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IX. Polytomous Regression:

A. Introduction

1. Regression Context

- a. One categorical response variable, now allowing for more than two levels.
- b. One or more explanatory variables
 - i. Response variables satisfy earlier requirements.

2. Regression Parameterization

- a. Make probability associated with category j for individual k depend on covariates \mathbf{x}_k through parameters β_j
- b. Often force some components of β_j not to depend on j
 - i. Generally first component of \mathbf{x}_k is 1
 - ii. Hence first component of β_j is intercept
 - Generally intercept depends on j
 - Generally the other components do not.

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B. Baseline-Category logits

1. Baseline-Category Logit Model

- a. Allow a different set of parameters β_j for difference between baseline and each non-baseline value for response.
- b. $\log(P[Y_k = j] / P[Y_k = 0]) = \mathbf{x}_k \beta_j$
 - i. $(1 + \sum_{j>0} \exp(\mathbf{x}_k \beta_j)) P[Y_k = 0] = 1$
 - ii. $P[Y_k = 0] = 1 / (1 + \sum_{j>0} \exp(\mathbf{x}_k \beta_j))$
- c. $\log(P[Y_k = j] / P[Y_k = l]) = \mathbf{x}_k (\beta_j - \beta_l)$

- ii. $P[Y_k \leq j] = \exp(\theta_j + \mathbf{x}_k \alpha) (1 + \exp(\theta_j + \mathbf{x}_k \alpha))^{-1}$
- iii. $\log(P[Y_k > j] / P[Y_k \leq j]) = \theta_j + \mathbf{x}_k \alpha$: cumulative logit model R Code SAS Code

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2. Continuation logits:

- a. Model log odds ratio for membership in category vs. all below it
- b. or all above it.
- c. or adjacent categories. R Code

D. Complimentary Log-Log Link:

1. Interval censoring

- a. Assume underlying unobserved continuous variables T_i
 - i. Let $S_i(t) = P[T_i \geq t]$.
- b. $Y_i = j$ iff $T_i \in (t_{j-1}, t_j]$.
 - i. Patients are screened at fixed intervals $t_0, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_J$ for $t_{J+1} = \infty$.
- c. $L = \prod_i \prod_{j=1}^{J+1} [S_i(t_{j-1}) - S_i(t_j)]$
- d. Let $\pi_{ij} = P[T_i \leq t_j | T_i > t_{j-1}] = 1 - S_i(t_j) / S_i(t_{j-1})$
- e. $P[T_i > t_j] = \prod_{l=1}^j (1 - \pi_{il})$
- f. W_{ij} indicate which interval subject i has event in.
 - i. 1 if subject i had the event in interval $(t_j, t_{j+1}]$,
 - ii. $W_{i,j+1} = 1$ if item not observed to fail,
 - iii. 0 otherwise.
- g. Likelihood is $\prod_{i=1}^n \pi_{ij_i} \prod_{l=1}^{j_i-1} (1 - \pi_{il}) = \prod_{i=1}^n \pi_{ij_i}^{W_{ij_i}} \prod_{l=1}^{j_i-1} (1 - \pi_{il})^{1-W_{il}}$
 - i. Likelihood for Bernoulli trials W_{ij} with success probabilities π_{ij}

- d. Note that aside from baseline category, all other categories are treated symmetrically.
 - i. Hence no use of category ordering.

2. Model likelihood

- a. Let $W_{kj} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } Y_k = j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
- b. Series of separate logistic regressions conditional on sum of that category and baseline category.
- c. Multinomial likelihood $L(\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_{J-1}) = \prod_k \prod_j P[Y_k = j]^{W_{kj}}$
- d. $\ell = \sum_k \sum_j W_{kj} \log(P[Y_k = j])$.
 - i. $\ell = \sum_k [\sum_{j>0} W_{kj} \mathbf{x}_k \beta_j + \sum_j W_{kj} \log(P[Y_k = 0])]$
 - ii. $\ell = \sum_k [\sum_{j>0} W_{kj} \mathbf{x}_k \beta_j - \sum_j W_{kj} \log(1 + \sum_{j>0} \exp(\mathbf{x}_k \beta_j))]$
- e. $\frac{d}{d\beta_j} \ell = \sum_k [W_{kj} - \sum_l W_{kl} \pi_{lk}] \mathbf{x}_k$
 - i. $\pi_{jk} = \exp(\mathbf{x}_k \beta_j) / (1 + \sum_{l>0} \exp(\mathbf{x}_k \beta_l))$ R Code SAS Code

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C. Models using category ordering

1. Cumulative Logit Model:

- a. Suppose $\beta_j = (\theta_j, \alpha)$.
- b. Suppose that $T_k - \mathbf{x}_k \alpha$ has CDF $\exp(t) / (1 + \exp(t))$
 - i. Mean 0, standard deviation 1.8138
- c. Pick an increasing sequence θ_j
- d. Suppose that $Y_k = j$ if $T_k \in [\theta_{j-1}, \theta_j)$.
- e. Probabilities for outcomes.
 - i. $P[Y_k > j] = (1 + \exp(\theta_j + \mathbf{x}_k \alpha))^{-1}$

- ii. Likelihood contributions multiply through conditioning rather than through independence.

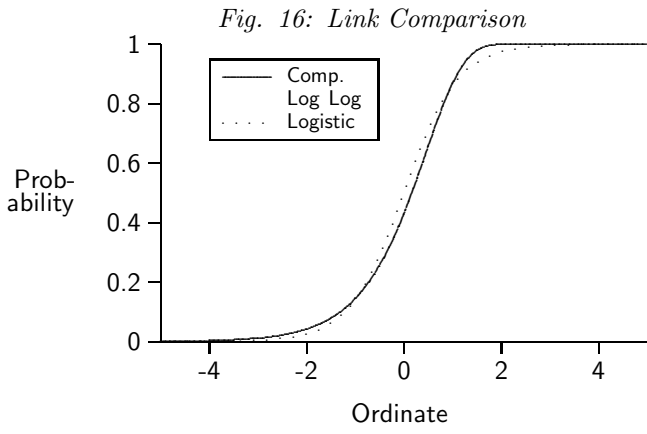
2. Introduced regression parameters via proportional hazards.

- a. For any two subjects, i and m , any time index j , $P[T_i > t_j] = P[T_m > t_j]^{\exp((z_i - z_m)\beta)}$
 - i. $\prod_{l=1}^j (1 - \pi_{il}) = \prod_{l=1}^j (1 - \pi_{ml})^{\exp((z_i - z_m)\beta)}$
 - $(1 - \pi_{ij}) = (1 - \pi_{mj})^{\exp((z_i - z_m)\beta)}$
 - $(1 - \pi_{ij})^{\exp(-z_i \beta)} = (1 - \pi_{mj})^{\exp(-z_m \beta)}$
 - $\exp(-z_i \beta) [-\log(1 - \pi_{ij})] = \exp(-z_m \beta) [-\log(1 - \pi_{mj})]$
 - ▷ Note that because $1 - \pi_{ij} \in (0, 1)$, quantities in brackets are positive.
 - $-z_i \beta + \log(-\log(1 - \pi_{ij})) = -z_m \beta + \log(-\log(1 - \pi_{mj})) \forall i, m$.
- b. $\log(-\log(1 - \pi_{ij})) = \alpha_j + z_i \beta$
 - i. for $\alpha_j = -z_i \beta + \log(-\log(1 - \pi_{ij}))$.
- c. Gives *complimentary log log link* for regression model for π_{ij} .
 - i. Derived binary variables are same as for baseline logit model. R Code SAS Code

3. Link function

- a. Latent variable formulation with CDF $1 - \exp(-\exp(x))$.
 - i. Mean -0.577216, standard deviation 1.28255.
- b. $\log(-\log(P[Y_k > j])) = \theta_j + \mathbf{x}_k \alpha$.
- c. Fig. 16/ compares the link functions

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