

Hyperparameter updates for covdepGE

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0.1 Notation

For data $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times (p+1)}$, let X_j be the j -th column of X , and X_{-j} be X with the j -th column removed. Fix $l \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ and the j -th variable as the response X_j , and let $w_{i,l}$ be the weight of individual i with respect to individual l . Then, β_j^l denotes the weighted regression effect of X_{-j} on X_j , and $\gamma_{j,k}^l$ is a Bernoulli random variable that takes on 1 if $\beta_{j,k}^l$ is non-zero.

It is assumed that:

$$x_{i,j} | \sigma^2, \beta_j^l \sim \mathcal{N}(x_{i,-j}^\top \beta_j^l, \sigma^2 / w_{i,l}) \quad \gamma_{j,k}^l \sim \text{Bern}(\pi) \quad (0.1)$$

Thus, the weighted, conditional likelihood of X_j for the l -th individual is given by:

$$L_l^w(j) \propto \prod_{i=1}^n (\sigma^2)^{-1/2} \exp \left(-\frac{(x_{i,j} - x_{i,-j}^\top \beta_j^l)^2 w_{i,l}}{2\sigma^2} \right) \quad (0.2)$$

With the joint prior of (β_j^l, γ_j^l) :

$$p_0(\beta_j^l, \gamma_j^l) = \prod_{k=1}^{p-1} \delta_{\{0\}} (\beta_{j,k}^l)^{1-\gamma_{j,k}^l} \mathcal{N}(\beta_{j,k}^l; 0, \sigma^2 \sigma_\beta^2)^{\gamma_{j,k}^l} \pi^{\gamma_{j,k}^l} (1-\pi)^{1-\gamma_{j,k}^l} \quad (0.3)$$

0.2 CAVI with hyperparameter updates

The joint posterior of (β_j^l, γ_j^l) is parameterized by μ_j^l , $(s_j^l)^2$, and α_j^l . $\mu_{j,k}^l$ and $(s_{j,k}^l)^2$ are the mean and variance of the Gaussian part of the marginal posterior distribution of $\beta_{j,k}^l$, and $\alpha_{j,k}^l$ is the probability that $\beta_{j,k}^l$ is non-zero. To produce a variational approximation to these parameters, CAVI is performed for fixed values of the hyperparameters σ^2 , σ_β^2 , and π .

The following sections detail how, for a fixed value of π , σ^2 and σ_β^2 may be updated during each CAVI iteration so that they are fit to the data. The update for σ^2 uses MLE, while the update for σ_β^2 uses maximum a posteriori estimation.

These updates, as specified by `varbvs`, are provided in the last section.

0.3 MLE update for σ^2

From (0.2), the weighted conditional log-likelihood is given by:

$$\log(L_l^w(j)) \propto \sum_{i=1}^n -\log(\sigma^2) - \frac{(x_{i,j} - x_{i,-j}^\top \beta_j^l)^2 w_{i,l}}{\sigma^2} \quad (0.4)$$

Differentiating with respect to σ^2 gives:

$$\frac{\partial(\log(L_l^w(j)))}{\partial \sigma^2} \propto \sum_{i=1}^n -\frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{(x_{i,j} - x_{i,-j}^\top \beta_j^l)^2 w_{i,l}}{(\sigma^2)^2} \quad (0.5)$$

Setting equal to 0 and solving for σ^2 gives:

$$\sigma_{MLE}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_{i,j} - x_{i,-j}^\top \beta_j^l)^2 w_{i,l} \quad (0.6)$$

As this is the conditional weighted likelihood**, conditioning on $\beta_j^l = \mu_j^l$ gives:

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$$\sigma_{MLE}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_{i,j} - x_{i,-j}^\top \mu_j^l)^2 w_{i,l} \quad (0.7)$$

0.4 MAPE update for σ_β^2

The joint posterior of (β_j^l, γ_j^l) is given by:

$$p(\beta_j^l, \gamma_j^l | X) \propto L_l^w(j) p_0(\beta_j^l, \gamma_j^l) \quad (0.8)$$

Thus, the log posterior is given by:

$$\log(p(\beta_j^l, \gamma_j^l | X)) \propto \log(L_l^w(j)) + \log(p_0(\beta_j^l, \gamma_j^l)) \quad (0.9)$$

$$\propto \log(L_l^w(j)) + \log \left\{ \prod_{k=1}^{p-1} \delta_{\{0\}} (\beta_{j,k}^l)^{1-\gamma_{j,k}^l} \pi^{\gamma_{j,k}^l} (1-\pi)^{1-\gamma_{j,k}^l} \right\} \quad (0.10)$$

$$+ \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \gamma_{j,k}^l \log\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_\beta^2}}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \log(\sigma_\beta^2) \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \gamma_{j,k}^l - \frac{1}{2} (\sigma_\beta^2)^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \gamma_{j,k}^l (\beta_{j,k}^l)^2 \quad (0.11)$$

Differentiating with respect to σ_β^2 gives:

$$\frac{\partial \log(p(\beta_j^l, \gamma_j^l | X))}{\partial \sigma_\beta^2} \propto -\frac{1}{2} (\sigma_\beta^2)^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \gamma_{j,k}^l + \frac{1}{2\sigma_\beta^2} (\sigma_\beta^2)^{-2} \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \gamma_{j,k}^l (\beta_{j,k}^l)^2 \quad (0.12)$$

Setting equal to 0 and solving for σ_β^2 gives:

$$(\sigma_\beta^2)_{MAPE} = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \gamma_{j,k}^l (\beta_{j,k}^l)^2}{\sigma^2 \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \gamma_{j,k}^l} \quad (0.13)$$

Approximating the value of the unknown parameters by their expected values** (that is, $\gamma_{j,k}^l$ with $\alpha_{j,k}^l$ and $\beta_{j,k}^l$ with $\mu_{j,k}^l$):

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$$(\sigma_\beta^2)_{MAPE} = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \alpha_{j,k}^l (\mu_{j,k}^l)^2}{\sigma^2 \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \alpha_{j,k}^l} \quad (0.14)$$

0.5 MAPE update for σ_β^2 with hyperprior

varbvs imposes a scaled inverse chi-squared hyperprior on σ_β^2 with degrees of freedom n_0 and scale parameter s_0 . That is:

$$\sigma_\beta^2 \sim f_0(\sigma_\beta^2) \propto \frac{\exp\left(\frac{-n_0 s_0}{2\sigma_\beta^2}\right)}{(\sigma_\beta^2)^{1+n_0/2}} \quad (0.15)$$

This section is a copy of the previous section with the addition of this hyperprior.

The joint posterior of (β_j^l, γ_j^l) is given by:

$$p(\beta_j^l, \gamma_j^l | X) \propto L_l^w(j) p_0(\beta_j^l, \gamma_j^l) f_0(\sigma_\beta^2) \quad (0.16)$$

Thus, the log posterior is given by:

$$\log(p(\beta_j^l, \gamma_j^l | X)) \propto \log(L_l^w(j)) + \log(p_0(\beta_j^l, \gamma_j^l)) \quad (0.17)$$

$$\propto \log(L_l^w(j)) + \log\left\{\prod_{k=1}^{p-1} \delta_{\{0\}}(\beta_{j,k}^l)^{1-\gamma_{j,k}^l} \pi^{\gamma_{j,k}^l} (1-\pi)^{1-\gamma_{j,k}^l}\right\} \quad (0.18)$$

$$+ \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \gamma_{j,k}^l \log\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \log(\sigma_\beta^2) \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \gamma_{j,k}^l - \frac{1}{2} (\sigma^2 \sigma_\beta^2)^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \gamma_{j,k}^l (\beta_{j,k}^l)^2 \quad (0.19)$$

$$- \frac{n_0 s_0}{2\sigma_\beta^2} - (1 + n_0/2) \log(\sigma_\beta^2) \quad (0.20)$$

Differentiating with respect to σ_β^2 gives:

$$\frac{\partial \log(p(\beta_j^l, \gamma_j^l | X))}{\partial \sigma_\beta^2} \propto -\frac{1}{2} (\sigma_\beta^2)^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \gamma_{j,k}^l + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (\sigma_\beta^2)^{-2} \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \gamma_{j,k}^l (\beta_{j,k}^l)^2 + (\sigma_\beta^2)^{-2} \frac{n_0 s_0}{2} - (1 + n_0/2) (\sigma_\beta^2)^{-1} \quad (0.21)$$

Setting equal to 0 and solving for σ_β^2 gives:

$$(\sigma_\beta^2)_{MAPE} = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \gamma_{j,k}^l (\beta_{j,k}^l)^2 + n_0 s_0}{\sigma^2 (2 + n_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \gamma_{j,k}^l)} \quad (0.22)$$

Approximating the value of the unknown parameters by their expected values** (that is, $\gamma_{j,k}^l$ with $\alpha_{j,k}^l$ and $\beta_{j,k}^l$ with $\mu_{j,k}^l$):

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$$(\sigma_\beta^2)_{MAPE} = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \alpha_{j,k}^l (\mu_{j,k}^l)^2 + n_0 s_0}{\sigma^2 (2 + n_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \alpha_{j,k}^l)} \quad (0.23)$$

0.6 varbvs hyperparameter updates

Note that these updates are for an unweighted regression. These updates can be found in [this varbvs script](#), under sections 2d and 2e. Unfamiliar helper functions, such as `dot` and `betavar` can be found in [this varbvs script](#).

Let $X_r = Xr$, where r is a vector whose k -th entry is $\mu_{j,k}^l \alpha_{j,k}^l$

$$\sigma_{MLE}^2 = \left\{ \|y - X_r\|_2^2 + \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} (X_k^\top X_k) \alpha_{j,k}^l [(s_{j,k}^l)^2 + (1 - \alpha_{j,k}^l) (\mu_{j,k}^l)^2] + \frac{1}{\sigma_\beta^2} \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \alpha_{j,k}^l ((s_{j,k}^l)^2 + (\mu_{j,k}^l)^2) \right\} / (n + \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \alpha_{j,k}^l) \quad (0.24)$$

$$(\sigma_\beta^2)_{MAPE} = \frac{s_0 n_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \alpha_{j,k}^l ((s_{j,k}^l)^2 + (\mu_{j,k}^l)^2)}{n_0 + \sigma^2 \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} \alpha_{j,k}^l} \quad (0.25)$$