

# Ordinal and Multinomial Logistic Regression

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## Meta-Background

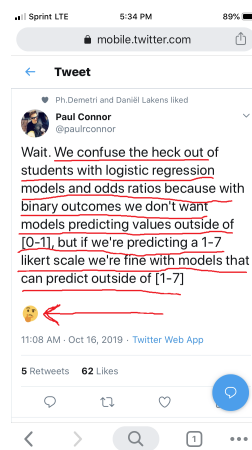


Figure 1: Tweet About Ordinal Models

## 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
- Different models for *different types* of ordinal variables

## 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", clear

. keep polviews sex maeduc paeduc age degree coninc

. save GSSsmall.dta, replace
file GSSsmall.dta saved

. describe // describe the data
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 polviews
  think of self as
  liberal or
  conservative
```

|                   | Freq. | Percent | Cum. |
|-------------------|-------|---------|------|
| 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  |
| slightly 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*)<sup>1</sup>

$$p_{ij} = Pr(k_{i-1} < x_j \beta \leq k_i)$$

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

## Ordinal Regression

```
. ologit polviews sex age degree coninc
Iteration 0:  log likelihood = -83895.058
Iteration 1:  log likelihood = -83369.429
Iteration 2:  log likelihood = -83368.485
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 | Coef.     | Std. Err. | z      | P> z  | [95% Conf. Interval] |           |
|----------|-----------|-----------|--------|-------|----------------------|-----------|
| sex      | -.129234  | .0162348  | -7.96  | 0.000 | -.1610536            | -.0974144 |
| age      | .0116653  | .0004737  | 24.63  | 0.000 | .0107369             | .0125937  |
| degree   | -.1062661 | .0076242  | -13.94 | 0.000 | -.1212093            | -.091323  |
| coninc   | 3.99e-06  | 2.42e-07  | 16.52  | 0.000 | 3.52e-06             | 4.46e-06  |
| /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  |

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
Iteration 1:  log likelihood = -83369.429
Iteration 2:  log likelihood = -83368.485
Iteration 3:  log likelihood = -83368.485

Ordered logistic regression               Number of obs   =    50,049
```

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<sup>1</sup>Per Stata documentation.

Log likelihood = -83368.485

|             |   |         |
|-------------|---|---------|
| LR chi2(4)  | = | 1053.15 |
| Prob > chi2 | = | 0.0000  |
| Pseudo R2   | = | 0.0063  |

| polviews | Odds Ratio | Std. Err. | z      | P> z  | [95% Conf. Interval] |           |
|----------|------------|-----------|--------|-------|----------------------|-----------|
| 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 And The Brant Test

```
. brant
Brant test of parallel regression assumption
```

|        | chi2    | p>chi2 | df |
|--------|---------|--------|----|
| All    | 1456.59 | 0.000  | 20 |
| sex    | 108.03  | 0.000  | 5  |
| age    | 120.63  | 0.000  | 5  |
| degree | 835.26  | 0.000  | 5  |
| coninc | 67.78   | 0.000  | 5  |

A significant test statistic provides evidence that the parallel regression assumption has been violated.

## 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
Iteration 0: log likelihood = -83895.058
Iteration 1: log likelihood = -82700.548
Iteration 2: log likelihood = -82694.595
Iteration 3: log likelihood = -82694.594
Multinomial logistic regression      Number of obs      =      50,049
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|                             |           |           | LR chi2(24) | =     | 2400.93              |           |  |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------|----------------------|-----------|--|
|                             |           |           | Prob > chi2 | =     | 0.0000               |           |  |
| Log likelihood = -82694.594 |           |           | Pseudo R2   | =     | 0.0143               |           |  |
| polviews                    | Coef.     | Std. Err. | z           | P> z  | [95% Conf. Interval] |           |  |
| extremely_liberal           |           |           |             |       |                      |           |  |
| sex                         |           |           |             |       |                      |           |  |
| female                      | -.2153043 | .0534275  | -4.03       | 0.000 | -.3200202            | -.1105883 |  |
| age                         | -.0051601 | .0015774  | -3.27       | 0.001 | -.0082517            | -.0020685 |  |
| degree                      | .3607061  | .0234865  | 15.36       | 0.000 | .3146735             | .4067387  |  |
| coninc                      | -6.68e-06 | 8.90e-07  | -7.51       | 0.000 | -8.43e-06            | -4.94e-06 |  |
| _cons                       | -2.40105  | .0904486  | -26.55      | 0.000 | -2.578326            | -2.223774 |  |
| liberal                     |           |           |             |       |                      |           |  |
| sex                         |           |           |             |       |                      |           |  |
| female                      | -.0770042 | .0302144  | -2.55       | 0.011 | -.1362233            | -.0177851 |  |
| age                         | -.0077271 | .0009041  | -8.55       | 0.000 | -.0094991            | -.0059551 |  |
| degree                      | .3615385  | .0134905  | 26.80       | 0.000 | .3350977             | .3879794  |  |
| coninc                      | -2.36e-06 | 4.59e-07  | -5.14       | 0.000 | -3.26e-06            | -1.46e-06 |  |
| _cons                       | -1.195919 | .0513843  | -23.27      | 0.000 | -1.29663             | -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 outcome)              |           |           |             |       |                      |           |  |
| 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

| . mlogit, rr                    |     |           |               |      |                      |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----------|---------------|------|----------------------|
| 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                        | 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 outcome) |        |       |          |          |
| 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

```
. margins sex, predict(outcome(1)) // predicted probabilities by sex; y = 1
Predictive margins                                Number of obs      =      50,049
Model VCE      : OIM
Expression     : Pr(polviews==extremely_liberal), predict(outcome(1))
```

|        | Delta-method |           |       |       |                      |
|--------|--------------|-----------|-------|-------|----------------------|
|        | Margin       | Std. Err. | z     | P> z  | [95% Conf. Interval] |
| sex    |              |           |       |       |                      |
| male   | .0325114     | .001187   | 27.39 | 0.000 | .0301849 .0348378    |
| female | .0295928     | .0010205  | 29.00 | 0.000 | .0275927 .031593     |