

Supplementary material

for

The number of response categories in ordered response models

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This supplementary material supplies figures and tables which integrate the analyses on the choice of the thresholds (in Section S.1), on merging categories (in Section S.2) and on the choice of m for a given sample size n (in Section S.3).

S.1 Thresholds

This section describes the construction of the four sets of thresholds and develops further analyses on the impact of the thresholds with respect to the efficiency of the estimators, the power of the test, the efficiency loss produced by merging categories, and the choice of m for a given sample size n . Tables are supplied which extend the analyses carried out in Sections 5, 6 and 7 of the main paper with the α^{ED} thresholds to the other sets of thresholds.

S.1.1 Construction of the thresholds

Let $R = Y_{0.995}^* - Y_{0.005}^*$ where $Y_{0.005}^*$ and $Y_{0.995}^*$ are the 0.5% and 99.5% percentiles of the distribution of Y^* simulated from 5 millions of observations. The equidistant thresholds satisfy the constraint $\alpha_j^{ED} - \alpha_{j-1}^{ED} = h$, where $h = R/m$. The first threshold is $\alpha_1^{ED} = Y_{0.005}^* + h$ while the following thresholds are obtained as $\alpha_j^{ED} = \alpha_1^{ED} + (j-1)h$.

The thresholds α_j^{ID} consider a central class centered at the median of Y^* in case of odd m and two central classes adjacent to the median in case of even m of minimum length δ . The length of the classes is progressively increased by a factor of $(1 + 1/m)$ when moving towards the tails. Hence the classes adjacent to the central one(s) have length $\delta(1 + 1/m)$, the following classes have length $\delta(1 + 1/m)^2$, then the length increases to $\delta(1 + 1/m)^3$, and so forth. The minimum length δ is determined as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \delta \left\{ 1 + 2 \sum_{r=1}^{(m-1)/2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{m} \right)^r \right\} &= R, & \text{for odd } m, \\ 2\delta \left\{ 1 + \sum_{r=1}^{m/2-1} \left(1 + \frac{1}{m} \right)^r \right\} &= R, & \text{for even } m. \end{aligned} \tag{S.1.1}$$

The threshold α_j^{EP} , which generate classes with equal probability, are given by the quantiles of Y^* corresponding to the probability $1/m, 2/m, \dots, (m-1)/m$ obtained from the simulated distribution.

The thresholds α_j^{DP} yield classes with larger probability at the center and decreasing probability, by a factor of $(1 - 1/m)$, when moving from the center towards the extremes. Let π_C be the probability of the central class in case of odd m and of the two central classes in case of even m . The probability of the adjacent classes is $\pi_C(1 - 1/m)$, the probability of the following classes is $\pi_C(1 - 1/m)^2$, then the probability decreases to $\pi_C(1 - 1/m)^3$, and so forth. The probability π_C of the central classes is determined as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_C \left\{ 1 + 2 \sum_{r=1}^{(m-1)/2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{m} \right)^r \right\} &= 1, & \text{for odd } m, \\ 2\pi_C \left\{ 1 + \sum_{r=1}^{m/2-1} \left(1 - \frac{1}{m} \right)^r \right\} &= 1, & \text{for even } m. \end{aligned} \tag{S.1.2}$$

The thresholds are given by the corresponding quantiles from the simulated distribution of Y^* .

S.1.2 Asymptotic Efficiency

Figures S.1, S.2 and S.3 compare the efficiency of the estimators of the regression coefficients obtained with the four sets of thresholds α_j^{ED} , α_j^{ID} , α_j^{EP} and α_j^{DP} .

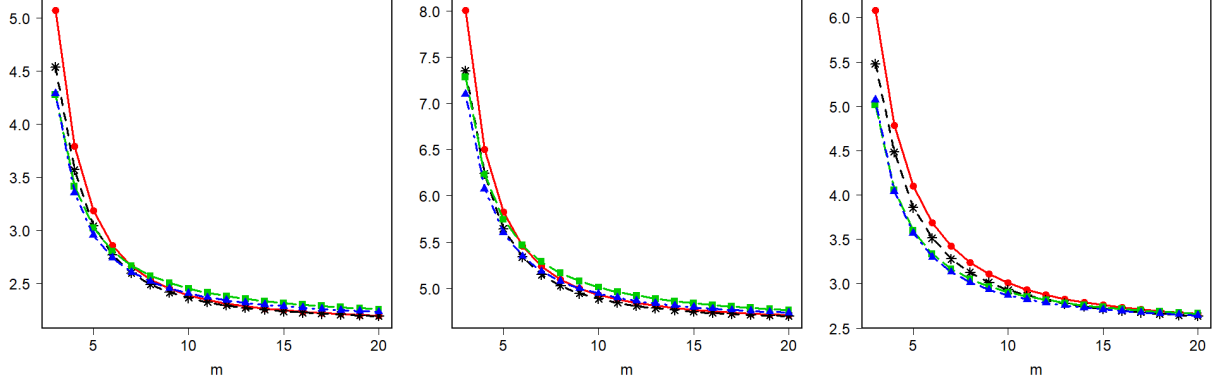


Figure S.1: Asymptotic efficiency in Model 1 with the probit link (left panel), the logit link (central panel) and the complementary log-log link (right panel) when m varies with the α_j^{ED} thresholds (continuous line with circles), the α_j^{ID} thresholds (short-dashed line with stars), the α_j^{EP} thresholds (long-dashed line with squares) and the α_j^{DP} thresholds (dot-dashed line with triangles)

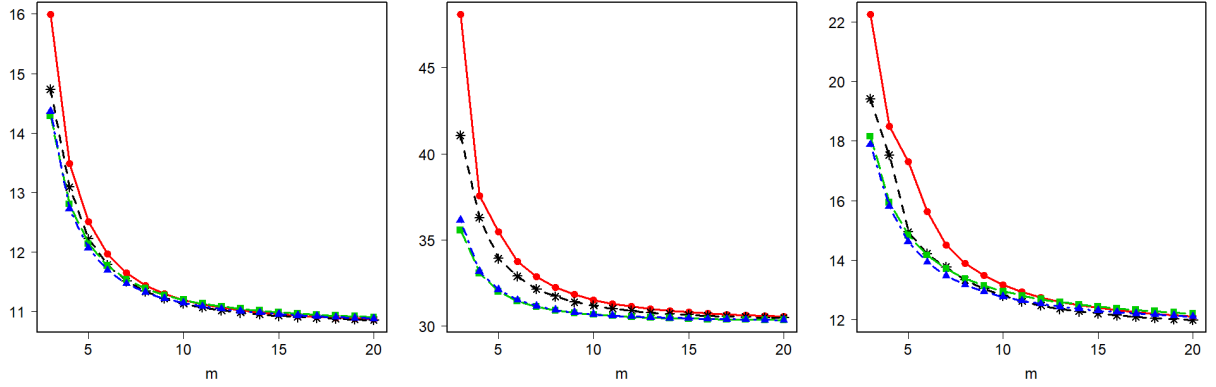


Figure S.2: Asymptotic efficiency in Model 2 with the probit link (left panel), the logit link (central panel) and the complementary log-log link (right panel) when m varies with the α_j^{ED} thresholds (continuous line with circles), the α_j^{ID} thresholds (short-dashed line with stars), the α_j^{EP} thresholds (long-dashed line with squares) and the α_j^{DP} thresholds (dot-dashed line with triangles)

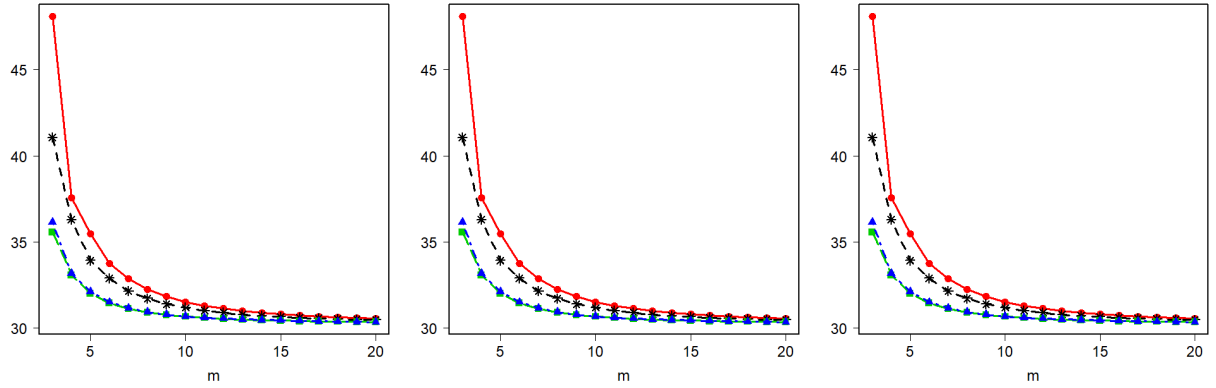


Figure S.3: Asymptotic efficiency in Model 3 with the probit link (left panel), the logit link (central panel) and the complementary log-log link (right panel) when m varies with the α^{ED} thresholds (continuous line with circles), the α^{ID} thresholds (short-dashed line with stars), the α^{EP} thresholds (long-dashed line with squares) and the α^{DP} thresholds (dot-dashed line with triangles)

S.1.3 Hypothesis Testing

Tables S.1.1, S.1.2 and S.1.3 provide approximations to the power of the test analogue to that of Table 5.1 of the main paper for the α^{ID} , the α^{EP} and the α^{DP} thresholds.

Table S.1.1: Power of the test on $\beta_3 = 0$ in Model 3, at the 5% significance level, when m varies and $n = 250, 500$, with the α^{ID} thresholds

m	$n = 250$			$n = 500$		
	Probit	Logit	C. log-log	Probit	Logit	C. log-log
3	0.65	0.44	0.63	0.92	0.73	0.90
4	0.84	0.58	0.81	0.99	0.87	0.98
5	0.91	0.66	0.88	1.00	0.92	0.99
6	0.95	0.71	0.93	1.00	0.95	1.00
7	0.97	0.75	0.95	1.00	0.96	1.00
8	0.98	0.77	0.97	1.00	0.97	1.00
9	0.99	0.79	0.98	1.00	0.97	1.00
10	0.99	0.80	0.98	1.00	0.98	1.00
12	0.99	0.82	0.99	1.00	0.98	1.00
15	1.00	0.83	0.99	1.00	0.99	1.00
20	1.00	0.84	1.00	1.00	0.99	1.00

Table S.1.2: Power of the test on $\beta_3 = 0$ in Model 3, at the 5% significance level, when m varies and $n = 250, 500$, with the α^{EP} thresholds

m	$n = 250$			$n = 500$		
	Probit	Logit	C. log-log	Probit	Logit	C. log-log
3	0.44	0.31	0.41	0.72	0.55	0.69
4	0.67	0.44	0.63	0.92	0.73	0.90
5	0.80	0.53	0.76	0.98	0.82	0.97
6	0.87	0.59	0.84	0.99	0.87	0.99
7	0.92	0.64	0.89	1.00	0.91	0.99
8	0.94	0.67	0.92	1.00	0.93	1.00
9	0.96	0.70	0.94	1.00	0.94	1.00
10	0.97	0.72	0.96	1.00	0.95	1.00
12	0.98	0.75	0.97	1.00	0.96	1.00
15	0.99	0.77	0.98	1.00	0.97	1.00
20	0.99	0.80	0.99	1.00	0.98	1.00

Table S.1.3: Power of the test on $\beta_3 = 0$ in Model 3, at the 5% significance level, when m varies and $n = 250, 500$, with the α^{DP} thresholds

m	$n = 250$			$n = 500$		
	Probit	Logit	C. log-log	Probit	Logit	C. log-log
3	0.55	0.38	0.52	0.84	0.64	0.81
4	0.74	0.49	0.70	0.96	0.78	0.94
5	0.86	0.59	0.82	0.99	0.87	0.98
6	0.91	0.64	0.88	1.00	0.91	0.99
7	0.94	0.68	0.92	1.00	0.93	1.00
8	0.96	0.71	0.95	1.00	0.94	1.00
9	0.97	0.73	0.96	1.00	0.95	1.00
10	0.98	0.75	0.97	1.00	0.96	1.00
12	0.99	0.77	0.98	1.00	0.97	1.00
15	0.99	0.79	0.99	1.00	0.98	1.00
20	0.99	0.81	0.99	1.00	0.98	1.00

S.1.4 Merging categories

Tables S.1.4, S.1.5 and S.1.6 report analyses analogue to those of Table 6.3 of the main paper on halving the number of categories for the α^{ID} , the α^{EP} and the α^{DP} thresholds.

Table S.1.4: Efficiency ratio between $\hat{\beta}_{m/2}$ and $\hat{\beta}_m$ produced by halving the number of categories with the α^{IC} thresholds.

m	Model 1			Model 2			Model 3		
	Probit	Logit	C.log-log	Probit	Logit	C.log-log	Probit	Logit	C.log-log
4	2.03	1.72	1.79	1.47	1.22	1.46	5.40	3.67	5.21
6	1.64	1.38	1.56	1.25	1.25	1.37	2.12	1.75	1.97
8	1.43	1.24	1.44	1.15	1.14	1.31	1.91	1.50	1.77
10	1.29	1.15	1.32	1.10	1.09	1.17	1.71	1.35	1.63
12	1.21	1.11	1.25	1.07	1.06	1.14	1.55	1.25	1.52
20	1.08	1.04	1.11	1.03	1.02	1.07	1.23	1.10	1.27

Table S.1.5: Efficiency ratio between $\hat{\beta}_{m/2}$ and $\hat{\beta}_m$ produced by halving the number of categories with the α^{EP} thresholds.

m	Model 1			Model 2			Model 3		
	Probit	Logit	C.log-log	Probit	Logit	C.log-log	Probit	Logit	C.log-log
4	2.12	1.72	1.98	1.50	1.34	1.60	5.17	3.22	4.75
6	1.53	1.33	1.50	1.21	1.13	1.28	2.41	1.87	2.32
8	1.33	1.21	1.33	1.12	1.07	1.19	1.86	1.53	1.84
10	1.23	1.15	1.24	1.08	1.04	1.15	1.61	1.38	1.62
12	1.18	1.11	1.18	1.06	1.03	1.12	1.47	1.29	1.49
20	1.09	1.05	1.09	1.03	1.01	1.06	1.23	1.14	1.26

Table S.1.6: Efficiency ratio between $\hat{\beta}_{m/2}$ and $\hat{\beta}_m$ produced by halving the number of categories with the α^{DP} thresholds.

m	Model 1			Model 2			Model 3		
	Probit	Logit	C.log-log	Probit	Logit	C.log-log	Probit	Logit	C.log-log
4	2.16	1.77	1.99	1.51	1.34	1.62	5.50	3.47	5.11
6	1.56	1.33	1.54	1.23	1.15	1.28	2.27	1.77	2.14
8	1.33	1.20	1.34	1.12	1.07	1.20	1.84	1.49	1.80
10	1.23	1.13	1.24	1.08	1.05	1.14	1.59	1.33	1.58
12	1.17	1.10	1.19	1.06	1.03	1.11	1.45	1.25	1.47
20	1.08	1.04	1.09	1.02	1.01	1.06	1.21	1.12	1.24

Tables S.1.7, S.1.8 and S.1.9 report analyses analogue to those of Table 6.4 of the main paper on dichotomization for the α^{ID} , the α^{EP} and the α^{DP} thresholds.

Table S.1.7: Efficiency ratio between $\hat{\beta}_2$ and $\hat{\beta}_m$ produced by dichotomization with the α^{ID} thresholds

m	Model 1			Model 2			Model 3		
	Probit	Logit	C.log-log	Probit	Logit	C.log-log	Probit	Logit	C.log-log
4	2.03	1.72	1.79	1.47	1.22	1.46	5.40	3.67	5.21
6	2.61	2.01	2.29	1.64	1.35	1.80	8.19	4.84	7.48
8	2.90	2.14	2.57	1.70	1.40	1.92	10.30	5.48	9.19
10	3.06	2.20	2.74	1.73	1.42	1.99	11.73	5.85	10.44
12	3.15	2.23	2.85	1.75	1.44	2.05	12.69	6.06	11.35
20	3.30	2.29	3.05	1.78	1.46	2.13	14.42	6.42	13.23

Table S.1.8: Efficiency ratio between $\hat{\beta}_2$ and $\hat{\beta}_m$ produced by dichotomization with the α^{EP} thresholds

m	Model 1			Model 2			Model 3		
	Probit	Logit	C.log-log	Probit	Logit	C.log-log	Probit	Logit	C.log-log
4	2.12	1.72	1.98	1.50	1.34	1.60	5.17	3.22	4.75
6	2.58	1.97	2.41	1.64	1.41	1.80	7.90	4.32	7.17
8	2.81	2.08	2.63	1.69	1.44	1.91	9.63	4.93	8.77
10	2.95	2.14	2.77	1.72	1.45	1.97	10.79	5.30	9.88
12	3.04	2.18	2.85	1.74	1.45	2.01	11.61	5.56	10.68
20	3.20	2.25	3.02	1.77	1.46	2.09	13.32	6.06	12.44

Table S.1.9: Efficiency ratio between $\hat{\beta}_2$ and $\hat{\beta}_m$ produced by dichotomization with the α^{DP} thresholds

m	Model 1			Model 2			Model 3		
	Probit	Logit	C.log-log	Probit	Logit	C.log-log	Probit	Logit	C.log-log
4	2.16	1.77	1.99	1.51	1.34	1.62	5.50	3.47	5.11
6	2.64	2.01	2.43	1.65	1.41	1.83	8.34	4.58	7.56
8	2.87	2.12	2.66	1.70	1.44	1.94	10.13	5.17	9.18
10	3.00	2.17	2.80	1.73	1.45	2.00	11.30	5.52	10.29
12	3.09	2.21	2.88	1.75	1.45	2.04	12.10	5.74	11.09
20	3.24	2.27	3.04	1.77	1.46	2.11	13.71	6.18	12.79

S.1.5 Choice of m for given n

Tables S.1.10, S.1.11 and S.1.12 report analyses analogue to those of Table 7.1 of the main paper on the percentage of simulated samples with a number of categories smaller than m (in Model 3 with the Logit link), when n and m vary, for the α^{ID} , the α^{EP} and the α^{DP} thresholds.

Table S.1.10: Percentage of simulated samples with a number of categories smaller than m in Model 3 with the Logit link, when n and m vary, with the α^{ID} thresholds

n	m								
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
50	0.01	0.82	3.41	8.25	14.23	22.37	30.51	39.84	49.21
100	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.15	0.72	1.86	3.39	5.75	8.31
200	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.17	0.41	0.76
300	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.06	0.11
400	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.10
500	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Table S.1.11: Percentage of simulated samples with a number of categories smaller than m in Model 3 with the Logit link, when n and m vary, with the α^{EP} thresholds

n	m								
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
50	0.00	0.06	0.33	3.02	4.91	8.06	15.00	22.73	45.26
100	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.09	0.35	1.39	2.42
200	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
300	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
400	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
500	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Table S.1.12: Percentage of simulated samples with a number of categories smaller than m in Model 3 with the Logit link, when n and m vary, with the α^{DP} thresholds

n	m								
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
50	0.01	0.06	0.40	2.22	5.15	10.16	16.90	39.20	52.54
100	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.12	0.75	0.72	0.88
200	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
300	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
400	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
500	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Tables S.1.13, S.1.14 and S.1.15 report analyses analogue to those of Table 7.2 of the main paper on the efficiency of the estimators (in Model 3 with the Logit link), when n and m vary, for the α^{ID} , the α^{EP} and the α^{DP} thresholds.

Table S.1.13: Simulated efficiency $\left(100 \times \sum_k MSE(\hat{\beta}_k)\right)$ in Model 3 with the Logit link, when n and m vary with the α^{ID} thresholds

n	m								
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
50	1835.07	408.86	280.22	215.09	189.58	175.70	165.87	161.66	155.05
100	142.38	104.39	82.35	72.30	66.27	62.23	59.89	57.46	56.72
200	56.84	43.46	35.15	31.07	28.62	27.38	26.12	25.26	24.89
300	34.97	26.74	22.26	19.63	17.92	17.12	16.48	16.12	15.76
400	25.15	19.54	16.03	14.10	13.20	12.44	11.89	11.59	11.37
500	20.16	15.73	12.87	11.38	10.52	10.01	9.57	9.33	9.09

Table S.1.14: Simulated efficiency $\left(100 \times \sum_k MSE(\hat{\beta}_k)\right)$ in Model 3 with the Logit link, when n and m vary with the α^{ED} thresholds

n	m								
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
50	2023.32	697.76	287.34	238.69	215.23	201.93	196.55	193.43	192.19
100	155.65	107.44	92.10	80.00	72.90	69.31	66.88	62.97	60.79
200	62.92	44.88	37.85	33.08	30.63	29.10	28.03	27.58	26.88
300	40.04	28.69	23.67	21.08	19.50	18.68	18.00	17.46	17.25
400	29.44	20.08	16.86	15.38	14.24	13.58	13.01	12.49	12.18
500	24.23	16.85	13.80	12.46	11.39	10.75	10.20	9.94	9.75

Table S.1.15: Simulated efficiency $\left(100 \times \sum_k MSE(\hat{\beta}_k)\right)$ in Model 3 with the Logit link, when n and m vary with the α^{DP} thresholds

n	m								
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
50	1159.88	338.99	248.80	220.64	204.97	199.31	194.96	193.30	192.37
100	135.18	103.38	83.96	75.20	68.91	64.70	61.55	59.85	58.45
200	55.88	42.43	34.81	31.47	29.20	28.18	27.27	26.56	26.04
300	36.67	26.12	22.10	19.93	18.79	17.97	17.47	17.01	16.48
400	25.39	18.92	16.20	14.57	13.68	12.82	12.38	12.14	11.80
500	21.16	15.60	13.01	11.66	10.66	10.23	9.94	9.72	9.48

S.2 Merging categories

This section supplies supplementary tables for Section 6 of the main paper.

Tables S.2.1, S.2.2, S.2.3, S.2.4, S.2.5, along with Table 6.1 of the main paper, show the loss in efficiency produced by merging the extreme categories on both sides in the three models with the Probit and the Logit link.

Table S.2.1: Efficiency loss produced by merging of the extreme categories on both sides in Model 1 with the Probit link

m	$j = 1$	$j = 2$	$j = m - 1$	$j = m$	$Var(\hat{\beta}_m)$	$Var(\hat{\beta}_{m-2})$	Efficiency Ratio
5	0.061	0.241	0.243	0.062	3.185	4.254	1.336
6	0.043	0.152	0.153	0.043	2.857	3.353	1.174
7	0.033	0.102	0.102	0.033	2.662	2.942	1.105
8	0.027	0.072	0.073	0.027	2.537	2.715	1.070
9	0.023	0.053	0.054	0.023	2.452	2.575	1.050
10	0.020	0.041	0.042	0.020	2.391	2.482	1.038
12	0.016	0.027	0.027	0.016	2.313	2.368	1.024
15	0.013	0.017	0.017	0.013	2.249	2.281	1.014
20	0.010	0.009	0.010	0.010	2.199	2.216	1.008

Table S.2.2: Efficiency loss produced by merging of the extreme categories on both sides in Model 2 with the Probit link

m	$j = 1$	$j = 2$	$j = m - 1$	$j = m$	$Var(\hat{\beta}_m)$	$Var(\hat{\beta}_{m-2})$	Efficiency Ratio
5	0.072	0.253	0.243	0.067	12.512	14.213	1.136
6	0.051	0.168	0.159	0.047	11.971	12.710	1.062
7	0.038	0.117	0.109	0.036	11.650	12.043	1.034
8	0.031	0.084	0.079	0.029	11.441	11.680	1.021
9	0.026	0.064	0.059	0.024	11.299	11.457	1.014
10	0.022	0.050	0.046	0.021	11.198	11.309	1.010
12	0.018	0.033	0.030	0.017	11.066	11.129	1.006
15	0.014	0.020	0.019	0.014	10.958	10.992	1.003
20	0.011	0.011	0.010	0.011	10.874	10.891	1.002

Table S.2.3: Efficiency loss produced by merging of the extreme categories on both sides in Model 2 with the Logit link

m	$j = 1$	$j = 2$	$j = m - 1$	$j = m$	$Var(\hat{\beta}_m)$	$Var(\hat{\beta}_{m-2})$	Efficiency Ratio
5	0.044	0.231	0.229	0.044	35.460	36.513	1.030
6	0.031	0.131	0.129	0.031	33.763	34.002	1.007
7	0.024	0.081	0.080	0.024	32.861	32.934	1.002
8	0.020	0.054	0.054	0.020	32.238	32.266	1.001
9	0.017	0.039	0.038	0.017	31.822	31.835	1.000
10	0.015	0.029	0.029	0.015	31.520	31.527	1.000
12	0.013	0.019	0.018	0.013	31.128	31.131	1.000
15	0.010	0.011	0.011	0.011	30.807	30.808	1.000
20	0.009	0.006	0.006	0.009	30.557	30.557	1.000

Table S.2.4: Efficiency loss produced by merging of the extreme categories on both sides in Model 3 with the Probit link

m	$j = 1$	$j = 2$	$j = m - 1$	$j = m$	$Var(\hat{\beta}_m)$	$Var(\hat{\beta}_{m-2})$	Efficiency Ratio
5	0.069	0.279	0.204	0.050	38.397	69.911	1.821
6	0.048	0.179	0.124	0.036	31.888	44.601	1.399
7	0.036	0.120	0.081	0.028	27.712	34.441	1.243
8	0.029	0.085	0.057	0.023	24.932	29.059	1.166
9	0.024	0.063	0.043	0.020	23.011	25.796	1.121
10	0.021	0.048	0.033	0.017	21.636	23.647	1.093
12	0.017	0.031	0.022	0.014	20.945	21.053	1.005
15	0.013	0.019	0.013	0.012	19.120	19.087	0.998
20	0.011	0.011	0.008	0.009	16.951	17.642	1.041

Table S.2.5: Efficiency loss produced by merging of the extreme categories on both sides in Model 3 with the Logit link

m	$j = 1$	$j = 2$	$j = m - 1$	$j = m$	$Var(\hat{\beta}_m)$	$Var(\hat{\beta}_{m-2})$	Efficiency Ratio
5	0.064	0.269	0.212	0.051	60.633	101.623	1.676
6	0.045	0.169	0.129	0.036	53.938	71.277	1.321
7	0.034	0.112	0.084	0.028	49.867	59.210	1.187
8	0.027	0.079	0.059	0.023	47.217	52.994	1.122
9	0.023	0.058	0.044	0.020	45.398	49.308	1.086
10	0.020	0.044	0.034	0.017	44.096	46.917	1.064
12	0.016	0.029	0.022	0.014	42.398	44.075	1.040
15	0.013	0.017	0.014	0.012	41.006	41.954	1.023
20	0.010	0.010	0.008	0.010	39.916	40.413	1.012

Tables S.2.6 and S.2.7 along with Table 6.2 of the main paper show the efficiency loss produced by merging the lowest categories in the three models with the Complementary log-log link.

Table S.2.6: Efficiency loss produced by merging the lowest categories in Model 2 with the Complementary log-log link

m	$j = 1$	$j = 2$	$Var(\hat{\beta}_m)$	$Var(\hat{\beta}_{m-1})$	Efficiency Ratio
4	0.037	0.195	18.500	18.512	1.001
5	0.025	0.090	17.303	17.304	1.000
6	0.019	0.051	15.626	15.627	1.000
7	0.016	0.033	14.502	14.502	1.000
8	0.014	0.023	13.888	13.888	1.000
9	0.012	0.017	13.489	13.489	1.000
10	0.011	0.013	13.179	13.179	1.000
12	0.010	0.009	12.753	12.753	1.000
15	0.008	0.006	12.398	12.398	1.000
20	0.007	0.004	12.110	12.110	1.000

Table S.2.7: Efficiency loss produced by merging the lowest categories in Model 3 with the Complementary log-log link

m	$j = 1$	$j = 2$	$Var(\hat{\beta}_m)$	$Var(\hat{\beta}_{m-1})$	Efficiency Ratio
4	0.099	0.426	51.400	88.621	1.724
5	0.060	0.257	41.465	53.786	1.297
6	0.042	0.159	35.356	41.092	1.162
7	0.032	0.105	31.327	34.506	1.101
8	0.026	0.073	28.519	30.490	1.069
9	0.022	0.054	26.479	27.802	1.050
10	0.019	0.041	24.947	25.889	1.038
12	0.015	0.027	22.831	23.375	1.024
15	0.012	0.016	20.960	21.257	1.014
20	0.010	0.009	20.304	20.467	1.008

S.3 Choice of m for given n

This section supplies supplementary tables for Section 7 of the main paper.

Tables S.3.1, S.3.2, S.3.3, S.3.4, S.3.5, S.3.6, S.3.7 and S.3.8, along with Table 7.1 of the main paper, illustrate the percentage of simulated samples with a number of observed categories smaller than m for the three models and the three links.

Table S.3.1: Percentage of simulated samples with a number of categories smaller than m in Model 1 with the Probit link, when n and m vary

n	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
50	0.00	1.11	8.53	20.99	34.55	48.31	60.61	71.22	78.99
100	0.00	0.01	0.35	2.16	6.20	12.19	19.78	27.12	35.98
200	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.25	0.68	1.94	3.68	5.62
300	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.23	0.51	1.01
400	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.13	0.25
500	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.02

Table S.3.2: Percentage of simulated samples with a number of categories smaller than m in Model 1 with the Logit link, when n and m vary

n	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
50	0.03	2.42	14.17	30.15	45.44	58.36	69.71	78.82	86.14
100	0.00	0.01	1.07	5.26	12.04	20.23	29.25	39.00	48.49
200	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.65	2.21	4.58	7.19	10.73
300	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.05	0.24	0.64	1.30	2.17
400	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.14	0.33	0.53
500	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.07

Table S.3.3: Percentage of simulated samples with a number of categories smaller than m in Model 1 with the Complementary log-log link, when n and m vary

n	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
50	0.17	5.55	17.14	30.42	44.73	57.73	68.87	78.39	85.49
100	0.00	0.32	2.68	7.20	13.21	20.11	28.56	38.01	48.02
200	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.49	1.37	2.71	4.65	7.56	11.14
300	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.10	0.43	0.99	1.83	3.05
400	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.04	0.18	0.41	0.73
500	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.07	0.12	0.26

Table S.3.4: Percentage of simulated samples with a number of categories smaller than m in Model 2 with the Probit link, when n and m vary

n	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
50	0.00	0.57	5.35	16.15	28.78	41.70	53.79	64.45	73.36
100	0.00	0.00	0.15	1.35	4.40	9.58	15.30	22.16	29.67
200	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.08	0.38	1.11	2.41	4.30
300	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.12	0.38	0.68
400	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.09
500	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02

Table S.3.5: Percentage of simulated samples with a number of categories smaller than m in Model 2 with the Logit link, when n and m vary

	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
50	0.04	4.42	19.92	37.24	51.69	65.19	76.06	84.65	90.52
100	0.00	0.05	2.40	8.95	17.14	26.12	35.74	45.45	55.71
200	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.33	1.64	3.68	6.35	9.57	13.91
300	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.18	0.50	1.25	2.23	3.49
400	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.10	0.25	0.48	0.89
500	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.06	0.14	0.23

Table S.3.6: Percentage of simulated samples with a number of categories smaller than m in Model 2 with the Complementary log-log link, when n and m vary

n	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
50	3.15	16.10	30.23	44.16	57.75	69.80	78.79	86.21	91.58
100	0.07	2.37	7.98	15.71	24.12	34.22	43.61	53.67	63.02
200	0.00	0.07	0.56	1.98	4.22	7.29	10.94	16.14	22.46
300	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.43	0.87	1.65	2.78	4.75	7.67
400	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.14	0.42	0.83	1.53	2.62
500	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.07	0.12	0.26	0.38	0.89

Table S.3.7: Percentage of simulated samples with a number of categories smaller than m in Model 3 with the Probit link, when n and m vary

n	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
50	0.05	1.68	10.17	23.39	37.57	50.86	63.08	73.37	81.38
100	0.00	0.01	0.71	3.49	8.32	14.57	21.71	30.28	39.17
200	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.40	1.19	2.68	4.75	7.24
300	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.13	0.36	0.68	1.31
400	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.05	0.08	0.26
500	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04

Table S.3.8: Percentage of simulated samples with a number of categories smaller than m in Model 3 with the Complementary log-log link, when n and m vary

n	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
50	0.00	1.85	10.76	25.01	39.41	52.83	64.94	75.06	82.95
100	0.00	0.01	0.64	3.40	8.51	15.43	22.78	30.56	38.93
200	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.40	1.25	2.68	4.44	6.96
300	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.12	0.33	0.83	1.57
400	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.09	0.21
500	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.02

Tables S.3.9, S.3.10, S.3.11, S.3.12, S.3.13, S.3.14, S.3.15 and S.3.16, along with Table 7.2 of the main paper, show the simulated efficiency of the estimators when n and m vary, for the three models and the three links.

Table S.3.9: Simulated efficiency ($100 \times MSE$) in Model 1 with the Probit link, when n and m vary

n	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
50	24.37	14.48	11.48	9.73	9.09	8.34	7.96	7.84	7.48
100	7.16	5.09	4.15	3.73	3.52	3.27	3.17	3.07	3.04
200	2.87	2.15	1.79	1.58	1.49	1.41	1.37	1.31	1.32
300	1.91	1.39	1.17	1.04	0.97	0.92	0.89	0.87	0.86
400	1.33	1.01	0.84	0.76	0.71	0.66	0.64	0.63	0.62
500	1.08	0.80	0.67	0.60	0.55	0.53	0.51	0.50	0.48

Table S.3.10: Simulated efficiency ($100 \times MSE$) in Model 1 with the Logit link, when n and m vary

n	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
50	24.34	18.75	16.26	15.03	14.22	13.79	13.36	13.34	13.06
100	9.58	7.79	6.83	6.32	6.13	5.91	5.78	5.71	5.67
200	4.42	3.52	3.19	2.98	2.82	2.77	2.71	2.68	2.62
300	2.86	2.27	2.04	1.90	1.83	1.76	1.75	1.72	1.69
400	2.13	1.65	1.53	1.40	1.35	1.30	1.30	1.28	1.26
500	1.71	1.34	1.21	1.16	1.09	1.06	1.05	1.03	1.02

Table S.3.11: Simulated efficiency ($100 \times MSE$) in Model 1 with the Complementary log-log link, when n and m vary

n	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
50	25.32	17.74	14.25	12.56	11.40	10.74	10.13	10.11	9.59
100	8.25	6.36	5.29	4.83	4.28	4.16	4.01	3.89	3.79
200	3.55	2.70	2.29	2.05	1.90	1.81	1.76	1.68	1.67
300	2.25	1.75	1.47	1.36	1.22	1.17	1.13	1.07	1.07
400	1.63	1.26	1.09	0.97	0.89	0.85	0.81	0.79	0.77
500	1.32	1.01	0.87	0.77	0.72	0.68	0.65	0.64	0.61

Table S.3.12: Simulated efficiency $\left(100 \times \sum_k MSE(\hat{\beta}_k)\right)$ in Model 2 with the Probit link, when n and m vary

n	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
50	154.90	42.34	44.03	34.76	33.38	32.16	31.15	30.71	30.65
100	35.03	15.70	14.59	13.85	13.40	13.18	13.01	12.85	12.71
200	9.44	7.32	6.74	6.47	6.30	6.19	6.14	6.03	6.04
300	5.73	4.79	4.42	4.19	4.07	4.03	3.96	3.95	3.90
400	4.21	3.46	3.22	3.05	2.99	2.92	2.89	2.85	2.84
500	3.37	2.80	2.63	2.50	2.46	2.40	2.37	2.35	2.34

Table S.3.13: Simulated efficiency $\left(100 \times \sum_k MSE(\hat{\beta}_k)\right)$ in Model 2 with the Logit link, when n and m vary

n	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
50	336.51	103.38	100.11	85.31	82.46	81.05	79.18	78.17	77.20
100	58.59	42.21	39.70	37.36	36.36	35.69	35.08	34.79	34.30
200	25.99	19.96	18.57	17.74	17.27	16.96	16.68	16.55	16.46
300	17.07	12.98	12.57	11.69	11.59	11.20	11.16	11.00	10.99
400	12.53	9.48	8.99	8.57	8.35	8.16	8.06	8.00	7.95
500	9.87	7.64	7.25	6.88	6.75	6.56	6.51	6.45	6.40

Table S.3.14: Simulated efficiency $\left(100 \times \sum_k MSE(\hat{\beta}_k)\right)$ in Model 2 with the Complementary log-log link, when n and m vary

n	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
50	192.37	234.93	68.05	46.73	48.27	42.89	39.35	37.81	37.15
100	26.19	29.28	21.68	18.23	17.12	16.58	16.02	15.87	15.58
200	11.86	10.88	9.51	8.27	7.79	7.49	7.27	7.06	7.04
300	7.76	6.84	6.30	5.46	5.12	4.90	4.78	4.66	4.56
400	5.69	4.92	4.50	3.96	3.71	3.57	3.42	3.38	3.32
500	4.53	3.84	3.63	3.17	2.95	2.84	2.78	2.71	2.63

Table S.3.15: Simulated efficiency $\left(100 \times \sum_k MSE(\hat{\beta}_k)\right)$ in Model 3 with the Probit link, when n and m vary

n	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
50	13108.17	2412.08	693.60	358.38	251.84	167.81	150.93	129.65	118.97
100	305.73	112.12	77.19	59.44	49.74	42.70	39.94	36.28	34.45
200	49.45	34.95	26.44	21.44	18.17	16.30	14.96	13.70	13.19
300	28.38	20.55	15.71	12.91	11.01	9.95	9.15	8.46	8.03
400	19.56	14.23	11.23	9.06	7.95	7.04	6.50	6.13	5.82
500	15.10	11.13	8.68	7.06	6.17	5.53	5.14	4.79	4.61

Table S.3.16: Simulated efficiency $\left(100 \times \sum_k MSE(\hat{\beta}_k)\right)$ in Model 3 with the Complementary log-log link, when n and m vary

n	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
50	6441.78	1070.82	394.97	257.54	204.55	175.13	154.15	143.41	133.39
100	165.38	107.81	76.28	64.17	55.23	49.45	45.17	42.36	40.25
200	49.26	36.22	28.98	23.70	20.76	18.98	17.45	16.66	15.64
300	29.11	21.30	16.85	14.38	12.62	11.32	10.67	10.09	9.57
400	20.27	15.09	11.95	10.15	8.91	8.04	7.61	7.04	6.76
500	15.84	11.84	9.45	7.98	7.06	6.40	5.94	5.61	5.41