

# Fitting and interpreting logistic regression models

## Last time: Dengue data

**Data:** Data on 5720 Vietnamese children, admitted to the hospital with possible dengue fever. Variables include:

- + *Sex*: patient's sex (female or male)
- + *Age*: patient's age (in years)
- + *WBC*: white blood cell count
- + *PLT*: platelet count
- + other diagnostic variables...
- + *Dengue*: whether the patient has dengue (0 = no, 1 = yes)

# Logistic regression model

(random component)  $Y_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p_i)$

(systematic component)  $\log\left(\frac{p_i}{1 - p_i}\right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 WBC_i$

# Logistic regression model

$$\text{linear model} \quad Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + \varepsilon_i$$

↑  
captures  
individual  
variability

$$Y_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p_i)$$

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

Why is there no noise term  $\varepsilon_i$  in the logistic regression model?  
Discuss for 1--2 minutes with your neighbor, then we will discuss as a class.

$$\begin{aligned} Y_i &\sim N(\mu_i, \sigma_\varepsilon^2) \\ \mu_i &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} Y_i &\sim N(\mu_i, \sigma_\varepsilon^2) \\ \mu_i &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i \end{aligned}} \right\} \text{No } \varepsilon_i, \quad \text{Random component captures the randomness}$$

# Fitting the logistic regression model

$$Y_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p_i)$$

"generalized  
linear  
model"

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

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m1 <- glm(Dengue ~ WBC, data = dengue,  
          family = binomial)  
summary(m1)
```

specifies distribution of response

linear regression: family = gaussian

# Fitting the logistic regression model

GLMS

systematic component:

$$E[Y_i] = p_i$$

$$Y_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p_i)$$

$$g(E[Y]) = \dots \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i$$

$$g(p_i) = \log\left(\frac{p_i}{1-p_i}\right)$$

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

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## Coefficients:

##		Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z )	
##	(Intercept)	1.73743	0.08499	20.44	<2e-16	***
##	WBC	-0.36085	0.01243	-29.03	<2e-16	***

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$$\log\left(\frac{\hat{p}_i}{1-\hat{p}_i}\right) = 1.737 - 0.361 WBC_i$$

(not t)

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## Making predictions

$Y_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p_i)$

$\log\left(\frac{\hat{p}_i}{1 - \hat{p}_i}\right) = 1.737 - 0.361 \text{ WBC}_i$

*Handwritten notes:*  
= natural log (ln)  
not log<sub>10</sub>  
not log<sub>2</sub>

Work in groups of 2-3 for 5 minutes on the following questions:

- + What is the predicted odds of dengue for a patient with a WBC of 10?
- + For a patient with a WBC of 10, is the predicted probability of dengue  $> 0.5$ ,  $< 0.5$ , or  $= 0.5$ ?
- + What is the predicted *probability* of dengue for a patient with a WBC of 10?

$$\log\left(\frac{\hat{p}_i}{1-\hat{p}_i}\right) = 1.737 - 0.361w_{BL}$$

$$w_{BL} = 10$$

$$\log \text{ odds} = 1.737 - 0.361(10) = -1.873$$

$$\text{odds} = e^{-1.873} = 0.154$$

$\Rightarrow$  probability  $< 0.5$

$$p < 0.5 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{odds} < 1, \quad \log \text{ odds} < 0$$

$$p > 0.5 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{odds} > 1, \quad \log \text{ odds} > 0$$

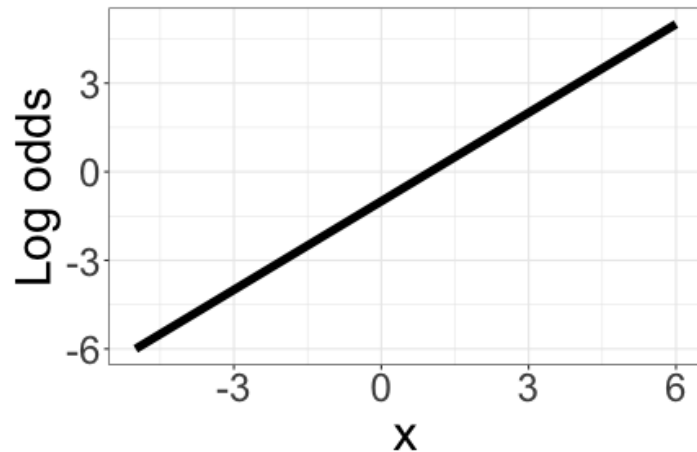
$$p = 0.5 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{odds} = 1, \quad \log \text{ odds} = 0$$

$$\hat{p}_i = e^{-1.873} (1 - \hat{p}_i) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \hat{p}_i = \frac{e^{-1.873}}{1 + e^{-1.873}} = 0.133$$

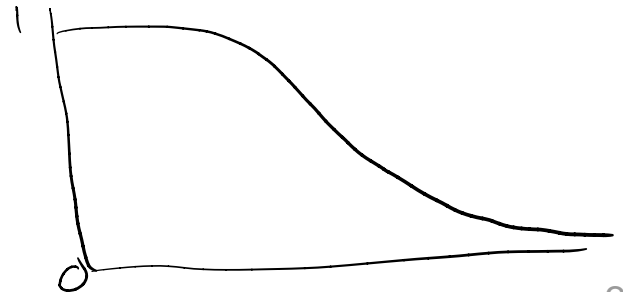
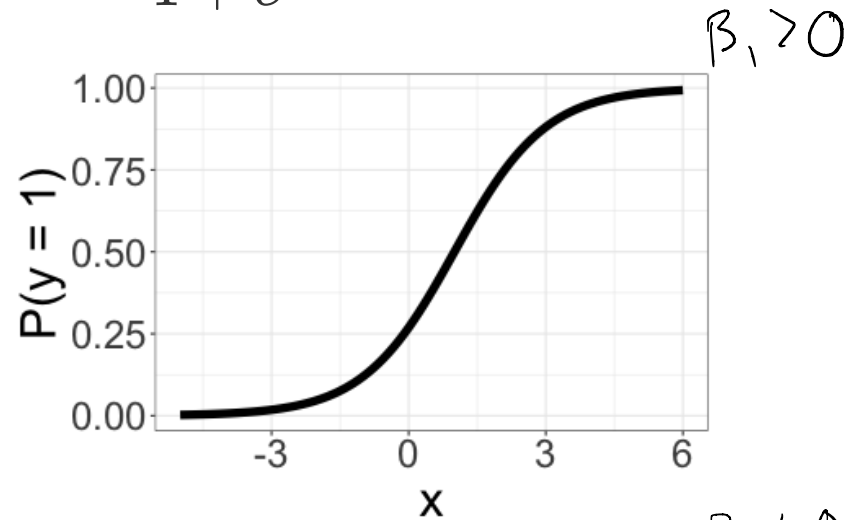


# Shape of the regression curve

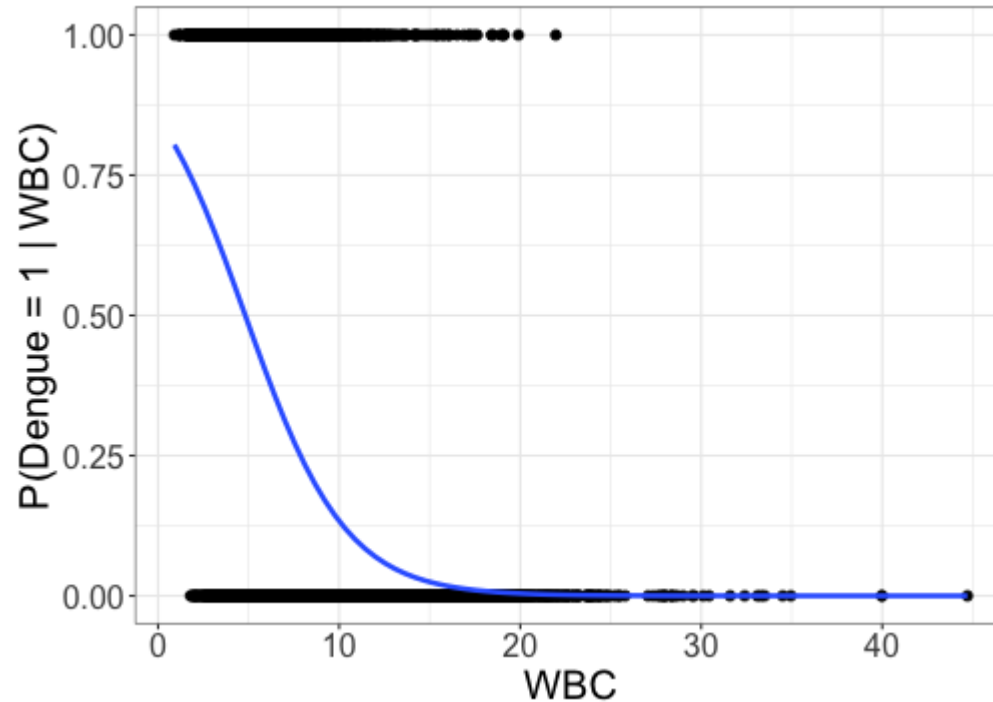
$$\log\left(\frac{p_i}{1 - p_i}\right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i$$



$$p_i = \frac{e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i}}{1 + e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i}}$$



## Plotting the fitted model for dengue data



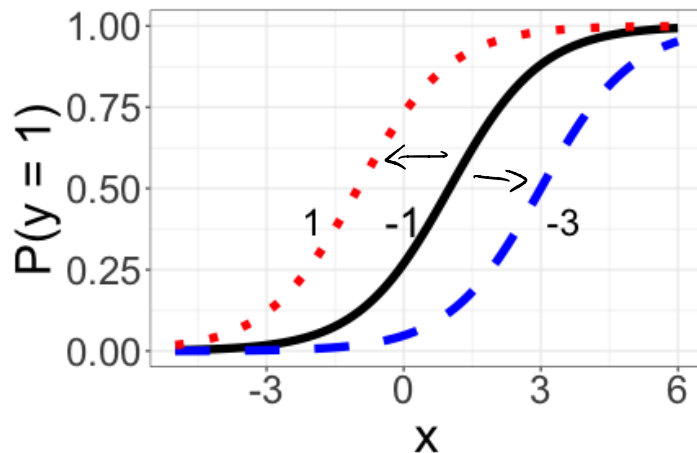
# Shape of the regression curve

How does the shape of the fitted logistic regression depend on  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$ ?

$$\beta_1 = 1$$

$$p_i = \frac{\exp\{\beta_0 + X_i\}}{1 + \exp\{\beta_0 + X_i\}}$$

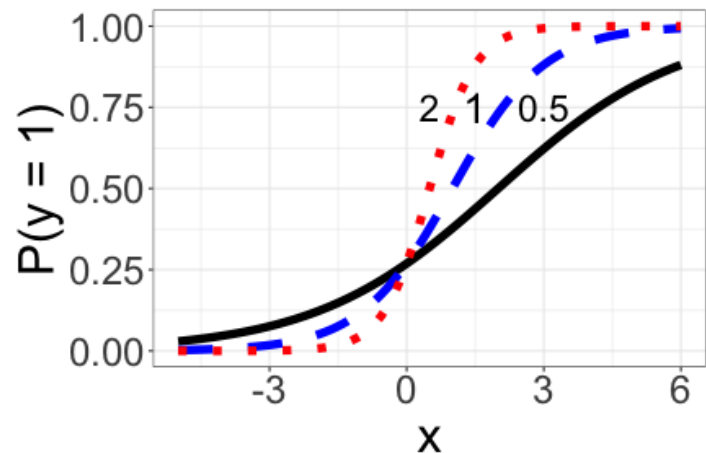
for  $\beta_0 = -3, -1, 1$



$$\beta_0 = -1$$

$$p_i = \frac{\exp\{-1 + \beta_1 X_i\}}{1 + \exp\{-1 + \beta_1 X_i\}}$$

for  $\beta_1 = 0.5, 1, 2$



# Interpretation

$$Y_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p_i)$$

$$\log\left(\frac{\hat{p}_i}{1 - \hat{p}_i}\right) = 1.737 - 0.361 \text{ WBC}_i$$

Work in groups of 2-3 for 5 minutes on the following questions:

- + Are patients with a higher WBC more or less likely to have dengue?
- + What is the change in *log odds* associated with a unit increase in WBC?
- + What is the change in *odds* associated with a unit increase in WBC?

$$\log \left( \frac{\hat{p}_i}{1 - \hat{p}_i} \right) = 1.737 - 0.361 WBC_i$$

• log odds: a one unit increase in WBC is associated w/ a decrease of 0.361 in log odds of dengue

• odds:  $e^{-0.361} = 0.7$

a one unit increase in WBC is associated w/ a decrease in the odds of dengue by a factor of 0.7

$$\frac{\text{odds } WBC = x+1}{\text{odds } WBC = x} = \frac{e^{1.737 - 0.361(x+1)}}{e^{1.737 - 0.361x}} = \frac{e^{-0.361}}{1} = 0.7$$

## Recap: ways of fitting a *linear* regression model

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{i,1} + \beta_2 X_{i,2} + \cdots + \beta_k X_{i,k} + \varepsilon_i \quad \varepsilon_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, \sigma_\varepsilon^2)$$

Suppose we observe data  $(X_1, Y_1), (X_2, Y_2), \dots, (X_n, Y_n)$ , where  $X_i = (1, X_{i,1}, \dots, X_{i,k})^T$ .

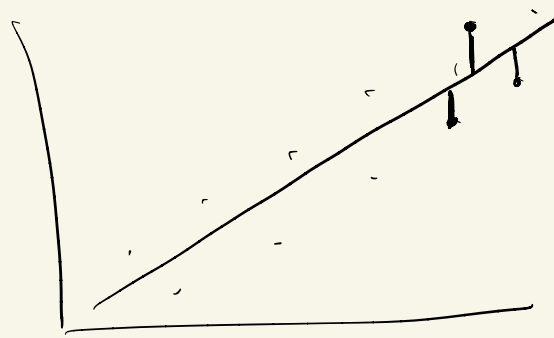
How do we fit this linear regression model? That is, how do we estimate

• Minimize SSE  
• Projection  
• Maximize likelihood

$$\beta = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_k \end{bmatrix}$$

Minimize SSE

$$SSE = \sum_{i=1}^n \underbrace{(y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_{i1} - \dots - \beta_k x_{ik})^2}_{\text{squared errors}}$$



Minimize :

$$\frac{\partial SSE}{\partial \beta_0} \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0$$

$$\frac{\partial SSE}{\partial \beta_1} \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0$$

$$\frac{\partial SSE}{\partial \beta_k} \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0$$

$k+1$  equations  
 $k+1$  unknowns  
choose  $\hat{\beta}_0, \dots, \hat{\beta}_k$  to  
solve system

Projection

$$Y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\beta = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_k \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{Y} = X \hat{\beta}$$

want  $\hat{Y}$  "close" to  $Y$

$$\|Y - \hat{Y}\| = \sqrt{\text{SSE}}$$

$\Rightarrow$  minimize SSE

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_{11} & \dots \\ \vdots & x_{21} & \ddots \\ 1 & x_{n1} & \dots \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times (k+1)}$$



# Summary: three ways of fitting linear regression models

- + Minimize SSE, via derivatives of

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 X_{i,1} - \cdots - \beta_k X_{i,k})^2$$

- + Minimize  $\|Y - \hat{Y}\|$  (equivalent to minimizing SSE)
- + Maximize likelihood (for *normal* data, equivalent to minimizing SSE)

Which of these three methods, if any, is appropriate for fitting a logistic regression model? Do any changes need to be made for the logistic regression setting?