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}
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#Caluate log Bayes factor
logBF=0
for (i in 1:20) { logBF=logBF+(u[i+1]+u[i])*0.05/2 }
print(logBF)
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Appendix 4.3 PP p -value for Model Assessment

Based on the posterior predictive assessment as discussed in Rubin (1984), Gelman, Meng and Stern (1996) introduced a Bayesian counterpart of the classical p -value by defining a posterior predictive (PP) p -value for model checking. To apply the approach for establishing a goodness-of-fit assessment of a hypothesized model M_0 with parameter vector $\boldsymbol{\theta}$, observed data \mathbf{Y} and latent data $\boldsymbol{\Omega}$, we consider a discrepancy variable $D(\mathbf{Y}|\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\Omega})$ for measuring the discrepancy between \mathbf{Y} and the generated hypothetical replicate data \mathbf{Y}^{rep} . Then, the PP p -value is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} p_B(\mathbf{Y}) &= Pr\{D(\mathbf{Y}^{\text{rep}}|\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\Omega}) \geq D(\mathbf{Y}|\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\Omega})|\mathbf{Y}, M_0\}, \\ &= \int I\{D(\mathbf{Y}^{\text{rep}}|\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\Omega}) \geq D(\mathbf{Y}|\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\Omega})\}p(\mathbf{Y}^{\text{rep}}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\Omega}|\mathbf{Y}, M_0)d\mathbf{Y}^{\text{rep}}d\boldsymbol{\theta}d\boldsymbol{\Omega}. \end{aligned}$$

where $I(\cdot)$ is an indicator function. The probability is taken over the following joint posterior distribution of $(\mathbf{Y}^{\text{rep}}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\Omega})$ given \mathbf{Y} and M_0 :

$$p(\mathbf{Y}^{\text{rep}}, \boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\Omega}|\mathbf{Y}, M_0) = p(\mathbf{Y}^{\text{rep}}|\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\Omega})p(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\Omega}|\mathbf{Y}).$$

In almost all our applications to SEMs considered in this book, we take the chi-square discrepancy variable such that $D(\mathbf{Y}^{\text{rep}}|\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\Omega})$ has a chi-squared distribution with d^* degrees of freedom. Thus, the PP p -value is equal to

$$\int p\{\chi^2(d^*) \geq D(\mathbf{Y}|\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\Omega})\}p(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\Omega}|\mathbf{Y})d\boldsymbol{\theta}d\boldsymbol{\Omega}.$$

A Rao-Blackwellized type estimate of this PP p -value is:

$$\hat{p}_B(\mathbf{Y}) = J^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^J Pr\{\chi^2(d^*) \geq D(\mathbf{Y}|\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(j)}, \boldsymbol{\Omega}^{(j)})\},$$

where $\{(\boldsymbol{\theta}^{(j)}, \boldsymbol{\Omega}^{(j)}), j = 1, \dots, J\}$ are observations simulated during the estimation. The computational burden for obtaining this $\hat{p}_B(\mathbf{Y})$ is light.