

- \* Q1 in PS 6 need not be solved
- \* Final 1 cheat sheet allowed
- \* Partial credit will be given in the final

## Limited Dependent Variable (LIMDEP)

1. Binary Choice Model (Dummy variable appears on LHS)

$$Y_i = \alpha + \beta X_i + \varepsilon_i \quad \text{where } Y_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{1st option} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Suppose  $Y_i = 1$  if buy refrigerator,  $Y_i = 0$  if not

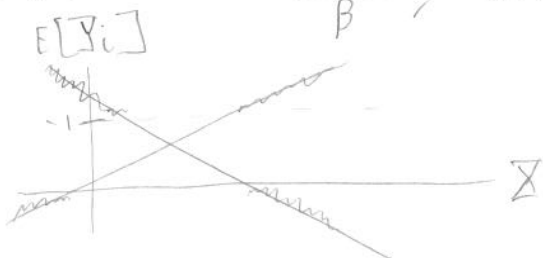
Assume  $E[\varepsilon_i] = 0$ ,  $X_i$  nonstochastic

$$\Rightarrow E[Y_i] = \alpha + \beta X_i$$

$$\Pr[Y_i = 1] = P_i$$

This gives us  $P_i = \alpha + \beta X_i$

But if  $X_i > \frac{1-\alpha}{\beta}$ , then  $P_i > 1 \rightarrow \leftarrow$



$\rightarrow$  For  $X_i$  sufficiently high or low,  $P_i \notin [0, 1]$ , which does not make sense

This is called the linear probability model.

$$\text{Var}[Y_i] = P_i(1-P_i)$$

$$\text{Var}[Y_i] = (\alpha + \beta X_i)(1 - \alpha - \beta X_i) \neq \text{constant}$$

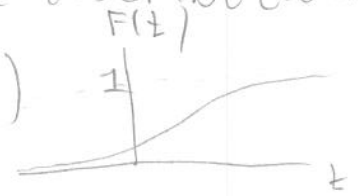
$\rightarrow$  There is heteroskedasticity by assumption.

People decided to do something else instead

- Logit
- Probit

$$\bar{Y}_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{1st option} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$P_i = \Pr[\bar{Y}_i = 1]$  characterizes the entire distribution.  
 $= F(\alpha + \beta \bar{X}_i)$  st.  $F: t \rightarrow (0, 1)$



Logit:

$$F(t) = \frac{\exp\{t\}}{1 + \exp\{t\}} \in (0, 1) \quad \forall t$$

(clearly  $F(t) \uparrow$  in  $t$ )

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} F(t) = 1$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} F(t) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \Pr[\bar{Y}_i = 1] = \frac{e^{\alpha + \beta \bar{X}_i}}{1 + e^{\alpha + \beta \bar{X}_i}} = \frac{\exp\{\alpha + \beta \bar{X}_i\}}{1 + \exp\{\alpha + \beta \bar{X}_i\}}$$

Implication:

$$E[\bar{Y}] = \Pr[\bar{Y} = 1] = \frac{\exp\{\alpha + \beta \bar{X}\}}{1 + \exp\{\alpha + \beta \bar{X}\}} \quad \text{What is } \frac{\partial E[\bar{Y}]}{\partial \bar{X}}?$$

$$\frac{\partial E[\bar{Y}]}{\partial \bar{X}} = \frac{(1 + \exp\{\alpha + \beta \bar{X}\}) \beta \exp\{\alpha + \beta \bar{X}\} - \exp\{\alpha + \beta \bar{X}\} \beta \exp\{\alpha + \beta \bar{X}\}}{(1 + \exp\{\alpha + \beta \bar{X}\})^2}$$

$$= \frac{\beta \exp\{\alpha + \beta \bar{X}\}}{(1 + \exp\{\alpha + \beta \bar{X}\})^2}$$

Clearly,  $\text{sgn} \left[ \frac{\partial E[Y]}{\partial X} \right] = \text{sgn}[\beta]$ , but  $\frac{\partial E[Y]}{\partial X} = g(\bar{X})$

What is, the response to a change in  $X$  is a function of the current value of  $X$ .

Multivariate Generalization

$$E[Y] = \Pr[Y=1] = \frac{\exp\{\beta_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \dots + \beta_k X_k\}}{1 + \exp\{\beta_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \dots + \beta_k X_k\}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial E[Y]}{\partial X_j} = \frac{\exp\{\beta_1 + \dots + \beta_k X_k\}}{(1 + \exp\{\beta_1 + \dots + \beta_k X_k\})^2} \beta_j$$

Thus  $\text{sgn} \left[ \frac{\partial E[Y]}{\partial X_j} \right] = \text{sgn} \beta_j$

### Probit model:

$$\Phi(z) \equiv \Pr[Z \leq z] \quad \text{where } Z \sim N(0,1)$$

Probit model assumes that  $\Pr[Y=1] = \Phi(\alpha + \beta X)$

$$\Rightarrow E[Y] = \int_{-\infty}^{\alpha + \beta X} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left\{-\frac{t^2}{2}\right\} dt$$

$$\frac{\partial E[Y]}{\partial X} = \varphi(\alpha + \beta X) \cdot \beta \quad \left[ \text{where } \varphi(z) = \frac{d\Phi(z)}{dz} \right]$$

$$= \beta \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left\{-\frac{(\alpha + \beta X)^2}{2}\right\} \quad \left[ \text{is the pdf of } N(0,1) \right]$$

Thus,  $\text{sgn} \left[ \frac{\partial E[Y]}{\partial X} \right] = \text{sgn}(\beta)$

Multivariate case:

$$\Pr[Y=1] = \Phi(\beta_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \dots + \beta_k X_k)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \Pr[Y=1]}{\partial X_j} = \phi(\beta_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \dots + \beta_k X_k) \cdot \beta_j$$

$$\text{and } \text{sgn}\left[\frac{\partial \Pr[Y=1]}{\partial X_j}\right] = \text{sgn}(\beta_j)$$

Maximum Likelihood Estimation: Let  $X \sim N(\theta, 1)$

$$f(x; \theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left\{-\frac{(x-\theta)^2}{2}\right\}$$

Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\theta, 1)$ . Then we have that

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_1, \dots, x_n; \theta) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left\{-\frac{(x_i - \theta)^2}{2}\right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta)^2}{2}\right\} \end{aligned}$$

PDF of binary rv wr  $\theta = \Pr[\text{head}]$

$$f(y; \theta = \Pr[Y=y]) = \theta^y (1-\theta)^{1-y} \quad , y \in \{0, 1\}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(y_1, \dots, y_n; \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \theta^{y_i} (1-\theta)^{1-y_i} \quad \text{if } Y_1, \dots, Y_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} D(\theta)$$

$$L(\theta; y) = \theta^{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i} (1-\theta)^{\sum_{i=1}^n (1-y_i)}$$

$$\log L(\theta; y) = \left[\sum_{i=1}^n y_i\right] \log \theta + \left[\sum_{i=1}^n (1-y_i)\right] \log(1-\theta)$$

$$\frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \theta} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i}{\theta_{MLE}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (1-y_i)}{1-\theta_{MLE}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\theta_{MLE}}{1-\theta_{MLE}} = \frac{\sum(y_i)}{\sum(1-y_i)}$$

$\theta_{MLE}$  is consistent and normal

$$\theta_{MLE} = \left( \frac{\sum y_i}{\sum (1-y_i)} \right) = \theta_{MLE} \left( \frac{\sum y_i}{\sum (1-y_i)} \right)$$

$$\theta_{MLE} \left[ 1 + \frac{\sum y_i}{\sum (1-y_i)} \right] = \frac{\sum y_i}{\sum (1-y_i)}$$

$$\theta_{MLE} \left[ \frac{\sum (1-y_i) + \sum y_i}{\sum (1-y_i)} \right] = \frac{\sum y_i}{\sum (1-y_i)}$$

$$\theta_{MLE} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$$

$$\text{Logit } P_i = \frac{\exp\{\alpha + \beta X_i\}}{1 + \exp\{\alpha + \beta X_i\}}$$

$$\max_{\alpha, \beta} P_1^{Y_1} (1-P_1)^{1-Y_1} \cdots P_n^{Y_n} (1-P_n)^{1-Y_n}$$

gives us  $\alpha_{MLE}, \beta_{MLE}$

$$\max_{\alpha, \beta} \prod_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{\exp\{\alpha + \beta X_i\}}{1 + \exp\{\alpha + \beta X_i\}} \right]^{Y_i} \left[ \frac{1}{1 + \exp\{\alpha + \beta X_i\}} \right]^{1-Y_i}$$

$$= \max_{\alpha, \beta} \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n [\exp\{\alpha + \beta X_i\}]^{Y_i}}{\prod_{i=1}^n [1 + \exp\{\alpha + \beta X_i\}]}$$

(\*) In MLE, we can use the t-statistics and other STATA output.