

# 1 Solving for the Posterior Distribution on $\beta$ : Motivating the problem

$$P(\beta \mid D) = \sum_{m=1}^M P(\beta \mid D, Z = m) Pr(Z = m \mid D) \quad (1)$$

If  $\beta$  results from a mixture of multivariate normals across many different prior covariance matrices  $\mathbf{W}_m$  and clusters of 'types', we need to compute the posterior on  $\beta$ . We might also assume that the observed variance in effect sizes,  $\hat{\mathbf{V}}$ , is a diagonal matrix.

## 1.1 Prior specification

Taking a Bayesian approach to inference, we place the following priors (a mixture of normal distributions) on  $\beta$

$$\beta \mid \pi \sim \sum_{m=1}^M \pi_m^\beta \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{W}_m) \quad (2)$$

where  $\pi = (\pi_1, \dots, \pi_M)$  are the mixture proportions which are constrained to be non-negative and sum to one,  $\mathbf{W} = (\mathbf{W}_1, \dots, \mathbf{W}_M)$  are the  $S$  by  $S$  grid of effect-size prior variance matrices for each normal distribution. For now, we assume that the variance matrices  $\mathbf{W}_m$  are known and estimate  $\pi$  by using an empirical Bayes procedure - that is we find the maximum-likelihood estimator.

## 1.2 BF and posterior prob approximation

MLE for  $\pi$ , the prior weight on  $Pr(z_i = m)$  can be computed as described using the EM algorithm.

Let  $\hat{\beta} = \mathbf{Var}(\hat{\beta})$  and  $\mathbf{W}_m = \mathbf{W}_m$ , the group-specific variance. We exploit the fact that

$$E(\hat{\beta}) = E(E(\hat{\beta} \mid \beta)) = E(\beta) = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$Var(\hat{\beta}) = Var(E(\hat{\beta} \mid \beta)) + E(Var(\hat{\beta} \mid \beta)) \quad (4)$$

$$= \mathbf{W}_m + \mathbf{V} \quad (5)$$

Recognizing that we can use  $\hat{\beta}$  as a sufficient statistic to summarize our data:

$$\mathbf{P}(D \mid Z = m) = \mathbf{P}(\hat{\beta} \mid Z = m) \quad (6)$$

$$\hat{\beta} \mid Z = m \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{W}_m + \hat{\mathbf{V}}) \quad (7)$$

$$\mathbf{P}(\hat{\beta} \mid Z = m) = (2\pi)^{-k/2} |\hat{\mathbf{V}} + \mathbf{W}_m|^{\frac{-1}{2}} \exp \left[ -\frac{\hat{\beta}'(\mathbf{W}_m + \mathbf{V})^{-1}\hat{\beta}}{2} \right]. \quad (8)$$

And a posterior on  $\beta$  is

$$\mathbf{P}(\beta \mid D, Z = m) \propto \mathcal{L}(\beta) \mathbf{P}(\beta \mid Z = m) \quad (9)$$

$$\propto \exp \left[ -\frac{(\beta - \hat{\beta})' \hat{\mathbf{V}}^{-1} (\beta - \hat{\beta})}{2} \right] \exp \left[ -\frac{\beta' \mathbf{W}_m \beta}{2} \right]. \quad (10)$$

leading to

$$\beta \mid D, Z = \sim \mathcal{N}((\hat{\mathbf{V}}^{-1} + \mathbf{W}_m^{-1})^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{V}}^{-1} \hat{\beta}, (\hat{\mathbf{V}}^{-1} + \mathbf{W}_m^{-1})^{-1}). \quad (12)$$

So, we will sum over all possible posteriors  $\beta \mid D, Z = m$  and weights :

$$Pr(\beta \mid D) = \sum_{m=1}^M Pr(Z = m \mid D) Pr(\beta \mid D, Z = m) \quad (13)$$

$$= \sum_{m=1}^M \frac{\pi_m Pr(D \mid Z = m)}{\sum_n \pi_n Pr(D \mid Z = n)} Pr(\beta \mid D, Z = m). \quad (14)$$

Where the posterior weights arise from (8) and the contributions of the posterior according to each combination of prior variances  $\mathbf{W}_m$  arises from the individual multivariate normals specified in (12).