

# One-parameter Models

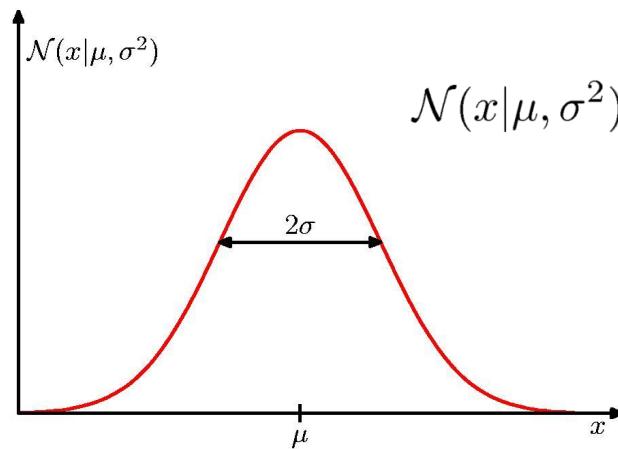
Part 2 - continuous observation  
and

Two parameter model  
(chapter 5, chapter 7.1)

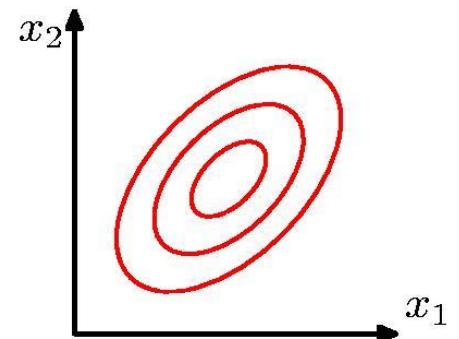
# Outline

- I). Univariate & Multivariate Gaussian distribution
- II). MLE of Gaussian
- III). Bayesian inference for Gaussian
- IV). Two-parameter model - Gaussian

# I). Univariate & Multivariate Gaussian distribution



$$\mathcal{N}(x|\mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x - \mu)^2 \right\}$$

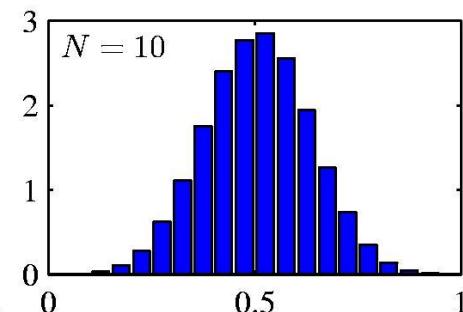
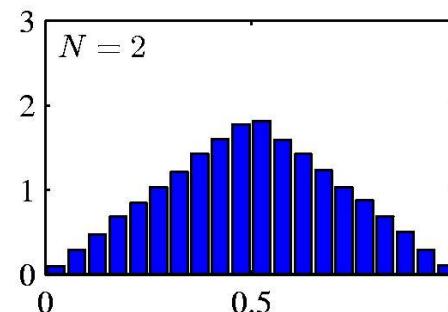
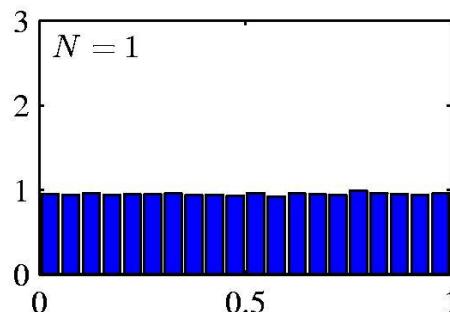


$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2}} \frac{1}{|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right\}$$

Dimension

# Why Gaussian - Central Limit Theorem

- The distribution of the sum of  $N$  i.i.d. random variables becomes increasingly Gaussian as  $N$  grows.
- Example:  $N$  uniform  $[0,1]$  random variables.



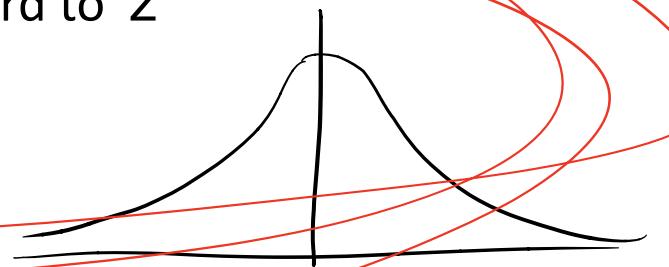
# Moments of the Multivariate Gaussian

$$\text{let } \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{z} + \boldsymbol{\mu}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}] &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2}} \frac{1}{|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} \int \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right\} \mathbf{x} d\mathbf{x} \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2}} \frac{1}{|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} \int \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{z}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{z} \right\} (\mathbf{z} + \boldsymbol{\mu}) d\mathbf{z}\end{aligned}$$

thanks to symmetry of the density  
function with regard to  $\mathbf{z}$

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}] = \boldsymbol{\mu}$$

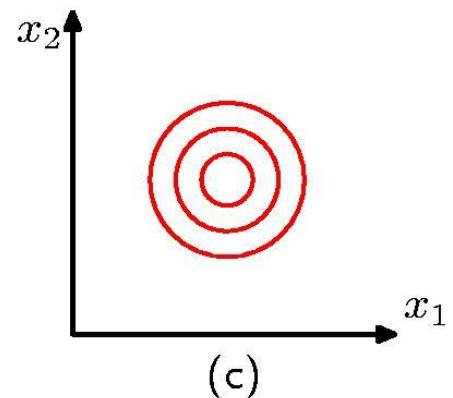
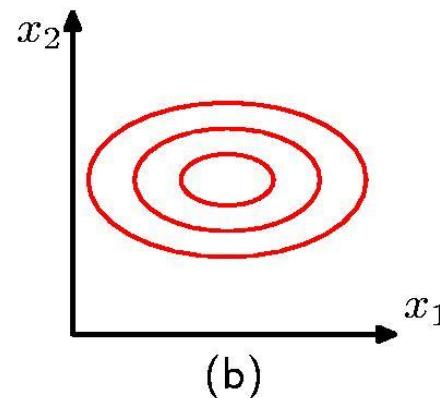
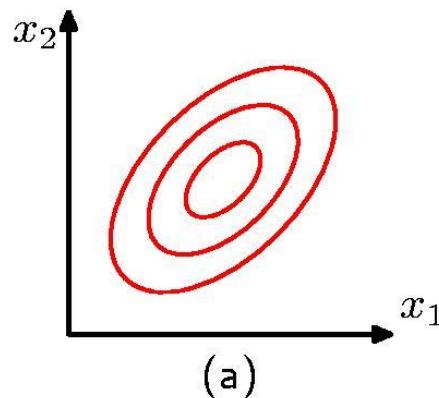


# Moments of the Multivariate Gaussian

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} A & B & C \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T] = \boldsymbol{\mu}\boldsymbol{\mu}^T + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} aA & aB & aC \\ bA & bB & bC \\ cA & cB & cC \end{bmatrix} \text{cov}[\mathbf{x}] = \mathbb{E}[(\mathbf{x} - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}])(\mathbf{x} - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}])^T] = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}$$



# Partitioned Gaussian Distributions

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_a \\ \mathbf{x}_b \end{pmatrix} \quad \boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_a \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_b \end{pmatrix} \quad \boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{aa} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ab} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ba} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{bb} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Lambda} \equiv \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \quad \boldsymbol{\Lambda} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{aa} & \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ab} \\ \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ba} & \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{bb} \end{pmatrix}$$

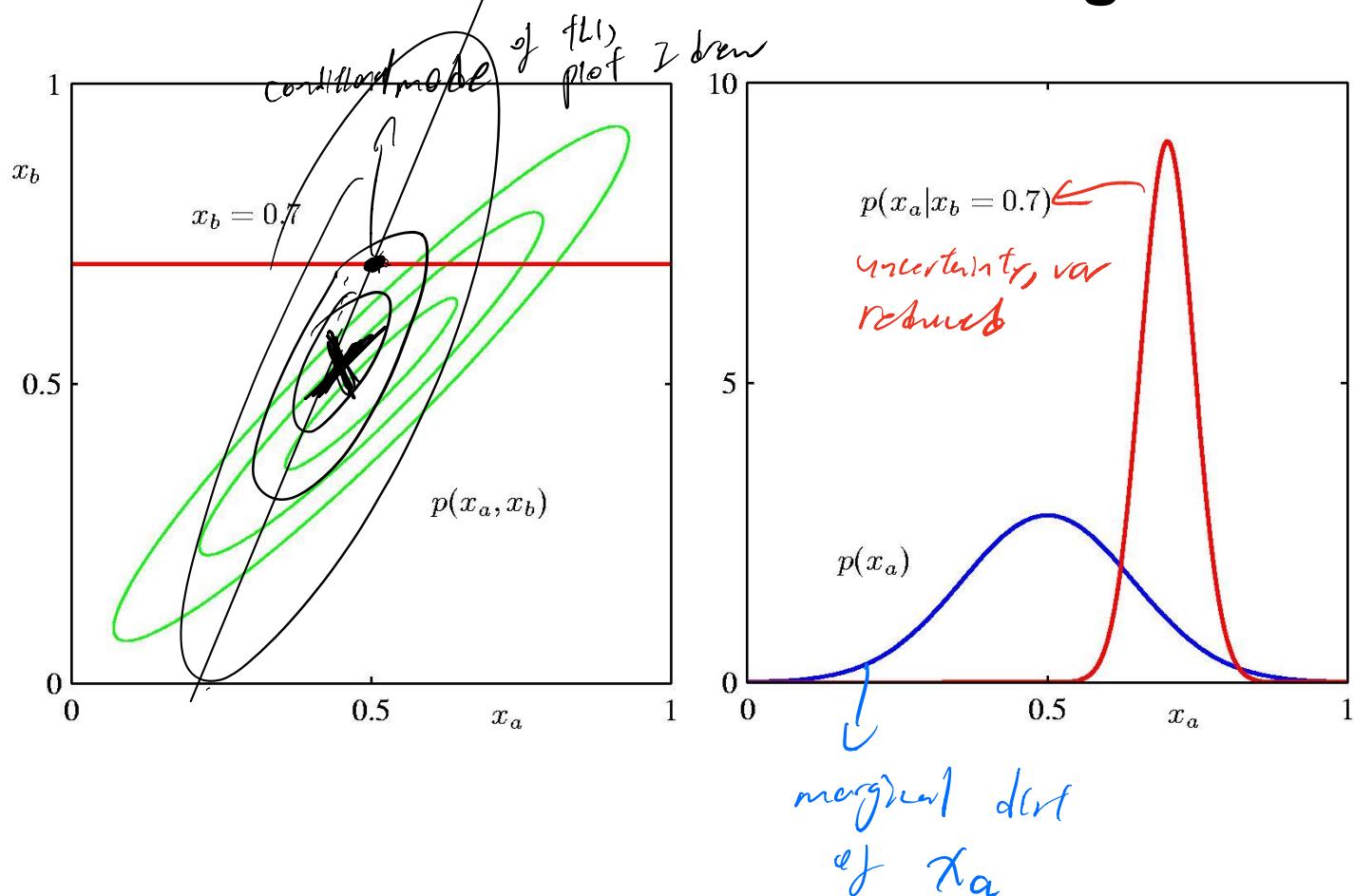
# Partitioned Conditionals and Marginals

$$p(\mathbf{x}_a | \mathbf{x}_b) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_a | \boldsymbol{\mu}_{a|b}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{a|b})$$

$$\begin{aligned}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{a|b} &= \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{aa}^{-1} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{aa} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ab} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{bb}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ba} \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_{a|b} &= \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{a|b} \{ \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{aa} \boldsymbol{\mu}_a - \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ab} (\mathbf{x}_b - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b) \} \\ &= \boldsymbol{\mu}_a - \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{aa}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ab} (\mathbf{x}_b - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b) \\ &= \boldsymbol{\mu}_a + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ab} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{bb}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_b - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}p(\mathbf{x}_a) &= \int p(\mathbf{x}_a, \mathbf{x}_b) d\mathbf{x}_b \\ &= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_a | \boldsymbol{\mu}_a, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{aa})\end{aligned}$$

# Partitioned Conditionals and Marginals



# Bayes' Theorem for Gaussian Variables

- Given

*prior*

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^{-1})$$

*likelihood*

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{L}^{-1})$$

- we have

$$p(\mathbf{y}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu} + \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{L}^{-1} + \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\Lambda}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^T)$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\{\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{L}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{b}) + \boldsymbol{\Lambda}\boldsymbol{\mu}\}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$$

*posterior*

- where

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = (\boldsymbol{\Lambda} + \mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{L}\mathbf{A})^{-1}$$

$$p(x) \cdot p(y|x) = p(x,y)$$

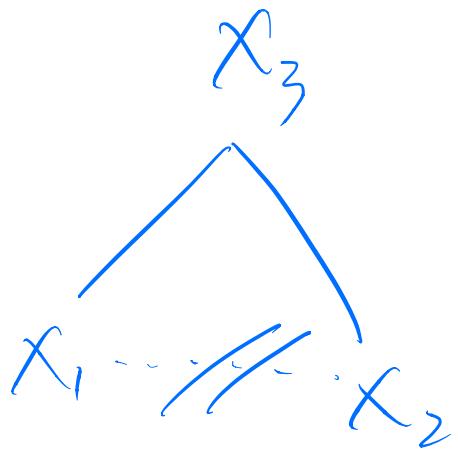
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$$p(y) \cdot p(x|y)$$

$$\Lambda = \Sigma^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{tve} & & \\ 0 & \text{tve} & \\ & & \text{tve} \end{pmatrix}$$

If value = 0,  $\Lambda_{12} = 0$

$x_1$  and  $x_2$  Ind  $| x_3$



Frequentist

## II). MLE of Gaussian

### Maximum Likelihood for the Gaussian (1)

- Given i.i.d. data  $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N)^T$ , the log likelihood function is given by

$$\ln p(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = -\frac{ND}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{N}{2} \ln |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}| - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu})$$

- Sufficient statistics

$$\sum_{n=1}^N \mathbf{x}_n$$

*vector*

$$\sum_{n=1}^N \mathbf{x}_n \mathbf{x}_n^T$$

*n x n matrix*

Covariance

# Maximum Likelihood for the Gaussian (2)

- Set the derivative of the log likelihood function to zero,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \ln p(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \sum_{n=1}^N \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}) = 0$$

*vector*

*zero vector*

- and solve to obtain

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\text{ML}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbf{x}_n.$$

- Similarly

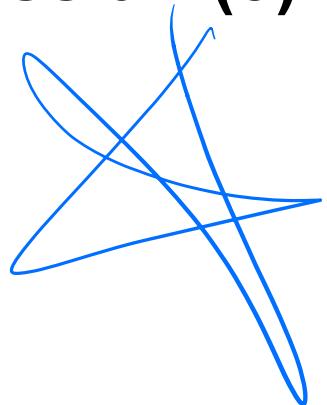
$$\boxed{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\text{ML}}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\text{ML}})(\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\text{ML}})^T.$$

*Sample Covariance*

# Maximum Likelihood for the Gaussian (3)

Under the true distribution

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[\mu_{\text{ML}}] &= \mu \\ \mathbb{E}[\Sigma_{\text{ML}}] &= \frac{N-1}{N} \Sigma.\end{aligned}$$



Hence define

$$\tilde{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{n=1}^N (\mathbf{x}_n - \mu_{\text{ML}})(\mathbf{x}_n - \mu_{\text{ML}})^T.$$

↓  
B/a, term

unbiased estimator of population  
covariance matrix

# Sequential Estimation

Contribution of the  $N^{\text{th}}$  data point,  $\mathbf{x}_N$

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_{\text{ML}}^{(N)} &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbf{x}_n \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{x}_N + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \mathbf{x}_n \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{x}_N + \frac{N-1}{N} \mu_{\text{ML}}^{(N-1)} \quad \text{current data} \\ &= \mu_{\text{ML}}^{(N-1)} + \frac{1}{N} (\mathbf{x}_N - \mu_{\text{ML}}^{(N-1)})\end{aligned}$$

Diagram illustrating the components of the update step:

- Red bracket under  $\mathbf{x}_N$ : correction given  $\mathbf{x}_N$
- Red bracket under  $\frac{1}{N}$ : correction weight
- Red bracket under the entire term: old estimate

### III). Bayesian Inference for Gaussian

Bayesian

- Assume  $\sigma^2$  is known. Given i.i.d. data  $\mathbf{x} = \{x_1, \dots, x_N\}$ , the likelihood function for  $\mu$  is given by 1 dimension

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\mu) = \prod_{n=1}^N p(x_n|\mu) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{N/2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \mu)^2\right\}.$$

- This has a Gaussian shape as a function of  $\mu$  (but it is *not* a distribution over  $\mu$ ).

Distribution of  $\mathbf{x}$   
not dist. of  $\mu$

# Bayesian Inference for the Gaussian (2)

- Combined with a Gaussian prior over  $\mu$ ,

$$p(\mu) = \mathcal{N}(\mu|\mu_0, \sigma_0^2).$$

- this gives the posterior

$$p(\mu|\mathbf{x}) \propto p(\mathbf{x}|\mu)p(\mu).$$

- Completing the square over  $\mu$ , we see that

$$p(\mu|\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(\mu|\mu_N, \sigma_N^2)$$

# Bayesian Inference for the Gaussian (3)

- ... where

$$\mu_N = \frac{\sigma^2}{N\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2} \mu_0 + \frac{N\sigma_0^2}{N\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2} \mu_{ML}, \quad \mu_{ML} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N x_n$$

$$\frac{1}{\sigma_N^2} = \frac{1}{\sigma_0^2} + \frac{N}{\sigma^2} \cdot \text{as } N \rightarrow \infty \quad \frac{1}{\sigma_n^2} \rightarrow \text{Big} \Rightarrow \sigma_n^2 \text{ small}$$

- Note:

	$N = 0$	$N \rightarrow \infty$
$\mu_N$	$\mu_0$	$\mu_{ML}$
$\sigma_N^2$	$\sigma_0^2$	0

## If changing Informative Prior to non-informative prior

Let  $\sigma_0^2 \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $p(\mu) \propto 1$  → looks like Uniform dist between -∞ to ∞

$$\mu_N = \frac{\sigma^2}{N\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2} \mu_0 + \frac{N\sigma_0^2}{N\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2} \mu_{ML}, \quad \mu_{ML} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N x_n$$
$$\frac{1}{\sigma_N^2} = \frac{1}{\sigma_0^2} + \frac{N}{\sigma^2}.$$

Even  $\sigma_0^2 \rightarrow \infty$ , new belief still speaks and give reasonable  $\sigma^2$

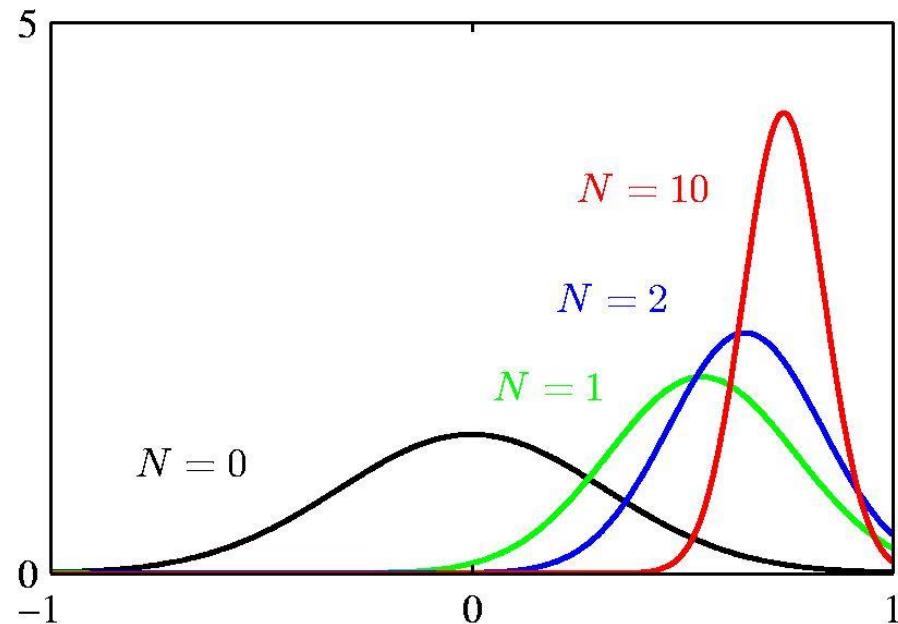
=> Same as MLE for the mean of Gaussian

An improper prior

But posterior can still be proper

# Bayesian Inference for the Gaussian (4)

- Example:  $p(\mu|\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(\mu|\mu_N, \sigma_N^2)$  for  $N = 0, 1, 2$  and  $10$ .



# Bayesian Inference for the Gaussian (5)

## ■ Sequential Estimation

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mu|\mathbf{x}) &\propto p(\mu)p(\mathbf{x}|\mu) \\ &= \left[ p(\mu) \prod_{n=1}^{N-1} p(x_n|\mu) \right] p(x_N|\mu) \\ &\propto \mathcal{N}(\mu|\mu_{N-1}, \sigma_{N-1}^2) p(x_N|\mu) \end{aligned}$$

*Prior*      *Likelihood*      *Normal*  
*Normal*

- The posterior obtained after observing N-1 data points becomes the prior when we observe the N<sup>th</sup> data point.

## Bayesian Inference for the Gaussian (6)

- Now assume  $\mu$  is known. The likelihood function for  $\lambda=1/\sigma^2$  is given by

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\lambda) = \prod_{n=1}^N \mathcal{N}(x_n|\mu, \lambda^{-1}) \propto \lambda^{N/2} \exp\left\{-\frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \mu)^2\right\}.$$

- This has a Gamma shape as a function of  $\lambda$ .

*estimate precision rather than variance*

*carter*

$$\underline{P_{\text{prior}}} \propto \underline{\lambda^c e^{-\lambda d}}$$

$$p(x|\lambda) \propto \lambda^a e^{-\lambda b}$$

$$p(\lambda|x) \propto \lambda^{a+c} e^{-\lambda(a+b)}$$

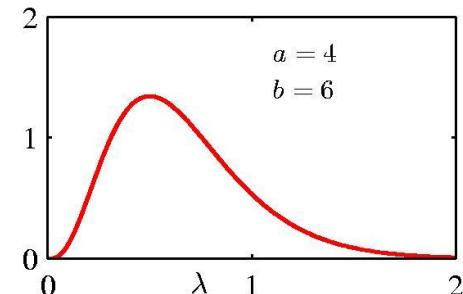
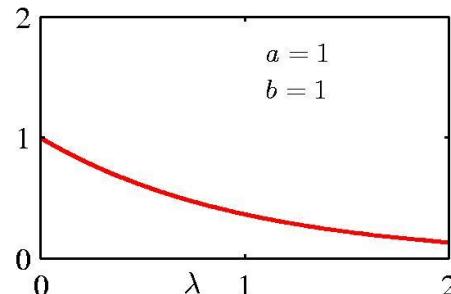
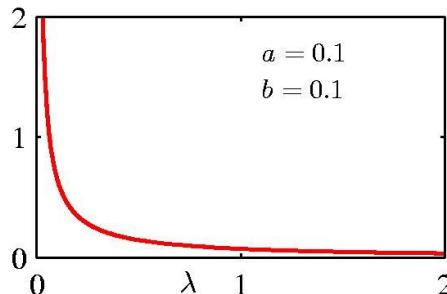
# Bayesian Inference for the Gaussian (7)

## ■ The Gamma distribution

$$\text{Gam}(\lambda|a, b) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} b^a \lambda^{a-1} \exp(-b\lambda)$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\lambda] = \frac{a}{b}$$

$$\text{var}[\lambda] = \frac{a}{b^2}$$



## Bayesian Inference for the Gaussian (8)

- Now we combine a Gamma prior,  $\text{Gam}(\lambda|a_0, b_0)$ , with the likelihood function for  $\lambda$  to obtain

$$p(\lambda|\mathbf{x}) \propto \lambda^{a_0-1} \lambda^{N/2} \exp \left\{ -b_0 \lambda - \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \mu)^2 \right\}$$

- which we recognize as  $\text{Gam}(\lambda|a_N, b_N)$  with

$$a_N = a_0 + \frac{N}{2}$$

↑ Prior sample size

$$b_N = b_0 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \mu)^2 = b_0 + \frac{N}{2} \sigma_{\text{ML}}^2.$$

↑ Prior sample var

If changing Informative Prior to non-informative prior

*when absolutely no prior knowledge*

Let  $a_0 = b_0 = 0$ , then  $p(\lambda) \propto 1/\lambda$

$$p(\lambda|\mathbf{x}) \propto \lambda^{N/2-1} \exp\left\{-\frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \mu)^2\right\}$$
$$= \text{Gam}\left(\frac{N}{2}, \frac{N}{2}\sigma_{\text{ML}}^2\right)$$

Note:

Improper priors can lead to proper posteriors

## IV). Two-parameter model - Gaussian Bayesian Inference for the Gaussian (9)

- If both  $\mu$  and  $\lambda$  are unknown, the joint likelihood function is given by

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{x}|\mu, \lambda) &= \prod_{n=1}^N \left( \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \right)^{1/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{\lambda}{2}(x_n - \mu)^2 \right\} \\ &\propto \left[ \lambda^{1/2} \exp \left( -\frac{\lambda\mu^2}{2} \right) \right]^N \exp \left\{ \lambda\mu \sum_{n=1}^N x_n - \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N x_n^2 \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

- We need a prior with the same functional dependence on  $\mu$  and  $\lambda$

# Bayesian Inference for the Gaussian (10)

Prior, when both  $\mu$  and  $\lambda$  unknown

## ■ The Gaussian-gamma distribution

$$p(\mu, \lambda) = \mathcal{N}(\mu | \mu_0, ((\beta \lambda)^{-1})) \text{Gam}(\lambda | a, b)$$

The two dist.  
not indep.

$$\propto \exp \left\{ -\frac{\beta \lambda}{2} (\mu - \mu_0)^2 \right\} \lambda^{a-1} \exp \{-b\lambda\}$$

- Quadratic in  $\mu$ .
- Linear in  $\lambda$ .
- Gamma distribution over  $\lambda$ .
- Independent of  $\mu$ .

- If we integrate  $\mu$ , only  $\text{Gam}(\lambda | a, b)$  left
- If we condition on any  $\lambda$ , only  $\mathcal{N}(\mu | \mu_0, (\beta \lambda)^{-1})$  left,  
 $\rightarrow$  Normal !!

## Any joint distribution

$$P(a, b, c) = P(a) \cdot P(b|a) \cdot P(c|a, b)$$

However, if we know  $c \perp\!\!\!\perp b | a$

$$\Rightarrow P(c|a, b) = P(c|a)$$

$$P(\mu, \lambda) \\ P(\lambda|\mu) \propto e^{-\lambda \left[ b + \frac{\beta(\mu - \mu_0)^2}{2} \right]} \lambda^{\alpha-1}$$

$\lambda|\mu \sim \text{Gam}(\alpha, \beta)$  Given any  $\mu$ ,  
the conditional dist of  $\lambda$   
is still Gamma

$$P(\mu|\lambda) \propto e^{-\frac{\beta(\mu - \mu_0)^2}{2}}$$

$f_A$

Just treat the given parameter as constant

let  $P(a, b) = C \cdot f(a) \cdot g(b)$

$$P(a|b) = \frac{P(a,b)}{P(b)} = \frac{P(a,b)}{\int P(a,b) da}$$

$$= \frac{C \cdot f(a) \cdot g(b)}{\int [C \cdot f(a) \cdot g(b)] da}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{C} \cdot \cancel{f(a)} \cdot \cancel{g(b)}}{\cancel{C} \cdot \cancel{f(b)} \cdot \int f(a) da}$$

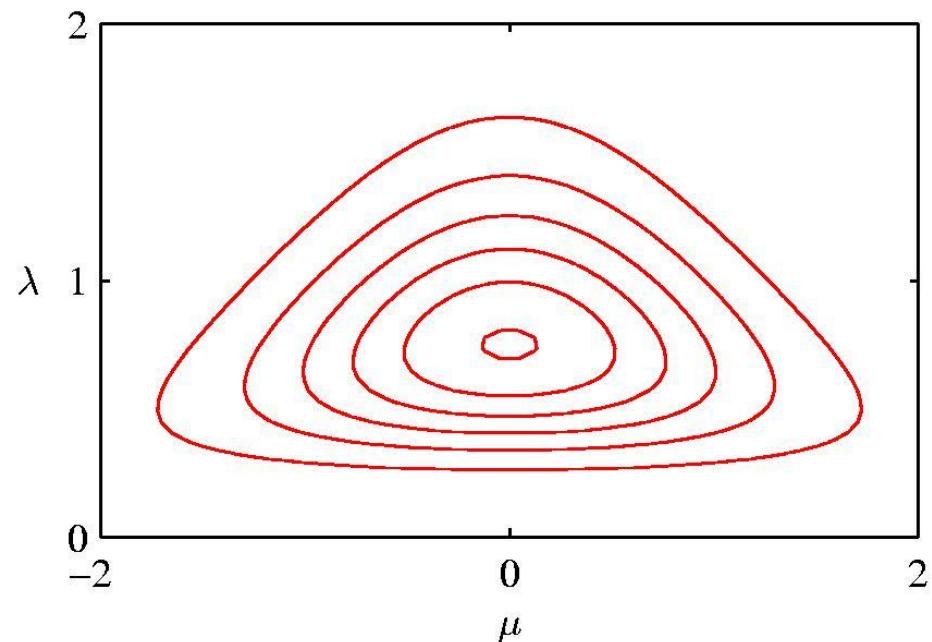
$$= f(a) \overbrace{\int f(a) da}^{\sim}$$

$$\therefore \underline{P(a|b) \propto f(a)}$$



# Bayesian Inference for the Gaussian (11)

## ■ The Gaussian-gamma distribution





# **General Discussion for Two-parameter model**

# Joint, Marginal, Conditional Prior

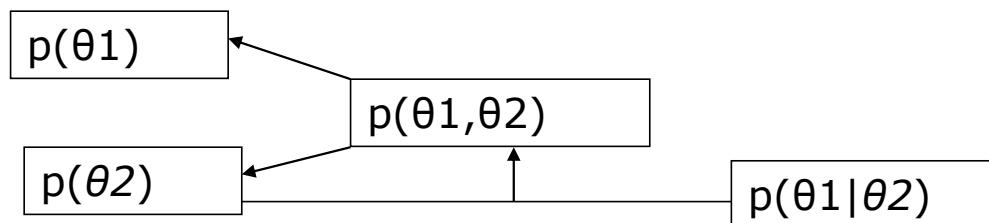
$$P(\theta_1) = \int p(\theta_1, \theta_2) d\theta_2$$

$$P(\theta_2) = \int p(\theta_1, \theta_2) d\theta_1$$

$$P(\theta_1, \theta_2) = p(\theta_1 | \theta_2) p(\theta_2)$$

$$= p(\theta_2 | \theta_1) p(\theta_1)$$

Any joint dist can be specified by a marginal and a conditional



let's say we have the prior

$$p(x_1, x_2) \propto p(x_1) \cdot p(x_2)$$

Indep

If it is possible that the posterior  
 $p(x_1, x_2 | \text{data}) \propto N\left(\begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{11}^2 & \sigma_{12}^2 \\ \sigma_{21}^2 & \sigma_{22}^2 \end{pmatrix}\right)$

not indept.

If  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are indeed related, they will speak in your data

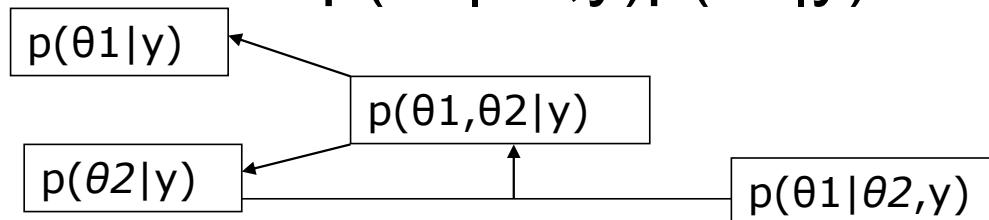
# Joint, Marginal, Conditional Posterior

$$P(\theta_1|y) = \int p(\theta_1, \theta_2|y) d\theta_2$$

$$P(\theta_2|y) = \int p(\theta_1, \theta_2|y) d\theta_1$$

$$P(\theta_1, \theta_2|y) = p(\theta_1|\theta_2, y)p(\theta_2|y)$$

$$= p(\theta_2|\theta_1, y)p(\theta_1|y)$$



# Strategy for Multi-Parameter Inference

1. Specify a joint prior  $p(\theta_1, \theta_2)$
2. Write down likelihood
  1.  $L(\theta_1, \theta_2) = P(y|\theta_1, \theta_2)$
3. Derive the joint posterior
  1.  $P(\theta_1, \theta_2 | y) \propto p(\theta_1, \theta_2) L(\theta_1, \theta_2 | y)$
4. Then make joint or marginal inference

Just assume independent prior, if parameters are indeed correlated, data will speak

# Strategy for Multi-Parameter Inference for Normal Data

1. Specify a joint prior  $p(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$$p(\mu, \sigma^2) = p(\mu|\sigma^2)p(\sigma^2)$$

2. Write down likelihood

$$L(\mu, \sigma^2) = P(y|\mu, \sigma^2)$$

3. Derive the joint posterior

$$P(\mu, \sigma^2 | y) \propto p(\mu, \sigma^2) p(y|\mu, \sigma^2)$$

4. Then make marginal inference

$$\therefore P(\mu|y) = \int p(\mu, \sigma^2|y) d\sigma^2$$

$$\therefore P(\sigma^2|y) = \int p(\mu, \sigma^2|y) d\mu$$

Normal model,  $p(\mu, \sigma^2) \propto \frac{1}{\sigma^2}$

Non-informative prior

- joint posterior

$$p(\mu, \sigma^2 | y) \propto \sigma^{-(n+2)}$$

$$\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} [(n-1)s^2 + n(\bar{y} - \mu)^2]\right)$$

- conditional posterior distribution of  $\mu$
- $P(\mu | \sigma^2, y) \propto e^{-n(\bar{y} - \mu)^2}$
- $$\mu | \sigma^2, y \sim N(\mu | \bar{y}, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})$$
- $P(\sigma^2 | \mu, y) \propto \sigma^{-2} (\frac{n+2}{2}). e^{-\frac{A}{2\sigma^2}}$

- marginal posterior distribution of  $\sigma^2$

$$\sigma^2 | y \sim IG\left(\frac{n-1}{2}, \frac{(n-1)s^2}{2}\right)$$

$$s^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2$$

- Marginal posterior distribution of  $\mu$

$$\mu | y \sim t_{n-1}(\bar{y}, \frac{s^2}{n})$$

$\text{IG} = \text{Inverse Gamma}$

# Numerical Integration

*a posterior*

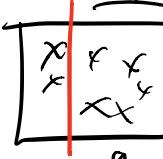
$$p(\mu, \sigma^2 | y) = p(\mu | \sigma^2, y)p(\sigma^2 | y)$$

1. • draw  $\sigma^{2(m)} \sim IG\left(\frac{n-1}{2}, \frac{(n-1)s^2}{2}\right)$   $\rightarrow$  set a) margin

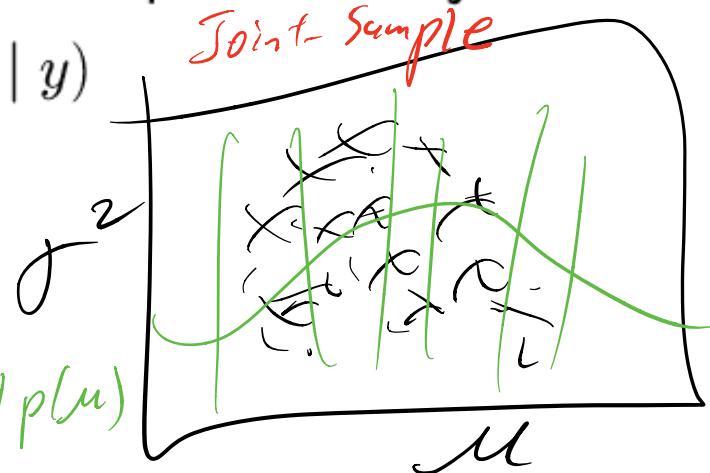
2. • draw  $\mu^{(m)} \sim N(\mu | \bar{y}, \sigma^{2(m)}/n)$   $\rightarrow$  set as condition

•  $\mu^{(m)}, \sigma^{2(m)}$   $m = 1, \dots, M$  is a sample from the joint posterior distribution  $p(\mu, \sigma^2 | y)$

To get  $p(\mu)$ ,  $\int d\sigma^2$   
but require large sample size

$p(b|a)$  b   $\rightarrow$  no data  
Fail... better do an interval

marginal  $p(\mu)$



# Normal with Conjugate Prior

$$p(y | \mu, \sigma^2) \sim (\frac{1}{\sigma})^n \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} [(n-1)s^2 + n(\bar{y} - \mu)^2]\right)$$

$$p(\mu, \sigma^2) \sim (\frac{1}{\sigma})(\frac{1}{\sigma})^{\nu_0+2} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} [\nu_0\sigma_0^2 + k_0(\mu_0 - \mu)^2]\right)$$

→ Inverse gamma

- $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  are dependent in their joint conjugate prior density

$$\mu | \sigma^2 \sim N(\mu_0, \sigma^2/k_0)$$

$$\sigma^2 \sim IG\left(\frac{\vartheta_0}{2}, \frac{\vartheta_0\sigma_0^2}{2}\right)$$

- $\mu | \sigma^2, y \sim N(\mu_n, \sigma^2/k_n)$   
 $\sigma^2 | y \sim IG(\frac{\nu_n}{2}, \frac{\nu_n\sigma_n^2}{2})$

$$\begin{cases} \mu_n = \frac{k_0}{k_0+n}\mu_0 + \frac{n}{k_0+n}\bar{y} \\ k_n = k_0 + n \\ \nu_n\sigma_n^2 = \nu_0\sigma_0^2 + (n-1)s^2 + \frac{k_0n}{k_0+n}(\bar{y} - \mu_0)^2 \\ \nu_n = \nu_0 + n \end{cases}$$

# Normal with Semi-Conjugate Prior

- $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  are independent  $\rightarrow$  now  $\mu$  not dependent on  $\sigma^2$

$$\mu \mid \sigma^2 \sim N(\mu_0, \tau_0^2)$$

$$\sigma^2 \sim IG\left(\frac{\vartheta_0}{2}, \frac{\vartheta_0 \sigma_0^2}{2}\right)$$

$$\bullet \mu_n = \frac{\mu_0/\tau_0^2 + n/\sigma^2}{1/\tau_0^2 + n/\sigma^2}$$

$$\bullet \tau_n^2 = \frac{1}{1/\tau_0^2 + n/\sigma^2}$$

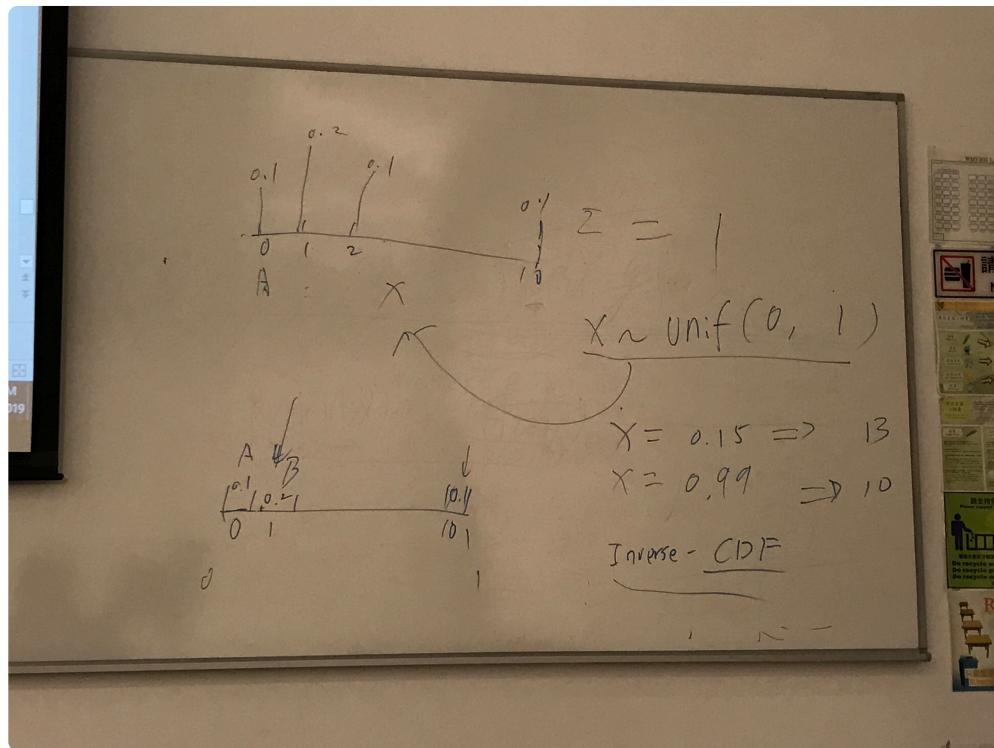
only  $\mu$  maintains prior form

$$\mu \mid \sigma^2, y \sim N(\mu_n, \tau_n^2)$$

$$\sigma^2 \mid y \sim \text{not in closed form}$$

obtain numerically

# Sampling discrete distribution

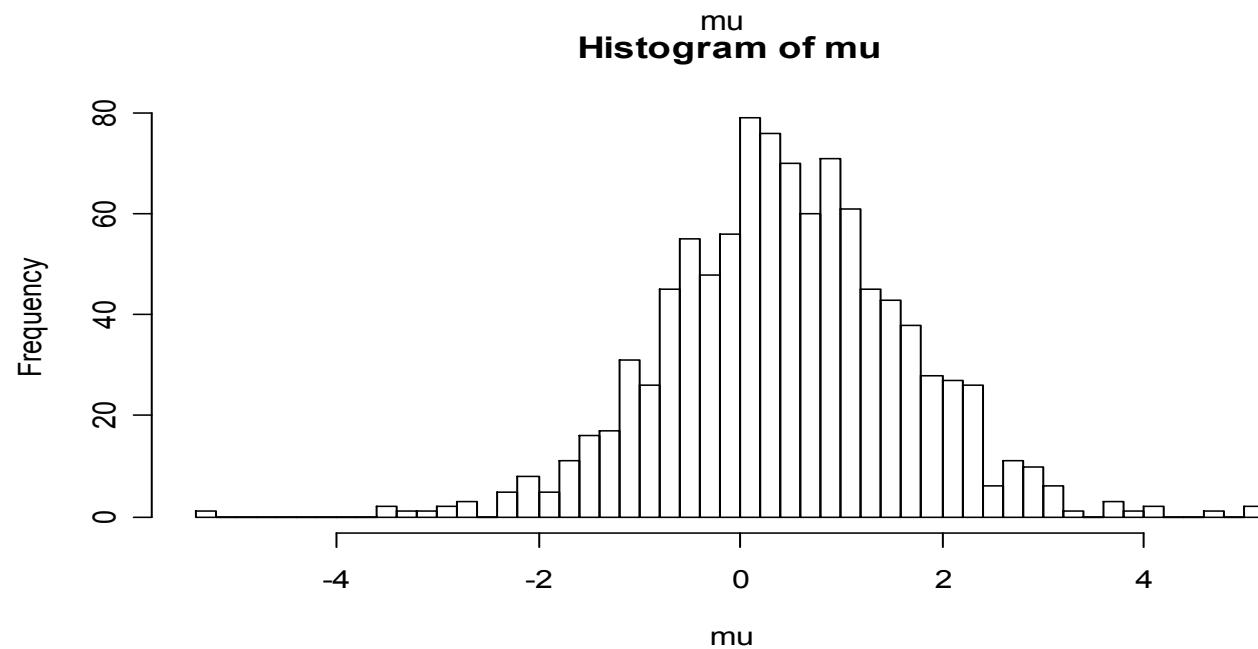
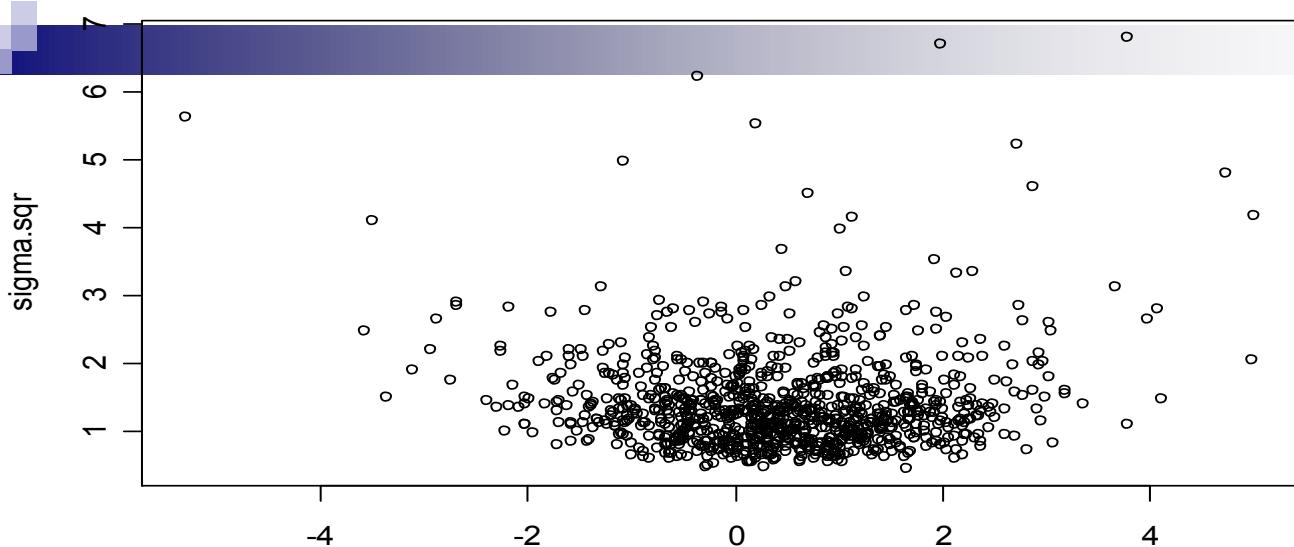


# Simulating from Posterior

- draw  $\theta_2^{(m)} \sim p(\theta_2 | y)$   $\leftarrow \sigma^2$
- draw  $\theta_1^{(m)} \sim p(\theta_1 | \theta_2^{(m)}, y)$   $\leftarrow \mu | \sigma^2$

Analytical

$$\begin{aligned} p(\theta_1 | y) &= \int p(\theta_1, \theta_2 | y) d\theta_2 \\ &= \int p(\theta_1 | \theta_2, y) p(\theta_2 | y) d\theta_2 \end{aligned}$$



# Simulation vs Exact

## Difficulty with Exact

- Some posteriors have no close form
- Some likelihoods are too complex, high dimensional, etc.
- Needs strong math skills

## Limitations of Simulation

- Simulation has stochastic error
- Iterative algorithms may not converge
- Sometimes too easy ... beware
- Requires programming