

Ralph's discrete choice

Ralph observes a binary choice, D , and wishes to assess the choice probability conditional on background conditions described by X . It is clear to Ralph the unconditional $Pr(D = 1) = 0.5$ as he believes his sample is representative of the unknown population. Ralph believes the conditional probability follows a logistic distribution such that $Pr(D_j = 1 | X) = 1/(1 + \exp[-X_j^T g])$ where X is a matrix with two columns (one and x) and g is a two element vector of parameters (g_0 and g_1). Ralph's sample from the data generating process (DGP) is tabulated below.

D	one	x
1	1	2
1	1	2
1	1	0
0	1	-1
0	1	0
0	1	1

After some consideration, Ralph determines the conditional probability assessment is a maximum likelihood problem. The log-likelihood function is

$$\log-L = \sum_{j=1}^n D_j * \log\{1/(1 + \exp[-X_j^T g])\} + (1 - D_j) * \log\{1/(1 + \exp[X_j^T g])\}$$

Required:

1. Find $g = [g_0 \ g_1]^T$ that maximizes the log-likelihood or minimizes the negative log-likelihood.
2. Find $Pr(D_j = 1 | X_j)$ for $j = 1, \dots, 6$. (Hint: repeated values of X_j have the same conditional probabilities.)