

Multivariate Threshold Models

Specification in Mx

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#define nsib 2      ! Number of variables * number of siblings = 2
#define maxth 2    ! Maximum number of thresholds
#define nvar 2     ! Number of variables
#define ndef 1     ! Number of definition variables
#define nthr 4     ! nsib x nvar
#NGROUPS 8

G1: MZ Females
Data NInput=8
Ordinal File=data.dat
Labels
famID zyg covar_a covar_b var1_a var2_a var1_b var2_b
Select if zyg = 1 /
  SELECT covar_a covar_b var1_a var2_a var1_b var2_b /
  DEFINITION_VARIABLE covar_a covar_b /

BEGIN MATRICES;
X Lower nvar nvar Free      ! Genetic paths
Y Lower nvar nvar Free      ! Common environmental paths
Z Lower nvar nvar Free      ! Unique environmental paths
H Full 1 1
T Full maxth nthr Free      ! Thresholds
B Full nvar ndef Free       ! Regression betas
L lower maxth maxth        ! For converting incremental to cumulative thresholds
G Full maxth 1              ! For duplicating regression betas across thresholds
K Full ndef nsib           ! Contains definition variables
END MATRICES;

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Threshold model for multivariate, multiple category data with definition variables:

$$\text{Part 2} \quad \text{Part 1}$$
$$\mathbf{L} * \mathbf{T} + \mathbf{G} \otimes ((\text{vec}(\mathbf{B} * \mathbf{K}))')$$

We will break the algebra into two parts:

- 1 - Definition variables;
 - 2 - Uncorrected thresholds;
- and go through it in detail.

$$\mathbf{L} * \mathbf{T} + \mathbf{G} \otimes ((\text{vec}(\mathbf{B} * \mathbf{K}))')$$

$$\mathbf{B} * \mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \end{bmatrix} * \begin{matrix} \text{Twin 1} & \text{Twin 2} \\ \text{sex}_A & \text{sex}_B \\ \text{age}_A & \text{age}_B \end{matrix}$$

Definition variables

$$= \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} \times \text{sex}_A + b_{12} \times \text{age}_A & b_{11} \times \text{sex}_B + b_{12} \times \text{age}_B \\ b_{21} \times \text{sex}_A + b_{22} \times \text{age}_A & b_{21} \times \text{sex}_B + b_{22} \times \text{age}_B \end{bmatrix}$$

Threshold correction
Twin 1
Variable 1

Threshold correction
Twin 2
Variable 1

Threshold correction
Twin 1
Variable 2

Threshold correction
Twin 2
Variable 2

$$\mathbf{L} * \mathbf{T} + \mathbf{G} \otimes (\text{vec}(\mathbf{B} * \mathbf{K}))'$$

$$\text{vec}(\mathbf{B} * \mathbf{K}) = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} \times \text{sex}_A + b_{12} \times \text{age}_A \\ b_{21} \times \text{sex}_A + b_{22} \times \text{age}_A \\ b_{11} \times \text{sex}_B + b_{12} \times \text{age}_B \\ b_{21} \times \text{sex}_B + b_{22} \times \text{age}_B \end{bmatrix}$$

Transpose:

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_{11} \times \text{sex}_A + b_{12} \times \text{age}_A & b_{21} \times \text{sex}_A + b_{22} \times \text{age}_A & b_{11} \times \text{sex}_B + b_{12} \times \text{age}_B & b_{21} \times \text{sex}_B + b_{22} \times \text{age}_B \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{L} * \mathbf{T} + \mathbf{G} \otimes ((\text{vec}(\mathbf{B} * \mathbf{K}))')$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} b_{11}sex_A + b_{12}age_A & b_{21}sex_A + b_{22}age_A & b_{11}sex_B + b_{12}age_B & b_{21}sex_B + b_{22}age_B \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} b_{11}sex_A + b_{12}age_A & b_{21}sex_A + b_{22}age_A & b_{11}sex_B + b_{12}age_B & b_{21}sex_B + b_{22}age_B \\ b_{11}sex_A + b_{12}age_A & b_{21}sex_A + b_{22}age_A & b_{11}sex_B + b_{12}age_B & b_{21}sex_B + b_{22}age_B \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{L} * \mathbf{T} + \mathbf{G} \otimes ((\text{vec}(\mathbf{B} * \mathbf{K}))')$$

$$\mathbf{L} * \mathbf{T} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} t_{11} & t_{12} & t_{13} & t_{13} \\ t_{21} & t_{22} & t_{23} & t_{24} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} t_{11} & t_{12} & t_{13} & t_{14} \\ t_{11} + t_{21} & t_{12} + t_{22} & t_{13} + t_{23} & t_{14} + t_{24} \end{bmatrix}$$

Thresholds 1 & 2
Twin 2
Variable 2

Thresholds 1 & 2
Twin 1
Variable 1

Thresholds 1 & 2
Twin 1
Variable 2

Thresholds 1 & 2
Twin 2
Variable 1

$$\mathbf{L} * \mathbf{T} + \mathbf{G} \otimes ((\mathit{vec}(\mathbf{B} * \mathbf{K}))')$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} t_{11} & t_{12} & \dots \\ t_{11} + t_{21} & t_{12} + t_{22} & \dots \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b_{11}sex_A + b_{12}age_A & b_{11}sex_B + b_{12}age_B & \dots \\ b_{11}sex_A + b_{12}age_A & b_{11}sex_B + b_{12}age_B & \dots \end{bmatrix}$$

=

$$\begin{bmatrix} t_{11} + b_{11}sex_A + b_{12}age_A & t_{12} + b_{21}sex_A + b_{22}age_A & \dots \\ t_{11} + t_{21} + b_{11}sex_A + b_{12}age_A & t_{12} + t_{22} + b_{21}sex_A + b_{22}age_A & \dots \end{bmatrix}$$