

Given the true data-generation model

$$\begin{aligned}\text{logit}(p(Y = 1 | G, E, \mathbf{X})) &= \beta_0 + \boldsymbol{\gamma}^\top \mathbf{x} + 0.3g + 0.4e + 0.8ge \\ &= \eta_{ge}(\mathbf{x})\end{aligned}$$

The true (marginal) RERI_{OR} are different with empirical ones as shown as following

True (Marginal) RERI_{OR} from the data generation process

Denote $p_{ge}(x) = p(Y = 1 | G = g, E = e, X = x)$, OR_{11} can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned}\text{OR}_{11} &= \frac{p_{11}(x)/(1 - p_{11}(x))}{p_{00}(x)/(1 - p_{00}(x))} \\ &= \frac{\exp\{\eta_{11}(\mathbf{x})\}}{\exp\{\eta_{00}(\mathbf{x})\}} \\ &= e^{0.3+0.4+0.8} \frac{\exp\{\eta_{00}(\mathbf{x})\}}{\exp\{\eta_{00}(\mathbf{x})\}} \\ &= e^{0.3+0.4+0.8}\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can have

$$\text{OR}_{10} = e^{0.3}$$

$$\text{OR}_{01} = e^{0.4}$$

Hence the (marginal) RERI_{OR} can be expressed as

$$\text{RERI}_{OR} = e^{0.3+0.4+0.8} - e^{0.3} - e^{0.4} + 1 \approx 2.64$$

Empirical (crude) risks and odds from a simulation of 1 million

Define the marginal risk as

$$p_{ge}^c = P(Y = 1 | G = g, E = e)$$

which can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned}p_{ge}^c &= \int_{\mathcal{X}} P(Y = 1, X = x | G, E) dx \\ &= \int_{\mathcal{X}} P(Y = 1 | G, E, X = x) f_{X|G,E}(x) dx \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{X|G,E}[p(Y = 1 | G, E, X)] \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{X|G,E} \left[\frac{\exp\{\eta_{ge}(X)\}}{1 + \exp\{\eta_{ge}(X)\}} \right]\end{aligned}$$

Consequently

$$\begin{aligned}\text{odds}_{ge} &= \frac{p_{ge}^c}{1 - p_{ge}^c} \\ &= \frac{\mathbb{E}_{X|ge} \left[\frac{\exp\{\eta_{ge}(X)\}}{1 + \exp\{\eta_{ge}(X)\}} \right]}{\mathbb{E}_{X|ge} \left[\frac{1}{1 + \exp\{\eta_{ge}(X)\}} \right]}\end{aligned}$$

For example, for $OR_{11} = odds_{11}/odds_{00}$,

$$\begin{aligned}
odds_{11} &= \frac{\mathbb{E}_{X|11} \left[\frac{\exp\{\eta_{11}(X)\}}{1+\exp\{\eta_{11}(X)\}} \right]}{\mathbb{E}_{X|11} \left[\frac{1}{1+\exp\{\eta_{11}(X)\}} \right]} \\
&= e^{0.3+0.4+0.8} \frac{\mathbb{E}_{X|11} \left[\frac{\exp\{\beta_0 + \gamma^\top \mathbf{x}\}}{1+\exp\{1.5+\beta_0 + \gamma^\top \mathbf{x}\}} \right]}{\mathbb{E}_{X|11} \left[\frac{1}{1+\exp\{1.5+\beta_0 + \gamma^\top \mathbf{x}\}} \right]} \\
odds_{00} &= \frac{\mathbb{E}_{X|00} \left[\frac{\exp\{\beta_0 + \gamma^\top \mathbf{x}\}}{1+\exp\{\beta_0 + \gamma^\top \mathbf{x}\}} \right]}{\mathbb{E}_{X|00} \left[\frac{1}{1+\exp\{\beta_0 + \gamma^\top \mathbf{x}\}} \right]}
\end{aligned}$$

Clearly $odds_{11}/odds_{00} \neq \exp\{0.3 + 0.4 + 0.8\}$, and thence the empirical estimated \widehat{RERI}_{OR} is not equal to 2.64 even in 1 million simulation.

However, when the outcome is getting rarer, then $odds = \frac{p_{ge}^c}{1-p_{ge}^c} \approx p_{ge}^c$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
odds_{11} &\approx \mathbb{E}_{X|11} \left[\frac{\exp\{\eta_{11}(X)\}}{1 + \exp\{\eta_{11}(X)\}} \right] \\
&= e^{0.3+0.4+0.8} \mathbb{E}_{X|11} \left[\frac{\exp\{\beta_0 + \gamma^\top \mathbf{x}\}}{1 + \exp\{1.5 + \beta_0 + \gamma^\top \mathbf{x}\}} \right] \\
odds_{00} &\approx \mathbb{E}_{X|00} \left[\frac{\exp\{\eta_{00}(X)\}}{1 + \exp\{\eta_{00}(X)\}} \right]
\end{aligned}$$