

## LOGISTIC REGRESSION for ungrouped data

MODEL ASSUMPTIONS:

$Y_i \sim \text{Bern}(\pi_i)$  indep.  $i=1, \dots, n$

$\pi_i = \frac{e^{\eta_i}}{1+e^{\eta_i}}$

$g(\pi_i) = \log\left(\frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i}\right) = \eta_i$

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if we invert the relationship between  $\pi_i$  and  $\eta_i$  we obtain

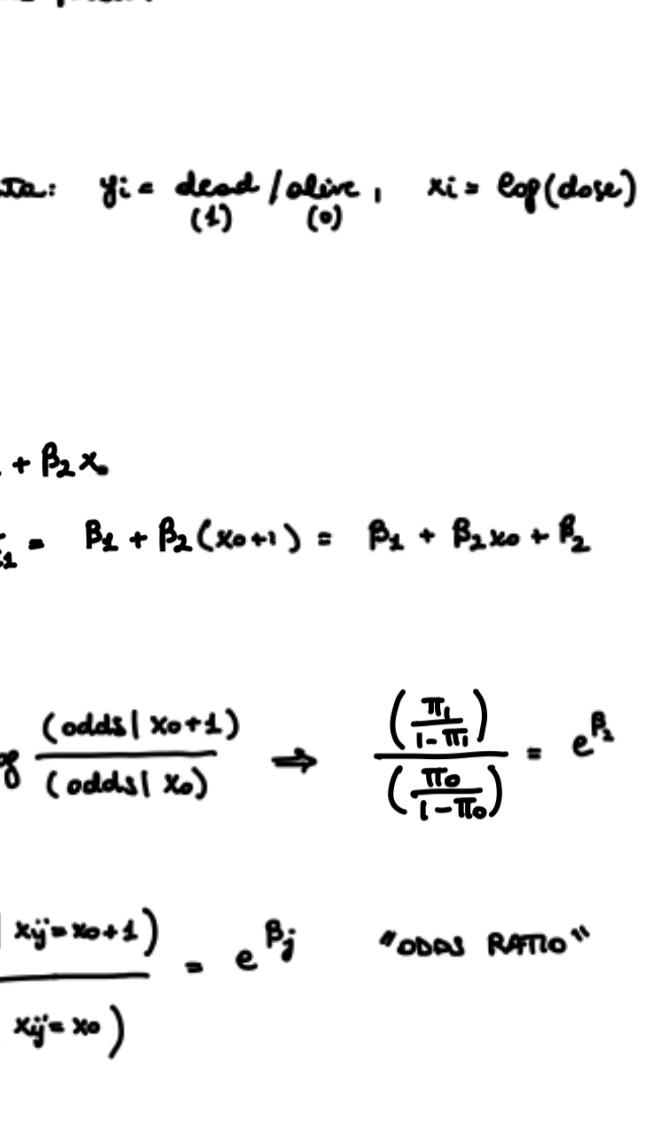
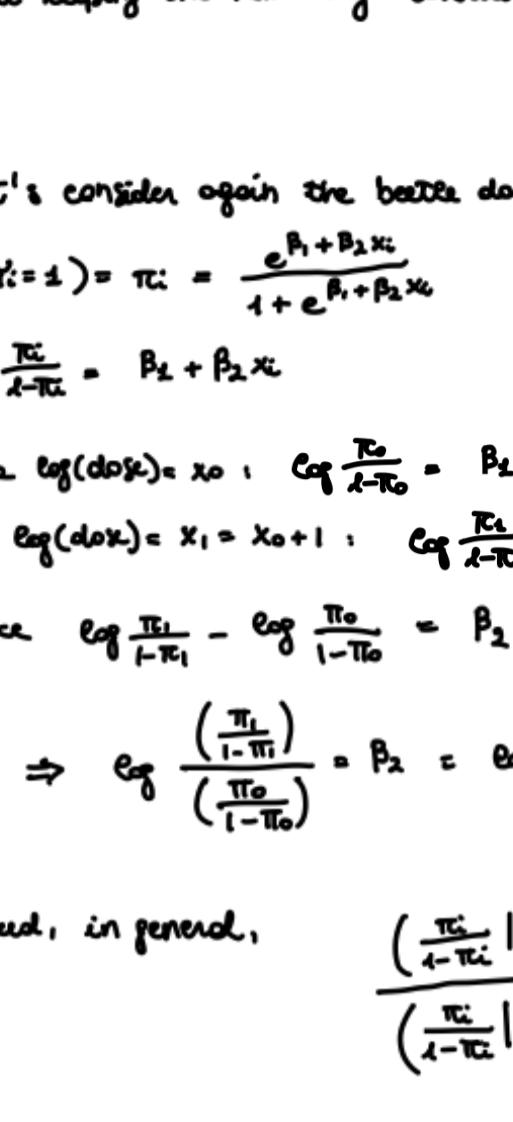
$$\pi_i = g^{-1}(\eta_i) = \frac{e^{\eta_i}}{1+e^{\eta_i}} \in (0, 1)$$

Hence we can write the model as

$Y_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\pi_i)$  independent for  $i=1, \dots, n$

with  $\pi_i = g^{-1}(\frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i}) = \frac{e^{\eta_i}}{1+e^{\eta_i}} = E[Y_i] = P(Y_i=1)$

The logistic function:



④  $y_i$  when  $\eta_i$  is negative

⑤  $y_i$  when  $\eta_i$  is around zero

⑥  $y_i$  when  $\eta_i$  is positive

If I imagine to draw Bernoulli samples for different values of  $\eta_i$ :

- if  $\eta_i < 0 \Rightarrow \pi_i$  close to 0.00: I observe many failures
- if  $\eta_i \approx 0 \Rightarrow \pi_i \approx 0.5$  similar number of failures and successes
- if  $\eta_i > 0 \Rightarrow \pi_i$  close to 1: many successes

### INTERPRETATION of the COEFFICIENTS $\beta_j$

Logistic regression has a convenient interpretation of the parameters in terms of LOG-ODDS

Indeed,  $\eta_i = \log\frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i}$

The ratio  $\frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i} = \text{ODDS} = \frac{\text{prob. of success}}{\text{prob. of failure}}$

If I consider  $(\text{odds} - 1) = \frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i} - 1 = \text{expected number of successes among 100 failures}$

e.g. if odds=2 in the battle experiment  $\Rightarrow$  success=dead, fail=alive.

"among 100 alive battles, 200 are killed"

(odds=3 or  $\frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i} = 2 \Leftrightarrow \pi_i = 2/3$ )

Since  $\pi_i = \log\frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i} = \beta_0 x_{i0} + \dots + \beta_p x_{ip}$

$\Rightarrow$  it is a linear model for the log-odds

the coefficient  $\beta_j$  is the change of the log-odds if  $x_{ij}$  is increased of 1 unit, while keeping the remaining covariates fixed.

Let's consider again the battle data:  $y_i = \text{dead/alive}$ ,  $x_i = \log(\text{date})$  (only one covariate)

$\pi_i = \pi_i | x_i = \frac{e^{\beta_0+\beta_1 x_i}}{1+e^{\beta_0+\beta_1 x_i}}$

$\log\frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i$

as  $\log(\text{date}) = x_i \cdot \log\frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i$

as  $\log(\text{date}) = x_i + 1 \cdot \log\frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 (x_i + 1) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \beta_1$

hence  $\log\frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i} - \log\frac{\pi_0}{1-\pi_0} = \beta_1$

$$\Rightarrow \log\frac{\left(\frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i} \mid x_i=x_i+1\right)}{\left(\frac{\pi_0}{1-\pi_0} \mid x_i=x_i\right)} = \beta_1 = \log\frac{(\text{odds} \mid x_i+1)}{(\text{odds} \mid x_i)} \Rightarrow \frac{\left(\frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i}\right)}{\left(\frac{\pi_0}{1-\pi_0}\right)} = e^{\beta_1}$$

Indeed, in general,  $\frac{\left(\frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i} \mid x_{ij}=x_{ij}+1\right)}{\left(\frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i} \mid x_{ij}=x_{ij}\right)} = e^{\beta_j}$  "odds RATIO"

$$\left(\frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i} \mid x_{ij}=x_{ij}+1\right) = \left(\frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i} \mid x_{ij}=x_{ij}\right) \cdot e^{\beta_j}$$

If I increase the  $j$ -th variable of 1 unit (additive variation in the covariate), the initial odds ( $\pi_0$ ) is multiplied of a coefficient  $e^{\beta_j}$  (multiplicative effect of the odds)

### INTERPRETATION with binary covariate (2x2 contingency table)

consider a logistic regression with only one binary covariate

e.g. in a study on the effect of a treatment

$Y_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{success} \\ 0 & \text{failure} \end{cases}$   $2i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{treatment} \\ 0 & \text{placebo} \end{cases}$

$2i=1$	*	*
$2i=0$	*	*

$\pi_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\pi_i)$   $\pi_i = \frac{\pi_1 + \pi_2}{1+e^{\beta_1}}$

$(\pi_i \mid 2i=1) = P(Y_i=1 \mid 2i=1) = \frac{e^{\beta_1}}{1+e^{\beta_1}} \quad \text{and} \quad (\pi_i \mid 2i=0) = P(Y_i=0 \mid 2i=1) = \frac{1}{1+e^{\beta_1}}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i} \mid 2i=1 = e^{\beta_1} \quad \text{odds when individual } i \text{ has the treatment}$$

$(\pi_i \mid 2i=0) = P(Y_i=1 \mid 2i=0) = \frac{e^{\beta_1}}{1+e^{\beta_1}} \quad \text{and} \quad (\pi_i \mid 2i=0) = P(Y_i=0 \mid 2i=0) = \frac{1}{1+e^{\beta_1}}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i} \mid 2i=0 = e^{\beta_1} \quad \text{odds when individual } i \text{ has the placebo}$$

Hence  $\frac{\left(\frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i} \mid 2i=1\right)}{\left(\frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i} \mid 2i=0\right)} = e^{\beta_1}$  odds ratio  $\rightarrow$  the odds using a placebo are multiplied by a factor  $e^{\beta_1}$  to have the odds under the treatment

$$\text{or, } \beta_1 = \log\left[\frac{P(Y_i=1 \mid 2i=1)}{P(Y_i=0 \mid 2i=1)}\right]$$

## ESTIMATION

Likelihood

$$L(\beta) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(Y_i=1 \mid \beta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \pi_i^{y_i} (1-\pi_i)^{1-y_i} = \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{e^{\eta_i}}{1+e^{\eta_i}}\right)^{y_i} \left(\frac{1}{1+e^{\eta_i}}\right)^{1-y_i}$$

$$\ell(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \{y_i \log \pi_i + (1-y_i) \log(1-\pi_i)\}$$

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \ell(\beta) = \log \frac{e^{\eta_i}}{1+e^{\eta_i}} = \eta_i - \log(1+e^{\eta_i}) \\ \Rightarrow \ell(\beta) = -\log(1+e^{\eta_i}) \end{array} \right)$$

$$\ell(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ y_i \log\frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i} - \log\left(1+\frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i}\right) \right\}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ y_i \log\frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i} - \log\left(1+\frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i}\right) \right\}$$

$$\frac{\partial \ell(\beta)}{\partial \beta_j} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ y_i x_{ij} - \frac{1}{1+e^{\eta_i}} \cdot x_{ij} \right\}$$

$$\ell_{\eta}(\beta) = \frac{\partial \ell(\beta)}{\partial \eta} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ y_i x_{ij} - \frac{e^{\eta_i}}{1+e^{\eta_i}} \cdot x_{ij} \right\}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ij} (y_i - \frac{e^{\eta_i}}{1+e^{\eta_i}}) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ij} (y_i - \pi_i) = X^T (\underline{y} - \underline{\pi})$$

## INFERENCES

DISTRIBUTION of the ESTIMATOR of the REGRESSION PARAMETERS (approximate distribution)

$\hat{\beta} \sim N(\beta, [\hat{\ell}(\hat{\beta})]^{-1})$

and the marginal is  $\hat{\beta}_j \sim N(\beta_j, [\hat{\ell}(\hat{\beta})]_{jj}) \quad j=1, \dots, p$

Confidence intervals and tests are obtained as usual:

•  $(1-\alpha)$  confidence interval  $\hat{\beta}_j$ :

$$P(\beta_j \in \hat{\beta}_j) = 1-\alpha \quad \forall \beta_j \in R \quad \Rightarrow \quad P\left(\frac{\hat{\beta}_j - \beta_j}{\sqrt{[\hat{\ell}(\hat{\beta})]_{jj}}} \leq \frac{\hat{\beta}_j - \beta_j}{\sqrt{[\hat{\ell}(\hat{\beta})]_{jj}}} \right) = 1-\alpha$$

hence a CI is

$$\hat{\beta}_j = \hat{\beta}_j \pm z_{1-\alpha/2} \sqrt{[\hat{\ell}(\hat{\beta})]_{jj}}$$

if  $H_0: \beta_j = \beta_j$  vs  $H_1: \beta_j \neq \beta_j$   $\Rightarrow$  again they resemble the normal equations but they are not linear in  $\beta$

Similarly to the Poisson case, we need to solve the equation numerically and we do not have a closed-form expression of the MLE  $\hat{\beta}$ .

Finally, the 2nd derivative is

$$\frac{\partial^2 \ell(\beta)}{\partial \beta_j \partial \beta_k} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \beta_j \partial \beta_k} \left( \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{e^{\eta_i}}{1+e^{\eta_i}}\right)^{y_i} \left(\frac{1}{1+e^{\eta_i}}\right)^{1-y_i} \right) = -\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{e^{\eta_i} \cdot x_{ij} \cdot x_{ik} \cdot (1+e^{\eta_i})^{-2}}{(1+e^{\eta_i})^2}$$

$$= -\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{e^{\eta_i} \cdot x_{ij} \cdot x_{ik} \cdot \pi_i \cdot (1-\pi_i)}{(1+e^{\eta_i})^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 \ell(\beta)}{\partial \beta_j \partial \beta_k} = -X^T U X \quad \text{with } U = \text{diag}\left\{ \pi_1(1-\pi_1), \dots, \pi_n(1-\pi_n) \right\} = U(\beta)$$

$$\hat{\ell}(\hat{\beta}) = -U(\hat{\beta}) = X^T U X \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\ell}(\hat{\beta}) = X^T U(\hat{\beta}) X$$

## TEST

for comparing nested models

(out about a subset of the parameters)

we have the proposed "full" model

$Y_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\pi_i)$  indep. for  $i=1, \dots, n$

$$\pi_i = \frac{e^{\eta_i}}{1+e^{\eta_i}} \quad \eta_i^T \beta = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \dots + \beta_p x_{ip}$$

=  $\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \dots + \beta_p x_{ip}$  under  $H_0$

we want to test

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} H_0: \beta_1 = \beta_2 = \dots = \beta_p = 0 \\ H_1: \beta_0 \end{array} \right.$$

as usual, we partition  $\beta = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{p+1}$

$\beta_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p$

so the test can be reformulated as

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} H_0: \beta = \beta_0 \\ H_1: \beta \neq \beta_0 \end{array} \right.$$

under  $H_0$

we obtain the distribution  $\hat{\beta} \sim N(\beta_0, [\hat{\ell}(\hat{\beta})]^{-1})$

hence  $\hat{\beta}_0 = \hat{\beta}_0 + \beta_0 \sim N(\beta_0, 1)$  under  $H_0$

the observed value of the test is

$w_{obs} = 2 \{ \hat{\beta}_0 - \beta_0 \mid \beta_0 \geq w_{obs} \}$

under  $H_1$  we do not have a closed-form expression for  $\hat{\beta} = (\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta})$

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