# **Bayesian Statistics**

Chapter 7. Multivariate Normal Model

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#### Introduction

- Up until now all of our statistical models have been univariate models, that is, models for a single measurement on each member of a sample of individuals or each run of a repeated experiment
- This chapter covers what is perhaps the most useful model for multivariate data, the multivariate normal model, which allows us to jointly estimate population means, variances and correlations of a collection of variables

# 7.1. Multivariate Normal Density

- Let Y<sub>i,1</sub> and Y<sub>i,2</sub> be two pre- and post-scores for the ith student
- Denote each student's pair of scores as a 2  $\times$  1 vector  $\mathbf{Y}_i$

$$\boldsymbol{Y}_i = \begin{pmatrix} Y_{i,1} \\ Y_{i,2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{score on first test} \\ \text{score on second test} \end{pmatrix}$$

• the population mean heta

$$\mathbf{E}[\boldsymbol{Y}] = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{E}[Y_{i,1}] \\ \mathbf{E}[Y_{i,2}] \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

the covariance matrix Σ

$$\varSigma = \mathrm{Cov}[Y] = \begin{pmatrix} \mathrm{E}[Y_1^2] - \mathrm{E}[Y_1]^2 & \mathrm{E}[Y_1Y_2] - \mathrm{E}[Y_1]\mathrm{E}[Y_2] \\ \mathrm{E}[Y_1Y_2] - \mathrm{E}[Y_1]\mathrm{E}[Y_2] & \mathrm{E}[Y_2^2] - \mathrm{E}[Y_2]^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \sigma_{1,2} \\ \sigma_{1,2} & \sigma_2^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Having information about  $\theta$  and  $\Sigma$  may help us in assessing the effectiveness of the teaching method, for instance,  $\theta_1-\theta_2$
- The correlation coefficient  $ho_{1,2} = \sigma_{1,2}/\sqrt{\sigma_1^2 \sigma_2^2}$
- Notice that θ and Σ are both functions of population moments

first-order moments: 
$$E[Y_1], E[Y_2]$$
  
second-order moments:  $E[Y_1^2], E[Y_1Y_2], E[Y_2^2]$ 

• **Y** has a multivariate normal distribution if its sampling density is given by

$$p(y|\theta, \Sigma) = (2\pi)^{-p/2} |\Sigma|^{-1/2} \exp\{-(y-\theta)^T \Sigma^{-1} (y-\theta)/2\}$$

$$y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_p \end{pmatrix} \quad \theta = \begin{pmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \\ \vdots \\ \theta_p \end{pmatrix} \quad \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \sigma_{1,2} & \cdots & \sigma_{1,p} \\ \sigma_{1,2} & \sigma_2^2 & \cdots & \sigma_{2,p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \sigma_{1,p} & \cdots & \cdots & \sigma_p^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

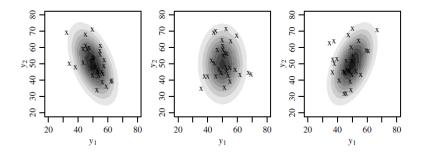
• For a  $p \times 1$  vector b and  $p \times p$  matrix A,

$$b^{T}A = (\sum_{i=1}^{p} b_{j}a_{j,1}, \dots, \sum_{i=1}^{p} b_{j}a_{j,p})$$

• b<sup>T</sup>Ab is the single number

$$\sum_{i=1}^{p} \sum_{k=1}^{p} b_k b_j a_{j,k}$$

 Figure gives contour plots and 30 samples from each of three different two-dimensional multivariate normal densities



- $\theta = (50, 50)^T$ ,  $\sigma_1^2 = 64$ ,  $\sigma_2^2 = 144$  but  $\sigma_{1,2}$  varies from plot to plot, with -48, 0, 48 (giving correlations of -.5, 0 and .5 respectively)
- The marginal distribution of each variable  $Y_j$  is a univariate normal distribution, with mean  $\theta_j$  and variance  $\sigma_i^2$

# 7.2. Semiconjugate Prior Distribution for Mean

• Convenient prior distribution for the multivariate mean  $\theta$  is a multivariate normal (MN) distribution

$$p(\theta) \sim MN(\mu_0, \Lambda_0)$$

- We need full conditional dist of  $\theta$ , given  $\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_n$  and  $\Sigma$
- Let us examine the prior distribution as a function of  $\theta$

$$\begin{split} p(\theta) &= (2\pi)^{-p/2} |\Lambda_0|^{-1/2} \exp\{-\frac{1}{2}(\theta - \mu_0)^T \Lambda_0^{-1}(\theta - \mu_0)\} \\ &= (2\pi)^{-p/2} |\Lambda_0|^{-1/2} \exp\{-\frac{1}{2}\theta^T \Lambda_0^{-1}\theta + \theta^T \Lambda_0^{-1}\mu_0 - \frac{1}{2}\mu_0^T \Lambda_0^{-1}\mu_0\} \\ &\propto \exp\{-\frac{1}{2}\theta^T \Lambda_0^{-1}\theta + \theta^T \Lambda_0^{-1}\mu_0\} \\ &= \exp\{-\frac{1}{2}\theta^T \Lambda_1^{-1}\theta + \theta^T b_1\}, \end{split}$$

where 
$$\mathbf{A}_1 = \Lambda_0^{-1}$$
 and  $\mathbf{b}_1 = \Lambda_0^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_0$ 

- Conversely, it says if  $\theta$  has a density that is proportional to  $\exp\{-\theta^T \mathbf{A} \theta/2 + \theta^T \mathbf{b}\}\$  for some  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$ , then  $\theta$  must have a MVN with covariance  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  and mean  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{b}$
- If our sampling model  $\mathbf{Y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Y}_n | \theta, \Sigma \sim MVN(\theta, \Sigma)$
- Then similar calculations show that the joint sampling density of the observed vectors  $\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_n$  is

$$\begin{split} p(y_1, \dots, y_n | \theta, \Sigma) &= \prod_{i=1}^n (2\pi)^{-p/2} |\Sigma|^{-1/2} \exp\{-(y_i - \theta)^T \Sigma^{-1} (y_i - \theta)/2\} \\ &= (2\pi)^{-np/2} |\Sigma|^{-n/2} \exp\{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \theta)^T \Sigma^{-1} (y_i - \theta)\} \\ &\propto \exp\{-\frac{1}{2} \theta^T \mathbf{A}_1 \theta + \theta^T b_1\}, \end{split}$$

where 
$$\mathbf{A}_1 = n\Sigma^{-1}$$
,  $\mathbf{b}_1 = n\Sigma^{-1}\bar{\mathbf{y}}$  and  $\bar{\mathbf{y}} = (\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}y_{i,1}, \dots, \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}y_{i,p})^T$ 

· Combining Equations likelihood and prior gives

$$p(\theta|y_1, \dots, y_n, \Sigma) \propto \exp\{-\frac{1}{2}\theta^T \mathbf{A}_0 \theta + \theta^T b_0\} \times \exp\{-\frac{1}{2}\theta^T \mathbf{A}_1 \theta + \theta^T b_1\}$$

$$= \exp\{-\frac{1}{2}\theta^T \mathbf{A}_n \theta + \theta^T b_n\}, \text{ where}$$

$$\mathbf{A}_n = \mathbf{A}_0 + \mathbf{A}_1 = \Lambda_0^{-1} + n\Sigma^{-1} \text{ and}$$

$$b_n = b_0 + b_1 = \Lambda_0^{-1} \mu_0 + n\Sigma^{-1} \bar{y}$$

 This implies that the conditional dist of θ must be MVN(A<sub>n</sub><sup>-1</sup>b<sub>n</sub>, A<sub>n</sub><sup>-1</sup>). So,

$$\operatorname{Cov}[\theta|y_1,\ldots,y_n,\Sigma] = \Lambda_n = (\Lambda_0^{-1} + n\Sigma^{-1})^{-1}$$
  

$$\operatorname{E}[\theta|y_1,\ldots,y_n,\Sigma] = \mu_n = (\Lambda_0^{-1} + n\Sigma^{-1})^{-1}(\Lambda_0^{-1}\mu_0 + n\Sigma^{-1}\bar{y})$$
  

$$p(\theta|y_1,\ldots,y_n,\Sigma) = \operatorname{multivariate\ normal}(\mu_n,\Lambda_n).$$

### 7.3. Inverse-Wishart Distribution

 Just as a variance σ<sup>2</sup> must be positive, a variance-covariance matrix Σ must be positive definite, meaning that

$$x^T \Sigma x > 0$$
 for all vectors not equal to zero

- Another requirement of our covariance matrix is that it is symmetric
- The sum of squares matrix of a collection of multivariate vectors  $z_1, \ldots, z_n$  is given by

$$\sum_{i=1}^n z_i z_i^T = \mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{Z}$$

where **Z** is the  $n \times p$  matrix whose *i*th row is  $z_i^T$ 

• Since  $z_i$  is a  $p \times 1$  vector,  $z_i z_i^T$  can be thought of

$$\boldsymbol{z}_{i}\boldsymbol{z}_{i}^{T} = \begin{pmatrix} z_{i,1}^{2} & z_{i,1}z_{i,2} & \cdots & z_{i,1}z_{i,p} \\ z_{i,2}z_{i,1} & z_{i,2}^{2} & \cdots & z_{i,2}z_{i,p} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ z_{i,p}z_{i,1} & z_{i,p}z_{i,2} & \cdots & z_{i,p}^{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

• If the  $z_i$ 's are samples from a population with zero mean, we can think of the matrix  $z_i z_i^T / n$  as the contribution of vector  $z_i$  to the estimate of the covariance matrix

$$\begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{n}[\mathbf{Z}^T\mathbf{Z}]_{j,j} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n z_{i,j}^2 = s_{j,j} = s_j^2 \\ \frac{1}{n}[\mathbf{Z}^T\mathbf{Z}]_{j,k} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n z_{i,j}z_{i,k} = s_{j,k} \ . \end{array}$$

 If n > p and the z<sub>i</sub>'s are linearly independent, then Z<sup>T</sup>Z will be positive definite and symmetric

- This suggests the following construction of a "random" covariance matrix
- For a given positive integer  $\nu_0$  and a  $p \times p$  covariance matrix  $\Phi_0$ 
  - 1. sample  $z_1, \ldots, z_{\nu_0} \sim \text{i.i.d.}$  multivariate normal $(0, \Phi_0)$ ;
  - 2. calculate  $\mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{Z} = \sum_{i=1}^{\nu_0} z_i z_i^T$ .
- We can repeat this procedure over and over again, generating matrices Z<sub>1</sub><sup>T</sup>Z<sub>1</sub>,...,Z<sub>S</sub><sup>T</sup>Z<sub>S</sub>
- The population distribution of these sum of squares matrices is called a Wishart distribution with  $(\nu_0, \Phi_0)$

• If  $\mathbf{Z}^T\mathbf{Z} \sim W(\nu_0, \Phi_0)$ , the following properties hold

If  $\nu_0 > p$ , then  $\mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{Z}$  is positive definite with probability 1  $\mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{Z}$  is symmetric with probability 1.  $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{Z}] = \nu_0 \Phi_0$ .

- Wishart distribution is a multivariate analogue of the gamma distribution
- Likewise  $\sigma^2 \sim IG(a,b)$  and  $1/\sigma^2 \sim G(a,b)$ , we model the covariance matrix  $\Sigma \sim IW(\nu_0,\Phi_0)$  called inverse-Wishart distribution, whereas the precision matrix  $\Sigma^{-1} \sim W(\nu_0,\Phi_0)$

- We consider reparameterization, to sample a covariance matrix from an inverse Wishart
  - 1. sample  $z_1, \ldots, z_{\nu_0} \sim \text{i.i.d.}$  multivariate normal $(0, S_0^{-1})$ ;
  - 2. calculate  $\mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{Z} = \sum_{i=1}^{\nu_0} z_i z_i^T$ ;
  - 3. set  $\Sigma = (\mathbf{Z}^T \mathbf{Z})^{-1}$ .
- Under this,  $\Sigma^{-1} \sim \textit{W}(\nu_0, \textit{S}_0^{-1})$  and  $\Sigma \sim \textit{IW}(\nu_0, \textit{S}_0^{-1})$
- Their expectations are

$$E[\Sigma^{-1}] = \nu_0 S_0^{-1}$$

$$E[\Sigma] = \frac{1}{\nu_0 - p - 1} (S_0^{-1})^{-1} = \frac{1}{\nu_0 - p - 1} S_0$$

### Full Conditional Distribution of Covariance Matrix

•  $IW(\nu_0, S_0^{-1})$  density is given by

$$p(\Sigma) = \left[ 2^{\nu_0 p/2} \pi^{\binom{p}{2}/2} |\mathbf{S}_0|^{-\nu_0/2} \prod_{j=1}^p \Gamma([\nu_0 + 1 - j]/2) \right]^{-1} \times |\Sigma|^{-(\nu_0 + p + 1)/2} \times \exp\{-\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_0 \Sigma^{-1})/2\}$$

 We now need to combine the above prior distribution with the sampling distribution for Y<sub>1</sub>,...,Y<sub>n</sub>

$$p(y_1, ..., y_n | \theta, \Sigma) = (2\pi)^{-np/2} |\Sigma|^{-n/2} \exp\{-\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \theta)^T \Sigma^{-1} (y_i - \theta)/2\}$$

- An interesting result from matrix algebra is that the sum  $\sum_{k=1}^{K} \mathbf{b}_{k}^{T} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{b}_{k} = tr(\mathbf{B}^{T} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{B})$ , where  $\mathbf{B}^{T}$  is the matrix whose kth row is  $\mathbf{b}_{k}^{T}$
- This means that

$$\begin{split} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \theta)^T \Sigma^{-1}(y_i - \theta) &= \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_{\theta} \Sigma^{-1}), \text{ where} \\ \mathbf{S}_{\theta} &= \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \theta)(y_i - \theta)^T \end{split}$$

• The matrix  $S_{\theta}$  is the residual sum of squares matrix for the vectors  $\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{\theta}$  when  $\theta$  was population mean

Conditional distribution of Σ can be shown as

$$\begin{split} & p(\Sigma|\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_n, \boldsymbol{\theta}) \\ & \propto p(\Sigma) \times p(\mathbf{y}_1, \dots \mathbf{y}_n | \boldsymbol{\theta}, \Sigma) \\ & \propto \left( |\Sigma|^{-(\nu_0 + p + 1)/2} \exp\{-\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_0 \Sigma^{-1})/2\} \right) \times \left( |\Sigma|^{-n/2} \exp\{-\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_\theta \Sigma^{-1})/2\} \right) \\ & = |\Sigma|^{-(\nu_0 + n + p + 1)/2} \exp\{-\operatorname{tr}([\mathbf{S}_0 + \mathbf{S}_\theta] \Sigma^{-1})/2\} \end{split}$$

Thus we have

$$\Sigma | \mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_n, \theta \sim IW(\nu_0 + n, [S_0 + S_\theta]^{-1})$$

- We can think of  $\nu_0 + n$ , as the posterior sample size
- $[S_0 + S_{\theta}]$  can be thought of as the prior residual sum of squares plus the residual sum of squares from the data

Conditional expectation of Σ

$$E[\Sigma|y_1, ..., y_n, \theta] = \frac{1}{\nu_0 + n - p - 1} (S_0 + S_\theta)$$

$$= \frac{\nu_0 - p - 1}{\nu_0 + n - p - 1} \frac{1}{\nu_0 - p - 1} S_0 + \frac{n}{\nu_0 + n - p - 1} \frac{1}{n} S_\theta$$

- Conditional expectation can be seen as a weighted average of the prior expectation and the unbiased estimator
- Because it can be shown that  $S_{\theta}$  converges to the true population covariance matrix, the posterior expectation of  $\Sigma$  is a consistent estimator of the population covariance

# 7.4. Gibbs Sampling of $\theta$ and $\Sigma$

We showed that

$$\theta | \mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_n, \Sigma \sim MVN(\mu_n, \Lambda_n)$$
  
 $\Sigma | \mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_n, \theta \sim IW(\nu_n, S_n^{-1})$ 

- We have results for  $\{\mu_n, \Lambda_n\}$ ,  $\nu_n = \nu_0 + n$ ,  $S_n = S_0 + S_\theta$
- Full conditional distributions can be used to construct a Gibbs sampler, providing us with an MCMC approximation to the joint posterior distribution  $p(\theta, \Sigma | \mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_n)$
- Given a starting value  $\Sigma^{(0)}$ , the Gibbs sampler generates  $\{\theta^{(s+1)}, \Sigma^{(s+1)}\}$  from  $\{\theta^{(s)}, \Sigma^{(s)}\}$  via the following two steps

We generate

- step 1: Sample  $\theta^{(s+1)}$  from its full conditional distribution: step 1.1: Compute  $\mu_n$  and  $\Lambda_n$  from  $\mathbf{y}_1,\dots,\mathbf{y}_n,\Sigma^{(s)}$  step 1.2: Sample  $\theta^{(s+1)}\sim MVN(\mu_n,\Lambda_n)$  step 2: Sample  $\Sigma^{(s+1)}$  from its full conditional distribution: step 2.1: Compute  $S_n$  from  $\mathbf{y}_1,\dots,\mathbf{y}_n,\Sigma^{(s)}$  step 2.2: Sample  $\Sigma^{(s+1)}\sim IW(\nu_0+n,S_n^{-1})$
- Note that  $\{\mu_n, \Lambda_n\}$  depend on  $\Sigma$ , and  $S_n$  depends on  $\theta$
- Hence, these quantities need to be recalculated at every iteration of the sampler

### Example

- Data: 22 children were given two exams, one before a certain type of instruction and one after
- Model these 22 pairs of scores as samples from MVN
- The exam was designed to give average scores of around 50 out of 100, so  $\mu_0 = (50, 50)^T$  would be a good choice for our prior expectation
- Since the true mean cannot be below 0 or above 100, it is desirable to use a prior variance for  $\theta$  that puts little probability outside of this range
- We'll take the prior variances on  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  to be  $\lambda_{0,1}^2 = \lambda_{0,2}^2 = (50/2)^2 = 625$  so that the prior probability  $p(\theta_i \notin [0, 100]) = 0.05$

- Finally, since the two exams are measuring similar things, it is probable that  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  are close, which prior correlation of 0.5, so that  $\lambda_{1,2}=312.5$
- We'll take  $S_0$  to be the same as  $\Lambda_0$  and take  $\nu_0 = p+2=4$  mu0<-c (50,50) L0<-matrix (c (625,312.5,312.5,625), nrow=2, ncol=2) nu0<-4 S0<-matrix (c (625,312.5,312.5,625), nrow=2, ncol=2)
- We observed  $\mathbf{y} = (47.18, 53.86)^T$ ,  $s_1^2 = 182.16$ ,  $s_2^2 = 243.65$ ,  $s_{1,2}/(s_1s_2) = 0.70$
- Let's use the Gibbs sampler described above to combine this sample information with our prior distributions to obtain estimates and confidence intervals for the population parameters

• We begin by setting  $\Sigma^{(0)}$  equal to the sample covariance matrix, and iterating from there

```
data(chapter7); Y <-Y.reading
n < -\dim(Y)[1]; ybar < -apply(Y, 2, mean)
Sigma <-cov (Y) ; THETA <-SIGMA <-NULL
set.seed(1)
for(s in 1:5000)
  ###update theta
  Ln < -solve(Sigma) + n * solve(Sigma)
  \operatorname{mun} \left( -\operatorname{Ln} \right) \times \left( \operatorname{solve} (\operatorname{L0}) \right) \times \operatorname{mu0} + \operatorname{n} \cdot \operatorname{solve} (\operatorname{Sigma}) \times \operatorname{wybar} 
  theta <-rmvnorm (1, mun, Ln)
  ###
  ###update Sigma
  Sn < S0 + (t(Y) - c(theta)) \% * \% t(t(Y) - c(theta))
  Sigma <- solve ( rwish (1, nu0+n, solve (Sn)) )
  ###
  ### save results
  THETA<-rbind (THETA, theta); SIGMA<-rbind (SIGMA, c (Sigma))
  ###
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- $\{(\theta^{(1)}, \Sigma^{(1)}), \dots, (\theta^{(5000)}, \Sigma^{(5000)})\}$  are generated
- From these samples we can approximate posterior probabilities and confidence regions of interest.

```
> quantile( THETA[,2]-THETA[,1], prob=c(.025,.5,.975) )
2.5% 50% 97.5%
1.513573 6.668097 11.794824
> mean( THETA[,2]>THETA[,1])
[1] 0.9942
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- The posterior probability  $p(\theta_2 > \theta_1 | \mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_n,) = 0.99$  indicates strong evidence that, the average score on the second exam would be higher than that on the first
- There is a "highly significant difference" in exam scores before and after the instruction

- What is the probability that a randomly selected child will score higher on the second exam than on the first?
- We can compute  $p(\tilde{Y}_2 > \tilde{Y}_1 | \mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_n) = 0.71$
- This says that almost a third of the students will get a lower score on the second exam
- Be careful about the difference between these two probabilities

### 7.5. Missing Data and Imputation

 The NA's stand for "not available," and so some data for some individuals are "missing"

• Let  $\mathbf{O}_i = (O_1, \dots, O_p)$  be a binary vector such that

$$O_{i,j} = 1$$
 if  $Y_{i,j}$  is observed  $O_{i,j} = 0$  if  $Y_{i,j}$  is missing

• Therefore, we have  $\mathbf{O}_i = \mathbf{o}_i$  and  $Y_{i,j} = y_{i,j}$  for the *i*th subject and the *j*th variable  $o_{i,j}$ 

- Assume that missing data are missing at random (MAR), meaning that O<sub>i</sub> and Y<sub>i</sub> are statistically independent
- Assume that  $\mathbf{O}_i$  does not  $\theta$  and  $\Sigma$
- If MAR is not satisfied, modeling the relationship between
   O<sub>i</sub> and Y<sub>i</sub> are required
- If MAR is satisfied, the sampling probability for the ith subject is

$$p(o_{i}, \{y_{i,j} : o_{i,j} = 1\} | \theta, \Sigma) = p(o_{i}) \times p(\{y_{i,j} : o_{i,j} = 1\} | \theta, \Sigma)$$

$$= p(o_{i}) \times \int \left\{ p(y_{i,1}, \dots, y_{i,p} | \theta, \Sigma) \prod_{y_{i,j} : o_{i,j} = 0} dy_{i,j} \right\}$$

• Our sampling probability for data from subject i is  $p(\mathbf{O}_i)$  multiplied by the marginal probability of the observed variables, after integrating out the missing variables

• Suppose 
$$\mathbf{y}_i = (y_{i,1}, \textit{NA}, y_{i,3}, \textit{NA})^T$$
,  $\mathbf{o}_i = (1, 0, 1, 0)^T$  
$$p(o_i, y_{i,1}, y_{i,3} | \theta, \Sigma) = p(o_i) \times p(y_{i,1}, y_{i,3} | \theta, \Sigma)$$
 
$$= p(o_i) \times \int p(y_i | \theta, \Sigma) \ dy_2 \ dy_4$$

- We can consider  $p(y_{i,1}, y_{i,3} | \theta, \Sigma)$  as MVN with mean  $(\theta_1, \theta_3)^T$  and covariance consisting of  $(\sigma_1^2, \sigma_{1,3}, \sigma_3^2)$
- The parameters  $\theta$  and  $\Sigma$  are unknown as usual, but the missing data are also an unknown but key component in Bayesian inference

• The  $n \times p$  matrix **Y** consists of two parts:

$$\mathbf{Y}_{\mathrm{obs}} = \{y_{i,j} : o_{i,j} = 1\}$$
, the data that we do observe, and  $\mathbf{Y}_{\mathrm{miss}} = \{y_{i,j} : o_{i,j} = 0\}$ , the data that we do not observe.

- We want p(θ, Σ, Y<sub>miss</sub>|Y<sub>obs</sub>), as the posterior distribution of unknown and unobserved quantities
- Gibbs sampling scheme: Given  $\{\Sigma^{(0)}, \mathbf{Y}_{miss}^{(0)}\}$ , we generate  $\{\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(s+1)}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{(s+1)}, \mathbf{Y}_{miss}^{(s+1)}\}$  from  $\{\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(s)}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{(s)}, \mathbf{Y}_{miss}^{(s)}\}$  by
  - 1. sampling  $\theta^{(s+1)}$  from  $p(\theta|\mathbf{Y}_{obs},\mathbf{Y}_{miss}^{(s)},\Sigma^{(s)})$ ;
  - 2. sampling  $\Sigma^{(s+1)}$  from  $p(\Sigma|\mathbf{Y}_{obs},\mathbf{Y}_{miss}^{(s)},\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(s+1)})$ ;
  - 3. sampling  $\mathbf{Y}_{\text{miss}}^{(s+1)}$  from  $p(\mathbf{Y}_{\text{miss}}|\mathbf{Y}_{\text{obs}},\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(s+1)},\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{(s+1)})$ .
- Note that in steps 1 and 2, we used fixed  $\mathbf{Y}_{obs}$  and the current value of  $\mathbf{Y}_{miss}^{(s)}$  as a complete data  $\mathbf{Y}^{(s)}$

Step 3 is a bit more complicated

$$\begin{split} p(\mathbf{Y}_{\text{miss}}|\mathbf{Y}_{\text{obs}}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) &\propto p(\mathbf{Y}_{\text{miss}}, \mathbf{Y}_{\text{obs}}|\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n p(\boldsymbol{y}_{i, \text{miss}}, \boldsymbol{y}_{i, \text{obs}}|\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \\ &\propto \prod_{i=1}^n p(\boldsymbol{y}_{i, \text{miss}}|\boldsymbol{y}_{i, \text{obs}}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \end{split}$$

- For each i we need to sample the missing elements of the data vector conditional on the observed elements
- This is made possible via the following result about multivariate normal distributions

- Let  $y \sim MVN(\theta, \Sigma)$ , two sets  $a \subset \{1, 2, ..., p\}$ ,  $b = a^c$
- If p = 4, then perhaps,  $a = \{1, 2\}$  and  $b = \{3, 4\}$
- We can consider

$$\begin{aligned} \{y_{[b]}|y_{[a]},\theta,\Sigma\} &\sim \text{multivariate normal}(\theta_{b|a},\Sigma_{b|a}), \text{ where} \\ \theta_{b|a} &= \theta_{[b]} + \Sigma_{[b,a]}(\Sigma_{[a,a]})^{-1}(y_{[a]} - \theta_{[a]}) \\ \Sigma_{b|a} &= \Sigma_{[b,b]} - \Sigma_{[b,a]}(\Sigma_{[a,a]})^{-1}\Sigma_{[a,b]} \end{aligned}$$

- $\theta_b$  refers to the elements of  $\theta$  corresponding to the indices in b
- $\Sigma_{[a,b]}$  refers to the matrix made up of the elements that are in rows a and columns b of  $\Sigma$

- In our case, y = (glu, bp, skin, bmi)
- If we have glu and bp data for someone  $(a = \{1, 2\})$  but are missing skin and bmi measurements  $(b = \{3, 4\})$
- We want to generate  $y_{[b]}|y_{[a]}$  from  $MVN(\theta_{b|a}, \Sigma_{b|a})$

```
data(chapter7); Y<-Y.pima.miss
### prior parameters
n < -\dim(Y)[1]; p < -\dim(Y)[2]
mu0 < -c(120,64,26,26)
sd0 < -(mu0/2)
L0 \leftarrow \operatorname{matrix}(.1, p, p) \; ; \; \operatorname{diag}(L0) \leftarrow 1 \; ; \; L0 \leftarrow L0 * \operatorname{outer}(\operatorname{sd0}, \operatorname{sd0})
nu0 < -p+2 : S0 < -L0
###
### starting values
Sigma<-S0
Y. full < -Y
0 < -1*(!is.na(Y))
for (i in 1:p)
  Y. full[is.na(Y.full[,j]),j] < -mean(Y.full[,j],na.rm=TRUE)
```

#### These calculations can be done with R

```
### Gibbs sampler
THETA<-SIGMA<-Y. MISS<-NULL
set.seed(1)
for(s in 1:1000)
 ###update theta
  vbar <- apply (Y. full, 2, mean)
  Ln<-solve (solve (L0) + n*solve (Sigma))
  mun < -Ln\%*\% (solve (L0)%*\%mu0 + n*solve (Sigma)\%*\%ybar )
  theta <-rmvnorm(1, mun, Ln)
 ###
 ###update Sigma
  Sn \leftarrow S0 + (t(Y.full) - c(theta)) \%*\%t(t(Y.full) - c(theta))
  Sigma <- solve (rwish (1, nu0+n, solve (Sn)))
 ###
 ###update missing data
  for (i in 1:n)
    b < - (O[i,] = = 0)
    a < - (O[i] = 1)
    iSa <- solve (Sigma[a,a])
    beta.j <- Sigma[b,a]%*%iSa
    Sigma.j < Sigma[b,b] - Sigma[b,a]%*%iSa%*%Sigma[a,b]
    theta.i \leftarrow theta[b] + beta.j\%*\%(t(Y.full[i,a])-theta[a])
    Y. full [i,b] <- rmvnorm(1,theta.j,Sigma.j)
```

```
### save results
THETA<-rbind(THETA,theta) ; SIGMA<-rbind(SIGMA,c(Sigma))
Y.MISS<-rbind(Y.MISS, Y.full[O==0])
####
}</pre>
```

• Thereby, the Monte Carlo approximation of  $E[\theta|y_1,...,y_n]$  is available as (123.46, 71.03, 29.35, 32.18)