

We observe data y_1, y_2, \dots, y_T from the AR(1) process:

$$\begin{aligned} y_t &= \mu + \phi(y_{t-1} - \mu) + \epsilon_t \\ \epsilon_t &\sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2) \text{ for } t = 2, \dots, T \\ y_1 &\sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{1 - \phi^2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

The following priors are chosen, with a stretched beta distribution for ϕ to ensure stationarity.

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mu) &\sim \mathcal{N}(\bar{\mu}, \lambda^2) \\ p(\sigma^2) &\sim \mathcal{IG}(\text{shape} = a, \text{scale} = b) \\ p(\phi) &\propto \left\{ \frac{1 + \phi}{2} \right\}^{p_1 - 1} \left\{ \frac{1 - \phi}{2} \right\}^{p_2 - 1} \end{aligned}$$

The posterior distribution for $\theta = (\mu, \phi, \sigma^2)$ is then

$$\begin{aligned} p(\theta|y_{1:T}) &\propto p(y_1|\theta) \prod_{t=2}^T p(y_t|\theta, y_{t-1}) p(\mu) p(\sigma^2) p(\phi) \\ &\propto \frac{1 - \phi^2}{\sigma^2}^{1/2} \exp\left\{ \frac{-(1 - \phi^2)(y_1 - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right\} \sigma^{T-1} \exp\left\{ -\frac{\sum_{t=2}^T (y_t - \mu - \phi(y_{t-1} - \mu))^2}{2\sigma^2} \right\} \\ &\times \sigma^{-2(a+1)} \exp\left\{ \frac{-b}{\sigma^2} \right\} \exp\left\{ \frac{(\mu - \bar{\mu})^2}{2\lambda^2} \right\} \left\{ \frac{1 + \phi}{2} \right\}^{p_1 - 1} \left\{ \frac{1 - \phi}{2} \right\}^{p_2 - 1} \end{aligned}$$