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# **THE ROBUST LOGISTIC REGRESSION MODEL ESTIMATION FOR PATIENTS INFECTED WITH COVID-19 VIRUS**

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#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

The model in general is a mathematical representation of a problem in the real world, and the function of the model is to summarize and clarify the data as close as possible to reality, and at the same time it should be easy to understand and apply, and often the researcher has some data collected from the real world and his goal is to build a model on it without losing a lot of information. The model can consist of two different types of variables, which are the response variable (the dependent variable), which is the focus of the experiment, and it is the product of the model that the researcher wants to investigate about. The response variable can be single, or a model with two variables, or be multiple, and the explanatory variable is measured or determined. Explanatory variables by the researcher and explanatory variables are considered model inputs. These variables are called explanatory because they explain and show how the response

variable is affected by its changes. The goal of linear regression is to fit a straight line to a number of points that reduces the sum of squares of errors, that is, to fit a straight line to a number of points that reduces the sum of squares of the residuals. Regression models are used for several purposes, description and analysis of the relationship between variables, prediction and selection of variables, but when the dependent variable in the regression model is of a descriptive (qualitative) type, it takes two values in numerical form (0,1), such as (success 1, failure 0), (cure from disease 1, no cure from disease  $0$ ), (reach  $1$ , Non-reaching  $0$ ), etc., it is called a binary Logistic Regression (BLR) model, , in logistic regression the goal is not to estimate the parameters of the model (measuring the change caused by the independent variables in the dependent variable) but the goal is to measure the probability of occurrence or non-occurrence of the phenomenon under study. Sometimes, the researcher faces a situation in which



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some observations in the sample under study deviate from the original format of the data, either as a result of measurement errors or as a result of mismanagement of the experiment, or sometimes the researcher is concerned that those terms go extreme or deviate from the context of the rest of the data , thus, these data can be treated as outliers (polluted), so the random variables lose one of the most important basic assumptions for them, which is the symmetry and independence of the distribution of the sample items (iid), and also if these outliers values are ignored in estimating the parameters, the variance of those estimates will increase and lead to inappropriate tests. Therefore, the application of classical methods directly to the model estimation does not give efficient estimates and thus inaccuracy in the estimation. The discovery of outliers observations are important either because those outliers themselves are important in themselves, or the experimenter wants to prevent the outliers from appearing in the estimates required. At the present time, the use of the Robust Method has grown in order to mitigate the impact of outliers on the data, which are widely used in linear models, but when the model under study is non-linear as logistic model and has a degree of complexity, these classical methods may not perform the required ones. Many researchers dealt with the logistic regression, some of them were interested in robustness and some did not pay attention to it. (Ahmad & et al, 2010) analyzes the performance of the MLE and four existing vigorous estimators under diverse exception d esigns. ( Feng & et. al., 2014) use logistic regression with arbitrary outliers in the covariate matrix and propose a new robust logistic regression algorithm, called RoLR, that estimates the parameter through a simple linear programming procedure. (Bednarski, 2016) Computationally attractive Fisher consistent robust estimation methods based on adaptive explanatory variables trimming are proposed for the log- logistic regression model. (Dhymeaa, 2017) use of robust Bayes methods in estimating the logistic regression function on stroke disease.( Kurnaz & et al, 2018) used Robust and sparse estimation methods for linear and logistic regression in high dimensions. (Ahmed & Cheng, 2020) presents a modern course of vigorous methods for logistic regression. (S. Alshqaq & et al, 2021) examines the impact of exceptions on circular logistic regression.

#### **2. OUTLIERS (CONTAMINATION) DATA**

A contaminants or an outlier is an element that is out of the pattern characteristic of a particular set or combination (different from the normal pattern of data).

And they are data points that are far away from the majority of other data points, that is, they are observations that are not consistent with the rest of the data of the group for any of the variables for a particular phenomenon or for a group of phenomena, the value of this observation may be large or may be small located at one end of the group of observations arranged ascending or descending And that its abnormality may in many cases be a natural issue inherent in some variables. These are data that are not normally distributed. Anomalous (polluted) viewing is defined statistically as the observation that comes from a different population than the population under study. That is, the original community was polluted by observations from another community, and these observations are called contaminants. (Al-Yassery, 2007, 4). Outliers are observations that deviate greatly from other observations and are generated in a different way from the method of generating the original observations (Hekimoglu & Erenoglu , 2013, 421). While researchers (Barnett & Lewis) (1994) defined the anomalies as (observations that show up conflicting with the rest of the information set) (Obikee & et.al. 2014 , 537) .

#### **3. ROBUSTNESS**

The basics of the linear regression model and explained that the statistical methods are considered immune in the event of breaching the basic conditions of the methods adopted in the estimation (Dhymeaa, 2017, 17).

#### **4. BINARY DATA:**

Binary data can be defined as variables that are not subject to units of measurement and are known as qualitative variables (Cook, 2001,) , such as gender (male or female). In these cases, the binary dependent variable response  $(y)$  is either equal to one (for the occurrence of the event) or zero (the event did not occur). Since the variable  $(Y_i)$  (response variable) is Bernoulli distribution distributed, and therefore the random error term  $(\epsilon_i)$  in the case of binary data is not distributed normally, but Bernoulli distribution is distributed with mean zero and variance  $p_i$  (1- $p_i$ ) that is, it is discrete and not continuous, which causes the problem of Heterogeneation , and that the variance of the random error term depends on the logistic regression function p<sup>i</sup> at each observation of i, which leads to the inhomogeneity of the variance of the random error term at each level of the vector  $x_i$ , and therefore it is not possible to use the method Ordinary least squares (OLS) parameter estimation process for binary data(Al-Azzawi, 2005) .



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#### **5. BINARY LOGISTIC REGRESSION MODEL**

Logistic regression is based mainly on the assumption that the dependent variable is a binary variable that follows the Bernoulli distribution, taking the value (1) with the probability of P (the probability of the response occurring) and the value (0) with the two probability q=1-P (the probability of the response not occurring). As we know, in a linear regression that's independent and dependent variables take continuous values, the model that links the variables is:

$$
Y = b_0 + b_1 X_i + e
$$
  
(1)

Since Y is a variable that represents a continuous variable, and the expected of the observed (real) values of Y is  $E(Y/X)$  and  $e = Y - \hat{Y}$  the equation (1) can be written as follows:

$$
E(Y/X) = b_0 + b_1 X_i
$$
  
(2)

In the regression, as is known, the right-hand side of these models takes values from  $(\infty-)$  to  $(\infty+)$ , but when the binary dependent variable takes values of zero or one, the linear regression is not appropriate because:

$$
E(Y/X) = P(Y = 1) = P'
$$
  
(3)

Because the value of the right-hand side is confined between zero and one. Thus, the model is not applicable from the point of view of regression, and to solve this problem, the natural logarithm is entered on the dependent variable, and since  $0 \le p \le 1$ , the ratio P/(1-P) is a positive amount between ( $\infty$ ,0) That is, and 0≤ P/(1-P)  $\leq \infty$ , therefore the regression model can be written in the case of one independent variable as follows:

$$
\ln\left(\frac{P}{1-P}\right) = b_0 + b_1 X_i
$$
  
(4)

If we have more than one independent variable, the model is as follows:

$$
\ln\left(\frac{P}{1-P}\right) = b_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{k} b_i X_{ij} \quad ; j = 1, 2, \dots, k \quad , \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n \tag{5}
$$

By taking the inverse of the natural logarithm of the function (5), it can be written as follows:

$$
P = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-(b_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{k} b_i X_{ij}))} \; ; \; j = 1, 2, ......k \; , \; i = 1, 2, ......n \tag{6}
$$

This model is called the logistic regression model or the logit model, and the transformation is called ln (P/(1-P)) with the logit transformation or the logarithm Odds Ratio. And the logistic function is a continuous function

that takes the values (0,1), where y approaches zero as the right-hand side approaches (∞-) and y approaches (1) as the right-hand side approaches (∞+), and the logistic function is symmetric when The right side is equal to 1. Therefore, the logistic regression model is a logarithmic transformation of the linear regression by its transformation into a logistic function, so it will follow the characteristics of the logistic distribution, which makes the possibilities confined between (1,0), hence the name logistic regression.

#### **6. OUTLIERS IN LOGISTIC REGRESSION:**

It is imperative to recognize between the distinctive cases

of remote perceptions in logistic regression. In a binary logistic model , exemptions can happen inside the Yspace, the X-space or in both spaces For double information, the whole y's are 0 or 1, consequently an error within the y heading can as it were happen as a transposition  $0 \rightarrow 1$  or  $1 \rightarrow 0$ . This sort of exception is **additionally known** as leftover exception or misclassification-type blunder . An perception which is extreme within the design space  $X$  is called a leverage exception or leverage point : a use point can be considered extraordinary or terrible.. A good leverage point happens when  $Y = 1$  with a huge value of P ( $Y = \frac{1}{x}$  $\frac{1}{x_i}$ ) or when Y = 0 with little value of P ( $Y = \frac{1}{x_i}$  $\frac{1}{x_i}$ , and vice versa for a awful leverage point . Victoria-Feser (2002) showed that the MLE can be impacted by extraordinary values within the design space, and the case of misclassification errors has been studied by Pregibon (1982) and Copas (1988). Croux, et al. (2002) found that the preeminent risky special cases named terrible  $\vert$ use points , are misclassified observations which are at the same time distant in the design space of x variables. (Ahmad & et al, 2010, 503)

# **7. ROBUST LOGISTIC REGRESSION MODEL:**

Let Yi be perceptions from a Bernoulli distribution, Bernoulli( $p_i$ ); that are assumed to be created from the generalized linear model with vector of illustrative variables  $x^T = (1, x_1, \ldots, x_p)$ , parameter vector  $\beta^T = (\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_p)$  and a function G such that  $p_i = P(Y_i = 1 | X_i = x_i) = G(x^{T_i} \beta)$ ; i = 1,2,..., n. In the logistic regression case  $G(z) = ez=(1 + ez)$ . The conditional probability density function (p.d.f.) of Y given x is:

$$
g(y/X = x) = G(x^T \beta)\delta(y - 1) + (1 - G(x^T \beta))\delta(y)
$$
  
(7)

Where  $\delta(a)$  is Dirac's measure?



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Let  $Y_i$  be observations from the replacement model where it is assumed that Y<sub>i</sub> is contaminated by another random variable Wi ∼ Bernoulli (qi). Thus,

 $\hat{Y}_i = (1 - \varepsilon_{i,n}) Y_i + \varepsilon_{i,n} W_i$ (8)

Where the random variable  $\varepsilon_{i,n}$ ~ Bernoulli (v/√n); v ≥ 0 and n is the sample size. The rate of contamination,  $P(\mathcal{E}_{i,n} = 1) = v/\sqrt{n}$ , is justified by contiguity of contaminated alternatives indexed by the parameter v  $> 0$  with respect to the ideal model ( $v = 0$ ).

For samples  $(Y_1,..., Y_n)$  and  $(W_1,......, W_n)$  of (iid) random variables the conditional pdf of Wi given x by the form:  $f(y/x) = F(x)\delta(y-1) + (1-F(x))\delta(y)$ 

(9)

Where  $F(x) = P(= W_i = 1/X_i = x_i) = q_i$ , Therefore  $\hat{Y}_i$ are observations from Bernoulli distribution  $(\hat{p}_i)$ , where  $\hat{p}_i = p_i + v/\sqrt{n(q_i - p_i)}$  ( G.D. Mishra, & et. al., 2001, 3-4).

#### **8. ROBUST ESTIMATORS IN LOGISTIC REGRESSION MODEL:**

An exception is an perception that goes astray from the other perception values and leads to blunders within the logistic regression model. The deviation can happen in reaction factors as well as in informative factors or both. In the binary regression model, all reaction factors Y\_i are parallel, taking numerical values 0 or 1, therefore, the deviation within the reaction variable can as it were happen as a  $0 \rightarrow 1$ or  $1 \rightarrow 0$ . (Ahmed,, 2020, 130)

# **8.1 Mallows Type Class (Mallows)**

The principle of this estimator receives the minimization of the weighted logarithmlikelihood function, where the weights depend on the illustrative variables. In this way lessening the exception value that does not compare to the other perceptions (Ahmed , Idriss Abdelmajid, Cheng , Weihu , 2020 , 10 ). 1

$$
h_n(x) = [(x - \hat{\mu}_n)' \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} (x - \hat{\mu}_n)]^{\frac{1}{2}}
$$
  
(10)

Where,  $\hat{\mu}_n$  Robust location estimator,  $\Sigma^{-1}$  Robust variance-covariance matrix of the continuous covariates  $(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$  which can be calculated by using minimum covariance determinant (MCD) approach.

Then the Mallows type estimator for logistic regression can be obtained by a solution of the form of:

 $\sum_{i=1}^{n} W_i[y_i \log(\prod_{i=1}^{n}(\beta)) + (1-y_i) \log(1 - \prod_{i=1}^{n}(\beta))]$ (11)

where  $W_i = W(h_n(x_i))$ , W is a non-increasing function such that W (u) is bounded.

Bergesio, A. and Yohai, V.J. (2011) suggested choosing W depends on a constant  $c > 0$ .

$$
W(u) = \left(1 - \frac{u^2}{c_2}\right)^3 I\left(|u| \le c\right)
$$
\n
$$
(12)
$$

This estimate is called Mallows-type estimator estimate and the influence function of WMLE is given by: ( Idriss & Cheng, 2020,132).

$$
If(y, x, \beta) = M^{-1}(y - f(\beta' x))xW(h(x))
$$
  
(13)

Where,  $h(x) = [(x - \mu)^{\prime} \Sigma^{-1} (x - \hat{\mu}_n)]^{\frac{1}{2}}$  with  $\mu$  and  $\Sigma$  are the limit values of  $\mu$  and  $\hat{\Sigma}$ ,

$$
M = E(W(X))F^{-1}(\beta x)x'x
$$
  
(14)

## **8.2 Weighted Maximum Likelihood Estimates (WMLE)**

The (WMLE) method is one of the robust estimation methods proposed by (Carroll & Pederson, 1993), as it is used to estimate the parameters of the logistic regression model in the event that there are outlier's values in the data (Carroll, & Pederson, 1993).

The goal of the (WMLE) method is to find a set of values estimated to β, based on modifying the method of the maximum Likelihood method (ML) to obtaining a more efficient robust estimator by giving the observations weights to reduce the impact of outliers observations.

Assuming that we have n random variables  $(y_1, y_2, ...,$  $y_n$ ), then this method depends on the probability density function of random variables, which follows the Bernoulli distribution, which is according to the following formula: (Maronna & et al, 2006)

$$
P(Y_i = y_i) = p_i^{y_i} (1 - p_i)^{1 - y_i}
$$
  
(15)

Then, the maximum likelihood function of the logistic regression model is as follows:

$$
L(\beta, X) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} p_i^{y_i} (1 - p_i)^{1 - y_i}
$$
  
\n
$$
L(\beta, X) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} (1 - p_i) \prod_{i=1}^{n} \left(\frac{p_i}{1 - p_i}\right)^{y_i} (16)
$$
  
\n
$$
L(\beta, X) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} (1 - p_i) \exp \left[\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i \log \left(\frac{p_i}{1 - p_i}\right)\right]
$$
  
\nAccording to the logistic transfer feature, then,  
\n
$$
\log \frac{p_i}{1 - p_i} = \underline{x'}_i \underline{\beta}
$$

$$
L(\beta, X) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} (1 - p_i) \exp \big[ \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i(\underline{x}_i' \, \underline{\beta}) \big]
$$

By taking the logarithm of both sides of the over equation (16), we get the following formula: While:

 $\frac{1}{1+e^{\underline{x'_i}\beta}}$ 

$$
(1 - p_i) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{\underline{x}_i} \underline{\beta}}
$$
  
logL(\beta, X) =  $[\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i(\underline{x}'_i \underline{\beta})] + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log(\frac{1}{1 + e^2})$ 

$$
logL(\beta, X) = [\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i(\underline{x'}_i \underline{\beta})] - \sum_{i=1}^{n} log(1 + e^{\underline{x'}_i \underline{\beta}})
$$
(17)

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 $\sqrt{2}$ 

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And by equating the first derivative to the logarithm of maximum likelihood function of zero, then solving a set of equations resulting from the derivative:  $\partial$ 

$$
\frac{\log L(\beta, X)}{\partial \beta} =
$$

∂β

And that the estimation in equation (17) requires following the method adopted by the (WMLE) method, which is to reduce the amount as follows: (Dhymeaa, 2017, 20).

min  $\sum_{j=1}^{m} W_i L_i(\beta)$ (18)

 $L_i(\beta) = log L(\beta, X)$ Where:

 $L_i(\beta)$  is the logarithm of the function in the equation from equation (17)

 $W_i$  Weight function

For obtaining (WMLE) estimators, the weighted least squares method or one of the numerical methods is used as follows:

 $\hat{\beta} = (X'WX)^{-1}X'WZ$ 

(18)

The formula (18) gives the best unbiased linear estimation of the parameter vector.as

$$
Z = \begin{bmatrix} \text{Ln} & \frac{p_1}{1-p_1} \\ \text{Ln} & \frac{p_2}{1-p_2} \\ \vdots \\ \text{Ln} & \frac{p_n}{1-p_n} \end{bmatrix}
$$

Where:

X the matrix of explanatory variables with a degree (m\*k)

W a diagonal matrix whose main diameter elements are the weight function  $W_i$  which is represent the robust of the estimator resulting from this method depends on the weight function  $W_i$ , and this function has many forms, as the formula proposed by (Meuller and Neykov, 2003) was used using three functions of weights, namely: (Muller, and Neykov, 2003)

$$
W1(t) = (at + b),\n W2(t) = (at2 + b),\n W3(t) = (a(1 - (t - 1)6) + b),
$$

(19)

a b are constants are as follows:

 $a=0.8$ ,  $b=0.2$ 

t is a function that can be found according to the following formula **:**

$$
t = h(X) = [(X - \hat{\mu})^{\hat{}} \hat{\Sigma}^{1}(X - \hat{\mu})]^{1/2}
$$
  
(20)

 $X = [X_{i1}, X_{i2}, \dots \dots, X_{ik}]$ By repeating equation (20) for  $m$  times, we get ti as follows:

$$
t_i = h(x_i) = [ (x_i - \hat{\mu})^{\hat{}} \hat{\Sigma}^{1}(x_i - \hat{\mu}) ]^{\hat{v}_2} ; i = 1, 2, \dots \dots, n
$$
  
(21)

 $\hat{\mu}$  Ordinary estimates of the mean vector of  $k*1$ 

 $\widehat{\Sigma}$  Ordinary Estimates of the Covariance Matrix of k\*k

The use of this method is to improve the classical method of the (MLE) to a robust method, by following the following steps:

1. Calculate ( $\hat{\mu}$ ) and  $\hat{\Sigma}$  with the following formulas:

 $\hat{\mu}$ )

$$
\begin{aligned} \n\frac{\hat{\mu}}{\Sigma} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i \\ \n\hat{\Sigma} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[ (x_i - \hat{\mu})(x_i - \hat{\mu}) \right] \\ \n(23) \n\end{aligned}
$$

2. The estimates in the two equations (22) (23) are used in calculating the formula in equation (21).

3. Re-calculating both the mean and the variance matrix where  $(\hat{\mu})$  and  $\hat{\Sigma}$  are replaced using estimated weights. These weights depend on the values of  $t_i$  and are as follows:

$$
\frac{\hat{\mu}}{(24)}^* = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n w_{0i} x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n w_{0i}}
$$

$$
\widehat{\Sigma}^* = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n w_{0i}^2 [(x_i - \widehat{\mu}^*)(x_i - \widehat{\mu}^*)']}{\sum_{i=1}^n w_{0i}^2}
$$
\n(25)

 $\hat{\mu}^*$  is robust location vector with degree k\*1

 $\widehat{\Sigma}^*$  is robust measured matrix with degree k\*k

 $w_{0i}$  Weight function

The weight function  $\parallel w_{0i} \parallel$  has several formulas, and one of these formulas has been used, which is the Huber function formula), where the resulting estimator is characterized by being an efficient estimator and less sensitive to anomalies, as follows:

$$
w_{0i} = \min\{1, \frac{g}{|t_i|}\}\
$$
 (26)

Where g=1.37



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 $w_{0i}$  is used in the two equations (24) (25) and then the substitution in equation (19)

The above steps represent the first iteration of the method, and then step (3) is recalculated iteratively, depending on the results of the previous iteration. The iterative process is stopped when the difference between the results of two successive iterations (when the difference between successive estimates (past and previous)) in estimating the parameters becomes little at a certain level of accuracy, it is 5e  $(-5)$  or  $5\times10^{(-5)}$ .

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