

APPLIED STATISTICS

Multicategory Response Regression

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References

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<http://rmarkdown.rstudio.com>

Multicategory Response Variables

Example 1: Y takes values of “red” and “yellow”.

Example 2: Y takes values of “red”, “yellow” and “blue”.

Example 3: Y takes values of “disagree”, “neutral” and “agree”.

- As for Example 1, we can define an indicator variable I_Y such that I_Y is 1 if $Y = \text{“red”}$; otherwise 0. Binay logistic regression models can be used to model the response I_Y .
- The response Y in Example 2 can be called nominal response. Example 1 is a special case of nominal responses with only two categories.
- The response Y in Example 3 can be called ordinal response.

What is the difference between Example 2 and Example 3?

- In Example 3, we can have an order for the categories “disagree” < “neutral” < “agree”. Hence, sometimes in a questionnaire, we can set 1=“disagree”, 2=“neutral” and 3=“agree”. Note that

$$\text{“neutral”} - \text{“disagree”} \neq \text{“agree”} - \text{“neutral”}.$$

This means there is no numerical meaning for “disagree”, “neutral” and “agree”. However, it is not the case for the count data, e.g., the binomial count or the Poisson count introduced later in this course.

- In Example 2, we do not have an order for the categories “red”, “yellow” and “blue”. It does not matter to set 1=“red”, 2=“yellow” and 3=“blue”, or 2=“red”, 1=“yellow” and 3=“blue”.

The Difference between Example 2 and Example 3

- The model to predict the response in Example 2 is called nominal response regression model.
- The model to predict the response in Example 3 is called ordinal response regression model.
- In fact, the ordinal response is a special case of the nominal response. Hence the nominal response regression models can also be used for the ordinal response.
- However, the ordinal response has more information. If we use the nominal response regression models for the ordinal response, definitely we lose some model accuracy.

Overview of This Course

	Continuous X + Categorical X
Continuous Y	MLR + Indicator Variables
Two-Category Y	Binary Logistic Regression + Indicator Variables
Multicategory Y - Nominal	Nominal Response Regression + Indicator Variables
Multicategory Y - Ordinal	Ordinal Response Regression + Indicator Variables

Nominal Response Regression Models

Review that in the binary logistic regression models,

Binary Model Assump

$$\frac{P(Y=1|X)}{P(Y=0|X)} = \frac{\pi(X)}{1 - \pi(X)} = \frac{P(Y=1|X)}{1 - P(Y=1|X)} = e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \dots + \beta_k X_k},$$

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where $\pi(X) = P(Y=1|X)$ is the probability that $Y=1$ given X . In the following lectures, we simplify the notation by $\pi = P(Y=1)$ for convenience.

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For multicategory response, denote the response categories $c = 1, \dots, C$ and $\pi_c = P(Y=c)$ be the probability that category c happens.

$$\pi_1 + \dots + \pi_C = 1$$

Suppose $c=1$ to be the baseline level category. Then the nominal response regression model (baseline category logit model) is

$$\frac{\pi_c}{\pi_1} = e^{\beta_{c0} + \beta_{c1} X_1 + \dots + \beta_{ck} X_k}, \text{ only for } c = 2, \dots, C.$$

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The likelihood function for the observations and the MLE can be obtained.

Example: Wheat Kernels Data

The presence of sprouted or diseased kernels in wheat can reduce the value of a wheat producer's entire crop.



Example: Wheat Kernels Data (Con'd)

It is important to identify these kernels after being harvested but prior to sale.

To facilitate this identification process, automated systems have been developed to separate healthy kernels from the rest.

Improving these systems requires better understanding of the measurable ways in which healthy kernels differ from kernels that have sprouted prematurely or are infected with a fungus ("Scab").

To this end, Martin et al. (1998) conducted a study examining numerous physical properties of kernels — density, hardness, size, weight, and moisture content — measured on a sample of wheat kernels from two different classes of wheat, hard red winter (hrw) and soft red winter (srw).

Response
Each kernel's condition was also classified as "Healthy," "Sprout," or "Scab" by human visual inspection.

predict

R Code

```
rm(list=ls())  
setwd('~ / Desktop / Research / AppliedStat2017 / L11')  
wheat=read.csv('wheat.csv')  
head(wheat)
```

##	class	density	hardness	size	weight	moisture	type
## 1	hrw	1.349253	60.32952	2.30274	24.6480	12.01538	Healthy
## 2	hrw	1.287440	56.08972	2.72573	33.2985	12.17396	Healthy
## 3	hrw	1.233985	43.98743	2.51246	31.7580	11.87949	Healthy
## 4	hrw	1.336534	53.81704	2.27164	32.7060	12.11407	Healthy
## 5	hrw	1.259040	44.39327	2.35478	26.0700	12.06487	Healthy
## 6	hrw	1.300258	48.12066	2.49132	33.2985	12.18577	Healthy

```
levels(wheat$type)
```

```
## [1] "Healthy" "Scab" "Sprout"
```

baseline level

by default

1. wheat\$type is factor

2.

Estimation and CI

```
#install.packages('nnet')  
library(nnet)  
mod.fit<-multinom(formula=type~class+density+hardness+size+  
weight+moisture,data=wheat)
```

Handwritten notes:
- A red checkmark is next to the word "categorical".
- A red 'X' is next to the word "X".
- A blue box highlights the word "multinom".
- A blue arrow points from the box to the word "class".
- A red arrow points from the box to the word "type".
- A red arrow points from the box to the word "data".
- A red triangle is at the bottom right of the box.

```
## # weights:  24 (14 variable)  
## initial  value 302.118379  
## iter   10 value 234.991271  
## iter   20 value 192.127549  
## final   value 192.112352  
## converged
```

summary(mod.fit)

Call:

multinom(formula = type ~ class + density + hardness + size +
weight + moisture, data = wheat)

Coefficients:

	(Intercept)	classsrw	density	hardness	size	weight
Scab (2)	30.54650	-0.6481277	-21.59715	-0.01590741	1.0691139	-0.2896482
Sprout (3)	19.16857	-0.2247384	-15.11667	-0.02102047	0.8756135	-0.0473169
moisture						
Scab	0.10956505					
Sprout	-0.04299695					

Std. Errors:

	(Intercept)	classsrw	density	hardness	size	weight
Scab	4.289865	0.6630948	3.116174	0.010274587	0.7722862	0.06170252
Sprout	3.767214	0.5009199	2.764306	0.008105748	0.5409317	0.03697493
moisture						
Scab	0.1548407					
Sprout	0.1127188					

Residual Deviance: 384.2247

AIC: 412.2247

1, 2, 3
"Healthy"
Y X₁ X₂
X₃ X₄
 $\pi_1 = P(Y=1)$
 $\pi_2 = P(Y=2)$
 $\pi_3 = P(Y=3)$
 $\pi_1 + \pi_2 + \pi_3 = 1$

$$\frac{\pi_2}{\pi_1} = e^{\beta_{20} + \beta_{21}X_1 + \dots + \beta_{26}X_6} \rightarrow 7$$

$$\frac{\pi_3}{\pi_1} = e^{\beta_{30} + \beta_{31}X_1 + \dots + \beta_{36}X_6} \rightarrow 7$$

$H_0: X_1$ is not needed

$$\Rightarrow \beta_{21} = \beta_{31} = 0$$

classsrw = $\begin{cases} 1 & \text{if class = srw} \\ 0 & \text{if class = krw} \end{cases}$
Indicator

use "krw" as the baseline

Drop-in-Deviance χ^2 -Test

$H_0 : X_j$ is ^{not} needed $\leftrightarrow H_1 : X_j$ is ~~not~~ needed

in the model that already contains other variables, is equivalent to

$H_0 : \beta_{2j} = \dots = \beta_{Cj} = 0 \leftrightarrow H_1 : \text{at least one of } \beta_{2j}, \dots, \beta_{Cj} \text{ is not zero.}$

```
library(car)  
Anova(mod.fit)
```

\downarrow correspond to X_j

```
## Analysis of Deviance Table (Type II tests)
```

```
##
```

```
## Response: type
```

```
##          LR Chisq Df Pr(>Chisq)
```

```
## class      0.964  2  0.6175
```

$\rightarrow X_1$

```
## density    90.555  2  < 2.2e-16 ***
```

```
## hardness    7.074  2    0.0291 *
```

```
## size        3.211  2    0.2008
```

```
## weight     28.230  2  7.411e-07 ***
```

```
## moisture    1.193  2    0.5506
```

```
## ---
```

```
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

Prediction

```
xnew=data.frame(class='hrw',density=1.4,hardness=50,size=2.5,  
                weight=30,moisture=12)  
predict(mod.fit,newdata=xnew,type='probs')
```

```
##      Healthy      Scab      Sprout  
## 0.937317507 0.005239616 0.057442877
```

```
predict(mod.fit,newdata=xnew,type='class')
```

```
## [1] Healthy  
## Levels: Healthy Scab Sprout
```

Ordinal Response Regression Models

Suppose the response categories $c = 1, \dots, C$ and category 1 < category 2 < \dots < category C.

$$P(Y \leq c) = \pi_1 + \dots + \pi_c \text{ for } c = 1, \dots, C.$$

The ordinal response regression model is

$$\frac{P(Y \leq c)}{1 - P(Y \leq c)} = \frac{\pi_1 + \dots + \pi_c}{\pi_{c+1} + \dots + \pi_C} = e^{\beta_{c0} + \beta_1 X_1 + \dots + \beta_k X_k},$$

only for $c = 1, \dots, C - 1$. Note that

odds that $Y \leq c$

β_{c1} β_{ck}

$Y \leq 1 \rightarrow \beta_{10}$
 $Y \leq 2 \rightarrow \beta_{20}$
 \dots

$$P(Y \leq C) \equiv 1.$$

The likelihood function for the observations and the MLE can be obtained.

Example: Wheat Kernels Data (Con'd)

scab ($Y = 1$) < sprout ($Y = 2$) < healthy ($Y = 3$)

```
levels(wheat$type)
```

```
## [1] "Healthy" "Scab"    "Sprout"
```

```
wheat$type.order <- factor(wheat$type, levels=c('Scab', 'Sprout', 'Healthy'))
```

```
levels(wheat$type.order)
```

```
## [1] "Scab"    "Sprout"  "Healthy"
```

1

2

3

Correct

Estimation and CI

```
library(MASS)
mod.fit.ord<-polr(formula=type.order~class+density+hardness+size+
weight+moisture,data=wheat,method="logistic")
summary(mod.fit.ord)
```

```
##
## Re-fitting to get Hessian
```

```
## Call:
## polr(formula = type.order ~ class + density + hardness + size +
## weight + moisture, data = wheat, method = "logistic")
##
```

```
## Coefficients:
```

	Value	Std. Error	t value
## classsrw	0.17370	0.391764	0.4434
## density	13.50534	1.713009	7.8840
## hardness	0.01039	0.005932	1.7522
## size	-0.29253	0.413095	-0.7081
## weight	0.12721	0.029996	4.2411
## moisture	-0.03902	0.088396	-0.4414

```
## Intercepts:
```

	Value	Std. Error	t value
## 1	17.5724	2.2460	7.8237
## 2	20.0444	2.3395	8.5677

Residual Deviance: 422.4178
AIC: 438.4178

$$H_0: \beta_j = 0$$
$$TS = \frac{\hat{\beta}_j}{SE(\hat{\beta}_j)}$$

$\beta_1 \rightarrow X_1$
 $\beta_2 \rightarrow X_2$
 \vdots
 $\beta_6 \rightarrow X_6$

→ 6 slopes

$$\frac{P(Y \leq 1)}{1 - P(Y \leq 1)} = e^{\beta_{10} + \beta_1 X_1 + \dots + \beta_6 X_6}$$
$$\frac{P(Y \leq 2)}{1 - P(Y \leq 2)} = e^{\beta_{20} + \beta_1 X_1 + \dots + \beta_6 X_6}$$

Drop-in-Deviance χ^2 -Test

For $j = 1, \dots, k$,

$H_0 : X_j$ is ^{not} needed $\leftrightarrow H_1 : X_j$ is ~~not~~ needed

in the model that already contains other variables, is equivalent to

$$H_0 : \beta_j = 0 \leftrightarrow H_1 : \beta_j \neq 0$$

Anova(mod.fit.ord)

Analysis of Deviance Table (Type II tests)

##

Response: type.order

##		LR	Chisq	Df	Pr(>Chisq)
##	class	0.197	1		0.65749
##	density	98.437	1		< 2.2e-16 ***
##	hardness	3.084	1		0.07908 .
##	size	0.499	1		0.47982
##	weight	18.965	1		1.332e-05 ***
##	moisture	0.195	1		0.65872

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Δ \rightarrow z-test } based on page 18
 \rightarrow χ^2 -test

X_j

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weight=30,moisture=12)  
predict(mod.fit.ord,newdata=xnew,type='probs')
```

```
##          Scab          Sprout      Healthy  
## 0.01129879 0.10793873 0.88076248
```

```
predict(mod.fit.ord,newdata=xnew,type='class')
```

```
## [1] Healthy  
## Levels: Scab Sprout Healthy
```

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