

5.1 Parameter Interpretation

$$\begin{aligned}\pi(x) &= P(Y=1 | X=x) \\ &= \frac{\exp(\alpha + \beta x)}{1 + \exp(\alpha + \beta x)}\end{aligned}$$

The log odds (logit) is linear

$$\text{logit}[\pi(x)] = \log \frac{\pi(x)}{1 - \pi(x)} = \alpha + \beta x$$

5.1.1. Interpreting β

- the odds increase multiplicatively by e^β for every 1-unit increase in x
- other interpretation?

$$\frac{d}{dx} \pi(x) = \beta \frac{\pi(x)}{1 - \pi(x)}$$

The steepest slope occurs at x for which $\pi(x) = 1/2$ or at $x = -\frac{\alpha}{\beta}$ (why?)

↑
called the "median effective level"
EL₅₀

In toxicological studies, called LD₅₀
lethal dose

- Or, report $\pi(x)$ values at quantiles of x

5.1.2. Looking at the data

- plot(x , y) doesn't help much.
- If x has only a few "settings", draw the "sample logit"
0... [P_i] - 0. [y_i]

the "sample logit" \hat{p}_i

$$\log \left[\frac{p_i}{1-p_i} \right] = \log \left[\frac{y_i}{n_i - y_i} \right]$$

where n_i, y_i are # of obs. and # of '1's at setting i of X . and $p_i = \frac{y_i}{n_i}$

Or, the adjusted values

$$\log \frac{y_i + \frac{1}{2}}{n_i - y_i + \frac{1}{2}}$$

$$y_i = 0 \Rightarrow \log \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{n_i + \frac{1}{2}}$$

- plot(x , sample logit) should be .

- If X is cts and all $n_i = 1$, what to do?

- Grouping the data

- Smoothing

e.g. generalized additive model (§4.8)

should observe S shaped curve

5.1.3. Crab example

$$\hat{\pi}(x) = \frac{\exp(-12.351 + 0.497x)}{1 + \exp(-12.351 + 0.497x)}$$

$$EL_{50} = -\frac{\alpha}{\beta} = -\frac{-12.351}{.497}$$

