Logistic regression interpretation

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Warmup activity

Work on the activity (handout) with a neighbor, then we will discuss as a class.

Warmup

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What is the predicted probability of dengue for a 10 year old patient?

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Suppose we want to identify patients for whom the predicted probability of dengue is at least 0.5. What age range should we focus on?

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Compare the odds of dengue for a 12 year old patient to the odds of dengue for an 11 year old patient. What do you notice?

Interpretation

$$\log\!\left(rac{\widehat{\pi}_i}{1-\widehat{\pi}_i}
ight) = -2.45 + 0.22~Age_i$$

Recap: logistic regression

$$Y_i \sim Bernoulli(\pi_i)$$

$$\logigg(rac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i}igg) = eta_0 + eta_1 \ Age_i$$

Adding more variables

Now let's add WBC as a variable to the model:

$$\logigg(rac{\widehat{\pi}_i}{1-\widehat{\pi}_i}igg) = 0.34 + 0.15~Age_i - 0.31WBC_i$$

How should I interpret each coefficient in the fitted model?

For next time

Reading: in the textbook, read

- sections 6.7.1 6.7.3
- + sections 2.2 2.4