# Coursework 5: STAT 570

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1. Consider the data given in Table 1, which are a simplified version of those reported in Breslow and Day (1980). These data arose from a case-control study that was carried out to investigate the relationship between esophageal cancer and various risk factors. Disease status is denoted Y with Y=0 and Y=1 corresponding to without/with disease and alcohol consumption is represented by X with X=0 and X=1 denoting less than 80g and greater than or equal to 80g on average per day. Let the probabilities of high alcohol consumption in the cases and controls be denoted

$$p_1 = \mathbb{P}(X = 1 \mid Y = 1) \text{ and } p_2 = \mathbb{P}(X = 1 \mid Y = 0),$$
 (1)

respectively. Further, let  $X_1$  be the number exposed from  $n_1$  cases and  $X_2$  be the number exposed from  $n_2$  controls. Suppose  $X_i \mid p_i \sim \text{Binomial}(n_i, p_i)$  in the case (i = 1) and control (i = 2) groups.

(a) Of particular interest in studies such as this is the odds ratio defined by

$$\theta = \frac{\mathbb{P}(Y = 1 \mid X = 1) / \mathbb{P}(Y = 0 \mid X = 1)}{\mathbb{P}(Y = 1 \mid X = 0) / \mathbb{P}(Y = 0 \mid X = 0)}.$$
 (2)

Show that the odds ratio is equal to

$$\theta = \frac{\mathbb{P}(X=1 \mid Y=1) / \mathbb{P}(X=0 \mid Y=1)}{\mathbb{P}(X=1 \mid Y=0) / \mathbb{P}(X=0 \mid Y=0)} = \frac{p_1/(1-p_1)}{p_2/(1-p_2)}.$$
 (3)

**Solution:** We have that

$$\mathbb{P}(Y = y \mid X = x) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(X = x \mid Y = y) \mathbb{P}(Y = y)}{\mathbb{P}(X = x)}$$
(4)

by Bayes' rule. Applying Equation 4 to Equation 2, we get

$$\theta = \frac{\left[\mathbb{P}(X=1 \mid Y=1) \,\mathbb{P}(Y=1)\right] / \left[\mathbb{P}(X=0 \mid Y=1) \,\mathbb{P}(Y=0)\right]}{\left[\mathbb{P}(X=0 \mid Y=1) \,\mathbb{P}(Y=1)\right] / \left[\mathbb{P}(X=0 \mid Y=0) \,\mathbb{P}(Y=0)\right]}.$$
 (5)

The  $\mathbb{P}(Y=y)$  factors cancel and we obtain the first part of Equation 3. Using Equation 1, we substitute to obtain the second part of Equation 3.

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} & X = 0 & X = 1 \\ \hline Y = 1 & 104 & 96 & 200 \\ Y = 0 & 666 & 109 & 775 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Table 1: Case-control data: Y = 1 corresponds to the event of esophageal cancer, and X = 1 exposure to greater than 80g of alcohol per day. There are 200 cases and 775 controls.

(b) Obtain the MLE and a 90% confidence interval for  $\theta$ , for the data of Table 1.

Solution: The likelihood and log-likelihood functions are

$$L(p_1, p_2) = \binom{n_1}{x_1} p_1^{x_1} (1 - p_1)^{n_1 - x_1} + \binom{n_2}{x_2} p_2^{x_2} (1 - p_2)^{n_2 - x_2}$$

$$l(p_1, p_2) = \log L(p_1, p_2)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{2} \left[ \log \binom{n_i}{x_i} + x_i \log p_i + (n_i - x_i) \log (1 - p_i) \right],$$
(6)

so the score function is

$$S(p_1, p_2) = \nabla \log L(p_1, p_2) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{x_1 - n_1 p_1}{p_1 (1 - p_1)} \\ \frac{x_2 - n_2 p_2}{p_2 (1 - p_2)} \end{pmatrix}$$
(7)

Thus, the Fisher information is

$$I(p_1, p_2) = mathbb{E} \left[ S(p_1, p_2) S(p_1, p_2)^{\mathsf{T}} \right] = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{n_1}{p_1(1-p_1)} & 0\\ 0 & \frac{n_2}{p_2(1-p_2)} \end{pmatrix}. \tag{8}$$

From Equation 7, we can solve  $S(\hat{p}_1, \hat{p}_2) = \mathbf{0}$  to get the MLEs  $\hat{p}_1 = x_1/n_1$  and  $\hat{p}_2 = x_2/n_2$ . Since the MLE is invariant to reparameterization, we have the MLE for  $\theta$ :

$$\hat{\theta} = \frac{\hat{p}_1/(1-\hat{p}_1)}{\hat{p}_2/(1-\hat{p}_2)} = \frac{1992}{1417} \approx 5.640.$$
 (9)

We estimate the confidence interval for  $\log \hat{\theta}$  which works since  $\log$  is a monotonic transform. Using the delta method and Equation 8, we have that

$$\operatorname{Var}\left(\log \hat{\theta}\right) \approx \left(\nabla \log \hat{\theta}\right)^{\mathsf{T}} \left(I\left(\hat{p}_{1}, \hat{p}_{2}\right)\right)^{-1} \left(\nabla \log \hat{\theta}\right) \\
= \left(\frac{1}{\hat{p}_{1}(1-\hat{p}_{1})} \quad \frac{1}{\hat{p}_{2}(1-\hat{p}_{2})}\right) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\hat{p}_{1}(1-\hat{p}_{1})}{n_{1}} & 0\\ 0 & \frac{\hat{p}_{2}(1-\hat{p}_{2})}{n_{2}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\hat{p}_{1}(1-\hat{p}_{1})} \\ \frac{1}{\hat{p}_{2}(1-\hat{p}_{2})} \end{pmatrix} \\
= \frac{1}{n_{1}\hat{p}_{1}\left(1-\hat{p}_{1}\right)} + \frac{1}{n_{2}\hat{p}_{2}\left(1-\hat{p}_{2}\right)} \\
= \frac{1}{n_{1}\hat{p}_{1}} + \frac{1}{n_{1}\left(1-\hat{p}_{1}\right)} + \frac{1}{n_{2}\hat{p}_{2}} + \frac{1}{n_{2}\left(1-\hat{p}_{2}\right)}. \tag{10}$$

Numerically, this is  $\operatorname{Var}\left(\log \hat{\theta}\right) \approx 0.0307$ .

The 90% confidence interval for  $\log \hat{\theta}$  is approximately

$$\left(\log \hat{\theta} - \Phi^{-1}(0.95)\sqrt{\operatorname{Var}\left(\log \hat{\theta}\right)}, \log \hat{\theta} + \Phi^{-1}(0.95)\sqrt{\operatorname{Var}\left(\log \hat{\theta}\right)}\right), (11)$$

which is about (1.441, 2.018). Taking the exponent of both sides, we have a 90% confidence interval for  $\hat{\theta}$  of (4.228, 7.524).

(c) We now consider a Bayesian analysis. Assume that the prior distribution for  $p_i$  is the beta distribution Beta (a, b) for i = 1, 2. Show that the posterior distribution  $p_i \mid x_i$  is given by the beta distribution Beta  $(a + x_i, b + n_i - x_i)$ , i = 1, 2.

**Solution:** From Equation 6, we have that the posterior:

$$p(p_i \mid X_i = x_i) \propto \mathbb{P}(X_i = x_i \mid p_i) p(p_i)$$
$$\propto p_i^{x_i + a - 1} (1 - p_i)^{n_i - x_i + b - 1}.$$

Integration from 0 to 1, we have the beta faction, so

$$p(p_i \mid X_i = x_i) = \frac{\Gamma(a + x_i + b + n_i - x_i)}{\Gamma(a + x_i)\Gamma(b + n_i - x_i)} p_i^{a + x_i - 1} (1 - p_i)^{b + n_i - x_i - 1}, \quad (12)$$

which is the Beta  $(a + x_i, b + n_i - x_i)$  distribution.

(d) Consider the case a = b = 1. Obtain expressions for the posterior mean, mode, and standard deviation. Evaluate these posterior summaries for the data of Table 1. Report 90% posterior credible intervals for  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ .

**Solution:** For a = b = 1, we have that  $p_1 \mid x_1 \sim \text{Beta}(97, 105)$  and  $p_2 \mid x_2 \sim \text{Beta}(110, 667)$ .

For the posterior means, we have that  $\mathbb{E}\left[p_1 \mid x_1\right] = 97/202$  and  $\mathbb{E}\left[p_2 \mid x_2\right] = 110/777$ .

The mode of a Beta  $(\alpha, \beta)$  distributed random variable is  $\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha+\beta-2}$ . So, for the posterior modes, we have that mode  $(p_1 \mid x_1) = 12/25$  and mode  $(p_2 \mid x_2) = 109/775$ .

The variance of a Beta  $(\alpha, \beta)$  distributed random variable is  $\frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha+\beta)^2(\alpha+\beta+1)}$ . For  $p_1 \mid x_1$  and  $p_2 \mid x_2$ , we have standard errors:

$$\sigma_{p_1|x_1} = \frac{1}{202} \sqrt{\frac{10185}{203}} \approx 0.0351$$

$$\sigma_{p_2|x_2} = \frac{1}{777} \sqrt{\frac{36685}{389}} \approx 0.0125.$$

For the 90% credible interval, I choose l and u such that  $\mathbb{P}([l,u]) = 0.9$ ,  $\mathbb{P}((-\infty,l)) = 0.05$  and  $\mathbb{P}((u,\infty)) = 0.05$ . This is called the *equal-tailed* interval.

For  $p_1 \mid x_1$ , the interval is [0.4226, 0.5380]. For  $p_2 \mid x_2$ , the inverval is [0.1215, 0.1626] This is computed numerically with scipy.stats.beta.interval in case\_control.ipynb.

(e) Obtain the asymptotic form of the posterior distribution and obtain 90% credible intervals for  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ . Compare this interval with the exact calculation of the previous part.

### Solution:

2. (a) Consider the likelihood,  $\hat{\theta} \mid \theta \sim \mathcal{N}(\theta, V)$  and the prior  $\theta \sim \mathcal{N}(0, W)$  with V and W known. Show that  $\theta \mid \hat{\theta} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(r\hat{\theta}, rV\right)$ , where r = W/(V + W).

**Solution:** This result follows from the conjugacy of the normal distribution with

itself:

$$\begin{split} p\left(\theta\mid\hat{\theta}\right) &\propto p\left(\hat{\theta}\mid\theta\right)p\left(\theta\right) \\ &\propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2V}\left(\hat{\theta}-\theta\right)^2 - \frac{1}{2W}\theta^2\right) \\ &\propto \exp\left(-\frac{V+W}{2\left(VW\right)}\left(\frac{W}{V+W}\hat{\theta}^2 - 2\frac{W}{V+W}\hat{\theta}\theta + \theta^2\right)\right) \\ &\propto \exp\left(-\frac{V+W}{2\left(VW\right)}\left(\theta - \frac{W}{V+W}\hat{\theta}\right)^2\right) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\left(rV\right)}\left(\theta - r\hat{\theta}\right)^2\right) \end{split}$$

after completing the square. We recognize this distribution as being part of the normal family, which gives us the result.

(b) Suppose we wish to compare the models  $M_0$ :  $\theta = 0$  versus  $M_1$ :  $\theta \neq 0$ . Show that the Bayes factor is given by

$$\frac{p\left(\hat{\theta}\mid M_0\right)}{p\left(\hat{\theta}\mid M_1\right)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-r}}\exp\left(-\frac{Z^2}{2}r\right),\tag{13}$$

where  $Z = \hat{\theta}/\sqrt{V}$ .

**Solution:** We have that

$$p(\hat{\theta} \mid M_0) = p(\hat{\theta} \mid \theta = 0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi V}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2V}\hat{\theta}^2\right)$$
$$p(\hat{\theta} \mid M_1) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(\hat{\theta} \mid \theta) p(\theta) d\theta$$
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi (V + W)}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2(V + W)}\hat{\theta}^2\right)$$

after completing the square. Substituting into the left-hand side of Equation 13, we obtain

$$\frac{p\left(\hat{\theta} \mid M_0\right)}{p\left(\hat{\theta} \mid M_1\right)} = \sqrt{\frac{V+W}{V}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{W}{V+W} \cdot \frac{\hat{\theta}^2}{V}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-r}} \exp\left(-\frac{Z^2}{2}r\right)$$

as desired.

(c) Suppose we have a prior probability  $\pi_1 = \mathbb{P}(M_1)$  of model  $M_1$  being true. Write down an expression for the posterior probability  $\mathbb{P}(M_1 \mid \hat{\theta})$  in terms of the Bayes factor.

**Solution:** Let K be the Bayes factor. By applying Bayes' rule, we have that

$$\mathbb{P}\left(M_{1} \mid \hat{\theta}\right) = \frac{\mathbb{P}\left(\hat{\theta} \mid M_{1}\right) \mathbb{P}\left(M_{1}\right)}{\mathbb{P}\left(\hat{\theta} \mid M_{0}\right) \mathbb{P}\left(M_{0}\right) + \mathbb{P}\left(\hat{\theta} \mid M_{1}\right) \mathbb{P}\left(M_{1}\right)}$$

$$= \frac{K^{-1}\mathbb{P}\left(\hat{\theta} \mid M_{0}\right) \pi_{1}}{\mathbb{P}\left(\hat{\theta} \mid M_{0}\right) (1 - \pi_{1}) + K^{-1}\mathbb{P}\left(\hat{\theta} \mid M_{0}\right) \pi_{1}}$$

$$= \frac{K^{-1}\pi_{1}}{(1 - \pi_{1}) + K^{-1}\pi_{1}} = \frac{\pi_{1}}{K\left(1 - \pi_{1}\right) + \pi_{1}}.$$

(d) Now suppose we have summaries from two studies,  $\theta_j$ ,  $V_j$ , j=1,2. Assuming,  $\theta_j \mid \theta \sim \mathcal{N}(\theta, V_j)$  and the prior  $\theta \sim \mathcal{N}(0, W)$ , derive the posterior  $p(\theta \mid \theta_1, \theta_2)$ .

Solution: We have

$$\begin{split} p\left(\theta\mid\theta_{1},\theta_{2}\right) &\propto p\left(\theta_{2}\mid\theta_{1},\theta\right)p\left(\theta_{1}\mid\theta\right)p\left(\theta\right) = p\left(\theta_{2}\mid\theta\right)p\left(\theta_{1}\mid\theta\right)p\left(\theta\right) \\ &\propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2V_{2}}\left(\theta_{2}-\theta\right)^{2}\right)\exp\left(-\frac{V_{1}+W}{2\left(V_{1}W\right)}\left(\theta-\frac{W}{V_{1}+W}\theta_{1}\right)^{2}\right) \\ &\propto \exp\left(-\frac{V_{1}V_{2}+V_{1}W+V_{2}W}{2\left(V_{1}V_{2}W\right)}\left(\theta-\frac{V_{2}W\theta_{1}+V_{1}W\theta_{2}}{V_{1}V_{2}+V_{1}W+V_{2}W}\right)^{2}\right), \end{split}$$

after repeatedly completing the square and dropping factors that don't depend on  $\theta$ .

Thus, we have that

$$\theta \mid \theta_1, \theta_2 \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{V_2 W \theta_1 + V_1 W \theta_2}{V_1 V_2 + V_1 W + V_2 W}, \frac{V_1 V_2 W}{V_1 V_2 + V_1 W + V_2 W}\right).$$
 (14)

(e) Derive the Bayes factor

$$\frac{p(\theta_1, \theta_2 \mid M_0)}{p(\theta_1, \theta_2 \mid M_1)},\tag{15}$$

again comparing the models  $M_0$ :  $\theta = 0$  versus  $M_1$ :  $\theta \neq 0$ .

**Solution:**  $(\theta_1, \theta_2)$  have a bivariate normal distribution. Under  $M_0$ , we have that

$$p(\theta_1, \theta_2 \mid M_0) = p(\theta_1, \theta_2 \mid \theta = 0)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{V_1 V_2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \theta_1 & \theta_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{V_1} & 0\\ 0 & \frac{1}{V_2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \theta_1\\ \theta_2 \end{pmatrix}\right). \quad (16)$$

Under  $M_1$ , we have that

$$p(\theta_1, \theta_2 \mid M_1) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(\theta_1, \theta_2 \mid \theta) p(\theta) d\theta.$$
 (17)

We can consider  $\theta$  as having the improper prior  $\mathcal{N}\left(\mathbf{0}, \begin{pmatrix} W & W \\ W & W \end{pmatrix}\right)$ , which results in

$$\theta_1, \theta_2 \mid M_1 \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mathbf{0}, \begin{pmatrix} V_1 + W & W \\ W & V_2 + W \end{pmatrix}\right)$$
 (18)

by conjugacy of the multivariate normal distribution.

The Bayes factor can then be computed:

$$\sqrt{\frac{V_1 V_2 + V_1 W + V_2 W}{V_1 V_2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \theta_1 & \theta_2 \end{pmatrix} \Lambda \begin{pmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \end{pmatrix}\right), \tag{19}$$

where

$$\Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{V_1} & 0\\ 0 & \frac{1}{V_2} \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{V_1 V_2 + V_1 W + V_2 W} \begin{pmatrix} V_2 + W & -W\\ -W & V_1 + W \end{pmatrix}. \tag{20}$$

(f) We will show these results can be used in the context of a genome-wide association study on Type II diabetes, reported by Frayling et al. (2007, Science). Two sets of data were independently collected, resulting in two log odds ratios  $\hat{\theta}_j$ , j = 1, 2, for each SNP.

For SNP rs9939609 point estimates (95% confidence intervals) were 1.27 (1.16, 1.37) and 1.15 (1.09,1.23). Suppose we have a normal prior for the odds ratio that has a 95% range (0.67, 1.50).

i. Find W from this interval, and then calculate the posterior median and 95% intervals for  $\theta$  based on (i) the first dataset only, (ii) both of the populations. Solution:

ii.

iii.

- 3. We will carry out a Bayesian analysis of the lung cancer and radon data, that were examined in lectures, using INLA. These data are available on the class website. The likelihood is  $Y_i \mid \beta \sim \text{Poisson}\left(E_i \exp\left(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i\right)\right)$  independently distributed, where  $\beta = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 & \beta_1 \end{pmatrix}^\mathsf{T}$ ,  $Y_i$  and  $E_i$  are observed and expected counts of lung cancer incidence in Minnesota in 1998–2002, and  $x_i$  is a measure of residential radon in county i,  $i = 1, \ldots, n$ .
  - (a) Analyze these data using the default prior specifications in INLA. Produce figures of the INLA approximations to the marginal distributions of  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$ , along with the posterior means, posterior standard deviations, and 2.5%, 50%, 97.5% quantiles.

#### Solution:

(b) For a more informative prior specification we may reparameterize the model as independently distributed

$$Y_i \mid \theta \sim \text{Poisson}\left(E_i \theta_0 \theta_1^{x_i - \bar{x}_i}\right),$$
 (21)

where  $\theta = \begin{pmatrix} \theta_0 & \theta_1 \end{pmatrix}^{\mathsf{T}}$  and

$$\theta_0 = \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{Y}{E} \mid x = \bar{x}\right] = \exp\left(\beta_0 + \beta_1 \bar{x}\right)$$
 (22)

where is the expected standardized mortality ratio in an area with average radon. The parameter  $\theta_1 = \exp(\beta_1)$  is the relative risk associated with a one-unit increase in radon. For  $\theta_0$  we assume a lognormal prior with 2.5% and 97.5% quantiles of 0.67 and 1.5 to give  $\mu = 0$  and  $\sigma = 0.21$ . For  $\theta_1$  we again take a lognormal prior and assume the relative risk associated with a one-unit increase in radon is between 0.8 and 1.2 with probability 0.95, to give  $\mu = -0.02$  and  $\sigma = 0.10$ . By converting these into normal priors in INLA, rerun your analysis, and report the same summaries.

**Solution:** For the priors, we have two independent normals

$$\log \theta_0 \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, 0.21^2\right)$$
$$\log \theta_1 \sim \mathcal{N}\left(-0.02, 0.1^2\right).$$

We can rewrite

$$E_i \theta_0 \theta_1^{x_i - \bar{x}_i} = E_i \exp\left(\log \theta_0 + (x_i - \bar{x})\log \theta_1\right), \tag{23}$$

so after centering the  $x_i$ , we can specify priors on the intercept and coefficients as usual.

4. Consider the simple linear regression model  $Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \epsilon_i$ , with  $\epsilon_i \mid \sigma^2 \sim_{\text{iid}} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ , i = 1, ..., n. Suppose the prior distribution is of the form

$$\pi \left(\beta_0, \beta_1, \sigma^2\right) = \pi \left(\beta_0, \beta_1\right) \pi \left(\sigma^{-2}\right). \tag{24}$$

The prior for  $(\beta_0 \quad \beta_1)^{\mathsf{T}}$  is

$$\begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \end{pmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left( \begin{pmatrix} m_0 \\ m_1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} v_{00} & v_{01} \\ v_{01} & v_{11} \end{pmatrix} \right) \tag{25}$$

and the prior for  $\sigma^{-2}$  is Gamma (a, b). In this exercise the conditional distribution required for Gibbs sampling will be derived.

(a) Write down the form of the posterior distribution (up to proportionality) and derive the conditional distributions  $p(\beta_0 \mid \beta_1, \sigma^2, \mathbf{y}), p(\beta_1 \mid \beta_0, \sigma^2, \mathbf{y})$  and  $p(\sigma^2 \mid \beta_0, \beta_1, \mathbf{y})$ . Hence, give details of the Gibbs sampling algorithm.

**Solution:** Using the normal likelihood and prior, we have the posterior

$$p\left(\beta_{0}, \beta_{1}, \sigma^{2} \mid \mathbf{y}\right) \propto p\left(\mathbf{y} \mid \beta_{0}, \beta_{1}, \sigma^{2}\right) \pi\left(\beta_{0}, \beta_{1}, \sigma^{2}\right)$$

$$\propto \pi\left(\beta_{0}, \beta_{1}\right) \pi\left(\sigma^{-2}\right) \left(\frac{\sigma^{-2}}{2\pi}\right)^{n/2} \prod_{i=1}^{n} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^{2}} \left(y_{i} - \beta_{0} + \beta_{1}x_{i}\right)^{2}\right),$$

where

$$\pi\left(\beta_{0},\beta_{1}\right) \propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\beta-m\right)^{\mathsf{T}}V^{-1}\left(\beta-m\right)\right), \text{ where } V = \begin{pmatrix} v_{00} & v_{01} \\ v_{01} & v_{11} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\pi\left(\sigma^{-2}\right) \propto \left(\sigma^{-2}\right)^{a-1} \exp\left(-b\sigma^{-2}\right).$$

For  $p(\sigma^2 \mid \beta_0, \beta_1, \mathbf{y})$ , we can drop all the factors without  $\sigma^2$ , so we have

$$p\left(\sigma^{2} \mid \beta_{0}, \beta_{1}, \mathbf{y}\right) \propto \left(\sigma^{-2}\right)^{a+n/2-1} \exp\left(-b\sigma^{-2}\right) \prod_{i=1}^{n} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^{2}} \left(y_{i} - \beta_{0} + \beta_{1}x_{i}\right)^{2}\right)$$
$$\propto \left(\sigma^{-2}\right)^{a+n/2-1} \exp\left(-\sigma^{-2} \left(b + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(y_{i} - \beta_{0} - \beta_{1}x_{i}\right)^{2}\right)\right),$$

so 
$$\left(\sigma^{-2} \mid \beta_0, \beta_1, \mathbf{y}\right) \sim \text{Gamma}\left(a + \frac{n}{2}, b + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_i)^2\right).$$

The conditional posteriors for  $\beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$  can be obtained from marginalizing  $p(\beta \mid \sigma^2, \mathbf{y})$  from the next part. We'll get

$$(\beta_0 \mid \beta_1, \sigma^2, \mathbf{y}) \sim \mathcal{N}(m_1^*, V_{11}^*)$$

$$(\beta_1 \mid \beta_0, \sigma^2, \mathbf{y}) \sim \mathcal{N}(m_2^*, V_{22}^*).$$

(b) Another blocked Gibbs sampling algorithm would simulate from the distributions  $p(\beta \mid \sigma^2, \mathbf{y})$  and  $p(\ddot{\mathbf{I}} \dot{\mathbf{C}}^{-2} \mid \beta, \mathbf{y})$ . Derive the distributions

$$\left(\beta \mid \sigma^2, \mathbf{y}\right) \sim \mathcal{N}\left(m^*, V^*\right)$$
 (26)

$$\left(\sigma^2 \mid \beta, \mathbf{y}\right) \sim \operatorname{Gamma}\left(a + \frac{n}{2}, b + \frac{1}{2}\left(\mathbf{y} - X\beta\right)^{\mathsf{T}}\left(\mathbf{y} - X\beta\right)\right),$$
 (27)

where

$$m^* = W\hat{\beta} + (I_2 - W) m$$
$$V^* = W \operatorname{Var}(\hat{\beta})$$

and  $W = (X^{\mathsf{T}}X + V^{-1}\sigma^2)^{-1} X^{\mathsf{T}}X$  and  $\hat{\beta}$  is the MLE of  $\beta$ .

**Solution:** Let X be the a  $n \times 2$  matrix with all 1s in the first column and  $(x_1 \cdots x_n)^{\mathsf{T}}$  as the second column.

Then, Equation 27 follows from the previous part after rewriting the term

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_i)^2 = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{y} - X\beta)^{\mathsf{T}} (\mathbf{y} - X\beta).$$
 (28)

As before, we complete the square to derive the posterior for  $\beta$ :

$$(\mathbf{y} - X\beta)^{\mathsf{T}} \, \sigma^{-2} I_n \, (\mathbf{y} - X\beta) + (\beta - m)^{\mathsf{T}} \, V^{-1} \, (\beta - m)$$

$$= \beta^{\mathsf{T}} \sigma^{-2} X^{\mathsf{T}} X\beta + \beta^{\mathsf{T}} V^{-1} \beta - 2\beta^{\mathsf{T}} \, \left( \sigma^{-2} X^{\mathsf{T}} y + V^{-1} m \right) + \sigma^{-2} y^{\mathsf{T}} y - m^{\mathsf{T}} V^{-1} m$$

$$= \beta^{\mathsf{T}} \, \left( \sigma^{-2} X^{\mathsf{T}} X + V^{-1} \right) \beta$$

$$- 2\beta^{\mathsf{T}} \, \left( \sigma^{-2} X^{\mathsf{T}} X + V^{-1} \right) \left( \sigma^{-2} X^{\mathsf{T}} X + V^{-1} \right)^{-1} \, \left( \sigma^{-2} X^{\mathsf{T}} y + V^{-1} m \right) + C,$$

where we have collapsed the terms that don't depend on  $\beta$  into C. Recall that  $\operatorname{Var}\left(\hat{\beta}\right) = \sigma^2\left(X^{\intercal}X\right)^{-1}$ , so we have that

$$\left(\sigma^{-2} X^{\intercal} X + V^{-1}\right)^{-1} = \left(X^{\intercal} X + \sigma^2 V^{-1}\right)^{-1} \left(X^{\intercal} X\right) \sigma^2 \left(X^{\intercal} X\right)^{-1} = V^*,$$

so continuing the process of completing the square:

$$\beta^{\mathsf{T}} (V^*)^{-1} \beta - 2\beta^{\mathsf{T}} (V^*)^{-1} W (X^{\mathsf{T}} X)^{-1} \left( X^{\mathsf{T}} y + \sigma^2 V^{-1} m \right) + C$$

$$= \beta^{\mathsf{T}} (V^*)^{-1} \beta - 2\beta^{\mathsf{T}} (V^*)^{-1} \left( W \hat{\beta} + W \sigma^2 (X^{\mathsf{T}} X)^{-1} V^{-1} m \right) + C$$

$$= \beta^{\mathsf{T}} (V^*)^{-1} \beta - 2\beta^{\mathsf{T}} (V^*)^{-1} \left( W \hat{\beta} + \sigma^2 \left( V \left( X^{\mathsf{T}} X + \sigma^2 V^{-1} \right) \right)^{-1} m \right) + C$$

$$= \beta^{\mathsf{T}} (V^*)^{-1} \beta - 2\beta^{\mathsf{T}} (V^*)^{-1} \left( W \hat{\beta} + \sigma^2 \left( V X^{\mathsf{T}} X + \sigma^2 I \right)^{-1} m \right) + C$$

$$= \beta^{\mathsf{T}} (V^*)^{-1} \beta - 2\beta^{\mathsf{T}} (V^*)^{-1} \left( W \hat{\beta} + (I_2 - W) m \right) + C$$

$$= (\beta - m^*)^{\mathsf{T}} (V^*)^{-1} (\beta - m^*) + C',$$

where we have applied the Woodbury matrix identity.

Thus, all the factors that contain  $\beta$  can be written as a quadratic form which gives us the result in Equation 26.