

# Problem Set 2

## Applied Stats II

Due: February 19, 2023

### Instructions

- This problem set is due before 23:59 on Sunday February 19, 2023. No late assignments will be accepted.

Code in `PS2_ImeldaFinn.R`

We're interested in what types of international environmental agreements or policies people support (Bechtel and Scheve 2013). So, we asked 8,500 individuals whether they support a given policy, and for each participant, we vary the (1) number of countries that participate in the international agreement and (2) sanctions for not following the agreement.

- observational study of 8,500 observations
- Response variable:
  - **choice**: 1 if the individual agreed with the policy; 0 if the individual did not support the policy
- Explanatory variables:
  - **countries**: Number of participating countries [20 of 192; 80 of 192; 160 of 192]
  - **sanctions**: Sanctions for missing emission reduction targets [None, 5%, 15%, and 20% of the monthly household costs given 2% GDP growth]

Read in the data and modified **choice** variable:

```
1 load(url("https://github.com/ASDS-TCD/StatsII_Spring2023/blob/main/
  datasets/climateSupport.RData?raw=true"))
2 # choice = 1,2
3 # countries = 1, 2, 3
4 # sanctions = 1, 2, 3, 4
5
6 # get a version of the dataset with the response variable coded as
7 # True = supported
```

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8 # False = not supported
9 cs <- climateSupport
10 cs$choice <- as.logical(as.numeric(cs$choice)-1)
11
12 summary(cs)
13 ...
14
15      choice      countries      sanctions
16 Mode :logical  20 of 192 :2865  None:2119
17 FALSE:4264     80 of 192 :2795  5% :2133
18 TRUE :4236     160 of 192:2840  15% :2111
19                                     20% :2137
20

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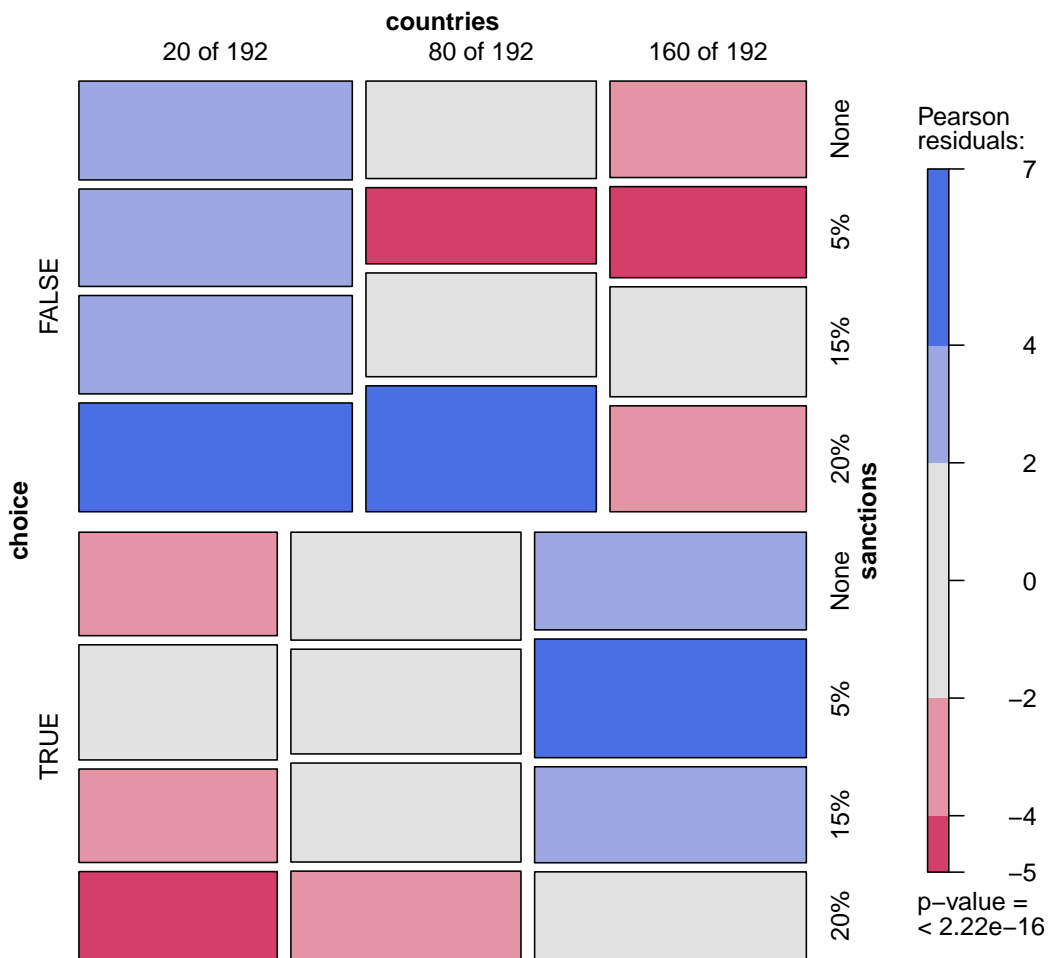


Figure 1: Climate Support Data

1. Remember, we are interested in predicting the likelihood of an individual supporting a policy based on the number of countries participating and the possible sanctions for non-compliance.

Fit an additive model.

```
1 mod <- glm(choice ~ ., family = binomial(link="logit"), data = cs)
```

(a) Summary output,

```
1
2 Call:
3 glm(formula = choice ~ ., family = binomial(link = "logit"),
4     data = cs)
5
6 Deviance Residuals:
7     Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
8 -1.4259  -1.1480  -0.9444   1.1505   1.4298
9
10 Coefficients:
11             Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
12 (Intercept) -0.005665    0.021971  -0.258  0.796517
13 countries.L  0.458452    0.038101  12.033 < 2e-16 ***
14 countries.Q -0.009950    0.038056  -0.261  0.793741
15 sanctions.L -0.276332    0.043925  -6.291  3.15e-10 ***
16 sanctions.Q -0.181086    0.043963  -4.119  3.80e-05 ***
17 sanctions.C  0.150207    0.043992   3.414  0.000639 ***
18
19 Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
20
21 (Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
22
23 Null deviance: 11783  on 8499  degrees of freedom
24 Residual deviance: 11568  on 8494  degrees of freedom
25 AIC: 11580
26
27 Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 4
28
```

(b) The global null hypothesis and  $p$ -value.

$H_0$ : the explanatory variables have no effect on the likelihood of an individual supporting a policy

$H_a$ : one or more of the explanatory variables have some effect on the likelihood of an individual supporting a policy

$\alpha = 0.05$

The data was modelled with no explanatory variables ( $choice \sim 1$ ). The comparison of the two models is shown in 1

```
1 null_mod <- glm(choice ~ 1, family=binomial(link="logit"), data = cs)
```

A test was run to compare the deviances of the two models.

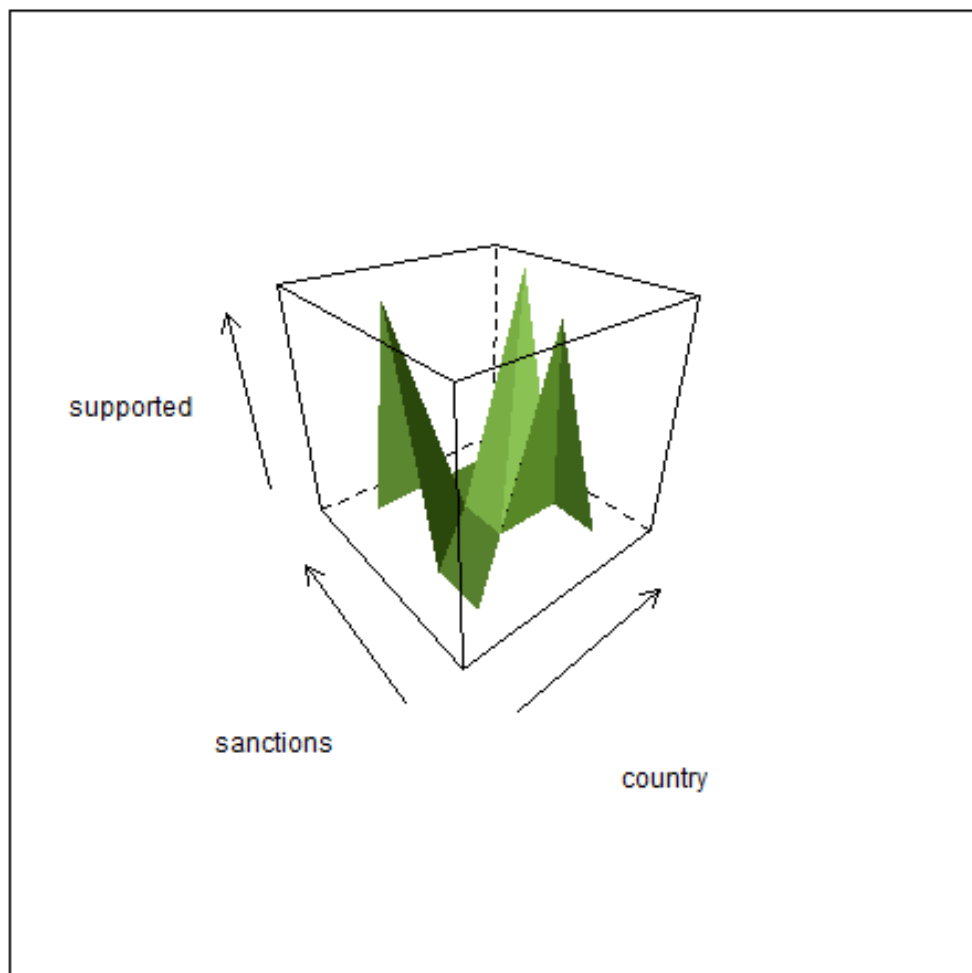


Figure 2: plot of additive model

```
1 anova_null <- anova(null_mod, mod, test = "LRT")
```

The results are shown in 2. The  $\chi^2$  statistic =  $11783 - 11568 = 215.15$ . The associated p-value with 5 degrees of freedom is  $2.2 \times 10^{-16}$ .

As the p-value is below  $\alpha$  we reject the null hypothesis. The evidence does not support the assumption that none of the explanatory variables have any effect on our response variable **choice**. We expect that one or more of our explanatory variables will have a statistically significant effect on the probability of a policy being supported.

Table 1:

|                       | <i>Dependent variable:</i>  |                   |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
|                       | choice                      |                   |
|                       | <i>logistic</i>             |                   |
|                       | (1)                         | (2)               |
| countries: 80 of 192  | 0.458***<br>(0.038)         |                   |
| countries: 160 of 192 | −0.010<br>(0.038)           |                   |
| sanctions: 5%         | −0.276***<br>(0.044)        |                   |
| sanctions: 5%         | −0.181***<br>(0.044)        |                   |
| sanctions: 5%         | 0.150***<br>(0.044)         |                   |
| Constant              | −0.006<br>(0.022)           | −0.007<br>(0.022) |
| Observations          | 8,500                       | 8,500             |
| Log Likelihood        | −5,784.130                  | −5,891.705        |
| Akaike Inf. Crit.     | 11,580.260                  | 11,785.410        |
| <i>Note:</i>          | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 |                   |

Table 2:

| Statistic  | N | Mean       | St. Dev. | Min        | Max        |
|------------|---|------------|----------|------------|------------|
| Resid. Df  | 2 | 8,496.500  | 3.536    | 8,494      | 8,499      |
| Resid. Dev | 2 | 11,675.830 | 152.134  | 11,568.260 | 11,783.410 |
| Df         | 1 | 5.000      |          | 5          | 5          |
| Deviance   | 1 | 215.150    |          | 215.150    | 215.150    |
| Pr(>Chi)   | 1 | 0.000      |          | 0          | 0          |

(c) Results and conclusions:

When 20 out of 192 countries are included and there are no sanctions (base case), then the estimated log odds of a participant agreeing with a policy are:  $\ln(P(Y_1 = 1|X_{1i} = 1, X_{21} = 1)/(1 - P(Y_1 = 1|X_{11} = 1, X_{21} = 1))) = \beta_0 + \beta_1.X_{11} + \beta_2.X_{21} = -0.005665 + 1 * 0 + 1 * 0 = -0.005665$

So the estimated odds, of a participant agreeing with a policy are:  $e^{-0.005665} = 0.994351$ , ie very close to 1 (ie probability  $\approx 50\%$ ).

The log odds for a one unit increase from  $X_{ji}$  to  $X_{ji+1}$  is  $\beta_{i+1}$  A one unit increase in  $X_{jk}$  increases the odds of supporting a policy by a multiplicative factor of  $e^{\beta_{jk}}$

When 20 out of 192 countries are included and there are sanctions of 5%, the log of odds ratio is -0.276332 and the odds ratio (OR) is  $e^{-0.276332} = 0.758561$ , compared to the base

$$\text{logit}(p) = -0.005665 + -0.276332$$

a change to a sanctions regime of 5% reduces the odds of supporting policy by about 24%.

The predicted probabilities, and confidence intervals, are in Table 3

The estimates for  $\beta_k$  are all significant at  $p = 0.01$  except for ‘countries: 160 of 192’ (**countries.Q**), ie there is a predicted -0.1 change in *logit* going from 80 to 160 countries, but it is not statistically significant.

Table 3:

|    | countries  | sanctions | fit    | se.fit | residual.scale | UL     | LL     | PredictedProb |
|----|------------|-----------|--------|--------|----------------|--------|--------|---------------|
| 6  | 20 of 192  | None      | 0.4323 | 0.0132 | 1              | 0.6125 | 0.6002 | 0.6064        |
| 9  | 20 of 192  | 5%        | 0.4798 | 0.0133 | 1              | 0.6238 | 0.6115 | 0.6177        |
| 3  | 20 of 192  | 15%       | 0.3999 | 0.0130 | 1              | 0.6048 | 0.5925 | 0.5987        |
| 12 | 20 of 192  | 20%       | 0.3598 | 0.0125 | 1              | 0.5949 | 0.5830 | 0.5890        |
| 4  | 80 of 192  | None      | 0.5159 | 0.0134 | 1              | 0.6323 | 0.6200 | 0.6262        |
| 7  | 80 of 192  | 5%        | 0.5635 | 0.0135 | 1              | 0.6434 | 0.6311 | 0.6373        |
| 1  | 80 of 192  | 15%       | 0.4826 | 0.0134 | 1              | 0.6245 | 0.6122 | 0.6184        |
| 10 | 80 of 192  | 20%       | 0.4403 | 0.0131 | 1              | 0.6144 | 0.6022 | 0.6083        |
| 5  | 160 of 192 | None      | 0.5928 | 0.0131 | 1              | 0.6499 | 0.6381 | 0.6440        |
| 8  | 160 of 192 | 5%        | 0.6382 | 0.0124 | 1              | 0.6598 | 0.6488 | 0.6543        |
| 2  | 160 of 192 | 15%       | 0.5603 | 0.0132 | 1              | 0.6425 | 0.6305 | 0.6365        |
| 11 | 160 of 192 | 20%       | 0.5180 | 0.0135 | 1              | 0.6329 | 0.6205 | 0.6267        |



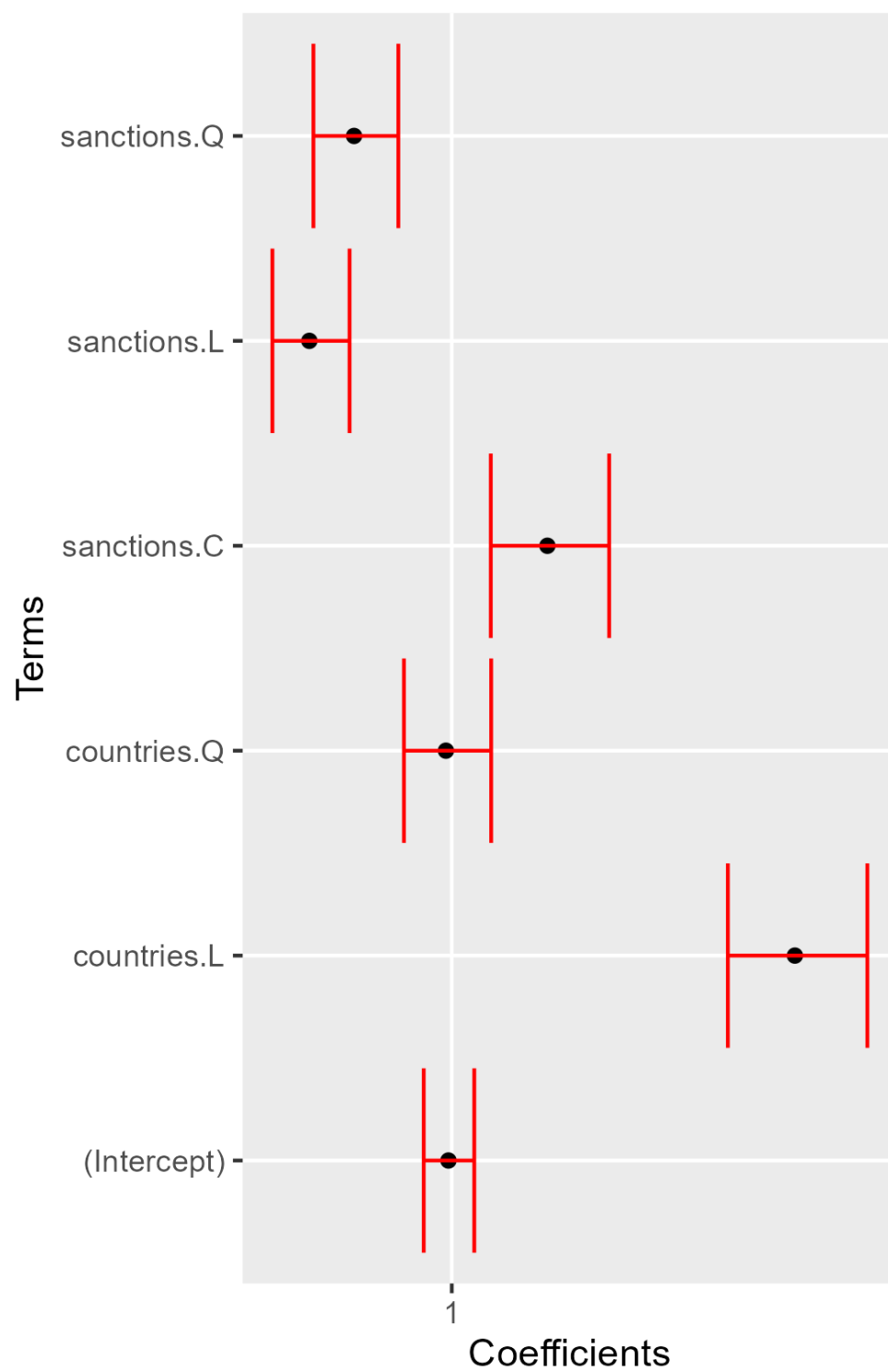


Figure 3: coefficients of additive model

It took 4 iterations to find the maximum likelihood estimates.

The log likelihood is -5,784.130

2. Both of the explanatory variables in this model are significant.

- (a) For the policy in which nearly all countries participate [160 of 192], how does increasing sanctions from 5% to 15% change the odds that an individual will support the policy?

When 80 out of 192 countries are included and sanctions change from 5% to 15%, the logit changes by -0.181086, therefore the odds change by  $e^{-0.181086} = 0.8343636$

- (b) What is the estimated probability that an individual will support a policy if there are 80 of 192 countries participating with no sanctions?

the logit for 80 of 90 and no sanctions (countries.L, sanctions base) =

$$\text{logit}(p) = -0.005665 + 0.458452 + 0 = 0.452787$$

The probability of support given this scenario is the inverse logit :

```
1 exp( -0.005665 + 0.458452 ) / (1+ exp( -0.005665 + 0.458452 ))
2
3 plogis( -0.005665 + 0.458452 )
4 [1] 0.6113017
5
```

- (c) Including an interaction term would potentially change the results in 2a and 2b. The values for the coefficients would potentially be different (ie  $\beta_{kjs}$ ) and we would have to include the constituent coefficient values in calculating the value of the logit.

- A model was run on the data, with an interaction between **countries** and **sanctions**, and an ANOVA/ $\chi^2$  test was run. The results are shown in Tables 4 and 5.

The test statistic of 6.2928, with 6 degrees of freedom, lead to a p-value of 0.3912. Therefore we cannot reject the null hypothesis that the two models are the same, ie there is not evidence that including an interactive effect of number of countries and level of sanctions has a significant predictor effect on the odds for supporting a policy.

```
1 int_mod <- glm(choice ~ countries + sanctions + countries *
2               sanctions ,
3               family = binomial(link="logit"), data = cs)
4 anova_int <- anova(mod, int_mod, test= "LRT")
```

Table 4:

|                         | <i>Dependent variable:</i>  |                      |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
|                         | choice                      |                      |
|                         | <i>logistic</i>             |                      |
|                         | (1)                         | (2)                  |
| countries: 80 of 192    | 0.458***<br>(0.038)         | 0.457***<br>(0.038)  |
| countries: 160 of 192   | −0.010<br>(0.038)           | −0.011<br>(0.038)    |
| sanctions: 5%           | −0.276***<br>(0.044)        | −0.274***<br>(0.044) |
| sanctions: 5%           | −0.181***<br>(0.044)        | −0.182***<br>(0.044) |
| sanctions: 5%           | 0.150***<br>(0.044)         | 0.153***<br>(0.044)  |
| countries.L:sanctions.L |                             | −0.002<br>(0.077)    |
| countries.Q:sanctions.L |                             | 0.134*<br>(0.076)    |
| countries.L:sanctions.Q |                             | −0.008<br>(0.076)    |
| countries.Q:sanctions.Q |                             | 0.093<br>(0.076)     |
| countries.L:sanctions.C |                             | 0.095<br>(0.076)     |
| countries.Q:sanctions.C |                             | 0.010<br>(0.077)     |
| Constant                | −0.006<br>(0.022)           | −0.004<br>(0.022)    |
| Observations            | 11 8,500                    | 8,500                |
| Log Likelihood          | −5,784.130                  | −5,780.983           |
| Akaike Inf. Crit.       | 11,580.260                  | 11,585.970           |
| <i>Note:</i>            | *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01 |                      |

Table 5: ANOVA additive vs Interactive

| Statistic  | N | Mean       | St. Dev. | Min        | Max        |
|------------|---|------------|----------|------------|------------|
| Resid. Df  | 2 | 8,491.000  | 4.243    | 8,488      | 8,494      |
| Resid. Dev | 2 | 11,565.110 | 4.450    | 11,561.970 | 11,568.260 |
| Df         | 1 | 6.000      |          | 6          | 6          |
| Deviance   | 1 | 6.293      |          | 6.293      | 6.293      |
| Pr(>Chi)   | 1 | 0.391      |          | 0.391      | 0.391      |