

Hypothesis testing for logistic regression

Modeling grad admissions

Data: Grad application data

- + admit: accepted to grad school? (0 = no, 1 = yes)
- + gre: GRE score
- + gpa: undergrad GPA
- + rank: prestige of undergrad institution *← categorical, 4 levels
1 = most prestige,
4 = least prestige*

We want to know whether there is a relationship between the prestige of a student's undergrad institution and the probability they are admitted to graduate school, *after accounting for their GRE score and GPA.*

(put these variables in the model)

How could we use hypothesis testing to investigate this research question?

Modeling grad admissions

(rank 1 is the reference category)

$$Admit_i \sim Bernoulli(\pi_i)$$

= 1 rank = 2
= 0 else

$$\log\left(\frac{\pi_i}{1 - \pi_i}\right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 GRE_i + \beta_2 GPA_i + \underbrace{\beta_3}_{\text{Rank2}_i} Rank2_i + \beta_4 Rank3_i + \beta_5 Rank4_i$$

How would I interpret the coefficients in this model?

β_1 : a unit increase in GRE is associated with a change in odds of admission by a factor of $\exp\{\beta_1\}$, holding GPA & rank fixed

β_3 : Going to a rank 2 school is associated with a change in the odds of admission by a factor of $\exp\{\beta_3\}$ vs. a rank 1 school, holding GRE & GPA fixed

Hypotheses

$$Admit_i \sim Bernoulli(\pi_i)$$

$$\log\left(\frac{\pi_i}{1 - \pi_i}\right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 GRE_i + \beta_2 GPA_i + \beta_3 Rank2_i + \beta_4 Rank3_i + \beta_5 Rank4_i$$

Research question: Is there a relationship between the prestige of a student's undergrad institution and the probability they are admitted to graduate school, after accounting for their GRE score and GPA?

What are my null and alternative hypotheses?

$$H_0: \beta_3 = \beta_4 = \beta_5 = 0$$

$$H_A: \text{at least one of } \beta_3, \beta_4, \beta_5 \neq 0$$

Testing hypotheses

$$Admit_i \sim Bernoulli(\pi_i)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \log\left(\frac{\pi_i}{1 - \pi_i}\right) = & \beta_0 + \beta_1 GRE_i + \beta_2 GPA_i + \beta_3 Rank2_i \\ & + \beta_4 Rank3_i + \beta_5 Rank4_i \end{aligned}$$

Hypotheses:

$$H_0 : \beta_3 = \beta_4 = \beta_5 = 0$$

$$H_A : \text{at least one of } \beta_3, \beta_4, \beta_5 \neq 0$$

How should we test these hypotheses and calculate a p-value?

- Calculate $G = \text{change in deviance between full \& reduced models}$
- Need null distribution (distribution of G under H_0)

Class activity

https://sta214-s23.github.io/class_activities/ca_lecture_8.html

Class activity

Full model:

```
m1 <- glm(admit ~ gre + gpa + as.factor(rank),  
           data = grad_app, family = binomial)  
summary(m1)
```

...

##

Null deviance: 499.98 on 399 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 458.52 on 394 degrees of freedom

...

Deviance of full model = 458.52

deviance of intercept-only model
↙ our reduced model is not intercept-only

Class activity

$$\log\left(\frac{\hat{r}_i}{1-\hat{r}_i}\right) = -4.95 + 0.0036RE_i + 0.755GPA_i$$

Reduced model:

```
m2 <- glm(admit ~ gre + gpa,
            data = grad_app, family = binomial)
summary(m2)
```

```
...
##             Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
## (Intercept) -4.949378   1.075093  -4.604 4.15e-06 ***
## gre          0.002691   0.001057   2.544  0.0109 *
## gpa          0.754687   0.319586   2.361  0.0182 *
## ---
## Null deviance: 499.98 on 399 degrees of freedom
## Residual deviance: 480.34 on 397 degrees of freedom
##                                         Deviance for reduced model
...
```

$$G = 480.34 - 458.52 = 21.82$$

Class activity

```
nsim <- 500
null_statistics <- rep(0, nsim)
for(i in 1:nsim){
  x <- grad_app$gre
  p <- exp(-0.77 + 0*x)/(1 + exp(-0.77 + 0*x))
  y <- rbinom(length(x), 1, p)
  m1 <- glm(y ~ x, family = binomial)
  null_statistics[i] <- m1>null.deviance - m1$deviance
}
hist(null_statistics)
```

Handwritten annotations:

- (need GPA, GRE, Rank)
- need to change
- need to change
- need to change
- include all variables
- need deviance of reduced model
- also need to fit a reduced model

How do I modify this code to simulate from our reduced model?

Class activity

```
nsim <- 500
null_statistics <- rep(0, nsim)
for(i in 1:nsim){
  x1 <- grad_app$gre } explanatory variables
  x2 <- grad_app$gpa
  x3 <- grad_app$rank
  p <- exp(-4.95 + 0.003*x1 + 0.755*x2)/( } simulate from
    1 + exp(-4.95 + 0.003*x1 + 0.755*x2)) } reduced model
  y <- rbinom(length(x1), 1, p)

  m1 <- glm(y ~ x1 + x2 + as.factor(x3), ← full model
              family = binomial)
  m2 <- glm(y ~ x1 + x2, ← reduced model
              family = binomial)

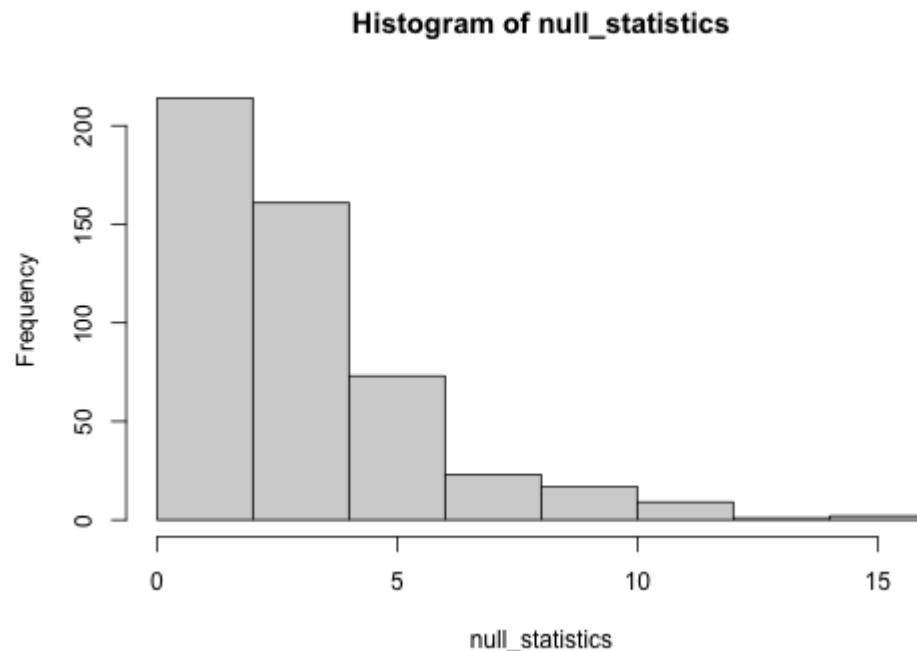
  null_statistics[i] <- m2$deviance - m1$deviance
}
```

drop in deviance

Class activity

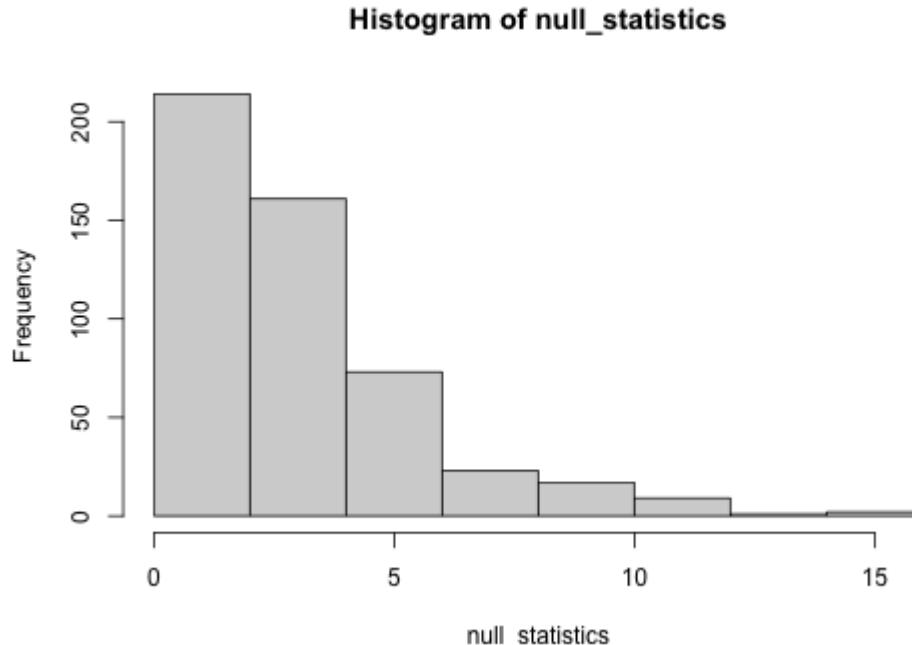
```
hist(null_statistics)
```

observed $G = 21.82$



Calculating a p-value

$p\text{-value} = P(G \geq 21.82 | H_0)$
 \approx fraction of simulations
where $G \geq 21.82$



```
mean(null_statistics >= 21.82)
```

```
## [1] 0
```

$p\text{-value} \approx 0 \Rightarrow$ strong evidence against H_0

Parametric bootstrapping

Goal: Test hypotheses comparing full and reduced models

Step 1: Fit the models and calculate a test statistic

Step 2: Repeat the following many times:

- + Simulate from the reduced model
- + Fit full and reduced models on simulated data
- + Calculate a test statistic with the simulated data

Step 3: Compare observed test statistic (step 1) with simulated test statistics (step 3) to calculate p-value

Are there any disadvantages to this method?

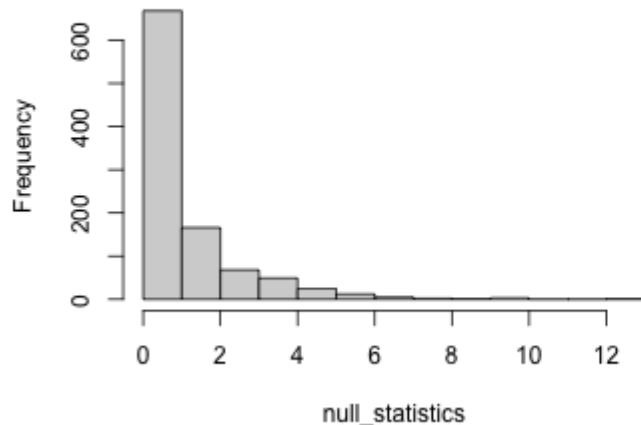
- finite # of repetitions
- requires a lot of work to get null distribution

Examining the null distributions

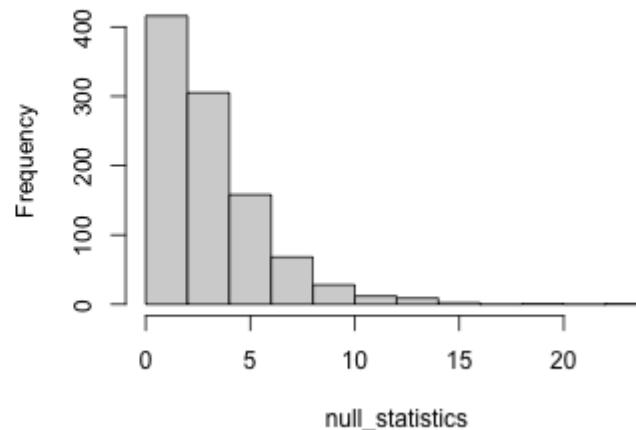
$$H_0: \beta_1 = 0$$

$$H_0: \beta_3 = \beta_4 = \beta_5 = 0$$

Testing a single parameter



Testing multiple parameters

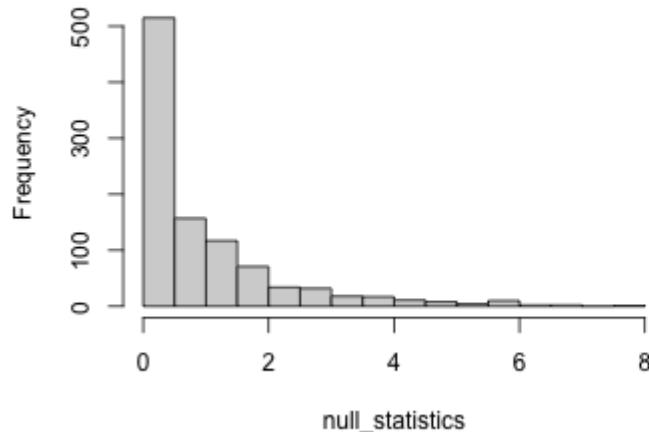


What do you notice about these distributions?

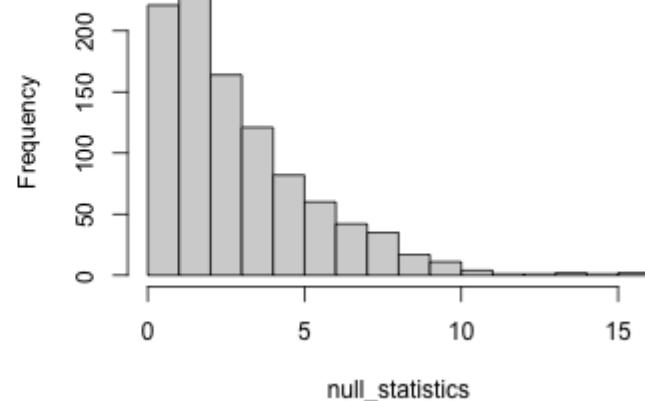
- when testing multiple parameters, σ tends to be larger
- right-skewed

Examining the null distributions

Testing a single parameter



Testing multiple parameters



Why do we always have $G \geq 0$?

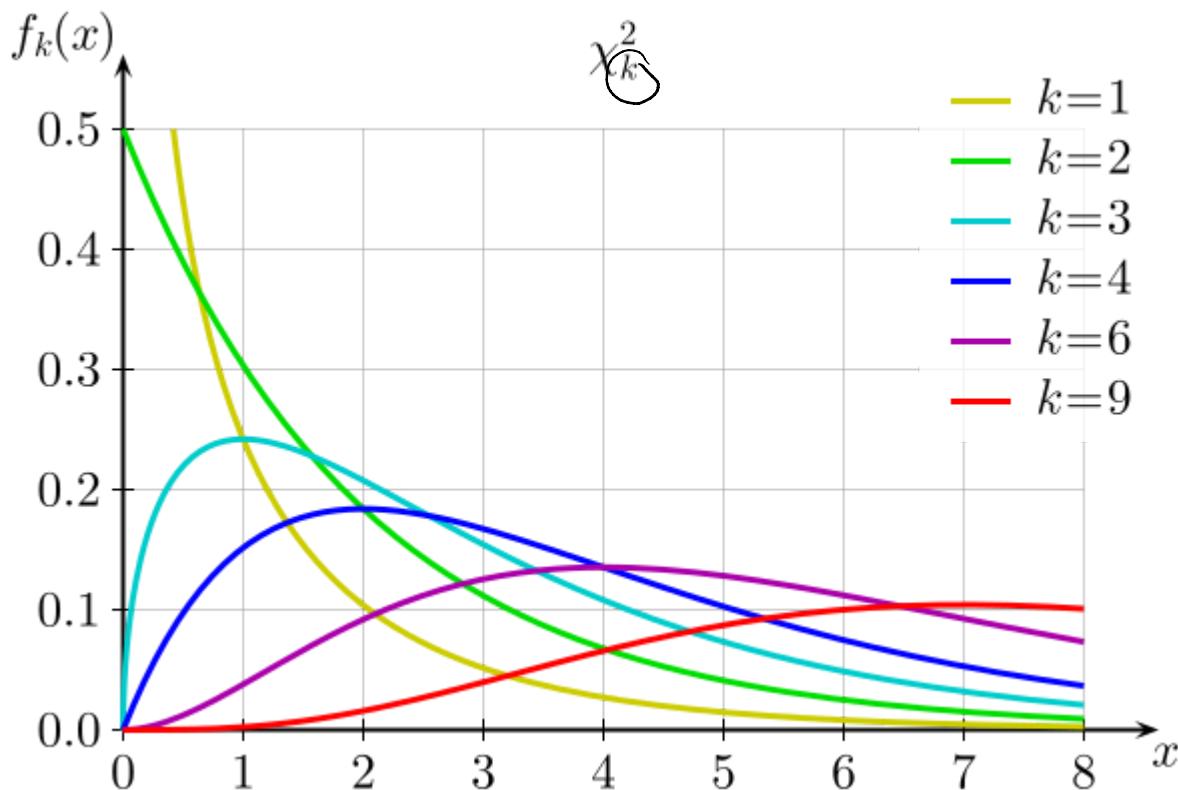
$G = \text{deviance reduced} - \text{deviance full}$
we minimize deviance (equiv. to maximizing likelihood)
when we fit our model

χ^2 distribution

Under $H_0, G \sim \chi^2_{df_{\text{reduced}} - df_{\text{full}}}$

With n_{obs} \leftarrow # parameters
 n_{reduced} \leftarrow # parameters tested
 n_{full} \leftarrow # parameters (i.e. # β s in H_0)

χ^2 distribution: parameterized by degrees of freedom k



Computing a p-value

$$\log\left(\frac{\pi_i}{1 - \pi_i}\right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{GRE}_i$$

$$H_0 : \beta_1 = 0 \quad H_A : \beta_1 \neq 0$$

G = deviance for reduced model - deviance for full model = 13.92

$\sim \chi^2_1$ *probability for a χ^2 "*

```
pchisq(13.92, df = 1, lower.tail=FALSE)
```

```
## [1] 0.0001907579
```

p-value



Computing a p-value

$$\log\left(\frac{\pi_i}{1 - \pi_i}\right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 GRE_i + \beta_2 GPA_i + \beta_3 Rank2_i + \beta_4 Rank3_i + \beta_5 Rank4_i$$

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G = deviance for reduced model - deviance for full model = 21.82

```
pchisq(..., df = ..., lower.tail=FALSE)  
21.82      3
```

Computing a p-value

$$\log\left(\frac{\pi_i}{1 - \pi_i}\right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 GRE_i + \beta_2 GPA_i + \beta_3 Rank2_i + \beta_4 Rank3_i + \beta_5 Rank4_i$$

$$H_0 : \beta_3 = \beta_4 = \beta_5 = 0$$

$$H_A : \text{at least one of } \beta_3, \beta_4, \beta_5 \neq 0$$

G = deviance for reduced model - deviance for full model = 21.82

```
pchisq(21.82, df = 3, lower.tail=FALSE)
```

```
## [1] 7.110521e-05 close to 0
```

Likelihood ratio test for nested models

Goal: Compare full and reduced models

Steps:

- + Calculate deviance for full and reduced models
- + $G = \text{deviance for reduced} - \text{deviance for full}$
- + p-value: $G \sim \chi_q^2$

Alternative: Wald tests for single parameters

$$\log\left(\frac{\pi_i}{1 - \pi_i}\right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{GRE}_i$$

Hypotheses:

Test statistic:

$$z =$$

Example

$$\log\left(\frac{\pi_i}{1 - \pi_i}\right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{GRE}_i$$

$$H_0 : \beta_1 = 0 \quad H_A : \beta_1 \neq 0$$

```
...
##                               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
...
```

$$z =$$

Wald tests vs. likelihood ratio tests

Wald test

- + like t-tests
- + test a single parameter
- + some example hypotheses:
 - + $H_0 : \beta_1 = 0$ vs.
 $H_A : \beta_1 \neq 0$
 - + $H_0 : \beta_1 = 1$ vs.
 $H_A : \beta_1 > 1$

Likelihood ratio test

- + like nested F-tests
- + test one or more parameters
- + some example hypotheses:
 - + $H_0 : \beta_1 = 0$ vs.
 $H_A : \beta_1 \neq 0$

p-values are different, because test statistics and distributions are different