

Polychotomous (Nominal, Categorical, $M > 2$) Dependent Variables ①

• m Categories

• Model $P_j/p_m = \frac{F(XB_j)}{1 - F(XB_m)} = G(XB_j)$ n.b. $\frac{P_m}{p_m} = \frac{F(XB_m)}{1 - F(XB_m)} = 1$
 $\Rightarrow m-1$ models of prob.
category j v. base (m).

• (n.b., for 2 categories \Rightarrow odds)

$$\Rightarrow p_m = \frac{1}{1 + \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} G(XB_j)}$$

$$\text{b/c } \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \frac{P_j}{p_m} = \frac{1 - P_m}{p_m} = \frac{1}{p_m} - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \frac{P_j}{p_m} = \frac{1}{p_m}$$

$$\Rightarrow p_m = \frac{1}{1 + \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} G(XB_j)}$$

$$\Rightarrow P_j = \frac{G(XB_j)}{1 + \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} G(XB_j)}$$

$$\text{let } G(XB_j) = e^{XB_j} \Rightarrow P_j = \frac{e^{XB_j}}{1 + \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} e^{XB_j}} \quad p_m = \frac{1}{1 + \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} e^{XB_j}}$$

Multinomial Logit:

$$P_j = \frac{e^{x\beta_j}}{1 + \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} e^{x\beta_j}} \quad ; \quad P_m = \frac{1}{1 + \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} e^{x\beta_j}}$$

⇒ interp. as set of logits, cat. by cat. against base cat.

Likelihood Function:

$Y_{ij} = 1$ if obs i in category j
 $= 0$ otherwise

$$L = \prod_{i=1}^n P_{i1}^{Y_{i1}} P_{i2}^{Y_{i2}} \dots P_{im}^{Y_{im}} \quad \left(= P_{i\mathcal{Z}}^{Y_{i\mathcal{Z}}} \text{ where } \mathcal{Z} = \text{true category obs } i \right)$$

$$\ln L = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^m Y_{ij} \ln P_{ij} \quad (P_{ij} \text{ given above})$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \beta_k} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\sum_{j=1}^m \left(\frac{Y_{ij}}{P_{ij}} P_{ij} (1 - P_{ij}) + \sum_{j \neq k} \frac{Y_{ij}}{P_{ij}} (-P_{ij} P_{ik}) \right) X_i \right]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n [Y_{ik} - P_{ik} (\sum_{j=1}^m Y_{ij})] X_i$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_{ik} - P_{ik}) X_i$$

$\frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \beta_k} \Rightarrow$ normal equations again