[CS146] Assignment III

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# CS146: Assignment III # Taha Bouhoun
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You should submit your work as a Python notebook, or a Python notebook and PDF both if you want to separate your code and your report. (Please do not submit your Python code as a PDF only. This usually results in lines being truncated.) Typeset your PDF using Google Docs, LaTeX, Jupyter notebooks, CoCalc, or any other software that allows you to type text and math. Make sure your code is readable and commented.

Show your work for all exercises! Do not simply turn in final answers

1 Implement models in Stan (required)

Implement each of the models below using Stan and produce the results or plots requested for each model. You have seen each of these models before in class. The goal of this exercise is to learn how to implement different types of parameters, likelihood functions, and prior distributions using Stan. Stan always generates samples for estimating posterior distributions, while we used conjugate distributions in class. Check that your results from Stan's samples match the results we computed in class.

1.1 1. Call center data set

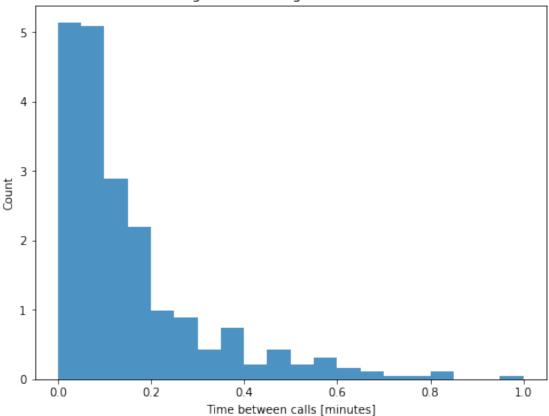
Exponential likelihood with a gamma prior. Estimate the number of calls per minute for the 13th hour of the call center data set.

Results to compute: - Posterior 98% confidence interval over (check that it matches results in the solution notebook below). - Histogram of posterior samples.

Resources for you to use: - Data set: call_center.csv - Solution for class activity (call_center_solution.ipynb)

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In [4]: # Importing Call Center data
       waiting_times_day = np.loadtxt('call_center.csv')
        # Make 24 empty lists, one per hour
        waiting_times_per_hour = [[] for _ in range(24)]
        # Split the data into 24 separate series
        current_time = 0
        for t in waiting_times_day:
            current_hour = int(current_time // 60)
            current_time += t
            waiting_times_per_hour[current_hour].append(t)
        # Plotting the dsitribution of waiting time for the 13th hour
       hour_index = 13
        waiting_times_hour = waiting_times_per_hour[hour_index]
       plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
       plt.hist(waiting_times_hour, bins=20, alpha=0.8, density= True)
       plt.xlabel('Time between calls [minutes]')
       plt.ylabel('Count')
       plt.title(f'Histogram of waiting times for hour {hour_index}')
       plt.show()
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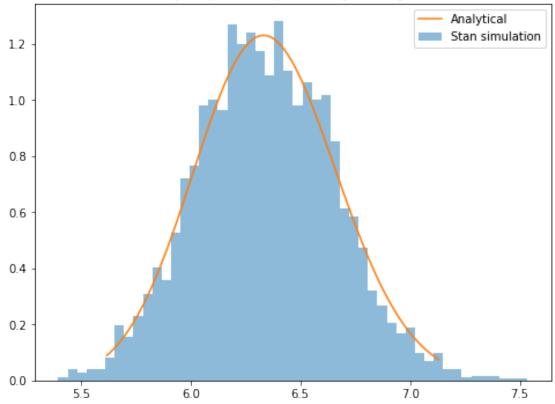


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In [5]: dataset = {
                                # Fixed prior hyperparameters for the
                'alpha': 1,
                'beta': 0.25,
                                # Gamma distribution
                'waiting_times': waiting_times_hour, # waiting time data
                'l_size': len(waiting_times_hour)}
In [6]: stan_code = """
        data {
            int<lower=0> l_size;
           real<lower=0> waiting_times[l_size];
            real<lower=0> alpha; // fixed prior hyperparameter
            real<lower=0> beta; // fixed prior hyperparameter
        }
       parameters {
            real<lower=0> lambda; // The parameter of the exponential likelihood
        }
       model {
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lambda ~ gamma(alpha, beta); // prior over
            for (i in 1:l_size){
                waiting times[i] ~ exponential(lambda);} // likelihood function
            }
        0.00
In [7]: stan_model = pystan.StanModel(model_code=stan_code)
INFO:pystan:COMPILING THE C++ CODE FOR MODEL anon_model_5a77ee2a3e09a93c2d4600e06f8032e1 NOW.
In [8]: stan_results = stan_model.sampling(data = dataset)
In [9]: print(stan_results.stansummary(pars=['lambda'], probs=[0.025, 0.5, 0.975]))
Inference for Stan model: anon_model_5a77ee2a3e09a93c2d4600e06f8032e1.
4 chains, each with iter=2000; warmup=1000; thin=1;
post-warmup draws per chain=1000, total post-warmup draws=4000.
         mean se_mean
                          sd
                               2.5%
                                       50% 97.5% n eff
                                                           Rhat
        6.34 7.8e-3
                        0.32
                               5.73
                                             6.99
                                      6.34
                                                    1634
                                                            1.0
lambda
Samples were drawn using NUTS at Fri Oct 18 18:57:17 2019.
For each parameter, n_eff is a crude measure of effective sample size,
and Rhat is the potential scale reduction factor on split chains (at
convergence, Rhat=1).
In [10]: # Posterior from Stan simulation
         posterior_samples = stan_results.extract()
         # Posterior from assingment II
         lambda_ = 1 / np.mean(waiting_times_hour)
         dist = sts.expon(scale=1/lambda_)
         post_ = dataset['alpha'] + len(waiting_times_hour)
         post_ = dataset['beta'] + np.sum(waiting_times_hour)
         posterior = sts.gamma(post_, scale=1/post_)
         1_bond, u_bond = posterior.interval(0.98)
         x = np.linspace(l_bond, u_bond, 100)
         y = posterior.pdf(x)
         plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
         plt.hist(posterior_samples['lambda'],
                  bins=50, density=True, alpha=0.5, label='Stan simulation')
         plt.plot(x, y, label='Analytical')
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plt.title('Sampled posterior probability density for ')
         plt.legend(loc=1)
         print(
             "Posterior 98% CI for lambda [Using Stan]:\n",
             np.percentile(posterior_samples['lambda'], [1, 99]),
             "\nMean of the parameter lambda: ",
             '{:.5f}'.format(np.mean(posterior_samples['lambda'])))
         print(
             "\nPosterior 98% CI for lambda [Assignment II]:\n",
             '{:.5f}'.format(l_bond), " | ", '{:.5f}'.format(u_bond),
             "\nMean of the parameter lambda: ",
             '{:.5f}'.format(np.mean(posterior.mean())))
         plt.show()
Posterior 98% CI for lambda [Using Stan]:
 [5.6490839 7.12893158]
Mean of the parameter lambda: 6.34430
Posterior 98% CI for lambda [Assignment II]:
5.61912 | 7.12847
Mean of the parameter lambda: 6.34942
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1.2 2. Normal likelihood with normal-inverse-gamma prior.

Results to compute: - 95% posterior confidence intervals for the mean and variance of the data. - Take 10 samples from your posterior over and and plot the normal distributions corresponding to them.

Resources for you to use: - Data and solution for class activity (normal_inverse_gamma_solution.ipynb)

```
data {
             int<lower=0> l_size;
             real datum[l_size];
             real<lower=0> mu;
             real<lower=0> nu;
             real<lower=0> alpha;
             real<lower=0> beta;
         }
         parameters {
             real mu_mean;
             real<lower=0> sigma2;
         }
         model {
             mu_mean ~ normal(mu,sqrt(sigma2/nu));
             sigma2 ~ inv_gamma(alpha,beta);
             for (i in 1: l_size){
                 datum[i] ~ normal(mu_mean,sqrt(sigma2));}
             }
         0.00
In [13]: stan_model = pystan.StanModel(model_code=stan_code)
INFO:pystan:COMPILING THE C++ CODE FOR MODEL anon_model_ee675a5a01de2f8a3143abed645f65b4 NOW.
In [14]: stan_results = stan_model.sampling(data = dataset2)
         print(stan_results.stansummary(pars=['mu_mean', 'sigma2'], probs=[0.025, 0.5, 0.975])
Inference for Stan model: anon_model_ee675a5a01de2f8a3143abed645f65b4.
4 chains, each with iter=2000; warmup=1000; thin=1;
post-warmup draws per chain=1000, total post-warmup draws=4000.
                                2.5%
                                        50% 97.5% n_eff
          mean se_mean
                           sd
                                                             Rhat
mu_mean
          3.06 2.3e-3
                         0.13
                                 2.8
                                       3.06
                                               3.32
                                                      3311
                                                              1.0
          3.61 6.4e-3
                                2.96
                                       3.59
                                               4.39
                                                              1.0
sigma2
                         0.37
                                                      3287
Samples were drawn using NUTS at Fri Oct 18 18:58:27 2019.
For each parameter, n_eff is a crude measure of effective sample size,
and Rhat is the potential scale reduction factor on split chains (at
convergence, Rhat=1).
In [21]: mu_samples = stan_results.extract()['mu_mean']
         sigma2_samples = stan_results.extract()['sigma2']
         print("95% CI for the mean:",
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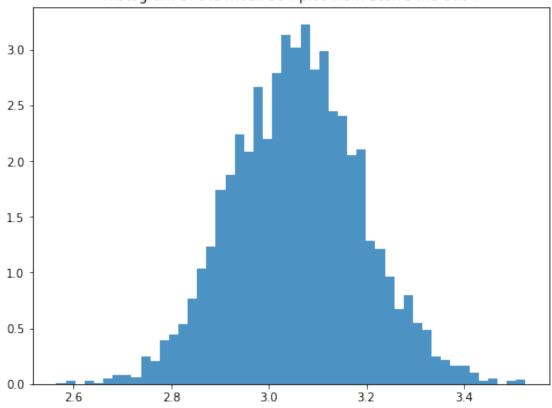
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np.percentile(mu_samples, [2.5, 97.5]),
    "\nMean:", '{:.4f}'.format(np.mean(mu_samples)))
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
plt.hist(mu_samples, bins=50, density=True, alpha=0.8)
plt.title("Histogram of the mean samples from Stan simulation")
plt.show()

print("\n95% CI for the variance:",
    np.percentile(sigma2_samples, [2.5, 97.5]),
    "\nMean:", '{:.4f}'.format(np.mean(sigma2_samples)))
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
plt.hist(sigma2_samples, bins=50, density=True, alpha=0.8)
plt.title("Histogram of the variance samples from Stan simulation")
plt.show()
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95% CI for the mean: [2.79964005 3.32386322]

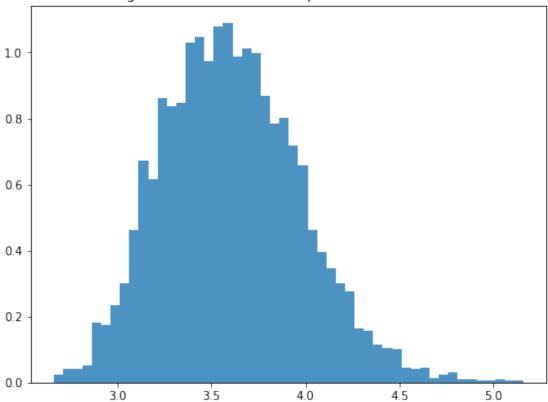
Mean: 3.0582

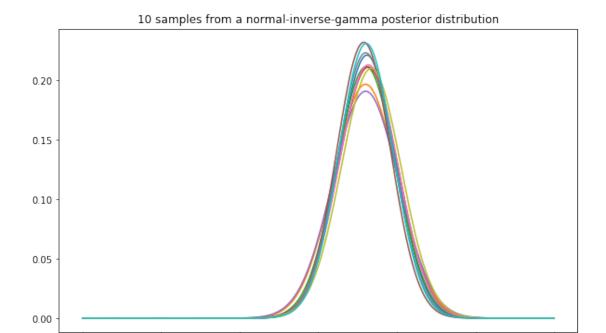
Histogram of the mean samples from Stan simulation



95% CI for the variance: [2.9635247 4.38986031]







1.3 3. Log-normal HRTEM data.

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Normal likelihood log-transformed data and using a normal-inverse-gamma prior.

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Results to compute: - 95% posterior confidence intervals for the and variance of the log-transformed data. - Take 10 samples from your posterior over and and plot the log-normal distributions corresponding to them.

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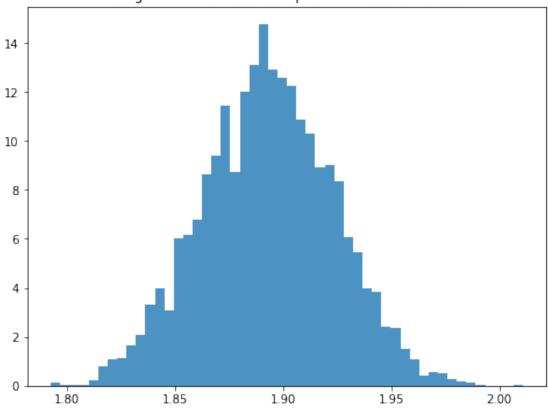
Resources for you to use: - Data set: hrtem.csv (remember to log-transform the data) - Solution for class activity (hrtem_solution.ipynb)

```
real<lower=0> mu;
             real<lower=0> nu;
             real<lower=0> alpha;
             real<lower=0> beta;
         }
         parameters {
             real mu_mean;
             real<lower=0> sigma2;
         }
         model {
             mu_mean ~ normal(mu, sqrt(sigma2/nu));
             sigma2 ~ inv_gamma(alpha, beta);
             for (i in 1: l_size){
                 datum[i] ~ normal(mu_mean, sqrt(sigma2));}
         .....
In [25]: stan_model = pystan.StanModel(model_code=stan_code)
INFO:pystan:COMPILING THE C++ CODE FOR MODEL anon_model_53adf43c42731195b13783e8e97b63ec NOW.
In [26]: stan_results = stan_model.sampling(data = dataset3)
         print(stan_results.stansummary(pars=['mu_mean', 'sigma2'],
                                        probs=[0.025, 0.5, 0.975]))
Inference for Stan model: anon_model_53adf43c42731195b13783e8e97b63ec.
4 chains, each with iter=2000; warmup=1000; thin=1;
post-warmup draws per chain=1000, total post-warmup draws=4000.
                                2.5%
          mean se_mean
                                        50% 97.5% n_eff
                                                            Rhat
                           sd
          1.89 4.7e-4
                         0.03 1.83
                                       1.89
                                              1.95
                                                     4183
                                                             1.0
mu_mean
                         0.03 0.44
                                              0.56
                                                             1.0
           0.5 4.9e-4
                                       0.49
                                                     4181
sigma2
Samples were drawn using NUTS at Fri Oct 18 19:02:38 2019.
For each parameter, n_eff is a crude measure of effective sample size,
and Rhat is the potential scale reduction factor on split chains (at
convergence, Rhat=1).
In [27]: mu_samples = stan_results.extract()['mu_mean']
         sigma2_samples = stan_results.extract()['sigma2']
         # Transfer the parameters of the lognormal
         print("95% CI for the mean:",
              np.percentile(mu_samples, [2.5, 97.5]),
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95% CI for the mean: [1.83290484 1.95255077]

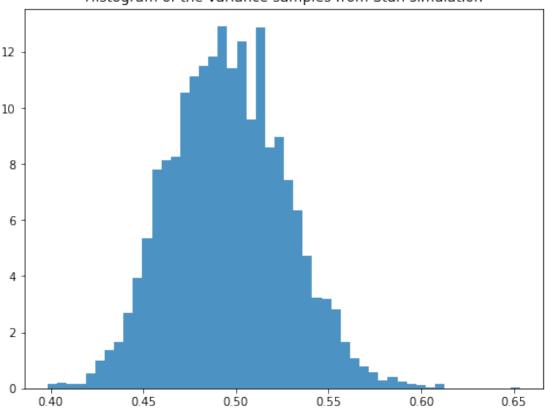
Mean: 1.8929

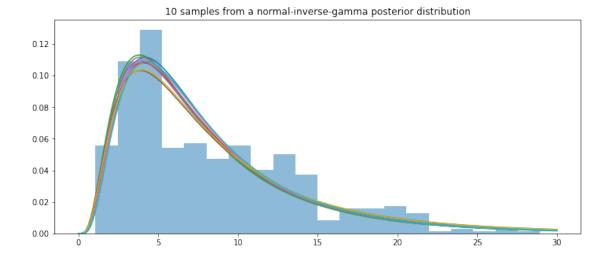
Histogram of the mean samples from Stan simulation



95% CI for the variance: [0.43855944 0.55861454]







2 Appendix:

- confidence intervals [HC]: Throughout the assignment, we used Stan to construct the confidence interval of the hyperparameters using the sampling method. In other words, confidence interval represents our belief that the parameters of the posterior would fall within a specific range given a certain level (either 95 or 98%)
- simulations [HC]: Stan is using simulation to construct the confidence interval of the posterior parameters as opposed to the method of analytically computing the posterior using Baye's theorem.