

randregret: A command for fitting random regret minimization models using Stata

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All in all. the parameters in RUM and RRM, are expected to have the same sign, even though their interpretation is dramatically different.



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Figure: Interrelationship among the models based on parameters

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5 Classic RRM Estimation + Cluster

```
. randregret choice tc tt, gr(obs) alt(altern) rrmfn(classic) ///
```

> nocons cluster(id)

Fitting Classic RRM Model

initial:	log likeliho	od = -1164	1.529				
alternative:	log likeliho	od = -1156	.5784				
rescale:	log likeliho	od = -112	21.29				
Iteration 0:	log likeliho	od = -112	21.29				
Iteration 1:	log likeliho	od = -1118	.4843				
Iteration 2:	log likeliho	od = -1118	.4784				
Iteration 3:	log likeliho	od = -1118	.4784				
RRM: Classic F	landom Regret	Minimizatio	on Model				
Case ID variab	le: obs			Number of	f cases	=	1060
Alternative va	riable: alter	'n		Number of	f obs	=	3180
				Wald chi	2(2)	=	40.41
Log likelihood	l = -1118.4784			Prob > cl	hi2	=	0.0000
		(Std. Err.	adjusted	for 106	cluster	' <mark>s in</mark>	id)
		Robust					
choice	Coef.	Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95%	Conf.	Interval]
RRM							
tc	417101	.068059	-6.13	0.000	5504	943	2837078
tt	102813	.0182526	-5.63	0.000	1385	874	0670386

5 Generalized RRM Estimation + Cluster

. randregret choice tc tt , gr(obs) alt(altern) rrmfn(gene) ///
> nocons cluster(id)

Fitting Classic RRM for Initial Values

initial:		log	likelihood	=	-1164.529
alternativ	e:	log	likelihood	=	-1156.5784
rescale:		log	likelihood	=	-1121.29
Iteration	0:	log	likelihood	=	-1121.29
Iteration	1:	log	likelihood	=	-1118.4843
Iteration	2:	log	likelihood	=	-1118.4784
Iteration	3:	log	likelihood	=	-1118.4784

Fitting Conditional Logit as a Restricted Model (gamma=0) for LR test

Fitting Generalized RRM Model

initial: rescale:	<pre>log likelihood = -1120.7001 log likelihood = -1120.7001</pre>				
rescale eq:	log likelihood = -1120.7001				
Iteration 0:	log likelihood = -1120.7001				
Iteration 1:	log likelihood = -1118.5366				
Iteration 2:	log likelihood = -1118.3484				
Iteration 3:	log likelihood = -1118.3307				
Iteration 4:	log likelihood = -1118.3302	1			
Iteration 5:	log likelihood = -1118.3302	!			
GRRM: Generaliz	ed Random Regret Minimizati	on Model			
Case ID variabl	.e: obs	Number of cases	=	1060	

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5 Generalized RRM Estimation + Cluster (nolog)

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GRRM: Generalized Random Regret Minimization Model

Case ID variable: obs		Number of ca	ases	=	1060
Alternative variable: altern		Number of ob	os	=	3180
		Wald chi2(2))	=	10.23
Log likelihood = -1118.3302		Prob > chi2		=	0.0060
•	(Std. Err	. adjusted for	106	clusters	in id)

	choice	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf.	Interval]
RRM							
	tc	3904872	.1248997	-3.13	0.002	6352861	1456884
	tt	0967528	.0307009	-3.15	0.002	1569255	03658
	gamma	<mark>.7843392</mark>	<mark>. 5588736</mark>			.0055712	<mark>.9995766</mark>
LR te LR te	est of gar est of gar	nma=0: chibar: nma=1: chibar:	2(01) = 9.41 2(01) = 0.30			Prob >= chiba Prob >= chiba	r2 = 0.001 r2 = 0.293

5 μ **RRM Estimation + Cluster**

```
. randregret choice tc tt, gr(obs) alt(altern) rrm(mu) ///
> nocons cluster(id)
```

Fitting Classic RRM for Initial Values

initial:	log likelihood = -1164.529
alternative:	log likelihood = -1156.5784
rescale:	log likelihood = -1121.29
Iteration 0:	log likelihood = -1121.29
Iteration 1:	log likelihood = -1118.4843
Iteration 2:	log likelihood = -1118.4784
Iteration 3:	log likelihood = -1118.4784

Fitting muRRM Model

initial:	<pre>log likelihood =</pre>	-1119.8154			
rescale:	log likelihood =	-1119.8154			
rescale eq:	<pre>log likelihood =</pre>	-1119.8154			
Iteration 0:	<pre>log likelihood =</pre>	-1119.8154 (not concave)		
Iteration 1:	<pre>log likelihood =</pre>	-1118.4346			
Iteration 2:	<pre>log likelihood =</pre>	-1118.3965			
Iteration 3:	<pre>log likelihood =</pre>	-1118.3965			
muRRM: Mu-Rando	om Regret Minimiza	tion Mode			
Case ID variabl	le: obs		Number of cases	=	1060
Alternative var	riable: altern		Number of obs	=	3180
			Wald chi2(2)	=	66.95
Log likelihood	= -1118.3965		Prob > chi2	=	0.0000
		(Std. Err.	adjusted for 106	clusters	in id

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5 μ RRM Estimation + Cluster (nolog)

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Fitting muRRM Model

muRRM: Mu-Random Regret Minimization Model

Case ID variable: obs Alternative variable: altern

Log likelihood = -1118.3965

		Numbe	r of	cas	es	=	10	060
		Numbe	r of	obs		=	31	80
		Wald	chi2	(2)		=	66.	95
		Prob	> chi	i2		=	0.00	000
(Std.	Err.	adjust	ed fo	or	106	clusters	in	id)

	choice	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf.	Interval]
RRM							
	tc	428041	.0557747	-7.67	0.000	5373574	3187246
	tt	1059437	.0152902	-6.93	0.000	135912	0759754
	mu	<mark>1.186166</mark>	<mark>.8271011</mark>			.2464176	3.255421
LR test of mu=1: chi2(1) =0.16					Prob >= chiba	r2 = 0.686	

5 PRRM Estimation + Cluster

. randregret choice , neg(tc tt) gr(obs) al	t(altern) <mark>rrmfn(pu</mark>	<mark>111) ///</mark>	
> nocons cluster(id)			
PRRM: Pure Random Regret Minimization Model			
Case ID variable: obs	Number of cases	=	1060
Alternative variable: altern	Number of obs	=	3180
	Wald chi2(2)	=	21.06
Log likelihood = -1128.3777	Prob > chi2	=	0.0000
(Std. Err.	adjusted for 106	clusters	in id)

choice	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	z	P> z	[95% Conf	. Interval]
choice						
tc	285628	.0647545	-4.41	0.000	4125446	1587114
tt	0661575	.0169355	-3.91	0.000	0993505	0329645

The Pure-RRM uses a transformation of the original regressors using options positive() and negative() as detailed in S. van Cranenburgh et. al (2015) Afterward, randregret invokes clogit using these transormed regressors.
5 Prediction

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- . randregretpred prob,gr(obs) alt(altern) prob
- . randregretpred xb ,gr(obs) alt(altern) xb
- . list obs altern choice id tt tc prob xb in 1/6, sepby(obs)

	obs	altern	choice	id	tt	tc	prob	xb
1.	1	First	0	1	23	6	.22354907	3.4618503
2.	1	Second	0	1	27	4	.54655027	2.567855
3.	1	Third	1	1	35	3	.22990067	3.4338339
4.	2	First	0	1	27	5	.43840211	2.7134208
5.	2	Second	1	1	35	4	.19128045	3.5428166
6.	2	Third	0	1	23	6	.37031744	2.8821967

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- The repository with the source code is available on Github at: https://github.com/alvarogutyerrez/randregret
- A dofile with the complete example listed here is also available on the repository.

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9 μ RRM Estimation + Cluster (nolog) + show

. randregret choice tc tt, gr(obs) alt(altern) rrm(mu) ///

> nocons show cluster(id) nolog

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Fitting muRRM Model

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Case ID variable: obs			Number of c	ases	=	106	30
Alternative variable: altern			Number of o	bs	=	318	30
			Wald chi2(2)	=	66.9) 5
Log likelihood = -1118.3965			Prob > chi2		=	0.000)(
	(Std.	Err.	adjusted for	106	clusters	in i	ĹĊ

	choice	Coef.	Robust Std. Err.	Z	P> z	[95% Conf.	Intervall	
			5001 2111		11 121	200% 00111		
RRM								
	tc	428041	.0557747	-7.67	0.000	5373574	3187246	
	tt	1059437	.0152902	-6.93	0.000	135912	0759754	
mu_sta	c							
	_cons	-1.167909	.9141582	-1.28	0.201	-2.959626	. 6238083	
	mu	1.186166	.8271011			.2464176	3.255421	
LR test	t of mu=	=1: chi2(1) =(0.16		Prob >= chibar2 = 0.686			

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9 Generalized RRM Estimation + Cluster + show

. randregret choice tc tt , gr(obs) alt(altern) rrmfn(gene) ///
> nocons cluster(id) show nolog

Fitting Classic RRM for Initial Values

Fitting Conditional Logit as a Restricted Model (gamma=0) for LR test

Fitting Generalized RRM Model

GRRM: Generalized Random Regret Minimization Model

Case ID variable: obs			Number of	cases	=	1060
Alternative variable: altern			Number of	obs	=	3180
			Wald chi2((2)	=	10.23
Log likelihood = -1118.3302			Prob > chi	.2	=	0.0060
	(Std.	Err.	adjusted fo	r 106	cluster	s in id)

nterval
.1456884
03658
7.766832
.9995766
= 0.001

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10 Alternative Specific Constants (ASC)

- Let R^{*}_{in} denote a generic systematic regret of alternative i as defined in equation (1), (4), (5) or (6).
- We denote by α_i ASC of alternative *i* in equation (8).

$$R_{in}^{*} = \sum_{j \neq i}^{J} \sum_{m=1}^{M} R_{i \leftrightarrow j,mn}^{*} + \alpha_{i}$$
(8)

- The inclusion of the ASC serves the same purpose as in RUM models: to account for *omitted attributes for a particular alternative*.
- As usual, for identification purposes, we need to exclude one of the ASC from the model specification.

10 Robust Standard Errors

We can write our maximum-likelihood estimation equations as in equation (9). Where θ is the full set of parameters, $S(\theta; y_n, x_n) = \partial \ln L_n / \partial \theta$ represents the score functions, $\ln L_n$ is the log likelihood of observation n, x_n is the full set of attributes, and y_n is the response variable that takes the value of 1 when alternative i is selected and 0 otherwise.

$$G(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \boldsymbol{S}(\boldsymbol{\theta}; y_n, \boldsymbol{x}_n) = \boldsymbol{0}$$
(9)

We can compute the robust variance estimator of θ using equation (10), where $D = -H^{-1}$ is the negative of the inverse of the hessian resulting from the optimization procedure, and $u_n = S(\hat{\theta}; y_n, x_n)$ are row vectors that contains the score functions evaluated at $\hat{\theta}$.

$$\widehat{V}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) = \boldsymbol{D}\left(\frac{n}{n-1}\sum_{n=1}^{N}\boldsymbol{u}_{n}^{\prime}\boldsymbol{u}_{n}\right)\boldsymbol{D}$$
(10)

10 Cluster Robust Standard Errors

Equation (10) is appropriate only if the observations are independent. However, when several choice situations are answered by the same individual, we can expect some degree of correlation of these choices. When such a structure is present in the data the correct cluster robust variance estimator is given by equation (11), where C_k contains the indices of all observations belonging to the same individual k for $k = 1, 2, \ldots, n_c$ with n_c the total number of different individuals present in the data set.

$$\widehat{V}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) = \boldsymbol{D} \left\{ \frac{n_c}{n_c - 1} \sum_{k=1}^{n_c} \left(\sum_{n \in C_k} \boldsymbol{u}_n \right)' \left(\sum_{n \in C_k} \boldsymbol{u}_n \right) \right\} \boldsymbol{D}$$
(11)

Details on the analytical form of the scores by each model presented in this presentation are provided from slide number 43 on. Additionally, randregret command is able to compute corrected standard errors using the analytical form of the score functions without relying in numerical approximations.

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11 Generic Scores Functions for RRM models

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Without loss of generality, we can state that the log-likelihood of the four RRM models presented in this presentation can be represented by equation (12). In particular, when R_{in}^* is replaced by equations (1), (4), (5) or (6), we can fit respectively the classical RRM, the GRRM, the μ RRM, and the PRRM model.

$$n L = \sum_{n=1}^{N} \sum_{i=1}^{J} y_{in} \ln (P_{in}^{*})$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{N} \sum_{i=1}^{J} y_{in} \ln \left(\frac{\exp(-R_{in}^{*})}{\sum_{j=1}^{J} \exp(-R_{jn}^{*})} \right)$$

$$= -\sum_{n=1}^{N} \sum_{i=1}^{J} y_{in} R_{in}^{*} - \sum_{n=1}^{N} \sum_{i=1}^{J} y_{in} \ln \left(\sum_{j=1}^{J} \exp(-R_{jn}^{*}) \right)$$
(12)

11 Generic Scores Functions for RRM models

Furthermore, any partial derivative of the log-likelihood with respect to any parameter $\theta \in \theta$, where θ stands for the full set of parameters of the model, can be expressed as in equation (13). The rank of θ will depend on the particular model.

$$\frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \theta} = -\sum_{n=1}^{N} \sum_{i=1}^{J} y_{in} \frac{\partial R_{in}^*}{\partial \theta} + \sum_{n=1}^{N} \sum_{i=1}^{J} y_{in} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{J} P_{jn} \frac{\partial R_{jn}^*}{\partial \theta} \right)$$
$$= -\sum_{n=1}^{N} \sum_{i=1}^{J} \left(y_{in} - P_{in} \right) \left(\frac{\partial R_{in}^*}{\partial \theta} \right)$$
(13)

In the next slides, we will list the partial derivatives, also known as scores functions, per type of parameter in each type of model. Additionally, it is crucial to notice that, in any case, we can check that $\partial R_{in}^* / \partial \alpha_i = 1$, where α_i represents the coefficient associated with the ASC of alternative i.

11 Scores functions for the classical RRM model

In order to obtain the loglikelihood of the classic RRM model we need to substitute R_{in}^* in equation (12) by equation (1). Accordingly, the set of parameters θ is now given by $\theta = (\beta, \alpha)'$. Here β is a $m \times 1$ vector of alternative-specific regression coefficients and α is a $(J-1) \times 1$ vector of ASC. Subsequently, the scores functions of the classical RRM model will be described as follows:

$$\frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} = \left(\frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \beta_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \beta_M}, \frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \alpha_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \alpha_{J-1}}\right)$$
$$= \left(\frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \boldsymbol{\beta}}, \frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \boldsymbol{\alpha}}\right)$$

Finally, to obtain the expression for $\partial \ln L/\partial \beta_m$ we need to replace equation (14) into equation (13).

$$\frac{\partial R_{in}}{\partial \beta_m} = \sum_{j \neq i}^J \left(\frac{\exp\left\{\beta_m \left(x_{jmn} - x_{imn}\right)\right\} \cdot \left(x_{jmn} - x_{imn}\right)}{1 + \exp\left\{\beta_m \left(x_{jmn} - x_{imn}\right)\right\}} \right)$$
(14)

11 Scores functions for GRRM model

The log-likelihood of the GRRM model can be constructed by replacing the term R_{in}^* in equation (12) by equation (4). Hence, the full set of parameters θ is now given by $\theta = (\beta, \alpha, \gamma^*)'$. Here, β is a $m \times 1$ vector of alternative-specific regression coefficients, α is a $(J-1) \times 1$ vector of ASC and γ^* is a scalar equal to the parameter γ in the logit scale. Hence, the corresponding scores functions are described by:

$$\frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} = \left(\frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \beta_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \beta_M}, \frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \alpha_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \alpha_{J-1}}, \frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \gamma^*}\right)$$
$$= \left(\frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \boldsymbol{\beta}}, \frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \boldsymbol{\alpha}}, \frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \gamma^*}\right)$$

Additionally, in order to obtain the expression for $\partial \ln L/\partial \beta_m$ we need to replace equation (15) into equation (13).

$$\frac{\partial R_{in}^{\mathsf{GRRM}}}{\partial \beta_m} = \sum_{j \neq i}^{J} \left(\frac{\exp\left\{\beta_m \left(x_{jmn} - x_{imn}\right)\right\} \cdot \left(x_{jmn} - x_{imn}\right)\right\}}{\gamma + \exp\left\{\beta_m \left(x_{jmn} - x_{imn}\right)\right\}} \right)$$
(15)

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11 Scores functions for GRRM model

However, the score function of the parameter γ^* needs a slightly different treatment. As mentioned earlier, the optimization procedure does not directly fit the parameter γ , but instead, it fits the model using an ancillary parameter: $\gamma^* = \text{logit}(\gamma)$ (referred as gamma_star in the output when using show option). Hence, we model the parameter γ in the logit scale. This fact has a direct impact on the score function of parameter γ^* . Using the chain rule, we can state:

$$\frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \gamma} = \frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \gamma^*} \cdot \frac{\partial \gamma^*}{\partial \gamma}$$

Subsequently, solving $\partial \gamma^* / \partial \gamma$ and rearranging terms, we see in equation (16), that in order to compute the score function of the parameter γ^* , we need to adjust the partial derivative from the log-likelihood with respect to γ by a factor of $\gamma(1 - \gamma)$.

$$\frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \gamma^*} = \frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \gamma} \cdot \gamma (1 - \gamma)$$
(16)

11 Scores functions for GRRM model

The expression for $\partial \ln L/\partial \gamma$ can be computed replacing equation (17) into equation (13), which together with equation (16) gives us the required expression for $\partial \ln L/\partial \gamma^*$.

$$\frac{\partial R_{in}^{\text{GRRM}}}{\partial \gamma} = \sum_{j \neq i}^{J} \sum_{m=1}^{M} \left(\frac{1}{\gamma + \exp\left\{\beta_m \left(x_{jmn} - x_{imn}\right)\right\}} \right)$$
(17)

11 Scores functions for μ RRM model

The μ RRM model has a log-likelihood that is a particular case of equation (13), where R_{in}^* is replaced by equation (5). Thus, the full set of parameters θ is now described by $\theta = (\beta, \alpha, \mu^*)'$. Here β is a $m \times 1$ vector of alternative-specific regression coefficients, α is a $(J-1) \times 1$ vector of ASC and μ^* is a scalar equal to the μ parameter in a transformed scale. Thus, the corresponding scores functions can be represented by:

$$\frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} = \left(\frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \beta_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \beta_M}, \frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \alpha_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \alpha_{J-1}}, \frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \mu^*}\right) \\
= \left(\frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \boldsymbol{\beta}}, \frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \boldsymbol{\alpha}}, \frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \mu^*}\right)$$
(18)

First, by replacing equation (19) back into equation (13) we can easily obtain the expression for $\partial \ln L/\partial \beta_m$.

$$\frac{\partial R_{in}^{\mu \mathsf{RRM}}}{\partial \beta_m} = \sum_{j \neq i}^J \left(\frac{\exp\left[(\beta_m/\mu) \cdot (x_{jmn} - x_{imn}) \right] \cdot (x_{jmn} - x_{imn})}{\mu \cdot (1 + \exp\left[(\beta_m/\mu) \cdot (x_{jmn} - x_{imn}) \right])} \right)$$
(19)

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11 Scores functions for μ RRM model

The μ RRM model, similarly to the GRRM model, also fits the parameter μ using an unbounded ancillary parameter: $\mu^* = \ln(\mu/(M-\mu))$ (referred as mu_star in the output when using show option). Accordingly, this transformation needs to be taken into account when computing the score function of the parameter μ^* . Using the chain rule, we can state:

$$\frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \mu} = \frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \mu^*} \cdot \frac{\partial \mu^*}{\partial \mu}$$

Solving for $\partial \mu^* / \partial \mu$ and rearranging terms, we can see that the score function of the parameter μ^* is the same as the partial derivative of the log-likelihood with respect to μ multiplied by a factor equal to $\mu (M - \mu) / M$.

$$\frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \mu^*} = \frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \mu} \cdot \frac{\mu \left(M - \mu\right)}{M} \tag{20}$$

11 Scores functions for μ RRM model

Finally, the expression for $\partial \ln L/\partial \mu$ can be obtained replacing equations (21) and (22) into equation (13), which together with equation (20), provides the required expression for $\partial \ln L/\partial \mu^*$.

$$\frac{\partial R_{in}^{\mu \mathsf{RRM}}}{\partial \mu} = \sum_{j \neq i}^{J} \sum_{m=1}^{M} R_{i \leftrightarrow j,m}^{\mu \mathsf{RRM}} + \mu \cdot \sum_{j \neq i}^{J} \sum_{m=1}^{M} \frac{\partial R_{i \leftrightarrow j,m}^{\mu \mathsf{RRM}}}{\partial \mu}$$
(21)
$$\frac{\partial R_{i \leftrightarrow j,m}^{\mu \mathsf{RRM}}}{\partial \mu} = \left(\frac{\exp\left\{(\beta_m/\mu) \cdot (x_{jmn} - x_{imn})\right\} \cdot (x_{jmn} - x_{imn}) \cdot \beta_m}{\mu^2 \cdot (1 + \exp\left\{(\beta_m/\mu) \cdot (x_{jmn} - x_{imn})\right\})}\right)$$
(22)

11 Scores Functions for PRRM model

We can recover the log-likelihood of the PRRM model replacing the expression R_{in}^* in equation (12) by equation (6). Thus, the full set of parameters θ is now described by $\theta = (\beta, \alpha)'$. Here β is a $m \times 1$ vector of alternative-specific regression coefficients and α is a $(J-1) \times 1$ vector of ASC. Consequently, the scores functions are then:

$$\frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \boldsymbol{\theta}} = \left(\frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \beta_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \beta_M}, \frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \alpha_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \alpha_{J-1}}\right)$$
$$= \left(\frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \boldsymbol{\beta}}, \frac{\partial \ln L}{\partial \boldsymbol{\alpha}}\right)$$

Accordingly, we can obtain the expression for $\partial \ln L/\partial \beta_m$ by replacing equation (23) into equation (13).

$$\frac{\partial R_{in}^{\mathsf{PURE}}}{\partial \beta_m} = x_{imn}^{\mathsf{PURE}} \tag{23}$$