

4 GLMs

Summary 1 *binomial data, logistic function, logit transform, odds, logit regression, probit, latent variables, marginal effects, grouped data, identifiability, overparametrization.*

4.1 Binary Regression

Transformational (e.g. logit) vs. latent variables (e.g. probit)

data: $\begin{bmatrix} y_1 & \cdots & y_n \\ x_1 & \cdots & x_n \end{bmatrix}$, y_1, \dots, y_n binary, x_1, \dots, x_n on interval scale

general link function

$$\mathbb{P}(Y = 1 | x) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(Y = 0 | x) = F(\alpha + \beta x)$$

where F : sigmoidfunktion: monoton, stetig, $F(-\infty) = 0$, $F(\infty) = 1$

cases:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{logistic distribution:} & F(x) = \frac{e^x}{1+e^x} \quad \implies \text{logit-model} \\ \text{standard normal distribution:} & F(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^x \exp\left(-\frac{u^2}{2}\right) du \quad \implies \text{probit-model} \end{array}$$

4.1.1 Logit, introduction

derivation by transformational approach: **logitRegMod**: $F(x) = \frac{e^x}{1+e^x} \implies$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(Y = 1 | x) &= \frac{e^{\alpha+\beta x}}{1 + e^{\alpha+\beta x}} \\ \mathbb{P}(Y = 0 | x) &= \frac{1}{1 + e^{\alpha+\beta x}} \end{aligned}$$

Interpretation coefficients: odds ratio

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{notation:} & \mathbb{P}(Y = 1 | x) = p(x) \\ \text{odds:} & \frac{p(x)}{1-p(x)} \end{array}$$

1. oddsFactor

$$\frac{p(x + \Delta x)}{1 - p(x + \Delta x)} = e^{\alpha + \beta(x + \Delta x)} = e^{\alpha + \beta x} e^{\beta \Delta x} = \frac{p(x)}{1 - p(x)} e^{\beta \Delta x}$$

2. %-change odds ratio

$$\frac{\frac{p(x + \Delta x)}{1 - p(x + \Delta x)} - \frac{p(x)}{1 - p(x)}}{\frac{p(x)}{1 - p(x)}} = \frac{\frac{p(x + \Delta x)}{1 - p(x + \Delta x)}}{\frac{p(x)}{1 - p(x)}} - 1 = e^{\beta \Delta x} - 1$$

3. logit: log odds linear

$$\text{logit}(p(x)) = \log \frac{p(x)}{1 - p(x)} = \log e^{\alpha + \beta x} = \alpha + \beta x$$

NB:

$$e^{\beta \Delta x} - 1 \approx \beta \Delta x \text{ for } \Delta x \rightarrow 0$$

4.1.2 Probit, introduction

Interpretation via *latent variables approach*:

$$y^* = \alpha + \beta x + \epsilon$$

example: random utility function

observation

$$y = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y^* > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } y^* \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

therefore

$$\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \implies \mathbb{P}(Y = 1 | x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\alpha + \beta x} e^{-\frac{1}{2}t^2} dt \implies \text{probit}$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(Y = 1 | x) &= \mathbb{P}(Y^* > 0 | x) = \mathbb{P}(\alpha + \beta x + \epsilon > 0 | x) = \mathbb{P}(\epsilon > -\alpha - \beta x) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\alpha - \beta x}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}t^2} dt = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\alpha + \beta x} e^{-\frac{1}{2}t^2} dt \end{aligned}$$

Note: the case

$\mathbb{P}(y = 1) = \mathbb{P}(y^* > a)$ where $y^* \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ can be reduced to $a = 0$, $\sigma^2 = 1$

$$\mathbb{P}(y^* > a) = \mathbb{P}(\alpha + \beta x + \epsilon > a) = \mathbb{P}(\epsilon > a - \alpha - \beta x)$$

$$= \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{1}{\sigma}\epsilon > \frac{1}{\sigma}(a - \alpha - \beta x)\right) = \mathbb{P}(\epsilon^* > -\alpha^* - \beta^* x)$$

interpretation coefficients by **marginal effects**:

$$\frac{d}{dx}\mathbb{P}(Y = 1 | x) = \beta f(\alpha + \beta x)$$

4.2 ML-estimation for binary reg mods

Likelihood

$$L(\mathbf{y} | \alpha, \beta) = \prod_i^n \mathbb{P}(Y_i = y_i | \alpha, \beta)$$

\implies log-likelihood

$$\begin{aligned} l(\mathbf{y} | \alpha, \beta) &= \sum_i^n \log \mathbb{P}(Y_i = y_i | \alpha, \beta) \\ &= \sum_i^n (y_i \log F(\alpha + \beta x) + (1 - y_i) \log F(\alpha + \beta x)) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} l(\mathbf{y} | \hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} l(\mathbf{y} | \hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Solve by Newton-method:

1) compute observed information

$$\hat{\mathbb{I}}_n(\alpha, \beta) = - \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \alpha^2} & \frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \alpha \partial \beta} \\ \frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \alpha \partial \beta} & \frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \beta^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

2) iterate:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha^{(new)} \\ \beta^{(new)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha^{(old)} \\ \beta^{(old)} \end{bmatrix} + \hat{\mathbb{I}}_n^{-1}(\alpha^{(old)}, \beta^{(old)}) \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} l(\mathbf{y} | \alpha^{(old)}, \beta^{(old)}) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} l(\mathbf{y} | \alpha^{(old)}, \beta^{(old)}) \end{bmatrix}$$

ML-estimation for binary logit

likelihood

$$\begin{aligned} L(\mathbf{y} | \alpha, \beta) &= \prod_i^n \mathbb{P}(Y_i = y_i | x_i, \alpha, \beta) = \prod_i^n \left(\frac{\exp(\alpha + \beta x_i)}{1 + \exp(\alpha + \beta x_i)} \right)^{y_i} \left(\frac{1}{1 + \exp(\alpha + \beta x_i)} \right)^{1-y_i} \\ &= \prod_i^n \frac{(\exp(\alpha + \beta x_i))^{y_i}}{1 + \exp(\alpha + \beta x_i)} \end{aligned}$$

log-likelihood

$$l(\mathbf{y} | \alpha, \beta) = \sum_i^n (y_i (\alpha + \beta x_i) - \log(1 + \exp(\alpha + \beta x_i)))$$

likelihood equations

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} l(\mathbf{y} | \alpha, \beta) &= \sum_i^n \left(y_i - \frac{\exp(\alpha + \beta x_i)}{1 + \exp(\alpha + \beta x_i)} \right) = 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} l(\mathbf{y} | \alpha, \beta) &= \sum_i^n x_i \left(y_i - \frac{\exp(\alpha + \beta x_i)}{1 + \exp(\alpha + \beta x_i)} \right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

\implies solution: mle $\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}$. solving by Newton's method.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} l(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}, \hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} l(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}, \hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

observed Information:

$$\hat{\mathbb{I}}_n(\alpha, \beta) = - \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \alpha^2} & \frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \alpha \partial \beta} \\ \frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \alpha \partial \beta} & \frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \beta^2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_i^n x_i^2 \frac{e^{\alpha + \beta x_i}}{(e^{\alpha + \beta x_i} + 1)^2} & \sum_i^n x_i \frac{e^{\alpha + \beta x_i}}{(e^{\alpha + \beta x_i} + 1)^2} \\ \sum_i^n x_i \frac{e^{\alpha + \beta x_i}}{(e^{\alpha + \beta x_i} + 1)^2} & \sum_i^n \frac{e^{\alpha + \beta x_i}}{(e^{\alpha + \beta x_i} + 1)^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

note: in this case $\hat{\mathbb{I}}_n(\alpha, \beta) = \mathbb{E}\hat{\mathbb{I}}_n(\alpha, \beta) = \mathbb{I}_n(\alpha, \beta)$ hence Newton-method = Fisher scoring

solve by **Newton method**: with $\alpha = \alpha^{(old)}$, $\beta = \beta^{(old)}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha^{(new)} \\ \beta^{(new)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} + \mathbb{I}_n^{-1}(\alpha, \beta) \begin{bmatrix} \sum_i^n \left(y_i - \frac{\exp(\alpha + \beta x_i)}{1 + \exp(\alpha + \beta x_i)} \right) \\ \sum_i^n x_i \left(y_i - \frac{\exp(\alpha + \beta x_i)}{1 + \exp(\alpha + \beta x_i)} \right) \end{bmatrix}$$

It follows from **ML-theory**: Asymptotic distribution:

$$\mathbb{I}_n^{1/2} \left(\begin{bmatrix} \hat{\alpha} \\ \hat{\beta} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} \right) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, I)$$

with estimated asymptotic variance

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{var} \hat{\beta} & \text{cov}(\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) \\ \text{cov}(\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) & \text{var} \hat{\alpha} \end{bmatrix} \approx \mathbb{I}_n^{-1}(\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta})$$

ML-estimation for binary probit

$$\begin{aligned} l(\mathbf{y} | \alpha, \beta) &= \sum_i^n (y_i \log F(\alpha + \beta x_i) - (1 - y_i) \log (1 - F(\alpha + \beta x_i))) \\ &\sim \sum_i^n \left(y_i \log \int_{-\infty}^{\alpha + \beta x_i} e^{-\frac{1}{2}t^2} dt - (1 - y_i) \log \left(\int_{\alpha + \beta x_i}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}t^2} dt \right) \right) \\ &= \sum_i^n (y_i \log \Phi(\alpha + \beta x_i) - (1 - y_i) \log (1 - \Phi(\alpha + \beta x_i))) \end{aligned}$$

this is numerically more cumbersome (especially in higher dimensions!)

4.3 binary regression and cross tabs

the problem of **overparametrization**

X : factor, p levels, β_i : effect of i^{th} level. define effect of X : $\beta_1 \mathbf{I}(X = level1) + \dots + \beta_p \mathbf{I}(X = levelp)$.

model:

$$\mathbb{P}(Y = 1 | x) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(Y = 0 | x) = F(\alpha + \beta_i)$$

\Rightarrow

$$\mathbb{P}(Y = 1 | x) = F\left(\alpha + \sum_{i=1}^p \beta_i \mathbf{I}(x = level_i)\right)$$

this model is *over parametrized*:

$$F\left(\alpha + \sum_{i=1}^p \beta_i \mathbf{I}(x = \text{level}_i)\right) = F\left(\alpha^* + \sum_{i=1}^p \beta_i^* \mathbf{I}(x = \text{level}_i)\right)$$

with $\alpha^* = \alpha - c$, $\beta_i^* = \beta_i + c$, $i = 1, \dots, p$

because

$$\sum_{i=1}^p \beta_i^* \mathbf{I}(x = \text{level}_i) = 1$$

\implies restriction: define reference group (**baseline**)

$$\mathbb{P}(Y = 1 | x) = F(\alpha + \beta_i), \beta_1 = 0$$

Example: dependence of graduation on social factors (Powers & Xie)

Table 3.1: High School Graduates by Race, Sex, and Family Structure

Race	Intact				Nonintact			
	Male		Female		Male		Female	
	<i>y</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>n</i>
White	843	982	864	931	168	243	161	208
	(86%)		(93%)		(69%)		(77%)	
Black	346	441	360	410	231	337	225	283
	(78%)		(88%)		(69%)		(80%)	
Hispanic	237	305	208	259	82	128	78	98
	(78%)		(80%)		(64%)		(80%)	

model

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{Grad}_{ijk} = \text{yes}) = p_{ijk} = F(\alpha + \beta_i + \gamma_j + \delta_k)$$

$$\beta_1 = \gamma_1 = \delta_1 = 0$$

ML-estimation for logit:

constant	black	hispanic	female	nonintact
1.764 (0.074)	-0.322(0091)	-0.561(0.105)	0.575(0.081)	-0.747(0.083)

interpret: the odds for graduation for nonintact are by a factor of $\exp(-0.747)$ smaller than for intact (controlling for race and gender)

Note: likelihood-ratio tests against the full model:

$$p_{ijk} = F \left(\alpha + \beta_i + \gamma_j + \delta_k + (\beta\gamma)_{ij} + (\beta\delta)_{ik} + (\gamma\delta)_{jk} + (\beta\gamma\delta)_{ijk} \right)$$

reps against the null model and other nested submodels can readily be derived.

Note: Likelihood: Depending on the data (observations)

1) **person-level data**

$$y_{ijk\#} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if person } \# \text{ does graduate} \\ 0 & \text{if person } \# \text{ does not graduate} \end{cases}$$

likelihood

$$l(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \mid \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{i,j,k,\#} y_{ijk\#} \log p_{ijk\#} + (1 - y_{ijk\#}) \log (1 - p_{ijk\#})$$

2) **group-level data:** introduce $\sum_{\#} y_{ijk\#} = y_{ijk}$. and cell totals n_{ijk} .

$$\begin{cases} y_{ijk}. & \text{number of persons who do graduate} \\ n_{ijk}. - y_{ijk}. & \text{number of persons who not not graduate} \end{cases}$$

likelihood

$$l(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \mid \mathbf{y}) = \sum_{i,j,k} y_{ijk} \log p_{ijk} + (n_{ijk} - y_{ijk}) \log (1 - p_{ijk})$$

It is seen that in this case ML inference is identical on the person-level and group-level since $p_{ijk\#} = p_{ijk}$ for all persons ($\#$)