

# Logistic Regression with Categorical Predictors 3/1/22

Simple case:  $Y = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{"success"} \\ 0 & \text{"failure"} \end{cases} \quad P(Y=1) = \pi$

Predictors:  $X = \begin{cases} 1 \\ 0 \end{cases} \quad Z = \begin{cases} 1 \\ 0 \end{cases}$

⇒ Can display/summarize data in  $2 \times 2 \times 2$  table.

Additive model:  $\log\left(\frac{\pi}{1-\pi}\right) = \alpha + \beta_1 X + \beta_2 Z$

Interpret coeffs:

Covariate pattern:

$X=0 \quad Z=0$

$X=0 \quad Z=1$

$X=1 \quad Z=0$

$X=1 \quad Z=1$

Logit

$\alpha$

"baseline group"

$\alpha + \beta_2$

$\alpha + \beta_1$

$\alpha + \beta_1 + \beta_2$

exponentiate → odds  $\left(\frac{\pi}{1-\pi}\right)$   
of each group.

Conditional odds ratios:

If  $Z=0$ :  
(condition)

OR for  $X=1$  compared to  $X=0$ :

$$\frac{e^{\alpha + \beta_1}}{e^{\alpha}} = e^{\beta_1} \quad \text{equal}$$

If  $Z=1$ :

OR for  $X=1$  compared to  $X=0$ :

$$\frac{e^{\alpha + \beta_1 + \beta_2}}{e^{\alpha + \beta_2}} = e^{\beta_1}$$



# Categorical predictors w/ more than 2 levels:

K level (categories) e.g. Program (Berkeley data)  
 (code K-1 indicator variables) A, B, C, D, E, F  
 $\log\left(\frac{\pi}{1-\pi}\right) =$  Program

$$= \alpha + \beta_1 B + \beta_2 C + \beta_3 D + \beta_4 E + \beta_5 F$$

$$P = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{Program P} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Program A is baseline.

Note: If not specified, baseline category in R will be 1<sup>st</sup> category in alphabetical order.

To specify: "relevel" function

Each category has a unique combination of indicator variables:

Variables:	B	C	D	E	F	G
Category A	0	0	0	0	0	0
Category D	0	0	1	0	0	0

Example: ② Additive: Sex + Program

① Interaction: Sex \* Program

② Fitted model:  $\log\left(\frac{\hat{\pi}}{1-\hat{\pi}}\right) = 0.676 - 0.099 \cdot M$   
 $- 0.046 B - 1.287 C - 1.271 D - 1.725 E - 3.301 F$

where  $\pi$  = probability of admission,

$M = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{male} \\ 0 & \text{female} \end{cases}$

$P = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{Program P} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$   $P = B, C, D, E, F$

① Fitted interaction model:

$$\log\left(\frac{\hat{\pi}}{1-\hat{\pi}}\right) = 1.844 - 1.057M - 0.790B -$$
$$\dots - 4.125F$$

$$+ 0.8295 M \cdot B + 1.182 M \cdot C + \dots + 0.8683 M \cdot F$$

Interpret: Within female applicants ( $M=0$ )

OR  $\frac{\text{Prog. C} | M=0}{\text{Prog. A} | M=0}$

Additive:  $\frac{\exp(0.676 - 1.257)}{\exp(0.676)} = e^{-1.257}$

$$= 0.284$$

For female applicants, the <sup>estimated</sup> odds of admission in Program C are 72% lower than that of program A.

What about OR  $\frac{C | M=1}{A | M=1} \rightarrow 0.284$  <sup>differ</sup>  
<sub>in interaction model → check</sub>

(Not in textbook)

(asymptotic)

## Confidence Intervals for Linear Combinations of Coefficients

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General form CI for  $\theta$ :

$$\hat{\theta} \pm (\text{critical value}) \times SE(\hat{\theta})$$

where the critical value is taken from the asymptotic distribution of  $\frac{\hat{\theta} - \theta}{SE(\hat{\theta})}$  or  $\frac{\hat{\theta} - \theta}{SD(\hat{\theta})}$

- GUM  $\rightarrow$  std. normal

What if we want a CI for  $e^{\beta_1 + \beta_2}$ ?

① CI for  $\beta_1 + \beta_2$        $\theta = \beta_1 + \beta_2$

② Exponentiate endpoints.

$$\hat{\theta} = \hat{\beta}_1 + \hat{\beta}_2 \Rightarrow SE(\hat{\theta}) \neq SE(\hat{\beta}_1) + SE(\hat{\beta}_2)$$

since  $\hat{\beta}_1$  &  $\hat{\beta}_2$  are correlated

$$\text{Cov}(\hat{\beta}_1, \hat{\beta}_2) \neq 0$$

Background: Properties of variance:

Two random variables  $X$  &  $Y$ :      ( $\hat{\beta}_1$  &  $\hat{\beta}_2$ )

$$\text{Var}(aX + bY + c) = a^2 \text{Var}(X) + b^2 \text{Var}(Y) + 2ab \text{Cov}(X, Y)$$

↑  
scalars (known constants)

Examples:  $\text{Var}(X+Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) + 2\text{Cov}(X, Y)$

$\text{Var}(X-Y) = \text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) - 2\text{Cov}(X, Y)$

Matrix Form:

$\underline{X} = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ \vdots \\ X_k \end{pmatrix}$   
 Random vector  $k \times 1$

In practice:  $\hat{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\beta}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{\beta}_{k-1} \end{pmatrix}$

$E(\underline{X}) = \begin{pmatrix} E(X_1) \\ \vdots \\ E(X_k) \end{pmatrix}$   
 $k \times 1$

$\text{Var}(\underline{X}) = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots & k \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ \vdots \\ i \\ \vdots \\ k \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} \text{Var}(X_1) & \text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) & \dots & \text{Cov}(X_1, X_k) \\ \text{Cov}(X_2, X_1) & \text{Var}(X_2) & \dots & \text{Cov}(X_2, X_k) \\ \text{Cov}(X_3, X_1) & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \\ \text{Cov}(X_k, X_1) & \vdots & \vdots & \text{Var}(X_k) \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$

Let A be any  $m \times k$  matrix.

$\Rightarrow E(A\underline{X}) = A E(\underline{X})$

$(i, j)^{\text{th}}$  cell =  $\text{Cov}(X_i, X_j)$

\*  $\text{Var}(A\underline{X}) = A \text{Var}(\underline{X}) A^T$   
 $m \times m \quad m \times k \quad k \times k \quad k \times m$

Matrices in R:

To create a matrix:

matrix(c(-----),  
 nrow = ,  
 ncol = ,  
 byrow = TRUE)

Matrix multiplication:

$2_0 \neq 2_0$

# Applied to Logistic Regression:

Ex:  $\beta_1 + \beta_2$

- Additive

$$\hat{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{\beta}_1 + \hat{\beta}_2 = \underbrace{(0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0)}_A \hat{\beta}$$

$\hat{\beta}$   
X

$$SE(\hat{\beta}_1 + \hat{\beta}_2) = \sqrt{A \text{var}(\hat{\beta}) A^T}$$