

eintreg — Extended interval regression

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Description

`eintreg` fits an interval regression model that accommodates any combination of endogenous covariates, nonrandom treatment assignment, and endogenous sample selection. Continuous, binary, and ordinal endogenous covariates are allowed. Treatment assignment may be endogenous or exogenous. A probit or tobit model may be used to account for endogenous sample selection.

Quick start

All quick start examples use an interval-measured dependent variable with the interval's lower bound recorded in variable `y_l` and its upper bound recorded in `y_u`.

Regression of $[y_l, y_u]$ on x with continuous endogenous covariate y_2 modeled by x and z

```
eintreg y_l y_u x, endogenous(y2 = x z)
```

As above, but adding continuous endogenous covariate y_3 modeled by x and z_2

```
eintreg y_l y_u x, endogenous(y2 = x z) endogenous(y3 = x z2)
```

Regression of $[y_l, y_u]$ on x with binary endogenous covariate d modeled by x and z

```
eintreg y_l y_u x, endogenous(d = x z, probit)
```

Regression of $[y_l, y_u]$ on x with endogenous treatment recorded in `trtvar` and modeled by x and z

```
eintreg y_l y_u x, entreat(trtvar = x z)
```

Regression of $[y_l, y_u]$ on x with exogenous treatment recorded in `trtvar`

```
eintreg y_l y_u x, extreat(trtvar)
```

Regression of $[y_l, y_u]$ on x with endogenous sample-selection indicator `selvar` modeled by x and z

```
eintreg y_l y_u x, select(selvar = x z)
```

As above, but adding endogenous covariate y_2 modeled by x and z_2

```
eintreg y_l y_u x, select(selvar = x z) endogenous(y2 = x z2)
```

As above, but adding endogenous treatment recorded in `trtvar` and modeled by x and z_3

```
eintreg y_l y_u x, select(selvar = x z) endogenous(y2 = x z2) ///
entreat(trtvar = x z3)
```

Menu

Statistics > Endogenous covariates > Models adding selection and treatment > Interval regression

Syntax

Basic interval regression with endogenous covariates

```
eintreg depvar1 depvar2 [indepvars] ,
    endogenous(depvarsen = varlisten) [options]
```

Basic interval regression with endogenous treatment assignment

```
eintreg depvar1 depvar2 [indepvars] ,
    entreat(depvartr [= varlisttr]) [options]
```

Basic interval regression with exogenous treatment assignment

```
eintreg depvar1 depvar2 [indepvars] ,
    extreat(tvar) [options]
```

Basic interval regression with sample selection

```
eintreg depvar1 depvar2 [indepvars] ,
    select(depvars = varlists) [options]
```

Basic interval regression with tobit sample selection

```
eintreg depvar1 depvar2 [indepvars] ,
    tobitselect(depvars = varlists) [options]
```

Interval regression combining endogenous covariates, treatment, and selection

```
eintreg depvar1 depvar2 [indepvars] [if] [in] [weight] [, extensions options]
```

depvar₁ and *depvar₂* should have the following form:

Type of data		<i>depvar₁</i>	<i>depvar₂</i>
point data	$a = [a, a]$	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>
interval data	$[a, b]$	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>
left-censored data	$(-\infty, b]$.	<i>b</i>
right-censored data	$[a, +\infty)$	<i>a</i>	.
missing		.	.

<i>extensions</i>	Description
Model	
<u>endogenous</u> (<i>enspec</i>)	model for endogenous covariates; may be repeated
<u>entreat</u> (<i>entrspec</i>)	model for endogenous treatment assignment
<u>extreat</u> (<i>extrspec</i>)	exogenous treatment
<u>select</u> (<i>selspec</i>)	probit model for selection
<u>tobitselect</u> (<i>tselspec</i>)	tobit model for selection
<i>options</i>	Description
Model	
<u>noconstant</u>	suppress constant term
<u>offset</u> (<i>varname_o</i>)	include <i>varname_o</i> in model with coefficient constrained to 1
<u>constraints</u> (<i>numlist</i>)	apply specified linear constraints
<u>collinear</u>	keep collinear variables
SE/Robust	
<u>vce</u> (<i>vcetype</i>)	<i>vcetype</i> may be oim, <u>robust</u> , <u>cluster</u> <i>clustvar</i> , opg, <u>bootstrap</u> , or <u>jackknife</u>
Reporting	
<u>level</u> (#)	set confidence level; default is level(95)
<u>nocnsreport</u>	do not display constraints
<u>display_options</u>	control columns and column formats, row spacing, line width, display of omitted variables and base and empty cells, and factor-variable labeling
Integration	
<u>intpoints</u> (#)	set the number of integration (quadrature) points for integration over four or more dimensions; default is intpoints(128)
<u>triintpoints</u> (#)	set the number of integration (quadrature) points for integration over three dimensions; default is triintpoints(10)
Maximization	
<u>maximize_options</u>	control the maximization process; seldom used
<u>coeflegend</u>	display legend instead of statistics

enspec is *depvars_{en}* = *varlist_{en}* [, *enopts*]

where *depvars_{en}* is a list of endogenous covariates. Each variable in *depvars_{en}* specifies an endogenous covariate model using the common *varlist_{en}* and options.

entrspec is *depvar_{tr}* [= *varlist_{tr}*] [, *tropts*]

where *depvar_{tr}* is a variable indicating treatment assignment. *varlist_{tr}* is a list of covariates predicting treatment assignment.

extrspec is *tvar* [, nomain nointeract]

where *tvar* is a variable indicating treatment assignment.

`selspec` is `depvars = varlists [, noconstant offset(varnameo)]`

where `depvars` is a variable indicating selection status. `depvars` must be coded as 0, indicating that the observation was not selected, or 1, indicating that the observation was selected. `varlists` is a list of covariates predicting selection.

`tselspec` is `depvars = varlists [, tseopts]`

where `depvars` is a continuous variable. `varlists` is a list of covariates predicting `depvars`. The censoring status of `depvars` indicates selection, where a censored `depvars` indicates that the observation was not selected and a noncensored `depvars` indicates that the observation was selected.

<code>enopts</code>	Description
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Model

<code>probit</code>	treat endogenous covariate as binary
<code>oprobit</code>	treat endogenous covariate as ordinal
<code>nomain</code>	do not add endogenous covariate to main equation
<code>noconstant</code>	suppress constant term

<code>tropts</code>	Description
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Model

<code>nomain</code>	do not add treatment indicator to main equation
<code>nointeract</code>	do not interact treatment with covariates in main equation
<code>noconstant</code>	suppress constant term
<code>offset</code> (<code>varname_o</code>)	include <code>varname_o</code> in model with coefficient constrained to 1

<code>tseopts</code>	Description
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Model

<code>ll</code> (<code>varname</code> #)	left-censoring variable or limit
<code>ul</code> (<code>varname</code> #)	right-censoring variable or limit
<code>main</code>	add censored selection variable to main equation
<code>noconstant</code>	suppress constant term
<code>offset</code> (<code>varname_o</code>)	include <code>varname_o</code> in model with coefficient constrained to 1

`indepvars`, `varlisten`, `varlisttr`, and `varlists` may contain factor variables; see [U] 11.4.3 Factor variables.

`depvar1`, `depvar2`, `indepvars`, `depvarsen`, `varlisten`, `depvartr`, `varlisttr`, `tvar`, `depvars`, and `varlists` may contain time-series operators; see [U] 11.4.4 Time-series varlists.

`bootstrap`, `by`, `jackknife`, `rolling`, `statsby`, and `svy` are allowed; see [U] 11.1.10 Prefix commands.

Weights are not allowed with the `bootstrap` prefix; see [R] `bootstrap`.

`vce()` and weights are not allowed with the `svy` prefix; see [SVY] `svy`.

`fweights`, `iweights`, and `pweights` are allowed; see [U] 11.1.6 weight.

`coeflegend` does not appear in the dialog box.

See [U] 20 Estimation and postestimation commands for more capabilities of estimation commands.

Options

Model

`endogenous` (*enspec*), `entreat` (*entrspec*), `extreat` (*extrspec*), `select` (*selspec*), `tobitselect` (*tselspec*); see [ERM] [erm options](#).

`noconstant`, `offset` (*varname_o*), `constraints` (*numlist*), `collinear`; see [R] [estimation options](#).

SE/Robust

`vce` (*vcetype*); see [ERM] [erm options](#).

Reporting

`level` (*#*), `nocnsreport`; see [R] [estimation options](#).

display_options: `nocl`, `nopvalues`, `noomitted`, `vsquish`, `noemptycells`, `baselevels`, `allbaselevels`, `nofvlabel`, `fvwrap` (*#*), `fvwrapon` (*style*), `cformat` (*%fmt*), `pformat` (*%fmt*), `sformat` (*%fmt*), and `nolstretch`; see [R] [estimation options](#).

Integration

`intpoints` (*#*), `triintpoints` (*#*); see [ERM] [erm options](#).

Maximization

maximize_options: `difficult`, `technique` (*algorithm_spec*), `iterate` (*#*), `[no]log`, `trace`, `gradient`, `showstep`, `hessian`, `showtolerance`, `tolerance` (*#*), `ltolerance` (*#*), `nrtolerance` (*#*), `nonrtolerance`, and `from` (*init_specs*); see [R] [maximize](#).

Setting the optimization type to `technique(bhhh)` resets the default *vcetype* to `vce(opg)`.

The following option is available with `eintreg` but is not shown in the dialog box:

`coeflegend`; see [R] [estimation options](#).

Remarks and examples

[stata.com](http://www.stata.com)

`eintreg` fits models that we refer to as “extended interval regression models”, meaning that they accommodate endogenous covariates, nonrandom treatment assignment, and endogenous sample selection. `eintreg` can account for these complications whether they arise individually or in combination.

In this entry, you will find information on the `eintreg` command syntax. You can see [Methods and formulas](#) for a full description of the models that can be fit with `eintreg` and details about how those models are fit.

More information on extended interval regression models is found in the separate introductions and example entries. We recommend reading those entries to learn how to use `eintreg`. Below, we provide a guide to help you locate the ones that will be helpful to you.

For an introduction to `eintreg` and the other extended regression commands (`eregress`, `eprobit`, and `eoprobit`), see [ERM] [intro 1](#)–[ERM] [intro 8](#).

[ERM] [intro 1](#) introduces the ERM commands, the problems they address, and their syntax.

[ERM] **intro 2** provides background on the four types of models—linear regression, interval regression, probit regression, and ordered probit regression—that can be fit using ERM commands. This intro also demonstrates how to fit a tobit model using `eintreg` by transforming your dependent variable into the required format.

[ERM] **intro 3** considers the problem of endogenous covariates and how to solve it using ERM commands.

[ERM] **intro 4** gives an overview of endogenous sample selection and using ERM commands to account for it.

[ERM] **intro 5** covers nonrandom treatment assignment and how to account for it using `eintreg` or any of the other ERM commands.

[ERM] **intro 6** discusses interpretation of results. You can interpret coefficients from `eintreg` in the usual way, but this introduction goes beyond the interpretation of coefficients. We demonstrate how to find answers to interesting questions by using `margins`. If your model includes an endogenous covariate or an endogenous treatment, the use of `margins` differs from its use after other estimation commands, so we strongly recommend reading this intro if you are fitting these types of models.

[ERM] **intro 7** will be helpful if you are familiar with `ivtobit` and other commands that address endogenous covariates, sample selection, or nonrandom treatment assignment. This introduction is a Rosetta stone that maps the syntax of those commands to the syntax of `eintreg`.

[ERM] **intro 8** walks you through an example that gives insight into the concepts of endogenous covariates, treatment assignment, and sample selection while fitting models with `eregress` that address these complications. Although the example uses `eregress`, the discussion applies equally to `eintreg`. This intro also demonstrates how to interpret results by using `margins` and `estat teffects`.

Additional examples are presented in [ERM] **example 1a**–[ERM] **example 6b**. For examples using `eintreg`, see

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|-------------------------|--|
| [ERM] example 1b | Interval regression with continuous endogenous covariate |
| [ERM] example 1c | Interval regression with endogenous covariate and sample selection |

See *Examples* in [ERM] **intro** for an overview of all the examples. These examples demonstrate all four extended regression commands, and all may be interesting because they handle complications in the same way. Examples using `eregress` will be of particular interest because results of models fit by `eintreg` are interpreted in the same way.

You can also find in literature discussion and examples of many models that `eintreg` can fit. For instance, the tobit model was originally conceived in Tobin (1958) as a model of consumption of consumer durables, where purchases were left-censored at 0. Wooldridge (2016, sec. 17.4) introduces censored and truncated regression models. Cameron and Trivedi (2010, chap. 16) discuss the tobit model using Stata examples. `eintreg` can also fit models like the tobit regression model with continuous endogenous regressors (Newey 1987) and models like the censored regression model with binary endogenous regressors (Angrist 2001). Roodman (2011) investigated interval regression models with endogenous covariates and endogenous sample selection, and demonstrated how multiple observational data complications could be addressed with a triangular model structure. His work has been used to model processes like the effect of innovation on labor productivity (Mairesse and Robin 2009) and the effect of insect-resistant crops on pesticide demand (Fernandez-Cornejo and Wechsler 2012).

Stored results

eintreg stores the following in e():

Scalars

e(N)	number of observations
e(N_selected)	number of selected observations
e(N_nonselected)	number of nonselected observations
e(N_unc)	number of uncensored observations
e(N_lrc)	number of left-censored observations
e(N_rlc)	number of right-censored observations
e(N_int)	number of interval-censored observations
e(k)	number of parameters
e(k_cat#)	number of categories for the #th <i>depvar</i> , ordinal
e(k_eq)	number of equations in e(b)
e(k_eq_model)	number of equations in overall model test
e(k_dv)	number of dependent variables
e(k_aux)	number of auxiliary parameters
e(df_m)	model degrees of freedom
e(ll)	log likelihood
e(N_clust)	number of clusters
e(chi2)	χ^2
e(p)	<i>p</i> -value for model test
e(n_quad)	number of integration points for multivariate normal
e(n_quad3)	number of integration points for trivariate normal
e(rank)	rank of e(V)
e(ic)	number of iterations
e(rc)	return code
e(converged)	1 if converged, 0 otherwise

Macros

e(cmd)	eintreg
e(cmdline)	command as typed
e(depvar)	names of dependent variables
e(wtype)	weight type
e(wexp)	weight expression
e(title)	title in estimation output
e(clustvar)	name of cluster variable
e(offset#)	offset for the #th <i>depvar</i> , where # is determined by equation order in output
e(chi2type)	Wald; type of model χ^2 test
e(vce)	<i>vcetype</i> specified in vce()
e(vcetype)	title used to label Std. Err.
e(opt)	type of optimization
e(which)	max or min; whether optimizer is to perform maximization or minimization
e(ml_method)	type of ml method
e(user)	name of likelihood-evaluator program
e(technique)	maximization technique
e(properties)	b V
e(estat_cmd)	program used to implement estat
e(predict)	program used to implement predict
e(marginsok)	predictions allowed by margins
e(marginsnotok)	predictions disallowed by margins
e(asbalanced)	factor variables fvset as asbalanced
e(asobserved)	factor variables fvset as asobserved

Matrices

e(b)	coefficient vector
e(cat#)	categories for the #th <i>depvar</i> , ordinal
e(Cns)	constraints matrix
e(ilog)	iteration log (up to 20 iterations)
e(gradient)	gradient vector
e(V)	variance-covariance matrix of the estimators
e(V_modelbased)	model-based variance

Functions

e(sample)	marks estimation sample
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Methods and formulas

The methods and formulas presented here are for the interval model. The estimator implemented in `eintreg` is a maximum likelihood estimator covered by the results in chapter 13 of [Wooldridge \(2010\)](#) and [White \(1996\)](#).

The log-likelihood function maximized by `eintreg` is implied by the triangular structure of the model. Specifically, the joint distribution of the endogenous variables is a product of conditional and marginal distributions, because the model is triangular. For a few of the many relevant applications of this result in literature, see chapter 10 of [Amemiya \(1985\)](#); [Heckman \(1976, 1979\)](#); chapter 5 of [Maddala \(1983\)](#); [Maddala and Lee \(1976\)](#); sections 15.7.2, 15.7.3, 16.3.3, 17.5.2, and 19.7.1 in [Wooldridge \(2010\)](#); and [Wooldridge \(2014\)](#). [Roodman \(2011\)](#) used this result to derive the formulas discussed below.

Methods and formulas are presented under the following headings:

- [Introduction](#)
- [Endogenous covariates](#)
 - [Continuous endogenous covariates](#)
 - [Binary and ordinal endogenous covariates](#)
- [Treatment](#)
- [Endogenous sample selection](#)
 - [Probit endogenous sample selection](#)
 - [Tobit endogenous sample selection](#)
- [Combinations of features](#)
- [Confidence intervals](#)

Introduction

A regression model of outcome y_i on covariates \mathbf{x}_i may be written as

$$y_i = \mathbf{x}_i\boldsymbol{\beta} + \epsilon_i$$

where ϵ_i is normal with mean 0 and variance σ^2 . Instead of observing y_i , we observe the endpoints y_{li} and y_{ui} .

If y_i is left-censored, the lower endpoint $y_{li} = -\infty$ and we know that $y_i \leq y_{ui}$. If y_i is right-censored, the upper endpoint $y_{ui} = +\infty$ and we know that $y_i \geq y_{li}$. If there is no censoring, $y_{li} = y_{ui} = y_i$. When y_{li} and y_{ui} are real valued and not equal, we know that $y_{li} \leq y_i \leq y_{ui}$.

The log likelihood is

$$\begin{aligned} \ln L &= \sum_{i \in U} w_i \ln \phi(y_i - \mathbf{x}_i\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2) \\ &+ \sum_{i \in L} w_i \ln \Phi\left(\frac{y_{ui} - \mathbf{x}_i\boldsymbol{\beta}}{\sigma}\right) \\ &+ \sum_{i \in R} w_i \ln \Phi\left(\frac{-y_{li} + \mathbf{x}_i\boldsymbol{\beta}}{\sigma}\right) \\ &+ \sum_{i \in I} w_i \ln \left\{ \Phi\left(\frac{y_{ui} - \mathbf{x}_i\boldsymbol{\beta}}{\sigma}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{y_{li} - \mathbf{x}_i\boldsymbol{\beta}}{\sigma}\right) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

where U is the set of observations where y_i is not censored, L is the set of observations where y_i is left-censored, R is the set of observations where y_i is right-censored, I is the set of observations where y_i is interval-censored, and w_i are the weights.

The conditional mean of y_i is

$$E(y_i | \mathbf{x}_i) = \mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}$$

If we wished to condition on the censoring, we could calculate an expectation on $y_i^* = \max\{y_{li}, \min(y_{ij}, y_{ui})\}$ or a constrained mean $E(y_i | y_{li} < y_i < y_{ui})$. See *Predictions considering total effects* in [ERM] **eoprobit postestimation** for details on how this is done.

If you are willing to take our word for some derivations and notation, the following is complete. Longer explanations and derivations for some terms and functions are provided in *Methods and formulas* of [ERM] **eoprobit**. For example, we need the two-sided probability function Φ_d^* that is discussed in *Introduction* in [ERM] **eoprobit**.

If you are interested in all the details, we suggest you read *Methods and formulas* of [ERM] **eoprobit** in its entirety before reading this section. Here, we mainly show how the complications that arise in ERMs are handled in an interval regression framework.

Endogenous covariates

Continuous endogenous covariates

An interval regression of y_i on exogenous covariates \mathbf{x}_i and C continuous endogenous covariates \mathbf{w}_{ci} has the form

$$\begin{aligned} y_i &= \mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta} + \mathbf{w}_{ci} \boldsymbol{\beta}_c + \epsilon_i \\ \mathbf{w}_{ci} &= \mathbf{z}_{ci} \mathbf{A}_c + \epsilon_{ci} \end{aligned}$$

As in *Introduction*, we do not observe y_i but instead observe the endpoints y_{li} and y_{ui} . The vector \mathbf{z}_{ci} contains variables from \mathbf{x}_i and other covariates that affect \mathbf{w}_{ci} . For the model to be identified, \mathbf{z}_{ci} must contain one extra exogenous covariate not in \mathbf{x}_i for each of the endogenous regressors in \mathbf{w}_{ci} . The unobserved errors ϵ_i and ϵ_{ci} are multivariate normal with mean 0 and covariance

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 & \boldsymbol{\sigma}'_{1c} \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{1c} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_c \end{bmatrix}$$

Conditional on the endogenous and exogenous covariates, ϵ_i has mean and variance

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{1|c,i} &= E(\epsilon_i | \mathbf{w}_{ci}, \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{z}_{ci}) = \boldsymbol{\sigma}'_{1c} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_c^{-1} (\mathbf{w}_{ci} - \mathbf{z}_{ci} \mathbf{A}_c)' \\ \sigma_{1|c}^2 &= \text{Var}(\epsilon_i | \mathbf{w}_{ci}, \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{z}_{ci}) = \sigma^2 - \boldsymbol{\sigma}'_{1c} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_c^{-1} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{1c} \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} r_{li} &= y_{li} - \mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta} - \mathbf{w}_{ci} \boldsymbol{\beta}_c - \mu_{1|c,i} \\ r_{ui} &= y_{ui} - \mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta} - \mathbf{w}_{ci} \boldsymbol{\beta}_c - \mu_{1|c,i} \end{aligned}$$

The log likelihood is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \ln L &= \sum_{i \in U} w_i \ln \phi(r_{li}, \sigma_{1|c}^2) \\
 &+ \sum_{i \in L} w_i \ln \Phi_1^*(-\infty, r_{ui}, \sigma_{1|c}^2) \\
 &+ \sum_{i \in R} w_i \ln \Phi_1^*(r_{li}, \infty, \sigma_{1|c}^2) \\
 &+ \sum_{i \in I} w_i \ln \Phi_1^*(r_{li}, r_{ui}, \sigma_{1|c}^2) \\
 &+ \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \ln \phi_C(\mathbf{w}_{ci} - \mathbf{z}_{ci} \mathbf{A}_c, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_c)
 \end{aligned}$$

where U is the set of observations where y_i is not censored, L is the set of observations where y_i is left-censored, R is the set of observations where y_i is right-censored, and I is the set of observations where y_i is interval-censored.

The conditional mean of y_i is

$$E(y_i | \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{w}_{ci}, \mathbf{z}_{ci}) = \mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta} + \mathbf{w}_{ci} \boldsymbol{\beta}_c + \boldsymbol{\sigma}'_{1c} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_c^{-1} (\mathbf{w}_{ci} - \mathbf{z}_{ci} \mathbf{A}_c)'$$

Binary and ordinal endogenous covariates

Here, we begin by formulating the interval regression of y_i on exogenous covariates \mathbf{x}_i and B binary and ordinal endogenous covariates $\mathbf{w}_{bi} = [w_{b1i}, \dots, w_{bBi}]$. Indicator (dummy) variables for the levels of each binary and ordinal covariate are used in the model. You can also interact other covariates with the binary and ordinal endogenous covariates, as in treatment-effect models.

The binary and ordinal endogenous covariates \mathbf{w}_{bi} are formulated as in [Binary and ordinal endogenous covariates](#) in [ERM] **eprobit**. So we have

$$y_i = \mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta} + \mathbf{w}_{b1i} \boldsymbol{\beta}_{b1} + \dots + \mathbf{w}_{bBi} \boldsymbol{\beta}_{bB} + \epsilon_i$$

The \mathbf{w}_{bji} vectors are defined in [Binary and ordinal endogenous covariates](#) in [ERM] **eprobit**. As in [Introduction](#), we do not observe y_i but instead observe the endpoints y_{li} and y_{ui} . The binary and ordinal endogenous errors $\epsilon_{b1i}, \dots, \epsilon_{bBi}$ and outcome error ϵ_i are multivariate normal with 0 mean and covariance

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_b & \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{1b} \\ \boldsymbol{\sigma}'_{1b} & \sigma^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

From here, we discuss the model with ordinal endogenous covariates. The results for binary endogenous covariates are similar.

As in [Binary and ordinal endogenous covariates](#) in [ERM] **eregress**, for the uncensored observations, we write the joint density of y_i and \mathbf{w}_{bi} using the conditional density of $\epsilon_{b1i}, \dots, \epsilon_{bBi}$ on ϵ_i . For the censored observations, we use tools discussed in [Likelihood for multiequation models](#) in [ERM] **eprobit** to formulate the joint density directly.

For $i \in U$, the uncensored observations, define

$$r_i = y_i - (\mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta} + \mathbf{w}_{b1i} \boldsymbol{\beta}_{b1} + \dots + \mathbf{w}_{bBi} \boldsymbol{\beta}_{bB})$$

For the censored observations, define

$$\begin{aligned} r_{li} &= y_{li} - (\mathbf{x}_i\boldsymbol{\beta} + \mathbf{w}\mathbf{ind}_{b1i}\boldsymbol{\beta}_{b1} + \cdots + \mathbf{w}\mathbf{ind}_{bBi}\boldsymbol{\beta}_{bB}) \\ r_{ui} &= y_{ui} - (\mathbf{x}_i\boldsymbol{\beta} + \mathbf{w}\mathbf{ind}_{b1i}\boldsymbol{\beta}_{b1} + \cdots + \mathbf{w}\mathbf{ind}_{bBi}\boldsymbol{\beta}_{bB}) \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{b|1} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma} - \frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{1b}\boldsymbol{\sigma}'_{1b}}{\sigma^2}$$

Now, the log likelihood is

$$\begin{aligned} \ln L &= \sum_{i \in U} w_i \ln \left\{ \Phi_B^*(\mathbf{l}_i, \mathbf{u}_i, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{b|1}) \phi(r_i, \sigma^2) \right\} \\ &+ \sum_{i \in L} w_i \ln \Phi_{B+1}^*([\mathbf{l}_{bi} \quad -\infty], [\mathbf{u}_{bi} \quad r_{ui}], \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \\ &+ \sum_{i \in R} w_i \ln \Phi_{B+1}^*([\mathbf{l}_{bi} \quad r_{li}], [\mathbf{u}_{bi} \quad \infty], \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \\ &+ \sum_{i \in I} w_i \ln \Phi_{B+1}^*([\mathbf{l}_{bi} \quad r_{li}], [\mathbf{u}_{bi} \quad r_{ui}], \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \end{aligned}$$

where U is the set of observations where y_i is not censored, L is the set of observations where y_i is left-censored, R is the set of observations where y_i is right-censored, and I is the set of observations where y_i is interval-censored. The vectors \mathbf{l}_{bi} and \mathbf{u}_{bi} are the upper and lower limits for the binary and ordinal endogenous regressors defined in *Binary and ordinal endogenous covariates* in [ERM] **eprobit**. The vectors \mathbf{l}_i and \mathbf{u}_i are the upper and lower limits for the binary and ordinal endogenous regressors defined in *Binary and ordinal endogenous covariates* in [ERM] **eregress**.

The expected value of y_i conditional on \mathbf{w}_{bi} can be calculated using the techniques discussed in *Predictions considering total effects* in [ERM] **eprobit postestimation**.

Treatment

In the potential-outcomes framework, the treatment t_i is a discrete variable taking T values, indexing the T potential outcomes of the outcome y_i : y_{1i}, \dots, y_{Ti} .

When we observe treatment t_i with levels v_1, \dots, v_T , we have

$$y_i = \sum_{j=1}^T 1(t_i = v_j) y_{ji}$$

So for each observation, we only observe the potential outcome associated with that observation's treatment value.

For exogenous treatments, our approach is equivalent to the regression adjustment treatment-effect estimation method. See [TE] **teffects intro advanced**. We do not model the treatment assignment process. The formulas for the treatment effects and potential-outcome means (POMs) are equivalent to what we provide here for endogenous treatments. The treatment effect on the treated for \mathbf{x}_i for an exogenous treatment is equivalent to what we provide here for the endogenous treatment when the correlation parameter between the outcome and treatment errors is set to 0. The average treatment effects (ATES) and POMs for exogenous treatments are estimated as predictive margins in an analogous manner to what we describe here for endogenous treatments.

From here, we assume an endogenous treatment t_i . As in *Treatment* in [ERM] [eprobit](#), we model the treatment assignment process with a probit or ordered probit model, and we call the treatment assignment error ϵ_{ti} . An interval regression of y_i on exogenous covariates \mathbf{x}_i and endogenous treatment t_i taking values v_1, \dots, v_T has the form

$$\begin{aligned} y_{1i} &= \mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_1 + \epsilon_{1i} \\ &\vdots \\ y_{Ti} &= \mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_T + \epsilon_{Ti} \\ y_i &= \sum_{j=1}^T 1(t_i = v_j) y_{ji} \end{aligned}$$

As in *Introduction*, we do not observe y_i but instead observe the endpoints y_{li} and y_{ui} .

For $j = 1, \dots, T$, ϵ_{ji} and ϵ_{ti} are bivariate normal with mean 0 and covariance

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 & \sigma \rho_{1t} \\ \sigma \rho_{1t} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The treatment is exogenous if $\rho_{1t} = 0$. Note that we did not specify the structure of the correlations between the potential-outcome errors. We do not need information about these correlations to estimate POMs and treatment effects because all covariates and the outcome are observed in observations from each group.

From here, we discuss a model with an ordinal endogenous treatment. The results for binary treatment models are similar. The likelihood is derived in a similar manner to *Binary and ordinal endogenous covariates*.

For $i \in U$, the uncensored observations, define

$$r_i = y_i - \mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_j \quad \text{if } t_i = v_j$$

For the censored observations, define

$$r_{li} = y_{li} - \mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_j \quad \text{if } t_i = v_j$$

$$r_{ui} = y_{ui} - \mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_j \quad \text{if } t_i = v_j$$

Now, the log likelihood is

$$\begin{aligned} \ln L &= \sum_{i \in U} w_i \ln \left\{ \Phi_1^* \left(l_{ti} - \frac{\rho_{1t}}{\sigma} r_i, u_{ti} - \frac{\rho_{1t}}{\sigma} r_i, 1 - \rho_{1t}^2 \right) \phi(r_i, \sigma^2) \right\} \\ &\quad + \sum_{i \in L} w_i \ln \Phi_2^*([l_{ti} \quad -\infty], [u_{ti} \quad r_{ui}], \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i \in R} w_i \ln \Phi_2^*([l_{ti} \quad r_{li}], [u_{ti} \quad \infty], \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i \in I} w_i \ln \Phi_2^*([l_{ti} \quad r_{li}], [u_{ti} \quad r_{ui}], \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \end{aligned}$$

where U is the set of observations where y_i is not censored, L is the set of observations where y_i is left-censored, R is the set of observations where y_i is right-censored, and I is the set of observations where y_i is interval-censored. l_{ti} and u_{ti} are the limits for the treatment probability given in [Treatment](#) in [\[ERM\] eprobit](#).

The treatment effect $y_{ji} - y_{1i}$ is the difference in the outcome for individual i if the individual receives the treatment $t_i = v_j$ and what the difference would have been if the individual received the control treatment $t_i = v_1$ instead.

The conditional POM for treatment group j is

$$\text{POM}_j(\mathbf{x}_i) = E(y_{ji}|\mathbf{x}_i) = \mathbf{x}_i\boldsymbol{\beta}_j$$

For treatment group j , the treatment effect conditioned on \mathbf{x}_i is

$$\text{TE}_j(\mathbf{x}_i) = E(y_{ji} - y_{1i}|\mathbf{x}_i) = \text{POM}_j(\mathbf{x}_i) - \text{POM}_1(\mathbf{x}_i)$$

For treatment group j , the treatment effect on the treated (TET) in group h is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{TET}_j(\mathbf{x}_i, t_i = v_h) &= E(y_{ji} - y_{1i}|\mathbf{x}_i, t_i = v_h) \\ &= \mathbf{x}_i\boldsymbol{\beta}_j - \mathbf{x}_i\boldsymbol{\beta}_1 + E(\epsilon_{ji}|\mathbf{x}_i, t_i = v_h) - E(\epsilon_{1i}|\mathbf{x}_i, t_i = v_h) \end{aligned}$$

Remembering that the outcome errors and the treatment error ϵ_{ti} are multivariate normal, for $j = 1, \dots, T$ we can decompose ϵ_{ji} such that

$$\epsilon_{ji} = \sigma\rho_{1t}\epsilon_{ti} + \psi_{ji}$$

where ψ_{ji} has mean 0.

It follows that

$$\text{TET}_j(\mathbf{x}_i, t_i = v_h) = \mathbf{x}_i\boldsymbol{\beta}_j - \mathbf{x}_i\boldsymbol{\beta}_1$$

We can take the expectation of these conditional predictions over the covariates to get population average parameters. The [estat teffects](#) or [margins](#) commands are used to estimate the expectations as predictive margins once the model is estimated with [eintreg](#). The POM for treatment group j is

$$\text{POM}_j = E(y_{ji}) = E\{\text{POM}_j(\mathbf{x}_i)\}$$

The ATE for treatment group j is

$$\text{ATE}_j = E(y_{ji} - y_{1i}) = E\{\text{TE}_j(\mathbf{x}_i)\}$$

For treatment group j , the average treatment effect on the treated (ATET) in treatment group h is

$$\text{ATET}_{jh} = E(y_{ji} - y_{1i}|t_i = v_h) = E\{\text{TET}_j(\mathbf{x}_i, t_i = v_h)|t_i = v_h\}$$

The conditional mean of y_i at treatment level v_j is

$$E(y_i|\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{z}_{ti}, t_i = v_j) = \mathbf{x}_i\boldsymbol{\beta}_j + E(\epsilon_i|\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{z}_{ti}, t_i = v_j)$$

In [Predictions considering total effects](#) in [\[ERM\] eprobit postestimation](#), we discuss how the conditional mean of ϵ_i is calculated.

Endogenous sample selection

Probit endogenous sample selection

The regression for outcome y_i with selection on s_i has the form

$$\begin{aligned} y_i &= \mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta} + \epsilon_i \\ s_i &= 1 (\mathbf{z}_{si} \boldsymbol{\alpha}_s + \epsilon_{si} > 0) \end{aligned}$$

where \mathbf{x}_i are covariates that affect the outcome and \mathbf{z}_{si} are covariates that affect selection. As in the [Introduction](#) above, we do not observe y_i but instead observe the endpoints y_{li} and y_{ui} . If $s_i = 1$, then the observation is selected, and there is an interval regression contribution to the likelihood. If $s_i = 0$, then the observation is not selected, and there is no interval regression contribution to the likelihood.

The unobserved errors ϵ_i and ϵ_{si} are normal with mean 0 and covariance

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 & \sigma \rho_{1s} \\ \sigma \rho_{1s} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The likelihood is derived in a similar manner to that in [Treatment](#).

For $i \in U$, the uncensored and selected observations, define

$$r_i = y_i - \mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{s|1,i} &= \frac{\rho_{1s}}{\sigma} r_i \\ \sigma_{s|1} &= 1 - \rho_{1s}^2 \end{aligned}$$

For the selection indicator s_i , the lower and upper limits on ϵ_{si} are

$$l_{si} = \begin{cases} -\infty & s_i = 0 \\ -\mathbf{z}_{si} \boldsymbol{\alpha}_s & s_i = 1 \end{cases} \quad u_{si} = \begin{cases} -\mathbf{z}_{si} \boldsymbol{\alpha}_s & s_i = 0 \\ \infty & s_i = 1 \end{cases}$$

For the censored but selected observations, $i \notin U$, define

$$\begin{aligned} r_{li} &= y_{li} - \mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_j \\ r_{ui} &= y_{ui} - \mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_j \end{aligned}$$

Now, the log likelihood is

$$\begin{aligned} \ln L &= \sum_{i \in U} w_i \ln \left\{ \Phi_1^*(l_{si} - \mu_{s|1,i}, u_{si} - \mu_{s|1,i}, \sigma_{s|1}^2) \phi(r_i, \sigma^2) \right\} \\ &+ \sum_{i \in L} w_i \ln \Phi_2^*([l_{si} \quad -\infty], [u_{si} \quad r_{ui}], \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \\ &+ \sum_{i \in R} w_i \ln \Phi_2^*([l_{si} \quad r_{li}], [u_{si} \quad \infty], \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \\ &+ \sum_{i \in I} w_i \ln \Phi_2^*([l_{si} \quad r_{li}], [u_{si} \quad r_{ui}], \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \\ &+ \sum_{i \notin S} w_i \ln \Phi_1^*(l_{si}, u_{si}, 1) \end{aligned}$$

where U is the set of observations where y_i is not censored, L is the set of observations where y_i is left-censored, R is the set of observations where y_i is right-censored, I is the set of observations where y_i is interval-censored, and S is the set of selected observations.

The conditional mean of y_i is

$$E(y_i | \mathbf{x}_i) = \mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}$$

Tobit endogenous sample selection

Instead of constraining the selection indicator to be binary, tobit endogenous sample selection uses a censored continuous endogenous sample-selection indicator. We allow the selection variable to be left-censored or right-censored.

The underlying regression model for y_i with tobit selection on s_i has the form

$$y_i = \mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta} + \epsilon_i$$

We observe the selection indicator s_i , which indicates the censoring status of the latent selection variable s_i^* ,

$$s_i^* = \mathbf{z}_{si} \boldsymbol{\alpha}_s + \epsilon_{si}$$

$$s_i = \begin{cases} l_i & s_i^* \leq l_i \\ s_i^* & l_i < s_i^* < u_i \\ u_i & s_i^* \geq u_i \end{cases}$$

where \mathbf{z}_{si} are covariates that affect selection, and l_i and u_i are fixed lower and upper limits.

As in [Introduction](#), y_i is observed via the endpoints y_{li} and y_{ui} . If s_i^* is not censored ($l_i < s_i^* < u_i$), then the observation is selected and there is an interval regression contribution to the likelihood. Otherwise, if s_i^* is left-censored ($s_i^* < l_i$) or right-censored ($s_i^* > u_i$), then the observation is not selected, and there is no interval regression contribution to the likelihood. The unobserved errors ϵ_i and ϵ_{si} are normal with mean 0 and covariance

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 & \sigma_{1s} \\ \sigma_{1s} & \sigma_s^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

For the selected observations, we can treat s_i as a continuous endogenous regressor, as in [Continuous endogenous covariates](#). In fact, s_i may even be used as a regressor for y_i in `eintreg` (specify `tobitselect(..., main)`). On the nonselected observations, we treat s_i like the probit endogenous sample-selection indicator in [Probit endogenous sample selection](#).

Conditional on s_i^* and the exogenous covariates, ϵ_i has mean and variance

$$\mu_{1|s,i} = E(\epsilon_i | s_i^*, \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{z}_{si}) = \sigma_{1s} \sigma_s^{-2} (s_i^* - \mathbf{z}_{si} \boldsymbol{\alpha}_s)$$

$$\sigma_{1|s}^2 = \text{Var}(\epsilon_i | s_i^*, \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{z}_{si}) = \sigma^2 - \sigma_{1s} \sigma_s^{-2} \sigma_{1s}$$

Let

$$r_{li} = y_{li} - \mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta} - \mu_{1|s,i}$$

$$r_{ui} = y_{ui} - \mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta} - \mu_{1|s,i}$$

The log likelihood is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \ln L = & \sum_{i \in U} w_i \ln \phi(r_{li}, \sigma_{1|s}^2) \\
 & + \sum_{i \in L} w_i \ln \Phi_1^*(-\infty, r_{ui}, \sigma_{1|s}^2) \\
 & + \sum_{i \in R} w_i \ln \Phi_1^*(r_{li}, \infty, \sigma_{1|s}^2) \\
 & + \sum_{i \in I} w_i \ln \Phi_1^*(r_{li}, r_{ui}, \sigma_{1|s}^2) \\
 & + \sum_{i \in S} w_i \ln \phi(s_i - \mathbf{z}_{si} \boldsymbol{\alpha}_s, \sigma_s^2) \\
 & + \sum_{i \in L_n} w_i \ln \Phi_1^*(l_{li}, u_{li}, 1) \\
 & + \sum_{i \in R_n} w_i \ln \Phi_1^*(l_{ui}, u_{ui}, 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

where S is the set of observations for which y_{li} and y_{ui} are observed, $U \subset S$ is the set of observations where y_i is not censored, $L \subset S$ is the set of observations where y_i is left-censored, $R \subset S$ is the set of observations where y_i is right-censored, $I \subset S$ is the set of observations where y_i is interval-censored, L_n is the set of observations for which s_i^* is left-censored, and R_n is the set of observations for which s_i^* is right-censored. The lower and upper limits for selection— l_{li} , u_{li} , l_{ui} , and u_{ui} —are defined in *Tobit endogenous sample selection* in [ERM] **eprobit**.

When s_i is not a covariate in \mathbf{x}_i , we use the standard conditional mean formula,

$$E(y_i | \mathbf{x}_i) = \mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}$$

Otherwise, we use

$$E(y_i | \mathbf{x}_i, s_i, z_{si}) = \mathbf{x}_i \boldsymbol{\beta} + \frac{\sigma_{1s}}{\sigma_s^2} (s_i - z_{si} \boldsymbol{\alpha}_s)$$

Combinations of features

Extended interval regression models that involve multiple features can be formulated using the techniques discussed in *Likelihood for multiequation models* in [ERM] **eprobit**. Essentially, the density of the observed endogenous covariates can be written in terms of the unobserved normal errors. The observed endogenous and exogenous covariates determine the range of the errors, and the joint density can be evaluated as multivariate normal probabilities and densities.

Confidence intervals

The estimated variances will always be nonnegative, and the estimated correlations will always fall in $(-1, 1)$. To obtain confidence intervals that accommodate these ranges, we must use transformations.

We use the log transformation to obtain confidence intervals for variance parameters and the atanh transformation to obtain confidence intervals for correlation parameters. For details, see *Confidence intervals* in [ERM] **eprobit**.

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