

# Cumulative Logit Models (cont)

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Simple case: One predictor  $X$

$$\text{logit}(P(Y \leq k)) = \log \left( \frac{P(Y \leq k)}{1 - P(Y \leq k)} \right) = \alpha_k + \beta_k X$$

$$k = 1, 2, \dots, J-1$$

Proportional odds property:  $\Rightarrow \beta_k = \beta$  for all  $k$

Why called "proportional odds"?

Consider the log(OR) of  $X+1$  to  $X$ :

$$\log \left( \frac{P(Y \leq k | X+1) / P(Y > k | X+1)}{P(Y \leq k | X) / P(Y > k | X)} \right) = \alpha_k + \beta(X+1) - [\alpha_k + \beta X] = \beta$$

Log-odds ratio comparing  $X_2$  to  $X_1$  ( $X_2 > X_1$ ) does not depend on  $k$

$\rightarrow \beta(X_2 - X_1) \rightarrow$  same proportionality constant

Forms of model equation:

for all categories  $k$

① log-odds scale:  $\log \left( \frac{P(Y \leq k)}{1 - P(Y \leq k)} \right) = \alpha_k + \beta X$

② Odds scale:  $\frac{P(Y \leq k)}{1 - P(Y \leq k)} = \exp(\alpha_k + \beta X)$

③ Cumulative prob. scale:  $P(Y \leq k) = \frac{e^{\alpha_k + \beta X}}{1 + e^{\alpha_k + \beta X}}$

Find  $P(Y=k)$ :

$$P(Y \leq k) - P(Y \leq k-1) = P(Y=k)$$

Test of independence between  $X$  and  $Y$ ?

( $X$  categorical  
w/  $I$  levels)

$\chi^2$  test of independence (Ch. 2)

$$df = (J-1)(I-1)$$

Cumulative logit model:  $\text{logit}(P(Y \leq k)) = \alpha_k + \beta x$

$$H_0: \beta = 0$$

→ More powerful  
test than  $\chi^2$

$$H_a: \beta \neq 0$$

$$P(Y \leq k) = \frac{e^{\alpha_k + \beta x}}{1 + e^{\alpha_k + \beta x}} = \frac{1}{e^{-(\alpha_k + \beta x)} + 1}$$

