

Bayesian multivariate skew-normal finite mixture model for analysis of infant development trajectories

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SUMMARY: In studies of infant motor development, a crucial research goal is to identify latent clusters of infants that experience delayed development, as this is a known risk factor for adverse outcomes later in life. However, there are a number of statistical challenges in modeling infant development: the data are typically skewed, exhibit intermittent missingness, and are highly correlated across the repeated measurements collected during infancy. Using data from the Nurture study, a cohort of over 600 mother-infant pairs followed from pregnancy to 12 months postpartum, we develop a flexible Bayesian latent class model for the analysis infant motor development. Our model has a number of attractive features. First, we adopt the multivariate skew normal distribution with cluster-specific parameters that accommodate the inherent correlation and skewness in the data. Second, we model the cluster membership probabilities using a novel application of the Pólya-Gamma data-augmentation scheme, thereby improving predictions of the cluster membership allocations. Lastly, we impute missing responses under missing at random assumption by drawing from appropriate conditional multivariate skew normal distributions. Bayesian inference is achieved through straightforward Gibbs sampling, and can be implemented in available software such as R. Through simulation studies, we show that the proposed model yields improved inferences over models that ignore skewness. In addition, our imputation method yields improvements compared to conventional missing data methods, including multiple imputation and complete or available case analysis. When applied to Nurture data, we identified two distinct development clusters: one characterized by delayed U-shaped development and a higher percentage of male infants and another characterized

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by more steady development and a lower percentage of males. The clusters also differed in terms of key demographic variables, such as infant race and maternal pre-pregnancy body mass index. These findings can aid investigators in targeting interventions during this critical early-life developmental window.

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1. Introduction

1.1 *Infant Development Clustering*

Heterogeneity of treatment effects (HTE) (Lanza and Rhoades, 2013).

1.2 *Existing Approaches*

Mixtures of multivariate non-symmetric distributions such as the multivariate skew-normal (MSN) distribution allow for the nuances of the marginal density to be captured with a more parsimonious set of mixture components. Mixtures of MSN distributions have been dealt with previously in a Bayesian context (Frühwirth-Schnatter & Pyne, 2010 and others), however in these models, focus lies primary on marginal density estimation and inference on the mixture components (i.e. clusters) is often not discussed. More recently, the mixtures of skew- t factor analysis (MSTFA) model has been proposed for settings in which cluster-specific inference is of primary interest (Lin *et al.* 2018). However, an important feature not included in the MSTFA is the ability to explain individual-level cluster membership as a function of covariates of interest. Additionally, parameter estimation proposed by Lin *et al.* for the MSTFA relies on a prohibitively complex EM algorithm and does not enjoy the inferential benefits of a Bayesian approach, namely the ability to incorporate prior information into a model and make posterior probability statements. Our proposed model improves on these previous works by estimating parameters in a Bayesian framework as well as including the ability to fit a multinomial logit regression to cluster membership probabilities using a novel application of data augmentation with the Pólya-Gamma distribution.

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A ubiquitous feature of repeated measures studies is loss of data due to intermittent missingness and attrition. In the Bayesian setting, the standard approach to dealing with missing data is to perform multiple imputation, whereby m imputed data sets are generated from a specified imputation model. After m complete data sets are obtained, parameter

estimates are combined across each data set to produce a final set of parameter estimates (Gelman *et al.* 2013). This approach is not only computationally burdensome, requiring storage and analysis of an $m \times n_{rows} \times n_{cols}$ data array in addition to multiplication of total model run time by a factor of m , but it has been shown to produce unreliable inferences (Zhou and Reiter, 2010). We instead include an “online” imputation step in our Gibbs sampling procedure, whereby missing outcomes are updated at each iteration. This approach greatly increases the number of opportunities for exploration of the missing data parameter space.

2. Nurture Study

2.1 Baseline Demographics and Description of Variables

2.2 Statistical Challenges

2.2.1 Skewness of Bayley score residuals.

2.2.2 Attrition and Intermittent Missingness.

3. Model

3.1 Multivariate Skew Normal Mixture Model

A primary goal of the Nurture study is to identify clusters of infants characterized by distinct motor development trajectories. To address this aim, we propose a flexible finite mixture model that accommodates relevant features of the data, such as skewness and dependence among the responses. For $i = 1, \dots, n$, let $\mathbf{y}_i = (y_{i1}, \dots, y_{iJ})^T$ be a $J \times 1$ vector of responses (i.e., Baley scores) for subject i across the J measurement occasions. For the analysis of the Nurture data, we propose a finite mixture model of the form

$$f(\mathbf{y}_i) = \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_{ki} f(\mathbf{y}_i | \boldsymbol{\theta}_k), \quad (1)$$

where $\boldsymbol{\theta}_k$ is the set of parameters specific to cluster k ($k = 1, \dots, K$) and π_{ik} is a subject-specific mixing weight representing the probability that subject i belongs to cluster k . A distinguishing feature of our model is that we treat π_{ik} as a gating function (**cite book**) that depends on a subject's observed data as well as the parameters specific to the cluster to which they belong. For now we assume that K is fixed; in Section 4, we discuss model selection strategies for choosing the optimal value of K .

To facilitate posterior inference, we introduce a latent cluster indicator variable z_i taking the value $k \in \{1, \dots, K\}$ with probability π_{ik} . Conditional on $z_i = k$, we assume \mathbf{y}_i is distributed as

$$\mathbf{y}_i | (z_i = k) \sim \text{MSN}_J(\boldsymbol{\zeta}_{ki}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}_k, \boldsymbol{\Omega}_k), \quad (2)$$

where $\text{MSN}_J(\cdot)$ denotes the J -dimensional multivariate skew normal density, $\boldsymbol{\zeta}_{ki}$ is a $J \times 1$ vector of subject- and cluster-specific location parameters, $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_k$ is a $J \times 1$ vector of cluster-specific skewness parameters, and $\boldsymbol{\Omega}_k$ is a $J \times J$ cluster-specific scale matrix that captures dependence among the J responses for subject i . The vector $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_k$ has components α_{kj} , $j = 1, \dots, J$, that control the skewness of outcome j in cluster k . When $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_k = \mathbf{0}$, the MSN

distribution reduces to the multivariate normal distribution $N_J(\boldsymbol{\zeta}_k, \boldsymbol{\Omega}_k)$, where $\boldsymbol{\zeta}_k$ is a $J \times 1$ mean vector and $\boldsymbol{\Omega}_k$ is a $J \times J$ covariance matrix (Azzalini and Dalla Valle, 1996).

We can extend model (2) to the regression setting by modeling $\boldsymbol{\zeta}_{ki}$ as a function of covariates. Here we adopt a convenient stochastic representation of the MSN density (Azzalini and Dalla Valle, 1996):

$$\mathbf{y}_i | (z_i = k, t_i) = \mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_k + t_i \boldsymbol{\psi}_k + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{ki}, \quad (3)$$

where \mathbf{X}_i is a $J \times Jp$ design matrix that includes potential time-varying covariates (e.g., indicators denoting quarterly visits); $\boldsymbol{\beta}_k = (\beta_{k11}, \dots, \beta_{k1p}, \dots, \beta_{kJ1}, \dots, \beta_{kJp})^T$ is a $Jp \times 1$ vector of cluster- and outcome-specific regression coefficients; $t_i \sim N_{[0, \infty)}(0, 1)$ is a subject-specific standard normal random variable truncated below by zero; $\boldsymbol{\psi}_k = (\psi_{k1}, \dots, \psi_{kJ})^T$ is a $J \times 1$ vector of cluster-specific skewness parameters; and $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{ki} \sim N_J(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)$ is a $J \times 1$ vector of error terms. Thus, conditional on t_i and $z_i = k$, \mathbf{y}_i is distributed as $N_J(\mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_k + t_i \boldsymbol{\psi}_k, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)$. Marginally (after integrating over t_i), \mathbf{y}_i is distributed $MSN_J(\boldsymbol{\zeta}_{ki}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}_k, \boldsymbol{\Omega}_k)$, where through back-transformation

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\zeta}_{ki} &= \mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_k, \\ \boldsymbol{\alpha}_k &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \boldsymbol{\psi}_k^T \boldsymbol{\Omega}_k^{-1} \boldsymbol{\psi}_k}} \boldsymbol{\omega}_k \boldsymbol{\Omega}_k^{-1} \boldsymbol{\psi}_k, \quad \text{and} \\ \boldsymbol{\Omega}_k &= \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k + \boldsymbol{\psi}_k \boldsymbol{\psi}_k^T, \end{aligned}$$

where $\boldsymbol{\omega}_k = \text{Diag}(\boldsymbol{\Omega}_k)^{1/2}$ is the $J \times J$ diagonal matrix containing the square root of the diagonal entries of $\boldsymbol{\Omega}_k$. Additional details can be found in Fr wirth-Schnatter and Pyne (2010).

Of note, the MSN density can be expressed more compactly in terms of the matrix skew normal (MatSN) density (Chen and Gupta 2005). As we will see in Section 3.6, the matrix representation of the MSN distribution admits convenient conjugate prior distributions for the regression parameters and scale matrices, which in turn leads to efficient Gibbs sampling

for posterior inference. Let \mathbf{Y}_k be an $n_k \times J$ response matrix with rows \mathbf{y}_i^T , ($i = 1, \dots, n_k$), where $n_k = \sum_{i=1}^n 1_{(z_i=k)}$ is the number of observations in cluster k . From equation (3), it follows that \mathbf{Y}_k is distributed as

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{Y}_k &\sim \text{MatSN}_{n_k \times J}(\mathbf{M}_k, \boldsymbol{\alpha}_k, \mathbf{I}_{n_k}, \boldsymbol{\Omega}_k) \\ \text{vec}(\mathbf{M}_k) &= (\boldsymbol{\zeta}_{k1}^T, \dots, \boldsymbol{\zeta}_{kn_k}^T)^T,\end{aligned}$$

where $\boldsymbol{\zeta}_{ki} = \mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_k$ as in equation (3), $\boldsymbol{\alpha}_k = (\alpha_{k1}, \dots, \alpha_{kJ})^T$, \mathbf{I}_{n_k} is the $n_k \times n_k$ identity matrix, and $\boldsymbol{\Omega}_k$ is the $J \times J$ scale matrix defined above in equation (2). From equation (3), it follows that \mathbf{Y}_k , conditional on the $n_k \times 1$ vector of random effects $\mathbf{t}_k = (t_1, \dots, t_{n_k})^T$, is jointly distributed in matrix form as

$$\mathbf{Y}_k | \mathbf{t}_k \sim \text{MatNorm}_{n_k \times J}(\mathbf{M}_k, \mathbf{I}_{n_k}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k),$$

where $\text{MatNorm}_{n_k \times J}(\cdot)$ denotes a $n_k \times J$ matrix normal density, $\text{vec}(\mathbf{M}_k) = \mathbf{X}_k \boldsymbol{\beta}_k + \mathbf{t}_k \otimes \boldsymbol{\psi}_k$ is an $n_k J \times 1$ mean vector, \mathbf{X}_k is an $n_k J \times Jp$ design matrix, $\boldsymbol{\beta}_k$ is the $(Jp) \times 1$ vector of regression coefficients defined in equation (3), and $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k$ is the $J \times J$ conditional covariance of $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{ik}$ given in equation (3).

3.2 Multinomial Regression for the Cluster Indicators

To accommodate heterogeneity in the cluster-membership probabilities, we model π_{ik} as a function of covariates using a multinomial logit model

$$\pi_{ik} = \Pr(z_i = k | \mathbf{w}_i) = \frac{e^{\mathbf{w}_i^T \boldsymbol{\delta}_k}}{\sum_{h=1}^K e^{\mathbf{w}_i^T \boldsymbol{\delta}_h}}, \quad k = 1, \dots, K, \quad (4)$$

where \mathbf{w}_i is an $r \times 1$ vector of subject-level covariates, $\boldsymbol{\delta}_k$ is a $r \times 1$ vector of regression parameters associated with membership in cluster k . For identifiability purposes, we fix the reference category $k = K$ and set $\boldsymbol{\delta}_K = \mathbf{0}$. Under this model, $z_i | \mathbf{w}_i \sim \text{Multinom}(1, \boldsymbol{\pi}_i)$, where $\boldsymbol{\pi}_i = (\pi_{i1}, \dots, \pi_{iK})$. During MCMC estimation, the cluster labels z_i are updated from their multinomial full conditional distribution and used in the remaining MCMC steps as cluster assignments as detailed later in section (**what section**).

To facilitate sampling, we adopt an efficient data-augmentation approach introduced by Polson *et al.* (2013), which expresses the inverse-logit function as a mixture Pólya–Gamma densities. By using Pólya–Gamma data augmentation for the multinomial model (**cite**), we obtain a Pólya–Gamma mixture of experts model, a computationally efficient way to model edge weights (**cite**). A random variable ω is said to follow a Pólya–Gamma distribution with parameters $b > 0$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$ if

$$\omega \sim \text{PG}(b, c) \stackrel{d}{=} \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} \frac{g_s}{(s - 1/2)^2 + c^2/(4\pi^2)}, \quad (5)$$

where $g_s \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Ga}(b, 1)$ for $s = 1, \dots, \infty$. Polson *et al.* (2013) establish that for the $\text{PG}(b, c)$ density, and for $a, \eta \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\frac{(e^\eta)^a}{(1 + e^\eta)^b} = 2^{-b} e^{\kappa\eta} \int_0^\infty e^{-\omega\eta^2/2} p(\omega|b, c=0) d\omega. \quad (6)$$

where $\kappa = a - b/2$. Polson *et al.* also show that the conditional distribution $p(\omega|b, c)$ results from an “exponential tilting” of the $\text{PG}(b, 0)$ density, thus

$$p(\omega|b, c) = \frac{e^{-c^2\omega/2} p(\omega|b, 0)}{E_\omega[e^{-c^2\omega/2}]} = \frac{e^{-c^2\omega/2} p(\omega|b, 0)}{\int_0^\infty e^{-c^2\omega/2} p(\omega|b, 0) d\omega}. \quad (7)$$

To make use of Pólya–Gamma data augmentation, we first write the full conditional distribution of $\boldsymbol{\delta}_k$ as the prior for $\boldsymbol{\delta}_k$ times the multinomial likelihood for all z_i .

$$p(\boldsymbol{\delta}_k | \mathbf{z}, \boldsymbol{\delta}_{h \neq k}) \propto p(\boldsymbol{\delta}_k) \prod_{i=1}^n \pi_{ik}^{U_{ik}} (1 - \pi_{ik})^{1-U_{ik}},$$

where $p(\boldsymbol{\delta}_k)$ denotes the prior distribution of $\boldsymbol{\delta}_k$, $U_{ik} = 1_{z_i=k}$ is an indicator that subject i belongs to cluster k , and π_{ik} is defined as in Section 3.4. We can rewrite π_{ik} as follows

$$\pi_{ik} = P(U_{ik} = 1) = \frac{e^{\mathbf{w}_i^T \boldsymbol{\delta}_k - c_{ik}}}{1 + e^{\mathbf{w}_i^T \boldsymbol{\delta}_k - c_{ik}}} = \frac{e^{\eta_{ik}}}{1 + e^{\eta_{ik}}}$$

where $c_{ik} = \log \sum_{h \neq k} e^{\mathbf{w}_i^T \boldsymbol{\delta}_h}$ and $\eta_{ik} = \mathbf{w}_i^T \boldsymbol{\delta}_k - c_{ik}$. We note that the sum $\sum_{h \neq k} e^{\mathbf{w}_i^T \boldsymbol{\delta}_h}$ includes

the reference category, but since we fix $\boldsymbol{\delta}_K = \mathbf{0}$, we have $e^{\mathbf{w}_i^T \boldsymbol{\delta}_K} = 1$, and hence

$$c_{ik} = \log \sum_{h \neq k} e^{\mathbf{w}_i^T \boldsymbol{\delta}_h} = \log \left(1 + \sum_{h \notin \{k, K\}} e^{\mathbf{w}_i^T \boldsymbol{\delta}_h} \right)$$

We can use the quantities to re-express the full conditionals for $\boldsymbol{\delta}_k$ as

$$\begin{aligned} p(\boldsymbol{\delta}_k | \mathbf{Z}, \boldsymbol{\delta}_{h \neq k}) &\propto p(\boldsymbol{\delta}_k) \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{e^{\eta_{ik}}}{1 + e^{\eta_{ik}}} \right)^{U_{ik}} \left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{\eta_{ik}}} \right)^{1 - U_{ik}} \\ &= p(\boldsymbol{\delta}_k) \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{(e^{\eta_{ik}})^{U_{ik}}}{1 + e^{\eta_{ik}}} \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

which we note is essentially a logistic regression likelihood. We thus apply this Pólya–Gamma data augmentation scheme from Polson et al. (2013) to update each $\boldsymbol{\delta}_k$ ($k = 1, \dots, K - 1$) one at a time based on the binary indicators U_{ik} .

3.3 Conditional MSN Imputation

To accommodate missing at random (MAR) responses, we propose a convenient imputation algorithm that can be implemented “online” as part of the Gibbs sampler. In Section 6, we discuss extensions to allow for non-ignorable missingness. Suppose \mathbf{y}_i has $q_i \in (1, \dots, J)$ observed values, denoted \mathbf{y}_i^{obs} , and $J - q_i$ intermittent missing values, denoted \mathbf{y}_i^{miss} . We can make use of the stochastic representation given in equation (3) to impute \mathbf{y}_i^{miss} from its conditional multivariate normal distribution given $(z_i, t_i, \mathbf{y}_i^{obs})$:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y}_i^{miss} | (z_i = k, t_i, \mathbf{y}_i^{obs}) &\sim N_{J-q_i}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{ki}^{cond}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k^{cond}), \text{ where} \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_{ki}^{cond} &= \boldsymbol{\mu}_{ki}^{miss} + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}^{-1} (\mathbf{y}_i^{obs} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{ki}^{obs}) \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k^{cond} &= \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21}, \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_{ki} &= \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_{ki}^{miss} \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_{ki}^{obs} \end{pmatrix}, \text{ and} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k &= \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{k11} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{k12} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{k21} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{k22} \end{pmatrix}, \text{ where} \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Σ_{k11} is a $J - q_i \times J - q_i$ matrix containing the rows and columns of Σ_k corresponding to indices of \mathbf{y}_i where missingness occurs. Similarly, Σ_{k12} is a $J - q_i \times q_i$ matrix containing the rows of Σ_k that correspond to missing indices of \mathbf{y}_i , but columns of Σ_k that correspond to observed indices of \mathbf{y}_i . The remaining partitions Σ_{k21} , and Σ_{k22} are defined in the same manner. Likewise, $\boldsymbol{\mu}_{ki} = \mathbf{X}_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_k$ is partitioned into $\boldsymbol{\mu}_{ki}^{miss}$ and $\boldsymbol{\mu}_{ki}^{obs}$ with respect to the missing and observed indices of \mathbf{y}_i , respectively. These results follow from conventional multivariate normal theory, which we detail in the Web Appendix. An attractive feature of this imputation algorithm is that it avoids multiplicative run-time scaling in m , the number of imputations (Gelman *et al.* 2013; Zhou and Reiter, 2010). Our approach also provides more opportunities to explore the missing data parameter space than does multiple imputation, since missing values are drawn at each MCMC iteration, and often in practice $n_{sim} \gg m$, where n_{sim} is the number of MCMC iterations (**find a reference**). In Section 4, we conduct simulation studies to demonstrate that imputing the missing MSN responses improves inferences over available-case analysis.

3.4 Bayesian Inference

3.4.1 Prior Specification. We adopt a fully Bayesian inferential approach and assign prior distributions to all model parameters. Conveniently, all parameters admit conditionally conjugate priors, which greatly improves posterior computation via a data-augmented Gibbs sampler. For the MSN model component, we adopt a conditionally independent prior structure for $\boldsymbol{\beta}_k$ and Σ_k , where $p(\boldsymbol{\beta}_k, \Sigma_k) = p(\Sigma_k)p(\boldsymbol{\beta}_k|\Sigma_k)$. We choose the normal-inverse-Wishart distribution for $p(\boldsymbol{\beta}_k, \Sigma_k)$ by specifying $\Sigma_k \sim \text{IW}(\mathbf{V}_{0k}, \nu_{0k})$ and $\boldsymbol{\beta}_k|\Sigma_k \sim \text{N}_{Jp}(\mathbf{b}_k, \mathbf{I}_p \otimes \Sigma_k)$. We assign the skewness coefficients $\boldsymbol{\psi}_k$ a conjugate $\text{N}_J(\mathbf{m}_k, \mathbf{P}_k)$ prior. In practice, the updates of $\boldsymbol{\beta}_k$ and $\boldsymbol{\psi}_k$ can be combined into one step by defining the $(Jp+J) \times 1$ vector $\boldsymbol{\beta}_k^* = (\boldsymbol{\beta}_k^T, \boldsymbol{\psi}_k^T)^T$ for which we assume a $\text{N}_{Jp+J}(\mathbf{b}_k^*, \mathbf{I}_{(p+1)} \otimes \Sigma_k)$ prior.

To make use of the Matrix Normal representation introduced previously in Section (**what**

section), we define the matrix of regression parameters \mathbb{B}_k^* , where $\text{vec}(\mathbb{B}_k^*) = \boldsymbol{\beta}_k^*$. We assign $\mathbb{B}_k^* | \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k$ a $\text{MatNorm}(\mathbf{B}_{0k}^*, \mathbf{I}_{p+1}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)$ prior, where \mathbf{B}_{0k}^* is a matrix of location parameters such that $\text{vec}(\mathbf{B}_{0k}^*) = \mathbf{b}_k^*$, \mathbf{I}_{p+1} is the identity matrix of dimensions $(p+1) \times (p+1)$, and $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k$ is the model error. This prior structure allows for convenient Matrix Normal updates of the MSN regression parameters as described in Section (**what section**).

For the multinomial logit model component, the regression parameters $\boldsymbol{\delta}_k = (\delta_{k1}, \dots, \delta_{kr})$ are assigned a $N_r(\mathbf{d}_{0k}, \mathbf{S}_{0k})$ prior for $k = 1, \dots, K-1$, which is conditionally conjugate as described in Section (**what section**). We allow the normal-inverse-Wishart and multinomial hyperparameters to vary across clusters, though they may be shared across clusters in practice. An advantage of allowing for cluster-specific prior parameters is that *a priori* knowledge of motor development trends can be incorporated into certain clusters while allowing the priors for other clusters to be less informative. Additionally, prior information regarding the effect of certain covariates on cluster membership can be incorporated in to the model by choosing informative values for \mathbf{d}_{0k} and \mathbf{S}_{0k} .

3.4.2 Posterior Inference. The above prior specification induces closed-form full conditionals that can be efficiently updated as part of a Gibbs sampler outlined below. A programmatic sketch of our MCMC algorithm is given in Table (1). Additional details, including derivations can be found in the Web Appendix.

Step 1: Conditional MSN Imputation. The sampler begins with imputing missing values $\mathbf{y}_i^{\text{miss}}$ conditional on current simulated values of $z_i = k$ and t_i as well as the associated $\mathbf{y}_i^{\text{obs}}$. This is accomplished by drawing $\mathbf{y}_i^{\text{miss}}$ from $N_{J-q_i}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{ki}^{\text{cond}}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k^{\text{cond}})$ as described in equation 9 for all $i = 1, \dots, n$. Conditional imputation concludes with construction of a complete outcome vector \mathbf{y}_i by merging the now imputed $\mathbf{y}_i^{\text{miss}}$ with $\mathbf{y}_i^{\text{obs}}$ with respect for the original order of \mathbf{y}_i .

Step 2: Update of MSN Regression Parameters. We begin the update of MSN regression parameters by updating t_i , the truncated Normal random effect used in the stochastic representation of \mathbf{y}_i given in equation 3. For cluster k , compute $A_k = (1 + \boldsymbol{\psi}_k^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k^{-1} \boldsymbol{\psi}_k)^{-1}$ according to current values of $\boldsymbol{\psi}_k$ and $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k$. Now, for $i = 1, \dots, n_k$, where n_k is the number of members of cluster k according to the current cluster labeling z_1, \dots, z_n , compute $a_i = A_k \boldsymbol{\psi}_k^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k^{-1} (\mathbf{y}_i - \boldsymbol{\zeta}_{ik})$, where $\boldsymbol{\zeta}_{ik} = X_i \boldsymbol{\beta}_k$. Finally, update t_i from $N_{[0, \infty)}(a_i, \mathbf{A}_k)$ (**put derivations in supplement**). Repeat these updates for $k = 1, \dots, K$

The remaining MSN regression parameters are updated from their full conditionals as follows. For each cluster k ($k = 1, \dots, K$) we update $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k$ from $IW(\nu_k, \mathbf{V}_k)$, where $\nu_k = \nu_{0k} + n_k$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{V}_k &= (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}_k^* \mathbf{B}_k^*)^T (\mathbf{Y}_k - \mathbf{X}_k^* \mathbf{B}_k^*) \\ &+ (\mathbf{B}_k^* - \mathbf{B}_{0k}^*)^T \mathbf{I}_{p+1} (\mathbf{B}_k^* - \mathbf{B}_{0k}^*) + \mathbf{V}_{0k}. \end{aligned}$$

We then make use of the Matrix Normal representation introduced in Section 3.2 to draw \mathbb{B}_k^* from a $\text{MatNorm}_{p+1, J}(\mathbf{B}_k^*, \mathbf{L}_k^{-1}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)$ density, where $\text{vec}(\mathbb{B}_k^*) = \boldsymbol{\beta}_k^* = (\beta_{k11}, \dots, \beta_{kJp}, \psi_{k1}, \dots, \psi_{kJ})^T$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{B}_k^* &= (\mathbf{X}_k^{*T} \mathbf{X}_k^* + \mathbf{I}_{p+1})^{-1} (\mathbf{X}_k^{*T} \mathbf{Y}_k + \mathbf{I}_{p+1} \mathbf{B}_{0k}) \\ \mathbf{L}_k^* &= \mathbf{X}_k^{*T} \mathbf{X}_k^* + \mathbf{I}_{p+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Step 3: Pólya–Gamma Data Augmentation for z_i . The sampler concludes with updates of the multinomial regression parameters $\boldsymbol{\delta}_k$, for $k = 1, \dots, K - 1$, followed by updates of each latent cluster indicator z_i ($i = 1, \dots, n$) from its multinomial logit full conditional. First, we define $U_{ik} = 1_{z_i=k}$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$ and $k = 1, \dots, K - 1$. Next, we update ω_{ik} from a $\text{PG}(1, \eta_{ik})$ density, where $\eta_{ik} = \mathbf{w}_i^T \boldsymbol{\delta}_k - c_{ik}$, and $c_{ik} = \log \sum_{h \neq k} e^{\mathbf{w}_i^T \boldsymbol{\delta}_h}$. Next, define $\gamma_{ik} = \frac{u_{ik} - 1/2}{\omega_{ik}}$ and let $\boldsymbol{\gamma}_k = (\gamma_{1k}, \dots, \gamma_{nk})^T$. Finally, for $k = 1, \dots, K - 1$, update $\boldsymbol{\delta}_k$ from a $N_r(\mathbf{d}_k, \mathbf{S}_k)$, where

$\mathbf{S}_k = (\mathbf{S}_{0k} + \mathbf{W}^T \mathcal{W}_k \mathbf{W})^{-1}$, $\mathcal{W}_k = \text{Diag}(\omega_{1k}, \dots, \omega_{nk})$, $\mathbf{d}_k = \mathbf{S}_k(\mathbf{S}_{0k} \mathbf{d}_{0k} + \mathbf{W}^T \mathcal{W}_k \boldsymbol{\gamma}_k)$, and \mathbf{W} is the $n \times r$ matrix of multinomial logit regression covariates such that the i^{th} row of \mathbf{W} is \mathbf{w}_i .

Lastly, we update z_1, \dots, z_n by first computing $\boldsymbol{\pi}_i = (\pi_{1i}, \dots, \pi_{Ki})$ as

$$\pi_{ik} = \frac{e^{\eta_{ik}}}{1 + \sum_{h=1}^{K-1} e^{\eta_{ih}}},$$

where $\eta_{ik} = \mathbf{w}_i \boldsymbol{\delta}_k$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$ and $k = 1, \dots, K$. We also compute according to the multivariate Normal density of $\mathbf{y}_i | t_i$ the probability $P(\mathbf{y}_i | \boldsymbol{\zeta}_{ki}^*, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)$, where $\boldsymbol{\zeta}_{ki} = \mathbf{x}_i^* \boldsymbol{\beta}_k^*$. We use these quantities to compute $\boldsymbol{\varrho}_i = (\varrho_{1i}, \dots, \varrho_{Ki})$, where

$$\varrho_{ik} = P(z_i = k | \mathbf{y}_i, \boldsymbol{\zeta}_i^*, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k) = \frac{\pi_{ik} P(\mathbf{y}_i | \boldsymbol{\zeta}_{ki}^*, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)}{\sum_{h=1}^K \pi_{ih} P(\mathbf{y}_i | \boldsymbol{\zeta}_{hi}^*, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_h)}$$

. The cluster labels z_i are updated from a Multinomial($1, \boldsymbol{\varrho}_i$) density for $i = 1, \dots, n$, thus concluding the Gibbs sampler.

3.4.3 MCMC Algorithm. See Table 1.

3.4.4 Assessment of MCMC Convergence. We monitor convergence of our MCMC algorithm through the use of standard approaches such Geweke's (1992) Z-diagnostic. In simulation studies under realistic parameter settings, we observed relatively fast convergence of all MCMC chains (i.e. within 1,000 iterations).

3.4.5 Label Switching. A common challenge for Bayesian mixtures models is the so-called "label switching" problem, in which draws of cluster-specific parameters may be assigned to the wrong cluster at some point during the MCMC simulation, rendering summaries of class-specific parameters incoherent. After conducting simulation studies under a wide variety of realistic parameter settings, as detailed in Section 4, we found little evidence of label switching in posterior draws of \mathbf{z} . When label switching was observed, we implemented *post hoc* relabelling algorithms as described in Panagiotis 2016 and implemented in the `label.switching` package in R.

Algorithm 1 Gibbs Sampler

Define n_{iter} ; n_{burn} ; K ; θ_{init} ; θ_0
 $n_{sim} := n_{iter} - n_{burn}$
 $\theta := \theta_{init}$
for $\iota = 1, \dots, n_{sim}$ **do**
 I. CONDITIONAL IMPUTATION
 for $i = 1, \dots, n$ **do**
 Draw \mathbf{y}_i^{miss} from $N_q(\boldsymbol{\mu}_i^{miss}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i^{miss})$
 $\mathbf{y}_i := \mathbf{y}_i^{miss} \cup \mathbf{y}_i^{obs}$
 end for
 II. MSN REGRESSION
 for $k = 1, \dots, K$ **do**
 $n_k := \sum_{i=1}^n 1_{z_i=k}$
 for $i_k = 1, \dots, n_k$ **do**
 Draw t_i from $N_{[0,\infty)}(a_i, A)$
 end for
 $\mathbf{X}^*_k := \text{cbind}(\mathbf{X}_k, \mathbf{t}_k)$
 Draw \mathbf{B}^*_k from $\text{MatNorm}(\mathbf{B}_k, \mathbf{L}_k^{-1}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)$
 Draw $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k$ from $\text{InvWish}(\nu_k, \mathbf{V}_k)$
 end for
 III. MULTINOMIAL LOGIT
 for $i = 1, \dots, n$ **do**
 for $k = 1, \dots, K$ **do**
 $\pi_{ik} := P(z_i = k | \mathbf{w}_i, \boldsymbol{\delta}_k)$
 $p_{ik} := P(\mathbf{y}_i | \boldsymbol{\beta}_k^{*T} \mathbf{x}_i^*, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k)$
 end for
 $\mathbf{p}_{z_i} := \frac{\mathbf{p}_i \circ \boldsymbol{\pi}_i}{\mathbf{p}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\pi}_i}$
 Draw z_i from $\text{Categorical}(\mathbf{p}_{z_i})$
 for $k = 1, \dots, K - 1$ **do**
 Draw $\boldsymbol{\delta}_k$ from $N(\mathbf{M}, \mathbf{S})$
 end for
 end for
 $\theta := \{\mathbf{B}^*, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}, \mathbf{Z}, \boldsymbol{\delta}\}$
 Store θ
end for

4. Simulation Studies

4.1 *Simulation to Compare to Multivariate Normal*

Our first simulation study will be concerned with comparison of the MSN mixture model to a standard multivariate normal mixture model. Here, the goal is to investigate to what degree allowing for skewness in outcome components reduces the number of mixture components necessary to estimate the marginal density. For the purposes of illustration, we consider the following generative model

$$f(\mathbf{y}_i) = \pi_{1i}f(\mathbf{y}_i|\boldsymbol{\theta}_1) + \pi_{2i}f(\mathbf{y}_i|\boldsymbol{\theta}_2) + \pi_{3i}f(\mathbf{y}_i|\boldsymbol{\theta}_3),$$

where $\boldsymbol{\theta}_k$ is the set of parameters specific to cluster $k \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ $\mathbf{y}_i|$

[Table 1 about here.]

4.2 *Simulation to Compare Imputation Methods*

4.3 *Simulation to Assess Sensitivity to Misspecified K*

5. Application

- Include both time varying and non-time varying covariates for the within cluster covariate set.

6. Discussion

- Discuss how we handle non-ignorable missingness
- Discuss other label switching approaches
- Discuss skew-t?

7. Appendix

Put your final comments here.

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SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

7.1 Glossary of Notation

- **Y**: A $n \times J$ matrix containing all multivariate skew-normal outcomes such that y_{ij} is the j^{th} outcome observed for subject i , where $i = 1, \dots, n$ and $j = 1, \dots, J$.
- **X**: A $n \times P$ matrix containing all multivariate skew-normal regression covariates such that x_{ip} is the p^{th} covariate value for subject i , where $i = 1, \dots, n$ and $p = 1, \dots, P$.
- **B**: A $P \times J$ matrix containing all multivariate skew-normal regression coefficients such that $\mathbf{B} = [\boldsymbol{\beta}_1, \dots, \boldsymbol{\beta}_J]$, where β_{pj} is interpreted as the effect of covariate p on outcome j for $p = 1, \dots, P$ and $j = 1, \dots, J$.
- **E**: A $n \times J$ matrix of error terms in the multivariate skew-normal regression model component. **E** is made up of row vectors $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i = (\epsilon_{i1}, \dots, \epsilon_{iJ})$, where $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N_J(0, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$.
- **Σ**: A $J \times J$ covariance matrix that defines the correlation between the p multivariate normal outcomes.
- **Ω**: A $J \times J$ covariance scale matrix that defines the correlation between the p multivariate skew-normal outcomes.
- **ψ**: A $J \times 1$ vector containing the skewness parameter for each outcome.
- **α**: A $J \times 1$ vector containing the skewness parameter for each outcome.
- **t**: An $n \times 1$ vector of truncated normal random effects used in the stochastic representation of the multivariate skew-normal distribution. For $i = 1, \dots, n$, $t_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} T_{[0, \infty)}(0, 1)$
- **X***: A $n \times (P + 1)$ matrix constructed by column binding **t** to **X**
- **B***: A $(P + 1) \times J$ matrix constructed by row binding $\boldsymbol{\psi}^T$ to **B**.

7.2 Derivation of Full Conditional Distributions

7.2.1 Multivariate Skew-Normal Regression. Without loss of generality, we derive the full conditional distributions for the multivariate skew-normal regression model component under the assumption that all observations belong to a single cluster. To make the extension to the case where more than one cluster is specified, simply apply these distributional forms to cluster specific parameters and data. Finally, we assume for the moment that we have complete data for all outcomes for each subject. We extend consider the case of missing data in section (INSERT SECTION).

The multivariate skew-normal regression model can be written as follows in matrix form.

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{t}\boldsymbol{\psi}^T + \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{X}^*\mathbf{B}^* + \mathbf{E}$$

The matrix \mathbf{Y} is of dimension $n \times J$. For convenience, we define \mathbf{X}^* as a $n \times (P + 1)$ matrix constructed by column binding \mathbf{t} to \mathbf{X} , and \mathbf{B}^* as a $(P + 1) \times J$ matrix constructed by row binding $\boldsymbol{\psi}^T$ to \mathbf{B} . We assume that $t_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} T_{[0,\infty)}(0, 1)$ and that \mathbf{E} is made of row vectors $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i = (\epsilon_{i1}, \dots, \epsilon_{iJ})$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$, where $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N_J(0, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$.

The conditional likelihood for this model is given below.

$$p(\mathbf{Y}|\mathbf{X}^*, \mathbf{B}^*, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \propto |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{-n/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}^*\mathbf{B}^*)^T (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}^*\mathbf{B}^*) \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \right\}$$

We choose conjugate priors for \mathbf{B}^* and $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ as follows.

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} \sim \text{inverse-Wishart}(\mathbf{V}_0, \nu_0)$$

$$\mathbf{B}^*|\boldsymbol{\Sigma} \sim \text{MatNorm}_{(m+1),p}(\mathbf{B}_0^*, \mathbf{L}_0^{-1}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$$

We now derive the joint posterior distribution of the parameters \mathbf{B}^* and Σ .

$$\begin{aligned}
p(\mathbf{B}^*, \Sigma | \mathbf{X}^*, \mathbf{Y}) &\propto p(\mathbf{Y} | \mathbf{X}^*, \mathbf{B}^*, \Sigma) p(\mathbf{B}^* | \Sigma) p(\Sigma) \\
&\propto |\Sigma|^{-n/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} [(\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}^* \mathbf{B}^*)^T (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}^* \mathbf{B}^*) \Sigma^{-1}] \right\} \\
&\times |\Sigma|^{-(P+1)/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} [(\mathbf{B}^* - \mathbf{B}_0^*)^T \mathbf{L}_0 (\mathbf{B}^* - \mathbf{B}_0^*) \Sigma^{-1}] \right\} \\
&\times |\Sigma|^{(\nu_0 + J + 1)/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} (\mathbf{V}_0 \Sigma^{-1}) \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

7.2.2 Multinomial Logit Regression.

7.2.3 Multivariate Normal Conditional Imputation. The multivariate normal conditional imputation derivations are given for a single cluster without loss of generality. In practice, the data and parameters in this section would be replaced by cluster specific estimates in the case of clustering.

For a given observation vector $\mathbf{y} \sim N_J(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \Sigma)$, we allow for missingness in at most $J - 1$ of the multivariate outcomes through the use of a conditional imputation step embedded within our Gibbs sampler. Suppose \mathbf{y} contains q missing observations and can be partitioned into two vectors \mathbf{y}_1 and \mathbf{y}_2 such that \mathbf{y}_1 is a $q \times 1$ vector of missing observations and \mathbf{y}_2 is a $(J - q) \times 1$ vector of complete observations. Similarly, partition $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ and Σ as follows.

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

We will use these quantities to derive the conditional distribution $f(\mathbf{y}_1|\mathbf{y}_2, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$.

$$\begin{aligned}
f(\mathbf{y}_1|\mathbf{y}_2, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) &\propto f(\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \\
&\propto \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{y} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right\} \\
&= \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 \\ \mathbf{y}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 \end{bmatrix}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 \\ \mathbf{y}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \\
&= \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 \\ \mathbf{y}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 \\ \mathbf{y}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \\
&= \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 \\ \mathbf{y}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11}^* & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12}^* \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21}^* & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 \\ \mathbf{y}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 \end{bmatrix} \right\} \\
&= \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} [(\mathbf{y}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{cond})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{cond}^{-1}(\mathbf{y}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{cond})] \right\} \\
&\Rightarrow \mathbf{y}_1|\mathbf{y}_2, \boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \sim N_q(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{cond}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{cond})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_{cond} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}^{-1}(\mathbf{y}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2), \quad \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{cond} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21}$$

The block-wise inversion formula was used to invert $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ according to the following reparameterizations.

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11}^* = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1} + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12})^{-1}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12}^* = -\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12}(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12})^{-1}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21}^* = -(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12})^{-1}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22}^* = (\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12})^{-1}$$

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Table 1

Model results for simulated data with $n = 1500$, $k = 4$, $p = 1$, $h = 3$, $v = 1$. 5000 iterations were run with a burn in of 1000. Missingness mechanism was MAR and $P(\text{miss}) = 0$

Model Component	Parameter	Class 1		Class 2		Class 3	
		True	Est. (95% CrI)	True	Est. (95% CrI)	True	Est. (95% CrI)
MVSN Regression	β_0	-3.21	-3.34 (-3.8, -2.99)	-0.32	-0.33 (-0.48, -0.14)	3.35	3.33 (3.22, 3.44)
	β_1	-3.08	-3.3 (-3.73, -2.87)	-0.75	-0.72 (-0.87, -0.52)	2.6	2.5 (2.39, 2.6)
	β_2	-2.97	-3.18 (-3.58, -2.76)	-0.45	-0.44 (-0.58, -0.26)	3.43	3.42 (3.31, 3.53)
	β_3	-2.91	-3.08 (-3.49, -2.68)	-0.66	-0.68 (-0.83, -0.48)	3.04	2.98 (2.87, 3.09)
	σ_{11}	1	0.95 (0.84, 1.02)	1	1 (0.89, 1.11)	1	1.06 (0.97, 1.16)
	σ_{12}	0.74	0.7 (0.59, 0.76)	0.68	0.68 (0.59, 0.78)	-0.45	-0.41 (-0.47, -0.36)
	σ_{13}	0.74	0.69 (0.58, 0.75)	-0.16	-0.13 (-0.2, -0.06)	0.82	0.88 (0.79, 0.97)
	σ_{14}	0.98	0.93 (0.81, 0.99)	0.64	0.65 (0.56, 0.75)	0.7	0.75 (0.67, 0.83)
	σ_{22}	1	0.94 (0.82, 1.01)	1	1.03 (0.93, 1.13)	1	1.07 (0.99, 1.16)
	σ_{23}	0.83	0.79 (0.67, 0.85)	-0.43	-0.4 (-0.46, -0.34)	-0.66	-0.62 (-0.68, -0.57)
	σ_{24}	0.81	0.77 (0.66, 0.83)	0.63	0.67 (0.58, 0.77)	0.01	0.07 (0.01, 0.13)
	σ_{33}	1	0.96 (0.84, 1.03)	1	1 (0.91, 1.09)	1	1.05 (0.96, 1.15)
	σ_{34}	0.85	0.81 (0.69, 0.87)	0.15	0.15 (0.08, 0.23)	0.59	0.64 (0.56, 0.72)
	σ_{44}	1	0.95 (0.83, 1.01)	1	1.02 (0.92, 1.13)	1	1.06 (0.97, 1.15)
	ψ_1	-0.33	-0.33 (-0.62, 0.69)	0.67	0.7 (0.46, 0.89)	-1	-1.01 (-1.13, -0.87)
	ψ_2	-0.33	-0.32 (-0.61, 0.64)	0.67	0.63 (0.38, 0.82)	-1	-0.88 (-1.01, -0.75)
	ψ_3	-0.33	-0.33 (-0.61, 0.69)	0.67	0.64 (0.43, 0.82)	-1	-1.01 (-1.14, -0.88)
	ψ_4	-0.33	-0.31 (-0.63, 0.67)	0.67	0.7 (0.45, 0.89)	-1	-0.94 (-1.07, -0.81)
Multinom.	δ_{11}	0.9	0.88 (0.81, 0.95)	0.9	0.88 (0.81, 0.95)	0.9	0.88 (0.81, 0.95)
	δ_{12}	0.23	0.22 (0.14, 0.3)	0.23	0.22 (0.14, 0.3)	0.23	0.22 (0.14, 0.3)
Clustering	π_l	0.28	0.28 (0.27, 0.28)	0.42	0.43 (0.42, 0.43)	0.3	0.3 (0.3, 0.3)