

**STA6241 - STDA**  
**Homework 2**  
**DUE Friday, May 1st**

Feel free to work together, but your answers/code should be your own. You must write up your solutions using **LaTeX**. You should submit one pdf file containing solutions/codes.

1. In this problem we will carry out profile log-likelihood methods based on the provided code (HW2.R). You may use the same simulation settings as in the provided code.
  - Visualize profile log-likelihood function of  $\rho$  for  $[0.005, 0.5]$  interval.
  - Obtain MLE for  $\rho, \beta, \sigma^2$ . (Hint: you may use `optimize` or `optim` function in R to get MLE of  $\rho$ .)
2. STDA4 slide (page 7): Based on the provided code (STDA4.R),
  - Clearly write down conditional distribution for  $\beta, \tau, \sigma^2, \eta_{obs}$ . You no need to write down for  $\rho$  because there is no closed form.
  - clearly write down pseudo-code of the Metropolis-Gibbs sampler.
  - Replicate the results: (1) Provide MCMC diagnostic plots for  $\beta, \tau, \sigma^2$ . (2) Provide prediction maps (both predictive posterior mean and standard deviation).
3. STDA4 slide (page 24): Implement Nimble-based MCMC code for Binomial data. Report results for MCMC samples for  $\beta, \rho, \sigma^2$  (posterior mean, trace plots, highest posterior density (hpd)).