Ordinal logistic model on large, classified windows data

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Prepare the data

First, we obtain the density distribution, and local minima and maxima for the recombination map.

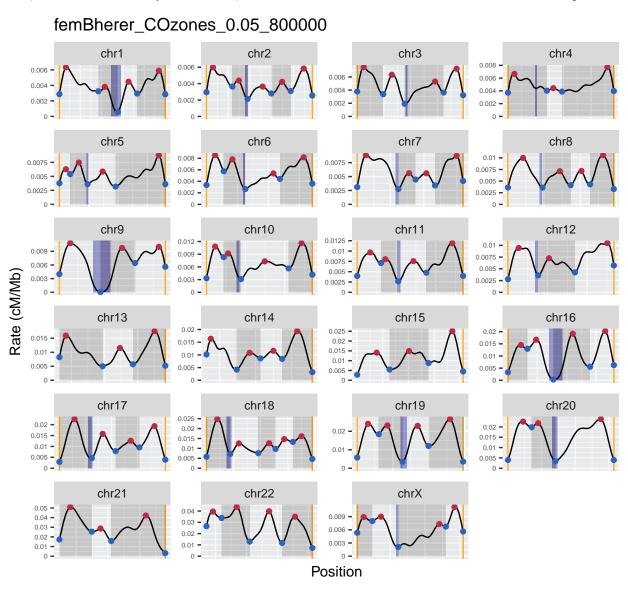


Figure 1: Crossover zones; centromeres in blue, workspace limits in orange.

Next, we define telomeric regions as the space between the chromosome start to the next local minimum, or between the chromosome end to the previous local minimum. We also define centromeric regions as the space between two local maxima that contains the centromere. When the local maximum delimiting a centromeric region is the same as the peak from the corresponding telomeric region (see chr1, chr5, chr7, chr8, etc.), the limit between the telomeric and centromeric regions is defined as the center point between the local maximum corresponding to the telomeric peak and the local minimum corresponding to the centromere valley. These categories will be represented as the "Color" variable in this analysis.

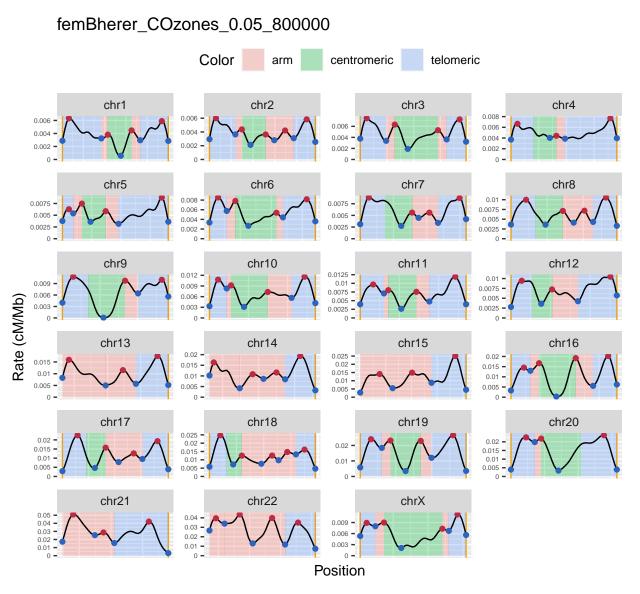


Figure 2: Color-coded windows for telomeric, centromeric and arm categories.

Descriptive statistics

Raw data:

##		Chromosome	Start	End	Color	invCenters	NHCenters	NAHRCenters
##	1	chr10	158946	22251109	telomeric	3	2	1
##	2	chr10	22251109	27774149	arm	0	0	0
##	3	chr10	27774149	74719995	centromeric	3	2	1
##	4	chr10	74719995	105096718	arm	2	2	0
##	5	chr10	105096718	135473442	telomeric	1	1	0
##	6	chr11	241489	30481001	telomeric	2	1	1
##		Length.Mb	allRepCount	s WAvgRate	e.perMb			
##	1	22.092163	34	1.	. 855788			
##	2	5.523041	20	00 1.	. 465803			
##	3	46.945846	248	88 1.	. 262444			
##	4	30.376724	67	70 1.	. 282558			
##	5	30.376724	20	00 1.	.864682			
##	6	30.239512	74	8 1.	.591677			

For each window, I calculated the number of total inversions, NH inversions, and NAHR inversions, the window length in Mb, number of repeats and the average recombination rate in cM/Mb.

I want to perform Ordinal Logistic Regressions on different subsets of the data. The assumptions of the Ordinal Logistic Regression are as follow:

- 1. The dependent variable is ordered.
- 2. One or more of the independent variables are either continuous, categorical or ordinal.
- 3. No multi-collinearity.
- 4. Proportional odds.

I show the data distributions in the figure below. The inversion counts have only a number of possible options, so they can be considered an ordinal variable. The independent variables are continuous and categorical, so assumptions 1 and 2 are satisfied

Distribution of variables

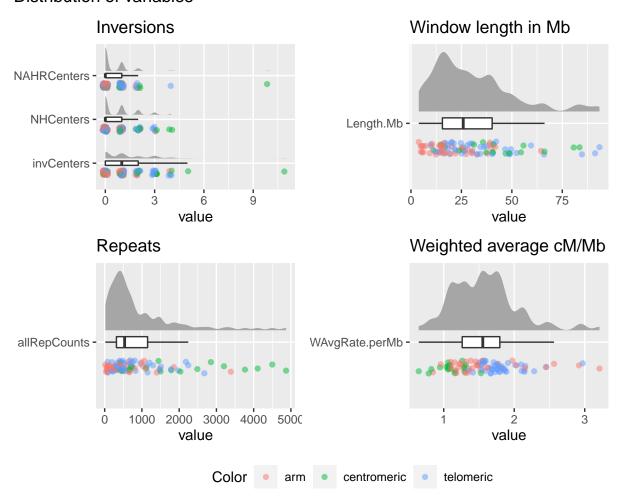


Figure 3: Distribution of variables.

We see that some categories have low number of cases, so I will make a "3 or more" category when relevant.

##	[1] "Original	counts"		
##		CountGroups	invCenters	NHCenters	NAHRCenters
##	1	0	36	50	64
##	2	1	28	26	24
##	3	10	NA	NA	1
##	4	11	1	NA	NA
##	5	2	12	13	7
##	6	3	14	6	NA
##	7	4	5	2	1
##	8	5	1	NA	NA
##	[1] "New count	cs"		

##		CountGroups	invCategory	NHCategory	NAHRCategory
##	1	0	36	50	64
##	2	1	28	26	24
##	3	2	12	13	7
##	4	3+	21	8	2

With these groups, I visualize the relationships between dependent and independent variables.

Differences in each chromosomal variable between inversion count groups

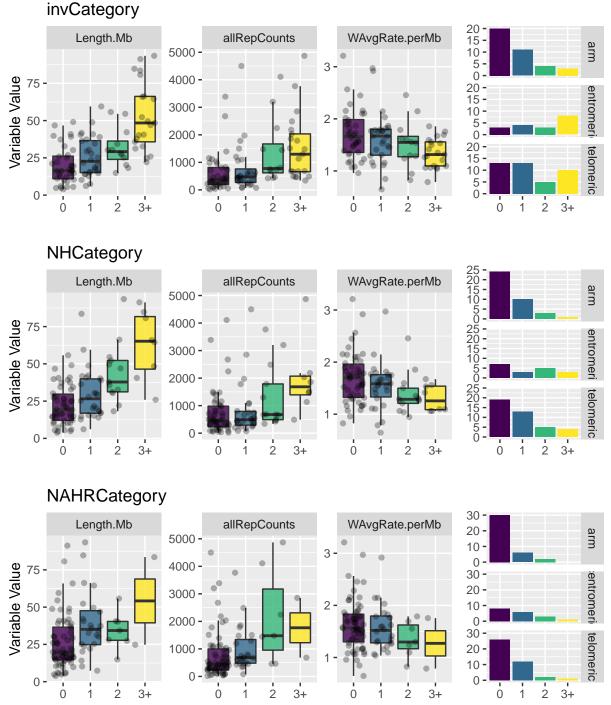
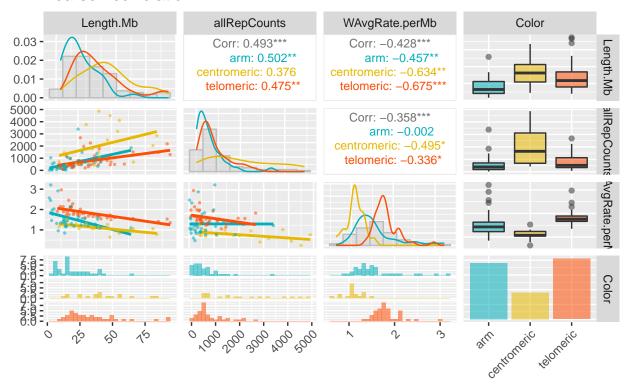


Figure 4: Potential effect of independent variables on the different types of invesions.

Finally, I will test assumption number 3, no multi-collinearity between independent variables.

Pearson correlation



Spearman correlation

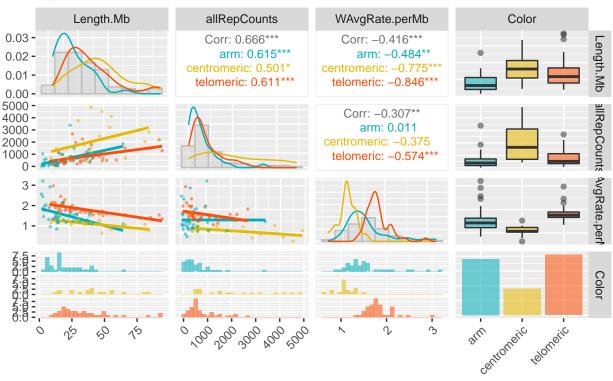


Figure 5: Correlations between variables.

We see that our three variables are significantly correlated, but this does not confirm multi-collinearity. I perform a variance inflation factor test on the corresponding linear model to further check the multi-collinearity.

The general rule of thumbs for VIF test is that if the VIF value is greater than 10, then there is multi-collinearity, so we can say that the third assumption (no multi-collinearity) is satisfied.

The proportional odds assumption will be tested for each model that we fit in the following analyses.

Variable scalation (optional)

Standardized coefficients are useful in our case to compare effects of predictors reported in different units. The most straightforward way is using the Agresti method of standardization, applied with the scale() function.

```
##
      Length.Mb
                                         allRepCounts
                                                          allRepCounts.Scaled
                     Length.Mb.Scaled
##
    Min.
           : 3.847
                     Min.
                             :-1.3220
                                               : 18.0
                                                                 :-0.9148
                                        1st Qu.: 316.0
##
    1st Qu.:15.573
                     1st Qu.:-0.7355
                                                          1st Qu.:-0.6204
   Median :25.893
                     Median :-0.2193
                                        Median : 536.0
                                                          Median :-0.4030
##
    Mean
           :30.277
                             : 0.0000
                                                : 943.8
                                                                 : 0.0000
                     Mean
                                        Mean
                                                          Mean
    3rd Qu.:40.233
                     3rd Qu.: 0.4980
                                        3rd Qu.:1152.0
                                                          3rd Qu.: 0.2057
##
##
   Max.
           :93.438
                             : 3.1592
                                        Max.
                                                :4870.0
                                                                 : 3.8798
                     Max.
                                                          Max.
   WAvgRate.perMb
                    WAvgRate.perMb.Scaled
##
   Min.
           :0.646
                    Min.
                            :-2.00474
                    1st Qu.:-0.68458
##
   1st Qu.:1.262
##
  Median :1.554
                    Median :-0.05988
   Mean
           :1.582
                    Mean
                           : 0.00000
    3rd Qu.:1.796
                    3rd Qu.: 0.45718
##
   Max.
           :3.209
                    Max.
                            : 3.48441
```

Once the model is fitted, we can use the sd to transform scaled coefficients to natural coefficients and viceversa.

Total inversions (invCategory)

Model fitting

```
## Call:
## polr(formula = myFormula, data = winRegions, Hess = T)
##
## Coefficients:
##
                         Value Std. Error t value
## Length.Mb
                     7.411e-02 0.0193467
                                           3.83059
## allRepCounts
                    -3.669e-05
                                0.0003552 -0.10332
## Colorcentromeric 7.864e-01 0.7117957
                                           1.10478
## Colortelomeric
                     2.359e-02 0.5393000
                                           0.04374
## WAvgRate.perMb
                     2.417e-01 0.6036508
                                           0.40037
##
## Intercepts:
##
        Value
                Std. Error t value
## 0|1
         1.8540 1.1730
                            1.5806
## 1|2
         3.4471
                1.2028
                            2.8659
## 2|3+
        4.3822 1.2410
                            3.5313
##
## Residual Deviance: 211.3401
## AIC: 227.3401
```

We compare the t-value against the standard normal distribution to calculate the p-value.

```
##
                            Value
                                    Std. Error
                                                    t value
                                                               p value
## Length.Mb
                     7.410938e-02 0.0193467035
                                                3.83059473 0.00012783
## allRepCounts
                    -3.669477e-05 0.0003551589 -0.10331929 0.91770957
## Colorcentromeric 7.863778e-01 0.7117957065
                                               1.10478014 0.26925487
## Colortelomeric
                     2.358897e-02 0.5392999748
                                                0.04373998 0.96511167
## WAvgRate.perMb
                     2.416861e-01 0.6036507746
                                                0.40037405 0.68888104
## 0|1
                     1.853987e+00 1.1729608003
                                                1.58060468 0.11396845
## 1|2
                     3.447097e+00 1.2027848369
                                                2.86592967 0.00415787
                     4.382239e+00 1.2409775144 3.53128007 0.00041355
## 2|3+
```

We can also get confidence intervals for the parameter estimates. These can be obtained either by profiling the likelihood function or by using the standard errors and assuming a normal distribution. Note that profiled CIs are not symmetric (although they are usually close to symmetric). If the 95% CI does not cross 0, the parameter estimate is statistically significant.

```
## [1] "Profiling likelihod"
```

```
2.5 %
##
                                         97.5 %
## Length.Mb
                     0.0404125820 0.1129061423
## allRepCounts
                    -0.0005668048 0.0004889206
## Colorcentromeric -0.5913307600 2.1808330363
## Colortelomeric
                    -1.0317611562 1.0940733802
## WAvgRate.perMb
                    -1.0049122656 1.4044052997
  [1] "Assuming a normal distribtuion"
##
                             2.5 %
                                        97.5 %
## Length.Mb
                     0.0361905383 0.112028222
## allRepCounts
                    -0.0007327935 0.000659404
## Colorcentromeric -0.6087161888 2.181471709
## Colortelomeric
                    -1.0334195593 1.080597496
```

```
## WAvgRate.perMb -0.9414476745 1.424819880
```

We convert the coefficients into odds ratios. To get the OR and confidence intervals, we just exponentiate the estimates and confidence intervals (here I used the likelihood confidence intervals).

```
## Length.Mb 1.0769246 1.0412403 1.119527

## allRepCounts 0.9999633 0.9994334 1.000489

## Colorcentromeric 2.1954296 0.5535901 8.853679

## Colortelomeric 1.0238694 0.3563788 2.986414

## WAvgRate.perMb 1.2733944 0.3660768 4.073104
```

Example of interpretation: "For 1 unit increase in Length.Mb, a window is 1.0769246 times more likely to increase in inversion amount category."

Proportional odds assessment

Now we should test the proportional odds or parallel regression assumption. If it is satisfied, the coefficients are valid for all the cases (i.e. the same coefficient is valid for increasing from 0 to 1 inversions, from 1 to 2, etc.). If this assumption is violated, different models are needed to describe the relationship between each pair of outcome groups.

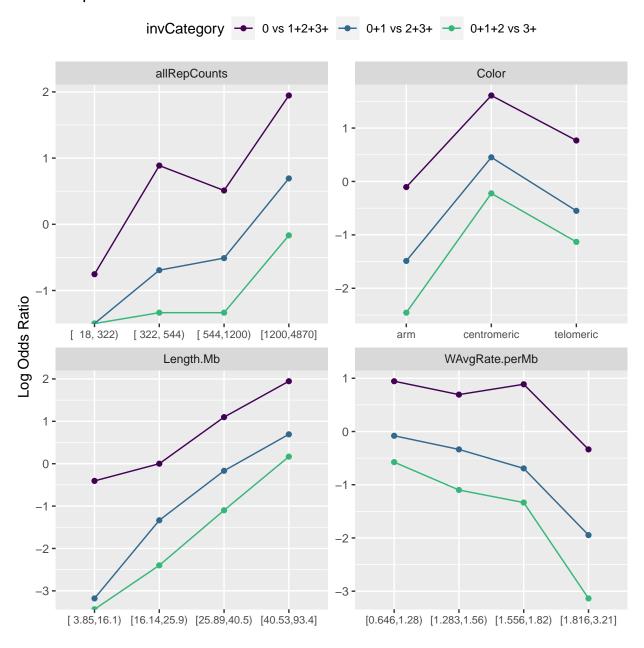
We test the parallel regression assumption with a Brant test:

```
## -----
          X2 df probability
## -----
## Omnibus
             3.19
                   10 0.98
## Length.Mb
                   2
                     0.57
             1.13
## allRepCounts
             1.51
                   2
                     0.47
## Colorcentromeric 0.29
                   2
                     0.87
## Colortelomeric
                0.12
                     2
                        0.94
                        0.98
## WAvgRate.perMb
                0.03
                     2
##
```

HO: Parallel Regression Assumption holds

We can also evaluate the parallel regression visually. We transform the ordinal dependent variable with k categories into a series of k-1 binary variables that indicate whether the dependent value is above or below a cutpoint (e.g. windows with at least 2 inversions vs windows with less than 2 inversions). We then calculate the observed Log Odds Ratio for each binary variable across multiple value ranges of the independent variables. The lines should be approximately parallel, that each independent variable affects the probability of increasing by 1 level the inversion count in the same way, for all transitions, and that we don't need a specific model for each level increase.

Proportional odds visual test



Predicted probabilites

Although our objective is to describe the dataset, predicted probabilities are usually easier to understand than either the coefficients or the Odds Ratios.

Probability of inversion level (invCategory) for multiple scenarios

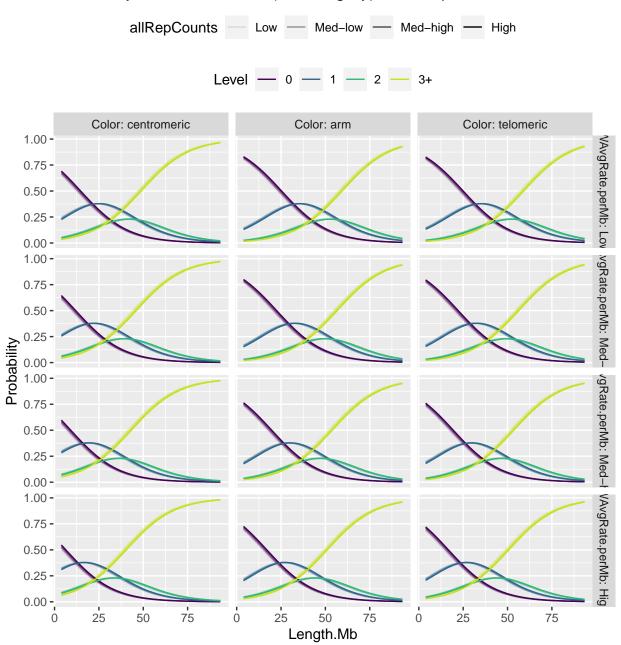


Figure 6: Probability of having 0 to >3 inversions depending on multiple independent variables

Total inversions (NHCategory)

Model fitting

```
## Call:
## polr(formula = myFormula, data = winRegions, Hess = T)
##
## Coefficients:
##
                         Value Std. Error
                                              t value
## Length.Mb
                     6.043e-02 0.0129009
                                           4.6841477
## allRepCounts
                     2.104e-05
                                           0.0654864
                                0.0003213
## Colorcentromeric 2.703e-04 0.7048769
                                           0.0003834
## Colortelomeric
                     5.141e-02 0.5014151
                                           0.1025277
## WAvgRate.perMb
                    -3.508e-01 0.1756986 -1.9967548
##
## Intercepts:
##
        Value
                Std. Error t value
## 0|1
         1.2551 0.1641
                            7.6465
## 1|2
         2.8774
                 0.3396
                            8.4721
## 2|3+
        4.4314 0.5268
                            8.4125
##
## Residual Deviance: 191.6944
## AIC: 207.6944
```

We compare the t-value against the standard normal distribution to calculate the p-value.

```
##
                            Value
                                    Std. Error
                                                                p value
                                                     t value
## Length.Mb
                     6.042994e-02 0.0129009475
                                                4.6841476552 0.00000281
## allRepCounts
                     2.103837e-05 0.0003212632 0.0654863854 0.94778675
## Colorcentromeric 2.702663e-04 0.7048768850 0.0003834234 0.99969407
## Colortelomeric
                     5.140894e-02 0.5014151342 0.1025277039 0.91833782
## WAvgRate.perMb
                    -3.508270e-01 0.1756985879 -1.9967547986 0.04585183
## 0|1
                     1.255055e+00 0.1641335807 7.6465434576 0.00000000
## 1|2
                     2.877420e+00 0.3396348904 8.4720985492 0.00000000
## 2|3+
                     4.431431e+00 0.5267700816 8.4124579018 0.00000000
```

We can also get confidence intervals for the parameter estimates. These can be obtained either by profiling the likelihood function or by using the standard errors and assuming a normal distribution. Note that profiled CIs are not symmetric (although they are usually close to symmetric). If the 95% CI does not cross 0, the parameter estimate is statistically significant.

```
## [1] "Profiling likelihod"
```

```
2.5 %
##
                                       97.5 %
## Length.Mb
                     0.0309808178 0.09217756
## allRepCounts
                    -0.0005146866 0.00054427
## Colorcentromeric -1.4174902293 1.38501111
## Colortelomeric
                    -1.0770779707 1.24817135
## WAvgRate.perMb
                               NA
                                           ΝA
  [1] "Assuming a normal distribtuion"
##
                           2.5 %
                                         97.5 %
## Length.Mb
                     0.035144551
                                  0.0857153354
## allRepCounts
                    -0.000608626
                                  0.0006507027
## Colorcentromeric -1.381263042
                                  1.3818035744
## Colortelomeric
                    -0.931346662 1.0341645467
```

```
## WAvgRate.perMb -0.695189903 -0.0064640941
```

We convert the coefficients into odds ratios. To get the OR and confidence intervals, we just exponentiate the estimates and confidence intervals (here I used the likelihood confidence intervals).

Example of interpretation: "For 1 unit increase in Length.Mb, a window is 1.0622932 times more likely to increase in inversion amount category."

Proportional odds assessment

Now we should test the proportional odds or parallel regression assumption. If it is satisfied, the coefficients are valid for all the cases (i.e. the same coefficient is valid for increasing from 0 to 1 inversions, from 1 to 2, etc.). If this assumption is violated, different models are needed to describe the relationship between each pair of outcome groups.

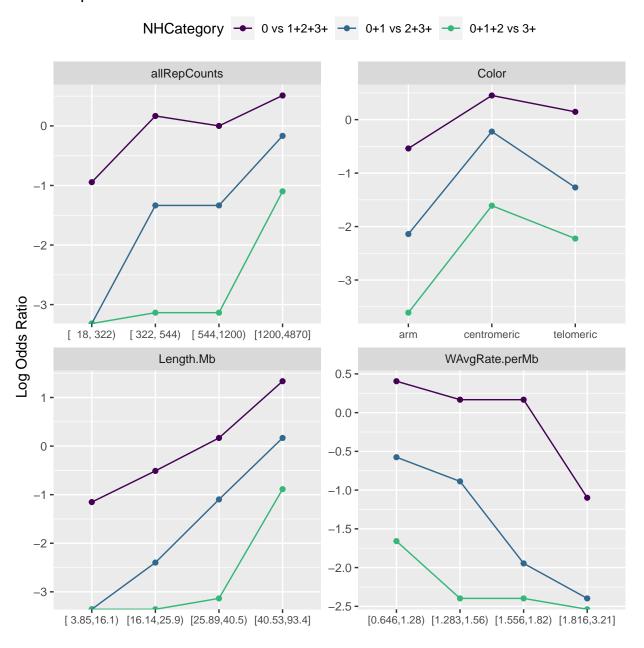
We test the parallel regression assumption with a Brant test:

```
## -----
          X2 df probability
## -----
## Omnibus
             6.29
                   10 0.79
## Length.Mb
             1.22
                   2
                      0.54
## allRepCounts
             1.53
                   2
                      0.46
## Colorcentromeric 1.54
                   2
                      0.46
## Colortelomeric
                0.94
                      2
                         0.63
                         0.33
## WAvgRate.perMb
                2.22
                      2
##
```

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Proportional odds visual test



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Probability of inversion level (NHCategory) for multiple scenarios

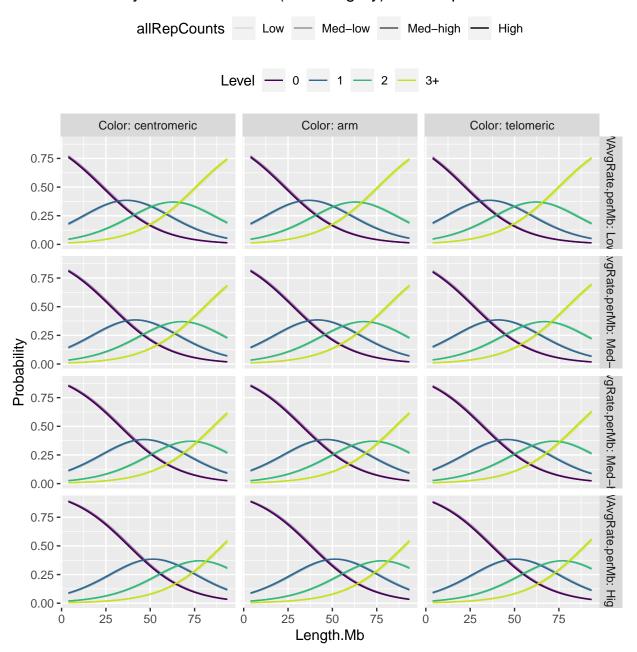


Figure 7: Probability of having 0 to >3 inversions depending on multiple independent variables

Total inversions (NAHRCategory)

Model fitting

```
## Call:
## polr(formula = myFormula, data = winRegions, Hess = T)
##
## Coefficients:
##
                        Value Std. Error t value
## Length.Mb
                    0.022537
                                0.011897
                                          1.8705
                                0.000343
## allRepCounts
                    0.0003363
                                          0.9805
## Colorcentromeric 0.9269353
                                0.676147
                                          1.3709
## Colortelomeric
                    0.2712057
                                0.577790 0.4694
## WAvgRate.perMb
                    0.3550106
                                0.200470
                                          1.7709
##
## Intercepts:
##
        Value
                Std. Error t value
## 0|1
         2.5669 0.1532
                           16.7552
## 1|2
         4.3722
                 0.3855
                           11.3409
## 2|3+ 6.0583 0.7650
                            7.9193
##
## Residual Deviance: 158.6448
## AIC: 174.6448
```

We compare the t-value against the standard normal distribution to calculate the p-value.

```
##
                           Value
                                   Std. Error
                                                 t value
                                                            p value
## Length.Mb
                    0.0222536609 0.0118972461
                                               1.8704884 0.06141602
## allRepCounts
                    0.0003363444 0.0003430403 0.9804809 0.32684882
## Colorcentromeric 0.9269352848 0.6761468838 1.3709082 0.17040359
## Colortelomeric
                    0.2712057066 0.5777896788 0.4693848 0.63879459
## WAvgRate.perMb
                    0.3550105530 0.2004696337
                                               1.7708944 0.07657826
## 0|1
                    2.5669344400 0.1532024572 16.7551780 0.00000000
## 1|2
                    4.3722167836 0.3855248024 11.3409481 0.00000000
## 2|3+
                    6.0582756952 0.7650038797 7.9192745 0.00000000
```

We can also get confidence intervals for the parameter estimates. These can be obtained either by profiling the likelihood function or by using the standard errors and assuming a normal distribution. Note that profiled CIs are not symmetric (although they are usually close to symmetric). If the 95% CI does not cross 0, the parameter estimate is statistically significant.

```
## [1] "Profiling likelihod"
```

```
2.5 %
##
                                         97.5 %
## Length.Mb
                    -0.0059118574 0.0512096260
## allRepCounts
                    -0.0001812889 0.0008459939
## Colorcentromeric -0.5019966633 2.3687009731
## Colortelomeric
                    -0.9035429149 1.5079734433
## WAvgRate.perMb
                               NΑ
                                             NΑ
## [1] "Assuming a normal distribtuion"
##
                             2.5 %
                                        97.5 %
## Length.Mb
                    -0.0010645129 0.045571835
## allRepCounts
                    -0.0003360022 0.001008691
## Colorcentromeric -0.3982882557 2.252158825
## Colortelomeric
                    -0.8612412546 1.403652668
```

```
## WAvgRate.perMb -0.0379027091 0.747923815
```

We convert the coefficients into odds ratios. To get the OR and confidence intervals, we just exponentiate the estimates and confidence intervals (here I used the likelihood confidence intervals).

Example of interpretation: "For 1 unit increase in Length.Mb, a window is 1.0225031 times more likely to increase in inversion amount category."

Proportional odds assessment

Now we should test the proportional odds or parallel regression assumption. If it is satisfied, the coefficients are valid for all the cases (i.e. the same coefficient is valid for increasing from 0 to 1 inversions, from 1 to 2, etc.). If this assumption is violated, different models are needed to describe the relationship between each pair of outcome groups.

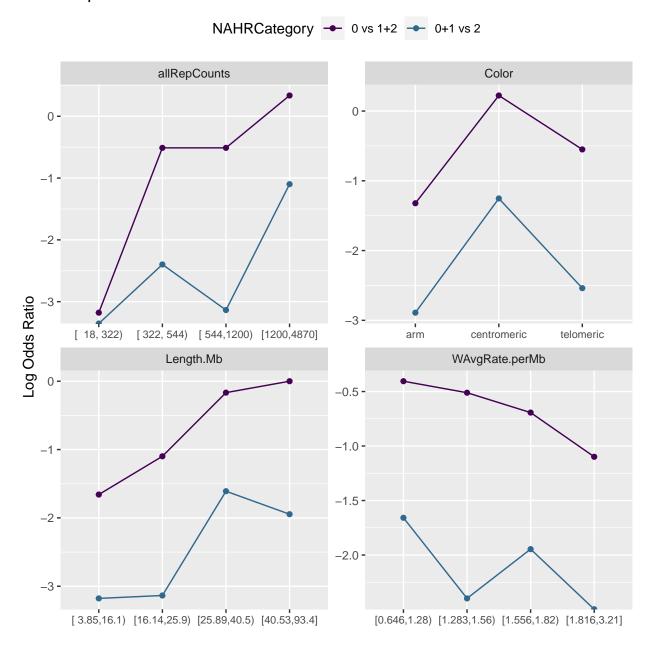
We test the parallel regression assumption with a Brant test:

```
## -----
            X2 df probability
## Omnibus
                9.28
                      10 0.51
## Length.Mb
                2.82
                      2
                          0.24
## allRepCounts
                5.53
                      2
                          0.06
## Colorcentromeric 0.6 2
                      0.74
## Colortelomeric
                   0.16
                          2
                             0.92
## WAvgRate.perMb
                             0.54
                   1.22
                          2
##
```

HO: Parallel Regression Assumption holds

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Proportional odds visual test



Predicted probabilites

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Although our objective is to describe the dataset, predicted probabilities are usually easier to understand than either the coefficients or the Odds Ratios.

Probability of inversion level (NAHRCategory) for multiple scenarios

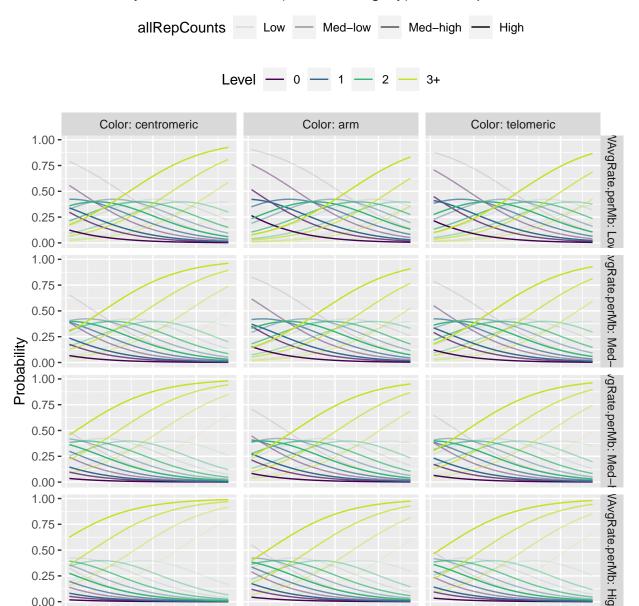


Figure 8: Probability of having 0 to >3 inversions depending on multiple independent variables

100

Length.Mb

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150