S650: Lab Guide for Stata

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This *Guide* will structure your work in labs. The amount of time that you spend on each step of the *Guide* will depend on your past experience using Stata, your familiarity with the method being discussed, and your interest in a given topic.

The *Guide* is divided into sections corresponding to the class lectures, and in lab you should work through the section of the *Guide* that corresponds to the day's lecture. Feel free to experiment along the way. Note that the guide does not include all of the output for each command. To see the full output, you can run the do files associated with each section of the guide (e.g., lhs_guide01.do).

When you have worked through a section of the *Guide*, you should start with the assignment that will be handed out in lab.

Here are several rules to keep in mind when reading this lab guide:

- a. In this *Guide*, all Stata commands start with a period (.). If we extend a command to multiple lines, we put a > sign at the very beginning of those lines. In your do file or at the command line, do NOT type the period "." or ">". In each section, we have a summary of key commands. In these summaries, words *italicized* within a command are those you can change or modify. Usually they are new variable, file, or object names.
- b. Results produced by Stata are in this font.
- c. If part of a command is in **bold** and the rest is not bold, this means that the bold portion of the command can be used as an abbreviation.
- d. Some commands were written by Scott Long and Jeremy Freese; these are indicated by **SPost**. See Chapter 2 of Long and Freese (2003) for details.
- e. Other commands are from the Stata Technical Bulletin which can be obtained from www.stata.com. These commands are marked **STB**.
- 3. Occasionally, this *Guide* will use **L&F** to reference relevant discussions in Long and Freese's *Regression Models for Categorical Dependent Variables Using Stata*. For example, "see L&F: 2.7.1" means you can go to Chapter 2, Section 2.7, and Subsection 2.7.1 for detailed information.

1: Introduction to Stata

The commands from this section are in the file lhs guide01.do.

There are three ways that you can enter commands using Stata. First, the command line. This is the box at the bottom of the screen. Type the command and press enter and the command is executed. Second, use the GUI (graphical user interface) to pull down dialog boxes. Fill in the blank and away you go. The resulting command appears in the output window along with the output. Third, type the commands into a text file with a name such as lhs_guide01.do. Then, from the command line, type: do lhs_guide01. We'll have you start by entering commands from the command line. Then, we'll tell you how to use a do files. Methods 1 and 2 are often useful, but do files should be your primary method of working. Why? Because you can easily modify and redo your work in the future. For details on interactive versus command files use of Stata, see the Appendix of this guide.

Trying the Commands from the Command Line

- 1) Set up a Working Directory. It is a good idea to create a working directory, place your data in the subdirectory, and perform your computation in this subdirectory. This avoids needing to specify the drive path. For now, we assume that you are working on the subdirectory c:\temp and this is also where your data are located. You can change directories with the cd command. For example, cd c:\work changes to directory work on drive c. Let us assume our current working directory is c:\work and want to reset to c:\temp, we then type:
- . cd c:\temp
- 2) Open a Log. The first step is to open a log file for recording your results (see L&F: 2.6). Remember that all commands are case sensitive.
- . capture log close
 . log using lhs_guide01.log
- 3) Load the Data. We use the data set containing information on the careers of 308 Ph.D. biochemists. A comma demarcates the end of a main command and signals the start of an option string. The clear option tells Stata to "clear out" any existing data from memory before loading the new data set. The extension .dta is assumed when the use command is used. For details, see L&F:2.7. In the command window, enter:
- . use science2, clear
- 4) Examine the Data Set. The describe command gives information about the data set.
- . describe

<pre>Contains data obs: vars: size:</pre>	308		nory free)	Some of the variables have been artificially constructed. 19 Jun 2002 12:23 (_dta has notes)
variable name	_	display format		variable label
id cit1 ::: output del	float int	_		ID Number. Citations: PhD yr -1 to 1.
faculty jobrank totpub	byte	%9.0g	faclbl joblbl	1=Faculty in University Rankings of University Job. Total Pubs in 9 Yrs post-Ph.D. * indicated variables have notes
Sorted by:				

5) Examine Individual Variables. A series of commands tell us about individual variables. You can use whichever command you prefer. For details about the summarize command, see L&F: 2.11.2. For details about the tabulate command, see L&F: 2.11, 2.12.2, 2.13.4

. sum work

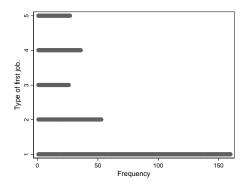
Max	Min	td. Dev.	Sto	Mean	Obs	Variable
					+	
5	1	1.37829	1.	2.062914	302	work

. tab work

Type of first job.	Freq.	Percent	Cum.
FacUniv	160	52.98	52.98
ResUniv	53	17.55	70.53
ColTch	26	8.61	79.14
IndRes	36	11.92	91.06
Admin	27	8.94	100.00
Total	302	100.00	

6) **Graph Variables**. Graphing is also a useful tool for examining data. Note that it takes a long time in Stata to create your first graph. Later graphs will appear much more quickly.

. dotplot work



7) Save Graphs. There are two formats for graphs. The gph format can only be used by Stata. We will use the wmf (Window metafile) format that can be used by other programs. To save a graph in wmf format you must have the graph window active. Then, go to the menu bar, click *file* and then select *save graph*. Change the graph type to Windows Metafile and enter a file name, ending in .wmf. An alternative method for saving graphs is the graph export command, which can be included in do files:

. graph export myname.wmf, replace

For details on graphing, see L&F: 2.16.

8) Add Comments. To add comments to your output, which allows you to document your command files, type * at the beginning of each comment line. The comment will be listed in the log file:

. * saving a graph

Another method is to put // between your command and your comments in one line like:

However, this method works only in the do-file editor (described later).

9) Create a Dummy Variable. Let's make a dummy variable with faculty in universities coded 1, all others coded 0. The command gen isfac = work==1 if work<. combines two statements: (1) generate faculty as a dummy variable; and (2) if work = 1, then faculty = 1, all others 0. The statement if

work<. makes sure that missing values are kept as missing in the new variable. Note that there are various kinds of missing codings in Stata 8 (e.g., .a, .b). All missing codings are considered to be greater than any numeric values, and the system missing, coded as a period (.), is the smallest missing value. Therefore, to specify that a variable is not equal to any type of missing, we simply specify that variable is smaller than the value ".". Therefore,

```
. gen isfac = work==1 if work<.
(6 missing values generated)
```

Six missing values were generated since work contained 6 missing observations. For details on missing values, type help missing. For details about how Stata handles missing cases, please read L&F: 2.12.3.

10) Check Transformations. Transformations can be checked with a table. There are 302 cases, not 308, since 6 cases have missing values.

. tab isfac work

isfac	FacUniv	Type ResUniv	of first j	ob. IndRes	Admin	Total
 0 1	0 160	53 0	26 0	36 0	27 0	142 160
 Total	160	53	26	36	27	302

11) Label Variables and Values. It is very important to add variable labels and value labels. For many of the regression commands, value labels for the dependent variable are essential. The variable name isfacfmt is required to store the value labels. For details, see L&F: 2.14.1 and 2.14.2.

- . label variable isfac "1=Faculty in University"
 . label define isfacfmt 0 "NotFac" 1 "Faculty"
- . label values isfac isfacfmt
- . tab isfac

1=Faculty in University	Freq.	Percent	Cum.
NotFac Faculty	142 160	47.02 52.98	47.02 100.00
Total	302	100.00	

12) Create an Ordinal Variable. The prestige of graduate programs is often referred to in the categories of adequate, good, strong and distinguished. Here we create such an ordinal variable from the continuous variable for the prestige of the first job. The missing option tells Stata to show cases with missing values.

. tab job, missing

job.	Freq.	Percent	Cum.
1.01	1 1	0.32 0.32	0.32 0.65
::: output de	eleted :::		
4.5	6	1.95	51.30
4.69	5	1.62	52.92
•	145	47.08	100.00
Total	308	100.00	

The recode command makes it easy to create binary, ordinal and nominal variables.

```
. gen jobprst=job
. recode jobprst .=. 1/1.99=1 2/2.99=2 3/3.99=3 4/5=4
(162 changes made)
```

162 changes were made, not the total of 308. This occurs because the values of some cases were not changed. For details about using the recode command, see L&F: 2.13.3.

13) Label Variables and Label Values. Next we label the new variable:

```
. label variable jobprst "Rankings of University Job."
```

To label the values, we begin by defining the categories:

```
. label define jobprstfmt 1 "Adeq" 2 "Good" 3 "Strg" 4 "Dist"
```

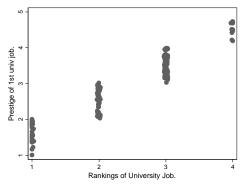
The value 1 is given the label "Adeq", and so on. Then we tell Stata that the label jobprstfmt goes with the variable jobprst:

- . label values jobprst jobprstfmt
- . tab jobprst

Rankings of University Job.	 Freq.	Percent	Cum.
Adeq Good Strg Dist	31 47 71 14	19.02 28.83 43.56 8.59	19.02 47.85 91.41 100.00
Total	163	100.00	

14) Check the Transformation. A graph is an easy way to check if chopping a continuous variable into categories was done correctly. The jitter option adds some random noise to give you a sense of how many cases are located in each cluster. The larger the number within the parenthesis, the more noise. The range of this number is from 0 to 30.

```
. scatter job jobprst, jitter(2)
```



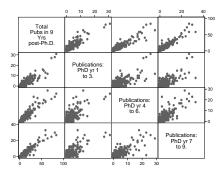
15) Combine Variables. Now we create a new variable by summing existing variables. We add pub3, pub6 and pub9 to compute the total number of publications. The scatter plot matrix shows how all of the variables are related. For more discussion about the gen command, see L&F: 2.13.1.

```
. gen pubsum=pub3+pub6+pub9
```

- . label variable pubsum "Total Pubs in 9 Yrs post-Ph.D."
- . sum pub3 pub6 pub9 pubsum

Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
pub3	308	3.185065	3.908752	0	31
pub6	308	4.165584	4.780714	0	29
pub9	308	4.512987	5.315134	0	33
pubsum	308	11.86364	12.77623	0	84

. graph matrix pubsum pub3 pub6 pub9



16) Save the New Data. After you make changes to your data set, it is a good idea to save the data with *a new file name*. Since we will use the variables we created in this exercise tomorrow, be sure to save your file. Here we saved a new data file scitemp.dta, and we will use this data file for later sessions. In case scitemp.dta is not correctly saved, we created a data file sciwork.dta, which is exactly the same as scitemp.dta and we will use sciwork.dta for later sessions. For details about using and saving data in Stata format, see L&F: 2.7.

```
. save scitemp, replace
file scitemp.dta saved
```

17) Close Log File. Last, we need to close the log file so that we can refer to it in the future.

. log close

Trying the Commands using the Stata menu system

The best way to understand how to do this is to explore the menus at the top of Stata. We'll illustrate a graphic command since we find that the menus help keep track of all of the many graphic options.

Press alt-g to open the graphics menu. Press t to make the cursor go to "Twoway graph". Press enter to open the dialog box. That's it, except for filling in the boxes.

Trying the Commands using a do file

Do files are simply text files containing Stata commands. To open a Stata do file, click the Stata do-file editor icon (the fifth icon from the right). In the Stata do-file editor window, you first go to the menu bar and make the following clicks: File \rightarrow Open... and then open "yourdofile.do" from where it is saved.

To execute your do file, you simply need to click the icon (the second icon from right in the Stata Do-file Editor). If you do not have a do file, you need to type in the commands first. For example, to run all of the commands you entered in the command window, you can type them in the do-file editor (remember NOT to type out the period at the very beginning of each command line!):

```
. log using lhs_guide01.log
. use science2, clear
. describe
. sum work
. tab work
. dotplot work
. graph export myname.wmf, replace
. gen isfac = work==1 if work<.
. tab isfac work
. scatter work isfac, jitter(2)
. label variable isfac "1=Faculty in University"
. label define isfacfmt 0 "NotFac" 1 "Faculty"
. label values isfac isfacfmt
. tab isfac
. gen jobprst=job
. recode jobprst .=1/1.99=1 \ 2/2.99=2 \ 3/3.99=3 \ 4/5=4
. label define jobprstfmt 1 "Adeq" 2 "Good" 3 "Strg" 4 "Dist"
. label values jobprst jobprstfmt
. tab jobprst
. scatter job jobprst, jitter(2)
. gen pubsum=pub3+pub6+pub9
. label variable pubsum "Total Pubs in 9 Yrs post-Ph.D."
. sum pub3 pub6 pub9 pubsum
. graph matrix pubsum pub3 pub6 pub9
. save scitemp, replace // Note: this file is used in later sections.
. log close
```

and click the icon. To save your do file, you go to File→Save as... in the do-file editor window and save your do file under some directory. Next time, you simply open this do file in the do-editor window and you can rerun what you did today (and easily make changes as needed).

In do files, you can easily extend commands over more than a single line. Normally, each Stata command ends when you enter a carriage return. But, if you end a line with a /// before the carriage return, Stata lets you continue your line. For example:

```
. label define jobprstfmt 1 "Adeq" 2 "Good" 3 "Strg" 4 "Dist"
```

is a bit hard to read, and would be much harder if there were 10 or 20 categories. But, you can extend a command across lines using the /// sign:

Note that the > sign is an indication of unfinished command in *log* files. So in your do file, please do NOT type the > sign. For details about alternative ways to deal with long lines, see L&F: 2.9.2. For details about data management, read Chapter 2 in L&F.

2: Linear Regression

The commands from this section are in the file lhs_guide02.do.

Summary of Key Commands

keep Specify the variables or observations to be kept (see L&F: 2.12.4

and 2.12.5).

tabulate *varname(s)*, missing Check frequencies and the number of cases with missing values

(see L&F: 2.11 and 2.12.2).

regress depvar indepvarlist Estimate a linear regression of a dependent variable (depvar) on

independent variables (indepvarlist).

listcoef, helpList the estimated coefficients; the help command lists the

guidelines for interpretation and is optional. SPost (see L&F:

3.1.8, A.3).

Trying the Commands

1) Open a Log File. Always open a log file for recording your results.

```
. log using lhs_guide02.log, replace
```

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_____
```

```
log: lhs_guide02.log
log type: text
opened on: 10 Jun 2004, 14:12:11
```

2) Load the Data. Let's use the data we created earlier. If you did not save a copy of sciwork.dta, you can load the file (also called sciwork.dta) we created for you.

```
. use sciwork, clear
```

3) Select Variables and Examine the Data. Use keep to select the dependent variable pubsum and the three independent variables, faculty, enrol, and phd, which we will use to construct regression models later. What the drop command does is to drop cases with missing values for any variables in the variable list, pubsum, faculty, enroll, and phd.

```
. keep pubsum faculty enrol phd
```

. tabulate faculty, m

1=Faculty in University	Freq.	Percent	Cum.
NotFac Faculty	142 160 6	46.10 51.95 1.95	46.10 98.05 100.00
Total	308	100.00	

```
. tab enrol, m
::: output deleted :::
. tab phd, m
::: output deleted :::
```

If we translate the following command into plain English, it reads "drop any cases if pubsum is missing, or if faculty is missing, or enrol is missing, or phd is missing." Note that | means "or".

```
. drop if pubsum>=. | faculty>=. | enrol>=. | phd>=.
(36 observations deleted)
```

4) Regression. Specifying a model is simple. The main thing to remember is that the dependent variable is listed *first*, followed by independent variables. Notice that the number of observations is 272, not 308. This is because cases with missing values for any of the variables in this regression analysis have been deleted by the drop command.

```
. regress pubsum faculty enrol phd
```

Source	ss	df	MS		Number of obs F(3, 268)		272 11.28
Model Residual	3673.99731 29095.885	268 10	24.66577 8.566735		Prob > F R-squared Adj R-squared	= =	0.0000 0.1121 0.1022
Total	32769.8824	271 12	0.922075		Root MSE	=	10.42
pubsum	 Coef.	Std. Err	 . t	P> t	[95% Conf.	In	terval]
faculty enrol phd _cons	5.102683 -1.207163 1.470497 10.40784	1.278623 .4343317 .6361169 3.306921	3.99 -2.78 2.31 3.15	0.000 0.006 0.022 0.002	2.585259 -2.062299 .2180752 3.89699	2	.620107 3520267 .722919 6.91869

5) Standardized Coefficients. listcoef lists the estimated coefficients for a variety of regression models. The help option includes details on the meaning of each coefficient. **SPost** (see L&F: 3.1.7, A.3)

. listcoef, help

regress (N=272): Unstandardized and Standardized Estimates

Observed SD: 10.996457 SD of Error: 10.419536

pubsum	b	t	P> t	bStdX	bStdY	bStdXY	SDofX
enrol	5.10268 -1.20716 1.47050	-2.779	0.006	-1.7649	-0.1098	-0.1605	0.4998 1.4620 1.0025

b = raw coefficient

t = t-score for test of b=0

P>|t| = p-value for t-test

bStdX = x-standardized coefficient

bStdY = y-standardized coefficient

bStdXY = fully standardized coefficient

SDofX = standard deviation of X

6) Close Log File. Always close your log file:

. log close

2.5: Introduction to Graph

The commands from this section are in the file <code>lhs_guide025.do</code>. For detailed discussion about graphing with Stata, see L&F: 2.16. The graph commands were changed completely in Stata 8. Each graph can be highly customized, but to do this requires the use of a lot of sometimes confusing options. Here we describe the basic options. Creating graphs is one place where the GUI can be very helpful. Notice that if you use the GUI to create a command, the resulting command is listed in the output window. You can copy this command into a do file for later use.

Summary of Key Commands

dotplot *varlist* Plot the frequency distribution of one or more variables.

graph bar varlist Graph a bar chart. **twoway sc**atter varlist Draw a scatter plot.

Trying the Commands

1) Open a Log

. log using lhs_guide025.log, replace

log: lhs_guide025.log

log type: text

opened on: 20 Jun 2004, 00:24:46

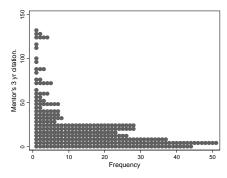
2) Load the Data

. use science2, clear (Note that some of the variables have been artificially constructed.)

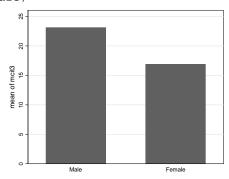
- 3) **Descriptive Plot.** dotplot produce a frequency distribution of a single or multiple variables. The x-axis denotes the frequency and y-axis corresponds to the variable of our interest.
- . sum mcit3

Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
mcit3	306	20.95098	26.26862	0	133

. dotplot mcit3



- 4) Bivarite Plot. By default, graph bar graphs the mean value of a variable conditional on the level of the variable specified with the over option. In this case, each bar is the mean of mcit3 by respondent's gender.
- . graph bar mcit3, over(female)

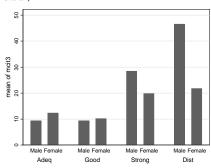


To plot the median values of mcit3 by gender:

. graph bar (median) mcit3, over(female)

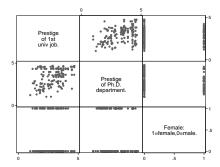
In the following graph, the bars are drawn over both the respondent's gender and the prestige of his/her fellowship or Ph.D program. Since the command is long, we use the "//" sign to continue the command across two lines (Note: you cannot use /// in the command window; it is intended for use in a do file).

```
. graph bar mcit3, ///
> over(female) over(felclass)
```



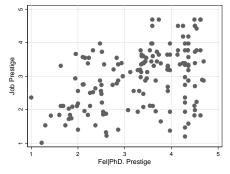
graph matrix draws pairwise scatterplots for variables in the variable list.

. graph matrix job phd female



5) Advanced Plot. graph twoway scatter is the command for drawing scatterplots. It has lots of options that can be used. The ylabel option denotes which tic marks for the y variable should be labeled. For example, the ylabel(1(1)5, grid)tells Stata 8 that numbers from 1 to 5 with an interval of 1 should be marked along the y-axis and that a grid will be superimposed. ytitle("Job Prestige") labels the y-axis. The same logic applies to label the x-axis. Note that you can abbreviate the command as either twoway scatter or scatter instead of graph twoway scatter.

```
. graph twoway scatter job fel, ///
> ylabel(1(1)5, grid) ytitle("Job Prestige") ///
> xlabel(1(1)5, grid) xtitle("Fel | PhD. Prestige")
```



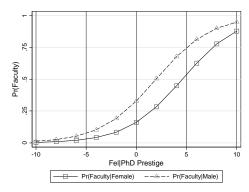
6) More Advanced Plot. A powerful feature of scatter is that it can produce multiple scatterplots in one graph. Here is an example from the lecture that estimate a binary logit model and produce six new variables containing predicted probabilities as fel varies and female set to one (being female) or zero

(being male). If we have not discussed these commands in lecture yet, you can skip this section, or just try these commands and see what happens.

```
. logit faculty female fel, nolog
::: output deleted :::
. prgen fel, from(-10) to(10) generate(women) x(female=1) rest(mean)
::: output deleted :::
. label var womenp1 "Pr(Faculty|Female)"
. prgen fel, from(-10) to(10) generate(men) x(female=0) rest(mean)
::: output deleted :::
. label var menp1 "Pr(Faculty|Male)"
```

Graph Options: The following scatter command draws two scatterplots in one graph. Each option is discussed below:

```
. scatter womenp1 womenx, ///
>    ylabel(0(.25)1., grid) ytitle("Pr(Faculty)") ///
>    xlabel(-10(5)10) xtitle("Fel|PhD Prestige") ///
>    msymbol(Sh) ///
>    connect(1) xline(-10 -5 0 5 10) ///
>    legend(lab(1 "Pr(UnivFaculty|Female)")) ///
> || scatter menp1 womenx, ///
    msymbol(Th) ///
>    connect(1) ///
> legend(lab(2 "Pr(UnivFaculty|Male)"))
```



First, notice that there are two scatter commands that are combined using ||. One command is for the female curve; the other for the male curve. For the first pair, womenp1 corresponds to the y variable (y-axis) and womenx the x variable (x-axis).

ylabel(0(.25)1., grid) labels numbers from 0 to 1 with an interval of .25 along the y axis, with the grid option adding grids parallel to the x-axis. The ytitle() option writes a title along the y axis.

The xlabel and xtitle do the same thing for the x-axis.

msymbol() specifies the marker symbol used for the first curve. In this case, msymbol(Sh)tells Stata to draw the bivariate scatterplot of womenpl against womenx using the hollow square symbol. For other marker symbols, type help symbolstyle in the command window.

connect() allows you to connect each data point of the scatter plot of womenp1 against womenx; the first observation is connected to the second, the second to the third, and so on. The suboption 1 requests connections using straight lines. For other options, type help connectstyle in the command window.

The legend() option controls the legend. legend(lab(1 "Pr(UnivFaculty|Female)")) instructs Stata to label the first variable in the legend as "Pr(UnivFaculty|Female)". For details, type help legend option.

Well, we are done with the first scatter plot. When we want one plot type overlaid on another, we combine the commands, putting | | in between the two sets of command. The options for the second graph are just like those for the first, with changes to reflect the different variables.

The following command is an alternative way to draw the same graph using only one scatter command. The options should be clear from the example above:

```
. scatter womenp1 menp1 womenx, ///
>    ylabel(0(.25)1., grid) ytitle("Pr(Faculty)") ///
>    xlabel(-10(5)10) xtitle("Fel|PhD Prestige") ///
>    msymbol(Sh Th) connect(l l) ///
> legend(lab(1 "Pr(UnivFaculty|Female)") lab(2 "Pr(UnivFaculty|Male)"))
```

There are many other types of graphs that you can use, but for now this is all we need.

7) Close Log File

. log close

3: Models for Binary Outcomes

The file lhs_guide03.do contains these Stata commands. For details about binary models and related Stata commands, see Chapter 4 of L&F (2003).

Summary of Key Commands

logit depvar indvar1 indvar2 Estimate a logit model (see L&F: 3.1.4, 4.2).

probit depvar indvar1 indvar2 Estimate a probit model (see L&F: 4.2).

listcoef, help List the estimated coefficients; the help command lists the

guidelines for interpretation and is optional. **SPost** (see L&F:

3.1.7, 4.7, A.3)

prvalue Compute the predicted values at specific values of the

independent variables. SPost (see L&F: 3.5.3, 3.5.7, 4.6.2,

A.13).

prchange Compute discrete and marginal change for regression models for

categorical and count variables. **SPost** (see L&F: 3.5.3, 3.5.4,

4.6.5, A.9)

Trying the Commands

1) Open a Log. Remember to open a log file for recording your results.

```
. log using lhs_guide03.log, replace
------
log: lhs_guide03.log
log type: text
opened on: 20 Jun 2004, 00:24:46
```

- 2) Load the Data. Let's use the data we created earlier.
- . use sciwork, clear
- 3) Selecting a Sample. Assume that we only want to look at men. To do this, we drop all female cases.
- . tab female

Female: 1=female,0= male.	Freq.	Percent	Cum.
Male Female	201 107	65.26 34.74	65.26 100.00
Total	308	100.00	

. drop if female==1

(107 observations deleted)

We also want to drop any cases with missing values for the variables we will be analyzing.

. sum female isfac fellow phd mcit3 mnas

Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
female	201	0	0	0	0
isfac	198	.6010101	.490932	0	1
fellow	201	.4676617	.500199	0	1
phd	201	3.069403	1.010882	1	4.77
mcit3	200	23.115	29.6611	0	133
mnas	199	.0854271	.2802212	0	1

. drop if isfac>=. | mcit3>=. | mnas>=.

(6 observations deleted)

. sum isfac fellow phd mcit3 mnas

Max	Min	Std. Dev.	Mean	Obs	Variable
1	0	.4911589	.6	195	isfac
1	0	.5007528	.4769231	195	fellow
4.77	1	1.020399	3.079026	195	phd
133	0	29.90812	23.24615	195	mcit3
1	0	.2751493	.0820513	l 195	mnas

4) Save the Subset as a New File

. save scimaletemp, replace
file scimaletemp.dta saved

5) Binary Probit Model. As with regression, the dependent variable is listed first:

. probit isfac fellow phd mcit3 mnas

Probit estimates	Number of obs	=	195
	LR chi2(4)	=	30.57
	Prob > chi2	=	0.0000
Log likelihood = -115.95404	Pseudo R2	=	0.1165

isfac	Coef.	Std. Err.	Z	P> z	[95% Conf.	Interval]
fellow phd	.8357913 0326242	.1997373		0.000 0.774	.4443133 2551483	1.227269

mcit3	.0116429	.0043634	2.67	0.008	.0030909	.020195
mnas	.0664127	.3899884	0.17	0.865	6979506	.830776
_cons	2740709	.3155085	-0.87	0.385	8924562	.3443144

6) Standardized Coefficients. Use listcoef to list standardized coefficients:

. listcoef, help

probit (N=195): Unstandardized and Standardized Estimates

Observed SD: .49115895 Latent SD: 1.1422799

isfac	b	z	P> z	bStdX	bStdY	bStdXY	SDofX
fellow phd mcit3 mnas	0.83579 -0.03262 0.01164 0.06641	4.184 -0.287 2.668 0.170	0.774 0.008		0.7317 -0.0286 0.0102 0.0581	0.3664 -0.0291 0.3048 0.0160	0.5008 1.0204 29.9081 0.2751

b = raw coefficient

z = z-score for test of b=0

P>|z| = p-value for z-test

bStdX = x-standardized coefficient
bStdY = y-standardized coefficient

bStdXY = fully standardized coefficient

SDofX = standard deviation of X

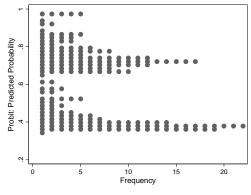
7) **Predicted Probabilities**. We can compute and plot predicted probabilities for our observed data. prprobit is a name that you pick for a variable that contains predicted values.

```
. predict prprobit
(option p assumed; Pr(isfac))
```

- . label var prprobit "Probit: Predicted Probability"
- . sum prprobit

Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
	+				
prprobit	195	.599605	.185754	.3438576	.9749245

. dotplot prprobit



For a detailed discussion of predict, see L&F: 3.5.2, 4.6.1.

8) Predict Specific Probabilities. prvalue [SPost (see L&F: 3.5.3, 3.5.7, 4.6.2, A.13)] computes the predicted value of our dependent variable given a set of values for our independent variables. Use the

x(variables=values) to set the values at which the variables will be examined. Use rest(mean) to set the other independent variables at their means. Series of predicted probabilities can be combined into tables later, or use prtab [SPost (see L&F: 3.5.3, 3.5.6, 4.6.3, A.12)].

9) Marginal and Discrete Change. prchange [SPost (see L&F: 3.5.3, 3.5.4, 4.6.5, A.9)] computes the marginal and discrete change at specific values of the independent variables. By default, discrete and marginal changes are calculated holding all other variables at their mean. Values for specific independent variables can be set using the x() and rest() options after prchange.

```
. prchange, rest(mean) help
probit: Changes in Predicted Probabilities for isfac
                                    -+sd/2 MargEfct
       min->max
                   0 - > 1
                            -+1/2
fellow
       0.3187
  phd -0.0468 -0.0121 -0.0124 -0.0127
                                             -0.0124
mcit3
        0.4309 0.0046 0.0044
                                  0.1322
                                             0.0044
 mnas
        0.0251
                 0.0251
                           0.0253
                                     0.0070
                                              0.0253
        NotFac Faculty
Pr(y|x) 0.3820 0.6180
               phd
        fellow
                         mcit3
                                   mnas
   x= .476923 3.07903 23.2462
                               .082051
sd(x) = .500753 1.0204 29.9081 .275149
Pr(y|x): probability of observing each y for specified x values
Avg | Chg |: average of absolute value of the change across categories
Min->Max: change in predicted probability as x changes from its minimum to
         its maximum
   0->1: change in predicted probability as x changes from 0 to 1
  -+1/2: change in predicted probability as x changes from 1/2 unit below
         base value to 1/2 unit above
 -+sd/2: change in predicted probability as x changes from 1/2 standard
         dev below base to 1/2 standard dev above
MargEfct: the partial derivative of the predicted probability/rate with
         respect to a given independent variable
```

10) Binary Logit Model. The format is the same for the logit model.

. logit isfac fellow phd mcit3 mnas, nolog

Logit estimate)		LR ch	er of obs ni2(4) > chi2 do R2	= = = =	195 31.04 0.0000 0.1183
isfac	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95%	Conf.	Interval]
fellow phd mcit3 mnas	1.387629 0587957 .0209859 .0431684	.3351305 .187301 .0081047 .6634993	4.14 -0.31 2.59 0.07	0.000 0.754 0.010 0.948	.7307 425 .0051 -1.257	899	2.044472 .3083076 .0368709 1.343603

```
_cons | -.464029 .5153051 -0.90 0.368 -1.474008 .5459503
```

11) Computing Odds Ratios. All the commands above work exactly the same with logit as they do with probit. In addition, for logit models, listcoef [SPost (see L&F: 3.1.7, 4.7, A.3)] computes the factor change in the odds. Again, the help option helps interpret what each column corresponds to.

. listcoef, help

logit (N=195): Factor Change in Odds

Odds of: Faculty vs NotFac

isfac	b	z	P> z	e^b	e^bStdX	SDofX
fellow phd mcit3 mnas	1.38763 -0.05880 0.02099 0.04317	4.141 -0.314 2.589 0.065	0.000 0.754 0.010 0.948	4.0053 0.9429 1.0212 1.0441	2.0034 0.9418 1.8732 1.0119	0.5008 1.0204 29.9081 0.2751

b = raw coefficient

z = z-score for test of b=0

P > |z| = p-value for z-test

e^b = exp(b) = factor change in odds for unit increase in X
e^bStdX = exp(b*SD of X) = change in odds for SD increase in X

SDofX = standard deviation of X

12) Close Log File.

. log close

4: Testing and Assessing Fit

The file lhs_guide04.do contains these Stata commands. For a fuller discussion of testing and assessing fit, see Chapter 3 of L&F (2003).

Summary of Key Commands

estimates table estnamelist

test varname

Test whether the effect of the variable is equal to zero.

test varname varname

Test whether the effects of the variables are simultaneously zero.

test varname=varname

Test whether the effects of the two variables are equal.

List the estimation results saved under the names estname1

estname2, etc..

Store the active estimation results under estname for log likelihood ratio test. The stored estimation results can also be

used for other purposes (see L&F 3.1.9, 3.3.2, 4.3.2).

Display a table with coefficients and statistics for one or more

estimation results in parallel columns. In addition, standard errors, t-statistics, p-values and scalar measures of model fit statistics may be listed. The *estname*'s in the *estnamelist* should have been stored by the estimates store command.

Irrest estname1 estname2 Conduct log likelihood ratio tests between pairs of nested

models. To conduct the test, both the unrestricted and the restricted models have to be fitted using the maximum-likelihood method (or some equivalent method), and the results of at least one of them stored using estimates store (see L&F: 3.3.2, 4.3.2).

predict varname, dbeta

Generate a new variable *varname* that contains Cook's distance statistic for each observation (see L&F: 3.5.2, 4.4, 4.6.1)

fitstat

Compute fit statistics. The saving() option saves the measures in a matrix for subsequent comparisons. using() compares the fit measures of the current model with those of the using model. **SPost** (see L&F: 3.4, 4.5, A.2)

Trying the Commands

1) Open a Log.

. tab fellow, m

```
. log using lhs_guide04.log, replace
-----log: lhs_guide04.log
  log type: text
  opened on: 20 Jun 2004, 00:24:46
```

2) Load and Clean the Data. Let's use the data we created earlier, and drop any cases that have missing data for the variables we will be using. Remember to verify that you have selected the correct number of cases (See Exercise 2 for more details).

```
use sciwork, clearkeep isfac fellow phd mcit3 mnas femaletab isfac, m
```

```
1=Faculty in University Freq. Percent Cum.

NotFac 142 46.10 46.10 Faculty 160 51.95 98.05 . 6 1.95 100.00 ...

Total 308 100.00
```

. tabl isfac fellow phd mcit3 mnas female, $\ensuremath{\text{m}}$ -> tabulation of isfac

1=Faculty in University	Freq.	Percent	Cum.
NotFac Faculty	140 157	47.14 52.86	47.14 100.00
Total	297	100.00	

::: output deleted :::

. sum isfac fellow phd mcit3 mnas female

	Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
-	isfac	297	.5286195	.5000227	0	1
	fellow	297	.4006734	.490862	0	1
	phd	297	3.182963	1.024396	1	4.77
	mcit3	297	21.14141	26.53287	0	133
	mnas	297	.0774411	.2677411	0	1
-	female	297	.3434343	.4756564	0	1

3) Computing a z-test. z-scores are produced with the standard estimation commands. For example, let's do a simple logit estimation.

```
. logit isfac female fellow phd mcit3 mnas, nolog
```

Logit estimate)		LR ch	er of obs ni2(5) > chi2 do R2	= = = =	297 50.58 0.0000 0.1231
isfac	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% (Conf.	Interval]
female fellow phd mcit3 mnas _cons	6083388 1.066298 .0508171 .0220479 .3733006 6958342	.2775948 .2699367 .1437644 .0070491 .5551182 .4202993	-2.19 3.95 0.35 3.13 0.67 -1.66	0.028 0.000 0.724 0.002 0.501 0.098	-1.1524 .53723 23095 .00823 7147	322 559 319 711	064263 1.595365 .3325901 .035864 1.461312 .1279372

4) Single Coefficient Wald Test. After estimation, test can compute a Wald test that a single coefficient is equal to zero.

5) Multiple Coefficients Wald Test. We can also test if multiple coefficients are equal to zero.

6) Equal Coefficients Wald Test. We can test that multiple coefficients are equal:

7) Store the Estimation Results. After each estimation, we can use the estimates store estname

command to store the estimation results (coefficients, test statistics, and model fit, etc.) in the memory and we can recall them later for model comparisons.

```
. logit isfac female fellow phd mcit3 mnas
::: output deleted :::
. estimates store base
```

8) Single Coefficient LR Test. To test that the effect of female is zero, run the comparison model without female and then compare with the full model. To do that, we can use <code>lrtst estname1 estname2</code> (see L&F: 3.3.2, 4.3.2) to conduct log likelihood ratio test. Note that the <code>lrtest</code> command can automatically detect the restricted and unrestricted model.

9) Multiple Coefficients LR Test. To test if effects of mcit3 and mnas are jointly equal to zero, run the comparison model without these variables, store the estimation results, and then compare models using the lrtest command.

10) **LR Test All Coefficients are Zero**. To test that all of the regressors have no effect, we estimate the model with only an intercept, store the estimation results again, and compare the models using the lrtest command.

11) Fit Statistics. fitstat [SPost (see L&F: 3.4, 4.5, A.2)] computes measures of fit for your model. The save option saves the computed measures in a matrix for subsequent comparisons. dif compares the fit measures of the current model with those of the saved model.

```
. logit isfac female fellow phd mcit3 mnas
::: output deleted :::
. fitstat, save
Measures of Fit for logit of isfac
```

```
-205.378 Log-Lik Full Model: 360.180 LR(5):
Log-Lik Intercept Only: -205.378
                                                                               -180.090
D(291):
                                                                                  50.576
                                                                                    0.000
                                               Prob > LR:
                                              McFadden's Adj R2:
Cragg & Uhler's R2:
Efron's R2:
Variance of error:
Adj Count R2:
                                   0.123
McFadden's R2:
                                                                                    0.094
McFadden's R2: 0.123
Maximum Likelihood R2: 0.157
                                                                                    0.209
McKelvey and Zavoina's R2: 0.224
                                                                                    0.162
Variance of y*:
                                   4.238
                                                                                   3.290
                               0.687 Adj Count R2:
1.253 AIC*n:
-1296.696 BIC':
Count R2:
                                                                                    0.336
                                                                                 372.180
AIC:
BTC:
                                                                                  -22.107
```

(Indices saved in matrix fs_0)

- . gen phd2 = phd*phd
 . logit isfac female fellow phd phd2
 ::: output deleted :::
- . fitstat, dif

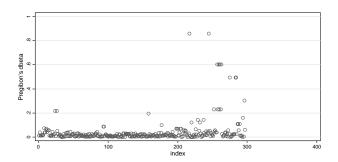
Measures of Fit for logit of isfac

	Current	Saved	Difference
Model:	logit	logit	
N:	297	297	0
Log-Lik Intercept Only:	-205.378	-205.378	0.000
Log-Lik Full Model:	-186.439	-180.090	-6.349
D:	372.877(292)	360.180(291)	12.697(1)
LR:	37.878(4)	50.576(5)	-12.697(-1)
Prob > LR:	0.000	0.000	0.000
McFadden's R2:	0.092	0.123	-0.031
McFadden's Adj R2:	0.068	0.094	-0.026
Maximum Likelihood R2:	0.120	0.157	-0.037
Cragg & Uhler's R2:	0.160	0.209	-0.049
McKelvey and Zavoina's R2:	0.153	0.224	-0.071
Efron's R2:	0.124	0.162	-0.038
Variance of y*:	3.883	4.238	-0.355
Variance of error:	3.290	3.290	0.000
Count R2:	0.660	0.687	-0.027
Adj Count R2:	0.279	0.336	-0.057
AIC:	1.289	1.253	0.036
AIC*n:	382.877	372.180	10.697
BIC:	-1289.692	-1296.696	7.004
BIC':	-15.103	-22.107	7.004

Difference of 7.004 in BIC' provides strong support for saved model.

12) Plotting Outliers Using Cook's Distance. We first sort our data by phd. The value of index corresponds to the order of observation after such sorting. So the value of index is the rank of each observation in terms of their phd value. The Cook's distance is therefore plotted against the rank order of phd's value.

```
. quietly logit isfac female fellow phd mcit3 mnas
. predict cook,dbeta
. sort phd
. gen index = _n
. twoway scatter cook index, ysize(1) xsize(2) ///
> xlabel(0(100)400) ylabel(0(.2)1., grid) ///
> xscale(range(0, 400)) yscale(range(0, 1.)) ///
> msymbol(0h)
```



13) Close the Log File.

. log close

5: Models for Ordinal Outcomes

The file lhs_guide05.do contains these Stata commands. For a fuller discussion of models for ordinal outcomes, see Chapter 5 of L&F (2003).

Summary of Key Commands

ologit depvar indvars

Estimate the ordered logit model (see L&F: 5.2, 5.2.1).

oprobit depvar indvars

Estimate the ordered probit model (see L&F: 5.2, 5.2.1).

brant Perform a Brant test of the parallel regressions assumptions for

the ordered logit model estimated by ologit. **SPost** (see L&F:

5.6, A.1).

listcoef, helpList the estimated coefficients; the help command lists the

guidelines for interpretation and is *optional*. Type help listcoef for options. **SPost** (see L&F: 5.8.8, A.3)

prvalue Computes the predicted values at specific values of the

independent variables Run help prvalue for details. SPost

(see L&F: 5.8.4, A.13)

prchange Computes discrete and marginal change for regression models

for categorical and count variables type help prchange for

details. **SPost** (see L&F: 5.8.7, A.9)

prgen Generate predicted values for regression models. Type help

prgen for details. **SPost** (see L&F: 5.8.6, A.11)

Trying the Commands

1) Open a Log.

. log using lhs_guide05.log, replace -----log: lhs_guide05.log

log type: text

opened on: 20 Jun 2004, 00:24:46

2) Load and Clean the Data. Let's use the data we created earlier, and drop any cases that have missing data for the variables we will be using. Remember to verify that you have selected the correct number of

cases.

```
. use sciwork, clear
```

. keep jobprst publ phd female

. tab jobprst, m

::: output deleted :::

. tab female, m

Female:	Freq.	Percent	Cum.
Male Female	201 107	65.26 34.74	65.26 100.00
Total	308	100.00	

. drop if jobprst>=. | pub1>=. | phd>=. | female>=.
(145 observations deleted)

```
. tab jobprst, m
```

- ::: output deleted :::
- . tab phd, m
- ::: output deleted :::
- . tab female, m

Female: 1=female,0= male.	Freq.	Percent	Cum.
Male Female	123 40	75.46 24.54	75.46 100.00
Total	163	100.00	

. sum

Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
female phd	163 163	.2453988	.4316495	0 1	1 4.66
pub1	163	3.208589	3.221176	0	19
jobprst	163	2.417178	.8945373	1	4

- **3) Ordered Probit and Ordered Logit.** ologit (see L&F: 5.2, 5.2.1) and oprobit (see L&F: 5.2, 5.2.1) work in the same way. We only show ologit, but you might want to try what follows using oprobit.
- . ologit jobprst publ phd female, nolog

r.	Coef. St	Err. z	P> z	[95% Conf.	Interval]
57	.7812238 .1	9393 2.25 0057 4.79 8996 -1.14	0.025 0.000 0.254	.0131077 .4617385 -1.057024	.1931865 1.100709 .2792781
.8	2.691888 .5	7607 8618 8612	(Ancillary	parameters)	

4) Standardized Coefficients.

```
. listcoef, help
ologit (N=163): Factor Change in Odds

Odds of: >m vs <=m

jobprst | b z P>|z| e^b e^bStdX SDofX

publ | 0.10315 2.245 0.025 1.1087 1.3941 3.2212
 phd | 0.78122 4.793 0.000 2.1841 2.1569 0.9839
 female | -0.38887 -1.141 0.254 0.6778 0.8455 0.4316

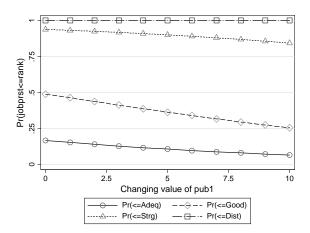
b = raw coefficient
 z = z-score for test of b=0
P>|z| = p-value for z-test
 e^b = exp(b) = factor change in odds for unit increase in X
e^bStdX = exp(b*SD of X) = change in odds for SD increase in X
SDofX = standard deviation of X
```

5) Predicted Probabilities in Sample. Use predict (see L&F: 5.8.3) to compute predicted probabilities after ologit (oprobit). The first new variable contains the probability associated with the lowest outcome; the second, the probability associated with the second outcome; and so on. There are three steps. First, estimate the model. Second, use predict (see L&F: 5.8.3) to compute the probabilities associated with each category and store them as new variables. Third, label each of the new variables and display the results with sum.

```
. predict lpad lpgo lpst lpdi
. label var lpad "OLM Pr(Adeq)"
. label var lpgo "OLM Pr(Good)"
. label var lpst "OLM Pr(Strg)"
. label var lpdi "OLM Pr(Dist)"
. sum lpad lpgo lpst lpdi
```

Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
lpad lpgo lpst lpdi	163 163 163	.1855267 .2816571 .4435312	.1287 .0747627 .13487	.0200777 .0685664 .1280107	.5678892 .3708335 .5965453

6) **Plot Probabilities.** The following commands compute the predicted probabilities of various outcomes for women from distinguished programs using prgen [**SPost** (see L&F: 5.8.6, A.11)] and scatter. You can make the graphs fancier by using the various options for graph.



7) Predict Specific Probabilities. prvalue [SPost (see L&F: 5.8.4, A.13)] computes the predicted value of our dependent variable given a set of values for our independent variables. Use the x() option to set the values at which the variables will be examined. Use the rest() option to set the other independent variables at their means.

```
. quietly ologit jobprst publ phd female
. prvalue, x(female=1 pub1=0) rest(mean)
ologit: Predictions for jobprst
  Pr(y=Adeq|x):
                      0.2540
  Pr(y=Good|x):
                      0.3638
  Pr(y=Strong|x):
                      0.3442
  Pr(y=Dist|x):
                      0.0380
         pub1
                     phd
                              female
              3.3291411
. prvalue, x(female=0 pub1=0) rest(mean)
ologit: Predictions for jobprst
  Pr(y=Adeq|x):
                      0.1875
  Pr(y=Good|x):
                      0.3353
  Pr(y=Strong|x):
                      0.4222
  Pr(y=Dist|x):
                      0.0551
         pub1
                     phd
                              female
               3.3291411
x=
```

8) Compute the Marginal and Discrete Change. prchange [SPost (see L&F: 5.8.7, A.9)] computes marginal and discrete change at specific values of the independent variables. By default, the discrete and marginal change is calculated holding all other variables at their mean. Values for specific independent variables can be set using the x() and rest() options. The help option presents guide to interpreting headings of output.

```
-+1/2 .01282357 -.01345426 -.01219288 .01904485 .00660229
-+sd/2 .0412227 -.04337747 -.03906792 .06112385 .02132154
   -+sd/2
MargEfct .05130547 -.01345297 -.01219977 .01905224 .00660049
phd
                                             Adeq
                 Avg | Chg |
                                                                 Good
                                                                                 Strong
                                                                                                         Dist
Min->Max .30397561 -.46880359 -.13914762 .44711629 .16083494 
-+1/2 .0959473 -.1024375 -.08945709 .14112428 .05077031 
-+sd/2 .09444418 -.10077657 -.08811179 .13895729 .04993106 
MargEfct .38858152 -.10189116 -.0923996 .14429941 .04999135
female
                                         Adeq

        Avg|Chg|
        Adeq
        Good
        Strong
        Dist

        .04843176
        .05429748
        .04256606
        -.07393691
        -.02292661

       0->1
                      Adeq Good Strong
                                                                           Dist
Pr(y|x) .15420391 .30974784 .46733576 .06871249
      pub1 phd female
x= 3.20859 3.32914 .245399
sd(x) = 3.22118 .983948 .431649
```

9) Odds Ratios. The above commands work for oprobit and ologit. For logit models only, listcoef [SPost (see L&F: 5.8.8, A.3)] computes the factor change in the odds. Again, the help option presents guide to interpreting headings of output.

```
ologit (N=163): Factor Change in Odds
```

Odds of: >m vs <=m

jobprst	b	z	P> z	e^b	e^bStdX	SDofX
pub1	0.10315	2.245	0.025	1.1087	1.3941	3.2212
phd	0.78122	4.793	0.000	2.1841	2.1569	0.9839
female	-0.38887	-1.141	0.254	0.6778	0.8455	0.4316

b = raw coefficient

z = z-score for test of b=0

P>|z| = p-value for z-test

e^b = exp(b) = factor change in odds for unit increase in X
e^bStdX = exp(b*SD of X) = change in odds for SD increase in X
SDofX = standard deviation of X

10) **Testing the Parallel Regressions Assumption.** brant [**SPost** (see L&F: 5.6, A.1)] performs a Brant test of the parallel regressions assumptions for the ordered logit model estimated by ologit.

```
. ologit jobprst publ phd female
::: output deleted :::
```

. brant, detail

Estimated coefficients from j-1 binary regressions

```
y>1 y>2 y>3
pub1 .12331639 .09068503 .1046466
phd .54755133 .7410395 1.5841797
female -.09488208 -.34979349 -1.6819005
_cons -.60652917 -2.5821879 -8.5100335
```

Brant Test of Parallel Regression Assumption

Variable	ch12	p>chi2	di
All	5.26	0.511	6

pub1	0.18	0.915	2
phd	3.64	0.162	2
female	1.85	0.396	2

A significant test statistic provides evidence that the parallel regression assumption has been violated.

11) Close the Log File:

. log close

6: Models for Nominal Outcomes with Stata

The file lhs_guide06.do contains these Stata commands. For details about models for multinomial outcomes and associated Stata commands, please read Chapter 6 of L&F (2003).

Summary of Key Commands

mlogit depvar indvars, basecategory (#) Estimate the multinomial logit model. basecategory(#) specifies

the value of depvar to use as the base category. By default, Stata

uses the most frequent category (see L&F: 6.1).

listcoef, help List all possible odds ratios. **SPost** (see L&F: 6.6.8, A.3).

mlogview Opens a command box for constructing discrete change and odds

ratio plots. Must be run after mlogit and prchange. This command must either be run from the command line or as the last command in a do file. **SPost** (see L&F: 6.6.7, 6.6.8, A.6).

mlogtest Makes it simple to compute useful tests for the multinomial logit

model. **SPost** (see L&F: 6.3.1, A.5)

Trying the Commands

1) Open a Log.

```
. log using lhs_guide06.log, replace

log: lhs_guide06.log
log type: text
opened on: 20 Jun 2004, 00:24:46
```

2) Load and Clean the Data.

```
. use sciwork, clear
. keep jobprst publ phd female
. tab jobprst, m
::: output deleted :::
. drop if jobprst>=. | publ>=. | phd>=. | female>=.
(145 observations deleted)
. sum
::: output deleted :::
```

3) Multinomial Logit. mlogit estimates the multinomial logit model. Set basecategory to any category you want. Here, the estimates store command after mlogit is used to store estimation results for model comparison in Step 6.

. mlogit jobprst publ phd female, basecategory(4) nolog

Multinomial regre	ssion				Number	of obs	s =	163
_					LR chi	2(9)	=	36.59
					Prob >	chi2	=	0.0000
Log likelihood =	-184.98037				Pseudo	R2	=	0.0900
jobprst	Coef.	Std.	Err.	Z	P> z	[95%	Conf.	Interval]

jobprst	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf.	Interval]
Adeq	 					
pub1	2138213	.1136144	-1.88	0.060	4365014	.0088589
phd	-2.052231	.5698192	-3.60	0.000	-3.169056	9354056
female	1.746598	1.173675	1.49	0.137	5537626	4.046959
_cons	8.723882	2.32848	3.75	0.000	4.160144	13.28762
Good	+ 					
pub1	1292708	.0942216	-1.37	0.170	3139418	.0554002
phd	-1.876966	.5550082	-3.38	0.001	-2.964762	7891699
female	1.843799	1.138741	1.62	0.105	3880916	4.07569
_cons	8.373428	2.296153	3.65	0.000	3.87305	12.87381
Strong	+ 					
pub1	0799114	.0820373	-0.97	0.330	2407016	.0808788
phd	-1.32085	.5385631	-2.45	0.014	-2.376414	2652859
female	1.600885	1.109419	1.44	0.149	5735352	3.775306
_cons	6.853277	2.25648	3.04	0.002	2.430657	11.2759

(Outcome jobprst==Dist is the comparison group)

4) Odds Ratios. listcoef [**SPost** (see L&F: 6.6.8, A.3)] computes coefficients and z-values for all comparisons among outcomes:

```
. listcoef, help  \label{eq:mlogit} \verb|Mogit (N=163)|: Factor Change in the Odds of jobprst \\ Variable: publ (sd= 3.22118)
```

	s comparing vs Group 2	b	Z	P> z	e^b	e^bStdX
Adeq Adeq Adeq Good Good Strong Strong Strong Dist Dist Dist	-Good -Strong -Dist -Adeq -Dist -Adeq -Good -Dist -Adeq -Good	-0.08455 -0.13391 -0.21382 0.08455 -0.04936 -0.12927 0.13391 0.04936 -0.07991 0.21382 0.12927 0.07991	-0.919 -1.509 -1.882 0.919 -0.775 -1.372 1.509 0.775 -0.974 1.882 1.372 0.974	0.358 0.131 0.060 0.358 0.438 0.170 0.131 0.438 0.330 0.060 0.170 0.330	0.9189 0.8747 0.8075 1.0882 0.9518 0.8787 1.1433 1.0506 0.9232 1.2384 1.1380 1.0832	0.7616 0.6496 0.5022 1.3130 0.8530 0.6594 1.5393 1.1723 0.7731 1.9912 1.5165 1.2936

::: output deleted :::

b = raw coefficient

z = z-score for test of b=0

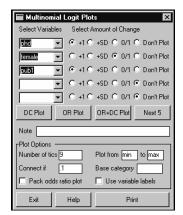
P > |z| = p-value for z-test

 $e^b = exp(b) = factor change in odds for unit increase in X <math>e^bStdX = exp(b*SD of X) = change in odds for SD increase in X$

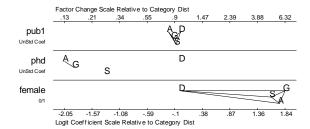
5) Plot Factor Changes. Enter the command: mlogview [SPost (see L&F: 6.6.7, 6.6.8, A.6)] which produces a dialog box that looks this:

[.] estimates store base

. mlogview



Which lets you make a plot like this:



You can click different radio buttons to choose desired amount of change or to choose between the DC Plot, OR Plot, and OR+DC Plot to have plots of factor change and/or discrete change. A solid line indicates that the coefficient corresponds to this panel cannot differentiate the two outcomes connected.

6) Single Variable LR Test. The effect of female involves three coefficients. We can use an LR test to test that all are simultaneously equal to zero. First, we need to save the base model (see Step 3) and store estimation results; second, we estimate the model without female and store the estimation results; and third, we compare the two models using the lrtst estname1 estname2 command (see L&F: 3.3.2, 4.3.2, 6.3.2) to conduct log likelihood ratio test:

And so on eliminating one variable at a time. Or, you can use the command mlogtest [**SPost** (see L&F: 6.3.1, A.5)]:

```
. mlogtest, lr

**** Likelihood-ratio tests for independent variables

Ho: All coefficients associated with given variable(s) are 0.

jobprst | chi2 df P>chi2
```

```
    pub1
    4.265
    3
    0.234

    phd
    26.921
    3
    0.000

    female
    3.657
    3
    0.301
```

7) Single Coefficient Wald Test. The Wald test that female has no effect can be computed as follows:

```
. mlogit jobprst publ phd female, basecategory(4)
::: selected output :::
```

Multinomial regression

Number of obs = 163

	jobprst	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf.	Interval]
Adea							
-	female	1.746598	1.173675	1.49	0.137	5537626	4.046959
Good		 					
0000	female	1.843799	1.138741	1.62	0.105	3880916	4.07569
Stro		 					
5010	female	1.600885	1.109419	1.44	0.149	5735352	3.775306

(Outcome jobprst==Dist is the comparison group)

- . test female
- (1) [Adeq]female = 0.0
- (2) [Good]female = 0.0 (3) [Strong]female = 0.0

$$chi2(3) = 2.66$$

Prob > chi2 = 0.4467

And, so on for each variable. Or, use the command mlogtest [SPost (see L&F: 6.3.1, A.5)]:

- . mlogtest, wald
- **** Wald tests for independent variables

Ho: All coefficients associated with given variable(s) are 0.

F	jobprst	chi2	df	P>chi2
	phd	19.721	3	0.275 0.000 0.447

8) Combining Outcomes Test. test can also compute a Wald test that two outcomes can be combined. Recall, that the coefficients for category Adeq were in comparison to the category Dist. Therefore, we are testing whether we can combine Adeq and Dist. Note that [Adeq] is necessary in specifying the test across categories, and Adeq does not equal to adeq since syntax in Stata is case sensitive.

```
. test [Adeq]
(1) [Adeq]pub1 = 0.0
(2)
      [Adeq]phd = 0.0
( 3) [Adeq]female = 0.0
         chi2(3) = 18.52
Prob > chi2 = 0.0003
```

This could be done for combining other categories with Dist. Then, the model can be estimated with other

base categories for tests of combining other categories. The easier way is mlogtest:

. mlogtest, combine

**** Wald tests for combining outcome categories
Ho: All coefficients except intercepts associated with given pair
 of outcomes are 0 (i.e., categories can be collapsed).

Categories	tested	chi2	df	P>chi2
Adeq-	Good	+ 1.469	3	0.689
Adeq-	Strong	11.800	3	0.008
Adeq-	Dist	18.517	3	0.000
Good-	Strong	7.788	3	0.051
Good-	Dist	15.668	3	0.001
Strong-	Dist	9.124	3	0.028

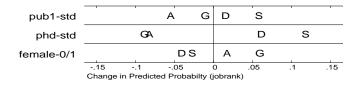
9) Predicted Values. prvalue [SPost (see L&F: 6.6.3, A.13)] can be used as before to compute predicted values for a given set of values of the independent variables. By default, prvalue holds all variables at their means.

```
. prvalue
mlogit: Predictions for jobprst
Predicted probabilities for each category:
  \begin{array}{ll} \Pr(y=A \deg(x): & 0.1819 \\ \Pr(y=G ood(x): & 0.3085 \end{array}
  Pr(y=Strong|x): 0.4742
Pr(y=Dist|x): 0.0355
                        phd
          pub1
                                female
     3.208589 3.3291411 .24539877
. prvalue, x(female=1) rest(mean)
mlogit: Predictions for jobprst
Predicted probabilities for each category:
  Pr(y=Adeq|x): 0.1918
                        0.3501
  Pr(y=Good|x):
  Pr(y=Strong|x): 0.4480
Pr(y=Dist|x): 0.0100
          pub1
                        phd female
     3.208589 3.3291411
```

10) **Marginal and Discrete Change.** After the mlogit command, we can use prchange [**SPost** (see L&F: 6.6.6, A.9)] to calculate the marginal and discrete change.

```
. prchange, rest(mean)
mlogit: Changes in Predicted Probabilities for jobprst
pub1
           Avg | Chg |
                                        Good
                            Adeq
                                                  Strong
                                                                 Dist
Min->Max .17337222 -.21587602 -.13086843 .20648962 .14025478
  -+1/2 .01078053 -.01767299 -.00388807 .01742038 .00414068
                                                          .01336751
-+sd/2 .03468679 -.05692466 -.01244891 .05600607
MargEfct .04312737 -.01767309 -.0038906 .01742398
                                                           .0041397
phd
                                     Good
                        Adeq
           Avg | Chg |
                                                 Strong
                                                                Dist
Min->Max
           .28806599 -.30736637
                                 -.2687656
                                               .34701608 .2291159
```

11) Plot Discrete Change. You can use mlogview to compute the following plot:



- **12) Can you generate** a plot with both discrete and factor changes?
- **13**) **Testing for IIA**. The mlogtest [SPost (see L&F: 6.3.1)] command can also be used to test the IIA (independence of irrelevant alternatives) assumtion in multinomial logit models.
- . mlogtest, iia
- **** Hausman tests of IIA assumption

Ho: Odds(Outcome-J vs Outcome-K) are independent of other alternatives.

Omitted	chi2	df	P>chi2	evidence
Adeq	1.149	8	0.997	for Ho
Good	0.383	8	1.000	for Ho
Strong	-5.332	8		for Ho

Note: If chi2<0, the estimated model does not meet asymptotic assumptions of the test.

14) Close the Log File.

. log close

8: Models for Count Outcomes with Stata

The file lhs_guide07.do contains these Stata commands. For more details about models for count outcomes, please read Chapter 7 of L&F (2003).

Summary of Key Commands

poisson depvar indvars Estimate the Poisson regression model (see L&F: 7.1.1, 7.2.1).

precurts Compute the predicted rate and probabilities. **SPost**(see L&F:

7.1.2, 7.1.3, 7.2.4, A.10).

nbreg depvar indvars Estimate the negative binomial regression model (see L&F: 7.3).

zip depvar indvars, **inf**(indvars) Estimated the ZIP model (see L&F: 7.4). **zinb** depvar indvars, **inf**(indvars)

Estimated the ZINB model (see L&F: 7.4).

Trying the Commands

1) Open a Log.

. log using lhs_guide07.log, replace

log: lhs_guide07.log

log type: text opened on: 20 Jun 2004, 00:24:46

2) Load the Data.

. use science2, clear

. drop if pub6>=. | female>=. | phd>=. | enroll>=.

(30 observations deleted)

. sum pub6 female phd enrol

Variable	0bs	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
pub6	278	3.845324	4.237681	0	29
female	278	.3453237	.4763312	0	1
phd	278	3.166331	.9961592	1	4.66
enrol	278	5.564748	1.467253	3	14

3) Estimate the Poisson Regression Model. Again, the dependent variable is listed first.

. poisson pub6 female phd enrol, nolog

Number of obs = 278 LR chi2(3) = 85.33 Prob > chi2 = 0.0000 Pseudo R2 = 0.0467 Poisson regression Log likelihood = -870.50576

pub6	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf.	Interval]
female	2521173	.0674324	-3.74	0.000	3842824	1199521
phd	.189403	.0318128	5.95	0.000	.1270511	.251755
enrol	1327736	.0231447	-5.74	0.000	1781363	0874108
_cons	1.531677	.1679706	9.12	0.000	1.20246	1.860893

4) Factor Changes. listcoef [SPost (see L&F: 7.2.3, 7.3.4, A.3)] computes the factor change coefficients.

. listcoef, help

poisson (N=278): Factor Change in Expected Count

Observed SD: 4.2376808

pub6	b	z	P> z	e^b	e^bStdX	SDofX
female	-0.25212	-3.739	0.000	0.7772	0.8868	0.4763
phd	0.18940	5.954	0.000	1.2085	1.2076	0.9962
enrol	-0.13277	-5.737	0.000	0.8757	0.8230	1.4673

b = raw coefficient

```
z = z-score for test of b=0

P>|z| = p-value for z-test

e^b = exp(b) = factor change in expected count for unit increase in X

e^bStdX = exp(b*SD of X) = change in expected count for SD increase in X

e^bStdX = standard deviation of X
```

5) Marginal and Discrete Changes. It is also possible to use the prchange command [**SPost** (see L&F: 7.2.3, A.9)] to compute the discrete change in the expected count/rate.

```
. prchange
poisson: Changes in Predicted Rate for pub6
               0->1
     min->max
                       -+1/2
                              -+sd/2 MargEfct
     female
  phd
enrol
\exp(xb): 3.6894
      female
               phd
                     enrol
  x=
     .345324 3.16633 5.56475
sd(x) = .476331 .996159 1.46725
```

6) Predicted Rate and Probabilities. We can use the prvalue command [**SPost** (see L&F: 7.2.4, A.13)]

to compute the predicted rate and probabilities at specific values of the independent variables.

```
. prvalue, x(female=0) rest(mean)
poisson: Predictions for pub6
                        95% CI [3.74 , 4.33]
Predicted rate: 4.03
Predicted probabilities:
  Pr(y=0|x):
              0.0179 \text{ Pr}(y=1|x):
                                    0.0719
             0.1447 \text{ Pr}(y=3|x):
                                    0.1941
  Pr(y=2|x):
              0.1954 Pr(y=5|x):
0.1055 Pr(y=7|x):
                                    0.1573
0.0607
  Pr(y=4|x):
  Pr(y=6|x):
  Pr(y=8|x): 0.0305 Pr(y=9|x):
                                     0.0136
       female
                     phd
                               enrol
            0 3.1663309 5.5647482
x=
. prvalue, x(female=1) rest(mean)
poisson: Predictions for pub6
Predicted rate: 3.13
                          95% CI [2.8
                                               3.51
Predicted probabilities:
  Pr(y=0|x):
               0.0438 \text{ Pr}(y=1|x):
                                     0.1370
  Pr(y=2|x):
               0.2143
                       Pr(y=3|x):
                                     0.2234
  Pr(y=4|x):
               0.1747
                       Pr(y=5|x):
                                     0.1093
             0.0570 \text{ Pr}(y=7|x):
  Pr(y=6|x):
                                    0.0255
  Pr(y=8|x):
             0.0100 \text{ Pr}(y=9|x):
                                     0.0035
       female
                     phd
                               enrol
            1 3.1663309 5.5647482
x=
```

7) Predicted Probabilities for the Sample. products [SPost(see L&F: 7.1.2, 7.1.3, 7.2.4, A.10)] computes predicted probabilities of counts 0 to 9 for each observation in the sample. You can pick up to 4

letters to label the variables that are created. max(#) is the maximum count for which predicted probabilities should be provided. plot specifies that variables for plotting expected counts should be generated. We use prm for the Poisson regression model.

```
. prcounts prm, plot max(9)
```

[.] sum prm*

Variable	0bs	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
prmrate prmpr0 prmpr1 ::: and so on	278 278 278 :::	3.845324 .0354102 .1030496	1.091294 .0382139 .0690706	1.118805 .0006495 .0047669	7.339315 .3266698 .3654799
prmpr9 prmcu0 prmcu1 ::: and so on	278 278 278 :::	.0173669 .0354102 .1384598	.020694 .0382139 .1057366	2.47e-06 .0006495 .0054163	.1105892 .3266698 .6921498
prmcu9 prmprgt prmval prmobeq prmpreq	278 278 10 10	.9837673 .0162327 4.5 .0920863 .0983767	.0280122 .0280122 3.02765 .0561172 .061986	.7944917 3.58e-07 0 .0215827 .0173669	.9999996 .2055083 9 .1942446 .1853696
prmoble prmprle	10 10	.6528777 .6167697	.2495748 .3557846	.1942446 .0354102	.9208633 .9837673

The variables prmval, prmobeq, and prmpreq are used for plotting. These contain the information for the counts 0 through 9. prmobeq has the observed probabilities; prmpreq has the average prediction for the regression model; prmval has the value of the count from 0 to 9. We'll use these below.

8) The Negative Binomial Regression Model. We can use the same types of commands for the NBRM. Notice that the model can takes a long time to converge. For details about the nbreg command, please see L&F: 7.3.

```
. nbreg pub6 female phd enrol, nolog
```

Negative binon	J			LR ch	> chi2	= = =	278 22.94 0.0000 0.0167
pub6	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	 [95% Cc	onf.	Interval]
female phd enrol _cons	2938846 .2003828 1513925 1.60997	.1334392 .063463 .0455889 .3298255	-2.20 3.16 -3.32 4.88	0.028 0.002 0.001 0.000	555420 .075997 24074	77 15	0323486 .3247679 0620399 2.256417
/lnalpha	238717	.1237295			481222	23	.0037883
alpha	.7876378	.097454			.618027	75	1.003796
Likelihood-rat	io test of a	lpha=0: chi	bar2(01)	= 393.3	3 Prob>=ch	ıibaı	r2 = 0.000

9) Predicted Probabilites for the Sample. produnts computes the predicted rate and probabilities for the NBRM:

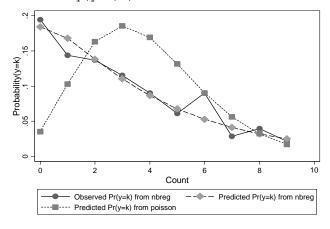
```
. prcounts nbr, plot max(9)
```

. sum nbr*

Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. Dev.	Min	Max
nbrrate nbrpr0 nbrpr1 ::: and so on	278 278 278 :::	3.862753 .1840512 .1678654	1.214629 .057882 .035035	.9563452 .0813652 .0889832	7.889484 .4902415 .2674114
nbrpr9 nbrcu0 nbrcu1 ::: and so on	278 278 278 278	.0251105 .1840512 .3519166	.0095959 .057882 .0923878	.000499 .0813652 .1703484	.043354 .4902415 .7576529
nbrcu9 nbrprgt nbrval nbrobeq nbrpreq	278 278 10 10	.9058141 .0941859 4.5 .0920863 .0905814	.062153 .062153 3.02765 .0561172	.690679 .0003929 0 .0215827 .0251105	.9996071 .309321 9 .1942446 .1840512
nbroble nbrprle	10 10	.6528777 .6510095	.2495748 .2424767	.1942446 .1840512	.9208633 .9058141

10) Plot Predicted Sample Probabilities. We can now plot the values computed by produnts:

- . scatter nbrobeq nbrpreq prmpreq nbrval, ///
- > c(1 1 1) ytitle("Probability(y=k)")



Which model fits better?

11) ZIP Model. zip (see L&F: 7.4.1) has been added as Stata commands in Version 6. The zip command alone estimates a Poisson model. The subcommand **inf**(indvars) adds the zero inflated specification.

. zip pub6 female phd enrol, inf(female phd enrol) nolog

Zero-inflated poisson regression				Number Nonzer Zero o	o obs	s = = =	278 224 54
<pre>Inflation model = logit Log likelihood = -788.3856</pre>				LR chi Prob >	2(3) chi2	=	
pub6	1	Std. Err.	z	P> z	 [95%	Conf.	Interval]
pub6							

female phd enrol _cons	1404363 .1434903 1219442 1.780094	.0690717 .0330619 .0244722 .1744264	-2.03 4.34 -4.98 10.21	0.042 0.000 0.000 0.000	2758143 .0786902 1699087 1.438224	0050582 .2082905 0739796 2.121963
inflate						
female	.6079487	.3364265	1.81	0.071	0514352	1.267332
phd	2665731	.1655813	-1.61	0.107	5911065	.0579602
enrol	.0770141	.1130511	0.68	0.496	1445618	.2985901
_cons	-1.347693	.8364893	-1.61	0.107	-2.987182	.2917961

12) Factor, Marginal, and Discrete Changes. prchange and listcoef can compute marginal/discrete change coefficients and factor change in the predicted rate for zip models, respectively.

. listcoef, help

zip (N=278): Factor Change in Expected Count

Observed SD: 4.2376808

Count Equation: Factor Change in Expected Count for Those Not Always 0

pub6	b	z	P> z	e^b	e^bStdX	SDofX
female	0.14349	-2.033	0.042	0.8690	0.9353	0.4763
phd		4.340	0.000	1.1543	1.1537	0.9962
enrol		-4.983	0.000	0.8852	0.8362	1.4673

b = raw coefficient

z = z-score for test of b=0

P>|z| = p-value for z-test

e^b = exp(b) = factor change in expected count for unit increase in X
e^bStdX = exp(b*SD of X) = change in expected count for SD increase in X
SDofX = standard deviation of X

Binary Equation: Factor Change in Odds of Always 0

Always0	b	z	P> z	e^b	e^bStdX	SDofX
female	0.60795	1.807	0.071	1.8367	1.3359	0.4763
phd	-0.26657	-1.610	0.107	0.7660	0.7668	0.9962
enrol	0.07701	0.681	0.496	1.0801	1.1196	1.4673

b = raw coefficient

z = z-score for test of b=0

P>|z| = p-value for z-test

e^b = exp(b) = factor change in odds for unit increase in X
e^bStdX = exp(b*SD of X) = change in odds for SD increase in X
SDofX = standard deviation of X

. prchange, rest(mean)

zip: Changes in Predicted Rate for pub6

 $\exp(xb)$: 3.7264

base x values for count equation:

female phd enrol

13) **The ZINB Model**. We can use the same types of commands for the ZINB. For details about the zinb command, please see L&F: 7.4.

. zinb pub6 female phd enrol, inf(female phd enrol) nolog

Zero-inflated negative binomial regression					er of obs ero obs obs	s = = =	278 224 54
<pre>Inflation model = logit Log likelihood = -672.595</pre>					hi2(3) > chi2	=	19.84 0.0002
pub6	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95%	Conf.	Interval]
pub6							
female	2148377	.1469343	-1.46	0.144	5028	3236	.0731483
phd	.2098783	.0635345	3.30	0.001	.0853	531	.3344036
enrol	13814	.0464219	-2.98	0.003	2291	252	0471547
_cons	1.507456	.3305816	4.56	0.000	.8595	279	2.155384
inflate							
female	13.16564	372.3562	0.04	0.972	-716.6	391	742.9704
phd	.5209843	.9629577	0.54	0.588	-1.366	378	2.408347
enrol	.4379132	.5616997	0.78	0.436	6629	981	1.538824
_cons	-20.08333	372.4266	-0.05	0.957	-750.	026	709.8594
/lnalpha	3209474	.143072	-2.24	0.025	6013	635	0405314
alpha	.7254614	.1037932			.5480	638	.960279

14) Factor, Marginal, and Discrete Changes. The listcoef and prchange commands can also apply to the zinb models.

. listcoef, help

zinb (N=278): Factor Change in Expected Count

Observed SD: 4.2376808

Count Equation: Factor Change in Expected Count for Those Not Always 0

pub6	b	z	P> z	e^b	e^bStdX	SDofX
female phd enrol	-0.21484 0.20988 -0.13814	-1.462 3.303 -2.976	0.144 0.001 0.003	0.8067 1.2335 0.8710	0.9027 1.2325 0.8165	0.4763 0.9962 1.4673
ln alpha alpha	-0.32095 0.72546	SE(alpha) = 0.10379				

b = raw coefficient

z = z-score for test of b=0

P>|z| = p-value for z-test

e^b = exp(b) = factor change in expected count for unit increase in X

```
e^bStdX = exp(b*SD of X) = change in expected count for SD increase in X
    SDofX = standard deviation of X
Binary Equation: Factor Change in Odds of Always 0
     Always0 | b z P>|z| e^b e^bStdX SDofX

      female
      13.16564
      0.035
      0.972
      5.22e+05
      529.1149
      0.4763

      phd
      0.52098
      0.541
      0.588
      1.6837
      1.6803
      0.9962

      enrol
      0.43791
      0.780
      0.436
      1.5495
      1.9013
      1.4673

        b = raw coefficient
         z = z-score for test of b=0
   P>|z|=p-value for z-test
     e^b = exp(b) = factor change in odds for unit increase in X
 e^bStdX = exp(b*SD of X) = change in odds for SD increase in X
   SDofX = standard deviation of X
. prchange, rest(mean)
zinb: Changes in Predicted Rate for pub6
min->max 0->1 -+1/2 -+sd/2
female -0.9692 -0.9692 -0.8390 -0.3876
phd 2.7709 0.4539 0.7943 0.7912
 enrol -4.2062 -1.0513 -0.5223 -0.7670
\exp(xb): 3.7776
base x values for count equation:
female phd enrol
x= .345324 3.16633 5.56475
sd(x)= .476331 .996159 1.46725
base x values for binary equation:
```

15) Close the Log File.

. log close

Appendix: Stata Commands and Working Mode

Overview of Stata Commands

Getting Help: Type *help <command name>* to learn more about any command.

 Get information that contains this word from web resources Get help for a specific command. Get help for a more general topic. A simple calculator function. For example, Stopping execution Click on *break* to stop a command that is currently running.

File Suffixes

name.dta Stata data file.

name.log Log file with commands and results saved as text, except graphs.

name.smcl Log file is saved in smcl format (can only be read in Stata).

name.do Command file, often created in the Stata do.file editor.

name.gph Stata graphics file; suffix automatically inserted by Stata.

name.wmf Graph in Windows Metafile format for use in other programs.

name.ado Automatically loaded ado files.

Loading and Saving Data

use *filename*, **clear** Load a new data file, discarding any data currently being used.

save *filename*, **replace** Save data and replace file if it already exists.

Data browser Click on to view data.

Data editor Click on to edit data. This is dangerous! Don't use it.

Do-file editor Click on to edit and/or run a Stata .do file.

dir Lists files in the current directory.

cd Change directory. For example, cd a:\

Logging Output

capture log close Close a log file if it exists; ignore any error if it occurs.

log using *filename*, **replace** Open a log file and allow overwriting of an existing file.

log close Close a log file.

Descriptive Statistics

describe Display summary of the contents of a data file.

summarize Compute descriptive statistics.

tabulate Compute frequencies.

Selecting Observations

drop *varlist* Drop specific variables.

mark and markout These commands make it simple to explicitly exclude missing

data.

mark markvar generates a new variable markvar that equals 1 for all cases. markout markvar varlist changes the values of markvar from 1 to 0 for any cases in which values of any of the variables in varlist are missing.

Creating Variables

generate newvar=expression New variable created as algebraic expression of other variables.

gen dens=pop/area New variable as the ratio of two old variables.

gen sqrtage=**sqrt**(age) New variable equal to square root of old variable.

gen logwg=**ln**(wages) New variable equal to the log of the old variable.

gen newvar = oldvar New variable equal to an existing variable.

recode Recodes the values of an existing variables. Always create a new

variable equal to the original one you want to modify. Then recode the new equivalent variable. **recode** is useful for creating

categorical and indicator (dummy) variables.

recode *varname* 1=2 3=4 Change 1 to 2; and 3 to 4.

recode 2=1 *=0 Change 2 to 1; all other to 0

Note: Use of "*" will change missing values to the "*=" value!! Add an if statement, "if varname<." to exclude missing values from the changes like the following.

recode *varname* 2=1 *=0 **if** *varname*<. 2 changed to 1, all else 0, but missings are not bothered.

recode varname 1/4=2 Change 1 through 4 to 2. **recode** varname 1 3 4 5 = 7 Change 1,3,4, and 5 to 7.

recode *varname* 1 3/5 = 7 Change 1 and 3 through 5 to 7.

recode *varname* **min**/5=**min** Recode the minimum through 5 to minimum.

recode *varname* .=9 Change missing value to 9. **recode** *varname* 9=. Change 9 to a missing value.

Other Useful Commands

graph export *filename*.wmf, replace Redirect the graph output to filename. The extension .wmf tells

Stata to create a Window Metafile.

delimit { cr | ; } Resets the character that marks the end of a command to a

carriage return or the character ";" In a command file, if you do not have a carriage return after your last line, Stata will

ignore it!

Mathematical and Logical Expressions

+ add - subtract / divide * multiply ^ power ln() natural log exp() exponential sqrt() square root ~ not

& and | or > greater than or equal < less than <= less than or equal

== equal ~= not equal

Other Useful Expressions

* if you put it at the very beginning of a line in a do file, Stata 8 will take this line as comment.

// this sign indicates that Stata 8 will take anything after this sign as comment.

this sign is used when the syntax for a command is too long for one line and it allows Stata to search for the rest of the syntax in the next line. Once Stata hits this sign, it will be bumped to next line. Therefore you can also put some comments after this sign. Note that in Stata, by

default it is one line per command, otherwise you will receive error message.

Interactive and Batch Mode

In Stata, you can execute commands either from the command line or running a text file (called a do file) that contains the commands. With few exceptions, anything you can run from the command line you can execute by "doing" a do file.

- 1) **Interactive Mode:** To run commands interactively, you type one command at a time in the window labeled *Stata Command*. Press Enter when you have finished the command.
- Retrieving prior commands with PageUp and PageDown: You can bring already executed commands into the command window by pressing the PageUp and PageDown keys. You can edit these commands to make changes.
- Retrieving prior commands from the Review window. The window labeled "Review" lists all commands that have been executed in the current sessions. You can click once to bring a command from the Review window to the Command window. Click it twice to execute the command immediately.
- 2) Batch Mode: To run commands in batch mode, you type the commands in a text file that has the suffix .do. You can create these command files with Stata's Do-file editor, or with any editor that saves a text file. You can do this from Word Perfect or Word, but it is awkward. We prefer TextPad (www.textpad.com). To execute a batch program you:
- Create the file in a text editor:
- Save it to the directory where you are working. For example, save it in c:\mywork\myfile.do
- ♦ Assuming you are in directory c:\mywork in Stata (use cd c:\mywork), run the do file by entering: do myfile
- 3) Using the Stata Do-File editor: If you click on , you will be in the Stata do-file editor. This editor works like most text editors; use help to get more details. After you enter your program, click to do the file. When you do the file, the results are sent to the Stata Results window and the log file. Click to run the commands, without sending them to the Stata Results window.
- **4) Structure of a Do File:** Here is an example of what you want to put in a do file. Note that anything following a * is not executed but is printed. For details see L&F(2003), 24-28.

```
capture log close
* close any log file that may be open
set more off
* don't pause when output scrolls off the page
set scheme smanual
* set graph schemes
log using myfile.log, replace
* log results to file myfile.log
* your commands go here
log close
```