

# Binary Outcome Panel Data

## *Example Questions and Solutions*

230347: Advanced Microeconometrics

### Question 1

#### Fixed Effects Logit Model with $T = 2$

Consider the model:

$$y_{it}^* = \mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \alpha_i + \varepsilon_{it} \quad i = 1, \dots, N \quad t = 1, 2$$

$$y_{it} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y_{it}^* > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$\varepsilon_{it}$  are iid logistic so:

$$\Pr(y_{it} = 1 | \mathbf{x}_{it}, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \alpha_i) = \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \alpha_i)}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \alpha_i)}$$

(i) Show that the likelihood of  $\Pr(y_{i1}, y_{i2} | \mathbf{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \alpha_i)$ , where  $\mathbf{x}_i = (\mathbf{x}_{i1}, \mathbf{x}_{i2})$  can be written as:

$$\Pr(y_{i1}, y_{i2} | \mathbf{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \alpha_i) = \frac{\exp\left(\sum_{t=1}^2 y_{it}(\alpha_i + \mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})\right)}{[1 + \exp(\alpha_i + \mathbf{x}'_{i1}\boldsymbol{\beta})][1 + \exp(\alpha_i + \mathbf{x}'_{i2}\boldsymbol{\beta})]}$$

(ii) What is the probability that  $y_{i1} + y_{i2} = 1$ ?

(iii) What is the probability that  $y_{i1} = 1$  and  $y_{i2} = 0$  conditional on  $y_{i1} + y_{i2} = 1$ ?

(iv) Show that the individual effects  $\alpha_i$  cancel in the conditional likelihood in (iii).

#### Solution

(i) Since  $\varepsilon_{it}$  is iid logistic, the likelihood of  $(y_{i1}, y_{i2})$  is:

$$\begin{aligned} f(y_{i1}, y_{i2} | \mathbf{x}_i, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \alpha_i) &= \prod_{t=1}^2 \left( \frac{\exp(\alpha_i + \mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})}{1 + \exp(\alpha_i + \mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})} \right)^{y_{it}} \left( \frac{1}{1 + \exp(\alpha_i + \mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})} \right)^{1-y_{it}} \\ &= \prod_{t=1}^2 \left( \frac{\exp(y_{it}(\alpha_i + \mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta}))}{1 + \exp(\alpha_i + \mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})} \right) \\ &= \frac{\exp(y_{i1}(\alpha_i + \mathbf{x}'_{i1}\boldsymbol{\beta}))}{1 + \exp(\alpha_i + \mathbf{x}'_{i1}\boldsymbol{\beta})} \times \frac{\exp(y_{i2}(\alpha_i + \mathbf{x}'_{i2}\boldsymbol{\beta}))}{1 + \exp(\alpha_i + \mathbf{x}'_{i2}\boldsymbol{\beta})} \\ &= \frac{\exp\left(\sum_{t=1}^2 y_{it}(\alpha_i + \mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})\right)}{[1 + \exp(\alpha_i + \mathbf{x}'_{i1}\boldsymbol{\beta})][1 + \exp(\alpha_i + \mathbf{x}'_{i2}\boldsymbol{\beta})]} \end{aligned}$$

(ii) If  $y_{i1} + y_{i2} = 1$ , then we have either  $(y_{i1}, y_{i2}) = (1, 0)$  or  $(y_{i1}, y_{i2}) = (0, 1)$ . Therefore:

$$\Pr(y_{i1} + y_{i2} = 1) = \Pr((1, 0)) + \Pr((0, 1))$$

Using the answer in part (i):

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr((1, 0)) &= \frac{\exp(\alpha_i + \mathbf{x}'_{i1}\boldsymbol{\beta})}{[1 + \exp(\alpha_i + \mathbf{x}'_{i1}\boldsymbol{\beta})][1 + \exp(\alpha_i + \mathbf{x}'_{i2}\boldsymbol{\beta})]} \\ \Pr((0, 1)) &= \frac{\exp(\alpha_i + \mathbf{x}'_{i2}\boldsymbol{\beta})}{[1 + \exp(\alpha_i + \mathbf{x}'_{i1}\boldsymbol{\beta})][1 + \exp(\alpha_i + \mathbf{x}'_{i2}\boldsymbol{\beta})]}\end{aligned}\quad (1)$$

So:

$$\Pr(y_{i1} + y_{i2} = 1) = \frac{\exp(\alpha_i + \mathbf{x}'_{i1}\boldsymbol{\beta}) + \exp(\alpha_i + \mathbf{x}'_{i2}\boldsymbol{\beta})}{[1 + \exp(\alpha_i + \mathbf{x}'_{i1}\boldsymbol{\beta})][1 + \exp(\alpha_i + \mathbf{x}'_{i2}\boldsymbol{\beta})]}\quad (2)$$

(iii) The conditional probability is:

$$\Pr((1, 0) | y_{i1} + y_{i2} = 1) = \frac{\Pr(1, 0)}{\Pr(y_{i1} + y_{i2} = 1)}$$

This is simply dividing equations (1) and (2) above. Since the denominators are identical, this is:

$$\Pr((1, 0) | y_{i1} + y_{i2} = 1) = \frac{\exp(\alpha_i + \mathbf{x}'_{i1}\boldsymbol{\beta})}{\exp(\alpha_i + \mathbf{x}'_{i1}\boldsymbol{\beta}) + \exp(\alpha_i + \mathbf{x}'_{i2}\boldsymbol{\beta})}$$

(iv)

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr((1, 0) | y_{i1} + y_{i2} = 1) &= \frac{\exp(\alpha_i + \mathbf{x}'_{i1}\boldsymbol{\beta})}{\exp(\alpha_i + \mathbf{x}'_{i1}\boldsymbol{\beta}) + \exp(\alpha_i + \mathbf{x}'_{i2}\boldsymbol{\beta})} \\ &= \frac{e^{\alpha_i} \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{i1}\boldsymbol{\beta})}{e^{\alpha_i} \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{i1}\boldsymbol{\beta}) + e^{\alpha_i} \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{i2}\boldsymbol{\beta})} \\ &= \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{i1}\boldsymbol{\beta})}{\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{i1}\boldsymbol{\beta}) + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{i2}\boldsymbol{\beta})}\end{aligned}$$

## Question 2

### Dynamic Fixed Effects Logit Without Regressors

Suppose we have the model  $y_{it} = \mathbb{1}\{\alpha_i + \rho y_{it-1} + \varepsilon_{it} > 0\}$ , for  $t = 2, \dots, T$ , where  $\varepsilon_{it}$  is distributed logit. Then:

$$\Pr(y_{it} = 1 | y_{it-1}, \alpha_i, \rho) = \frac{\exp(\alpha_i + \rho y_{it-1})}{1 + \exp(\alpha_i + \rho y_{it-1})}$$

Assume  $\Pr(y_{i1} = 1 | \alpha_i) = p_1(\alpha_i)$  and let  $\tilde{p}_1(\alpha_i, y_{i1}) = [p_1(\alpha_i)]^{y_{i1}} [1 - p_1(\alpha_i)]^{1-y_{i1}}$ . Individual  $i$ 's contribution to the likelihood is:

$$f(\mathbf{y}_i | \mathbf{y}_{-i}, \alpha_i, \rho) = \tilde{p}_1(\alpha_i, y_{i1}) \frac{\exp\left(\alpha_i \sum_{t=2}^T y_{it}\right) \exp\left(\rho \sum_{t=2}^T y_{it-1} y_{it}\right)}{\prod_{t=2}^T [1 + \exp(\alpha_i + \rho y_{it-1})]}$$

The goal of this exercise is to show that the likelihood conditional on  $y_{i1}$ ,  $y_{iT}$ , and  $\sum_{t=2}^T y_{it}$  is independent of  $\alpha_i$ .

(i) Show that we can rewrite the denominator of the likelihood as:

$$\prod_{t=2}^T [1 + \exp(\alpha_i + \rho y_{it-1})] = [1 + \exp(\alpha_i)]^{T-1-y_{i1}+y_{iT}-\sum_{t=2}^T y_{it}} [1 + \exp(\alpha_i + \rho)]^{y_{i1}-y_{iT}+\sum_{t=2}^T y_{it}}$$

*Hint:* You should use that  $\sum_{t=2}^T y_{it-1} = y_{i1} - y_{iT} + \sum_{t=2}^T y_{it}$ .

(ii) Define the set  $\mathcal{B}_i = \left\{ \mathbf{d}_i : d_{i1} = y_{i1}, d_{iT} = y_{iT}, \sum_{t=2}^T d_{it} = \sum_{t=2}^T y_{it} \right\}$ . This is the set of possible vectors of length  $T$  where the first element is  $y_{i1}$ , the last element is  $y_{iT}$  and the sum of elements 2 to  $T$  is  $\sum_{t=2}^T y_{it}$ . Using your answer to (i), write down:

$$\Pr \left( d_{i1} = y_{i1}, d_{iT} = y_{iT}, \sum_{t=2}^T d_{it} = \sum_{t=2}^T y_{it} \right) = \sum_{\mathbf{d}_i \in \mathcal{B}_i} \Pr(\mathbf{d}_i)$$

explicitly.

(iii) Use the answers in (i) and (ii) to show that the likelihood conditional on  $y_{i1}$ ,  $y_{iT}$  and  $\sum_{t=1}^T y_{it}$  is equal to:

$$f \left( \mathbf{y}_i \middle| y_{i1} = d_{i1}, y_{iT} = d_{iT}, \sum_{t=2}^T y_{it} = \sum_{t=2}^T d_{it} \right) = \frac{\exp \left( \rho \sum_{t=2}^T y_{it-1} y_{it} \right)}{\sum_{\mathbf{d}_i \in \mathcal{B}_i} \exp \left( \rho \sum_{t=2}^T d_{it-1} d_{it} \right)}$$

(iv) Is it possible to identify  $\rho$  in this model with  $T = 3$ ? Explain why or why not.

## Solution

(i)

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{t=2}^T [1 + \exp(\alpha_i + \rho y_{it-1})] &= \prod_{t=2}^T [1 + \exp(\alpha_i)]^{1-y_{it-1}} [1 + \exp(\alpha_i + \rho)]^{y_{it-1}} \\ &= [1 + \exp(\alpha_i)]^{\sum_{t=2}^T 1-y_{it-1}} [1 + \exp(\alpha_i + \rho)]^{\sum_{t=2}^T y_{it-1}} \\ &= [1 + \exp(\alpha_i)]^{T-1-y_{i1}+y_{iT}-\sum_{t=2}^T y_{it}} [1 + \exp(\alpha_i + \rho)]^{y_{i1}-y_{iT}+\sum_{t=2}^T y_{it}} \end{aligned}$$

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned} &\Pr \left( d_{i1} = y_{i1}, d_{iT} = y_{iT}, \sum_{t=2}^T d_{it} = \sum_{t=2}^T y_{it} \right) \\ &= \sum_{\mathbf{d}_i \in \mathcal{B}_i} \Pr(\mathbf{d}_i) \\ &= \sum_{\mathbf{d}_i \in \mathcal{B}_i} \tilde{p}_1(\alpha_i, d_{i1}) \frac{\exp \left( \alpha_i \sum_{t=2}^T d_{it} \right) \exp \left( \rho \sum_{t=2}^T d_{it-1} d_{it} \right)}{\prod_{t=2}^T [1 + \exp(\alpha_i + \rho d_{it-1})]} \\ &= \sum_{\mathbf{d}_i \in \mathcal{B}_i} \tilde{p}_1(\alpha_i, d_{i1}) \frac{\exp \left( \alpha_i \sum_{t=2}^T d_{it} \right) \exp \left( \rho \sum_{t=2}^T d_{it-1} d_{it} \right)}{[1 + \exp(\alpha_i)]^{T-1-d_{i1}+d_{iT}-\sum_{t=2}^T d_{it}} [1 + \exp(\alpha_i + \rho)]^{d_{i1}-d_{iT}+\sum_{t=2}^T d_{it}}} \end{aligned}$$

(iii)

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\mathbf{y}_i \middle| d_{i1} = y_{i1}, d_{iT} = y_{iT}, \sum_{t=2}^T d_{it} = \sum_{t=2}^T y_{it}\right) &= \frac{\Pr\left(\mathbf{y}_i, d_{i1} = y_{i1}, d_{iT} = y_{iT}, \sum_{t=2}^T d_{it} = \sum_{t=2}^T y_{it}\right)}{\Pr\left(d_{i1} = y_{i1}, d_{iT} = y_{iT}, \sum_{t=2}^T d_{it} = \sum_{t=2}^T y_{it}\right)} \\ &= \frac{\Pr(\mathbf{y}_i)}{\Pr\left(d_{i1} = y_{i1}, d_{iT} = y_{iT}, \sum_{t=2}^T d_{it} = \sum_{t=2}^T y_{it}\right)} \end{aligned}$$

as knowing  $\sum_{t=2}^T y_{it}$  does not add to the knowledge of  $\mathbf{y}_i$ . The numerator of this resulting expression is:

$$\tilde{p}_1(\alpha_i, y_{i1}) \frac{\exp\left(\alpha_i \sum_{t=2}^T y_{it}\right) \exp\left(\rho \sum_{t=2}^T y_{it-1} y_{it}\right)}{[1 + \exp(\alpha_i)]^{T-1-y_{i1}+y_{iT}-\sum_{t=2}^T y_{it}} [1 + \exp(\alpha_i + \rho)]^{y_{i1}-y_{iT}+\sum_{t=2}^T y_{it}}}$$

The denominator is the answer to (ii):

$$\sum_{\mathbf{d}_i \in \mathcal{B}_i} \tilde{p}_1(\alpha_i, d_{i1}) \frac{\exp\left(\alpha_i \sum_{t=2}^T d_{it}\right) \exp\left(\rho \sum_{t=2}^T d_{it-1} d_{it}\right)}{[1 + \exp(\alpha_i)]^{T-1-d_{i1}+d_{iT}-\sum_{t=2}^T d_{it}} [1 + \exp(\alpha_i + \rho)]^{d_{i1}-d_{iT}+\sum_{t=2}^T d_{it}}}$$

Since  $d_{i1} = y_{i1}$ ,  $d_{iT} = y_{iT}$  and  $\sum_{t=2}^T d_{it} = \sum_{t=2}^T y_{it}$ , the denominators of these expressions cancel, as well as the  $\tilde{p}_1(\alpha_i, y_{i1})$ . This leaves us with:

$$\frac{\exp\left(\alpha_i \sum_{t=2}^T y_{it}\right) \exp\left(\rho \sum_{t=2}^T y_{it-1} y_{it}\right)}{\sum_{\mathbf{d}_i \in \mathcal{B}_i} \exp\left(\alpha_i \sum_{t=2}^T d_{it}\right) \exp\left(\rho \sum_{t=2}^T d_{it-1} d_{it}\right)}$$

Finally, since  $\sum_{t=2}^T d_{it} = \sum_{t=2}^T y_{it}$ , we get:

$$\frac{\exp\left(\rho \sum_{t=2}^T y_{it-1} y_{it}\right)}{\sum_{\mathbf{d}_i \in \mathcal{B}_i} \exp\left(\rho \sum_{t=2}^T d_{it-1} d_{it}\right)}$$

(iv) No. If we condition on  $y_{i1} = d_1$  and  $y_{i3} = d_3$ , then there is only one possible sequence of  $y_{its}$  such that  $y_{i2} + y_{i3} = d_2 + d_3$  since  $d_3$  is fixed. Since  $\mathcal{B}$  is always a singleton set when  $T = 3$ , the conditional likelihood is 1 for any  $\rho$ .

## Question 3

In this question we will consider inference in the static pooled logit model:

$$y_{it} = \mathbb{1}\{\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \varepsilon_{it} > 0\}$$

where  $\mathbf{x}_{it}$  has  $K$  elements (including a constant) and  $\varepsilon_{it}$  is distributed logistic. Individual  $i$ 's contribution to the likelihood is:

$$f(y_{it} | \mathbf{x}_{it}, \boldsymbol{\beta}) = \frac{\exp(y_{it} \mathbf{x}'_{it} \boldsymbol{\beta})}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it} \boldsymbol{\beta})}$$

The log-likelihood function is:

$$\ell\ell(\boldsymbol{\beta}) = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{t=1}^T \log(f(y_{it} | \mathbf{x}_{it}, \boldsymbol{\beta}))$$

The maximum likelihood estimator of  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  is:

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = \arg \max_{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \ell\ell(\boldsymbol{\beta})$$

(i) Show that the  $j$ th element of the gradient of the log likelihood is equal to:

$$\frac{\partial \ell\ell(\boldsymbol{\beta})}{\partial \beta_j} = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{t=1}^T x_{itj} \left( y_{it} - \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})} \right)$$

where  $\beta_j$  and  $x_{itj}$  are the  $j$ th elements of  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$  and  $\mathbf{x}_{it}$ , respectively.

(ii) Show that the  $j$ th row and  $k$ th column of the Hessian of the log likelihood is:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \ell\ell(\boldsymbol{\beta})}{\partial \beta_j \partial \beta_k} = - \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta}) x_{itj} x_{itk}}{[1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})]^2}$$

(iii) This part begins with describing the variance-covariance estimator for  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$  (and more generally any maximum likelihood estimator). Taking a Taylor series approximation of the likelihood around the true  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ :

$$\ell\ell(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) = \ell\ell(\boldsymbol{\beta}) + \ell\ell'(\boldsymbol{\beta})(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \boldsymbol{\beta}) + \frac{1}{2} (\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \boldsymbol{\beta})' \ell\ell''(\boldsymbol{\beta}) (\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \boldsymbol{\beta})$$

Taking first-order conditions of this, i.e.  $\ell\ell'(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) = \mathbf{0}$ , gives our maximum likelihood estimator  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$ :

$$\ell\ell'(\boldsymbol{\beta}) + (\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \boldsymbol{\beta})' \ell\ell''(\boldsymbol{\beta}) = \mathbf{0}$$

$\ell\ell'(\boldsymbol{\beta})$  is  $1 \times K$  and  $\ell\ell''(\boldsymbol{\beta})$  is  $K \times K$ . Transposing and rearranging:

$$\ell\ell''(\boldsymbol{\beta})(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \boldsymbol{\beta}) = [\ell\ell'(\boldsymbol{\beta})]'$$

Pre-multiplying by  $[-\ell\ell''(\boldsymbol{\beta})]^{-1}$  gives:

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} - \boldsymbol{\beta} = [-\ell\ell''(\boldsymbol{\beta})]^{-1} [\ell\ell'(\boldsymbol{\beta})]'$$

The variance-covariance matrix of the estimator  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$  is then the expectation of the outer product of the above expression:

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} | \mathbf{X}) = \mathbb{E} \left[ [-\ell\ell''(\boldsymbol{\beta})]^{-1} [\ell\ell'(\boldsymbol{\beta})]' [\ell\ell'(\boldsymbol{\beta})] [-\ell\ell''(\boldsymbol{\beta})]^{-1} \middle| \mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\beta} \right]$$

where  $\mathbf{X}$  is the matrix of all  $NT$  observations and  $K$  regressors. If the model is correctly specified (in particular, each observation  $(i, t)$  being independent), then  $\mathbb{E}[-\ell\ell''(\boldsymbol{\beta})]^{-1} = \mathbb{E}[[\ell\ell'(\boldsymbol{\beta})]' [\ell\ell'(\boldsymbol{\beta})]]$  and the formula reduces to:

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} | \mathbf{X}) = \mathbb{E} \left[ [-\ell\ell''(\boldsymbol{\beta})]^{-1} \middle| \mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\beta} \right]$$

In this part, you will show that  $\mathbb{E}[-\ell\ell''(\boldsymbol{\beta})]^{-1} = \mathbb{E}[[\ell\ell'(\boldsymbol{\beta})][\ell\ell'(\boldsymbol{\beta})]]$  for the case of the static pooled logit model. Using the expressions in parts (i) and (ii) above, show that if each observation  $(i, t)$  is independent, the  $j$ th row and  $k$ th column of the outer product of the gradient vector equals the negative of the corresponding element of the Hessian matrix in expectation:

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial\ell\ell(\boldsymbol{\beta})}{\partial\beta_j}\frac{\partial\ell\ell(\boldsymbol{\beta})}{\partial\beta_k}\middle|\mathbf{X},\boldsymbol{\beta}\right] = -\mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial^2\ell\ell(\boldsymbol{\beta})}{\partial\beta_j\partial\beta_k}\middle|\mathbf{X},\boldsymbol{\beta}\right] = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})x_{itj}x_{itk}}{[1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})]^2}$$

### Solution

(i)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial\ell\ell(\boldsymbol{\beta})}{\partial\beta_j} &= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{t=1}^T \left( \frac{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})}{\exp(y_{it}\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})} \right) \frac{[1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})]\exp(y_{it}\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})y_{it}x_{itj} - \exp(y_{it}\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})x_{itj}}{[1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})]^2} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{[1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})]y_{it}x_{itj} - \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})x_{itj}}{[1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})]} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{t=1}^T x_{itj} \left[ y_{it} \left( \frac{1}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})} \right) + (1 - y_{it}) \frac{-\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})}{[1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})]} \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{t=1}^T x_{itj} \left[ y_{it} \left( \frac{1}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})} \right) + \frac{-\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})}{[1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})]} + y_{it} \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})}{[1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})]} \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{t=1}^T x_{itj} \left( y_{it} - \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})} \right) \end{aligned}$$

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2\ell\ell(\boldsymbol{\beta})}{\partial\beta_j\partial\beta_k} &= -\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{[1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})]\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})x_{itj}x_{itk} - \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})x_{itj}x_{itk}}{[1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})]^2} \\ &= -\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})x_{itj}x_{itk}}{[1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})]^2} \end{aligned}$$

(iii)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial\ell\ell(\boldsymbol{\beta})}{\partial\beta_j}\frac{\partial\ell\ell(\boldsymbol{\beta})}{\partial\beta_k}\middle|\mathbf{X},\boldsymbol{\beta}\right] &= \\ \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{t=1}^T x_{itj} \left( y_{it} - \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\boldsymbol{\beta})} \right) \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{s=1}^T x_{jsk} \left( y_{js} - \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{js}\boldsymbol{\beta})}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{js}\boldsymbol{\beta})} \right)\middle|\mathbf{X},\boldsymbol{\beta}\right] &= \end{aligned}$$

This is a sum of  $(N \times T)^2$  terms. If  $i \neq j$  or  $t \neq s$  (or both), then one element of the sum is:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left[ x_{itj} \left( y_{it} - \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)} \right) x_{jsk} \left( y_{js} - \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{js}\beta)}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{js}\beta)} \right) \middle| \mathbf{X}, \beta \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[ x_{itj} x_{jsk} y_{it} y_{js} - x_{itj} x_{jsk} y_{it} \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{js}\beta)}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{js}\beta)} - x_{itj} x_{jsk} y_{js} \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + x_{itj} x_{jsk} \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)} \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{js}\beta)}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{js}\beta)} \middle| \mathbf{X}, \beta \right] \end{aligned}$$

Each observation is independent. Since  $\mathbb{E}[y_{it} | \mathbf{x}_{it}, \beta] = \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)}$ , all these terms cancel in expectation.

To see this:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[x_{itj} x_{jsk} y_{it} y_{js} | \mathbf{X}, \beta] &= x_{itj} x_{jsk} \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)} \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{js}\beta)}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{js}\beta)} \\ \mathbb{E} \left[ x_{itj} x_{jsk} y_{it} \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{js}\beta)}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{js}\beta)} \middle| \mathbf{X}, \beta \right] &= x_{itj} x_{jsk} \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)} \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{js}\beta)}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{js}\beta)} \\ \mathbb{E} \left[ x_{itj} x_{jsk} y_{js} \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)} \middle| \mathbf{X}, \beta \right] &= x_{itj} x_{jsk} \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)} \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{js}\beta)}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{js}\beta)} \end{aligned}$$

So now we are left with:

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\partial \ell(\beta)}{\partial \beta_j} \frac{\partial \ell(\beta)}{\partial \beta_k} \middle| \mathbf{X}, \beta \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{t=1}^T x_{itj} x_{itk} \left( y_{it} - \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)} \right)^2 \middle| \mathbf{X}, \beta \right]$$

Consider one element of the sum:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left[ x_{itj} x_{itk} \left( y_{it} - \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)} \right)^2 \middle| \mathbf{x}_{it}, \beta \right] &= x_{itj} x_{itk} \left( 0 - \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)} \right)^2 \frac{1}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)} \\ &\quad + x_{itj} x_{itk} \left( 1 - \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)} \right)^2 \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)} \end{aligned}$$

This is:

$$\begin{aligned} & x_{itj} x_{itk} \frac{[\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)]^2}{[1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)]^2} \frac{1}{[1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)]} + x_{itj} x_{itk} \frac{1}{[1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)]^2} \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)} \\ &= x_{itj} x_{itk} [\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)] \frac{[1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)]}{[1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)]^3} \\ &= x_{itj} x_{itk} \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)}{[1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)]^2} \end{aligned}$$

Taking all terms together:

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{t=1}^T x_{itj} x_{itk} \left( y_{it} - \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)}{1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)} \right)^2 \middle| \mathbf{X}, \beta \right] = \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{t=1}^T x_{itj} x_{itk} \frac{\exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)}{[1 + \exp(\mathbf{x}'_{it}\beta)]^2}$$