

Exercise multinomial logit model

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Assume that the systematic part of the utility consists of a constant term and a variable such that

$$x_i = \begin{bmatrix} x_{0i} \\ x_{1i} \end{bmatrix}$$

where x_{0i} is a column of ones. Coefficients on these are denoted with β_{0j} and β_{1j} . There are three alternatives and hence $j = 1, 2$, or 3 . Utilities are given by

$$U_{i1} = \beta_{01}x_{0i} + \beta_{11}x_{1i} + \varepsilon_{i1}$$

$$U_{i2} = \beta_{02}x_{0i} + \beta_{12}x_{1i} + \varepsilon_{i2}$$

$$U_{i3} = \beta_{03}x_{0i} + \beta_{13}x_{1i} + \varepsilon_{i3}$$

or in matrix form

$$\begin{bmatrix} U_{i1} & U_{i2} & U_{i3} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{0i} & x_{1i} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_{01} & \beta_{02} & \beta_{03} \\ \beta_{11} & \beta_{12} & \beta_{13} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{i1} & \varepsilon_{i2} & \varepsilon_{i3} \end{bmatrix}.$$

The following notation is used later in the derivation below:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \beta_{02} - \beta_{01} \\ \beta_{12} - \beta_{11} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_{02} \\ \beta_{12} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \beta_{01} \\ \beta_{11} \end{bmatrix} = [\beta_2 - \beta_1]$$

$$x_i' \begin{bmatrix} \beta_{02} - \beta_{01} \\ \beta_{12} - \beta_{11} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{0i} & x_{1i} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_{02} - \beta_{01} \\ \beta_{12} - \beta_{11} \end{bmatrix} = x_i' [\beta_2 - \beta_1]$$

In the derivation below $\beta_1 = 0$ is assumed for identification. The probabilities of choosing alternatives take the following forms:

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(y_i = 1 \mid x_i) &= \frac{\exp[\beta_{01}x_{0i} + \beta_{11}x_{1i}]}{\exp[\beta_{01}x_{0i} + \beta_{11}x_{1i}] + \exp[\beta_{02}x_{0i} + \beta_{12}x_{1i}] + \exp[\beta_{03}x_{0i} + \beta_{13}x_{1i}]} \\ &= \frac{\exp[\beta_{01}x_{0i} + \beta_{11}x_{1i}]}{\exp[\beta_{01}x_{0i} + \beta_{11}x_{1i}] + \exp[\beta_{02}x_{0i} + \beta_{12}x_{1i}] + \exp[\beta_{03}x_{0i} + \beta_{13}x_{1i}]} * \frac{\exp[-\beta_{01}x_{0i} - \beta_{11}x_{1i}]}{\exp[-\beta_{01}x_{0i} - \beta_{11}x_{1i}]} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \exp[(\beta_{02} - \beta_{01})x_{0i} + (\beta_{12} - \beta_{11})x_{1i}] + \exp[(\beta_{03} - \beta_{01})x_{0i} + (\beta_{13} - \beta_{11})x_{1i}]} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \exp[x_i'(\beta_2 - \beta_1)] + \exp[x_i'(\beta_3 - \beta_1)]} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \exp[x_i'(\beta_2 - 0)] + \exp[x_i'(\beta_3 - 0)]} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \exp[x_i'(\beta_2)] + \exp[x_i'(\beta_3)]} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(y_i = 2 \mid x_i) &= \frac{\exp[\beta_{02}x_{0i} + \beta_{12}x_{1i}]}{\exp[\beta_{01}x_{0i} + \beta_{11}x_{1i}] + \exp[\beta_{02}x_{0i} + \beta_{12}x_{1i}] + \exp[\beta_{03}x_{0i} + \beta_{13}x_{1i}]} \\ &= \frac{\exp[\beta_{02}x_{0i} + \beta_{12}x_{1i}]}{\exp[\beta_{01}x_{0i} + \beta_{11}x_{1i}] + \exp[\beta_{02}x_{0i} + \beta_{12}x_{1i}] + \exp[\beta_{03}x_{0i} + \beta_{13}x_{1i}]} * \frac{\exp[-\beta_{01}x_{0i} - \beta_{11}x_{1i}]}{\exp[-\beta_{01}x_{0i} - \beta_{11}x_{1i}]} \\ &= \frac{\exp[\beta_{02} - \beta_{01} + (\beta_{12} - \beta_{11})x_{1i}]}{1 + \exp[(\beta_{02} - \beta_{01})x_{0i} + (\beta_{12} - \beta_{11})x_{1i}] + \exp[(\beta_{03} - \beta_{01})x_{0i} + (\beta_{13} - \beta_{11})x_{1i}]} \\ &= \frac{\exp[x_i'(\beta_2 - \beta_1)]}{1 + \exp[x_i'(\beta_2 - \beta_1)] + \exp[x_i'(\beta_3 - \beta_1)]} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{\exp[x'_i(\beta_2 - \beta_1)]}{1 + \exp[x'_i(\beta_2 - 0)] + \exp[x'_i(\beta_3 - 0)]} \\
&= \frac{\exp[x'_i(\beta_2)]}{1 + \exp[x'_i(\beta_2)] + \exp[x'_i(\beta_3)]}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\Pr(y_i = 3 \mid x_i)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{\exp[\beta_{03}x_{0i} + \beta_{13}x_{1i}]}{\exp[\beta_{01}x_{0i} + \beta_{11}x_{1i}] + \exp[\beta_{02}x_{0i} + \beta_{12}x_{1i}] + \exp[\beta_{03}x_{0i} + \beta_{13}x_{1i}]} \\
&= \frac{\exp[\beta_{03}x_{0i} + \beta_{13}x_{1i}]}{\exp[\beta_{01}x_{0i} + \beta_{11}x_{1i}] + \exp[\beta_{02}x_{0i} + \beta_{12}x_{1i}] + \exp[\beta_{03}x_{0i} + \beta_{13}x_{1i}]} * \frac{\exp[-\beta_{01}x_{0i} - \beta_{11}x_{1i}]}{\exp[-\beta_{01}x_{0i} - \beta_{11}x_{1i}]} \\
&= \frac{\exp[\beta_{03} - \beta_{01} + (\beta_{13} - \beta_{11})x_{1i}]}{1 + \exp[(\beta_{02} - \beta_{01})x_{0i} + (\beta_{12} - \beta_{11})x_{1i}] + \exp[(\beta_{03} - \beta_{01})x_{0i} + (\beta_{13} - \beta_{11})x_{1i}]} \\
&= \frac{\exp[x'_i(\beta_3 - \beta_1)]}{1 + \exp[x'_i(\beta_2 - \beta_1)] + \exp[x'_i(\beta_3 - \beta_1)]} \\
&= \frac{\exp[x'_i(\beta_3 - \beta_1)]}{1 + \exp[x'_i(\beta_2 - 0)] + \exp[x'_i(\beta_3 - 0)]} \\
&= \frac{\exp[x'_i(\beta_3)]}{1 + \exp[x'_i(\beta_2)] + \exp[x'_i(\beta_3)]}
\end{aligned}$$

Note: This file is using the notation in Adams et al., 2015, p. 48 or in Winkelman, 2006, p. 139.