

# Linear Models

## Lecture 02

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# Linear Models Basics

Pretty much everything we are going to see in this course will fall under the umbrella of either linear or generalized linear models.

In previous classes most of your time has likely been spent with the simple iid case,

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \cdots + \beta_p x_{ip} + \epsilon_i$$

$$\epsilon_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2)$$

these models can also be expressed simply as,

$$y_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{i1} + \cdots + \beta_p x_{ip}, \sigma^2)$$

# Some notes on notation

- Observed values and scalars will usually be lower case letters, e.g.  $x_i, y_i, z_{ij}$ .
- Parameters will usually be greek symbols, e.g.  $\mu, \sigma, \rho$ .
- Vectors and matrices will be shown in bold, e.g.  $\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{X}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ .
- Elements of a matrix (or vector) will be referenced with {}s, e.g.  $\{\boldsymbol{Y}\}_i, \{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\}_{ij}$
- Random variables will be indicated by  $\sim$ , e.g.  $x \sim \text{Norm}(0, 1), z \sim \text{Gamma}(1, 1)$
- Matrix / vector transposes will be indicated with  $'$ , e.g.  $\boldsymbol{A}', (1 - \boldsymbol{B})'$

# Linear model - matrix notation

We can also express a linear model using matrix notation as follows,

$$\begin{matrix} \mathbf{Y} \\ n \times 1 \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} \mathbf{X} \\ n \times p \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \boldsymbol{\beta} \\ p \times 1 \end{matrix} + \begin{matrix} \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \\ n \times 1 \end{matrix}$$
$$\begin{matrix} \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \\ n \times 1 \end{matrix} \sim N \left( \begin{matrix} \mathbf{0} \\ n \times 1 \end{matrix}, \sigma^2 \begin{matrix} \mathbf{1}_n \\ n \times n \end{matrix} \right)$$

or alternative as,

$$\begin{matrix} \mathbf{Y} \\ n \times 1 \end{matrix} \sim N \left( \begin{matrix} \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\beta} \\ n \times p \quad p \times 1 \end{matrix}, \sigma^2 \begin{matrix} \mathbf{1}_n \\ n \times n \end{matrix} \right)$$

Where possible I will include the dimensions of matrices and vectors as these provide a useful sanity check

that the dimensions conform.

# Multivariate Normal Distribution - Review

For an  $n$ -dimension multivariate normal distribution with covariance  $\Sigma$  (positive semidefinite) can be written as

$$\underset{n \times 1}{\mathbf{Y}} \sim N\left(\underset{n \times 1}{\boldsymbol{\mu}}, \underset{n \times n}{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}\right)$$

where  $\{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\}_{ij} = \rho_{ij}\sigma_i\sigma_j$

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} \sim N\left(\begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mu_n \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} \rho_{11}\sigma_1\sigma_1 & \rho_{12}\sigma_1\sigma_2 & \cdots & \rho_{1n}\sigma_1\sigma_n \\ \rho_{21}\sigma_2\sigma_1 & \rho_{22}\sigma_2\sigma_2 & \cdots & \rho_{2n}\sigma_2\sigma_n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \rho_{n1}\sigma_n\sigma_1 & \rho_{n2}\sigma_n\sigma_2 & \cdots & \rho_{nn}\sigma_n\sigma_n \end{pmatrix}\right)$$

# Multivariate Normal Distribution - Density

For the  $n$  dimensional multivariate normal given on the last slide, its density is given by

$$f(\mathbf{Y}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = (2\pi)^{-n/2} \det(\boldsymbol{\Sigma})^{-1/2} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{Y}_{1 \times n} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{n \times 1})' \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{n \times n}^{-1} (\mathbf{Y}_{1 \times n} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{n \times 1}) \right)$$

and its log density is given by

$$\log f(\mathbf{Y}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = -\frac{n}{2} \log 2\pi - \frac{1}{2} \log \det(\boldsymbol{\Sigma}) - \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{Y}_{1 \times n} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{n \times 1})' \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{n \times n}^{-1} (\mathbf{Y}_{1 \times n} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{n \times 1})$$

# Some useful identities

The following come from the [Matrix Cookbook](#) Chapters 1 & 2.

$$(\mathbf{AB})' = \mathbf{B}' \mathbf{A}'$$

$$(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})' = \mathbf{A}' + \mathbf{B}'$$

$$(\mathbf{A}')^{-1} = (\mathbf{A}^{-1})'$$

$$(\mathbf{ABC} \dots)^{-1} = \dots \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{B}^{-1} \mathbf{A}^{-1}$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A}') = \det(\mathbf{A})$$

$$\det(\mathbf{AB}) = \det(\mathbf{A}) \det(\mathbf{B})$$

$$\det(c\mathbf{A}) = c^n \det(\mathbf{A})$$

$$\det(\mathbf{A}^n) = \det(\mathbf{A})^n$$

$$\partial \mathbf{A} = 0 \quad (\text{where } \mathbf{A} \text{ is constant})$$

$$\partial(a\mathbf{X}) = a(\partial \mathbf{A})$$

$$\partial(\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{Y}) = \partial \mathbf{X} + \partial \mathbf{Y}$$

$$\partial(\mathbf{XY}) = (\partial \mathbf{X})\mathbf{Y} + \mathbf{X}(\partial \mathbf{Y})$$

$$\partial(\mathbf{X}') = (\partial \mathbf{X})'$$

$$\partial(\mathbf{X}' \mathbf{A} \mathbf{X}) = (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}')\mathbf{X}$$





# Maximum Likelihood - $\beta$ (iid)





# Maximum Likelihood - $\sigma^2$ (iid)





# A Quick Example

# Parameters -> Synthetic Data

Lets generate some simulated data where the underlying model is known and see how various regression procedures function.

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1i} + \beta_2 x_{2i} + \beta_3 x_{3i} + \epsilon_i$$
$$\epsilon_i \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$\beta_0 = 0.7, \beta_1 = 1.5, \beta_2 = -2.2, \beta_3 =$$

```
1  set.seed(1234)
2  n = 100
3  beta = c(0.7, 1.5, -2.2, 0.1)
4  sigma = 1
5  eps = rnorm(n, 0, sd = sigma)
6
7  d = data_frame(
8    X1 = rt(n, df=5),
9    X2 = rt(n, df=5),
10   X3 = rt(n, df=5)
11  ) %>%
12   mutate(Y = beta[1] + beta[2]*X1
```



# Model Matrix

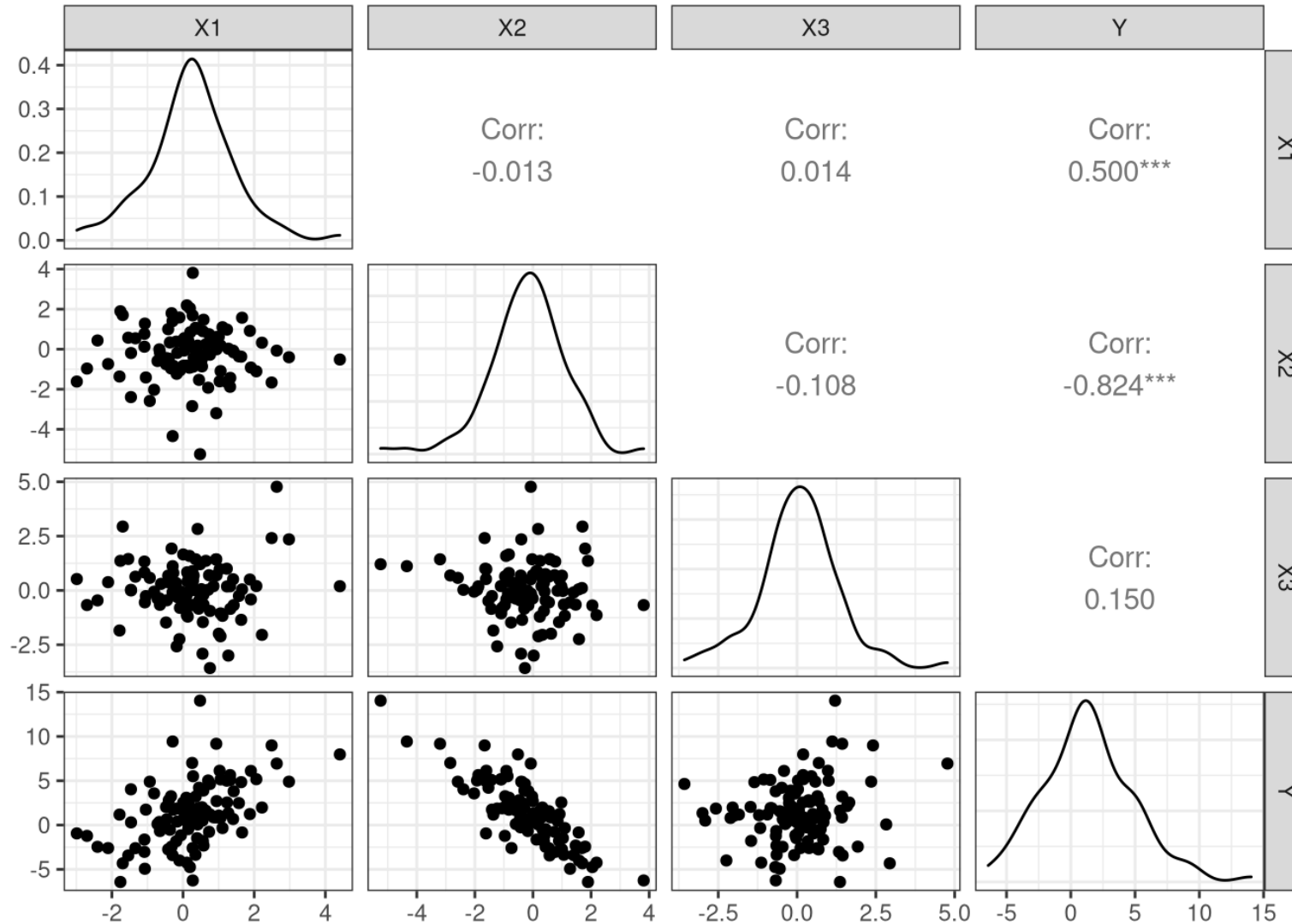
```
1 X = model.matrix(~X1+X2+X3, d)
2 tbl_df(X)
```

# A tibble: 100 × 4

	`(Intercept)`	X1	X2	X3
	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>
1	1	0.557	0.897	-1.46
2	1	0.758	0.375	-0.945
3	1	0.273	3.81	-0.675
4	1	1.41	-0.0745	0.514
5	1	1.01	0.623	-1.99
6	1	0.942	-0.00618	0.700
7	1	1.66	1.57	0.0478
8	1	-1.09	0.766	1.33
9	1	-0.296	1.40	-0.0914

# Pairs plot

```
1 GGally::ggpairs(d, progress = FALSE)
```



# Least squares fit

Let  $\hat{\mathbf{Y}}$  be our estimate for  $\mathbf{Y}$  based on our estimate of  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ ,

$$\hat{\mathbf{Y}} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 \mathbf{X}_1 + \hat{\beta}_2 \mathbf{X}_2 + \hat{\beta}_3 \mathbf{X}_3 = \mathbf{X} \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$$

The least squares estimate,  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{ls}$ , is given by

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \mathbf{X}_{i.} \boldsymbol{\beta})^2$$

Previously we showed that,

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_{ls} = (\mathbf{X}' \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}' \mathbf{Y}$$

# Beta estimate

```
1 (beta_hat = solve(t(X) %*% X, t(X)) %*% d$Y)
```

```
      [,1]
```

```
(Intercept) 0.5522298
```

```
X1          1.4708769
```

```
X2          -2.1761159
```

```
X3           0.1535830
```

```
1 l = lm(Y ~ X1 + X2 + X3, data=d)
```

```
2 l$coefficients
```

(Intercept)	X1	X2	X3
0.5522298	1.4708769	-2.1761159	0.1535830

# Bayesian regression model

# Basics of Bayes

We will be fitting the same model as described above, we just need to provide some additional information in the form of a prior for our model parameters (the  $\beta$ s and  $\sigma^2$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} f(\theta|x) &= \frac{f(x|\theta) \pi(\theta)}{\int f(x|\theta) d\theta} \\ &\propto f(x|\theta) \pi(\theta) \end{aligned}$$

# brms

We will be using a package called `brms` for most of our Bayesian model fitting

- it has a convenient model specification syntax
- mostly sensible prior defaults
- supports most of the model types we will be exploring
- uses Stan behind the scenes

# brms + linear regression

```
1 b = brms::brm(Y ~ X1 + X2 + X3, data=d, chains = 2)
```

```
Running /usr/lib64/R/bin/R CMD SHLIB foo.c
```

```
gcc -m64 -I"/usr/include/R" -DNDEBUG -
```

```
I"/usr/lib64/R/library/Rcpp/include/" -
```

```
I"/usr/lib64/R/library/RcppEigen/include/" -
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I"/usr/lib64/R/library/RcppEigen/include/unsupported" -
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I"/usr/lib64/R/library/BH/include" -
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I"/usr/lib64/R/library/StanHeaders/include/src/" -
```

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I"/usr/lib64/R/library/StanHeaders/include/" -
```

```
I"/usr/lib64/R/library/RcppParallel/include/" -
```

```
I"/usr/lib64/R/library/rstan/include" -DEIGEN_NO_DEBUG -
```

```
DBOOST_DISABLE_ASSERTS -DBOOST_PENDING_INTEGER_LOG2_HPP -DSTAN_THREADS -
```

```
DBOOST_NO_AUTO_PTR -include
```



# Model results

1 b

Family: gaussian

Links: mu = identity; sigma = identity

Formula: Y ~ X1 + X2 + X3

Data: d (Number of observations: 100)

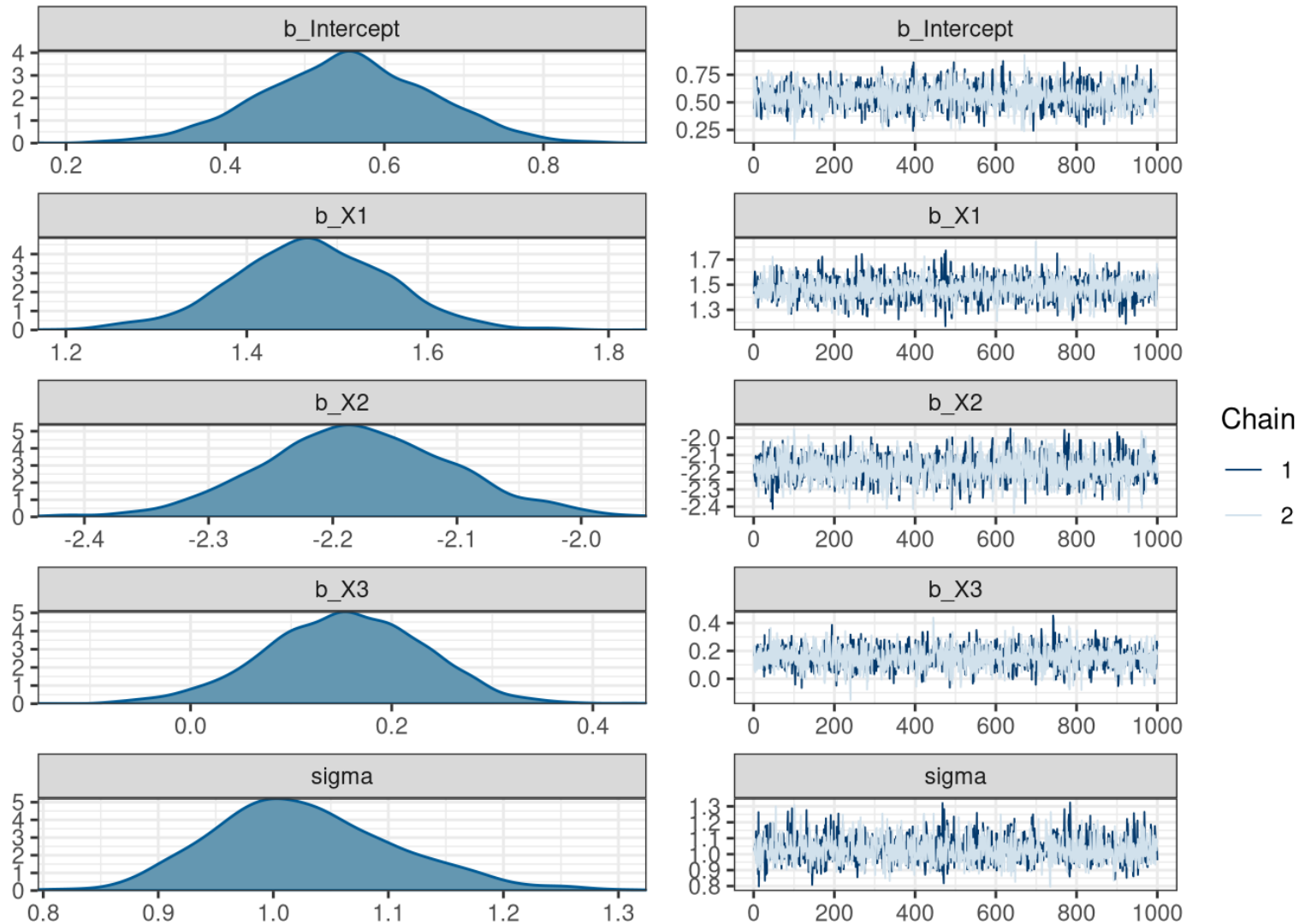
Draws: 2 chains, each with iter = 2000; warmup = 1000; thin = 1;  
total post-warmup draws = 2000

## Population-Level Effects:

	Estimate	Est.Error	l-95% CI	u-95% CI	Rhat	Bulk_ESS	Tail_ESS
Intercept	0.55	0.11	0.35	0.76	1.00	2623	1609
X1	1.47	0.09	1.29	1.64	1.00	2292	1416
X2	-2.18	0.08	-2.33	-2.02	1.00	2294	1604

# Model visual summary

1 `plot(b)`



# What about the priors?

```
1 brms::prior_summary(b)
```

	prior	class	coef	group	resp	dpar	nlpar	lb	ub	source
	(flat)	b								default
	(flat)	b	X1							(vectorized)
	(flat)	b	X2							(vectorized)
	(flat)	b	X3							(vectorized)
student_t(3, 1.1, 3.1)		Intercept								default
student_t(3, 0, 3.1)		sigma						0		default

# tidybayes

```
1 (post = b %>%  
2   tidybayes::gather_draws(b_Intercept, b_X1, b_X2, b_X3, sigma)  
3 )
```

# A tibble: 10,000 × 5

# Groups: .variable [5]

	.chain	.iteration	.draw	.variable	.value
	<int>	<int>	<int>	<chr>	<dbl>
1	1	1	1	b_Intercept	0.440
2	1	2	2	b_Intercept	0.524
3	1	3	3	b_Intercept	0.544
4	1	4	4	b_Intercept	0.502
5	1	5	5	b_Intercept	0.567
6	1	6	6	b_Intercept	0.569
7	1	7	7	b_Intercept	0.373
8	1	8	8	b_Intercept	0.731

# tidybayes + posterior summaries

```
1 (post_sum = post %>%
2   group_by(.variable, .chain) %>%
3   summarize(
4     post_mean = mean(.value),
5     post_median = median(.value)
6   )
7 )
```

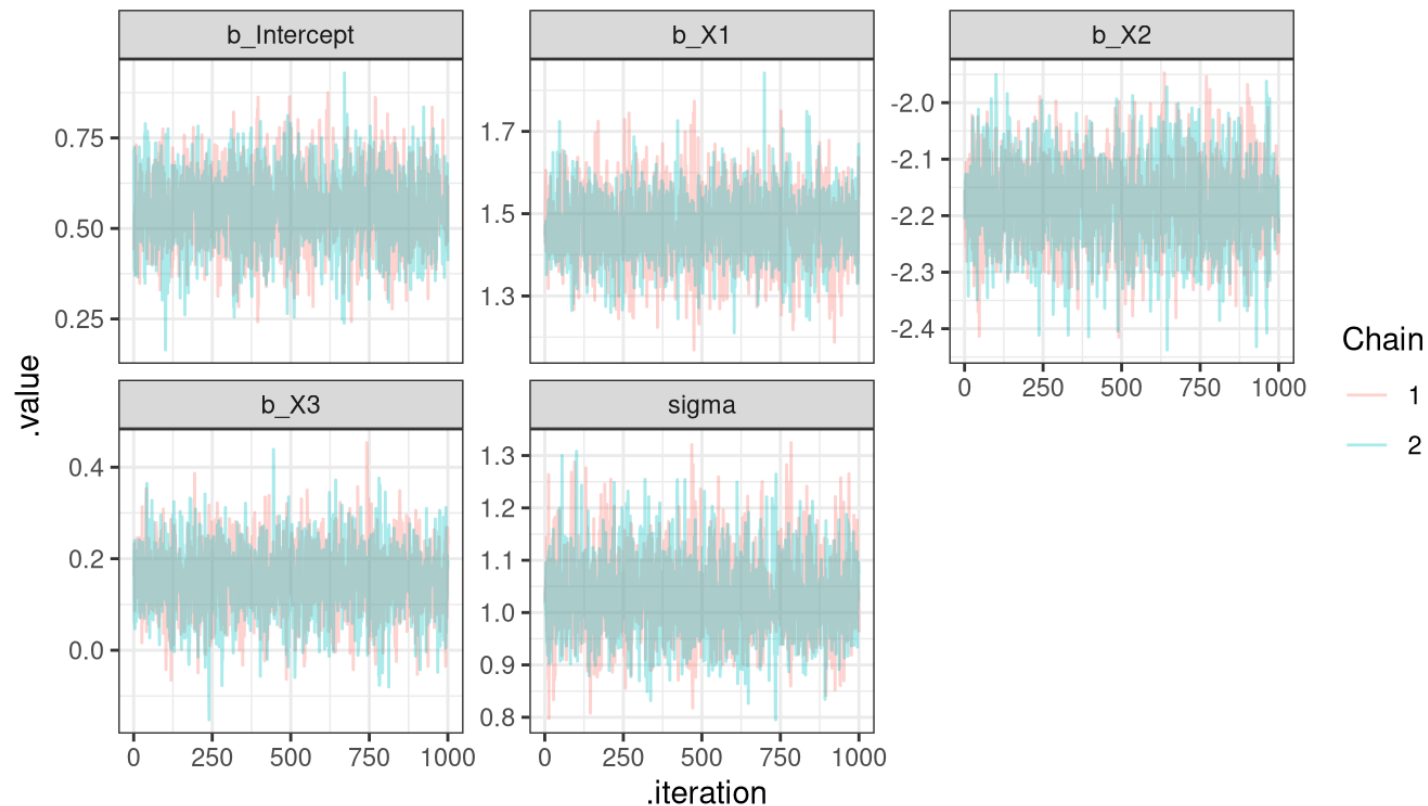
# A tibble: 10 × 4

# Groups: .variable [5]

	.variable	.chain	post_mean	post_median
	<chr>	<int>	<dbl>	<dbl>
1	b_Intercept	1	0.556	0.555
2	b_Intercept	2	0.550	0.553
3	b_X1	1	1.47	1.47
4	b_X1	2	1.47	1.47
5	b_X2	1	-2.18	-2.18
6	b_X2	2	-2.18	-2.18
7	b_X3	1	0.157	0.157

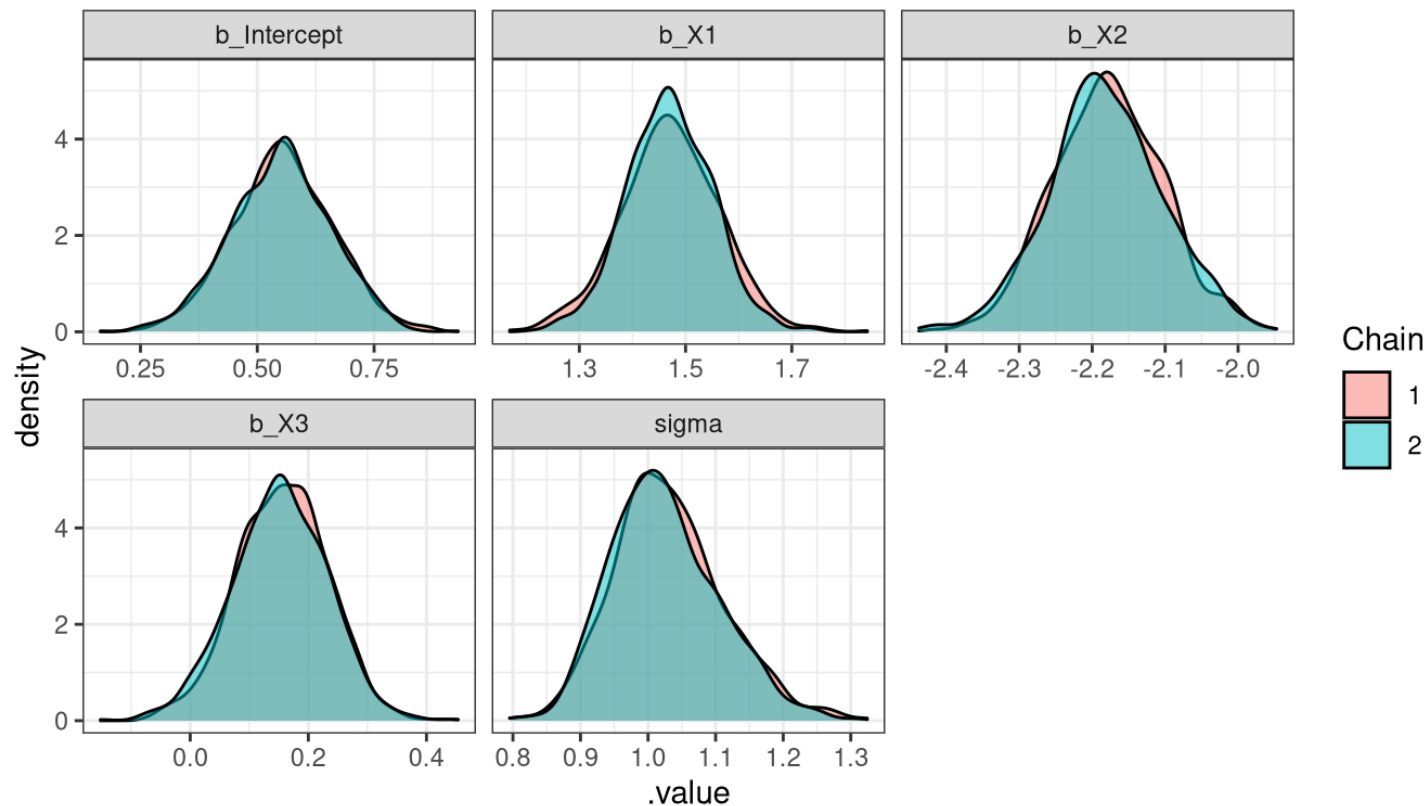
# tidybayes + ggplot - traceplot

```
1 post %>%  
2   ggplot(aes(x=.iteration, y=.value, color=as.character(.chain))) +  
3   geom_line(alpha=0.33) +  
4   facet_wrap(~.variable, scale="free_y") +  
5   labs(color="Chain")
```



# Tidy Bayes + ggplot - Density plot

```
1 post %>%  
2   ggplot(aes(x=.value, fill=as.character(.chain))) +  
3   geom_density(alpha=0.5) +  
4   facet_wrap(~.variable, scale="free_x") +  
5   labs(fill="Chain")
```



# Comparing Approaches

```
1 (pt_est = post_sum %>%  
2   filter(.chain == 1) %>%  
3   ungroup() %>%  
4   mutate(  
5     truth = c(beta, sigma),  
6     ols   = c(l$coefficients, sd(l$residuals))  
7   ) %>%  
8   select(.variable, truth, ols, post_mean)  
9 )
```

# A tibble: 5 × 4

	.variable <chr>	truth <dbl>	ols <dbl>	post_mean <dbl>
1	b_Intercept	0.7	0.552	0.556
2	b_X1	1.5	1.47	1.47
3	b_X2	-2.2	-2.18	-2.18
4	b_X3	0.1	0.154	0.157
5	sigma	1	1.00	1.03



# Comparing Approaches - code

```
1 post %>%
2   filter(.chain == 1) %>%
3   ggplot(aes(x=.value)) +
4   geom_density(alpha=0.5, fill="lightblue") +
5   facet_wrap(~.variable, scale="free_x") +
6   geom_vline(
7     data = pt_est %>% tidyr::pivot_longer(cols = truth:post_mean, names_
8     aes(xintercept = value, color=pt_est),
9     alpha = 0.5, size=2
10  )
```

# Comparing Approaches - plot

