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Torsten

Torsten: A Pharmacokinetic/Pharmacodynamic Model Library for Stan

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Introduction

Stan is an open source probabilistic programing language designed primarily to do Bayesian data analysis [2]. Several of its features make it a powerful tool to specify and fit complex models. Notably, its language is extremely flexible and its No U-Turn Sampler (NUTS), an adaptative Hamiltonian Monte Carlo algorithm, has proven more efficient than commonly used Monte Carlo Markov Chains (MCMC) samplers for complex high dimensional problems [5]. Our goal is to harness these innovative features and make Stan a better software for pharmacometrics modeling. Our efforts are twofold:

- (1) We contribute to the development of new mathematical tools, such as functions that support differential equations based models, and implement them directly into Stan's core language.
- (2) We develop Torsten, an extension with specialized pharmacometrics functions.

Throughout the process, we work very closely with the Stan Development Team. We have benefited immensely from their mentorship, advice, and feedback. Just like Stan, Torsten is an open source project that fosters collaborative work. Interested in contributing? Shoot us an e-mail and we will help you help us(billg@metrumrg.com)!

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WARNING: The current version of Torsten is a *prototype*. It is being released for review and comment, and to support limited research applications. It has not been rigorously tested and should not be used for critical applications without further testing or cross-checking by comparison with other methods.

We encourage interested users to try Torsten out and are happy to assist. Please report issues, bugs, and feature requests on our GitHub page.

1. Overview

Torsten is a collection of Stan functions to facilitate analysis of pharmacometric data using Stan. The current version includes:

- Specific linear compartment models:
 - One compartment model with first order absorption.
 - Two compartment model with elimination from and first order absorption into central compartment
- General linear compartment model described by a system of first-order <u>linear</u> Ordinary Differential Equations (ODEs).
- General compartment model described by a system of first order ODEs.
- Mix compartment model with PK forcing function described by a linear one or two compartment model.

The models and data format are based on NONMEM $^1/NMTRAN/PREDPP$ conventions including:

¹NONMEM® is licensed and distributed by ICON Development Solutions.

- Recursive calculation of model predictions
 - This permits piecewise constant covariate values
- Bolus or constant rate inputs into any compartment
- Handles single dose and multiple dose histories
- Handles steady state dosing histories
 - Note: The infusion time must be shorter than the inter-dose interval.
- Implemented NMTRAN data items include: TIME, EVID, CMT, AMT, RATE, ADDL, II, SS

In general, all real variables may be passed as Stan parameters. A few exceptions apply /to functions which use a numerical integrator/(i.e. the general and the mix compartment models). The below listed cases present technical difficulties, which we expect to overcome in Torsten's next release:

- In the case of a multiple truncated infusion rate dosing regimen:
 - The bioavailability (F) and the amount (AMT) must be fixed.

This library provides Stan language functions that calculate amounts in each compartment, given an event schedule and an ODE system.

2. Implementation summary

- Current Torsten v0.87 is based on Stan v2.19.1.
- All functions are programmed in C++ and are compatible with the Stan math automatic differentiation library [3]
- One and two compartment models are based on analytical solutions of governing ODEs.
- General linear compartment models are based on semi-analytical solutions using the builtin matrix exponential function
- General compartment models are solved numerically using built-in ODE integrators in Stan. The tuning parameters of the solver are adjustable. The steady state solution is calculated using a numerical algebraic solver.
- A mix compartment model's PK forcing function is solved analytically, and its forced ODE system is solved numerically.

3. Development plans

Our current plans for future development of Torsten include the following:

- Build a system to easily share packages of Stan functions (written in C++ or in the Stan language)
- Allow numerical methods to handle bioavailability fraction (F) as parameters in all cases.
- Optimize Matrix exponential functions
 - Function for the action of Matrix Exponential on a vector
 - Hand-coded gradients
 - Special algorithm for matrices with special properties
- Fix issue that arises when computing the adjoint of the lag time parameter (in a dosing compartment) evaluated at $t_{\text{lag}} = 0$.
- Extend formal tests
 - We want more C++ Google unit tests to address cases users may encounter
 - Comparison with simulations from the R package mrgsolve and the software NON-MEM®
 - Recruit non-developer users to conduct beta testing

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4.1. 0.87 <2019-07-26 Fri>.

- Added
 - MPI dynamic load balance for Torsten's population ODE integrators
 - * pmx_integrate_ode_group_adams
 - * pmx_integrate_ode_group_bdf
 - * pmx_integrate_ode_group_rk45

To invoke dynamic load balance instead of default static balance for MPI, issue TORSTEN_MPI=2 in make/local.

- Support time as parameter in pmx_solve_rk45/bdf/adams functions.
- Changed
 - Some fixes on steady-state solvers
 - Update to rstan version 2.19.2.

4.2. 0.86 < 2019-05-15 Wed >.

- Added
 - Torsten's ODE integrator functions
 - * pmx_integrate_ode_adams
 - * pmx_integrate_ode_bdf
 - * pmx_integrate_ode_rk45

and their counterparts to solve a population/group of subjects governed by an ODE

- * pmx_integrate_ode_group_adams
- * pmx_integrate_ode_group_bdf
- * pmx_integrate_ode_group_rk45
- Torsten's population PMX solver functions for general ODE models
 - * pmx_solve_group_adams
 - * pmx_solve_group_bdf
 - * pmx_solve_group_rk45
- Support time step ts as parameter in pmx_integrate_ode_xxx solvers.
- Changed
 - Renaming Torsten functions in previous releases, the old-new name mapping is
 - * PKModelOneCpt \rightarrow pmx_solve_onecpt
 - * PKModelTwoCpt \rightarrow pmx_solve_onecpt
 - * linOdeModel → pmx_solve_linode
 - * generalOdeModel_adams → pmx_solve_adams
 - * generalOdeModel_bdf → pmx_solve_bdf
 - * generalOdeModel_rk45 \rightarrow pmx_solve_rk45
 - * $mixOde1CptModel_bdf \rightarrow pmx_solve_onecpt_bdf$
 - * mixOde1CptModel_rk45 → pmx_solve_onecpt_rk45
 - * mixOde2CptModel_bdf → pmx_solve_twocpt_bdf
 - * mixOde2CptModel_rk45 \rightarrow pmx_solve_twocpt_rk45

Note that the new version of the above functions return the *transpose* of the matrix returned by the old versions, in order to improve memory efficiency. The old version are retained but will be deprecated in the future.

- Update to Stan version 2.19.1.

4.3. 0.85 <2018-12-04 Tue>.

- Added
 - Dosing rate as parameter
- Changed

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- Update to Stan version 2.18.0.

4.4. 0.84 <2018-02-24 Sat>.

- Added
 - Piecewise linear interpolation function.
 - Univariate integral functions.
- Changed
 - Update to Stan version 2.17.1.
 - Minor revisions to User Manual.
 - Bugfixes.

4.5. 0.83 < 2017-08-02 Wed >.

- Added
 - Work with TorstenHeaders
 - Each chain has a different initial estimate
- Changed
 - User manual
 - Fix misspecification in ODE system for TwoCpt example.
 - Other bugfixes

4.6. 0.82 < 2017-01-29 Sun >.

- Added
 - Allow parameter arguments to be passed as 1D or 2D arrays
 - More unit tests
 - Unit tests check automatic differentiation against finite differentiation.
- Changed
 - Split the parameter argument into three arguments: pMatrix (parameters for the ODEs note: for linOdeModel, pMatrix is replaced by the constant rate matrix K), biovar (parameters for the biovariability), and tlag (parameters for the lag time).
 - bugfixes

4.7. 0.81 <2016-09-27 Tue>.

• Added linCptModel (linear compartmental model) function

4.8. 0.80a <2016-09-21 Wed>.

• Added check_finite statements in pred_1 and pred_2 to reject metropolis proposal if initial conditions are not finite

Installation

We are working with Stan development team to create a system to add and share Stan packages. In the mean time, the current repo contains forked version of Stan with Torsten. The latest version of Torsten (v0.87) is compatible with Stan v2.19.1. Torsten is agnostic to which Stan interface you use. Here we provide command line and R interfaces.

1. Command line interface

After downloading the project

• https://github.com/metrumresearchgroup/Torsten

The command line interface cmdstan is available to use without installation. The following command builds a Torsten model_name in model_path

```
cd $TORSTEN_PATH/cmdstan; make model_path/model_name
```

Currently MPI support is only available through cmdstan interface. To use MPI-supported population/group solvers, add/edit make/local

```
TORSTEN_MPI=1
CXXFLAGS += -isystem /usr/local/include # path to MPI headers
```

Note that currently TORSTEN_MPI and STAN_MPI flags conflict on processes management and cannot be used in a same Stan model.

2. R interface

The R interface is based on rstan, the Stan's interface for R. To install R version of Torsten, at $TORSTEN_PATH$, in R

```
source('install.R')
```

Please ensure the R toolchain includes a C++ compiler with C++14 support. In particular, R 3.4.0 and later is recommended as it contains toolchain based on gcc 4.9.3. On Windows platform, such a toolchain can be found in Rtools34 and later.

Please ensure .R/Makevars constains the following flags

```
CXX14 = g++ -fPIC # or CXX14 = clang++ -fPIC

CXXFLAGS=-O3 -std=c++1y -mtune=native -march=native -Wno-unused-variable

\( \to -Wno-unused-function \)

CXXFLAGS += -DBOOST_MPL_CFG_NO_PREPROCESSED_HEADERS -DBOOST_MPL_LIMIT_LIST_SIZE=30
```

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```
CXX14FLAGS=-03 -std=c++1y -mtune=native -march=native -Wno-unused-variable

→ -Wno-unused-function

CXX14FLAGS += -DBOOST_MPL_CFG_NO_PREPROCESSED_HEADERS

→ -DBOOST_MPL_LIMIT_LIST_SIZE=30
```

Fore more information of setting up makevar and its functionality, see

• http://dirk.eddelbuettel.com/code/rcpp/Rcpp-package.pdf For more information of installation troubleshooting, please consult rstan wiki.

3. Testing

With project in torsten_path, set the envionment variable TORSTEN_PATH as

```
# in bash
export TORSTEN_PATH=torsten_path
# in csh
setenv TORSTEN_PATH torsten_path
```

To test the installation, run

```
./test-torsten.sh --unit  # math unit test
./test-torsten.sh --signature  # stan function # signature test
./test-torsten.sh --model  # R model test, takes long time to finish
```

Using Torsten

The reader should have a basic understanding of how Stan works before reading this chapter. There are excellent resources online to get started with Stan

• http://mc-stan.org/documentation

In this section we go through the different functions Torsten adds to Stan. The code for the examples can be found at

https://github.com/metrumresearchgroup/example-models
 and also at the example-models foler of your TORSTEN_PATH.

1. One Compartment Model

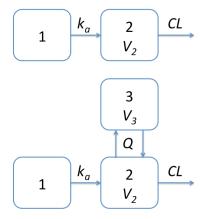


FIGURE 3.1. One and two compartment models with first order absorption implemented in Torsten.

Torsten function pmx_solve_onecpt solves one-compartment PK models(Figure 3.1). The model obtains plasma concentrations of parent drug $c = y_2/V_2$ by solving for the mass of drug in the central compartment y_2 from ordinary differential equations(ODEs)

$$y_1' = -k_a y_1,$$
 (3.1a)

$$y_2' = k_a y_1 - \left(\frac{CL}{V_2} + \frac{Q}{V_2}\right) y_2.$$
 (3.1b)

• ODE Parameters theta consists of CL, V_2 , k_a , in that order.

- The event arguments time, amt, rate, ii, evid, cmt, addl, and ss, describe the event schedule of the clinical trial. All arrays have the same length corresponding to the number of events.
- The model arguments, other than theta, include
 - biovar, the bioavailability fraction in each compartment
 - tlag, the lag time in each compartment.
- theta, biovar, tlag may be either
 - one-dimensional array real[] for constants of all events, or
 - two-dimensional array real [,] so that the *i*th row of the array describes the model arguments for time interval (t_{i-1}, t_i) , and the number of the rows energy equals to the number of events.
- Setting $k_a = 0$ eliminates the first-order absorption.
- The function returns a two-dimensional array of size nt by ncmt, where nt is the number of time steps and ncmt=2 is the number of compartments.

2. Two Compartment Model

Torsten function pmx_solve_twocpt (see also Figure 3.1) solves two-compartment PK models. The model obtains plasma concentrations of parent drug $c = y_2/V_2$ by solving for y_2 and y_3 , the mass of drug in the central and peripheral compartments, respectively, from ODEs

$$y_1' = -k_a y_1 \tag{3.2a}$$

$$y_2' = k_a y_1 - \left(\frac{CL}{V_2} + \frac{Q}{V_2}\right) y_2 + \frac{Q}{V_3} y_3$$
 (3.2b)

$$y_3' = \frac{Q}{V_2} y_2 - \frac{Q}{V_3} y_3 \tag{3.2c}$$

- ODE Parameters theta consists of CL, Q, V_2 , V_3 , k_a .
- The event arguments time, amt, rate, ii, evid, cmt, addl, and ss, describe the event schedule of the clinical trial. All arrays have the same length corresponding to the number of events.
- See section 1 regarding model arguments theta, biovar, and tlag.
- \bullet Setting ka to 0 eliminates the first-order absorption.
- The function returns a two-dimensional array of size nt by ncmt, where nt is the number of time steps and ncmt=3 is the number of compartments.
- **2.1. Example.** We model drug absorption in a single patient and simulate plasma drug concentrations:
 - Multiple Doses: 1250 mg, every 12 hours, for a total of 15 doses
 - PK measured at 0.083, 0.167, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1, 1.5, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12 hours after 1st, 2nd, and 15th dose. In addition, the PK is measured every 12 hours throughout the trial.

With the plasma concentration \hat{c} solved from two-compartment ODEs in 2, we simulate c according to:

$$\log(c) \sim N \left(\log(\widehat{c}), \sigma^2 \right)$$

$$(CL, Q, V_2, V_3, ka) = \left(5 \text{ L/h}, 8 \text{ L/h}, 20 \text{ L}, 70 \text{ L}, 1.2 \text{ h}^{-1} \right)$$

$$\sigma^2 = 0.01$$

The data are generated using the R package mrgsolve [1].

Code below shows how Torsten function pmx_solve_twocpt can be used to fit the above model.

```
data{
 int<lower = 1> nt; // number of events
 int<lower = 1> nObs; // number of observation
 int<lower = 1> iObs[nObs]; // index of observation
 // NONMEM data
 int<lower = 1> cmt[nt];
 int evid[nt];
 int addl[nt];
 int ss[nt];
 real amt[nt];
 real time[nt];
 real rate[nt];
 real ii[nt];
 vector<lower = 0>[nObs] cObs; // observed concentration (Dependent Variable)
transformed data{
 vector[nObs] logCObs = log(cObs);
 int nTheta = 5;  // number of ODE parameters in Two Compartment Model
 int nCmt = 3; // number of compartments in model
 // Since we're not trying to evaluate the bio-variability (F) and
 // the lag times, we declare them as data.
 real biovar[nCmt];
 real tlag[nCmt];
 biovar[1] = 1;
 biovar[2] = 1;
 biovar[3] = 1;
 tlag[1] = 0;
 tlag[2] = 0;
 tlag[3] = 0;
parameters {
 real<lower = 0> CL;
 real<lower = 0> Q;
 real<lower = 0> V1;
 real<lower = 0> V2;
 real<lower = 0> ka;
 real<lower = 0> sigma;
```

```
}
transformed parameters{
  real theta[nTheta]; // ODE parameters
  vector<lower = 0>[nt] cHat;
  vector<lower = 0>[nObs] cHatObs;
  matrix<lower = 0>[nt, nCmt] x;
  theta[1] = CL;
  theta[2] = Q;
  theta[3] = V1;
  theta[4] = V2;
  theta[5] = ka;
  // PKModelTwoCpt takes in the NONMEM data, followed by the parameter
  // arrays abd returns a matrix with the predicted amount in each
  // compartment at each event.
  x = PKModelTwoCpt(time, amt, rate, ii, evid, cmt, addl, ss,
                    theta, biovar, tlag);
  \mathtt{cHat} = \mathtt{col}(x, 2) ./ \mathtt{V1}; // we're interested in the amount in the second

→ compartment

  cHatObs = cHat[iObs]; // predictions for observed data recors
```

Three MCMC chains of 2000 iterations are simulated. The first 1000 iteration of each chain were discarded. Thus 1000 MCMC samples per chain were used for the subsequent analyses. The MCMC history plots(Figure 3.2) suggest that the 3 chains have converged to common distributions for all of the key model parameters. The fit to the plasma concentration data (Figure 3.5) are in close agreement with the data, which is not surprising since the fitted model is identical to the one used to simulate the data. Similarly the parameter estimates summarized in Table 3.1 and Figure 3.4 are consistent with the values used for simulation.

| | mean | se_{mean} | sd | 2.5% | 25% | 50% | 75% | 97.5% | $n_{ m eff}$ | Rhat |
|-------|--------|-------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|------|
| CL | 4.823 | 0.002 | 0.092 | 4.647 | 4.762 | 4.823 | 4.883 | 5.012 | 2392.155 | 1.00 |
| Q | 7.596 | 0.013 | 0.586 | 6.479 | 7.201 | 7.594 | 7.977 | 8.785 | 1923.939 | 1.00 |
| V1 | 21.073 | 0.069 | 2.573 | 16.017 | 19.352 | 21.046 | 22.817 | 26.097 | 1385.883 | 1.00 |
| V2 | 76.365 | 0.105 | 5.611 | 65.805 | 72.623 | 76.172 | 79.916 | 87.971 | 2862.184 | 1.00 |
| ka | 1.231 | 0.004 | 0.177 | 0.907 | 1.107 | 1.221 | 1.344 | 1.599 | 1581.825 | 1.00 |
| sigma | 0.109 | 0.000 | 0.012 | 0.089 | 0.100 | 0.108 | 0.116 | 0.134 | 2560.112 | 1.00 |

Table 3.1. Summary of the MCMC simulations of the marginal posterior distributions of the model parameters

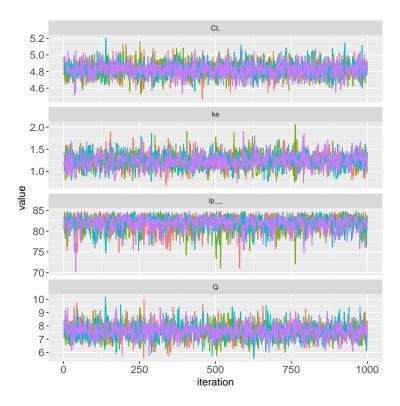


FIGURE 3.2. MCMC history plots for the parameters of a two compartment model with first order absorption (each color corresponds to a different chain)

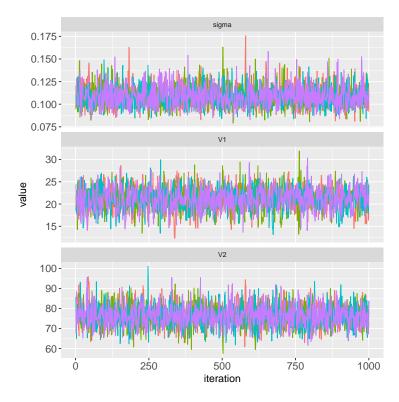


FIGURE 3.3. MCMC history plots for the parameters of a two compartment model with first order absorption (each color corresponds to a different chain)

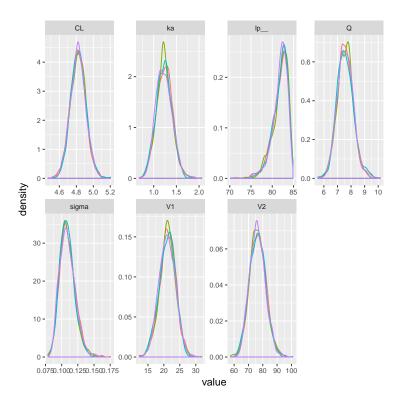


FIGURE 3.4. Posterior Marginal Densities of the Model Parameters of a two compartment model with first order absorption (each color corresponds to a different chain)

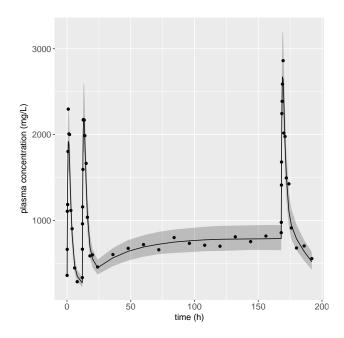


FIGURE 3.5. Predicted (posterior median and 90% credible intervals) and observed plasma drug concentrations of a two compartment model with first order absorption

3. General Linear ODE Model Function

Torsten function pmx_solve_linode solves a (piecewise) linear ODEs model with coefficients in form of matrix K

$$y'(t) = Ky(t) \tag{3.3}$$

For example, for a two-compartment model with first order absorption, K would be

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} -k_a & 0 & 0\\ k_a & -(k_{10} + k_{12}) & k_{21}\\ 0 & k_{12} & -k_{21} \end{bmatrix}$$
(3.4)

where $k_{10} = CL/V_2$, $k_{12} = Q/V_2$, and $k_{21} = Q/V_3$.

- K contains system parameters. In the case of constant rate, K is the same for all events or an array of constant rate matrices. The length of the array is the number of events and the i th element corresponds to the matrix at the interval [time[i-1], time[i]]. Note that K contains all the ODE parameters, so we no longer need theta.
- See section 1 regarding model arguments theta, biovar, and tlag.
- The function returns a two-dimensional array of size nt by n, where nt is the number of time steps and n is the size of the square matrix K.
- **3.1. Example.** Using pmx_solve_linode, the following example fits a two-compartment model with first order absorption.

```
// LinTwoCptModelExample.stan
// Run two compartment model using matrix exponential solution
// Heavily anotated to help new users
data{
 int<lower = 1> nt; // number of events
 int<lower = 1> nObs; // number of observations
 int<lower = 1> iObs[nObs]; // index of observation
 // NONMEM data
 int<lower = 1> cmt[nt];
 int evid[nt];
 int addl[nt];
 int ss[nt];
 real amt[nt];
 real time[nt];
 real rate[nt];
 real ii[nt];
 vector<lower = 0>[nObs] cObs; // observed concentration (dependent variable)
transformed data{
 vector[nObs] logCObs = log(cObs);
 int nCmt = 3;
 real biovar[nCmt];
 real tlag[nCmt];
```

```
for (i in 1:nCmt) {
   biovar[i] = 1;
   tlag[i] = 0;
 }
}
parameters{
 real<lower = 0> CL;
  real<lower = 0> Q;
  real<lower = 0> V1;
 real<lower = 0> V2;
 real<lower = 0> ka;
 real<lower = 0> sigma;
transformed parameters{
 matrix[3, 3] K;
 real k10 = CL / V1;
  real k12 = Q / V1;
 real k21 = Q / V2;
  vector<lower = 0>[nt] cHat;
  vector<lower = 0>[nObs] cHatObs;
 matrix<lower = 0>[nt, 3] x;
 K = rep_matrix(0, 3, 3);
 K[1, 1] = -ka;
 K[2, 1] = ka;
 K[2, 2] = -(k10 + k12);
 K[2, 3] = k21;
 K[3, 2] = k12;
 K[3, 3] = -k21;
 // linModel takes in the constant rate matrix, the object theta which
  // contains the biovariability fraction and the lag time of each compartment,
  // and the NONMEM data.
 x = linOdeModel(time, amt, rate, ii, evid, cmt, addl, ss,
                  K, biovar, tlag);
```

4. General ODE Model Function

Torsten function pmx_solve_adams, pmx_solve_rk45 and pmx_solve_bdf solve first ODEs with user-specified first-order right-hand-side(RHS)

$$y'(t) = f(t, y(t))$$

In the case where the rate vector r is non-zero, this equation becomes:

$$y'(t) = f(t, y(t)) + r$$

- User specifies f(t, y(t)) by defining ODE_system inside the functions block (see section 19.2 of the Stan reference manual for details and code below for an example). The user does NOT include the rates in their definition of f. Torsten automatically corrects the derivatives when the rates are non-zero.
- nCmt is the number of compartments (or, equivalently, the number of ODEs) in the model.
- rel_tol, abs_tol, and max_step are tuning parameters for the ODE integrator: respectively the relative tolerance, the absolute tolerance, and the maximum number of steps.
- pmx_solve_rk45 solves ODE with Stan's Runge-Kutta ODE solver function.
- pmx_solve_adams solves ODE with Torsten's Adams-Moulton ODE solver function pmx_integrate_ode_adams.
- pmx_solve_bdf solves ODE with Torsten's Backward Differentiation(BDF) ODE solver function pmx_integrate_ode_bdf,
- The values to use for the tuning parameters depends on the integrator and the specifics of the ODE system. Reducing the tolerance parameters and increasing the number of steps make for a more robust integrator but can significantly slow down the algorithm. The following can be used as a starting point:

```
- rel_tol = 1e-6

- abs_tol = 1e-6

- max_step = 1e+6

for rk45 integrator and

- rel_tol = 1e-10

- abs_tol = 1e-10

- max_step = 1e+8
```

for the BDF integrator ¹. Users should be prepared to adjust these values. For additional information, see the Stan User's Manual [6].

- In the case of a multiple truncated infusion rate dosing regimen The bioavailability biovar and the amount amt cannot be passed as parameters.
- See section 1 regarding model arguments theta, biovar, and tlag.
- **4.1. Example.** Using pmx_solve_rk45, the following example fits a two-compartment model with first order absorption. User-defined function twoCptModelODE describes the RHS of the ODEs.

¹These are the default tuning parameters the integrators. Torsten functions do not have a default values for these parameters. The user must explicitly pass the tuning parameters to generalOdeModel_*().

```
// GenTwoCptModelExample.stan
// Run two compartment model using numerical solution
// Heavily anotated to help new users
functions{
 // define ODE system for two compartmnt model
 real[] twoCptModelODE(real t,
                        real[] x,
                        real[] parms,
                        real[] rate, // in this example, rate is treated as data
                        int[] dummy) {
    // Parameters
    real CL = parms[1];
    real Q = parms[2];
    real V1 = parms[3];
   real V2 = parms[4];
   real ka = parms[5];
   // Re-parametrization
   real k10 = CL / V1;
   real k12 = Q / V1;
   real k21 = Q / V2;
    // Return object (derivative)
    real y[3]; // 1 element per compartment of
                // the model
    // PK component of the ODE system
   y[1] = -ka*x[1];
   y[2] = ka*x[1] - (k10 + k12)*x[2] + k21*x[3];
   y[3] = k12*x[2] - k21*x[3];
   return y;
 }
data{
 int<lower = 1> nt; // number of events
 int<lower = 1> nObs; // number of observations
 int<lower = 1> iObs[nObs]; // index of observation
 // NONMEM data
 int<lower = 1> cmt[nt];
 int evid[nt];
 int addl[nt];
 int ss[nt];
 real amt[nt];
 real time[nt];
 real rate[nt];
 real ii[nt];
 vector<lower = 0>[nObs] cObs; // observed concentration (dependent variable)
transformed data{
```

```
vector[nObs] logCObs = log(cObs);
  int nTheta = 5; // number of parameters
 int nCmt = 3; // number of compartments
 real biovar[nCmt];
 real tlag[nCmt];
 for (i in 1:nCmt) {
   biovar[i] = 1;
   tlag[i] = 0;
  }
}
parameters{
 real<lower = 0> CL;
 real<lower = 0> Q;
 real<lower = 0> V1;
 real<lower = 0> V2;
 real<lower = 0> ka;
 real<lower = 0> sigma;
transformed parameters{
 real theta[nTheta];
  vector<lower = 0>[nt] cHat;
 vector<lower = 0>[nObs] cHatObs;
 matrix<lower = 0>[nt, 3] x;
 theta[1] = CL;
 theta[2] = Q;
 theta[3] = V1;
 theta[4] = V2;
 theta[5] = ka;
 // generalCptModel takes in the ODE system, the number of compartment
  // (here we have a two compartment model with first order absorption, so
  // three compartments), the parameters matrix, the NONEM data, and the tuning
 // parameters (relative tolerance, absolute tolerance, and maximum number of
  \hookrightarrow steps)
 // of the ODE integrator. The user can choose between the bdf and the rk45
  // Returns a matrix with the predicted amount in each compartment
  // at each event.
// x = generalOdeModel_bdf(twoCptModelODE, 3,
                           time, amt, rate, ii, evid, cmt, addl, ss,
                           theta, biovar, tlag,
                           1e-8, 1e-8, 1e8);
   x = generalOdeModel_rk45(twoCptModelODE, 3,
                          time, amt, rate, ii, evid, cmt, addl, ss,
                           theta, biovar, tlag,
                           1e-6, 1e-6, 1e6);
 cHat = col(x, 2) ./ V1;
  for(i in 1:nObs) {
    cHatObs[i] = cHat[iObs[i]]; // predictions for observed data records
```

```
}
}
```

5. Mixed ODE Model Function

When the ODE system consists of two subsystems in form of

$$y'_1 = f_1(t, y_1),$$

 $y'_2 = f_2(t, y_1, y_2),$

with y_1 , y_2 , f_1 , and f_2 being vector-valued functions, and y_1' independent of y_2 , the solution can be accelerated if y_1 admits an analytical solution which can be introduced into the ODE for y_2 for numerical integration. This structure arises in PK/PD models, where y_1 describes a forcing PK function and y_2 the PD effects. In the example of a Friberg-Karlsson semi-mechanistic model(see below), we observe an average speedup of $\sim 47 \pm 18\%$ when using the mix solver in lieu of the numerical integrator. Torsten supports the mixed solver for cases where y_1 solves the ODEs for a One or Two Compartment model with a first-order absorption.

The reduced_ODE_system specifies the system we numerically solve (y_2 in the above discussion, also called the *reduced system* and node the number of equations in the <u>reduced</u> system. The function that defines a reduced system has an almost identical signature to that used for a full system, but takes one additional argument: y_1 , the PK states, i.e. solution to the PK ODEs.

The four functions of mixed solver correspond to all the permutations Torsten provides when using a forcing One or Two Compartment function, and the Runge-Kutta 4th/5th order (rk45) or Backward Differentiation (bdf) integration scheme. The mixed ODE functions can be used to compute the steady state solutions supported by the general ODE model functions.

Restrictions regarding which arguments may be passed as parameters for general ODE solvers also apply to mixed solvers.

6. General ODE-based Population Model Function

Similar to their single-subject counterparts, Torsten function pmx_solve_group_adams, pmx_solve_group_r and pmx_solve_group_bdf solve a population ODE model. These solvers support MPI parallelization.

- The ragged array arguments time, amt, rate, ii, evid, cmt, addl, ss describe data record for the entire population.
- len specifies the length of data for each subject within the above ragged arrays, and the size of len is the size of the population.
- rel_tol, abs_tol, and max_step have same meaning and default values as in corresponding single-subject solvers.
- In cmdstan, define TORSTEN_MPI=1 in make/local to activate MPI solution for these population solvers.
- The solvers return a single matrix ragged column-wise. The number of rows equals to the number of compartments in the model.
- **6.1. Example.** Using pmx_solve_group_bdf, the following example fits a two-compartment population model.

```
functions {
  // define ODE system for two compartmnt model
 real[] twoCptModelODE(real t,
                        real[] x,
                        real[] parms,
                        real[] rate, // in this example, rate is treated as data
                        int[] dummy) {
    // Parameters
   real CL = parms[1];
   real Q = parms[2];
   real V1 = parms[3];
    real V2 = parms[4];
   real ka = parms[5];
    // Re-parametrization
   real k10 = CL / V1;
    real k12 = Q / V1;
   real k21 = Q / V2;
   // Return object (derivative)
   real y[3]; // 1 element per compartment of
                // the model
    // PK component of the ODE system
    y[1] = -ka * x[1];
   y[2] = ka*x[1] - (k10 + k12)*x[2] + k21*x[3];
   y[3] = k12*x[2] - k21*x[3];
   return y;
 }
}
data{
 int<lower = 1> np;
                               /* population size */
 int<lower = 1> nt; // number of events
 int<lower = 1> nObs; // number of observations
 int<lower = 1> iObs[nObs]; // index of observation
  // NONMEM data
 int<lower = 1> cmt[np * nt];
 int evid[np * nt];
 int addl[np * nt];
 int ss[np * nt];
 real amt[np * nt];
 real time[np * nt];
 real rate[np * nt];
 real ii[np * nt];
 real<lower = 0> cObs[np*nObs]; // observed concentration (dependent variable)
}
transformed data {
 real logCObs[np*nObs];
 int<lower = 1> len[np];
 int<lower = 1> len_theta[np];
 int<lower = 1> len_biovar[np];
```

```
int<lower = 1> len_tlag[np];
  int nTheta = 5; // number of parameters
  int nCmt = 3; // number of compartments
  real biovar[np * nt, nCmt];
  real tlag[np * nt, nCmt];
  logCObs = log(cObs);
  for (id in 1:np) {
   for (j in 1:nt) {
     for (i in 1:nCmt) {
       biovar[(id - 1) * nt + j, i] = 1;
       tlag[(id - 1) * nt + j, i] = 0;
      }
   len[id] = nt;
   len_theta[id] = nt;
   len_biovar[id] = nt;
   len_tlag[id] = nt;
}
parameters{
 real<lower = 0> CL[np];
 real<lower = 0> Q[np];
 real<lower = 0> V1[np];
 real<lower = 0> V2[np];
 real<lower = 0> ka[np];
 real<lower = 0> sigma[np];
transformed parameters{
 real theta[np * nt, nTheta];
  vector<lower = 0>[nt] cHat[np];
 real<lower = 0> cHatObs[np*nObs];
 matrix[3, nt * np] x;
  for (id in 1:np) {
   for (it in 1:nt) {
     theta[(id - 1) * nt + it, 1] = CL[id];
      theta[(id - 1) * nt + it, 2] = Q[id];
     theta[(id - 1) * nt + it, 3] = V1[id];
     theta[(id - 1) * nt + it, 4] = V2[id];
     theta[(id - 1) * nt + it, 5] = ka[id];
   }
  }
  x = pmx_solve_group_bdf(twoCptModelODE, 3, len,
                         time, amt, rate, ii, evid, cmt, addl, ss,
                          theta, biovar, tlag);
 for (id in 1:np) {
   for (j in 1:nt) {
     cHat[id][j] = x[2, (id - 1) * nt + j] ./ V1[id];
  }
```

```
for (id in 1:np) {
    for(i in 1:nObs){
      cHatObs[(id - 1)*nObs + i] = cHat[id][iObs[i]]; // predictions for observed

→ data records

  }
}
model {
 // informative prior
  for(id in 1:np) {
   CL[id] \sim lognormal(log(10), 0.25);
    Q[id] \sim lognormal(log(15), 0.5);
    V1[id] ~ lognormal(log(35), 0.25);
    V2[id] ~ lognormal(log(105), 0.5);
    ka[id] \sim lognormal(log(2.5), 1);
    sigma[id] ~ cauchy(0, 1);
    for(i in 1:nObs) {
      logCObs[(id - 1)*nObs + i] \sim normal(log(cHatObs[(id - 1)*nObs + i]),

    sigma[id]);

  }
}
```

7. ODE integrator Function

Torsten's own implementation of ODE integrators. They have same signature as those in Stan.

• ts can be parameters in Torsten's ODE integrators.

8. ODE group integrator Function

Torsten provides group solvers for a population of subjects with different parameters/data but governed by a same ODE. These solvers support MPI parallelization.

- The ragged array arguments y0, ts, theta, x_r, x_i describe data record for the entire ODE group.
- len specifies the length of data for each subject within the above ragged arrays, and the size of len is the size of the population.
- ts can only be data in the group integrators.
- The group integrators return a single matrix ragged column-wise. The number of rows equals to the size of ODE system.
- **8.1. Example.** Using pmx_integrate_ode_group_rk45, the following example fits a Lotka-Volterra group model, based on Stan's case study.

```
functions {
  real[] dz_dt(real t,
                            // time
              real[] z,  // system state {prey, predator}
              real[] theta, // parameters
              real[] x_r, // unused data
              int[] x_i) {
   real u = z[1];
   real v = z[2];
   real alpha = theta[1];
   real beta = theta[2];
   real gamma = theta[3];
   real delta = theta[4];
   real du_dt = (alpha - beta * v) * u;
   real dv_dt = (-gamma + delta * u) * v;
   return { du_dt, dv_dt };
  }
}
data {
 int<lower = 0> N_subj; // number of subjects
 int<lower = 0> N;
                            // number of measurement times
 real ts_0[N];
                               // measurement times > 0
 real y0_0[2];  // initial measured populations
 real<lower = 0> y_0[N, 2];  // measured populations
transformed data {
 int len[N_subj] = rep_array(N, N_subj);
 real y0[N_subj, 2] = rep_array(y0_0, N_subj);
  real y[N_subj, N, 2] = rep_array(y_0, N_subj);
```

```
real ts[N_subj * N];
  for (i in 1:N_subj) {
    ts[((i-1)*N + 1) : (i*N)] = ts_0;
}
parameters {
  real<lower = 0> theta[N_subj, 4]; // { alpha, beta, gamma, delta }
  real<lower = 0> z_init[N_subj, 2]; // initial population
  real<lower = 0> sigma[N_subj, 2]; // measurement errors
transformed parameters {
  matrix[2, N_subj * N] z;
  z = pmx_integrate_ode_group_rk45(dz_dt, z_init, 0, len, ts, theta,

    rep_array(rep_array(0.0, 0), N_subj), rep_array(rep_array(0, 0), N_subj));
model {
  for (isub in 1:N_subj) {
    theta[isub, \{1, 3\}] ~ normal(1, 0.5);
    theta[isub, \{2, 4\}] ~ normal(0.05, 0.05);
    sigma[isub] ~ lognormal(-1, 1);
    z_init[isub] ~ lognormal(10, 1);
    for (k in 1:2) {
      y0[isub, k] ~ lognormal(log(z_init[isub, k]), sigma[isub, k]);
      y[isub, , k] \sim lognormal(log(z[k, ((isub-1)*N + 1):(isub*N)]), sigma[isub,
       \hookrightarrow kl);
  }
```

9. Example

A Friberg-Karlsson Semi-Mechanistic model [4] couples a PK model with a PD effect. In the current example, we use the two compartment model in section 2 for PK model.

Neutropenia is observed in patients receiving an ME-2 drug. Our goal is to model the relation between neutrophil counts and drug exposure. Using a feedback mechanism, the body maintains the number of neutrophils at a baseline value (Figure 3.6). While in the patient's blood, the drug impedes the production of neutrophils. As a result, the neutrophil count goes down. After the drug clears out, the feedback mechanism kicks in and brings the neutrophil count back to baseline.

$$\log(ANC_i) \sim N(\log(Circ), \sigma_{ANC}^2) \tag{3.5}$$

$$Circ = f_{FK}(MTT, Circ_0, \alpha, \gamma, c)$$
(3.6)

$$(MTT, Circ_0, \alpha, \gamma, ktr) = (125, 5.0, 3 \times 10^{-4}, 0.17)$$
 (3.7)

$$\sigma_{ANC}^2 = 0.001 \tag{3.8}$$

where c is the drug concentration in the blood we get from the Two Compartment model, and Circ is obtained by solving the following system of nonlinear ODEs:

$$y'_{\text{prol}} = k_{\text{prol}} y_{\text{prol}} (1 - E_{\text{drug}}) \left(\frac{Circ_0}{y_{\text{circ}}}\right)^{\gamma} - k_{\text{tr}} y_{\text{prol}}$$
(3.9a)

$$y'_{\text{trans1}} = k_{\text{tr}} y_{\text{prol}} - k_{\text{tr}} y_{\text{trans1}} \tag{3.9b}$$

$$y'_{\text{trans2}} = k_{\text{tr}} y_{\text{trans1}} - k_{\text{tr}} y_{\text{trans2}}$$
(3.9c)

$$y'_{\text{trans3}} = k_{\text{tr}} y_{\text{trans2}} - k_{\text{tr}} y_{\text{trans3}}$$
(3.9d)

$$y'_{\text{circ}} = k_{\text{tr}} y_{\text{trans3}} - k_{\text{tr}} y_{\text{circ}} \tag{3.9e}$$

where $E_{drug} = \alpha c$.

The ODEs specifying the Two Compartment Model (Equation (3.2a)) do not depend on the PD ODEs (Equation (3.9)) and can be solved analytically using Torsten's pmx_solve_twocpt function. We therefore specify our model using a mixed solver function. We do not expect our system to be stiff and use the Runge-Kutta 4th/5th order integrator.

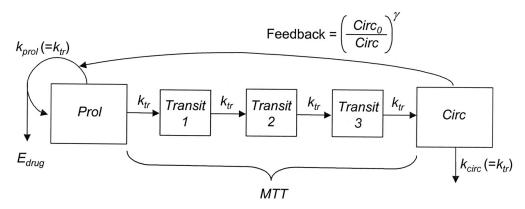


FIGURE 3.6. Friberg-Karlsson semi-mechanistic Model.

```
functions {
  real[] FK_ODE(real t,
                real[] y,
                real[] y_pk,
                real[] theta,
                real[] rdummy,
                int[] idummy) {
    /* PK variables */
    real VC = theta[3];
    /* PD variable */
    real mtt
               = theta[6];
    real circ0
                  = theta[7];
    real alpha
                  = theta[8];
    real gamma
                  = theta[9];
                  = 4.0 / mtt;
    real ktr
                  = y[1] + circ0;
    real prol
    real transit1 = y[2] + circ0;
    real transit2 = y[3] + circ0;
    real transit3 = y[4] + circ0;
                = fmax(machine_precision(), y[5] + circ0);
    real circ
    real conc
                  = y_pk[2] / VC;
```

```
real EDrug = alpha * conc;
    real dydt[5];
    dydt[1] = ktr * prol * ((1 - EDrug) * ((circ0 / circ)^gamma) - 1);
    dydt[2] = ktr * (prol - transit1);
    dydt[3] = ktr * (transit1 - transit2);
    dydt[4] = ktr * (transit2 - transit3);
    dydt[5] = ktr * (transit3 - circ);
   return dydt;
 }
}
data{
 int<lower = 1> nt;
 int<lower = 1> nObsPK;
 int<lower = 1> nObsPD;
 int<lower = 1> iObsPK[nObsPK];
 int<lower = 1> iObsPD[nObsPD];
  real<lower = 0> amt[nt];
  int<lower = 1> cmt[nt];
  int<lower = 0> evid[nt];
 real<lower = 0> time[nt];
 real<lower = 0> ii[nt];
 int<lower = 0> addl[nt];
 int<lower = 0> ss[nt];
 real rate[nt];
 vector<lower = 0>[nObsPK] cObs;
 vector<lower = 0>[nObsPD] neutObs;
 real<lower = 0> circ0Prior;
 real<lower = 0> circ0PriorCV;
 real<lower = 0> mttPrior;
 real<lower = 0> mttPriorCV;
 real<lower = 0> gammaPrior;
 real<lower = 0> gammaPriorCV;
 real<lower = 0> alphaPrior;
 real<lower = 0> alphaPriorCV;
transformed data{
 int nOde = 5;
 vector[nObsPK] logCObs;
 vector[nObsPD] logNeutObs;
// int idummy[0];
// real rdummy[0];
 int nTheta;
 int nIIV;
                               /* ODE dimension */
 int n;
 real rtol;
 real atol;
 int max_step;
 n = 8;
 rtol = 1e-8;
```

```
atol = 1e-8;
  max\_step = 100000;
 logCObs = log(cObs);
 logNeutObs = log(neutObs);
 nIIV = 7; // parameters with IIV
 nTheta = 9; // number of parameters
parameters{
 real<lower = 0> CL;
 real<lower = 0> Q;
 real<lower = 0> VC;
 real<lower = 0> VP;
 real<lower = 0> ka;
 real<lower = 0> mtt;
 real<lower = 0> circ0;
 real<lower = 0> alpha;
  real<lower = 0> gamma;
  real<lower = 0> sigma;
 real<lower = 0> sigmaNeut;
 // IIV parameters
 cholesky_factor_corr[nIIV] L;
  vector<lower = 0>[nIIV] omega;
}
transformed parameters{
 vector[nt] cHat;
 vector<lower = 0>[nObsPK] cHatObs;
 vector[nt] neutHat;
 vector<lower = 0>[nObsPD] neutHatObs;
 real<lower = 0> theta[nTheta];
 matrix[nt, nOde + 3] x;
 real biovar[nTheta];
 real tlag[nTheta];
 for (i in 1:nTheta) {
  biovar[i] = 1.0;
   tlag[i] = 0.0;
 theta[1] = CL;
 theta[2] = Q;
 theta[3] = VC;
 theta[4] = VP;
  theta[5] = ka;
 theta[6] = mtt;
 theta[7] = circ0;
 theta[8] = alpha;
 theta[9] = gamma;
 x = mixOde2CptModel_rk45(FK_ODE, nOde, time, amt, rate, ii, evid, cmt, addl, ss,
```

```
cHat = col(x, 2) / VC;
  neutHat = col(x, 8) + circ0;
  for(i in 1:nObsPK) cHatObs[i] = cHat[iObsPK[i]];
  for(i in 1:nObsPD) neutHatObs[i] = neutHat[iObsPD[i]];
}
model {
  // Priors
 CL ~ normal(0, 20);
        ~ normal(0, 20);
 VC ~ normal(0, 100);
 VP ~ normal(0, 1000);
 ka \sim normal(0, 5);
 sigma ~ cauchy(0, 1);
           ~ lognormal(log(mttPrior), mttPriorCV);
 circ0
           ~ lognormal(log(circ0Prior), circ0PriorCV);
         ~ lognormal(log(alphaPrior), alphaPriorCV);
~ lognormal(log(gammaPrior), gammaPriorCV);
  alpha
  sigmaNeut ~ cauchy(0, 1);
 // Parameters for Matt's trick
 L ~ lkj_corr_cholesky(1);
 omega \sim cauchy(0, 1);
 // observed data likelihood
 logCObs ~ normal(log(cObs), sigma);
  logNeutObs ~ normal(log(neutObs), sigmaNeut);
```

10. Univariate integral

```
real univariate_integral_rk45(f, t0, t1, theta, x_r, x_i)
```

```
real univariate_integral_bdf(f, t0, t1, theta, x_r, x_i)
```

Based on the ODE solver capability in Stan, Torsten provides functions calculating the integral of a univariate function. The integrand function f must follow the signature

```
real f(real t, real[] theta, real[] x_r, int[] x_i) {
    /* ... */
}
```

10.1. Example. This example shows how to use univariate_integral_rk45 to calculate the integral of a quadratic function.

```
functions {
  real fun_ord2(real t, real[] theta, real[] x_r, int[] x_i) {
   real a = 2.3;
```

```
real b = 2.0;
    real c = 1.5;
    real res;
    res = a + b * t + c * t * t;
    return res;
data {
 real t0;
  real t1;
  real dtheta[2];
  real x_r[0];
  int x_i[0];
transformed data {
  real univar_integral;
  univar_integral = univariate_integral_rk45(func, t0, t1, dtheta,
                          x_r, x_i);
/* ... */
```

11. Piecewise linear interpolation

```
real linear_interpolation(real xout, real[] x, real[] y)
```

```
real[] linear_interpolation(real[] xout, real[] x, real[] y)
```

Torsten also provides function linear_interpolation for piecewise linear interpolation over a set of x, y pairs. It returns the values of a piecewise linear function at specified values xout of the first function argument. The function is specified in terms of a set of x, y pairs. Specifically, linear_interpolation implements the following function

$$y_{\text{out}} = \begin{cases} y_1, & x_{\text{out}} < x_1 \\ y_i + \frac{y_{i+1} - y_i}{x_{i+1} - x_i} (x_{\text{out}} - x_i), & x_{\text{out}} \in [x_i, x_{i+1}) \\ y_n, & x_{\text{out}} \ge x_n \end{cases}$$

- The x values must be in increasing order, i.e. $x_i < x_{i+1}$.
- All three arguments may be data or parameters.
- 11.1. Example. This example illustrates how to use linear_intepolationi to fit a piecewise linear function to a data set consisting of (x, y) pairs.

```
data{
   int nObs;
   real xObs[nObs];
   real yObs[nObs];
   int nx;
   int nPred;
   real xPred[nPred];
}

transformed data{
   real xmin = min(xObs);
   real xmax = max(xObs);
```

```
parameters{
 real y[nx];
 real<lower = 0> sigma;
 simplex[nx - 1] xSimplex;
transformed parameters{
 real yHat[nObs];
 real x[nx];
 x[1] = xmin;
 x[nx] = xmax;
 for(i in 2:(nx-1))
   x[i] = x[i-1] + xSimplex[i-1] * (xmax - xmin);
 yHat = linear_interpolation(xObs, x, y);
model{}\{
 xSimplex ~ dirichlet(rep_vector(1, nx - 1));
 y \sim normal(0, 25);
 yObs ~ normal(yHat, sigma);
generated quantities{
 real yHatPred[nPred];
 real yPred[nPred];
 yHatPred = linear_interpolation(xPred, x, y);
 for(i in 1:nPred)
   yPred[i] = normal_rng(yHatPred[i], sigma);
```

Additional examples

1. Effect Compartment Population Model

Here we expand the example in 2 to a population model fitted to the combined data from phase I and phase IIa studies. The parameters exhibit inter-individual variations (IIV), due to both random effects and to the patients' body weight, treated as a covariate and denoted bw.

1.1. Population Model for Plasma Drug Concentration c.

$$\begin{aligned} \log\left(c_{ij}\right) &\sim N\left(\log\left(\widehat{c}_{ij}\right), \sigma^{2}\right), \\ \widehat{c}_{ij} &= f_{2cpt}\left(t_{ij}, D_{j}, \tau_{j}, CL_{j}, Q_{j}, V_{1j}, V_{2j}, k_{aj}\right), \\ \log\left(CL_{j}, Q_{j}, V_{ssj}, k_{aj}\right) &\sim N\left(\log\left(\widehat{CL}\left(\frac{bw_{j}}{70}\right)^{0.75}, \widehat{Q}\left(\frac{bw_{j}}{70}\right)^{0.75}, \widehat{V}_{ss}\left(\frac{bw_{j}}{70}\right), \widehat{k}_{a}\right), \Omega\right), \\ V_{1j} &= f_{V_{1}}V_{ssj}, \\ V_{2j} &= (1 - f_{V_{1}})\,V_{ssj}, \\ \left(\widehat{CL}, \widehat{Q}, \widehat{V}_{ss}, \widehat{k}_{a}, f_{V_{1}}\right) &= \left(10\,\,\mathrm{L/h}, 15\,\,\mathrm{L/h}, 140\,\,\mathrm{L}, 2\,\,\mathrm{h^{-1}}, 0.25\right), \\ \Omega &= \begin{pmatrix} 0.25^{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.25^{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.25^{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.25^{2} \end{pmatrix}, \\ \sigma &= 0.1 \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore we add a fourth compartment in which we measure a PD effect (Figure 4.1).

1.2. Effect Compartment Model for PD response R.

$$\begin{split} R_{ij} \sim N\left(\widehat{R}_{ij}, \sigma_{R}^{2}\right), \\ \widehat{R}_{ij} &= \frac{E_{max}c_{eij}}{EC_{50j} + c_{eij}}, \\ c'_{e \cdot j} &= k_{e0j}\left(c_{\cdot j} - c_{e \cdot j}\right), \\ \log\left(EC_{50j}, k_{e0j}\right) \sim N\left(\log\left(\widehat{EC}_{50}, \widehat{k}_{e0}\right), \Omega_{R}\right), \\ \left(E_{max}, \widehat{EC}_{50}, \widehat{k}_{e0}\right) &= (100, 100.7, 1), \\ \Omega_{R} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0.2^{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0.25^{2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma_{R} = 10. \end{split}$$

The PK and the PD data are simulated using the following treatment.

- Phase I study
 - Single dose and multiple doses
 - Parallel dose escalation design
 - 25 subjects per dose

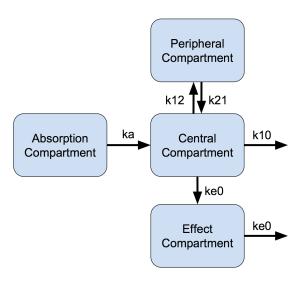


FIGURE 4.1. Effect Compartment Model

- Single doses: 1.25, 5, 10, 20, and 40 mg
- PK: plasma concentration of parent drug (c)
- PD response: Emax function of effect compartment concentration (R)
- PK and PD measured at 0.083, 0.167, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 18, and 24 hours
- Phase IIa trial in patients
 - 100 subjects
 - Multiple doses: 20 mg
 - sparse PK and PD data (3-6 samples per patient)

The model is simultaneously fitted to the PK and the PD data. For this effect compartment model, we construct a constant rate matrix and use pmx_solve_linode. Correct use of Torsten requires the user pass the entire event history (observation and dosing events) for an individual to the function. Thus the Stan model shows the call to pmx_solve_linode within a loop over the individual subjects rather than over the individual observations.

```
transformed parameters{
 vector<lower = 0>[nRandom] thetaHat;
  cov_matrix[nRandom] Omega;
  real<lower = 0> CL[nSubjects];
  real<lower = 0> Q[nSubjects];
  real<lower = 0> V1[nSubjects];
  real<lower = 0> V2[nSubjects];
  real<lower = 0> ka[nSubjects];
 real<lower = 0> ke0[nSubjects];
 real<lower = 0> EC50[nSubjects];
 matrix[nCmt, nCmt] K;
 real k10;
 real k12;
 real k21;
 vector<lower = 0>[nt] cHat;
  vector<lower = 0>[nObs] cHatObs;
```

```
vector<lower = 0>[nt] respHat;
vector<lower = 0>[nObs] respHatObs;
vector<lower = 0>[nt] ceHat;
matrix[nt, nCmt] x;
thetaHat[1] = CLHat;
thetaHat[2] = QHat;
thetaHat[3] = V1Hat;
thetaHat[4] = V2Hat;
thetaHat[5] = kaHat;
Omega = quad_form_diag(rho, omega); ## diag_matrix(omega) * rho *

    diag_matrix(omega)

for(j in 1:nSubjects){
  CL[j] = exp(logtheta[j, 1]) * (weight[j] / 70)^0.75;
  Q[j] = \exp(\log theta[j, 2]) * (weight[j] / 70)^0.75;
  V1[j] = exp(logtheta[j, 3]) * weight[j] / 70;
  V2[j] = exp(logtheta[j, 4]) * weight[j] / 70;
  ka[j] = exp(logtheta[j, 5]);
  ke0[j] = exp(logKe0[j]);
  EC50[j] = exp(logEC50[j]);
 k10 = CL[j] / V1[j];
  k12 = Q[j] / V1[j];
  k21 = Q[j] / V2[j];
  K = rep_matrix(0, nCmt, nCmt);
  K[1, 1] = -ka[j];
  K[2, 1] = ka[j];
  K[2, 2] = -(k10 + k12);
  K[2, 3] = k21;
  K[3, 2] = k12;
  K[3, 3] = -k21;
  K[4, 2] = ke0[j];
  K[4, 4] = -ke0[j];
  x[start[j]:end[j],] = linOdeModel(time[start[j]:end[j]],
                                    amt[start[j]:end[j]],
                                    rate[start[j]:end[j]],
                                    ii[start[j]:end[j]],
                                     evid[start[j]:end[j]],
                                     cmt[start[j]:end[j]],
                                     addl[start[j]:end[j]],
                                     ss[start[j]:end[j]],
                                     K, biovar, tlag);
  cHat[start[j]:end[j]] = 1000 * x[start[j]:end[j], 2] ./ V1[j];
  ceHat[start[j]:end[j]] = 1000 * x[start[j]:end[j], 4] ./ V1[j];
  respHat[start[j]:end[j]] = 100 * ceHat[start[j]:end[j]] ./
     (EC50[j] + ceHat[start[j]:end[j]]);
cHatObs = cHat[iObs];
respHatObs = respHat[iObs];
```

1.3. Results. We use the same diagnosis tools as for the previous examples. The MCMC history plots (Figure 4.2) suggest the 4 chains have converged to common distributions. We note some minor auto-correlations for lp_{-} (the log posterior) and for IIV parameters: specifically Ω_{ke_0} and ρ . The correlation matrix ρ does not explicitly appear in the model, but it is used to construct Ω , which parametrizes the PK IIV. The fits to the plasma concentration (Figure 4.4) are in close agreement with the data, notably for the sparse data case (phase IIa study). The fits to the PD data (Figure 4.5) look good, though the data is more noisy. The model reflects the noise by producing larger credible intervals. The estimated values of the parameters are consistent with the values used to simulate the data (Table 4.1) and Figure 4.3).

| | mean | se_mean | sd | 2.5% | 25% | 50% | 75% | 97.5% | n_eff | Rhat |
|---------------|----------|------------|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|----------|-------|
| lp | -201.282 | 10.073 | 84.189 | -333.764 | -259.017 | -213.416 | -154.381 | 8.549 | 69.850 | 1.044 |
| CLHat | 10.095 | 0.003 | 0.201 | 9.712 | 9.958 | 10.096 | 10.231 | 10.483 | 4000.000 | 0.999 |
| QHat | 14.867 | 0.014 | 0.357 | 14.182 | 14.620 | 14.862 | 15.106 | 15.563 | 678.208 | 1.007 |
| V1Hat | 34.188 | 0.067 | 1.089 | 31.940 | 33.494 | 34.214 | 34.918 | 36.251 | 267.748 | 1.016 |
| V2Hat | 103.562 | 0.076 | 2.925 | 98.031 | 101.600 | 103.454 | 105.472 | 109.583 | 1488.296 | 1.001 |
| kaHat | 1.930 | 0.004 | 0.077 | 1.771 | 1.880 | 1.933 | 1.982 | 2.076 | 334.888 | 1.014 |
| ke0Hat | 1.050 | 0.001 | 0.044 | 0.967 | 1.020 | 1.051 | 1.078 | 1.137 | 1164.741 | 1.000 |
| EC50Hat | 104.337 | 0.040 | 2.100 | 100.169 | 102.909 | 104.345 | 105.768 | 108.351 | 2744.041 | 1.000 |
| $_{ m sigma}$ | 0.099 | 0.000 | 0.002 | 0.095 | 0.097 | 0.099 | 0.100 | 0.103 | 1906.342 | 1.002 |
| sigmaResp | 10.156 | 0.003 | 0.197 | 9.779 | 10.023 | 10.154 | 10.286 | 10.552 | 4000.000 | 1.000 |
| omega[1] | 0.270 | 0.000 | 0.016 | 0.241 | 0.259 | 0.269 | 0.280 | 0.302 | 4000.000 | 1.001 |
| omega[2] | 0.231 | 0.001 | 0.021 | 0.192 | 0.217 | 0.230 | 0.245 | 0.275 | 531.512 | 1.006 |
| omega[3] | 0.219 | 0.002 | 0.031 | 0.158 | 0.199 | 0.218 | 0.238 | 0.281 | 158.198 | 1.017 |
| omega[4] | 0.267 | 0.001 | 0.026 | 0.218 | 0.249 | 0.266 | 0.284 | 0.319 | 684.870 | 1.001 |
| omega[5] | 0.285 | 0.002 | 0.037 | 0.214 | 0.259 | 0.284 | 0.309 | 0.361 | 284.545 | 1.009 |
| omegaKe0 | 0.271 | 0.003 | 0.047 | 0.183 | 0.239 | 0.271 | 0.303 | 0.363 | 217.350 | 1.007 |
| omegaEC50 | 0.213 | 0.001 | 0.021 | 0.174 | 0.199 | 0.213 | 0.227 | 0.255 | 1190.193 | 1.000 |
| rho[1,2] | 0.194 | 0.003 | 0.100 | -0.011 | 0.127 | 0.195 | 0.265 | 0.379 | 1000.772 | 1.004 |
| rho[1,3] | -0.157 | 0.005 | 0.126 | -0.395 | -0.243 | -0.157 | -0.072 | 0.088 | 677.709 | 1.001 |
| rho[2,3] | 0.079 | 0.012 | 0.155 | -0.227 | -0.024 | 0.082 | 0.181 | 0.384 | 180.306 | 1.021 |
| rho[1,4] | -0.107 | 0.003 | 0.112 | -0.319 | -0.183 | -0.110 | -0.032 | 0.118 | 1081.932 | 1.002 |
| rho[2,4] | 0.194 | 0.005 | 0.126 | -0.062 | 0.110 | 0.199 | 0.282 | 0.428 | 623.035 | 1.007 |
| rho[3,4] | 0.796 | 0.008 | 0.094 | 0.592 | 0.737 | 0.808 | 0.867 | 0.940 | 152.112 | 1.033 |
| rho[1,5] | 0.023 | 0.006 | 0.135 | -0.232 | -0.068 | 0.024 | 0.115 | 0.285 | 564.687 | 1.003 |
| rho[2,5] | 0.119 | 0.011 | 0.160 | -0.188 | 0.008 | 0.118 | 0.224 | 0.438 | 226.174 | 1.014 |
| rho[3,5] | -0.246 | 0.018 | 0.202 | -0.663 | -0.382 | -0.237 | -0.105 | 0.133 | 119.465 | 1.021 |
| rho[4,5] | -0.288 | 0.009 | 0.155 | -0.576 | -0.396 | -0.291 | -0.183 | 0.014 | 275.549 | 1.009 |
| | | ~. | | | | | _ | | | |

TABLE 4.1. Summary of the MCMC simulations of the marginal posterior distributions of the model parameters for the effect compartment model example.

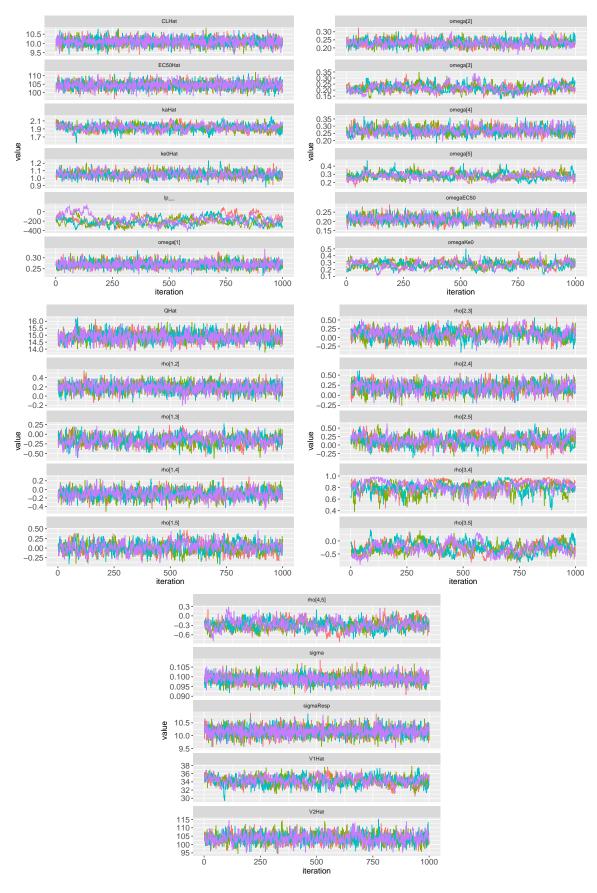


FIGURE 4.2. MCMC history plots for the parameters of an Effect Compartment Model (each color corresponds to a different chain) for example 2

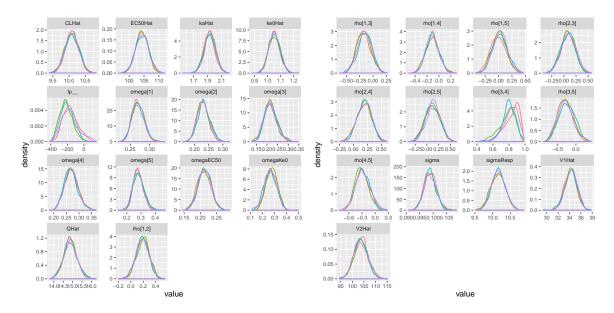


FIGURE 4.3. Posterior Marginal Densities of the Model Parameters of an Effect Compartment Model (each color corresponds to a different chain) for example 2

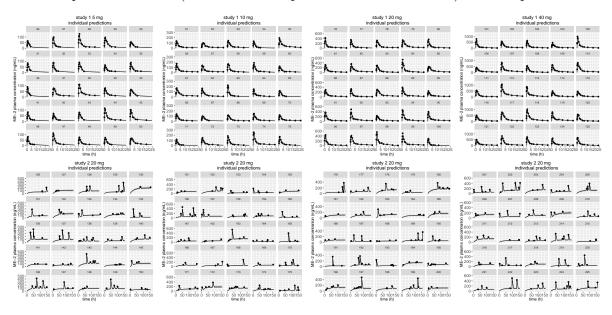


FIGURE 4.4. Predicted (posterior median and 90% credible intervals) and observed plasma drug concentrations for example 2 for an Effect Compartment Model



FIGURE 4.5. Predicted (posterior median and 90 % credible intervals) and observed PD Response for example 2

2. Friberg-Karlsson Semi-Mechanistic Population Model

We now return to the example in Section 5 and extend it to a population model. While we recommend using the mixed solver, for completeness we show how to specify the model with the generalOdeModel function. We leave it as an exercise to the reader to rewrite the model with mixOde2CptModel.

2.1. Friberg-Karlsson Population Model for drug-induced myelosuppression (ANC).

$$\log(ANC_{ij}) \sim N(Circ_{ij}, \sigma_{ANC}^2),$$

$$\log(MTT_j, Circ_{0j}, \alpha_j) \sim N\left(\log\left(\widehat{MTT}, \widehat{Circ_0}, \widehat{\alpha}\right), \Omega_{ANC}\right),$$

$$\left(\widehat{MTT}, \widehat{Circ_0}, \widehat{\alpha}, \gamma\right) = (125, 5, 2, 0.17),$$

$$\Omega_{ANC} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.2^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.35^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.2^2 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\sigma_{ANC} = 0.1,$$

$$\Omega_{PK} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.25^2 & 0 & a0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.4^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.25^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.4^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.25^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The PK and the PD data are simulated using the following treatment.

- Phase IIa trial in patients
 - Multiple doses: 80,000 mg
 - Parallel dose escalation design
 - 15 subjects
 - PK: plasma concentration of parent drug (c)
 - PD response: Neutrophil count (ANC)
 - PK measured at 0.083, 0.167, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 18, and 24 hours
 - PD measured once every two days for 28 days.

Once again, we simultaneously fit the model to the PK and the PD data. Note that from a computational perspective, this is a much more difficult problem than in the previous example. The nonlinear nature of the ODEs forces us to use a numerical solver, which is significantly slower than the linear methods we have employed so far. Because the ODE system of interest is non-stiff, we use the genOdeModel_rk45,

The two code snippets below show the definition of the ODEs system and the skeleton of the solution process in Stan's transformed parameters block.

```
real ka = parms[5];
              real mtt = parms[6];
              real circ0 = parms[7];
              real gamma = parms[8];
              real alpha = parms[9];
 real k10 = CL / V1;
  real k12 = Q / V1;
  real k21 = Q / V2;
  real ktr = 4 / mtt;
 real dxdt[8];
 real conc;
 real EDrug;
 real transit1;
 real transit2;
 real transit3;
  real circ;
 real prol;
  dxdt[1] = -ka * x[1];
 dxdt[2] = ka * x[1] - (k10 + k12) * x[2] + k21 * x[3];
  dxdt[3] = k12 * x[2] - k21 * x[3];
  conc = x[2] / V1;
 EDrug = alpha * conc;
  // x[4], x[5], x[6], x[7] and x[8] are differences from circ0.
 prol = x[4] + circ0;
 transit1 = x[5] + circ0;
 transit2 = x[6] + circ0;
  transit3 = x[7] + circ0;
 circ = fmax(machine\_precision(), x[8] + circ0); // Device for implementing a
  → modeled
                                                   // initial condition
  dxdt[4] = ktr * prol * ((1 - EDrug) * ((circ0 / circ)^gamma) - 1);
  dxdt[5] = ktr * (prol - transit1);
  dxdt[6] = ktr * (transit1 - transit2);
  dxdt[7] = ktr * (transit2 - transit3);
 dxdt[8] = ktr * (transit3 - circ);
 return dxdt;
}
```

```
transformed parameters{
   vector[nt] cHat;
   vector[nObsPK] cHatObs;
   vector[nt] neutHat;
   vector[nObsPD] neutHatObs;
   matrix[nt, nCmt] x;
   real<lower = 0> parms[nTheta]; # The [1] indicates the parameters are constant

## variables for Matt's trick
   vector<lower = 0>[nIIV] thetaHat;
   matrix<lower = 0>[nSubjects, nIIV] thetaM;
```

```
## Matt's trick to use unit scale
thetaHat[1] = CLHat;
thetaHat[2] = QHat;
thetaHat[3] = V1Hat;
thetaHat[4] = V2Hat;
thetaHat[5] = mttHat;
thetaHat[6] = circOHat;
thetaHat[7] = alphaHat;
thetaM = (rep_matrix(thetaHat, nSubjects) .*
           exp(diag_pre_multiply(omega, L * etaStd)))';
for(i in 1:nSubjects) {
  parms[1] = thetaM[i, 1] * (weight[i] / 70)^0.75; # CL
  parms[2] = thetaM[i, 2] * (weight[i] / 70)^0.75; # Q
  parms[3] = thetaM[i, 3] \star (weight[i] / 70); # V1
  parms[4] = thetaM[i, 4] * (weight[i] / 70); # V2
  parms[5] = kaHat; # ka
  parms[6] = thetaM[i, 5]; # mtt
  parms[7] = thetaM[i, 6]; # circ0
  parms[8] = gamma;
  parms[9] = thetaM[i, 7]; # alpha
  x[start[i]:end[i]] = generalOdeModel_rk45(twoCptNeutModelODE, nCmt,
                                            time[start[i]:end[i]],
                                             amt[start[i]:end[i]],
                                             rate[start[i]:end[i]],
                                             ii[start[i]:end[i]],
                                             evid[start[i]:end[i]],
                                             cmt[start[i]:end[i]],
                                             addl[start[i]:end[i]],
                                             ss[start[i]:end[i]],
                                             parms, biovar, tlag,
                                             1e-6, 1e-6, 1e6);
  cHat[start[i]:end[i]] = x[start[i]:end[i], 2] / parms[3]; ## divide by V1
  neutHat[start[i]:end[i]] = x[start[i]:end[i], 8] + parms[7]; ## Add baseline
}
cHatObs = cHat[iObsPK];
neutHatObs = neutHat[iObsPD];
```

It pays off to construct informative priors. For instance, we could fit the PK data first, as was done in example 1, and get informative priors on the PK parameters. The PD parameters are drug independent, so we can use information from the neutropenia literature. In this example, we choose to use weakly informative priors on the PK parameters and strongly informative priors on the PD parameters.

Since it takes a long time to run the model, we only use 100 iterations per chain, and study what we can learn from this less than optimal scenario. It is worth noting that Stan, because of its highly efficient MCMC sampler, still does a reasonable job estimating the posterior distribution.

2.2. Results. The MCMC history plots are not as convincing as in the previous examples, mostly because the number of iterations is small (100 versus 1000 in the previous example) (Figure 4.6. It does however look as though the chains are converging to a common distribution, and we

see little auto-correlation (in particular, we expect that if we had run the model for 1000 iterations, we would obtain the desired "fuzzy caterpillar" look). The model fits the data, and the credible interval reflect the noise in the data (Figure 4.8). The parameters estimation reflects the real value of the parameters (Table 4.2 and Figure 4.7).

| | mean | se_mean | sd | 2.5% | 25% | 50% | 75% | 97.5% | n_eff | Rhat |
|----------------------|----------|------------|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|-------|
| CL | 9.986 | 0.009 | 0.174 | 9.641 | 9.872 | 9.982 | 10.107 | 10.331 | 400.000 | 0.997 |
| Q | 14.633 | 0.055 | 1.106 | 12.505 | 13.992 | 14.623 | 15.296 | 16.948 | 400.000 | 0.996 |
| V1 | 32.909 | 0.174 | 2.439 | 28.203 | 31.186 | 32.836 | 34.762 | 37.750 | 195.828 | 1.008 |
| V2 | 106.631 | 0.311 | 6.226 | 95.234 | 102.269 | 106.403 | 111.000 | 118.533 | 400.000 | 0.999 |
| ka | 1.882 | 0.012 | 0.175 | 1.582 | 1.756 | 1.871 | 2.006 | 2.223 | 196.052 | 1.007 |
| $_{ m sigma}$ | 0.106 | 0.001 | 0.010 | 0.089 | 0.098 | 0.105 | 0.112 | 0.132 | 259.693 | 1.009 |
| alpha | 3.3(-04) | 1.4(-06) | 2.2(-05) | 2.9(-04) | 3.2(-04) | 3.3(-04) | 3.5(-04) | 3.8(-04) | 247 | 1.01 |
| mtt | 132.763 | 0.515 | 6.498 | 120.843 | 128.082 | 132.223 | 136.694 | 146.845 | 159.372 | 1.024 |
| circ0 | 5.014 | 0.009 | 0.172 | 4.711 | 4.888 | 5.000 | 5.138 | 5.334 | 400.000 | 1.000 |
| gamma | 0.190 | 0.002 | 0.022 | 0.153 | 0.175 | 0.187 | 0.202 | 0.239 | 139.485 | 1.025 |
| sigmaNeut | 0.092 | 0.001 | 0.014 | 0.068 | 0.082 | 0.090 | 0.100 | 0.125 | 161.199 | 1.010 |

Table 4.2. Summary of the MCMC simulations of the marginal posterior distributions of the model parameters for the Friberg-Karlsson model example.

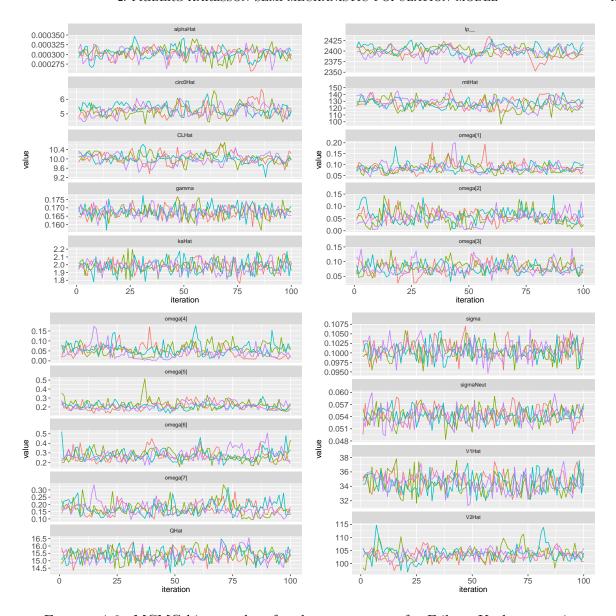


FIGURE 4.6. MCMC history plots for the parameters of a Friberg-Karlsson semi-mechanistic model (each color corresponds to a different chain) for example 3

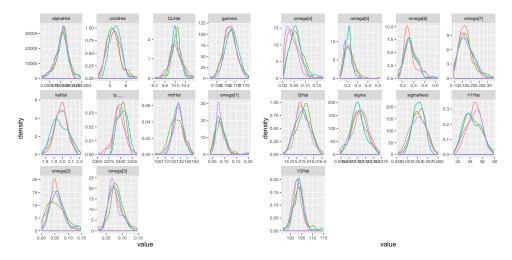


FIGURE 4.7. Posterior Marginal Densities of the Model Parameters of a Friberg-Karlsson semi-mechanistic model (each color corresponds to a different chain)

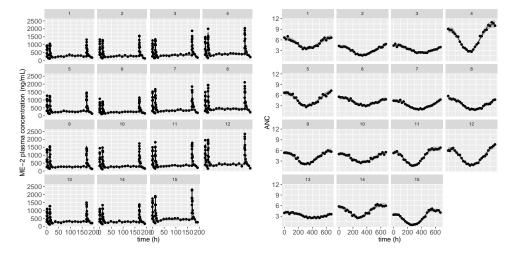


FIGURE 4.8. Predicted (posterior median and 90 % credible intervals) and observed plasma drug concentrations, and Neutrophil counts, for a Friberg-Karlsson semi-mechanistic model

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