

MA678 homework 05

Multinomial Regression

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Happiness

Data were collected from 39 students in a University of Chicago MBA class and may be found in the dataset happy.

1. Build a model for the level of happiness as a function of the other variables.

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## Call:
## polr(formula = factor(happy) ~ money + factor(sex) + factor(love) +
##       factor(work), data = data, weights = n)
##
## Coefficients:
##              Value Std. Error  t value
## money          0.01783    0.01087  1.640269
## factor(sex)1   -1.02504    0.93628 -1.094799
## factor(love)2   3.45763    1.56121  2.214710
## factor(love)3   7.85032    1.85199  4.238856
## factor(work)2  -1.18913    1.68764 -0.704613
## factor(work)3   0.01566    1.58055  0.009908
## factor(work)4   1.84616    1.53694  1.201193
## factor(work)5   0.64759    2.14981  0.301232
##
## Intercepts:
##      Value  Std. Error t value
## 2|3  -0.8388   1.8386   -0.4562
## 3|4   0.0101   1.7713    0.0057
## 4|5   2.4280   2.0149    1.2050
## 5|6   4.4745   2.1063    2.1243
## 6|7   5.0675   2.1242    2.3855
## 7|8   7.3972   2.2302    3.3168
## 8|9  11.3103   2.5925    4.3628
## 9|10 13.0848   2.7916    4.6872
##
## Residual Deviance: 90.47841
## AIC: 122.4784
```

2. Interpret the parameters of your chosen model.

Because the responding variable is treated as ordinal, so the cumulative model can be interpreted as the distribution of Y , which is

$$P(Y > y_i) = \text{logit}^{-1}(X\beta_i)$$

We can also interpret it as odds, which is:

$$\log \frac{P(Y > y_i)}{P(Y \leq y_i)} = X\beta$$

- $\log \frac{P(Y=3, \dots, 10)}{P(Y=2)} = -0.8388 + X\beta$
- $\log \frac{P(Y=4, \dots, 10)}{P(Y=3)} = 0.0101 + X\beta$
- $\log \frac{P(Y=5, \dots, 10)}{P(Y=4)} = 2.4280 + X\beta$
- ...

3. Predict the happiness distribution for subject whose parents earn \$30,000 a year, who is lonely, not sexually active and has no job.

