STA 602 - Intro to Bayesian Statistics

Lecture 13

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Bayesian inference under independent Normal-inverse-Wishart priors

Recall our sampling model

$$\mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2, \dots, \mathbf{y}_n \mid \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \mathrm{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}).$$

► Indepednent prior specification:

$$p(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \Sigma) = p(\boldsymbol{\theta})p(\Sigma)$$

with

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} \sim \mathrm{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_0, \Lambda_0)$$

and

$$\Sigma \sim \mathrm{IW}(\nu_0, \mathbf{S}_0).$$

Find the full conditionals

- Let's derive the full conditionals so we can do Gibbs sampling
- ► The likelihood is

$$L(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \Sigma; \mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_n) = p(\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_n | \boldsymbol{\mu}, \Sigma) \propto |\Sigma|^{-n/2} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_i (\mathbf{y}_i - \boldsymbol{\theta})' \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{y}_i - \boldsymbol{\theta})}.$$

► The prior is given by

$$p(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \propto e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0)' \Lambda_0^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_0)}$$

and

$$p(\Sigma) \propto |\Sigma|^{-\frac{\nu_0+p+1}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_0\Sigma^{-1})}$$

The full joint probability

▶ The full joint probability is then

$$p(\mathbf{y}_{1},...,\mathbf{y}_{n},\boldsymbol{\theta},\boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \propto |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{-n/2} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i} (\mathbf{y}_{i} - \boldsymbol{\theta})' \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{y}_{i} - \boldsymbol{\theta})} \times e^{-\frac{1}{2} (\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{0})' \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{0}^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\theta} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{0})} \times |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{-\frac{\nu_{0} + p + 1}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{tr}(\boldsymbol{S}_{0} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1})}$$

The full conditional of θ

• Viewing the joint probability as a function in $\boldsymbol{\theta}$, we have

$$p(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{y}_{1},\ldots,\mathbf{y}_{n},\boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \propto e^{-\frac{1}{2}\sum_{i}(\mathbf{y}_{i}-\boldsymbol{\theta})'\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{y}_{i}-\boldsymbol{\theta})-\frac{1}{2}(\boldsymbol{\theta}-\boldsymbol{\mu}_{0})'\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{0}^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\theta}-\boldsymbol{\mu}_{0})}$$

$$\propto e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left[n\boldsymbol{\theta}'\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\theta}-2n\bar{\mathbf{y}}'\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\theta}+\boldsymbol{\theta}'\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{0}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\theta}+2\boldsymbol{\mu}_{0}'\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{0}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\theta}\right]}$$

$$\propto e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left[\boldsymbol{\theta}'(n\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}+\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{0}^{-1})\boldsymbol{\theta}-2(n\bar{\mathbf{y}}'\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}+\boldsymbol{\mu}_{0}'\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{0}^{-1})\boldsymbol{\theta}\right]}$$

Now let Λ_n be such that

$$\Lambda_n^{-1} = n\Sigma^{-1} + \Lambda_0^{-1}$$

and

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_n = \Lambda_n \left(n \Sigma^{-1} \bar{y} + \Lambda_0^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_0 \right).$$

▶ Then by completion of squares we have

$$p(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{y}_1,\ldots,\mathbf{y}_n,\boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \propto e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\boldsymbol{\theta}'\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_n^{-1}\boldsymbol{\theta}-2\boldsymbol{\mu}_n'\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_n^{-1}\boldsymbol{\theta})}$$
$$\propto e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\boldsymbol{\theta}-\boldsymbol{\mu}_n)'\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_n^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\theta}-\boldsymbol{\mu}_n)},$$

which is exactly a $N(\boldsymbol{\mu}_n, \Lambda_n)$.

► Compare this with univariate case — similar interpretation.

Full conditional of Σ

▶ Viewing the joint probability as a function in Σ , we have

$$p(\Sigma|\mathbf{y}_1,\ldots,\mathbf{y}_n,\boldsymbol{\theta}) \propto |\Sigma|^{-(n+\nu_0+p+1)/2} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left[\sum_i (\mathbf{y}_i-\boldsymbol{\theta})'\Sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{y}_i-\boldsymbol{\theta}) + \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{S}_0\Sigma^{-1})\right]}.$$

- ▶ Two useful properties of $tr(\cdot)$:
 - (i) For two matrix $A_{k \times m}$ and $B_{m \times k}$, we can prove (by definition of trace) that

$$tr(AB) = tr(BA).$$

Note that AB is $k \times k$ and BA is $m \times m$.

(ii) Also by definition of trace, we have for two square matrix A and B,

$$\operatorname{tr}(A+B) = \operatorname{tr}(A) + \operatorname{tr}(B).$$

Full conditional of Σ

Now note that $(\mathbf{y}_i - \boldsymbol{\theta})' \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{y}_i - \boldsymbol{\theta})$ is a scalar (i.e., a 1 × 1), and so it is equal to its trace

$$(\mathbf{y}_i - \boldsymbol{\theta})' \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{y}_i - \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \operatorname{tr} ((\mathbf{y}_i - \boldsymbol{\theta})(\mathbf{y}_i - \boldsymbol{\theta})' \Sigma^{-1})$$

by Property (i).

► Then by Property (ii)

$$\sum_{i} (\mathbf{y}_{i} - \boldsymbol{\theta})' \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{y}_{i} - \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_{i} \operatorname{tr} \left((\mathbf{y}_{i} - \boldsymbol{\theta}) (\mathbf{y}_{i} - \boldsymbol{\theta})' \Sigma^{-1} \right)$$
$$= \operatorname{tr} \left(\sum_{i} (\mathbf{y}_{i} - \boldsymbol{\theta}) (\mathbf{y}_{i} - \boldsymbol{\theta})' \Sigma^{-1} \right)$$
$$= \operatorname{tr} \left(\boldsymbol{S}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \Sigma^{-1} \right)$$

where

$$S_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \sum_{i} (\mathbf{y}_i - \boldsymbol{\theta})(\mathbf{y}_i - \boldsymbol{\theta})',$$

which is the *residual sum of squared matrix* of the observations.

Full conditional of Σ

By Property (ii) again,

$$\operatorname{tr}\left(\boldsymbol{S}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}\right) + \operatorname{tr}\left(\boldsymbol{S}_{0}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}\right) = \operatorname{tr}\left(\left(\boldsymbol{S}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} + \boldsymbol{S}_{0}\right)\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}\right)$$

▶ Therefore, putting all pieces together, we have

$$p(\Sigma|\mathbf{y}_1,\ldots,\mathbf{y}_n,\boldsymbol{\theta}) \propto |\Sigma|^{-(n+\nu_0+p+1)/2} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\operatorname{tr}((\mathbf{S}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}+\mathbf{S}_0)\Sigma^{-1})},$$

which we recognize as again an inverse-Wishart $(v_n, S_0 + S_{\theta})$ distribution where $v_n = v_0 + n$.

That is

$$\Sigma | \mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_n, \boldsymbol{\theta} \sim \mathrm{IW}(\boldsymbol{v}_n, \boldsymbol{S}_0 + \boldsymbol{S}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}).$$

- \triangleright v_0 is the prior degrees of freedom and S_0 the prior sum of squares matrix.
- ▶ The full conditional expectation of Σ is

$$\begin{split} \mathrm{E}(\Sigma|\mathbf{y}_1,\ldots,\mathbf{y}_n,\boldsymbol{\theta}) &= \frac{\boldsymbol{S}_0 + \boldsymbol{S}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}}{\boldsymbol{v}_n - p - 1} \\ &= \frac{\boldsymbol{v}_0 - p - 1}{\boldsymbol{v}_n - p - 1} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{\boldsymbol{S}_0}{\boldsymbol{v}_0 - p - 1}}_{\text{prior mean of } \Sigma} + \frac{n}{\boldsymbol{v}_n - p - 1} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{\boldsymbol{S}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}}{n}}_{\text{Empirical estimate of } \Sigma}. \end{split}$$

prior mean of Σ

Gibbs sampling

- Initialize the chain at $(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(0)}, \Sigma^{(0)})$.
- ▶ For t = 1, 2, ...,
 - **►** Update **θ**:
 - Compute

$$\begin{split} \left(\boldsymbol{\Lambda}_n^{(t)}\right)^{-1} &= n \left(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{(t-1)}\right)^{-1} + \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_0^{-1}, \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_n^{(t)} &= \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_n^{(t)} \left(n \left(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{(t-1)}\right)^{-1} \bar{\boldsymbol{y}} + \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_0^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_0\right) \end{split}$$

Draw

$$\pmb{\theta}^{(t)} \sim \mathrm{N}(\pmb{\mu}_n^{(t)}, \pmb{\Lambda}_n^{(t)})$$

- Update Σ:
 - Compute

$$\mathbf{S}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(t)}} = \sum_{i} (\mathbf{y}_i - \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(t)}) (\mathbf{y}_i - \boldsymbol{\theta}^{(t)})'.$$

Draw

$$\Sigma^{(t)} \sim \mathrm{IW}\left(v_n, \mathbf{S}_0 + \mathbf{S}_{\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(t)}}\right).$$

▶ Discard suitable burn-in steps.

Back to air pollutant example

▶ Suppose now we measure two pollutants (e.g., PM2.5 and SO2) concurrently 16 times on a day, so our data are bivariate

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(104,100), (105,102), (103,101), (102,104), (105,108), (107,108), \\ (106,103), (104,104), (103,106), (106,107), (105,105), (102,101), \\ (102,100), (108,106), (105,105), (104,105)
```

Prior specification

Suppose based on historical data, both pollutants have average level of 100. So we set

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_0 = (100, 100)'.$$

Suppose the historical distribution of PM2.5 has a standard deviation of about 10, and SO2 has a standard deviation of about 5, and their values tend to rise or fall together with a correlation of about 0.3. Turning this into our prior,

$$\Lambda_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 10^2 & 0.3 \times 10 \times 5 \\ 0.3 \times 10 \times 5 & 5^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 100 & 15 \\ 15 & 25 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Prior specification on Σ

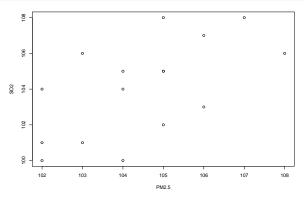
- ▶ Suppose we have very little idea about the value of Σ , so we want to choose a weak prior.
- ► This can be achieved by setting v_0 to a small value, such as $v_0 = p + 2$. (Note that the inverse-Wishart prior requires $v_0 > p + 1$ to have a finite mean.)
- ▶ As for the prior mean S_0 , (e.g., $S_0/(v_0 p 1)$), for simplicity, we use a diagonal matrix

$$\mathbf{S}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

where the diagonal is chosen to be 4, corresponding to marginal standard deviations of 2 for the device readings.

► The off-diagonals are set to 0 because we don't really know anything about how the device reading errors are correlated for the two pollutants.

Reading the data



Prior specification

```
# prior for theta
mu.0 <- c(100,100)
Lambda.0 = matrix(c(100,15,15,25),ncol=2,byrow=TRUE)
# prior for Sigma
nu.0 <- p + 2  # a very weak prior
S0 <- (nu.0-p-1) *matrix(c(4,0,0,4),ncol=2,byrow=TRUE)

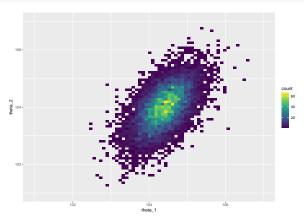
ybar <- apply(y,2,mean)
nu.n <- nu.0 + n</pre>
```

Gibbs sampling

```
niter <- 10000 # total number of iterations
nburnin <- 1000 # 1000 burn-in steps
THETA <- matrix (NA, nrow=niter, ncol=p) # matrix for storing the draws for theta
colnames(THETA) <- c("theta1", "theta2")</pre>
THETA.init <- ybar # Initial values set to sample mean
THETA.curr <- THETA.init # the theta value at current iteration
SIGMA <- matrix (NA, nrow=niter, ncol=p*p) # matrix for storing the draws for Sigma
colnames(SIGMA) <- c("sigma11", "sigma12", "sigma21", "sigma22")</pre>
SIGMA.init <- cov(y) # intial value set to sample covariance
SIGMA.curr <- SIGMA.init # the Sigma value at current iternation
### Start Gibbs sampling
for (t in 1:niter) {
 ## Update theta
 Lambda.n <- solve(n*solve(SIGMA.curr)+solve(Lambda.0))
 mu.n <- Lambda.n ** (n*solve(SIGMA.curr,ybar)+solve(Lambda.0,mu.0))
 THETA.curr <- rmvnorm(1, mean=mu.n, sigma=Lambda.n)
 ## Update Sigma
 S.theta <- (t(y)-c(THETA.curr)) % * % t(t(y)-c(THETA.curr))
  SIGMA.curr <- riwish(v=nu.n,S=S0+S.theta)
  ## Save the current iteration
 THETA[t,] <- THETA.curr
 SIGMA[t,] <- SIGMA.curr
```

Histogram of MCMC draws for θ

```
ggplot(data.frame(THETA), aes(x=theta1, y=theta2)) +
labs(x=expression(theta_1), y=expression(theta_2)) +
geom_bin2d(bins=70) +
scale_fill_continuous(type = "viridis") +
lims(x=c(101,107),y=c(101,107))
```

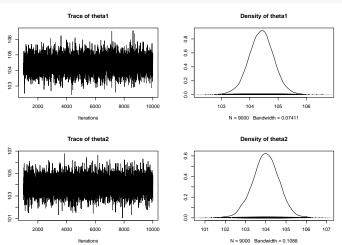


MCMC diagnostics

```
THETA.mcmc <- mcmc (THETA[-(1:nburnin),],start=nburnin+1)
summary (THETA.mcmc)
##
## Iterations = 1001:10000
## Thinning interval = 1
## Number of chains = 1
## Sample size per chain = 9000
##
## 1. Empirical mean and standard deviation for each variable,
     plus standard error of the mean:
##
                 SD Naive SE Time-series SE
         Mean
## theta1 104 0.448 0.00472
                             0.00472
## theta2 104 0.658 0.00694 0.00694
##
## 2. Ouantiles for each variable:
##
##
         2.5% 25% 50% 75% 97.5%
## theta1 104 104 104 105 105
## theta2 103 104 104 104 105
```

Trace plots for $\boldsymbol{\theta}$

plot (THETA.mcmc)

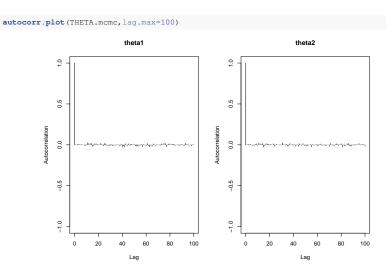


ESS for **0**

effectiveSize (THETA.mcmc)

```
## theta1 theta2
## 9000 9000
```

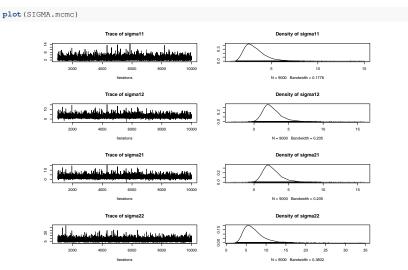
Autocorrelation plot for $\boldsymbol{\theta}$



MCMC diagnostics

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summary (SIGMA.mcmc)
##
## Iterations = 1001:10000
## Thinning interval = 1
## Number of chains = 1
## Sample size per chain = 9000
##
## 1. Empirical mean and standard deviation for each variable,
     plus standard error of the mean:
##
                 SD Naive SE Time-series SE
##
          Mean
## sigma11 3.23 1.21 0.0128
                                     0.0128
## sigma12 2.65 1.42 0.0150
                                    0.0157
## sigma21 2.65 1.42 0.0150
                                  0.0157
## sigma22 6.92 2.59 0.0273
                                     0.0291
##
## 2. Quantiles for each variable:
##
##
           2.5% 25% 50% 75% 97.5%
## sigmal1 1.644 2.40 2.99 3.79 6.33
## sigma12 0.635 1.71 2.39 3.31 6.07
## sigma21 0.635 1.71 2.39 3.31 6.07
## sigma22 3.553 5.13 6.38 8.10 13.34
```

Trace plots for Σ

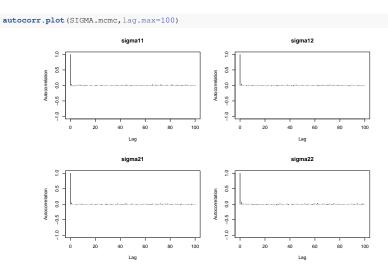


ESS for Σ

effectiveSize (SIGMA.mcmc)

```
## sigma11 sigma12 sigma21 sigma22
## 8916 8200 8200 7948
```

Autocorrelation plot for Σ



With a stronger prior on Σ with $v_0 = 50$

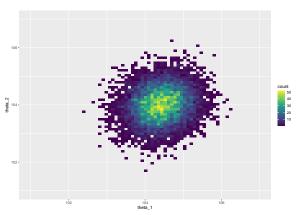
- Suppose we have a better idea about the value of Σ , so we want to choose a stronger prior.
- ▶ For example we set $v_0 = 50$.
- Now the prior mean $S_0/(v_0 p 1) = S_0/47$. Thus if we want the same prior mean as before, we set

$$\mathbf{S}_0 = 47 \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 188 & 0 \\ 0 & 188 \end{pmatrix}$$

```
# prior for theta
mu.0 <- c(100,100)
Lambda.0 = matrix(c(100,15,15,25),ncol=2,byrow=TRUE)
# prior for Sigma
nu.0 <- 50  # a stronger prior on covariance now
S0 <- (nu.0-p-1) * matrix(c(4,0,0,4),ncol=2,byrow=TRUE) # maintaining the same prior mean
ybar <- apply(y,2,mean)
nu.n <- nu.0 + n</pre>
```

Histogram of MCMC draws for θ

```
ggplot(data.frame(THETA), aes(x=theta1, y=theta2) ) +
labs(x=expression(theta_1),y=expression(theta_2)) +
geom_bin2d(bins=70) +
scale_fill_continuous(type = "viridis") +
lims(x=c(101,107),y=c(101,107))
```



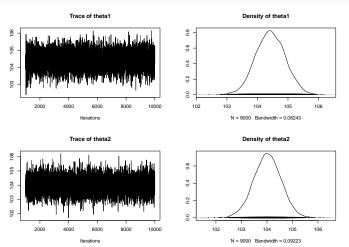
- How does this compare to the case with $v_0 = 4$?
- Why is the posterior spread of **θ** smaller?

MCMC diagnostics

```
THETA.mcmc <- mcmc (THETA[-(1:nburnin),],start=nburnin+1)
summary (THETA.mcmc)
##
## Iterations = 1001:10000
## Thinning interval = 1
## Number of chains = 1
## Sample size per chain = 9000
##
## 1. Empirical mean and standard deviation for each variable,
     plus standard error of the mean:
##
                 SD Naive SE Time-series SE
         Mean
## theta1 104 0.480 0.00506 0.00506
## theta2 104 0.538 0.00568 0.00568
##
## 2. Ouantiles for each variable:
##
##
         2.5% 25% 50% 75% 97.5%
## theta1 103 104 104 105 105
## theta2 103 104 104 104 105
```

Trace plots for $\boldsymbol{\theta}$

plot (THETA.mcmc)

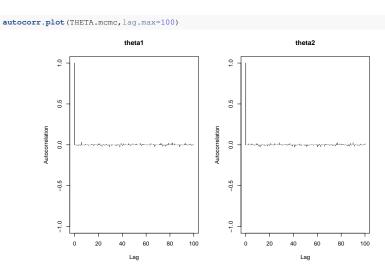


ESS for **0**

effectiveSize (THETA.mcmc)

```
## theta1 theta2
## 9000 9000
```

Autocorrelation plot for $\boldsymbol{\theta}$



MCMC diagnostics

```
SIGMA.mcmc <- mcmc(SIGMA[-(1:nburnin),],start=nburnin+1)
summary (SIGMA.mcmc)
##
## Iterations = 1001:10000
## Thinning interval = 1
## Number of chains = 1
## Sample size per chain = 9000
##
## 1. Empirical mean and standard deviation for each variable,
     plus standard error of the mean:
##
                   SD Naive SE Time-series SE
##
           Mean
## sigma11 3.798 0.700 0.00738
                               0.00738
## sigma12 0.685 0.546 0.00576
                                   0.00576
## sigma21 0.685 0.546 0.00576 0.00576
## sigma22 4.760 0.872 0.00919
                                    0.00919
##
## 2. Quantiles for each variable:
##
##
           2.5% 25% 50% 75% 97.5%
## sigma11 2.661 3.300 3.724 4.20 5.39
## sigma12 -0.337 0.324 0.668 1.02 1.82
## sigma21 -0.337 0.324 0.668 1.02 1.82
## sigma22 3.323 4.138 4.658 5.28 6.71
```

Trace plots for Σ

2000

4000

8000

10000

N = 9000 Bandwidth = 0.1463

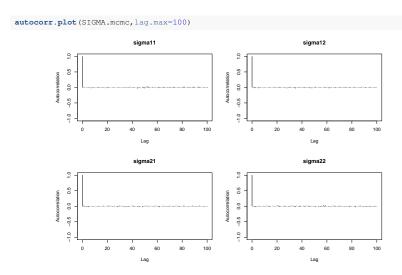
plot (SIGMA.mcmc) Trace of sigma11 Density of sigma11 10000 2000 4000 8000 N = 9000 Bandwidth = 0.1149 Trace of sigma12 Density of sigma12 9 2000 -2 -1 Iterations N = 9000 Bandwidth = 0.08947 Trace of sigma21 Density of sigma21 2000 8000 10000 -2 -1 N = 9000 Bandwidth = 0.08947 Trace of sigma22 Density of sigma22

ESS for Σ

effectiveSize (SIGMA.mcmc)

```
## sigma11 sigma12 sigma21 sigma22
## 9000 9000 9000 9000
```

Autocorrelation plot for Σ



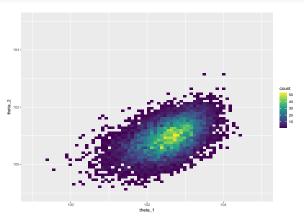
Stronger prior on $\boldsymbol{\theta}$

▶ Suppose the historical distribution of PM2.5 has a standard deviation of about *I* (vs 10 before), and SO2 has a standard deviation of about 0.5 vs (5 before), still with a correlation of about 0.3. Turning this into our prior,

$$\Lambda_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1^2 & 0.3 \times 1 \times 0.5 \\ 0.3 \times 1 \times 0.5 & 0.5^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.15 \\ 0.15 & 0.25 \end{pmatrix}.$$

With weak prior on Σ : $v_0 = p + 2$

```
ggplot(data.frame(THETA), aes(x=theta1, y=theta2)) +
labs(x=expression(theta_1),y=expression(theta_2)) +
geom_bin2d(bins=70) +
scale_fill_continuous(type = "viridis") +
lims(x=c(99,105),y=c(99,105))
```

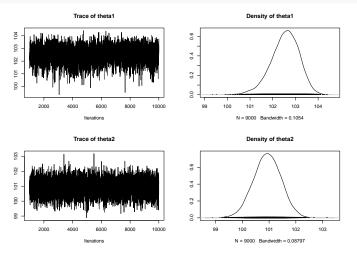


Why is there a lot more shrinkage toward prior mean?

```
THETA.mcmc <- mcmc (THETA[-(1:nburnin),],start=nburnin+1)
summary (THETA.mcmc)
##
## Iterations = 1001:10000
## Thinning interval = 1
## Number of chains = 1
## Sample size per chain = 9000
##
## 1. Empirical mean and standard deviation for each variable,
     plus standard error of the mean:
##
                 SD Naive SE Time-series SE
         Mean
                             0.01197
## theta1 103 0.618 0.00651
## theta2 101 0.513 0.00540 0.00707
##
## 2. Ouantiles for each variable:
##
##
          2.5% 25% 50% 75% 97.5%
## theta1 101.2 102 103 103 104
## theta2 99.9 101 101 101
```

Trace plots for $\boldsymbol{\theta}$

plot (THETA.mcmc)

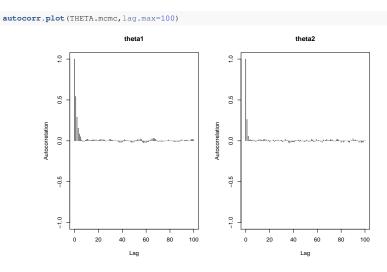


ESS for **0**

theta1 theta2 ## 2662 5259

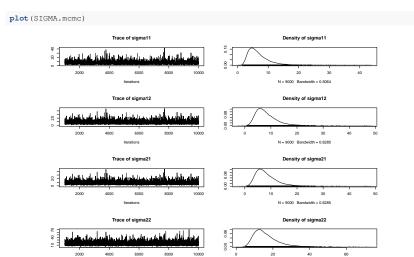
- ► This stronger prior induced much stronger autocorrelation and smaller ESS.
- ► Why?
 - ► The prior concentrated near a value far from the empirical estimate.
 - Stronger posterior dependency between $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ and Σ .

Autocorrelation plot for $\boldsymbol{\theta}$



```
SIGMA.mcmc <- mcmc(SIGMA[-(1:nburnin),],start=nburnin+1)</pre>
summary (SIGMA.mcmc)
##
## Iterations = 1001:10000
## Thinning interval = 1
## Number of chains = 1
## Sample size per chain = 9000
##
## 1. Empirical mean and standard deviation for each variable,
     plus standard error of the mean:
##
##
                  SD Naive SE Time-series SE
          Mean
## sigma11 6.80 3.55 0.0374
                                   0.0626
## sigma12 8.24 4.24 0.0447
                                    0.0645
## sigma21 8.24 4.24 0.0447
                                    0.0645
## sigma22 16.00 6.63 0.0699
                                    0.0842
##
## 2. Quantiles for each variable:
##
##
          2.5% 25% 50% 75% 97.5%
## sigma11 2.63 4.35 5.93 8.3 15.9
## sigma12 2.73 5.30 7.32 10.2 18.9
## sigma21 2.73 5.30 7.32 10.2 18.9
## sigma22 7.33 11.38 14.59 19.1 32.3
```

Trace plots for Σ



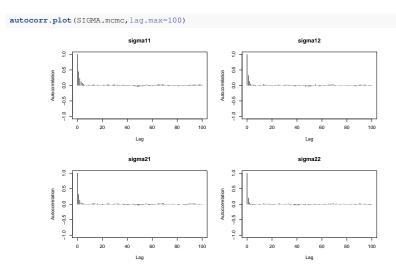
N = 9000 Bandwidth = 0.9906

ESS for Σ

effectiveSize (SIGMA.mcmc)

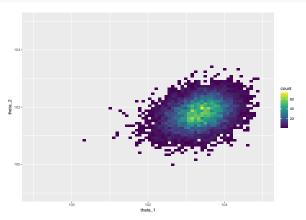
```
## sigma11 sigma12 sigma21 sigma22
## 3212 4310 4310 6200
```

Autocorrelation plot for Σ



With a strong prior on Σ : $v_0 = 50$

```
ggplot(data.frame(THETA), aes(x=theta1, y=theta2)) +
labs(x=expression(theta_1), y=expression(theta_2)) +
geom_bin2d(bins=70) +
scale_fill_continuous(type = "viridis") +
lims(x=c(99,105), y=c(99,105))
```

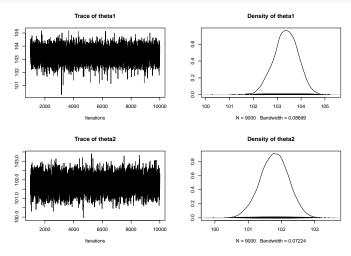


Why is there a lot less shrinkage toward prior mean?

```
THETA.mcmc <- mcmc (THETA[-(1:nburnin),],start=nburnin+1)
summary (THETA.mcmc)
##
## Iterations = 1001:10000
## Thinning interval = 1
## Number of chains = 1
## Sample size per chain = 9000
##
## 1. Empirical mean and standard deviation for each variable,
     plus standard error of the mean:
##
                 SD Naive SE Time-series SE
         Mean
## theta1 103 0.513 0.00540
                             0.00681
## theta2 102 0.421 0.00444 0.00537
##
## 2. Ouantiles for each variable:
##
##
         2.5% 25% 50% 75% 97.5%
## theta1 102 103 103 104 104
## theta2 101 102 102 102
                          103
```

Trace plots for $\boldsymbol{\theta}$

plot (THETA.mcmc)

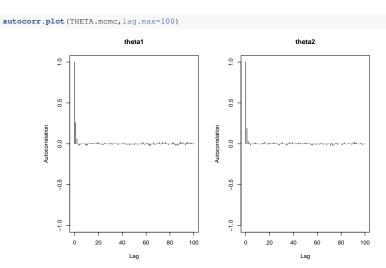


ESS for **0**

effectiveSize (THETA.mcmc)

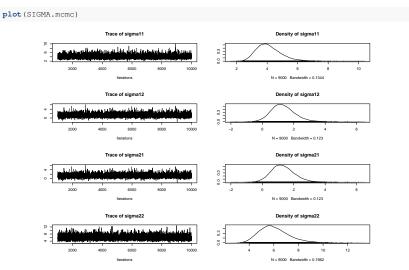
```
## theta1 theta2
## 5673 6139
```

Autocorrelation plot for $\boldsymbol{\theta}$



```
SIGMA.mcmc <- mcmc(SIGMA[-(1:nburnin),],start=nburnin+1)
summary (SIGMA.mcmc)
##
## Iterations = 1001:10000
## Thinning interval = 1
## Number of chains = 1
## Sample size per chain = 9000
##
## 1. Empirical mean and standard deviation for each variable,
     plus standard error of the mean:
##
                  SD Naive SE Time-series SE
##
          Mean
## sigma11 4.12 0.827 0.00872
                                     0.0101
## sigma12 1.32 0.757 0.00798
                                     0.0101
## sigma21 1.32 0.757 0.00798
                                     0.0101
## sigma22 6.03 1.200 0.01265
                                     0.0148
##
## 2. Quantiles for each variable:
##
##
            2.5% 25% 50% 75% 97.5%
## sigma11 2.8141 3.534 4.01 4.58 6.06
## sigma12 -0.0119 0.803 1.26 1.76 2.95
## sigma21 -0.0119 0.803 1.26 1.76 2.95
## sigma22 4.1017 5.188 5.88 6.72 8.76
```

Trace plots for Σ



ESS for Σ

effectiveSize (SIGMA.mcmc)

```
## sigma11 sigma12 sigma21 sigma22
## 6675 5604 5604 6590
```

Autocorrelation plot for Σ

