

# **STAT 226 Lecture 15**

Case Study: Bumpus Nature Selection Data

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## Example: Bumpus Nature Selection Data

In 1899, biologist Hermon Bumpus presented as evidence of natural selection a comparison of numerical characteristics of 87 moribund house sparrows that were collected after an uncommonly severe winter storm and which had either perished or survived as a result of their injuries.

Bumpus asked whether some sparrows were more likely to die because they lacked some physical characteristics that enables them to withstand the intensity of the storm<sup>1</sup>.

```
bumpus = read.table(  
  "http://www.stat.uchicago.edu/~yibi/s226/Bumpus.txt",  
  h = TRUE)
```

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<sup>1</sup>Data from Exercise 16 in Chapter 20 of *The Statistical Sleuth*, 3ed, by Ramsey and Schafer

## Bumpus Data Variables

- Status Survival status, factor with levels “Perished” and “Survived”
- AG: age, factor with 2 levels: “adult” and “juvenile”
- TL: total length (in mm)
- WT: weight (in grams)
- BH: length of beak and head (in mm)
- HL: length of humerus (arm bone) (in inches)
- FL: length of femur (in inches)
- TT: length of tibio–tarsus (in inches)
- SK: width of skull (in inches)
- KL: length of keel of sternum (in inches)

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Need to convert the levels of Status to 0 and 1, or to specify the "Success" category.

```
bumpus$Survived = as.numeric(bumpus$Status=="Survived")
glm(Survived ~ TL, family=binomial, data=bumpus)$coef
(Intercept)          TL
    54.493         -0.337
glm((Status == "Survived") ~ TL, family=binomial, data=bumpus)$coef
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```

Fitted model:  $\widehat{\pi}(x) = \frac{e^{54.493-0.337x}}{1 + e^{54.493-0.337x}}$ .

```
bumpus.fit1 = glm(Survived ~ TL, family=binomial, data=bumpus)
summary(bumpus.fit1)
```

Call:

```
glm(formula = Survived ~ TL, family = binomial, data = bumpus)
```

Deviance Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-2.030	-1.068	0.522	0.944	1.820

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z )
(Intercept)	54.4931	14.5787	3.74	0.00019
TL	-0.3370	0.0906	-3.72	0.00020

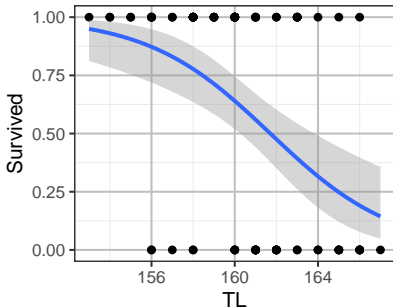
(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)

Null deviance: 118.008 on 86 degrees of freedom  
Residual deviance: 99.788 on 85 degrees of freedom  
AIC: 103.8

The function `geom_smooth()` in the `ggplot()` can overlay the fitted logistic curve on the scatter plot.

```
library(ggplot2)
ggplot(bumpus, aes(x=TL, y = Survived)) + geom_point() +
  geom_smooth(method = "glm", method.args = list(family = "binomial"))
```

Hard to visually gauge how well the curve fits the data using such a plot.



```
ggplot(bumpus, aes(x=TL, fill = Status)) +  
  geom_histogram(binwidth=1) + theme(legend.position="top")
```

```
xtabs(~ TL + Status, data=bumpus)
```

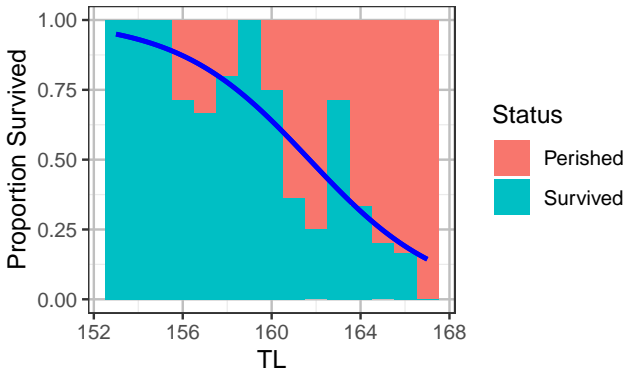
	Status	
TL	Perished	Survived
153	0	1
154	0	2
155	0	2
156	2	5
157	1	2
158	2	8
159	0	5
160	4	12
161	7	4
162	6	2
163	2	5
164	2	1
165	4	1
166	5	1
167	1	0



```

ggplot(bumpus, aes(x=TL, fill = Status))+
  geom_histogram(position = "fill", binwidth=1) +
  ylab("Proportion Survived") +
  geom_function(
    fun = function(x){exp(54.493-0.337*x)/(1+exp(54.493-0.337*x))},
    lwd=1,color="blue"
  )

```



```
prop.table(xtabs(~ TL + Status, data=bumpus),1)
```

	Status	
TL	Perished	Survived
153	0.0000	1.0000
154	0.0000	1.0000
155	0.0000	1.0000
156	0.2857	0.7143
157	0.3333	0.6667
158	0.2000	0.8000
159	0.0000	1.0000
160	0.2500	0.7500
161	0.6364	0.3636
162	0.7500	0.2500
163	0.2857	0.7143
164	0.6667	0.3333
165	0.8000	0.2000
166	0.8333	0.1667
167	1.0000	0.0000

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- Point of symmetry:

$$\widehat{\pi}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \text{ when } x = -\frac{\widehat{\alpha}}{\widehat{\beta}} = -\frac{54.493}{-0.337} = 161.7 \text{ mm}$$

## Safer to Use the Likelihood Ratio CIs

95% Likelihood Ratio CI for  $\beta$ :

```
confint(bumpus.fit1, "TL", level=0.95)
Waiting for profiling to be done...
  2.5 % 97.5 %
-0.531 -0.172
```

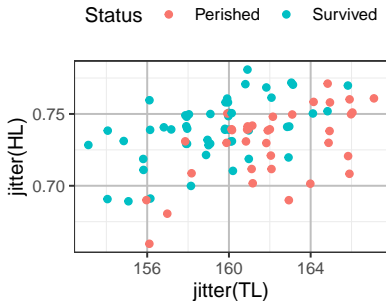
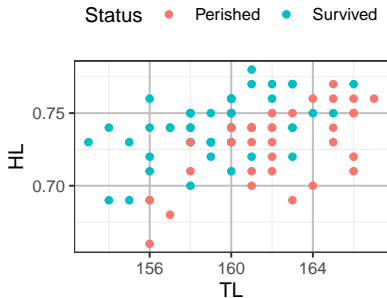
95% Likelihood Ratio CI for  $e^\beta$ :

```
exp(confint(bumpus.fit1, "TL", level=0.95))
Waiting for profiling to be done...
  2.5 % 97.5 %
 0.588  0.842
```

Interpretation: With 95% confidence, odds of survival become  $e^{-0.531} \approx 0.588$  to  $e^{-0.172} \approx 0.843$  times as large when the bird was 1 mm longer in total length (TL)

# Taking Humerus Length (HL) Into Account

```
ggplot(bumpus, aes(x=TL, y = HL, color=Status)) +  
  geom_point()+theme(legend.position="top")  
ggplot(bumpus, aes(x=jitter(TL), y = jitter(HL), color=Status)) +  
  geom_point()+theme(legend.position="top")
```



Consider sparrows with the same TL (total length) were those with longer Humerus (arm bone) more likely to survive?

## Model with Both HL and TL as Predictors

```
bumpus.fit2 = glm(Survived ~ TL + HL, family=binomial, data=bumpus)
summary(bumpus.fit2)$coef
```

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z )
(Intercept)	54.0427	16.3906	3.297	0.000976648
TL	-0.6167	0.1393	-4.427	0.000009563
HL	61.7429	16.6296	3.713	0.000204957

Fitted Model:

$$\widehat{\pi}(x) = \frac{\exp(54.043 - 0.6167\text{TL} + 61.743\text{HL})}{1 + \exp(54.043 - 0.6167\text{TL} + 61.743\text{HL})}$$

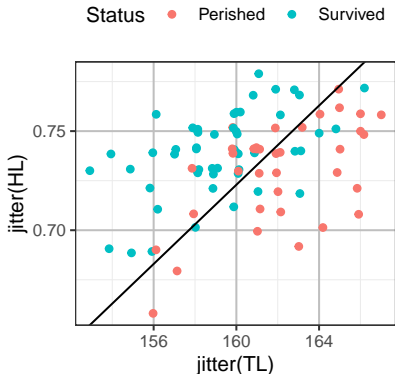
- odds of survival become  $e^{61.743 \times 0.01} \approx 1.85$  times as large if the humerus is 0.01 inches longer for birds with the same total length
- odds of survival become  $e^{-0.6167} \approx 0.54$  times as large if the bird is 1 mm longer in total length for birds with the same humerus length



The values of TL and HL that satisfies

$$54.043 - 0.617TL + 61.743HL = 0$$

are those with  $\hat{\pi} = 0.5$ .



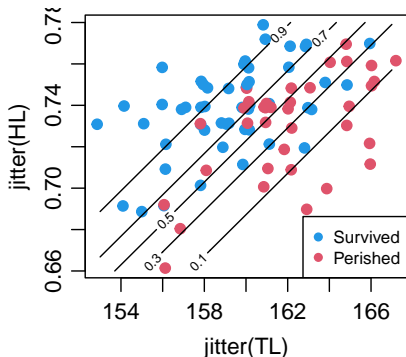
Points to the right/left of the line have less/greater than 50% estimated probability of survival.

## Level Curves of Estimated Probabilities

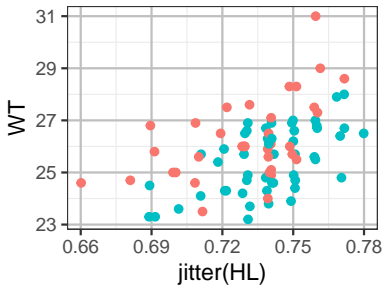
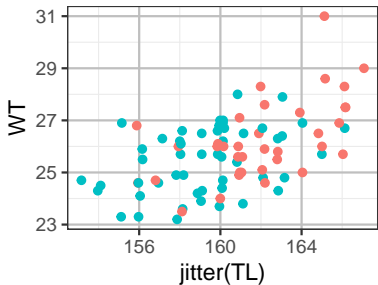
As  $\hat{\pi} = \frac{\exp(54.043 - 0.6167TL + 61.743HL)}{1 + \exp(54.043 - 0.6167TL + 61.743HL)}$ , observe

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\pi} = c &\iff \exp(54.043 - 0.6167TL + 61.743HL) = \frac{c}{1-c} \\ &\iff 54.043 - 0.6167TL + 61.743HL = \log\left(\frac{c}{1-c}\right)\end{aligned}$$

The (TL, HL) values with  $\hat{\pi} = c$  are those on the straight line above

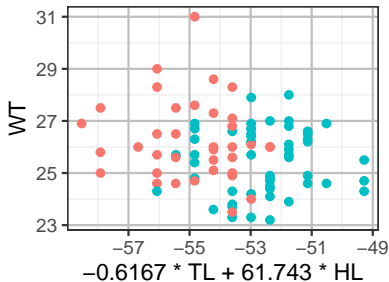


# Weight (WT) Effect After Accounting for TL and HL?



Legend:

- Red: Perished
- Blue: Survived



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```
bumpus.fit3 = glm(Survived ~ TL + HL + WT, family=binomial,  
                  data=bumpus)
```

```
bumpus.fit3$coef
```

```
(Intercept)          TL          HL          WT  
    46.8813    -0.5435    75.4610    -0.5689
```

```
drop1(bumpus.fit3, test="Chisq")
```

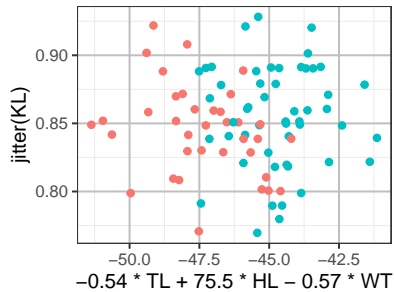
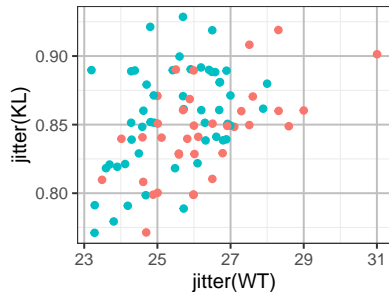
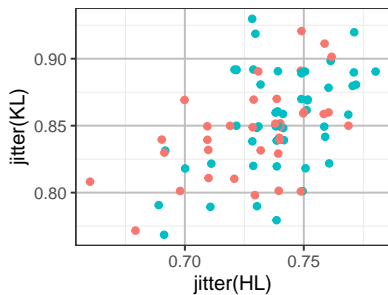
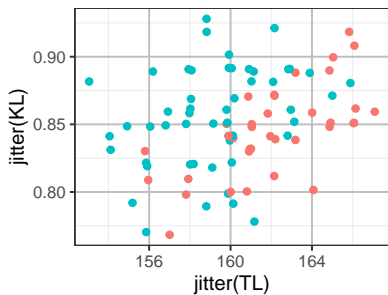
```
Single term deletions
```

```
Model:
```

```
Survived ~ TL + HL + WT
```

	Df	Deviance	AIC	LRT	Pr(>Chi)
<none>		75.1	83.1		
TL	1	97.3	103.3	22.18	0.00000248
HL	1	99.5	105.5	24.45	0.00000076
WT	1	80.0	86.0	4.93	0.026

# KL Effect After Accounting for TL, HL, and WT



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```
bumpus.fit4 = glm(Survived ~ TL + HL + WT + KL, family=binomial, data=bumpus)
drop1(bumpus.fit4, test="Chisq")
```

Single term deletions

Model:

Survived ~ TL + HL + WT + KL

	Df	Deviance	AIC	LRT	Pr(>Chi)
<none>		68.6	78.6		
TL	1	94.7	102.7	26.09	0.00000033
HL	1	86.7	94.7	18.08	0.00002121
WT	1	76.7	84.7	8.10	0.0044
KL	1	75.1	83.1	6.48	0.0109

```
bumpus.fit4$coef
(Intercept)      TL      HL      WT      KL
  49.9861    -0.6573    72.3327   -0.7896    27.3775
```

- The coefficients of TL and WT are negative and of HL and KL are positive,
- While survivors tended to have lower weight (WT) and total length (TL) for a given weight and total length, the survivors tended to have larger keels (KL) and larger humeruses (HL) than the non-survivors.