]*x/100+coef(fit.4)[3]*.50+coef(fit.4)[4]*(curve (invlogit(coef(fit.4)[1]+coef(fit.4)[2]*x/100+coef(fit.4)[3]*1.00+coef(fit.4)[4]*text (50, .29, "if As = 0.5", adj=0, cex=.8) text (75, .50, "if As = 1.0", adj=0, cex=.8)



```
#dev.off ()

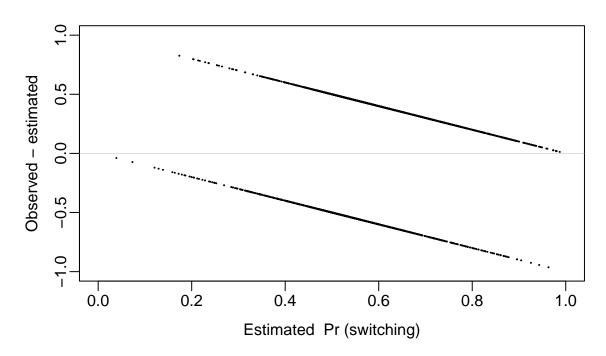
#postscript ("c:/books/multilevel/arsenic.interact.b.ps", height=3.5, width=4, horizon
plot(c(0,max(arsenic,na.rm=TRUE)*1.02), c(0,1), xlab="Arsenic concentration in well wate
points (arsenic, jitter.binary(switch), pch=20, cex=.1)
curve (invlogit(coef(fit.4)[1]+coef(fit.4)[2]*0+coef(fit.4)[3]*x+coef(fit.4)[4]*0*x), f
curve (invlogit(coef(fit.4)[1]+coef(fit.4)[2]*0.5+coef(fit.4)[3]*x+coef(fit.4)[4]*0.5*x
text (.50, .78, "if dist = 0", adj=0, cex=.8)
text (2.00, .6, "if dist = 50", adj=0, cex=.8)
```



```
#dev.off ()
# adding social predictors
educ4 <- educ/4
fit.6 <- glm (switch ~ c.dist100 + c.arsenic + c.dist100:c.arsenic +
 assoc + educ4, family=binomial(link="logit"))
display (fit.6)
## glm(formula = switch ~ c.dist100 + c.arsenic + c.dist100:c.arsenic +
##
       assoc + educ4, family = binomial(link = "logit"))
                       coef.est coef.se
##
## (Intercept)
                                 0.07
                        0.20
## c.dist100
                       -0.88
                                 0.11
## c.arsenic
                        0.48
                                 0.04
## assocYes
                       -0.12
                                 0.08
                        0.17
## educ4
                                 0.04
## c.dist100:c.arsenic -0.16
                                 0.10
## ---
    n = 3020, k = 6
##
     residual deviance = 3905.4, null deviance = 4118.1 (difference = 212.7)
fit.7 <- glm (switch ~ c.dist100 + c.arsenic + c.dist100:c.arsenic +
  educ4, family=binomial(link="logit"))
display (fit.7)
```

```
## glm(formula = switch ~ c.dist100 + c.arsenic + c.dist100:c.arsenic +
       educ4, family = binomial(link = "logit"))
##
                       coef.est coef.se
## (Intercept)
                        0.15
                                 0.06
## c.dist100
                       -0.87
                                 0.11
## c.arsenic
                        0.48
                                 0.04
## educ4
                        0.17
                                 0.04
## c.dist100:c.arsenic -0.16
                                 0.10
## ---
     n = 3020, k = 5
##
##
     residual deviance = 3907.9, null deviance = 4118.1 (difference = 210.2)
c.educ4 <- educ4 - mean(educ4)</pre>
fit.8 <- glm (switch ~ c.dist100 + c.arsenic + c.educ4 + c.dist100:c.arsenic +
  c.dist100:c.educ4 + c.arsenic:c.educ4, family=binomial(link="logit"))
display (fit.8)
## glm(formula = switch ~ c.dist100 + c.arsenic + c.educ4 + c.dist100:c.arsenic +
##
       c.dist100:c.educ4 + c.arsenic:c.educ4, family = binomial(link = "logit"))
##
                       coef.est coef.se
## (Intercept)
                        0.36
                                 0.04
## c.dist100
                       -0.90
                                 0.11
## c.arsenic
                                 0.04
                        0.49
## c.educ4
                        0.18
                                 0.04
## c.dist100:c.arsenic -0.12
                                 0.10
## c.dist100:c.educ4
                       0.32
                                 0.11
## c.arsenic:c.educ4 0.07
                                 0.04
## ---
##
     n = 3020, k = 7
##
     residual deviance = 3891.7, null deviance = 4118.1 (difference = 226.4)
# plots of residuals
pred.8 <- fit.8$fitted.values</pre>
#postscript ("c:/books/multilevel/arsenic.logitresidsa.ps", height=3.5, width=4, horiz
plot(c(0,1), c(-1,1), xlab="Estimated Pr (switching)", ylab="Observed - estimated", type
abline (0,0, col="gray", lwd=.5)
points (pred.8, switch-pred.8, pch=20, cex=.2)
```

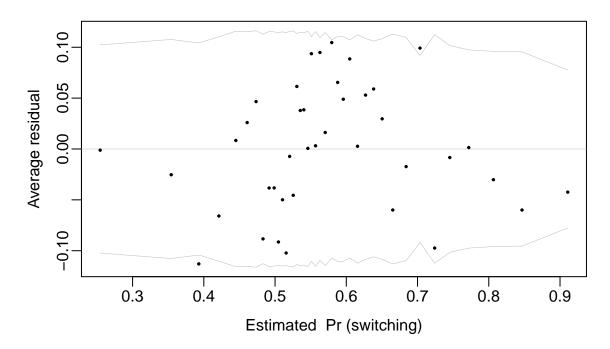
Residual plot



```
#dev.off ()
binned.resids <- function (x, y, nclass=sqrt(length(x))){</pre>
  breaks.index <- floor(length(x)*(1:(nclass-1))/nclass)</pre>
  breaks <- c (-Inf, sort(x)[breaks.index], Inf)</pre>
  output <- NULL
  xbreaks <- NULL
  x.binned <- as.numeric (cut (x, breaks))</pre>
  for (i in 1:nclass){
    items <- (1:length(x))[x.binned==i]</pre>
    x.range <- range(x[items])</pre>
    xbar <- mean(x[items])</pre>
    ybar <- mean(y[items])</pre>
    n <- length(items)</pre>
    sdev <- sd(y[items])</pre>
    output <- rbind (output, c(xbar, ybar, n, x.range, 2*sdev/sqrt(n)))
  }
  colnames (output) <- c ("xbar", "ybar", "n", "x.lo", "x.hi", "2se")</pre>
  return (list (binned=output, xbreaks=xbreaks))
}
#postscript ("c:/books/multilevel/arsenic.logitresidsb.ps", height=3.5, width=4, horiz
br.8 <- binned.resids (pred.8, switch-pred.8, nclass=40)$binned
plot(range(br.8[,1]), range(br.8[,2],br.8[,6],-br.8[,6]), xlab="Estimated Pr (switching
abline (0,0, col="gray", lwd=.5)
```

```
lines (br.8[,1], br.8[,6], col="gray", lwd=.5)
lines (br.8[,1], -br.8[,6], col="gray", lwd=.5)
points (br.8[,1], br.8[,2], pch=20, cex=.5)
```

Binned residual plot



```
#dev.off ()

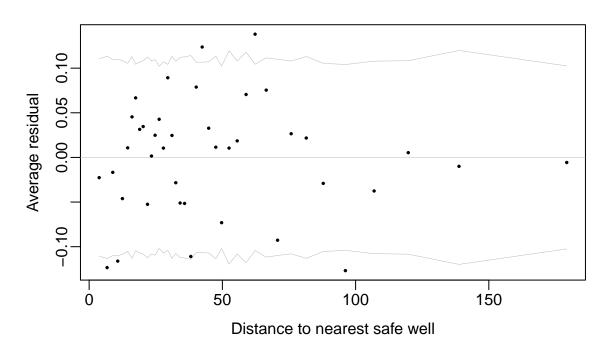
# compute error rates

error.rate <- mean(round(abs(switch-pred.8)))
error.rate.null <- mean(round(abs(switch-mean(pred.8))))

# more residual plots

#postscript ("c:/books/multilevel/arsenic.logitresids.2a.ps", height=3.5, width=4, hord
br <- binned.resids (dist, switch-pred.8, nclass=40)$binned
plot(range(br[,1]), range(br[,2],br[,6],-br[,6]), xlab="Distance to nearest safe well",
abline (0,0, col="gray", lwd=.5)
n.within.bin <- length(y)/nrow(br)
lines (br[,1], br[,6], col="gray", lwd=.5)
lines (br[,1], -br[,6], col="gray", lwd=.5)
points (br[,1], br[,2], pch=20, cex=.5)</pre>
```

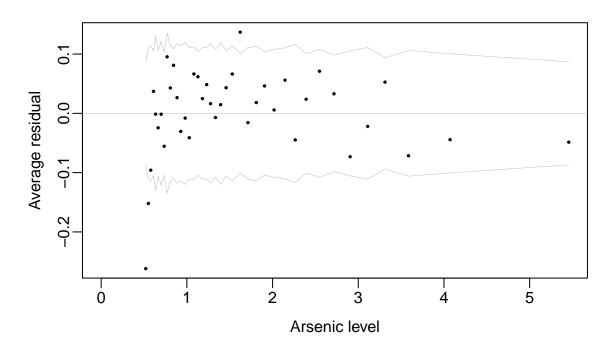
Binned residual plot



#dev.off ()

#postscript ("c:/books/multilevel/arsenic.logitresids.2b.ps", height=3.5, width=4, hor
br <- binned.resids (arsenic, switch-pred.8, nclass=40)\$binned
plot(range(0,br[,1]), range(br[,2],br[,6],-br[,6]), xlab="Arsenic level", ylab="Average
abline (0,0, col="gray", lwd=.5)
lines (br[,1], br[,6], col="gray", lwd=.5)
lines (br[,1], -br[,6], col="gray", lwd=.5)
points (br[,1], br[,2], pch=20, cex=.5)</pre>

Binned residual plot



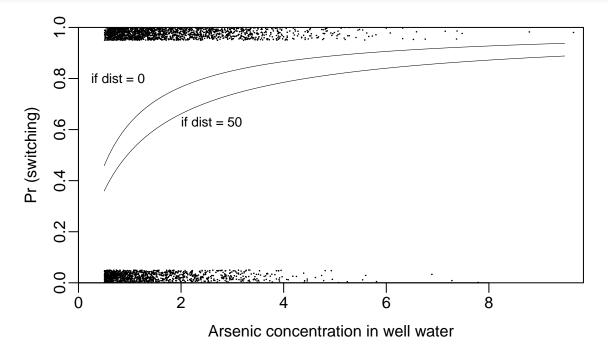
```
#dev.off ()
# new model on log scale
log.arsenic <- log (arsenic)</pre>
c.log.arsenic <- log.arsenic - mean (log.arsenic)</pre>
fit.9 <- glm (switch ~ c.dist100 + c.log.arsenic + c.educ4 +
  c.dist100:c.log.arsenic + c.dist100:c.educ4 + c.log.arsenic:c.educ4,
  family=binomial(link="logit"))
display (fit.9)
## glm(formula = switch ~ c.dist100 + c.log.arsenic + c.educ4 +
       c.dist100:c.log.arsenic + c.dist100:c.educ4 + c.log.arsenic:c.educ4,
##
##
       family = binomial(link = "logit"))
##
                            coef.est coef.se
## (Intercept)
                             0.35
                                      0.04
## c.dist100
                            -0.98
                                      0.11
## c.log.arsenic
                             0.90
                                      0.07
## c.educ4
                             0.18
                                      0.04
## c.dist100:c.log.arsenic -0.16
                                      0.19
## c.dist100:c.educ4
                             0.34
                                      0.11
                                      0.07
## c.log.arsenic:c.educ4
                             0.06
## ---
##
     n = 3020, k = 7
```

```
## residual deviance = 3863.1, null deviance = 4118.1 (difference = 255.0)
```

```
fit.9a <- glm (switch ~ dist100 + log.arsenic + educ4 +
    dist100:log.arsenic + dist100:educ4 + log.arsenic:educ4,
    family=binomial(link="logit"))

# graphs for log model

#postscript ("c:/multilevel/arsenic.logmodel.ps", height=3.5, width=4, horizontal=TRUE
plot(c(0,max(arsenic,na.rm=TRUE)*1.02), c(0,1), xlab="Arsenic concentration in well wate
points (arsenic, jitter.binary(switch), pch=20, cex=.1)
curve (invlogit(coef(fit.9a)[1]+coef(fit.9a)[2]*0+coef(fit.9a)[3]*log(x)+coef(fit.9a)[4]
curve (invlogit(coef(fit.9a)[1]+coef(fit.9a)[2]*.5+coef(fit.9a)[3]*log(x)+coef(fit.9a)[4]
text (.25, .80, "if dist = 0", adj=0, cex=.8)
text (2.00, .63, "if dist = 50", adj=0, cex=.8)</pre>
```

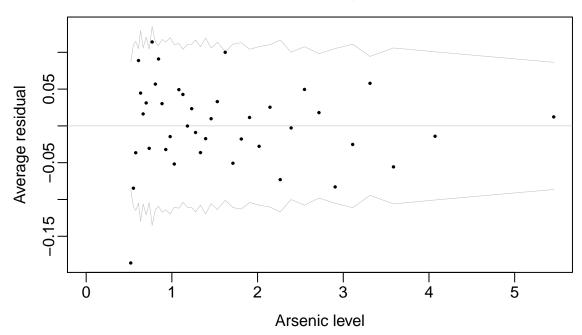


```
#dev.off ()
pred.9 <- fit.9$fitted.values

#postscript ("c:/books/multilevel/arsenic.logitresids.3b.ps", height=3.5, width=4, hor
br <- binned.resids (arsenic, switch-pred.9, nclass=40)$binned
plot(range(0,br[,1]), range(br[,2],br[,6],-br[,6]), xlab="Arsenic level", ylab="Average
abline (0,0, col="gray", lwd=.5)
n.within.bin <- length(y)/nrow(br)
lines (br[,1], br[,6], col="gray", lwd=.5)</pre>
```

```
lines (br[,1], -br[,6], col="gray", lwd=.5)
points (br[,1], br[,2], pch=20, cex=.5)
```

Binned residual plot for model with log (arsenic)



```
#dev.off ()
# calculations for average predictive differences
# simple model
fit.10 <- glm (switch ~ dist100 + arsenic + educ4,
  family=binomial(link="logit"))
display (fit.10)
## glm(formula = switch ~ dist100 + arsenic + educ4, family = binomial(link = "logit"))
##
               coef.est coef.se
## (Intercept) -0.21
                         0.09
## dist100
               -0.90
                         0.10
## arsenic
                         0.04
                0.47
## educ4
                         0.04
                0.17
## ---
     n = 3020, k = 4
##
     residual deviance = 3910.4, null deviance = 4118.1 (difference = 207.7)
```

```
# avg pred diffs for distance to nearest safe well
b <- coef (fit.10)
hi <- 1
lo <- 0
delta <- invlogit (b[1] + b[2]*hi + b[3]*arsenic + b[4]*educ4) -
         invlogit (b[1] + b[2]*lo + b[3]*arsenic + b[4]*educ4)
print (mean(delta))
## [1] -0.2044681
# avg pred diffs for arsenic level
hi < -1.0
1o < -0.5
delta <- invlogit (b[1] + b[2]*dist100 + b[3]*hi + b[4]*educ4) -
         invlogit (b[1] + b[2]*dist100 + b[3]*lo + b[4]*educ4)
print (mean(delta))
## [1] 0.05643807
# avg pred diffs for education
hi <- 3
lo <- 0
delta \leftarrow invlogit (b[1]+b[2]*dist100+b[3]*arsenic+b[4]*hi) -
         invlogit (b[1]+b[2]*dist100+b[3]*arsenic+b[4]*lo)
print (mean(delta))
## [1] 0.1167189
# example model with interaction
fit.11 <- glm (switch ~ dist100 + arsenic + educ4 + dist100:arsenic,
 family=binomial(link="logit"))
display (fit.11)
## glm(formula = switch ~ dist100 + arsenic + educ4 + dist100:arsenic,
##
       family = binomial(link = "logit"))
##
                   coef.est coef.se
## (Intercept)
                             0.13
                   -0.35
## dist100
                             0.21
                   -0.60
## arsenic
                   0.56
                            0.07
## educ4
                    0.17
                           0.04
## dist100:arsenic -0.16
                           0.10
## ---
   n = 3020, k = 5
##
## residual deviance = 3907.9, null deviance = 4118.1 (difference = 210.2)
```

[1] -0.1944495