

Part_1-4

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Hurrican Data

hurricane703.csv collected the track data of 703 hurricanes in the North Atlantic area since 1950. For all the storms, their location (longitude & latitude) and maximum wind speed were recorded every 6 hours. The data includes the following variables

1. **ID**: ID of the hurricanes
2. **Season**: In which **year** the hurricane occurred
3. **Month**: In which **month** the hurricane occurred
4. **Nature**: Nature of the hurricane
 - ET: Extra Tropical
 - DS: Disturbance
 - NR: Not Rated
 - SS: Sub Tropical
 - TS: Tropical Storm
5. **time**: dates and time of the record
6. **Latitude** and **Longitude**: The location of a hurricane check point
7. **Wind.kt** Maximum wind speed (in Knot) at each check point

load and clean data

Part I: Likelihood, Prior, Posterior and Conditional Posterior

Likelihood

$$L(\mathbf{Y} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta}) \propto \prod_{i=1}^m (\sigma^2)^{-\frac{n_i}{2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_i)^T (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_i) \right\}$$

where m is the number of hurricane and n_i is the number of observations for i_{th} hurricane

Prior

$$\pi(\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\mathbf{B}, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \Sigma^{-1}, \sigma^2)) \propto (\sigma^2)^{-1} |\Sigma^{-1}|^{d+1} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\Sigma^{-1}) \right\} \prod_{i=1}^m |\Sigma^{-1}|^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right\}$$

where d is the dimension of $\boldsymbol{\mu}$

Posterior

$$\begin{aligned}
\pi(\boldsymbol{\theta} \mid \mathbf{Y}) &\propto (\sigma^2)^{-1} |\Sigma^{-1}|^{d+1} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} + \text{tr}(\Sigma^{-1}) \right\} \\
&\times \prod_{i=1}^m (\sigma^2)^{-\frac{n_i}{2}} |\Sigma^{-1}|^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_i)^T (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_i) \right\} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right\} \\
&= (\sigma^2)^{-\left(1 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m n_i}{2}\right)} |\Sigma^{-1}|^{d+1+\frac{m}{2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\Sigma^{-1}) \right\} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m (\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right\} \\
&\times \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^m (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_i)^T (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_i) \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

Conditional Posterior

For $\boldsymbol{\beta}_i$:

$$\pi(\boldsymbol{\beta}_i \mid \boldsymbol{\theta}_{(-\boldsymbol{\beta}_i)} \mathbf{Y}) \propto \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_i)^T (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_i) \right\}$$

For $\boldsymbol{\mu}$:

$$\begin{aligned}
\pi(\boldsymbol{\mu} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta}_{(-\boldsymbol{\mu})}, \mathbf{Y}) &\propto \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m (\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right\} \\
(\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}) &= \text{tr} \left((\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right) \\
&= \text{tr} \left(\Sigma^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}) (\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \right) \\
\pi(\boldsymbol{\mu} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta}_{(-\boldsymbol{\mu})}, \mathbf{Y}) &\propto \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left(\Sigma^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^m (\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}) (\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \right) \right\} \\
&= \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left(\Sigma^{-1} m (\boldsymbol{\mu} - \bar{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) (\boldsymbol{\mu} - \bar{\boldsymbol{\beta}})^T \right) \right\} \\
&= \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\boldsymbol{\mu} - \bar{\boldsymbol{\beta}})^T \Sigma^{-1} m (\boldsymbol{\mu} - \bar{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) \right\} \\
&\Rightarrow \boldsymbol{\mu} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta}_{(-\boldsymbol{\mu})}, \mathbf{Y} \sim N(\bar{\boldsymbol{\beta}}, \Sigma/m)
\end{aligned}$$

For σ^2 :

$$\begin{aligned}
\pi(\sigma^2 \mid \boldsymbol{\theta}_{(-\sigma^2)}, \mathbf{Y}) &\propto (\sigma^2)^{-\left(1 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m n_i}{2}\right)} \times \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^m (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_i)^T (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_i) \right\} \\
\pi(\Sigma^{-1} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta}_{(-\Sigma^{-1})}, \mathbf{Y}) &\propto |\Sigma^{-1}|^{d+1+\frac{m}{2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\Sigma^{-1}) \right\} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m (\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right\} \\
&= |\Sigma^{-1}|^{d+1+\frac{m}{2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\Sigma^{-1}) - \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left(\Sigma^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^m (\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}) (\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \right) \right\} \\
&= |\Sigma^{-1}|^{d+1+\frac{m}{2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left(\Sigma^{-1} \left(\mathbf{I} + \sum_{i=1}^m (\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}) (\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \right) \right) \right\} \\
&\Rightarrow \Sigma^{-1} \mid \boldsymbol{\theta}_{(-\Sigma^{-1})}, \mathbf{Y} \sim \text{Wishart} \left(3d + 3 + m, \left(\mathbf{I} + \sum_{i=1}^m (\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}) (\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \right)^{-1} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Part II: MCMC Algorithm

We could generate full conditional posterior distribution for partial parameters, so we apply hybrid algorithm consisting with Metropolis-Hastings steps and Gibbs steps.

MH steps for β_{ij} :

Sampling proposed β'_{ij} , $j = 0, 1, \dots, 4$ for i_{th} hurricane from proposal distribution $U(\beta_{ij}^{(t)} - a_{ij}, \beta_{ij}^{(t)} + a_{ij})$, where a_{ij} is the search window for β_{ij} . Since the proposals are symmetry, the accepting or rejecting the proposed β'_{ij} depends on the ratio of posterior distribution. Some of the parameters in θ could be cancelled out, so the ratio simplified to be:

$$\frac{\pi(\beta'_i, \theta_{(-\beta_i)}^{(t)} | \mathbf{Y})}{\pi(\beta_i^{(t)}, \theta_{(-\beta_i)}^{(t)} | \mathbf{Y})} = \frac{\exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^{2(t)}} (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \beta'_i)^T (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \beta'_i) - \frac{1}{2} (\beta'_i - \mu^{(t)})^T \Sigma^{-1(t)} (\beta'_i - \mu^{(t)})\right\}}{\exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^{2(t)}} (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \beta_i^{(t)})^T (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \beta_i^{(t)}) - \frac{1}{2} (\beta_i^{(t)} - \mu^{(t)})^T \Sigma^{-1(t)} (\beta_i^{(t)} - \mu^{(t)})\right\}}$$

where β'_i consisting with β'_{ij} , β'_{ik} for $k > j$ and $\beta_{ik}^{(t+1)}$ for $k < j$.

The log of the ratio:

$$\begin{aligned} \log \frac{\pi(\beta'_i, \theta_{(-\beta_i)}^{(t)} | \mathbf{Y})}{\pi(\beta_i^{(t)}, \theta_{(-\beta_i)}^{(t)} | \mathbf{Y})} &= -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{(\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \beta'_i)^T (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \beta'_i)}{\sigma^{2(t)}} + (\beta'_i - \mu^{(t)})^T \Sigma^{-1(t)} (\beta'_i - \mu^{(t)}) \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{(\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \beta_i^{(t)})^T (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \beta_i^{(t)})}{\sigma^{2(t)}} + (\beta_i^{(t)} - \mu^{(t)})^T \Sigma^{-1(t)} (\beta_i^{(t)} - \mu^{(t)}) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Then we randomly sample u from $U(0, 1)$ and compare $\log(u)$ with the log ratio, if the $\log(u)$ is smaller, we accept $\beta'_{ij} = \beta_{ij}^{(t+1)}$, otherwise we reject β'_{ij} and $\beta_{ij}^{(t)} = \beta_{ij}^{(t+1)}$.

Then, Gibb step for μ : Sample $\mu^{(t+1)}$ from $N(\bar{\beta}^{(t+1)}, \Sigma^{(t)}/m)$.

Next, MH step to generate $\sigma^{2'}$. The log posterior ratio:

$$\begin{aligned} \log \frac{\pi(\sigma^{2'}, \theta_{(-\sigma^2)}^{(t)} | \mathbf{Y})}{\pi(\sigma^{2(t)}, \theta_{(-\sigma^2)}^{(t)} | \mathbf{Y})} &= -\left(1 + \frac{M}{2}\right) \log(\sigma^{2'}) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^{2'}} \sum_{i=1}^m (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \beta_i^{(t+1)})^T (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \beta_i^{(t+1)}) \\ &\quad + \left(1 + \frac{M}{2}\right) \log(\sigma^{2(t)}) + \frac{1}{2\sigma^{2(t)}} \sum_{i=1}^m (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \beta_i^{(t+1)})^T (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i \beta_i^{(t+1)}) \end{aligned}$$

where M is total number of observation for all hurricanes.

Check whether $\sigma^{2'}$ is positive, if not, we reject $\sigma^{2'}$. Then, we randomly sample u from $U(0, 1)$ and compare $\log(u)$ with the log ratio. If the $\log(u)$ is smaller, we accept $\sigma^{2'} = \sigma^{2(t+1)}$.

Finally, we sample $\Sigma^{-1(t+1)}$ from Wishart $\left(3d + 3 + m, \left(\mathbf{I} + \sum_{i=1}^m (\beta_i^{(t+1)} - \mu^{(t+1)}) (\beta_i^{(t+1)} - \mu^{(t+1)})^T\right)^{-1}\right)$

Part III: Implementation and Estimations

Starting Value and Search Window

Table 1: Range of Search Window and Acceptance Rate for each parameter in MH Algorithm

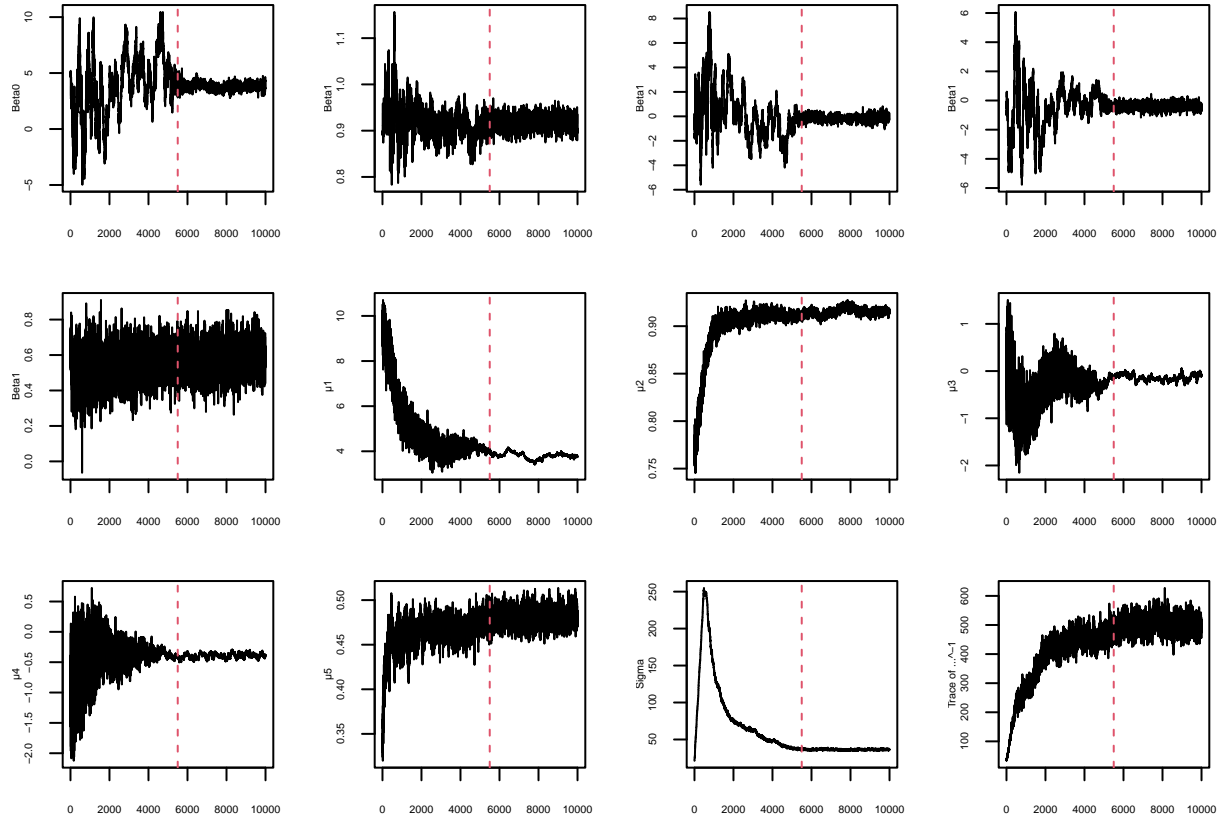
	search window	acceptance rate (%)
β_0	1.1	45.87-51.36
β_1	0.04-0.1	31.67-63.68
β_2	0.8-1	38.6-45.6
β_3	0.5-0.6	33.2-61.32
β_4	0.4-0.5	34.95-60.45
σ^2	2	44.93

Implement 10000 MCMC iterations

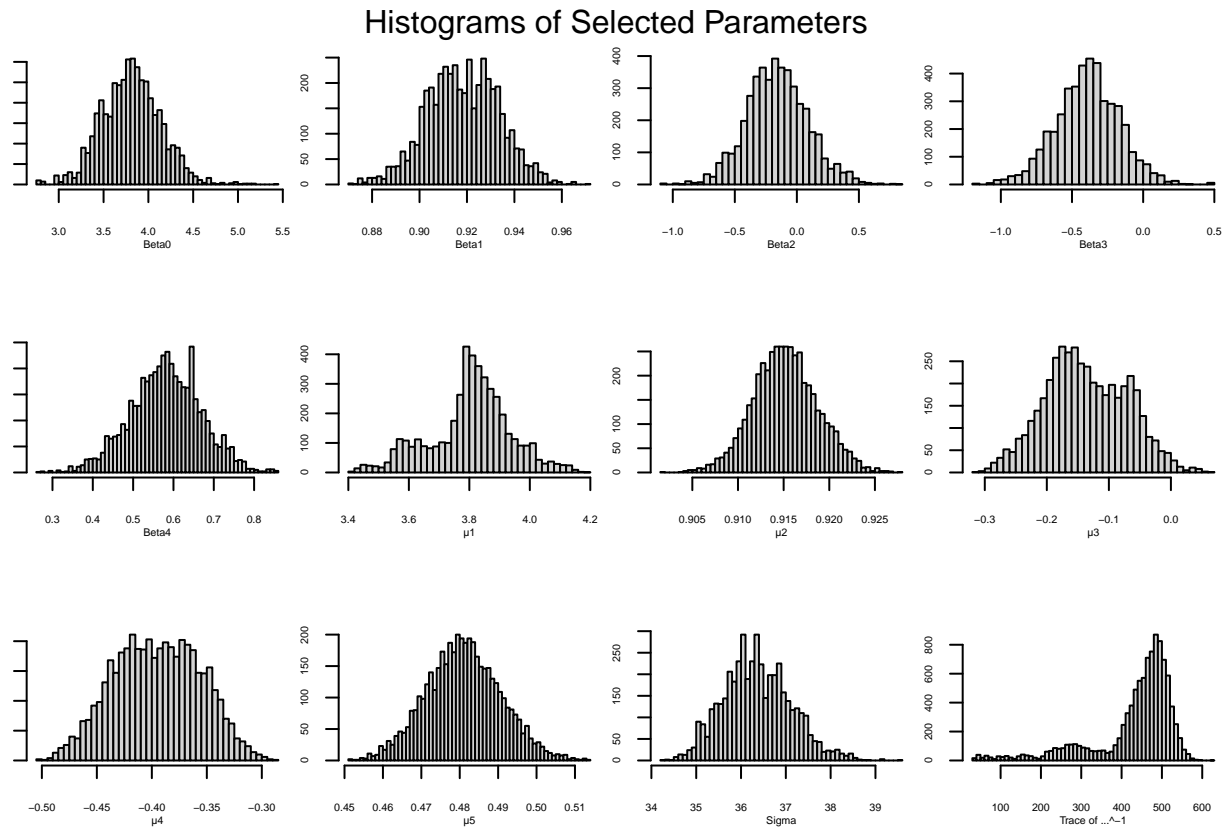
Acceptance Rate

Convergence trace plots

Covergence Plots of Selected Parameters



Histograms



Estimates (burn-in first 5500 runs)

Table 2: Bayesian Estimates for μ and σ^2

	μ_0	μ_1	μ_2	μ_3	μ_4	σ^2
Estimates	3.8	0.92	-0.14	-0.39	0.48	36.36

Table 3: Bayesian Estimate for Σ^{-1}

	β_0	β_1	β_2	β_3	β_4
β_0	16.07	7.63	-1.78	5.39	1.48
β_1	7.63	0.34	0.47	3.96	1.14
β_2	-1.78	0.47	381.32	-6.32	24.35
β_3	5.39	3.96	-6.32	21.43	-3.30
β_4	1.48	1.14	24.35	-3.30	55.12

Beta estimate histograms

Histograms of Betas of All Hurricanes

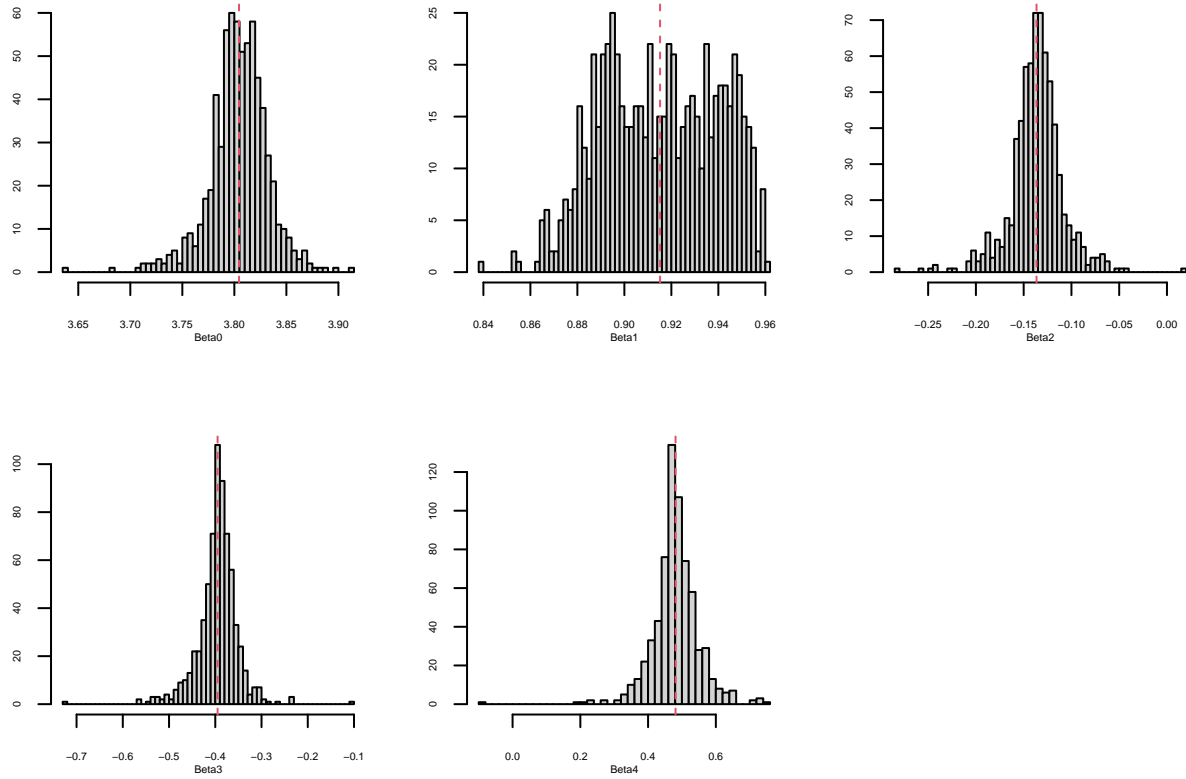


Chart of the estimates of mu, sigma and inverseCov

Table 4: R^2_{adj} for each hurricane

R^2_{adj}	Count of Hurricanes	Percentage(%)
0.7-1	472	69.3
0.3-0.7	117	17.2
0-0.3	31	4.6
< 0	61	9.0

Part IV: Model Performance

Observed Wind Speed vs. Bayesian Model Estimates

