

#### 10. Inference about the Box-Cox transformation

Suppose one observes the positive values  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  that exhibit some right-skewness. Box and Cox (1964) suggested using the power transformation

$$w_i = \frac{y_i^\lambda - 1}{\lambda}, i = 1, \dots, n,$$

such that  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  represent a random sample from a normal distribution with mean  $\mu$  and standard deviation  $\sigma$ . Suppose that the vector of parameters  $(\lambda, \mu, \sigma)$  is assigned the noninformative prior proportional to  $1/\sigma$ . Then the posterior density of  $\theta$  is given, up to a proportionality constant, by

$$g(\theta|y) \propto \frac{1}{\sigma} \prod_{i=1}^n \left[ \phi \left( \frac{y_i^\lambda - 1}{\lambda}; \mu, \sigma \right) y_i^{\lambda-1} \right].$$

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翻译：

关于博克斯-考克斯变换的推断

假设我们观察了正值  $y_1, \dots, y_n$ ，它们表现出一些右倾性。博克斯和考克斯（1964）建议使用幂变换

$$w_i = \frac{y_i^\lambda - 1}{\lambda}, i = 1, \dots, n,$$

其中  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  代表一个服从均值为  $\mu$ ，方差为  $\sigma$  的正态分布随机样本。假设参数向量  $(\lambda, \mu, \sigma)$  服从无信息先验分布正比于  $1/\sigma$ 。已知  $\theta$  的后验密度

$$g(\theta|y) \propto \frac{1}{\sigma} \prod_{i=1}^n \left[ \phi \left( \frac{y_i^\lambda - 1}{\lambda}; \mu, \sigma \right) y_i^{\lambda-1} \right].$$

假设这个转化模型适用于对多发性骨髓瘤的研究，患者的存活时间如下：

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13 52 6 40 10 7 66 10 10 14 16 4
65 5 11 10 15 5 76 56 88 24 51 4
40 8 18 5 16 50 40 1 36 5 10 91
18 1 18 6 1 23 15 18 12 12 17 3
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- (a) 写一个 R 函数来计算  $(\lambda, \mu, \sigma)$  的后验分布的对数。
- (b) 使用 laplace 此命令

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