

Gibbs sampler for the Peak Flow model

1 The Posterior

$$\begin{aligned} p(\beta, \tau_1, \tau_2, \underline{\alpha}, f | \underline{Y}) &\propto p(\underline{Y} | \beta, \tau_1, \tau_2, \underline{\alpha}, f) p(\beta) p(\tau_1) p(\tau_2) p(\underline{\alpha} | f) p(f) \\ &\propto p(\underline{Y} | \beta, \tau_1, \tau_2, \underline{\alpha}) p(\beta) p(\tau_1) p(\tau_2) p(\underline{\alpha} | f) p(f) \end{aligned}$$

If we integrate over f we obtain,

$$p(\beta, \tau_1, \tau_2, \underline{\alpha} | \underline{Y}) \propto p(\underline{Y} | \beta, \tau_1, \tau_2, \underline{\alpha}) p(\beta) p(\tau_1) p(\tau_2) \int p(\underline{\alpha} | f) p(f) df$$

2 Likelihood

$$p(\underline{Y} | \beta, \tau_1, \tau_2, \underline{\alpha}) \propto \tau_1^{17} \exp \left\{ -1/2 \tau_1 \sum_{i=1}^{17} \sum_{k=1}^2 (Y_{i1k} - \alpha_i)^2 \right\} \tau_2^{17} \exp \left\{ -1/2 \tau_2 \sum_{i=1}^{17} \sum_{k=1}^2 (Y_{i2k} - \alpha_i - \beta)^2 \right\}$$

3 The Precisions

$$\tau_1 \sim G(a_1, b_1)$$

Posterior proportional to

$$\begin{aligned} &\tau_1^{17} \exp \left\{ -1/2 \tau_1 \sum_{i=1}^{17} \sum_{k=1}^2 (Y_{i1k} - \alpha_i)^2 \right\} \tau_1^{a_1-1} \exp \{ -\tau_1/b_1 \} \\ &\tau_1^{a_1+17-1} \exp \left\{ \tau_1 \left[1/2 \sum_{i=1}^{17} \sum_{k=1}^2 (Y_{i1k} - \alpha_i)^2 + 1/b_1 \right] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Posterior is gamma $G(a_1 + 17, \left\{ 1/2 \sum_{i=1}^{17} \sum_{k=1}^2 (Y_{i1k} - \alpha_i)^2 + 1/b_1 \right\}^{-1})$. Similarly the posterior for τ_2 is gamma,

$$G \left(a_2 + 17, \left\{ 1/2 \sum_{i=1}^{17} \sum_{k=1}^2 (Y_{i2k} - \alpha_i - \beta)^2 + 1/b_2 \right\}^{-1} \right)$$

4 The Meter effect

$$\beta \sim N(m, t)$$

Posterior proportional to

$$\exp \left\{ -1/2 \tau_2 \sum_{i=1}^{17} \sum_{k=1}^2 (Y_{i2k} - \alpha_i - \beta)^2 \right\} \exp \{ -1/2 t (\beta - m)^2 \}$$

which is proportional to

$$\exp \left\{ -1/2 \left[\beta^2 (34\tau_2 + t) - 2\beta [\tau_2 \sum_{i=1}^{17} \sum_{k=1}^2 (Y_{i2k} - \alpha_i) + tm] \right] \right\}$$

So the posterior of β is

$$N \left(\frac{\tau_2 \sum_{i=1}^{17} \sum_{k=1}^2 (Y_{i2k} - \alpha_i) + tm}{34\tau_2 + t}, 34\tau_2 + t \right)$$

5 The Subject Means

Cannot simulate f but if we integrate over f we can generate α_i conditional on the other α 's and the other parameters using the Chinese restaurant algorithm which is equivalent to sampling from the mixture distribution,

$$\sum_{j=1}^{16} \delta(\alpha_j) / (M + 16) + MF(\alpha) / (M + 16)$$

The information about α_i in the likelihood has the form,

$$L(\alpha_i) = \exp \left\{ -1/2 \left[\tau_1 \sum_{k=1}^2 (Y_{i1k} - \alpha_i)^2 + \tau_2 \sum_{k=1}^2 (Y_{i2k} - \alpha_i - \beta)^2 \right] \right\}$$

The mixture therefore becomes,

$$\sum_{j=1}^{16} \delta(\alpha_j) L(\alpha_j) / (M + 16) + MF(\alpha) L(\alpha) / (M + 16)$$

In the first group of terms $L(\alpha_j)$ alters the probability of selecting α_j , while in the final term $L(\alpha)$ contains both constants that change the probability of choosing this option and terms in α that alter the distribution from which the new value is drawn.

If we choose $F = N(A, T)$ then the final term becomes,

$$\sqrt{\frac{T}{2\pi}} \exp \left\{ -1/2 \left[T(\alpha - A)^2 + \tau_1 \sum_{k=1}^2 (Y_{i1k} - \alpha)^2 + \tau_2 \sum_{k=1}^2 (Y_{i2k} - \alpha - \beta)^2 \right] \right\}$$

If we collect together powers of α in the exponent then coefficient of α^2 will be -1/2 times

$$C_2 = T + 2\tau_1 + 2\tau_2$$

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$$2C_1 = 2 \left[TA + \tau_1 \sum_{k=1}^2 Y_{i1k} + \tau_2 \sum_{k=1}^2 (Y_{i2k} - \beta) \right]$$

and finally the constant will be $-1/2$ times,

$$C_0 = TA^2 + \tau_1 \sum_{k=1}^2 Y_{i1k}^2 + \tau_2 \sum_{k=1}^2 (Y_{i2k} - \beta)^2$$

The expression can therefore be written as

$$\sqrt{\frac{T}{2\pi}} \exp(-1/2[C_2(\alpha - C_1/C_2)^2 - C_1^2/C_2 + C_0])$$

which gives,

$$\sqrt{\frac{T}{2\pi}} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{C_2}} \sqrt{\frac{C_2}{2\pi}} \exp(-1/2[C_2(\alpha - C_1/C_2)^2]) \exp(-1/2[-C_1^2/C_2 + C_0])$$

The third and fourth terms define a normal distribution with mean C_1/C_2 and precision C_2 and the remaining terms define the constant that is proportional to the probability,

$$\sqrt{\frac{T}{C_2}} \exp(-1/2[C_0 - C_1^2/C_2]) * N(C_1/C_2, C_2)$$

Having found terms proportional to the probabilities we can find the constant of proportionality by using the fact that the 17 probabilities must sum to 1.