

# ECON 613: Applied Econometrics

## Methods for Cross-sectional Data

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Binary Response Model

Multinomial Choices

Count Data

# Introduction

Binary response models are models where the variable to be explained  $y$  is a random variable taking on the values zero and one which indicate whether or not a certain event has occurred.

- ▶  $y = 1$  if a person is employed
- ▶  $y = 1$  if a family contributes to a charity during a particular year
- ▶  $y = 1$  if a firm has a particular type of pension plan
- ▶  $y = 1$  if a worker goes to college
- ▶ Regardless of what  $y$  stands for, we refer to  $y = 1$  as a success and  $y = 0$  as a failure.

An OLS regression of  $y$  on dependent variables denoted  $x$  ignores the discreteness of the dependent variable and does not constrain predicted probabilities to be between zero and one.

## Linear Probability Model (1)

$$P(y = 1) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \dots + \beta_k x_k. \quad (1)$$

- ▶ If  $x_1$  is continuous,  $\beta_1$  is the change in the probability of success given one unit increase in  $x_1$
- ▶ If  $x_1$  is discrete,  $\beta_1$  is the difference in the probability of success when  $x_1 = 1$  and  $x_1 = 0$ , holding other  $x_j$  fixed.

## Linear Probability Model (2)

Given that  $y$  is a random variable (Bernoulli), we also have

$$E(y \mid x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \dots + \beta_k x_k. \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Var}(y \mid x) = x\beta(1 - x\beta) \quad (3)$$

Implications:

- ▶ OLS regression of  $y$  on  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k$  produces consistent and unbiased estimators of the  $\beta_j$ .
- ▶ Heteroskedasticity, which can be dealt with using standard heteroskedasticity-robust standard errors.
- ▶ Problem: OLS fitted values may not be between zero and one.

# Maximum Likelihood Estimation: Logit and Probit Models

For binary outcome data, the dependent variable  $y$  takes one of two values. We let

$$y = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{with probability } p \\ 0, & \text{with probability } 1 - p \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

Parametrize conditional probabilities:

$$p_i = F_{\epsilon}(X\beta) \quad (5)$$

And, Marginal Effects

$$\frac{\partial \Pr(y_i = 1 \mid x_i)}{\partial x_{ij}} = F'_{\epsilon}(X\beta)\beta_j \quad (6)$$

## Probit Model (1)

The probit model corresponds to the case where  $F(x)$  is the cumulative standard normal distribution function

$$\Phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^x \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}X^2\right) dX \quad (7)$$

Where  $F(X\beta) = \Phi(X\beta)$ .

## Probit Model (2)

- Consider the latent approach

$$y^{\star} = X\beta + \epsilon \quad (8)$$

where  $\epsilon \sim N(0, 1)$ . Think of  $y^{\star}$  as the net utility associated with some action. If the action yields positive net utility, it is undertaken otherwise it is not.

- We would care only about the sign of  $y^{\star}$

$$y = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } p \\ 0, & \text{with probability } 1 - p \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

- Probabilities

$$\begin{aligned} Pr(y = 1) &= Pr(y^{\star} > 0) = Pr(X\beta + \epsilon \geq 0) \\ &= Pr(\epsilon \geq -X\beta) = Pr(\epsilon \leq X\beta) = \Phi(X\beta) \end{aligned}$$



# Logit Model

The logit model specifies the cdf function  $F(x)$  is now the logistic function

$$\Lambda(x) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-x)} = \frac{\exp(x)}{1 + \exp(x)} \quad (10)$$

The logit model is most easily derived by assuming that

$$\log\left(\frac{P}{1-P}\right) = X\beta \quad (11)$$

The logarithm of the odds (ratio of two probabilities) is equal to  $X\beta$

# Maximum Likelihood Estimation

- ▶ Likelihood can not be defined as a joint density function.
- ▶ Outcome of a Bernoulli trial

$$f(y_i | x_i) = p_i^{y_i} (1 - p_i)^{1-y_i} \quad (12)$$

- ▶ Given the independence of individuals, the likelihood can be written

$$\mathcal{L}(\beta) = \prod_{i=1}^n F(x_i\beta)^{y_i} (1 - F(x_i\beta))^{1-y_i} \quad (13)$$

# Log Likelihood

- ▶ The log likelihood

$$\log \mathcal{L}(\beta) = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \ln F(x_i \beta) + (1 - y_i) \ln(1 - F(x_i \beta)) \quad (14)$$

- ▶ First order conditions

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{y_i - F(x_i \beta)}{F(x_i \beta)(1 - F(x_i \beta))} F'(x_i \beta) x_i = 0 \quad (15)$$

## Empirical considerations

- ▶ Probit and logit yield same outcomes. Only difference is how parameters are scaled.
- ▶ The natural metric to compare models is the fitted log-likelihood provided that the models have the same number of parameters.
- ▶ Although estimated parameters are different, marginal effects are quite similar.

## Pseudo R<sup>2</sup>

$$R_{\text{Binary}}^2 = 1 - \frac{\mathcal{L}(\hat{\beta})}{N[\bar{y}\ln\bar{y} + (1 - \bar{y})\ln(1 - \bar{y})]} \quad (16)$$

# Predicted Outcomes

- ▶ The criterion  $\sum_i (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$  gives the number of wrong predictions.
  - ▶ average rule: let  $\hat{y} = 1$  when  $\hat{p} = F(X\beta) > 0.5$
  - ▶ Receiver Operating Characteristics (ROC) curve plots the fractions of  $y = 1$  correctly classified against the fractions of  $y = 0$  incorrectly specified as the cutoffs  $\hat{p} = F(X\beta) > c$  varies.

## Example: Describing the data

		No Affair	Affair
Gender	female	0.54	0.48
	male	0.46	0.52
Age	17.5	0.01	0.02
	22	0.22	0.11
	27	0.26	0.24
	32	0.17	0.25
	37	0.14	0.15
	42	0.08	0.12
	47	0.04	0.05
	52	0.03	0.04
	57	0.04	0.02
Years Married	0.125	0.02	0.01
	0.417	0.02	0.01
	0.75	0.06	0.02
	1.5	0.17	0.08
	4	0.17	0.18
	7	0.13	0.15
	10	0.11	0.14
Share	15	0.31	0.41
		0.75	0.25

## Example: Affairs

		No Affair	Affair
Children	no	0.319	0.18
	yes	0.681	0.82
Religiousness	1	0.062	0.133
	2	0.273	0.273
	3	0.191	0.287
	4	0.348	0.22
	5	0.126	0.087
Education	9	0.011	0.013
	12	0.069	0.087
	14	0.264	0.233
	16	0.211	0.133
	17	0.137	0.18
	18	0.175	0.22
	20	0.133	0.133



# Probit

	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4
(Intercept)	-0.74*** (0.08)	-0.02 (0.51)	-0.18 (0.52)	-0.02 (0.81)
as.factor(gender)male	0.14 (0.11)	0.13 (0.12)	0.14 (0.12)	0.21 (0.12)
as.factor(age)22		-1.12* (0.53)	-1.07* (0.54)	-1.45* (0.61)
as.factor(age)27		-0.76 (0.53)	-0.82 (0.53)	-1.44* (0.62)
as.factor(age)32		-0.48 (0.53)	-0.60 (0.53)	-1.36* (0.63)
as.factor(age)37		-0.70 (0.53)	-0.84 (0.54)	-1.79** (0.66)
as.factor(age)42		-0.50 (0.54)	-0.65 (0.55)	-1.61* (0.67)
as.factor(age)47		-0.56 (0.58)	-0.68 (0.59)	-1.72* (0.71)
as.factor(age)52		-0.62 (0.59)	-0.76 (0.60)	-1.75* (0.71)
as.factor(age)57		-1.17 (0.62)	-1.31* (0.62)	-2.36** (0.74)
as.factor(children)yes			0.31* (0.15)	0.11 (0.17)
as.factor(yearsmarried)0.417				0.01 (0.77)
as.factor(yearsmarried)0.75				-0.37 (0.67)
as.factor(yearsmarried)1.5				0.22 (0.56)
as.factor(yearsmarried)4				0.62 (0.57)
Log Likelihood	-336.91	-327.84	-325.74	-319.69

# Logit

	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4
(Intercept)	-1.22*** (0.13)	-0.03 (0.82)	-0.31 (0.84)	-0.07 (1.48)
as.factor(gender)male	0.24 (0.19)	0.21 (0.20)	0.23 (0.20)	0.34 (0.21)
as.factor(age)22		-1.88* (0.86)	-1.78* (0.87)	-2.44* (1.05)
as.factor(age)27		-1.24 (0.84)	-1.35 (0.85)	-2.41* (1.06)
as.factor(age)32		-0.77 (0.84)	-0.99 (0.86)	-2.29* (1.08)
as.factor(age)37		-1.14 (0.86)	-1.38 (0.88)	-2.99** (1.13)
as.factor(age)42		-0.82 (0.87)	-1.07 (0.89)	-2.70* (1.14)
as.factor(age)47		-0.90 (0.94)	-1.11 (0.95)	-2.87* (1.21)
as.factor(age)52		-1.00 (0.95)	-1.26 (0.97)	-2.95* (1.21)
as.factor(age)57		-1.97 (1.03)	-2.22* (1.05)	-3.99** (1.29)
as.factor(children)yes			0.54* (0.27)	0.16 (0.30)
as.factor(yearsmarried)0.417				0.09 (1.49)
as.factor(yearsmarried)0.75				-0.50 (1.31)
as.factor(yearsmarried)1.5				0.42 (1.10)
as.factor(yearsmarried)4				1.11 (1.10)
Log Likelihood	-336.91	-327.90	-325.85	-320.24

# Probit VS Logit

	Probit	Logit
(Intercept)	-0.02 (0.81)	-0.07 (1.48)
as.factor(gender)male	0.21 (0.12)	0.34 (0.21)
as.factor(age)22	-1.45* (0.61)	-2.44* (1.05)
as.factor(age)27	-1.44* (0.62)	-2.41* (1.06)
as.factor(age)32	-1.36* (0.63)	-2.29* (1.08)
as.factor(age)37	-1.79** (0.66)	-2.99** (1.13)
as.factor(age)42	-1.61* (0.67)	-2.70* (1.14)
as.factor(age)47	-1.72* (0.71)	-2.87* (1.21)
as.factor(age)52	-1.75* (0.71)	-2.95* (1.21)
as.factor(age)57	-2.36** (0.74)	-3.99** (1.29)
as.factor(children)yes	0.11 (0.17)	0.16 (0.30)
as.factor(yearsmarried)0.417	0.01 (0.77)	0.09 (1.49)
AIC	675.38	676.48
BIC	754.55	755.66
Log Likelihood	-319.69	-320.24

\*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*  $p < 0.05$

## Identification considerations

- ▶  $\beta$  is identified up to a scale.
- ▶ We observe only whether  $X\beta + \epsilon > 0$ .
- ▶ Implication for the interpretation of the coefficients.

# Model Selection

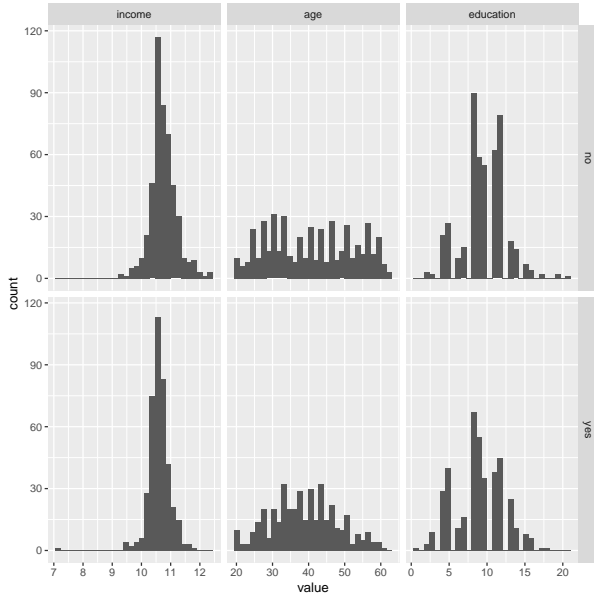
- ▶  $AIC = 2k - 2 \log \mathcal{L}$
- ▶  $BIC = \log(n)k - 2 \log \mathcal{L}$

# Determinants of Female Labor Supply

Cross-section data originating from the health survey SOMIPOPS for Switzerland in 1981.

- ▶ participation Factor: Did the individual participate in the labor force?
- ▶ income: Logarithm of nonlabor income.
- ▶ age: Age in decades (years divided by 10).
- ▶ education: Years of formal education.
- ▶ youngkids: Number of young children (under 7 years of age).
- ▶ oldkids: Number of older children (over 7 years of age).
- ▶ foreign Factor: Is the individual a foreigner (i.e., not Swiss)?

# Describing the data (1)



## Describing the data (2)

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		Participation	
		No	Yes
Number of young kids	0	0.6921	0.8454
	1	0.2123	0.1172
	2	0.0892	0.0324
	3	0.0064	0.005
Number of old kids	0	0.4904	0.404
	1	0.2166	0.2394
	2	0.2166	0.2643
	3	0.0573	0.0698
	4	0.0149	0.0175
	5	0.0042	0
	6	0	0.005

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## Effect of income

	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3
(Intercept)	5.97*** (1.19)	-16.60 (10.14)	116.89 (67.96)
income	-0.57*** (0.11)	3.69 (1.91)	-37.41 (20.52)
$I(\text{income}^2)$		-0.20* (0.09)	3.97 (2.06)
$I(\text{income}^3)$			-0.14* (0.07)
Log Likelihood	-587.91	-585.54	-583.06
Num. obs.	872	872	872

\*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*  $p < 0.05$

## Effect of age

	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3
(Intercept)	0.34* (0.17)	-3.52*** (0.63)	-1.10 (2.20)
age	-0.01** (0.00)	0.19*** (0.03)	-0.00 (0.18)
$I(\text{age}^2)$		-0.00*** (0.00)	0.00 (0.00)
$I(\text{age}^3)$			-0.00 (0.00)
Log Likelihood	-597.85	-576.39	-575.71
Num. obs.	872	872	872

\*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*  $p < 0.05$

# Specification

	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3
(Intercept)	7.66*** (1.28)	4.65*** (1.40)	-7.42 (10.73)
income	-0.56*** (0.12)	-0.74*** (0.13)	1.55 (2.03)
age	-0.03*** (0.01)	0.23*** (0.04)	0.23*** (0.04)
education	-0.03 (0.02)	-0.02 (0.02)	-0.02 (0.02)
youngkids	-0.71*** (0.10)	-0.64*** (0.10)	-0.64*** (0.10)
oldkids	-0.01 (0.04)	-0.16** (0.05)	-0.16** (0.05)
$I(\text{age}^2)$		-0.00*** (0.00)	-0.00*** (0.00)
$I(\text{income}^2)$			-0.11 (0.10)
Log Likelihood	-550.08	-526.38	-525.86
Num. obs.	872	872	872

\*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*  $p < 0.05$

# Marginal Effects

- ▶ Recall that marginal effects are given by

$$\frac{\partial \Pr(y_i = 1 \mid x_i)}{\partial x_{ij}} = F'_\epsilon(X\beta)\beta_j \quad (17)$$

- ▶ Different definitions
  - ▶ Average marginal effects in the sample.
  - ▶ Marginal effect evaluated at the mean.

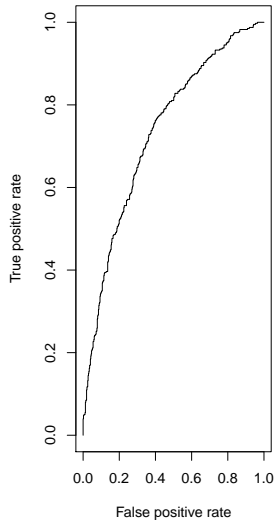
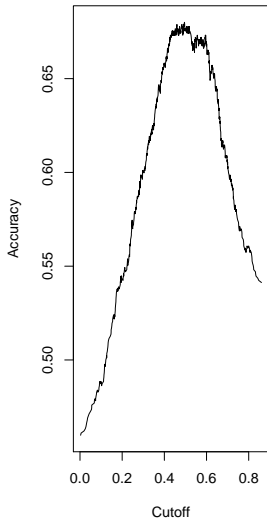
## Marginal Effects

income	0.53
age	0.08
education	-0.01
youngkids	-0.22
oldkids	-0.05
$l(age^2)$	-0.00
$l(income^2)$	-0.04

# Prediction

Data	Model	
	0	1
0	325	146
1	137	264

# ROC



## By citizenship

	Native	Immigrants
(Intercept)	-6.85 (11.24)	-67.57 (48.18)
income	1.17 (2.11)	13.31 (9.16)
age	0.24*** (0.05)	0.14 (0.09)
education	0.05* (0.02)	-0.03 (0.04)
youngkids	-0.76*** (0.13)	-0.75*** (0.18)
oldkids	-0.16** (0.06)	-0.18 (0.12)
$I(\text{age}^2)$	-0.00*** (0.00)	-0.00 (0.00)
$I(\text{income}^2)$	-0.09 (0.10)	-0.66 (0.43)
Log Likelihood	-384.24	-117.82
Num. obs.	656	216

\*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*  $p < 0.05$



# Murder Rates

Cross-section data on states in 1950.

- ▶ rate: Murder rate per 100,000 (FBI estimate, 1950).
- ▶ convictions: Number of convictions divided by number of murders in 1950.
- ▶ executions: Average number of executions during 1946–1950 divided by convictions in 1950.
- ▶ time: Median time served (in months) of convicted murderers released in 1951.
- ▶ income: Median family income in 1949 (in 1,000 USD).
- ▶ lfp: Labor force participation rate in 1950 (in percent).
- ▶ noncauc: Proportion of population that is non-Caucasian in 1950.
- ▶ southern: Factor indicating region.

# Warnings

- ▶ Binary model of the determinants of having an execution
- ▶ This is very bad economics
- ▶ An example to illustrate some technical problems

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glm(formula = I(executions > 0) ~ time + income + noncauc +  
southern, family = binomial, data = MurderRates)
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Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z )
(Intercept)	10.99326	20.77336	0.529	0.5967
time	0.01943	0.01040	1.868	0.0617 .
income	10.61013	5.65409	1.877	0.0606 .
noncauc	70.98785	36.41181	1.950	0.0512 .
lfp	-0.66763	0.47668	-1.401	0.1613
southernyes	17.33126	2872.17069	0.006	0.9952

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- ▶ Diagnostic
- ▶ Point estimate and Std.

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table(I(MurderRates$executions > 0), MurderRates$southern)
```

	no	yes
FALSE	9	0
TRUE	20	15

# Quasi Separation

- ▶ We have here  $\beta^0$  such that

$$y_i = 0 \quad \text{whenever} \quad x_i' \beta^0 \leq 0$$

$$y_i = 1 \quad \text{whenever} \quad x_i' \beta^0 \geq 0$$

- ▶ The maximum likelihood estimate does not exist.

Binary Response Model

Multinomial Choices

Count Data

# Multinomial Models

Dependent variable has several possible outcomes, that are mutually exclusive

- ▶ Commute to work (car, bus, bike, walking)
- ▶ Employment status (full time, part time, unemployed)
- ▶ Occupation choice, field of study, product choice
- ▶ Ordered choices eg. education choices
- ▶ Unordered choices eg. fishing mode



## Ordered Discrete Response

Suppose that  $y^*(= x_i\beta + \epsilon_i)$  is continuously distributed with standard deviation  $\sigma$  but the observed response  $y_i$  is an ordered discrete choice (*ODR*) taking  $0, 1, \dots, R-1$  determined by fixed thresholds  $\gamma_r$ . Formally, we have

$$y = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x\beta + \epsilon < \gamma_1 \\ 1, & \text{if } \gamma_1 \leq x\beta + \epsilon < \gamma_2 \\ 2, & \text{if } \gamma_2 \leq x\beta + \epsilon < \gamma_3 \\ \dots & \\ R-1, & \text{if } \gamma_{R-1} \leq x\beta + \epsilon \end{cases} \quad (18)$$

# Identification

- ▶ Not all parameters are identified as in the binary response model.
- ▶ Consider  $\gamma_r \leq x\beta + \epsilon < \gamma_{r+1}$ . Then, we have
$$\frac{\gamma_r - \gamma_1}{\sigma} \leq \frac{x\beta + \epsilon - \gamma}{\sigma} < \frac{\gamma_{r+1} - \gamma_1}{\sigma}$$
- ▶ Then, the identified parameters are

$$\alpha = \left( \frac{\beta_1 - \gamma_1}{\sigma}, \frac{\beta_2}{\sigma}, \dots, \frac{\beta_k}{\sigma} \right) \quad (19)$$

$$\rho_r = \frac{\gamma_r - \gamma_1}{\sigma} \quad (20)$$

for  $r = 2, \dots, R - 1$ .

## Toward the Likelihood

$$y = r$$

$$\begin{array}{rclcl} \gamma_r & \leq & x\beta + \epsilon & < & \gamma_{r+1} \\ \gamma_r - x\beta & \leq & \epsilon & < & \gamma_{r+1} - x\beta \\ \frac{\gamma_r - \gamma_1}{\sigma} + \frac{\gamma_1 - x\beta}{\sigma} & \leq & \frac{\epsilon}{\sigma} & < & \frac{\gamma_{r+1} - \gamma_1}{\sigma} + \frac{\gamma_1 - x\beta}{\sigma} \\ \rho_r - x\alpha & \leq & \frac{\epsilon}{\sigma} & < & \rho_{r+1} - x\alpha \end{array}$$

# Likelihood

- Choice probabilities

$$\begin{aligned}P(y = r \mid x) &= P(\rho_r - x\alpha \leq \frac{\epsilon}{\sigma} < \rho_{r+1} - x\alpha) \\&= F(\rho_{r+1} - x\alpha) - F(\rho_r - x\alpha)\end{aligned}$$

- Likelihood

$$\mathcal{L}(a, t) = \prod_{i=1}^N \prod_{r=0}^{R-1} [P(y_i = r \mid x)]^{y_{ir}} \quad (21)$$

- Log Likelihood of the probit model

$$\log \mathcal{L}(a, t) = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{r=0}^{R-1} y_{ir} \log(\Phi(t_{r+1} - xa) - \Phi(t_r - xa)) \quad (22)$$

where  $a$  and  $t$  are respectively the parameters to be estimated and the cutoffs.

## Marginal Effects

- ▶ The marginal effects of  $x$  on each choice probabilities can be derived as:

$$\frac{\partial P(y = r \mid x)}{\partial x} = -\alpha(\phi(\rho_{r+1} - x\alpha) - \phi(\rho_r - x\alpha)) \quad (23)$$

- ▶ Caution

$$\sum_{r=0}^R P(y = r \mid x) = 1 \quad (24)$$

Then

$$\sum_{r=0}^R \frac{\partial P(y = r \mid x)}{\partial x} = 0 \quad (25)$$

An increase in some choice probability necessarily entails a decrease in some other choice probabilities.

# Multinomial Logit

The models differ according to whether or not regressors vary across alternatives.

- ▶ Conditional logit model

$$p_{ij} = \frac{\exp(x_{ij}\beta)}{\sum_{l=1}^m \exp(x_{il}\beta)} \quad j = 1, \dots, m. \quad (26)$$

- ▶ Multinomial logit model

$$p_{ij} = \frac{\exp(x_i\beta_j)}{\sum_{l=1}^m \exp(x_i\beta_l)} \quad j = 1, \dots, m. \quad (27)$$

- ▶ Mixed logit model

$$p_{ij} = \frac{\exp(x_{ij}\beta + w_i\gamma_j)}{\sum_{l=1}^m \exp(x_{il}\beta + w_i\gamma_l)} \quad j = 1, \dots, m. \quad (28)$$

# Marginal Effects

► Conditional logit

$$\frac{\partial p_{ij}}{\partial x_{ik}} = p_{ij}(\delta_{ijk} - p_{ik})\beta \quad (29)$$

where  $\delta_{ijk}$  is an indicator variable equal to 1 if  $j = k$  and equal to 0 otherwise.

► Multinomial logit

$$\frac{\partial p_{ij}}{\partial x_i} = p_{ij}(\beta_j - \bar{\beta}_i) \quad (30)$$

where  $\bar{\beta}_i = \sum_l p_{il}\beta_l$

# Independence of Irrelevant Alternatives

- ▶ A property of the conditional logit and multinomial logit is that discrimination among the  $m$  alternatives reduces to a series of pairwise comparisons that are unaffected by the characteristics of alternatives other than the pair under consideration.
- ▶ The choice probabilities must be unaffected by the removal of one alternative.

That is because

$$Pr(y = j \mid y = k) = \frac{p_j}{p_j + p_k} \quad (31)$$



# Testing for IIA

- ▶ Estimate the model twice
  - ▶ On the full set of alternatives and obtain  $\theta_{full}$
  - ▶ On a subset of alternatives and obtain  $\theta_{subset}$
- ▶ Compare  $\mathcal{L}_{subset}(\theta_{full})$  and  $\mathcal{L}_{subset}(\theta_{subset})$ . If there is a significant difference, then IIA is violated.

It is very (very) rare that IIA is not violated.

## Hausman and McFadden Test

$$HM = (\hat{\beta}^r - \hat{\beta}^f)' [\text{var}_{\hat{\beta}^r} - \text{var}_{\hat{\beta}^f}]^{-1} (\hat{\beta}^r - \hat{\beta}^f) \quad (32)$$

We have that

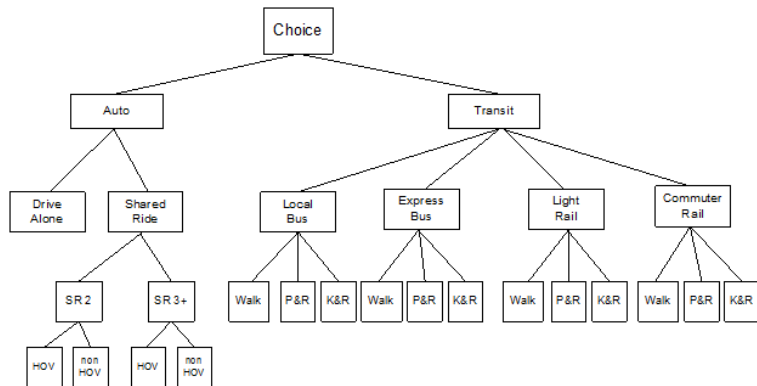
$$HM \sim \chi^2(||\beta^r||) \quad (33)$$

If IIA holds.

# Alternatives

- ▶ Generalized Extreme Value Model
- ▶ Nested Logit Model
- ▶ Random Parameters Logit
- ▶ Multinomial Probit

# Nested Logit



## Nested Logit

The nested logit model breaks decision making into groups. The utility for the alternative is given

$$U_{jk} = V_{jk} + \epsilon_{jk} \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, K_j, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, J \quad (34)$$

Utilities are given by:

- ▶  $V_{11} + \epsilon_{11}$
- ▶  $\dots$
- ▶  $V_{JK_J} + \epsilon_{JK_J}$

# Choice Probabilities

- ▶ Choice probability

$$p_{jk} = p_j \times p_{k|j}. \quad (35)$$

- ▶ This arises from GEV joint distribution

$$F(\epsilon) = \exp(-G(e^{-\epsilon_{11}}, \dots, e^{-\epsilon_{1K_1}}; \dots; e^{-\epsilon_{J1}}, \dots, e^{-\epsilon_{JK_J}}))$$

with

$$G(Y) = G(Y_{11}, \dots, Y_{1K_1}, \dots, Y_{JK_J}) = \sum_{j=1}^J \left( \sum_{k=1}^{K_j} Y_{jk}^{\frac{1}{\rho_j}} \right)^{\rho_j} \quad (36)$$

## Model

Consider

$$V_{jk} = z_j\alpha + x_{jk}\beta_j \quad k = 1, \dots, K_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, J \quad (37)$$

The probability of the nested logit model

$$p_{jk} = p_j \times p_{k|j} = \frac{\exp(z_j\alpha + \rho_j l_j)}{\sum_{m=1}^J \exp(z_m\alpha + \rho_m l_m)} \times \frac{\exp(x_{jk}\beta_j / \rho_j + \rho_j l_j)}{\sum_{m=1}^J \exp(z_m\alpha + \rho_m l_m)}$$

where

$$l_j = \ln \left( \sum_{l=1}^{K_j} \exp(x_{jl}\beta_j / \rho_j) \right)$$

is the inclusive value or the log-sum.

## Likelihood

For the  $i$ th observation, we observe  $K_1 + \dots + K_J$  outcomes  $y_{ijk}$ , where  $y_{ijk} = 1$  if alternative  $jk$  is chosen and is zero otherwise. Then the density of one observation  $y_i$  can be expressed

$$f(y_i) = \prod_{j=1}^J \prod_{k=1}^{K_j} [p_{ij} \times p_{ik|j}]^{y_{ijk}} = \prod_{j=1}^J p_{ij}^{y_{ij}} \left( \prod_{k=1}^{K_j} p_{ik|j}^{y_{ijk}} \right)$$

The log likelihood is given by

$$\ln L = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^J y_{ij} \log(p_{ij}) + \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^J \sum_{k=1}^{K_j} y_{ijk} \log(p_{ik|j})$$



# Discussions and Limitations

- ▶ Nested Logit can be estimated in two steps following the construction of the densities
- ▶ Not all choices are easy to nest.

# Multinomial Probit

- ▶ Consider m-choice with

$$U_j = V_j + \epsilon_j \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, m. \quad (38)$$

where  $\epsilon \sim \mathbb{N}(0, \Sigma)$ .

- ▶  $\Sigma$  is the matrix of variance-covariance, which can be left unrestricted to capture the correlation between choices.
- ▶ Choice probabilities.. For 4 choices, we have

$$P(Y = 1) = \int_{-\infty}^{-V_{41}} \int_{-\infty}^{-V_{31}} \int_{-\infty}^{-V_{21}} f(x, y, z) dz dy dx \quad (39)$$

where  $f(x, y, z)$  is the pdf of the trivariate normal.

Need simulation to compute the choice probabilities and the likelihood.

# Applications

- ▶ Conditional logit
- ▶ Multinomial logit
- ▶ Mixed logit

## Data: Car

Sample of 4654 individuals stating preferences for cars

- ▶ choice: choice of a vehicle among 6 propositions,
- ▶ college: college education?,
- ▶ hsg2: size of household greater than 2?
- ▶ coml5: commute lower than 5 miles a day?,
- ▶ type: body type, one of regcar (regular car), sportuv (sport utility vehicle), sportcar, stwagon
- ▶ (station wagon), truck, van, for each proposition  $z$  from 1 to 6,
- ▶ fuel: fuel for proposition  $z$ , one of gasoline, methanol, cng (compressed natural gas), electric.,
- ▶ price: price of vehicle divided by the logarithm of income,
- ▶ range: hundreds of miles vehicle can travel between refuelings/rechargings,

# Data

- ▶ acc: acceleration, tens of seconds required to reach 30 mph from stop,
- ▶ speed: highest attainable speed in hundreds of mph,
- ▶ pollution: tailpipe emissions as fraction of those for new gas vehicle,
- ▶ size: 0 for a mini, 1 for a subcompact, 2 for a compact and 3 for a midsize or large vehicle,
- ▶ space: fraction of luggage space in comparable new gas vehicle,
- ▶ cost: cost per mile of travel (tens of cents) : home recharging for electric vehicle, station refueling otherwise
- ▶ station: fraction of stations that can refuel recharge vehicle

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summary(car[,6:7])
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type	fuel
regcar :10930	gasoline:6958
sportuv : 1048	methanol:6952
sportcar: 880	cng :7016
stwagon : 4446	electric:6998
truck : 5628	
van : 4992	

# Descriptive Statistics

Statistic	Mean	St. Dev.	Min	Pctl(25)	Pctl(75)	Max
college	0.429	0.514	0	0	1	1
hsg2	0.571	0.514	0	0	1	1
coml5	0.429	0.514	0	0	1	1
alt	3.214	1.805	1	2	4.8	6
price	4.212	0.620	3.311	3.700	4.717	5.139
range	275.000	79.663	125	250	300	400
acc	4.429	1.530	2	2.9	6	6
speed	115.000	23.534	85	95	140	140
pollution	0.300	0.206	0.000	0.138	0.475	0.600
size	2.571	0.514	2	2	3	3
space	0.914	0.141	0.700	0.775	1.000	1.000
cost	5.714	1.729	4	4	7.5	8
station	0.371	0.421	0.000	0.100	0.825	1.000

# Conditional Logit

	Model 1
2:(intercept)	-0.98*** (0.07)
3:(intercept)	0.46*** (0.04)
4:(intercept)	-0.70*** (0.07)
5:(intercept)	0.56*** (0.04)
6:(intercept)	-0.77*** (0.08)
typesportuv	-0.05 (0.15)
typesportcar	-0.18 (0.16)
typestwagon	-0.57*** (0.08)
typetruck	-0.49*** (0.06)
typevan	-0.14* (0.07)
price	-0.19*** (0.03)
cost	-0.07*** (0.01)
AIC	14473.98
Log Likelihood	-7224.99
Num. obs.	4654
*** $p < 0.001$ , ** $p < 0.01$ , * $p < 0.05$	

Table: Statistical models



# Conditional Logit: Interactions

	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4	Model 5	Model 6
2:(intercept)	-1.19*** (0.07)	-1.19*** (0.07)	-1.19*** (0.07)	-1.19*** (0.07)	-1.19*** (0.07)	-1.19*** (0.07)
3:(intercept)	-0.54*** (0.09)	-0.56*** (0.09)	-0.54*** (0.09)	-0.55*** (0.09)	-0.55*** (0.09)	-0.56*** (0.09)
4:(intercept)	-1.89*** (0.10)	-1.91*** (0.10)	-1.89*** (0.10)	-1.90*** (0.10)	-1.90*** (0.10)	-1.91*** (0.10)
5:(intercept)	-1.02*** (0.15)	-1.05*** (0.15)	-1.02*** (0.15)	-1.03*** (0.15)	-1.03*** (0.15)	-1.05*** (0.15)
6:(intercept)	-2.61*** (0.16)	-2.64*** (0.16)	-2.61*** (0.16)	-2.62*** (0.16)	-2.62*** (0.16)	-2.64*** (0.16)
fuelmethanol	-1.18*** (0.18)	-1.30*** (0.18)	-1.28*** (0.18)	-1.26*** (0.18)	-1.30*** (0.18)	-1.30*** (0.18)
fuelcng	-0.66*** (0.13)	-0.67*** (0.13)	-0.66*** (0.13)	-0.66*** (0.13)	-0.66*** (0.13)	-0.67*** (0.13)
fuelelectric	-0.13 (0.08)	-0.13 (0.08)	-0.12 (0.08)	-0.13 (0.08)	-0.12 (0.08)	-0.13 (0.08)
range	0.00*** (0.00)	0.00*** (0.00)	0.00*** (0.00)	0.00*** (0.00)	0.00*** (0.00)	0.00*** (0.00)
price	-0.19*** (0.03)	-0.19*** (0.03)		-0.12*** (0.03)		-0.22*** (0.03)
cost		-0.08*** (0.01)			-0.05** (0.02)	-0.11*** (0.02)
l(price * cost)			-0.02*** (0.00)	-0.01*** (0.00)	-0.01* (0.00)	0.01 (0.00)
AIC	14309.01	14196.72	14247.97	14229.76	14240.86	14195.58
Log Likelihood	-7144.50	-7087.36	-7113.98	-7103.88	-7109.43	-7085.79
Num. obs.	4654	4654	4654	4654	4654	4654

\*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*  $p < 0.05$

Table: Statistical models

# Conditional Logit: Effect of size

	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3
2:(intercept)	-0.98*** (0.07)	-0.98*** (0.07)	-0.98*** (0.07)
3:(intercept)	0.42*** (0.04)	0.41*** (0.04)	0.41*** (0.04)
4:(intercept)	-0.74*** (0.07)	-0.74*** (0.07)	-0.74*** (0.07)
5:(intercept)	0.53*** (0.04)	0.53*** (0.04)	0.53*** (0.04)
6:(intercept)	-0.81*** (0.07)	-0.81*** (0.07)	-0.81*** (0.07)
typesportuv	-0.04 (0.15)	-0.04 (0.15)	-0.04 (0.15)
typesportcar	-0.17 (0.16)	-0.17 (0.16)	-0.17 (0.16)
typetwagon	-0.55*** (0.08)	-0.55*** (0.08)	-0.55*** (0.08)
typetruck	-0.49*** (0.06)	-0.49*** (0.06)	-0.49*** (0.06)
typevan	-0.15* (0.07)	-0.15* (0.07)	-0.15* (0.07)
size	0.05* (0.02)	0.03 (0.10)	
$I(size^2)$		0.01 (0.02)	
as.factor(size)1			0.06 (0.12)
as.factor(size)2			0.09 (0.12)
as.factor(size)3			0.15 (0.12)
Log Likelihood	-7296.31	-7296.29	-7296.24
Num. obs.	4654	4654	4654

\*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*  $p < 0.05$

## Conditional Logit: Effect of size (2)

	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3
2:(intercept)	-1.19*** (0.07)	-1.19*** (0.07)	-1.19*** (0.07)
3:(intercept)	0.45*** (0.04)	0.45*** (0.04)	0.45*** (0.04)
4:(intercept)	-0.90*** (0.06)	-0.90*** (0.06)	-0.90*** (0.06)
5:(intercept)	0.56*** (0.04)	0.56*** (0.04)	0.56*** (0.04)
6:(intercept)	-1.03*** (0.07)	-1.03*** (0.07)	-1.03*** (0.07)
price	-0.19*** (0.03)	-0.19*** (0.03)	-0.19*** (0.03)
cost	-0.07*** (0.01)	-0.07*** (0.01)	-0.07*** (0.01)
size	0.06* (0.02)	0.02 (0.10)	
$I(size^2)$		0.01 (0.02)	
as.factor(size)1			0.05 (0.12)
as.factor(size)2			0.09 (0.12)
as.factor(size)3			0.16 (0.12)
AIC	14544.68	14546.55	14548.50
Log Likelihood	-7264.34	-7264.28	-7264.25
Num. obs.	4654	4654	4654

\*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*  $p < 0.05$

# Conditional Logit: Effect of size (3)

	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4	Model 5
2:(intercept)	-1.19*** (0.07)	-1.19*** (0.07)	-1.19*** (0.07)	-1.19*** (0.07)	-1.19*** (0.07)
3:(intercept)	0.45*** (0.04)	0.45*** (0.04)	0.45*** (0.04)	0.45*** (0.04)	0.45*** (0.04)
4:(intercept)	-0.90*** (0.06)	-0.90*** (0.06)	-0.90*** (0.06)	-0.89*** (0.06)	-0.90*** (0.06)
5:(intercept)	0.56*** (0.04)	0.56*** (0.04)	0.56*** (0.04)	0.56*** (0.04)	0.56*** (0.04)
6:(intercept)	-1.03*** (0.07)	-1.03*** (0.07)	-1.03*** (0.07)	-1.03*** (0.07)	-1.03*** (0.07)
price	-0.19*** (0.03)	-0.19*** (0.03)	-0.19*** (0.03)	-0.19*** (0.03)	-0.19*** (0.03)
cost	-0.07*** (0.01)	-0.07*** (0.01)	-0.07*** (0.01)	-0.07*** (0.01)	-0.07*** (0.01)
size	0.06* (0.02)				
size1		0.06* (0.02)			
size2			0.06* (0.02)		
log(size1)				0.15* (0.07)	
as.numeric(size > 2)					0.07* (0.03)
AIC	14544.68	14544.68	14544.68	14545.34	14545.33
Log Likelihood	-7264.34	-7264.34	-7264.34	-7264.67	-7264.66
Num. obs.	4654	4654	4654	4654	4654

\*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*  $p < 0.05$

# Conditional Logit: Distance and car type

	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4
2:(intercept)	-1.19*** (0.07)	-1.19*** (0.07)	-1.19*** (0.07)	-1.19*** (0.07)
3:(intercept)	-0.56*** (0.09)	-0.59*** (0.09)	-0.56*** (0.09)	-0.59*** (0.09)
4:(intercept)	-1.91*** (0.10)	-1.94*** (0.11)	-1.91*** (0.10)	-1.94*** (0.11)
5:(intercept)	-1.05*** (0.15)	-1.08*** (0.15)	-1.05*** (0.15)	-1.09*** (0.15)
6:(intercept)	-2.64*** (0.16)	-2.67*** (0.16)	-2.64*** (0.16)	-2.68*** (0.16)
fuelmethanol	-1.30*** (0.18)	-1.34*** (0.18)	-1.30*** (0.18)	-1.35*** (0.18)
fuelcng	-0.67*** (0.13)	-0.68*** (0.13)	-0.67*** (0.13)	-0.69*** (0.13)
fuelelectric	-0.13 (0.08)	-0.13 (0.08)	-0.13 (0.08)	-0.13 (0.08)
price	-0.19*** (0.03)	-0.19*** (0.03)	-0.19*** (0.03)	-0.19*** (0.03)
cost	-0.08*** (0.01)	-0.08*** (0.01)	-0.09*** (0.01)	-0.09*** (0.01)
range	0.00*** (0.00)	0.00*** (0.00)	0.00*** (0.00)	0.00*** (0.00)
l(range * coml5)		-0.00 (0.00)		-0.00 (0.00)
l(cost * coml5)			0.03 (0.02)	0.03* (0.02)
Log Likelihood	-7087.36	-7086.12	-7085.96	-7084.18
Num. obs.	4654	4654	4654	4654

\*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*  $p < 0.05$

# Conditional Logit: Price and College

	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3
2:(intercept)	-0.98*** (0.07)	-0.98*** (0.07)	-0.98*** (0.07)
3:(intercept)	0.46*** (0.04)	0.46*** (0.04)	0.46*** (0.04)
4:(intercept)	-0.69*** (0.07)	-0.69*** (0.07)	-0.69*** (0.07)
5:(intercept)	0.56*** (0.04)	0.56*** (0.04)	0.56*** (0.04)
6:(intercept)	-0.77*** (0.08)	-0.77*** (0.08)	-0.77*** (0.08)
typesportuv	-0.05 (0.15)	-0.05 (0.15)	-0.04 (0.15)
typesportcar	-0.18 (0.16)	-0.18 (0.16)	-0.18 (0.16)
typetwagon	-0.57*** (0.08)	-0.57*** (0.08)	-0.57*** (0.08)
typetruck	-0.49*** (0.06)	-0.49*** (0.06)	-0.49*** (0.06)
typevan	-0.14* (0.07)	-0.14* (0.07)	-0.14* (0.07)
price	-0.25*** (0.05)	-0.25*** (0.05)	-0.24*** (0.05)
cost	-0.07*** (0.01)	-0.07*** (0.01)	-0.05*** (0.01)
l(price * college)	0.08 (0.06)	0.08 (0.06)	0.07 (0.06)
l(cost * college)			-0.03 (0.02)
AIC	14474.49	14474.49	14474.06
Log Likelihood	-7224.24	-7224.24	-7223.03
Num. obs.	4654	4654	4654

\*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*  $p < 0.05$

# Interpretation

- ▶ Point estimates
- ▶ Non invariant characteristics

# Multinomial Logit

	Model 1	Model 2
2:(intercept)	-1.09*** (0.14)	-1.09*** (0.14)
3:(intercept)	0.41*** (0.09)	0.41*** (0.09)
4:(intercept)	-0.80*** (0.13)	-0.80*** (0.13)
5:(intercept)	0.65*** (0.09)	0.65*** (0.09)
6:(intercept)	-0.75*** (0.13)	-0.75*** (0.13)
2:college	-0.14 (0.16)	-0.04 (0.20)
3:college	0.01 (0.11)	0.58*** (0.13)
4:college	-0.17 (0.15)	0.41* (0.20)
5:college	-0.17 (0.10)	0.17 (0.13)
6:college	-0.43** (0.15)	-0.17 (0.21)
2:l(college * cost)		-0.02 (0.03)
3:l(college * cost)		-0.12*** (0.02)
4:l(college * cost)		-0.12*** (0.03)
5:l(college * cost)		-0.07*** (0.02)
6:l(college * cost)		-0.05 (0.03)
Num. obs.	4654	4654
*** $p < 0.001$ , ** $p < 0.01$ , * $p < 0.05$		



# Multinomial Logit

	Model 1	Model 2
2:(intercept)	-1.09*** (0.08)	-1.09*** (0.08)
3:(intercept)	0.46*** (0.05)	0.46*** (0.05)
4:(intercept)	-0.87*** (0.08)	-0.87*** (0.08)
5:(intercept)	0.48*** (0.05)	0.48*** (0.05)
6:(intercept)	-1.07*** (0.08)	-1.07*** (0.08)
2:coml5	-0.32* (0.15)	-0.84* (0.43)
3:coml5	-0.11 (0.09)	-0.34 (0.19)
4:coml5	-0.18 (0.13)	-0.23 (0.32)
5:coml5	0.11 (0.09)	-0.11 (0.18)
6:coml5	-0.00 (0.14)	-0.37 (0.35)
2:l(coml5 * size)		0.21 (0.16)
3:l(coml5 * size)		0.10 (0.07)
4:l(coml5 * size)		0.02 (0.12)
5:l(coml5 * size)		0.09 (0.07)
6:l(coml5 * size)		0.16 (0.13)
Num. obs.	4654	4654

\*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*  $p < 0.05$

# Mixed Logit

	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4
price	-0.19*** (0.03)	-0.19*** (0.03)	-0.19*** (0.03)	-0.19*** (0.03)
cost	-0.07*** (0.01)	-0.07*** (0.01)	-0.07*** (0.01)	-0.07*** (0.01)
range	0.00*** (0.00)	0.00*** (0.00)	0.00*** (0.00)	0.00*** (0.00)
acc	-0.06*** (0.01)	-0.06*** (0.01)	-0.06*** (0.01)	-0.06*** (0.01)
2:hsg2		0.48** (0.16)	0.47** (0.16)	0.46** (0.16)
3:hsg2		-0.08 (0.11)	-0.09 (0.11)	-0.09 (0.11)
4:hsg2		0.59*** (0.14)	0.59*** (0.14)	0.57*** (0.14)
5:hsg2		-0.02 (0.11)	-0.02 (0.11)	-0.04 (0.11)
6:hsg2		0.56*** (0.15)	0.56*** (0.15)	0.52*** (0.15)
speed			0.00*** (0.00)	0.00*** (0.00)
pollution			-0.03 (0.08)	-0.03 (0.08)
2:coml5			-0.31* (0.15)	-0.31* (0.15)
3:coml5			-0.16 (0.09)	-0.17 (0.09)
4:coml5			-0.20 (0.14)	-0.21 (0.14)
5:coml5			0.04 (0.09)	0.03 (0.09)
6:coml5			-0.04 (0.14)	-0.08 (0.14)
2:college				-0.12 (0.17)

Binary Response Model

Multinomial Choices

Count Data

# Introduction

Suppose  $y$  takes integers  $0, 1, 2, \dots$ , which are cardinal not just ordinal. Then  $y$  is a count response.

- ▶ Number of accidents
- ▶ Number of live births
- ▶ Doctor visits
- ▶ Prescription drugs
- ▶ Recreational trips

# Examples

- ▶ Number of children over a specified age interval of the mother, depending on mother's schooling, age, household income
- ▶ Visits to a museum to characterize the impact of specific attractions (animals, science room)
- ▶ Airline safety (number of accidents) to airline profitability

# Motivation

- ▶ Linear regression on count data
- ▶ Discrete choice methods (ordered, multinomial)

**Table 20.1.** *Proportion of Zero Counts in Selected Empirical Studies*

Study	Variable	Sample Size	Proportion of Zeros
Cameron et al. (1988)	Doctor visits	5,190	0.798
Pohlmeier and Ulrich (1995)	Specialist visits	5,096	0.678
Grootendorst (1995)	Prescription drugs	5,743	0.224
Deb and Trivedi (1997)	Number of hospital stays	4,406	0.806
Gurmu and Trivedi (1996)	Recreational trips	659	0.632
Geil et al. (1997)	Hospitalizations	30,590	0.899
Greene (1997)	Major derogatory reports	1,319	0.803

# Poisson Models

- ▶ The natural choice is a Poisson Model

$$Pr(Y) = \frac{\exp(-\mu)\mu^y}{y!}$$

where  $\mu$  is the mean and the variance of  $Y$ .

- ▶ In Poisson MLE, we assume that  $y \mid x$  follows a poisson distribution with parameter  $\lambda(x) > 0$ , and we have

$$P(y = r \mid x) = \frac{\lambda(x)^r}{r!} \exp(-\lambda(x))$$

- ▶ We specify

$$\lambda(x) = \exp(x'_i \beta) \tag{40}$$

# Likelihood

- ▶ The likelihood is given by

$$\log \mathcal{L}(\beta) = \sum_i y_i x_i' \beta - \exp(x_i' \beta) - \log y_i! \quad (41)$$

- ▶ FOC

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}(\beta)}{\partial \beta} = \sum_i \{y_i - \exp(x_i' \beta)\} x_i \quad (42)$$

- ▶ SOC

$$\frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}(\beta)}{\partial \beta \partial \beta'} = \sum_i [-\exp(x_i' \beta)] x_i x_i' \quad (43)$$



# Marginal Effects

- ▶ Standard solution

$$\frac{\partial E(y | x)}{\partial x} = \beta \exp(x\beta) \quad (44)$$

- ▶ Better marginal effect: Proportional change in  $E(y | x)$  as  $x$  changes by one unit.

$$\frac{\partial E(y | x) / \partial x}{E(y | x)} = \beta \quad (45)$$

## Over-dispersion problem

- ▶ The Poisson Model implies that  $E(y | x) = Var(y | x)$ .
- ▶ Too restrictive, and leads to a problem of excess zeroes.
- ▶ Explanations

# Negative Binomial Model

- ▶ The negative binomial distribution is a mixture between the Poisson and Gamma distributions.
- ▶ Parametrization  $\lambda_i \equiv \exp(x_i' \beta)$  and  $\psi_i \equiv \frac{1}{\alpha} \lambda_i^\kappa$  where  $\beta, \alpha > 0$  and  $\kappa$  are parameters.
- ▶ Choice probabilities are given by

$$P(y_i | x_i) = \frac{\Gamma(y_i + \psi_i)}{\Gamma(\psi_i)\Gamma(y_i + 1)} \left( \frac{\psi_i}{\lambda_i + \psi_i} \right)^{\psi_i} \left( \frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda_i + \psi_i} \right)^{y_i} \quad (46)$$

- ▶ The moments are given

$$\begin{aligned} E(y | x_i) &= \lambda_i \\ \text{Var}(y | x_i) &= \lambda_i + \alpha \lambda_i^{2-\kappa} \end{aligned}$$

## Zero Inflated Model

- Imagine, two densities  $f_1(\cdot)$  and  $f_2(\cdot)$ .

$$g(y) = \begin{cases} f_1(0) + (1 - f_1(0))f_2(0), & \text{if } y = 0 \\ (1 - f_1(0))f_2(y), & \text{if } y \geq 1 \end{cases} \quad (47)$$

- The likelihood can be derived, and the model is able to cope with many zeros.

## Application: Crime and Inequality

- ▶ Among industrialized economies, the United States enjoys two unenviable distinctions: high inequality and high rates of crime, particularly of violent crime.
- ▶ Individuals allocate time between market and criminal activity by comparing the expected return from each, and taking account of the likelihood and severity of punishment. In these models, inequality leads to crime by placing low-income individuals who have low returns from market activity in proximity to high-income individuals who have things that are worth “taking”.

# Data

- ▶ Data are taken from the 1991 FBI Uniform Crime Reports, which comprise violent crimes and property crimes. Violent crime consists of murder and non-negligent homicide, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

# Results

TABLE 3.—DETERMINANTS OF CRIME: EXOGENOUS POLICE EXPENDITURE

	Income Inequality				Educational Inequality			
	All Counties		Largest 200		All Counties		Largest 200	
	Violent	Property	Violent	Property	Violent	Property	Violent	Property
Intercept	-11.7507 (0.7396)	-0.8078 (0.576)	-12.6106 (1.5291)	-0.3304 (1.2082)	-11.476 (0.7758)	0.1399 (0.5958)	-12.3127 (1.6045)	0.1865 (1.2291)
Population	1.2329 (0.0137)	0.9568 (0.0107)	1.2435 (0.0281)	0.9451 (0.0225)	1.255 (0.0138)	0.9529 (0.0105)	1.2659 (0.0283)	0.9414 (0.0221)
Density	0.0582 (0.0168)	0.0362 (0.0122)	0.0687 (0.0344)	0.0372 (0.0246)	0.0245 (0.0165)	0.0399 (0.012)	0.0339 (0.0338)	0.0404 (0.0243)
Gini	1.3346 (0.1509)	-0.1535 (0.1174)	1.3846 (0.3074)	-0.1547 (0.2378)	1.1906 (0.1583)	-0.4168 (0.123)	1.2204 (0.3229)	-0.2974 (0.2459)
Female head	1.5751 (0.0942)	0.7923 (0.0709)	1.6414 (0.1926)	0.7222 (0.1464)	1.7032 (0.0952)	0.7489 (0.0709)	1.7708 (0.1951)	0.6867 (0.1471)
Nonwhite	0.0568 (0.0391)	-0.0305 (0.0251)	0.0414 (0.0808)	-0.0384 (0.0539)	-0.0148 (0.0393)	0.0004 (0.0268)	-0.0342 (0.0812)	-0.015 (0.0575)
Unemployed	-0.0489 (0.0775)	0.0158 (0.0599)	-0.021 (0.159)	0.0258 (0.1251)	0.0505 (0.084)	-0.0234 (0.0611)	0.0868 (0.1731)	0.0049 (0.1269)
Poverty	-0.216 (0.0666)	0.3452 (0.0483)	-0.2663 (0.1368)	0.3888 (0.0988)	-0.0776 (0.0616)	0.3703 (0.0429)	-0.1169 (0.1266)	0.3943 (0.0875)
Movers	1.6043 (0.1228)	1.3384 (0.0879)	1.7587 (0.2564)	1.2716 (0.1841)	1.7753 (0.1342)	1.2299 (0.0922)	1.9383 (0.2811)	1.1985 (0.1929)
Young	-0.9055 (0.1017)	-1.0359 (0.0786)	-0.9524 (0.2079)	-1.0251 (0.166)	-1.1988 (0.0997)	-0.9752 (0.073)	-1.259 (0.2039)	-0.9707 (0.1543)
College	-0.2974 (0.0659)	0.1842 (0.0475)	-0.3075 (0.1356)	0.1857 (0.0989)	-0.186 (0.0629)	0.2206 (0.0467)	-0.1841 (0.1294)	0.2048 (0.0971)
Police	-0.0209 (0.0387)	-0.1046 (0.0341)	-0.0267 (0.0781)	-0.1128 (0.0692)	-0.0709 (0.0431)	-0.0808 (0.0345)	-0.077 (0.0875)	-0.0973 (0.0703)
Null dev.	45.511	78.009	39.869	56.525	45.511	78.009	39.870	56.525
Resid. dev.	8.102	22.493	7.365	19.901	8.298	22.228	7.578	19.792

Logistic regression results for all urban counties and largest 200. Standard errors are in parentheses. All explanatory variables are in logs. Deviances multiplied by  $10^{-3}$ .

## Affairs Data

Numbers	
0	451
1	34
2	17
3	19
7	42
12	38



# Estimation

	Probit	Linear	Poisson	Negative Bin
(Intercept)	-0.00 (0.75)	6.31*** (1.85)	2.39*** (0.30)	1.45 (1.65)
as.factor(gender)male	0.17 (0.13)	0.01 (0.30)	0.06 (0.08)	0.01 (0.27)
as.factor(education)12	-0.13 (0.57)	-1.78 (1.36)	-0.80*** (0.24)	-0.11 (1.23)
as.factor(education)14	-0.29 (0.54)	-2.68* (1.29)	-1.35*** (0.23)	-0.73 (1.17)
as.factor(education)16	-0.44 (0.55)	-2.93* (1.30)	-1.73*** (0.24)	-1.32 (1.18)
as.factor(age)22	-0.98 (0.54)	-3.33* (1.37)	-1.89*** (0.25)	-1.57 (1.21)
as.factor(age)27	-0.77 (0.54)	-2.90* (1.36)	-1.19*** (0.22)	-0.85 (1.20)
as.factor(age)32	-0.56 (0.54)	-2.18 (1.37)	-0.72*** (0.22)	-0.35 (1.21)
as.factor(age)37	-0.80 (0.55)	-2.08 (1.39)	-0.67** (0.22)	-0.32 (1.23)
as.factor(age)42	-0.63 (0.56)	-1.93 (1.41)	-0.63** (0.23)	-0.27 (1.25)
as.factor(children)yes	0.33* (0.16)	0.19 (0.35)	0.14 (0.10)	0.15 (0.33)
Log Likelihood	-323.16		-1558.84	-737.67

\*\*\* $p < 0.001$ , \*\* $p < 0.01$ , \* $p < 0.05$

Table: Models



# Issues Days

- ▶ Completely Voluntary - Bonus in grade (+)
- ▶ One topic (for example The effects of immigration on natives)
  - ▶ Introduction
  - ▶ Paper 1 - What
  - ▶ Paper 1 - Findings
  - ▶ Paper 2 - What
  - ▶ Paper 2 - Findings
  - ▶ Paper 3 - What
  - ▶ Paper 3 - Findings
  - ▶ Conclusion
- ▶ Class discussion.