Improvements for Logic Regression

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Example: WHAS

[With Karen Bandeen-Roche]

The Women's Health and Aging Study (WHAS) began in 1992 to study the causes and the course of disability in moderately to severely disabled older women living in the community.

The WHAS is a population-based longitudinal study of women with at least mild disability, 65 years of age or older, living at home in eastern Baltimore city or county.

There is evidence that disability results from chronic diseases, and that interactions between diseases (comorbidities) are of importance in causing disability.

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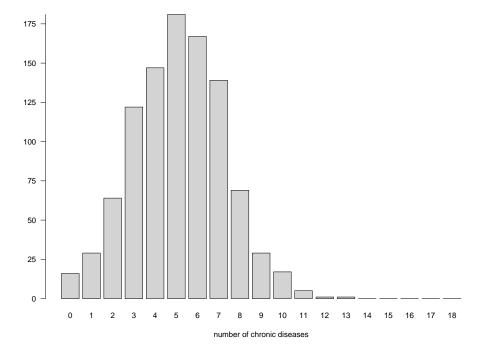
Study subjects:

- 32538 women were identified by searching medicare enrollment files,
- 6521 women were sampled (age-stratified),
- 5316 women were alive and living at home,
- 4137 women participated in the home-based screening,
- 1409 women were eligible,
- 1002 women agreed to participate and provided written informed consent.

The major chronic diseases at baseline were ascertained by using complex algorithms. Follow-up evaluations were conducted every 6 months for 3 years.

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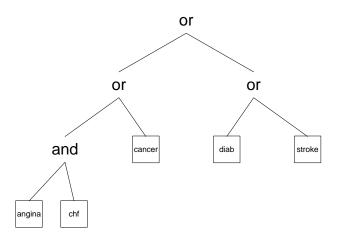
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p = Pr(death in round j | survival to round j-1, X, age)

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logit(p) = -9.01 + 0.06 \cdot age + 1.07 \cdot L(X)
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Logic Regression

[With Charles Kooperberg and Michael LeBlanc]

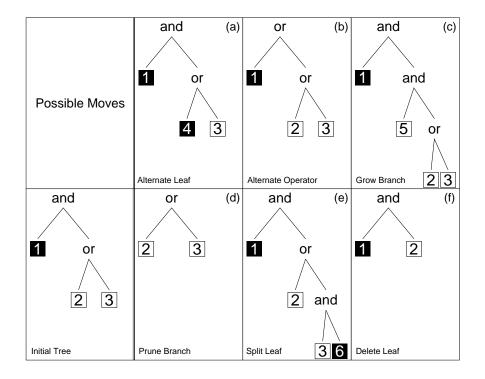
 X_1, \ldots, X_k are 0/1 (False/True) predictors.

Y is a response variable.

Fit a model $g(E(Y)) = b_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{t} b_j \cdot L_j$, where L_j is a Boolean combination of the covariates, e.g. $L_j = (X_1 \vee X_2) \wedge X_4^c$.

Determine the logic terms L_i and estimate the b_i simultaneously.

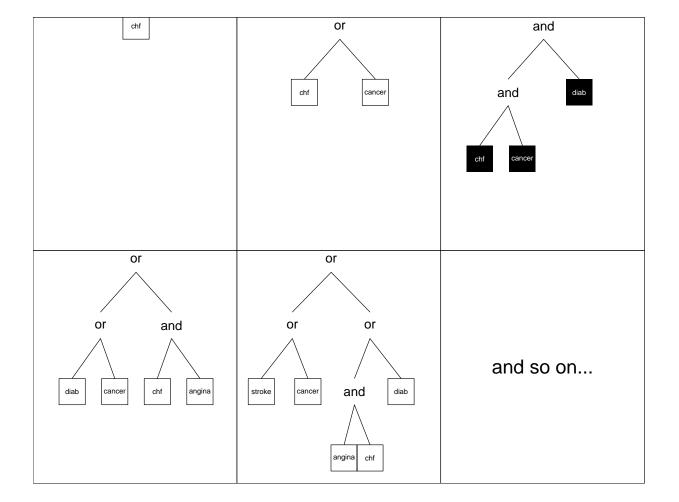
The Move Set for Logic Regression

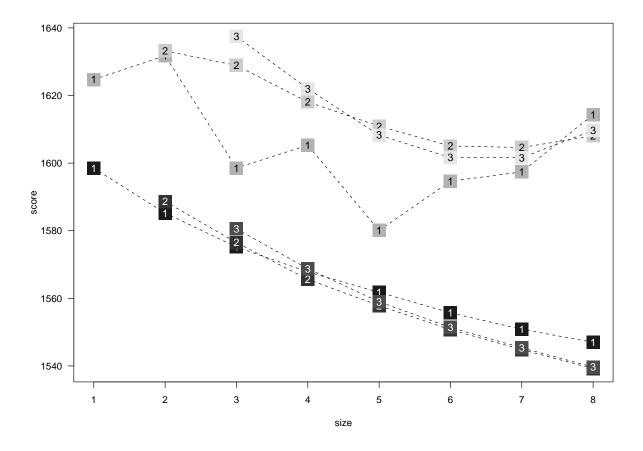


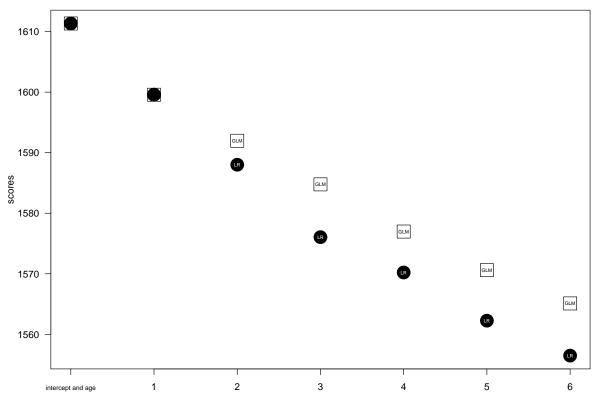
Simulated Annealing for Logic Regression

We try to fit the model $g(E(Y)) = b_0 + \sum_{j=1}^t b_j \cdot L_j$.

- Select a scoring function (RSS, log-likelihood, ...).
- Pick the maximum number of Logic Trees.
- Pick the maximum number of leaves in a tree.
- Initialize the model with $L_i = 0$ for all j.
- Carry out the Simulated Annealing Algorithm:
 - Propose a move.
 - Accept or reject the move, depending on the scores and the temperature.







number of binary predictors in the models