

# P8160 - Hurricane Project

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## Given Information

The following Bayesian model was suggested.

$$Y_i(t+6) = \beta_{0,i} + \beta_{1,i}Y_i(t) + \beta_{2,i}\Delta_{i,1}(t) + \beta_{3,i}\Delta_{i,2}(t) + \beta_{4,i}\Delta_{i,3}(t) + \epsilon_i(t)$$

where  $Y_i(t)$  the wind speed at time  $t$  (i.e. 6 hours earlier),  $\Delta_{i,1}(t)$ ,  $\Delta_{i,2}(t)$  and  $\Delta_{i,3}(t)$  are the changes of latitude, longitude and wind speed between  $t$  and  $t+6$ , and  $\epsilon_{i,t}$  follows a normal distributions with mean zero and variance  $\sigma^2$ , independent across  $t$ .

In the model,  $\beta_i = (\beta_{0,i}, \beta_{1,i}, \dots, \beta_{7,i})$  are the random coefficients associated the  $i$ th hurricane, we assume that

$$\beta_i \sim N(\beta, \Sigma)$$

follows a multivariate normal distributions with mean  $\beta$  and covariance matrix  $\Sigma$ .

We assume the following non-informative or weak prior distributions for  $\sigma^2$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\Sigma$ .

$$P(\sigma^2) \propto \frac{1}{\sigma^2}; \quad P(\beta) \propto 1; \quad P(\Sigma^{-1}) \propto |\Sigma|^{-(d+1)} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\Sigma^{-1}\right)$$

$d$  is dimension of  $\beta$ .

### Task 1:

Let  $\mathbf{B} = (\beta_1^\top, \dots, \beta_n^\top)^\top$ , derive the posterior distribution of the parameters  $\Theta = (\mathbf{B}^\top, \beta^\top, \sigma^2, \Sigma)$ .

Note from given Bayesian model:

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_i(t) &= Y_i(t+6) - \left( \beta_{0,i} + \beta_{1,i}Y_i(t) + \beta_{2,i}\Delta_{i,1}(t) + \beta_{3,i}\Delta_{i,2}(t) + \beta_{4,i}\Delta_{i,3}(t) \right) \stackrel{i.i.d}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2) \\ &\text{or} \\ Y_i(t+6) &\stackrel{i.i.d}{\sim} N(\mathbf{X}_i(t)^\top \beta_i, \sigma^2) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{X}_i(t)^\top \beta_i = \beta_{0,i} + \beta_{1,i}Y_i(t) + \beta_{2,i}\Delta_{i,1}(t) + \beta_{3,i}\Delta_{i,2}(t) + \beta_{4,i}\Delta_{i,3}(t)$ . Therefore,

$$f_{Y_i(t+6)}(Y_i | \beta_i, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left[ Y_i(t+6) - \left( \beta_{0,i} + \beta_{1,i}Y_i(t) + \beta_{2,i}\Delta_{i,1}(t) + \beta_{3,i}\Delta_{i,2}(t) + \beta_{4,i}\Delta_{i,3}(t) \right) \right]^2 \right\}$$

for hurricane  $i$  at time  $t$ . To show the likelihood function for hurricane  $i$  across all time points,  $t$ , we can write the multivariate normal distribution

$$f_{Y_i}(Y_i | \beta_i, \sigma^2) \sim N(\mathbf{X}_i^\top \beta_i, \sigma^2 I).$$

Finally, the joint likelihood function of all hurricanes can be expresses as

$$L_{Y_i}(\beta_i, \sigma^2 I) = \prod_{i=1}^n \det(2\pi\sigma^2 I)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i^\top \beta_i)^\top (\sigma^2 I)^{-1} (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i^\top \beta_i) \right).$$

We can find the posterior distribution for  $\Theta$  by

$$\pi(\mathbf{B}, \beta, \sigma^2, \Sigma | Y_i) \propto L_{Y_i}(\beta_i, \sigma^2 I) \times \pi(\mathbf{B} | \beta, \Sigma) \times \pi(\beta) \times \pi(\sigma^2) \times \pi(\Sigma),$$

where  $\pi(\mathbf{B} | \beta, \Sigma)$  is the joint multivariate normal density of  $\beta$ ,

$$\pi(\mathbf{B} | \beta, \Sigma) = \prod_{i=1}^n \det(2\pi\Sigma)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} (\beta_i - \beta)^\top \Sigma^{-1} (\beta_i - \beta) \right).$$

So we have the following posterior distribution, from which we can derive conditional posteriors to perform Gibbs sampling.

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(\mathbf{B}, \beta, \sigma^2, \Sigma | Y_i) &\propto \prod_{i=1}^n \det(2\pi\sigma^2 I)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i^\top \beta_i)^\top (\sigma^2 I)^{-1} (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i^\top \beta_i) \right\} \\ &\times \prod_{i=1}^n \det(2\pi\Sigma)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\beta_i - \beta)^\top \Sigma^{-1} (\beta_i - \beta) \right\} \times \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \times |\Sigma|^{-(d+1)} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \Sigma^{-1} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Rearranged,

$$\pi(\mathbf{B}, \beta, \sigma^2, \Sigma | Y_i) \propto \det(2\pi\Sigma)^{-1/2} \det(2\pi\sigma^2 I)^{-1/2} \frac{1}{\sigma^2} |\Sigma|^{-(d+1)} \prod_{i=1}^n \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i^\top \beta_i)^\top (\sigma^2 I)^{-1} (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i^\top \beta_i) - \frac{1}{2} (\beta_i - \beta)^\top \Sigma^{-1} (\beta_i - \beta) \right)$$

And therefore,

$$\log \pi(\mathbf{B}, \beta, \sigma^2, \Sigma | Y_i) \propto -\frac{1}{2} \log(\det(2\pi\Sigma)) - \frac{1}{2} \log(\det(2\pi\sigma^2 I)) - 2 \log \sigma - (d+1) \log |\Sigma| +$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}_i)^\top (\sigma^2 I)^{-1} (\mathbf{Y}_i - \mathbf{X}_i^\top \boldsymbol{\beta}_i) - \frac{1}{2}(\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\beta})^\top \Sigma^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\beta}).$$

To find the conditional posterior distributions for Gibbs sampling, we can consider:

$$\pi(\boldsymbol{\beta} \mid \mathbf{B}, \sigma^2, \Sigma, Y_i) = \frac{\pi(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \mathbf{B}, \sigma^2, \Sigma \mid Y_i)}{\pi(\mathbf{B}, \sigma^2, \Sigma)} \propto ??$$

In the equation above,  $\pi(\mathbf{B}, \sigma^2, \Sigma)$  only depends on  $\mathbf{B}, \sigma^2, \Sigma$ , so we can focus only on the part of the joint posterior that depends on all four variables  $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$ ,  $\sigma^2$ , and  $\Sigma$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(\boldsymbol{\beta} \mid \mathbf{B}, \sigma^2, \Sigma, Y_i) &\propto \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}(\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\beta})^\top \Sigma^{-1} (\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\beta}) \right\} \\ &\propto \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \boldsymbol{\beta}_i^\top \Sigma^{-1} \boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\beta}_i^\top \Sigma^{-1} \boldsymbol{\beta} - \boldsymbol{\beta}^\top \Sigma^{-1} \boldsymbol{\beta}_i + \boldsymbol{\beta}^\top \Sigma^{-1} \boldsymbol{\beta} \right) \right\} \\ &\propto \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \exp \left\{ \boldsymbol{\beta}^\top \Sigma^{-1} \boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\beta}^\top \Sigma^{-1} \boldsymbol{\beta} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

I believe we want to expand and simplify to find a recognizable distribution, but I'm not sure what to do from here. Seems like I've made an error somewhere? Would it be easier to do Metropolis-Hastings?

The log of the posterior can be written as:

$$\log \pi(\mathbf{B}, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2, \Sigma \mid Y_i) \propto \log f_{Y_i(t+6)}(Y_i \mid \boldsymbol{\beta}_i, \sigma^2) + \log \pi(\Theta),$$

where

$$\pi(\Theta) \propto \prod_{i=1}^n \det(2\pi\Sigma)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\beta})^\top \Sigma^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\beta})\right) \times 1 \times \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \times |\Sigma|^{-(d+1)} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\Sigma^{-1}\right).$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \log \pi(\mathbf{B}, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2, \Sigma \mid Y_i) &\propto \sum_{i=1}^n -\frac{1}{2} \log 2\pi - \log \sigma - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left(Y_i(t+6) - \mu_i\right)^2 + \\ &\sum_{i=1}^n -\frac{1}{2} \log(\det(2\pi\Sigma)) - \frac{1}{2}(\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\beta})^\top \Sigma^{-1}(\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\beta}) - 2 \log \sigma - (d+1) \log |\Sigma| - \frac{1}{2}\Sigma^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Using this equation, I think we could implement a similar component-wise M-H algorithm to the Example: Hierarchical Poisson Model from lecture note 9, page 45.