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# Logistic Regression

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# Part I: Categorical Response Variables

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# Quantitative vs. Categorical Response Variables

## Quantitative response variable:

- Sales price of a house in Levittown, NY
- **Model:** variation in the **mean sales price** given values of the predictor variables (bedrooms, lot\_size, year\_built, etc.)

## Categorical response variable:

- Patient at risk of coronary heart disease (Yes/No)
- **Model:** variation in the **probability a patient is at risk of coronary heart disease** given values of the predictor variables (age, currentSmoker, totChol, etc.)

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# Models for categorical response variables

## Logistic Regression

2 Outcomes

Agree/Disagree

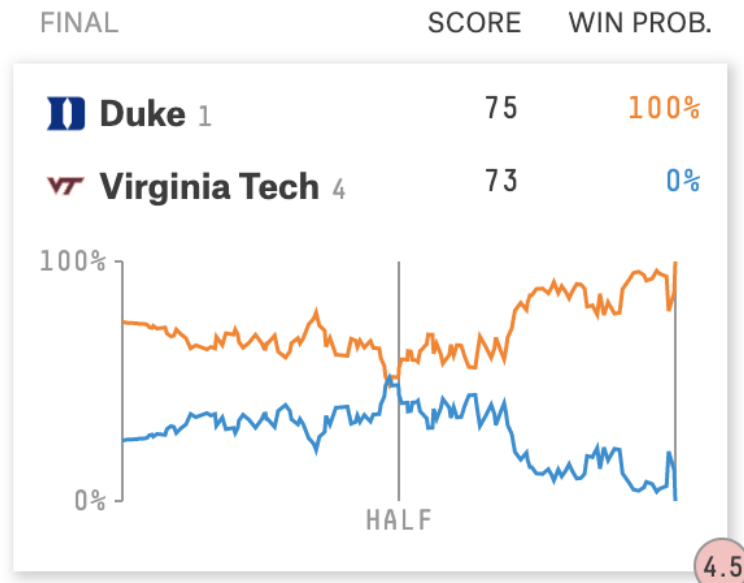
## Multinomial Logistic Regression

3+ Outcomes

Strongly Agree, Agree, Disagree,  
Strongly Disagree

Let's focus on logistic regression models for now.

# FiveThirtyEight Live Win Probabilities



[FiveThirtyEight: 2019 March MadnessLive Win Probabilities](#)

*"These probabilities are derived using **logistic regression analysis**, which lets us plug the current state of a game into a model to produce the probability that either team will win the game.*

- ["How Our March Madness Predictions Work"](#)

# 2018 Election Forecasts

**1 in 5**

Chance Democrats  
win control (18.9%)

**4 in 5**

Chance Republicans  
keep control (81.1%)

↑  
Higher  
probability

Breakdown of seats by  
party

55 D 45 R 54 D 46 R 53 D 47 R 52 D 48 R 51 D 49 R 50 R 50 D 51 R 49 D 52 R 48 D 53 R 47 D 54 R 46 D 55 R 45 D 56 R 44 D 57 R 43 D 58 R 42 D 59 R 41 D

FiveThirtyEight.com Senate forecast

**7 in 8**

Chance Democrats  
win control (87.8%)

**1 in 8**

Chance Republicans  
keep control (12.2%)

↑  
Higher  
probability

Breakdown of seats by  
party

267 D 168 R 247 D 188 R 227 D 208 R 227 R 208 D 247 R 188 D

FiveThirtyEight.com House forecast



*Our models are probabilistic in nature; we do a lot of thinking about these probabilities, and the goal is to develop **probabilistic estimates** that hold up well under real-world conditions.*

**-"How FiveThirtyEight's House, Senate, and Governor Models Work"**



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## Response Variable, $Y$

- $Y$  is a binary response variable
  - 1: yes (success)
  - 0: no (failure)
- $\text{Mean}(Y) = \pi$ 
  - $\pi$  is the proportion of "yes" responses in the population
  - $\hat{\pi}$  is the proportion of "yes" responses in the sample
- $\text{Variance}(Y) = \pi(1 - \pi)$ 
  - Sample variance:  $\hat{\pi}(1 - \hat{\pi})$
- $\text{Odds}(Y=1) = \frac{\pi}{1-\pi}$ 
  - Sample odds:  $\frac{\hat{\pi}}{1-\hat{\pi}}$

# Odds

- Given  $\pi$ , the population proportion of "yes" responses (i.e. "success"), the corresponding **odds** of a "yes" response is

$$\omega = \frac{\pi}{1 - \pi}$$

- The *sample odds* are  $\hat{\omega} = \frac{\hat{\pi}}{1 - \hat{\pi}}$
- Ex: Suppose the sample proportion  $\hat{\pi} = 0.3$ . Then, the sample odds are

$$\hat{\omega} = \frac{0.3}{1 - 0.3} = 0.4286 \approx 2 \text{ in } 5$$

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## Properties of the odds

- $\text{odds} \geq 0$
- If  $\pi = 0.5$ , then  $\text{odds} = 1$
- If odds of "yes" =  $\omega$ , then the odds of "no" =  $\frac{1}{\omega}$
- If odds of "yes" =  $\omega$ , then  $\pi = \frac{\omega}{(1+\omega)}$

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## Risk of coronary heart disease

This dataset is from an ongoing cardiovascular study on residents of the town of Framingham, Massachusetts. We want to predict if a patient has a high risk of getting coronary heart disease in the next 10 years.

Response:

**TenYearCHD:**

- 0 = Patient is not high risk of having coronary heart disease in the next 10 years
- 1 = Patient is high risk of having coronary heart disease in the next 10 years

Predictors:

- **age**: Age at exam time.
- **currentSmoker**: 0 = nonsmoker; 1 = smoker
- **totChol**: total cholesterol (mg/dL)



$$P(\text{democrats win}) = 0.189$$

$$\text{odds} = \frac{0.189}{1 - 0.189} = 0.233$$

$\approx 1 \text{ in } 5$

referring to slide 7.

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## Response Variable, TenYearCHD

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## # A tibble: 2 x 3
##   TenYearCHD      n proportion
##   <fct>        <int>      <dbl>
## 1 0          3101      0.848
## 2 1           557      0.152
```

- $\hat{\pi} = 0.152$
- Sample variance =  $0.152 * (1 - 0.152) = 0.128896$
- Odds( $Y = 1$ ) =  $0.152 / (1 - 0.152) = 0.1792453$
- Odds( $Y = 0$ ) =  $1 / 0.1792453 = 5.5789474$

# Let's incorporate more variables

- We want to use information about a patient's age, cholesterol, and whether or they are a smoker to understand the probability they're high risk of having coronary heart disease.
- To do this, we need to fit a model!

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## Consider possible models

- $y$ : Whether a patient in the sample is high risk of having coronary heart disease.
- $\pi_i = P(y_i = 1 | \text{age}_i, \text{currentSmoker}_i, \text{totChol}_i)$ : probability a patient  $i$  is high risk for coronary heart disease given their age, smoking status, and total cholesterol

Let's consider fitting a multiple linear regression model. Below are 3 possible response variables. For each response variable, briefly explain why a multiple linear regression model is not appropriate.

Model 1:  $\hat{y}_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 \text{age} + \hat{\beta}_2 \text{currentSmoker} + \hat{\beta}_3 \text{totChol}$

Model 2:  $\hat{\pi}_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 \text{age} + \hat{\beta}_2 \text{currentSmoker} + \hat{\beta}_3 \text{totChol}$

Model 3:  $\widehat{\log(\pi)}_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 \text{age} + \hat{\beta}_2 \text{currentSmoker} + \hat{\beta}_3 \text{totChol}$



Model 1 :  $y$  is a categorical variable  
that only takes values 0 or 1.

in multiple linear regression, we assume  $y$  is  
Normally distributed

Model 2 :  $0 \leq \pi \leq 1$  but a linear model could produce  
predictions outside of this range

Model 3 :  $-\infty < \log(\pi) \leq 0$  but a linear model could  
produce predictions outside this range.

## Part 2: Basics of logistic regression

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# Logistic Regression Model

- Suppose  $P(y_i = 1|x_i) = \pi_i$  and  $P(y_i = 0|x_i) = 1 - \pi_i$
- The **logistic regression model** is

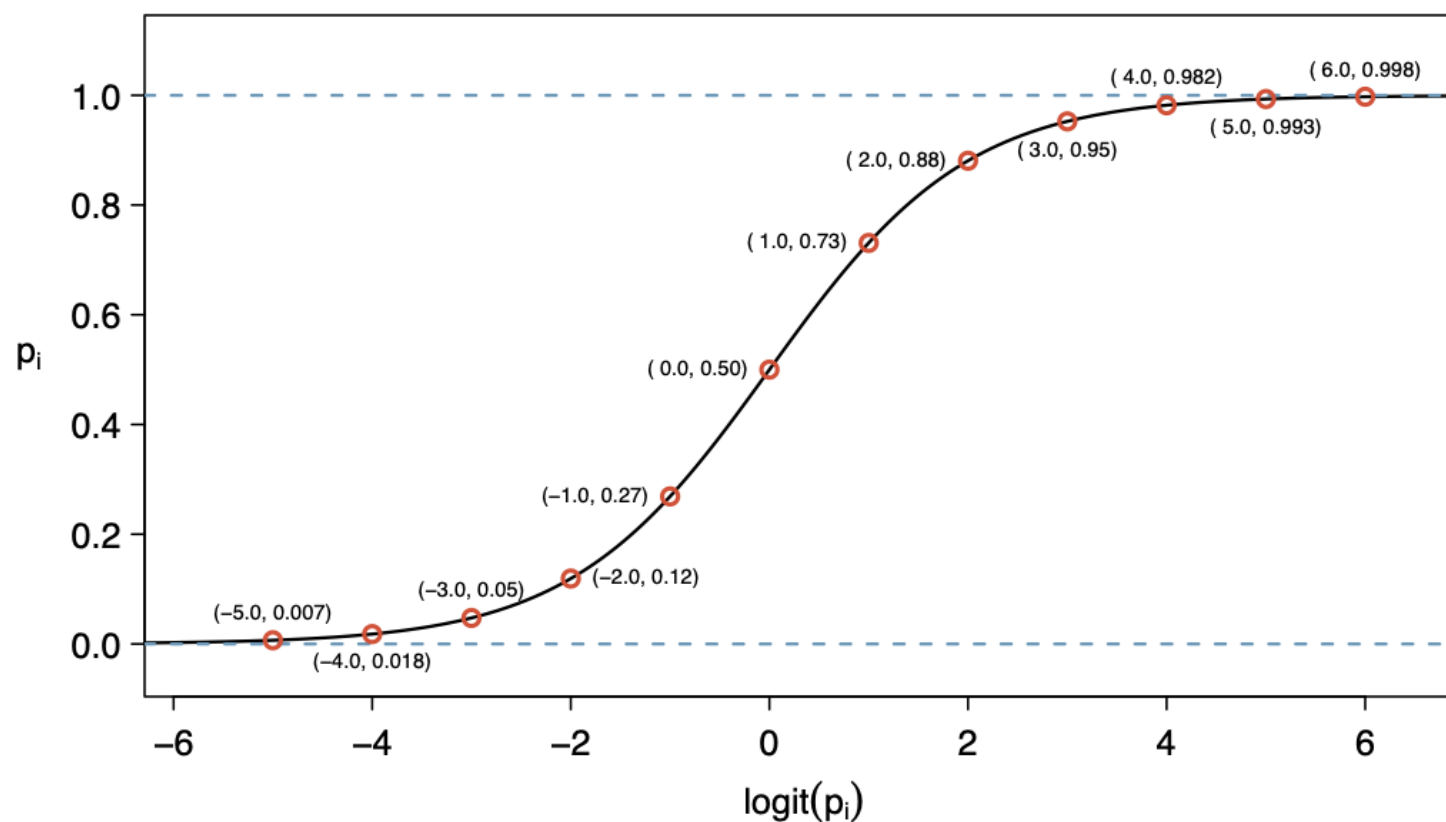
$$\log \left( \frac{\pi_i}{1 - \pi_i} \right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i$$

- $\log \left( \frac{\pi_i}{1 - \pi_i} \right)$  is called the **logit** function

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## Logit function

$$0 \leq \pi \leq 1 \Rightarrow -\infty < \log\left(\frac{\pi}{1-\pi}\right) < \infty$$



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## Estimating the coefficients

- Estimate coefficients using maximum likelihood estimation
- **Basic Idea:**
  - Find values of  $\hat{\beta}_0$  and  $\hat{\beta}_1$  that give observed data the maximum probability of occurring
  - More details pg. 156 - 157 of the textbook
- We will fit logistic regression models using R

$Y = \text{Bernoulli}$

$$P(Y=y) = \pi^y (1-\pi)^{1-y}$$

$$P(Y=1) = \pi^1 (1-\pi)^{1-1} = \pi$$

$$P(Y_1=y_1, Y_2=y_2, \dots, Y_n=y_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n \pi_i^{y_i} (1-\pi_i)^{1-y_i}$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{\exp\{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i\}}{1 + \exp\{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i\}} \right]^{y_i} \left[ 1 - \frac{\exp\{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i\}}{1 + \exp\{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i\}} \right]^{1-y_i}$$

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## Interpreting the intercept: $\beta_0$

$$\log \left( \frac{\pi_i}{1 - \pi_i} \right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i$$

- When  $x = 0$ , log-odds of  $y$  are  $\beta_0$ 
  - Won't use this interpretation in practice
- When  $x = 0$ , odds of  $y$  are  $\exp\{\beta_0\}$

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## Interpreting slope coefficient $\beta_1$

$$\log \left( \frac{\pi_i}{1 - \pi_i} \right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i$$

If  $x$  is a quantitative predictor

- As  $x_i$  increases by 1 unit, we expect the log-odds of  $y$  to increase by  $\beta_1$
- As  $x_i$  increases by 1 unit, the odds of  $y$  multiply by a factor of  $\exp\{\beta_1\}$

If  $x$  is a categorical predictor. Suppose  $x_i = k$

- The difference in the log-odds between group  $k$  and the baseline is  $\beta_1$
- The odds of  $y$  for group  $k$  are  $\exp\{\beta_1\}$  times the odds of  $y$  for the baseline group.



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## Inference for coefficients

- The standard error is the estimated standard deviation of the sampling distribution of  $\hat{\beta}_1$
- We can calculate the **C confidence interval** based on the large-sample Normal approximations
- CI for  $\beta_1$ :

$$\hat{\beta}_1 \pm z^* SE(\hat{\beta}_1)$$

CI for  $\exp\{\beta_1\}$ :

$$\exp\{\hat{\beta}_1 \pm z^* SE(\hat{\beta}_1)\}$$

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## Modeling risk of coronary heart disease

Let's use the mean-centered variables for age and totChol.

term	estimate	std.error	statistic	p.value	conf.low	conf.high
(Intercept)	-2.111	0.077	-27.519	0.000	-2.264	-1.963
ageCent	0.081	0.006	13.477	0.000	0.070	0.093
currentSmoker1	0.447	0.099	4.537	0.000	0.255	0.641
totCholCent	0.003	0.001	2.339	0.019	0.000	0.005

$$\log \left( \frac{\hat{\pi}}{1 - \hat{\pi}} \right) = -2.111 + 0.081\text{ageCent} + 0.447\text{currentSmoker} + 0.003\text{totChol}$$

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## Modeling risk of coronary heart disease

$$\log \left( \frac{\hat{\pi}}{1 - \hat{\pi}} \right) = -2.111 + 0.081\text{ageCent} + 0.447\text{currentSmoker} + 0.003\text{totChol}$$

Use the model to interpret the following. Write all interpretations in terms of the odds of a patient being high risk for coronary heart disease.

1. Interpret the intercept.
2. Interpret ageCent and its 95% confidence interval.
3. Interpret currentSmoker1 and its 95% confidence interval.

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Intercept: The odds that a patient who is average age, does not currently smoke, and who has average cholesterol is high risk of coronary heart disease are  $\exp(-2.111)$ .

ageCent: Holding all else constant, the odds that a patient is high risk for coronary heart disease multiply by a factor of  $\exp(0.081)$  for each year increase in age.

totCholCent: Holding all else constant, the odds that a patient is high risk for coronary heart disease multiply by a factor of  $\exp(0.003)$  for each additional mg/dL in total cholesterol.

currentSmoker: Holding all else constant, the odds a patient who currently smokes is high risk for coronary heart disease are  $\exp(0.447)$  times the odds a patient who doesn't smoke is high risk of coronary heart disease.