

Regression Analysis

Logistic Regression

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Statistical Inference

About This Lesson



Model Estimation

Model the probability of success given predictor(s):

$$\text{Logit}(\Pr(Y = 1 | X_1, \dots, X_p)) = \text{Logit}(p(X_1, \dots, X_p)) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \dots + \beta_p X_p$$

Parameters: $\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_p$

Approach: Maximum Likelihood Estimation

$$\max_{\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_p} \mathcal{L}(\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_p) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(X_{i,1}, X_{i,2}, \dots, X_{i,p})^{Y_i} (1 - p(X_{i,1}, X_{i,2}, \dots, X_{i,p}))^{1-Y_i}$$

or

$$\max_{\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_p} \ell(\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_p) = \max_{\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_p} \log(\mathcal{L}(\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_p))$$

$$= \max_{\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_p} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(Y_i \log \left(\frac{e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \dots + \beta_p X_p}}{1 + e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \dots + \beta_p X_p}} \right) + (1 - Y_i) \log \left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \dots + \beta_p X_p}} \right) \right)$$

Statistical Inference

Maximum Likelihood Estimators (MLEs):

$$\hat{\beta} = (\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1, \dots, \hat{\beta}_p)$$

Statistical Properties of MLEs:

- Approximate Sampling Distribution: $\hat{\beta} \approx N(\beta, V)$
- The normal approximation relies on the assumption of large sample size
- Statistical inference is not reliable for small sample data

1- α Approximate
Confidence interval

$$\left[\hat{\beta}_j \pm z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_j)} \right]$$

Statistical Inference (cont'd)

- Hypothesis testing and Confidence Intervals rely on the approximately normal distribution of large sample sizes
- Use the z-test (**Wald test**)
 - Test is for the statistical significance of β_j , given all other predicting variables in the model
 - Null hypothesis is that β_j is not significant
 $H_0: \beta_j = 0$ vs. $H_a: \beta_j \neq 0$
 - $$\text{z-value} = \frac{\hat{\beta}_j - 0}{\text{se}(\hat{\beta}_j)} = \frac{\hat{\beta}_j}{\text{se}(\hat{\beta}_j)}$$
 - Reject H_0 if $|\text{z-value}|$ is too large
 - Implies that β_j is statistically significant

Statistical Inference (cont'd)

For $H_0: \beta_j = b$ vs. $H_a: \beta_j \neq b$ (to test if the coefficient equals constant b)

- z-value = $\frac{\hat{\beta}_j - b}{\text{se}(\hat{\beta}_j)}$
- Reject H_0 if $|\text{z-value}| > z_{\alpha/2}$ for significance level α
- Alternatively, compute P-value
 - $P\text{-value} = 2\Pr(Z > |\text{z-value}|)$

For $H_0: \beta_j \leq 0$ vs. $H_a: \beta_j > 0$ (to test for a significantly positive coefficient)

- $P\text{-value} = \Pr(Z > z\text{-value})$

For $H_0: \beta_j \geq 0$ vs. $H_a: \beta_j < 0$ (to test for a significantly negative coefficient)

- $P\text{-value} = \Pr(Z < z\text{-value})$

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- Because the approximation of the normal distribution relies on large sample size, so do the hypothesis testing procedures.
- What if n is small?
 - The hypothesis testing procedure will have a probability of type I error larger than the significance level.
 - In other words, there will likely be more type I errors than expected.

Testing for Subsets of Coefficients

Full model:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Logit} \left(p(X_1, \dots, X_p, Z_1, \dots, Z_q) \right) \\ &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \dots + \beta_p X_p + \alpha_1 Z_1 + \dots + \alpha_q Z_q \end{aligned}$$

Reduced model:

$$\text{Logit} \left(p(X_1, \dots, X_p) \right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \dots + \beta_p X_p$$

The hypothesis test:

$$H_0: \alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \dots = \alpha_q = 0$$

vs.

$$H_a: \alpha_i \neq 0 \text{ for at least one } \alpha_i, i = 1, \dots, q$$

- Maximize the likelihood function under reduced model: $\mathcal{L}(\bar{\beta}_0, \bar{\beta}_1, \dots, \bar{\beta}_p)$
- Maximize the likelihood function under full model: $\mathcal{L}(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1, \dots, \hat{\beta}_p, \hat{\alpha}_1, \dots, \hat{\alpha}_q)$
- Test Statistics
 - Deviance = $\log(\mathcal{L}(\bar{\beta}_0, \bar{\beta}_1, \dots, \bar{\beta}_p)) - \log(\mathcal{L}(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1, \dots, \hat{\beta}_p, \hat{\alpha}_1, \dots, \hat{\alpha}_q)) \approx \chi_q^2$
 - P-value = $\Pr(\chi_q^2 > \text{Deviance})$

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- The hypothesis test for subsets of coefficients is approximate
 - It relies on large sample size
- This is not a test for goodness of fit!
 - It only compares two models

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 - P-value = $\Pr(\chi^2_q > \text{Deviance})$

Testing for Overall Regression

Full model:

$$\text{Logit}\left(p(X_1, \dots, X_p)\right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \dots + \beta_p X_p$$

Reduced model:

$$\text{Logit}\left(p(X_1, \dots, X_p)\right) = \beta_0$$

The hypothesis test:

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vs.

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- Maximize the likelihood function under reduced model: $\mathcal{L}(\bar{\beta}_0)$
- Maximize the likelihood function under full model: $\mathcal{L}(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1, \dots, \hat{\beta}_p)$
- Test Statistics
 - Deviance = $\log(\mathcal{L}(\bar{\beta}_0)) - \log(\mathcal{L}(\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1, \dots, \hat{\beta}_p)) \approx \chi_p^2$
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Summary

