

Horse shoe prior example

This example reproduces some results of <https://ariddell.org/horseshoe-prior-with-stan.html>

■ Define the working directory and load CmdStan.m

```
In[19]:= (* Linux *)
SetDirectory["~/GitHub/MathematicaStan/Examples/HorseShoePrior"]

(* Windows *)
(* SetDirectory["C:\\Users\\USER_NAME\\Documents\\Mathematica\\STAN\\Examples\\HorseShoePrior"]; *)

Needs["CmdStan`"]

Out[19]= /IS006139/home/pix/GitHub/MathematicaStan/Examples/HorseShoePrior
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■ Generate the Horse Shoe Prior Stan code and compile it

```
In[3]:= stanCode="data {
  int<lower=0> n;
  int<lower=0> p;
  matrix[n,p] X;
  vector[n] y;
}
parameters {
  vector[p] beta;
  vector<lower=0>[p] lambda;
  real<lower=0> tau;
  real<lower=0> sigma;
}
model {
  lambda ~ cauchy(0, 1);
  tau ~ cauchy(0, 1);
  for (i in 1:p)
    beta[i] ~ normal(0, lambda[i] * tau);
  y ~ normal(X * beta, sigma);
}";
StanCodeExport["horseShoePrior",stanCode]
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StanCompile["horseShoePrior"]
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Out[4]= horseShoePrior.stan
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Out[5]=
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--- Translating Stan model to C++ code ---
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```
bin/stanc /IS006139/home/pix/GitHub/MathematicaStan/Examples/HorseShoePrior/horseShoePrior.stan
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```
--o=/IS006139/home/pix/GitHub/MathematicaStan/Examples/HorseShoePrior/horseShoePrior.hpp
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```
Model name=horseShoePrior_model
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Input file=/IS006139/home/pix/GitHub/MathematicaStan/Examples/HorseShoePrior/horseShoePrior.stan
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```
Output file=/IS006139/home/pix/GitHub/MathematicaStan/Examples/HorseShoePrior/horseShoePrior.hpp
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--- Linking C++ model ---
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```
g++ -I src -I stan/src -isystem stan/lib/stan_math/ -isystem stan/lib/stan_math/lib/eigen_3.2.8
-isystem stan/lib/stan_math/lib/boost_1.60.0 -isystem stan/lib/stan_math/lib/cvodes_2.8.2/include
-Wall -DEIGEN_NO_DEBUG -DBOOST_RESULT_OF_USE_TR1 -DBOOST_NO_DECLTYPE -DBOOST_DISABLE_ASSERTS
-DFUSION_MAX_VECTOR_SIZE=12 -DNO_FPRINTF_OUTPUT -pipe -lpthread -O3 -o
/IS006139/home/pix/GitHub/MathematicaStan/Examples/HorseShoePrior/horseShoePrior
src/cmdstan/main.cpp -include
/IS006139/home/pix/GitHub/MathematicaStan/Examples/HorseShoePrior/horseShoePrior.hpp
stan/lib/stan_math/lib/cvodes_2.8.2/lib/libsundials_nvecserial.a
stan/lib/stan_math/lib/cvodes_2.8.2/lib/libsundials_cvodes.a
```

■ Load data and save them (RDump file)

```
In[21]:= yTest = Import["./y-test.dat", "List"];
yTrain = Import["./y-train.dat", "List"];
XTest = Import["./X-test.dat", "Table"];
XTrain = Import["./X-train.dat", "Table"];

(* betaLabel is only used for plot legends *)
betaLabel =
  StringSplit["age sex bmi map tc ldl hdl tch ltg glu age^2 bmi^2 map^2 tc^2 ldl^2 hdl^2 tch^2
    ltg^2 glu^2 age:sex age:bmi age:map age:tc age:ldl age:hdl age:tch age:ltg
    age:glu sex:bmi sex:map sex:tc sex:ldl sex:hdl sex:tch sex:ltg sex:glu
    bmi:map bmi:tc bmi:ldl bmi:hdl bmi:tch bmi:ltg bmi:glu map:tc map:ldl map:hdl
    map:tch map:ltg map:glu tc:ldl tc:hdl tc:tch tc:ltg tc:glu ldl:hdl ldl:tch
    ldl:ltg ldl:glu hdl:tch hdl:ltg hdl:glu tch:ltg tch:glu ltg:glu", " "];

(* Export data *)
RDumpExport["horseShoePrior",
  {{ "n", Dimensions[XTrain][[1]] }, { "p", Dimensions[XTrain][[2]] }, { "X", XTrain }, { "y", yTrain } }];

(* Here we just perform an Ordinary Least Squares to get the residue value *)
betaOLS = LeastSquares[XTrain, yTrain];
Norm[XTest.betaOLS - yTest]^2 / Length[yTest]
Norm[Mean[yTrain] - yTest]^2 / Length[yTest]

Out[28]= 0.670749
Out[29]= 0.965737
```

■ Run Stan and get result

```
In[30]:= (* use the same seed as the blog post *)
StanSetOptionSample["random seed", 5]

Out[30]= {{random seed, 5}}

In[31]:= (* Run stan *)
StanRunSample["horseShoePrior"]

Out[31]= method = sample (Default)
  sample
    num_samples = 1000 (Default)
    num_warmup = 1000 (Default)
    save_warmup = 0 (Default)
    thin = 1 (Default)
  adapt
    engaged = 1 (Default)
    gamma = 0.050000000000000003 (Default)
    delta = 0.80000000000000004 (Default)
    kappa = 0.75 (Default)
    t0 = 10 (Default)
    init_buffer = 75 (Default)
    term_buffer = 50 (Default)
    window = 25 (Default)
  algorithm = hmc (Default)
  hmc
    engine = nuts (Default)
    nuts
      max_depth = 10 (Default)
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    metric = diag_e (Default)
    stepsize = 1 (Default)
    stepsize_jitter = 0 (Default)
id = 0 (Default)
data
  file = /IS006139/home/pix/GitHub/MathematicaStan/Examples/HorseShoePrior/horseShoePrior.data.R
init = 2 (Default)
random
  seed = 5
output
  file = /IS006139/home/pix/GitHub/MathematicaStan/Examples/HorseShoePrior/output.csv
  diagnostic_file = (Default)
  refresh = 100 (Default)

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Gradient evaluation took 0.000208 seconds
 1000 transitions using 10 leapfrog steps per transition would take 2.08 seconds.
 Adjust your expectations accordingly!

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Iteration:   1 / 2000 [ 0%] (Warmup)
Iteration:  100 / 2000 [ 5%] (Warmup)
Iteration:  200 / 2000 [10%] (Warmup)
Iteration:  300 / 2000 [15%] (Warmup)
Iteration:  400 / 2000 [20%] (Warmup)
Iteration:  500 / 2000 [25%] (Warmup)
Iteration:  600 / 2000 [30%] (Warmup)
Iteration:  700 / 2000 [35%] (Warmup)
Iteration:  800 / 2000 [40%] (Warmup)
Iteration:  900 / 2000 [45%] (Warmup)
Iteration: 1000 / 2000 [50%] (Warmup)
Iteration: 1001 / 2000 [50%] (Sampling)
Iteration: 1100 / 2000 [55%] (Sampling)
Iteration: 1200 / 2000 [60%] (Sampling)
Iteration: 1300 / 2000 [65%] (Sampling)
Iteration: 1400 / 2000 [70%] (Sampling)
Iteration: 1500 / 2000 [75%] (Sampling)
Iteration: 1600 / 2000 [80%] (Sampling)
Iteration: 1700 / 2000 [85%] (Sampling)
Iteration: 1800 / 2000 [90%] (Sampling)
Iteration: 1900 / 2000 [95%] (Sampling)
Iteration: 2000 / 2000 [100%] (Sampling)

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Elapsed Time: 70.0086 seconds (Warm-up)
              32.0924 seconds (Sampling)
              102.101 seconds (Total)

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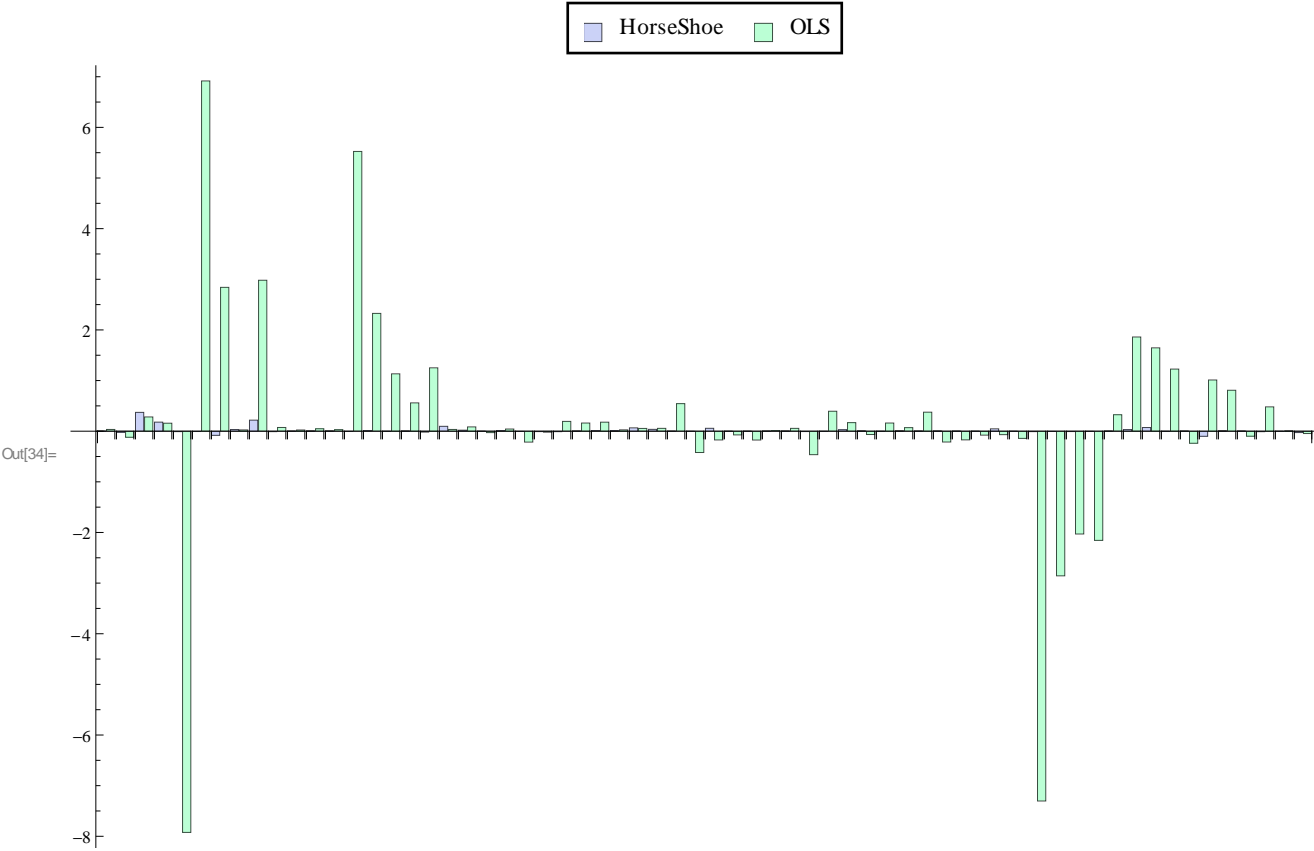
■ Use the results

```
In[32]:= output = StanImport ["output.csv"] ;
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Compute beta mean and compare it to OLS solution

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In[33]:= beta = Mean[StanVariableColumn["beta", output]] ;
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In[34]:= BarChart [Transpose [ {beta,betaOLS} ] ,ChartLegends->Placed[ { "HorseShoe","OLS" } ,Top] ]
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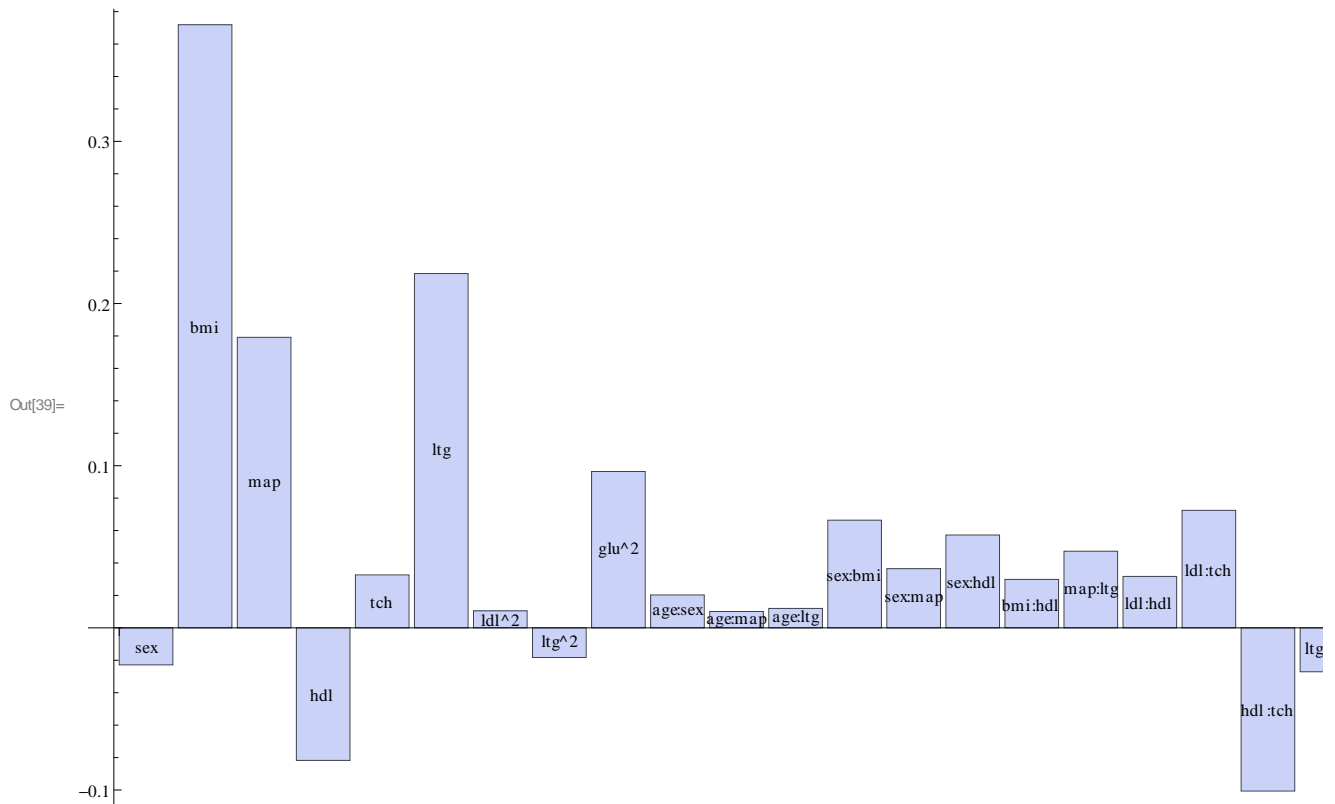
■ Now select all beta such that $|\text{beta}| > 0.01$

```
In[35]:= selectedBeta=Map[ (Abs[#]>0.01)&,&beta] ;
Print["The ",Count[selectedBeta,True]," variables are:\n",
(betaLabel[[selectedBeta=Flatten[Position[selectedBeta,True]]]]);

selectedBetaLabel=betaLabel[[selectedBeta]];
selectedBeta=beta[[selectedBeta]];

BarChart[selectedBeta,ChartLabels->Placed[selectedBetaLabel,Center]]

The 21 variables are:
{sex, bmi, map, hdl, tch, ltg, ldl^2, ltg^2, glu^2, age:sex, age:map, age:ltg,
sex:bmi, sex:map, sex:hdl, bmi:hdl, map:ltg, ldl:hdl, ldl:tch, hdl:tch, ltg:glu}
```



■ It is interesting to notice that the pruned beta has a better generalization than the OLS solution:

```
In[40]:= prunedBeta=Map[ If[Abs[#]>0.01,&#,0]&,&beta] ;
Norm[XTest.betaOLS-yTest]^2/Length[yTest]
Norm[XTest.prunedBeta-yTest]^2/Length[yTest]
```

Out[41]= 0.670749

Out[42]= 0.50374