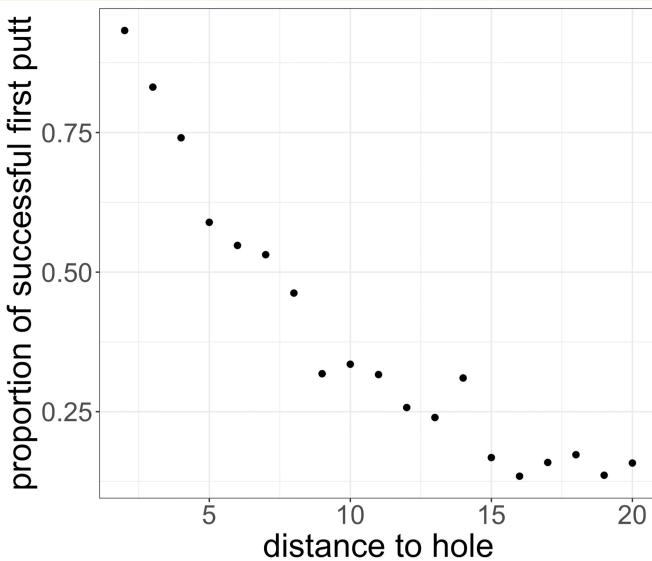


# Logistic Regression

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

Dataset of 5,988 putts from Mark Brodie include distance to hole and whether putt was sunk.



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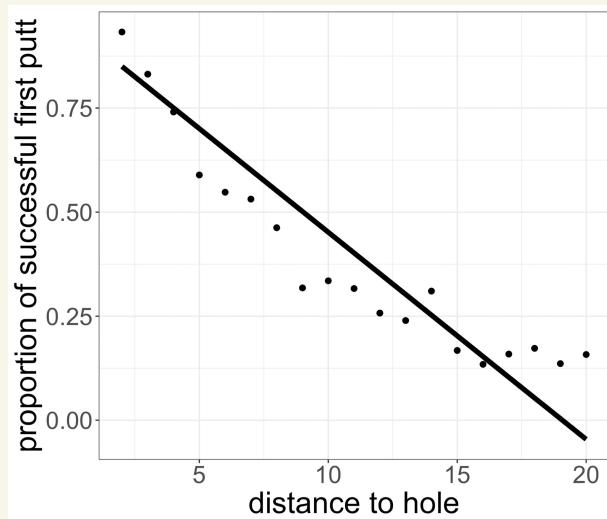
variables

$i = \text{index of } i^{\text{th}} \text{ putt}$   
 $X_i = \text{dist} = \text{dist to hole} > 0$

$Y_i = \text{succ}_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if putt sunk} \\ 0 & \text{if not} \end{cases}$

Model

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + \varepsilon_i$$



not as good or we can do  
not linear

Model  $Y_i = \beta_1 \frac{1}{X_i} + \varepsilon_i$

$\mathbb{E} Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \frac{1}{X_i} = P_i = 0 \text{ and } X_i = \infty$

$$Y_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if make putt} \\ 0 & \text{if not} \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{w.p. } P_i \\ 0 & \text{w.p. } 1-P_i \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbb{E} Y_i = \sum_{y \in \{0,1\}} y \cdot P(Y_i = y)$$

$$= 1 \cdot P(Y_i = 1) + 0 \cdot P(Y_i = 0)$$

$$= P(Y_i = 1) = P_i$$

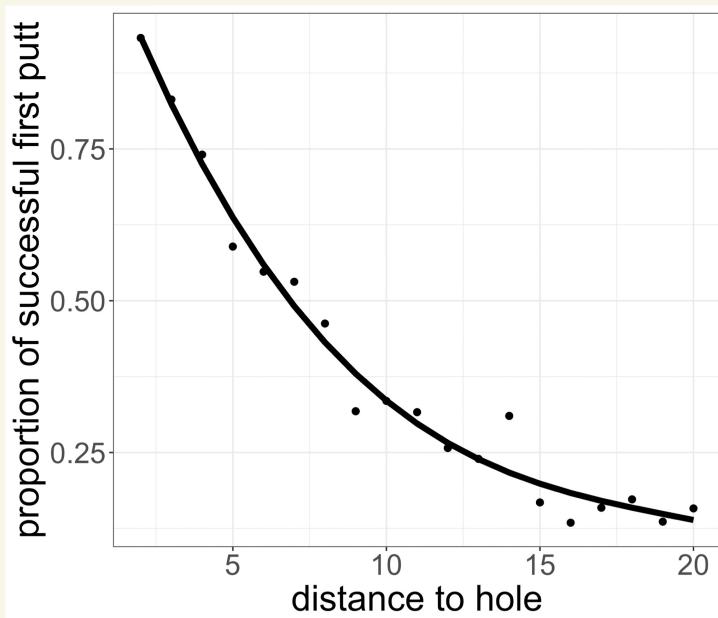
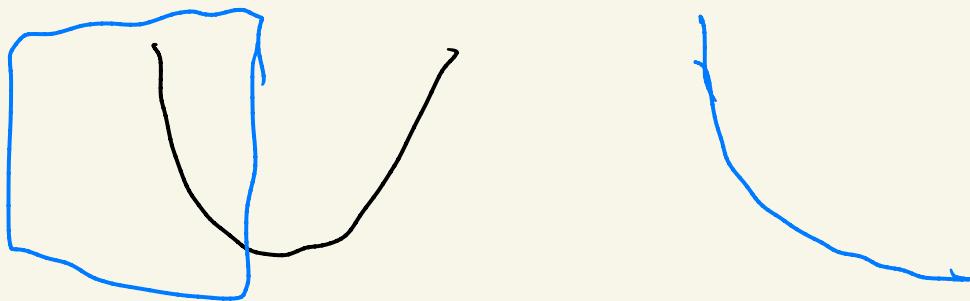
if  $X_i \approx 0$  then  $\frac{1}{X_i} \approx \infty$   
 so  $Y_i \approx \infty$   
 but  $Y_i = 1 \text{ or } 0$

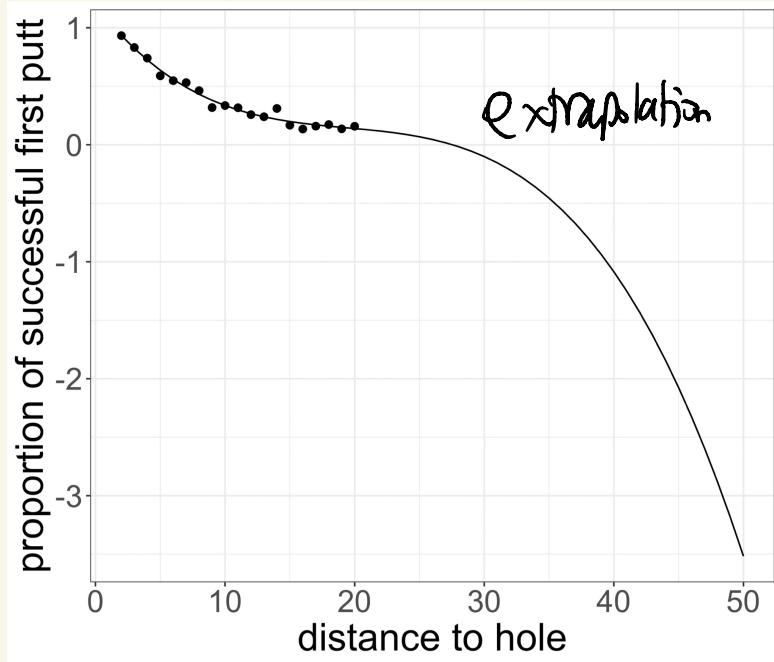
- diff. model

- want to make  $\hat{Y}_i \in [0,1]$

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

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- \* Find something that converges to 0 as  $X \rightarrow \infty$
- \* Force our prediction  $\hat{Y}_i$  to be in  $[0, 1]$ .  
Force our model to lie in  $[0, 1]$ , for  $x \in [0, \infty)$ .

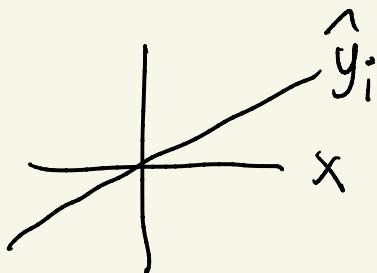
Problem the probability of an event must lie in  $(0, 1]$ , ordinary linear

regression model does not assure guarantee for this.

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

Linear Regression  $y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \epsilon_i$

How can we force our prediction to be in  $(0, 1)$ .



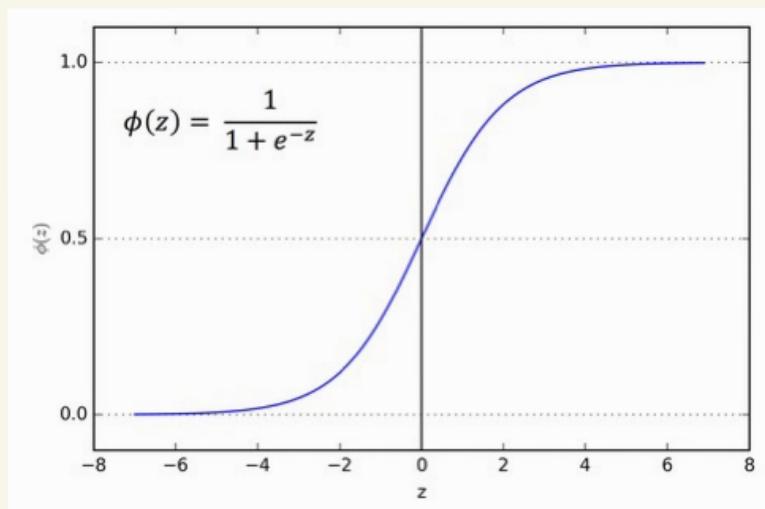
$$\hat{y}_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i$$

the predicted values  $\hat{y}_i$  can be any number in  $(-\infty, \infty)$  depending on the value of  $x_i$ .

Squishification Function

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

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



$$z=\infty, \quad \frac{1}{1+e^{-\infty}} = \frac{1}{1+0} = 1$$

$$z=-\infty, \quad \frac{1}{1+e^{-\infty}} = \frac{1}{1+0} = 0$$

$$z=0, \quad \frac{1}{1+e^{-0}} = \frac{1}{1+1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sigmoid } \hat{y}_i &= \text{Logistic} \left( \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i)}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{y}_i = \text{Logistic} \left( x_i^\top \hat{\beta} \right)$$

$$x_i = \begin{pmatrix} x_{i1} \\ x_{i2} \\ \vdots \\ x_{in} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_i \\ x_{i2} \\ x_{i3} \\ \vdots \\ x_{in} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{y}_i = \text{Logistic} \left( \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i + \hat{\beta}_2 x_i^2 \right)$$

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

## Model

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

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

$$y_i = 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0$$

$x_i^T$  Row vector

$$x_i^T = (1, x_i) \rightarrow x_i^T \beta = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i$$

$$x_i^T = (1, x_i, x_i^2, x_i^3) \rightarrow x_i^T \beta = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \beta_2 x_i^2 + \beta_3 x_i^3$$

$$\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1$$

How to estimate the coefficients?

$$LR: \arg \min_{\beta} RSS(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

Logistic Reg:  $y_i = 0 \text{ or } 1$

Minimize log loss, a.k.a cross entropy loss

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

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

$$x_i = \text{dist}_i \quad x_i = (1, \text{dist}_i, \text{dist}_i^2, \text{dist}_i^3)$$

$$L_i(\beta) = -y_i \log p_i - (1-y_i) \log (1-p_i).$$

When  $y_i=1$ ,  $L_i(\beta) = -\log p_i$

when  $p_i \approx 1$ ,  $L_i \approx 0$

when  $p_i \approx 0$ ,  $L_i \approx \infty$

When  $y_i = 0$ ,  $L_i(\beta) = -\log(1-p_i)$

When  $p_i \approx 1$ ,  $L_i \approx \infty$   
when  $p_i \approx 0$ ,  $L_i \approx 0$

\* Let's minimize the logloss to find our coeffs:

$$\underset{\beta}{\operatorname{argmin}} \quad L(\beta) \quad \beta = (\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_K)$$

$$0 = \nabla_{\beta} L(\beta)$$

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

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

$$p_i = \frac{1}{1+e^{-(x_i^T \beta)}} = \sigma(x_i^T \beta)$$

$$\nabla_{\beta} \log P_i = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_0} \log P_i, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_k} \log P_i \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} \log P_i$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} \log \left( \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(x_i^T \beta)}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} \left[ -\log \left( 1 + e^{-(x_i^T \beta)} \right) \right]$$

$$= - \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} \left( 1 + e^{-(x_i^T \beta)} \right)$$

$$= \frac{-e^{-x_i^T \beta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} (-x_i^T \beta)}{1 + e^{-(x_i^T \beta)}}$$

$- (x_{0i} \beta_0 + x_{1i} \beta_1 + \dots + x_{ki} \beta_k)$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} \log p_i = \left( \frac{e^{-x_i^T \beta}}{1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}} \right) \cdot x_{j,i}$$

$$\beta = (\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_k)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_0} \log p_i = \left( \frac{e^{-x_i^T \beta}}{1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}} \right) \cdot x_{0,i} \quad x_i^T \beta = \\ (1, x_{i,1}, x_{i,2}, \dots)^T \cdot (\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3) \\ = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i,1} + \beta_2 x_{i,2} + \beta_3 x_{i,3}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_1} \log p_i = \left( \frac{e^{-x_i^T \beta}}{1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}} \right) \cdot x_{1,i}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_2} \log p_i = \left( \frac{e^{-x_i^T \beta}}{1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}} \right) \cdot x_{2,i}$$

$$x_i^* = (x_{0,i}, x_{1,i}, \dots, x_{k,i})$$

$$\nabla_{\beta} \log p_i = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_0} \log p_i, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_k} \log p_i \right)$$

$$= \left( \frac{e^{-x_i^T \beta}}{1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}} \right) \cdot (x_{0,i}, x_{1,i}, \dots, x_{k,i})$$

$$= \frac{e^{-x_i^T \beta}}{1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}} \circ X = (1 - p_i) X_i$$

$$p_i = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(x_i^T \beta)}}, \quad 1 - p_i = \cancel{\frac{1}{1 + e^{-(x_i^T \beta)}}} \quad \cancel{\frac{1}{1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}}}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-x_i^T \beta}}{1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} D_\beta \log p_i = (1 - p_i) X_i \\ D_\beta \log(1 - p_i) = -p_i X_i \end{array} \right.$$

$$D_\beta L(\beta) =$$

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

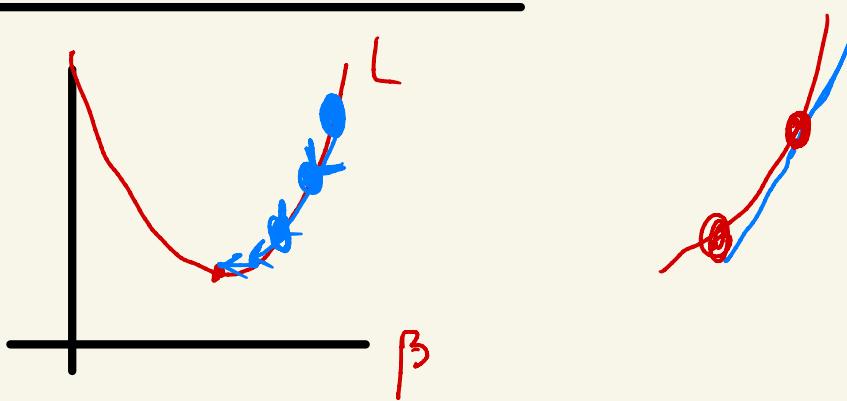
$$= -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ y_i (1 - p_i) X_i - (1 - y_i) p_i X_i \right\}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - p_i) x_i$$

$$= -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \delta(x_i^\top \beta)) \cdot x_i = 0$$

No known closed form solution for  $\beta$ .

## Gradient Descent



descend down the gradient until converge:

$$\beta^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \beta^{(t)} + K \cdot D_\beta L(\beta^{(t)})$$

$$\beta^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \beta^{(t)} + \lambda \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - p_i) x_i$$

Stop

When  $\|\beta^{(t)} - \beta^{(t+1)}\| < \delta,$

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ELO

One iteration of gradient descent in logistic regression

is equivalent to one ELO update

every one has their own ELO rating/~~score~~/strength,  
Parameter  $\beta.$

player A plays against player B.

$\beta_A$  vs.  $\beta_B$

$$P_{AB} = P(A \text{ beats } B) = P(y_{AB} = 1)$$

:=  $\frac{1}{1 + e^{-(\beta_A - \beta_B)}} = \sigma(\beta_A - \beta_B)$

$$\beta_A \leftarrow \beta_A + K(y_{AB} - P_{AB})$$

$$\beta_B \leftarrow \beta_B + K(y_{BA} - P_{BA})$$

$y_{AB} = 1$  if  $A$  beats  $B$  else 0

$$P_{AB} = P(A \text{ beats } B)$$

- If  $A$  beats  $B$  ( $y_{AB} = 1$ ) ( $y_{BA} = 0$ )

If  $P_{AB} \approx 1$  ( $P_{BA} \approx 0$ )  $\rightarrow \beta_A$  barely increases

If  $P_{AB} \approx 0$  ( $P_{BA} \approx 1$ )  $\rightarrow \beta_A$  increases by  $K$

$K = K \text{ factor} = \text{learning rate}$

$$P_{AB} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(\beta_A - \beta_B)}}$$

- golf putting example

estimate putt prob. as a function of dist to hole  
set up logistic regression model

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

$$x_i = (1, \text{dist}_i)$$

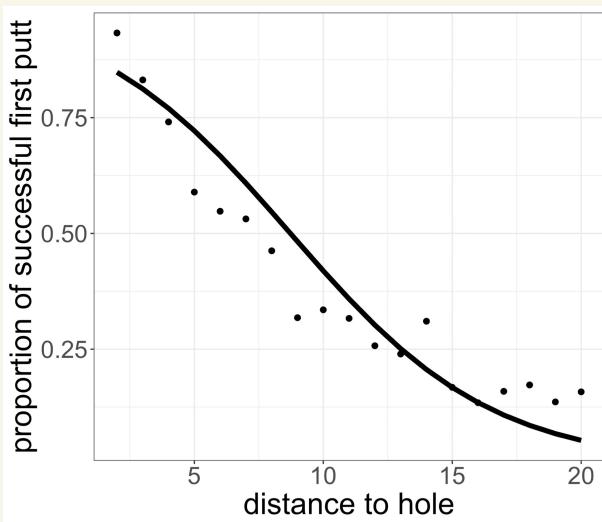
Ran gradient descent to minimize  $L(\beta)$

from this, estimate  $\beta \rightarrow \hat{\beta}$

then, go back and use  $\hat{P} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-X^T \hat{\beta}}}$

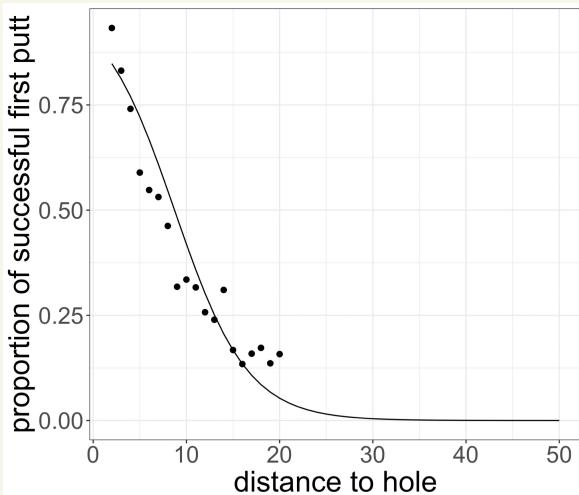
Let's visualize  $\hat{P}$  from logistic regression:

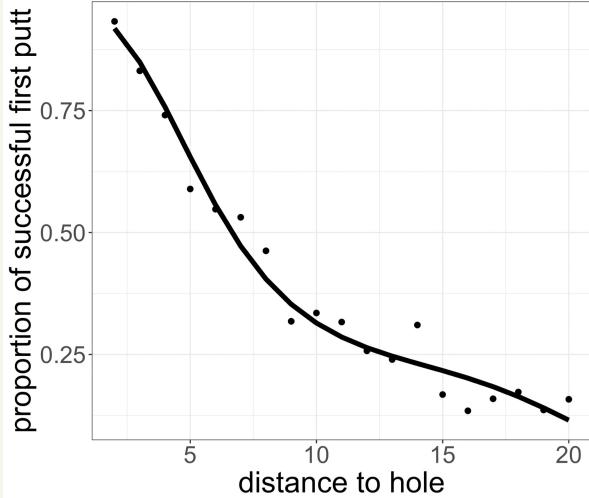
- decide to use logistic regression ( $y_i \in \{0, 1\}$ )
- acquire  $(x_i, y_i)$
- run 1 line of R code



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decent

dist<sub>i</sub>

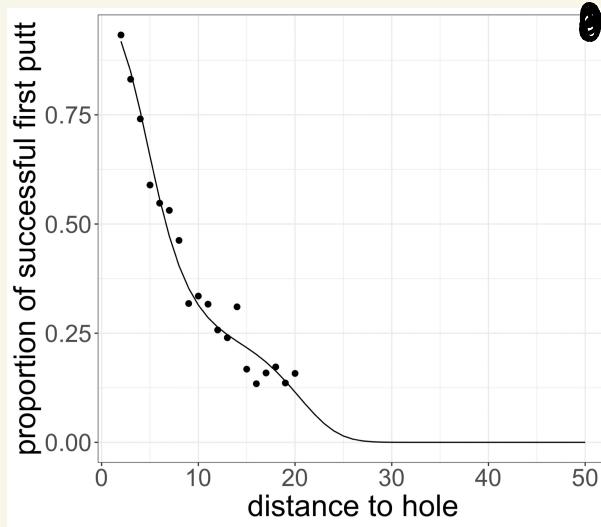




$$x_i^T = (1, x_i, x_i^2, x_i^3)$$

Annotations below the equation:

- $d_{i,1}$  points to the constant term (1)
- $d_{i,2}$  points to the linear term ( $x_i$ )
- $d_{i,3}$  points to the quadratic term ( $x_i^2$ )
- $d_{i,4}$  points to the cubic term ( $x_i^3$ )



Confounder:  
elevation  
hole placement

# 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