MA 578 HW5 Solutions

We will be using the following packages and definitions:

```
library(rstan)
library(bayesplot)
library(beanplot)
library(tidyverse)
# sample from inverse (scaled) chi-square with parameters `nu` and `tau2`;
# nu_tau2 = nu * tau2 for convenience
rinvchisq <- function (ns, nu, nu_tau2) 1 / rgamma(ns, nu / 2, nu_tau2 / 2)
plot_hist <- function (x, ...)</pre>
  hist(x, col = "gray", border = "white", main = "", ...)
mcmc array <- function (ns, nchains = 1, params) {</pre>
  nparams <- length(params)</pre>
  array(dim = c(ns, nchains, nparams),
        dimnames = list(iterations = NULL,
                         chains = paste0("chain", 1:nchains),
                         parameters = params))
}
iter <- 2000
warmup <- floor(iter / 2)</pre>
nsamples <- iter - warmup
nchains <- 4
```

1 (BDA 11.2)

Using random walk Metropolis-Hastings with non-informative prior $\mathbb{P}(\alpha, \beta) \propto 1$.

```
bioassay <- read.csv("data/bioassay.csv", comment = "#")</pre>
n <- bioassay$n; y <- bioassay$deaths; x <- bioassay$logdose
log_p <- function (alpha, beta) { # log posterior</pre>
  p <- plogis(alpha + beta * x)</pre>
  sum(y * log(p) + (n - y) * log(1 - p))
sigma_alpha <- .25
sigma_beta <- 5 * sigma_alpha
nthin <- 10
sims <- mcmc_array(nsamples, nchains, c("alpha", "beta", "lp__"))</pre>
gb <- glm(cbind(y, n - y) ~ x, family = binomial)
alpha <- coef(gb)[1]; beta <- coef(gb)[2]
for (chain in 1:nchains) {
  for (it in 1:iter) {
    for (thin in 1:nthin) {
      alpha_c <- rnorm(1, alpha, sigma_alpha)</pre>
      log_r <- log_p(alpha_c, beta) - log_p(alpha, beta)</pre>
      if (log_r >= 0 || log(runif(1)) <= log_r) alpha <- alpha_c # accept?
```

```
beta_c <- rnorm(1, beta, sigma_beta)
  log_r <- log_p(alpha, beta_c) - log_p(alpha, beta)
  if (log_r >= 0 || log(runif(1)) <= log_r) beta <- beta_c # accept?
}

if (it > warmup)
  sims[it - warmup, chain, ] <- c(alpha, beta, log_p(alpha, beta))
}

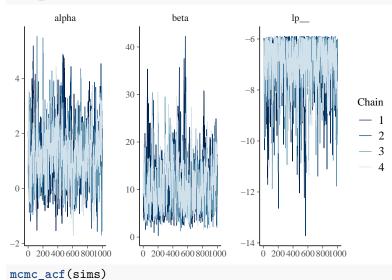
monitor(sims, warmup = 0)</pre>
```

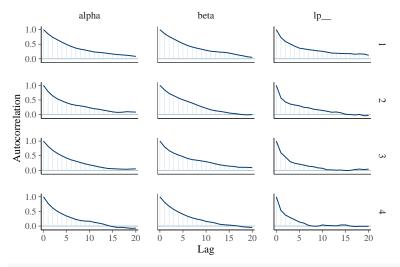
Inference for the input samples (4 chains: each with iter = 1000; warmup = 0):

```
Q5 Q50 Q95 Mean SD Rhat Bulk_ESS Tail_ESS alpha -0.4 1.2 3.1 1.2 1.1 1.01 349 484 beta 4.2 10.1 21.4 11.1 5.4 1.01 350 473 lp__ -8.9 -6.6 -5.9 -6.9 1.0 1.00 604 582
```

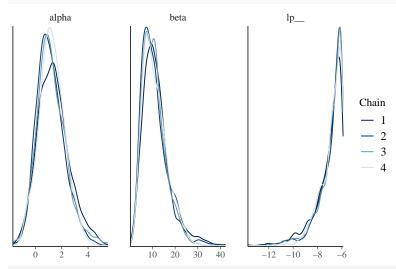
For each parameter, Bulk_ESS and Tail_ESS are crude measures of effective sample size for bulk and tail quantities respectively (an ESS > 100 per chain is considered good), and Rhat is the potential scale reduction factor on rank normalized split chains (at convergence, Rhat <= 1.05).

mcmc_trace(sims)

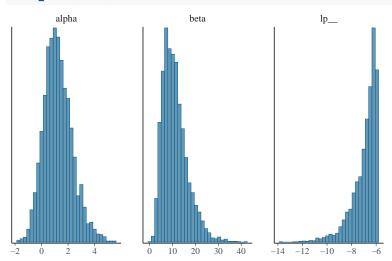




mcmc_dens_overlay(sims)



mcmc_hist(sims)



For comparison, here's the equivalent Stan output:

```
N <- length(y)
sm <- stan_model(model_code = "data { int<lower=0> N; int<lower=0> n[N];
  int<lower=0> y[N]; vector[N] x; }
parameters { real alpha; real beta; }
model { y ~ binomial_logit(n, alpha + beta * x); }")
sf <- sampling(sm, data = c("N", "n", "y", "x"))</pre>
```

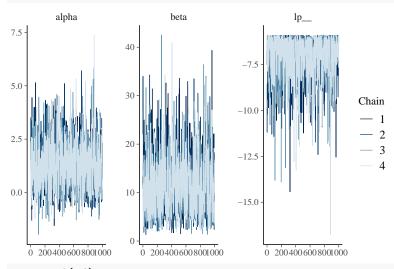
Inference for the input samples (4 chains: each with iter = 2000; warmup = 0):

```
Q5 Q50 Q95 Mean SD Rhat Bulk_ESS Tail_ESS alpha -0.3 1.2 3.2 1.3 1.1 1 1191 1496 beta 4.2 10.8 22.3 11.6 5.7 1 1181 1281 lp__ -9.2 -6.7 -5.9 -7.0 1.1 1 1281 1501
```

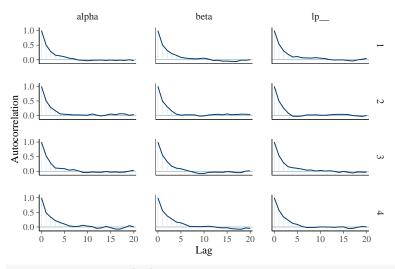
For each parameter, Bulk_ESS and Tail_ESS are crude measures of effective sample size for bulk and tail quantities respectively (an ESS > 100 per chain is considered good), and Rhat is the potential scale reduction factor on rank normalized split chains (at convergence, Rhat <= 1.05).

mcmc_trace(sf)

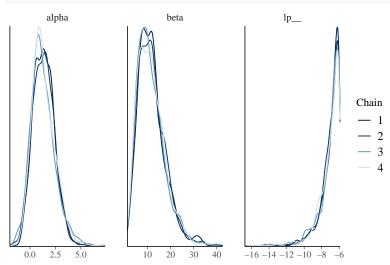
monitor(sf)



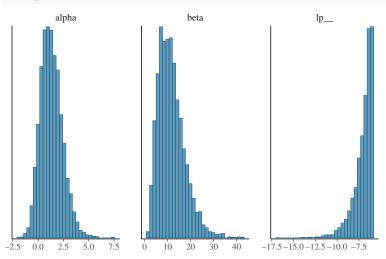
mcmc_acf(sf)



mcmc_dens_overlay(sf)



mcmc_hist(sf)



2 (BDA 11.3)

We have three analyses—separate, pooled, and hierarchical (partially pooled)—of a set of quality control measurements. Here y_{ij} is the *i*-th measurement, out of n_j measurements, in the *j*-th machine from a total of J = 6 machines.

```
machine <- read.csv("data/machine.csv", comment = "#")</pre>
machine %>% group_by(machine) %>% summarize(qc = paste(qc, collapse = ", "))
# A tibble: 6 x 2
  machine qc
    <int> <chr>
1
        1 83, 92, 92, 46, 67
        2 117, 109, 114, 104, 87
3
        3 101, 93, 92, 86, 67
        4 105, 119, 116, 102, 116
        5 79, 97, 103, 79, 92
        6 57, 92, 104, 77, 100
# sufficient statistics:
nj <- with(machine, tapply(qc, machine, length))</pre>
yj <- with(machine, tapply(qc, machine, mean))</pre>
s2j <- with(machine, tapply(qc, machine, var))</pre>
S \leftarrow sum(s2j * (nj - 1))
J <- length(yj)
n \leftarrow sum(nj)
```

For each analysis, we want (i) $\theta_6 | y$, (ii) $\tilde{y}_6 | y$, and (iii) $\theta_7 | y$. These posterior distributions should be estimated using Gibbs sampling, as requested.

Separate

The model we assume is $y_{ij} | \theta_j, \sigma^2 \stackrel{\text{ind}}{\sim} N(\theta_j, \sigma^2)$ for $i = 1, ..., n_j, j = 1, ..., J$, and non-informative priors $\mathbb{P}(\theta, \log \sigma) \propto 1$. For the Gibbs sampler, since $\bar{y}_j | \theta_j, \sigma^2 \stackrel{\text{ind}}{\sim} N(\theta_j, \sigma^2/n_j)$, we can first see that $\theta_j | \sigma^2, y \stackrel{\text{ind}}{\sim} N(\bar{y}_j, \sigma^2/n_j)$. The joint posterior is

$$\mathbb{P}(\theta, \sigma^2 \mid y) \propto (\sigma^2)^{-\sum_j n_j/2} \exp\left\{-\frac{\sum_{i,j} (y_{ij} - \theta_j)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right\} (\sigma^2)^{-1}$$

and so $\sigma^2 \mid \theta, y \sim \text{Inv-}\chi^2(\sum_j n_j, \sum_{i,j} (y_{ij} - \theta_j)^2 / \sum_j n_j)$.

```
sims <- mcmc_array(nsamples, nchains, c(paste0("theta", 1:J), "sigma", "lp__"))

sigma2 <- var(machine$qc)
for (chain in 1:nchains) {
   for (it in 1:iter) {
     theta <- rnorm(J, yj, sqrt(sigma2 / nj))
     nt <- S + sum(nj * (yj - theta) ^ 2)
     sigma2 <- rinvchisq(1, n, nt)
     target <- -(n / 2 + 1) * log(sigma2) - nt / (2 * sigma2)
     if (it > warmup)
        sims[it - warmup, chain, ] <- c(theta, sqrt(sigma2), target)
   }
}

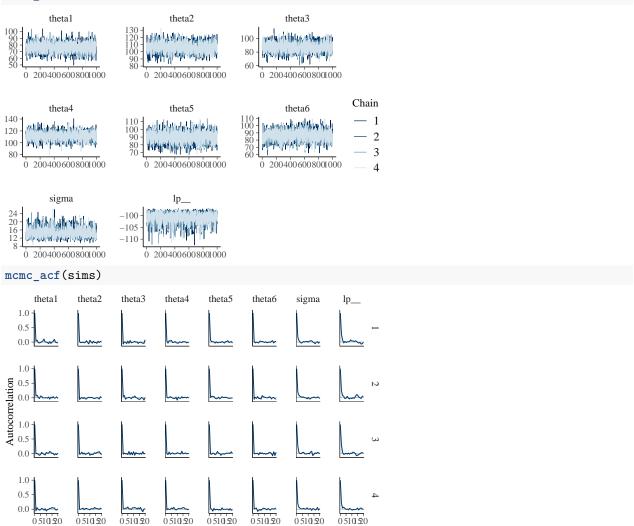
monitor(sims, warmup = 0)</pre>
```

Inference for the input samples (4 chains: each with iter = 1000; warmup = 0):

	Q5	Q 50	Q95	Mean	SD	Rhat	Bulk_ESS	Tail_ESS
theta1	65.0	76.1	87.0	76.1	6.7	1	3628	3658
theta2	95.3	106.2	116.9	106.2	6.6	1	4146	3727
theta3	77.1	87.8	98.5	87.9	6.6	1	3912	3674
theta4	100.8	111.6	122.1	111.5	6.6	1	3712	3560
theta5	79.2	89.8	100.8	90.0	6.6	1	3677	3631
theta6	75.2	85.9	97.0	86.1	6.7	1	4023	3924
sigma	11.6	14.5	18.8	14.8	2.2	1	2500	2995
lp	-104.9	-100.4	-98.0	-100.8	2.2	1	2527	3086

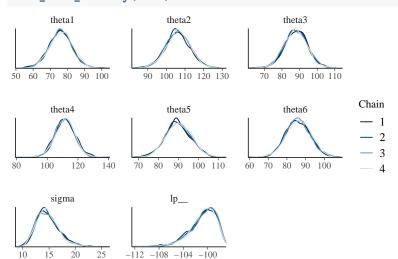
For each parameter, Bulk_ESS and Tail_ESS are crude measures of effective sample size for bulk and tail quantities respectively (an ESS > 100 per chain is considered good), and Rhat is the potential scale reduction factor on rank normalized split chains (at convergence, Rhat <= 1.05).

mcmc_trace(sims)



Lag

mcmc_dens_overlay(sims)



Now we can provide what has been asked. Since we are assuming a separate model, the posterior distribution for θ_7 is the same as its prior, flat, due to no borrowing of information from other machines. Not surprisingly, the posteriors are in good agreement with the data.

```
# we can just use the first chain
theta6 <- sims[, 1, 6]; sigma <- sims[, 1, 7]
ypred6 <- rnorm(nsamples, theta6, sigma)</pre>
op \leftarrow par(mfrow = c(1, 2))
plot_hist(theta6, xlab = expression(theta[6])); abline(v = yj[6])
plot_hist(ypred6, xlab = expression(tilde(y)[6])); abline(v = yj[6])
    250
                                       200
Frequency
                                   Frequency
    150
                                       100
                                       50
    20
        60 70 80 90
                                                  80
                                                       120 160
                           110
                                             40
                                                     \tilde{y}_6
                  \theta_6
```

par(op)

For comparison, here's the Stan equivalent model; the results are not shown to save space, but they are equivalent to Gibbs sampling.

```
y <- machine$qc; idx <- c(0, cumsum(nj)[-J])
sm <- stan_model(model_code = "data {
  int<lower=0> J; int<lower=0> nj[J]; int<lower=0> idx[J]; int<lower=0> n; real y[n];
}
parameters { vector[J] theta; real<lower=0> sigma; }
model {
  for (j in 1:J) for (i in 1:nj[j]) y[idx[j] + i] ~ normal(theta[j], sigma);
  target += -log(sigma);
```

```
}")
sf <- sampling(sm, data = c("J", "nj", "idx", "n", "y"))</pre>
```

Pooled

Here we have $y_{ij} \mid \mu, \tau^2 \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} N(\mu, \tau^2)$, with non-informative priors $\mathbb{P}(\mu, \log \tau) \propto 1$. The joint posterior is

$$\mathbb{P}(\mu, \tau^2 \mid y) \propto (\tau^2)^{-\left(\sum_j n_j/2 + 1\right)} \exp \left\{ -\frac{\sum_{i,j} (y_{ij} - \mu)^2}{2\tau^2} \right\}.$$

Thus, we can see that $\mu \mid \tau^2, y \sim N(\bar{y}, \tau^2 / \sum_j n_j)$, where $\bar{y} = \sum_{i,j} y_{ij} / \sum_j n_j$ is the overall mean, and $\tau^2 \mid \mu, y \sim \text{Inv-}\chi^2(\sum_j n_j, \sum_{i,j} (y_{ij} - \mu)^2 / \sum_j n_j)$.

```
ybar <- weighted.mean(yj, nj); s2 <- (n - 1) * var(machine$qc)
sims <- mcmc_array(nsamples, nchains, c("mu", "tau", "lp__"))

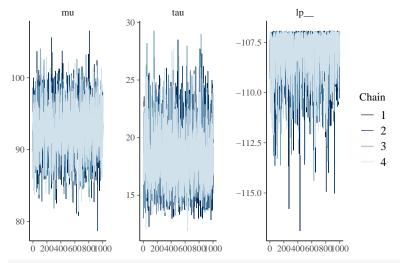
tau2 <- s2 / (n - 1)
for (chain in 1:nchains) {
    for (it in 1:iter) {
        mu <- rnorm(1, ybar, sqrt(tau2 / n))
        nt <- s2 + n * (ybar - mu) ^ 2
        tau2 <- rinvchisq(1, n, nt)
        target <- -(n / 2 + 1) * log(tau2) - nt / (2 * tau2)
        if (it > warmup)
            sims[it - warmup, chain, ] <- c(mu, sqrt(tau2), target)
    }
}
monitor(sims, warmup = 0)</pre>
```

Inference for the input samples (4 chains: each with iter = 1000; warmup = 0):

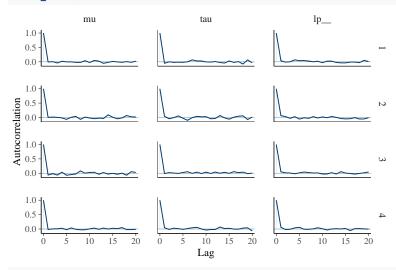
```
Rhat Bulk_ESS Tail_ESS
         Q5
                Q50
                              Mean SD
       87.4
              92.9
                      98.3
                              92.9 3.3
                                            1
                                                  4178
mu
                                                            3695
       14.8
               18.1
                      22.9
                              18.4 2.5
                                            1
                                                  3908
                                                            3831
lp__ -110.3 -107.7 -107.0 -108.0 1.1
                                            1
                                                  3752
                                                            3621
```

For each parameter, Bulk_ESS and Tail_ESS are crude measures of effective sample size for bulk and tail quantities respectively (an ESS > 100 per chain is considered good), and Rhat is the potential scale reduction factor on rank normalized split chains (at convergence, Rhat <= 1.05).

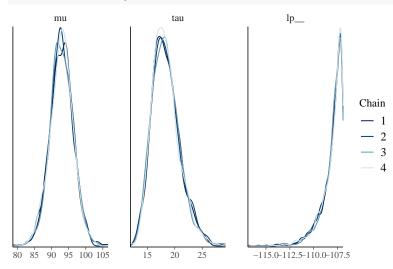
```
mcmc_trace(sims)
```



mcmc_acf(sims)

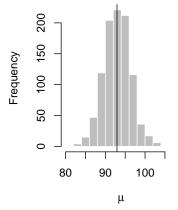


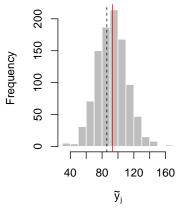
mcmc_dens_overlay(sims)



Due to pooling, $\mathbb{E}[y_6] = \mathbb{E}[y_7] = \mu$ and \widetilde{y}_j has the same distribution independent of j.

```
# as before, let's just use the first chain
mu <- sims[, 1, 1]; tau <- sims[, 1, 2]
ypred6 <- rnorm(nsamples, mu, tau)
op <- par(mfrow = c(1, 2))
plot_hist(mu, xlab = expression(mu)); abline(v = ybar)
plot_hist(ypred6, xlab = expression(tilde(y)[j]))
abline(v = ybar, col = "red"); abline(v = yj[6], lty = 2)</pre>
```





par(op)

The Stan model is shown below. As in the separate case, the results are equivalent.

```
sm <- stan_model(model_code = "data { int<lower=0> n; vector[n] y; }
parameters { real mu; real<lower=0> tau; }
model { y ~ normal(mu, tau); target += -2 * log(tau); }")
sf <- sampling(sm, data = c("n", "y"))</pre>
```

Hierarchical

This is the model from Section 11.6 we discussed in class: $y_{ij} \mid \theta_j, \sigma^2 \stackrel{\text{ind}}{\sim} N(\theta_j, \sigma^2), \theta_j \mid \mu, \tau^2 \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} N(\mu, \tau^2), \text{ and non-informative priors } \mathbb{P}(\mu, \tau, \log \sigma) \propto 1.$

```
sims <- mcmc_array(nsamples, nchains,</pre>
                    c(paste0("theta", 1:J), "mu", "tau", "sigma", "lp__"))
theta <- yj; mu <- mean(theta)
nt \leftarrow S + sum(nj * (yj - theta) ^ 2)
for (chain in 1:nchains) {
  for (it in 1:iter) {
    sigma2 <- rinvchisq(1, n, nt)</pre>
    tau2 \leftarrow rinvchisq(1, J - 1, sum((theta - mu) ^ 2))
    theta <- rnorm(J, (nj * yj / sigma2 + mu / tau2) / (nj / sigma2 + 1 / tau2),
                    1 / sqrt(nj / sigma2 + 1 / tau2))
    mu <- rnorm(1, mean(theta), sqrt(tau2 / J))</pre>
    nt \leftarrow S + sum(nj * (yj - theta) ^ 2)
    target <- -n / 2 * log(sigma2) - nt / (2 * sigma2) +
      sum(dnorm(theta, mu, sqrt(tau2), log = TRUE)) - log(sigma2) - .5 * log(tau2)
    if (it > warmup)
      sims[it - warmup, chain, ] <- c(theta, mu, sqrt(tau2), sqrt(sigma2), target)</pre>
}
```

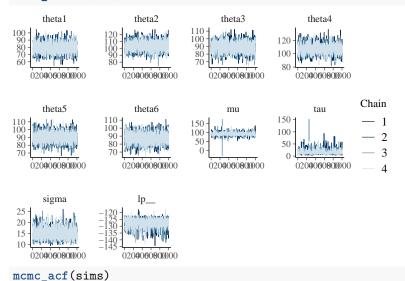
monitor(sims, warmup = 0)

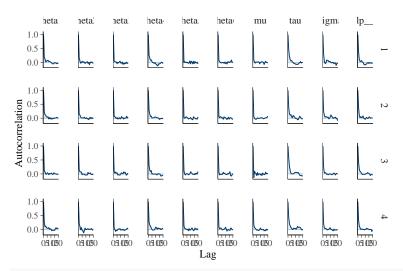
Inference for the input samples (4 chains: each with iter = 1000; warmup = 0):

	Q5	Q 50	Q 95	Mean	SD	Rhat	Bulk_ESS	Tail_ESS
theta1	69.1	79.7	91.4	79.8	6.8	1	1834	2168
theta2	92.9	103.3	113.8	103.3	6.3	1	2480	3082
theta3	78.9	89.1	98.7	89.0	6.1	1	3278	3644
theta4	95.6	107.6	118.7	107.5	7.0	1	1820	1674
theta5	80.6	90.7	100.0	90.6	6.0	1	3371	3776
theta6	77.4	87.5	97.6	87.5	6.1	1	3178	3519
mu	81.3	93.1	105.4	93.1	8.1	1	3072	3136
tau	6.1	14.1	33.0	16.2	9.5	1	1106	911
sigma	11.7	14.7	19.2	14.9	2.3	1	2169	3239
lp	-133.5	-127.2	-123.5	-127.7	3.1	1	1721	2241

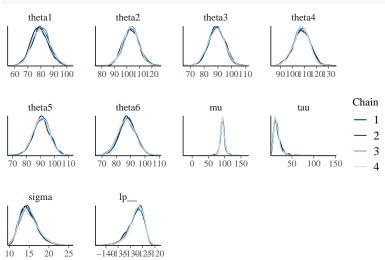
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mcmc_trace(sims)



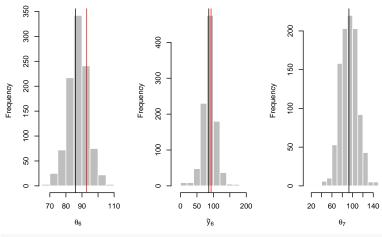


mcmc_dens_overlay(sims)



The posterior on θ_6 can be estimated directly from the MCMC samples. For \widetilde{y}_6 and θ_7 we have to use posterior predictive estimates.

```
theta6 <- sims[, 1, 6]; mu <- sims[, 1, 7]
sigma <- sims[, 1, 8]; tau <- sims[, 1, 9]
ypred6 <- rnorm(nsamples, theta6, sigma)
theta7 <- rnorm(nsamples, mu, tau)
op <- par(mfrow = c(1, 3))
plot_hist(theta6, xlab = expression(theta[6]))
abline(v = yj[6]); abline(v = ybar, col = "red")
plot_hist(ypred6, xlab = expression(tilde(y)[6]))
abline(v = yj[6]); abline(v = ybar, col = "red")
plot_hist(theta7, xlab = expression(theta[7]))
abline(v = ybar)</pre>
```



par(op)

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(a)

By variable transformation, we know that

$$\mathbb{P}(y_i \mid \mu, \sigma^2, \lambda) = \left| \frac{dw_i}{dy_i} \right| \mathbb{P}(w_i \mid \mu, \sigma^2) = y_i^{\lambda - 1} N(w_i \mid \mu, \sigma^2),$$

and so we have the joint posterior from likelihood independence and by incorporating the prior,

$$\mathbb{P}(\mu, \sigma^2, \lambda \mid y) \propto \mathbb{P}(y \mid \mu, \sigma) \mathbb{P}(\mu, \sigma^2, \lambda) = \frac{1}{\sigma} \prod_{i=1}^n N(w_i \mid \mu, \sigma^2) y_i^{\lambda - 1}.$$

(b)

Conditional on λ we have the Box-Cox transformed responses w_i , and so the conditional posterior for μ and σ^2 depend only on w. It is straightforward to see that from $\bar{w} \mid \mu, \sigma^2 \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2/n)$ and a flat prior on μ we have $\mu \mid \lambda, \sigma^2, y \sim N(\bar{w}, \sigma^2/n)$ and, from the joint posterior above,

$$\mathbb{P}(\sigma^2 \mid \mu, \lambda, y) \propto (\sigma^2)^{-((n-1)/2+1)} \exp \left\{ -\frac{\sum_i (w_i(\lambda) - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right\},\,$$

that is, $\sigma^2 \mid \mu, \lambda, y \sim \text{Inv-}\chi^2(n-1, \sum_i (w_i(\lambda) - \mu)^2/n)$. For the conditional posterior $\lambda \mid \mu, \sigma^2, y$ we have to resort to a random walk MH step. By hand tuning we set the random walk standard deviation at 0.1 and thin out every 10th MCMC sample to reduce autocorrelation.

```
sigma_lambda <- .1
nthin <- 10
sims <- mcmc array(nsamples, nchains, c("mu", "sigma", "lambda", "lp "))
for (chain in 1:nchains) {
  lambda <- 0; sigma <- 0
  w <- boxcox(y, lambda)
  for (it in 1:iter) {
    for (thin in 1:nthin) {
      mu <- rnorm(1, mean(w), sigma / sqrt(n))</pre>
      sigma <- sqrt(rinvchisq(1, n, sum((w - mu) ^ 2)))</pre>
      target <- sum(dnorm(w, mu, sigma, log = TRUE)) +</pre>
         (lambda - 1) * sum(log(y))
       # lambda / mu, siqma2:
      lambda_c <- rnorm(1, lambda, sigma_lambda)</pre>
      w_c <- boxcox(y, lambda_c)</pre>
      target_c <- sum(dnorm(w_c, mu, sigma, log = TRUE)) +</pre>
         (lambda_c - 1) * sum(log(y))
      log_r <- target_c - target</pre>
      if (\log_r >= 0 \mid | \log(\operatorname{runif}(1)) \leq \log_r) \{ \# \operatorname{accept}? \}
         lambda <- lambda_c; w <- w_c; target <- target_c</pre>
    }
    if (it > warmup)
      sims[it - warmup, chain, ] <- c(mu, sigma, lambda, target - log(sigma))</pre>
  }
}
```

(c)

The chains seem to have converged, but with high autocorrelation (even after thinning). Since the 95% credible interval for λ includes 0 but not 0.5, a log transformation is more likely than a square root transformation.

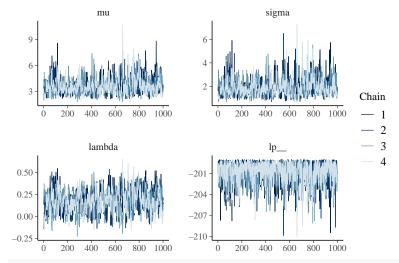
```
monitor(sims, warmup = 0)
```

Inference for the input samples (4 chains: each with iter = 1000; warmup = 0):

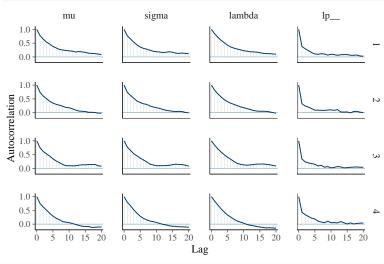
```
Q5
                 Q50
                        Q95
                              Mean SD Rhat Bulk_ESS Tail_ESS
          2.5
mu
                 3.5
                        5.3
                               3.6 0.9 1.01
                                                   431
sigma
          1.0
                 1.8
                        3.2
                               1.9 0.7 1.01
                                                   417
                                                            843
lambda
          0.0
                 0.2
                        0.4
                               0.2 0.1 1.01
                                                   390
                                                            659
       -203.6 -200.4 -199.2 -200.8 1.5 1.00
                                                   865
                                                           1337
lp__
```

For each parameter, Bulk_ESS and Tail_ESS are crude measures of effective sample size for bulk and tail quantities respectively (an ESS > 100 per chain is considered good), and Rhat is the potential scale reduction factor on rank normalized split chains (at convergence, Rhat <= 1.05).

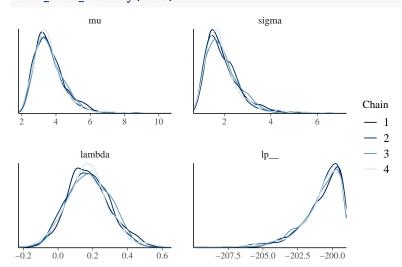
```
mcmc_trace(sims)
```



mcmc_acf(sims)



mcmc_dens_overlay(sims)



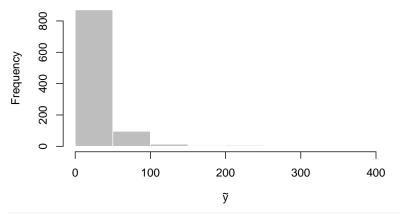
Q <- function (alpha) function (x) quantile(x, alpha)
alpha <- .05
as_tibble(sims[, 1, 1:3]) %>%

```
summarize_all(list(lower = Q(alpha / 2), upper = Q(1 - alpha / 2)))
```

(d)

The posterior predictive distribution is smoother and unimodal given the simple model we have adopted, but it seems to be in good agreement, overall, with the data.

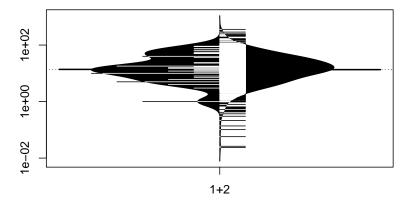
```
mu <- sims[, 1, 1]; sigma <- sims[, 1, 2]; lambda <- sims[, 1, 3]
wpred <- rnorm(nsamples, mu, sigma)
ypred <- (lambda * wpred + 1) ^ (1 / lambda)
plot_hist(ypred, xlab = expression(tilde(y)))</pre>
```



```
quantile(ypred, c(.025, .975), na.rm = TRUE)
```

2.5% 97.5% 1.126085 105.503216

beanplot(y, ypred, side = "both")



(extra: Stan)

Here's Stan code for the same model. The results are very similar, but Stan has slightly less autocorrelation.

```
functions {
  real boxcox (real y, real lambda) {
    real eps = 1e-6;
```

```
if (fabs(lambda) < eps) return log(y);</pre>
    return (y ^ lambda - 1) / lambda;
  }
}
data {
 int<lower=0> n;
 vector[n] y;
parameters {
 real mu;
 real<lower=0> sigma;
 real lambda;
transformed parameters {
  vector[n] w;
 for (i in 1:n) w[i] = boxcox(y[i], lambda);
model {
 w ~ normal(mu, sigma);
 target += (lambda - 1) * sum(log(y)); // log Jacobian
}
```