

**Problem 1. Part 1)**

Consider  $m$  observations  $(y_1, n_1), \dots, (y_m, n_m)$ , where  $y_i \sim \text{Bin}(n_i, \theta_i)$  are binomial variable. Assume that  $\theta_i \sim w_1 \text{Beta}(\alpha_1, \beta_1) + w_2 \text{Beta}(\alpha_2, \beta_2)$  are mixture from two Beta distribution ( $w_1 + w_2 = 1$ ).

Derive a Laplace approximation of the likelihood

Binomial distribution function:  $\binom{n}{y} p^y (1-p)^{n-y}$

$$\log f(\theta) = \log \binom{n}{y} + y \log \theta + (n-y) \log(1-\theta)$$

log-likelihood,

$$\begin{aligned} &\propto \log \prod_{i=1}^n \theta_i^{y_i} + \log \prod_{i=1}^n (1-\theta_i)^{n_i-y_i} \\ &\propto \sum y_i \log \theta_i + \sum (n_i - y_i) \log(1-\theta_i) \end{aligned}$$

First derivative,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} = \frac{y_i}{\theta_i} - \frac{n_i - y_i}{1-\theta_i} = 0,$$

$$\frac{y_i}{\theta_i} = \frac{n_i - y_i}{1-\theta_i}$$

$$y_i(1-\theta_i) = \theta_i(n_i - y_i)$$

$$y_i = \theta_i n_i$$

so, the mode is  $\hat{\theta}_i = \frac{y_i}{n_i}$ .

$$\text{Second partial derivative, } \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} = \left[ -\frac{y}{\theta^2} - \frac{n-y}{(1-\theta)^2} \right].$$

To find the variance, we want to write Taylor expansion at mode,

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^{-2} &= -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} = \left[ \frac{y}{\theta^2} + \frac{n-y}{(1-\theta)^2} \right] = \frac{y}{\left(\frac{y}{n}\right)^2} + \frac{n-y}{\left(\frac{n-y}{n}\right)^2} = \frac{n^2}{y} + (n-y) \cdot \frac{n^2}{(n-y)^2} \\ &= \frac{n^2}{y} + \frac{n^2}{n-y} = \frac{n^2(n-y) + n^2 y}{y(n-y)} = \frac{n^3 - n^2 y + n^2 y}{y(n-y)} = \frac{n^3 - n^2 y + n^2 y}{y(n-y)} \\ &= \frac{n^3}{y(n-y)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{so, } \sigma^2 = \frac{y(n-y)}{n^3}$$

write a loglikelihood of normal with parameter theta, and theta^(-2)

The Laplace approximation is,  $P(\theta) \approx N\left(\frac{y_i}{n_i}, \frac{y_i(n_i - y_i)}{n_i^3}\right)$

**Each mixture component:**  $Beta(\alpha_1, \beta_1)$ ,  $Beta(\alpha_2, \beta_2)$ . I will use the general notation  $(\alpha, \beta)$ , results are the same in both cases.

$$P(\theta) \propto \theta^{\alpha-1} (1-\theta)^{\beta-1}$$

$$\log P(\theta) \propto (\alpha-1) \log \theta + (\beta-1) \log(1-\theta)$$

mode finding:

$$\hat{\theta} = \arg \max [(\alpha-1) \log \theta + (\beta-1) \log(1-\theta)]$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\alpha-1}{\theta} - \frac{\beta-1}{1-\theta} = 0$$

$$\frac{\alpha-1}{\theta} = \frac{\beta-1}{1-\theta}$$

$$\hat{\theta} = \frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha+\beta-2}, \text{ and } \hat{\theta}^{-2} = \frac{(\alpha_1+\beta_1-2)^3}{(\alpha-1)(\beta-1)}.$$

These results were derived in the lecture, so, I am using them without giving my own derivation.

Laplace approximation for each mixture component is,

$$w_1 Beta(\alpha_1, \beta_1) \approx w_1 N\left(\frac{\alpha_1-1}{\alpha_1+\beta_1-2}, \frac{(\alpha_1-1)(\beta_1-1)}{(\alpha_1+\beta_1-2)^3}\right) \text{ and}$$

$$w_2 Beta(\alpha_2, \beta_2) \approx w_2 N\left(\frac{\alpha_2-1}{\alpha_2+\beta_2-2}, \frac{(\alpha_2-1)(\beta_2-1)}{(\alpha_2+\beta_2-2)^3}\right).$$

### Problem 1 Part 2)

Derive the empirical Bayes likelihood of the data by integrating out  $\theta_i$  using the Laplace approximation, and leave the hyper-parameter  $(w_i, \alpha_i, \beta_i)$  ( $j=1,2$ ).

Our parameters-- of interest are  $y_i, n_i, \alpha_1, \beta_1, \alpha_2, \beta_2$ . So, we have

Using the Laplace approximation from part 1, we will use Gaussian instead of Beta.

$$P(y_i | n_i, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2)$$

$$\propto \int_0^1 \theta_i^{y_i} (1-\theta)^{n_i-y_i} \left\{ w_1 \left[ N\left(\frac{\alpha_1-1}{\alpha_1+\beta_1-2}, \frac{(\alpha_1-1)(\beta_1-1)}{(\alpha_1+\beta_1-2)^3}\right) \right] + w_2 \left[ N\left(\frac{\alpha_2-1}{\alpha_2+\beta_2-2}, \frac{(\alpha_2-1)(\beta_2-1)}{(\alpha_2+\beta_2-2)^3}\right) \right] \right\} d\theta_i$$

$$\propto \int_0^1 \theta_i^{y_i} (1-\theta)^{n_i-y_i} w_1 \left[ N\left( \frac{\alpha_1-1}{\alpha_1+\beta_1-2}, \frac{(\alpha_1-1)(\beta_1-1)}{(\alpha_1+\beta_1-2)^3} \right) \right] d\theta_i \\ + \int_0^1 \theta_i^{y_i} (1-\theta)^{n_i-y_i} w_2 \left[ N\left( \frac{\alpha_2-1}{\alpha_2+\beta_2-2}, \frac{(\alpha_2-1)(\beta_2-1)}{(\alpha_2+\beta_2-2)^3} \right) \right] d\theta_i$$

Let  $\left( \mu_{w_1} = \frac{\alpha_1-1}{\alpha_1+\beta_1-2}, \sigma_{w_1}^2 = \frac{(\alpha_1-1)(\beta_1-1)}{(\alpha_1+\beta_1-2)^3} \right)$  denote the first mixture Gaussian.

Let  $\left( \mu_{w_2} = \frac{\alpha_2-1}{\alpha_2+\beta_2-2}, \sigma_{w_2}^2 = \frac{(\alpha_2-1)(\beta_2-1)}{(\alpha_2+\beta_2-2)^3} \right)$  denote the second mixture Gaussian.

Many pages of work is skipped here, but, after the integration, we get

$$w_1 \cdot p(y_i | n_i, \alpha_1, \beta_1) + w_2 \cdot p(y_i | n_i, \alpha_2, \beta_2) \\ \propto w_1 \exp \left( - \frac{\left( \left( \frac{y_i}{n_i} \right) - \left( \frac{\alpha_1-1}{\alpha_1+\beta_1-2} \right) \right)^2}{2 \left( \frac{y_i(n_i-y_i)}{n_i^3} + \frac{(\alpha_1-1)(\beta_1-1)}{(\alpha_1+\beta_1-2)^3} \right)} \right) + w_2 \exp \left( - \frac{\left( \left( \frac{y_i}{n_i} \right) - \left( \frac{\alpha_2-1}{\alpha_2+\beta_2-2} \right) \right)^2}{2 \left( \frac{y_i(n_i-y_i)}{n_i^3} + \frac{(\alpha_2-1)(\beta_2-1)}{(\alpha_2+\beta_2-2)^3} \right)} \right)$$

The log likelihood is,  $\prod_{i=1}^m w_1 \cdot p(y_i | n_i, \alpha_1, \beta_1) + w_2 \cdot p(y_i | n_i, \alpha_2, \beta_2)$ .

### Problem 1 Part 3)

Derive the EM algorithm to estimate the hyperparameters.

We are essentially doing EM for Gaussian mixtures.

EM algorithm:

Initialize the means, covariances and the weights, and evaluate the initial value of the log likelihood

1. E step: We want to evaluate responsibilities using the current parameter values

$$\gamma_{ik} = \frac{w_k N(\theta_i | \mu_k, \sigma_k)}{\sum_{j=1}^2 w_j N(\theta_i | \mu_j, \sigma_j)}$$

2. M step: re-estimate the parameters using the current responsibilities

$$\mu_k^{new} = \frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma_{nk} \theta_n$$

$$\Sigma_k^{new} = \frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma_{nk} (\theta_n - \mu_k^{new})(\theta_n - \mu_k^{new})^T$$

$$w_k = \frac{N_k}{N}, \text{ where } N_k = \sum_{n=1}^N \gamma_{nk}.$$

3. Evaluate the log likelihood

$$\log p(\theta | \alpha, \beta, w, n) = \sum_{n=1}^N \log \left( \sum_{k=1}^K w_k N(\theta_k | \mu_k, \sigma_k) \right)$$

### Problem 2 Part 1)

We are given data  $(x, y) : i = 1, \dots, n$  and the distribution  $\begin{pmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \end{pmatrix} \sim N\left(\begin{pmatrix} \mu_i \\ v_i \end{pmatrix}, \Sigma\right)$ , and

$v_i = a + bu_i$  with some parameter  $(a, b)$  and  $\Sigma$  is diagonal.

We can calculate the mean and variance of the likelihood by finding the conditional expectation for the mean and variance.

$$E[x_i] = E[E(x_i | \mu)] = E[\mu_i] = \mu$$

$$E[y_i] = E[E(y_i | v_i)] = E[a + b\mu_i] = a + b\mu$$

$$\text{var}(x_i) = \text{var}(E(x_i | u_i)) + E(\text{var}(x_i | u_i)) = \text{var}(u_i) + \sigma_{x_i}^2 = \tau^2 + \sigma_{x_i}^2$$

$$\text{var}(y_i) = \text{var}(E(y_i | u_i)) + E(\text{var}(x_i | u_i)) = \text{var}(a + bu_i) + E(\sigma_{y_i}^2) = b^2\tau^2 + \sigma_{y_i}^2$$

So, we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_i \\ y_i \end{pmatrix} \sim N\left(\begin{pmatrix} \mu \\ a + b\mu \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \tau^2 + \sigma_{x_i}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & b^2\tau^2 + \sigma_{y_i}^2 \end{pmatrix}\right)$$

The likelihood model for bivariate normal

$$\propto \prod_{i=1}^n \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{\sigma_{x_i}^2} + \frac{(y_i - (a + b\mu))^2}{\sigma_{y_i}^2}\right]\right)$$

Part 2)

The choices for non-informative prior is either a flat prior or Jeffery's prior. I will choose a flat prior, which is

$$P(a) \propto 1/a$$

$$P(b) \propto 1/b$$

Part 3) I would like to do a Gibbs sampling, but I was not able to write the full conditionals, thus, I did not do the simulation.

### Problem 3 Part 1)

Describe your model, using logit link functions and flat prior, with intercept but without considering the interaction effects.

We have a flat prior on  $\beta, \pi(\beta) \propto 1$

Posterior distribution

$$\ell(\beta | y, X) = \exp \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n y_i X^{iT} \beta \right\} / \prod_{i=1}^n [1 + \exp(X^{iT} \beta)]$$

Metropolis-Hastings algorithm

In words, we use MLE  $\hat{\beta}$  and covariance matrix  $\hat{\Sigma}$  (corresponding to  $\hat{\beta}$ ) as initial value for the proposal density,  $\tilde{\beta} \sim N_k(\beta^{(t-1)}, \tau^2 \hat{\Sigma})$

Step 1. Compute and set  $\hat{\beta}$  and covariance matrix  $\hat{\Sigma}$  (corresponding to  $\hat{\beta}$ ) as initial value.

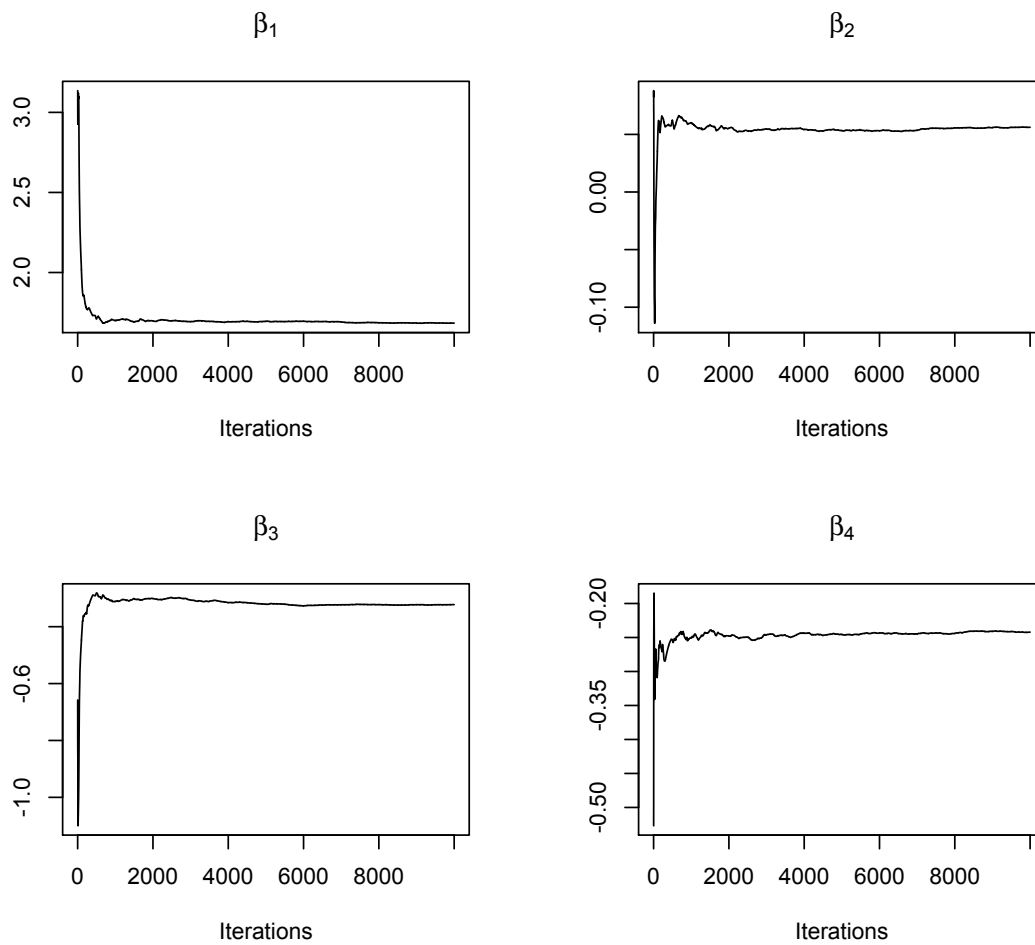
Step 2. Generate  $\tilde{\beta} \sim N_k(\beta^{(t-1)}, \tau^2 \hat{\Sigma})$ .

Step 3. Compute

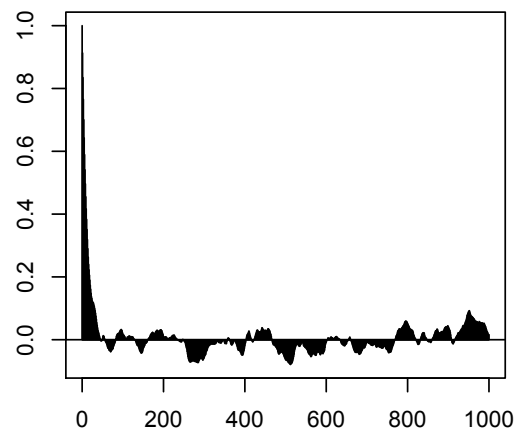
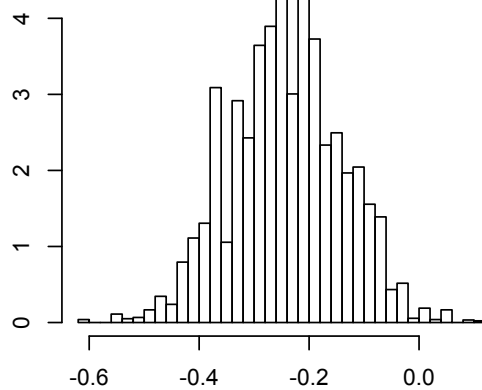
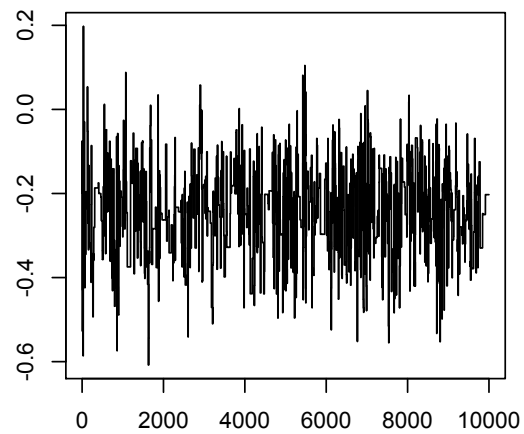
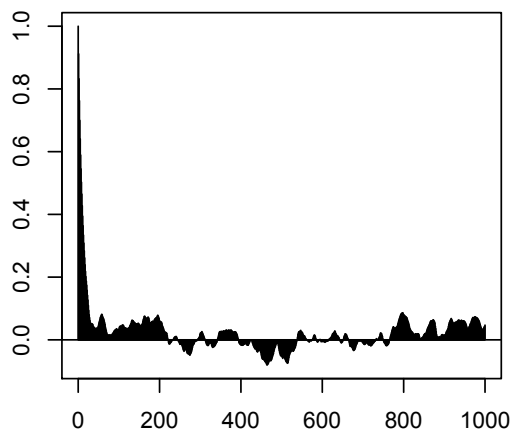
$$\rho(\beta^{(t-1)}, \tilde{\beta}) = \min \left( 1, \frac{\pi(\tilde{\beta} | y)}{\pi(\beta^{(t-1)} | y)} \right).$$

Step 4. Accept candidate point  $\tilde{\beta}$  with probability  $\rho(\beta^{(t-1)}, \tilde{\beta})$ , set  $\beta^{(t)} = \tilde{\beta}$ .  
else, set  $\beta^{(t)} = \beta^{(t-1)}$ .

Part 3) Plotting



From the plot we can see that the burn-in period is about 1500 iteration, after that, the plots begin to converge for all  $\beta_i$ 's.



I think this is about 100 iteration for the acf plot? Not sure.

#### Part 4) posterior mean and variance

The  $\beta_i$ 's are the coefficients for the intercept term, Class, Sex, and Age, for  $i = 0, 1, 2, 3$ , respectively. The posterior mean:  $\beta_0 = 1.6823$ ,  $\beta_1 = 0.0557$ ,  $\beta_2 = -0.3235$ ,  $\beta_3 = -0.2411$ . The posterior variance:  $\text{var}(\beta_0) = 0.0273$ ,  $\text{var}(\beta_1) = 0.0023$ ,  $\text{var}(\beta_2) = 0.0105$ ,  $\text{var}(\beta_3) = 0.0106$ .