

Bayesian linear Regression

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#Introduction Consider the following linear regression:

$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \dots + \beta_p x_p + \epsilon$, which can be written as:

$$y_i = \mathbf{x}_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta} + \epsilon_i$$

or

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$$

$$\epsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2) \longleftrightarrow \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \sim N(0, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n)$$

#Normal likelihood $y_i \sim N(x_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2)$

$$\mathbf{y} \sim N(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n)$$

Therefore, the distribution of the data is a multivariate normal with density

$$[y_i | \boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2] \propto (\sigma^2)^{-1/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - x_i^T \boldsymbol{\beta}) \right\}$$

Which is equivalent to

$$[\mathbf{y} | \boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2] \propto (\sigma^2)^{-n/2} \exp \{ (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta})^T \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}) \}$$

with $\Sigma = \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n$

#Prior and posterior distributions Given a normal likelihood, if we consider a prior for the normal variance $\sigma^2 \sim IG(a, b)$ to be an inverse gamma, and place a normal or a noninformative prior on the linear regression coefficients $\boldsymbol{\beta} = \beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_p$, then we obtain full conditional posteriors

- $\boldsymbol{\beta} \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}_0, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_0)$
- Given the data: $\mathbf{y} \sim N(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n)$
- $\boldsymbol{\beta} | \mathbf{y}, \sigma^2 \sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}_n, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_n)$
- $\sigma | \alpha, \gamma \sim IG(a, b = rate)$

Considering an noninformative prior on $\boldsymbol{\beta}$, we can use the ordinary least square results:

- $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y}$,
- $var(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{ols}) = \sigma^2 (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1}$.

It can be seen that $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = \underbrace{(\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T}_{\text{constant}} \mathbf{y}$ is a linear combination of multivariate normal random variables,

which means that $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$ will also have a normal distribution. Therefore

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \sim N(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2 (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1})$$

or

$$\boldsymbol{\beta} \sim N(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}, \sigma^2 (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1})$$

Thus, $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$ is randomly distributed around its least square estimate with $\sigma^2 (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1}$ determining its randomness.

Posterior for σ^2

Given β , the posterior for σ^2 can be calculated as follows:
 $\sigma^2 | \mathbf{y}, \beta \sim N(\mathbf{X}\beta, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n) IG(a, b)$, where

- $a_n = \frac{n}{2} + a$ and
- $b_n = \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\beta)^T (\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\beta) + b$

Posterior for β with a normal prior

$\beta | \mathbf{y}, \sigma^2 \sim N(\mu_0, \Sigma_0) N(\mathbf{X}\beta, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n) \sim N(\mu_n, \Sigma_n)$, with

- $\Sigma_n = \left(\Sigma_0^{-1} + (\sigma^2)^{-1} (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}) \right)^{-1}$
- $\mu_n = \Sigma_n \left(\Sigma_0^{-1} \mu_0 + (\sigma^2)^{-1} (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}) \hat{\beta} \right)^{-1}$

Generally, the prior for β is $N(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma_0)$, which results in

$$\mu_n = \Sigma_n \left[(\sigma^2)^{-1} (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X}) (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} \right]^{-1}.$$

Hence,

$$\mu_n = \Sigma_n \left(\frac{1}{\sigma^2} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{y} \right)^{-1}$$

Gibbs sampler in r

```
library(MASS)
library(invgamma)
library(ggplot2)

#create the data
set.seed(500)
k = 5
n = 100
mu_0 <- rep(5,k)
a<- 1
b<- 1
sigma_sq <- rinvgamma(a,b)
X <- cbind(1,mvrnorm(n, mu_0, diag(sqrt(sigma_sq), nrow = k, ncol = k)))
p = ncol(X)
beta_0 <- mvrnorm(1, rep(0,p), diag(1, nrow = p, ncol = p))
beta_0

## [1] 0.93982465 0.12632078 1.30880767 1.33386294 1.83918410 -0.08710633
y <- X%*%beta_0 + rnorm(n)
y

##           [,1]
## [1,] 26.10795
## [2,] 24.84746
## [3,] 24.40064
## [4,] 21.22677
```

```
## [5,] 25.17422
## [6,] 22.61218
## [7,] 19.58396
## [8,] 23.00568
## [9,] 23.14592
## [10,] 23.09130
## [11,] 20.95627
## [12,] 26.00864
## [13,] 22.04884
## [14,] 25.61237
## [15,] 23.27876
## [16,] 25.40521
## [17,] 24.37630
## [18,] 27.27199
## [19,] 22.70006
## [20,] 24.95977
## [21,] 21.11948
## [22,] 24.47853
## [23,] 21.07187
## [24,] 25.40718
## [25,] 29.94345
## [26,] 22.74661
## [27,] 25.86486
## [28,] 24.33287
## [29,] 23.12953
## [30,] 22.27680
## [31,] 24.60884
## [32,] 18.90845
## [33,] 23.55489
## [34,] 23.56026
## [35,] 21.56586
## [36,] 21.60303
## [37,] 23.04420
## [38,] 25.20702
## [39,] 21.58299
## [40,] 26.08561
## [41,] 23.95030
## [42,] 25.02623
## [43,] 19.77077
## [44,] 22.59349
## [45,] 25.49661
## [46,] 24.07498
## [47,] 22.67581
## [48,] 25.22633
## [49,] 29.41261
## [50,] 20.14673
## [51,] 25.07768
## [52,] 21.64436
## [53,] 21.53927
## [54,] 24.94877
## [55,] 19.67023
## [56,] 23.83284
## [57,] 27.93730
## [58,] 20.23228
```

```
## [59,] 24.00155
## [60,] 26.24619
## [61,] 21.04811
## [62,] 26.51349
## [63,] 25.90731
## [64,] 25.33707
## [65,] 20.15522
## [66,] 21.97057
## [67,] 22.47257
## [68,] 21.58136
## [69,] 26.71615
## [70,] 17.11643
## [71,] 21.33717
## [72,] 23.92145
## [73,] 21.86949
## [74,] 18.41003
## [75,] 22.53258
## [76,] 29.01101
## [77,] 24.59012
## [78,] 24.47152
## [79,] 19.92747
## [80,] 22.06411
## [81,] 22.46087
## [82,] 22.84764
## [83,] 19.40497
## [84,] 22.31050
## [85,] 24.83159
## [86,] 22.98860
## [87,] 23.92760
## [88,] 17.87301
## [89,] 26.08815
## [90,] 25.95767
## [91,] 20.72363
## [92,] 19.26372
## [93,] 21.36900
## [94,] 20.75411
## [95,] 24.19505
## [96,] 22.58767
## [97,] 26.21773
## [98,] 20.01469
## [99,] 21.73043
## [100,] 21.65034
```

Gibbs sampler

```
MCMC <- function(niter){
  #Initial values
  beta <- matrix(0,niter, p)
  sigma <- rep(0,niter)
  sigma[1] <- 1
  for(i in 2:niter){
```

```

# sample beta

mu <- solve(t(X) %*% (X)) %*% (t(X) %*% (y))
Dispersion <- solve(t(X) %*% (X)) * sigma_sq[i-1]
beta[i,] <- mvrnorm(1, mu, Dispersion)

# sample sigma_sq

b_n <- 0.5 * t(y - X %*% beta[i,])%*%(y - X %*% beta[i,]) + 1
a_n <- (n/2) + 1
sigma_sq[i] <- rinvgamma(1, a, rate = b)

}
return(
  list(
    beta = beta,
    sigma_sq = sigma_sq
  )
)

}

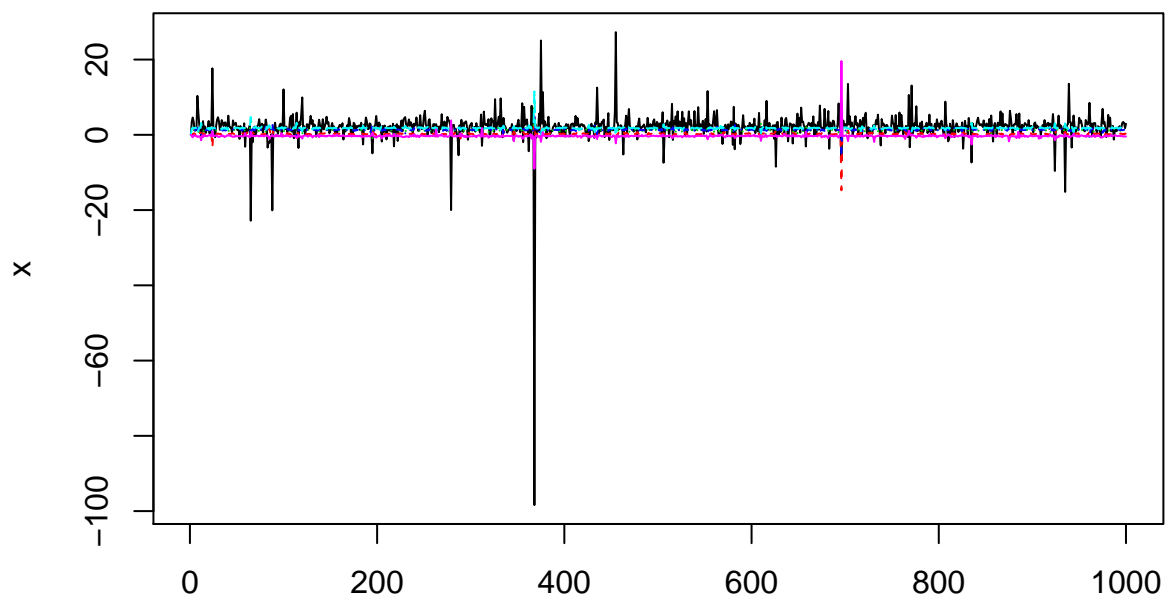
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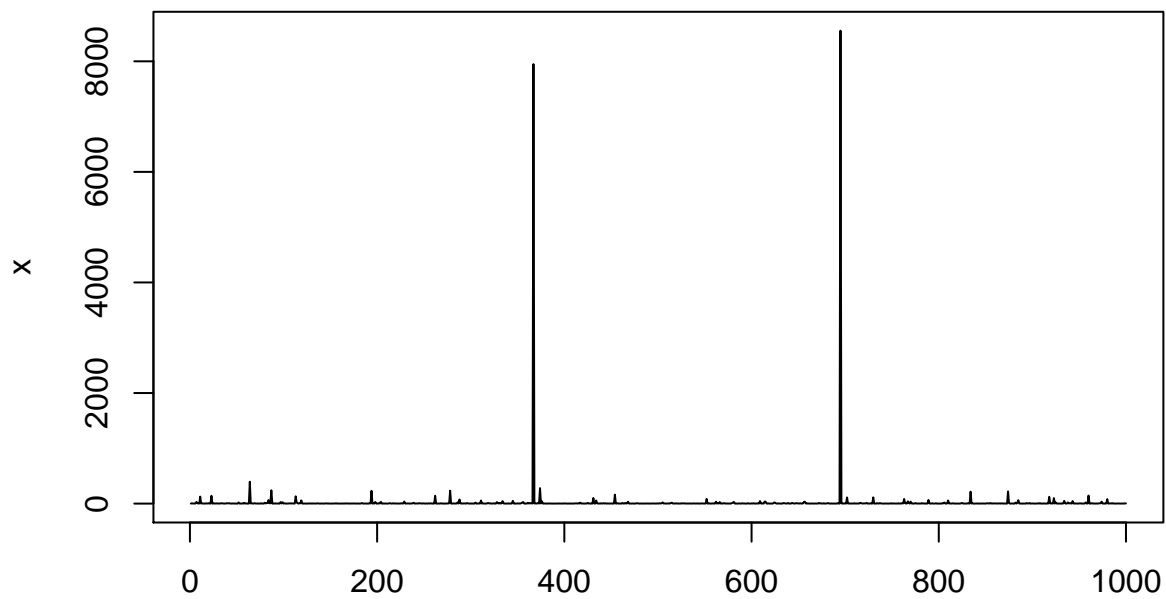
#MCMC results

```

out <- MCMC (1000)
lapply(out, function(x) matplot(x, type = "l"))

```

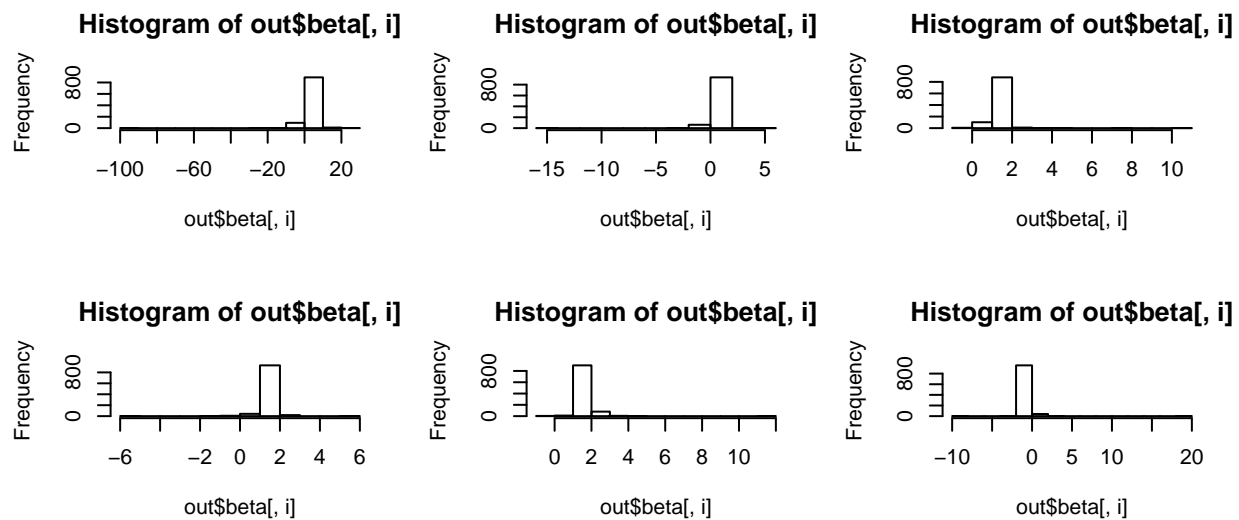




```
## $beta
## NULL
##
## $sigma_sq
## NULL
# apply(out$beta, 2, hist)
```

plot the coefficients

```
par(mfrow=c(3,3))
for (i in 1:6) {
  hist(out$beta[, i])
}
```



#posterior means

```
#post_beta

beta_hat <- apply(out$beta, 2, mean)

# post_sigma_sq
mean(out$sigma_sq)

## [1] 23.76186
```

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y_pred <- X %>% beta_hat
residuals <- y - y_pred

# residual plots
par(mfrow = c(2,2))
hist(residuals, main = "residual plot")
qqnorm(residuals, main = "res_qqplot")
qqline(residuals, col = "blue")

# observed vs predicted values

plot(y, y_pred, main = "y vs y_pred")
abline(c(0, 1), col = "blue") ## a line of 45 degree angle
```

