

Logistic regression interpretation

Class activity, Part I

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$$\frac{e^{-2.901+0.0036 \cdot 701}}{e^{-2.901+0.0036 \cdot 700}} = 1.0036$$

This is the same odds ratio as comparing a 601 GRE to a 600 GRE!

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Odds ratio for increasing GRE by one point:

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- + The estimated log odds when $x = 0$ are $\hat{\beta}_0$
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Fitting logistic regression in R

```
gre_glm <- glm(admit ~ gre, data = grad_app,  
               family = binomial)  
summary(gre_glm)
```

```
...  
##              Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)  
## (Intercept) -2.901344    0.606038  -4.787 1.69e-06 ***  
## gre          0.003582    0.000986   3.633 0.00028 ***  
## ---  
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1  
##  
## (Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)  
##  
##    Null deviance: 499.98  on 399  degrees of freedom  
## Residual deviance: 486.06  on 398  degrees of freedom  
## AIC: 490.06  
##  
## Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 4
```


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An increase of 1 point in GPA is associated with an increase in the odds of acceptance by a factor of $\exp\{1.051\} = 2.861$

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$$\frac{e^{-4.358+1.051(3.5)}}{1 + e^{-4.358+1.051(3.5)}} \approx 0.336$$

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No:

- + GPA = 2.0, estimated probability = 0.095
- + GPA = 3.0, estimated probability = 0.231
- + GPA = 4.0, estimated probability = 0.462