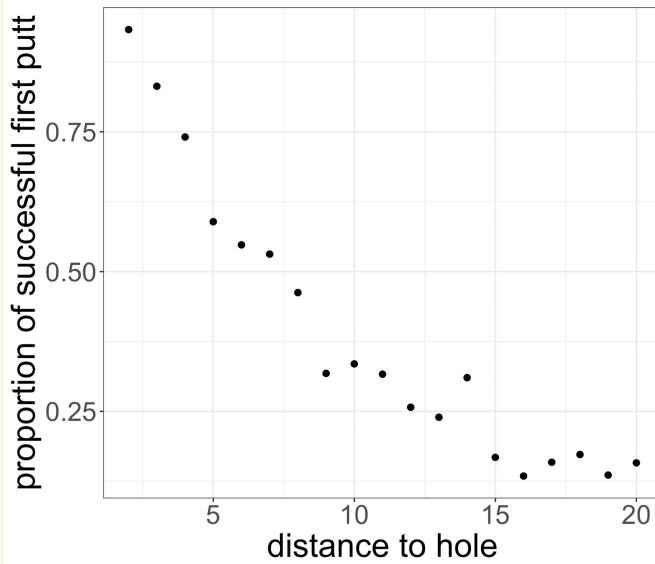


Regression, Part 3: Logistic Regression

Q Predict the probability that a putt is sunk as a function of distance to hole.

Dataset of 5,988 putts from Columbia including distance to hole and whether the putt was sunk or not.

Visualize



What do you notice?

Variables

$i = \text{index of } i^{\text{th}} \text{ putt in our dataset}$

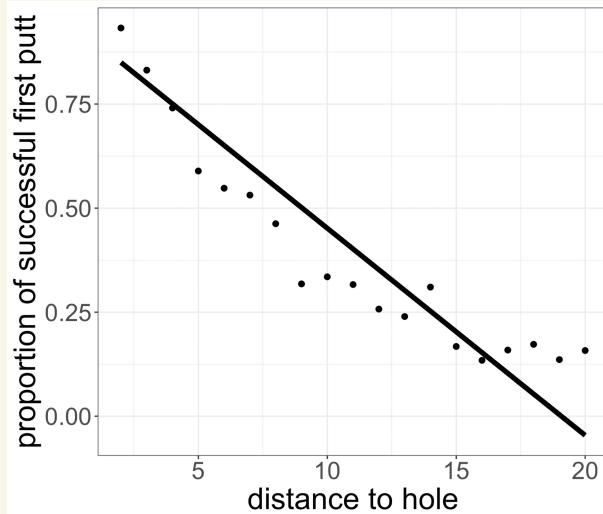
$Y_i = 1 \text{ if putt is sunk, else } 0$

$X_i = \text{distance to hole of } i^{\text{th}} \text{ putt}$

Model 1 (Linear Regression)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + \varepsilon_i \\ \text{mean zero noise } \mathbb{E}\varepsilon_i = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

We know how to estimate β_0, β_1 .

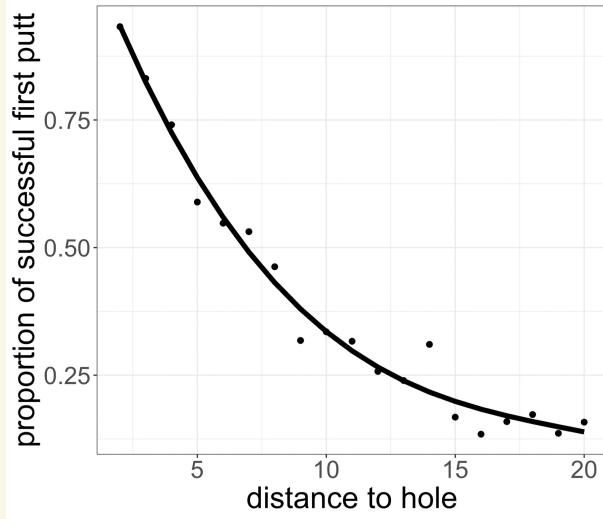


Not a great fit.

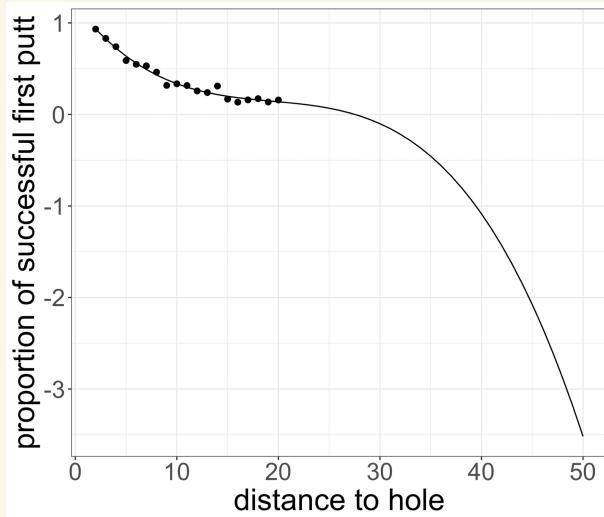
Model (Cubic Regression)

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + \beta_2 X_i^2 + \beta_3 X_i^3 + \varepsilon_i$$

We know how to estimate $(\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3)$!



Fit looks good
when $X_i \in [0, 20]$

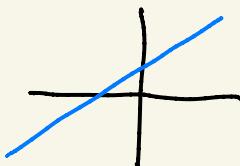


Not able to
extrapolate
when $X_i > 20 \dots$

Problem: The probability of an event must lie in $[0, 1]$, ordinary linear regression does not guarantee this.

Idea: Force our predictions \hat{y}_i to lie in $[0, 1]$

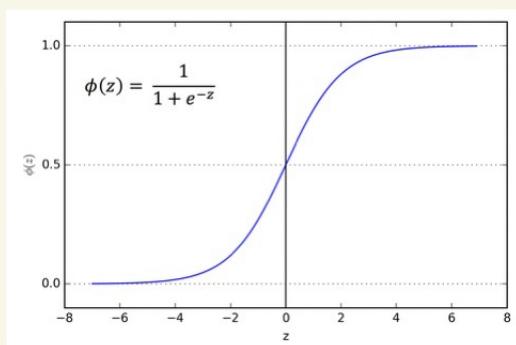
$$\text{OLR: } \hat{y}_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i$$



Squishification Function

↳ Takes a number in $(-\infty, \infty)$ and squishes it into $[0, 1]$

$$\text{Logistic}(z) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-z}} = \text{Sigmoid}(z) = \sigma(z)$$



$$\text{Before: } \hat{y}_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i$$

$$\text{Now: } \hat{y}_i = \text{Logistic}(\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i)$$

Model the probability directly,

$$\hat{P}_i = \hat{P}(y_i=1) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-(\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i)}}$$

logistic Regression Model

$$P_i = P(y_i=1) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-(x_i^T \beta)}}$$

$$Y_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(P_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{w.p. } P_i \\ 0 & \text{w.p. } 1-P_i \end{cases}$$

Before estimating the coefficients β ,
let's look at another example.

Q Create NCAA Mens Basketball Power Ratings which adjust for strength of Schedule and Home Court by accounting for who beat whom, but ignoring score differential.

Bradley Terry Power Scores

Logistic
Regression
Power
Scores.

Schedule matrix X from yesterday

Game i , Home team $H(i)$, Away team $A(i)$,

$$X_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j = \text{interner column} \\ 1 & \text{if } j = H(i) \\ -1 & \text{if } j = A(i) \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Outcomes Win / loss y

$$y_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } H(i) \text{ wins} \\ 0 & \text{if } H(i) \text{ loses} \end{cases}$$

$$P_i = P(y_i=1) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(\beta_{H(i)} - \beta_{A(i)} + \beta_0)}}$$

$$y_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(P_i)$$

Model

Q Our data is in terms of $Y_i \in \{0, 1\}$ and X_i , not $\{P_i\}$. So, how do we estimate $\vec{\beta}$ in logistic Regression?

* In linear regression, we estimate β by minimizing the Residual sum of squares RSS (e.g. the squared error),

$$RSS(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - x_i^\top \beta)^2$$

* In logistic regression, we estimate β by minimizing the log loss, i.e. the cross entropy loss.

$$L(\beta) = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \log p_i + (1-y_i) \log(1-p_i)$$

$$\text{where } p_i = P(y_i=1/x_i, \beta) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x_i^\top \beta}}$$

- If $y_i=1$ then $y_i \log p_i + (1-y_i) \log(1-p_i) = \log p_i$
 - If $p_i \approx 1$ then $\log p_i$ high,
so $-\log p_i$ low, so $L(\beta)$ low
 - If $p_i \approx 0$ then $\log p_i$ low,
so $-\log p_i$ high, so $L(\beta)$ high
- Similarly, if $y_i=0$ then $y_i \log p_i + (1-y_i) \log(1-p_i) = \log(1-p_i)$
and a low loss corresponds to a low p_i

* Let's minimize loss:

$$\nabla_{\beta} L(\beta) = D_{\beta} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[y_i \log p_i + (-y_i) \log (1-p_i) \right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[y_i D_{\beta} \log p_i + (-y_i) D_{\beta} \log (1-p_i) \right]$$

Now,

$$\text{let } \phi(z) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-z}} = \text{logistic}(z)$$

$$\text{Then } \frac{d}{dz} \phi(z) = \frac{e^{-z}}{(1+e^{-z})^2} = \phi(z)(1-\phi(z))$$

$$\nabla_{\beta} p_i = D_{\beta} \left(\frac{1}{1+e^{-x_i^T \beta}} \right) = \nabla_{\beta} \phi(x_i^T \beta)$$

$$= \phi(x_i^T \beta) (1 - \phi(x_i^T \beta)) \vec{x}_i$$

by Chain Rule

$$= p_i (1-p_i) \vec{x}_i$$

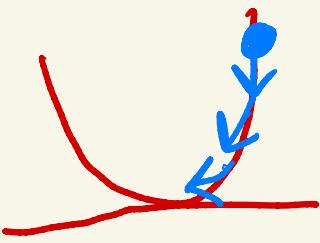
Hence

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla_{\beta} L(\beta) &= -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[y_i D_{\beta} \log p_i + (1-y_i) D_{\beta} \log (1-p_i) \right] \\&= -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[y_i \frac{\nabla_{\beta} p_i}{p_i} - (1-y_i) \frac{\nabla_{\beta} (1-p_i)}{1-p_i} \right] \\&= -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[y_i (1-p_i) x_i - (1-y_i) p_i x_i \right] \\&= -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - p_i) x_i \\&= -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \phi(x_i^T \beta))\end{aligned}$$

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* Setting $\nabla_{\beta} L(\beta) = 0$ has no known closed form solution.

So, use Newton Raphson or gradient descent to approximate $\hat{\beta} = \underset{\beta}{\operatorname{argmin}} L(\beta)$.



Gradient Descent

Iterate until convergence of $\vec{\beta}$,
i.e. until $\|\vec{\beta}^{(t)} - \vec{\beta}^{(t+1)}\| < \varepsilon$:

$$\vec{\beta}^{(t+1)} = \vec{\beta}^{(t)} + K \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \phi(x_i^T \beta)) \vec{x}_i$$

K = learning Rate

Anyone Recognize K ??

ELO

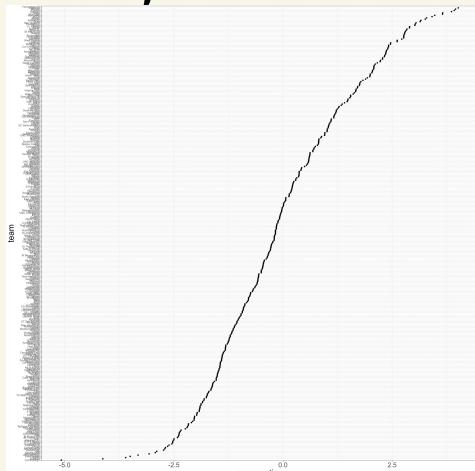
* $ELO^{(t+1)} = ELO^{(t)} + K(1(\text{win}) - P(\text{win}))$

One iteration of gradient descent in logistic regression
for Bradley Terry power scores
is one ELO update!

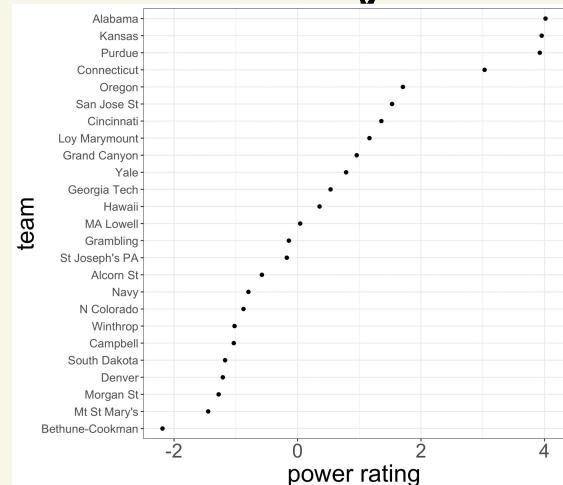
So, now we can estimate β in logistic regression!!
 Done automatically in R.
 Estimated coefficients β are our power scores!

```
### get power ratings using Bradley Terry (logistic regression)
bradley_terry = glm(df_ncaamb2$Win ~ X + 0, family="binomial")
power_ratings = bradley_terry$coefficients
```

Too many teams to see.



Some Power Ratings:



```
> tibble(teams=colnames(X), power_ratings=uname(power_ratings)) %>%
+   drop_na() %>%
+   arrange(power_ratings) %>%
+   head(5)
# A tibble: 5 × 2
  teams      power_ratings
  <chr>          <dbl>
1 LIU Brooklyn     -5.08
2 Hartford        -4.13
3 IUPUI           -3.60
4 Presbyterian     -3.50
5 WI Green Bay    -3.32
> tibble(teams=colnames(X), power_ratings=uname(power_ratings)) %>%
+   drop_na() %>%
+   arrange(-power_ratings) %>%
+   head(5)
# A tibble: 5 × 2
  teams      power_ratings
  <chr>          <dbl>
1 Alabama         4.02
2 Kansas          3.95
3 Purdue          3.92
4 Houston          3.86
5 Texas            3.66
```

Intercept = .23
 Home Court Advantage

* Back to Golf:

Variables

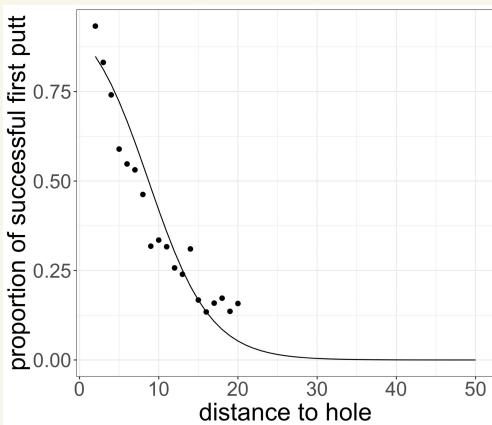
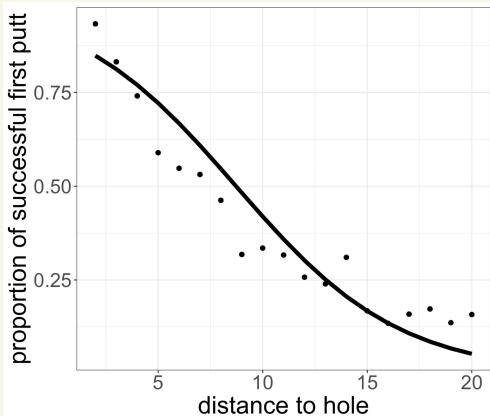
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Logistic Regression Model

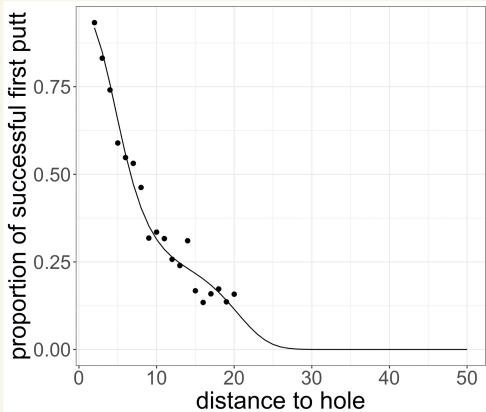
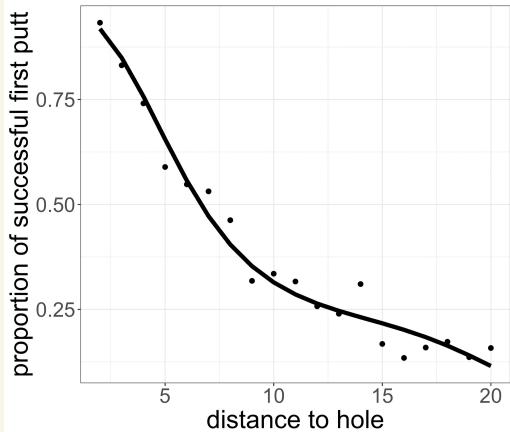
$$P(Y_i=1) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-\beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i}}$$



It extrapolates well because we forced our prediction to lie in $[0, 1]$.

* We can do better by modeling the log odds as a cubic,

$$P(Y_i=1) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \beta_2 x_i^2 + \beta_3 x_i^3}}$$



HW Implement Elo on our
NCAA Mens Basketball dataset and
compare the results to Bradley Terry.

Takeaway

Use linear regression to predict a Real number.
Use logistic regression to predict a probability in $[0, 1]$.