
Question1 (6 points)

Julia should be the only computer language you use in this question.

$$\begin{aligned}X \mid \{\mu, \sigma^2\} &\sim \text{Normal}(\mu, \sigma^2) \\ \mu &\sim \text{Normal}(10, 1) \\ \ln \sigma &\sim \text{Uniform}(-100, 100)\end{aligned}$$

Suppose $x = 0.5$ is observed.

- (a) (2 points) Choose a conditional proposal distribution and implement a Metropolis-Hasting algorithm to obtain the mode of the marginal posterior $f_{\mu|x}$.
- (b) (2 points) Work out the set of conditional posterior and implement a Gibbs sampling scheme to obtain the mode of the marginal posterior $f_{\mu|x}$.
- (c) (2 points) Implement an EM algorithm to obtain the mode of the marginal posterior $f_{\mu|x}$.

Question2 (4 points)

Consider the following standard linear regression model

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{Y} \mid \{\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2\} &\sim \text{Normal}(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2\mathbf{I}) \\ \boldsymbol{\beta} &\sim \text{Normal}(\boldsymbol{\beta}_0, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_0) \\ \frac{1}{\sigma^2} &\sim \text{Gamma}\left(\frac{\nu_0}{2}, \frac{\nu_0\sigma_0^2}{2}\right)\end{aligned}$$

- (a) (2 points) Show the conditional posterior of σ^2 is given by

$$\sigma^2 \mid \{\boldsymbol{\beta}, \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X}\} \sim \text{Inverse-Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$$

where

$$\alpha = \frac{\nu_0 + n}{2}; \quad \beta = \frac{\nu_0\sigma_0^2 + \text{RSS}(\boldsymbol{\beta})}{2}$$

- (b) (2 points) Describe in detail how to obtain a point estimate of $\boldsymbol{\beta} \mid \{\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X}\}$.
- (c) (1 point (bonus)) Describe in detail how to obtain a prediction interval on

$$Y^*$$

given $X_1 = x_1^*, X_2 = x_2^*, \dots, X_k = x_k^*$ and having observed \mathbf{Y} and \mathbf{X} , where the prediction interval here is defined in a similar fashion to the central credible interval. Roughly speaking, the central credible interval is for an unobservable random variable, while the prediction interval is for a random variable that we are yet to observe.