# SDS 383D: Exercises 2 – Bayes and the Gaussian linear model

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# Problem 1

## The conjugate Gaussian linear model

We have a model where

$$(y_i|\theta,\sigma^2) \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(\theta,\omega^{-1}), i = 1,\dots n,$$
  
 $(\theta|\sigma) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu,\tau^2\sigma^2),$   
 $\sigma^2 \sim \text{IG}(\frac{d}{2},\frac{\eta}{2}).$ 

Define  $\omega = \frac{1}{\sigma^2}$  and  $\kappa = \frac{1}{\tau^2}$ , so now

$$(\theta|\omega) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, (\omega\kappa)^{-1}),$$

and

$$\omega \sim \operatorname{Gamma}\left(\frac{d}{2}, \frac{\eta}{2}\right)$$
.

(A) Taking advantage that (1) below is the integral of the kernel of a gamma distribution, the marginal prior distribution of  $\theta$  is

$$\begin{split} p(\theta) &= \int_0^\infty p(\theta,\omega) d\omega \\ &\propto \int_0^\infty p(\theta|\omega) p(\omega) d\omega \\ &\propto \int_0^\infty (\omega \kappa)^{1/2} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\omega \kappa (\theta-\mu)^2\right] \omega^{d/2-1} \exp\left[-\frac{\eta}{2}\omega\right] d\omega \\ &= \int_0^\infty \omega^{(d+1)/2-1} \exp\left[-\left(\frac{1}{2}\kappa (\theta-\mu)^2 + \frac{\eta}{2}\right)\omega\right] d\omega \\ &\propto \left(\frac{1}{2}\kappa (\theta-\mu)^2 + \frac{\eta}{2}\right)^{-\left(\frac{d+1}{2}\right)} \\ &\propto \left(1 + \frac{1}{d} \cdot \frac{(\theta-\mu)^2}{\frac{\eta}{d\kappa}}\right)^{-\left(\frac{d+1}{2}\right)}, \end{split}$$

which is the kernel of the Student's t-distribution with degrees of freedom d, center parameter  $\mu$ , and scale parameter  $\sqrt{\frac{\eta}{d\kappa}}$ .

(B) In this exercise, recall that the likelihood may be written as

$$p(y|\theta,\omega) \propto \omega^{n/2} \exp\left[-\omega\left(\frac{S_y + n(\bar{y} - \theta)^2}{2}\right)\right]$$

where  $S_y = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 - n\bar{y}^2$  is the sum of squares. Here we calculate the joint posterior

density,

$$\begin{split} &\rho(\theta,\omega|y) \propto p(y|\theta,\omega)p(\theta,\omega) \\ &\propto \left(\omega^{n/2} \exp\left[-\omega\left(\frac{S_y+n(\bar{y}-\theta)^2}{2}\right)\right]\right) \left(\omega^{(d+1)/2} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\omega\kappa(\theta-\mu)^2\right] \exp\left[-\frac{\eta}{2}\omega\right]\right) \\ &= \omega^{(d+n+1)/2-1} \exp\left[-\omega\left(\frac{S_y+n(\bar{y}-\theta)^2}{2}\right) - \frac{1}{2}\omega\kappa(\theta-\mu)^2 - \frac{\eta}{2}\omega\right] \\ &= \omega^{(d+n+1)/2-1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\omega\left[S_y+n(\bar{y}-\theta)^2+\kappa(\theta-\mu)^2+\eta\right]\right) \\ &= \omega^{(d+n+1)/2-1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\omega\left[n\theta^2-2n\bar{y}\theta+n\bar{y}^2+\kappa\theta^2-2\mu\kappa\theta+\kappa\mu^2+\eta+S_y\right]\right) \\ &= \omega^{(d+n+1)/2-1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\omega\left[(n+\kappa)\theta^2-2(n\bar{y}+\mu\kappa)\theta+n\bar{y}^2+\kappa\mu^2+\eta+S_y\right]\right) \\ &= \omega^{(d+n+1)/2-1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\omega(n+k)\left[\theta^2-2\frac{n\bar{y}+\mu\kappa}{n+\kappa}\theta+\frac{n\bar{y}^2+\kappa\mu^2+\eta+S_y}{n+\kappa}\right]\right) \\ &= \omega^{(d+n+1)/2-1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\omega(n+k)\left[\left(\theta-\frac{n\bar{y}+\mu\kappa}{n+\kappa}\right)^2-\left(\frac{n\bar{y}+\mu\kappa}{n+\kappa}\right)^2+\frac{n\bar{y}^2+\kappa\mu^2+\eta+S_y}{n+\kappa}\right]\right) \\ &= \dots \times \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\omega(n+\kappa)\left(\theta-\frac{n\bar{y}+\mu\kappa}{n+\kappa}\right)^2\right] \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(n+k)\left(\frac{n\bar{y}^2+\kappa\mu^2+\eta+S_y}{n+\kappa}-\left(\frac{n\bar{y}+\mu\kappa}{n+\kappa}\right)^2\right)\omega\right] \\ &= \dots \times \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\omega(n+\kappa)\left(\theta-\frac{n\bar{y}+\mu\kappa}{n+\kappa}\right)^2\right] \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(n\bar{y}^2+\kappa\mu^2+\eta+S_y-\frac{(n\bar{y}+\mu\kappa)^2}{n+\kappa}\right)\omega\right] \\ &= \omega^{(d+n+1)/2-1} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\omega(n+\kappa)\left(\theta-\frac{n\bar{y}+\mu\kappa}{n+\kappa}\right)^2\right] \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(n\bar{y}^2+\kappa\mu^2+\eta+S_y-\frac{(n\bar{y}+\mu\kappa)^2}{n+\kappa}\right)\omega\right]. \end{split}$$

This expression looks very much like the joint prior, but now with

$$\begin{split} \mu &\to \mu^* = \frac{n\bar{y} + \mu\kappa}{n + \kappa} \\ \kappa &\to \kappa^* = \kappa + n \\ d &\to d^* = d + n \\ \eta &\to \eta^* = \eta + \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 + \kappa\mu^2 - \frac{(n\bar{y} + \mu\kappa)^2}{n + \kappa}. \end{split}$$

We can also rewrite the joint posterior as

$$\begin{split} p(\theta,\omega|y) &\propto \omega^{(d+n+1)/2-1} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\omega(n+\kappa)\left(\theta - \frac{n\bar{y} + \mu\kappa}{n+\kappa}\right)^2\right] \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\eta + \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 + \kappa\mu^2 - \frac{(n\bar{y} + \mu\kappa)^2}{n+\kappa}\right)\omega\right] \\ &= \underbrace{\omega^{1/2} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\omega(n+\kappa)\left(\theta - \frac{n\bar{y} + \mu\kappa}{n+\kappa}\right)^2\right]}_{p(\theta|\omega,y) \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{n\bar{y} + \mu\kappa}{n+\kappa}, [(n+\kappa)\omega]^{-1}\right)} \underbrace{\omega^{(d+n)/2-1} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\eta + \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 + \kappa\mu^2 - \frac{(n\bar{y} + \mu\kappa)^2}{n+\kappa}\right)\omega\right]}_{p(\omega|y) \sim \operatorname{Gamma}\left(\frac{d+n}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\left[\eta + \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 + \kappa\mu^2 - \frac{(n\bar{y} + \mu\kappa)^2}{n+\kappa}\right]\right) \end{split}$$

(C) It is easy to read off the the conditional posterior of  $\theta$ ,

$$p(\theta|\omega,y) \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{n\bar{y} + \mu\kappa}{n + \kappa}, [(n + \kappa)\omega]^{-1}\right).$$

(D) Getting the marginal posterior is not too much more difficult. We have separated the joint posterior into two kernels, and once we integrate out the normal kernel to get

$$p(\omega|y) \sim \text{Gamma}\left(\frac{d+n}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\left[\eta + \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i^2 + \kappa \mu^2 - \frac{(n\bar{y} + \mu\kappa)^2}{n+\kappa}\right]\right).$$

(E) The marginal posterior distribution  $p(\theta|y)$  will follow a Student's t-distribution, following a similar argument used in (A), but now with updated parameters. The degrees of freedom is

$$\nu' = d + n$$
,

the center parameter is

$$m' = \frac{n\bar{y} + \mu\kappa}{n + \kappa},$$

and the scale parameter is

$$s' = \sqrt{\frac{\eta + \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i^2 + \kappa \mu^2 - \frac{(n\bar{y} + \mu \kappa)^2}{n + \kappa}}{(d+n)(\kappa+n)}}.$$

(F) Suppose  $\kappa \to 0$ ,  $d \to 0$ , and  $\eta \to 0$ . The priors of  $\theta | \omega$  and  $\omega$  become

$$p(\theta|\omega) \to \mathcal{N}(\mu, 0^{-1})$$
  
 $p(\omega) \to \text{Gamma}(0, 0)$ ,

neither of which is a proper PDF.

(G) Suppose  $\kappa \to 0$ ,  $d \to 0$ , and  $\eta \to 0$ . The marginal posteriors  $p(\theta|y)$  and  $p(\omega|y)$  become

$$\begin{split} p(\theta|\omega,y) &\to \mathcal{N}\left(\bar{y},(n\omega)^{-1}\right) \\ p(\omega|y) &\to \operatorname{Gamma}\left(\frac{n}{2},\frac{1}{2}\left[\sum_{i=1}^{n}y_i^2 - n\bar{y}^2\right]\right) \\ &= \operatorname{Gamma}\left(\frac{n}{2},\frac{S_y}{2}\right) \end{split}$$

(H) A Bayesian credible interval for  $\theta$ , having observed y, is

$$\theta \in m' \pm t^* s'$$
,

for some critical value  $t^*$  from the Student's t-distribution with v' degrees of freedom. Suppose  $\kappa \to 0$ ,  $d \to 0$ , and  $\eta \to 0$ . The parameters of this Student's t-distribution become

$$v' \to n$$
 $m' \to \bar{y}$ 
 $s' \to \sqrt{\frac{S_y}{n^2}}$ 

so the credible interval becomes identical to the frequentist confidence interval at the same confidence level.

### Problem 2

# The conjugate Gaussian linear model

(A) We have the Gaussian linear model,

$$(y|\beta,\omega) \sim \mathcal{N}_n(X\beta,(\omega\Lambda)^{-1})$$

with priors

$$(\beta|\omega) \sim \mathcal{N}_p(m, (\omega K)^{-1})$$
  
 $\omega \sim \text{Gamma}\left(\frac{d}{2}, \frac{\eta}{2}\right).$ 

Having observed y, the joint posterior for  $\beta$  and  $\omega$  is

$$\begin{split} p(\beta,\omega|y) &\propto p(y|\beta,\omega)p(\beta,\omega)\\ &= p(y|\beta,\omega)p(\beta|\omega)p(\omega)\\ &= \left(\omega^{n/2}\exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(y-X\beta)^T\omega\Lambda(y-X\beta)\right]\right)\left(\omega^{p/2}\exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(\beta-m)^T\omega K(\beta-m)\right]\right)\left(\omega^{d/2-1}\exp\left[-\frac{\eta}{2}\right]\right)\\ &= \omega^{(d+p+n)/2-1}\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\omega\left[(y-X\beta)^T\Lambda(y-X\beta)+(\beta-m)^TK(\beta-m)+\eta\right]\right)\\ &= \omega^{(d+p+n)/2-1}\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\omega\left[y^T\Lambda y-2y^T\Lambda X\beta+\beta^TX^T\Lambda X\beta+\beta^TK\beta-2m^TK\beta+m^TKm+\eta\right]\right)\\ &= \omega^{(d+p+n)/2-1}\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\omega\left[\beta^T(X^T\Lambda X+K)\beta-2(y^T\Lambda X+m^TK)\beta+y^T\Lambda y+m^TKm+\eta\right]\right)\\ &= \omega^{(d+p+n)/2-1}\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\omega\left[\beta^T(X^T\Lambda X+K)\beta-2(y^T\Lambda X+m^TK)\beta+y^T\Lambda y+m^TKm+\eta\right]\right) \end{split}$$

Now, let

$$A = X^{T} \Lambda X + K$$

$$b^{T} = y^{T} \Lambda X + m^{T} K$$

$$\Rightarrow b = X^{T} \Lambda y + K m$$

$$c = y^{T} \Lambda y + m^{T} K m + \eta,$$

so now the expression in (i) becomes, once the square is completed,

$$\beta^{T} A \beta - 2b^{T} \beta + c = \beta^{T} A \beta - 2b^{T} \beta + b^{T} A^{-1} b - b^{T} A^{-1} b + c$$
$$= (\beta - A^{-1} b)^{T} A (\beta - A^{-1} b) - b^{T} A^{-1} b + c,$$

Now let

$$m^* = A^{-1}b = (X^T \Lambda X + K)^{-1} (X^T \Lambda y + Km)$$
  
$$K^* = A = X^T \Lambda X + K,$$

and we can also simplify the term

$$b^{T}A^{-1}b = b^{T}IA^{-1}$$
$$= b^{T}A^{-1}AA^{-1}b$$
$$= m^{*T}K^{*}m^{*},$$

and finally let

$$\eta^* = c - m^{*T} K^* m^*$$
  
=  $\eta + y^T \Lambda y + m^T K m - m^{*T} K^* m^*$ 

We can at last express (i) as

$$(\beta - m^*)^T K^* (\beta - m^*) + \eta^*.$$

Now the joint posterior distribution may be written as

$$\begin{split} p(\beta,\omega|y) &\propto \omega^{(d+p+n)/2-1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\omega\left[(\beta-m^\star)^T K^\star(\beta-m^\star) + \eta^\star\right]\right) \\ &= \underbrace{\omega^{p/2} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(\beta-m^\star)^T \omega K^\star(\beta-m^\star)\right]}_{p(\beta|y,\omega) \sim \mathcal{N}(m^\star,(\omega K^\star)^{-1})} \underbrace{\omega^{d^\star/2-1} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\eta^\star\omega\right]}_{p(\omega|y) \sim \operatorname{Gamma}\left(\frac{d^\star}{2},\frac{\eta^\star}{2}\right)}, \end{split}$$

with

$$m^* = (X^T \Lambda X + K)^{-1} (X^T \Lambda y + Km)$$

$$K^* = X^T \Lambda X + K$$

$$\eta^* = \eta + y^T \Lambda y + m^T Km - m^{*T} K^* m^*$$

$$d^* = d + n$$

- (B)  $p(\omega|y) \sim \text{Gamma}\left(\frac{d^{\star}}{2}, \frac{\eta^{\star}}{2}\right)$
- (C) The marginal posterior for  $\beta$  may be found with

$$\begin{split} p(\beta|y) &= \int_0^\infty p(\beta,\omega|y)d\omega \\ &\propto \int_0^\infty \omega^{(d+p+n)/2-1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\omega\left[(\beta-m^\star)^TK^\star(\beta-m^\star)+\eta^\star\right]\right)d\omega \\ &\propto \left[\frac{1}{2}\left[(\beta-m^\star)^TK^\star(\beta-m^\star)+\eta^\star\right]\right)^{-\frac{d+p+n}{2}} \\ &\propto \left[1+(\beta-m^\star)^T\frac{K^\star}{\eta^\star}(\beta-m^\star)\right]^{-\frac{d+n+p}{2}} \\ &\propto \left[1+\frac{1}{d+n}\cdot(\beta-m^\star)^T\cdot\frac{d+n}{\eta^\star}K^\star\cdot(\beta-m^\star)\right]^{-\frac{d+n+p}{2}}, \end{split}$$

which we may recognize as the *p*-dimensional Student's *t*-distribution with d+n degrees of freedom, mean vector  $m^*$ , and precision matrix  $\frac{d+n}{n^*}K^*$ .

A heavy-tailed model

Now we have a model with

$$(y|\beta,\omega,\Lambda) \sim \mathcal{N}(X\beta,(\omega\Lambda)^{-1})$$

$$\Lambda = \operatorname{diag}(\lambda_1,\ldots,\lambda_n)$$

$$\lambda_i \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \operatorname{Gamma}\left(\frac{h}{2},\frac{h}{2}\right)$$

$$(\beta|\omega) \sim \mathcal{N}(m,(\omega K)^{-1})$$

$$\omega \sim \operatorname{Gamma}\left(\frac{d}{2},\frac{\eta}{2}\right)$$

(A) The conditional distribution  $p(y_i|X,\beta,\omega)$ , once the  $\lambda_i$  has been marginalized out, is

$$\begin{split} p(y_i|X,\beta,\omega) &= \int_0^\infty p(y_i|X,\beta,\omega,\lambda_i) p(\lambda_i) d\lambda_i \\ &\propto \int_0^\infty (\omega\lambda_i)^{1/2} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\omega\lambda_i (y_i - x_i^T\beta)^2\right] \lambda_i^{h/2-1} \exp\left[-\frac{h}{2}\lambda_i\right] d\lambda_i \\ &= \int_0^\infty \lambda_i^{(h+1)/2-1} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\omega(y_i - x_i^T\beta)^2 + h\right)\lambda_i\right] d\lambda_i \\ &\propto \left[\frac{1}{2}\left(\omega(y_i - x_i^T\beta)^2 + h\right)\right]^{-(h+1)/2} \\ &\propto \left[1 + \frac{1}{h} \cdot \frac{(y_i - x_i^T\beta)^2}{\omega^{-1}}\right]^{-(h+1)/2} \end{split},$$

which follows the Student's *t*-distribution with *h* degrees of freedom, center parameter  $x_i^T$ , and scale parameter  $\omega^{-1/2}$ .

(B) The conditional posterior distribution of each  $\lambda_i$  is

$$p(\lambda_{i}|y,\beta,\omega) \propto p(y|\lambda_{i},\beta,\omega) \cdot p(\lambda_{i}|\beta,\omega) \cdot p(\beta,\omega)$$

$$\propto p(y|\lambda_{i},\beta,\omega) \cdot p(\lambda_{i}|\beta,\omega)$$

$$= p(y|\lambda_{i},\beta,\omega) \cdot p(\lambda_{i})$$

$$\propto \lambda_{i}^{(h+1)/2-1} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\omega(y_{i}-x_{i}^{T}\beta)^{2}+h\right)\lambda_{i}\right]$$

$$\sim \operatorname{Gamma}\left(\frac{h+1}{2},\frac{h+\omega(y_{i}-x_{i}^{T}\beta)^{2}}{2}\right)$$

(C) To run a Gibbs sampler with the heavy-tails model, we have the three conditional distributions

$$p(\beta|y,\omega) \sim \mathcal{N}(m^*,(\omega K^*)^{-1})$$
 (1)

$$p(\omega|y) \sim \text{Gamma}\left(\frac{d^*}{2}, \frac{\eta^*}{2}\right)$$
 (2)

$$p(\lambda_i|y,\beta,\omega) \sim \text{Gamma}\left(\frac{h+1}{2}, \frac{h+\omega(y_i-x_i^T\beta)^2}{2}\right).$$
 (3)

The figure below shows the comparison between frequentist, Bayesian, and Bayesian heavy-tail models for the GDP growth data.

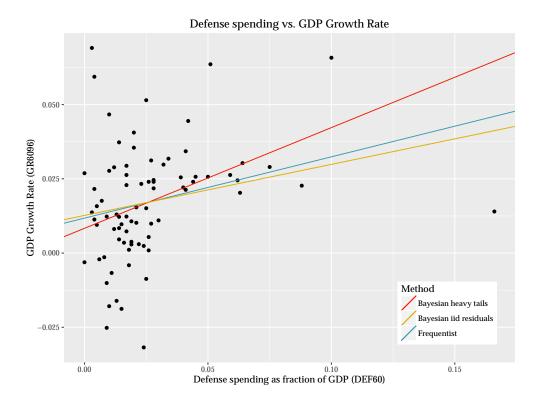


Figure 1: Comparison of three methods

#### R code for myfuns02.R

```
Created by Spencer Woody on 04 Feb 2017
     my.lm <- function(X, y) {</pre>
        Custom function for linear regression
        Note: this function assumes that X already has an intercept term
        (or doesn't, if we want to force OLS through the origin)
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        INPUTS:
        X is the design matrix
        y is the response vector
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        OUTPUTS
        a list of...
         Beta.hat is a vector of estimates of the coefficients
         Beta.SE is a vector of the standard errors of the coefficients
        Beta.t is a vector of t-scores of the coefficients
        Beta.p is the p-value for each coefficient
        RSS is the residual sum of squares
         Var.hat is the estimated variance of homoscedastic residuals
        R.sq is the R-squared value
        R.sqadj is the adjusted R-squared value
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N \leftarrow nrow(X)
       p \leftarrow ncol(X)
       XtX <- crossprod(X)</pre>
       # Calculate beta.hat
       beta.hat <- solve(XtX, crossprod(X, y))</pre>
35
       # Calculate predicted values and residuals
       y.hat <- crossprod(t(X), beta.hat)</pre>
       res <- y - y.hat
       rss <- sum(res^2)
       # Calculate \hat{sigma^2}
       var.hat <- rss / (N - p)
       # Calculate covariance matrix of beta and SE's of beta
       var.beta <- var.hat * solve(XtX)</pre>
       beta.SE <- diag(var.beta) ^ 0.5
       # Calculate t-score of each beta
       beta.t <- beta.hat / beta.SE
       # Calculate p-values for coefficients
       beta.p <- 2 * (1 - pt(abs(beta.t), N - p))
55
       # Calculate r-squared and adjusted r-squared
       r.sq <- 1 - rss / sum((y - mean(y))^2)
       r.sqadj < -r.sq - (1 - r.sq) * (p - 1) / (N - p - 2)
       # Create a list of calculated values, return it back
       mylist <- list(Beta.hat = beta.hat, Beta.SE = beta.SE,</pre>
                       Beta.t = beta.t, Beta.p = beta.p, RSS = rss, Var.hat = var.hat,
                       R.sq = r.sq, R.sqadj = r.sqadj, Res = res)
       return(mylist)
65
  my.mvn <- function(n, mu, Sigma) {</pre>
       # Simulate n draws from MVN(mu, Sigma)
       # Note: this function assumes that X already has an intercept term
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       # (or doesn't, if we want to force OLS through the origin)
       # INPUTS:
       # n is the number of draws
       # mu is the mean vector
       # Sigma is the covariance matrix
       # OUTPUT:
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\# x is matrix of n draws from MVN(mu, Sigma) [with n rows, p columns]
       # dimension of MVN
       p <- length(mu)</pre>
       # Check if inputs are valid (dimensions match, Sigma is square and p.s.d.)
        \# if ( (ncol(Sigma) != p) | (nrow(Sigma) != p) | (max(eigen(Sigma) $values) <= 0) )
          return("Try again...")
       # Generate n*p univariate standard normal variables
            <- matrix(rnorm(n*p), nrow = p)</pre>
       # Create a matrix containing copies of mu
       mumat <- matrix(rep(mu, n), nrow = p)</pre>
95
       # Decompose Sigma into Sigma = L %*% Lt
       Lt <- chol(Sigma)
       \# Generate sample with affine transformation of z
       x \leftarrow crossprod(Lt, z) + mumat
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       return(t(x))
   }
```

#### R code for exercises02.R

```
######## Created by Spencer Woody on 04 Feb 2017 ########
  library(ggplot2)
  library(mvtnorm)
  library(wesanderson)
  library(extrafont)
source("myfuns02.R")
  # Prep color pallette
  pal <- wes_palette("Zissou", 5)</pre>
  col1 <- pal[1]</pre>
  col2 <- pal[4]</pre>
  col3 <- pal[5]
  # Read in the data —
  GDP <- read.csv("gdpgrowth.csv", header = T)</pre>
  y <- matrix(GDP$GR6096, ncol = 1)</pre>
  X <- matrix(GDP$DEF60, ncol = 1)</pre>
  n <- length(y)</pre>
  X \leftarrow cbind(rep(1, n), X)
  colnames(X) <- c("int", "DEF60")</pre>
  # Specify prior model -
  freq.lm <- my.lm(X, y)
  freq.beta <- freq.lm$Beta.hat</pre>
  # Specify prior model -
  # Hyperparameters: K = diag(k1, k2), Lambda, d, eta, m
  k1 <- 0.01
  k2 <- 0.01
  m \leftarrow matrix(c(0, 0), ncol = 1)
  K \leftarrow diag(c(k1, k2))
  Lambda <- diag(n)
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d <- 0.01
  eta <- 0.01
   # For heavy tails only
  h <- 0.000001
  # Obtain posterior model (no heavy tails) -
   XtLambda <- crossprod(X, Lambda)</pre>
           <- crossprod(t(XtLambda), X) + K</pre>
  m.star <- solve(K.star, crossprod(t(XtLambda), y) + crossprod(K, m))</pre>
  eta.star <- eta + crossprod(Lambda %*% y, y) +
               crossprod(K %*% m, m) - crossprod(K.star %*% m.star, m.star)
  d.star
            <-d+n
  m.star
   # Prep for Gibbs sampler for model with heavy tails
  nruns <- 1e4
  burn <- 2e3
  beta.post <- matrix(nrow = nruns, ncol = 2)</pre>
  omega.post <- rep(NA, nruns)</pre>
  lambda.post <- matrix(nrow = nruns, ncol = n)</pre>
  beta.post[1, ] <- c(0, 0)
  omega.post[1] <- 1
  lambda.post[1, ] \leftarrow rep(1, n)
   # Gibbs sampler
   for (i in 2:nruns) {
       # Create lambda matrix
       Lambda.i <- diag(lambda.post[i - 1, ])</pre>
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       # Precache this crossproduct
       XtLambda.i <- crossprod(X, Lambda.i)</pre>
       # Update parameters of posterior conditionals
       K.star.i <- crossprod(t(XtLambda.i), X) + K</pre>
       m.star.i <- solve(K.star.i, crossprod(t(XtLambda.i), y) + crossprod(K, m))</pre>
       eta.star.i <- eta + crossprod(Lambda.i %*% y, y) +
               crossprod(K %*% m, m) - crossprod(K.star.i %*% m.star.i, m.star.i)
       # Draw from conditional posterior
       omega.post[i] <- rgamma(1, d.star / 2, eta.star.i / 2)</pre>
       beta.post[i, ] <- rmvnorm(1, m.star.i,</pre>
                                  sigma = solve(omega.post[i] * K.star.i))
       lambda.post[i, ] <- rgamma(n, rep(h/2 + 1/2, n),
           h/2 + omega.post[i] * ( y- X %*% beta.post[i, ] )^2 / 2)
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}
   # Burn-out
   beta.post <- beta.post[-(1:burn), ]</pre>
omega.post <- omega.post[-(1:burn)]
   lambda.post <- lambda.post[-(1:burn), ]</pre>
   # Mean posterior for betas
   m.star2 <- colMeans(beta.post)</pre>
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   # Plot Frequentist, Bayesian, and Bayesian heavy-tail linear models
   r <- ggplot(GDP, aes(DEF60, GR6096)) + geom_point() +
        geom_abline(mapping = aes(colour = "Frequentist",
        intercept = freq.beta[1],
        slope = freq.beta[2]),
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        show.legend = T) +
        geom_abline(mapping = aes(colour = "Bayesian heavy tails",
        intercept = m.star2[1],
        slope = m.star2[2]),
125
        show.legend = T) +
        geom_abline(mapping = aes(colour = "Bayesian iid residuals",
        intercept = m.star[1],
        slope = m.star[2]),
        show.legend = T) +
        xlab("Defense spending as fraction of GDP (DEF60)") +
        ylab("GDP Growth Rate (GR6096)") +
        ggtitle("Defense spending vs. GDP Growth Rate") +
        scale_color_manual(name = "Method",
        values = c("Frequentist" = col1,
        "Bayesian iid residuals" = col2, "Bayesian heavy tails" = col3)) +
135
        theme(legend.position = c(0.85, 0.15),
        text = element_text(family="Palatino"))
   # Save this plotr
   pdf("img/compplot.pdf", width = 8, height = 6)
   dev.off()
   # Plot of reciprocals of lambdas
   plot(sort(1 / colMeans(lambda.post)))
   plot(sort(colMeans(lambda.post)))
   # Plot gibbs sampler results
   plot(omega.post,
       type = "1")
   q <- qplot(1:length(beta.post[, 1]), beta.post[, 1], geom = "blank") +</pre>
        ggtitle("Traceplot of Gibbs sampler for intercept term") +
        xlab("iteration") +
        ylab("Intercept") +
```