## Ordinal and Multinomial Logistic Regression

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#### Meta-Background



Figure 1: Tweet About Ordinal Models

## **Key Concepts and Commands**

- Implementations differ; formulas are our friends
- Extensions to logistic model: ordinal and multinomial logit

$$F(y) = \beta_0 + \beta x_1 + \beta x_2 + \dots$$

• Ordinal model

$$y(1, 2, 3, \text{ etc.}) = \beta_0 + \beta x_1 + \beta x_2 + \dots$$

• Multinomial model

$$y(2 \text{ vs. } 1) = \beta_0 + \beta x_1 + \beta x_2 + \dots$$
  
 $y(3 \text{ vs. } 1) = \beta_0 + \beta x_1 + \beta x_2 + \dots$ 

• Think about OR's, predicted probabilities, non-linearity

## Get The Data (General Social Survey)

- . clear all
- . set maxvar 10000 // increase number of allowable variables
- . use "/Users/agrogan/Box Sync/DATA WAREHOUSE/General Social Survey/GSS7218\_R1.DTA", cle > ar
- . keep polviews sex maeduc paeduc age degree coninc
- . save GSSsmall.dta, replace file GSSsmall.dta saved
- . describe // describe the data  $\tt Contains\ data\ from\ GSSsmall.dta$

obs: 64,814 vars: 7 size: 907,396

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variable name	storage type	display format	value label	variable label
age	byte	%8.0g	AGE	age of respondent
paeduc	byte	%8.0g	LABK	highest year school completed, father
maeduc	byte	%8.0g	LABK	highest year school completed, mother
degree	byte	%8.0g	LABL	r's highest degree
sex	byte	%8.0g	SEX	respondents sex
polviews	byte	%8.0g	POLVIEWS	think of self as liberal or conservative
coninc	double	%12.0g	LABIH	family income in constant dollars

Sorted by:

#### Thinking About Your Data and Data Wrangling

It is always good to think about your data and what the values of different variables represent. In Stata, however, there is very little additional data wrangling to prepare the data. In R, there is considerable data wrangling since we have to employ special commands just to get *variable* and *value* labels, and to ensure that *numeric dependent* variables are recoded as *factors*. In Stata there are no such issues!!!

#### **Descriptive Statistics**

. summarize					
Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
age	64,586	46.09936	17.5347	18	89
paeduc	45,837	10.71026	4.342689	0	20
maeduc	53,870	10.85365	3.768792	0	20
degree	64,641	1.35858	1.175289	0	4
sex	64,814	1.558521	.4965673	1	2
polviews	55,328	4.100528	1.382474	1	7
coninc	58,294	45028.17	36791	350.5	180386
. tabulate pol	rviews				

conservative	Freq.	Percent	Cum.
liberal or			
think of self as			
. tabulate polviews			

extremely liberal	1,682	3.04	3.04
liberal	6,514	11.77	14.81
slightly liberal	7,010	12.67	27.48
moderate	21,370	38.62	66.11
slghtly conservative	8,690	15.71	81.81
conservative	8,230	14.87	96.69
extrmly conservative	1,832	3.31	100.00
Total	55,328	100.00	

### The Ordinal Model (k categories)

$$\ln\left(\frac{p(y \le k)}{p(y > k)}\right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \dots$$

#### **Ordinal Regression**

```
. ologit polviews sex age degree coninc
Iteration 0:
               log likelihood = -83895.058
               log \ likelihood = -83369.429
Iteration 1:
               \log likelihood = -83368.485
Iteration 2:
               \log \frac{1}{100} likelihood = -83368.485
Iteration 3:
Ordered logistic regression
                                                   Number of obs
                                                                             50,049
                                                   LR chi2(4)
                                                                            1053.15
                                                   Prob > chi2
                                                                             0.0000
Log likelihood = -83368.485
                                                   Pseudo R2
                                                                             0.0063
    polviews
                     Coef.
                             Std. Err.
                                                   P>|z|
                                                              [95% Conf. Interval]
                  -.129234
                              .0162348
                                          -7.96
                                                   0.000
                                                             -.1610536
                                                                          -.0974144
         sex
                  .0116653
                              .0004737
                                                   0.000
                                                              .0107369
                                                                           .0125937
                                          24.63
         age
                 -.1062661
                              .0076242
                                                   0.000
                                                             -.1212093
                                                                           -.091323
                                          -13.94
      degree
      coninc
                  3.99e-06
                             2.42e-07
                                          16.52
                                                   0.000
                                                              3.52e-06
                                                                           4.46e-06
                 -3.116098
                              .0440989
                                                             -3.202531
                                                                          -3.029666
       /cut1
                 -1.389623
                              .0379027
                                                                          -1.315335
       /cut2
                                                             -1.463911
                 -.5941761
                                                                          -.5212333
       /cut3
                              .0372164
                                                             -.6671188
       /cut4
                  1.050951
                               .037438
                                                              .9775742
                                                                           1.124329
                  1.916652
                                .03824
                                                              1.841703
                                                                           1.991601
       /cut5
       /cut6
                  3.826484
                              .0447146
                                                              3.738845
                                                                           3.914123
```

Many commands for regression of categorical dependent variables in R do not provide p values, and an extra step has to be taken to get p values. This is not a problem in Stata!

## Exponentiating Coefficients: $e^{\beta}$

```
. ologit polviews sex age degree coninc, or
Iteration 0:
              log likelihood = -83895.058
              log likelihood = -83369.429
Iteration 1:
              log likelihood = -83368.485
Iteration 2:
Iteration 3:
              log likelihood = -83368.485
Ordered logistic regression
                                                Number of obs
                                                                         50,049
                                                LR chi2(4)
                                                                        1053.15
                                                Prob > chi2
                                                                         0.0000
Log likelihood = -83368.485
                                                Pseudo R2
                                                                         0.0063
   polviews
              Odds Ratio Std. Err.
                                                           [95% Conf. Interval]
                                                P>|z|
```

sex	.8787683	.0142666	-7.96	0.000	.8512464	.90718
age	1.011734	.0004792	24.63	0.000	1.010795	1.012673
degree	.8991853	.0068555	-13.94	0.000	.8858486	.9127228
coninc	1.000004	2.42e-07	16.52	0.000	1.000004	1.000004
/cut1	-3.116098	.0440989			-3.202531	-3.029666
/cut2	-1.389623	.0379027			-1.463911	-1.315335
/cut3	5941761	.0372164			6671188	5212333
/cut4	1.050951	.037438			.9775742	1.124329
/cut5	1.916652	.03824			1.841703	1.991601
/cut6	3.826484	.0447146			3.738845	3.914123

Note: Estimates are transformed only in the first equation.

## The Proportional Odds Assumption

#### The Brant Test

#### The Multinomial Model

$$\ln\left(\frac{P(y=y_2)}{P(y=y_1)}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{P(y=\text{something else})}{P(y=\text{something})}\right)$$

$$= \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \dots$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{P(y=y_3)}{P(y=y_1)}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{P(y=\text{something else altogether})}{P(y=\text{something})}\right)$$

$$= \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \dots$$

#### Estimation

```
. mlogit polviews i.sex age degree coninc
               log likelihood = -83895.058
Iteration 0:
               log likelihood = -82700.548
Iteration 1:
Iteration 2:
               log likelihood = -82694.595
               \log likelihood = -82694.594
Iteration 3:
Multinomial logistic regression
                                                  Number of obs
                                                                          50,049
                                                 LR chi2(24)
                                                                          2400.93
                                                 Prob > chi2
                                                                          0.0000
Log likelihood = -82694.594
                                                 Pseudo R2
                                                                          0.0143
            polviews
                            Coef.
                                     Std. Err.
                                                          P>|z|
                                                                    [95% Conf. Interval]
                                                    z
extremely_liberal
                                                                                -.1105883
             female
                         -.2153043
                                     .0534275
                                                 -4.03
                                                          0.000
                                                                   -.3200202
                         -.0051601
                                     .0015774
                                                  -3.27
                                                          0.001
                                                                   -.0082517
                                                                                -.0020685
                 age
                          .3607061
                                     .0234865
                                                 15.36
                                                          0.000
                                                                    .3146735
                                                                                 .4067387
              degree
              coninc
                         -6.68e-06
                                     8.90e-07
                                                 -7.51
                                                          0.000
                                                                   -8.43e-06
                                                                                -4.94e-06
                          -2.40105
                                     .0904486
                                                -26.55
                                                          0.000
                                                                   -2.578326
                                                                                -2.223774
               _cons
liberal
                 sex
                         -.0770042
             female
                                     .0302144
                                                 -2.55
                                                         0.011
                                                                   -.1362233
                                                                               -.0177851
```

age degree coninc _cons	0077271 .3615385 -2.36e-06 -1.195919	.0009041 .0134905 4.59e-07 .0513843	-8.55 26.80 -5.14 -23.27	0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000	0094991 .3350977 -3.26e-06 -1.29663	0059551 .3879794 -1.46e-06 -1.095207
slightly_liberal						
sex						
female	1016619	.0292053	-3.48	0.000	1589032	0444206
age	0099768	.0008799	-11.34	0.000	0117014	0082521
degree	.2358701	.0134562	17.53	0.000	.2094964	.2622438
coninc	-1.94e-07	4.37e-07	-0.44	0.658	-1.05e-06	6.63e-07
cons	90455	.0494119	-18.31	0.000	-1.001396	8077044
moderate	(base outco	ome)				
slghtly_conservative						
sex						
female	2630355	.0270206	-9.73	0.000	315995	210076
age	.0012542	.0007943	1.58	0.114	0003026	.002811
degree	.1963805	.012493	15.72	0.000	.1718947	.2208663
coninc	3.39e-06	3.86e-07	8.79	0.000	2.63e-06	4.15e-06
_cons	-1.221032	.0467118	-26.14	0.000	-1.312585	-1.129479
conservative						
sex						
female	2625249	.0278997	-9.41	0.000	3172073	2078426
age	.0128524	.000801	16.05	0.000	.0112825	.0144224
degree	.152561	.0129671	11.77	0.000	.127146	.177976
coninc	3.87e-06	3.97e-07	9.75	0.000	3.09e-06	4.65e-06
_cons	-1.813802	.0496044	-36.57	0.000	-1.911025	-1.716579
extrmly_conservative						
sex						
female	3790287	.0530006	-7.15	0.000	482908	2751493
age	.0150308	.0014834	10.13	0.000	.0121235	.0179381
degree	.004062	.0262081	0.15	0.877	0473049	.055429
coninc	3.35e-07	8.19e-07	0.41	0.682	-1.27e-06	1.94e-06
_cons	-3.040997	.0945989	-32.15	0.000	-3.226407	-2.855587

# **Exponentiating Coefficients**

Multinomial logistic r  Log likelihood = -8269	Number of obs LR chi2(24) Prob > chi2 Pseudo R2		= 50,049 = 2400.93 = 0.0000 = 0.0143			
polviews	RRR	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf.	Interval]
extremely_liberal						
sex						
female	.8062961	.0430784	-4.03	0.000	.7261343	.8953073
age	.9948532	.0015693	-3.27	0.001	.9917823	.9979336
degree	1.434342	.0336876	15.36	0.000	1.369812	1.501912
coninc	.9999933	8.90e-07	-7.51	0.000	.9999916	.9999951
_cons	.0906228	.0081967	-26.55	0.000	.075901	.1082
liberal						
sex						
female	.925886	.0279751	-2.55	0.011	.8726477	.9823721
age	.9923027	.0008971	-8.55	0.000	.9905458	.9940626
degree	1.435536	.0193661	26.80	0.000	1.398077	1.473999
coninc	.9999976	4.59e-07	-5.14	0.000	.9999967	.9999985
_cons	.3024259	.01554	-23.27	0.000	. 2734517	.3344702
slightly_liberal						
sex						

female	.9033349	.0263822	-3.48	0.000	.8530789	.9565515
age	.9900729	.0008712	-11.34	0.000	.9883668	.9917818
degree	1.26601	.0170357	17.53	0.000	1.233057	1.299843
coninc	.9999998	4.37e-07	-0.44	0.658	.9999989	1.000001
_cons	.404724	.0199982	-18.31	0.000	.3673664	.4458805
moderate	(base outco	ome)				
slghtly_conservative						
sex						
female	.7687146	.0207712	-9.73	0.000	.7290631	.8105226
age	1.001255	.0007953	1.58	0.114	.9996975	1.002815
degree	1.21699	.0152038	15.72	0.000	1.187553	1.247157
coninc	1.000003	3.86e-07	8.79	0.000	1.000003	1.000004
_cons	.2949256	.0137765	-26.14	0.000	.2691234	.3232017
conservative						
sex						
female	.7691072	.0214578	-9.41	0.000	.7281798	.8123349
age	1.012935	.0008114	16.05	0.000	1.011346	1.014527
degree	1.164814	.0151042	11.77	0.000	1.135583	1.194797
coninc	1.000004	3.97e-07	9.75	0.000	1.000003	1.000005
_cons	.1630332	.0080872	-36.57	0.000	.1479287	.1796798
extrmly_conservative						
sex						
female	.684526	.0362803	-7.15	0.000	.6169866	.7594587
age	1.015144	.0015058	10.13	0.000	1.012197	1.0181
degree	1.00407	.0263148	0.15	0.877	.9537966	1.056994
coninc	1	8.19e-07	0.41	0.682	.9999987	1.000002
_cons	.0477872	.0045206	-32.15	0.000	.0396999	.0575221

Note: \_cons estimates baseline relative risk for each outcome.

#### **Predicted Probabilities**

Expression : Pr(polviews==extremely\_liberal), predict(outcome(1))

	Margin	Delta-method Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf.	Interval]
sex male female	.0325114 .0295928	.001187 .0010205	27.39 29.00	0.000	.0301849 .0275927	.0348378