

**Working with logistics regression models**  
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**The lincom command for logistic regression**

**Further remarks on logistic regression**

- Diagnostics: residuals and leverages
- Enough data?
- Test of fit: The Hosmer-Lemeshow test
- ROC-curves and the area under the ROC-curve

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**Extensions to the ordinary logistic regression:**

**Conditional logistic regression**

- When?
- What?
- How?

**Other methods for analyzing binary data**

- Models for relative risks
- Models for risk differences

**Data with several random components: Binary outcome**

**Clustered binary data with one random components**

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**The lincom command after logit or regress**

Consider the model:

$$\text{logit}(\Pr(\text{obese})) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot \text{woman} + \beta_2 \cdot (\text{age} - 45)$$

	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]
_Isex_2	.2743977	.0903385	3.04	0.002	.0973375 .451458
age45	.0344723	.0051354	6.71	0.000	.0244072 .0445374
_cons	-2.147056	.0721981	-29.74	0.000	-2.288561 -2.00555

Here men are reference.

If we want to find the log odds for a 45 year old women we can calculate by hand  $-2.147 + 0.274 = -1.873$

But what about confidence interval?

We could change the reference to women and fit the model once more.

But.....

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**The lincom command after logit or regress**

$$\text{logit}(\Pr(\text{obese})) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot \text{woman} + \beta_2 \cdot (\text{age} - 45)$$

Stata has a command that can be used for this: "lincom"

```
lincom _const+_Isex
( 1) _Isex_2 + _cons = 0
```

	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]
(1)	-1.8726	.05813	-32.21	0.000	-1.986602 -1.758714

You can add ", or" to get odds/odds ratios.

```
lincom _const+_Isex, or
( 1) _Isex_2 + _cons = 0
```

	Odds Ratio	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]
(1)	.1537145	.0083363	-32.21	0.000	.1371606 .172266

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**The lincom command after logit or regress**

$$\text{logit}(\Pr(\text{obese})) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot \text{woman} + \beta_2 \cdot (\text{age} - 45)$$

Some examples:

Odds for a 42 year old woman:

```
lincom _const+_Isex-age45*3, or
( 1) _Isex_2 - 3 age45 + _cons = 0
```

	Odds Ratio	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]
(1)	.1386122	.0088678	-30.89	0.000	.1222772 .1571295

Odds ratio for 4.5 age difference:

```
lincom age45*4.5, or
( 1) 4.5 age45 = 0
```

	Odds Ratio	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]
(1)	1.167804	.069869	6.71	0.000	1.116091 1.221914

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**Logistic regression models: Diagnostics**

In the linear regression we saw some example of statistics: **residuals, standardized residuals and leverage** which can be used in the **model checking** and search for strange or **influential** data points.

Such statistics can also be defined for the logistic regression model.

But they are much more **difficult to interpret** and **cannot** in general be **recommended**.

Checking the validity of a logistic regression model will mainly be based on **comparing** it with other **models**.

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### Logistic regression models: Test of fit

A common, and to some extend informative, test of fit is the **Hosmer-Lemeshow test**.

Consider the model for obesity from Monday

$$\text{logit}(\Pr(\text{obese})) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \cdot \text{woman} + \beta_2 \cdot (\text{age} - 45)$$

Logit estimates						
Number of obs = 4690						
LR chi2(2) = 55.68						
Prob > chi2 = 0.0000						
Pseudo R2						
Log likelihood = -1767.7019						
obese	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]	
_sex_2	.2743977	.0903385	3.04	0.002	.0973375	.451458
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Significantly better than nothing - but is it good?

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### Logistic regression models: Do you have enough data?

All inference in logistic regression models are based on asymptotics, i.e. assuming that you have a lot of data!

#### Rule of thumb:

You should have at least 10 events per variable (parameter) in the model.

A large standard error typically indicates that you have too little information concerning the variable and that the estimate and standard error are not valid.

Lower your ambitions or get more data!

Exact methods exist, but only one (expensive) program can do it.

And it will give also wide confidence intervals.

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### Logistic regression models: Test of fit

What about comparing the **estimated prevalence** with the **observed prevalence**?

In the Hosmer-Lemeshow test the data is divided into groups (traditionally 10) according to the **estimated probabilities**

and the **observed** and **expected** counts are compared in these groups by a chi-square test.

Most programs, that can fit a logistic regression model, can calculate this test.

In Stata it is done by (**after fitting the model**):

7fit, group(10) table

The data is divided into **deciles** after the estimated probabilities.

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### Logistic regression models: Test of fit

#### OUTPUT

Logistic model for obese, goodness-of-fit test  
(Table collapsed on quantiles of estimated probabilities)

Group	Prob	obs_1	Exp_1	obs_0	Exp_0	Total
1	0.0841	64	40.9	462	485.1	526
2	0.0953	43	45.5	453	450.5	496
3	0.1045	44	44.6	398	397.4	442
4	0.1112	42	50.3	422	413.7	464
5	0.1217	44	51.4	394	386.6	438
6	0.1332	52	63.0	441	430.0	493
7	0.1456	53	61.7	389	380.3	442
8	0.1592	62	69.8	392	388.2	454
9	0.1834	98	89.9	424	432.1	522
10	0.2407	99	83.8	314	329.2	413

number of observations = 4690  
number of groups = 10  
Hosmer-Lemeshow chi2(8) = 26.01  
Prob > chi2 = 0.0010

One problem:  
Too many in  
the tails

Significant difference between observed and expected!

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### Logistic regression models: Test of fit

xi: logit obese i.sex\*age45

7fit, group(10) table

Logistic model for obese, goodness-of-fit test  
(Table collapsed on quantiles of estimated probabilities)

Group	Prob	Obs_1	Exp_1	Obs_0	Exp_0	Total
1	0.0796	36	35.9	466	466.1	502
2	0.1011	42	41.1	406	406.9	448
3	0.1053	49	49.6	429	428.4	478
4	0.1096	50	54.8	458	453.2	508
5	0.1124	52	54.2	436	433.8	488
6	0.1153	51	46.4	355	359.6	406
7	0.1182	52	53.9	410	408.1	462
8	0.1590	76	70.3	428	433.7	504
9	0.2133	96	91.8	391	395.2	487
10	0.3310	97	103.0	310	304.0	407

number of observations = 4690  
number of groups = 10  
Hosmer-Lemeshow chi2(8) = 2.43  
Prob > chi2 = 0.9650

The model 'fits' - when we look at in this way !!!!!!!

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### ROC curves - sensitivity and specificity

generate over45=(age>45) if age!=.

diagt obese over45

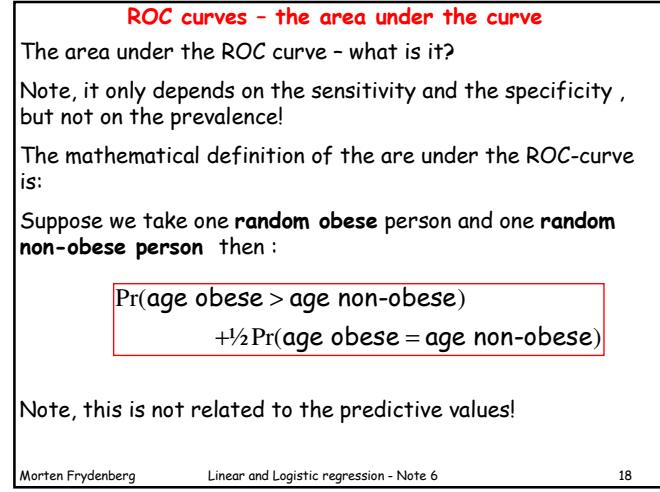
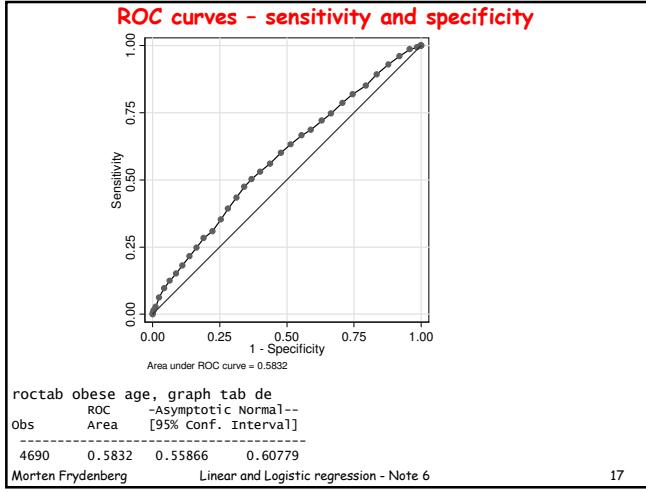
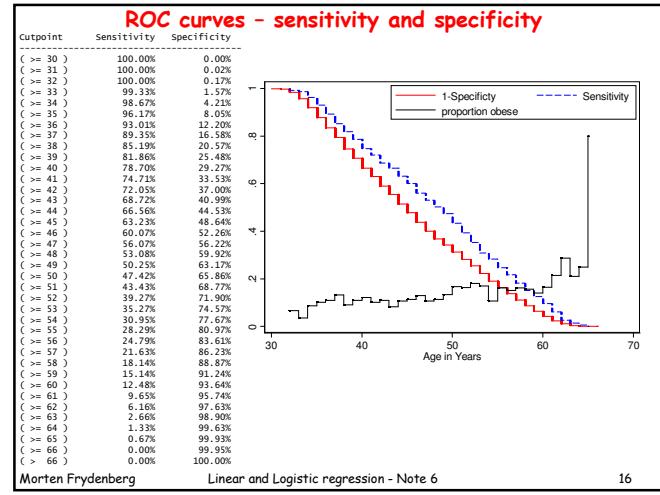
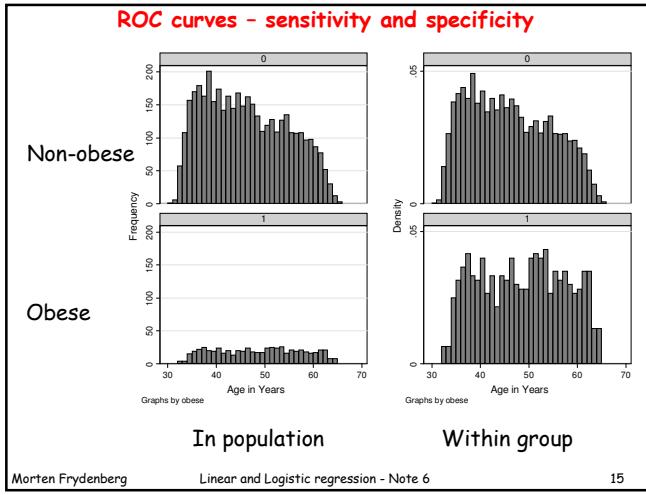
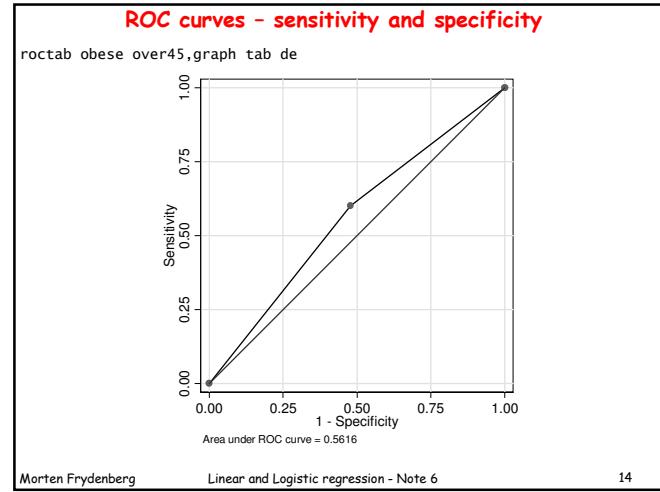
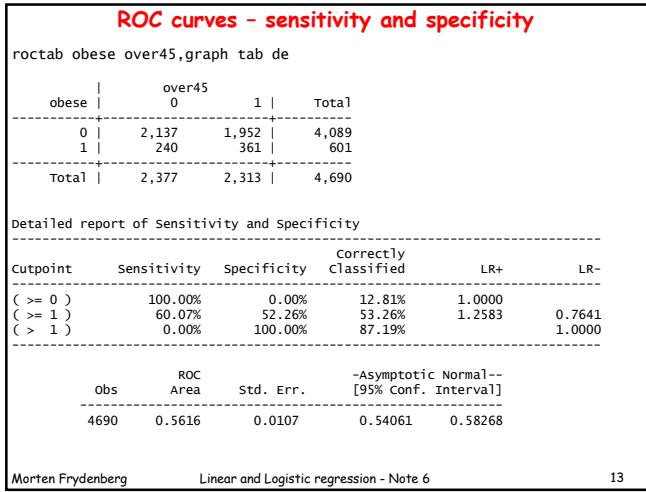
obese	Pos.	Neg.	Total
Abnormal	361	240	601
Normal	1,952	2,137	4,089
Total	2,313	2,377	4,690

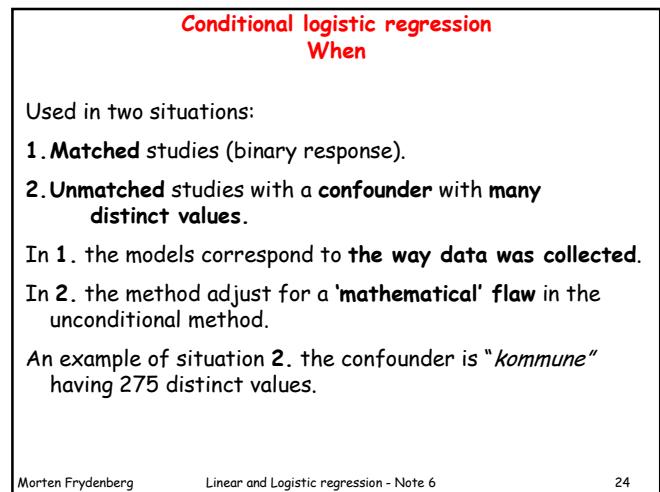
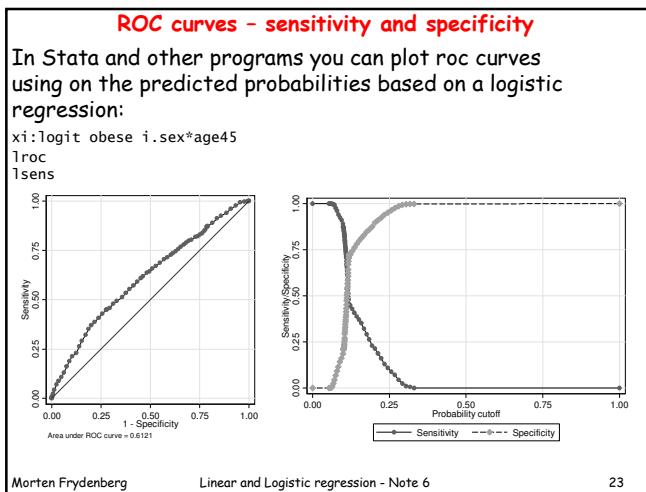
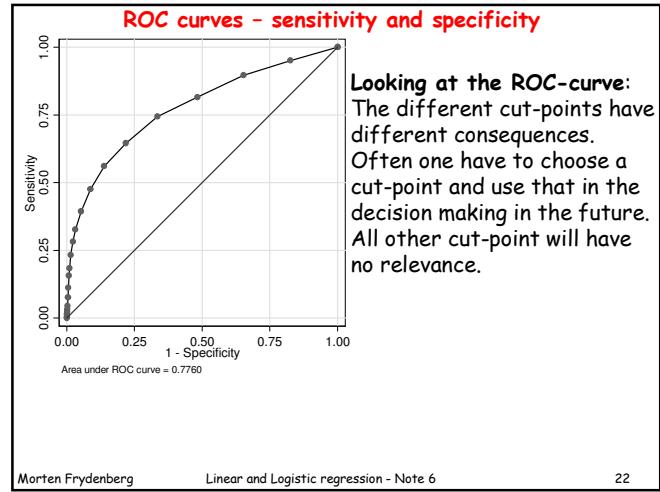
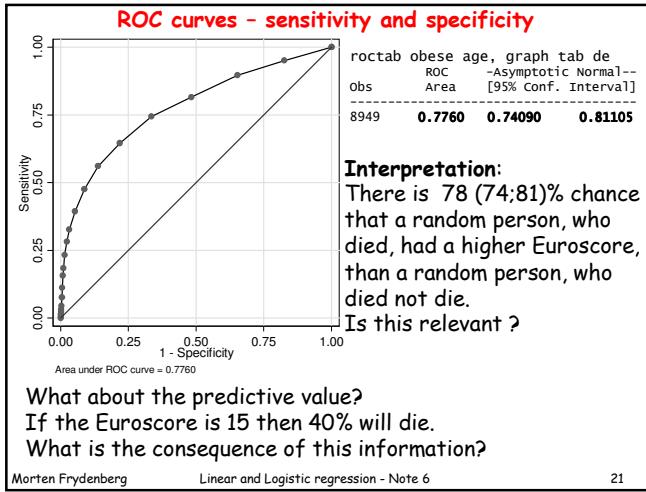
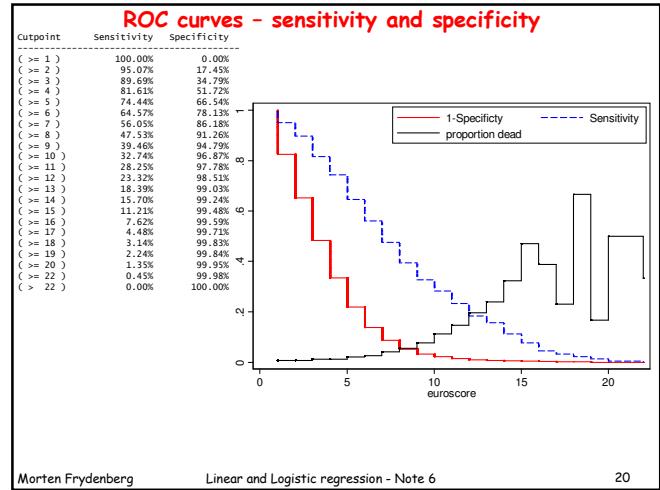
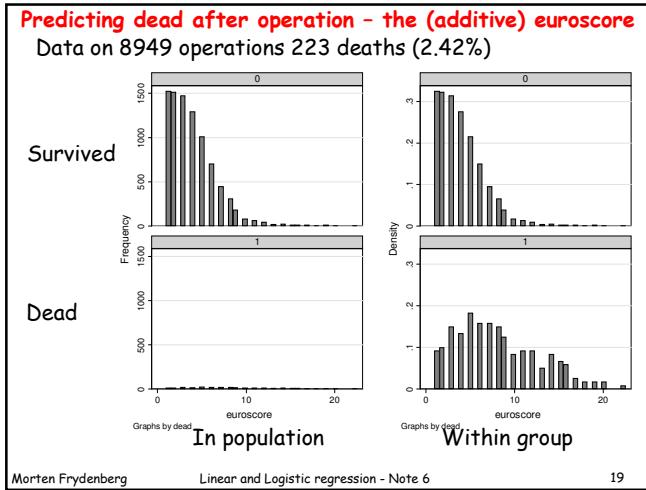
True abnormal diagnosis defined as obese = 1

Prevalence	Pr(A)	[95% Confidence Interval]		
		13%	12%	13.8%
Sensitivity	Pr(+ A)	60.1%	56%	64%
Specificity	Pr(- N)	52.3%	50.7%	53.8%
ROC area	(Sens. + Spec.)/2	.562	.541	.583
Likelihood ratio (+)	Pr(+ A)/Pr(+ N)	1.26	1.17	1.35
Likelihood ratio (-)	Pr(- A)/Pr(- N)	.764	.69	.846
Odds ratio	LR(+)/LR(-)	1.65	1.38	1.96
Positive predictive value	Pr(A +)	15.6%	14.2%	17.2%
Negative predictive value	Pr(N -)	89.9%	88.6%	91.1%

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### Conditional logistic regression What

The logistic regression model (outcome disease yes/no):

$$\ln(\text{odds}) = \alpha + \sum_{i=1}^k (\beta_i \cdot x_i)$$

$\ln(\text{odds})$  in reference       $\ln(\text{odds ratios})$

Suppose the model above hold in each strata:

$$\ln(\text{odds}) = \alpha_s + \sum_{i=1}^k (\beta_i \cdot x_i)$$

$\ln(\text{odds})$  in reference       $\ln(\text{odds ratios})$   
different in each strata      the same in each strata

### Conditional logistic regression What

$$\ln(\text{odds}) = \alpha_s + \sum_{i=1}^k (\beta_i \cdot x_i)$$

$\ln(\text{odds})$  different in each strata

We are not interested in these!

In a matched study these are 'controlled'.

In a conditional logistic regression one 'condition on the odds in each strata', i.e. these case/control ratio.

In the conditional model the  $\alpha$ 's disappear!

The  $\beta$ 's, the log OR's, are still in and can be estimated.

### Conditional logistic regression How

It is easy!

You need a statistical software package.

A package made for research in epidemiology

Not in social science

Not SPSS

But Stata, EPICURE, EPILOG, EGRET, EPIINFO(2000) and SAS can do it.

### Conditional logistic regression How

An example using Stata

A study of cancer in the oral cavity

Matched on gender and 10 years age groups

Ten strata (genage)

Here we focus on

textile-worker and

life time consumption of alcohol (three groups)

### Conditional logistic regression How

logistic regression in Stata

`xi:clogit cancer textile i.alkcon i.genage`

Part of the output:

cancer		Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	CI
textile		.5022	.4141	1.213	0.225	-.3094 1.3139
_alkcon_1		.4628	.2823	1.639	0.101	-.0905 1.0163
_alkcon_2		2.7165	.3232	8.404	0.000	2.0829 3.3501
_genage_2		.2450	1.2514	0.196	0.845	-2.2075 2.6977
_genage_3		-.4940	.5503	-0.898	0.369	-1.5726 .5846
_genage_4		.1798	.6406	0.281	0.779	-1.0758 1.4353
_genage_5		-.2899	.5482	-0.529	0.597	-1.3644 .7844
_genage_6		.2127	.6262	0.340	0.734	-1.0147 1.4401
_genage_7		-.2305	.5355	-.431	0.667	-1.2802 .8190
_genage_8		.5507	.5263	1.046	0.295	-.4809 1.5825
_genage_9		.0315	.5884	0.054	0.957	-1.1217 1.1847
_genage_10		.5572	.5595	0.996	0.319	-.53954 1.6539
const		-1.4692	.4762	-3.085	0.002	-2.4027 -.5356

### Conditional logistic regression in Stata

The syntax:

`xi:clogit cancer textile i.alkcon, group(genage)`

Part of the output:

cancer		Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	CI
textile		.4929	.4103	1.201	0.230	-.3112 1.2971
_alkcon_1		.452	.27923	1.621	0.105	-.094 9999
_alkcon_2		2.660	.31936	8.332	0.000	2.034 3.2868

cases		Odds Ratio	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf. Interval]
textile		1.63708	.6717022	1.20	0.230	.732517 3.658661
_alkcon_1		1.572508	.4390957	1.62	0.105	.909724 2.718168
_alkcon_2		14.30908	4.569879	8.33	0.000	7.651811 26.75835

### Other methods to analysis of binary response data Relative Risk models

**Logistic regression model** focus on the **Odds Ratios**

This is the correct thing to do in **case-control** studies.

In **follow-up studies** **Relative Risk** is often the appropriate measure of association, (personal risk).

I.e. a model like this might be more relevant:

$$\Pr(\text{event}) = p_0 \times RR_1 \times RR_2 \times RR_3$$

$$\ln\{\Pr(\text{event})\} = \ln(p_0) + \ln(RR_1) + \ln(RR_2) + \ln(RR_3)$$

$$\ln\{\Pr(\text{event given the covariates})\} = \alpha + \sum_{i=1}^p (\beta_i \cdot x_i)$$

That is linear on **log-probability scale**

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### Other methods to analysis of binary response data Relative Risk models

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Such a model **modelling the relative risk** can easily be fitted by many programs (not SPSS).

**Logistic regression in Stata:**

*xi: logit obese age i.sex*

or

*xi: g1m obese age i.sex, fam(bin) link(logit)*

**Relative risk model:**

*xi: g1m obese age i.sex, fam(bin) link(log)*

The **link** is **log** instead of **logit**

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### Other methods to analysis of binary response data Risk difference models

**Logistic regression model** focus on the **Odds Ratios**

This is the correct thing to do in **case-control** studies.

In **follow-up studies** **Risk Difference** is often the appropriate measure of association, (community effect).

I.e. a model like this might be more relevant:

$$\Pr(\text{event}) = p_0 + RD_1 + RD_2 + RD_3$$

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That is linear on **probability scale**

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**Risk difference model:**

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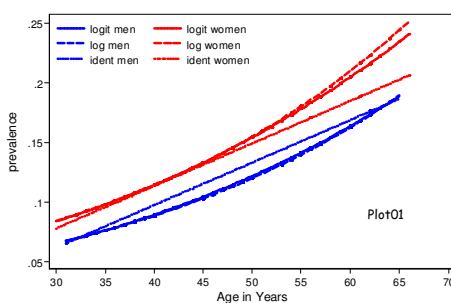
The **link** is **identity** instead of **logit**

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### Other methods to analysis of binary response data

Three different links for **Obese** "=" **sex** "+" **age**



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### Other methods to analysis of binary response data Problems

$$\Pr(\text{event}) = p_0 \times RR_1 \times RR_2 \times RR_3$$

As the relative risk can be **larger** than one the product might be **larger than one**!

$$\Pr(\text{event}) = p_0 + RD_1 + RD_2 + RD_3$$

The sum might **negative** and be **larger than one**!

Note: In Stata you can also use the **binreg** command

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**Clustered data / data with several random components**  
**Dichotomous outcome**

A different outcome:

$$H_{fpd} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if the person has hayfewer} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

A statistical model:

**Systematic part**

$$\text{logit}(H_{fpd} = 1) = \beta_0 + \beta_I \cdot I + \beta_U \cdot U + \beta_A \cdot A + \beta_S \cdot S + \beta_G \cdot G$$

**Random part**

$$+ F_f + P_{fp} + X_{dp}$$

This is not needed due to the binomial error

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**Clustered data / data with several random components**  
**Dichotomous outcome**

$$\text{logit}(H_{fpd} = 1) = \beta_0 + \beta_I \cdot I + \beta_U \cdot U + \beta_A \cdot A + \beta_S \cdot S + \beta_G \cdot G + F_f + P_{fp}$$

That is, an ordinary logistic regression + **random components**.

- A generalized linear mixed model
- A multilevel model for dichotomous outcome

Comments 1:

- It is **important** to include the **relevant random components** in the model.
- 'Multilevel models' is **essential** in medical/epidemiological research.

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**Clustered data / data with several random components**  
**Dichotomous outcome**

Comments 2:

- The theory and insight into the models for non-normal data are **not yet fully developed**.
- The main problem being that it is very difficult find **valid (unbiased) estimates**.
- Several software programs **falsely claim** to estimate the models.
- Some programs like Stata and NLwin can give you valid estimates if you take care and have **a lot of data**.

**Advice:**

Do not try to estimate this kind of models without consulting a specialist.

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**Clustered data / data with one random components**  
**Dichotomous outcome**

If the models only involves **one random components**, e.g. **variation between families or between GP's**,

then methods exists which can **adjust the standards errors**.

Remember that if the **data contains clusters**, then the precision of the estimates overestimated, that is the reported **standard errors is too small**.

So called **robust methods** or **sandwich estimates** of the standard errors will (try) adjust for this problem.

Only a **few** programs have this option - Stata does!

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