

STA 601 - Homework 16

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→ In class we discussed the Unordered Categorical Data Model:

$$y_i \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, d\}$$

$X_i \in (n \times p)$ Matrix of features/predictors

$\beta_j \in (p \times 1)$ Vector of co-efficients

Z_{ij} - Latent Utility

$$\therefore Z_{ij} \sim \mathcal{N}(x_i \beta_j, 1)$$

$$y_i = j \text{ if } Z_{ij} = \max\{Z_{i1}, Z_{i2}, \dots, Z_{id}\}$$

→ Full Posterior:

$$(\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_d, Z^n | y^n, x^n) \propto \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^d \mathcal{N}(\beta_j; \beta_{0j}, \Sigma_{\beta_j}) \right] \times$$

$$\left[\prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^d \mathcal{N}(Z_{ij}; x_i \beta_j, 1) \right] \times$$

$$\left[\prod_{i=1}^n \mathbb{1}(Z_{iy_i} = \max(Z_i)) \right]$$

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→ We also computed Full Conditionals for Gibbs Sampler:

$$-(\beta_j | \beta_{(-j)}, z^n, x^n, y^n) \sim \mathcal{N}(\beta^*, \Sigma_{\beta^*})$$

$$-(z_{ij} | z_{i(-j)}, \beta, x^n, y^n) \sim \mathcal{N}(x_i \beta_j, 1) \text{ constrained on } z_{ij} = \max(z_i)$$

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This is a multivariate normal
with covariance matrix as identity

- This means each z_i is independent of others conditioned on β, x^n, y^n
- Because z_i s are independent we will not have an ~~identifiability~~ identifiability problem with the model.

(I am not confident about this answer).