

The rho0 prior

Parametrization

The rho0-prior is a density for a correction ρ with a reference in $\rho = 0$. The density for ρ is

$$\pi(\rho) = \lambda \exp(-\lambda \mu(\rho)) J(\rho)$$

where

$$\mu(\rho) = \sqrt{-\log(1 - \rho^2)}$$

and

$$J(\rho) = \frac{|\rho|}{\mu(\rho)(1 - \rho^2)}.$$

The parameter λ is defined through

$$\text{Prob}(|\rho| > u) = \alpha, \quad 0 \leq u < 1, \quad 0 < \alpha < 1$$

where (u, α) are the parameters to this prior. The solution is explicite

$$\lambda = -\log(\alpha)/\mu(u).$$

Specification

The spline prior for the hyperparameters is specified inside the `f()` function as

```
f(<whatever>, hyper = list(<theta> = list(prior="rho0", param=c(<u>,<alpha>))))
```

Example

Notes

This prior is experimental and for internal use only