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# Bayesian Statistics

## Multiple parameter models

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## Two-parameters models

$$\frac{\bar{y} - \mu}{s/\sqrt{n}} \sim t_{n-1}$$

A model is specified with two real parameters  $\theta_1, \theta_2$

$$p(y|\theta_1, \theta_2)$$

the prior is then a bivariate distribution  $\pi(\theta_1, \theta_2)$  and the posterior is then a bivariate distribution as well

$$\pi(\theta_1, \theta_2|y) \propto p(y|\theta_1, \theta_2)\pi(\theta_1, \theta_2)$$

## Two-parameters models: nuisance parameters

Suppose that one of the parameters, say  $\theta_2$  is a nuisance parameter, in which case we may be interested in the marginal posterior for  $\theta_1$ , which is obtained as

marginal of the joint posteriors

$$\pi(\theta_1|y) = \int \pi(\theta_1, \theta_2|y) d\theta_2 = \int p(y|\theta_1, \theta_2) \pi(\theta_1, \theta_2) d\theta_2$$

or as a mixture of conditional posterior

$$\pi(\theta_1|y) = \int \pi(\theta_1|\theta_2, y) \pi(\theta_2|y) d\theta_2$$

$\pi(\beta|y)$

$y, X$   
GCV  
AIC

$\beta$   
 $\beta \sim \beta$   
 $\sqrt{V(\beta)}$

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## Likelihood

Let

$$y_1, \dots, y_n | \mu, \sigma^2 \sim \text{IID}(N(\mu, \sigma^2))$$

The likelihood is

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(y | \mu, \sigma^2) &\propto (\sigma^2)^{-n/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_j (y_j - \mu)^2 \right\} \\
 &\propto (\sigma^2)^{-n/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_j (y_j - \bar{y} + \bar{y} - \mu)^2 \right\} \\
 &\propto (\sigma^2)^{-n/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{n}{2\sigma^2} (\hat{\sigma}^2 + (\bar{y} - \mu)^2) \right\} \\
 &\propto (\sigma^2)^{-n/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} ((n-1)s^2 + n(\bar{y} - \mu)^2) \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

a function of the sufficient statistics

$$\bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i y_i; \quad s^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_i (y_i - \bar{y})^2 = \frac{n}{n-1} \hat{\sigma}^2.$$

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# Noninformative prior specification

Consider the improper prior

$$\pi(\mu, \sigma^2) \propto (\sigma^2)^{-1}$$

that is,  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  are independent and

- $\pi(\mu) \propto k$
- $\pi(\sigma^2) \propto (\sigma^2)^{-1}$

Equivalently, we could say that  $\pi(\log \sigma^2) \propto k$

# Noninformative prior specification

The posterior is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \pi(\mu, \sigma^2 | y) &\propto p(y | \mu, \sigma^2) (\sigma^2)^{-1} \\
 &\propto \underbrace{(\sigma^2)^{-1} (\sigma^2)^{-n/2}}_{\mu | \sigma^2, y \sim \mathcal{N}(\bar{y}, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left( (n-1)s^2 + n(\bar{y} - \mu)^2 \right) \right\} \\
 &\propto \underbrace{(\sigma^2)^{-1/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{n}{2\sigma^2} (\bar{y} - \mu)^2 \right\}}_{\mu | \sigma^2, y \sim \mathcal{N}(\bar{y}, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})} \underbrace{(\sigma^2)^{-(n+1)/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (n-1)s^2 \right\}}_{\sigma^2 | y \sim \text{inv-}\chi^2(n-1, s^2)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\sigma^2 \propto \frac{(n-1)s^2}{\chi^2_{n-1}}$

We already know that the posterior for  $\mu$  conditional on  $\sigma^2$  is

$$\pi(\mu | \sigma^2, y) = \mathcal{N} \left( \bar{y}, \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \right)$$

(In fact the problem is no different than what we discussed as a single parameter model assuming  $\sigma^2$  known.)



# Posterior with noninformative prior

The marginal posterior for  $\sigma^2$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \pi(\sigma^2|y) &= \int \pi(\mu, \sigma^2|y) d\mu \\
 &\propto \int \sigma^{-n-2} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}((n-1)s^2 + n(\bar{y} - \mu)^2)\right\} d\mu \\
 &\propto \sigma^{-n-2} \exp\left\{-\frac{(n-1)s^2}{2\sigma^2}\right\} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi\sigma^2}{n}} \\
 &\propto (\sigma^2)^{-(n+1)/2} \exp\left\{-\frac{(n-1)s^2}{2\sigma^2}\right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

that is

$$\sigma^2|y \sim \text{inv-}\chi^2(n-1, s^2)$$

## Posterior with noninformative prior (cont.)

Recall that by

$$\sigma^2|y \sim \text{inv-}\chi^2(n-1, s^2)$$

we mean that

$$\sigma^2 =_d \frac{(n-1)s^2}{X}, \quad X \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$$

and compare this with the usual result on the sampling distribution of  $s^2$ .

Note also that it is equivalent to write

$$\sigma^2|y \sim \text{inv-Gamma} \left( \frac{n-1}{2}, \frac{(n-1)s^2}{2} \right)$$

$$(\sigma^2)^{-1}|y \sim \text{Gamma} \left( \frac{n-1}{2}, \frac{(n-1)s^2}{2} \right)$$

Marginal posterior for  $\mu$ 

$$\begin{aligned}
 \pi(\mu|y) &= \int_0^\infty \pi(\mu, \sigma^2|y) d\sigma^2 \\
 &= \int_0^\infty \sigma^{-n-2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \underbrace{((n-1)s^2 + n(\bar{y} - \mu)^2)}_z \right\} d\sigma^2 \\
 &= \int_0^\infty \left( \frac{A}{2z} \right)^{-(n+2)/2} \exp \left\{ -z \right\} \frac{A}{2z} dz \\
 &\propto A^{-n/2} \int_0^\infty z^{(n-2)/2} \exp \left\{ -z \right\} dz \\
 &\propto \left( 1 + \frac{n(\mu - \bar{y})}{(n-1)s^2} \right)^{-n/2} \sim t_{n-1}(\bar{y}, s^2/n)
 \end{aligned}$$

$A = (n-1)s^2 + n(\bar{y} - \mu)^2$   
 $z = \frac{A}{2\sigma^2} = \frac{(n-1)s^2 + n(\bar{y} - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}$   
 $\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{A}{2z}}$   
 $\frac{\bar{y} - \mu}{s/\sqrt{n}} \sim t_{n-1}$

# Marginal posterior for $\mu$

Hence

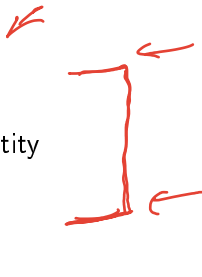
$$\mu|y \sim t_{n-1}(\bar{y}, s^2/n)$$

which is equivalent to

$$\frac{\mu - \bar{y}}{s/\sqrt{n}} \Big| y \sim t_{n-1}$$

analogous to the usual result for the pivotal quantity

$$\frac{\bar{y} - \mu}{s/\sqrt{n}} \Big| \mu, \sigma^2 \sim t_{n-1}$$



Predictive distribution for  $\tilde{y}$   $\rightarrow$  new observation

$$\frac{\tilde{y} | \mu, \sigma^2 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)}{\text{indep. of } \underbrace{y_1, \dots, y_n}_{\mathcal{Y}}}$$

In general

$$\underline{p(\tilde{y}|y)} = \int \int p(\tilde{y} | \mu, \sigma^2, \mathcal{Y}) \pi(\mu, \sigma^2 | y) d\mu d\sigma^2$$

and it can be shown that

$$\tilde{y}|y \sim t_{n-1} \left( \bar{y}, \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) s^2 \right)$$

$\downarrow$   
 $E(\mu|y)$

$\downarrow$   
 $s^2 + \frac{s^2}{n}$   
 $\downarrow$   
varib.  $\sigma^2$   
as  $\sigma^2$  of  $\mu$

$\downarrow$   
uncertainty  
of  $\mu$

# Predictive distribution for $\tilde{y}$ , proof

First note that we have proven that

$$\pi(\mu|y) = \int \underbrace{\pi(\mu|\sigma^2, y)}_{\mathcal{N}(\bar{y}, \sigma^2/n)} \pi(\sigma^2|y) d\sigma^2 = \left(1 + \frac{n(\mu - \bar{y})}{(n-1)s^2}\right)^{-n/2} \sim \underline{t_{n-1}(\bar{y}, s^2/n)}$$

Then note that

$$\begin{aligned} p(\tilde{y}|y) &= \int \int p(\tilde{y}|\mu, \sigma^2, y) \pi(\mu, \sigma^2|y) d\mu d\sigma^2 \\ &= \int \int \underbrace{p(\tilde{y}|\mu, \sigma^2)}_{\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)} \pi(\mu, \sigma^2|y) d\mu d\sigma^2 \rightarrow \frac{\pi(\mu|\sigma^2, y)}{\pi(\sigma^2|y)} \pi(\sigma^2|y) \\ &= \int \underbrace{\left( \int p(\tilde{y}|\mu, \sigma^2) \pi(\mu|\sigma^2, y) d\mu \right)}_{\mathcal{N}(\bar{y}, \sigma^2(1+1/n))} \pi(\sigma^2|y) d\sigma^2 \\ &\sim t_{n-1} \left( \bar{y}, s^2 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

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# Conjugate prior specification

Let the prior be

- $\mu | \sigma^2 \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu_0, \frac{\sigma^2}{\kappa_0}\right)$
- $\sigma^2 \sim \text{inv-}\chi^2(\nu_0, \sigma_0^2)$

Remember that this means

$$\sigma^2 =_d \frac{\nu_0 \sigma_0^2}{\chi_{\nu_0}^2}, \quad \text{i.e. } \sigma^2 \sim \text{inv-Gamma}\left(\frac{\nu_0}{2}, \frac{\nu_0 \sigma_0^2}{2}\right)$$

so that

$$E(\sigma^2) = \frac{\nu_0 \sigma_0^2}{\nu_0 - 2}; \quad \text{Mode}(\sigma^2) = \frac{\nu_0 \sigma_0^2}{\nu_0 + 2}$$

and

$$\pi(\sigma^2) \propto (\sigma^2)^{-(\nu_0/2+1)} \exp\left\{-\nu_0 \sigma_0^2 / (2\sigma^2)\right\}$$



# Conjugate prior specification: joint and marginal

Since

$$\pi(\mu|\sigma^2) \propto \sigma^{-1} \exp\left\{-\frac{\kappa_0}{2\sigma^2}(\mu - \mu_0)^2\right\}$$

$$\pi(\sigma^2) \propto (\sigma^2)^{-(\nu_0/2+1)} \exp\left\{-\nu_0\sigma_0^2/(2\sigma^2)\right\}$$

the joint prior density is

$$\pi(\mu, \sigma^2) = \pi(\mu|\sigma^2)\pi(\sigma^2)$$

$$\propto \sigma^{-1} (\sigma^2)^{-(\nu_0/2+1)} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (\nu_0\sigma_0^2 + \kappa_0(\mu_0 - \mu)^2)\right\}$$

label this as the

$$\text{N-inv-}\chi^2(\mu_0, \sigma_0^2/\kappa_0, \nu_0, \sigma_0^2)$$

Note also that marginally

$$\pi(\mu) \propto \left(1 + \frac{\kappa_0(\mu - \mu_0)^2}{\nu_0\sigma_0^2}\right)^{-(\nu_0+1)/2} \sim t_{\nu_0}(\mu_0, \sigma_0^2/\kappa_0)$$

# Posterior with conjugate prior

$$\begin{aligned}
 \pi(\mu, \sigma^2 | y) &\propto p(y | \mu, \sigma^2) \pi(\mu, \sigma^2) \\
 &\propto (\sigma^2)^{-n/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} ((n-1)s^2 + n(\bar{y} - \mu)^2) \right\} \times \\
 &\quad \times \sigma^{-1} (\sigma^2)^{-(\nu_0/2+1)} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (\nu_0 \sigma_0^2 + \kappa_0 (\mu_0 - \mu)^2) \right\} \\
 &\propto \sigma^{-1} (\sigma^2)^{-((\nu_0+n)/2+1)} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (\nu_0 \sigma_0^2 + \kappa_0 (\mu_0 - \mu)^2 + (n-1)s^2 + n(\bar{y} - \mu)^2) \right\} \\
 &\propto \sigma^{-1} (\sigma^2)^{-(\nu_n/2+1)} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (\nu_n \sigma_n^2 + \kappa_n (\mu_n - \mu)^2) \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mu_n = \frac{\kappa_0 \mu_0 + n \bar{y}}{\kappa_0 + n}$$

$$\kappa_n = \kappa_0 + n$$

$$\nu_n = \nu_0 + n$$

$$\nu_n \sigma_n^2 = \nu_0 \sigma_0^2 + (n-1)s^2 + \frac{\kappa_0 n}{\kappa_0 + n} (\bar{y} - \mu_0)^2$$

## Detail

$$\begin{aligned}
& \kappa_0(\mu_0 - \mu)^2 + n(\bar{y} - \mu)^2 = \\
& = \kappa_0(\mu_0^2 - 2\mu\mu_0 + \mu^2) + n(\bar{y}^2 - 2\mu\bar{y} + \mu^2) \\
& = (\kappa_0 + n)\mu^2 - 2\mu(\kappa_0\mu_0 + n\bar{y}) + (\kappa_0\mu_0^2 + n\bar{y}^2) \\
& = (\kappa_0 + n) \left( \mu - \frac{\kappa_0\mu_0 + n\bar{y}}{\kappa_0 + n} \right)^2 - (\kappa_0 + n) \left( \frac{\kappa_0\mu_0 + n\bar{y}}{\kappa_0 + n} \right)^2 + \kappa_0\mu_0^2 + n\bar{y}^2 \\
& = \kappa_n(\mu - \mu_n)^2 - \frac{1}{\kappa_0 + n} (\kappa_0^2\mu_0^2 + 2\kappa_0\mu_0n\bar{y} + n^2\bar{y}^2) + \kappa_0\mu_0^2 + n\bar{y}^2 \\
& = \kappa_n(\mu - \mu_n)^2 - \frac{1}{\kappa_0 + n} (\kappa_0^2\mu_0^2 + 2\kappa_0\mu_0n\bar{y} + n^2\bar{y}^2 - (\kappa_0 + n)(\kappa_0\mu_0^2 + n\bar{y}^2)) \\
& = \kappa_n(\mu - \mu_n)^2 - \frac{1}{\kappa_0 + n} (\kappa_0^2\mu_0^2 + 2\kappa_0\mu_0n\bar{y} + n^2\bar{y}^2 - \kappa_0^2\mu_0^2 - n\kappa_0\bar{y}^2 - \kappa_0n\mu_0^2 - n^2\bar{y}^2) \\
& = \kappa_n(\mu - \mu_n)^2 - \frac{1}{\kappa_0 + n} (2\kappa_0\mu_0n\bar{y} - n\kappa_0\bar{y}^2 - \kappa_0n\mu_0^2) \\
& = \kappa_n(\mu - \mu_n)^2 + \frac{n\kappa_0}{\kappa_0 + n} (\bar{y}^2 + \mu_0^2 - 2\mu_0\bar{y}) \\
& = \kappa_n(\mu - \mu_n)^2 + \frac{n\kappa_0}{\kappa_0 + n} (\mu_0 - \bar{y})^2
\end{aligned}$$

## Detail (cont.)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \nu_0 \sigma_0^2 + \kappa_0 (\mu_0 - \mu)^2 + (n-1) s^2 + n (\bar{y} - \mu)^2 &= \\
 \nu_0 \sigma_0^2 + (n-1) s^2 + \frac{n \kappa_0}{\kappa_0 + n} (\mu_0 - \bar{y})^2 + \kappa_n (\mu - \mu_n)^2 &= \\
 \nu_n \sigma_n^2 + \kappa_n (\mu - \mu_n)^2 &
 \end{aligned}$$

# Posterior with conjugate prior

Then

$$\mu, \sigma^2 | y \sim \text{N-inv-}\chi^2(\mu_n, \sigma_n^2 / \kappa_n, \nu_n, \sigma_n^2)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_n &= \frac{\kappa_0 \mu_0 + n \bar{y}}{\kappa_0 + n} && \frac{\frac{\kappa_0}{\sigma^2} \mu_0 + \frac{n}{\sigma^2} \bar{y}}{\frac{\kappa_0}{\sigma^2} + \frac{n}{\sigma^2}} \\ \kappa_n &= \kappa_0 + n \\ \nu_n &= \nu_0 + n \\ \nu_n \sigma_n^2 &= \nu_0 \sigma_0^2 + (n-1) s^2 + \frac{\kappa_0 n}{\kappa_0 + n} (\bar{y} - \mu_0)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\underline{\underline{E(\sigma^2 | y)}} = \frac{\nu_n \sigma_n^2}{\nu_n - 2} = \frac{\nu_0 \sigma_0^2 + (n-1) s^2 + \frac{\kappa_0 n}{\kappa_0 + n} (\bar{y} - \mu_0)^2}{\nu_0 + n - 2}$$

## Posterior for $\mu$ with conjugate prior

One can draw conclusions directly from the bivariate posterior distribution (for instance, a posterior credibility region may be obtained for the pair), it may also be interesting, however, to investigate one parameter only, typically the mean.

it is then relevant to know that

- conditionally to a value for the variance  $\sigma^2$ ,

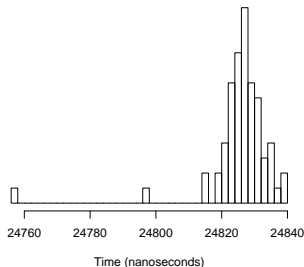
$$(\mu|\sigma^2, y) = \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{\kappa_0\mu_0 + n\bar{y}}{\kappa_0 + n}, \frac{\sigma^2}{\kappa_0 + n}\right)$$

- Marginally

$$\pi(\mu|y) \propto \left(1 + \frac{\kappa_n(\mu - \mu_n)^2}{\nu_n\sigma_n^2}\right)^{-(\nu_n+1)/2} \sim \underline{t_{\nu_n}(\mu_n, \sigma_n^2/\kappa_n)}$$

# Example: Newcomb measurements

Simon Newcomb set up an experiment in 1882 to measure the speed of light by observing the time required for light to travel 7442 meters.



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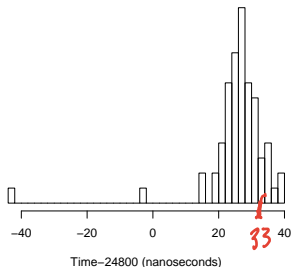
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$$\text{Transformation: } y = z - 24800$$

$$\bar{y} = 26.2$$

$$\text{True value: } 33.02$$

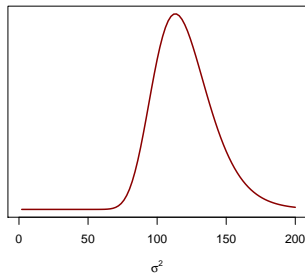


Newcomb measurements, posterior for  $\sigma^2$ 

$$\sigma^2|y \sim \text{inv-}\chi^2(65, 10.8^2)$$

$$E(\sigma^2|y) = \frac{65}{65-2} 10.8^2 = 120.34$$

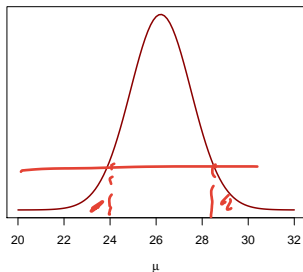
$$\sqrt{E(\sigma^2|y)} = 10.97$$



Newcomb measurements, posterior for  $\mu$ 

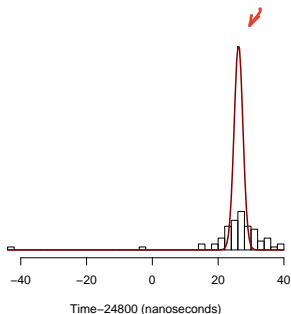
$$\mu|y \sim t_{65} \left( \underline{26.2}, \frac{10.8^2}{66} = \underline{1.329^2} \right)$$

$$\bar{y} \pm t_{n-1, 1-\alpha/2} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$$



Newcomb measurements, posterior for  $\mu$ 

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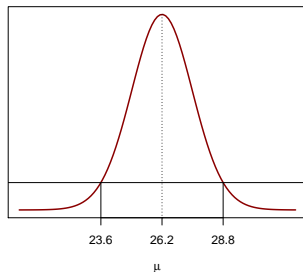
Newcomb measurements, posterior for  $\mu$ 

$$\mu|y \sim t_{65} \left( 26.2, \frac{10.8^2}{66} = 1.329^2 \right)$$

Posterior interval:

$$\bar{y} \pm t_{66,0.975} \frac{s}{\sqrt{66}} = 26.2 \pm 1.997 \times 1.329$$

$$[23.6, 28.8]$$



33 true value

## Newcomb measurements, predictive distribution

$$\tilde{y}|y \sim t_{n-1} \left( \bar{y}, s^2 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right) \right)$$

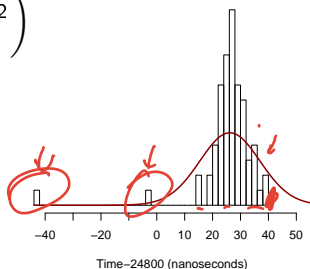
$$\tilde{y}|y \sim t_{65} \left( 26.2, 10.8^2 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{66} \right) = 10.88^2 \right)$$

Posterior interval:

$$\bar{y} \pm t_{66,0.975} s \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{66}}$$

$$26.2 \pm 1.997 \times 10.88$$

$$[4.47, 47.93]$$



Posterior predictive  
checks

$$\frac{\tilde{y} - \mu}{\sigma} \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$\frac{\tilde{y} - \mu}{\sigma} \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$y_1, \dots, y_n$$

# Reparametrization

It is convenient to **reparametrize** the model writing  $\tau = 1/\sigma^2$ , so the likelihood is

$$p(y|\mu, \tau) \propto \tau^{n/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{n\tau}{2} (\hat{\sigma}^2 + (\bar{y} - \mu)^2) \right\}$$

the parameter  $\tau$  is also called **precision**.

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# Likelihood

Let  $y \in \mathbb{R}^d$  be a vector of observations and assume

$$y|\mu, \Sigma \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma),$$

then, for one observation,

$$p(y|\mu, \Sigma) = (2\pi)^{-d/2} |\Sigma|^{-1/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (y - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (y - \mu) \right\}$$

while for  $n$  observations

$$\begin{aligned} p(y_1, \dots, y_n | \mu, \Sigma) &\propto |\Sigma|^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (y_i - \mu) \right\} \\ &\propto |\Sigma|^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\Sigma^{-1} S_0) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

where  $S_0 = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)(y_i - \mu)^T$ .



## Model with $\Sigma$ known

A priori, let  $\mu \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_0, \Lambda_0)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mu|y, \Sigma) &\propto p(y|\mu, \Sigma)\pi(\mu) \\ &\propto \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (y_i - \mu) - \frac{1}{2} (\mu - \mu_0^T) \Lambda_0^{-1} (\mu - \mu_0) \right\} \\ &\propto \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\mu - \mu_n) (\Lambda_0^{-1} + n\Sigma^{-1}) (\mu - \mu_n) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mu_n = (\Lambda_0^{-1} + n\Sigma^{-1})^{-1} (\Lambda_0^{-1} \mu_0 + n\Sigma^{-1} \bar{y})$$

Note that the result resembles that for the unidimensional normal distribution, the posterior is a  $\mathcal{N}(\mu_n, \Lambda_n)$  with  $\Lambda_n^{-1} = \Lambda_0^{-1} + n\Sigma^{-1}$ .

## Model with $\mu, \Sigma$ unknown

We consider the prior defined by

$$\mu | \Sigma \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_0, \Sigma / \kappa_0)$$

$$\Sigma \sim \text{Inv-wishart}(\Lambda_0^{-1}, \nu_0)$$

where the latter means that

$$\pi(\Sigma) \propto |\Sigma|^{-\nu_0/2-1} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\text{tr}(\Lambda_0 \Sigma^{-1})\right\}$$

and so the prior is

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(\mu, \Sigma) &\propto |\Sigma|^{-\frac{d+\nu_0}{2}-1} \times \\ &\times \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\text{tr}(\Lambda_0 \Sigma^{-1}) - \frac{\kappa_0}{2}(\mu - \mu_0)^T \Sigma^{-1}(\mu - \mu_0)\right\} \end{aligned}$$

# Model with $\mu, \Sigma$ unknown (cont.)

The posterior distribution belongs to the same family with parameters

$$\mu_n = \frac{\kappa_0}{\kappa_0 + n} \mu_0 + \frac{n}{\kappa_0 + n} \bar{y}$$

$$\kappa_n = \kappa_0 + n$$

$$\nu_n = \nu_0 + n$$

$$\Lambda_n = \Lambda_0 + S + \frac{\kappa_0 n}{\kappa_0 + n} (\bar{y} - \mu_0)(\bar{y} - \mu_0)^T$$

where

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})(y_i - \bar{y})^T$$