

Estimating multivariate normal models by Stan I

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library(rstan)

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## Loading required package: ggplot2

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## rstan (Version 2.8.0, packaged: 2015-09-19 14:48:38 UTC, GitRev: 05c3d0058b6a)
## For execution on a local, multicore CPU with excess RAM we recommend calling
## rstan_options(auto_write = TRUE)
## options(mc.cores = parallel::detectCores())

rm(list = ls())
setwd("~/Dropbox/Github/BDA")
```

Models

```
stan_multi_norm <- "

data {
  int<lower=1> K; # outcomes
  vector[K] mu;
  cov_matrix[K] Sigma;
  vector[K] y;
}

parameters {
  vector[K] beta;
}

model {
  beta ~ multi_normal(mu, Sigma);
}

"

stan_multi_cholesky <- "

data {
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int<lower=1> K; # outcomes
vector[K] mu;
cov_matrix[K] Sigma;
vector[K] y;
}

transformed data {
matrix[K, K] L;
L <- cholesky_decompose(Sigma);
}

parameters {
vector[K] beta;
}

model {
beta ~ multi_normal_cholesky(mu, L);
}
"

```

```

load("adsp.rdt")
mdata <- adsp$mdata
Sigma <- adsp$kinship$autosome
Sigma[Sigma < 0] <- 0

```

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stan_multi_norm <- stan_model(model_code = stan_multi_norm)
stan_multi_cholesky <- stan_model(model_code = stan_multi_cholesky)

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dat <- list(K = 576, mu = rep(0, 576), y = mdata$AD1, Sigma = Sigma)

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fit_multi_norm <- sampling(stan_multi_norm, chain = 2, data = dat) # 450 sec each chain

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##
## SAMPLING FOR MODEL '7af896306de3facfa0fe6c48f3b1745e' NOW (CHAIN 1).
##
## Chain 1, Iteration:    1 / 2000 [  0%] (Warmup)
## Chain 1, Iteration:   200 / 2000 [ 10%] (Warmup)
## Chain 1, Iteration:   400 / 2000 [ 20%] (Warmup)
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## Chain 1, Iteration: 1600 / 2000 [ 80%] (Sampling)
## Chain 1, Iteration: 1800 / 2000 [ 90%] (Sampling)
## Chain 1, Iteration: 2000 / 2000 [100%] (Sampling)
## # Elapsed Time: 235.652 seconds (Warm-up)
## #                  236.004 seconds (Sampling)
## #                  471.656 seconds (Total)
##
##
## SAMPLING FOR MODEL '7af896306de3facfa0fe6c48f3b1745e' NOW (CHAIN 2).

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## Chain 2, Iteration:    1 / 2000 [  0%] (Warmup)
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## Chain 2, Iteration:  1000 / 2000 [ 50%] (Warmup)
## Chain 2, Iteration: 1001 / 2000 [ 50%] (Sampling)
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## Chain 2, Iteration: 1600 / 2000 [ 80%] (Sampling)
## Chain 2, Iteration: 1800 / 2000 [ 90%] (Sampling)
## Chain 2, Iteration: 2000 / 2000 [100%] (Sampling)
## # Elapsed Time: 233.012 seconds (Warm-up)
## #                236.666 seconds (Sampling)
## #                469.678 seconds (Total)
```

```
fit_multi_cholesky <- sampling(stan_multi_cholesky, data = dat) # 170 sec each chain
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##
## SAMPLING FOR MODEL '8045facf6befdac43ef90d7a420be55a' NOW (CHAIN 1).
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## Chain 1, Iteration:    1 / 2000 [  0%] (Warmup)
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## Chain 1, Iteration: 1600 / 2000 [ 80%] (Sampling)
## Chain 1, Iteration: 1800 / 2000 [ 90%] (Sampling)
## Chain 1, Iteration: 2000 / 2000 [100%] (Sampling)
## # Elapsed Time: 113.454 seconds (Warm-up)
## #                114.831 seconds (Sampling)
## #                228.286 seconds (Total)
##
##
## SAMPLING FOR MODEL '8045facf6befdac43ef90d7a420be55a' NOW (CHAIN 2).
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## Chain 2, Iteration:    1 / 2000 [  0%] (Warmup)
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## Chain 2, Iteration: 1001 / 2000 [ 50%] (Sampling)
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## Chain 2, Iteration: 2000 / 2000 [100%] (Sampling)
## # Elapsed Time: 117.283 seconds (Warm-up)
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## #                115.173 seconds (Sampling)
## #                232.456 seconds (Total)
##
##
## SAMPLING FOR MODEL '8045facf6befdac43ef90d7a420be55a' NOW (CHAIN 3).
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## Chain 3, Iteration:    1 / 2000 [  0%] (Warmup)
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## Chain 3, Iteration:   800 / 2000 [ 40%] (Warmup)
## Chain 3, Iteration:  1000 / 2000 [ 50%] (Warmup)
## Chain 3, Iteration: 1001 / 2000 [ 50%] (Sampling)
## Chain 3, Iteration: 1200 / 2000 [ 60%] (Sampling)
## Chain 3, Iteration: 1400 / 2000 [ 70%] (Sampling)
## Chain 3, Iteration: 1600 / 2000 [ 80%] (Sampling)
## Chain 3, Iteration: 1800 / 2000 [ 90%] (Sampling)
## Chain 3, Iteration: 2000 / 2000 [100%] (Sampling)
## # Elapsed Time: 116.1 seconds (Warm-up)
## #                115.038 seconds (Sampling)
## #                231.138 seconds (Total)
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##
## SAMPLING FOR MODEL '8045facf6befdac43ef90d7a420be55a' NOW (CHAIN 4).
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## Chain 4, Iteration:   800 / 2000 [ 40%] (Warmup)
## Chain 4, Iteration:  1000 / 2000 [ 50%] (Warmup)
## Chain 4, Iteration: 1001 / 2000 [ 50%] (Sampling)
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## Chain 4, Iteration: 1800 / 2000 [ 90%] (Sampling)
## Chain 4, Iteration: 2000 / 2000 [100%] (Sampling)
## # Elapsed Time: 115.128 seconds (Warm-up)
## #                115.107 seconds (Sampling)
## #                230.235 seconds (Total)

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`multi_norm()` is much slower than `multi_normal_cholesky`

How cholesky factoring speeding up MCMC sampling in a multivariate normal model?

In MCMC, a partial derivative step propagates through all parameters, which takes the most time

But what is it exactly?

Simulation to be continued ...

```
# (Sigma <- matrix(c(10, 3, 3, 2), 2, 2))  
# y <- mvrnorm(n = 1e3, mu = rep(0, 2), Sigma)  
# colMeans(y)  
# var(y)  
#  
# dat <- list(K = 2, mu = c(0, 0), Sigma = Sigma)  
# (fit_multi_norm <- sampling(stan_multi_norm, data = dat))
```