

LOGISTIC REGRESSION for ungrouped data

## MODEL ASSUMPTIONS:

- $Y_i \sim \text{Bern}(\pi_i)$  indep.  $i=1, \dots, n$
- $\eta_i = \underline{x}_i^T \underline{\beta}$
- $\text{logit}(\pi_i) = \log \left( \frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i} \right) = \eta_i$  LOGIT FUNCTION

↓  
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

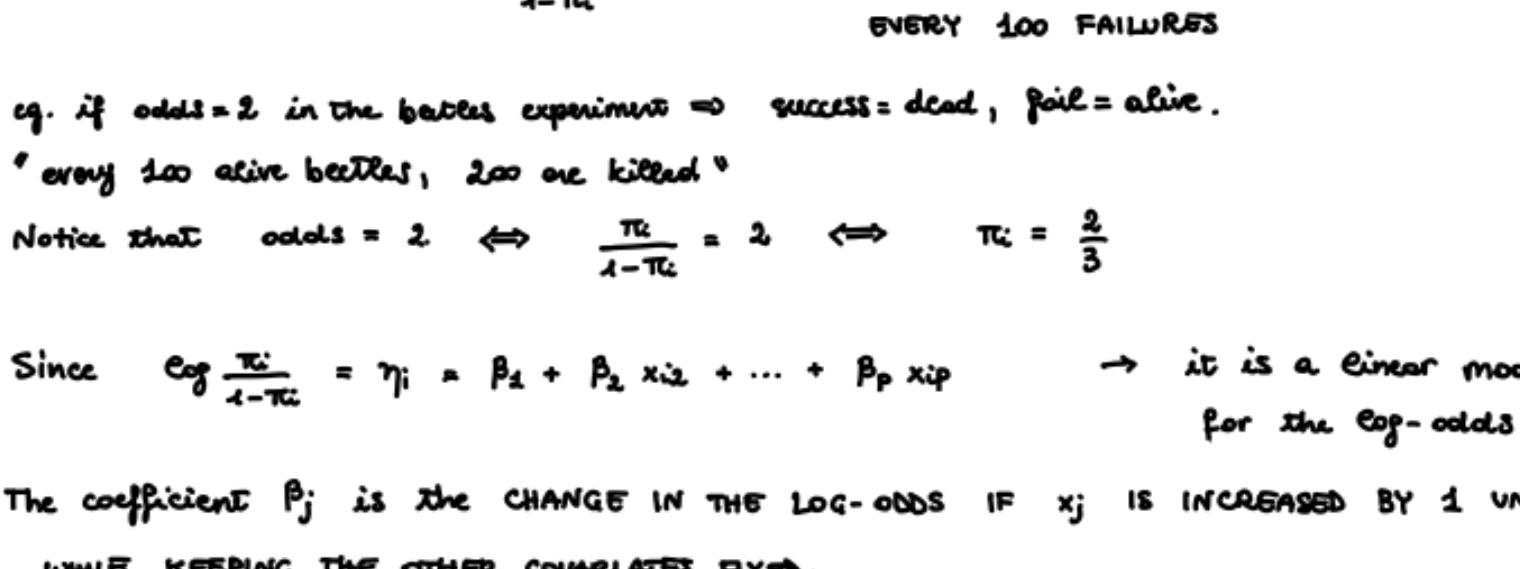
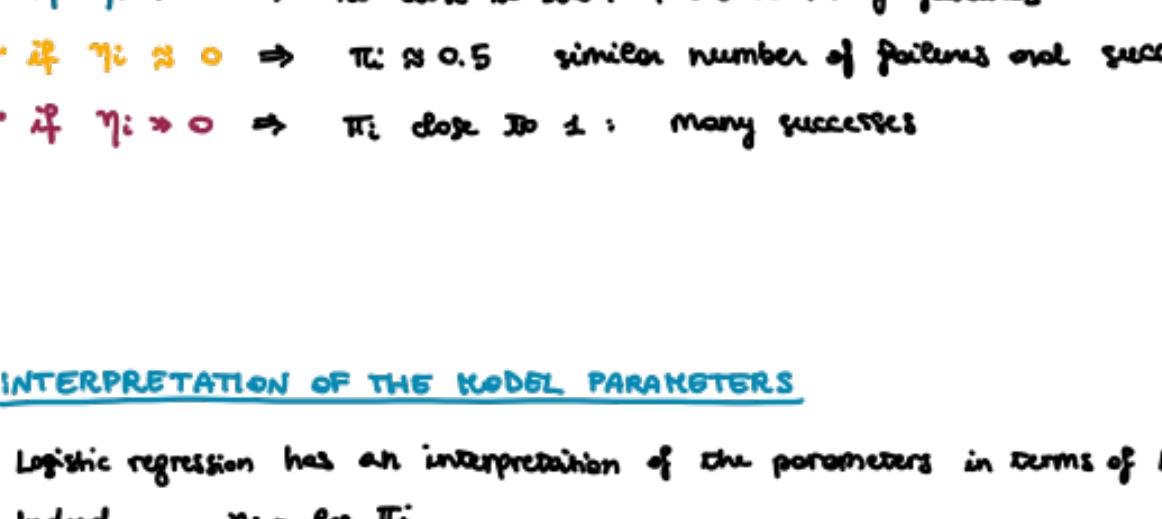
$Y_i \sim \text{Bern}(\pi_i)$  independent for  $i=1, \dots, n$

with  $\pi_i = g^{-1}(\underline{x}_i^T \underline{\beta}) = \frac{e^{\underline{x}_i^T \underline{\beta}}}{1+e^{\underline{x}_i^T \underline{\beta}}} = \mathbb{E}[Y_i] = P(Y_i=1)$

and the distribution of  $Y_i$  is

$$P(Y_i = y_i) = \left( \frac{e^{\underline{x}_i^T \underline{\beta}}}{1+e^{\underline{x}_i^T \underline{\beta}}} \right)^{y_i} \left( \frac{1}{1+e^{\underline{x}_i^T \underline{\beta}}} \right)^{1-y_i}$$

REMARK: the logit function



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

- if  $\eta_i \ll 0 \Rightarrow \pi_i$  close to zero: I observe many failures
- if  $\eta_i \approx 0 \Rightarrow \pi_i \approx 0.5$  similar number of failures and successes
- if  $\eta_i \gg 0 \Rightarrow \pi_i$  close to 1: many successes

INTERPRETATION OF THE MODEL PARAMETERS

Logistic regression has an 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  $\text{odds} \cdot 100 = \frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i} \cdot 100 \rightarrow$  it is the EXPECTED NUMBER OF SUCCESSES EVERY 100 FAILURES

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

"every 100 alive beetles, 200 are killed"

Notice that  $\text{odds} = 2 \Leftrightarrow \frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i} = 2 \Leftrightarrow \pi_i = \frac{2}{3}$

Since  $\log \frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i} = \eta_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \dots + \beta_p x_{ip} \rightarrow$  it is a linear model for the log-odds

The coefficient  $\beta_j$  is the CHANGE IN THE LOG-ODDS IF  $x_j$  IS INCREASED BY 1 UNIT, WHILE KEEPING THE OTHER COVARIATES FIXED.

Alternative: we do the usual reasoning

Let's study the mean  $\mathbb{E}[Y]$  for two individuals  $i$  and  $k$  with all the covariates equal except the  $j$ -th one, for which we assume  $x_{kj} = x_{ij} + 1$

i.e.,  $x_{ih} = x_{kh}$  for  $h=1, \dots, p$ ,  $h \neq j$ ,  $x_{kj} = x_{ij} + 1$

For individual  $i$  we get

$$\mathbb{E}[Y_i] = \pi_i = \frac{e^{\underline{x}_i^T \underline{\beta}}}{1+e^{\underline{x}_i^T \underline{\beta}}} = \frac{\exp\{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \dots + \beta_{j-1} x_{ij-1} + \beta_j x_{ij} + \beta_{j+1} x_{ij+1} + \dots + \beta_p x_{ip}\}}{1 + \exp\{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \dots + \beta_{j-1} x_{ij-1} + \beta_j x_{ij} + \beta_{j+1} x_{ij+1} + \dots + \beta_p x_{ip}\}}$$

For individual  $k$  we get

$$\mathbb{E}[Y_k] = \pi_k = \frac{e^{\underline{x}_k^T \underline{\beta}}}{1+e^{\underline{x}_k^T \underline{\beta}}} = \frac{\exp\{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{k1} + \dots + \beta_{j-1} x_{kj-1} + \beta_j x_{kj} + \beta_{j+1} x_{kj+1} + \dots + \beta_p x_{kp}\}}{1 + \exp\{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{k1} + \dots + \beta_{j-1} x_{kj-1} + \beta_j x_{kj} + \beta_{j+1} x_{kj+1} + \dots + \beta_p x_{kp}\}}$$

The ODDS for individual  $i$ :

$$\frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i} = \frac{e^{\underline{x}_i^T \underline{\beta}}}{1+e^{\underline{x}_i^T \underline{\beta}}} \cdot \left( \frac{1}{1+e^{\underline{x}_i^T \underline{\beta}}} \right)^{-1} = e^{\underline{x}_i^T \underline{\beta}} = \exp\{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \dots + \beta_{j-1} x_{ij-1} + \beta_j x_{ij} + \beta_{j+1} x_{ij+1} + \dots + \beta_p x_{ip}\}$$

The ODDS for individual  $k$ :

$$\frac{\pi_k}{1-\pi_k} = \frac{e^{\underline{x}_k^T \underline{\beta}}}{1+e^{\underline{x}_k^T \underline{\beta}}} = \exp\{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{k1} + \dots + \beta_{j-1} x_{kj-1} + \beta_j(x_{kj}+1) + \beta_{j+1} x_{kj+1} + \dots + \beta_p x_{kp}\}$$

Hence if we study the ODDS RATIO

$$\frac{\left( \frac{\pi_k}{1-\pi_k} \right)}{\left( \frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i} \right)} = \frac{\exp\{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{k1} + \dots + \beta_{j-1} x_{kj-1} + \beta_j(x_{kj}+1) + \beta_{j+1} x_{kj+1} + \dots + \beta_p x_{kp}\}}{\exp\{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \dots + \beta_{j-1} x_{ij-1} + \beta_j x_{ij} + \beta_{j+1} x_{ij+1} + \dots + \beta_p x_{ip}\}}$$

⇒  $\frac{\pi_k}{1-\pi_k} = e^{\beta_j} \frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i}$

If we increase the covariate  $x_j$  by one unit, the ODDS CHANGE BY A MULTIPLICATIVE FACTOR  $e^{\beta_j}$  (keeping all other covariates fixed).

Moreover if we compute the Exp

$$\log \frac{\pi_k}{1-\pi_k} = \beta_j + \log \frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i} \Rightarrow \beta_j = \log \frac{\pi_k}{1-\pi_k} - \log \frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i}$$

The coefficient  $\beta_j$  represents the (additive) CHANGE IN THE LOG-ODDS if we increase the covariate  $x_j$  by 1 unit, keeping all other covariates fixed.

## • INTERPRETATION WITH A BINARY COVARIATE (2x2 contingency table)

consider a logistic regression with only one covariate, and that such covariate is binary.

e.g. study about the efficacy of a treatment

$$y_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{active} \\ 0 & \text{dead} \end{cases} \quad z_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{treatment} \\ 0 & \text{placebo} \end{cases}$$

We can express the data in a 2x2 contingency table.

Each cell contains the counts of individuals with the corresponding combination of  $(y_i, z_i)$

$$\text{model: } Y_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\pi_i) \quad \pi_i = \frac{e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 z_i}}{1+e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 z_i}}$$

Consider an individual  $i$  that received the treatment

$$(\pi_i | z_i=1) = P(Y_i=1 | z_i=1) = \frac{e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1}}{1+e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1}} \quad \text{and} \quad (1-\pi_i | z_i=1) = P(Y_i=0 | z_i=1) = \frac{1}{1+e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1}}$$

↓ probability of surviving, having received the treatment

↓ probability of not surviving, having received the treatment

odds for an individual that received the treatment

$$\left( \frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i} \mid z_i=1 \right) = e^{\beta_1}$$

Consider now that individual  $i$  received instead the placebo

$$(\pi_i | z_i=0) = P(Y_i=1 | z_i=0) = \frac{e^{\beta_0}}{1+e^{\beta_0}} \quad \text{and} \quad (1-\pi_i | z_i=0) = P(Y_i=0 | z_i=0) = \frac{1}{1+e^{\beta_0}}$$

↓ probability of surviving, having received the placebo

↓ probability of not surviving, having received the placebo

odds for an individual that received the placebo

$$\left( \frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i} \mid z_i=0 \right) = e^{\beta_0}$$

The ODDS RATIO is

$$\frac{\left( \frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i} \mid z_i=1 \right)}{\left( \frac{\pi_i}{1-\pi_i} \mid z_i=0 \right)} = \frac{\frac{e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1}}{1+e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1}}}{\frac{e^{\beta_0}}{1+e^{\beta_0}}} = e^{\beta_1}$$

The odds using a placebo are multiplied by a factor  $e^{\beta_1}$  to obtain the odds using the treatment.

Or equivalently

$$\log \left[ \frac{\frac{P(Y_i=1 | z_i=1)}{P(Y_i=0 | z_i=1)}}{\frac{P(Y_i=1 | z_i=0)}{P(Y_i=0 | z_i=0)}} \right] = \beta_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \log \frac{P(Y_i=1 | z_i=1)}{P(Y_i=0 | z_i=1)} = \log \frac{P(Y_i=1 | z_i=0)}{P(Y_i=0 | z_i=0)} + \beta_1$$