

Generalised Pareto Distribution with Predictive Processes –

MCMC updates

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Algorithm details

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Algorithm 1: Gaussian Process Generalised Pareto Distribution Markov chain Monte Carlo

Data: y_{ij} , the declustered threshold excesses at locations $i = 1 \dots n$, with $j = 1 \dots n_i$ excesses at location i ;

X_ϕ, X_ξ , $n \times (p + 1)$ and $n \times (q + 1)$ matrices of p and q covariates at locations $i = 1 \dots n$.

Result: Samples from the posterior distributions of $\phi = \log(\sigma)$ and ξ (the unknown parameters of interest), which can then be used to calculate return level estimates

Initialisation;

Random starting values of $\tilde{\phi}$ and $\tilde{\xi}$;

Projection of ϕ and ξ from $\tilde{\phi}$ and $\tilde{\xi}$ respectively;

Hyper-parameter values of $\alpha_\phi, \beta_\phi, \varsigma_\phi^2, \tau_\phi^2, \nu_\phi, \alpha_\xi, \beta_\xi, \varsigma_\xi^2, \tau_\xi^2$, and ν_ξ ;

Number of iterations N ;

for iterations i from 1 to N **do**

Generate $u \sim U(0, 1)$;

for sub-grid locations k from 1 to m **do**

Simulate $\tilde{\phi}_{new,k}$;

Project ϕ_{new} from $\tilde{\phi}_{new}$;

Set $l_{new} = \log$ full conditional of new vector $\tilde{\phi}_{new}$;

Set $l_{old} = \log$ full conditional of old vector $\tilde{\phi}$;

Set $a = \exp(l_{new} - l_{old})$, that is, evaluate equation (1);

if $a > u$ **then**

Set $\tilde{\phi} = \tilde{\phi}_{new}$;

end

Simulate $\tilde{\xi}_{new,k}$;

Project ξ_{new} from $\tilde{\xi}_{new}$;

Set $l_{new} = \log$ full conditional of new vector $\tilde{\xi}_{new}$;

Set $l_{old} = \log$ full conditional of old vector $\tilde{\xi}$;

Set $a = \exp(l_{new} - l_{old})$, that is, evaluate equation (2);

if $a > u$ **then**

Set $\tilde{\xi} = \tilde{\xi}_{new}$;

end

end

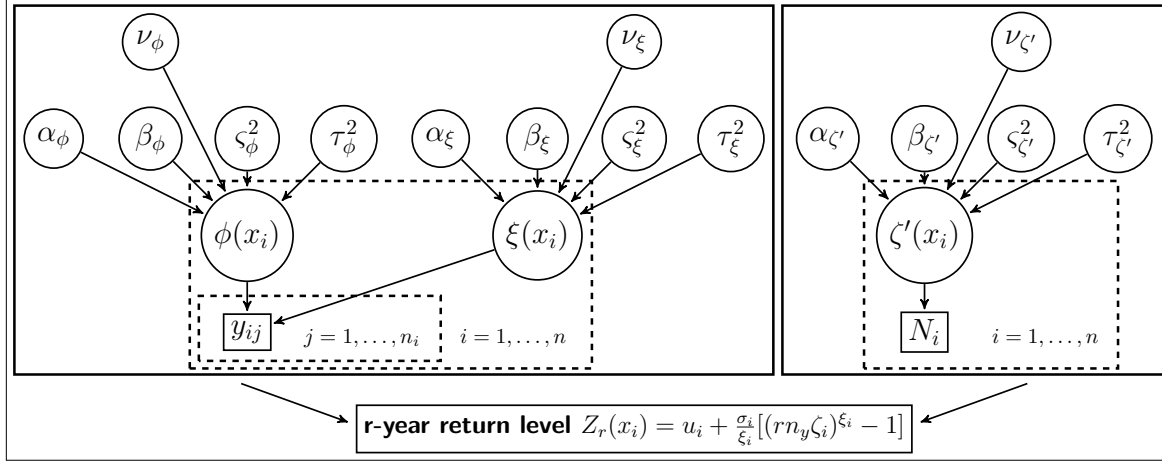
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for iterations  $i$  from 1 to  $N$  do
  for each element  $c$  of the vector  $\alpha_\phi$  do
    Simulate  $\alpha_{\phi_{new},c}$ ;
    Set  $a$  = result of equation (3);
    If  $a > u$ , set  $\alpha_\phi = \alpha_{\phi_{new}}$ ;
  end
  for each element  $d$  of the vector  $\alpha_\xi$  do
    As above, but set  $a$  = result of equation (4);
  end
  for elements  $e$  in the lower-triangle of the matrix  $\beta_\phi$  do
    Simulate  $\beta_{\phi_{new},e}$ ;
    Set  $a$  = result of equation (5);
    If  $a > u$ , set  $\beta_\phi = \beta_{\phi_{new}}$ ;
  end
  for elements  $f$  in the lower-triangle of the matrix  $\beta_\xi$  do
    As above, but set  $a$  = result of equation (6);
  end
  Simulate  $\nu_{\phi_{new}}$ ;
  Set  $a$  = result of equation (7);
  If  $a > u$ , set  $\nu_\phi = \nu_{\phi_{new}}$ ;
  Repeat for  $\nu_\xi$  with equation (8) ;
  Simulate  $\varsigma_{\phi_{new}}^2$ ;
  Set  $a$  = result of equation (9);
  If  $a > u$ , set  $\varsigma_\phi^2 = \varsigma_{\phi_{new}}^2$ ;
  Repeat for  $\varsigma_\xi^2$  with equation (10) ;
  Simulate  $\tau_{\phi_{new}}^2$ ;
  Set  $a$  = result of equation (11);
  If  $a > u$ , set  $\tau_\phi^2 = \tau_{\phi_{new}}^2$ ;
  Repeat for  $\tau_\xi^2$  with equation (12) ;
end

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1 DAG



2 Notation

- x_i Multivariate (bivariate or tri-variate) location values for location i , $i = 1, \dots, n$. Write the matrix of all locations as just x
- y_{ij} Excess j for observation i , $j = 1, \dots, n_i$ where n_i is the number of excesses at location i
- $\sigma(x_i)$ Scale parameter for location x_i
- $\phi(x_i) = \log(\sigma(x_i))$ The re-parameterised scale parameter
- $\xi(x_i)$ Shape parameter for location x_i
- z_k Sub-grid locations $k = 1, \dots, m$. Together written as z
- A, B Projection matrices of dimension $n \times m$
- $\tilde{\phi}, \tilde{\xi}$ Gaussian processes of ϕ and ξ defined on sub-grid z
- $\mu_\phi(z), \mu_\xi(z)$ Means for the Gaussian processes
- Σ, Ψ Auto-covariance matrices for the Gaussian processes
- τ_ϕ^2, τ_ξ^2 Nugget standard deviation parameters
- α_ϕ, α_ξ vectors of coefficients including intercept and slope parameters for Gaussian process means

- $X_\phi, X_\xi, Z_\sigma, Z_\xi$ Matrices of covariates (including column for intercept term) on the x grid and the z sub-grid
- ν_ϕ, ν_ξ Matern smoothness parameters
- β_ϕ, β_ξ Matern length scale matrices
- $\varsigma_\phi^2, \varsigma_\xi^2$ Variance parameters for Gaussian process

3 Model outline

In hierarchical notation:

$$\begin{aligned}
y_{ij} &\sim GPD(\sigma(x_i), \xi(x_i)) \\
\log(\sigma(x)) &= \phi(x) = A(x, z)\Sigma^{-1}(z, z)\tilde{\phi}(z) \\
\xi(x) &= B(x, z)\Psi^{-1}(z, z)\tilde{\xi}(z) \\
A(x_i, z_k) &= \varsigma_\phi^2 \frac{2^{1-\nu_\phi}}{\Gamma(\nu_\phi)} \left(\sqrt{2\nu_\phi} \frac{\|x_i - z_k\|}{\beta_\phi} \right)^{\nu_\phi} K_{\nu_\phi} \left(\sqrt{2\nu_\phi} \frac{\|x_i - z_k\|}{\beta_\phi} \right) \\
B(x_i, z_k) &= \varsigma_\xi^2 \frac{2^{1-\nu_\xi}}{\Gamma(\nu_\xi)} \left(\sqrt{2\nu_\xi} \frac{\|x_i - z_k\|}{\beta_\xi} \right)^{\nu_\xi} K_{\nu_\xi} \left(\sqrt{2\nu_\xi} \frac{\|x_i - z_k\|}{\beta_\xi} \right) \\
\tilde{\phi} &\sim MVN_m(\mu_\phi(z), \tau_\phi^2 I_m + \Sigma(z, z)) \\
\tilde{\xi} &\sim MVN_m(\mu_\xi(z), \tau_\xi^2 I_m + \Psi(z, z)) \\
\mu_\phi(z) &= Z_\phi \alpha_\phi \\
\mu_\xi(z) &= Z_\xi \alpha_\xi \\
\mu_\phi(x) &= X_\phi \alpha_\phi \\
\mu_\xi(x) &= X_\xi \alpha_\xi \\
\Sigma(z_k, z_l) &= \varsigma_\phi^2 \frac{2^{1-\nu_\phi}}{\Gamma(\nu_\phi)} \left(\sqrt{2\nu_\phi} \frac{\|z_k - z_l\|}{\beta_\phi} \right)^{\nu_\phi} K_{\nu_\phi} \left(\sqrt{2\nu_\phi} \frac{\|z_k - z_l\|}{\beta_\phi} \right) \\
\Psi(z_k, z_l) &= \varsigma_\xi^2 \frac{2^{1-\nu_\xi}}{\Gamma(\nu_\xi)} \left(\sqrt{2\nu_\xi} \frac{\|z_k - z_l\|}{\beta_\xi} \right)^{\nu_\xi} K_{\nu_\xi} \left(\sqrt{2\nu_\xi} \frac{\|z_k - z_l\|}{\beta_\xi} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Hyper-parameter prior distributions (subject to change):

$$\log(\varsigma_\phi^2), \log(\varsigma_\xi^2), \log(\tau_\phi^2), \log(\tau_\xi^2) \sim N(0, 10)$$

$$\beta_\phi, \beta_\xi, \nu_\phi, \nu_\xi \sim DU(0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1, 10, 100, 1000)$$

$$\alpha_\phi \sim MVN(\vec{\eta}_\phi, H_\phi)$$

$$\alpha_\xi \sim MVN(\vec{\eta}_\xi, H_\xi)$$

To begin, $\vec{\eta}_\phi$ and $\vec{\eta}_\xi$ are vectors of the appropriate length with all entries equal to 0. H_ϕ and H_ξ are the relevant covariance matrices - to begin, these are diagonal matrices with 10 on the diagonal. The code is designed to allow the relationship between the coefficients to be modelled (if desired) by adjusting this covariance matrix.

4 Posterior distribution

The full posterior distribution is:

$$\begin{aligned} p(\alpha_\phi, \alpha_\xi, \beta_\phi, \beta_\xi, \varsigma_\phi^2, \varsigma_\xi^2, \tau_\phi^2, \tau_\xi^2, \nu_\phi, \nu_\xi, \tilde{\phi}, \tilde{\xi} | y, x, z, X_\phi, X_\xi, Z_\phi, Z_\xi) \propto & \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^{n_i} p(y_{ij} | \sigma(x_i) = \exp(\phi(x_i)), \xi(x_i)) \right] \times \\ & p(\tilde{\phi}(x) | \mu_\phi, \tau_\phi^2, \Sigma) p(\tilde{\xi}(x) | \mu_\xi, \tau_\xi^2, \Psi) \times \\ & p(\alpha_\phi) p(\alpha_\xi) p(\beta_\phi) p(\beta_\xi) p(\nu_\phi) p(\nu_\xi) \times \\ & p(\tau_\phi^2) p(\tau_\xi^2) p(\varsigma_\phi^2) p(\varsigma_\xi^2) \end{aligned}$$

5 Conditional posterior distributions: Layer 1

Updating the first layer of the DAG - that is, parameters $\tilde{\phi} = \log(\tilde{\sigma})$ and $\tilde{\xi}$. The conditional posterior distribution of $\tilde{\phi}$ is given by:

$$\begin{aligned}
\pi(\tilde{\phi}|y, x, z, X_\phi, X_\xi, Z_\phi, Z_\xi, \alpha_\phi, \alpha_\xi, \beta_\phi, \beta_\xi, \varsigma_\phi^2, \varsigma_\xi^2, \tau_\phi^2, \tau_\xi^2, \nu_\phi, \nu_\xi, \tilde{\xi}) &\propto \\
p(y|\tilde{\phi}, x, z, X_\phi, X_\xi, Z_\phi, Z_\xi, \alpha_\phi, \alpha_\xi, \beta_\phi, \beta_\xi, \varsigma_\phi^2, \varsigma_\xi^2, \tau_\phi^2, \tau_\xi^2, \nu_\phi, \nu_\xi, \tilde{\xi}) &\times \\
p(\tilde{\phi}|x, z, X_\phi, X_\xi, Z_\phi, Z_\xi, \alpha_\phi, \alpha_\xi, \beta_\phi, \beta_\xi, \varsigma_\phi^2, \varsigma_\xi^2, \tau_\phi^2, \tau_\xi^2, \nu_\phi, \nu_\xi, \tilde{\xi}) & \\
\propto p(y|\sigma, \xi)p(\tilde{\phi}|\mu_\phi, \tau_\phi^2, \Sigma) &
\end{aligned}$$

That is, the conditional posterior of $\tilde{\phi}$ is proportional to the product of the likelihood of the data y given $\tilde{\phi}$ and all other parameters, and the prior probability density of $\tilde{\phi}$ given all of the other parameters. In the final line, most parameters have dropped out from the right-hand side, as the densities are independent of these, given the remaining terms (see the DAG for this). Of the remaining terms σ, ξ, μ_ϕ and Σ are all deterministic given the other parameters. These will have been calculated using the formulae in section 3.

In briefer notation (to be used from now on):

$$\begin{aligned}
\pi(\tilde{\phi}|\dots) &\propto p(y|\phi, \xi)p(\tilde{\phi}|\mu_\phi, \tau_\phi^2, \Sigma) \\
&= \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^{n_i} p(y_{ij}|\sigma(x_i), \xi(x_i)) \right] p(\tilde{\phi}|\mu_\phi, \tau_\phi^2, \Sigma) \\
&= \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^{n_i} \frac{1}{\sigma(x_i)} \left(1 + \xi(x_i) \frac{y_{ij}}{\sigma(x_i)} \right)^{-(1/\xi(x_i)+1)} \right] \times \\
&\quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(2\pi(\Sigma + \tau_\phi^2 I_m))}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\tilde{\phi} - \mu_\phi)'(\Sigma + \tau_\phi^2 I_m)^{-1}(\tilde{\phi} - \mu_\phi)}
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly:

$$\begin{aligned}
\pi(\tilde{\xi}|\dots) &\propto p(y|\phi, \xi)p(\tilde{\xi}|\mu_\xi, \tau_\xi^2, \Psi) \\
&= \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^{n_i} p(y_{ij}|\sigma(x_i), \xi(x_i)) \right] p(\tilde{\xi}|\mu_\xi, \tau_\xi^2, \Psi) \\
&= \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^{n_i} \frac{1}{\sigma(x_i)} \left(1 + \xi(x_i) \frac{y_{ij}}{\sigma(x_i)} \right)^{-(1/\xi(x_i)+1)} \right] \times \\
&\quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(2\pi(\Psi + \tau_\xi^2 I_m))}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\tilde{\xi} - \mu_\xi)'(\Psi + \tau_\xi^2 I_m)^{-1}(\tilde{\xi} - \mu_\xi)}
\end{aligned}$$

5.1 Metropolis-Hastings Markov chain Monte Carlo sampling

In order to sample from these conditional posterior distributions, we use the Metropolis-Hastings Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) algorithm. New samples are accepted or rejected at random according to the algorithm outlined below.

A new value of $\tilde{\phi}_i$ is suggested: $\tilde{\phi}_i'$. The new vector ϕ' is then calculated using the projection formula.

Though $\tilde{\phi}'$ differs from $\tilde{\phi}$ in just one location i , ϕ and ϕ' can be different from each other in many locations i due to this projection.

Suggested updates are drawn from a Normal distribution centred on the old value and with a variance of a manually set tuning parameter used to control the size of the proposed steps.

We calculate:

$$\rho(\tilde{\phi}_i, \tilde{\phi}_i') = \min \left(1, \frac{\pi(\tilde{\phi}'|\dots)q_t(\tilde{\phi}_i' \rightarrow \tilde{\phi}_i)}{\pi(\tilde{\phi}|\dots)q_t(\tilde{\phi}_i \rightarrow \tilde{\phi}_i')} \right)$$

where $\pi(\tilde{\phi}|\dots)$ is as defined above, and $q_t(a \rightarrow b)$ is the transition probability of proposing value b given value a . Since updates are proposed using a Normal distribution, these transition probabilities above and below the line will always cancel, so the above simplifies to:

$$\rho(\tilde{\phi}_i, \tilde{\phi}'_i) = \min \left(1, \frac{\pi(\tilde{\phi}'|\dots)}{\pi(\tilde{\phi}|\dots)} \right)$$

Following this calculation, we always accept proposed value $\tilde{\phi}'_i$ when $\rho(\tilde{\phi}_i, \tilde{\phi}'_i)$ is bigger than 1 and we reject accordingly when the ratio is smaller than 1 by simulating a random variable $u \sim U[0, 1]$ and accepting proposed value $\tilde{\phi}'_i$ when $u \leq \rho(\tilde{\phi}_i, \tilde{\phi}'_i)$.

Evaluating $\rho(\tilde{\phi}_i, \tilde{\phi}'_i)$ typically involves products and quotients of many terms which may be close to 0. In order to work with something far more stable, we use the property that $x = \exp(\log(x))$.

Following this observation we need to evaluate:

$$\begin{aligned} & \exp \left(\log \left(\frac{\pi(\tilde{\phi}'|\dots)}{\pi(\tilde{\phi}|\dots)} \right) \right) \\ &= \exp \left[\log(\pi(\tilde{\phi}'|\dots)) - \log(\pi(\tilde{\phi}|\dots)) \right] \\ &= \exp \left[\log \left(\left[\prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^{n_i} p(y_{ij}|\sigma'(x_i), \xi(x_i)) \right] p(\tilde{\phi}'|\mu_\phi, \tau_\phi^2, \Sigma) \right) - \right. \\ & \quad \left. \log \left(\left[\prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^{n_i} p(y_{ij}|\sigma(x_i), \xi(x_i)) \right] p(\tilde{\phi}|\mu_\phi, \tau_\phi^2, \Sigma) \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

Filling in the specific distribution from above, this becomes:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \exp \left[\log \left(\left[\prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^{n_i} \frac{1}{\sigma'(x_i)} \left(1 + \xi(x_i) \frac{y_{ij}}{\sigma'(x_i)} \right)^{-(1/\xi(x_i)+1)} \right] \times \right. \right. \\
& \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(2\pi(\Sigma + \tau_\phi^2 I_m))}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\tilde{\phi}' - \mu_\phi)'(\Sigma + \tau_\phi^2 I_m)^{-1}(\tilde{\phi}' - \mu_\phi)} \\
& \quad \left. \left. - \log \left(\left[\prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^{n_i} \frac{1}{\sigma(x_i)} \left(1 + \xi(x_i) \frac{y_{ij}}{\sigma(x_i)} \right)^{-(1/\xi(x_i)+1)} \right] \times \right. \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. \left. \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(2\pi(\Sigma + \tau_\phi^2 I_m))}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\tilde{\phi} - \mu_\phi)'(\Sigma + \tau_\phi^2 I_m)^{-1}(\tilde{\phi} - \mu_\phi)} \right) \right] \right] \\
& = \exp \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} \log \left(\left[\frac{1}{\sigma'(x_i)} \left(1 + \xi(x_i) \frac{y_{ij}}{\sigma'(x_i)} \right)^{-(1/\xi(x_i)+1)} \right] \right) + \right. \\
& \quad \log \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(2\pi(\Sigma + \tau_\phi^2 I_m))}} \right) - \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{\phi}' - \mu_\phi)'(\Sigma + \tau_\phi^2 I_m)^{-1}(\tilde{\phi}' - \mu_\phi) \\
& \quad \left. - \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} \log \left(\left[\frac{1}{\sigma(x_i)} \left(1 + \xi(x_i) \frac{y_{ij}}{\sigma(x_i)} \right)^{-(1/\xi(x_i)+1)} \right] \right) - \right. \\
& \quad \left. \log \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(2\pi(\Sigma + \tau_\phi^2 I_m))}} \right) + \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{\phi} - \mu_\phi)'(\Sigma + \tau_\phi^2 I_m)^{-1}(\tilde{\phi} - \mu_\phi) \right] \\
& = \exp \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} \log \left(\left[\frac{1}{\sigma'(x_i)} \left(1 + \xi(x_i) \frac{y_{ij}}{\sigma'(x_i)} \right)^{-(1/\xi(x_i)+1)} \right] \right) - \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{\phi}' - \mu_\phi)'(\Sigma + \tau_\phi^2 I_m)^{-1}(\tilde{\phi}' - \mu_\phi) \right. \\
& \quad \left. - \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} \log \left(\left[\frac{1}{\sigma(x_i)} \left(1 + \xi(x_i) \frac{y_{ij}}{\sigma(x_i)} \right)^{-(1/\xi(x_i)+1)} \right] \right) + \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{\phi} - \mu_\phi)'(\Sigma + \tau_\phi^2 I_m)^{-1}(\tilde{\phi} - \mu_\phi) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

The common term in both numerator and denominator above dropped out as it will be equal in both (it has no dependence on $\tilde{\phi}$).

The GPD can clearly be simplified further using the properties of logs. Just taking one of the functions on its own for clarity:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} \log \left(\left[\frac{1}{\sigma'(x_i)} \left(1 + \xi(x_i) \frac{y_{ij}}{\sigma'(x_i)} \right)^{-(1/\xi(x_i)+1)} \right] \right) = \\
& \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} \left[\log \left(\frac{1}{\sigma'(x_i)} \right) + \log \left(1 + \xi(x_i) \frac{y_{ij}}{\sigma'(x_i)} \right)^{-(1/\xi(x_i)+1)} \right] = \\
& \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} \left[-\log(\sigma'(x_i)) - \left(\frac{1}{\xi(x_i)} + 1 \right) \log \left(1 + \xi(x_i) \frac{y_{ij}}{\sigma'(x_i)} \right) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

Following this, the full term we need to evaluate in order to update $\tilde{\phi}$ is:

$$\begin{aligned}
& = \exp \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} \left[-\log(\sigma'(x_i)) - \left(\frac{1}{\xi(x_i)} + 1 \right) \log \left(1 + \xi(x_i) \frac{y_{ij}}{\sigma'(x_i)} \right) \right] - \frac{1}{2} (\tilde{\phi}' - \mu_\phi)' (\Sigma + \tau_\phi^2 I_m)^{-1} (\tilde{\phi}' - \mu_\phi) \right. \\
& \quad \left. - \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} \left[-\log(\sigma(x_i)) - \left(\frac{1}{\xi(x_i)} + 1 \right) \log \left(1 + \xi(x_i) \frac{y_{ij}}{\sigma(x_i)} \right) \right] + \frac{1}{2} (\tilde{\phi} - \mu_\phi)' (\Sigma + \tau_\phi^2 I_m)^{-1} (\tilde{\phi} - \mu_\phi) \right] \\
& \tag{1}
\end{aligned}$$

Similar reasoning leads to the update for $\tilde{\xi}$. We need to evaluate:

$$\rho(\tilde{\xi}_i, \tilde{\xi}'_i) = \min \left(1, \frac{\pi(\tilde{\xi}' | \dots) q_t(\tilde{\xi}'_i \rightarrow \tilde{\xi}_i)}{\pi(\tilde{\xi} | \dots) q_t(\tilde{\xi}_i \rightarrow \tilde{\xi}'_i)} \right)$$

The full term we need to evaluate is:

$$\begin{aligned}
& = \exp \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} \left[-\log(\sigma(x_i)) - \left(\frac{1}{\xi'(x_i)} + 1 \right) \log \left(1 + \xi'(x_i) \frac{y_{ij}}{\sigma(x_i)} \right) \right] - \frac{1}{2} (\tilde{\xi}' - \mu_\xi)' (\Psi + \tau_\xi^2 I_m)^{-1} (\tilde{\xi}' - \mu_\xi) \right. \\
& \quad \left. - \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} \left[-\log(\sigma(x_i)) - \left(\frac{1}{\xi(x_i)} + 1 \right) \log \left(1 + \xi(x_i) \frac{y_{ij}}{\sigma(x_i)} \right) \right] + \frac{1}{2} (\tilde{\xi} - \mu_\xi)' (\Psi + \tau_\xi^2 I_m)^{-1} (\tilde{\xi} - \mu_\xi) \right] \\
& \tag{2}
\end{aligned}$$

6 Conditional posterior distributions: Layer 2

6.1 α

Updating the second layer of the DAG - that is, all hyper-parameters - starting with α_ϕ :

$$\begin{aligned}\pi(\alpha_\phi|y, \dots) &\propto p(y|\alpha_\phi, \dots)p(\alpha_\phi|\dots) \\ &\propto p(y|\sigma, \xi)p(\tilde{\phi}|\mu_\phi, \tau_\phi^2, \Sigma)p(\alpha_\phi) \\ &\propto p(\tilde{\phi}|\mu_\phi, \tau_\phi^2, \Sigma)p(\alpha_\phi)\end{aligned}$$

Essentially the GPD component is independent of α_ϕ once the other parameters are known, and so can be absorbed into the constant of proportionality. What we're left with is the *MVN* piece (since α_ϕ features in the calculation of μ_ϕ) and the prior on α_ϕ .

Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned}\pi(\alpha_\phi|\dots) &\propto p(\tilde{\phi}|\mu_\phi, \tau_\phi^2, \Sigma)p(\alpha_\phi) \\ &\propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(2\pi(\Sigma + \tau_\phi^2 I_m))}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\tilde{\phi} - \mu_\phi)'(\Sigma + \tau_\phi^2 I_m)^{-1}(\tilde{\phi} - \mu_\phi)} \times \\ &\quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(2\pi H_\phi)}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\alpha_\phi - \eta_\phi)'H_\phi^{-1}(\alpha_\phi - \eta_\phi)}\end{aligned}$$

where H_ϕ is the covariance matrix for the prior distribution of α_ϕ and η_ϕ is the prior mean.

Similarly:

$$\begin{aligned}\pi(\alpha_\xi|\dots) &\propto p(\tilde{\xi}|\mu_\xi, \tau_\xi^2, \Psi)p(\alpha_\xi) \\ &\propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(2\pi(\Psi + \tau_\xi^2 I_m))}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\tilde{\xi} - \mu_\xi)'(\Psi + \tau_\xi^2 I_m)^{-1}(\tilde{\xi} - \mu_\xi)} \times \\ &\quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det(2\pi H_\xi)}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\alpha_\xi - \eta_\xi)'H_\xi^{-1}(\alpha_\xi - \eta_\xi)}\end{aligned}$$

where H_ξ is the covariance matrix for the prior distribution of α_ξ and η_ξ is the prior mean.

As before, updates are suggested for alpha element-wise: $\alpha_{\phi,k} \rightarrow \alpha'_{\phi,k}$. The ratio $\rho(\alpha_{\phi,k}, \alpha'_{\phi,k})$ is then calculated. Similar manipulations to those used in the previous section lead to the following calculation needed to update α_ϕ :

$$\begin{aligned}
& \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \log(\det(2\pi(\Sigma + \tau_\phi^2 I_m))) - \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{\phi} - \mu_\phi)'(\Sigma + \tau_\phi^2 I_m)^{-1}(\tilde{\phi} - \mu_\phi) \right. \\
& \quad - \frac{1}{2} \log(\det(2\pi H_\phi)) - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha'_\phi - \eta_\phi)' H_\phi^{-1}(\alpha'_\phi - \eta_\phi) \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{2} \log(\det(2\pi(\Sigma + \tau_\phi^2 I_m))) + \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{\phi} - \mu_\phi)'(\Sigma + \tau_\phi^2 I_m)^{-1}(\tilde{\phi} - \mu_\phi) \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{1}{2} \log(\det(2\pi H_\phi)) + \frac{1}{2}(\alpha_\phi - \eta_\phi)' H_\phi^{-1}(\alpha_\phi - \eta_\phi) \right] = \\
& \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2}(\tilde{\phi} - \mu_\phi)'(\Sigma + \tau_\phi^2 I_m)^{-1}(\tilde{\phi} - \mu_\phi) - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha'_\phi - \eta_\phi)' H_\phi^{-1}(\alpha'_\phi - \eta_\phi) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{\phi} - \mu_\phi)'(\Sigma + \tau_\phi^2 I_m)^{-1}(\tilde{\phi} - \mu_\phi) + \frac{1}{2}(\alpha_\phi - \eta_\phi)' H_\phi^{-1}(\alpha_\phi - \eta_\phi) \right] \quad (3)
\end{aligned}$$

And for α_ξ :

$$\begin{aligned}
& \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2}(\tilde{\xi} - \mu_\xi)'(\Psi + \tau_\xi^2 I_m)^{-1}(\tilde{\xi} - \mu_\xi) - \frac{1}{2}(\alpha'_\xi - \eta_\xi)' H_\xi^{-1}(\alpha'_\xi - \eta_\xi) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{\xi} - \mu_\xi)'(\Psi + \tau_\xi^2 I_m)^{-1}(\tilde{\xi} - \mu_\xi) + \frac{1}{2}(\alpha_\xi - \eta_\xi)' H_\xi^{-1}(\alpha_\xi - \eta_\xi) \right] \quad (4)
\end{aligned}$$

Updates for the other hyper-parameters are very similar - though none feature the *MVN* prior that α_ϕ and α_ξ do, the part involving the log determinant can't be dropped from the m -dim *MVN*, since the matrix changes with any change in β, ν, ς^2 or τ^2 . The remaining hyper-parameters either have a discrete update (in which case the prior probability will be $1/\#discrete.values$ and will cancel above and below the line, or have a univariate Normal prior on them (or their log).

6.2 β

For β_ϕ we have:

$$\pi(\beta_\phi | \dots) \propto p(\tilde{\phi} | \mu_\phi, \tau_\phi^2, \Sigma) p(\beta_\phi)$$

Since β_ϕ has a discrete prior, to update β_ϕ we need to evaluate:

$$\begin{aligned} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \log(\det(2\pi(\Sigma' + \tau_\phi^2 I_m))) - \frac{1}{2} (\tilde{\phi} - \mu_\phi)' (\Sigma' + \tau_\phi^2 I_m)^{-1} (\tilde{\phi} - \mu_\phi) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} \log(\det(2\pi(\Sigma + \tau_\phi^2 I_m))) + \frac{1}{2} (\tilde{\phi} - \mu_\phi)' (\Sigma + \tau_\phi^2 I_m)^{-1} (\tilde{\phi} - \mu_\phi) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where Σ' has been formed using β'_ϕ , the new proposal value.

Then for β_ξ we have:

$$\pi(\beta_\xi | \dots) \propto p(\tilde{\xi} | \mu_\xi, \tau_\xi^2, \Psi) p(\beta_\xi)$$

To update β_ξ we need to evaluate:

$$\begin{aligned} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \log(\det(2\pi(\Psi' + \tau_\xi^2 I_m))) - \frac{1}{2} (\tilde{\xi} - \mu_\xi)' (\Psi' + \tau_\xi^2 I_m)^{-1} (\tilde{\xi} - \mu_\xi) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} \log(\det(2\pi(\Psi + \tau_\xi^2 I_m))) + \frac{1}{2} (\tilde{\xi} - \mu_\xi)' (\Psi + \tau_\xi^2 I_m)^{-1} (\tilde{\xi} - \mu_\xi) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where Ψ' has been formed using β'_ξ , the new proposal value.

6.3 ν

ν_ϕ also has a discrete update and so will look identical to the update for β_ϕ . It has conditional posterior distribution of:

$$\pi(\nu_\phi | \dots) \propto p(\tilde{\phi} | \mu_\phi, \tau_\phi^2, \Sigma) p(\nu_\phi)$$

We need to evaluate:

$$\begin{aligned} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \log(\det(2\pi(\Sigma' + \tau_\phi^2 I_m))) - \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{\phi} - \mu_\phi)'(\Sigma' + \tau_\phi^2 I_m)^{-1}(\tilde{\phi} - \mu_\phi) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} \log(\det(2\pi(\Sigma + \tau_\phi^2 I_m))) + \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{\phi} - \mu_\phi)'(\Sigma + \tau_\phi^2 I_m)^{-1}(\tilde{\phi} - \mu_\phi) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

where Σ' has been formed using ν'_ϕ , the new proposal value.

In order to update ν_ξ we have:

$$\pi(\nu_\xi | \dots) \propto p(\tilde{\xi} | \mu_\xi, \tau_\xi^2, \Psi) p(\nu_\xi)$$

We therefore need to evaluate:

$$\begin{aligned} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \log(\det(2\pi(\Psi' + \tau_\xi^2 I_m))) - \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{\xi} - \mu_\xi)'(\Psi' + \tau_\xi^2 I_m)^{-1}(\tilde{\xi} - \mu_\xi) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} \log(\det(2\pi(\Psi + \tau_\xi^2 I_m))) + \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{\xi} - \mu_\xi)'(\Psi + \tau_\xi^2 I_m)^{-1}(\tilde{\xi} - \mu_\xi) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

where Ψ' has been formed using ν'_ξ , the new proposal value.

6.4 ς^2

ς_ϕ^2 has a conditional posterior distribution of:

$$\pi(\varsigma_\phi^2 | \dots) \propto p(\tilde{\phi} | \mu_\phi, \tau_\phi^2, \Sigma) p(\varsigma_\phi^2)$$

The prior distribution of the log of ς_ϕ^2 is a univariate Normal. So to update ς_ϕ^2 we need to evaluate:

$$\exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \log(\det(2\pi(\Sigma' + \tau_\phi^2 I_m))) - \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{\phi} - \mu_\phi)'(\Sigma' + \tau_\phi^2 I_m)^{-1}(\tilde{\phi} - \mu_\phi) - \frac{(\log(\zeta_\phi^{2'}) - m)^2}{2s^2} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} \log(\det(2\pi(\Sigma + \tau_\phi^2 I_m))) + \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{\phi} - \mu_\phi)'(\Sigma + \tau_\phi^2 I_m)^{-1}(\tilde{\phi} - \mu_\phi) + \frac{(\log(\zeta_\phi^2) - m)^2}{2s^2} \right] \quad (9)$$

where Σ' has been formed using $\zeta_\phi^{2'}$, the new proposal value, and m and s are the prior mean and standard deviation respectively.

ζ_ξ^2 has a conditional posterior distribution of:

$$\pi(\zeta_\xi^2 | \dots) \propto p(\tilde{\xi} | \mu_\xi, \tau_\xi^2, \Psi) p(\zeta_\xi^2)$$

To update ζ_ξ^2 we need to evaluate:

$$\exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \log(\det(2\pi(\Psi' + \tau_\xi^2 I_m))) - \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{\xi} - \mu_\xi)'(\Psi' + \tau_\xi^2 I_m)^{-1}(\tilde{\xi} - \mu_\xi) - \frac{(\log(\zeta_\xi^{2'}) - m)^2}{2s^2} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} \log(\det(2\pi(\Psi + \tau_\xi^2 I_m))) + \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{\xi} - \mu_\xi)'(\Psi + \tau_\xi^2 I_m)^{-1}(\tilde{\xi} - \mu_\xi) + \frac{(\log(\zeta_\xi^2) - m)^2}{2s^2} \right] \quad (10)$$

where Ψ' has been formed using $\zeta_\xi^{2'}$, the new proposal value, and m and s are the prior mean and standard deviation respectively.

6.5 τ^2

τ_ϕ^2 has a conditional posterior distribution of:

$$\pi(\tau_\phi^2 | \dots) \propto p(\tilde{\phi} | \mu_\phi, \tau_\phi^2, \Sigma) p(\tau_\phi^2)$$

The prior distribution of the log of τ_ϕ^2 is a univariate Normal. So to update τ_ϕ^2 we need to evaluate:

$$\exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \log(\det(2\pi(\Sigma + \tau_\phi^{2'} I_m))) - \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{\phi} - \mu_\phi)'(\Sigma + \tau_\phi^{2'} I_m)^{-1}(\tilde{\phi} - \mu_\phi) - \frac{(\log(\tau_\phi^{2'}) - m)^2}{2s^2} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} \log(\det(2\pi(\Sigma + \tau_\phi^2 I_m))) + \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{\phi} - \mu_\phi)'(\Sigma + \tau_\phi^2 I_m)^{-1}(\tilde{\phi} - \mu_\phi) + \frac{(\log(\tau_\phi^2) - m)^2}{2s^2} \right] \quad (11)$$

where m and s are the prior mean and standard deviation repectively.

τ_ξ^2 has a conditional posterior distribution of:

$$\pi(\tau_\xi^2 | \dots) \propto p(\tilde{\xi} | \mu_\xi, \tau_\xi^2, \Psi) p(\tau_\xi^2)$$

To update τ_ξ^2 we need to evaluate:

$$\exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \log(\det(2\pi(\Psi + \tau_\xi^{2'} I_m))) - \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{\xi} - \mu_\xi)'(\Psi + \tau_\xi^{2'} I_m)^{-1}(\tilde{\xi} - \mu_\xi) - \frac{(\log(\tau_\xi^{2'}) - m)^2}{2s^2} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} \log(\det(2\pi(\Psi + \tau_\xi^2 I_m))) + \frac{1}{2}(\tilde{\xi} - \mu_\xi)'(\Psi + \tau_\xi^2 I_m)^{-1}(\tilde{\xi} - \mu_\xi) + \frac{(\log(\tau_\xi^2) - m)^2}{2s^2} \right] \quad (12)$$

where m and s are the prior mean and standard deviation repectively.