PSC 505 MLE (+ Other Topics)

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course builds upon the analytical and applied foundations of PSC 404 and 405, taking the latter's emphasis on the classical linear model as its point of departure. Because

COURSE OUTLINE:

1. R Programming and Monte Carlo Simulation

- W. John Braun & Duncan J. Murdoch. A First Course in Statistical Programming with R.
- Burns, Patrick. 2011. The R Inferno. Manuscript.

2. Maximum Likelihood Estimation

- Pawitan, 2013. In All Likelihood. Chapters 1-3, 6.1.
- King, Gary. 1998. Unifying Political Methodology. Chapters 1-4.
- Rodriguez, G. 2001. "Appendix A: Review of Likelihood Theory."

3. Binary Data, Count Data, and Issues in Nonlinear Models

3.1 Binary Data and Count Data

- Pawitan, 2013. In All Likelihood. Chapters 4.1-4.8. (Bernoulli, Binomial, Poisson)
- Pawitan, 2013. In All Likelihood. Chapter 6.2-6.3. (Logistic & Poisson Regression)
- King, Gary. 1998. Unifying Political Methodology. Chapters 5.6-5.10.

Recommended

- King, Gary and Curtis S. Signorino. 1996. "The Generalization in the Generalized Event Count Model, with Comments on Achen, Amato and Londegran." Political Analysis 6: 225-252.
- Prentice, R. L. 1986. "Binary Regression Using an Extended Beta-Binomial Distribution, With Discussion of Correlation Induced by Covariate Measurement Errors." Journal of the American Statistical Association 81: 321-327.

3.2 Standard Errors and Confidence Intervals

- Pawitan, 2013. In All Likelihood. Chapter 5.
- King, Gary. 1991. "Calculating Standard Errors of Predicted Values based on Nonlinear Functional Forms." The Political Methodologist 4(2).
- Efron, Bradley and Gail Gong. 1983. "A Leisurely Look at the Bootstrap, the Jackknife, and Cross-Validation." The American Statistician. 37(1):36-48.

3.3 Interaction Terms in Nonlinear Models

- Norton, Edward C., Hua Wang, and Chunrong Ai. "Computing Interaction Effects and Standard Errors in Logit and Probit Models." The Stata Journal 4: 103-116.
- Ai, Chunrong and Edward C. Norton. 2003. "Interaction Terms in Logit and Probit Models." Economics Letters 80:123-129.
- Braumoeller, Bear F. 2004. "Hypothesis Testing and Multiplicative Interaction Terms." International Organization 58: 807-820.
- Brambor, Thomas, William Clark, and Matt Golder. 2006. "Understanding Interaction Models: Improving Empirical Analyses." Political Analysis. 14:63-82.

Homework Reading

- Martin, Lisa. 1992. Coercive Cooperation. Chapters 2 4.
- Chang, Eric C. 2005. "Electoral Incentives for Political Corruption under Open-List Proportional Representation." Journal of Politics 87: 716-730.

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10. Strategic Models, part I

10.1 Bounded Rationality and the Quantal Response Equilibrium (QRE)

- McKelvey, Richard D. and Thomas R. Palfrey. 1996. "A Statistical Theory of Equilibrium in Games." The Japanese Economic Review 47: 186-209.
- McKelvey, Richard D. and Thomas R. Palfrey. 1998. "Quantal Response Equilibria for Extensive Form Games." Experimental Economics 1: 9-41.
- Fey, Mark, Richard D. McKelvey, and Thomas Palfrey. 1996. "An Experimental Study of the Constant\$Sum Centipede Game." International Journal of Game Theory 25: 269—287.

10.2 Private Information, Regression, and Misspecification

- Signorino, Curtis S. 1999. "Strategic Interaction and the Statistical Analysis of International Conflict." American Political Science Review 93: 279–297.
- Signorino, Curtis S. 2003. "Structure and Uncertainty in Discrete Choice Models." Political Analysis 11:316—344.
- Signorino, Curtis S. and Kuzey Yilmaz. 2003

- Wand, Jonathan. 2005. "Comparing Models of Strategic Choice: The Role of Uncertainty and Signaling." Political Analysis 14: 101—120.
- Bas, Muhammet, Curtis S. Signorino and Taehee Whang. 2013. "Knowing One's Future Preferences: A Correlated Agent Model with Bayesian Updating." Journal of Theoretical Politics.

13. Machine Learning & Flexible Functional For2 //TT7 o 1 s