

R Notebook

Problem 2

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The posterior is

$$\begin{aligned} p(\theta|y) &\propto p(\theta)p(y|\theta) \\ &\propto \prod_{i=1}^2 \frac{1}{\pi \{1 + (y_i - \theta)^2\}} \end{aligned}$$

So the integral is

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(\theta|y) d\theta \\ &\propto \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^2 \frac{1}{\pi \{1 + (y_i - \theta)^2\}} d\theta \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \prod_{i=1}^2 \frac{1}{\pi \{1 + (y_i - \theta)^2\}} d\theta \end{aligned}$$

The last line is because we form a density of Cauchy distribution in the integral.

The sampling distribution is

$$p(y|\theta, \sigma^2) = \prod_{j=1}^J \prod_{i=1}^{n_j} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(y_{ij} - \theta_j)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right).$$

The joint prior is

$$p(\theta|\mu, \tau^2) = \prod_{j=1}^J \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\tau^2} \exp\left(-\frac{(\theta_j - \mu)^2}{2\tau^2}\right).$$

The joint hyperprior is

$$p(\mu, \log \sigma, \log \tau) \propto \tau,$$

for $\sigma > 0$ and $\tau > 0$.

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The unnormalized joint posterior is

$$p(\theta, \mu, \log \sigma, \log \tau|y) \propto \tau \prod_{j=1}^J N(\theta_j|\mu, \tau^2) \prod_{j=1}^J \prod_{i=1}^{n_j} N(y_{ij}|\theta_j, \sigma^2).$$

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In t -th iteration,

- Sample $\theta^{(t)} \in \mathbb{R}^J$ from $p(\theta, \mu^{(t-1)}, \log \sigma^{(t-1)}, \log \tau^{(t-1)} | y)$, which is $N(\hat{\theta}, V_\theta)$.

For convenience let's temporarily denote $\mu^{(t-1)}, \log \sigma^{(t-1)}, \log \tau^{(t-1)}$ as just $\mu, \log \sigma, \log \tau$ in the formula of conditional posteriors, and do the similar for the other conditional sampling steps.

Then $\hat{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^J$ is a vector and on j th coordinate we have

$$\hat{\theta}_j = \frac{\frac{1}{\tau^2} \mu + \frac{n_j}{\sigma^2} \bar{y}_{\cdot j}}{\frac{1}{\tau^2} + \frac{n_j}{\sigma^2}}.$$

The covariance matrix V_θ is a diagonal matrix with $1/(\frac{1}{\tau^2} + \frac{n_j}{\sigma^2})$ being j th diagonal element.

- Sample $\mu^{(t)}$ from $p(\mu | \theta^{(t)}, \sigma^{(t-1)}, \tau^{(t-1)}, y) \sim N(\hat{\mu}, \tau^2/J)$ where $\hat{\mu} = (1/J) \sum_{j=1}^J \theta_j$.
- Sample $(\sigma^2)^{(t)}$ from $p(\sigma^2 | \theta^{(t)}, \mu^{(t)}, \tau^{(t-1)}, y) \sim \text{Inv-}\chi^2(n, \hat{\sigma}^2)$ where $\hat{\sigma}^2 = n^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^J \sum_{i=1}^{n_j} (y_{ij} - \theta_j)^2$.
- Sample $(\tau^2)^{(t)}$ from $p(\tau^2 | \theta^{(t)}, \sigma^{(t)}, \mu^{(t)}, y) \sim \text{Inv-}\chi^2(J-1, \hat{\tau}^2)$ where $\hat{\tau}^2 = (J-1)^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^J (\theta_j - \mu)^2$.