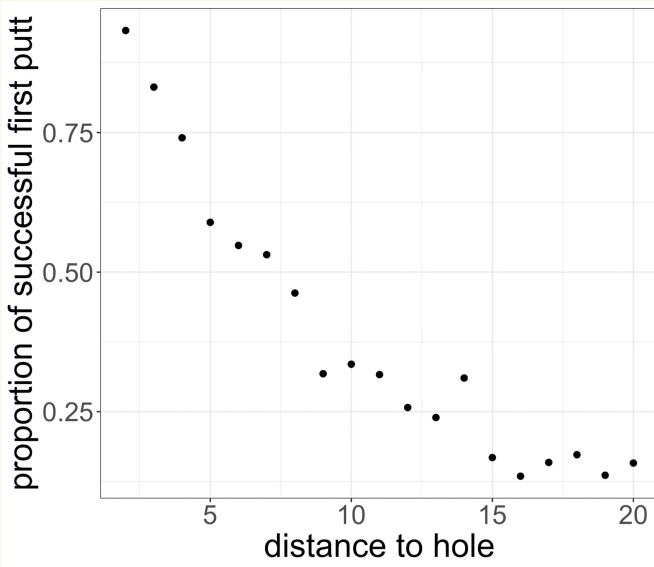


# Logistic Regression

Q Estimate the probability that a putt is sunk as a function of distance to hole

Dataset of 5,988 putts from Mark Brodie include distance to hole and whether putt was sunk.



$1/x$   
not linear

variables

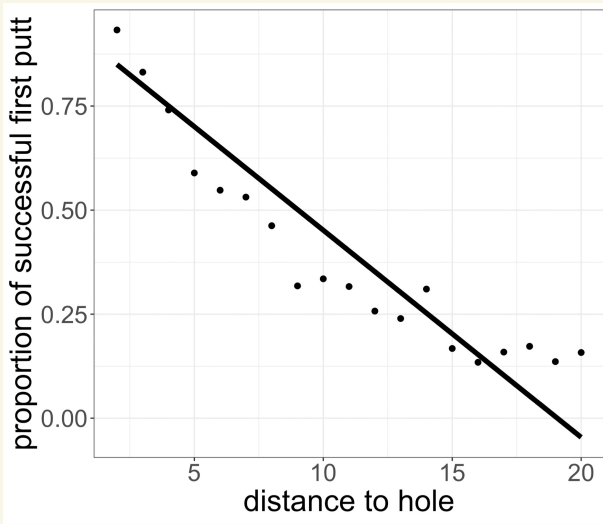
$i$  = index of  $i^{\text{th}}$  putt

$X_i = \text{dist} = \text{dist to hole} > 0$

$Y_i = \text{succ}_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if putt sunk} \\ 0 & \text{if not} \end{cases}$

Model

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + \epsilon_i$$



not as good as we can do  
not linear

Model  $Y_i = \beta_1 \frac{1}{X_i} + \epsilon_i$

$E Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \frac{1}{X_i} = P_i = 0$  and  $X_i = \infty$

$$Y_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if make putt} \\ 0 & \text{if not} \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{w.p. } P_i \\ 0 & \text{w.p. } 1 - P_i \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbb{E} Y_i = \sum_{y \in \{0,1\}} y \mathbb{P}(Y_i = y)$$

$$= 1 \cdot \mathbb{P}(Y_i = 1) + 0 \cdot \mathbb{P}(Y_i = 0)$$

$$= \mathbb{P}(Y_i = 1) = P_i$$

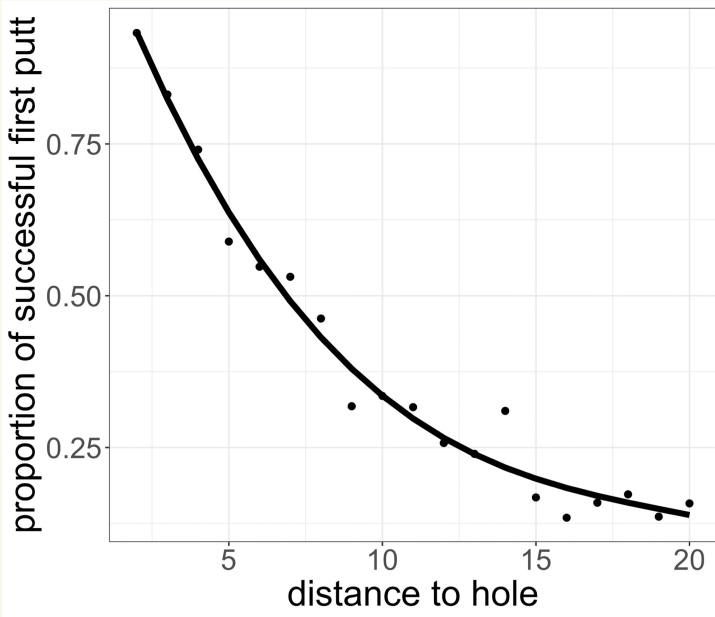
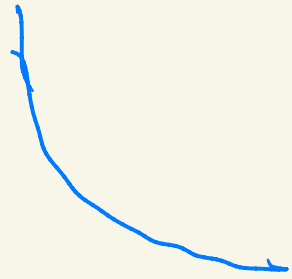
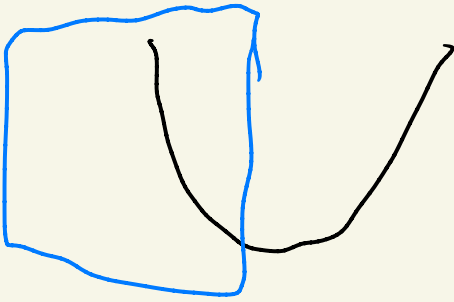
$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{if } X_i \approx 0 \text{ then } \frac{1}{X_i} \approx \infty \\ \text{so } Y_i \approx \infty \\ \text{but } Y_i = 1 \text{ or } 0 \end{array} \right.$

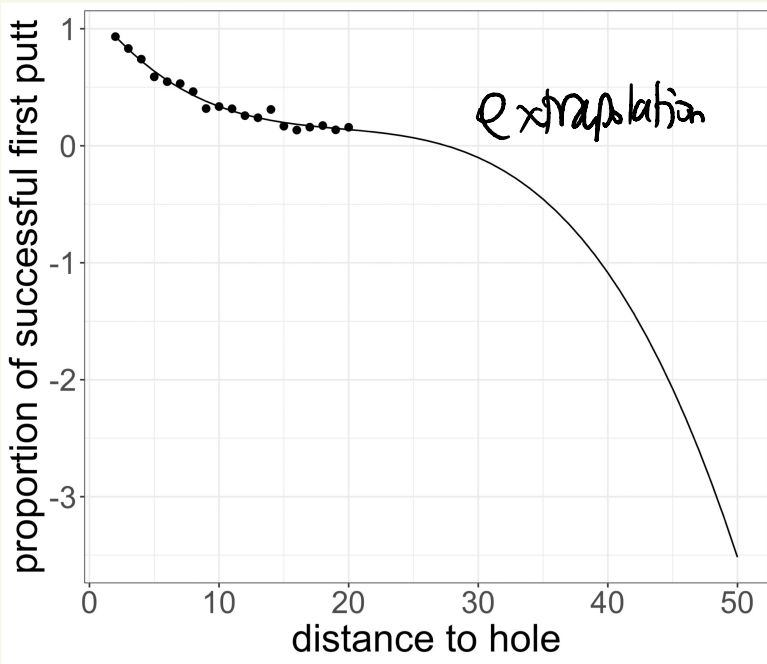
• diff. model

• way to make  $\hat{Y}_i \in [0, 1]$

Model  $Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + \beta_2 X_i^2 + \varepsilon_i$

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\* Find something that converges to 0  
as  $X \rightarrow \infty$

\* Force our prediction  $\hat{Y}_i$  to be  
in  $[0, 1]$ .

Force our model to lie in  $[0, 1]$ ,  
for  $x \in [0, \infty)$ .

Problem the probability of an event must  
lie in  $[0, 1]$ , ordinary linear

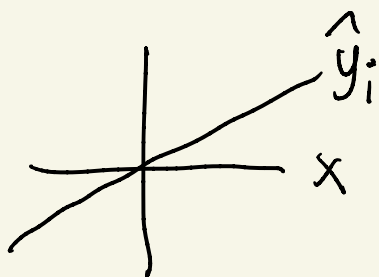
regression model does not absolutely guarantee for this.

$$\hat{y}_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i$$

Linear Regression

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \varepsilon_i$$

How can we force our predictions to be in  $(0, 1]$ .



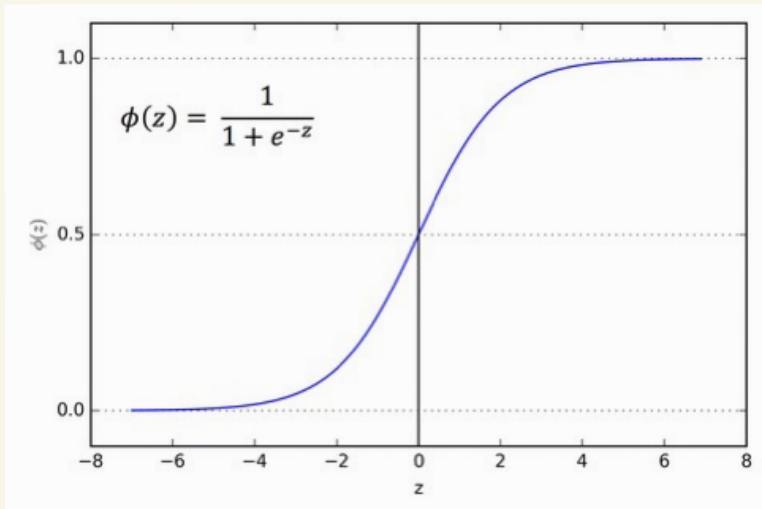
$$\hat{y}_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i$$

the predicted values  $\hat{y}_i$  can be any number in  $(-\infty, \infty)$  depending on the value of  $x_i$ .

Squishification Function

↳ takes a number in  $(-\infty, \infty)$   
and squishes it into  $[0, 1]$ .

$$\text{Logistic}(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}} = \text{Sigmoid}(z) \\ = \sigma(z) \\ \approx \phi(z)$$



$$z = \infty, \quad \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}} = \frac{1}{1 + 0} = 1$$

$$z = -\infty, \quad \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}} = \frac{1}{1 + \infty} = 0$$

$$z = 0, \quad \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}} = \frac{1}{1 + 1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

before  $\hat{y}_i = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i$

squish  $\hat{y}_i = \text{Logistic}(\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i)$

$$= \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i)}}$$

$$\hat{y}_i = \text{Logistic}(x_i^T \hat{\beta})$$

$$x_i = \begin{pmatrix} x_{1i} \\ x_{2i} \\ \vdots \\ x_{ni} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_{i,1} \\ x_{i,2} \\ x_{i,3} \\ \vdots \\ x_{i,n} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{y}_i = \text{Logistic}(\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i + \hat{\beta}_2 x_i^2)$$

$$\hat{p}_i = P(y_i = 1) = \hat{y}_i = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(\hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 x_i)}}$$



## Model

$$p_i = P(y_i = 1) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(x_i^T \beta)}}$$

$$y_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p_i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{w.p. } p_i \\ 0 & \text{w.p. } 1-p_i \end{cases}$$

$$y_i = 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0$$

$x_i^T$  Row vector

$$x_i^T = (1, x_i) \rightarrow x_i^T \beta = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i$$

$$x_i^T = (1, x_i, x_i^2, x_i^3) \rightarrow x_i^T \beta = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \beta_2 x_i^2 + \beta_3 x_i^3$$

$$\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1$$

How to estimate the coefficients?

$$\text{LR: } \underset{\beta}{\text{argmin}} \text{RSS}(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \underbrace{x_i^T \beta}_{\hat{y}_i})^2$$

Logistic Reg:  $y_i = 0$  or  $1$

Minimize log loss, a.k.a cross entropy loss

$$L(\beta) = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ y_i \log p_i + (1-y_i) \log (1-p_i) \right]$$

where  $p_i = P(y_i=1 | x_i, \beta) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}}$

$x_i = \text{dist}_i$      $x_i = (1, \text{dist}_i, \text{dist}_i^2, \text{dist}_i^3)$

$$L_i(\beta) = -y_i \log p_i - (1-y_i) \log (1-p_i)$$

When  $y_i=1$ ,  $L_i(\beta) = -\log p_i$

when  $p_i \approx 1$ ,  $L_i \approx 0$

when  $p_i \approx 0$ ,  $L_i \approx \infty$

$$\text{When } y_i = 0, \quad L_i(\beta) = -\log(1 - p_i)$$

$$\text{When } p_i \approx 1, \quad L_i \approx \infty$$

$$\text{When } p_i \approx 0, \quad L_i \approx 0$$

\* Let's minimize the logloss to find our coeffs:

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\beta} L(\beta) \quad \beta = (\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_K)$$

$$0 = \nabla_{\beta} L(\beta)$$

$$= \nabla_{\beta} \left\{ -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i \log p_i + (1 - y_i) \log(1 - p_i)) \right\}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ y_i \left[ \nabla_{\beta} \log p_i \right] + (1 - y_i) \left[ \nabla_{\beta} \log(1 - p_i) \right] \right\}$$

$$p_i = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(x_i^T \beta)}} = \sigma(x_i^T \beta)$$

$$\nabla_{\beta} \log P_i = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_0} \log P_i, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_k} \log P_i \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} \log P_i$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} \log \left( \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(x_i^T \beta)}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} \left[ -\log (1 + e^{-(x_i^T \beta)}) \right]$$

$$= \frac{-\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} (1 + e^{-(x_i^T \beta)})}{1 + e^{-(x_i^T \beta)}}$$

$$= \frac{-e^{-x_i^T \beta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} (-x_i^T \beta)}{1 + e^{-(x_i^T \beta)}}$$

$\rightarrow (x_{i0} \beta_0 + x_{i1} \beta_1 + \dots + x_{ik} \beta_k)$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} \log p_i = \left( \frac{e^{-x_i^T \beta}}{1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}} \right) \cdot x_{ji}$$

$$\beta = (\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_k)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_0} \log p_i = \left( \frac{e^{-x_i^T \beta}}{1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}} \right) \cdot x_{0i}$$

$$x_i^T \beta = (1, x_i, x_i^2, x_i^3)^T \cdot (\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3)$$

$$= \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \beta_2 x_i^2 + \beta_3 x_i^3$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_1} \log p_i = \left( \frac{e^{-x_i^T \beta}}{1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}} \right) \cdot x_{1i}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_2} \log p_i = \left( \frac{e^{-x_i^T \beta}}{1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}} \right) \cdot x_{2i}$$

$$x_i^T = (x_{0i}, x_{1i}, \dots, x_{ki})$$

$$\nabla_{\beta} \log p_i = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_0} \log p_i, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_k} \log p_i \right)$$

$$= \left( \frac{e^{-x_i^T \beta}}{1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}} \right) \cdot (x_{0i}, x_{1i}, \dots, x_{ki})$$

$$= \frac{e^{-x_i^T \beta}}{1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}} \cdot X = (1 - p_i) X_i$$

$$p_i = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(x_i^T \beta)}}, \quad 1 - p_i = \frac{e^{-x_i^T \beta}}{1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-x_i^T \beta}}{1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \nabla_{\beta} \log p_i &= (1 - p_i) X_i \\ \nabla_{\beta} \log(1 - p_i) &= -p_i X_i \end{aligned} \right.$$

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$$\nabla_{\beta} L(\beta) =$$

$$= -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ y_i \left[ \nabla_{\beta} \log p_i \right] + (1 - y_i) \left[ \nabla_{\beta} \log(1 - p_i) \right] \right\}$$

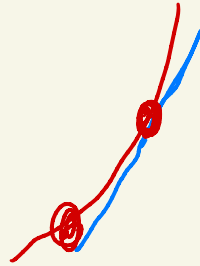
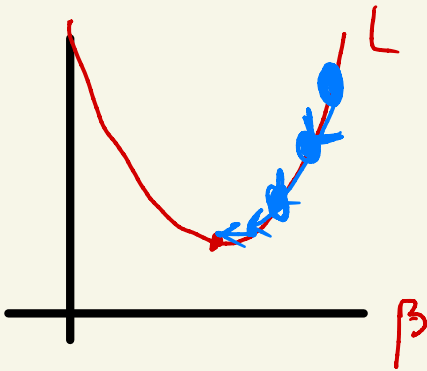
$$= -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ y_i (1 - p_i) X_i - (1 - y_i) p_i X_i \right\}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - p_i) X_i$$

$$= -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \sigma(x_i^T \beta)) \cdot X_i = 0$$

No known closed form solution for  $\beta$ .

Gradient Descent



descent down the gradient until converge:

$$\beta^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \beta^{(t)} + K \cdot \nabla_{\beta} L(\beta^{(t)})$$

$$\beta^{(t+1)} \leftarrow \beta^{(t)} + \lambda \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - p_i) X_i$$

Stop when  $|\beta^{(t)} - \beta^{(t+1)}| < \delta$ .

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ELO

One iteration of gradient descent in logistic regression is equivalent to one ELO update

every one has their own ELO rating / ~~score~~ / strength  
Parameter  $\beta$ .

player A plays against player B.

$\beta_A$  vs.  $\beta_B$



$$P_{AB} = P(A \text{ beats } B) = P(y_{AB} = 1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(\beta_A - \beta_B)}} = \sigma(\beta_A - \beta_B)$$

$$\beta_A \leftarrow \beta_A + K (y_{AB} - P_{AB})$$

$$\beta_B \leftarrow \beta_B + K (y_{BA} - P_{BA})$$

$y_{AB} = 1$  if A beats B else 0

$$P_{AB} = P(A \text{ beats } B)$$

• If A beats B ( $y_{AB} = 1$ ) ( $y_{BA} = 0$ )

If  $P_{AB} \approx 1$  ( $P_{BA} \approx 0$ )  $\rightarrow$   $\beta_A$  barely increases

If  $P_{AB} \approx 0$  ( $P_{BA} \approx 1$ )  $\rightarrow$   $\beta_A$  increases by  $K$

$K = K$  factor = learning rate

$$P_{AB} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(\beta_A - \beta_B)}}$$

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- golf putting example  
estimate putt prob. as a function of dist to hole  
set up logistic regression model

$$P_i = P(y_i = 1) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(x_i^T \beta)}}$$

$$x_i = (1, \text{dist}_i)$$

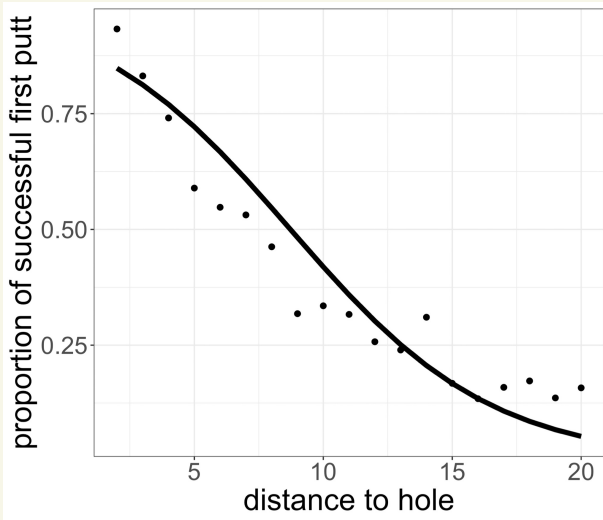
Ran gradient descent to minimize  $L(\beta)$

from this, estimate  $\beta \rightarrow \hat{\beta}$

then, go back and use  $\hat{p} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x^T \hat{\beta}}}$

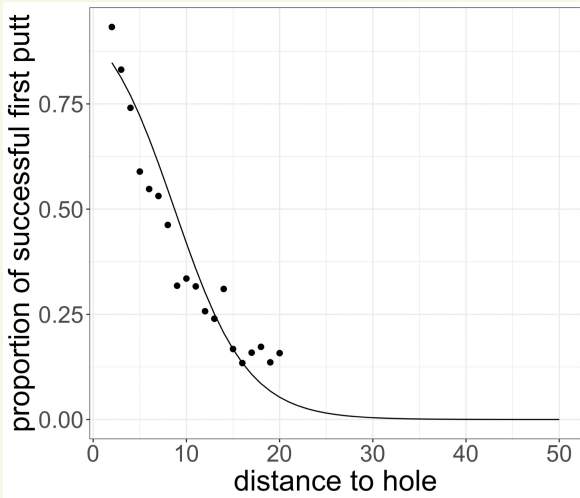
Let's visualize  $\hat{p}$  from logistic regression:

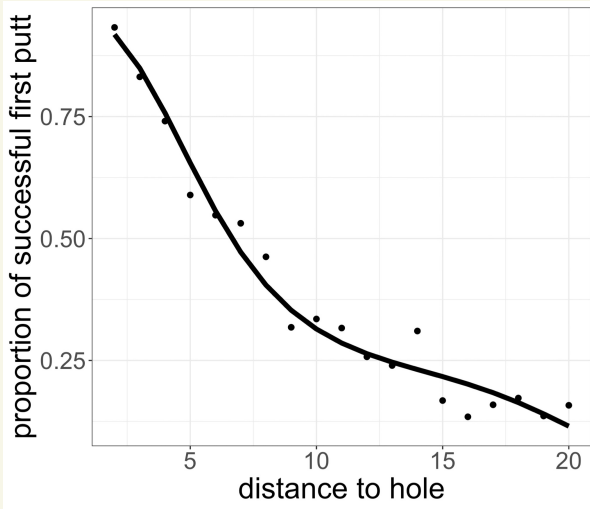
- decide to use logistic regression ( $y_i \in \{0,1\}$ )
- acquire  $(x_i, y_i)$
- run 1 line of R code



Looks decent

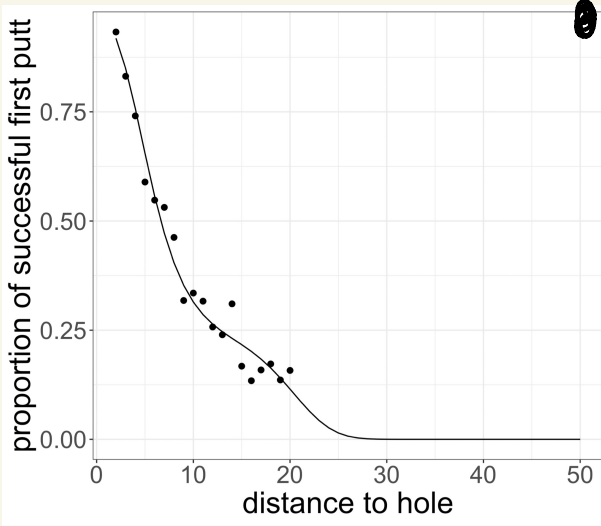
dist;





$$x_i^T = (1, x_i, x_i^2, x_i^3)$$

$\downarrow$   $d$        $\downarrow$   $d$        $\downarrow$   $d$   
 $d \cdot x$        $d \cdot x^2$        $d \cdot x^3$



confounder:  
 elevation  
 hole placement

# Bradley Terry Power Scores

Logistic  
Regression  
Power  
Scores

Schedule matrix  $X$  from yesterday

game  $i$ , Home team  $H(i)$ , Away team  $A(i)$

$$X_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j = \text{interest column} \\ 1 & \text{if } j = H(i) \\ -1 & \text{if } j = A(i) \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Outcomes win/loss  $y$

$$y_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } H(i) \text{ wins} \\ 0 & \text{if } H(i) \text{ loses} \end{cases}$$

$$p_i = P(y_i = 1) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x_i^T \beta}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(\beta_{H(i)} - \beta_{A(i)} + \beta_0)}}$$

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

Model