

## STAT 770 Oct. 26 Lecture 16

### GLM model selection, checking, and alternatives

Reading and Topics for this lecture: Chapters 5, 7.

- (1) Rationale for Stepwise Model Selection
- (2) Computational Issues
- (3) Checking GLM Goodness of Fit – Binning (Sec. 5.2.5)
- (4) Hosmer-Lemeshow Test
- (5) GLMs and ‘Tests for Trend’ in  $I \times 2$  Tables (Sec. 5.3.4)
- (6) Other Links, other Models (Secs. 7.1, 7.3)

## Wilks Theorem & Variable Selection

For maximal set of covariates  $X_i$  (incl. interactions  $X_{i,k_1} * X_{i,k_2}$  etc.), link and variance function  $g(\mu), v(\mu)$ , outcomes  $Y_i$

consider  $\beta^{(d)} \in \mathbb{R}^p$  with specified  $(p-d)$ -dim subvector = 0 versus  $\beta^{(d+1)}$  with an extra nonzero coeff.,  $\beta^{(d-1)}$  with an extra 0

if  $H_0$  holds that  $d$  coefficients are really non-0 :

$$2 \log \left( L(\hat{\beta}^{(d+1)}) / L(\hat{\beta}^{(d)}) \right) \leq \chi_{1,\alpha}^2 \quad \text{with prob.} \approx 1 - \alpha$$

$$2 \log \left( L(\hat{\beta}^{(d)}) / L(\hat{\beta}^{(d-1)}) \right) > \chi_{1,\alpha}^2 \quad \text{with prob.} \gg \alpha \quad \text{power}$$

**Idea:**  $\log L(\hat{\beta}^{(j)}) - \frac{j}{2} \chi_{1,\alpha}^2$  likely maximized at  $j = d$

$$\mathbf{AIC, BIC, \dots} \quad \min_j \left\{ -\log L(\hat{\beta}^{(j)}) + cj \right\} \quad \text{for} \quad \begin{cases} c = 2, & \text{AIC} \\ c = \log n, & \text{BIC} \end{cases}$$

## Computational Issues in Penalized MLE

**Objective Function (to minimize):**  $-\log L(\hat{\beta}^{(j)}) + c \cdot j$

(1) In large data and covariate sets, exact maximization not possible over all sets of variables. (SAS does best subset selection by default only when  $p \leq 11$ ) ‘‘forward’’ or ‘‘backward’’ or ‘‘both’’ all **greedy algorithm** searches

(2) Choosing  $c$  too low results in **Overfitting**, often the problem with AIC. BIC value  $c = \log n$  is probably as high as one should go. Script RscriptLec16.RLog shows an example where a value in-between is best as judged by 20-fold cross-validation.

## Diagnostics for Goodness of Fit

Predictive accuracy is not the same as model-adequacy. Checking goodness of fit assesses whether deviations from a model within a defined larger class of models are no more than might occur by chance, by **patternlessness of residuals**.

(1) LRTs do this explicitly in a model class.

(2) **Binning** allows non-model-based checks on grouped data.

**Bins** partition data, by covariate-defined cells  $A_h = \{i : X_i \in C_h\}$  or by predictor intervals  $A_h = \{i : \hat{\beta}' X_i \in C_h\}$ ,  $C_h = (a_h, a_{h+1}]$

**Diagnostic** GLM comparison of  $\sum_{i \in A_h} Y_i$  versus  $\sum_{i \in A_h} \hat{\mu}_i$ .  
*Illustrated in RscriptLec16.RLog on Breast-cancer data.*

## Hosmer-Lemeshow Test

In the setting where bins involve  $X$  partition only , put:

$$t_{y,h} = \sum_{i \in A_h} Y_i , \quad \hat{t}_{y,h} = \sum_{i \in A_h} \hat{\mu}_i , \quad n_h = |A_h|$$

**Hosmer-Lemeshow Statistic:**  $\sum_{h=1}^H (\hat{t}_{y,h} - t_{y,h})^2 / [\hat{t}_{y,h}(1 - \hat{t}_{y,h}/n_h)]$

**Idea:**  $t_{y,h}/n_h$  represents true expected fraction of 1's in Group  $h$ , which is roughly the proportion for each  $i \in A_h$ ; however  $\hat{t}_{y,h}/n_h$  is a fitted proportion using all  $d$  parameters in the fitted GLM! Degrees of freedom not clear ( $\geq H - d$ ).

$$\sum_{h=1}^H (\hat{t}_{y,h} - t_{y,h})^2 / \hat{t}_{y,h} \text{ only resembles } X^2, \quad (\leq \chi_{H-d}^2).$$

## Logistic Regression in $I \times 2$ Tables

**Data:**  $Y_{i1} \sim \text{Binom}(n_i, \pi_i)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq I$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ ,  $Y_{i2} = n_i - Y_{i1}$

**Model:**  $H_1 : \text{logit}(\pi_i) = \alpha + \beta x_i$ ,  $H_0 : \beta = 0$

*predictor scores  $x_i$  describe 'distances' between  $i$  levels*

This is a 'test for trend' with ordinal categories, also a GLM Logistic Regression (can use glm).

Score test is equivalent to [Cochran-Armitage trend test](#) (derived using OLS) with statistic

$$z^2 = \left[ \sum_{i=1}^I (x_i - \bar{x}) Y_{i,1} \right]^2 / \left[ p(1-p) \sum_{i=1}^I n_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \right]$$

where  $p = Y_{+1}/n$ ,  $\bar{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n n_i x_i / n$ . [More powerful than test for independence against  \$H\_1\$  alternatives.](#)

## Other Models, Chapter 7

- probit and cloglog link binary-outcome GLMs

Recall  $g^{-1} = F$  could be any distribution function:

$F = \Phi$  probit,  $F(x) = 1 - \exp(-e^x)$  cloglog

graphs on next page, example of fits in `RscriptLec16`

- Look at *conditional Logistic Regression* (sec. 7.3) next time

Also look at (local) power and sample size formulas next time, Secs. 6.4 and 6.6.

**Inverse-Links for GLMs: Logit, Probit, cloglog**  
1st two are symmetric, all standardized

