

Normal Model

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Normal distribution

TODO: introduction to normal

Univariate Normal Model

Suppose our sampling model is univariate normal distribution.

$$y_1, \dots, y_n | \theta, \sigma^2 \sim \text{Normal}(\theta, \sigma^2)$$
$$P(y_i | \theta, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(y_i - \theta)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

Notice that normal distribution have two parameters, namely θ , σ^2 . So we need to find priors for both parameters.

Conjugate Prior

To find conjugate priors for θ , we rewrite the sampling model proportional to θ

$$\begin{aligned} P(y_1, \dots, y_n | \theta, \sigma^2) &\propto_{\theta} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum (y_i - \theta)^2\right) \\ &\propto_{\theta} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum (\theta^2 - 2y_i\theta)\right) \\ &\propto_{\theta} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (n\theta^2 - 2 \sum y_i\theta)\right) \end{aligned}$$

This suggests that our prior should contains 2nd order terms in exponent. The most simple prior that contains similar terms is Normal distribution. So $\theta \sim \text{Normal}(\mu_0, \tau_0^2)$, $P(\theta) \propto \exp(-\frac{1}{2\tau_0^2}(\theta^2 - 2\mu_0\theta))$. We could easily compute the full conditional distribution for θ .

$$\begin{aligned} P(\theta | y_1, \dots, y_n, \sigma^2) &\propto P(y_1, \dots, y_n | \theta, \sigma^2) P(\theta) \\ &\propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (n\theta^2 - 2 \sum y_i\theta)\right) \times \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\tau_0^2} (\theta^2 - 2\mu_0\theta)\right) \\ &\propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{1}{\tau_0^2} + \frac{n}{\sigma^2}\right] \theta^2 - 2\left[\frac{\mu_0}{\tau_0^2} + \frac{n\bar{y}}{\sigma^2}\right] \theta\right) \\ \theta | y_1, \dots, y_n, \sigma^2 &\sim \text{Normal}\left(\left[\frac{1}{\tau_0^2} + \frac{n}{\sigma^2}\right]^{-1} \left[\frac{\mu_0}{\tau_0^2} + \frac{n\bar{y}}{\sigma^2}\right], \left[\frac{1}{\tau_0^2} + \frac{n}{\sigma^2}\right]^{-1}\right) \end{aligned}$$

As can be seen from the pdf of normal distribution, the conjugate prior for σ^2 is inverse-gamma distribution.

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^2 &\sim \text{InverseGamma}(\nu_0/2, \nu_0\sigma_0^2/2) \\ P(\sigma^2) &\propto \left(\frac{1}{\sigma^2}\right)^{\frac{\nu_0}{2}+1} \exp\left(-\frac{\nu_0\sigma_0^2}{2} \frac{1}{\sigma^2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

We could easily compute the full conditional distribution for σ^2 .

$$P(\sigma^2|y_1, \dots, y_n, \theta) \propto P(y_1, \dots, y_n|\theta, \sigma^2)P(\sigma^2) \\ \propto \left(\frac{1}{\sigma^2}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left(\frac{\sum (y_i - \theta)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \times \left(\frac{1}{\sigma^2}\right)^{\frac{\nu_0}{2}+1} \exp\left(-\frac{\nu_0\sigma_0^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \\ \sigma^2|y_1, \dots, y_n, \theta \sim \text{InverseGamma}\left(\frac{\nu_0 + n}{2}, \frac{\nu_0\sigma_0^2 + \sum (y_i - \theta)^2}{2}\right)$$

Here is the sampler for normal model

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normal_sampler = function(S, y, mu0, tau20, nu0, sigma20) {
  # init
  sigma2 = tau20
  n = length(y)
  ybar = mean(y)

  theta.mcmc = c()
  sigma2.mcmc = c()
  for (s in 1:S) {
    # update theta
    tau2n = 1 / (1/tau20 + n/sigma2)
    mun = tau2n * (mu0/tau20 + n*ybar / sigma2)
    theta = rnorm(1, mean = mun, sd = sqrt(tau2n))

    # update sigma2
    nun = nu0 + 1
    sigma2n = nu0*sigma20 + sum((y - theta)^2)
    sigma2 = 1/rgamma(1, nun, sigma2n)

    # save
    theta.mcmc[s] = theta
    sigma2.mcmc[s] = sigma2
  }
  return(list(theta = theta.mcmc, sigma2 = sigma2.mcmc))
}
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Multivariate Normal Model

Now our data sampling model becomes multivariate normal distribution

$$y_1, \dots, y_n|\theta, \Sigma \sim \text{MVNormal}(\theta, \Sigma) \\ P(y_i|\theta, \Sigma) = (2\pi)^{k/2} |\Sigma|^{1/2} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-\theta)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x-\theta)}$$

Let's first derive the full conditional for θ . Similar to the univariate case, we choose our conjugate prior for θ to be $MVN(\mu_0, \Lambda_0)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
P(\theta|y_1, \dots, y_n, \Sigma) &\propto P(y_1, \dots, y_n|\theta, \Sigma)P(\theta) \\
&\propto \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \sum (y_i - \theta)^T \Sigma^{-1} (y_i - \theta)\right\} \times \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \sum (\theta - \mu_0)^T \Lambda_0^{-1} (\theta - \mu_0)\right\} \\
&\propto \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \left[\sum (\theta^T \Sigma^{-1} \theta - 2\theta^T \Sigma^{-1} y_i) + (\theta^T \Lambda_0^{-1} \theta) - 2\theta^T \Lambda_0^{-1} \mu_0 \right]\right\} \\
&\propto \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} [\theta^T (n\Sigma^{-1} + \Lambda_0^{-1}) \theta - 2\theta^T (n\Sigma^{-1} \bar{y} + \Lambda_0^{-1} \mu_0)]\right\} \\
\theta|y_1, \dots, y_n, \Sigma &\sim MVN([n\Sigma^{-1} + \Lambda_0^{-1}]^{-1} (n\Sigma^{-1} \bar{y} + \Lambda_0^{-1} \mu_0), [n\Sigma^{-1} + \Lambda_0^{-1}]^{-1})
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we choose the conjugate prior for Σ to be *InverseWishart*(ν_0, S_0^{-1})

$$\begin{aligned}
\Sigma &\sim InverseWishart(\nu_0, S_0^{-1}) \\
P(\Sigma) &\propto |\Sigma|^{\frac{-(\nu_0+p+1)}{2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{tr(S_0 \Sigma^{-1})}{2}\right\}
\end{aligned}$$

We could easily compute the full conditional distribution for Σ . Let $S_\theta = \sum (y_i - \theta)(y_i - \theta)^T$

$$\begin{aligned}
P(\Sigma|y_1, \dots, y_n, \theta) &\propto P(y_1, \dots, y_n|\theta, \Sigma)P(\Sigma) \\
&\propto |\Sigma|^{n/2} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \sum (y_i - \theta)^T \Sigma^{-1} (y_i - \theta)\right\} \times |\Sigma|^{\frac{-(\nu_0+p+1)}{2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{tr(S_0 \Sigma^{-1})}{2}\right\} \\
&\propto |\Sigma|^{n/2} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} S_\theta \Sigma^{-1}\right\} \times |\Sigma|^{\frac{-(\nu_0+p+1)}{2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{tr(S_0 \Sigma^{-1})}{2}\right\} \\
&\propto |\Sigma|^{\frac{-((\nu_0+n)+p+1)}{2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} tr((S_0 + S_\theta) \Sigma^{-1})\right\} \\
\Sigma|y_1, \dots, y_n, \theta &\sim InverseWishart(\nu_0 + n, [S_0 + S_\theta]^{-1})
\end{aligned}$$