

Synthetic Data

MATH 301 Data Confidentiality

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```
CEdata<- read.csv("CEdata.csv")
head(CEdata)
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##   UrbanRural Income Race Expenditure
## 1           1  98600    1    5972.167
## 2           1  24360    1    5854.500
## 3           1  80200    1    5506.667
## 4           1 150500    1    8968.891
## 5           1 130000    1   10092.833
## 6           1  32836    1    5520.267
```

1) Use your own synthesis model (different from the simple linear regression we covered in class) to synthesize $m = 1$ synthetic dataset for the CE sample.

Our goal is to generate synthetic data from the estimated Bayesian synthesizer from the posterior predictive distribution. To produce a good synthesizer, there will be trade-offs between utility and risks.

The most sensitive variable is Income, which is a continuous variable. If an intruder were to know one's income then they can obtain the person's information with much greater probability than if they had access to another variable. The total income is based on the past 12 months, which is a greater time span, and thus, a greater range than the Expenditure variable.

Instead of building a synthesis model of simple linear regression between Income and Expenditure, we can also create a hierarchical model with UrbanRural, Race, or multiple linear regression.

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CEdata$LogExp <- log(CEdata$Expenditure)
CEdata$LogIncome <- log(CEdata$Income)

## create indicator variable for Rural (2)
CEdata$Rural = fastDummies::dummy_cols(CEdata$UrbanRural)[,names(fastDummies::dummy_cols(CEdata$UrbanRural))
== ".data_1"]

## create indicator variables for Black (3), Native American (4),
## Asian (5), Pacific Islander (6), and Multi-race (7)
CEdata$Race_Black = fastDummies::dummy_cols(CEdata$Race)[,names(fastDummies::dummy_cols(CEdata$Race)) == ".data_2"]
CEdata$Race_NA = fastDummies::dummy_cols(CEdata$Race)[,names(fastDummies::dummy_cols(CEdata$Race)) == ".data_3"]
CEdata$Race_Asian = fastDummies::dummy_cols(CEdata$Race)[,names(fastDummies::dummy_cols(CEdata$Race)) == ".data_4"]
CEdata$Race_PI = fastDummies::dummy_cols(CEdata$Race)[,names(fastDummies::dummy_cols(CEdata$Race)) == ".data_5"]
CEdata$Race_M = fastDummies::dummy_cols(CEdata$Race)[,names(fastDummies::dummy_cols(CEdata$Race)) == ".data_6"]

## JAGS script
modelString <-"
model {
  ## sampling
  for (i in 1:N){
    y[i] ~ dnorm(beta0 + beta1*x_income[i] + beta2*x_rural[i] +
beta3*x_race_B[i] + beta4*x_race_N[i] +
beta5*x_race_A[i] + beta6*x_race_P[i] +
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beta7*x_race_M[i], invsigma2)
}
## priors
beta0 ~ dnorm(mu0, g0)
beta1 ~ dnorm(mu1, g1)
beta2 ~ dnorm(mu2, g2)
beta3 ~ dnorm(mu3, g3)
beta4 ~ dnorm(mu4, g4)
beta5 ~ dnorm(mu5, g5)
beta6 ~ dnorm(mu6, g6)
beta7 ~ dnorm(mu7, g7)
invsigma2 ~ dgamma(a, b)
sigma <- sqrt(pow(invsigma2, -1))
}"

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y = as.vector(CEdata$LogExp)
x_income = as.vector(CEdata$LogIncome)
x_rural = as.vector(CEdata$Rural)
x_race_B = as.vector(CEdata$Race_Black)
x_race_N = as.vector(CEdata$Race_NA)
x_race_A = as.vector(CEdata$Race_Asian)
x_race_P = as.vector(CEdata$Race_PI)
x_race_M = as.vector(CEdata$Race_M)
N = length(y) # Compute the number of observations

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## Pass the data and hyperparameter values to JAGS
the_data <- list("y" = y, "x_income" = x_income,
"x_rural" = x_rural, "x_race_B" = x_race_B,
"x_race_N" = x_race_N, "x_race_A" = x_race_A,
"x_race_P" = x_race_P, "x_race_M" = x_race_M,
"N" = N,
"mu0" = 0, "g0" = 1, "mu1" = 0, "g1" = 1,
"mu2" = 0, "g2" = 1, "mu3" = 0, "g3" = 1,
"mu4" = 0, "g4" = 1, "mu5" = 0, "g5" = 1,
"mu6" = 0, "g6" = 1, "mu7" = 0, "g7" = 1,
"a" = 1, "b" = 1)

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initsfunction <- function(chain){
.RNG.seed <- c(1,2)[chain]
.RNG.name <- c("base::Super-Duper",
"base::Wichmann-Hill")[chain]
return(list(.RNG.seed=.RNG.seed,
.RNG.name=.RNG.name))
}

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## Run the JAGS code for this model:
posterior_MLR <- run.jags(modelString,
n.chains = 1,
data = the_data,
monitor = c("beta0", "beta1", "beta2",
"beta3", "beta4", "beta5",
"beta6", "beta7", "sigma"),
adapt = 1000,

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burnin = 5000,
sample = 5000,
thin = 1,
inits = initsfunction)
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## Loading required namespace: rjags

## Compiling rjags model...
## Calling the simulation using the rjags method...
## Note: the model did not require adaptation
## Burning in the model for 5000 iterations...
## Running the model for 5000 iterations...
## Simulation complete
## Calculating summary statistics...

## Warning: Convergence cannot be assessed with only 1 chain

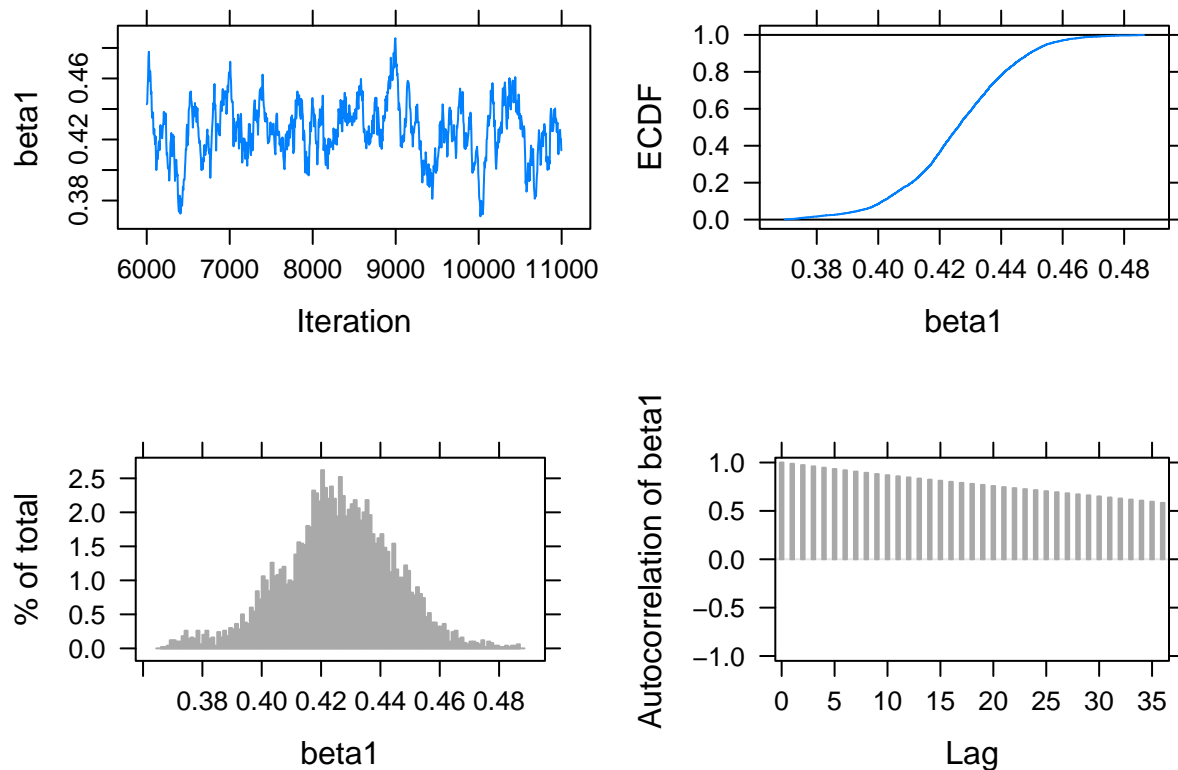
## Finished running the simulation
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## JAGS output
summary(posterior_MLR)
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##	Lower95	Median	Upper95	Mean	SD	Mode
## beta0	3.54580441	4.00080795	4.47511996	4.02342538	0.22801936	NA
## beta1	0.38724270	0.42589245	0.46270522	0.42560569	0.01888028	NA
## beta2	0.07556203	0.27567761	0.49356550	0.27739517	0.10683751	NA
## beta3	-0.33286463	-0.19636237	-0.05011323	-0.19589145	0.07350734	NA
## beta4	-0.49856355	0.01200176	0.52491192	0.01108006	0.26200777	NA
## beta5	-0.07838912	0.15751196	0.38365788	0.15652442	0.11925047	NA
## beta6	-0.47113608	0.08692820	0.60972710	0.08885212	0.28043794	NA
## beta7	-0.31549244	0.04217888	0.37819450	0.04125956	0.17844949	NA
## sigma	0.69161484	0.72115468	0.75539675	0.72161423	0.01621386	NA
##	MCerr	MC%ofSD	SSeff	AC.10	psrf	
## beta0	0.0438707646	19.2	27	0.894522661	NA	
## beta1	0.0032115062	17.0	35	0.868794694	NA	
## beta2	0.0093583674	8.8	130	0.595800945	NA	
## beta3	0.0012361528	1.7	3536	-0.000743349	NA	
## beta4	0.0037053495	1.4	5000	-0.008922402	NA	
## beta5	0.0017885674	1.5	4445	-0.018979087	NA	
## beta6	0.0039659914	1.4	5000	0.007764935	NA	
## beta7	0.0026293845	1.5	4606	0.017692787	NA	
## sigma	0.0002292986	1.4	5000	0.010989815	NA	

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plot(posterior_MLR, vars = "beta1")
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## Generating plots...
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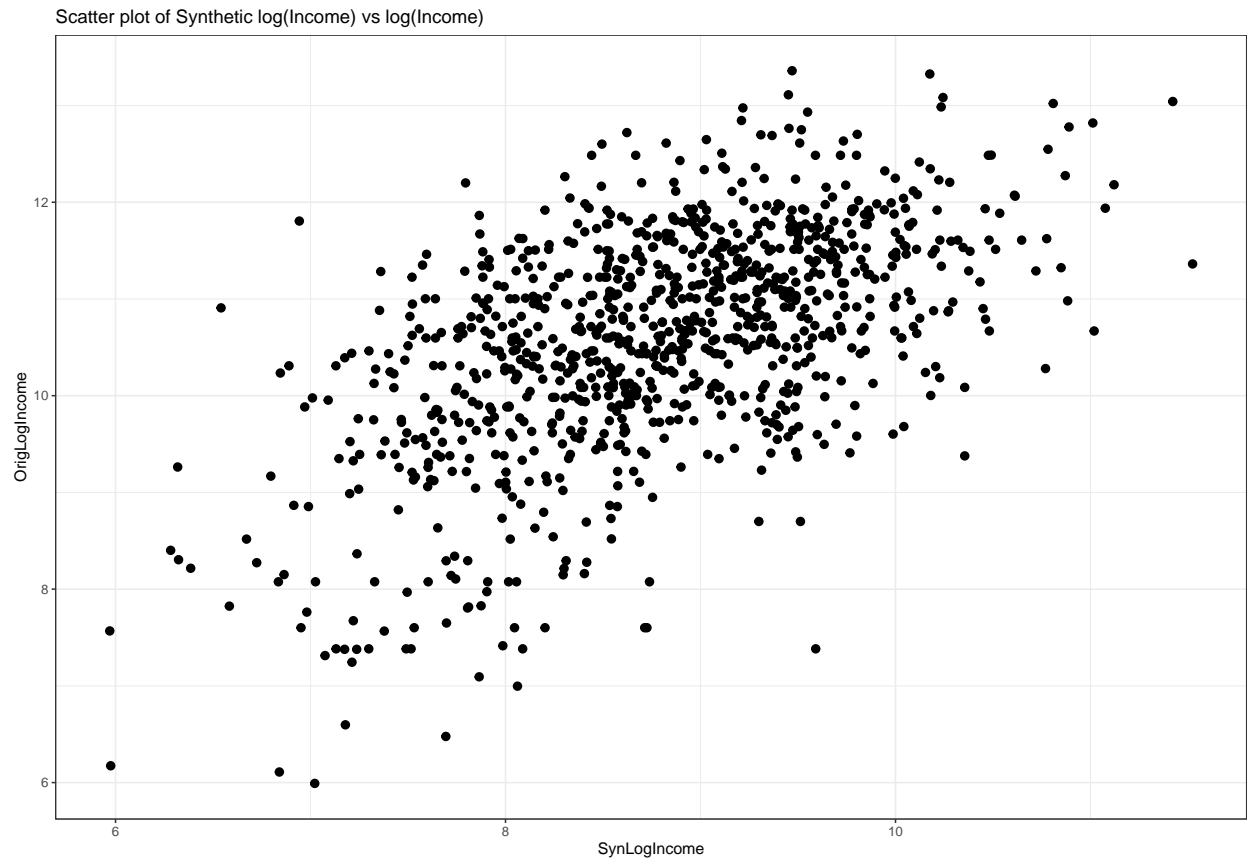
```
## Saving posterior parameter draws
post <- as.mcmc(posterior_MLR)

## Generating one set of sythetic data
synthesize <- function(X, index, n){
  mean_Y <- post[index, "beta0"] + X$x_income * post[index, "beta1"] + X$x_rural * post[index, "beta2"]
  synthetic_Y <- rnorm(n, mean_Y, post[index, "sigma"])
  data.frame(X$x_income, synthetic_Y)
}
n <- dim(CEdata)[1]
new <- data.frame(x_income, x_rural, x_race_B, x_race_N, x_race_A, x_race_P, x_race_M)
synthetic_one <- synthesize(new, 1, n)
names(synthetic_one) <- c("OrigLogIncome", "SynLogIncome")
```

I preserved relationships by having inferences done on synthetic data that are “close” to those done on confidential data. I attempted to preserve the relationships between Income and Expenditure, UrbanRural, Race using Multiple Linear Regression.

2) Make a scatter plot of the synthesized log(Income) against the original log(Income), and see what you find.

```
ggplot(synthetic_one, aes(x = SynLogIncome, y = OrigLogIncome)) +
  geom_point(size = 1) +
  labs(title = "Scatter plot of Synthetic log(Income) vs log(Income)") +
  theme_bw(base_size = 6, base_family = "")
```



From the scatter plot of the synthesized log(Income) against the original log(Income), we see that there is a positive linear relationship.

3) Compare the mean and median of log(Income), in the original dataset and the confidential dataset. Are they close to each other?

```
##synthesized log(Income)
mean(synthetic_one$SynLogIncome)

## [1] 8.789887

median(synthetic_one$SynLogIncome)

## [1] 8.796028

##original log(Income)
mean(synthetic_one$OrigLogIncome)

## [1] 10.59507

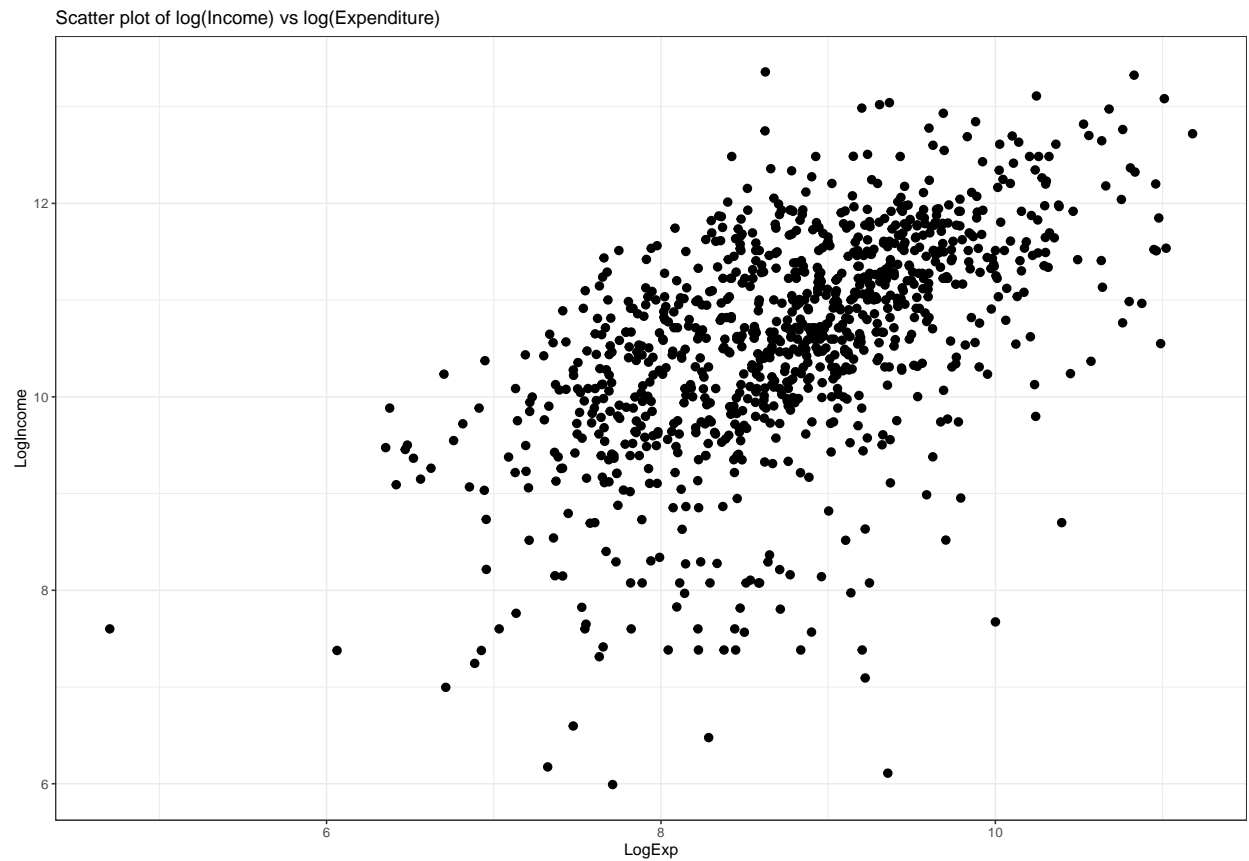
median(synthetic_one$OrigLogIncome)

## [1] 10.70574
```

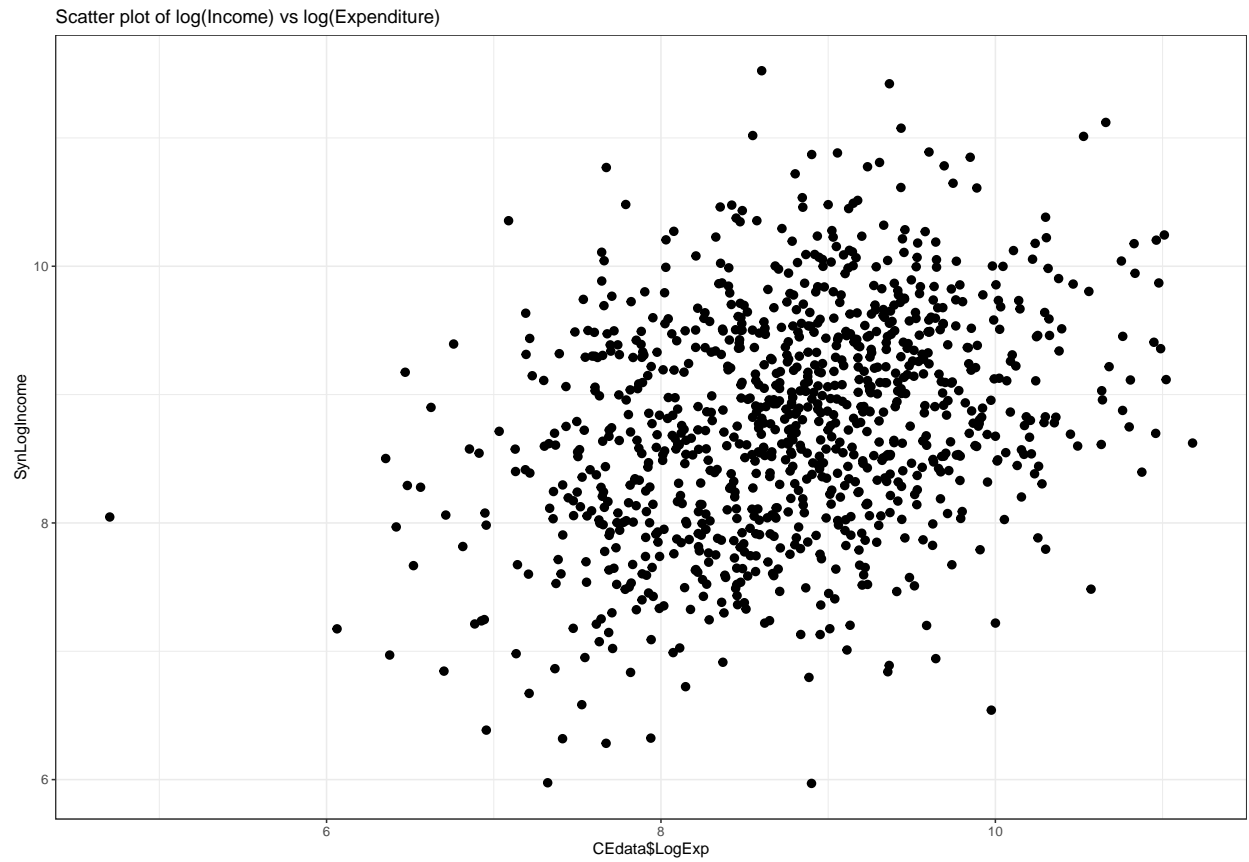
The mean and median of the synthesized log(Income) is approximately 2 units below the mean and median of the original log(Income), respectively.

4) Compare the point estimate of the regression coefficients of log(Income) on log(Expenditure), in the original dataset and the confidential dataset. Are they close to each other?

```
ggplot(CEdata, aes(x = LogExp, y = LogIncome)) +
  geom_point(size = 1) +
  labs(title = "Scatter plot of log(Income) vs log(Expenditure)") +
  theme_bw(base_size = 6, base_family = "")
```



```
ggplot(synthetic_one, aes(x = CEdata$LogExp, y = SynLogIncome)) +
  geom_point(size = 1) +
  labs(title = "Scatter plot of log(Income) vs log(Expenditure)") +
  theme_bw(base_size = 6, base_family = "")
```



The point estimate of the regression coefficients between the two graphs are very close.