

Modeling and Analysis of a 1:M MCCD with n matched sets

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- For individual i in the j th matched set $W=w_j$, $j=1, \dots, n$, observe the value of risk factors x_{ij}
- Denote $i=0 \Rightarrow$ case and $i=1, \dots, M \Rightarrow$ control

of cases

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$$\text{logit}[p(w_j, x_{ij})] \equiv \text{logit}(p_{ij}) = \eta_{ij} = \alpha_j + x_{ij}^T \beta$$

$$P(Z_{ij}=1 | W=w_j, X=x_{ij}) \text{ under logit link}$$

α_j : effect of $W=w_j$ (j th match set)

- Let $S_j = z_{0j} + z_{1j} + \dots + z_{Mj}$ = the number of 1's (i.e., D) in the $M+1$ binary responses observed in the j th matched set

joint pmf of Z_{ij} 's, $i=0, \dots, M$, $j=1, \dots, n$.

$$= \prod_{i=0}^M p_{ij}^{z_{ij}} (1-p_{ij})^{1-z_{ij}} = \prod_{i=0}^M \frac{\exp(\alpha_j + x_{ij}^T \beta)^{z_{ij}}}{1 + \exp(\alpha_j + x_{ij}^T \beta)} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + \exp(\dots)}$$

$$S_j \propto \exp[\sum_i \alpha_j (\sum_i z_{ij})] \times \exp[(\sum_i z_{ij} x_{ij})^T \beta]$$

a block or a sub-population $\rightarrow W=w_j$

	D^c	D
X^c	y_{j00}	y_{j01}
X	y_{j10}	y_{j11}
	$K_j - S_j$	S_j

In MCCD $\rightarrow M$ 1 $M+1$ adjusted for in design

$\hat{\alpha}_j \leftarrow S_j / K_j = \frac{1}{M+1}$ all the time \Rightarrow cannot estimate

Regard α_j 's as nuisance parameters, it is natural to make

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inference conditional on its sufficient statistics S_j 's

can be applied on data collected from Approach 1 in Lnp. 3-42 under the model in Lnp. 3-44

- Consider the example.
 - T_1, \dots, T_n i.i.d. $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$
 - contain information about μ & σ^2
 - \bar{T} : suff. stat. of μ

- The information in $\{T_1, \dots, T_n | \bar{T}\}$ is equivalent to that in $\{T_1 - \bar{T}, \dots, T_n - \bar{T}\}$ contain only information about σ^2
- If μ : nuisance parameter, conditioning on suff. stat. of μ is a good way to "throw out" useless information in data.

- Conditional probability of the observed data in j th matched set

conditional pmf of Z_{ij} 's | S_j likelihood

$$P(z_{0j}=1, z_{1j}=0, \dots, z_{Mj}=0 | S_j=1) \stackrel{\text{MCCD}}{=} \frac{P(z_{0j}=1, z_{1j}=0, \dots, z_{Mj}=0)}{P(S_j=1)}$$

$\propto \exp(x_{0j}^T \beta) \dots \exp(x_{Mj}^T \beta)$

$= \frac{\exp(x_{0j}^T \beta)}{\sum_{i=0}^M \exp(x_{ij}^T \beta)} = \frac{\exp(x_{0j}^T \beta)}{\exp(x_{0j}^T \beta) + \sum_{i=1}^M \exp(x_{ij}^T \beta)}$

$= \left\{ 1 + \sum_{i=1}^M \exp[(x_{ij} - x_{0j})^T \beta] \right\}^{-1}$

$= P(Z_{0j}=1) P(Z_{1j}=0) \dots P(Z_{Mj}=0)$

$= P_{0j} (1-P_{1j}) \dots (1-P_{Mj})$

$= \frac{\exp(\alpha_j + x_{0j}^T \beta) \cdot 1 \dots 1}{\prod_{i=0}^M [1 + \exp(\alpha_j + x_{ij}^T \beta)]}$

$P(Z_{0j}=1, Z_{1j}=0, \dots, Z_{Mj}=0) + P(Z_{0j}=0, Z_{1j}=1, \dots, Z_{Mj}=0) + \dots + P(Z_{0j}=0, Z_{1j}=0, \dots, Z_{Mj}=1)$

data from MCCD always has this form (Note. In data collection, Z_{ij} 's are fixed; in data analysis, Z_{ij} 's are treated as random.)

$P_{ij} = \frac{\exp(\alpha_j + x_{ij}^T \beta)}{1 + \exp(\alpha_j + x_{ij}^T \beta)}$

$1 - P_{ij} = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(\dots)}$

reference of x in j th block

independent

➤ The complete conditional likelihood = $P(\text{all } \underline{z}_{ij}'s | \text{all } \underline{S}_j's)$

Note. nuisance parameters α_j 's are gone in this likelihood

$$\mathcal{L}(\underline{\beta}) = \prod_{j=1}^n \left\{ 1 + \sum_{i=1}^M \exp \left[(\underline{x}_{ij} - \underline{x}_{0j})^T \underline{\beta} \right] \right\}^{-1}$$

∴ data from different matched sets are assumed independent

cf. profile likelihood in Lnp.3-13
cf. exact logistic in Lnp.3-31

Standard likelihood methods can now be employed to make inference — estimation of $\underline{\beta} \Rightarrow$ MLE
testing (& C.I.) of $\underline{\beta}$

The conditional likelihood takes the same form as that used for the proportional hazards model (PHM) in survival/reliability analysis \Rightarrow likelihood ratio, Wald, ...

lifetime (>0) data:
 T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n
 $\downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \dots \quad \downarrow$
 $\underline{x}_1, \underline{x}_2, \dots, \underline{x}_n$

\Rightarrow can use software developed for PHM

Note that in this approach: $\frac{h_{\underline{x}_2}(t)}{h_{\underline{x}_1}(t)} = \exp[(\underline{x}_2 - \underline{x}_1)^T \underline{\beta}]$ — hazard function at \underline{x}
 $h_{\underline{x}}(t) = h_0(t) \cdot \exp(\underline{x}^T \underline{\beta})$ — reference hazard: parametric modeling
nonparametric modeling

within block comparison

□ α_j 's are not estimated \Rightarrow cannot make predictions of p_{ij} 's

use unconditional approach

(Even if α_j 's are estimated, they are not likely to be the estimates of the true effects of \underline{W} , check in Lnp.3-44) $P(Z=1 | \underline{W}=\underline{w}_j, \underline{x}=\underline{x}_{ij})$

prediction of p_{ij} 's is still questionable

$O_{ij}/O_{i'j}$
 $= \exp[(\underline{x}_{ij} - \underline{x}_{i'j})^T \underline{\beta}]$
as \underline{x} change from \underline{x}_{ij} to $\underline{x}_{i'j}$

□ only can make statements about the odds ratio as measured by the $\underline{\beta}$

❖ Reading: Faraway (2006, 1st ed.), 2.12

Note. $\underline{W}=\underline{w}_j$ is fixed

$O_{ij}/O_{i'j}$ is irrelevant to \underline{W} (α_j 's) (∴ assume main-effect model, Lnp.3-44)