

MacKay ex 29.15 mathematical background to implementation.

Note: The implementation can be found within the Github as "29-15.py"

We want to sample from  $p(\mu, \beta | D)$

where  $\beta = 1/\sigma^2$ , and we assume the following priors:

$p(\mu) = \mathcal{N}(\mu | 0, \sigma_\mu^2)$  (with  $\sigma_\mu$  a to be set parameter)

and  $p(\beta) = 1/\beta$ .

For Gibbs sampling we need to derive:

$P(\mu | \beta, D)$  and  $P(\beta | \mu, D)$

$$\begin{aligned} P(\mu | \beta, D) &= \frac{p(\mu) p(\beta, D | \mu)}{p(D, \beta)} = \frac{p(\mu) p(D | \mu, \beta) \overset{= p(\beta)}{\uparrow} p(\beta | \mu)}{\int d\mu p(D | \mu, \beta) p(\beta) p(\mu)} \\ &= \frac{p(\mu) p(D | \mu, \beta)}{\int d\mu p(\mu) p(D | \mu, \beta)} \end{aligned}$$

This distribution is fully defined by the mean and variance/std of the nominator, since we know that the denominator will take of all the necessary normalization

$\mu = \mathcal{N}(\mu | 0, \sigma_\mu^2)$  ("Broad Gaussian")

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mu) p(D | \mu, \beta) &= p(\mu) \prod_{i=1}^N \mathcal{N}(x_i | \mu, \sigma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\beta}}) \\ &\sim \exp\left(\frac{-1}{2\sigma_\mu^2} \mu^2\right) \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{-1}{2\sigma^2} (x_i - \mu)^2\right) \\ &= \exp\left(\frac{-\mu^2}{2\sigma_\mu^2} + \left(\frac{-1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2\right) + \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{2x_i \mu}{2\sigma^2} - \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\mu^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

We can neglect all terms independent of  $\mu$

since normalization will take care of those.

$$\sim \exp\left(\mu \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{x_i}{\sigma^2} + \mu^2 \left(\frac{-1}{2\sigma_\mu^2} - \frac{N}{2\sigma^2}\right)\right)$$

From here we denote:

$$C_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i}{\sigma^2} \quad \text{and} \quad C_2 = -\left(\frac{1}{2\sigma_\mu^2} + \frac{N}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\rightarrow \exp(C_1 \mu + C_2 \mu^2) \\ &= \exp\left(C_2 \left(\frac{-C_1}{2C_2} - \mu\right)^2 - \left(\frac{C_1^2}{4C_2}\right)\right) \end{aligned}$$

Once again neglect terms indep. of  $\mu$ .

$$\sim \exp\left(C_2 \left(\frac{-C_1}{2C_2} - \mu\right)^2\right)$$

From this we derive:

$$\mu_s = \frac{-C_1}{2C_2} = \frac{\frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i}{\frac{1}{\sigma_\mu^2} + \frac{N}{\sigma^2}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i}{\frac{\sigma_\mu^2}{\sigma^2} + N} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i}{\frac{1}{\beta \sigma_\mu^2} + N}$$

$$\frac{-1}{2\sigma_s^2} = C_2 \rightarrow \sigma_s^2 = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\sigma_\mu^2} + \beta N}$$

$\Rightarrow$  To Sample from  $p(\mu | \beta, D)$  we can sample from:

$$N(\mu | \mu_s, \sqrt{\sigma_s^2})$$

$p(\beta | \mu, D)$ :

$$= \frac{p(\beta) p(\mu | \beta)}{p(\mu, D)} \quad \text{we similarly find:} \quad = \frac{p(\beta) p(D | \mu, \beta)}{\int d\beta p(\beta) p(D | \mu, \beta)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(\beta) p(D | \mu, \beta) &\propto \frac{1}{\beta} \exp\left(-\frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \mu)^2\right) \left(\sqrt{\frac{\beta}{2\pi}}\right)^N \\ &\sim \beta^{N/2-1} \exp\left(-\beta \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Given that, again, the denominator takes care of the needed normalisation we can conclude that

$$p(\beta | \mu, D) = \text{Gamma}(\beta | k_\beta, \theta_\beta)$$

$$\text{where } k_\beta = N/2 \quad \text{and} \quad \theta_\beta = \frac{2}{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \mu)^2}$$

And thus we can now use Gibbs sampling to infer  $\mu$  and  $\beta$  of the real data.