

NORMAL MODEL FOR MULTIVARIATE DATA

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$$y_1, \dots, y_m$$

$$y_i = \begin{pmatrix} y_{1,i} \\ y_{2,i} \\ \vdots \\ y_{p,i} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{COLUMN VECTOR, } p \times 1$$

SAMPLING MODEL: $y_1, \dots, y_m \mid \underline{\mu}, \Sigma \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N_p(\underline{\mu}, \Sigma)$

RECALL: IN THE UNIVARIATE NORMAL CASE WE CONSIDERED 2 PRIOR SPECIFICATIONS.

• $P(\underline{\mu}, \delta^2) = P(\delta^2) \cdot P(\underline{\mu} \mid \delta^2)$, WHERE

• $P(\delta^2) = \text{INVERSE-GAMMA}$

$P(\underline{\mu} \mid \delta^2) = \text{NORMAL}(\underline{\mu}_0, \frac{\delta^2}{k_0})$

WE CHECKED THAT

$P(\delta^2 \mid y_1, \dots, y_m) = \text{INVERSE-GAMMA}$

$P(\underline{\mu} \mid y_1, \dots, y_m, \delta^2) = \text{NORMAL}$

\Rightarrow CONJUGATE PRIOR FOR $(\underline{\mu}, \delta^2)$.

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IN THIS CASE $\delta^2 \mid y_1, \dots, y_m$ IS NOT INVERSE-GAMMA (NO CONJUGACY). BUT

$P(\delta^2 \mid y_1, \dots, y_m, \underline{\mu}) = \text{INVERSE-GAMMA}$.

MOREOVER, AS BEFORE,

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$P(\underline{\mu} \mid y_1, \dots, y_m, \delta^2) = \text{NORMAL}$.

\Rightarrow BOTH THE FULL CONDITIONAL DISTRIBUTIONS ARE KNOWN IN CLOSED FORM (CONVENIENT IF WE WANT TO USE A GIBBS SAMPLER TO SAMPLE FROM THE JOINT POSTERIOR OF $(\underline{\mu}, \delta^2)$).

\Rightarrow SEMI-CONJUGATE PRIOR FOR $(\underline{\mu}, \delta^2)$

FOR THE MULTIVARIATE NORMAL MODEL WE'LL FOCUS ON A SEMI-CONJUGATE PRIOR SPECIFICATION

WE CONCLUDED THAT: IF $\underline{\mu} \sim P(\underline{\mu}) \sim N_p(\underline{\mu}_0, \Lambda_0)$
 $\underline{\mu} \mid y_1, \dots, y_m, \Sigma \sim N_p(\underline{\mu}_m, \Lambda_m)$

WHERE $\underline{\mu}_m = (\Lambda_0 + \Lambda_1)^{-1} (\underline{b}_0 + \underline{b}_1)$

$\Lambda_m = (\Lambda_0 + \Lambda_1)^{-1}$

WHERE $\Lambda_0 = \Lambda_0^{-1}$; $\Lambda_1 = m \cdot \Sigma^{-1}$
 $\underline{b}_0 = \Lambda_0^{-1} \underline{\mu}_0$; $\underline{b}_1 = \Sigma^{-1} \cdot m \cdot \bar{y}$

THAT IS $\Lambda_m = (\Lambda_0^{-1} + m \Sigma^{-1})^{-1}$

(LET'S CALL PRECISION MATRIX THE INVERSE OF A COVARIANCE MATRIX).

$\Rightarrow \Lambda_m^{-1} = \Lambda_0^{-1} + m \cdot \Sigma^{-1}$

\downarrow POSTERIOR PRECISION MATRIX \downarrow PRIOR PRECISION MATRIX \downarrow DATA PRECISION MATRIX

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\mu}_m &= (\Delta_0^{-1} + m \Sigma^{-1})^{-1} \cdot (\Delta_0^{-1} \underline{\mu}_0 + \Sigma^{-1} m \bar{y}) \\ &= (\Delta_0^{-1} + m \Sigma^{-1})^{-1} \cdot \Delta_0^{-1} \underline{\mu}_0 + (\Delta_0^{-1} + m \Sigma^{-1})^{-1} \Sigma^{-1} m \bar{y} \end{aligned}$$

\nearrow PRIOR GUESS (3)
 \searrow SAMPLE AVERAGE

\Rightarrow POSTERIOR MEAN IS A WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF PRIOR GUESS AND SAMPLE AVERAGE

VERY SIMILAR INTERPRETATION TO THE ONE WE SAW IN THE UNIVARIATE CASE. (NOTATION ~~IS~~ HEAVIER!)

NEXT: WHAT PRIOR CAN WE ASSIGN TO Σ ?
 RECALL: IF WE WANT $N_p(\underline{\mu}, \Sigma)$ TO BE WELL DEFINED, Σ MUST SATISFY SOME CONDITIONS.

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \sigma_{12} \\ \sigma_{12} & \sigma_2^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ \sigma_{1p} & \sigma_{2p} & \dots & \sigma_p^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$p \times p$

SPECIFICALLY:

1. Σ MUST BE POSITIVE DEFINITE, THAT IS

$$\underline{x}^T \Sigma \underline{x} > 0 \quad \text{FOR ANY VECTOR } \underline{x} \text{ (} p \times 1 \text{ DIMENSIONAL)}$$

(THIS CONDITION GUARANTEES THAT $\sigma_i^2 > 0 \forall i=1, \dots, p$ AND THAT THE CORRELATIONS

$$\rho_{ij} = \frac{\sigma_{ij}}{\sqrt{\sigma_i^2} \sqrt{\sigma_j^2}} \in [-1, 1]$$

2. Σ ~~MUST~~ MUST BE SYMMETRIC. (4)
 INDEED $\sigma_{ij} = \sigma_{ji} \forall i, j$

WE MUST FIND A PRIOR WHICH ASSIGNS PROBABILITY MASS ONLY TO ~~THE~~ MATRICES SATISFYING 1 AND 2.

IDEA: WE COULD GENERATE VECTORS $\underline{z}_1, \dots, \underline{z}_m$ FROM ~~A~~ A MULTIVARIATE NORMAL AND COMPUTE THE SAMPLE COVARIANCE MATRIX STARTING FROM $\underline{z}_1, \dots, \underline{z}_m$. WHAT WE GET IS A REALIZATION OF A RANDOM MATRIX, WHICH SATISFIES CONDITIONS 1 AND 2.

CONSIDER $\underline{z}_1, \dots, \underline{z}_m$, p -DIMENSIONAL VECTORS

$$\underline{z}_i = \begin{pmatrix} z_{1,i} \\ z_{2,i} \\ \vdots \\ z_{p,i} \end{pmatrix}$$

DEFINE $\underline{z}_i \cdot \underline{z}_i^T = \begin{pmatrix} z_{1,i}^2 & z_{1,i} z_{2,i} & \dots & z_{1,i} z_{p,i} \\ z_{2,i} z_{1,i} & z_{2,i}^2 & \dots & z_{2,i} z_{p,i} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ z_{p,i} z_{1,i} & z_{p,i} z_{2,i} & \dots & z_{p,i}^2 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \underline{z}_i \cdot \underline{z}_i^T = \quad p \times p \text{ MATRIX}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^m z_{1,i}^2 & \sum_{i=1}^m z_{1,i} z_{2,i} & \dots & \sum_{i=1}^m z_{1,i} z_{p,i} \\ \sum_{i=1}^m z_{2,i} z_{1,i} & \sum_{i=1}^m z_{2,i}^2 & \dots & \sum_{i=1}^m z_{2,i} z_{p,i} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sum_{i=1}^m z_{p,i} z_{1,i} & \sum_{i=1}^m z_{p,i} z_{2,i} & \dots & \sum_{i=1}^m z_{p,i}^2 \end{bmatrix} =$$

WE CALL IT SUM OF SQUARES MATRIX

WE CAN CHECK THAT

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \underline{z}_i \cdot \underline{z}_i^T = Z^T Z$$

WHERE

$$Z = \begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ \vdots \\ z_m \end{pmatrix}$$

$m \times p$ MATRIX

IF $\underline{z}_1, \dots, \underline{z}_m$ ARE LINEARLY INDEPENDENT

$\Rightarrow Z^T Z$ IS POSITIVE DEFINITE AND SYMMETRIC.

STRATEGY: GIVEN A POSITIVE INTEGER ν_0
AND A COVARIANCE MATRIX Φ_0 ,

- GENERATE $\underline{z}_1, \dots, \underline{z}_m \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N_p(\underline{0}, \Phi_0)$
- COMPUTE $Z^T Z$ (SUM OF SQUARES MATRIX)

$\Rightarrow Z^T Z$ IS SUCH THAT:

- IF $\nu_0 > p \Rightarrow Z^T Z$ IS POSITIVE DEFINITE WITH PROBABILITY 1
- ~~$Z^T Z$~~ IS SYMMETRIC WITH PROB. 1.
- $\mathbb{E}[Z^T Z] = \nu_0 \cdot \Phi_0$.

OBS: SINCE THE MEAN VECTOR OF THE NORMAL IS $\underline{0}$,

$$Z^T Z = m \cdot (\text{SAMPLE COVARIANCE MATRIX})$$

(COHERENT WITH THE ORIGINAL IDEA).

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$Z^T Z$ IS A RANDOM MATRIX (DEFINED AS A FUNCTION OF $\underline{z}_1, \dots, \underline{z}_m$ WHICH ARE RANDOM) & ITS DISTRIBUTION IS CALLED WISHART (ν_0, Φ_0) (6)

HENCEFORTH, SET $\nu_0 > p$ AND $S_0 = \Phi_0^{-1}$

STRATEGY:

- SAMPLE $\underline{z}_1, \dots, \underline{z}_m \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N_p(\underline{0}, S_0^{-1})$
- COMPUTE $Z^T Z = \sum_{i=1}^m \underline{z}_i \cdot \underline{z}_i^T$
- SET $\Sigma = (Z^T Z)^{-1}$

$\Rightarrow \Sigma^{-1}$ HAS WISHART (ν_0, S_0^{-1})

$\Rightarrow \Sigma$ HAS INVERSE-WISHART (ν_0, S_0^{-1})

OBS: $\mathbb{E}[\Sigma^{-1}] = \nu_0 \cdot S_0^{-1}$

$$\rightarrow \mathbb{E}[\Sigma] = \frac{1}{\nu_0 - p - 1} \cdot (S_0^{-1})^{-1} = \frac{1}{\nu_0 - p - 1} \cdot S_0$$

PROPERTY OF THE INVERSE-WISHART DISTR.

IF WE HAVE A PRIOR GUESS, SAY Σ_0 , ABOUT Σ ,

WE CAN SET $S_0 = (\nu_0 - p - 1) \cdot \Sigma_0$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}[\Sigma] = \frac{\nu_0 - p - 1}{\nu_0 - p - 1} \Sigma_0 = \Sigma_0$$

MOREOVER, ν_0 CAN BE INTERPRETED AS THE "PRIOR SAMPLE SIZE", THE LARGER ν_0 IS, THE MORE STRENGTH WE ASSIGN TO THE PRIOR GUESS.

IF $\Sigma \sim \text{INVERSE-WISHART}(\nu_0, S_0^{-1})$ $\textcircled{7}$

$$P(\Sigma) \propto |\Sigma|^{-\frac{\nu_0+p+1}{2}} \cdot \exp\left\{-\text{tr}(S_0 \Sigma^{-1})/2\right\}$$

WHERE $\text{tr}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^p a_{ii}$ FOR ANY $p \times p$ MATRIX A

\hookrightarrow THE DEFINITION IS GIVEN HERE UP TO A CONSTANT. THE NORMALIZING CONSTANT IS UGLY, BUT LUCKILY WE WON'T NEED TO USE IT.

ORIGINAL GOAL:

WE KNOW $P(\underline{\mu} | \underline{y}_1, \dots, \underline{y}_m, \Sigma)$

WE NEED $P(\Sigma | \underline{y}_1, \dots, \underline{y}_m, \underline{\mu})$

$$P(\Sigma | \underline{y}_1, \dots, \underline{y}_m, \underline{\mu}) \propto P(\Sigma, \underline{y}_1, \dots, \underline{y}_m, \underline{\mu})$$

$$= P(\underline{y}_1, \dots, \underline{y}_m | \underline{\mu}, \Sigma) \cdot P(\underline{\mu}, \Sigma)$$

$$= P(\underline{y}_1, \dots, \underline{y}_m | \underline{\mu}, \Sigma) \cdot \underbrace{P(\underline{\mu})}_{\text{CONSTANT}} \cdot P(\Sigma)$$

SEMI-CONJUGATE PRIOR SPEC.

$$\propto P(\underline{y}_1, \dots, \underline{y}_m | \underline{\mu}, \Sigma) \cdot P(\Sigma)$$

$$\propto |\Sigma|^{-\frac{m}{2}} \cdot \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^m (\underline{y}_i - \underline{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1} (\underline{y}_i - \underline{\mu})\right\}$$

$$\cdot |\Sigma|^{-\frac{\nu_0+p+1}{2}} \cdot \exp\left\{-\text{tr}(S_0 \Sigma^{-1}) \cdot \frac{1}{2}\right\}$$

FROM MATRIX ALGEBRA

$$\sum_{i=1}^m (\underline{y}_i - \underline{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1} (\underline{y}_i - \underline{\mu}) = \text{tr}(S_D \Sigma^{-1}) \quad \textcircled{8}$$

$$\text{WHERE } S_D = \sum_{i=1}^m \underbrace{(\underline{y}_i - \underline{\mu})}_{p \times 1} \cdot \underbrace{(\underline{y}_i - \underline{\mu})^T}_{1 \times p}$$

$$= |\Sigma|^{-\frac{\nu_0+m+p+1}{2}} \cdot \exp\left\{-\text{tr}(S_D \Sigma^{-1})/2\right\}$$

$$= |\Sigma|^{-\frac{\nu_0+m+p+1}{2}} \cdot \exp\left\{-\text{tr}((S_0 + S_D) \Sigma^{-1})/2\right\}$$

\Rightarrow WE RECOGNIZE THE SHAPE OF AN INVERSE-WISHART (WITH UPDATED PARAMETERS)

$$\Rightarrow \Sigma | \underline{y}_1, \dots, \underline{y}_m, \underline{\mu} \sim \text{INVERSE-WISHART}(\nu_0+m, (S_0 + S_D)^{-1})$$

$$\sim \text{INV-WISHART}(\nu_m, S_m^{-1})$$

WHERE $\nu_m = \nu_0 + m$

$$S_m = S_0 + S_D$$

WHAT IS THE POSTERIOR MEAN? (CONDITIONALLY ON $\underline{\mu}$)

$$\mathbb{E}[\Sigma | \underline{y}_1, \dots, \underline{y}_m, \underline{\mu}] = \frac{1}{\nu_m - p - 1} \cdot (S_m^{-1})^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\nu_m - p - 1} \cdot S_m$$

$$= \frac{1}{\nu_0 + m - p - 1} (S_0 + S_1) = \dots$$

$$= \frac{\nu_0 - p - 1}{\nu_0 + m - p - 1} \left(\frac{1}{\nu_0 - p - 1} S_0 \right) + \frac{m}{\nu_0 + m - p - 1} \left(\frac{1}{m} S_1 \right)$$

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 $\mathbb{E}[S]$

THIS IS AN UNBIASED ESTIMATOR OF POPULATION COVARIANCE MATRIX

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