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The Multinomial Logit Model

Recall that a logistic regression model can be written as

$$\log \left[\frac{P(Y_i = 1)}{1 - P(Y_i = 1)} \right] = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \dots + \beta_k x_{ik}.$$

This can also be written as

$$\log(\pi_{i2}/\pi_{i1}) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \dots + \beta_k x_{ik},$$

or

$$\pi_{i2}/\pi_{i1} = e^{\beta_0} e^{\beta_1 x_{i1}} \cdots e^{\beta_k x_{ik}},$$

where

$$\pi_{i2} = P(Y_i = 1),$$

 $\pi_{i1} = P(Y_i = 0).$

Here the ratio of probabilities π_{i2}/π_{i1} is the *odds* that $Y_i = 1$ rather than $Y_i = 0$. Note that odds are basically the probability of one event relative to that of another event.

Let $Y_i = 1, 2, ..., R$ denote R categories, but not necessarily ordered in any way, and let $\pi_{i1}, \pi_{i2}, ..., \pi_{iR}$ denote the probability of each category. The *multinomial* logistic regression model can be written as

$$\log(\pi_{i2}/\pi_{i1}) = \beta_0^{(2)} + \beta_1^{(2)} x_{i1} + \dots + \beta_k^{(2)} x_{ik},$$

$$\log(\pi_{i3}/\pi_{i1}) = \beta_0^{(3)} + \beta_1^{(3)} x_{i1} + \dots + \beta_k^{(3)} x_{ik},$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\log(\pi_{iR}/\pi_{i1}) = \beta_0^{(R)} + \beta_1^{(R)} x_{i1} + \dots + \beta_k^{(R)} x_{ik},$$

for a system of R-1 equations. This can also be written as

$$\pi_{i2}/\pi_{i1} = e^{\beta_0^{(2)}} e^{\beta_1^{(2)} x_{i1}} \cdots e^{\beta_k^{(2)} x_{ik}},$$

$$\pi_{i3}/\pi_{i1} = e^{\beta_0^{(3)}} e^{\beta_1^{(3)} x_{i1}} \cdots e^{\beta_k^{(3)} x_{ik}},$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\pi_{iR}/\pi_{i1} = e^{\beta_0^{(4)}} e^{\beta_1^{(4)} x_{i1}} \cdots e^{\beta_k^{(4)} x_{ik}},$$

so that the model relates the *odds* of categories 2 through R relative to the first category (often called a "baseline" or "reference" category). For example, π_{i3}/π_{i1} is the odds of the third category versus the first category. Applying the exponential function to a parameter or contrast gives an *odds ratio* that concerns the change in this odds.

Some algebra shows that the category probabilities can be written as

$$\pi_{i1} = 1 - (\pi_{i2} + \pi_{i3} + \dots + \pi_{iR}),$$

$$\pi_{i2} = \frac{e^{\eta_{i2}}}{1 + e^{\eta_{i2}} + e^{\eta_{i3}} + \dots + e^{\eta_{iR}}}$$

$$\pi_{i3} = \frac{e^{\eta_{i3}}}{1 + e^{\eta_{i2}} + e^{\eta_{i3}} + \dots + e^{\eta_{iR}}}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\pi_{iR} = \frac{e^{\eta_{ir}}}{1 + e^{\eta_{i2}} + e^{\eta_{i3}} + \dots + e^{\eta_{iR}}}$$

where

$$\eta_{i2} = \beta_0^{(2)} + \beta_1^{(2)} x_{i1} + \dots + \beta_k^{(2)} x_{ik},$$

$$\eta_{i3} = \beta_0^{(3)} + \beta_1^{(3)} x_{i1} + \dots + \beta_k^{(3)} x_{ik},$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\eta_{iR} = \beta_0^{(R)} + \beta_1^{(R)} x_{i1} + \dots + \beta_k^{(R)} x_{ik}.$$

We can write this more compactly as

$$\pi_{ic} = \frac{e^{\eta_{ic}}}{1 + \sum_{t=2}^{K} e^{\eta_{it}}}$$
$$\pi_{ic} = \frac{e^{\eta_{ic}}}{\sum_{t=1}^{K} e^{\eta_{it}}},$$

or

if we let $\eta_{i1} = 0$ since $e^0 = 1$. This is useful for computing and plotting estimated probabilities for each category of the response variable.

Example: Let's consider again the pneumo data from the VGAM package.

```
library(VGAM)
m <- vglm(cbind(normal, mild, severe) ~ exposure.time,
  family = multinomial(refLevel = "normal"), data = pneumo)
summary(m)</pre>
```

Call:

vglm(formula = cbind(normal, mild, severe) ~ exposure.time, family = multinomial(refLevel = "normal"),
 data = pneumo)

Coefficients:

```
Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
                -4.2917
(Intercept):1
                            0.5214 -8.23 < 2e-16 ***
                            0.5964 -8.48 < 2e-16 ***
(Intercept):2
                -5.0598
                            0.0153
                                      5.47 4.5e-08 ***
exposure.time:1
                 0.0836
                 0.1093
                            0.0165
                                      6.64 3.2e-11 ***
exposure.time:2
Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

Names of linear predictors: log(mu[,2]/mu[,1]), log(mu[,3]/mu[,1])

Residual deviance: 13.93 on 12 degrees of freedom

Log-likelihood: -29.54 on 12 degrees of freedom

```
Number of Fisher scoring iterations: 5
Warning: Hauck-Donner effect detected in the following estimate(s):
'(Intercept):1', '(Intercept):2'
Reference group is level 1 of the response
Note: The categories/levels of the response variable correspond to the order they are specified in cbind.
Odds ratios can be obtained in the usual way.
exp(cbind(coef(m), confint(m)))
                              2.5 % 97.5 %
                0.013682 0.004924 0.03802
(Intercept):1
(Intercept):2
                0.006347 0.001972 0.02043
exposure.time:1 1.087156 1.055079 1.12021
exposure.time:2 1.115481 1.080048 1.15208
Here is another nice way to output the parameter estimates.
t(coef(m, matrix = TRUE))
                    (Intercept) exposure.time
log(mu[,2]/mu[,1])
                         -4.292
                                       0.08357
                         -5.060
log(mu[,3]/mu[,1])
                                       0.10929
Then we can obtain odds ratio as follows.
exp(t(coef(m, matrix = TRUE)))
                    (Intercept) exposure.time
                       0.013682
                                         1.087
log(mu[,2]/mu[,1])
log(mu[,3]/mu[,1])
                       0.006347
                                         1.115
Plotting the estimated category probabilities can be done as with previous models. First we create a data
frame of estimated probabilities by exposure time and category.
d <- data.frame(exposure.time = seq(5, 52, length = 100))</pre>
d <- cbind(d, predict(m, newdata = d, type = "response"))</pre>
head(d)
  exposure.time normal
                           mild severe
          5.000 0.9692 0.02014 0.01062
1
2
          5.475 0.9679 0.02093 0.01117
3
          5.949 0.9665 0.02174 0.01175
4
          6.424 0.9651 0.02259 0.01236
5
          6.899 0.9635 0.02346 0.01300
          7.374 0.9620 0.02437 0.01367
library(tidyr)
d <- d %>% pivot_longer(cols = c(normal, mild, severe),
  names_to = "condition", values_to = "probability")
head(d)
# A tibble: 6 x 3
  exposure.time condition probability
```

<dbl>

<dbl> <chr>

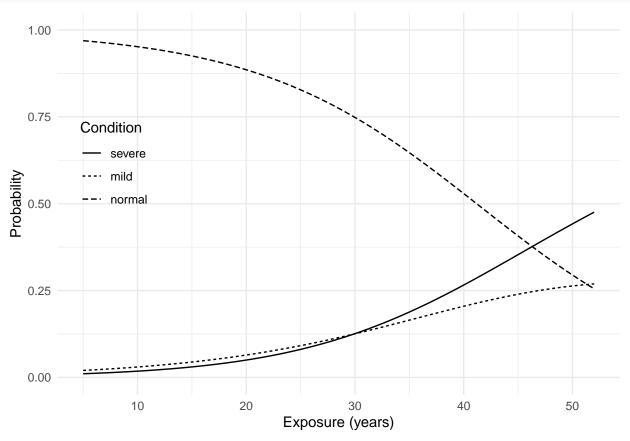
```
0.969
1
           5
                 normal
2
           5
                 mild
                                 0.0201
3
                                 0.0106
           5
                 severe
4
           5.47 normal
                                 0.968
5
           5.47 mild
                                 0.0209
6
           5.47 severe
                                 0.0112
```

Next I reorder the factor levels just for aesthetic purposes.

```
d$condition <- factor(d$condition, levels = c("severe", "mild", "normal"))
```

And then finally we plot.

```
p <- ggplot(d, aes(x = exposure.time, y = probability)) +
  geom_line(aes(linetype = condition)) +
  ylim(0, 1) + theme_minimal() + theme(legend.position = c(0.1, 0.6)) +
  labs(x = "Exposure (years)", y = "Probability", linetype = "Condition")
plot(p)</pre>
```



Example: Consider the data frame alligator from the EffectStars package.

```
library(EffectStars)
data(alligator)
head(alligator)
```

```
Food Size Gender Lake
1 fish <2.3 male Hancock
2 fish <2.3 male Hancock
3 fish <2.3 male Hancock
4 fish <2.3 male Hancock
```

```
5 fish <2.3 male Hancock
6 fish <2.3 male Hancock
```

```
summary(alligator)
```

```
Food
             Size
                         Gender
                                         Lake
bird :13
           <2.3:124
                      female: 89
                                   George:63
fish :94
           >2.3: 95
                      male :130
                                   Hancock:55
invert:61
                                   Oklawaha:48
other:32
                                   Trafford:53
rep
```

For illustration we will just consider just size and gender as explanatory variables.

```
m <- vglm(Food ~ Gender + Size, data = alligator,
  family = multinomial(refLevel = "bird"))
summary(m)</pre>
```

Call:

Coefficients:

```
Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept):1
              2.0324
                         0.5204
                                   3.91 9.4e-05 ***
(Intercept):2
              1.9897
                         0.5265
                                   3.78 0.00016 ***
(Intercept):3
              1.1748
                         0.5640
                                  2.08 0.03724 *
                         0.6829
                                 -0.08 0.93859
(Intercept):4 -0.0526
Gendermale:1
              0.6149
                         0.6338
                                  0.97 0.33197
                                  0.80 0.42585
Gendermale:2
              0.5247
                         0.6589
Gendermale:3
            0.4185
                         0.7030
                                  0.60 0.55162
Gendermale:4
              0.5833
                         0.7841
                                  0.74 0.45691
Size>2.3:1
             -0.7535
                         0.6439
                                 -1.17 0.24193
Size>2.3:2
             -1.6746
                         0.6788
                                 -2.47 0.01362 *
                                  -1.38 0.16723
Size>2.3:3
              -0.9865
                         0.7143
Size>2.3:4
              0.1145
                         0.7962
                                  0.14 0.88565
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

Names of linear predictors: $\log(mu[,2]/mu[,1])$, $\log(mu[,3]/mu[,1])$, $\log(mu[,4]/mu[,1])$, $\log(mu[,5]/mu[,1])$

Residual deviance: 588.2 on 864 degrees of freedom

Log-likelihood: -294.1 on 864 degrees of freedom

Number of Fisher scoring iterations: 5

No Hauck-Donner effect found in any of the estimates

Reference group is level 1 of the response

To help interpret the output let's check the level order.

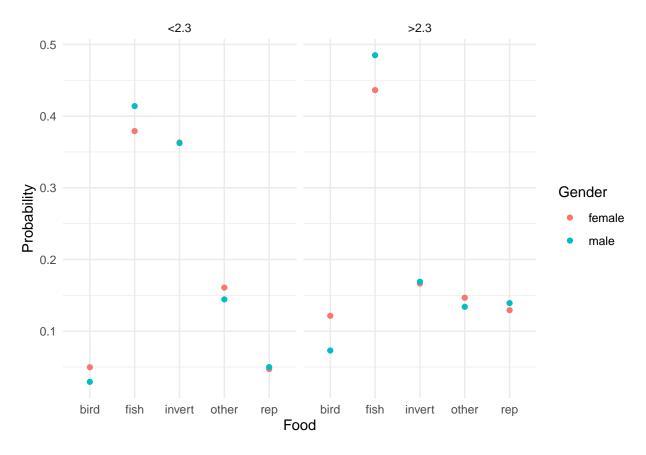
```
levels(alligator$Food)
[1] "bird"
             "fish"
                       "invert" "other"
Extract parameter estimates and confidence intervals.
cbind(coef(m), confint(m))
                                  97.5 %
                           2.5 %
(Intercept):1 2.03238 1.01239
                                  3.0524
(Intercept):2 1.98965 0.95773
                                  3.0216
(Intercept):3 1.17478 0.06944
                                  2.2801
(Intercept):4 -0.05261 -1.39099
                                  1.2858
Gendermale:1
               0.61487 -0.62732 1.8571
Gendermale: 2 0.52467 -0.76669 1.8160
Gendermale:3 0.41850 -0.95931 1.7963
Gendermale:4 0.58333 -0.95348
                                  2.1201
Size>2.3:1
              -0.75351 -2.01561 0.5086
Size>2.3:2
             -1.67459 -3.00492 -0.3443
Size>2.3:3
              -0.98650 -2.38642 0.4134
Size>2.3:4
               0.11450 -1.44597
                                  1.6750
t(coef(m, matrix = TRUE))
                    (Intercept) Gendermale Size>2.3
log(mu[,2]/mu[,1])
                       2.03238
                                    0.6149 -0.7535
log(mu[,3]/mu[,1])
                       1.98965
                                    0.5247
                                            -1.6746
log(mu[,4]/mu[,1])
                       1.17478
                                    0.4185
                                            -0.9865
log(mu[,5]/mu[,1])
                      -0.05261
                                    0.5833
                                             0.1145
Compute odds ratios.
exp(t(coef(m, matrix = TRUE)))
                    (Intercept) Gendermale Size>2.3
log(mu[,2]/mu[,1])
                        7.6322
                                     1.849
                                             0.4707
log(mu[,3]/mu[,1])
                         7.3130
                                     1.690
                                             0.1874
log(mu[,4]/mu[,1])
                         3.2374
                                     1.520
                                             0.3729
log(mu[,5]/mu[,1])
                         0.9487
                                     1.792
                                             1.1213
Note that we can change the reference/baseline category. This changes the model parameterization but does
not change the estimated probabilities.
Joint tests of the parameters for each explanatory variable can be conducted (via a likelihood ratio test)
using anova.
anova(m)
Analysis of Deviance Table (Type II tests)
Model: 'multinomial', 'VGAMcategorical'
Link: 'multilogitlink'
Response: Food
       Df Deviance Resid. Df Resid. Dev Pr(>Chi)
              1.03
Gender 4
                          868
                                     589
                                           0.9052
        4
             14.08
                          868
                                     602
                                           0.0071 **
Size
```

```
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

Note that for other models we should use anova by specifying a null model, but here the anova function does that automatically.

Here are the estimated probabilities.

```
d \leftarrow expand.grid(Gender = c("female", "male"), Size = c("<2.3", ">2.3"))
d <- cbind(d, predict(m, newdata = d, type = "response"))</pre>
head(d)
  Gender Size
                 bird fish invert other
1 female <2.3 0.04967 0.3791 0.3633 0.1608 0.04713
2 male <2.3 0.02933 0.4140 0.3625 0.1443 0.04987
3 female >2.3 0.12145 0.4363 0.1664 0.1466 0.12920
  male >2.3 0.07299 0.4849 0.1690 0.1339 0.13914
library(tidyr)
d <- d %>% pivot_longer(cols = c(bird, fish, invert, other, rep),
  names_to = "food", values_to = "probability")
head(d)
# A tibble: 6 x 4
  Gender Size food
                      probability
  <fct> <fct> <chr>
                           <dbl>
1 female <2.3 bird
                           0.0497
2 female <2.3 fish
                           0.379
3 female <2.3 invert
                           0.363
4 female <2.3 other
                           0.161
5 female <2.3 rep
                           0.0471
6 male
                           0.0293
       <2.3 bird
p \leftarrow ggplot(d, aes(x = food, y = probability)) + theme_minimal() +
  geom_point(aes(color = Gender)) + facet_wrap(~ Size) +
  labs(x = "Food", y = "Probability", color = "Gender")
plot(p)
```



Category-Specific Explanatory Variables

The multinomial logit model can be extended when explanatory variables vary by *response category*. For example, consider the data frame TravelMode from the AER package.

```
library(AER)
data(TravelMode)
head(TravelMode, 8)
```

	individual	mode	choice	wait	vcost	travel	gcost	income	size
1	1	air	no	69	59	100	70	35	1
2	1	train	no	34	31	372	71	35	1
3	1	bus	no	35	25	417	70	35	1
4	1	car	yes	0	10	180	30	35	1
5	2	air	no	64	58	68	68	30	2
6	2	${\tt train}$	no	44	31	354	84	30	2
7	2	bus	no	53	25	399	85	30	2
8	2	car	yes	0	11	255	50	30	2

Here waiting time (wait), vehicle cost (vcost), and travel time (travel) vary by travel mode, but household income (income) varies only by the respondent. For simplicity let's only consider waiting time and income as explanatory variables. A multinomial logit model can then be written as

$$\log(\pi_{ia}/\pi_{ic}) = \beta_0^{(a)} + \beta_1(\text{wait}_i^{(a)} - \text{wait}_i^{(c)}) + \beta_2^{(a)}\text{income}_i,$$

$$\log(\pi_{it}/\pi_{ic}) = \beta_0^{(t)} + \beta_1(\text{wait}_i^{(t)} - \text{wait}_i^{(c)}) + \beta_2^{(t)}\text{income}_i,$$

$$\log(\pi_{ib}/\pi_{ic}) = \beta_0^{(b)} + \beta_1(\text{wait}_i^{(b)} - \text{wait}_i^{(c)}) + \beta_2^{(b)}\text{income}_i.$$

If we define

$$\eta_i^{(a)} = \beta_0^{(a)} + \beta_1(\text{wait}_i^{(a)} - \text{wait}_i^{(c)}) + \beta_2^{(a)} \text{income}_i,
\eta_i^{(t)} = \beta_0^{(t)} + \beta_1(\text{wait}_i^{(t)} - \text{wait}_i^{(c)}) + \beta_2^{(t)} \text{income}_i,
\eta_i^{(b)} = \beta_0^{(b)} + \beta_1(\text{wait}_i^{(b)} - \text{wait}_i^{(c)}) + \beta_2^{(b)} \text{income}_i,$$

and $\eta_i^{(c)} = 0$, then we can write the category probabilities as

$$\pi_{ia} = \frac{e^{\eta_i^{(a)}}}{e^{\eta_i^{(a)}} + e^{\eta_i^{(b)}} + e^{\eta_i^{(b)}} + e^{\eta_i^{(c)}}},$$

$$\pi_{it} = \frac{e^{\eta_i^{(t)}}}{e^{\eta_i^{(a)}} + e^{\eta_i^{(t)}} + e^{\eta_i^{(b)}} + e^{\eta_i^{(c)}}},$$

$$\pi_{ib} = \frac{e^{\eta_i^{(a)}}}{e^{\eta_i^{(a)}} + e^{\eta_i^{(t)}} + e^{\eta_i^{(b)}} + e^{\eta_i^{(c)}}},$$

$$\pi_{ic} = \frac{e^{\eta_i^{(a)}}}{e^{\eta_i^{(a)}} + e^{\eta_i^{(t)}} + e^{\eta_i^{(b)}} + e^{\eta_i^{(c)}}}.$$

The quantities $e^{\eta_i^{(a)}}$, $e^{\eta_i^{(b)}}$, $e^{\eta_i^{(b)}}$, and $e^{\eta_i^{(c)}}$ could be loosely interpreted as the relative value or "utility" of each response/choice to the respondent/chooser.

Example: The mlogit function from the mlogit package will estimate a multinomial logistic regression model of this type.¹

```
library(mlogit)
m <- mlogit(choice ~ wait | income, reflevel = "car",
    alt.var = "mode", chid.var = "individual", data = TravelMode)
summary(m)

Call:
mlogit(formula = choice ~ wait | income, data = TravelMode, reflevel = "car",
    alt.var = "mode", chid.var = "individual", method = "nr")</pre>
```

Frequencies of alternatives:choice car air train bus 0.281 0.276 0.300 0.143

nr method
5 iterations, 0h:0m:0s
g'(-H)^-1g = 0.000429

successive function values within tolerance limits

Coefficients:

```
Estimate Std. Error z-value Pr(>|z|)
                                         7.40 1.3e-13 ***
(Intercept):air
                   5.98299
                              0.80797
(Intercept):train 5.49392
                              0.63354
                                         8.67 < 2e-16 ***
                              0.67020
                                         6.13 8.9e-10 ***
(Intercept):bus
                   4.10653
                  -0.09773
                              0.01053
                                        -9.28 < 2e-16 ***
wait
income:air
                  -0.00597
                              0.01151
                                        -0.52
                                                 0.604
income:train
                  -0.06353
                              0.01367
                                        -4.65 3.4e-06 ***
                                        -1.99
                                                 0.047 *
income:bus
                  -0.03002
                              0.01511
```

¹This model can also be estimated using the vglm function from the VGAM package, although the syntax is very different.

```
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Log-Likelihood: -192
McFadden R^2: 0.322
Likelihood ratio test : chisq = 183 (p.value = <2e-16)
cbind(coef(m), confint(m))
                               2.5 %
                                         97.5 %
                   5.982989 4.39940 7.5665779
(Intercept):air
(Intercept):train 5.493920 4.25221 6.7356264
(Intercept):bus
                   4.106526 2.79295 5.4201038
wait
                  -0.097731 -0.11838 -0.0770853
income:air
                  -0.005967 -0.02853 0.0165931
income:train
                  -0.063531 -0.09033 -0.0367306
income:bus
                  -0.030019 -0.05964 -0.0003948
exp(cbind(coef(m), confint(m)))
                             2.5 %
                                      97.5 %
                  396.6241 81.4020 1932.5157
(Intercept):air
(Intercept):train 243.2087 70.2608 841.8706
(Intercept):bus
                   60.7354 16.3291
                                    225.9026
wait
                    0.9069 0.8884
                                      0.9258
income:air
                    0.9941 0.9719
                                      1.0167
income:train
                    0.9384 0.9136
                                      0.9639
income:bus
                    0.9704 0.9421
                                      0.9996
Example: Here the response variable is the choice of one of three types of soda. Note that the PoEdata pack-
age must be installed using devtools::install_github("https://github.com/ccolonescu/PoEdata").
library(dplyr)
library(PoEdata)
data(cola)
mycola <- cola %% mutate(mode = rep(c("Pepsi","7-Up","Coke"), n()/3)) %>%
   select(id, mode, choice, price, feature, display) %>%
  mutate(feature = factor(feature, levels = 0:1, labels = c("no", "yes"))) %>%
   mutate(display = factor(display, levels = 0:1, labels = c("no","yes")))
head(mycola)
  id mode choice price feature display
1 1 Pepsi
                0 1.79
2 1 7-Up
                0 1.79
                                     no
                             no
3 1 Coke
                1 1.79
                             no
                                     no
4 2 Pepsi
                0 1.79
                             no
                                     no
5 2 7-Up
                0 1.79
                             no
                                     no
6 2 Coke
                1 0.89
                            yes
                                    yes
m <- mlogit(choice ~ price + feature + display | 1, data = mycola,
   alt.var = "mode", chid.var = "id")
summary(m)
```

Call:

```
mlogit(formula = choice ~ price + feature + display | 1, data = mycola,
    alt.var = "mode", chid.var = "id", method = "nr")
Frequencies of alternatives:choice
7-Up Coke Pepsi
0.374 0.280 0.346
nr method
4 iterations, 0h:0m:0s
g'(-H)^-1g = 0.00174
successive function values within tolerance limits
Coefficients:
                  Estimate Std. Error z-value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept):Coke
                   -0.0907
                               0.0640
                                         -1.42
                                                0.1564
(Intercept):Pepsi
                    0.1934
                               0.0620
                                         3.12
                                                0.0018 **
                                        -9.80 < 2e-16 ***
price
                   -1.8492
                               0.1887
featureves
                   -0.0409
                               0.0831
                                         -0.49
                                                0.6229
                    0.4727
                               0.0935
                                         5.05 4.3e-07 ***
displayyes
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Log-Likelihood: -1810
McFadden R^2: 0.0891
Likelihood ratio test : chisq = 354 (p.value = <2e-16)
exp(cbind(coef(m), confint(m)))
                          2.5 % 97.5 %
(Intercept):Coke 0.9133 0.8057 1.0353
(Intercept):Pepsi 1.2134 1.0745 1.3702
price
                  0.1574 0.1087 0.2278
                  0.9600 0.8157 1.1297
featureyes
displayyes
                  1.6043 1.3355 1.9271
Example: Consider the following data on choices of two options of traveling by train.
```

```
library(mlogit)
data(Train)
head(Train)
```

```
id choiceid choice price_A time_A change_A comfort_A price_B time_B change_B comfort_B
                                   150
                                               0
                                                               4000
                                                                        150
                                                                                    0
1 1
             1
                     Α
                          2400
                                                          1
                                                                                               1
2 1
             2
                          2400
                                   150
                                               0
                                                          1
                                                               3200
                                                                        130
                                                                                    0
                                                                                               1
                     Α
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                                   115
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```

There are multiple choices for each respondent (id), which can induce dependencies among the observations, but we will ignore that here. With only two choices the model reduces to logistic regression where we use the differences of the properties of the choices as explanatory variables.

```
m <- glm(choice == "A" ~ I(price_A - price_B) + I(time_A - time_B),
    family = binomial, data = Train)
summary(m)$coefficients</pre>
```

```
Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept)
                      0.018735 3.936e-02
                                            0.476 6.341e-01
I(price_A - price_B) -0.001024 5.939e-05 -17.237 1.400e-66
I(time_A - time_B)
                     -0.013968 2.288e-03 -6.106 1.021e-09
exp(cbind(coef(m), confint(m)))
                              2.5 % 97.5 %
(Intercept)
                      1.0189 0.9433 1.1007
I(price_A - price_B) 0.9990 0.9989 0.9991
I(time A - time B)
                     0.9861 0.9817 0.9905
The price is in cents of guilders and the time is in minutes. For interpretation let's convert the scale of these
variables to guilders (equal to 100 cents) and hours (equal to 60 minutes).
m \leftarrow glm(choice == "A" \sim I((price_A - price_B)/100) + I((time_A - time_B)/60),
   family = binomial, data = Train)
summary(m)$coefficients
                            Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept)
                             0.01874
                                       0.039362
                                                 0.476 6.341e-01
I((price_A - price_B)/100) -0.10236
                                       0.005939 -17.237 1.400e-66
I((time_A - time_B)/60)
                            -0.83808
                                       0.137251 -6.106 1.021e-09
exp(cbind(coef(m), confint(m)))
                                    2.5 % 97.5 %
(Intercept)
                            1.0189 0.9433 1.1007
I((price_A - price_B)/100) 0.9027 0.8921 0.9131
I((time_A - time_B)/60)
                            0.4325 0.3301 0.5654
Here is how we would estimate this model using mlogit. The data first need to be reformatted which can be
done using the dfidx function from the mlogit package.
mytrain <- dfidx(Train, shape = "wide", choice = "choice",</pre>
   varying = 4:11, sep = "_")
head(mytrain)
first 10 observations out of 5858
   id choiceid choice price time change comfort idx
    1
             1
                 TRUE 2400 150
                                       0
                                                1 1:A
1
             1 FALSE 4000 150
                                                1 1:B
2
    1
                                       0
3
   1
             2
                 TRUE 2400 150
                                       0
                                               1 2:A
                                                1 2:B
4
    1
             2 FALSE 3200 130
                                       0
5
    1
             3
                 TRUE 2400 115
                                       0
                                               1 3:A
6
   1
             3 FALSE 4000 115
                                       0
                                               0 3:B
                                               1 4:A
7
             4 FALSE 4000 130
    1
                                       0
8
    1
             4
                TRUE
                       3200 150
                                       0
                                               0 4:B
9
    1
             5 FALSE 2400 150
                                       0
                                               1 5:A
10 1
                 TRUE 3200 150
                                               0 5:B
~~~ indexes ~~~~
   id1 id2
1
     1
         Α
2
     1
         В
     2
         Α
```

```
2
      В
4
5
    3
       Α
6
    3
       В
7
    4
       Α
8
9
    5
       Α
10
    5
indexes: 1, 2
m <- mlogit(choice ~ I(price/100) + I(time/60) | -1, data = mytrain)</pre>
summary(m)
Call:
mlogit(formula = choice ~ I(price/100) + I(time/60) | -1, data = mytrain,
   method = "nr")
Frequencies of alternatives:choice
   Α
0.503 0.497
nr method
4 iterations, Oh:Om:Os
g'(-H)^-1g = 1.86E-07
gradient close to zero
Coefficients :
           Estimate Std. Error z-value Pr(>|z|)
I(time/60) -0.83684
                      0.13722 -6.1 1.1e-09 ***
Signif. codes: 0 '*** 0.001 '** 0.01 '* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Log-Likelihood: -1850
```