

Logistic Regression using an OLS Shortcut

Height	Male	Linear	Logistic
61	0	-0.12	0.008
61.75	0	-0.04	0.014
62	0	-0.02	0.017
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62	0	-0.02	0.017
62.75	0	0.05	0.029
63	0	0.07	0.034
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64	0	0.17	0.070
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65	0	0.27	0.137
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65	0	0.27	0.137
65	0	0.27	0.137
65.5	0	0.31	0.188
66	1	0.36	0.251
66	0	0.36	0.251
66	0	0.36	0.251
66	0	0.36	0.251
66	1	0.36	0.251
66	1	0.36	0.251
66	1	0.36	0.251
66	0	0.36	0.251
67	1	0.46	0.414
67	1	0.46	0.414
67	0	0.46	0.414
67	0	0.46	0.414
67	1	0.46	0.414
67	1	0.46	0.414
67	0	0.46	0.414
68	1	0.55	0.599
68	0	0.55	0.599
68	1	0.55	0.599
68	1	0.55	0.599
68	0	0.55	0.599
68	0	0.55	0.599
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68	0	0.55	0.599
68	1	0.55	0.599
69	1	0.65	0.759
69	1	0.65	0.759
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69	1	0.65	0.759
69	0	0.65	0.759
69.5	1	0.69	0.821

Goal: Model a binary outcome involving a single continuous predictor.

Approach: Use an OLS shortcut that avoids complexity of MLE

For a comparison of OLS with MLE, see www.StatLit.org/pdf/2014-Schield-Logistic-MLE-OLS-Excel2013-Slides.pdf

Step-by-step procedure

- 1 Enter continuous predictor data in col A, binary outcome in col B.
 - 2 Sort data in first 2 columns in ascending order by Col A
 - 3 Generate appropriate summaries to create linear and logistic.
 - 4 Enter linear in C2 (logistic in D2) and copy C2:D2 to bottom of data
 - 5 Create XY-plot with 3 series. Format and title as needed.
 - 6 Answer three questions

F	G	H		
3) Summarize data		Enter formulas from Col H (shown below) into Col G b		
Predictor	Height	=A1		
Mean0	65.4	=AVERAGEIFS(A\$2:A\$1000,B\$2:B\$1000,0)		
Mean1	70.8	=AVERAGEIFS(A\$2:A\$1000,B\$2:B\$1000,1)		
Difference	5.354	=G17-G16		
Regress binary Y on continuous X with OLS.		Note: $X=X_0$ if $P(Y)=0.5$		
OLS Intercept	-5.928	=INTERCEPT(B\$2:B\$1000, A\$2:A\$1000)		
OLS Slope	0.0953	=SLOPE(B\$2:B\$1000, A\$2:A\$1000)		
X_0	67.46	$(0.5-G20)/G21$ $X=X_0$ if $P(Y)=0.5$		
R-squared	0.51	=CORREL(A2:A1000, B2:B1000)^2		
If $R^2 > 0.4$, you can use the following logistic shortcut.				
4) Copy H27 into C2; copy H28 into D2. Remove quote mark from each.				
Linear	C2	=G\$20 + G\$21*A2 Copy/paste into C2		
Logistic	D2	=1/(1+exp(4*(G\$22-A2)/G\$18)) Copy/paste into D2		
5) Create XY Plot:				
	Three series	Linear	Logistic	Male
1.2	Ymax	Markers	No	No
-0.2	Ymin	Line	Dashed	Solid

Based on the logistic, what is the chance that a randomly selected subject is male ...

Q1 given that they are 62" tall?

Q2 Given that they are 65" tall?

Q3 given that they are 70" tall?

