Statistical Method

Likelihood

For each hurricane i and k_i 's time points, we have the following Bayesian model:

$$Y_{i}(t+6) = \beta_{0i} + \beta_{1i}Y_{i}(t) + \beta_{2i}\Delta_{i1}(t) + \beta_{3i}\Delta_{i2}(t) + \beta_{4i}\Delta_{i3}(t) + \varepsilon_{i}(t),$$

where $Y_i(t)$ is the wind speed at time t, Δ_{i1} , Δ_{i2} , and Δ_{i3} are the changes of latitude, longitude, and the wind speed between time point t and t-6, respectively. $\varepsilon_i(t)$ follows a normal distributions with mean zero and variance σ^2 . The above Bayesian model can be simplified as:

$$Y_i(t+6) = x_i(t) + \varepsilon_i(t),$$

where $\beta_i = (\beta_{0i}, \beta_{1i}, ..., \beta_{4i}) \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$. Based on the property of the multivariate linear regression model, for each hurricane i, we have:

$$Y_i \mid X_i \sim N_{k_i} \left(x_i \beta_i, \sigma^2 I_{k_i} \right),$$

where I_{k_i} is an identity matrix with k_i dimensions.

Thus, we can consider the following distribution of each hurricane i:

$$f\left(y_{i}\mid\beta_{i},\sigma^{2}\right)=\left[\left(2\pi\right)^{k_{i}}\cdot\det\left(\sigma^{2}I_{k_{i}}\right)\right]^{-\frac{1}{2}}\cdot\exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\left(y_{i}-x_{i}\beta_{i}\right)^{\top}\left(\sigma^{2}I_{k_{i}}\right)^{-1}\left(y_{i}-x_{i}\beta_{i}\right)\right\}$$

From above, we derive the following likelihood function:

$$f(y \mid B, \sigma^{2}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} f(y_{i} \mid \beta_{i}, \sigma^{2})$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^{n} \left(\left[(2\pi)^{k_{i}} \cdot \det \left(\sigma^{2} I_{ki} \right) \right]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left(y_{i} - x_{i} \beta_{i} \right)^{\top} \left(\sigma^{2} I_{k_{i}} \right)^{-1} \left(y_{i} - x_{i} \beta_{i} \right) \right\} \right)$$

Prior distributions

We assume the following non-informative prior distributions:

$$\beta_i = (\beta_{0i}, \beta_{1i}, \dots, \beta_{4i}) \sim N_5(\mu, \Sigma),$$

where $B = (\beta_1^\top, \beta_2^\top, \dots, \beta_n^\top)^\top$ and n is the number of hurricanes. So,

$$\pi(B|\mu, \Sigma^{-1}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} f(\beta_i) \propto \det(\Sigma)^{-n/2} \cdot \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i} \left[(\beta_i - \mu)^{\top} (\Sigma)^{-1} (\beta_i - \mu) \right] \right\}.$$

Also,
$$\pi\left(\sigma^2\right) \propto \frac{1}{\sigma^2}; \ \pi(\mu) \propto 1; \ \pi\left(\Sigma^{-1}\right) \propto |\Sigma|^{-(d+1)} \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\Sigma^{-1}\right).$$

Conditional posteriors

The posterior distribution is the product of the likelihood and the prior:

$$g\left(B,\sigma^{2},\mu,\Sigma^{-1}\mid y\right)\propto f\left(y\mid B,\sigma^{2}\right)\cdot\pi\left(B\mid \mu,\Sigma^{-1}\right)\cdot\pi\left(\sigma^{2}\right)\cdot\pi\left(\mu\right)\cdot\pi\left(\Sigma^{-1}\right),$$

so we have:

$$\pi \left(\sigma^{2} \mid \cdot\right) \propto \prod_{i=1}^{n} \det \left(\sigma^{2} I_{k_{i}}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \exp \left\{-\frac{1}{2} \Sigma_{i} \left[\left(y_{i} - x_{i} \beta_{i}\right)^{\top} \left(\sigma^{2} I_{k i}\right)^{-1} \left(y_{i} - x_{i} \beta_{i}\right)\right]\right\} \cdot \sigma^{-2}$$

$$= \left(\sigma^{2}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2} \Sigma_{i} k_{i}} \cdot \exp \left\{-\frac{1}{2 \sigma^{2}} \Sigma_{i} \left[\left(y_{i} - x_{i} \beta_{i}\right)^{\top} \left(y_{i} - x_{i} \beta_{i}\right)\right]\right\} \cdot \sigma^{-2}$$

$$= \left(\sigma^{2}\right)^{-1 - \frac{1}{2} \Sigma_{i} k_{i}} \cdot \exp \left\{-\frac{1}{2 \sigma^{2}} \Sigma_{i} \Sigma_{t i} \left(y_{i, t} - x_{i, t} \beta_{i}\right)^{2}\right\}$$

Therefore, $\sigma^2 \sim \text{Inverse Gamma}\left(\frac{1}{2}\Sigma_i k_i, \frac{1}{2}\Sigma_i \Sigma_{t_i} \left(y_{i,t} - x_{i,t}\beta_i\right)^2\right)$.

$$\pi(\Sigma^{-1} \mid \cdot) \propto \det(\Sigma)^{-n/2} \cdot \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\Sigma_{i} \left(\beta_{i} - \mu\right)^{\top} \Sigma^{-1} \left(\beta_{i} - \mu\right)\right\} \cdot \det(\Sigma)^{-(d+1)} \cdot \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\Sigma^{-1}\right\}$$

$$= \det(\Sigma)^{-(n/2+d+1)} \cdot \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \left[\Sigma^{-1} + \Sigma_{i} \left(\beta_{i} - \mu\right)^{\top} \Sigma^{-1} \left(\beta_{i} - \mu\right)\right]\right\}$$

$$\propto \det(\Sigma^{-1})^{(n+2d+2)/2} \cdot \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{tr} \left[\Sigma^{-1} \cdot \left(I + \Sigma_{i} \left(\beta_{i} - \mu\right) \left(\beta_{i} - \mu\right)^{\top}\right]\right\}\right\}$$

$$\propto \det(\Sigma^{-1})^{(n+3d+3-d-1)/2} \cdot \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{tr} \left[\Sigma^{-1} \cdot \left(I + \Sigma_{i} \left(\beta_{i} - \mu\right) \left(\beta_{i} - \mu\right)^{\top}\right]\right\}\right\}$$

Thus $\Sigma^{-1} \sim \text{Wishart}\left(n + 3d + 3, \left[I + \Sigma_i \left(\beta_i - \mu\right) \left(\beta_i - \mu\right)^\top\right]^{-1}\right)$, that is:

$$\Sigma \sim \text{Inverse Wishart}\left(n + 3d + 3, I + \Sigma_i \left(\beta_i - \mu\right) \left(\beta_i - \mu\right)^{\top}\right)$$

$$\pi(\mu \mid \cdot) \propto \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\Sigma_{i}\left[(\beta_{i} - \mu)^{\top} \Sigma^{-1}(\beta_{i} - \mu)\right]\right\}$$

$$= \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\Sigma_{i}\left(\beta_{i}^{\top} \Sigma^{-1} \beta_{i} + \mu^{\top} \Sigma^{-1} \mu - 2\beta_{i}^{\top} \Sigma^{-1} \mu\right)\right\}$$

$$= \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\Sigma_{i} \beta_{i}^{\top} \Sigma^{-1} \beta_{i} + \mu^{\top} n \Sigma^{-1} \mu - 2\Sigma_{i} \beta_{i}^{\top} \Sigma^{-1} \mu\right)\right\}$$

$$= \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\mu^{\top} n \Sigma^{-1} \mu - 2\Sigma_{i} \beta_{i}^{\top} \Sigma^{-1} \mu + \Sigma_{i} - \beta_{i}^{\top} \Sigma^{-1} \beta_{i}\right)\right\}$$

$$= \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\mu^{\top} \underbrace{n \Sigma^{-1} \mu - 2\mu^{\top} \underbrace{\Sigma_{i} \Sigma^{-1} \beta_{i}}_{N} + \Sigma_{i} \beta_{i}^{\top} \Sigma^{-1} \beta_{i}}\right)\right\}$$

$$= \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\left[\left(\mu - M^{-1} N\right)^{\top} M\left(\mu - M^{-1} N\right)\right]\right\}$$

Therefore, $\mu \sim \text{MVN}()$.

$$\begin{split} &\pi(B) \propto \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\Sigma_{i}\left[\left(y_{i}-x_{i}\beta_{i}\right)^{\top}\left(\sigma^{2}I_{ki}\right)^{-1}\left(y_{i}-x_{i}\beta_{i}\right)\right]\right\} \cdot \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\Sigma_{i}\left[\left(\beta_{i}-\mu\right)^{\top}\cdot\left(\Sigma\right)^{-1}\cdot\left(\beta_{i}-\mu\right)\right]\right\} \\ &= \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\Sigma_{i}\left[\left(y_{i}-x_{i}\beta_{i}\right)^{\top}\left(\sigma^{2}I_{ki}\right)^{-1}\left(y_{i}-x_{i}\beta_{i}\right)+\left(\beta_{i}-\mu\right)^{\top}\cdot\Sigma^{-1}\left(\beta_{i}-\mu\right)\right]\right\} \\ &= \exp\left\{y_{i}^{\top}\sigma^{-2}I_{ki}y_{i}^{\top}+\beta_{i}^{\top}x_{i}^{\top}\sigma^{-2}I_{ki}x_{i}\beta_{i}-2y_{i}^{\top}\sigma^{-2}I_{ki}x_{i}\beta_{i}+\beta_{i}^{\top}\Sigma^{-1}\beta_{i}+\mu^{\top}\Sigma^{-1}\mu-2\mu^{\top}\Sigma^{-1}\beta_{i}\right\} \\ &= \exp\left\{y_{i}^{\top}\sigma^{-2}I_{ki}y_{i}+\mu^{\top}\Sigma^{-1}\mu+\beta_{i}^{\top}\left(\Sigma^{-1}+x_{i}^{\top}\sigma^{-2}I_{ki}x_{i}\right)\beta_{i}-2\left(y_{i}^{\top}\sigma^{-2}I_{ki}x_{i}+\mu^{\top}\Sigma^{-1}\right)\beta_{i}\right\} \end{split}$$

We can define the following terms:

$$R = y_i^{\top} \sigma^{-2} I_{k_i} y_i + \mu^{\top} \Sigma^{-1} \mu$$
$$V = \Sigma^{-1} + x_i^{\top} \sigma^{-2} I_{ki} x_i$$
$$M = \sigma^{-2} x_i^{\top} y_i + \Sigma^{-1} \mu$$

Thus,
$$\pi\left(B\mid\cdots\right)\propto\left(\beta_{i}-V^{-1}M\right)^{\top}\cdot V\cdot\left(\beta_{i}-V^{-1}M\right)\sim N\left(V^{-1}M,V^{-1}\right)$$