

10. Inference about the Box-Cox transformation

Suppose one observes the positive values y_1, \dots, y_n that exhibit some right-skewness. Box and Cox (1964) suggested using the power transformation

$$w_i = \frac{y_i^\lambda - 1}{\lambda}, i = 1, \dots, n,$$

such that w_1, \dots, w_n represent a random sample from a normal distribution with mean μ and standard deviation σ . Suppose that the vector of parameters (λ, μ, σ) is assigned the noninformative prior proportional to $1/\sigma$. Then the posterior density of θ is given, up to a proportionality constant, by

$$g(\theta|y) \propto \frac{1}{\sigma} \prod_{i=1}^n \left[\phi \left(\frac{y_i^\lambda - 1}{\lambda}; \mu, \sigma \right) y_i^{\lambda-1} \right].$$

Suppose this transformation model is fit to the following survival times (from Collett, 1994) of patients in a study on multiple myeloma.

13 52 6 40 10 7 66 10 10 14 16 4
65 5 11 10 15 5 76 5 38 24 51 4
40 3 38 1 16 50 11 1 35 5 10 3
18 1 18 6 1 23 15 18 12 12 17 3

- Write an R function to compute the logarithm of the posterior distribution of $(\lambda, \mu, \log \sigma)$.
- Use `laplace` to find the posterior mode of $(\lambda, \mu, \log \sigma)$ using an initial starting value of (0.1, 3, 0.5).
- Use an MCMC algorithm, such as random walk Metropolis, independent Metropolis, or Gibbs sampling to simulate 10,000 values from the posterior distribution.
- Construct 90% interval estimates of λ , μ , and σ .
- For these data, use the result from part (d) to decide whether a log or square root transformation is more appropriate for these data.

翻译：

关于博克斯-考克斯变换的推断

假设我们观察了正值 y_1, \dots, y_n ，它们表现出一些右倾性。博克斯和考克斯 (1964) 建议使用幂变换

$$w_i = \frac{y_i^\lambda - 1}{\lambda}, i = 1, \dots, n,$$

其中 w_1, \dots, w_n 代表一个服从均值为 μ ，方差为 σ 的正态分布随机样本。假设参数向量

(λ, μ, σ) 服从无信息先验分布正比于 $1/\sigma$ 。已知 θ 的后验密度

$$g(\theta|y) \propto \frac{1}{\sigma} \prod_{i=1}^n \left[\phi \left(\frac{y_i^\lambda - 1}{\lambda}; \mu, \sigma \right) y_i^{\lambda-1} \right].$$

假设这个转化模型适用于对多发性骨髓瘤的研究，患者的存活时间如下：

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13 52 6 40 10 7 66 10 10 14 16 4
65 5 11 10 15 5 76 56 88 24 51 4
40 8 18 5 16 50 40 1 36 5 10 91
18 1 18 6 1 23 15 18 12 12 17 3
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- (a) 写一个 R 函数来计算 (λ, μ, σ) 的后验分布的对数。
- (b) 使用 laplace 此命令

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