

# Logistic Regression

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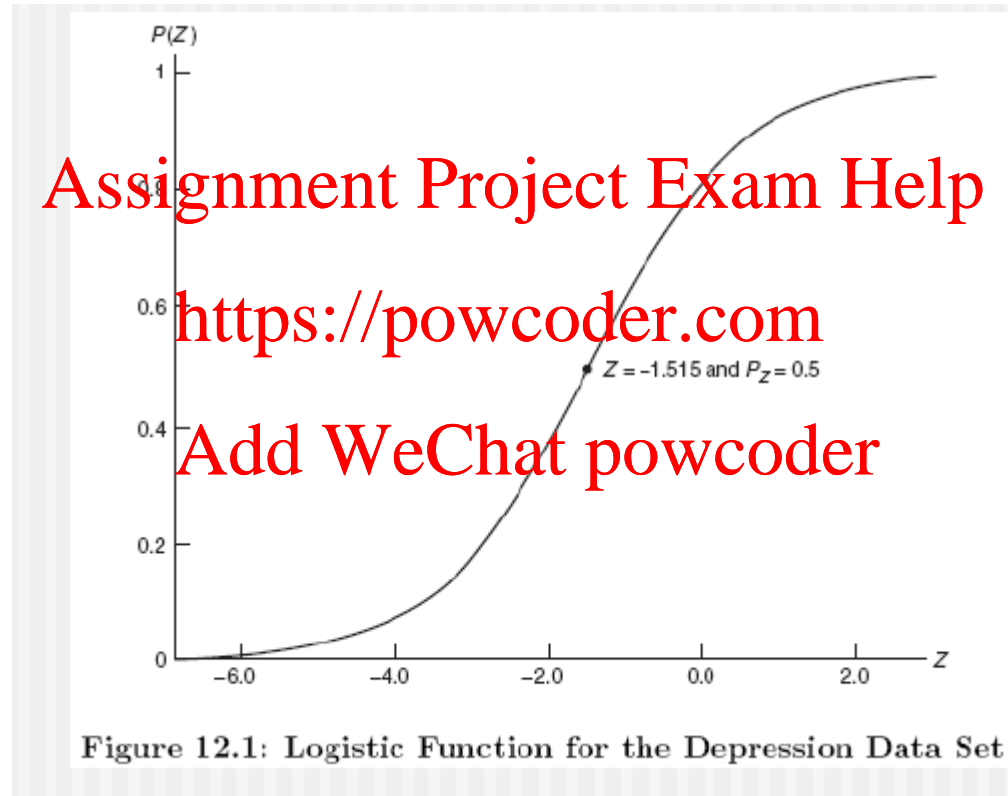
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$$\pi(x) = \frac{e^{\alpha + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta_p x_p}}{1 + e^{\alpha + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta_p x_p}}$$

# Logistic Regression



**This is a Logistic Function – Hence Logistic Regression**

# Logistic Regression – Model

## Odds are multiplicative

- $\ln(\text{odds}) = \alpha + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \dots + \beta_p X_p$

- Odds =  $e^{\alpha + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \dots + \beta_p X_p}$

- $= (e^\alpha) (e^{\beta_1 X_1}) (\dots) (e^{\beta_p X_p})$

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- Or: Odds = constant \* exp (constant \*  $X_1$  )  
 . . .  
 \* exp (constant \*  $X_p$  )

# Logistic Regression – Model

## Log (Odds) are additive

- $\ln(\text{odds}) = \alpha + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \dots + \beta_p X_p$

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- Or:  $\ln(\text{Odds}) = \text{constant} + (\text{constant} * X_1)$

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$$\begin{array}{ccc} \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ + (\text{constant} * X_p) \end{array}$$

# Logistic Regression – Model Flexibility

- X (independent) variables can be continuous or categorical
- Interactions can be incorporated
- Coefficients are estimated by maximum likelihood
- Most computer programs implicitly use prior probabilities estimated from sample.

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# Logistic Regression – Model Generalized Linear Model (GLM)

- Logistic regression is an example of the GLM
- Define  $Y = \text{outcome} = 1 \text{ (event) or } 0 \text{ (not)}$
- $E(Y|X's) = \mu = P(1|X's)$
- Find a function  $g(\mu)$ , called the *link* function, such that:  
$$g(\mu) = \text{linear function of the } X's$$
- This is called the GLM
- Here we take  $g(\mu) = \ln(\text{odds}) = \text{logit function}$

# Logistic Regression – Model Estimation

- Model is:  $g(\mu) = \alpha + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \dots + \beta_p X_p$
- Need to estimate:  $\alpha, \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_p$
- Use an iterative process called Iterative Weighted Least Squares:
  1. Start with initial estimates of parameters
  2. Evaluate the score equations (derivative of log-likelihood = 0)
  3. Solve the score equations and get new estimates of parameters
  4. Repeat until convergence.

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# Logistic Regression – Model

## Example: Depression Data Set

### Adjusted Risk Ratio

- $RR = P(Y=1 | X=1) / P(Y=1 | X=0)$
- $P(Y=1 | X) = e^{LC} / (1 + e^{LC})$ ,  $LC = A + B_1 X_1 + \dots$
- Example: Depression,  $X = \text{sex} = 1$  if F, age = 30, income = 10 (\$10K/year)
- Find adjusted RR for F vs. M
- $LC = -0.676 - 0.021 \text{ Age} - 0.037 \text{ Income} + 0.929 \text{ Sex}$

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