

Problem Set 3

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Due: March 26, 2023

Instructions

- Please show your work! You may lose points by simply writing in the answer. If the problem requires you to execute commands in R, please include the code you used to get your answers. Please also include the .R file that contains your code. If you are not sure if work needs to be shown for a particular problem, please ask.
- Your homework should be submitted electronically on GitHub in .pdf form.
- This problem set is due before 23:59 on Sunday March 26, 2023. No late assignments will be accepted.

Question 1

We are interested in how governments' management of public resources impacts economic prosperity. Our data come from Alvarez, Cheibub, Limongi, and Przeworski (1996) and is labelled `gdpChange.csv` on GitHub. The dataset covers 135 countries observed between 1950 or the year of independence or the first year for which data on economic growth are available ("entry year"), and 1990 or the last year for which data on economic growth are available ("exit year"). The unit of analysis is a particular country during a particular year, for a total $> 3,500$ observations.

- Response variable:
 - `GDPWdiff`: Difference in GDP between year t and $t-1$. Possible categories include: "positive", "negative", or "no change"
- Explanatory variables:
 - `REG`: 1=Democracy; 0=Non-Democracy
 - `OIL`: 1=if the average ratio of fuel exports to total exports in 1984-86 exceeded 50%; 0= otherwise

Please answer the following questions:

1. Construct and interpret an unordered multinomial logit with `GDPWdiff` as the output and "no change" as the reference category, including the estimated cutoff points and coefficients.
2. Construct and interpret an ordered multinomial logit with `GDPWdiff` as the outcome variable, including the estimated cutoff points and coefficients.

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1  lapply(c("MASS",
2  +      "nnet",
3  +      "ggplot2",
4  +      "car"), pkgTest)
5  Loading required package: car
6  Loading required package: carData
7  [[1]]
8  MASS
9  TRUE
10
11 [[2]]
12 nnet
13 TRUE
14
15 [[3]]
16 ggplot2
17 TRUE
18
19 [[4]]
20 car
21 TRUE
22
23 > setwd("/Users/user/Documents/GitHub/StatsII_Spring2023/problemSets/PS03")
24 > data <- read.csv("gdpChange.csv")
25 > summary(data)
26      X      COUNTRY      CTYNAME      YEAR
27 Min.   : 1      Min.   : 1.00      Length:3721      Min.   :1954
28 1st Qu.: 931      1st Qu.: 39.00      Class  :character 1st Qu.:1967
29 Median :1861      Median : 71.00      Mode   :character  Median :1976
30 Mean   :1861      Mean   : 70.42                Mean   :1975
31 3rd Qu.:2791      3rd Qu.:103.00           3rd Qu.:1983
32 Max.   :3721      Max.   :135.00           Max.   :1990
33      GDPW      OIL      REG      EDT
34 Min.   : 509      Min.   :0.0000      Min.   :0.0000      Length:3721
35 1st Qu.: 2566      1st Qu.:0.0000      1st Qu.:0.0000      Class  :character
36 Median : 6425      Median :0.0000      Median :0.0000      Mode   :character
37 Mean   : 9276      Mean   :0.1005      Mean   :0.4015
38 3rd Qu.:13470      3rd Qu.:0.0000      3rd Qu.:1.0000
39 Max.   :37903      Max.   :1.0000      Max.   :1.0000
40      GDPWlag      GDPWdiff      GDPWdiffflag      GDPWdiffflag2
41 Min.   : 509      Min.   : -9257      Min.   : -9257.0      Min.   : -9257.0

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42 1st Qu.: 2533    1st Qu.: -24    1st Qu.: -20.0    1st Qu.: -19.0
43 Median : 6245    Median : 111    Median : 117.0    Median : 116.0
44 Mean   : 9090    Mean   : 186    Mean   : 189.7    Mean   : 189.9
45 3rd Qu.:13167    3rd Qu.: 415    3rd Qu.: 415.0    3rd Qu.: 405.0
46 Max.   :37089    Max.   : 7867    Max.   : 7867.0    Max.   : 7867.0
47
48 > data$OIL <- as.factor(data$OIL)
49 > data$REG <- as.factor(data$REG)
50 > data$YEAR <- as.factor(data$YEAR)
51 > data$GDPWdiff_Categories <- as.factor(data$GDPWdiff_Categories)
52 > #Visualise
53 > ggplot(data, aes(GDPWdiff_Categories, REG)) +
54 +   geom_boxplot() +
55 +   geom_jitter(alpha = 0.3) +
56 +   scale_x_discrete(labels=function(x){sub("\\s", "\n", x)}) +
57 +   theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 45)) +
58 +   facet_grid(GDPWdiff_Categories ~ YEAR)

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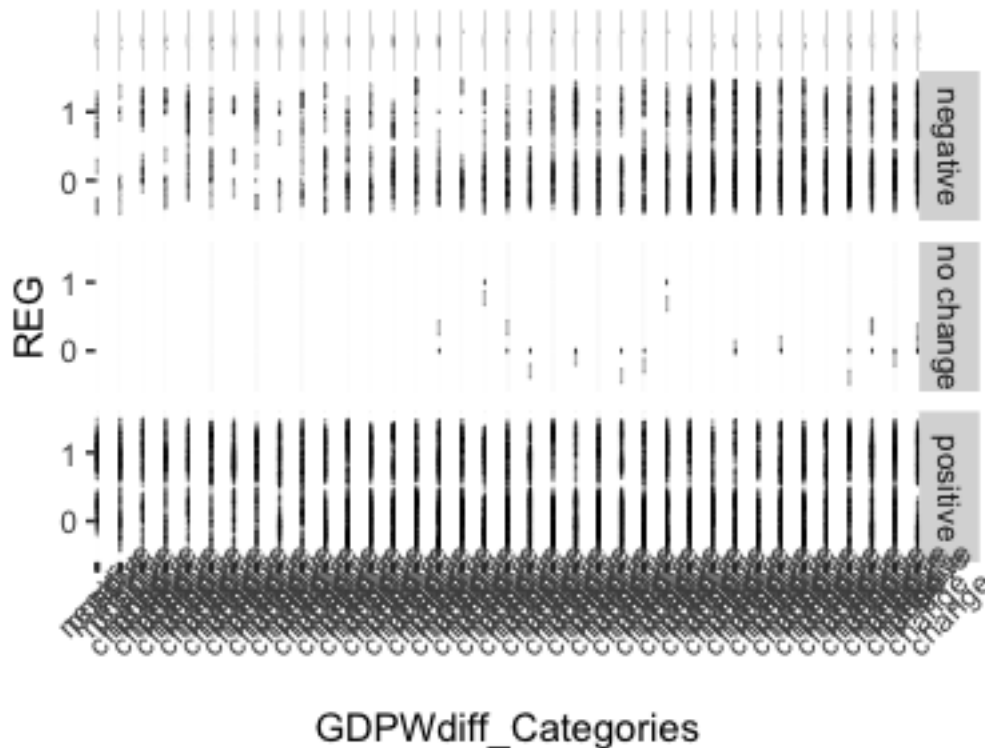


Figure 1: Marginality and PAN Governor in 2006

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1 > # 1. Build the unordered multinomial logit model
2 > umnl_model <- multinom(GDPWdiff_Categories ~ REG + OIL, data = data)
3 # weights: 12 (6 variable)
4 initial value 4087.936326
5 iter 10 value 2339.387349

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6 final value 2339.363928
7 converged
8 > # Print the coefficients and estimated cutoff points for the unordered
  multinomial logit model
9 > umnl_coef <- coefficients(umnl_model)
10 > umnl_summary <- summary(umnl_model)$coefficients
11 > cat("\nThe estimated coefficient values:\n")
12
13 The estimated coefficient values:
14 > print(umnl_coef)
15           (Intercept)          REG1          OIL1
16 no change -3.8011902 -1.351703 -7.9240683
17 positive  0.7284081  0.389905 -0.2076511
18 > cat("\nThe estimated cutoff points:\n")
19
20 The estimated cutoff points:
21 > print(umnl_summary)
22           (Intercept)          REG1          OIL1
23 no change -3.8011902 -1.351703 -7.9240683
24 positive  0.7284081  0.389905 -0.2076511
25 > # 2. Build the ordered multinomial logit model
26 > omnl_model <- polr(GDPWdiff_Categories ~ REG + OIL, data = data, method = '
  logistic')
27 > # Print the coefficients and estimated cutoff points for the ordered
  multinomial logit model
28 > omnl_coef <- coef(omnl_model)
29 > omnl_summary <- summary(omnl_model)$coef
30
31 Re-fitting to get Hessian
32
33 > cat("\nThe estimated coefficient values:\n")
34
35 The estimated coefficient values:
36 > print(omnl_coef)
37           REG1          OIL1
38 0.3984834 -0.1987177
39 > cat("\nThe estimated cutoff points:\n")
40
41 The estimated cutoff points:
42 > print(omnl_summary)
43
44 Value Std. Error    t value
45 REG1      0.3984834 0.07518467  5.300062
46 OIL1     -0.1987177 0.11571696 -1.717274
47 negative|no change -0.7311784 0.04760373 -15.359688
48 no change|positive -0.7104851 0.04750677 -14.955450
49
50 #For the ordered multinomial logit, the coefficients show the impact of
51 # each explanatory variable on the change of GDPWdiff categories from no
52 # change to positive, and from no change to negative. For example, for the
53 # Democracy variable, an increase in one unit increases the log odds of moving
  # from no change to positive categories by 0.555, and increases the odds ratio

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54 # of moving from no change to positive categories by  $\exp(0.555) = 1.743$  times,
55 # holding other variables constant. The cutoff points estimate the threshold
56 # values where the probability of moving from one category to another changes.

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Question 2

Consider the data set `MexicoMuniData.csv`, which includes municipal-level information from Mexico. The outcome of interest is the number of times the winning PAN presidential candidate in 2006 (`PAN.visits.06`) visited a district leading up to the 2009 federal elections, which is a count. Our main predictor of interest is whether the district was highly contested, or whether it was not (the PAN or their opponents have electoral security) in the previous federal elections during 2000 (`competitive.district`), which is binary (1=close/swing district, 0="safe seat"). We also include `marginality.06` (a measure of poverty) and `PAN.governor.06` (a dummy for whether the state has a PAN-affiliated governor) as additional control variables.

- (a) Run a Poisson regression because the outcome is a count variable. Is there evidence that PAN presidential candidates visit swing districts more? Provide a test statistic and p-value.

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1 > #Load the dataset
2 > mexico_muni_data <- read_csv("MexicoMuniData.csv")
3 Rows: 2407 Columns: 6
4   Column specification
5
5 Delimiter: ","
6 dbl (6): MunicipCode, pan.vote.09, marginality.06, PAN.governor.06, PAN.
  vis...
7
8   Use 'spec()' to retrieve the full column specification for this data.
9   Specify the column types or set 'show_col_types = FALSE' to quiet
  this message.
10 > # Show the first few rows of the dataset
11 > head(mexico_muni_data)
12 # A tibble: 6     6
13   MunicipCode pan.vote.09 marginality.06 PAN.governor.06 PAN.visits.06
14   <dbl>         <dbl>         <dbl>         <dbl>         <dbl>
15 1     1001         0.283         -1.83          0             5
16   1
17 2     1002         0.352         -0.62          0             0
18   1
19 3     1003         0.359         -0.875         0             0
20   1
21 4     1004         0.238         -0.747         0             0
22   1

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19 5      1005      0.378      -1.23      0      0
20 6      1006      0.145      -1.31      0      0
21 #      with abbreviated variable name      competitive.district
22 > # Show the column names of the dataset
23 > colnames(mexico_muni_data)
24 [1] "MunicipCode"      "pan.vote.09"      "marginality.06"
25 [4] "PAN.governor.06"  "PAN.visits.06"    "competitive.district"
26 > # Display the summary of the dataset
27 > summary(mexico_muni_data)
28   MunicipCode      pan.vote.09      marginality.06      PAN.governor.06
29   Min.      : 1001      Min.      : 0.0050      Min.      : -2.270000      Min.      : 0.0000
30   1st Qu.:14108      1st Qu.: 0.1350      1st Qu.: -0.746000      1st Qu.: 0.0000
31   Median :20246      Median : 0.2370      Median : -0.051000      Median : 0.0000
32   Mean   :19505      Mean   : 0.2718      Mean   : -0.001373      Mean   : 0.2152
33   3rd Qu.:24040      3rd Qu.: 0.3600      3rd Qu.: 0.628500      3rd Qu.: 0.0000
34   Max.    :32057      Max.    :17.0000      Max.    : 3.355000      Max.    : 1.0000
35   PAN.visits.06      competitive.district
36   Min.      : 0.00000      Min.      : 0.0000
37   1st Qu.: 0.00000      1st Qu.: 1.0000
38   Median : 0.00000      Median : 1.0000
39   Mean   : 0.09182      Mean   : 0.8214
40   3rd Qu.: 0.00000      3rd Qu.: 1.0000
41   Max.    :35.00000      Max.    : 1.0000
42 > ggplot(mexico_muni_data, aes(x = marginality.06, y = pan.vote.09)) +
43 +   geom_point() +
44 +   labs(title = "Marginality and PAN Vote in 2009")
45 > ggplot(mexico_muni_data, aes(x = PAN.visits.06, y = pan.vote.09)) +
46 +   geom_point() +
47 +   labs(title = "PAN visitsin 2006 and PAN Vote in 2009")
48 > ggplot(mexico_muni_data, aes(x = marginality.06, y = PAN.governor.06))
49 +   +
50 +   geom_point() +
51 +   labs(title = "Marginality and PAN Governor in 2006")
52 > ggplot(mexico_muni_data, aes(x = PAN.visits.06, y = pan.vote.09)) +
53 +   geom_point() +
54 +   labs(title = "PAN visits in 2006 and PAN Vote in 2009")
55
56 1
57 2 > model <- glm(PAN.visits.06 ~ competitive.district + marginality.06 +
58   PAN.governor.06, data = mexico_muni_data, family = "poisson")
59 3 > summary(model)
60 4
61 5 Call:
62 6 glm(formula = PAN.visits.06 ~ competitive.district + marginality.06 +
63 7   PAN.governor.06, family = "poisson", data = mexico_muni_data)
64 8
65 9 Deviance Residuals:
66 10      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
67 11 -2.2309  -0.3748  -0.1804  -0.0804   15.2669
68 12

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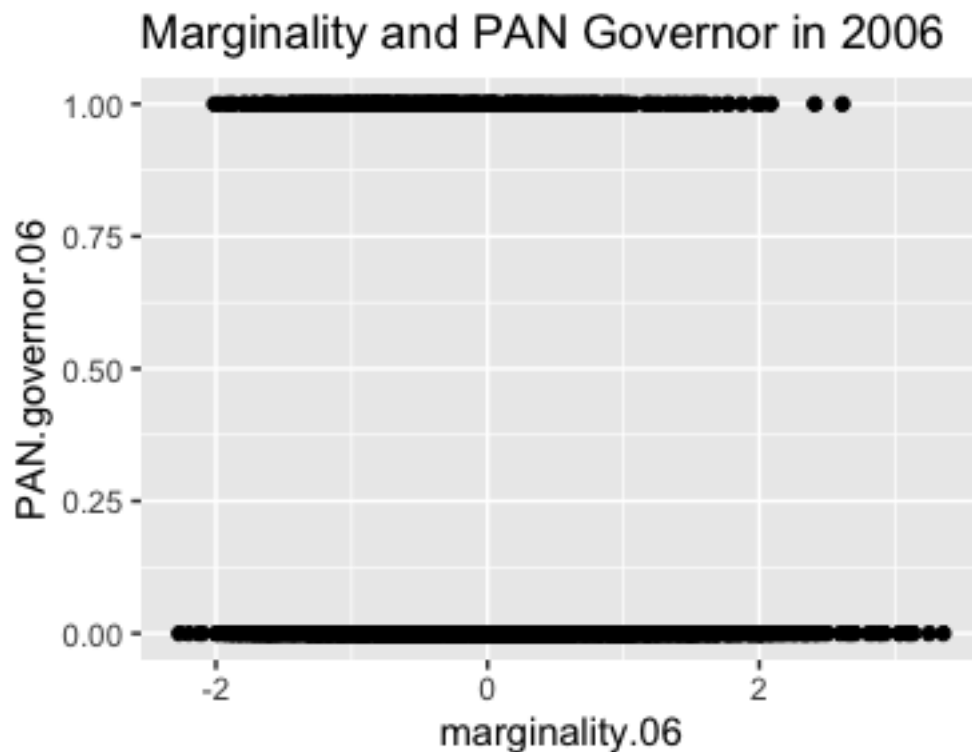


Figure 2: Marginality and PAN Vote in 2009

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13 Coefficients:
14             Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
15 (Intercept)   -3.81023    0.22209  -17.156  <2e-16 ***
16 competitive.district -0.08135    0.17069   -0.477    0.6336
17 marginality.06  -2.08014    0.11734  -17.728  <2e-16 ***
18 PAN.governor.06  -0.31158    0.16673   -1.869    0.0617 .
19
20 Signif. codes:  0  '***'  0.001  '**'  0.01  '*'  0.05  '.'  0.1
21                  1
22 (Dispersion parameter for poisson family taken to be 1)
23
24 Null deviance: 1473.87 on 2406 degrees of freedom
25 Residual deviance: 991.25 on 2403 degrees of freedom
26 AIC: 1299.2
27
28 Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 7
29
30 > p_value_comp_district <- summary(model)$coefficients[2,4]
31 > p_value_comp_district
32 [1] 0.6336394

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(b) Interpret the `marginality.06` and `PAN.governor.06` coefficients.

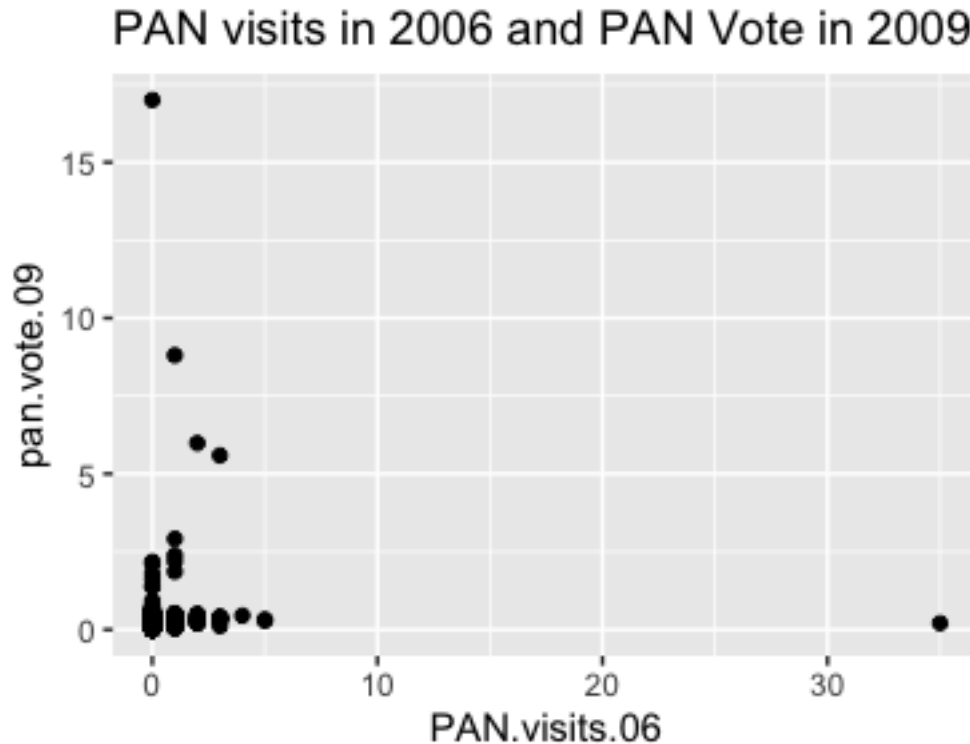


Figure 3: PAN visits in 2006 and PAN Vote in 2009

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1
2 > coef_marginality <- summary(model)$coefficients[3,1]
3 > coef_marginality
4 [1] -2.080144
5 > coef_PAN_governor <- summary(model)$coefficients[4,1]
6 > coef_PAN_governor
7 [1] -0.3115789

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- (c) Provide the estimated mean number of visits from the winning PAN presidential candidate for a hypothetical district that was competitive (`competitive.district=1`), had an average poverty level (`marginality.06 = 0`), and a PAN governor (`PAN.governor.06=1`).

```

1 > new_data <- data.frame(competitive.district = 1, marginality.06 = 0, PAN.
  governor.06 = 1)
2 > predicted_mean_visits <- predict(model, newdata = new_data, type = "response")
3 > predicted_mean_visits
4      1
5 0.01494818

```

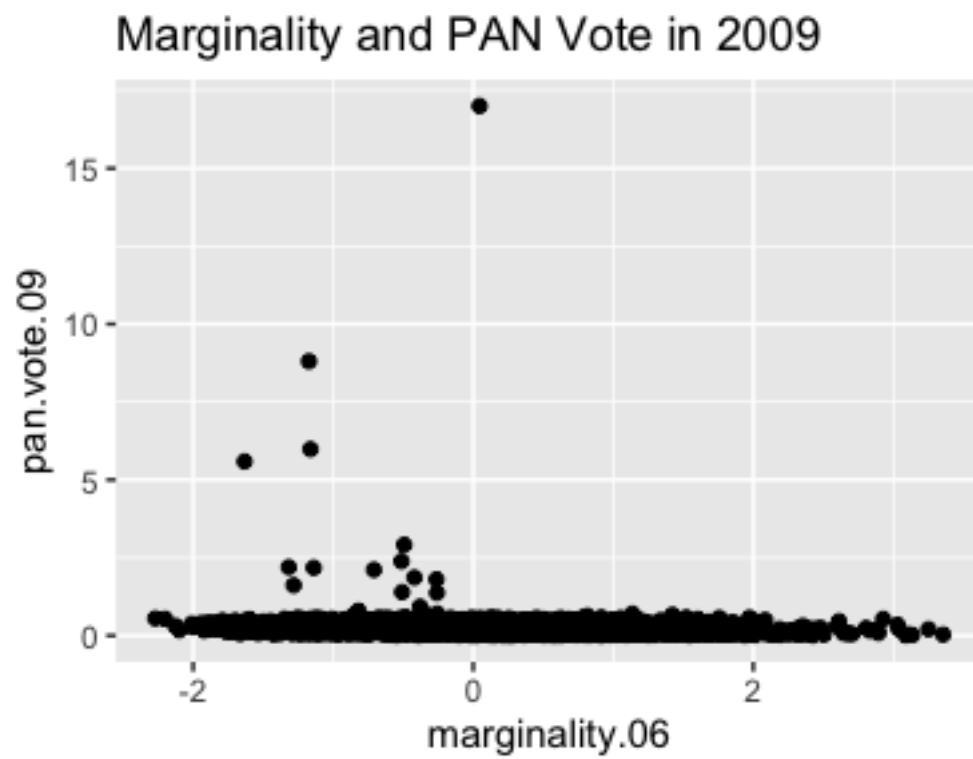



Figure 4: Marginality and PAN Governor in 2006