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Basic inference and validation in discrete choice modeling

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Why is inference important ?

When talking about policy, Size matters!

- \rightarrow Ask not whether there is an effect, ask how big is it?
- \rightarrow Is the effect big enough to make a policy successful?
- \rightarrow Is the effect big enough to make invest millions of dollars?

 \rightarrow 64.6% of studies in the transportation field report some sort of policy-relevant inference analysis (Parady, Ory and Walker, 2021)

Why is inference important ?

Variable name	Coefficient	S.E.	t statistic
Auto constant	1.45	0.393	3.70
In-vehicle time (min)	-0.0089	0.0063	-1.42
Out-of-vehicle time (min)	-0.0308	0.0106	-2.90
Auto out-of-pocket cost (c)	-0.0115	0.0026	-4.39
Transit fare	-0.0070	0.0038	-1.87
Auto ownership (specific to auto mode)	-0.770	0.213	3.16
Downtown workplace (specific to auto mode)	-0.561	0.306	-1.84
Number of observations	1476		
Number of cases	1476		
LL(0)	-1023		
LL(β)	-347.4		
-2[LL(0)-LL(β)]	1371		
$ ho^2$	0.660		
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 Magnitudes are not directly interpretable.
 We can only interpret the effect direction, or use them to calculate utilities, and choice probabilities

To make some sense of these parameters we must calculate elasticities or marginal effects

Table adapted from Ben-Akiva and Lerman (1985)

MNL: Logit Elasticities (Point elasticities)

• Direct elasticity: measures the percentage change in the probability of choosing a particular alternative in the choice set with respect to a given percentage change in an attribute of that same alternative.

$$E_{x_{ink}}^{P(i)} = \frac{\partial P_n(i)}{\partial x_{ink}} \cdot \frac{x_{ink}}{P_n(i)} = [1 - P_n(i)] x_{ink} \beta_k$$

• Cross-elasticity: measures the percentage change in the probability of choosing a particular alternative in the choice set with respect to a given percentage change in a competing alternative.

$$E_{x_{jnk}}^{P(i)} = \frac{\partial P_n(i)}{\partial x_{jnk}} \cdot \frac{x_{jnk}}{P_n(i)} = -P_n(j)x_{jnk}\,\beta_k$$

Because of IIA, crosselasticities are uniform across all alternatives

MNL: Logit Elasticities (Point elasticities)

- The elasticities shown before are individual elasticities (Disaggregate)
- To calculate sample (aggregate) elasticities we use the **probability weighted sample enumeration** method:

$$E_{x_{ink}}^{\overline{P(i)}} = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{N} \hat{P}_n(i) E_{x_{ink}}^{P(i)}}{\sum_{n=1}^{N} \hat{P}_n(i)}$$

Sample direct elasticity

$$E_{x_{jnk}}^{\overline{P(i)}} = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{N} \hat{P}_n(i) E_{x_{jnk}}^{P(i)}}{\sum_{n=1}^{N} \hat{P}_n(i)}$$

Sample cross-elasticity

Where $\overline{P(i)}$ is the aggregate choice probability of alternative I, and $\hat{P}_{in}(i)$ is an estimated choice probability

- Uniform cross-elasticities do not necessarily hold at the aggregate level
- Also note that elasticities for dummy variables are **meaningless!**

Hensher, Rose, and Greene (2015)

NL: Logit Elasticities (Point elasticities)

 $P(j) = \frac{e^{V_j/\tau}}{e^{IV(i)}} \cdot \frac{e^{\tau IV(i)}}{\sum_{i=1}^{I} e^{\tau IV(i)}} \quad \leftarrow \text{ NL RUM2 specification}$

Direct Elasticity

When alternative *j* does not belong to any nest

$$E_{x_{jnk}}^{P(j)} = [1 - P_n(j)] x_{jnk} \beta_k$$

When alternative *j* belongs to nest *i*

$$E_{x_{jnk}}^{P(j)} = \left[\left(1 - P_n(j) \right) + \left(\frac{1}{\tau} - 1 \right) \left(1 - P(j|i) \right) \right] x_{jnk} \beta_k$$

Cross Elasticity

When alternatives *j* and *j*' belong to different nests

$$E_{x_{j'nk}}^{P(j)} = -P_n(j')x_{j'nk}\,\beta_k$$

When alternatives j and j' belong to the same nest

$$E_{x_{j'nk}}^{P(j)} = -\left[P_n(j') + \left(\frac{1}{\tau} - 1\right)P(j'|i)\right] x_{j'nk} \beta_k$$

Relation between elasticity of demand, change in price and revenue



Adapted from Hensher, Rose, and Greene (2015)

MNL: Marginal Effects

• **Direct marginal effect:** measures the **change in the probability** (absolute change) of choosing a particular alternative in the choice set with respect to a **unit change** in an attribute of that same alternative.

$$M_{x_{ink}}^{P(i)} = \frac{\partial P_n(i)}{\partial x_{ink}} = P_n(i)[1 - P_n(i)]\beta_k$$

• **Cross-marginal effect:** measures the **change in the probability** (absolute change) of choosing a particular alternative in the choice set with respect to a **unit change** in a competing alternative.

$$M_{x_{jnk}}^{P(i)} = \frac{\partial P_n(i)}{\partial x_{jnk}} = P_n(i)(-P_n(j)\beta_k)$$

Hensher, Rose, and Greene (2015)

MNL: Marginal Effects

 We can also calculate sample (aggregate) marginal effects using the probability weighted sample enumeration method:

$$M_{x_{ink}}^{\overline{P(i)}} = \frac{\sum_{n=1}^{N} \widehat{P}_n(i) M_{x_{ink}}^{P(i)}}{\sum_{n=1}^{N} \widehat{P}_n(i)}$$

Sample direct marginal effect



Sample cross-marginal effect

Where $\overline{P(i)}$ is the aggregate choice probability of alternative I, and $\hat{P}_{in}(i)$ is an estimated choice probability

• Marginal effects for dummy variables **do make sense** as we are talking about unit changes, **but a** different procedure is necessary to estimate marginal effects.

MNL: Marginal Effects



Marginal effects as the slopes of the Tangent lines to the cumulative probability curve

Hensher, David A., John M. Rose, and William H. Greene (2015)

MNL: Marginal Effects

Calculating marginal effects for dummy variables

Calculated via simulation:

- 1. Set the values of the variable of interest to 0
- 2. Estimate base predictions (at the individual level)
- 3. Set the values of the variable of interest to 1
- 4. Estimate new predictions (at the individual level)
- 5. Calculate marginal effects by taking the mean of the difference in individual predictions

Validation practices in discrete choice modeling

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A credibility crisis in science and engineering?



A credibility crisis in science and engineering?

Most published research findings are likely to be false due to factors such as lack of power of the study, small effect sizes, and great flexibility in research design, definitions, outcomes and methods.

Focused on experimental studies

(Ioannidis, 2005)

In the transportation field Unlike the natural sciences

- Dependence on cross-section observational studies
- Classic scientific hypothesis testing is more difficult
- Impact evaluation of policies drawn based on model-based academic research is rarely conducted
- No feedback in terms of how right or how wrong are these models and the policy recommendations derived from them
- These issues underscore the need for proper validation practices

Term definitions

Predictive accuracy: The degree to which predicted outcomes match observed outcomes.

Predictive accuracy is a function of :

- Calibration: The degree to which predicted probabilities match the relative frequency of observed outcomes.
- **Discrimination ability:** The ability of a model or system of models to discriminate between those instances with and without a particular outcome.

Term definitions

Generalizability: The ability of a model, or system of models to maintain its predictive accuracy in a different sample.

Generalizability of a model is a function of :

- **Reproducibility:** The extent to which a model or system of models maintains its predictive ability in different samples from the same population.
- **Transferability:** The extent to which a model or system of models maintains its predictive ability in samples from different but plausibly related populations or in samples collected with different methodologies (sometimes called transportability.)

Term definitions

Model validation: The evaluation of the generalizability of a statistical model.

Types of model validation :

- Internal validation: The evaluation of the reproducibility of a model.
 - Data splitting, resampling methods
 - Different sample from the same population
- External validation: The evaluation of the transferability of a model.
 - Temporal transferability
 - Spatial transferability
 - Methodological transferability



A brief introduction to internal validation

- Internal validation: The evaluation of the reproducibility of a model.
- Due to the high costs of datal collection the most common approaches are
 - Data splitting (Holdout validation, Cross validation)
 - Resampling methods (Bootstrapping)

Estimation data

Holdout validation: Dataset is randomly split into an estimation dataset and a validation dataset.

Validation data

For illustration purposes, let us define $Q[y_n, \hat{y}_n]$ as a measure of prediction correctness for the *n*th instance, for the binary choice case as:

 $\mathbf{Q}[y_n, \hat{y}_n] = \begin{cases} 0 \ if \ y_n = \hat{y}_n \\ 1 \ if \ y_n \neq \hat{y}_n \end{cases}$

where is y_n the observed outcome, and \hat{y}_n is the predicted outcome for instance *n*.

The holdout estimator is

$$HOV = \frac{1}{N_{v}} \sum_{n_{v}=1}^{N_{v}} Q[y_{n_{v}}, \hat{y}_{n_{v}}^{e}]$$

where $\hat{y}_{n_v}^e$ is the predicted outcome for instance *n* in sample v, using the model estimated with sample *e*, and N_v is the validation sample size.

Cross-validation: When the holdout process is repeated multiple times, thus generating a set of randomly split estimation-validation data pairs, we refer to the validation procedure as cross-validation (CV).

$$CV = \frac{1}{B} \sum_{b} HOV_{b}$$

where B is the number of estimation-validation data pairs generated and is the holdout estimator for set b.

<i>b</i> = 1	Validation data		Estimation data		
<i>b</i> = 2	Estimation data	Validation data	Estimation data		
<i>b</i> = 3	Estimati	on data	Validation data	Estimation data	
<i>b</i> = 4			Estimation data	Validation data	Estimation data
<i>b</i> = 5			Estimation data		Validation data

A 5-fold cross validation illustration

Cross-validation : Commonly used methods

$$CV = \frac{1}{B} \sum_{b} HOV_{b}$$

- Cross-validation methods differ from one another in the way the data is split.
- When the data splitting considers all possible estimation sets of size, the splitting is exhaustive, otherwise the splitting is partial. (Arlot and Celisse, 2009).

Exhaustive splitting methods

- Leave-one-out : estimation set size is $N_e = N 1$, and B = N. The model is fitted leaving out one instance per iteration, and the outcome of that single instance is predicted based on the estimated model.
- Leave-p-out : $N_e = N p$. The model is fitted leaving out p-instances per iteration, and the outcome of the remaining instances is predicted based on the estimated model.

Cross-validation : Commonly used methods

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Partial splitting methods (lower calculation cost)

- **K-fold cross-validation:** data is partitioned into *K* mutually-exclusive subsets of roughly equal size, and *B*=*K*.
- **Repeated learning-testing:** a B number of randomly-split estimation-validation pairs are generated. This method is also called repeated holdout validation.

Performance measures

Market share comparison

- Easy to execute
- Does not provide a quantitative measure to evaluate the level of agreement between predictions and observations

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Performance measures

Percentage of correct predictions: the alternative with the highest probability is defined as the predicted choice. However,



• Alt. C: 0.33

* Observed choice

Model B:

- Alt. A: 0.50 *
- Alt. B: 0.30
- Alt. C: 0.20

Model C:

- Alt. A: 0.90 *
- Alt. B: 0.05
- Alt. C: 0.05

Cannot discriminate differences in estimated probabilities.

A measures that accounts for "clearness" of prediction is necessary.

Performance measures

Clearness of prediction:

Percentage of clearly right choices: "the percentage of users in the sample whose observed choices are given a probability greater than threshold t by the model"

$$\% CR = \frac{100}{N_v} \sum_{n_v=1}^{N_v} CR_{n_v} \quad where \qquad CR_{n_v} = \begin{cases} 1 \ if \ \hat{P}(y_{n_v}^e) > t \\ 0 \quad otherwise \end{cases}$$

Percentage of clearly wrong choices: *"the percentage of users in the sample for whom the model gives a probability greater than threshold t to a choice alternative differing form the observed one"*

$$\% CW = \frac{100}{N_v} \sum_{n_v=1}^{N_v} CW_{n_v} \qquad where \quad CW_{n_v} = \begin{cases} 1 \text{ if } \hat{P}(!y_{n_v}^e) > t \\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases}$$

 $\hat{P}(!y_{n_v}^e)$ is the estimated choice probability of an alternative other than the chosen one.

Performance measures

Clearness of prediction: defining threshold t

- To be meaningful, the threshold *t* must be "considerably larger" than c^{-1} , where *c* is the choice set size.
- Values used in the literature:
 - > Binary model : t = 0.9 (de Luca and Di Pace, 2015)
 - > Trinary model : t = 0.5 (Glerum, Atasoy and Bierlaire , 2014)

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de Luca, S. De and Cantarella, G. E. (2009) 'Validation and comparison of choice models', in Saleh, W. and Sammer, G. (eds) Travel Demand Management and Road User Pricing: Success, Failure and Feasibility. Ashgate publications, pp. 37–58.

See appendix for a list of commonly used indicators

Validation and reporting practices in the transportation academic literature

226 articles reviewed by Parady, Ory and Walker (2021)

92% reported a goodness of fit statistics

64.6% reported a policy-related inference Marginal effects, elasticities, odds ratios, value of time estimates, marginal rates of substitution, and policy scenario simulations

18.1% reported a validation measure

Table 3

Internal validation methods reported in the literature by frequency.

Method	Abbvr.	Frequency	Percentage
Holdout validation	HOV	18	56.3%
Repeated learning-testing	RLT	8	25.0%
Validation against an independent sample	IS	4	12.5%
Repeated K-fold cross-validation	R-K-CV	1	3.1%
Other sample splitting methods	SS-O	1	3.1%

Towards better validation practices in the field

Make model validation mandatory:

- Non-negotiable part of model reporting and peer-review in academic journals for any study that provides policy recommendations.
- Cross-validation is the norm in machine learning studies.

Share benchmark datasets:

• A fundamental limitation in the field is the lack of benchmark datasets and a general culture of sharing code and data.

Incentivize validation studies:

- Lot of emphasis on theoretically innovative models.
- Encourage submissions that focus on proper validation of existing models and theories.

Draw and enforce clear reporting guidelines:

- In addition to detailed information of survey characteristics such as sampling method, discussion on representativeness of the data, validation reporting is required.
- Efforts to improve reporting are well documented in other fields (i.e. STROBE statement (von Elm et al., 2007))

Wait a minute...

"I'm not validating my model because I'm not trying to build a predictive framework. I'm trying to learn about travel behavior"

The more orthodox the type of analysis conducted (such as the dimensions of travel behavior covered in this study), the stronger the onus of validation.

Wait a minute...

"Does every study that uses a discrete choice model should be conducting validation?"

In short, yes. At the very least, any article that makes policy recommendations should be subject to proper validation given the dependence of the field on cross-section observational studies, and the lack of a feedback loop in academia.

Wait a minute...

"Is what we learn about travel behavior from coefficient estimation less valuable if not conducted?"

There is a myriad of reasons why some **skepticism is warranted** against any particular model outcome. the most obvious one being model overfitting.

Better validation practices will not solve the credibility crisis in the field, but it's a step in the right direction.

Model validation is **no solution to the causality problem** in the field, but we want to underscore that **the reliance on observational studies inherent to the field demands more stringent controls to improve external validity of results**.

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Follows Random Uhlity theory $\mathcal{P}(i) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \mathcal{F}_i \left(\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{Y}_{1+\epsilon}, \mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{Y}_{2+\epsilon}, \dots, \mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{V}_{j+\epsilon} \right) d\epsilon \quad (7)$ where F() is a CDF of disturbance (En, ... cg) Fi(): 2F()/2Ei ; Partial denueline of F() with respect to Ei. the GEY is detained from the follow, CDF $F() = exp(-6(e^{-\epsilon_1}, ..., e^{-\epsilon_j}))$ where G is a generating function. Using encodions (7) and (2) we get $P(i) = \begin{pmatrix} +0 \\ \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(-G\left(e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_1}, \dots, e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_5}\right)\right) \\ \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(-G\left(e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_1}, \dots, e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_5}\right)\right) \\ \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(-G\left(e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_1}, \dots, e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_5}\right)\right) \\ \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(-G\left(e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_1}, \dots, e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_5}\right)\right) \\ \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(-G\left(e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_1}, \dots, e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_5}\right)\right) \\ \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(-G\left(e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_1}, \dots, e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_5}\right)\right) \\ \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(-G\left(e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_1}, \dots, e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_5}\right)\right) \\ \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(-G\left(e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_1}, \dots, e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_5}\right)\right) \\ \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(-G\left(e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_1}, \dots, e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_5}\right)\right) \\ \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(-G\left(e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_1}, \dots, e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_5}\right)\right) \\ \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(-G\left(e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_1}, \dots, e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_5}\right)\right) \\ \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(-G\left(e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_1}, \dots, e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_5}\right)\right) \\ \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(-G\left(e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_1}, \dots, e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_5}\right)\right) \\ \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(-G\left(e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_1}, \dots, e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_5}\right)\right) \\ \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(-G\left(e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_1}, \dots, e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_5}\right)\right) \\ \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(-G\left(e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_1}, \dots, e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_5}\right)\right) \\ \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(-G\left(e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_1}, \dots, e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_5}\right)\right) \\ \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(-G\left(e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_1}, \dots, e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_5}\right)\right) \\ \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(-G\left(e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_1}, \dots, e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_5}\right)\right) \\ \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(-G\left(e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_1}, \dots, e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_5}\right)\right) \\ \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(-G\left(e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_1}, \dots, e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_5}\right)\right) \\ \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(-G\left(e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_1}, \dots, e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_5}\right)\right) \\ \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(-G\left(e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_1}, \dots, e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_5}\right)\right) \\ \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(-G\left(e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_1}, \dots, e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_5}\right)\right) \\ \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(-G\left(e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_1}, \dots, e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_i + V_5}\right)\right) \\ \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(-G\left(e^{-\varepsilon - V_i + V_i +$ $P(i): \int_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{-\epsilon}{4!} \left(e^{-\epsilon - v_i + v_j} - \epsilon - v_i + v_j} \right) \cdot \exp\left(-4\left(e^{-\epsilon - v_i + v_j} - \epsilon\right) \right) \cdot \exp\left(-4\left(e^{-\epsilon - v_i + v_j} - \epsilon\right)\right) \cdot \exp\left(-4\left(e^{-\epsilon - v_i + v_j} - \epsilon\right)\right)$ this Integral reals in P(i) 2". G(2", eV) MG(en, ..., en

Appendix: Definition of model validation performance measures reported in the literature

Index		Туре	Formula	Notes	
Mean absolute percentage error 平均絶対誤差率	MAPE	Absolute	$\frac{100}{M} \sum_{m=1}^{M} \left \frac{\hat{s}^{e}_{v,m} - s_{v,m}}{s_{v,m}} \right $	M is the number of alternatives in the choice set.	
Root sum of square error 二乗平方根誤差和	RSSE	Relative	$\sqrt{\sum_{m=1}^{M} (\hat{s}^{e}_{v,m} - s_{v,m})^{2}}$	$s_{v,m}$ is an aggregate outcome measure in sample <i>v</i> , such as the market share of alternative <i>m</i> (i.e. modal market share), choice frequency, etc.	
Mean absolute error 平均絶対誤差	MAE	Aggregate: Relative Disaggregate: Absolute	$\frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^{M} \hat{s}^{e}{}_{v,m} - s_{v,m} $	$\hat{s}^{e}_{v,m}$ is an aggregate outcome measure in sample v, such as the market share of alternative m, predicted from model	
Mean squared error 平均二乗誤差	MSE	Aggregate: Relative Disaggregate: Absolute	$\frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^{M} (\hat{s}^{e}_{v,m} - s_{v,m})^{2}$	estimated on sample <i>e</i> . $\hat{P}(y_{n_n,m}^e)$ is the predicted probability that	
Root mean square error 二乗平均平方根誤差	RMSE	Aggregate: Relative Disaggregate: Absolute	$\sqrt{\frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=1}^{M} (\hat{s}^{e}_{v,m} - s_{mv,})^{2}}$	individual <i>n</i> chooses alternative <i>m</i> , predicted from model estimated on sample <i>e</i> . y_{nm} is the actual outcome variable valued 0 or 1.	
Brier Score ブライアスコア	BS	Absolute	$\frac{1}{N_{v}} \sum_{n_{v}=1}^{N_{v}} \sum_{m=1}^{M} \left(\hat{P}(y_{n_{v},m}^{e}) - y_{n_{v},m} \right)^{2}$		

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Parady, Ory & Walker (2021) Index Type Formula Notes $LL_{v,r}(\widehat{\beta}^{e})$ is log-likelihood of the model Log-likelihood LL $LL_{v}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{e})$ estimated on data e applied to the Relative 対数尤度 validation data v_r . $N_{v,r}$ is the size of the validation $\frac{1}{R}\sum_{r}-\frac{1}{N_{v,r}}\sum_{n=r}LL_{v,r}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{e})$ Log-likelihood loss (holdout) sample r, and R is number of LLL Absolute 対数尤度損失 validation samples generated. $\forall 1 \leq r \leq R$ $LL_{\nu}(\mathbf{0})$ is log-likelihood of the model when all parameters are zero for data v. **Rho-square** $\rho^2 = 1 - \frac{LL_v(\widehat{\beta}^e)}{LL_v(\mathbf{0})}$ RHOSQ Absolute σ^2 $LL_{\nu}(\widehat{\beta}^{\nu})$ is the likelihood of the model estimated on the validation data v. Transfer rho-square Т- $\rho_{transfer}^2 = 1 - \frac{LL_v(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^e)}{LL_v(\boldsymbol{M}\boldsymbol{S}^v)}$ Relative 移転 σ^2 RHOSQ $LL_{\nu}(MS^{\nu})$ is a base model estimated on validation data v (i.e. market share Transfer index $\frac{LL_{v}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{e}) - LL_{v}(\boldsymbol{M}\boldsymbol{S}^{v})}{LL_{v}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}^{v}) - LL_{v}(\boldsymbol{M}\boldsymbol{S}^{v})}$ ΤI model.) Pass/Fail 移転指標 ρ_{local}^2 is the local rho-square of the Transferability test statistic model. $-2\left(LL_{\nu}(\widehat{\beta}^{\nu})-LL_{\nu}(\widehat{\beta}^{e})\right)$ TTS Relative 移転性検定統計量 f_m is the observed choice frequency of alternative m in sample v, and $E(f_{v,m}^e)$ is $\sum_{k=1}^{M} \frac{\left(f_m - E(f_{v,m}^e)\right)^2}{E(f_{v,m}^e)}$ χ^2 test CHISQ the expected choice frequency Pass/Fail predicted from model estimated on sample e.

Appendix: Validation and reporting practices in the transportation academic literature



Heuristic to select validation method given available resources and recommended performance measures to report

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Table 4

Predictive accuracy performance measures reported in the literature by frequency.

Performance measure	Abbrv.	Frequency	Percentage
Log-likelihood/log-likelihood loss	LL/LLL	19	46.3%
Percentage of correct predictions or First Preference Recovery	FPR	10	24.4%
Predicted vs observed market outcomes	PVO	10	24.4%
Mean absolute error	MAE	6	14.6%
Root mean square error	RMSE	4	9.8%
Error/Percentage error/Absolute percentage error	E/PE/APE	3	7.3%
Rho-Square	RHOSQ	3	7.3%
Transfer index	TI	2	4.9%
% clearly right (t)	%CR	1	2.4%
Brier Score	BS	1	2.4%
Chi-square	CHISQ	1	2.4%
Concordance index	С	1	2.4%
Correlation	CORR	1	2.4%
Fitting factor	FF	1	2.4%
Mean absolute percentage error	MAPE	1	2.4%
Sum of square error	SSE	1	2.4%
Transferability test statistic	TTS	1	2.4%
All other measures specified in Table 1	_	0	0%
Other measures not specified in Table 1	-	3	7.3%

Very similar measures are reported jointly.