

0 Introduction

The goal of this document is to fully characterize the Dunson and Stanford day-specific probabilities model. In its current state it tries to provide full detail of the derivations described in *Bayesian Inferences on Predictors of Conception Probabilities*.

1 The day-specific probabilities model

1.1 Model specification

We wish to model the probability of a woman becoming pregnant for a given menstrual cycle as a function of her covariate status across the days of the cycle. Consider a study cohort and let us index

woman i , $i = 1, \dots, n$
 cycle j , $j = 1, \dots, n_i$
 day k , $k = 1, \dots, K$

where day k refers to the k^{th} day out of a total of K days in the fertile window. Let us write day i, j, k as a shorthand for individual i , cycle j , and day k and similarly for cycle j, k . Then define

Y_{ij} an indicator of conception for woman i , cycle j
 V_{ijk} an indicator of conception for woman i , cycle j , day k
 X_{ijk} an indicator of intercourse for woman i , cycle j , day k

Then writing $\mathbf{X}_{ij} = (X_{ij1}, \dots, X_{ijK})$, we observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathbb{P}(Y_{ij} = 1 \mid \mathbf{X}_{ij}, Y_{i1} = 0, \dots, Y_{i,j-1} = 0) \\
 &= 1 - \mathbb{P}(Y_{ij} = 0 \mid \mathbf{X}_{ij}, Y_{i1} = 0, \dots, Y_{i,j-1} = 0) \\
 &= 1 - \mathbb{P}(V_{ijk} = 0, k = 1, \dots, K \mid \mathbf{X}_{ij}, Y_{i1} = 0, \dots, Y_{i,j-1} = 0) \\
 &= 1 - \prod_{k=1}^K \mathbb{P}(V_{ijk} = 0 \mid X_{ijk}, Y_{i1} = 0, \dots, Y_{i,j-1} = 0, V_{ij1} = 0, \dots, V_{i,k-1} = 0) \\
 &= 1 - \prod_{k=1}^K \left\{ 1 - \mathbb{P}(V_{ijk} = 1 \mid X_{ijk}, Y_{i1} = 0, \dots, Y_{i,j-1} = 0, V_{ij1} = 0, \dots, V_{i,k-1} = 0) \right\} \\
 &= 1 - \prod_{k=1}^K \left\{ 1 - X_{ijk} \mathbb{P}(V_{ijk} = 1 \mid Y_{i1} = 0, \dots, Y_{i,j-1} = 0, V_{ij1} = 0, \dots, V_{i,k-1} = 0) \right\} \\
 &= 1 - \prod_{k=1}^K \left\{ 1 - \mathbb{P}(V_{ijk} = 1 \mid Y_{i1} = 0, \dots, Y_{i,j-1} = 0, V_{ij1} = 0, \dots, V_{i,k-1} = 0) \right\}^{X_{ijk}}
 \end{aligned}$$

With this result in mind, we now consider the Dunson and Stanford day-specific probabilities model. Using the same indexing scheme as above, define

\mathbf{u}_{ijk} a covariate vector of length q for woman i , cycle j , day k
 $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ a vector of length q of regression coefficients
 ξ_i woman-specific random effect

Then writing $\mathbf{U}_{ij} = (\mathbf{u}'_{ijk}, \dots, \mathbf{u}'_{ijk})'$, Dunson and Stanford propose the model:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(Y_{ij} = 1 \mid \xi_i, \mathbf{X}_{ij}, \mathbf{U}_{ij}) &= 1 - \prod_{k=1}^K (1 - \lambda_{ijk})^{X_{ijk}} \\ \lambda_{ijk} &= 1 - \exp \left\{ -\xi_i \exp(\mathbf{u}'_{ijk} \boldsymbol{\beta}) \right\} \\ \xi_i &\sim \mathcal{G}(\phi, \phi)\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

From our previous derivation, we see that we may interpret λ_{ijk} as the day-specific probability of conception in cycle j from couple i given that conception has not already occurred, or in the language of Dunson and Stanford, given intercourse only on day k .

Delving further, we see that λ_{ijk} is strictly increasing in $u_{ijkh} \beta_h$, where we are denoting u_{ijkh} to be the h^{th} term in \mathbf{u}_{ijk} and similarly for β_h . When $\beta_h = 0$ then the h^{th} covariate has no effect on the day-specific probability of conception.

λ_{ijk} is also strictly increasing in ξ_i which as Dunson and Stanford suggest may be interpreted as a woman-specific random effect. The authors state that specifying the distribution of the ξ_i with a common parameters prevents nonidentifiability between $\mathbb{E}[\xi_i]$ and the day-specific parameters. Since $\text{Var}[\xi_i] = 1/\phi$ it follows that ϕ may be interpreted as a measure of variability across women.

1.1.1 Computation consideration

As an aside, we note that it may be more computationally convenient to calculate

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(Y_{ij} = 1 \mid \xi_i, \mathbf{X}_{ij}, \mathbf{U}_{ij}) &= 1 - \prod_{k=1}^K (1 - \lambda_{ijk})^{X_{ijk}} \\ &= 1 - \prod_{k=1}^K \left[\exp \left\{ -\xi_i \exp(\mathbf{u}'_{ijk} \boldsymbol{\beta}) \right\} \right]^{X_{ijk}} \\ &= 1 - \prod_{k=1}^K \exp \left\{ -X_{ijk} \xi_i \exp(\mathbf{u}'_{ijk} \boldsymbol{\beta}) \right\}\end{aligned}$$

1.2 Marginal probability of conception

The marginal probability of conception, obtained by integrating out the couple-specific frailty ξ_i , has form as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(Y_{ij} = 1 \mid \mathbf{X}_{ij}, \mathbf{U}_{ij}) &= \int_0^\infty \mathbb{P}(Y_{ij}, \xi_i \mid \mathbf{X}_{ij}, \mathbf{U}_{ij}) d\xi_i \\ &= \int_0^\infty \mathbb{P}(Y_{ij}, \xi_i \mid \mathbf{X}_{ij}, \mathbf{U}_{ij}) \mathcal{G}(\xi_i; \phi, \phi) d\xi_i \\ &= \int_0^\infty \left[1 - \prod_{k=1}^K (1 - \lambda_{ijk})^{X_{ijk}} \right] \mathcal{G}(\xi_i; \phi, \phi) d\xi_i\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 1 - \int_0^\infty \prod_{k=1}^K (1 - \lambda_{ijk})^{X_{ijk}} \mathcal{G}(\xi_i; \phi, \phi) d\xi_i \\
&= 1 - \int_0^\infty \prod_{k=1}^K \left[\exp \left\{ -\xi_i \exp(\mathbf{u}'_{ijk} \boldsymbol{\beta}) \right\} \right]^{X_{ijk}} \mathcal{G}(\xi_i; \phi, \phi) d\xi_i \\
&= 1 - \int_0^\infty \prod_{k=1}^K \exp \left\{ -\xi_i X_{ijk} \exp(\mathbf{u}'_{ijk} \boldsymbol{\beta}) \right\} \mathcal{G}(\xi_i; \phi, \phi) d\xi_i \\
&= 1 - \int_0^\infty \exp \left\{ -\xi_i \sum_{k=1}^K X_{ijk} \exp(\mathbf{u}'_{ijk} \boldsymbol{\beta}) \right\} \mathcal{G}(\xi_i; \phi, \phi) d\xi_i \\
&= 1 - \left[\frac{\phi}{\phi + \sum_{k=1}^K X_{ijk} \exp(\mathbf{u}'_{ijk} \boldsymbol{\beta})} \right]^\phi
\end{aligned}$$

since

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_0^\infty \exp \left\{ -\xi_i \sum_{k=1}^K X_{ijk} \exp(\mathbf{u}'_{ijk} \boldsymbol{\beta}) \right\} \mathcal{G}(\xi_i; \phi, \phi) d\xi_i \\
&= \int_0^\infty \exp \left\{ -\xi_i \sum_{k=1}^K X_{ijk} \exp(\mathbf{u}'_{ijk} \boldsymbol{\beta}) \right\} \frac{\phi^\phi}{\Gamma(\phi)} \xi_i^{\phi-1} d\xi_i \\
&= \int_0^\infty \frac{\phi^\phi}{\Gamma(\phi)} \xi_i^{\phi-1} \exp \left\{ -\xi_i \left[\phi + \sum_{k=1}^K X_{ijk} \exp(\mathbf{u}'_{ijk} \boldsymbol{\beta}) \right] \right\} d\xi_i \\
&= \left[\frac{\phi}{\phi + \sum_{k=1}^K X_{ijk} \exp(\mathbf{u}'_{ijk} \boldsymbol{\beta})} \right]^\phi \int_0^\infty \frac{[\phi + \sum_{k=1}^K X_{ijk} \exp(\mathbf{u}'_{ijk} \boldsymbol{\beta})]^\phi}{\Gamma(\phi)} \\
&\quad \times \xi_i^{\phi-1} \exp \left\{ -\xi_i \left[\phi + \sum_{k=1}^K X_{ijk} \exp(\mathbf{u}'_{ijk} \boldsymbol{\beta}) \right] \right\} d\xi_i
\end{aligned}$$

and the function inside the integral is a gamma density function.

1.2.1 Day-specific marginal probability of conception

Dunson and Stanford also point out the following remarkable result. The marginal day-specific probability of conception given that conception has not already occurred is given by

$$\mathbb{P}(Y = 1 | \mathbf{u}) = 1 - \left(\frac{\phi}{\phi + \exp(\mathbf{u}' \boldsymbol{\beta})} \right)^\phi$$

which is in the form of the Aranda-Ordaz generalized linear model, and reduces to a logistic regression model for $\phi = 1$.

1.3 Prior specification

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2 Posterior computation

Express the data augmentation model as

$$Y_{ij} = I\left(\sum_{k=1}^K X_{ijk} Z_{ijk} > 0\right),$$

$$Z_{ijk} \sim \text{Poisson}\left(\xi_i \exp\left(\mathbf{u}'_{ijk} \boldsymbol{\beta}\right)\right), \quad k = 1, \dots, K \quad (2)$$

Let us further define $W_{ijk} = X_{ijk} Z_{ijk}$ for all i, j, k .

2.1 Verifying the equivalence of the data augmentation model

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2.2 The full conditional distributions

Step 1. Writing $\mathbf{W}_{ij} = (W_{ij1}, \dots, W_{ijK})$ and letting $\mathbf{m} = (m_1, \dots, m_K)$ be a vector of outcomes for \mathbf{W}_{ij} , we see first that for $Y_{ij} = 0$ we have

$$\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{W}_{ij} = \mathbf{m} \mid Y_{ij} = 0, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \phi, \xi, \text{data}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \mathbf{m} = \mathbf{0} \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Next, for $Y_{ij} = 1$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{W}_{ij} = \mathbf{m} \mid Y_{ij} = 1, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \phi, \xi, \text{data}) \\ &= \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}\left(\mathbf{W}_{ij} = \mathbf{m}, \sum_k W_{ijk} = s \mid Y_{ij} = 1, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \phi, \xi, \text{data}\right) \\ &= \mathbb{P}\left(\mathbf{W}_{ij} = \mathbf{m}, \sum_k W_{ijk} = \sum_k m_k \mid Y_{ij} = 1, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \phi, \xi, \text{data}\right) \\ &= \mathbb{P}\left(\mathbf{W}_{ij} = \mathbf{m} \mid \sum_k W_{ijk} = \sum_k m_k, Y_{ij} = 1, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \phi, \xi, \text{data}\right) \\ & \quad \times \mathbb{P}\left(\sum_k W_{ijk} = \sum_k m_k \mid Y_{ij} = 1, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \phi, \xi, \text{data}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \pi \left(\sum_{k=1}^K W_{ijk} \mid Y_{ij} = 1, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \phi, \boldsymbol{\xi}, \text{data} \right) \\
&= \pi \left(\sum_{k=1}^K W_{ijk} \mid \sum_{k=1}^K W_{ijk} \geq 1, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \phi, \boldsymbol{\xi}, \text{data} \right) \\
&\sim \text{Poisson} \left(\xi_i \sum_{k: X_{ijk}=1} \exp(\mathbf{u}'_{ijk} \boldsymbol{\beta}) \right) \text{ truncated so that } \sum_{k=1}^K W_{ijk} \geq 1
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \pi \left(\mathbf{W}_{ij} \mid \sum_{k=1}^K W_{ijk}, Y_{ij} = 1, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \phi, \boldsymbol{\xi}, \text{data} \right) \\
&\sim \text{Multinomial} \left(\sum_{k=1}^K W_{ijk}; \frac{X_{ij1} \xi_i \exp(\mathbf{u}'_{ij1} \boldsymbol{\beta})}{\xi_i \sum_{k: X_{ijk}=1} \exp(\mathbf{u}'_{ijk} \boldsymbol{\beta})}, \dots, \frac{X_{ijK} \xi_i \exp(\mathbf{u}'_{ijK} \boldsymbol{\beta})}{\xi_i \sum_{k: X_{ijk}=1} \exp(\mathbf{u}'_{ijk} \boldsymbol{\beta})} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Step 2. Define the following terms which will be of use in the following derivation. Denote

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{a}_h & a_h + \sum_{i,j,k} u_{ijkh} W_{ijk} \\
\tilde{b}_h & b_h + \sum_{i,j,k: X_{ijk}=1} \xi_i \prod_{\ell \neq h} \gamma_\ell^{u_{ijk\ell}} \\
c_1 & p_h \exp \{ -(\tilde{b}_h - b_h) \} \\
c_2 & (1 - p_h) \frac{C(a_h, b_h) \int_{\mathcal{A}_h} \mathcal{G}(\gamma; \tilde{a}_h, \tilde{b}_h) d\gamma}{C(\tilde{a}_h, \tilde{b}_h) \int_{\mathcal{A}_h} \mathcal{G}(\gamma; a_h, b_h) d\gamma} \\
\tilde{p}_h & \frac{c_1}{c_1 + c_2}
\end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
& \pi(\gamma_h \mid \boldsymbol{\gamma}_{(-h)}, \phi, \boldsymbol{\xi}, \mathbf{W}, \text{data}) \\
&\propto \pi(\mathbf{W} \mid \boldsymbol{\xi}, \boldsymbol{\gamma}, \text{data}) \pi(\gamma_h) \\
&= \left(\prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^{n_i} \prod_{k: X_{ijk}=1} \pi(W_{ijk} \mid \xi_i, \boldsymbol{\gamma}, \text{data}) \right) \pi(\gamma_h) \\
&\propto \left(\prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^{n_i} \prod_{k: X_{ijk}=1} \left[\exp(u_{ijkh} \log \gamma_h) \right]^{W_{ijk}} \exp \left\{ -\xi_i \exp \left(\sum_{\ell=1}^q u_{ijk\ell} \log \gamma_\ell \right) \right\} \right) \pi(\gamma_h)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left(\prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^{n_i} \prod_{k: X_{ijk}=1} \gamma_h^{u_{ijkh} W_{ijk}} \exp \left\{ -\xi_i \prod_{\ell=1}^q \gamma_\ell^{u_{ijk\ell}} \right\} \right) \pi(\gamma_h) \\
&= \gamma_h^{\sum_{i,j,k} u_{ijkh} W_{ijk}} \exp \left\{ - \sum_{i,j,k: X_{ijk}=1} \xi_i \prod_{\ell=1}^q \gamma_\ell^{u_{ijk\ell}} \right\} \pi(\gamma_h) \\
&= \gamma_h^{\sum_{i,j,k} u_{ijkh} W_{ijk}} \exp \left\{ - \sum_{i,j,k: X_{ijk}=1} \xi_i \prod_{\ell=1}^q \gamma_\ell^{u_{ijk\ell}} \right\} \\
&\quad \times \left[p_h I(\gamma_h = 1) + (1-p_h) I(\gamma_h \neq 1) \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{A}_h}(\gamma_h; a_h, b_h) \right] \\
&= p_h I(\gamma_h = 1) \exp \left\{ - \sum_{i,j,k: X_{ijk}=1} \xi_i \prod_{\ell \neq h} \gamma_\ell^{u_{ijk\ell}} \right\} \\
&\quad + (1-p_h) I(\gamma_h \neq 1) \gamma_h^{\sum_{i,j,k} u_{ijkh} W_{ijk}} \exp \left\{ - \sum_{i,j,k: X_{ijk}=1} \xi_i \prod_{\ell=1}^q \gamma_\ell^{u_{ijk\ell}} \right\} \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{A}_h}(\gamma_h; a_h, b_h) \\
&= p_h I(\gamma_h = 1) \exp \left\{ - \sum_{i,j,k: X_{ijk}=1} \xi_i \prod_{\ell \neq h} \gamma_\ell^{u_{ijk\ell}} \right\} \\
&\quad + (1-p_h) I(\gamma_h \neq 1) \frac{C(a_h, b_h)}{\int_{\mathcal{A}_h} \mathcal{G}(\gamma; a_h, b_h) d\gamma} \gamma_h^{a_h + \sum_{i,j,k} u_{ijkh} W_{ijk} - 1} \\
&\quad \times \exp \left\{ -\gamma_h \left[b_h + \sum_{i,j,k: X_{ijk}=1} \xi_i \prod_{\ell \neq h} \gamma_\ell^{u_{ijk\ell}} \right] \right\} \\
&= p_h I(\gamma_h = 1) \exp \{ -(\tilde{b}_h - b_h) \} + (1-p_h) I(\gamma_h \neq 1) \frac{C(a_h, b_h)}{\int_{\mathcal{A}_h} \mathcal{G}(\gamma; a_h, b_h) d\gamma} \gamma_h^{\tilde{a}_h - 1} \exp \{ -\tilde{b}_h \gamma_h \} \\
&= p_h I(\gamma_h = 1) \exp \{ -(\tilde{b}_h - b_h) \} + (1-p_h) I(\gamma_h \neq 1) \\
&\quad \times \frac{C(a_h, b_h) \int_{\mathcal{A}_h} \mathcal{G}(\gamma; \tilde{a}_h, \tilde{b}_h) d\gamma}{C(\tilde{a}_h, \tilde{b}_h) \int_{\mathcal{A}_h} \mathcal{G}(\gamma; a_h, b_h) d\gamma} \frac{C(\tilde{a}_h, \tilde{b}_h)}{\int_{\mathcal{A}_h} \mathcal{G}(\gamma; \tilde{a}_h, \tilde{b}_h) d\gamma} \gamma_h^{\tilde{a}_h - 1} \exp \{ -\tilde{b}_h \gamma_h \} \\
&= p_h I(\gamma_h = 1) \exp \{ -(\tilde{b}_h - b_h) \} + (1-p_h) I(\gamma_h \neq 1) \frac{C(a_h, b_h) \int_{\mathcal{A}_h} \mathcal{G}(\gamma; \tilde{a}_h, \tilde{b}_h) d\gamma}{C(\tilde{a}_h, \tilde{b}_h) \int_{\mathcal{A}_h} \mathcal{G}(\gamma; a_h, b_h) d\gamma} \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{A}_h}(\gamma; \tilde{a}_h, \tilde{b}_h) \\
&= c_1 I(\gamma_h = 1) + c_2 I(\gamma_h \neq 1) \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{A}_h}(\gamma; \tilde{a}_h, \tilde{b}_h) \\
&\propto \frac{c_1}{c_1 + c_2} I(\gamma_h = 1) + \frac{c_2}{c_1 + c_2} I(\gamma_h \neq 1) \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{A}_h}(\gamma; \tilde{a}_h, \tilde{b}_h) \\
&= \tilde{p}_h I(\gamma_h = 1) + (1 - \tilde{p}_h) I(\gamma_h \neq 1) \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{A}_h}(\gamma; \tilde{a}_h, \tilde{b}_h)
\end{aligned}$$

