





Recent Advances in the Field of Trade Theory and Policy Analysis Using Micro-Level Data

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Limited dependent variable models in cross section

- Stata has two built in models for dealing with binary dependent variables
 - Probit depvar indepvar1 indepvar2 ..., options
 - Logit depvar indepvar1 indepvar2 ..., options
- Generally speaking, results from these two models are quite close. Except in special cases, there is no general rule to prefer one over the other
- Example: health insurance coverage
 - See "lim_dep_var.do" and explanations therein

Panel data applications

- Probit and logit can both be estimated with random effects:
- To obtain probit and logit results with random effects by "id":
 - xtset id
 - xtprobit depvar indepvar1 indepvar2 ..., re
 - *xtlogit depvar indepvar1 indepvar2 ..., re*
- Logit models can be consistently estimated with fixed effects, and should be preferred to probit in panel data settings
- To obtain logit results with fixed effects by "id":
 - xtset id
 - xtlogit depvar indepvar1 indepvar2 ..., fe



