

Homework Solutions

Applied Logistic Regression

WEEK 5

f. Use the Wald test to assess the significance of the coefficient for **female**.

The test is given in the computer output after fitting the regression ("**logit nas135 female**"). Z is 4.39, which yields a p-value<0.0001.

Alternatively, you can hand-calculate the Wald statistic:

```
. di 1.22596/0.279546
4.3855394

. di 1-normal(4.3855)
5.786e-06
```

g. Fit a model with **runtime** as the only independent variable. Assess the significance of the model.

```
. logit nas135 runtime, nolog

Logistic regression               Number of obs   =         477
                                LR chi2(1)          =        25.35
                                Prob > chi2           =        0.0000
Log likelihood = -167.77184       Pseudo R2       =        0.0702

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      nas135 |      Coef.   Std. Err.      z    P>|z|     [95% Conf. Interval]
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      runtime |   .0155019   .0030909     5.02  0.000    .0094439    .0215599
       _cons |  -5.592594   .771282    -7.25  0.000   -7.104278   -4.080909
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```

This model is significantly better than the naïve model. The LR test gives a p-value<0.0001.

- h. Calculate the probability of hyponatremia of a runner who takes 4 hours (240 minutes) to complete the marathon.

First, calculate the estimate for the logit when x=240 given the coefficients in the fitted model:

```
. di -5.5926+0.0155*240
-1.8726
```

Next, calculate the odds by exponentiating the coefficient.

```
. di exp(-5.5926+0.0155*240)
.15372346
```

Finally, calculate the probability given that

$$Probability = \frac{Odds}{1 + Odds}$$

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. di 0.1537/(1+0.1537)
.13322354
```

The probability of hyponatremia of a runner who takes 4 hours is 13.3%

- i. Fit a model with **female** and **runtime** as independent variables. Assess the significance of the model. Which null hypothesis is tested?

```
. logit nas135 female runtime, nolog
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Logistic regression	Number of obs	=	477
	LR chi2(2)	=	36.42
	Prob > chi2	=	0.0000
Log likelihood = -162.23985	Pseudo R2	=	0.1009

	nas135	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]
female		.9638364	.291049	3.31	0.001	.3933908 1.534282
runtime		.0142136	.0032947	4.31	0.000	.0077562 .020671
_cons		-5.721056	.823284	-6.95	0.000	-7.334663 -4.107449

The model is significant as it is shown by the LR test (p<0.0001). The null hypothesis being tested is that the coefficient for **female** and the coefficient for **runtime** are both zero.