

Astrostatistics: 11 Mar 2019

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- Make-Up Lecture, Thu 14 Mar, 11am-12: MR 9 ? 14 ? 15
- Example Class, Fri 15 Mar 1pm MR 12 ?
- Today:
- Continue Probabilistic Graphical Models (Bishop, Ch 8)
- Hierarchical Bayes & Gibbs Sampling

What is Hierarchical Bayes?

Simple Bayes: $\mathcal{D} | \theta \sim \text{Model}(\theta)$

Posterior (Bayes' Theorem): $P(\theta | \mathcal{D}) \propto P(\mathcal{D} | \theta)P(\theta)$

Hierarchical Bayes: θ_i : Parameter of Individual
 α, β : Hyperparameter of Population

$$\mathcal{D}_i | \theta_i \sim \text{Model}(\theta_i)$$

$$\theta_i | \alpha, \beta \sim \text{PopModel}(\alpha, \beta)$$

Joint Posterior:

$$P(\{\theta_i\}, \alpha, \beta | \{\mathcal{D}_i\}) \propto \left[\prod_{i=1}^N P(\mathcal{D}_i | \theta_i) P(\theta_i | \alpha, \beta) \right] P(\alpha, \beta)$$

Build up complexity by layering conditional probabilities

Probabilistic Graphical Models

Forward Model:

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$$\mathcal{D}_i | \theta_i \sim \text{Model}(\theta_i)$$

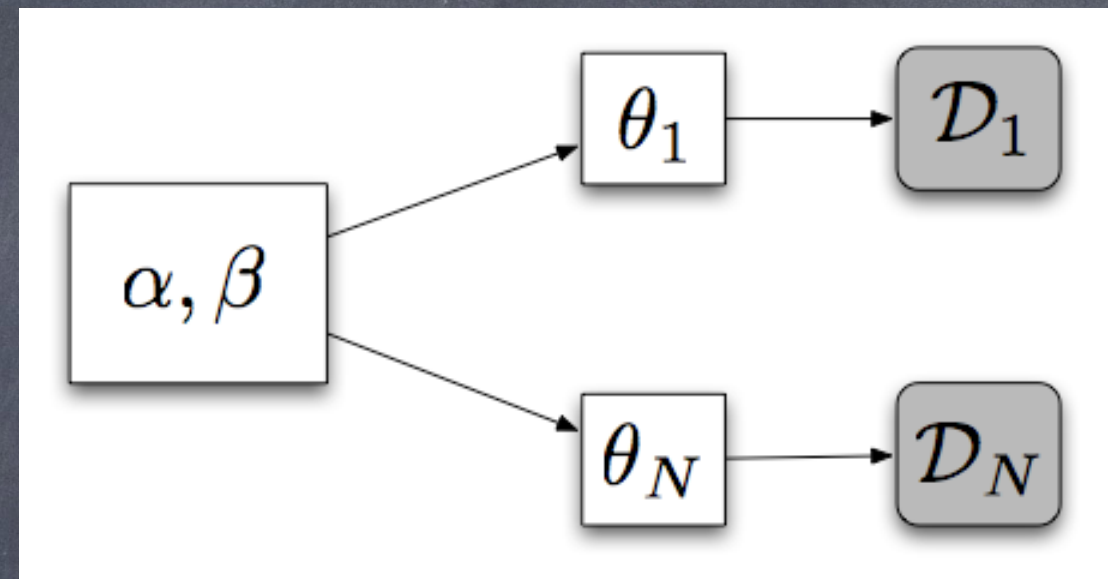
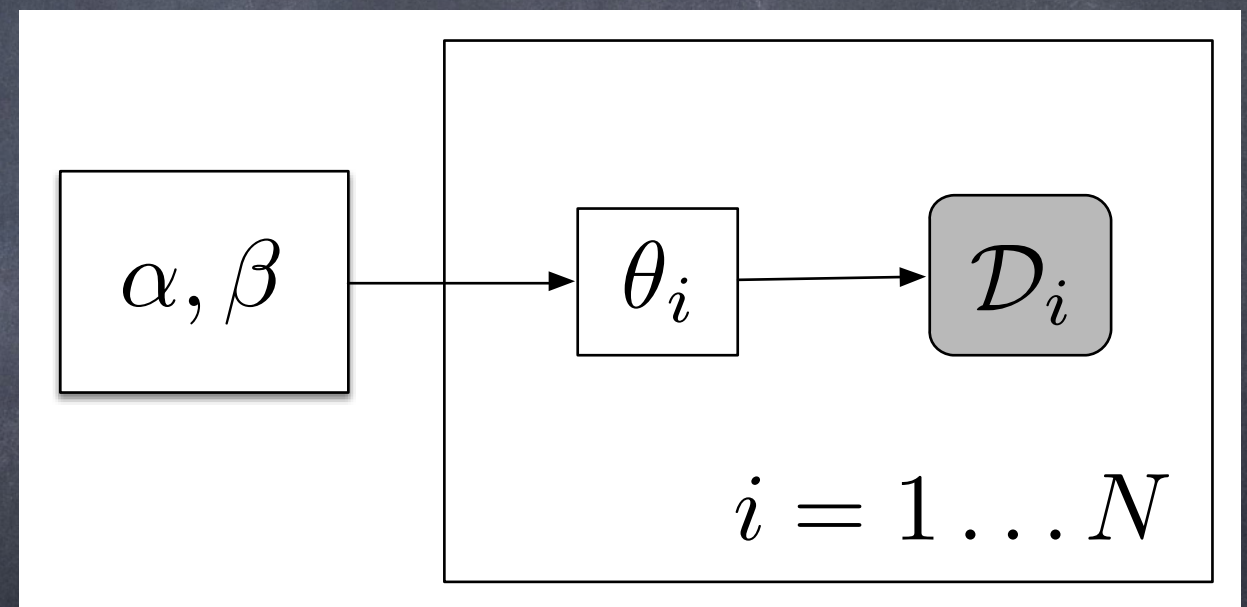


Plate Notation:
(loop over
individuals in
sample)



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Advantages of Hierarchical Bayesian Models

- Common Problem in Astronomy: Infer properties of population from finite sample of individuals with noisy measurements
- Incorporate multiple sources of randomness & uncertainty as “latent variables” with distributions underlying the data
- Express structured probability models adapted to data-generating process (“forward model”)
- Bayesian: Full (non-gaussian) probability distribution = Global, coherent quantification of uncertainties
- Completely Explore & Marginalize Posterior trade-offs/degeneracies between parameters/hyperparameters

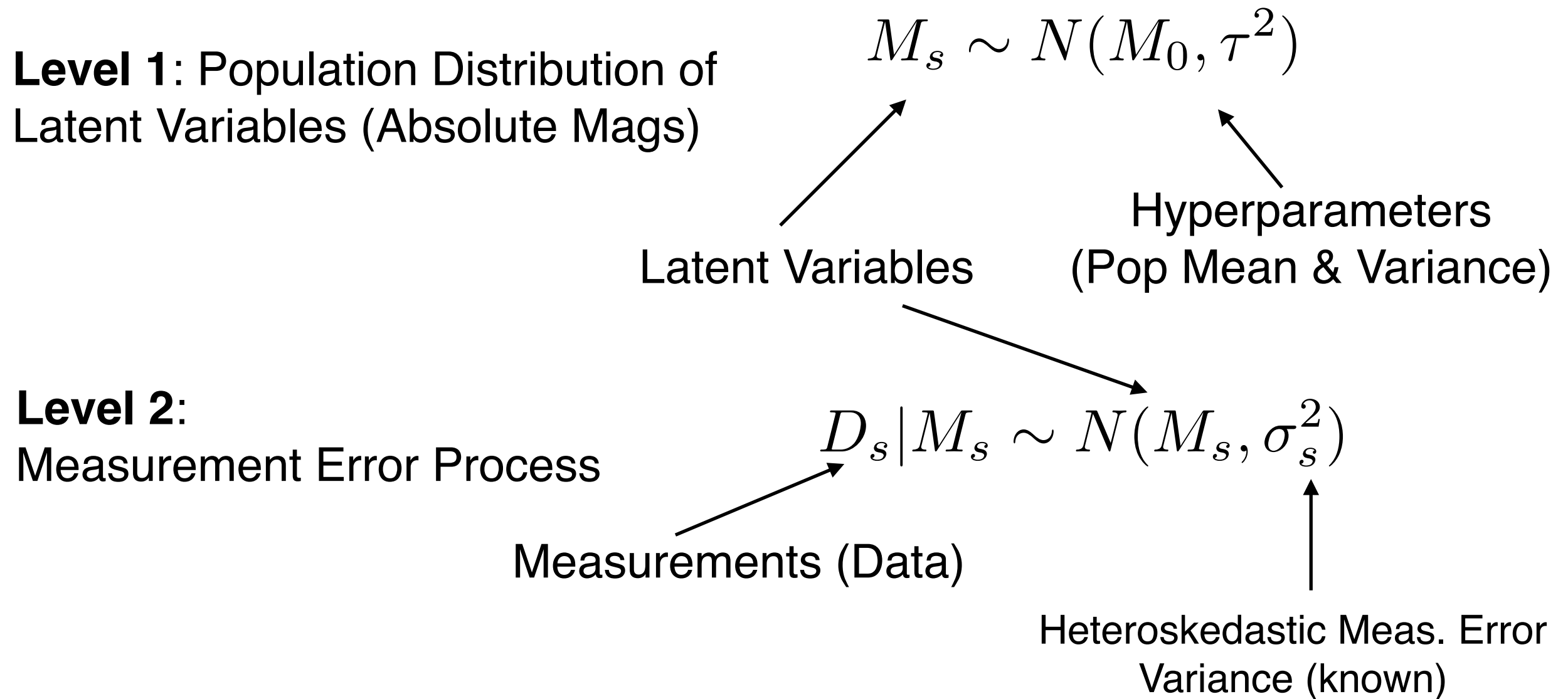
Switch to PRML Slides on properties of Graphical Models (from Cond'l independence I)

PGM Slides:

lecture21_22_prml_slides-8_abridged.pdf

Slides on: Bayesian Networks, Curve
Fitting, Generative Models, Conditional
Independence, D-Separation

Simplest Hierarchical Bayesian / Multi-level Model: “Normal-Normal” for Standard CandleMagnitudes



(Draw PGM / DAG on Chalkboard) $s = 1 \dots N$

Hierarchical Bayesian “Normal-Normal” Model

Level 1: Population Distribution of Latent Variables (Absolute Mags)

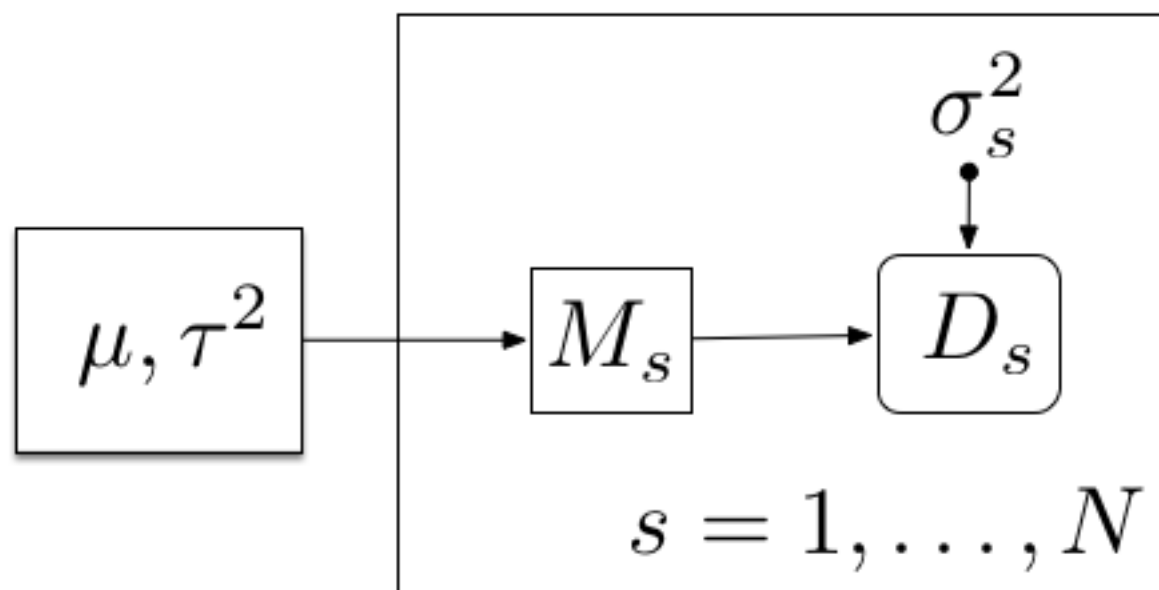
$$M_s \sim N(M_0, \tau^2) \quad s = 1 \dots N$$

Level 2 : Measurement Error Process

$$D_s | M_s \sim N(M_s, \sigma_s^2) \quad s = 1 \dots N$$

Joint Probability Density of Data, Latent Variables, Hyperparameters

(Derive on board) $P(\{D_s\}, \{M_s\}, \mathbf{H} = M_0, \tau^2)$



Joint factors into Conditional and Marginal densities based on Model Assumption

Hierarchical Bayesian “Normal-Normal” Model

Level 1: Population Distribution of Latent Variables (Absolute Mags)

$$M_s \sim N(M_0, \tau^2) \quad \text{Population Dist'n / Prior}$$

Level 2 : Measurement Error Process

$$D_s | M_s \sim N(M_s, \sigma_s^2) \quad \text{Measurement Likelihood}$$

Joint Probability Density of ALL THE THINGS:
Data, Latent Variables, Hyperparameters

$$P(\{D_s\}, \{M_s\}, \mathbf{H}) = \left[\prod_{s=1}^N P(D_s | M_s) P(M_s | M_0, \tau^2) \right] \times P(\mathbf{H})$$

(Derive on board)

Measurement
Likelihood



Population Dist'n /
Prior



Hyperprior



Putting the Bayesian in Hierarchical Bayesian

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$$P(\underbrace{\{D_s\}}_{\text{Data}}, \underbrace{\{M_s\}}_{\text{Unknowns}}, \mathbf{H}) = \left[\prod_{s=1}^N P(D_s | M_s) P(M_s | M_0, \tau^2) \right] \times P(\mathbf{H})$$

Joint Posterior of all unknowns given the data

$$P(\{M_s\}, \mathbf{H} | \{D_s\}) = \frac{P(\{M_s\}, \mathbf{H} | \{D_s\})}{P(\{D_s\})}$$

(Normalisation Constant)

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Unknowns Data (Ignorable Normalisation Constant)



(Posterior on $N + 2$ dimensional parameter space)

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Measurement
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Gibbs sampling & Hierarchical Bayes

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2. Sample Hyperparameters from Conditional on Data and Latent Variables:

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$$P(M_s | \mathbf{H}, D_s) \propto P(D_s | M_s) \times P(M_s | M_0, \tau^2)$$

(Gaussian)

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2. Sample Hyperparameters from Conditional on Data and Latent Variables:

$$P(M_0, \tau^2 | \{M_s\}; \{D_s\}) = P(M_0, \tau^2 | \{M_s\}) = P(M_0 | \tau^2, \{M_s\}) P(\tau^2 | \{M_s\})$$

(Conditional Independence)

(Gaussian)

(Inv- χ^2)

Reduces to the Familiar Posterior for unknown mean and variance of Gaussian Data (Example Sheet 1, Prob 4.2)

Gibbs sampling & Hierarchical Bayes

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$$\text{Hyperprior: } P(\mu, \tau^2) \propto 1 \quad \text{(Gaussian)} \quad \text{(Inv-}\chi^2\text{)}$$

$$\text{Conditional Posteriors: } \tau^2 | \{M_s\} \sim \text{Inv-}\chi^2 \left(N - 2, \frac{(N - 1)}{(N - 2)} s^2 \right)$$

$$M_0 | \tau^2; \{M_s\} \sim N(\bar{M}, \tau^2 / N)$$

$$\bar{M} \equiv \frac{1}{N} \sum_{s=1}^N M_s \quad s^2 \equiv \frac{1}{N - 1} \sum_{s=1}^N (M_s - \bar{M})^2$$

Gibbs Sampling in 102

parameters:

Code/Data Demo