

# Issues

- Discrete Choice Models
- Choosing Appropriated Models
  - Characteristics of Dependent Variables
  - Organize of Data and Characteristic of Independent Variables
- Bivariate Probit
- Multivariate Probit

# Discrete Choice Models

Binary Choice Data – Logit/Probit

Multiple Choice Data

Multinomial Data – MN Logit & MN Probit

– Nested Logit/ASM Probit

Ordered Data – Ologit & Oprobit

Bivariate Data – BV Probit

Multivariate Data – MV Probit

# Choosing Appropriated Models

## Discrete Choice Models

Depend mostly on

- Characteristics of dependent variables
- Characteristics of independent variables
- Organization of the Data

# Characteristics of Dependent Variables

Type	# Dep.Var	Requirement	Model
Binary	1 ( $Y=0,1$ )	-	Logit/Probit
Multiple	1 ( $Y=1,2,3,..$ )	Only one choice & IIA	MnLogit or MnProbit
Multiple	1 ( $Y=1,2,3,..$ )	Ordered data	Ologit/Probit
Multiple	1 ( $Y=1,2,3,..$ )	IIA Violated & Data org. as Panel	Nested Logit or ASMProbit
Multiple	$>1$ ( $Y_1=0,1$ ) ( $Y_2=0,1$ ), ...	Multivariate Normal Dist.	MVProbit

# Characteristics of Independent Variables and Organization of Data

Type	Indep.Var	Requirement	Model
Binary Multiple	Char. of choicemaker and choices	Data mostly organized as Cross- sectional Data	Logit/Probit MnLogit or MnProbit Ologit/Probit
Multiple	Char. of choices	AS Ind. var. Data org. as Panel	Nested Logit or ASMProbit
Multiple	Char. of choicemaker and choices	Multivariate Normal Dist.	MVProbit

# Topics

## Multivariate Discrete Outcomes

- Probability Concept
- Models for Multivariate Discrete Outcomes

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## Multivariate Discrete Outcomes

### Probability Concept

- Univariate Normal Distribution
- Bivariate Normal Distribution
- Multivariate Normal Distribution

### Models for Multivariate Discrete Outcomes

- Bivariate Probit Models
- Multivariate Probit Models
- Multivariate Ordered Probit Models

# Normal Distribution

Recall the definition of a normal distribution (Gaussian):

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{k/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)' \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu)\right]$$

$$x' = [x_1 \quad x_2 \quad \cdots \quad x_k]$$

**Mean:**  $\mu = E[x] = \int xp(x)dx$

**Variance-Covariance:**

$$\Sigma = E\left[(x - \mu)(x - \mu)'\right] = \int (x - \mu)(x - \mu)' p(x)dx$$

# Univariate Normal Distribution

Probability density function of Univariate Normal Distribution:

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right]$$

Mean:  $\mu = E[x] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} xp(x)dx$

Variance:

$$\sigma^2 = E\left[(x-\mu)^2\right] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x-\mu)^2 p(x)dx$$

# Bivariate Normal Distribution

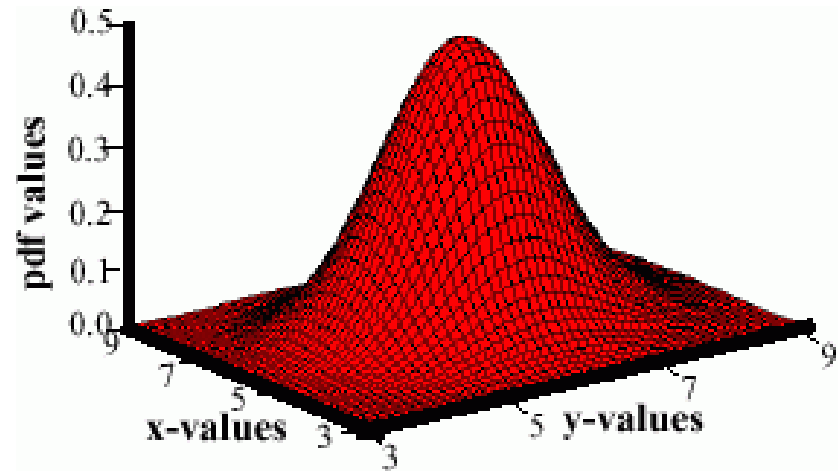
Bivariate Normal Distribution can be defined:

$$p(x, y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_x\sigma_y}\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)} \left[ \left( \frac{x-\mu_x}{\sigma_x} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{y-\mu_y}{\sigma_y} \right)^2 - \frac{2\rho(x-\mu_x)(y-\mu_y)}{\sigma_x\sigma_y} \right] \right]$$

Mean:  $\mu = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_x \\ \mu_y \end{pmatrix}$

Variance-Covariance:

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x^2 & \rho\sigma_x\sigma_y \\ \rho\sigma_x\sigma_y & \sigma_y^2 \end{bmatrix}$$



$\rho$  is correlation between  $x$  and  $y$

# Multivariate Normal Distribution

Multivariate Normal Distribution can be defined:

$$p(\mathbf{X}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{k/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu})' \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{X} - \boldsymbol{\mu})\right]$$

Mean:  $\boldsymbol{\mu}' = \left[ \mu_{x_1} \quad \mu_{x_2} \quad \cdots \quad \mu_{x_k} \right]$

Variance-Covariance:  $\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{x_1}^2 & \rho_{12} \sigma_{x_1} \sigma_{x_2} & \cdots & \rho_{1k} \sigma_{x_1} \sigma_{x_k} \\ \rho_{21} \sigma_{x_2} \sigma_{x_1} & \sigma_{x_2}^2 & \cdots & \rho_{2k} \sigma_{x_2} \sigma_{x_k} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \rho_{k1} \sigma_{x_k} \sigma_{x_1} & \rho_{k2} \sigma_{x_k} \sigma_{x_2} & \cdots & \sigma_{x_k}^2 \end{bmatrix}$

Var-Cov. is assumed to be symmetric and positive semidefinite.

$\rho_{ij}$  is correlation between  $x_i$  and  $x_j$

# Univariate Probit Model

Unobservable utility index ( $y^*$ ) or latent var.

$$y^* = x\beta + \varepsilon, \quad y = 1 \quad \text{if } y^* > 0, \quad 0 \quad \text{otherwise}$$

Then,

$$P_i = \Pr(y = 1 | x) = P(y^* > 0) = F(x\beta) = \Phi(x\beta)$$

Assume  $\Phi(\cdot)$  is cumulative standardized normal distribution function.

# Bivariate Probit Models

Two binary choice dependent variables.

The models assume standardized bivariate normal distribution.

$$y_1^* = x_1\beta_1 + \varepsilon_1, \quad y_1 = 1 \text{ if } y_1^* > 0, \quad 0 \text{ otherwise}$$
$$y_2^* = x_2\beta_2 + \varepsilon_2, \quad y_2 = 1 \text{ if } y_2^* > 0, \quad 0 \text{ otherwise}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \end{bmatrix} \sim N\left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \rho \\ \rho & 1 \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

$\rho$  is Tetrachoric Correlation between  $\varepsilon_1$  and  $\varepsilon_2$

# Bivariate Probit Models

The probability function of the model can be stated as:

$$\begin{aligned} P(y_1 = 1, y_2 = 1) &= P(y_1^* > 0, y_2^* > 0) \\ &= P(\varepsilon_1 < x_1\beta_1, \varepsilon_2 < x_2\beta_2) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{x_1\beta_1} \int_{-\infty}^{x_2\beta_2} \phi(z_1, z_2, \rho) dz_1 dz_2 \\ &= \Phi(x_1\beta_1, x_2\beta_2, \rho) \end{aligned}$$

where:  $\Phi(\cdot)$  is Cumulative Standardized Bivariate Normal Distribution Function.

# Bivariate Probit Models

Maximum Likelihood Estimation method is employed to estimate the model.

However,  $\rho$  cannot be directly estimated.

Inverse hyperbolic tangent ( $\operatorname{atanh} \rho$ ) is estimated instead.

$$\operatorname{atanh} \rho = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{1 + \rho}{1 - \rho} \right)$$

# Bivariate Probit Models

## Test of Bivariate Probit

If  $\rho = 0$ , the log-likelihood of Bivariate Probit ( $\log L_{BVP}$ ) is equal to sum of log-likelihood of two separate Univariate Probit models ( $\log L_P$ ).

Likelihood Ratio (LR) test compared between Bivariate Probit and two separate Univariate Probit can be performed to test the appropriateness of Bivariate Probit Models.

$$LR = 2 \left( \log L_{BVP} - \left[ \log L_{P_1} + \log L_{P_2} \right] \right) \sim \chi_1^2$$

# Multivariate Probit Models

More than two binary choice dependent variables. The model assumes multivariate normal distribution.

$$y_1^* = x_1\beta_1 + \varepsilon_1, \quad y_1 = 1 \text{ if } y_1^* > 0, \quad 0 \text{ otherwise}$$

$$y_2^* = x_2\beta_2 + \varepsilon_2, \quad y_2 = 1 \text{ if } y_2^* > 0, \quad 0 \text{ otherwise}$$

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$$y_k^* = x_k\beta_k + \varepsilon_k, \quad y_k = 1 \text{ if } y_k^* > 0, \quad 0 \text{ otherwise}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \vdots \\ \varepsilon_k \end{bmatrix} \sim N \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ \rho_{21} & 1 & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \\ \rho_{k1} & \rho_{k2} & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$\rho_{ij}$  is Tetrachoric Correlation between  $\varepsilon_i$  and  $\varepsilon_j$

# Multivariate Probit Models

Example - 4 binary choice dependent variables:

$$y_1^* = x_1\beta_1 + \varepsilon_1, \quad y_1 = 1 \text{ if } y_1^* > 0, \quad 0 \text{ otherwise}$$

$$y_2^* = x_2\beta_2 + \varepsilon_2, \quad y_2 = 1 \text{ if } y_2^* > 0, \quad 0 \text{ otherwise}$$

$$y_3^* = x_3\beta_3 + \varepsilon_3, \quad y_3 = 1 \text{ if } y_3^* > 0, \quad 0 \text{ otherwise}$$

$$y_4^* = x_4\beta_4 + \varepsilon_4, \quad y_4 = 1 \text{ if } y_4^* > 0, \quad 0 \text{ otherwise}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \varepsilon_3 \\ \varepsilon_4 \end{bmatrix} \sim N \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ \rho_{21} & 1 & & \\ \rho_{31} & \rho_{32} & \ddots & \\ \rho_{41} & \rho_{42} & \rho_{43} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

$\rho_{ij}$  is Tetrachoric Correlation between  $\varepsilon_i$  and  $\varepsilon_j$

# Multivariate Probit Models

The probability function of the model can be stated as:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(y_1 = 1, y_2 = 1, y_3 = 1, y_4 = 1) &= P(y_1^* > 0, y_2^* > 0, y_3^* > 0, y_4^* > 0) \\
 &= P(\varepsilon_1 < x_1\beta_1, \varepsilon_2 < x_2\beta_2, \varepsilon_3 < x_3\beta_3, \varepsilon_4 < x_4\beta_4) \\
 &= \int_{-\infty}^{x_1\beta_1} \int_{-\infty}^{x_2\beta_2} \int_{-\infty}^{x_3\beta_3} \int_{-\infty}^{x_4\beta_4} \phi(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4, \rho_{21}, \rho_{31}, \rho_{41}, \rho_{32}, \rho_{42}, \rho_{43}) dz_1 dz_2 dz_3 dz_4 \\
 &= \Phi(x_1\beta_1, x_2\beta_2, x_3\beta_3, x_4\beta_4, \rho_{21}, \rho_{31}, \rho_{41}, \rho_{32}, \rho_{42}, \rho_{43})
 \end{aligned}$$

where:  $\Phi(\cdot)$  is Cumulative Standardized Multivariate Normal Distribution Function.

# Multivariate Probit Models

Since the likelihood function of the models has no close-form solution, the models are estimated by Maximum Simulated Likelihood Estimation method.

However,  $\rho_{ij}$  cannot be directly estimated.  $\text{atanh } \rho_{ij}$  are estimated instead.

$$\text{atanh } \rho_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( \frac{1 + \rho_{ij}}{1 - \rho_{ij}} \right)$$

# Multivariate Probit Models

## Test of Multivariate Probit

If all  $\rho_{ij} = 0$ , the log-likelihood of Multivariate Probit is equal to sum of log-likelihood of all separate Univariate Probit models.

Likelihood Ratio (LR) test compared between Multivariate Probit and all separate Univariate Probit models can be performed to test the appropriateness of Multivariate Probit Models.

# Bivariate Ordered Probit Models

In case that choices are ordered, ordered probit or logit model can be applied.

$$y_{ci}^* = x_{ci}\beta_k + \varepsilon_{ci}, \quad E(\varepsilon_{ci}) = 0, \quad c = 1, 2$$

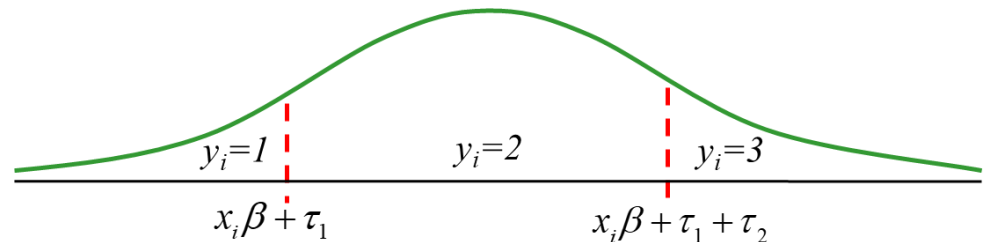
$$y_{ci} = 1 \quad \text{if} \quad -\infty < y_{ci}^* \leq x_{ci}\beta_c + \tau_{c1},$$

$$y_{ci} = j \quad \text{if} \quad x_{ci}\beta_c + \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \tau_{ck} < y_{ci}^* \leq x_{ci}\beta_c + \sum_{k=1}^j \tau_{ck}, \quad j = 2, \dots, m-1,$$

$$y_{ci} = m \quad \text{if} \quad x_{ci}\beta_c + \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} \tau_{ck} < y_{ci}^* \leq \infty$$

where  $\tau_{cj}$  = Threshold value (cut),  $j=1, 2, \dots, m$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_{1i} \\ \varepsilon_{2i} \end{bmatrix} \sim N \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \rho_{21} \\ \rho_{21} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$



# Evaluation Criteria

Test of the correlation across equations to confirm appropriateness of the BV/MV Probit/OProbit Models.

## 1. Sign and meaning of the Coefficients.

- Whether the estimated results are according to the theory.
- Meaning – Marginal Effects for each case of the predicted  $y_j$  at ...

## 2. Overall Test – LR-Chi-squares-test.

- Whether all explanatory variables can be used in explaining the dependent variable.

# Evaluation Criteria

## 3. GOF.

- Log-likelihood Value to make comparison.

## 4. Individual Test – z-test.

- Whether each explanatory variables can explain the dependent variable.
- z-test – MLE assume Asymptotic Normal.