

3. (a) Let  $Y_i \sim \text{Cat}(\theta_{i1}, \theta_{i2}, \theta_{i3})$ , and consider the multinomial logit models

$$\begin{aligned}\log\left(\frac{\theta_{i2}}{\theta_{i1}}\right) &= \mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_2, \\ \log\left(\frac{\theta_{i3}}{\theta_{i1}}\right) &= \mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_3,\end{aligned}$$

where  $\theta_{i1} + \theta_{i2} + \theta_{i3} = 1$ . Show that

$$\begin{aligned}\theta_{i1} &= \frac{1}{1 + e^{\mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_2} + e^{\mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_3}}, \\ \theta_{i2} &= \frac{e^{\mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_2}}{1 + e^{\mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_2} + e^{\mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_3}}, \\ \theta_{i3} &= \frac{e^{\mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_3}}{1 + e^{\mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_2} + e^{\mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_3}}.\end{aligned}$$

(2 points)

**Solution:**

The equations  $\log\left(\frac{\theta_{i2}}{\theta_{i1}}\right) = \mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_2$  and  $\log\left(\frac{\theta_{i3}}{\theta_{i1}}\right) = \mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_3$  are equivalent to the equations

$$\frac{\theta_{i2}}{\theta_{i1}} = \exp(\mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_2), \quad \frac{\theta_{i3}}{\theta_{i1}} = \exp(\mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_3),$$

and hence

$$\theta_{i2} = \theta_{i1} \exp(\mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_2), \quad \theta_{i3} = \theta_{i1} \exp(\mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_3).$$

Since  $\theta_{i1} + \theta_{i2} + \theta_{i3} = 1$ , we have  $\theta_{i1}(1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_2) + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_3)) = 1$ , i.e.,

$$\theta_{i1} = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_2) + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_3)},$$

and then

$$\begin{aligned}\theta_{i2} &= \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_2)}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_2) + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_3)}, \\ \theta_{i3} &= \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_3)}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_2) + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_3)}.\end{aligned}$$

- (b) Let the random variable  $Y_i$  be defined on ordinal scale with  $m$  distinctive possible outcomes. Let the possible outcomes have natural order "1" < "2" < "3". Consider cumulative proportional odds logit model

$$\log \left( \frac{P(Y_i \leq k)}{1 - P(Y_i \leq k)} \right) = \text{logit}(P(Y_i \leq k)) = \beta_{0k} + \beta_1 x_{i1}, \quad k = 1, 2.$$

Solve the probabilities  $P(Y_i = 1), P(Y_i = 2), P(Y_i = 3)$  as functions of parameters  $\beta_{0k}, \beta_1$ .

(2 points)

**Solution:**

Now

$$P(Y_i = 1) = P(Y_i \leq 1) = \frac{\exp(\beta_{01} + \beta_1 x_{i1})}{1 + \exp(\beta_{01} + \beta_1 x_{i1})},$$

$$P(Y_i \leq 2) = \frac{\exp(\beta_{02} + \beta_1 x_{i1})}{1 + \exp(\beta_{02} + \beta_1 x_{i1})}.$$

Since  $P(Y_i \leq 2) = P(Y_i = 1) + P(Y_i = 2)$ , we have

$$P(Y_i = 2) = \frac{\exp(\beta_{02} + \beta_1 x_{i1})}{1 + \exp(\beta_{02} + \beta_1 x_{i1})} - \frac{\exp(\beta_{01} + \beta_1 x_{i1})}{1 + \exp(\beta_{01} + \beta_1 x_{i1})}.$$

Further, since  $P(Y_i \leq 3) = 1 - P(Y_i \leq 2)$ , we have

$$P(Y_i = 3) = 1 - \frac{\exp(\beta_{02} + \beta_1 x_{i1})}{1 + \exp(\beta_{02} + \beta_1 x_{i1})}.$$

- (c) Let  $Y_i$  be such a random variable that for known  $n_i$  value, the product  $n_i Y_i$  follows the binomial distribution  $n_i Y_i \sim \text{Bin}(n_i, \mu_i)$ . Derive with help of the properties of the binomial distribution what are the expected value  $E(Y_i)$  and the variance  $\text{Var}(Y_i)$  of the random variable  $Y_i$ .

(2 points)

**Solution:**

If we denote  $Z_i = n_i Y_i \sim \text{Bin}(n_i, \mu_i)$ , then it is well known that

$$E(Z_i) = n_i \mu_i, \quad \text{Var}(Z_i) = n_i \mu_i (1 - \mu_i).$$

Since  $Y_i = \frac{Z_i}{n_i}$ , we have

$$E(Y_i) = E\left(\frac{Z_i}{n_i}\right) = \frac{1}{n_i} \cdot E(Z_i) = \frac{1}{n_i} \cdot n_i \mu_i = \mu_i,$$

$$\text{Var}(Y_i) = \text{Var}\left(\frac{Z_i}{n_i}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{n_i}\right)^2 \cdot \text{Var}(Z_i) = \frac{1}{n_i^2} \cdot n_i \mu_i (1 - \mu_i) = \frac{\mu_i (1 - \mu_i)}{n_i}.$$

Another way to obtain the results is to see that the density function of the random variable  $Y_i$  can be written as

$$f(y_i | \mu_i, n_i) = \binom{n_i}{n_i y_i} \pi_i^{n_i y_i} (1 - \mu_i)^{(n_i - n_i y_i)}, \quad n_i y_i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n_i,$$

$$= \exp \left( \frac{y_i \Theta_i - \log(1 + e^{\Theta_i})}{\frac{1}{\phi}} + c(y_i, \phi) \right)$$

where

$$\Theta_i = \log \left( \frac{\mu_i}{1-\mu_i} \right), \quad \phi = n_i, \quad a(\phi) = \frac{1}{\phi}, \quad b(\Theta_i) = \log(1 + e^{\Theta_i}), \quad c(y_i, \phi) = \binom{\phi}{\phi y_i}.$$

Hence the expected value  $E(Y_i)$  and the variance  $\text{Var}(Y_i)$  of the random variable  $Y_i$  are

$$E(Y_i) = b'(\Theta_i) = \frac{e^{\Theta_i}}{1 + e^{\Theta_i}} = \mu_i,$$

$$\text{Var}(Y_i) = b''(\Theta_i)a(\phi) = \frac{e^{\Theta_i}}{(1 + e^{\Theta_i})^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\phi} = \mu_i(1 - \mu_i) \cdot \frac{1}{n_i} = \frac{\mu_i(1 - \mu_i)}{n_i}.$$