

Minimum Distance Estimators in Logistic Regression under Complex Designs

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Multinomial logistic regression (MLR) with complex survey

- Let \mathbf{Y} be the response variable with $d + 1$ categories
 - The population is divided in H strata ($h = 1, \dots, H$)
 - In each stratum h , there are n_h clusters ($i = 1, \dots, n_h$)
 - Cluster i of the stratum h has m_{hi} units
 - $\mathbf{y}_{hij} = (y_{hij1}, \dots, y_{hij,d+1})^T \equiv$ classification vectors
 - If $y_{hijr} = 1$ and $y_{hij s} = 0$ for $s \in \{1, \dots, d + 1\} - \{r\}$, the unit j selected from the cluster i of the stratum h falls in the category r .
 - The response variable \mathbf{Y} depends on k explanatory variables

$$\mathbf{x}_{hij} = (x_{hij1}, \dots, x_{hijk})^T$$

(Explanatory variables for the unit j in the cluster i of the stratum h)

- $w_{hi} \equiv$ Sampling weight from the cluster i of the stratum h .

Multinomial logistic regression (MLR) with complex survey

- The expectation of the element r , Y_{hijr} , of $\mathbf{Y}_{hij} = (Y_{hij1}, \dots, Y_{hij,d+1})^T$, is given by

$$\pi_{hijr}(\boldsymbol{\beta}) = \begin{cases} \frac{\exp\{\mathbf{x}_{hij}^T \boldsymbol{\beta}_r\}}{1 + \sum_{s=1}^d \exp\{\mathbf{x}_{hij}^T \boldsymbol{\beta}_s\}}, & r = 1, \dots, d \\ \frac{1}{1 + \sum_{s=1}^d \exp\{\mathbf{x}_{hij}^T \boldsymbol{\beta}_s\}}, & r = d + 1 \end{cases},$$

- $\boldsymbol{\beta}_r = (\beta_{1r}, \dots, \beta_{kr})^T \in \mathbb{R}^k$, $r = 1, \dots, d$ and $\boldsymbol{\beta}_{d+1} = (0, \dots, 0)^T$.
- $\Theta = \{\boldsymbol{\beta} = (\boldsymbol{\beta}_1^T, \dots, \boldsymbol{\beta}_d^T)^T, \boldsymbol{\beta}_j = (\beta_{j1}, \dots, \beta_{jk})^T \in \mathbb{R}^k, j = 1, \dots, d\} = \mathbb{R}^{dk}$.
- We shall assume

$$\pi_{hijr}(\boldsymbol{\beta}) = \pi_{hir}(\boldsymbol{\beta}), \quad j = 1, \dots, m_{hi},$$

(All the individuals in the cluster i of the stratum h have the the same explanatory variables $\mathbf{x}_{hi} = (x_{hi1}, \dots, x_{hik})^T$)

Pseudo Maximum likelihood estimator

- $\hat{\mathbf{Y}}_{hi} = \sum_{j=1}^{m_{hi}} \mathbf{Y}_{hij} = \left(\sum_{j=1}^{m_{hi}} Y_{hij1}, \dots, \sum_{j=1}^{m_{hi}} Y_{hij,d+1} \right)^T = (\hat{Y}_{hi1}, \dots, \hat{Y}_{hi,d+1})^T$

(The number of units in the cluster i of the stratum h)

- We define the following theoretical probability vector, $\boldsymbol{\pi}(\boldsymbol{\beta})$, by

$$\left(\frac{w_{11}m_{11}}{\tau} \boldsymbol{\pi}_{11}^T(\boldsymbol{\beta}), \dots, \frac{w_{1n_1}m_{1n_1}}{\tau} \boldsymbol{\pi}_{1n_1}^T(\boldsymbol{\beta}), \dots, \frac{w_{H1}m_{H1}}{\tau} \boldsymbol{\pi}_{H1}^T(\boldsymbol{\beta}), \dots, \frac{w_{Hn_H}m_{Hn_H}}{\tau} \boldsymbol{\pi}_{Hn_H}^T(\boldsymbol{\beta}) \right)^T$$

with

$$\tau = \sum_{h=1}^H \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} w_{hi} m_{hi}$$

- We shall also consider the non-parametric probability vector

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{p}} &= \frac{1}{\tau} (\hat{\mathbf{Y}}_1^T, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{Y}}_H^T)^T \\ &= \frac{1}{\tau} (w_{11} \hat{\mathbf{Y}}_{11}^T, \dots, w_{1n_1} \hat{\mathbf{Y}}_{1n_1}^T, \dots, w_{H1} \hat{\mathbf{Y}}_{H1}^T, \dots, w_{Hn_H} \hat{\mathbf{Y}}_{Hn_H}^T)^T. \end{aligned}$$

Pseudo Maximum likelihood estimator

- The Kullback-Leibler divergence between the probability vectors $\hat{\mathbf{p}}$ and $\pi(\boldsymbol{\beta})$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned}d_{K-L}(\hat{\mathbf{p}}, \pi(\boldsymbol{\beta})) &= \frac{1}{\tau} \sum_{h=1}^H \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} w_{hi} \sum_{s=1}^{d+1} \hat{y}_{his} \log \frac{\hat{y}_{his}}{m_{hi} \pi_{his}(\boldsymbol{\beta})} \\ &= K - \mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\beta})\end{aligned}$$

- Being

$$\mathcal{L}(\boldsymbol{\beta}) = \sum_{h=1}^H \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} w_{hi} \log \pi_{hi}^T(\boldsymbol{\beta}) \hat{\mathbf{y}}_{hi}$$

the **Pseudo Loglikelihood**

- The **Pseudo Maximum Likelihood Estimator** of parameter $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ can be defined by

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_P = \arg \min_{\boldsymbol{\beta} \in \Theta} d_{K-L}(\hat{\mathbf{p}}, \pi(\boldsymbol{\beta})).$$

Pseudo Minimum Phi-divergence Estimator

- Phi-divergence measures,

$$d_{\phi}(\hat{\mathbf{p}}, \pi(\beta)) = \frac{1}{\tau} \sum_{h=1}^H \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} w_{hi} m_{hi} \sum_{s=1}^{d+1} \pi_{his}(\beta) \phi\left(\frac{\hat{y}_{his}}{m_{hi} \pi_{his}(\beta)}\right),$$

where $\phi \in \Phi^*$ is the class of all convex functions $\phi(x)$, defined for $x > 0$, such that at $x = 1$, $\phi(1) = 0$, $\phi''(1) > 0$, and at $x = 0$, $0\phi(0/0) = 0$ and $0\phi(p/0) = \lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} \phi(u) / u$.

Definition

We consider the MLR model with complex survey. The **Pseudo Minimum Phi-divergence Estimator** of parameter β is defined as

$$\hat{\beta}_{\phi, P} = \arg \min_{\beta \in \Theta} d_{\phi}(\hat{\mathbf{p}}, \pi(\beta)).$$

Theorem

Let $\widehat{\beta}_{\phi,P}$ the **pseudo minimum phi-divergence estimator** of parameter β , $n = \sum_{h=1}^H n_h$ the total of clusters in all the strata of the sample and η_h^* an unknown proportion obtained as $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n_h}{n} = \eta_h^*$, $h = 1, \dots, H$. Then we have

$$\sqrt{n}(\widehat{\beta}_{\phi,P} - \beta_0) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}_{dk}, \mathbf{H}^{-1}(\beta_0) \mathbf{G}(\beta_0) \mathbf{H}^{-1}(\beta_0)),$$

($\mathbf{H}(\beta) \equiv$ Fisher information matrix)

Design effect matrix and design effect in the MLR model

- Let $\widehat{\beta}_\phi$ denote the minimum phi-divergence estimator of β for multinomial sampling. It can be seen that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{V}[\sqrt{n}\widehat{\beta}_\phi] = \mathbf{H}^{-1}(\beta_0).$$

- The **“design effect matrix”** for the MLR with sample survey design is defined as

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{V}[\sqrt{n}\widehat{\beta}_{\phi,P}] \mathbf{V}^{-1}[\sqrt{n}\widehat{\beta}_\phi] = \mathbf{H}^{-1}(\beta_0) \mathbf{G}(\beta_0)$$

- The **“design effect”**, for the MLR model with sample survey design is defined as

$$v(\beta_0) = \frac{1}{dk} \text{trace}(\mathbf{H}^{-1}(\beta_0) \mathbf{G}(\beta_0)).$$

Design effect matrix and design effect in the MLR model

- The design effect is specially interesting for models such that

$$\mathbf{E}[\widehat{\mathbf{Y}}_{hi}] = m_h \boldsymbol{\pi}_{hi}(\boldsymbol{\beta}_0) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{V}[\widehat{\mathbf{Y}}_{hi}] = v_{m_h} m_h \Delta(\boldsymbol{\pi}_{hi}(\boldsymbol{\beta}_0)), \quad (1)$$
$$v_{m_h} = 1 + \rho_h^2(m_h - 1),$$

- $v_{m_h} \equiv$ Parameter of overdispersion
- $\rho_h^2 \equiv$ Intra-cluster correlation coefficient
- Clusters have equal size in the strata, $m_{hi} = m_h$, $h = 1, \dots, H$, $i = 1, \dots, n_h$.
- Examples of distributions of $\widehat{\mathbf{Y}}_{hi}$ verifying (1) are the so-called “overdispersed multinomial distributions” (Dirictlet-multinomial, Random-clumped, m -inflated distribution)
- After obtaining the pseudo minimum phi-divergence estimator of parameter $\boldsymbol{\beta}$, $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{\phi, P}$, the interest will be in estimating the **intra-cluster correlation coefficient** as well as the **parameter of overdispersion**.

Theorem

Assume $w_{hi} = w_h$, $i = 1, \dots, n_h$. An estimator of the **parameter of overdispersion** based on the “**linearization method of Binder**” is

$$\widehat{v}_{m_h}(\widehat{\beta}_{\phi,P}) = \frac{1}{dk} \text{trace} \left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n_h} m_h \Delta(\pi_{hi}^*(\widehat{\beta}_{\phi,P})) \otimes \mathbf{x}_{hi} \mathbf{x}_{hi}^T \right)^{-1} \right. \\ \left. \times \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} (\mathbf{v}_{hi}(\widehat{\beta}_{\phi,P}) - \bar{\mathbf{v}}_h(\widehat{\beta}_{\phi,P})) (\mathbf{v}_{hi}(\widehat{\beta}_{\phi,P}) - \bar{\mathbf{v}}_h(\widehat{\beta}_{\phi,P}))^T \right)$$

with $\mathbf{v}_{hi}(\widehat{\beta}_{\phi,P}) = \mathbf{r}_{hi}^*(\beta) \otimes \mathbf{x}_{hi}$ and $\bar{\mathbf{v}}_h(\widehat{\beta}_{\phi,P}) = \frac{1}{n_h} \sum_{k=1}^{n_h} \mathbf{v}_{hk}(\widehat{\beta}_{\phi,P})$, and an estimator of the **intra-cluster correlation coefficient** is

$$\widehat{\rho}_h^2(\widehat{\beta}_{\phi,P}) = \frac{\widehat{v}_{m_h}(\widehat{\beta}_{\phi,P}) - 1}{m_h - 1}$$

Theorem

Let $\widehat{\beta}_{\phi,P}$ the pseudo minimum phi-divergence estimate of parameter β for a multinomial logistic regression model with “overdispersed multinomial distribution”. An estimator of the **parameter of overdispersion** based on the “**method of moments**” is given by

$$\tilde{v}_{m_h}(\widehat{\beta}_{\phi,P}) = \frac{1}{n_h d} \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} \sum_{s=1}^{d+1} \frac{(\widehat{y}_{his} - m_h \pi_{his}(\widehat{\beta}_{\phi,P}))^2}{m_h \pi_{his}(\widehat{\beta}_{\phi,P})}$$

and a estimator of the **intra-cluster correlation coefficient** based on the “**method of moments**” , is

$$\tilde{\rho}_h^2(\widehat{\beta}_{\phi,P}) = \frac{\tilde{v}_{m_h}(\widehat{\beta}_{\phi,P}) - 1}{m_h - 1}.$$

- The **pseudo minimum phi-divergence estimator**

$$\hat{\beta}_{\phi,P} = \arg \min_{\beta \in \Theta} d_{\phi}(\hat{\mathbf{p}}, \pi(\beta))$$

$$d_{\phi}(\hat{\mathbf{p}}, \pi(\beta)) = \frac{1}{\tau} \sum_{h=1}^H \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} w_{hi} m_{hi} \sum_{s=1}^{d+1} \pi_{his}(\beta) \phi\left(\frac{\hat{y}_{his}}{m_{hi} \pi_{his}(\beta)}\right),$$

- Divergence measure of Cressie-Read

$$\phi_{\lambda}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\lambda(1+\lambda)} [x^{\lambda+1} - x - \lambda(x-1)], & \lambda \in \mathbb{R} - \{-1, 0\} \\ x \log x - x + 1, & \lambda = 0 \\ -\log x + x - 1 & \lambda = -1 \end{cases}.$$

- $\lambda \in \{0, \frac{2}{3}, 1, 1.5, 2, 2.5\}$

Experiment of simulation

- $\hat{\mathbf{Y}}_i \equiv$ Described by Dirichlet-multinomial (DM), Random-clumped (RC), m-inflated (m-I)
- $H = 1$ (One stratum). Different number of clusters in the stratum and different size in each cluster
- $d = 3$ (Four classes) and $K = 4$.
- The true probability associated with the cluster i is $\boldsymbol{\pi}_i(\boldsymbol{\beta}_0) = (\pi_{i1}(\boldsymbol{\beta}_0), \pi_{i2}(\boldsymbol{\beta}_0), \pi_{i3}(\boldsymbol{\beta}_0), \pi_{i4}(\boldsymbol{\beta}_0))^T$, where

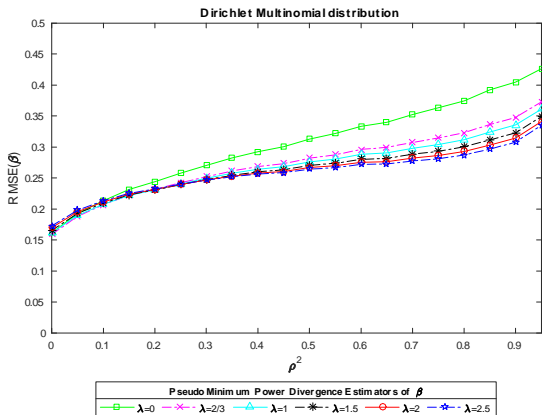
$$\pi_i(\boldsymbol{\beta}_0) = \frac{\exp\{\mathbf{x}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}_r^0\}}{\sum_{s=1}^{d+1} \exp\{\mathbf{x}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}_s^0\}}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\beta} = (\boldsymbol{\beta}_1^T, \boldsymbol{\beta}_2^T, \boldsymbol{\beta}_3^T, \boldsymbol{\beta}_4^T)^T, \text{ with } \boldsymbol{\beta}_1^T = (-0.3, -0.1, 0.1, 0.2), \\ \boldsymbol{\beta}_2^T = (0.2, -0.2, -0.2, 0.1), \boldsymbol{\beta}_3^T = (-0.1, 0.3, -0.3, 0.1), \\ \boldsymbol{\beta}_4^T = (0, 0, 0, 0)$$

- $\mathbf{x}_i \stackrel{ind}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$, $\boldsymbol{\mu} = (1, -2, 1, 5)^T$, $\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \text{diag}\{0, 25, 25, 25\}$, $i = 1, \dots, n$,

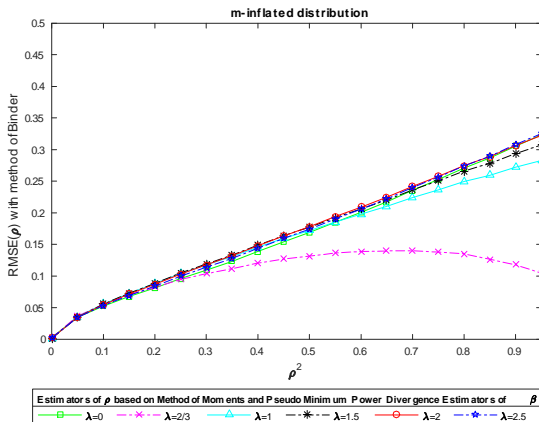
- We consider 5 different scenarios
 - Scenario 1: $n = 60$, $m = 21$, $\rho^2 \in \{0.05i\}_{i=0}^{19}$, DM, RC and m -I distributions
 - Scenario 2: $n \in \{10i\}_{i=1}^{15}$, $m = 21$, $\rho^2 = 0.25$, RC distribution
 - Scenario 3: $n = 60$, $m \in \{10i\}_{i=1}^{10}$, $\rho^2 = 0.25$, RC distribution
 - Scenario 4: $n = 60$, $m \in \{10i\}_{i=1}^{10}$, $\rho^2 = 0.75$, RC distribution
 - Scenario 5: $n = 20$, $m \in \{10i\}_{i=1}^{10}$, $\rho^2 = 0.25$, RC distribution






Conclusions for parameteres (Mean square error)



Conclusions for intra-cluster ρ^2 correlation coefficient (Mean square error)

- The best estimator of ρ^2 with Binder's method is obtained with $\lambda = 2/3$



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