Population and ODE-based models using Stan and Torsten

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Day 1

- Introduction and modeling framework
- Pharmacometrics models
- Ordinary differential equation(ODE) based models
- Numerical ODE integrators

Day 2

- Population models
- Group/Population ODE integrators and MPI parallelisation
- Group/Population solvers and MPI parallelisation

Logistics

METWORX $^{\text{TM}}$, cloud-based modeling & simulation platform by Metrum Research Group.









Logistics

Workshop package

- R scripts and Stan files to do the exercises
- These slides
- Outline of the course
- pAdditional documentation

We will be using:

- ► Torsten v0.87
- ► RStan v2.19.2
- ggplot, plyr, tidyr, dplyr

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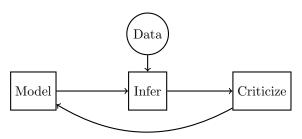
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Preliminary question

- Why Bayesian in a field such as pharmacometrics?
- Example Bayesian aggregation of average data: an application in drug development [Weber et al., 2018]

Modeling framework

Box's loop



Inference

- find the set of parameters consistent with our model and our data
- approximate this set with draws from the posterior distribution

Sampling algorithm

- ▶ Use the NUTS to sample $\pi(\theta|y)$
- ▶ Requires users the specify $\log \pi(\theta, y) = \log \pi(y|\theta) + \log \pi(\theta)$

The "criticism" step

This step can be broken up in two parts:

- 1. did we sample from the correct distribution?
- 2. does our model capture the characteristics of the data we care about?

Diagnosing the inference algorithm

- look at the trace and the density plots
- look at \hat{R} and effective number of samples
- have any warning messages been issued, i.e. divergent transitions?

Example: fitting a linear model

Likelihood:

$$Y \sim \text{Normal}(x\beta, \sigma^2)$$

Prior:

$$\beta \sim \text{Normal}(2,1)$$

$$\sigma^2 \sim \! \mathrm{Normal}(1,1)$$

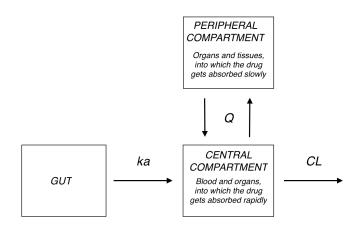
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What is the effect of a treatment on a patient?

- pharmacokinetics (PK): how is the drug absorbed in the body?
- pharmacodynamics (PD): once it is absorbed, what are its effects?

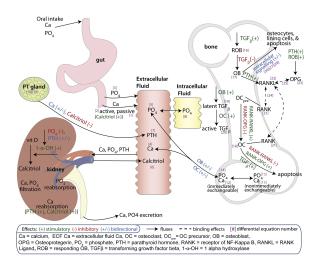
Example: Two compartment model



Two compartment model

$$y'_{
m gut} = -k_a y_{
m gut}$$
 $y'_{
m cent} = k_a y_{
m gut} - \left(\frac{CL}{V_{
m cent}} + \frac{Q}{V_{
m cent}}\right) y_{
m cent} + \frac{Q}{V_{
m peri}} y_{
m peri}$
 $y'_{
m peri} = \frac{Q}{V_{
m cent}} y_{
m cent} - \frac{Q}{V_{
m peri}} y_{
m peri}$

Example 2: Bone mineral density model from [Peterson and Riggs, 2012]



Two compartment model

Denote $\theta = \{CL, Q, VC, VP, K_a\}$, the ODE coefficients. Then $y' = f(y, t, \theta)$

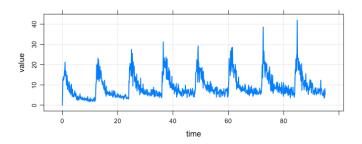
Given an initial condition $y_0 = y(t_0)$, solving the above ODE gives us the $\{natural\ evolution\}$ of the system at any given time point.

The event schedule

An event can be:

- Sate changer: an (exterior) intervention that alters the state of the system; for example a bolus dosing or the beginning of an infusion.
- Observation: a measurement of a quantity of interest at a certain time.

Drug concentration in a patient's blood



The event schedule

- ▶ There is no general theory for the event schedule :(
- The modeling software NONMEM®proposes a convention for pharmacometrics, which we adopt in Torsten.

Torsten functions

Torsten functions offers additional built-in functions to simulate data from a compartment model.



Each Torsten function requires users to specify:

- a system of ODEs and a method to solve it.
- An event schedule.

Torsten functions

- Analytically solutions for the one/two cpt models.
- Event schedule
- ▶ ODE coefficients, e.g. $\theta = \{CL, Q, VC, VP, ka\}$ for two-cpt model.
- bio-availibility fraction and lag times.

Example

Clinical trial

- ► Single patient
- Bolus doses with 1200 mg, administered every 12 hours, for a total of 15 doses.
- Many observations for the first, second, and last doses.
- Additional observation every 12 hours.

Note: the observation are plasma drug concentration measurement.

See data/twoCpt.data.r.

Example

Model

- two compartment model with first-order absorption
- prior information based on clinical trial conducted on a large population
- normal error for the plasma drug concentration measurement.

Example

Prior

```
CL ~ lognormal(log(10), 0.25);

Q ~ lognormal(log(15), 0.5);

VC ~ lognormal(log(35), 0.25);

VP ~ lognormal(log(105), 0.5);

ka ~ lognormal(log(2.5), 1);

sigma ~ cauchy(0, 1);
```

Likelihood

$$\log(cObs) \sim \text{Normal}\left(\log\left(\frac{y_2}{VC}\right), \sigma^2\right)$$

Exercise 1: write and fit this model, using twoCptModel.r and model/twoCptModel.stan. Exercise 2: Write a generated quantities block and do posterior predictive checks.

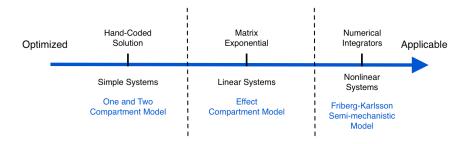
Resources

- ➤ Torsten repository: https://github.com/metrumresearchgroup/Torsten
- ▶ Torsten User manual (on GitHub and in the workshop folder).

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Arsenal of tools



For some examples, see [Margossian and Gillespie, 2017].

- the "optimized applicable" spectrum is a heuristic; counter-examples can be built.
- coding effort may also be a criterion



Matrix exponential

Consider a system of linear ODEs:

$$y'(t) = Ky(t)$$

where K is a constant matrix.

Then

$$y(t) = e^{tK}y_0$$

Matrix Exponential

$$e^{tK} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(tK)^n}{n!} = I + tK + \frac{(tK)^2}{2} + \frac{(tK)^3}{3!} + \dots$$

Matrix Exponential

For example, the two compartment model generates the following matrix:

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} -ka & 0 & 0 \\ ka & -(CL+Q)/Vc & Q/Vp \\ 0 & Q/V_c & -Q/V_p \end{bmatrix}$$

Linear ODE solver in Torsten

Numerical integrator

```
real[ , ] pmx_integrate_ode_rk45(ODE_RHS, real[] y0, real t0,
    real[] ts, real[] theta, real[] x_r, int[] x_i, real rtol =
    1.e-6, real atol = 1.e-6, int max_step = 1e6);
```

- ▶ ODE_RHS: ODE right-hand-side f in $y' = f(y, t, \theta, x_r, x_i)$.
- y0: initial condition at time t0.
- ▶ t0: initial time.
- ts: times at which we require a solution.
- ▶ theta: parameters to be passed to f.
- x_r: real data to be passed to f.
- x_i: integer data to be passed to f.
- rtol, atol, and max_step are optional control parameters for relative tolerance, absolute tolerance, and max number of time steps, respectively. Their default values have no theoretical justification.

System function

Torsten function

```
matrix pmx_solve_rk45(ODE_system, int nCmt, real[] time, real[] 

amt, real[] rate, real[] ii, int[] evid, int[] cmt, real[] 

addl, int[] ss, real[] theta, real[] biovar, real[] tlag, 

real rel_tol, real abs_tol, int max_step); 

Exercise 3: Write, fit, and diagnose the two compartment model using the pmx solve rk45 function.
```

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Nonlinear ODEs without analytical solution

kinetics of an autocatalytic reaction [Robertson, 1966]

The structure of the reactions is

$$A \xrightarrow{k_1} B$$
, $B + B \xrightarrow{k_2} C + B$, $B + C \xrightarrow{k_3} C + A$,

where k_1 , k_2 , k_3 are the rate constants and A, B and C are the chemical species involved. The corresponding ODEs are

$$x'_{1} = -k_{1}x_{1} + k_{3}x_{2}x_{3}$$

$$x'_{2} = k_{1}x_{1} - k_{2}x_{2}^{2} - k_{3}x_{2}x_{3}$$

$$x'_{3} = k_{2}x_{2}^{2}$$

Given $k_1 = 0.04$, $k_2 = 3.0e7$, $k_3 = 1.0e4$, we make inference regarding the initial condition for $x_1(t = 0)$.

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Exercise 4

Write Stan function for the above ODE's RHS.

Stan function for autocatalytic kinetics

```
x_2' = k_1 x_1 - k_2 x_2^2 - k_3 x_2 x_3
                     x_2' = k_2 x_2^2
functions{
  real[] reaction(real t, real[] x, real[] theta, real[] r,
  \hookrightarrow int[] i){
    real dxdt[3];
    real k1 = theta[1];
    real k2 = theta[2];
    real k3 = theta[3];
    dxdt[1] = -k1*x[1] + k3*x[2]*x[3];
    dxdt[2] = k1*x[1] - k3*x[2]*x[3] - k2*(x[2])^2:
    dxdt[3] = k2*(x[2])^2;
    return dxdt;
```

▶ What's the initial conditions for x_2 and x_3 ?

 $x_1' = -k_1x_1 + k_3x_2x_3$

Numerical integrators

- Runge-Kutta 4th/5th (rk45)
 - non-stiff equations
 - Most popular, try this if you don't know the nature of the ODE, or what you're doing, or both.
- Backward differentiation formula (bdf)
 - stiff equations
 - More expensive to use
- Adams-Moulton
 - non-stiff equations
 - higher-order of accuracy(do you really need it?)
 - scales better with number of steps

Numerical integrators

Integrators	Stan	Torsten
rk45	integrate_ode_rk45	pmx_integrate_ode_rk45
BDF	<pre>integrate_ode_bdf</pre>	pmx_integrate_ode_bdf
Adams	integrate_ode_adams	<pre>pmx_integrate_ode_adams</pre>

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Model

- ▶ In each of 8 experiments performed *x*3 is observed.
- ▶ Hierarchical model for $\times 0[1]$

```
model {
   y0_mu ~ lognormal(log(2.0), 0.5);
   for (i in 1:nsub) {
      y0_1[i] ~ lognormal(y0_mu, 0.5);
   }
   sigma ~ cauchy(0, 0.5);
   obs ~ lognormal(log(x3), sigma);
}
```

Data

Data available for the inference

Exercise 5

Given above data and model, write the rest of Stan code.

- ► Hint: use chem.stan as template, also see chem.data.R and chem.init.R.
- ▶ Reaction begins with A(on which is also what we'd like to make inference), the other two spiecies are non-existent at the beginning of the reaction.
- Which numerical integrator are you using? Why?

Exercise 5

How to build & run?

Edit/Add cmdstan/make/local

Build in cmdstan

make path_to_workshop/RScript/model/chemical_reactions/chem

Run

```
./chem sample adapt delta=0.95 random seed=1104508041 data \hookrightarrow file=chem.data.R init=chem.init.R
```

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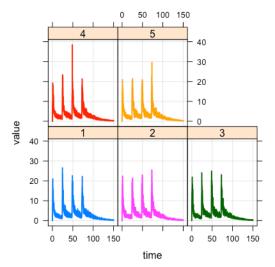
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Data pooled into groups

- sport measurements are grouped by players
- people's voting intention can be grouped by states, social status, etc.
- medical measurements are grouped by patients

Data pooled into groups

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 - ► Simulated with mrgsolve https://mrgsolve.github.io/



Hierarchical model

With a hierarchical model, we can

- ▶ do partial pooling.
- estimate how similar the groups are to one another.
- estimate individual parameters.

$$\theta = (\theta_1, ..., \theta_L) \sim p(\theta | \theta_{\mathrm{pop}})$$

$$y = (y_1, ..., y_N) \sim p(y|\theta, x)$$

Hierarchical model

$$heta = (heta_1,..., heta_L) \sim p(heta| heta_{ ext{pop}})$$
 $y = (y_1,...,y_N) \sim p(y| heta,x)$
 $heta_1 \qquad heta_2 \qquad heta_L$
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 $heta_1 \qquad heta_2 \qquad heta_3 \qquad heta_4 \qquad heta_4 \qquad heta_5 \qquad heta_5$

Example 3: Hierarchical two compartment model

Likelihood function:

$$\log heta \sim ext{Normal}(\log heta_{ ext{pop}}, \Omega)$$

$$\Omega = \left(egin{array}{cccccc} \omega_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \ 0 & \omega_2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \ 0 & 0 & \omega_3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \ 0 & 0 & 0 & \omega_4 & 0 \ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \omega_5 \end{array}
ight)$$

$$\log(cObs) \sim \text{Normal}\left(\log\left(\frac{y_2}{VC}\right), \sigma^2\right)$$

Exercise 6: Write, fit, and diagnose a hierarchical two

compartment model for a population of 10 patients. Use data/twoCptPop.data.r and twoCptPop.r.}

- Start by running 3 chains with 30 iterations.
- ▶ Do you get any warning messages?

Divergent transitions

- ▶ Do you get any warning messages?
 There were 29 divergent transitions after warmup.
- A divergent transition occurs when we fail to accurately compute a Hamiltonian trajectory.
- ▶ This is because we approximate trajectories.
- Our sampler may not be refined enough to explore the entire typical set.

Divergent transitions

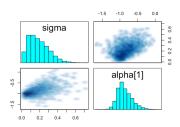
Consider the following hierarchical model:

$$\alpha_i \sim \text{Normal}(\mu, \sigma)$$
 $y_i \sim p(y|\alpha_i)$

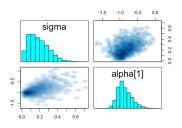
Divergent transitons

$$\alpha_i \sim \text{Normal}(\mu, \sigma)$$

Fitting this model yields the following pairs plot:



Divergent transitons



- This geometric shape is known as Neil's funnel [Neil, 2003].
- ► Its interactions with HMC is described in [Betancourt and Girolmi, 2015].
- ▶ It occurs in hierarchical models when we have sparse data and a centered prior.

Proposition

Reparameterize the model to avoid the funnel shape. We will do so by standardizing $\alpha.$

$$\alpha_{\mathrm{std},i} := \frac{\alpha_i - \mu}{\sigma}$$

Then

$$\alpha_{\rm std} \sim {
m Normal}(0,1)$$

Then

$$\alpha_i = \mu + \sigma \alpha_{\text{std},i}$$

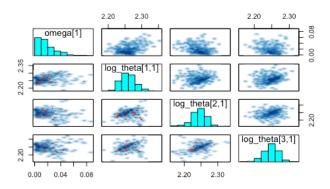
Hence

$$y_i \sim p(\mu + \sigma \alpha_{\mathrm{std},i})$$

► Same data generating process; but how does this affect the geometry of the posterior?

Our model is a little more complicated than the above example:

- ightharpoonup a lot of parameters (100 +)!
- multiple population parameters and hierarchical structures.
- ▶ these parameters follow a log normal distribution (so we need a pairs plot with log θ).



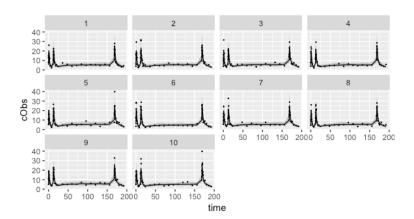
Exercise 6: Reparametrize the two compartment population model and fit it.}

- ▶ First, work out the appropriate parametrization. You should start with $\log \theta_i \sim \mathrm{Normal}(\theta_{\mathrm{pop},i},\omega)$
- Write, fit, and check the inference (run 100 chains).
- What kind of predictive checks can we do?

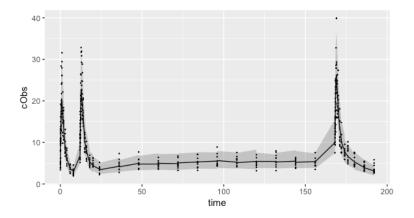
Need:

- predictions at an individual level
- predictions at a population level As always, this comes down to properly writing the data generating process in the generated quantities block.

Individual predictions



Population predictions



Further reading

For a very good case study on hierarchical models, see, Bob Carpenter's *Pooling with Hierarchical Models for Repeated Binary Trials*

https://mc-stan.org/users/documentation/case-studies/pool-binary-trials.html

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ODE group integrators

Single ODE system

pmx_integrate_ode_rk45
pmx_integrate_ode_bdf
pmx_integrate_ode_adams

ODE group

pmx_integrate_ode_group_rk45
pmx_integrate_ode_group_bdf
pmx_integrate_ode_group_adams

Single ODE system

```
real[,]
pmx_integrate_ode_xxx(
    f,
    real[] y0, real t0,
    real[] ts,
    real[] theta,
    real[] x_r, int[] x_i,
    ...);
```

ODE group

```
matrix
pmx_integrate_ode_group_xxx(
    f,
    real[ , ] y0, real t0,
    int[] len, real[] ts,
    real[ , ] theta,
    real[ , ] x_r, int[ , ] x_i,
    ...);
```

ODE group integrators

Single ODE system

ODE group

```
matrix
pmx_integrate_ode_group_xxx(
    f,
    real[ , ] y0, real t0,
    int[] len, real[] ts,
    real[ , ] theta,
    real[ , ] x_r, int[ , ] x_i,
    ...);
```

- ▶ len specifies the length of data for each subject within the above ragged arrays, and the size of len is the size of the population.
- ► The group integrators return a single matrix ragged column-wise. The number of rows equals to the size of ODE system.

autocatalytic reaction model: ODE group version

- Change the loop with the numerical integrator to use group integrator.
- Remeber the return of the group integrator is a matrix
 - nb. of rows: nb. of states
 - ▶ nb. of cols: nb. of *total* results-extraction time points.

Build and run

► Edit/Add cmdstan/make/local

Build in cmdstan

make ../example-models/chemical_reactions/chem_group

► Run

mpiexec -n 2 -l ./chem_group sample adapt delta=0.95 random \hookrightarrow seed=1104508041 data file=chem.data.R init=chem.init.R

- ► What does output say?
- How many cores can you use until performance saturates? Why?
- (optional)Can you do it using Stan's map_rect? Is there a difference in style, output, and performance?

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PMX population solvers

Single ODE system	ODE group
pmx_solve_rk45	pmx_solve_group_rk45
pmx_solve_bdf	pmx_solve_group_bdf
pmx_solve_adams	pmx_solve_group_adams

Individual solvers

Population solvers

```
matrix
pmx_solve_group_bdf(f, int nCmt,
  int[] len, real[] time,
  real[] amt, real[] rate,
  real[] ii, int[] evid,
  int[] cmt, real[] addl,
  int[] ss, real[, ] theta,
  real[, ] biovar, real[, ] tlag,
  real rel_tol, real abs_tol,
  int max_step);
```

PMX population solvers

matrix

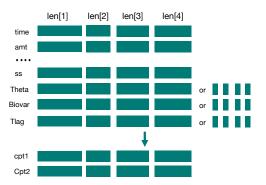


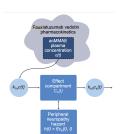
Figure: arguments and output of pmx_solve_group_xxx

Time-to-event model

We analyze the time to the first grade 2+ peripheral neuropathy (PN) event in patients treated with an antibody-drug conjugate (ADC) delivering monomethyl auristatin E (MMAE). We will simulate and analyze data using a simplified version of the model reported in [Lu et al., 2017].

- ► Fauxlatuzumab vedotin 1.2 mg/kg IV boluses q3w × 6 does.
- ▶ 19 patients with 6 right-censored (simulated data).

Model scheme



Note

- To keep things simpler, we use the simulated individual CL and V values, and only model PD part of the problem.
- PN hazard is substantially delayed relative to PK exposure.
- Hazard increases over time to an extent not completely described by P



Likelihood

Likelihood for time to first $PN \ge 2$ event in the i^{th} patient:

$$\begin{split} &L\left(\theta|t_{\text{PN},i}, \text{censor}_{i}, X_{i}\right) \\ &= \begin{cases} &h_{i}\left(t_{\text{PN},i}|\theta, X_{i}\right) e^{-\int_{0}^{t_{\text{PN},i}} h_{i}\left(u|\theta, X_{i}\right)du}, & \text{censor}_{i} = 0 \\ &e^{-\int_{0}^{t_{\text{PN},i}} h_{i}\left(u|\theta, X_{i}\right)du}, & \text{censor}_{i} = 1 \end{cases} \end{split}$$

where

$$t_{\text{PN}} \equiv \text{time to first PN} \geq 2 \text{ or right censoring event}$$
 $\theta \equiv \text{model parameters}$
 $X \equiv \text{independent variables} / \text{covariates}$
 $\text{censor} \equiv \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1, & \text{PN} \geq 2 \text{ event is right censored} \\ 0, & \text{PN} \geq 2 \text{ event is observed} \end{array} \right.$

One can see the expression

$$e^{-\int_0^{t_{\text{PN},i}} h_i(u|\theta,X_i)du}$$

as the survival function at time t.



ODEs

Hazard of PN grade 2+ based on the Weibull distribution, with drug effect proportional to effect site concentration of MMAE:

$$egin{aligned} h_j(t) &= eta E_{ ext{drug}j}(t)^eta t^{(eta-1)} \ E_{ ext{drug}j}(t) &= lpha c_{ej}(t) \ c'_{ej}(t) &= k_{e0} \left(c_j(t) - c_{ej}(t)
ight). \end{aligned}$$

Overall ODE system including integration of the hazard function:

$$x_1' = -\frac{CL}{V}x_1 \tag{1}$$

$$x_2' = k_{e0} \left(\frac{x_1}{V} - x_2 \right) \tag{2}$$

$$x_3' = h(t) \tag{3}$$

where $x_2(t) = c_e(t)$ and $x_3(t) = \int_0^t h(u)du$ aka cumulative hazard.

Exercise 8: write the ODE system

```
functions{
    real[] oneCptPNODE(real t, real[] x, real[] parms, real[]
    \rightarrow x_r, int[] x_i){
    real dxdt[3];
    real CL = parms[1];
    real V = parms[2];
    real ke0 = parms[3];
    real alpha = parms[4];
    real beta = parms[5];
    real Edrug;
    real hazard;
    /* ... */
    return dxdt;
```

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  real Edrug;
  real hazard;
  dxdt[1] = -(CL / V) * x[1];
  dxdt[2] = ke0 * (x[1] / V - x[2]);
  Edrug = alpha * x[2];
  if(t == 0){
    hazard = 0:
  }else{
    hazard = beta * Edrug^beta * t^(beta - 1);
  dxdt[3] = hazard;
  return dxdt;
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```

Parameters

parameters

```
parameters{
 real<lower = 0> ke0;
 real<lower = 0> alpha;
 real<lower = 0> beta;
transformed parameters{
  vector<lower = 0>[nPNObs] survObs:
  row_vector<lower = 0>[nPNObs] EdrugObs;
 vector<lower = 0>[nPNObs] hazardObs;
 vector<lower = 0>[nPNCens] survCens;
 matrix<lower = 0>[3, nt] x;
  real<lower = 0> parms[nId, 5];
 for(j in 1:nId) {
    parms[j, ] = {CL[j], V[j], ke0, alpha, beta};
 /* ... */
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Parameters

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Exercise 9

- Use pmx_solve_group_rk45 to solve for x.
- ► Write likelihood expressions for survObs, EdrugObs, hazardObs, and survCens.

► Stan's target variable and user-defined likelihood.

Edit/Add cmdstan/make/local

Build in cmdstan

```
make ../example-models/ttpn2/ttpn2_group
```

Run

- ► The parallel performance is not optimal, why?
- ► Can you do it using Stan's map_rect?

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