Student-t

Parametrization

The Student-t likelihood is defined so that

$$\sqrt{w \ \tau}(y-\eta) \sim T_{\nu}$$

for continuous response y where

au: is the precision parameter

w: is a foxed weight w > 0

 η : is the linear predictor

 T_{ν} : is a standardized Student-t with ν degrees of freedom such that its variace is 1 for any value of ν .

Link-function

Identity

Hyperparameters

This likelihood has to hyperparameters

$$\theta_1 = \log(\tau)$$

$$\theta_2 = \log(\nu - 2)$$

and the prior is defined on $\theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2)$.

Specification

- family = T
- Required argument: y and w (keyword weights, default to 1).

Hyperparameter spesification and default values

hyper

theta1

```
name log precision
     short.name prec
     initial 3
     fixed FALSE
     prior loggamma
     param 1 5e-05
     to.theta function(x) log(x)
    from.theta function(x) exp(x)
theta2
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name log degrees of freedom

short.name dof

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initial 0
         fixed FALSE
         prior loggamma
         param 1 0.5
         to.theta function(x) log(x-2)
         from.theta function(x) 2+exp(x)
survival FALSE
discrete FALSE
link default identity
Example
#simulate data
n=100
phi=0.85
mu=0.5
eta=rep(0,n)
for(i in 2:n)
eta[i]=mu+phi*(eta[i-1]-mu)+rnorm(1)
nu=3
t=rt(n,df=nu)
y=eta+t/(sqrt(nu/(nu-2)))
data=list(y=y,z=seq(1:n))
#define the model and fit
formula=y~f(z,model="ar1")
result=inla(formula,family="T",data=data)
Notes
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None