

STA 312f12 Assignment Seven¹

Please bring your R printout for the last question to the quiz. The non-computer questions are practice for the quiz on Friday Nov. 2nd, and are not to be handed in.

1. If two events have equal probability, the odds ratio equals ____.
2. For a multiple logistic regression model, if the value of the k th explanatory variable is increased by c units and everything else remains the same, the odds of $Y=1$ are ____ times as great. Prove your answer.
3. For a multiple logistic regression model, let $P(Y_i = 1|x_{i,1}, \dots, x_{i,p-1}) = \pi(\mathbf{x}_i)$. Show that a linear model for the log odds is equivalent to

$$\pi(\mathbf{x}_i) = \frac{e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i,1} + \dots + \beta_{p-1} x_{i,p-1}}}{1 + e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i,1} + \dots + \beta_{p-1} x_{i,p-1}}} = \frac{e^{\mathbf{x}_i' \boldsymbol{\beta}}}{1 + e^{\mathbf{x}_i' \boldsymbol{\beta}}}$$

4. Write the log likelihood for the last question, and simplify it as much as possible.
5. A logistic regression model with no explanatory variables has just one parameter, β_0 . It also the same probability $\pi = P(Y = 1)$ for each case.
 - (a) Write π as a function of β_0 ; show your work.
 - (b) The *invariance principle* of maximum likelihood estimation says the MLE of a function of the parameter is that function of the MLE. It is very handy. Now, still considering a logistic regression model with no explanatory variables,
 - i. Suppose p (the sample proportion of $Y = 1$ cases) is 0.57. What is $\hat{\beta}_0$? Your answer is a number.
 - ii. Suppose $\hat{\beta}_0 = -0.79$. What is p ? Your answer is a number.
6. Consider a logistic regression in which the cases are newly married couples with both people from the same religion, the explanatory variable is religion (A, B, C and None – let's call “None” a religion), and the response variable is whether the marriage lasted 5 years (1=Yes, 0=No).
 - (a) Make a table with four rows, showing how you would set up indicator dummy variables for Religion, with None as the reference category.
 - (b) Add a column showing the odds of the marriage lasting 5 years. The *symbols* for your dummy variables should not appear in your answer, because they are zeros and ones, and different for each row. But of course your answer contains β values.
 - (c) What is the ratio of the odds of a marriage lasting 5 years or more for Religion C to the odds of lasting 5 years or more for No Religion? Answer in terms of the β symbols of your model.
 - (d) What is the ratio of the odds of lasting 5 years or more for religion A to the odds of lasting 5 years or more for Religion B? Answer in terms of the β symbols of your model.
 - (e) You want to test whether Religion is related to whether the marriage lasts 5 years. State the null hypothesis in terms of one or more β values.
 - (f) You want to know whether marriages from Religion A are more likely to last 5 years than marriages from Religion C. State the null hypothesis in terms of one or more β values.
 - (g) You want to test whether marriages between people of No Religion have a 50-50 chance of lasting 5 years. State the null hypothesis in terms of one or more β values.

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7. People who raise large numbers of birds inhale potentially dangerous material, especially tiny fragments of feathers. Can this be a risk factor for lung cancer, controlling for other possible risk factors? From the [Data Sets](#) link on the course home page, you can find the Bird Lung Cancer data. For a sample of birdkeepers and non-birdkeepers, it has Whether they got lung cancer (1=Yes, 0=No), Gender (0=M, 1=F), Socioeconomic Status (0=Low, 1=High), Whether they are birdkeepers (1=Yes, 0=No) Age, How many years they have been smoking (including zero), and Cigarettes per day. `help(colnames)` may be useful.

First, make tables of the binary variables using `table`. Can you tell whether this study is retrospective, prospective or cross-sectional?

There is one primary issue in this study: Controlling for all other variables, is birdkeeping significantly related to the chance of getting lung cancer? Perform a likelihood ratio test to answer the question.

- (a) In symbols, what is the null hypothesis?
- (b) What is deviance for the reduced model? The answer is a number.
- (c) What is deviance for the full model? The answer is a number.
- (d) What is the value of the test statistic G ? The answer is a number.
- (e) What are the degrees of freedom for the test? The answer is a number.
- (f) What is the p -value? The answer is a number.
- (g) What do you conclude? Presence of a relationship is not enough. Say what happened.
- (h) For a non-smoking, bird-keeping woman of average age and low socioeconomic status, what is the estimated probability of lung cancer? The answer (a single number) should be based on the full model.
- (i) For a non-smoking, non-bird-keeping woman of average age and low socioeconomic status, what is the estimated probability of lung cancer? The answer (a single number) should be based on the full model.
- (j) Naturally, you should be able to interpret all the Z -tests too. Which one is comparable to the main likelihood ratio test you have just done?

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