# Optimal Pi and Importance Sampling Analysis

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## Overview

In this document, I present the results of two experiments. The first describes the distribution of the optimal hyperparameters selected by grid search. In the second, I compare the results of a novel importance sampling - grid search hybrid scheme for hyperparameter specification.

The first two main sections contain the results of these experiments, while the third describes the data and extraneous covariate generation.

### Optimal Pi

## [1] 3696

#### Hyperparameter specification

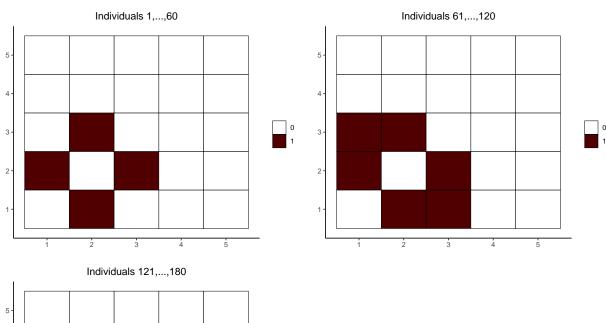
In this experiment, I applied the grid search algorithm in 100 trials. I generated the grid from the cartesian product of the following marginal grids:

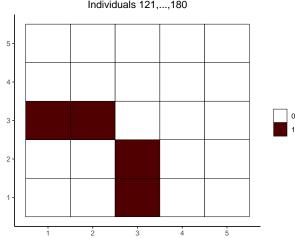
```
# marginal grids
marg_grids
## $pip
  [1] 0.00001 0.00010 0.00100 0.01000 0.02500 0.05000 0.10000 0.15000 0.20000
## [10] 0.25000 0.30000 0.35000 0.40000 0.45000 0.50000 0.55000 0.60000 0.65000
## [19] 0.70000 0.75000 0.80000 0.85000 0.90000 0.95000 0.99000 0.99900 0.99990
## [28] 0.99999
##
## $ssq
##
   [1] 0.01 0.05 0.10 0.15 0.25 0.50 0.75 1.00 1.50 2.00 2.50 3.00
##
## $sbsq
   [1] 0.00001 0.00010 0.00100 0.01000 0.02500 0.05000 0.07500 0.10000 0.15000
## [10] 0.20000 1.00000
# number of grid points in the cartesian product
nrow(expand.grid(marg_grids))
```

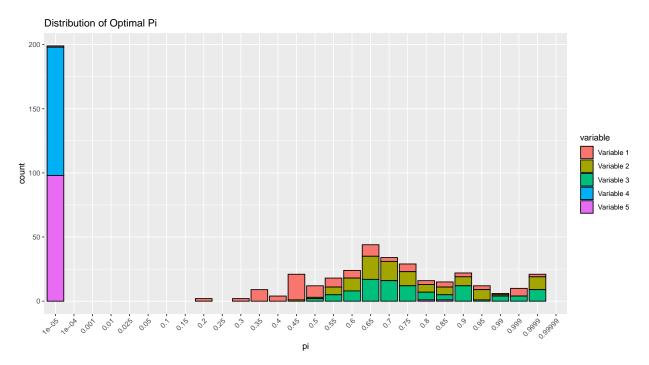
#### Optimal Hyperparameter Distribution

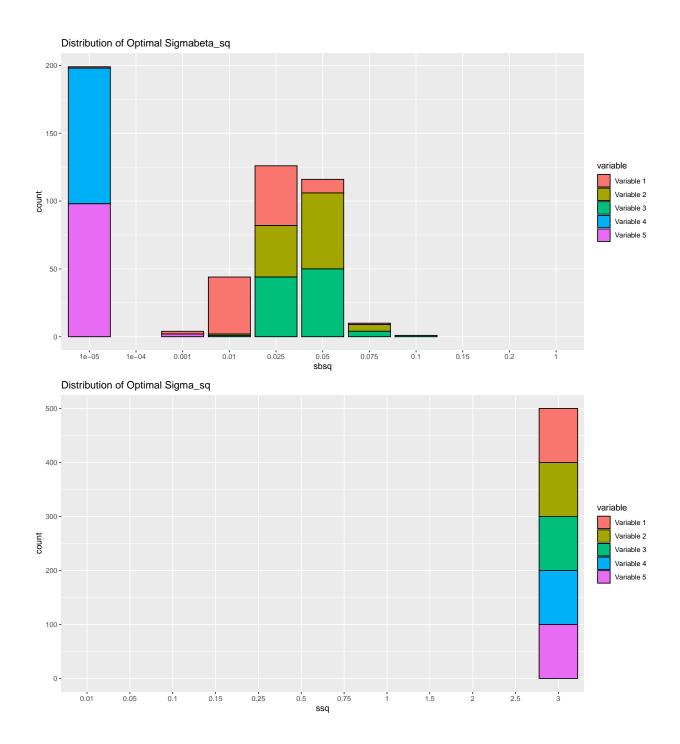
In this section, I display the distribution of optimal hyperparameters aggregated across all variables. Since a unique point in the hyperparameter grid was selected for each of the 5 variables, a total of 500 grid points are represented in each figure.

I begin by displaying the true underlying precision structures to provide context for the optimal pi.







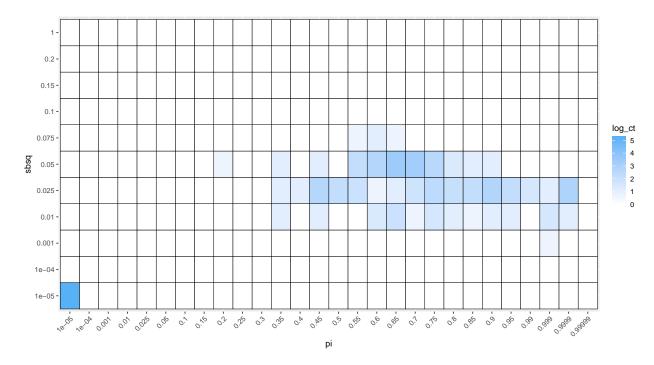


# Optimal Sigmabeta\_sq as a function of Pi

Here, I visualize the optimal sigmabeta\_sq as a function of pi. Note that the count is on the log scale.

##												
##		1e-05	1e-04	0.001	0.01	0.025	0.05	0.075	0.1	0.15	0.2	1
##	1e-05	199	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
##	1e-04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.001	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

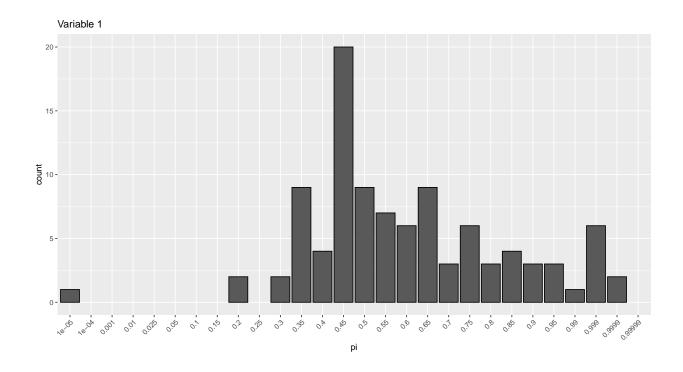
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##	0.025	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
##	0.35	0	0	0	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.4	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.45	0	0	0	3	14	3	1	0	0	0	0
##	0.5	0	0	0	0	9	1	1	1	0	0	0
##	0.55	0	0	0	0	7	9	2	0	0	0	0
##	0.6	0	0	0	4	2	15	3	0	0	0	0
##	0.65	0	0	0	7	3	32	2	0	0	0	0
##	0.7	0	0	0	2	6	26	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.75	0	0	0	5	11	13	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.8	0	0	1	3	8	4	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.85	0	0	1	2	9	3	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.9	0	0	0	3	16	3	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.95	0	0	0	3	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.99	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.999	0	0	2	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.9999	0	0	0	3	18	0	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.99999	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



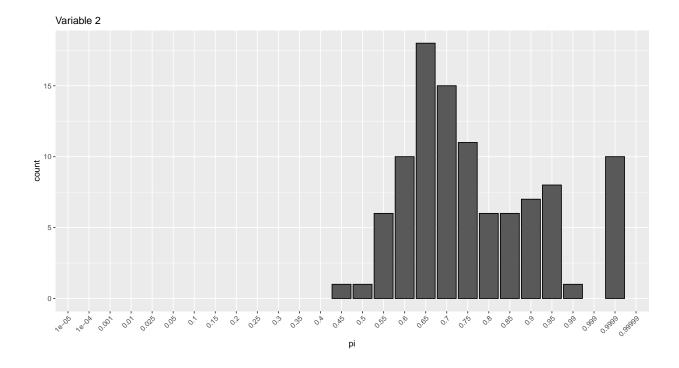
# Optimal Pi by variable

In this section, I visualize the optimal pi by variable.

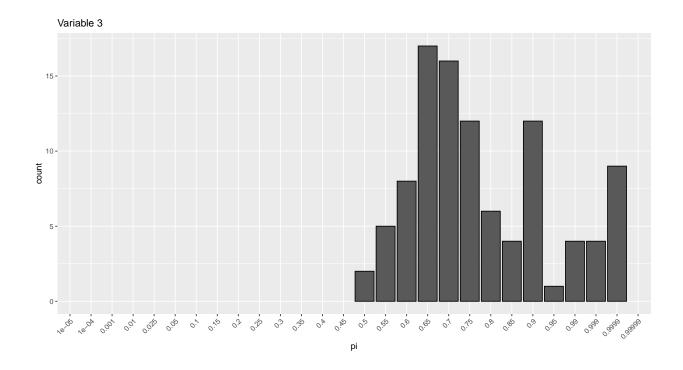
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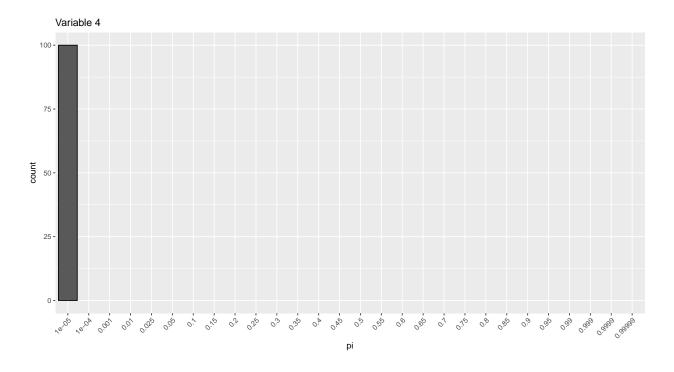
## ## [[2]]



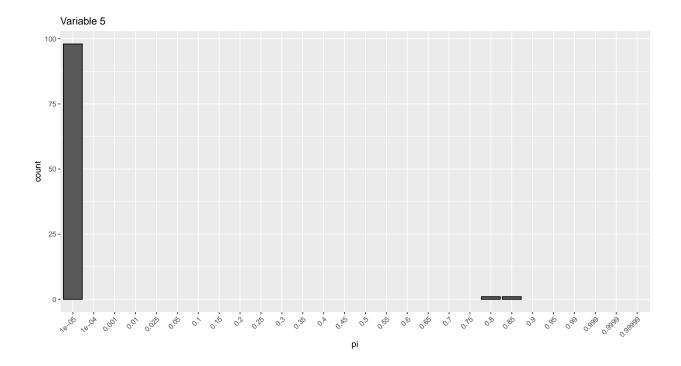
## ## [[3]]



## ## [[4]]



## ## [[5]]



$$p = 20$$

In this section, I present the same analyses as above for a dataset with p = 20.

The marginal grids are:

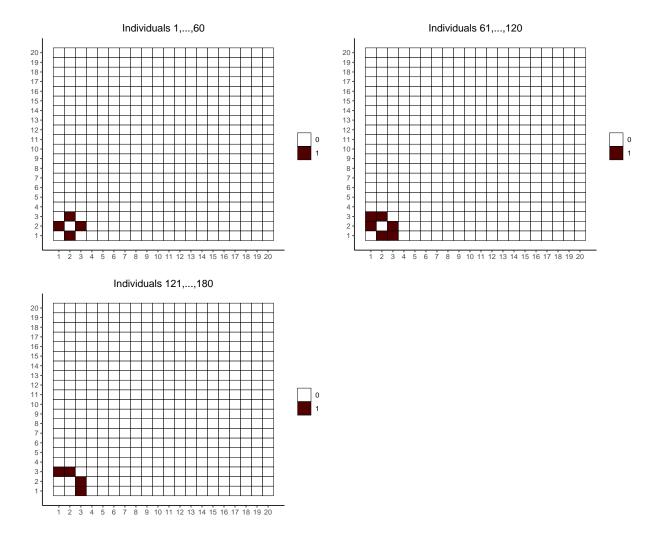
```
# marginal grids
marg_grids
## $pip
```

```
## $pip
## [1] 0.00001 0.00010 0.00100 0.01000 0.02500 0.05000 0.10000 0.15000 0.20000
## [10] 0.25000 0.30000 0.35000 0.40000 0.45000 0.50000 0.55000 0.60000 0.65000
## [19] 0.70000 0.75000 0.80000 0.85000 0.90000 0.95000 0.99000 0.99900 0.99990
## [28] 0.99999
##
## $ssq
## [1] 0.1 0.5 1.0 3.0
##
## $sbsq
## [1] 0.00001 0.00010 0.00100 0.01000 0.02500 0.05000 0.07500 0.10000 0.15000
## [10] 0.20000 1.00000
```

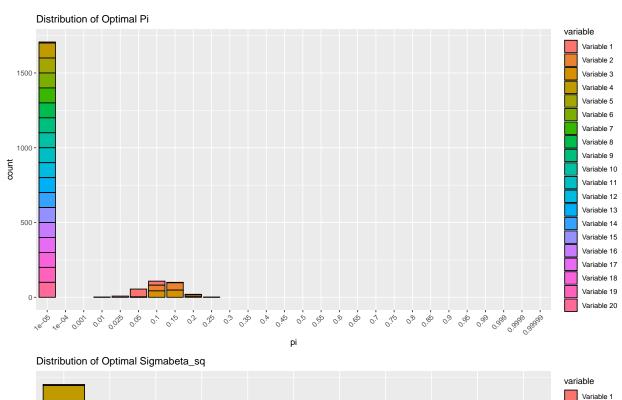
```
# number of grid points in the cartesian product
nrow(expand.grid(marg_grids))
```

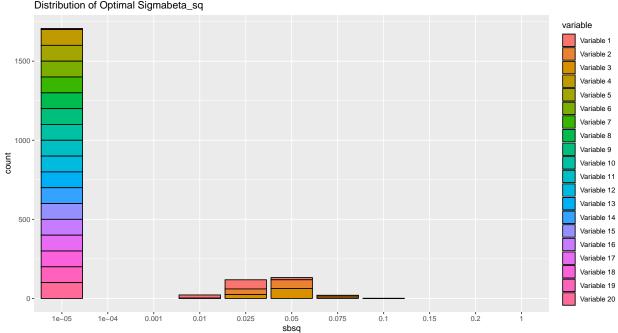
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## [1] 1232
```

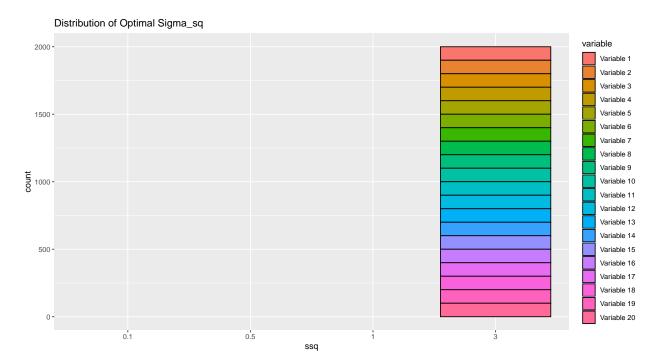
The true precision structures are given below:



Below is the distribution of the optimal hyperparameters aggregated across all variables.

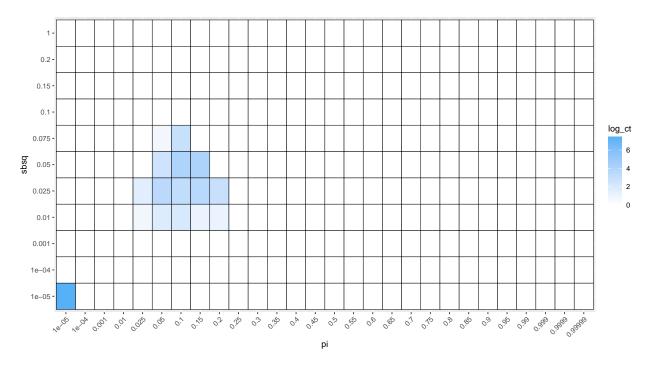






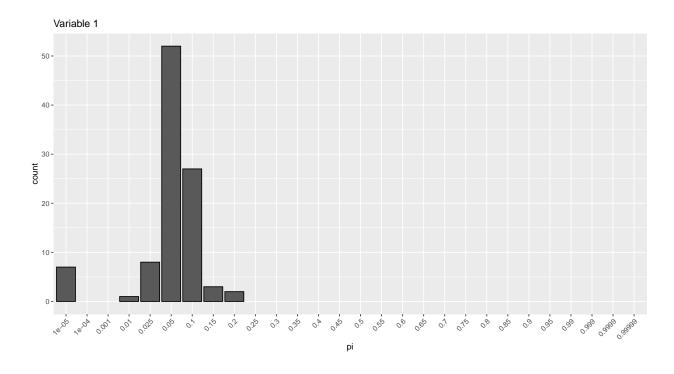
The optimal value of sbsq as a function of pi is visualized below.

##												
##		1e-05	1e-04	0.001	0.01	0.025	0.05	0.075	0.1	0.15	0.2	1
##	1e-05	1707	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
##	1e-04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.001	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.01	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.025	0	0	0	2	5	1	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.05	0	0	0	6	34	13	2	0	0	0	0
##	0.1	0	0	0	8	24	57	18	1	0	0	0
##	0.15	0	0	0	3	36	61	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.2	0	0	0	3	17	0	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.25	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.95	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.999	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.9999	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
##	0.99999	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

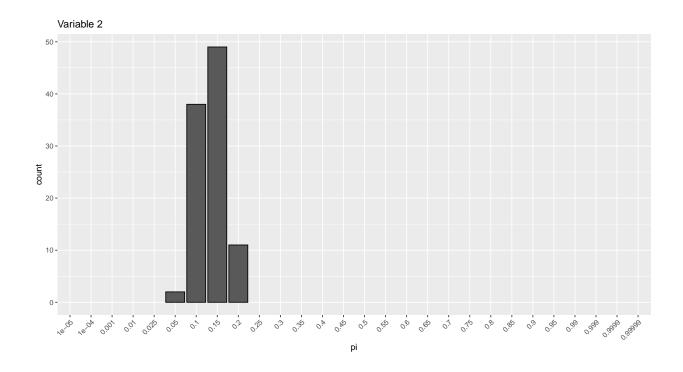


Here the distribution of the optimal pi is visualized by variable.

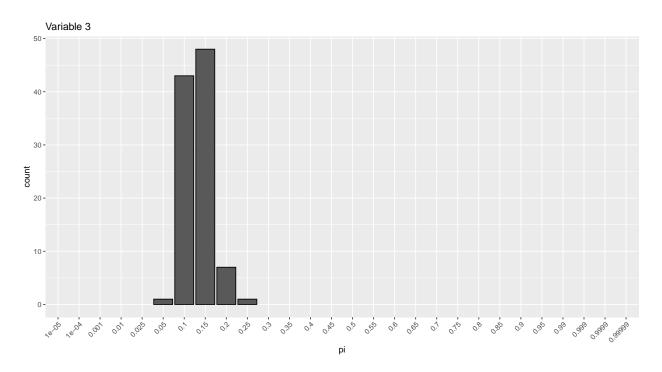
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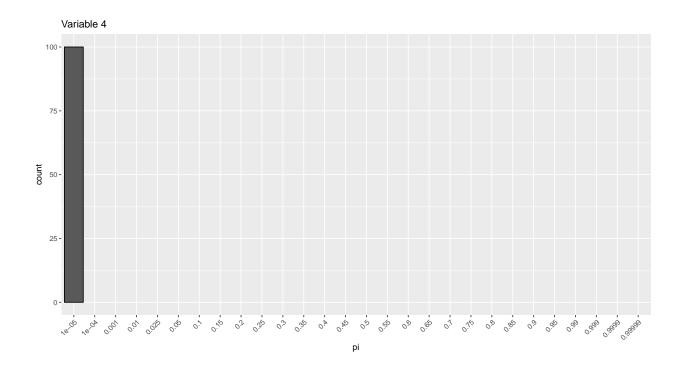
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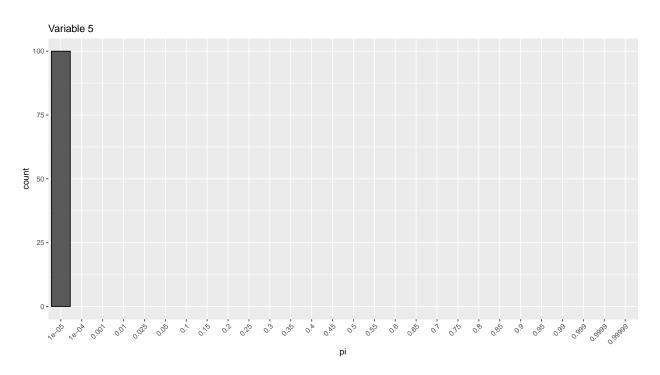
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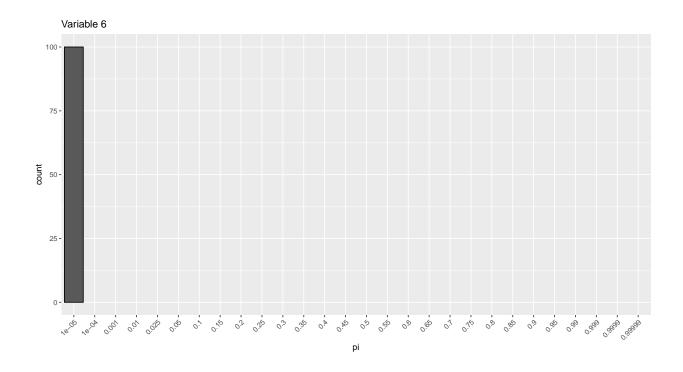
## ## [[4]]



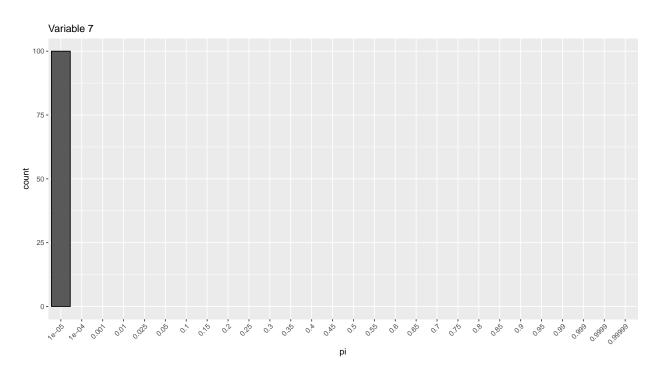
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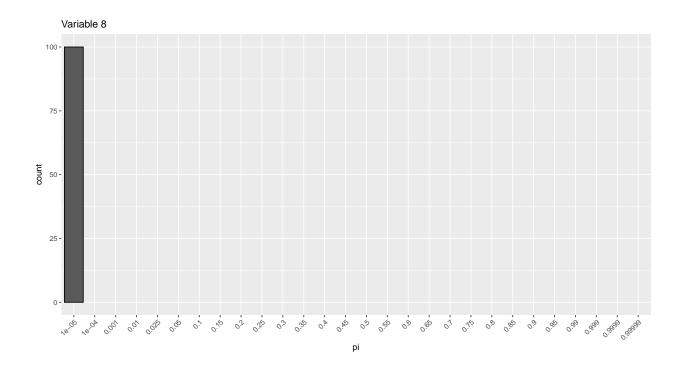
## ## [[6]]



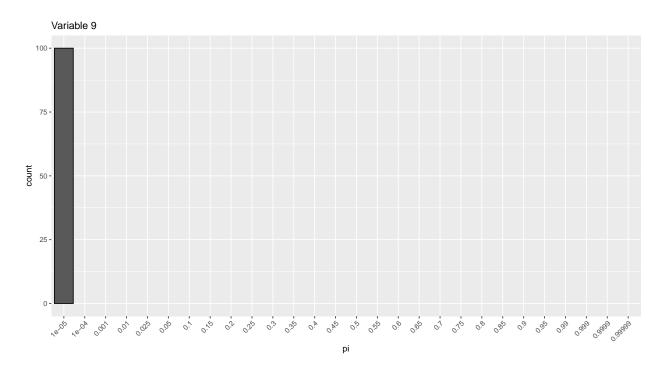
#### ## ## [[7]]



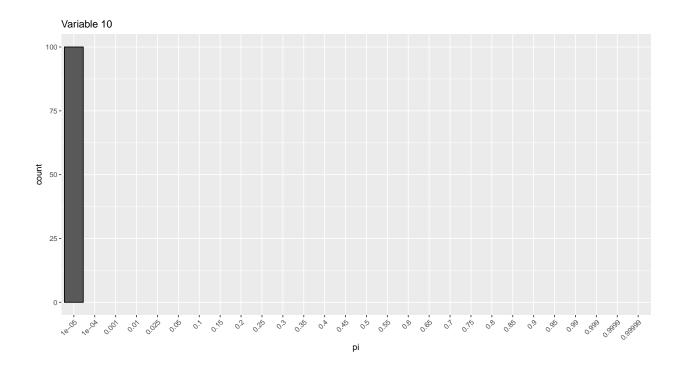
## ## [[8]]



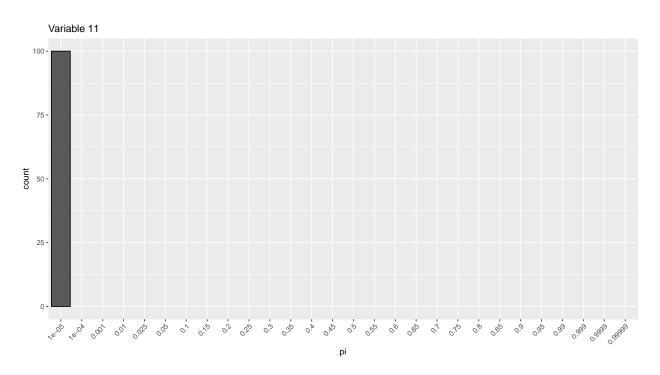
#### ## ## [[9]]



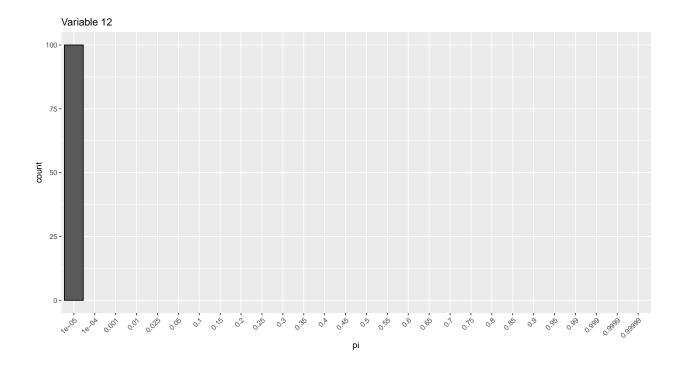
## ## [[10]]



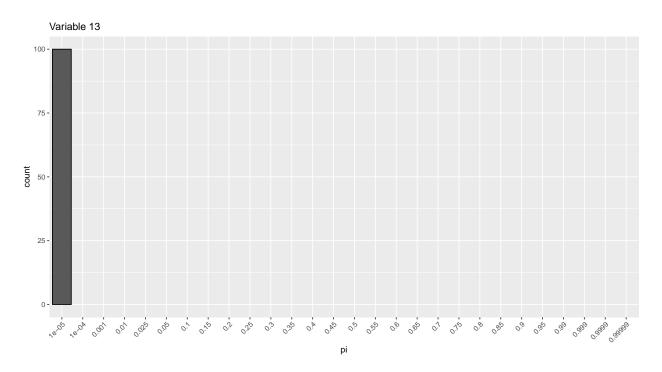
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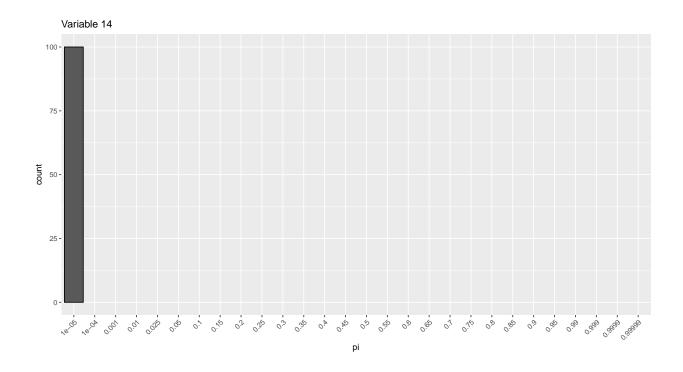
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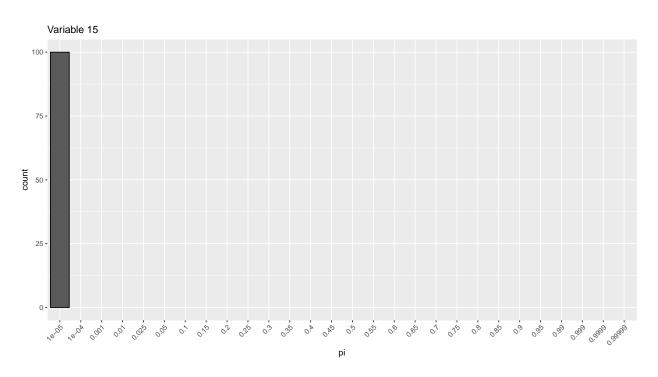
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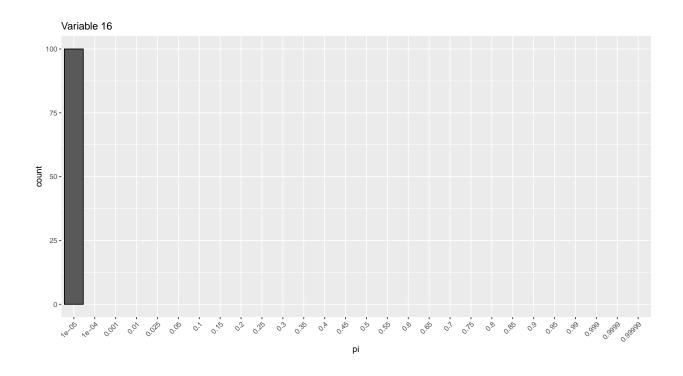
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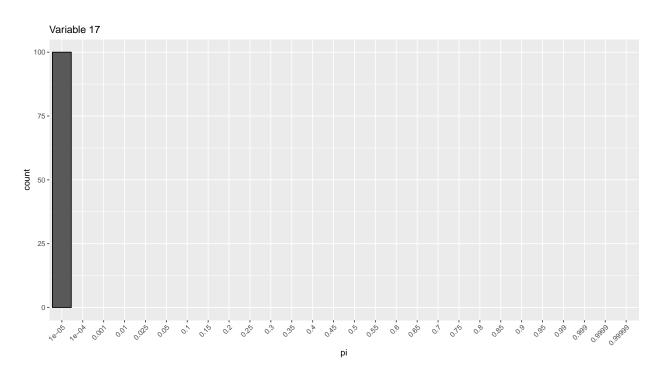
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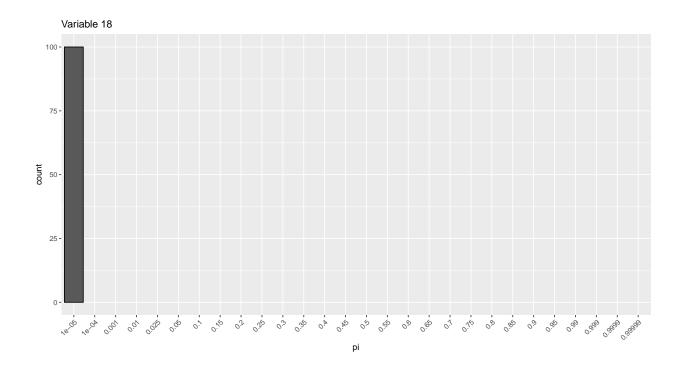
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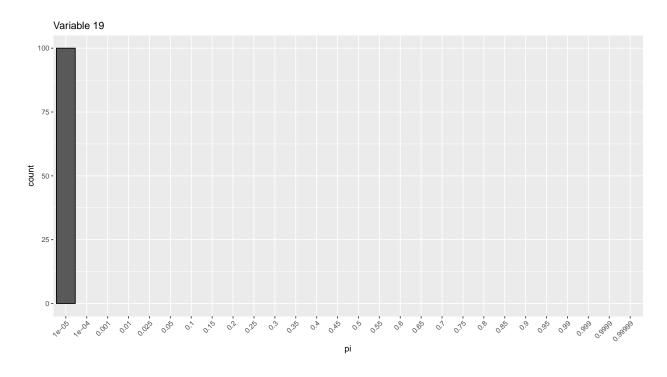
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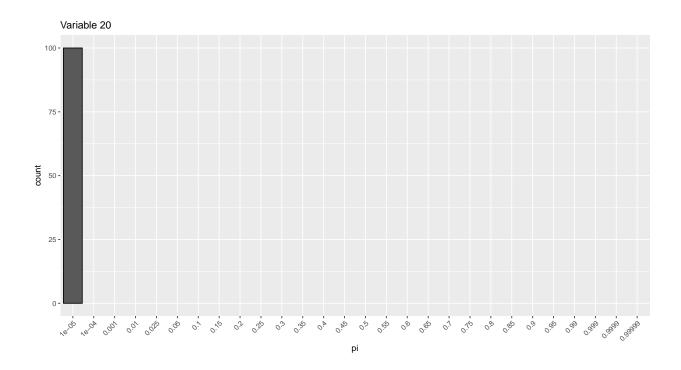
## ## [[18]]



#### ## ## [[19]]



## ## [[20]]



### Importance Sampling Hybrid

### Algorithm Overview

This algorithm averages over a deterministic grid of pi. For each value of pi, the values of sigmasq and sigmasq\_beta are chosen using grid search. The importance weights are calculated by assigning a uniform prior to each value of pi and approximating the marginal likelihood using the ELBO.

#### Hyperparameter Grid

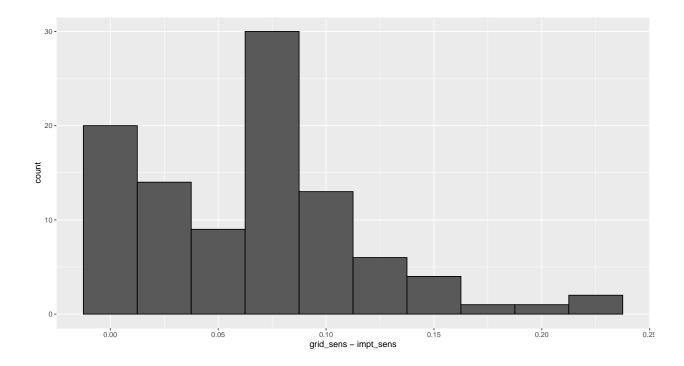
Below, I display the grid of pi that are averaged over, as well as the marginal grids for sigmasq and sigma-beta\_sq.

```
## $pip
## [1] 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5
##
## $ssq
## [1] 0.001 0.010 0.050 0.100 0.250 0.500 0.750 1.000 2.000 3.000
##
## $sbsq
## [1] 1.0e-05 1.0e-03 1.0e-02 1.0e-01 2.5e-01 5.0e-01 1.0e+00 3.0e+00 5.0e+00
## [10] 1.0e+01
```

#### Sensitivity and Specificity

In this section, I compare the sensitivity and the specificity for the two methods.

```
# grid sensitivity
summary(grid_sens)
     Min. 1st Qu. Median
                            Mean 3rd Qu.
                                            Max.
## 0.4286 0.7732 0.8083 0.8041 0.8571 0.9738
# importance sensitivity
summary(impt_sens)
     Min. 1st Qu. Median
                            Mean 3rd Qu.
                                            Max.
## 0.4286 0.7065 0.7476 0.7379 0.7911 0.8929
# difference in the sensitivities
summary(grid_sens - impt_sens)
##
       Min.
              1st Qu.
                         Median
                                    Mean
                                           3rd Qu.
## -0.002381 0.023810 0.069048 0.066190 0.091071 0.216667
# grid specificity
summary(grid_spec)
     Min. 1st Qu. Median
                            Mean 3rd Qu.
## 0.9672 1.0000 1.0000 0.9991 1.0000 1.0000
# importance specificity
summary(impt_spec)
     Min. 1st Qu. Median
                            Mean 3rd Qu.
## 0.9885 1.0000 1.0000 0.9999 1.0000 1.0000
# difference in the specificities
summary(grid_spec - impt_spec)
                            Median
        Min.
                1st Qu.
                                        Mean
                                                3rd Qu.
                                                              Max.
## -0.0256831 0.0000000 0.0000000 -0.0007432 0.0000000 0.0005464
# visualize the difference in the sensitivity
ggplot() + geom_histogram(aes(grid_sens - impt_sens), binwidth = 0.025, color = "black")
```



### Case Study

Here, I present the graphs estimated by the two methods in two cases; the first case represents the performance of the methods in the trial wherein the hybrid method had its maximum sensitivity. The second case represents the performance of the methods in the trial where the difference in the sensitivity of the two methods was maximal.

I also display the importance weights for variables 2 and 3 for individual 90 in both cases.

Case 1: Optimal Importance Performance

```
good_ind <- which.max(impt_sens)

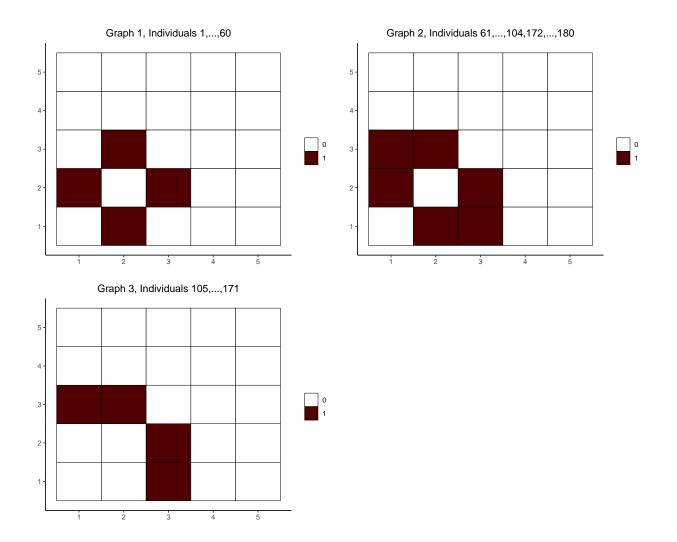
# sensitivity for grid search
grid_sens[good_ind]

## [1] 0.9619048

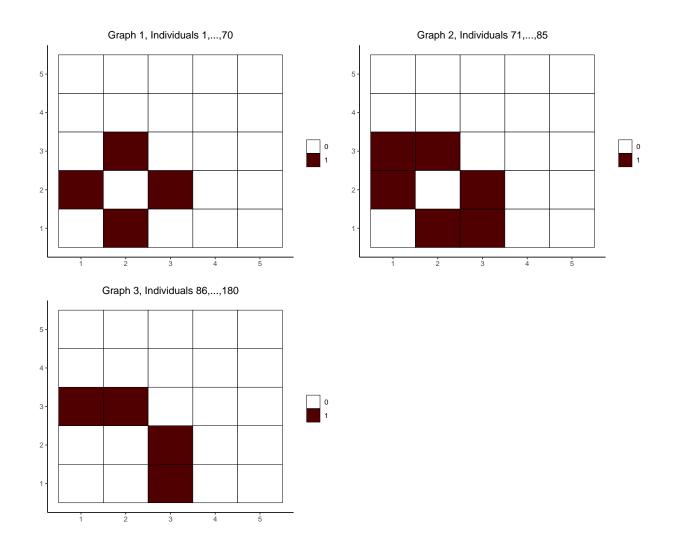
# sensitivity for importance sampling
impt_sens[good_ind]

## [1] 0.8928571

# graphs estimated by grid search
ggarrange(plotlist = plot(res[[good_ind]]$grid))</pre>
```



```
# graphs estimated by importance sampling
ggarrange(plotlist = plot(res[[good_ind]]$impt))
```



```
# visualize the weights for individual 90

# variable 2
res[[good_ind]]$impt$hyperparameters$`Variable 2`$weights[90, ]
```

#### Importance Weights

```
## 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5
## 90 0.07772511 0.1478517 0.2096107 0.2595237 0.3052888
```

```
# variable 3
res[[good_ind]]$impt$hyperparameters$`Variable 3`$weights[90, ]
```

```
## 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5
## 90 0.04692807 0.1146042 0.1937813 0.2763521 0.3683344
```

#### Case 2: Greatest Grid Search Margin

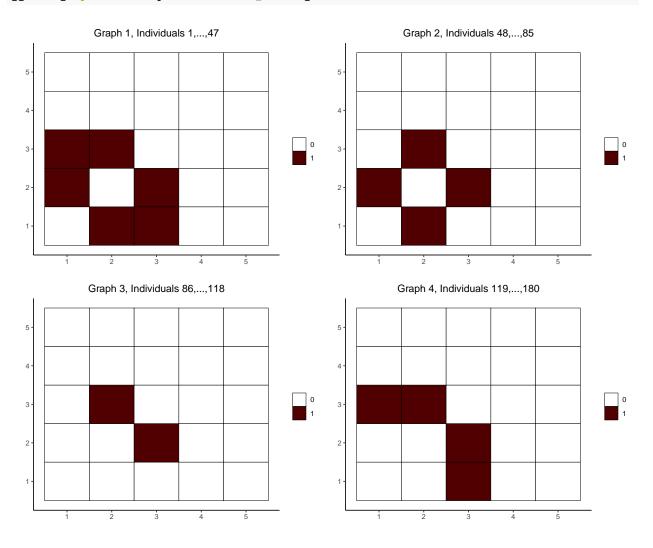
```
diff_ind <- which.max(grid_sens - impt_sens)
# sensitivity for grid search
grid_sens[diff_ind]</pre>
```

## [1] 0.7785714

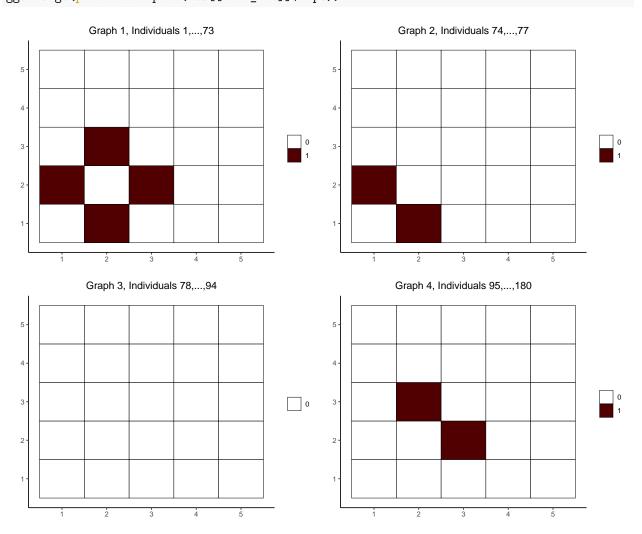
```
# sensitivity for importance sampling
impt_sens[diff_ind]
```

## [1] 0.5619048

```
# graphs estimated by grid search
ggarrange(plotlist = plot(res[[diff_ind]]$grid))
```



```
# graphs estimated by importance sampling
ggarrange(plotlist = plot(res[[diff_ind]]$impt))
```



```
# visualize the weights for individual 90

# variable 2
res[[diff_ind]]$impt$hyperparameters$`Variable 2`$weights[90, ]
```

### Importance Weights

```
## 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5
## 90 0.1891123 0.2086809 0.2077903 0.2020615 0.192355
```

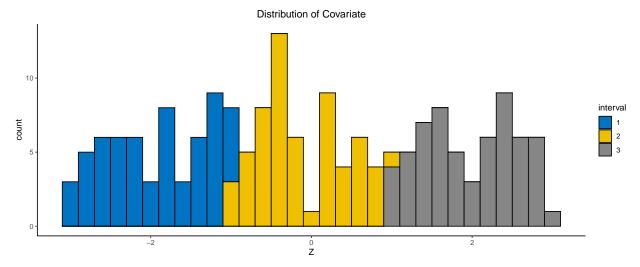
```
# variable 3
res[[diff_ind]]$impt$hyperparameters$`Variable 3`$weights[90, ]
```

```
## 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5
## 90 0.2293057 0.2037865 0.1780152 0.1526882 0.2362043
```

#### **Data Generation**

#### Extraneous Covariate

I generated the covariate, Z, as the union of three almost disjoint intervals of equal measure. That is,  $Z = Z_1 \cup Z_2 \cup Z_3$  with  $Z_1 = (-3, -1), Z_2 = (a, b) = (-1, 1), Z_3 = (1, 3)$ . Within each interval, I generated 60 covariate values from a uniform distribution. For example:



#### **Precision Matrix**

All of the individuals in interval 1 had the same precision matrix,  $\Omega^{(1)}$ :

$$\Omega_{i,j}^{(1)} = \begin{cases} 2 & i = j \\ 1 & (i,j) \in \{(1,2), (2,1), (2,3), (3,2)\} \\ 0 & o.w. \end{cases}$$

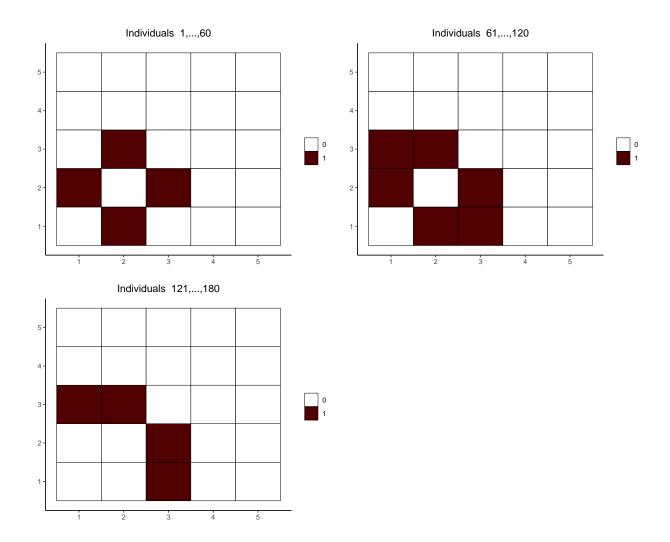
Also, all of the individuals in interval 3 had the same precision matrix,  $\Omega^{(3)}$ :

$$\Omega_{i,j}^{(3)} = \begin{cases} 2 & i = j \\ 1 & (i,j) \in \{(1,3), (3,1), (2,3), (3,2)\} \\ 0 & o.w. \end{cases}$$

However, the individuals in interval 2 had a precision matrix that was dependent upon Z and (a, b). Let  $\beta_0 = -a/(b-a)$  and  $\beta_1 = 1/(b-a)$ . Then:

$$\Omega_{i,j}^{(2)}(z) = \begin{cases}
2 & i = j \\
1 & (i,j) \in \{(2,3), (3,2)\} \\
1 - \beta_0 - \beta_1 z & (i,j) \in \{(1,2), (2,1)\} \\
\beta_0 + \beta_1 z & (i,j) \in \{(1,3), (3,1)\} \\
0 & o.w.
\end{cases}$$

Thus,  $\Omega^{(2)}(a) = \Omega^{(1)}$  and  $\Omega^{(2)}(b) = \Omega^{(3)}$ . That is, an individual on the left or right boundary of  $Z_2$  would have precision matrix  $\Omega^{(1)}$  or  $\Omega^{(3)}$ , respectively. The conditional dependence structures corresponding to each of these precision matrices are visualized below.



### Data matrix

Let  $z_l$  be the extraneous covariate for the l-th individual. To generate the data matrix for the l-th individual, I took a random sample from  $\mathcal{N}(0, \{\Omega_l(z_l)\}^{-1})$ , where:

$$\Omega_l(z_l) = \begin{cases} \Omega^{(1)} & z_l \in Z_1 \\ \Omega^{(2)}(z_l) & z_l \in Z_2 \\ \Omega^{(3)} & z_l \in Z_3 \end{cases}$$