

Implementation Discrete Choice Random Utility Model

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- Setup: N alternatives and $2^N - 1$ choice sets.
 - Example: For 3 products $\{A, B, C\}$, we have choice sets $\{A, B, C\}$, $\{A, B\}$, $\{A, C\}$, $\{B, C\}$, $\{A, B\}$, $\{A, B\}$, $\{A\}$, $\{B\}$ and $\{C\}$.
 - Comment: the choice sets $\{A\}$, $\{B\}$ and $\{C\}$ are not exactly necessary....
- Input: A choice probability vector for each choice set.
 - Example: We have the data p^{obs} :

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|---------------|---|-----|
| $\{A, B, C\}$ | A | 0.5 |
| | B | 0.3 |
| | C | 0.2 |
| $\{A, B\}$ | A | 0.6 |
| | B | 0.4 |
| $\{A, C\}$ | A | 0.7 |
| | C | 0.3 |
| $\{B, C\}$ | B | 0.4 |
| | C | 0.6 |
| $\{A\}$ | A | 1 |
| $\{B\}$ | B | 1 |
| $\{C\}$ | C | 1 |

- Step 1: Create $N!$ deterministic choice vector and their associated probabilities $\{v_i\}_{i=1}^{N!}$
 - Example: With 3 choice we create 6 choice probability vector

| | | $A > B > C$ | $A > C > B$ | $B > A > C$ | $B > C > A$ | $C > B > A$ | $C > A > B$ |
|---------------|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| $\{A, B, C\}$ | A | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | B | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| $\{A, B\}$ | A | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | B | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| $\{A, C\}$ | A | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| $\{B, C\}$ | B | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | C | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| $\{A\}$ | A | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| $\{B\}$ | B | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| $\{C\}$ | C | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

- Implement the following optimization problem:

$$\min_p \|p - p^{\text{obs}}\|_2^2 = \sum_{D \subset 2^X} \sum_{x \in D} (p(x, D) - p^{\text{obs}}(x, D))^2, \quad (1)$$

subject to

$$p = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i v_i \quad (2)$$

$$1 = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \quad (3)$$

$$\lambda_i \geq 0, \forall i \in [2^N], \quad (4)$$

where X is the set of alternatives and $p(x, D)$ is the probability of choosing x from choice set D .