

# STA610 Lab06

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- Write down your answers in any blank sheet and submit your work in paper during the lab.
- Your work will not be graded. As long as you submit, you will get a full credit.
- For those who missed the lab today, you can submit it via email to me for half credit.

## Conditional Distributions in Linear Mixed Effect model

Consider the linear mixed effect model

$$y_{i,j} = x_{i,j}^\top \beta + z_{i,j}^\top \alpha_j + \epsilon_{i,j}$$

with  $\epsilon_{i,j} \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2)$  and  $\alpha_j \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, \Phi)$  ( $\epsilon \perp \alpha$ ). We consider putting a prior distribution on  $\beta$  as  $\beta \sim N(0, I)$ .

Find the following conditional expectations and variances/covariances:

- $E[y_{i,j}|x, z, \beta, \Phi, \sigma^2]$  and  $Cov(y_{i,j}, y_{i',j'}|x, z, \beta, \Phi, \sigma^2)$ ;
- $E[\beta|z, x, y, \alpha, \sigma^2]$  and  $V[\beta|z, x, y, \alpha, \sigma^2]$ ;
- $E[\beta|z, x, y, \Phi, \sigma^2]$  and  $V[\beta|z, x, y, \Phi, \sigma^2]$ ;
- $E[\alpha_j|z, x, y, \beta, \Phi, \sigma^2]$  and  $V[\alpha_j|z, x, y, \beta, \Phi, \sigma^2]$ .

Which of the above conditional distributions are normal distributions?

## Shrinkage Estimator

Consider the hierarchical model

$$y_{i,j} \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\theta_j, \sigma^2),$$

with  $j$  indicating the group index and  $\theta_j \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\mu, \tau^2)$ .

Find the conditional distribution of each  $\theta_j|y, \mu, \tau^2, \sigma^2$  and let the estimator  $\hat{\theta}_j := E[\theta_j|y, \mu, \tau^2, \sigma^2]$ . Compare with the sample mean  $\bar{\theta}_j := \frac{1}{n_j} \sum_{i=1}^{n_j} y_{i,j}$  of each group. Which estimator is unbiased? Which has smaller variance? What is the shrinkage weight of  $\hat{\theta}_j$ ?

## Recognize Heterogeneity Effects from Scatter Plots

Consider data  $\{(x_{i,j}, y_{i,j})\}$  with  $j \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  indicating the group index. State the correct linear fixed effects model for each scatter plot of  $y \sim x$ .

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library(ggplot2)
library(lme4)
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## Loading required package: Matrix
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