

# Coursework 7: STAT 570

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1. Create a binary variable  $Z_i$ , with  $Z_i = 0$  corresponding to  $Y_i \in \{0, 1\}$  and  $Z_i = 1$  corresponding to  $Y_i \in \{2, 3\}$ . Let  $q(x_i) = \mathbb{P}(Z_i = 1 | x_i)$ , with  $\mathbf{x}_i = (1 \ x_{1i} \ x_{2i})^\top$ , represent the probability of mental impairment being *Moderate* or *Impaired*, given covariates  $\mathbf{x}_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n = 40$ . Provide a single plot that shows the association between  $q(x_i)$  and  $x_{1i}$  and  $x_{2i}$ , on a response scale you feel is appropriate. Comment on the plot.

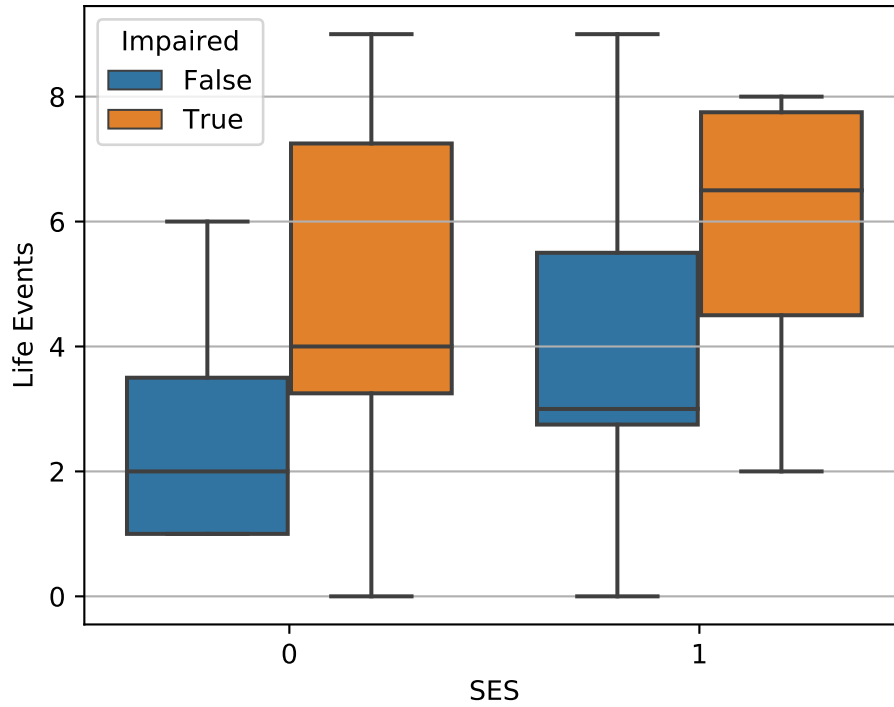


Figure 1: Orange denotes  $Z_i = 1$  and blue denotes  $Z_i = 0$ .

**Solution:** See Figure 1. Conditioned on SES, those that are impaired ( $Z_i = 1$ ) have a greater number of life events on average.

2. Suppose  $Z_i | q_i \sim \text{Binomial}(1, q_i)$  independently for  $i = 1, \dots, n = 40$ , where  $q_i = q(x_i)$ . Consider the logistic regression model,

$$q(x_i) = \log \left( \frac{q(\mathbf{x}_i)}{1 - q(\mathbf{x}_i)} \right) = \mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\gamma} = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 x_{1i} + \gamma_2 x_{2i}, \quad (1)$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\gamma} = (\gamma_0 \ \gamma_1 \ \gamma_2)^\top$ . Write down the log-likelihood  $l(\boldsymbol{\gamma})$  for the sample  $z_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

**Solution:** Solving for  $q(\mathbf{x}_i)$  in Equation 1, we find

$$q(\mathbf{x}_i) = \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\gamma})}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\gamma})} = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\gamma})}. \quad (2)$$

The likelihood function is  $L(\boldsymbol{\gamma}) = \prod_{i=1}^n (q(\mathbf{x}_i))^{z_i} (1 - q(\mathbf{x}_i))^{1-z_i}$ , so the log-likelihood function becomes

$$\begin{aligned} l(\boldsymbol{\gamma}) &= \log L(\boldsymbol{\gamma}) = \sum_{i=1}^n (z_i \log q(\mathbf{x}_i) + (1 - z_i) \log (1 - q(\mathbf{x}_i))) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left( z_i \log \frac{q(\mathbf{x}_i)}{1 - q(\mathbf{x}_i)} + \log (1 - q(\mathbf{x}_i)) \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left( z_i \mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\gamma} + \log \frac{1}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\gamma})} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n -\log (1 + \exp((1 - 2z_i) \mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\gamma})). \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

3. Fit the model described in the previous part, and give confidence intervals for the odds ratios.

Carefully interpret these odds ratios.

	Estimate	Standard error	95% CI lower bound	95% CI upper bound
$\gamma_0$	-0.925065	0.723346	-2.342797	0.492666
$\gamma_1$	-1.629731	0.780849	-3.160167	-0.099296
$\gamma_2$	0.309899	0.147920	0.019980	0.599818

Table 1: Estimates and confidence intervals for  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}$  using maximum likelihood estimation.

**Solution:** Taking the derivative of Equation 3, we have the score function:

$$\begin{aligned} S(\boldsymbol{\gamma}) &= \nabla^\top l(\boldsymbol{\gamma}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{2z_i - 1}{1 + \exp((1 - 2z_i) \mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\gamma})} \exp((1 - 2z_i) \mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\gamma}) \mathbf{x}_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{2z_i - 1}{1 + \exp((2z_i - 1) \mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\gamma})} \mathbf{x}_i \\ &= X^\top (\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{q}(X)), \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

where  $\mathbf{z} = (z_1 \ z_2 \ \dots \ z_n)^\top$  and  $\mathbf{q}(X) = (q_1 \ q_2 \ \dots \ q_n)^\top$ .

From Equation 4, we have the Fisher information matrix:

$$\begin{aligned} I_n(\boldsymbol{\gamma}) &= \text{var}(S(\boldsymbol{\gamma}) \mid \boldsymbol{\gamma}) = \mathbb{E}[S(\boldsymbol{\gamma}) S(\boldsymbol{\gamma})^\top \mid \boldsymbol{\gamma}] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[X^\top (\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{q}(X)) (\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{q}(X))^\top X \mid \boldsymbol{\gamma}] \\ &= X^\top \mathbb{E}[(\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{q}(X)) (\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{q}(X))^\top \mid \boldsymbol{\gamma}] X \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n q(\mathbf{x}_i) (1 - q(\mathbf{x}_i)) \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i^\top = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2 + \exp(-\mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\gamma}) + \exp(\mathbf{x}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\gamma})} \mathbf{x}_i \mathbf{x}_i^\top, \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where we have used independence of the observations and variance of the binomial distribution to get the last line.

We solve Equation 4,  $S(\hat{\gamma}) = \mathbf{0}$ , to get an estimate for  $\gamma$ . Using Equation 5, we have that

$$\hat{\gamma} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}} \mathcal{N}(\gamma, I_n^{-1}(\hat{\gamma})), \quad (6)$$

that is,  $\hat{\gamma}$  is asymptotically normal.

Using Equation 6, we obtain the estimates and intervals in Table 1.

The predicted log odds ratio given some  $\mathbf{x}_i$  is

$$\hat{\theta}_i = \mathbf{x}_i^T \hat{\gamma}, \quad (7)$$

which will have variance

$$\text{var}(\hat{\theta}_i) = \mathbf{x}_i^T \text{var}(\hat{\gamma}) \mathbf{x}_i \approx \mathbf{x}_i^T I_n^{-1}(\hat{\gamma}) \mathbf{x}_i, \quad (8)$$

using Equation 6.

From Equation 8, we can compute confidence intervals for the log odds ratio and exponentiate to get confidence intervals for the odds ratio since log is a monotonic transformation. Doing so results in the estimates in Table 2.

The odds ratio is how much more likely one is to have **Moderate** or **Impaired** mental impairment. Exponentiating Equation 7, we have

$$\exp(\theta_i) = \exp(\gamma_0) \exp(\gamma_1 x_{1i}) \exp(\gamma_2 x_{2i}). \quad (9)$$

$\exp(\gamma_0)$  is the expected odds ratio for a subject with 0 SES and no life events.  
 $\exp(\gamma_1)$  is the expected odds ratio between a subject with SES 1 and SES 0.  
 $\exp(\gamma_2)$  is the expected odds ratio for a subject with an additional life event.

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SES	Life Events	Count	Estimate	95% CI lower bound	95% CI upper bound
0	0	1	0.396506	0.096059	1.636675
	1	3	0.540551	0.158334	1.845440
	2	2	0.736926	0.249432	2.177188
	3	3	1.004642	0.368208	2.741129
	4	3	1.369616	0.501460	3.740769
	5	2	1.867180	0.630203	5.532120
	6	1	2.545502	0.742501	8.726699
	8	1	4.730948	0.915136	24.457420
	9	2	6.449640	0.982321	42.346488
1	0	1	0.077708	0.011740	0.514377
	1	2	0.105938	0.020316	0.552412
	2	2	0.144424	0.034495	0.604687
	3	5	0.196892	0.056880	0.681549
	4	2	0.268420	0.089704	0.803195
	5	2	0.365934	0.132703	1.009076
	6	1	0.498873	0.181299	1.372728
	7	2	0.680107	0.228639	2.023045
	8	3	0.927182	0.270204	3.181546
	9	2	1.264015	0.305120	5.236406

Table 2: Estimates for the odds ratios given  $\mathbf{x}_i$  with  $\hat{\gamma}$ .