

Model Formulation:

$$Y_i = \alpha + \beta \ln(\delta + X_i) + \varepsilon_i; \varepsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma_\varepsilon^2);$$

Assumption:

$$f(\alpha_t, \beta_t) \sim BVN(\alpha_{t-1}, \sigma_\alpha^2, \beta_{t-1}, \sigma_\beta^2, \rho); \sigma_\varepsilon^2 \sim IG(p, q); \delta_t \sim U(X_{min} - \delta_{t-1}, X_{min} + \delta_{t-1});$$

$$\theta_t = (\alpha_t, \sigma_\alpha^2, \beta_t, \sigma_\beta^2, \rho, \delta_t)$$

Likelihood:

$$L(Y|\theta_t, X, \sigma_\varepsilon^2) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma_\varepsilon^2)^{n/2}} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma_\varepsilon^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \{Y_i - \alpha_t - \beta_t \ln(\delta_t + X_i)\}^2 \right]$$

Prior Distribution:

$$h(\theta_t|\theta_{t-1}) \propto \frac{1}{\sigma_\alpha^2 \sigma_\beta^2 \sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)} \left\{ \left(\frac{\alpha_t - \alpha_{t-1}}{\sigma_\alpha} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\beta_t - \beta_{t-1}}{\sigma_\beta} \right)^2 - 2\rho \left(\frac{\alpha_t - \alpha_{t-1}}{\sigma_\alpha} \right) \left(\frac{\beta_t - \beta_{t-1}}{\sigma_\beta} \right) \right\} \right] + \delta_t$$

Posterior Distribution:

$$L(Y|\theta_t, X, \sigma_\varepsilon^2) \times h(\theta_t|\theta_{t-1}) \propto$$

$$\sigma_\varepsilon^{-(n+p+2)} \times \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma_\varepsilon^2} \{ \sum_{i=1}^n \{Y_i - \alpha_t - \beta_t \ln(\delta_t + X_i)\}^2 + q \} \right] \times \left(\exp \left[-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)} \left\{ \left(\frac{\alpha_t - \alpha_{t-1}}{\sigma_\alpha} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\beta_t - \beta_{t-1}}{\sigma_\beta} \right)^2 - 2\rho \left(\frac{\alpha_t - \alpha_{t-1}}{\sigma_\alpha} \right) \left(\frac{\beta_t - \beta_{t-1}}{\sigma_\beta} \right) \right\} \right] + \delta_t \right)$$

Step by Step Estimation Algorithm:

1. Draw $\alpha_0, \beta_0 \sim BVN(\mu_\alpha, \sigma_\alpha^2, \mu_\beta, \sigma_\beta^2, \rho); \delta_0 \sim U(X_{(0)}, X_{(1)}); \sigma_\varepsilon^2 \sim IG(p = 0.01, q = 0.01)$
2. Estimate equivalent posterior distribution function using (1); let say L_0
3. For $t=1$ to $N(=500,000)$; Draw the $\theta_t = (\alpha_t, \sigma_\alpha^2, \beta_t, \sigma_\beta^2, \rho, \delta_t)$ as following
 - a. $\alpha_t, \beta_t \sim BVN(\alpha_{t-1}, \sigma_\alpha^2, \beta_{t-1}, \sigma_\beta^2, \rho)$
 - b. $\delta_t \sim U(X_{min} - \delta_{t-1}, X_{min} + \delta_{t-1})$
 - c. $\sigma_\varepsilon^2 \sim IG(p = 0.01, q = 0.01)$
4. Estimate posterior distribution for t^{th} draw; let say L_t
5. Compute $\tau = \min \left(1, \frac{L_t}{L_{t-1}} \right)$ and draw $\varphi \sim U(0, 1)$
6. If $\tau > \varphi$; then $\theta_{t+1} = \theta_t$ else $\theta_{t+1} = \theta_{t-1}$
7. Following criteria used for estimation:
 - a. Eliminate first 50,000 sample as burn-in sample.
 - b. Consider the 5th sample to eliminate auto-correlation.
 - c. Estimation is done based on 10,000 samples.