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BayesFactor

Create an object of class BayesFactor from MCMCpack output

Description

This function creates an object of class BayesFactor from MCMCpack output.

Usage

BayesFactor(...) is.BayesFactor(BF)

Arguments

... MCMCpack output objects. These have to be of class mcmc and have a logmarglike attribute. In what follows, we let M denote the total number of models to be compared.

BF An object to be checked for membership in class BayesFactor.

Value

An object of class BayesFactor. A BayesFactor object has four attributes. They are: BF.mat an M × M matrix in which element i, j contains the Bayes factor for model i relative to model j; BF.log.mat an M × M matrix in which element i, j contains the natural log of the Bayes factor for model i relative to model j; BF.logmarglike an M vector containing the log marginal likelihoods for models 1 through M; and BF.call an M element list containing the calls used to fit models 1 through M.

See Also

mcmcregress

Examples

## Not run:
data(birthwt)

model1 <- MCMCregress(bwt~age+lwt+as.factor(race) + smoke + ht,
  data=birthwt, b0=c(2700, 0, 0, -500, -500,
                -500, -500),
  B0=c(1e-6, .01, .01, 1.6e-5, 1.6e-5, 1.6e-5), c0=10, d0=4500000,
  marginal.likelihood="Chib95", mcmc=10000)

model2 <- MCMCregress(bwt~age+lwt+as.factor(race) + smoke,
  data=birthwt, b0=c(2700, 0, 0, -500, -500,
choicevar

Handle Choice-Specific Covariates in Multinomial Choice Models

Description

This function handles choice-specific covariates in multinomial choice models. See the example for an example of usage.

Usage

choicevar(var, varname, choicelevel)

Arguments

var The is the name of the variable in the dataframe.
varname The name of the new variable to be created.
choicelevel The level of y that the variable corresponds to.

Value

The new variable used by the MCMCmnl() function.

See Also

MCMCmnl
**The Dirichlet Distribution**

**Description**

Density function and random generation from the Dirichlet distribution.

**Usage**

```r
ddirichlet(x, alpha)
rdirichlet(n, alpha)
```

**Arguments**

- `x`  
  A vector containing a single deviate or matrix containing one random deviate per row.

- `n`  
  Number of random vectors to generate.

- `alpha`  
  Vector of shape parameters, or matrix of shape parameters corresponding to the number of draw.

**Details**

The Dirichlet distribution is the multidimensional generalization of the beta distribution.

**Value**

- `ddirichlet` gives the density. `rdirichlet` returns a matrix with `n` rows, each containing a single Dirichlet random deviate.

**Author(s)**

Code is taken from Greg’s Miscellaneous Functions (gregmisc). His code was based on code posted by Ben Bolker to R-News on 15 Dec 2000.

**See Also**

- Beta

**Examples**

```r
density <- ddirichlet(c(1,2,7), c(1,1,1))
draws <- rdirichlet(20, c(1,1,1) )
```
dtomogplot  

Dynamic Tomography Plot

Description

dtomogplot is used to produce a tomography plot (see King, 1997) for a series of temporally ordered, partially observed 2 x 2 contingency tables.

Usage

dtomogplot(r0, r1, c0, c1, time.vec=NA, delay=0,
           xlab="fraction of r0 in c0 (p0)",
           ylab="fraction of r1 in c0 (p1)",
           color.palette=heat.colors, bgcol="black", ...)

Arguments

r0  An \((n\text{tables} \times 1)\) vector of row sums from row 0.
r1  An \((n\text{tables} \times 1)\) vector of row sums from row 1.
c0  An \((n\text{tables} \times 1)\) vector of column sums from column 0.
c1  An \((n\text{tables} \times 1)\) vector of column sums from column 1.
time.vec Vector of time periods that correspond to the elements of \(r0, r1, c0,\) and \(c1.\)
delay Time delay in seconds between the plotting of the tomography lines. Setting a positive delay is useful for visualizing temporal dependence.
xlab  The x axis label for the plot.
ylab  The y axis label for the plot.
color.palette Color palette to be used to encode temporal patterns.
bgcol  The background color for the plot.
... further arguments to be passed

Details

Consider the following partially observed 2 by 2 contingency table:

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|       | \(c_0\) | \(c_1\) | \(N\)

where \(r_0, r_1, c_0, c_1,\) and \(N\) are non-negative integers that are observed. The interior cell entries are not observed. It is assumed that \(Y_0|r_0 \sim Binomial(r_0, p_0)\) and \(Y_1|r_1 \sim Binomial(r_1, p_1)\).
This function plots the bounds on the maximum likelihood estimates for \((p_0, p_1)\) and color codes them by the elements of \(\text{time.vec}\).

References


See Also

`mcmchierei, mcmcdynamicei, tomogplot`

Examples

```r
## Not run:
## simulated data example 1
set.seed(3920)
n <- 100
r0 <- rpois(n, 2000)
r1 <- round(runif(n, 100, 4000))
p0.true <- pnorm(-1.5 + 1:n/(n/2))
p1.true <- pnorm(1.0 - 1:n/(n/4))
y0 <- rbinom(n, r0, p0.true)
y1 <- rbinom(n, r1, p1.true)
c0 <- y0 + y1
c1 <- (r0+r1) - c0

## plot data
dtomogplot(r0, r1, c0, c1, delay=0.1)

## simulated data example 2
set.seed(8722)
n <- 100
r0 <- rpois(n, 2000)
r1 <- round(runif(n, 100, 4000))
p0.true <- pnorm(-1.0 + sin(1:n/(n/4)))
p1.true <- pnorm(0.0 - 2*cos(1:n/(n/9)))
y0 <- rbinom(n, r0, p0.true)
y1 <- rbinom(n, r1, p1.true)
c0 <- y0 + y1
c1 <- (r0+r1) - c0

## plot data
dtomogplot(r0, r1, c0, c1, delay=0.1)

## End(Not run)
```
HMMpanelFE generates a sample from the posterior distribution of the fixed-effects model with varying individual effects model discussed in Park (2011). The code works for both balanced and unbalanced panel data as long as there is no missing data in the middle of each group. This model uses a multivariate Normal prior for the fixed effects parameters and varying individual effects, an Inverse-Gamma prior on the residual error variance, and Beta prior for transition probabilities. The user supplies data and priors, and a sample from the posterior distribution is returned as an mcmc object, which can be subsequently analyzed with functions provided in the coda package.

Usage

```r
HMMpanelFE(subject.id, y, X, m,
            mcmc=1000, burnin=1000, thin=1, verbose=0,
            b0=0, B0=0.001, c0 = 0.001, d0 = 0.001, delta0=0, Delta0=0.001,
            a = NULL, b = NULL, seed = NA, ...)
```

Arguments

- `subject.id` A numeric vector indicating the group number. It should start from 1.
- `y` The response variable.
- `X` The model matrix excluding the constant.
- `m` A vector of break numbers for each subject in the panel.
- `mcmc` The number of MCMC iterations after burn-in.
- `burnin` The number of burn-in iterations for the sampler.
- `thin` The thinning interval used in the simulation. The number of MCMC iterations must be divisible by this value.
- `verbose` A switch which determines whether or not the progress of the sampler is printed to the screen. If `verbose` is greater than 0, the iteration number and the posterior density samples are printed to the screen every `verbose`th iteration.
- `b0` The prior mean of $\beta$. This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of betas. If this takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the prior mean for all of the betas.
- `B0` The prior precision of $\beta$. This can either be a scalar or a square matrix with dimensions equal to the number of betas. If this takes a scalar value, then that value times an identity matrix serves as the prior precision of beta. Default value of 0 is equivalent to an improper uniform prior for beta.
- `c0` $c_0/2$ is the shape parameter for the inverse Gamma prior on $\sigma^2$ (the variance of the disturbances). The amount of information in the inverse Gamma prior is something like that from $c_0$ pseudo-observations.
- `d0` $d_0/2$ is the scale parameter for the inverse Gamma prior on $\sigma^2$ (the variance of the disturbances). In constructing the inverse Gamma prior, $d_0$ acts like the sum of squared errors from the $c_0$ pseudo-observations.
delta0 The prior mean of $\alpha$.
Delta0 The prior precision of $\alpha$.

$a$ is the shape1 beta prior for transition probabilities. By default, the expected duration is computed and corresponding $a$ and $b$ values are assigned. The expected duration is the sample period divided by the number of states.

$b$ is the shape2 beta prior for transition probabilities. By default, the expected duration is computed and corresponding $a$ and $b$ values are assigned. The expected duration is the sample period divided by the number of states.

seed The seed for the random number generator. If NA, current R system seed is used.

... further arguments to be passed

Details

HMMpanelfe simulates from the fixed-effect hidden Markov object level:

$$\varepsilon_{it} \sim \mathcal{N}(\alpha_{im}, \sigma_{im}^2)$$

We assume standard, semi-conjugate priors:

$$\beta \sim \mathcal{N}(b_0, B_0^{-1})$$

And:

$$\sigma^{-2} \sim \text{Gamma}(c_0/2, d_0/2)$$

And:

$$\alpha \sim \mathcal{N}(\text{delta}_0, \text{Delta}_0^{-1})$$

$\beta$, $\alpha$ and $\sigma^{-2}$ are assumed a priori independent.

And:

$$p_{mmm} \sim \text{Beta}(a, b), \quad m = 1, \ldots, M$$

Where $M$ is the number of states.

OLS estimates are used for starting values.

Value

An mcmc object that contains the posterior sample. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the coda package. The object contains an attribute sigma storage matrix that contains time-varying residual variance, an attribute state storage matrix that contains posterior samples of hidden states, and an attribute delta storage matrix containing time-varying intercepts.

References


### Examples

```r
## Not run:
## data generating
set.seed(1974)
N <- 30
T <- 80
NT <- N+T

## true parameter values
true.beta <- c(1, 1)
true.sigma <- 3
x1 <- rnorm(NT)
x2 <- runif(NT, 2, 4)

## group-specific breaks
break.point = rep(T/2, N); break.sigma=c(rep(1, N));
break.list <- rep(1, N)

X <- as.matrix(cbind(x1, x2), NT, );
y <- rep(NA, NT)
id <- rep(1:N, each=NT/N)
K <- ncol(X);
true.beta <- as.matrix(true.beta, K, 1)

## compute the break probability
ruler <- c(1:T)
W.mat <- matrix(NA, T, N)
for (i in 1:N){
  W.mat[, i] <- pnorm((ruler-break.point[i])/break.sigma[i])
}

Weight <- as.vector(W.mat)

## draw time-varying individual effects and sample y
j = 1
true.alpha1 <- true.alpha2 <- rep(NA, N)
for (i in 1:N){
  Xi <- X[i:(j+T-1), ]
true.mean <- Xi %*% true.beta
  weight <- Weight[i:(j+T-1)]
  true.alpha1[i] <- rnorm(1, 0, true.sigma.alpha)
  true.alpha2[i] <- -1*true.alpha1[i]
y[j:(j+T-1)] <- ((1-weight)*true.mean + (1-weight)*rnorm(T, 0, true.sigma) +
  (1-weight)*true.alpha1[i]) +
  (weight*true.mean + weight*rnorm(T, 0, true.sigma) + weight*true.alpha2[i])
  j <- j + T
}

## extract the standardized residuals from the OLS with fixed-effects
FEols <- lm(y ~ X + as.factor(id) -1 )
resid.all <- rstandard(FEols)
time.id <- rep(1:80, N)

## model fitting
G <- 100
BF <- testpanelSubjectBreak(subject.id=id, time.id=time.id,
```
HMMpanelRE

Markov Chain Monte Carlo for the Hidden Markov Random-effects Model

Description

HMMpanelRE generates a sample from the posterior distribution of the hidden Markov random-effects model discussed in Park (2011). The code works for panel data with the same starting point. The sampling of panel parameters is based on Algorithm 2 of Chib and Carlin (1999). This model uses a multivariate Normal prior for the fixed effects parameters and varying individual effects, an Inverse-Wishart prior on the random-effects parameters, an Inverse-Gamma prior on the residual error variance, and Beta prior for transition probabilities. The user supplies data and priors, and a sample from the posterior distribution is returned as an mcmc object, which can be subsequently analyzed with functions provided in the coda package.

Usage

HMMpanelRE(subject.id, time.id, y, X, W, m=1, mcmc=1000, burnin=1000, thin=1, verbose=0, b0=0, B0=0.001, c0 = 0.001, d0 = 0.001, r0, R0, a = NULL, b = NULL, seed = NA, beta.start = NA, sigma2.start = NA, D.start= NA, P.start = NA, marginal.likelihood = c("none", "Chib95"), ...)

Arguments

subject.id  A numeric vector indicating the group number. It should start from 1.
time.id    A numeric vector indicating the time unit. It should start from 1.
y          The dependent variable
X          The model matrix of the fixed-effects
W          The model matrix of the random-effects. W should be a subset of X.
m
The number of changepoints.

mcmc
The number of MCMC iterations after burn-in.

burnin
The number of burn-in iterations for the sampler.

thin
The thinning interval used in the simulation. The number of MCMC iterations must be divisible by this value.

verbose
A switch which determines whether or not the progress of the sampler is printed to the screen. If verbose is greater than 0, the iteration number and the posterior density samples are printed to the screen every verbose-th iteration.

b0
The prior mean of $\beta$. This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of betas. If this takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the prior mean for all of the betas.

B0
The prior precision of $\beta$. This can either be a scalar or a square matrix with dimensions equal to the number of betas. If this takes a scalar value, then that value times an identity matrix serves as the prior precision of beta. Default value of 0 is equivalent to an improper uniform prior for beta.

c0
$c_0/2$ is the shape parameter for the inverse Gamma prior on $\sigma^2$ (the variance of the disturbances). The amount of information in the inverse Gamma prior is something like that from $c_0$ pseudo-observations.

d0
$d_0/2$ is the scale parameter for the inverse Gamma prior on $\sigma^2$ (the variance of the disturbances). In constructing the inverse Gamma prior, $d_0$ acts like the sum of squared errors from the $c_0$ pseudo-observations.

r0
The shape parameter for the Inverse-Wishart prior on variance matrix for the random effects. Set r=q for an uninformative prior where q is the number of random effects.

R0
The scale matrix for the Inverse-Wishart prior on variance matrix for the random effects. This must be a square q-dimension matrix. Use plausible variance regarding random effects for the diagonal of R.

a
$a$ is the shape1 beta prior for transition probabilities. By default, the expected duration is computed and corresponding a and b values are assigned. The expected duration is the sample period divided by the number of states.

b
$b$ is the shape2 beta prior for transition probabilities. By default, the expected duration is computed and corresponding a and b values are assigned. The expected duration is the sample period divided by the number of states.

seed
The seed for the random number generator. If NA, current R system seed is used.

beta.start
The starting values for the beta vector. This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of betas. The default value of NA will use draws from the Uniform distribution with the same boundary with the data as the starting value. If this is a scalar, that value will serve as the starting value mean for all of the betas. When there is no covariate, the log value of means should be used.

sigma2.start
The starting values for $\sigma^2$. This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of states.

D.start
The starting values for the beta vector. This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of betas. The default value of NA will use draws from the Uniform distribution with the same boundary with the data as the starting value. If this is a scalar, that value will serve as the starting value mean for all of the betas. When there is no covariate, the log value of means should be used.
P.start
The starting values for the transition matrix. A user should provide a square matrix with dimension equal to the number of states. By default, draws from the Beta(0.9, 0.1) are used to construct a proper transition matrix for each raw except the last raw.

marginal.likelihood
How should the marginal likelihood be calculated? Options are: none in which case the marginal likelihood will not be calculated and Chib95 in which case the method of Chib (1995) is used.

... further arguments to be passed

Details

HMMpanelRE simulates from the random-effect hidden Markov panel model introduced by Park (2011).

The model takes the following form:

\[ y_{it} = X_{it}\beta_m + W_{it}b_i + \varepsilon_{it} \quad m = 1, \ldots, M \]

Where each group \( i \) have \( k_i \) observations. Random-effects parameters are assumed to be time-varying at the system level:

\[ b_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, D_m) \]
\[ \varepsilon_{it} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_m^2 I_{k_i}) \]

And the errors: We assume standard, conjugate priors:

\[ \beta \sim \mathcal{N}_p(b_0, B_0) \]
And:

\[ \sigma^2 \sim \mathcal{IG}(c_0/2, d_0/2) \]

And:

\[ D \sim \mathcal{IWishart}(r_0, R_0) \]


And:

\[ p_{mm} \sim \text{Beta}(a, b), \quad m = 1, \ldots, M \]

Where \( M \) is the number of states.

NOTE: We do not provide default parameters for the priors on the precision matrix for the random effects. When fitting one of these models, it is of utmost importance to choose a prior that reflects your prior beliefs about the random effects. Using the dwish and rwish functions might be useful in choosing these values.

Value

An mcmc object that contains the posterior sample. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the coda package. The object contains an attribute prob.state storage matrix that contains the probability of state, for each period, and the log-marginal likelihood of the model (logmarglike).

References


Examples

```r
## Not run:
## data generating
set.seed(1977)
Q <- 3
ture.beta1 <- c(1, 1, 1); ture.beta2 <- c(-1, -1, -1)
ture.sigma2 <- c(2, 5); ture.D1 <- diag(.5, Q); ture.D2 <- diag(2.5, Q)
N=30; T=100;
NT <- N*T
x1 <- runif(NT, 1, 2)
x2 <- runif(NT, 1, 2)
X <- cbind(x1, x2); W <- X; y <- rep(NA, NT)

## true break numbers are one and at the center
break.point = rep(T/2, N); break.sigma=c(rep(1, N));
break.list <- rep(1, N)
id <- rep(1:N, each=NT/N)
K <- ncol(X);
ruler <- c(1:T)

## compute the weight for the break
W.mat <- matrix(NA, T, N)
for (i in 1:N){
  W.mat[i,] <- pnorm((ruler-break.point[i])/break.sigma[i])
}
Weight <- as.vector(W.mat)

## data generating by weighting two means and variances
j = 1
for (i in 1:N){
  Xi <- X[j:(j+T-1), ]
  Wi <- W[j:(j+T-1), ]
  true.V1 <- ture.sigma2[1]*diag(T) + Wi*ture.D1*%t(Wi)
  true.V2 <- ture.sigma2[2]*diag(T) + Wi*ture.D2*%t(Wi)
  true.mean1 <- Xi%*%true.beta1
  true.mean2 <- Xi%*%true.beta2
  weight <- Weight[j:(j+T-1)]
  y[j:(j+T-1)] <- (1-weight)*true.mean1 + (1-weight)*chol(true.V1)%*%rnorm(T) +
                    weight*true.mean2 + weight*chol(true.V2)%*%rnorm(T)
  j <- j + T
}

## model fitting
subject.id <- c(rep(1:N, each=T))
time.id <- c(rep(1:T, N))

## model fitting
G <- 100
b0 <- rep(0, K) ; B0 <- solve(diag(100, K))
c0 <- 2; d0 <- 2
r0 <- 5; R0 <- diag(c(1, 0.1, 0.1))
subject.id <- c(rep(1:N, each=T))
time.id <- c(rep(1:T, N))
out1 <- HMMpanelRE(subject.id, time.id, y, X, W, m=1,
                    mcmc=G, burnin=G, thin=1, verbose=G,
                    b0=b0, B0=B0, c0=c0, d0=d0, r0=r0, R0=R0)
```
InvGamma

## latent state changes
plotState(out1)

## print mcmc output
summary(out1)

## End(Not run)

### InvGamma

The Inverse Gamma Distribution

#### Description
Density function and random generation from the inverse gamma distribution.

#### Usage
```
rinvgamma(n, shape, scale = 1)
dinvgamma(x, shape, scale = 1)
```

#### Arguments
- **x**: Scalar location to evaluate density.
- **n**: Number of draws from the distribution.
- **shape**: Scalar shape parameter.
- **scale**: Scalar scale parameter (default value one).

#### Details
An inverse gamma random variable with shape \( a \) and scale \( b \) has mean \( b / (a - 1) \) (assuming \( a > 1 \)) and variance \( b^2 / ((a - 1) \cdot (a - 2)) \) (assuming \( a > 2 \)).

#### Value
dinvgamma evaluates the density at \( x \). rinvgamma takes \( n \) draws from the inverse Gamma distribution. The parameterization is consistent with the Gamma Distribution in the stats package.

#### References

#### See Also
- `gammadist`

#### Examples
```
density <- dinvgamma(4.2, 1.1)
draws <- rinvgamma(10, 3.2)
```
**InvWishart**  
*The Inverse Wishart Distribution*

**Description**
Density function and random generation from the Inverse Wishart distribution.

**Usage**
```
diwish(W, v, S)
riwish(v, S)
```

**Arguments**
- `W`: Positive definite matrix $W$ ($p \times p$).
- `v`: Degrees of freedom (scalar).
- `S`: Scale matrix ($p \times p$).

**Details**
The mean of an inverse Wishart random variable with $v$ degrees of freedom and scale matrix $S$ is $(v - p - 1)^{-1}S$.

**Value**
diwish evaluates the density at positive definite matrix W. riwish generates one random draw from the distribution.

**Examples**
```
density <- diwish(matrix(c(2,-3,-3,4),2,2), 3, matrix(c(1,.3,.3,1),2,2))
draw <- riwish(3, matrix(c(1,.3,.3,1),2,2))
```

**make.breaklist**  
*Vector of break numbers*

**Description**
This function generates a vector of break numbers using the output of testpanelSubjectBreak. The function performs a pairwise comparison of models using Bayes Factors.

**Usage**
```
make.breaklist(BF, threshold=3)
```
Arguments

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>BF</th>
<th>output of <code>testpanelSubjectBreak</code>.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>threshold</td>
<td>The Bayes Factor threshold to pick the best model. If a Bayes factor of two models is smaller than <code>threshold</code>, the model with a smaller number of break is chosen to avoid the over-identification problem. Users can change <code>threshold</code> into any positive number. The default value of 3 is chosen as it indicates the existence of &quot;substantial evidence&quot; in favor of the model in the numerator according to Jeffreys' scale.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

References


See Also

`testpanelSubjectBreak`

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**MCbinomialbeta**

*Monte Carlo Simulation from a Binomial Likelihood with a Beta Prior*

Description

This function generates a sample from the posterior distribution of a binomial likelihood with a Beta prior.

Usage

```r
MCbinomialbeta(y, n, alpha=1, beta=1, mc=1000, ...)
```

Arguments

| y | The number of successes in the independent Bernoulli trials. |
| n | The number of independent Bernoulli trials. |
| alpha | Beta prior distribution alpha parameter. |
| beta | Beta prior distribution beta parameter. |
| mc | The number of Monte Carlo draws to make. |
| ... | further arguments to be passed |

Details

`MCbinomialbeta` directly simulates from the posterior distribution. This model is designed primarily for instructional use. \( \pi \) is the probability of success for each independent Bernoulli trial. We assume a conjugate Beta prior:

\[
\pi \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta)
\]

\( y \) is the number of successes in \( n \) trials. By default, a uniform prior is used.
**Value**

An mcmc object that contains the posterior sample. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the coda package.

**See Also**

plot.mcmc, summary.mcmc

**Examples**

```r
## Not run
posterior <- Mbinomialbeta(3,12,mc=5000)
summary(posterior)
grid <- seq(0,1,0.01)
plot(grid, dbeta(grid, 1, 1), type="l", col="red", lwd=3, ylim=c(0,3.6),
      xlab="pi", ylab="density")
lines(density(posterior), col="blue", lwd=3)
legend(.75, 3.6, c("prior", "posterior"), lwd=3, col=c("red", "blue"))
## End(Not run)
```

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**MCMCbinaryChange**

*Markov Chain Monte Carlo for a Binary Multiple Changepoint Model*

**Description**

This function generates a sample from the posterior distribution of a binary model with multiple changepoints. The function uses the Markov chain Monte Carlo method of Chib (1998). The user supplies data and priors, and a sample from the posterior distribution is returned as an mcmc object, which can be subsequently analyzed with functions provided in the coda package.

**Usage**

```r
MCMCbinaryChange(data, m = 1, c0 = 1, d0 = 1, a = NULL, b = NULL,
                  burnin = 10000, mcmc = 10000, thin = 1, verbose = 0,
                  seed = NA, phi.start = NA, P.start = NA,
                  marginal.likelihood = c("none", "Chib95"), ...)```

**Arguments**

- `data` The data.
- `m` The number of changepoints.
- `c0` $c_0$ is the shape1 parameter for Beta prior on $\phi$ (the mean).
- `d0` $d_0$ is the shape2 parameter for Beta prior on $\phi$ (the mean).
- `a` $a$ is the shape1 beta prior for transition probabilities. By default, the expected duration is computed and corresponding $a$ and $b$ values are assigned. The expected duration is the sample period divided by the number of states.
- `b` $b$ is the shape2 beta prior for transition probabilities. By default, the expected duration is computed and corresponding $a$ and $b$ values are assigned. The expected duration is the sample period divided by the number of states.
The number of burn-in iterations for the sampler.

mcmc
The number of MCMC iterations after burn-in.

The thinning interval used in the simulation. The number of MCMC iterations must be divisible by this value.

verbose
A switch which determines whether or not the progress of the sampler is printed to the screen. If verbose is greater than 0, the iteration number and the posterior density samples are printed to the screen every verbosest iteration.

seed
The seed for the random number generator. If NA, current R system seed is used.

phi.start
The starting values for the mean. The default value of NA will use draws from the Uniform distribution.

P.start
The starting values for the transition matrix. A user should provide a square matrix with dimension equal to the number of states. By default, draws from the Beta(0.9, 0.1) are used to construct a proper transition matrix for each raw except the last raw.

marginal.likelihood
How should the marginal likelihood be calculated? Options are: none in which case the marginal likelihood will not be calculated, and Chib95 in which case the method of Chib (1995) is used.

... further arguments to be passed

Details

MCMCbinaryChange simulates from the posterior distribution of a binary model with multiple change-points.

The model takes the following form:

\[ Y_t \sim Bernoulli(\phi_i), \quad i = 1, \ldots, k \]

Where \( k \) is the number of states.

We assume Beta priors for \( \phi_i \) and for transition probabilities:

\[ \phi_i \sim Beta(c_0, d_0) \]

And:

\[ p_{mm} \sim Beta(a, b), \quad m = 1, \ldots, k \]

Where \( M \) is the number of states.

Value

An mcmc object that contains the posterior sample. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the coda package. The object contains an attribute prob.state storage matrix that contains the probability of state, for each period, and the log-marginal likelihood of the model (logmarglike).

References


MCMCdynamicEI

Markov Chain Monte Carlo for Quinn’s Dynamic Ecological Inference Model

Description

MCMCdynamicEI is used to fit Quinn’s dynamic ecological inference model for partially observed 2 x 2 contingency tables.

Usage

MCMCdynamicEI(r0, r1, c0, c1, burnin=5000, mcmc=50000, thin=1, verbose=0, seed=NA, W=0, a0=0.825, b0=0.0105, a1=0.825, b1=0.0105, ...)
Arguments

- **r0**  
  \((ntables \times 1)\) vector of row sums from row 0.

- **r1**  
  \((ntables \times 1)\) vector of row sums from row 1.

- **c0**  
  \((ntables \times 1)\) vector of column sums from column 0.

- **c1**  
  \((ntables \times 1)\) vector of column sums from column 1.

- **burnin**  
  The number of burn-in scans for the sampler.

- **mcmc**  
  The number of mcmc scans to be saved.

- **thin**  
  The thinning interval used in the simulation. The number of mcmc iterations must be divisible by this value.

- **verbose**  
  A switch which determines whether or not the progress of the sampler is printed to the screen. If **verbose** is greater than 0 then every **verbose**th iteration will be printed to the screen.

- **seed**  
  The seed for the random number generator. If NA, the Mersenne Twister generator is used with default seed 12345; if an integer is passed it is used to seed the Mersenne twister. The user can also pass a list of length two to use the L’Ecuyer random number generator, which is suitable for parallel computation. The first element of the list is the L’Ecuyer seed, which is a vector of length six or NA (if NA a default seed of `repHQRSTULVI` is used). The second element of list is a positive substream number. See the MCMCpack specification for more details.

- **W**  
  Weight (not precision) matrix structuring the temporal dependence among elements of \(\theta_0\) and \(\theta_1\). The default value of 0 will construct a weight matrix that corresponds to random walk priors for \(\theta_0\) and \(\theta_1\). The default assumes that the tables are equally spaced throughout time and that the elements of \(r_0\), \(r_1\), \(c_0\), and \(c_1\) are temporally ordered.

- **a0**  
  \(a_0/2\) is the shape parameter for the inverse-gamma prior on the \(\sigma^2_0\) parameter.

- **b0**  
  \(b_0/2\) is the scale parameter for the inverse-gamma prior on the \(\sigma^2_0\) parameter.

- **a1**  
  \(a_1/2\) is the shape parameter for the inverse-gamma prior on the \(\sigma^2_1\) parameter.

- **b1**  
  \(b_1/2\) is the scale parameter for the inverse-gamma prior on the \(\sigma^2_1\) parameter.

- **...**  
  further arguments to be passed

Details

Consider the following partially observed 2 by 2 contingency table for unit \(t\) where \(t = 1, \ldots, ntables\):

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>(Y = 0)</th>
<th>(Y = 1)</th>
<th>(\ldots)</th>
<th>(\ldots)</th>
<th>(\ldots)</th>
<th>(\ldots)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>(X = 0)</td>
<td>(Y_{0t})</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>(r_{0t})</td>
<td>(\ldots)</td>
<td>(\ldots)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(X = 1)</td>
<td>(Y_{1t})</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>(r_{1t})</td>
<td>(\ldots)</td>
<td>(\ldots)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>(c_{0t})</td>
<td>(c_{1t})</td>
<td>(N_t)</td>
<td>(\ldots)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Where \(r_{0t}, r_{1t}, c_{0t}, c_{1t}\), and \(N_t\) are non-negative integers that are observed. The interior cell entries are not observed. It is assumed that \(Y_{0t}|r_{0t} \sim Binomial(r_{0t}, p_{0t})\) and \(Y_{1t}|r_{1t} \sim Binomial(r_{1t}, p_{1t})\).
Let \( \theta_{0t} = \log(p_{0t}/(1 - p_{0t})) \), and \( \theta_{1t} = \log(p_{1t}/(1 - p_{1t})) \).

The following prior distributions are assumed:

\[
p(\theta_0|\sigma_0^2) \propto \sigma_0^{-n_{tables}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma_0^2} \theta_0' P_{\theta_0}\right)
\]

and

\[
p(\theta_1|\sigma_1^2) \propto \sigma_1^{-n_{tables}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma_1^2} \theta_1' P_{\theta_1}\right)
\]

where \( P_{ts} = -W_{ts} \) for \( t \) not equal to \( s \) and \( P_{tt} = \sum_{s \neq t} W_{ts} \). The \( \theta_{0t} \) is assumed to be a priori independent of \( \theta_{1t} \) for all \( t \). In addition, the following hyperpriors are assumed: \( \sigma_0^2 \sim IG(a_0/2, b_0/2) \), and \( \sigma_1^2 \sim IG(a_1/2, b_1/2) \).

Inference centers on \( p_0, p_1, \sigma_0^2 \), and \( \sigma_1^2 \). Univariate slice sampling (Neal, 2003) together with Gibbs sampling is used to sample from the posterior distribution.

Value

An mcmc object that contains the sample from the posterior distribution. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the coda package.

References


See Also

MCMChierEI, plot.mcmc, summary.mcmc

Examples

```r
## Not run:
## simulated data example 1
set.seed(3928)
n <- 100
r0 <- rpois(n, 200)
r1 <- round(runif(n, 100, 4000))
p0.true <- pnorm(-1.5 + 1:n/(n/2))
p1.true <- pnorm(1.8 - 1:n/(n/4))
y0 <- rbinom(n, r0, p0.true)
y1 <- rbinom(n, r1, p1.true)
```
\[ c_0 \leftarrow y_0 + y_1 \]
\[ c_1 \leftarrow (r_0 + r_1) - c_0 \]

## plot data

dtomogplot(r0, r1, c0, c1, delay=0.1)

## fit dynamic model

post1 <- MCMCdynamicEI(r0, r1, c0, c1, mcmc=40000, thin=5, verbose=100, seed=list(NA, 1))

## fit exchangeable hierarchical model

post2 <- MCMChierEI(r0, r1, c0, c1, mcmc=40000, thin=5, verbose=100, seed=list(NA, 2))

p0meanDyn <- colMeans(post1)[1:n]
p1meanDyn <- colMeans(post1)[(n+1):(2*n)]
p0meanHier <- colMeans(post2)[1:n]
p1meanHier <- colMeans(post2)[(n+1):(2*n)]

## plot truth and posterior means

pairs(cbind(p0.true, p0meanDyn, p0meanHier, p1.true, p1meanDyn, p1meanHier))

## simulated data example 2

set.seed(8722)
n <- 100
r0 <- rpois(n, 2000)
r1 <- round(runif(n, 100, 4000))
p0.true <- pnorm(-1 + sin(1:n/(n/4))]
p1.true <- pnorm(0 - 2*cos(1:n/(n/9))]
y0 <- rbinom(n, r0, p0.true)
y1 <- rbinom(n, r1, p1.true)
c0 <- y0 + y1
c1 <- (r0 + r1) - c0

## plot data

dtomogplot(r0, r1, c0, c1, delay=0.1)

## fit dynamic model

post1 <- MCMCdynamicEI(r0, r1, c0, c1, mcmc=40000, thin=5, verbose=100, seed=list(NA, 1))

## fit exchangeable hierarchical model

post2 <- MCMChierEI(r0, r1, c0, c1, mcmc=40000, thin=5, verbose=100, seed=list(NA, 2))

p0meanDyn <- colMeans(post1)[1:n]
p1meanDyn <- colMeans(post1)[(n+1):(2*n)]
p0meanHier <- colMeans(post2)[1:n]
p1meanHier <- colMeans(post2)[(n+1):(2*n)]

## plot truth and posterior means

pairs(cbind(p0.true, p0meanDyn, p0meanHier, p1.true, p1meanDyn, p1meanHier))

## End(Not run)
Markov Chain Monte Carlo for Dynamic One Dimensional Item Response Theory Model

Description

This function generates a sample from the posterior distribution of a dynamic one dimensional item response theory (IRT) model, with Normal random walk priors on the subject abilities (ideal points), and multivariate Normal priors on the item parameters. The user supplies data and priors, and a sample from the posterior distribution is returned as an mcmc object, which can be subsequently analyzed with functions provided in the coda package.

Usage

MCMCdynamicIRT1d(datamatrix, item.time.map, theta.constraints=list(),
burnin = 1000, mcmc = 20000, thin = 1, verbose = 0,
seed = NA, theta.start = NA, alpha.start = NA,
beta.start = NA, tau2.start = 1, a0 = 0, A0 = 0.1,
b0 = 0, B0 = 0.1, c0 = -1, d0 = -1, e0 = 0,
E0 = 1, store.ability = TRUE,
store.item = TRUE, ...)

Arguments

datamatrix The matrix of data. Must be 0, 1, or missing values. The rows of datamatrix correspond to subjects and the columns correspond to items.

datatime.map A vector that relates each item to a time period. Each element of item.time.map gives the time period of the corresponding column of datamatrix. It is assumed that the minimum value of item.time.map is 1.

theta.constraints A list specifying possible simple equality or inequality constraints on the ability parameters. A typical entry in the list has one of three forms: varname=c which will constrain the ability parameter for the subject named varname to be equal to c, varname="+" which will constrain the ability parameter for the subject named varname to be positive, and varname="-" which will constrain the ability parameter for the subject named varname to be negative. If x is a matrix without row names defaults names of “V1”, “V2”, ..., etc will be used. See Rivers (2003) for a thorough discussion of identification of IRT models.

burnin The number of burn-in iterations for the sampler.
mcmc The number of Gibbs iterations for the sampler.
thin The thinning interval used in the simulation. The number of Gibbs iterations must be divisible by this value.

verbose A switch which determines whether or not the progress of the sampler is printed to the screen. If verbose is greater than 0 then every verbose iteration will be printed to the screen.

seed The seed for the random number generator. If NA, the Mersenne Twister generator is used with default seed 12345; if an integer is passed it is used to seed the Mersenne twister. The user can also pass a list of length two to use the L’Ecuyer random number generator, which is suitable for parallel computation. The first
element of the list is the L’Ecuyer seed, which is a vector of length six or NA (if NA a default seed of rep(12345, 6) is used). The second element of list is a positive substream number. See the MCMCpack specification for more details.

**theta.start**
The starting values for the subject abilities (ideal points). This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of voters. If this takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the starting value for all of the thetas. The default value of NA will choose the starting values based on an eigenvalue-eigenvector decomposition of the agreement score matrix formed from the datamatrix.

**alpha.start**
The starting values for the $\alpha$ difficulty parameters. This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of items. If this takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the starting value for all of the alphas. The default value of NA will set the starting values based on a series of probit regressions that condition on the starting values of theta.

**beta.start**
The starting values for the $\beta$ discrimination parameters. This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of items. If this takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the starting value for all of the betas. The default value of NA will set the starting values based on a series of probit regressions that condition on the starting values of theta.

**tau2.start**
The starting values for the evolution variances (the variance of the random walk increments for the ability parameters / ideal points). Order corresponds to the rows of datamatrix.

**a0**
A vector containing the prior mean of each of the difficulty parameters $\alpha$. Should have as many elements as items / roll calls. Order corresponds to the columns of datamatrix. If a scalar is passed it is assumed that all elements of $a0$ are equal to the scalar.

**A0**
A vector containing the prior precision (inverse variance) of each of the difficulty parameters $\alpha$. Should have as many elements as items / roll calls. Order corresponds to the columns of datamatrix. If a scalar is passed it is assumed that all elements of $A0$ are equal to the scalar.

**b0**
A vector containing the prior mean of each of the discrimination parameters $\beta$. Should have as many elements as items / roll calls. Order corresponds to the columns of datamatrix. If a scalar is passed it is assumed that all elements of $b0$ are equal to the scalar.

**B0**
A vector containing the prior precision (inverse variance) of each of the discrimination parameters $\beta$. Should have as many elements as items / roll calls. Order corresponds to the columns of datamatrix. If a scalar is passed it is assumed that all elements of $B0$ are equal to the scalar.

**c0**
c0/2 is the shape parameter for the inverse Gamma prior on $\tau^2$ (the variance of the random walk increments). The amount of information in the inverse Gamma prior is something like that from $c0$ pseudo-observations. $c0$ can be either a vector with an element for each subject or a scalar. If $c0$ is negative then $\tau^2$ is not estimated--the values in tau2.start are used throughout the sampling.

**d0**
d0/2 is the scale parameter for the inverse Gamma prior on $\tau^2$ (the variance of the random walk increments). In constructing the inverse Gamma prior, $d0$ acts like the sum of squared errors from the $c0$ pseudo-observations. $d0$ can be either a vector with an element for each subject or a scalar. If $d0$ is negative then $\tau^2$ is not estimated--the values in tau2.start are used throughout the sampling.

**e0**
A vector containing the prior mean of the initial ability parameter / ideal point for each subject. Should have as many elements as subjects. Order corresponds...
to the rows of datamatrix. If a scalar is passed it is assumed that all elements of e0 are equal to the scalar.

E0 A vector containing the prior variance of the initial ability parameter / ideal point for each subject. Should have as many elements as subjects. Order corresponds to the rows of datamatrix. If a scalar is passed it is assumed that all elements of E0 are equal to the scalar.

store.ability A switch that determines whether or not to store the ability parameters for posterior analysis. NOTE: In situations with many individuals storing the ability parameters takes an enormous amount of memory, so store.ability should only be TRUE if the chain is thinned heavily, or for applications with a small number of individuals. By default, the item parameters are stored.

store.item A switch that determines whether or not to store the item parameters for posterior analysis. NOTE: In situations with many items storing the item parameters takes an enormous amount of memory, so store.item should only be false if the chain is thinned heavily, or for applications with a small number of items. By default, the item parameters are not stored.

... further arguments to be passed

Details

MCMCdynamicIRT1d simulates from the posterior distribution using the algorithm of Martin and Quinn (2002). The simulation proper is done in compiled C++ code to maximize efficiency. Please consult the coda documentation for a comprehensive list of functions that can be used to analyze the posterior sample.

The model takes the following form. We assume that each subject has an subject ability (ideal point) denoted $\theta_{j,t}$ (where $j$ indexes subjects and $t$ indexes time periods) and that each item has a difficulty parameter $\alpha_i$ and discrimination parameter $\beta_i$. The observed choice by subject $j$ on item $i$ is the observed data matrix which is $(I \times J)$. We assume that the choice is dictated by an unobserved utility:

$$z_{i,j,t} = -\alpha_i + \beta_i \theta_{j,t} + \varepsilon_{i,j,t}$$

Where the disturbances are assumed to be distributed standard Normal. The parameters of interest are the subject abilities (ideal points) and the item parameters.

We assume the following priors. For the subject abilities (ideal points):

$$\theta_{j,t} \sim N(\theta_{j,t-1}, \tau_{j}^2)$$

with

$$\theta_{j,0} \sim N(\epsilon 0, E0)$$

The evolution variance has the following prior:

$$\tau_{j}^2 \sim IG(c0/2, d0/2)$$

For the item parameters in the standard model, the prior is:

$$\alpha_i \sim N(a0, A0^{-1})$$

and

$$\beta_i \sim N(b0, B0^{-1})$$

The model is identified by the proper priors on the item parameters and constraints placed on the ability parameters.

As is the case with all measurement models, make sure that you have plenty of free memory, especially when storing the item parameters.
Value

An mcmc object that contains the posterior sample. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the coda package.

Author(s)

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References


See Also

plot.mcmc, summary.mcmc, MCMCirt1d

Examples

```r
## Not run:
data(Rehnquist)

## assign starting values
theta.start <- rep(0, 9)
theta.start[2] <- -3  ## Stevens
theta.start[7] <- 2   ## Thomas

out <- MCMCdynamicIRT1d(t(Rehnquist[,1:9]),
                         item.time.map=Rehnquist$time,
                         theta.start=theta.start,
                         mcmc=50000, burnin=20000, thin=5,
                         verbose=500, tau2.start=rep(0.1, 9),
                         e0=0, E0=1,
                         a0=0, A0=1,
                         b0=0, B0=1, c0=-1, d0=-1,
                         store.item=FALSE,
                         theta.constraints=list(Stevens="-", Thomas="+"))

summary(out)
## End(Not run)
```

Description

This function generates a sample from the posterior distribution of a normal theory factor analysis model. Normal priors are assumed on the factor loadings and factor scores while inverse Gamma priors are assumed for the uniquenesses. The user supplies data and parameters for the prior distributions, and a sample from the posterior distribution is returned as an mcmc object, which can be subsequently analyzed with functions provided in the coda package.
MCMCfactanal

Usage

MCMCfactanal(x, factors, lambda.constraints=list(),
  data=NULL, burnin = 1000, mcmc = 20000,
  thin=1, verbose = 0, seed = NA,
  lambda.start = NA, psi.start = NA,
  l0=0, L0=0, a0=0.001, b0=0.001,
  store.scores = FALSE, std.var=TRUE, ... )

Arguments

x       Either a formula or a numeric matrix containing the manifest variables.
factors The number of factors to be fitted.
lambda.constraints
  List of lists specifying possible simple equality or inequality constraints on the
  factor loadings. A typical entry in the list has one of three forms: varname=list(d,c)
  which will constrain the dth loading for the variable named varname to be equal
  to c, varname=list(d,"+") which will constrain the dth loading for the variable
  named varname to be positive, and varname=list(d, "-" ) which will
  constrain the dth loading for the variable named varname to be negative. If x is
  a matrix without column names defaults names of “V1”, “V2”, ..., etc will be
  used.
data    A data frame.
burnin  The number of burn-in iterations for the sampler.
mcmc    The number of iterations for the sampler.
thin    The thinning interval used in the simulation. The number of iterations must be
  divisible by this value.
verbose A switch which determines whether or not the progress of the sampler is printed
  to the screen. If verbose is greater than 0 the iteration number and the factor
  loadings and uniquenesses are printed to the screen every verbose
  iteration.
seed    The seed for the random number generator. If NA, the Mersenne Twister gener-
  ator is used with default seed 12345; if an integer is passed it is used to seed the
  Mersenne twister. The user can also pass a list of length two to use the L’Ecuyer
  random number generator, which is suitable for parallel computation. The first
  element of the list is the L’Ecuyer seed, which is a vector of length six or NA
  (if NA a default seed of rep(12345,6) is used). The second element of list is a
  positive substream number. See the MCMCpack specification for more details.
lambda.start Starting values for the factor loading matrix Lambda. If lambda.start is set
  to a scalar the starting value for all unconstrained loadings will be set to that
  scalar. If lambda.start is a matrix of the same dimensions as Lambda then
  the lambda.start matrix is used as the starting values (except for equality-
  constrained elements). If lambda.start is set to NA (the default) then starting
  values for unconstrained elements are set to 0, and starting values for inequality
  constrained elements are set to either 0.5 or -0.5 depending on the nature of the
  constraints.
psi.start Starting values for the uniquenesses. If psi.start is set to a scalar then the
  starting value for all diagonal elements of Psi are set to this value. If psi.start
  is a k-vector (where k is the number of manifest variables) then the starting value
  of Psi has psi.start on the main diagonal. If psi.start is set to NA (the
  default) the starting values of all the uniquenesses are set to 0.5.
The means of the independent Normal prior on the factor loadings. Can be either a scalar or a matrix with the same dimensions as Lambda.

The precisions (inverse variances) of the independent Normal prior on the factor loadings. Can be either a scalar or a matrix with the same dimensions as Lambda.

Controls the shape of the inverse Gamma prior on the uniqueness. The actual shape parameter is set to $a\theta/2$. Can be either a scalar or a $k$-vector.

Controls the scale of the inverse Gamma prior on the uniquenesses. The actual scale parameter is set to $b\theta/2$. Can be either a scalar or a $k$-vector.

A switch that determines whether or not to store the factor scores for posterior analysis. **NOTE:** This takes an enormous amount of memory, so should only be used if the chain is thinned heavily, or for applications with a small number of observations. By default, the factor scores are not stored.

If TRUE (the default) the manifest variables are rescaled to have zero mean and unit variance. Otherwise, the manifest variables are rescaled to have zero mean but retain their observed variances.

... further arguments to be passed

Details

The model takes the following form:

$$x_i = \Lambda \phi_i + \epsilon_i$$

$$\epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Psi)$$

where $x_i$ is the $k$-vector of observed variables specific to observation $i$, $\Lambda$ is the $k \times d$ matrix of factor loadings, $\phi_i$ is the $d$-vector of latent factor scores, and $\Psi$ is a diagonal, positive definite matrix. Traditional factor analysis texts refer to the diagonal elements of $\Psi$ as uniquenesses.

The implementation used here assumes independent conjugate priors for each element of $\Lambda$, each $\phi_i$, and each diagonal element of $\Psi$. More specifically we assume:

$$\Lambda_{ij} \sim \mathcal{N}(l_{0ij}, L_{0ij}^{-1}), i = 1, \ldots, k, j = 1, \ldots, d$$

$$\phi_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I), i = 1, \ldots, n$$

$$\Psi_{ii} \sim \mathcal{IG}(a_{0i}/2, b_{0i}/2), i = 1, \ldots, k$$

`mcmcfactanal` simulates from the posterior distribution using standard Gibbs sampling. The simulation proper is done in compiled C++ code to maximize efficiency. Please consult the coda documentation for a comprehensive list of functions that can be used to analyze the posterior sample.

As is the case with all measurement models, make sure that you have plenty of free memory, especially when storing the scores.

Value

An mcmc object that contains the sample from the posterior distribution. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the coda package.
References


See Also

plot.mcmc, summary.mcmc, factanal

Examples

```r
## Not run:
## An example using the formula interface
data(swiss)
p = mcmchierEI(~Agriculture+Examination+Education+Catholic +Infant.Mortality, factors=2,
  lambda.constraints=list(Examination=list(1,“+"),
   Examination=list(2,"-"), Education=c(2,0),
   Infant.Mortality=c(1,0)),
  verbose=0, store.scores=FALSE, a0=1, b0=0.15,
  data=swiss, burnin=5000, mcmc=50000, thin=20)
  plot(p)
s = summary(p)

## An example using the matrix interface
Y = cbind(swiss$Agriculture, swiss$Examination,
  swiss$Education, swiss$Catholic,
  swiss$Infant.Mortality)
colnames(Y) = c("Agriculture", "Examination", "Education", "Catholic",
  "Infant.Mortality")
p = mcmchierEI(Y, factors=2,
  lambda.constraints=list(Examination=list(1,"+"),
   Examination=list(2,"-"), Education=c(2,0),
   Infant.Mortality=c(1,0)),
  verbose=0, store.scores=FALSE, a0=1, b0=0.15,
  burnin=5000, mcmc=50000, thin=20)

## End(Not run)
```

Description

‘MCMChierEI’ is used to fit Wakefield’s hierarchical ecological inference model for partially observed 2 x 2 contingency tables.
Usage

MCMChierEI(r0, r1, c0, c1, burnin=5000, mcmc=50000, thin=1,
   verbose=0, seed=NA,
   m0=0, M0=2.287656, m1=0, M1=2.287656, a0=0.825, b0=0.0105,
   a1=0.825, b1=0.0105, ...)

Arguments

r0 (ntables × 1) vector of row sums from row 0.
r1 (ntables × 1) vector of row sums from row 1.
c0 (ntables × 1) vector of column sums from column 0.
c1 (ntables × 1) vector of column sums from column 1.
burnin The number of burn-in scans for the sampler.
mcmc The number of mcmc scans to be saved.
thin The thinning interval used in the simulation. The number of mcmc iterations
must be divisible by this value.
verbose A switch which determines whether or not the progress of the sampler is printed
to the screen. If verbose is greater than 0 then every verbose/eth iteration will
be printed to the screen.
seed The seed for the random number generator. If NA, the Mersenne Twister gener-
ator is used with default seed 12345; if an integer is passed it is used to seed the
Mersenne twister. The user can also pass a list of length two to use the L’Ecuyer
random number generator, which is suitable for parallel computation. The first
element of the list is the L’Ecuyer seed, which is a vector of length six or NA
(if NA a default seed of rep(12345, 6) is used). The second element of list is a
positive substream number. See the MCMCpack specification for more details.
m0 Prior mean of the \( \mu_0 \) parameter.
m1 Prior variance of the \( \mu_0 \) parameter.
m1 Prior mean of the \( \mu_1 \) parameter.
M1 Prior variance of the \( \mu_1 \) parameter.
a0 \( a0/2 \) is the shape parameter for the inverse-gamma prior on the \( \sigma_0^2 \) parameter.
b0 \( b0/2 \) is the scale parameter for the inverse-gamma prior on the \( \sigma_0^2 \) parameter.
a1 \( a1/2 \) is the shape parameter for the inverse-gamma prior on the \( \sigma_1^2 \) parameter.
b1 \( b1/2 \) is the scale parameter for the inverse-gamma prior on the \( \sigma_1^2 \) parameter.
...
   further arguments to be passed

Details

Consider the following partially observed 2 by 2 contingency table for unit \( t \) where \( t = 1, \ldots, ntables \):

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>( Y = 0 )</th>
<th>( Y = 1 )</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>( X = 0 )</td>
<td>( Y_{0t} )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-----</td>
<td>-----</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>( X = 1 )</td>
<td>( Y_{1t} )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-----</td>
<td>-----</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Where $r_{0t}$, $r_{1t}$, $c_{0t}$, $c_{1t}$, and $N_t$ are non-negative integers that are observed. The interior cell entries are not observed. It is assumed that $Y_{0t}|r_{0t} \sim \text{Binomial}(r_{0t}, p_{0t})$ and $Y_{1t}|r_{1t} \sim \text{Binomial}(r_{1t}, p_{1t})$. Let $\theta_{0t} = \log(p_{0t}/(1-p_{0t}))$, and $\theta_{1t} = \log(p_{1t}/(1-p_{1t}))$.

The following prior distributions are assumed: $\theta_{0t} \sim N(\mu_0, \sigma^2_0)$, $\theta_{1t} \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma^2_1)$. $\theta_{0t}$ is assumed to be a priori independent of $\theta_{1t}$ for all $t$. In addition, we assume the following hyperpriors: $\mu_0 \sim N(m_0, M_0)$, $\mu_1 \sim N(m_1, M_1)$, $\sigma^2_0 \sim IG(a_0/2, b_0/2)$, and $\sigma^2_1 \sim IG(a_1/2, b_1/2)$.

The default priors have been chosen to make the implied prior distribution for $p_0$ and $p_1$ approximately uniform on $(0,1)$.

Inference centers on $p_0$, $p_1$, $\mu_0$, $\mu_1$, $\sigma^2_0$, and $\sigma^2_1$. Univariate slice sampling (Neal, 2003) along with Gibbs sampling is used to sample from the posterior distribution.

See Section 5.4 of Wakefield (2003) for discussion of the priors used here. MCMChierEI departs from the Wakefield model in that the $\mu_0$ and $\mu_1$ are here assumed to be drawn from independent normal distributions whereas Wakefield assumes they are drawn from logistic distributions.

Value

An mcmc object that contains the sample from the posterior distribution. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the coda package.

References


See Also

MCMChierEI, plot.mcmc, summary.mcmc

Examples

```r
# Not run:
## simulated data example
set.seed(3920)
n <- 100
r0 <- round(runif(n, 400, 1500))
r1 <- round(runif(n, 100, 4000))
p0.true <- pnorm(rnorm(n, m=0.5, s=0.25))
p1.true <- pnorm(rnorm(n, m=0.0, s=0.10))
```
MCMChlogit

Markov Chain Monte Carlo for the Hierarchical Binomial Linear Regression Model using the logit link function

Description

MCMChlogit generates a sample from the posterior distribution of a Hierarchical Binomial Linear Regression Model using the logit link function and Algorithm 2 of Chib and Carlin (1999). This model uses a multivariate Normal prior for the fixed effects parameters, an Inverse-Wishart prior on the random effects variance matrix, and an Inverse-Gamma prior on the variance modelling over-dispersion. The user supplies data and priors, and a sample from the posterior distribution is returned as an mcmc object, which can be subsequently analyzed with functions provided in the coda package.

Usage

MCMChlogit(fixed, random, group, data, burnin=5000, mcmc=10000, thin=10, verbose=1, seed=NA, beta.start=NA, sigma2.start=NA, Vb.start=NA, mubeta=0, Vbeta=1.0E6, r, R, nu=0.001, delta=0.001, FixOD=0, ...)

Arguments

fixed

A two-sided linear formula of the form 'y~x1+...+xp' describing the fixed-effects part of the model, with the response on the left of a '~' operator and the p fixed terms, separated by '+' operators, on the right. Response variable y must be 0 or 1 (Binomial process).

random

A one-sided formula of the form '~x1+...+xq' specifying the model for the random effects part of the model, with the q random terms, separated by '+' operators.

group

String indicating the name of the grouping variable in data, defining the hierarchical structure of the model.
data  A data frame containing the variables in the model.

burnin  The number of burnin iterations for the sampler.

mcmc  The number of Gibbs iterations for the sampler. Total number of Gibbs iterations is equal to burnin+mcmc. burnin+mcmc must be divisible by 10 and superior or equal to 100 so that the progress bar can be displayed.

thin  The thinning interval used in the simulation. The number of mcmc iterations must be divisible by this value.

seed  The seed for the random number generator. If NA, the Mersenne Twister generator is used with default seed 12345; if an integer is passed it is used to seed the Mersenne twister.

verbose  A switch (0,1) which determines whether or not the progress of the sampler is printed to the screen. Default is 1: a progress bar is printed, indicating the step (in %) reached by the Gibbs sampler.

beta.start  The starting values for the $\beta$ vector. This can either be a scalar or a p-length vector. The default value of NA will use the OLS $\beta$ estimate of the corresponding Gaussian Linear Regression without random effects. If this is a scalar, that value will serve as the starting value mean for all of the betas.

sigma2.start  Scalar for the starting value of the residual error variance. The default value of NA will use the OLS estimates of the corresponding Gaussian Linear Regression without random effects.

Vb.start  The starting value for variance matrix of the random effects. This must be a square q-dimension matrix. Default value of NA uses an identity matrix.

mubeta  The prior mean of $\beta$. This can either be a scalar or a p-length vector. If this takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the prior mean for all of the betas. The default value of 0 will use a vector of zeros for an uninformative prior.

Vbeta  The prior variance of $\beta$. This can either be a scalar or a square p-dimension matrix. If this takes a scalar value, then that value times an identity matrix serves as the prior variance of beta. Default value of 1.0E6 will use a diagonal matrix with very large variance for an uninformative flat prior.

r  The shape parameter for the Inverse-Wishart prior on variance matrix for the random effects. $r$ must be superior or equal to $q$. Set $r=q$ for an uninformative prior. See the NOTE for more details

R  The scale matrix for the Inverse-Wishart prior on variance matrix for the random effects. This must be a square q-dimension matrix. Use plausible variance regarding random effects for the diagonal of R. See the NOTE for more details

nu  The shape parameter for the Inverse-Gamma prior on the residual error variance. Default value is $\nu=\delta=0.001$ for uninformative prior.

delta  The rate (1/scale) parameter for the Inverse-Gamma prior on the residual error variance. Default value is $\nu=\delta=0.001$ for uninformative prior.

FixOD  A switch (0,1) which determines whether or not the variance for over-dispersion (sigma2) should be fixed (1) or not (0). Default is 0, parameter sigma2 is estimated. If FixOD=1, sigma2 is fixed to the value provided for sigma2.start.

Details

MCMChlogit simulates from the posterior distribution sample using the blocked Gibbs sampler of Chib and Carlin (1999), Algorithm 2. The simulation is done in compiled C++ code to maximize
efficiency. Please consult the coda documentation for a comprehensive list of functions that can be used to analyze the posterior sample.

The model takes the following form:

\[ y_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\theta_i) \]

With latent variables \( \phi(\theta_i) \), \( \phi \) being the logit link function:

\[ \phi(\theta_i) = X_i \beta + W_i b_i + \varepsilon_i \]

Where each group \( i \) have \( k_i \) observations.

Where the random effects:

\[ b_i \sim N_q(0, V_b) \]

And the over-dispersion terms:

\[ \varepsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2 I_{k_i}) \]

We assume standard, conjugate priors:

\[ \beta \sim N_p(\mu_\beta, V_\beta) \]

And:

\[ \sigma^2 \sim \text{IGamma}(\nu, 1/\delta) \]

And:

\[ V_b \sim \text{IWishart}(r, rR) \]


**NOTE:** We do not provide default parameters for the priors on the precision matrix for the random effects. When fitting one of these models, it is of utmost importance to choose a prior that reflects your prior beliefs about the random effects. Using the \texttt{dwish} and \texttt{rwish} functions might be useful in choosing these values.

**Value**

- **mcmc**: An mcmc object that contains the posterior sample. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the coda package. The posterior sample of the deviance \( D \), with \( D = -2 \log(\prod_i P(y_i|\theta_i)) \), is also provided.

- **theta.pred**: Predictive posterior mean for the inverse-logit of the latent variables. The approximation of Diggle et al. (2004) is used to marginalized with respect to over-dispersion terms:

\[
E[\theta_i|\beta, b_i, \sigma^2] = \phi^{-1}((X_i \beta + W_i b_i)/\sqrt{(16\sqrt{3}/15\pi)^2\sigma^2 + 1})
\]

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References


See Also

`plot.mcmc, summary.mcmc`

Examples

```r
## Not run:
#--------------------------------------------------------------
# Hierarchical Binomial Linear Regression
#--------------------------------------------------------------

## inv.logit function
inv.logit <- function(x, min=0, max=1) {
  p <- exp(x)/(1+exp(x))
  p <- ifelse( is.na(p) & !is.na(x), 1, p ) # fix problems with +Inf
  return(p*(max-min)+min)
}

## Generating data

# Constants
nobs <- 1000
nspecies <- 20
species <- c(1:nspecies,sample(c(1:nspecies),(nobs-nspecies),replace=TRUE))

# Covariates
X1 <- runif(n=nobs,min=-10,max=10)
X2 <- runif(n=nobs,min=-10,max=10)
X <- cbind(rep(1,nobs),X1,X2)
W <- X

# Target parameters
# beta
beta.target <- matrix(c(0.3,0.2,0.1),ncol=1)
# Vb
Vb.target <- c(0.5,0.05,0.05)
# b
b.target <- cbind(rnorm(nspecies,mean=0,sd=sqrt(Vb.target[1])),
                  rnorm(nspecies,mean=0,sd=sqrt(Vb.target[2])),
                  rnorm(nspecies,mean=0,sd=sqrt(Vb.target[3])))
```
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# Response
theta <- vector()
Y <- vector()
for (n in 1:nobs) {
  theta[n] <- inv.logit(X[n,] %*% beta.target + W[n,] %*% b.target[species[n],])
  Y[n] <- rbinom(n=1, size=1, prob=theta[n])
}

# Data-set
Data <- as.data.frame(cbind(Y, theta, X1, X2, species))
plot(Data$X1, Data$theta)

### Call to MCMChlogit
model <- MCMChlogit(fixed=Y~X1+X2, random=~X1+X2, group="species",
data=Data, burnin=5000, mcmc=1000, thin=1, verbose=1, seed=NA, beta.start=0, sigma2.start=1, Vb.start=1, mubeta=0, Vbeta=1.0E6, r=3, R=diag(c(1,0.1,0.1)), nu=0.001, delta=0.001, FixOD=1)

### MCMC analysis

# Graphics
df("Postiors-MCMChlogit.pdf")
plot(model$mcmc)
dev.off()

# Summary
summary(model$mcmc)

# Predictive posterior mean for each observation
model$theta.pred

# Predicted-Observed
plot(Data$theta, model$theta.pred)
abline(a=0,b=1)

### Not run
### You can also compare with lme4 results
### lme4 resolution
### library(lme4)
### model.lme4 <- lmer(Y~X1+X2+(1+X1+X2|species),data=Data,family="binomial")
### summary(model.lme4)
### plot(fitted(model.lme4),model$theta.pred,main="MCMChlogit/lme4")
### abline(a=0,b=1)
### End(Not run)

MCMChpoisson

Markov Chain Monte Carlo for the Hierarchical Poisson Linear Regression Model using the log link function

Description

MCMChpoisson generates a sample from the posterior distribution of a Hierarchical Poisson Linear Regression Model using the log link function and Algorithm 2 of Chib and Carlin (1999). This
model uses a multivariate Normal prior for the fixed effects parameters, an Inverse-Wishart prior on the random effects variance matrix, and an Inverse-Gamma prior on the variance modelling over-dispersion. The user supplies data and priors, and a sample from the posterior distribution is returned as an mcmc object, which can be subsequently analyzed with functions provided in the coda package.

**Usage**

```r
MCMChpoisson(fixed, random, group, data, burnin=5000,
              mcmc=10000, thin=10, verbose=1, seed=NA, beta.start=NA,
              sigma2.start=NA, Vb.start=NA, mubeta=0, Vbeta=1.0E6, r, R,
              nu=0.001, delta=0.001, FixOD=0, ...)
```

**Arguments**

- `fixed`: A two-sided linear formula of the form `y~x1+...+xp` describing the fixed-effects part of the model, with the response on the left of a `-` operator and the p fixed terms, separated by `+` operators, on the right. Response variable y must be 0 or 1 (Binomial process).
- `random`: A one-sided formula of the form `-~x1+...+xq` specifying the model for the random effects part of the model, with the q random terms, separated by `+` operators.
- `group`: String indicating the name of the grouping variable in `data`, defining the hierarchical structure of the model.
- `data`: A data frame containing the variables in the model.
- `burnin`: The number of burnin iterations for the sampler.
- `mcmc`: The number of Gibbs iterations for the sampler. Total number of Gibbs iterations is equal to `burnin+mcmc`. `burnin+mcmc` must be divisible by 10 and superior or equal to 100 so that the progress bar can be displayed.
- `thin`: The thinning interval used in the simulation. The number of mcmc iterations must be divisible by this value.
- `seed`: The seed for the random number generator. If NA, the Mersenne Twister generator is used with default seed 12345; if an integer is passed it is used to seed the Mersenne twister.
- `verbose`: A switch (0,1) which determines whether or not the progress of the sampler is printed to the screen. Default is 1: a progress bar is printed, indicating the step (in %) reached by the Gibbs sampler.
- `beta.start`: The starting values for the $\beta$ vector. This can either be a scalar or a p-length vector. The default value of NA will use the OLS $\beta$ estimate of the corresponding Gaussian Linear Regression without random effects. If this is a scalar, that value will serve as the starting value mean for all of the betas.
- `sigma2.start`: Scalar for the starting value of the residual error variance. The default value of NA will use the OLS estimates of the corresponding Gaussian Linear Regression without random effects.
- `Vb.start`: The starting value for variance matrix of the random effects. This must be a square q-dimension matrix. Default value of NA uses an identity matrix.
- `mubeta`: The prior mean of $\beta$. This can either be a scalar or a p-length vector. If this takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the prior mean for all of the betas. The default value of 0 will use a vector of zeros for an uninformative prior.
\( \beta \) \text{ The prior variance of } \beta. \text{ This can either be a scalar or a square } p \text{-dimension matrix. If this takes a scalar value, then that value times an identity matrix serves as the prior variance of beta. Default value of 1.0E6 will use a diagonal matrix with very large variance for an uninformative flat prior.}

\( r \) \text{ The shape parameter for the Inverse-Wishart prior on variance matrix for the random effects. } r \text{ must be superior or equal to } q. \text{ Set } r=q \text{ for an uninformative prior. See the NOTE for more details}

\( R \) \text{ The scale matrix for the Inverse-Wishart prior on variance matrix for the random effects. This must be a square } q \text{-dimension matrix. Use plausible variance regarding random effects for the diagonal of } R. \text{ See the NOTE for more details}

\( \nu \) \text{ The shape parameter for the Inverse-Gamma prior on the residual error variance. Default value } \nu=\text{default value }=0.001 \text{ for uninformative prior.}

\( \delta \) \text{ The rate (1/scale) parameter for the Inverse-Gamma prior on the residual error variance. Default value } \delta=\text{default value }=0.001 \text{ for uninformative prior.}

\( \text{FixOD} \) \text{ A switch (0,1) which determines whether or not the variance for over-dispersion (sigma2) should be fixed (1) or not (0). Default is 0, parameter sigma2 is estimated. If FixOD=1, sigma2 is fixed to the value provided for sigma2.start.}

\( \ldots \) \text{ further arguments to be passed}

**Details**

**MCMChpoisson** simulates from the posterior distribution sample using the blocked Gibbs sampler of Chib and Carlin (1999), Algorithm 2. The simulation is done in compiled C++ code to maximize efficiency. Please consult the coda documentation for a comprehensive list of functions that can be used to analyze the posterior sample.

The model takes the following form:

\[ y_i \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_i) \]

With latent variables \( \phi(\lambda_i) \), \( \phi \) being the log link function:

\[ \phi(\lambda_i) = X_i\beta + W_ib_i + \varepsilon_i \]

Where each group \( i \) have \( k_i \) observations.

Where the random effects:

\[ b_i \sim N_q(0, V_b) \]

And the over-dispersion terms:

\[ \varepsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2 I_{k_i}) \]

We assume standard, conjugate priors:

\[ \beta \sim N_p(\mu, V_\beta) \]

And:

\[ \sigma^2 \sim IGamma(\nu, 1/\delta) \]

And:

\[ V_b \sim IWishart(r, rR) \]


**NOTE:** We do not provide default parameters for the priors on the precision matrix for the random effects. When fitting one of these models, it is of utmost importance to choose a prior that reflects your prior beliefs about the random effects. Using the dwish and rwish functions might be useful in choosing these values.
Value

mcmc

An mcmc object that contains the posterior sample. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the coda package. The posterior sample of the deviance \( D \), with \( D = -2 \log(\prod_i P(y_i|\lambda_i)) \), is also provided.

\[ \lambda_{\text{pred}} \]

Predictive posterior mean for the exponential of the latent variables. The approximation of Diggle et al. (2004) is used to marginalized with respect to over-dispersion terms:

\[ E[\lambda_i|\beta, b_i, \sigma^2] = \phi^{-1}((X_i\beta + W_i b_i) + 0.5\sigma^2) \]

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References


See Also

plot.mcmc, summary.mcmc

Examples

```r
## Not run:
#===============================================================
# Hierarchical Poisson Linear Regression
#===============================================================

### Generating data

# Constants
nobs <- 1000
nspecies <- 20
species <- c(1:nspecies, sample(c(1:nspecies), (nobs-nspecies), replace=TRUE))

# Covariates
X1 <- runif(n=nobs, min=-1, max=1)
X2 <- runif(n=nobs, min=-1, max=1)
X <- cbind(rep(1, nobs), X1, X2)
W <- X

# Target parameters
# beta
beta.target <- matrix(c(0.1,0.1,0.1),ncol=1)
# Vb
```
mcmchregress

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Vb.target <- c(0.05, 0.05, 0.05)
# b
b.target <- cbind(rnorm(nsamples[, mean=0, sd=sqrt(Vb.target[1])),
               rnorm(nsamples[, mean=0, sd=sqrt(Vb.target[2])),
               rnorm(nsamples[, mean=0, sd=sqrt(Vb.target[3]))

# Response
lambda <- vector()
Y <- vector()
for (n in 1:nobs) {
    lambda[n] <- exp(x[n] * b.target + W[n] * b.target[species[n]]
    Y[n] <- rpois(1, lambda[n])
}

# Data-Set
Data <- as.data.frame(cbind(Y, lambda, X1, X2, species))
plot(Data$X1, Data$lambda)

### Call to MCMChpoisson
model <- MCMChpoisson(fixed=Y-X1*X2, random=-X1*X2, group="species",
                      data=Data, burnin=5000, mcmc=1000, thin=1, verbose=1,
                      seed=NA, beta.start=0, sigma2.start=1,
                      Vb.start=1, mubeta=0, Vbeta=1.0E6,
                      r=3, R=diag(c(0.1, 0.1, 0.1)), nu=0.001, delta=0.001, FixOD=1)

### MCMC analysis

# Graphics
pdf("Postereors-MCMChpoisson.pdf")
plot(model$mcmc)
dev.off()

# Summary
summary(model$mcmc)

# Predictive posterior mean for each observation
model$lambda.pred

# Predicted-Observed
plot(Data$lambda, model$lambda.pred)
abline(a=0, b=1)

### #Not run
### #You can also compare with lme4 results
### #== lme4 resolution
### library(lme4)
### model.lme4 <- lmer(Y~X1+X2+(1|X1+X2|species), data=Data, family="poisson")
### summary(model.lme4)
### plot(fitted(model.lme4), model$lambda.pred, main="MCMChpoisson/lme4")
### abline(a=0, b=1)
### # End(Not run)
Description

MCMChregress generates a sample from the posterior distribution of a Hierarchical Gaussian Linear Regression Model using Algorithm 2 of Chib and Carlin (1999). This model uses a multivariate Normal prior for the fixed effects parameters, an Inverse-Wishart prior on the random effects variance matrix, and an Inverse-Gamma prior on the residual error variance. The user supplies data and priors, and a sample from the posterior distribution is returned as an mcmc object, which can be subsequently analyzed with functions provided in the coda package.

Usage

MCMChregress(fixed, random, group, data, burnin=1000, mcmc=10000, thin=10, verbose=1, seed=NA, beta.start=NA, sigma2.start=NA, Vb.start=NA, mubeta=0, Vbeta=1.0E6, r, R, nu=0.001, delta=0.001, ...)

Arguments

- **fixed**: A two-sided linear formula of the form ‘y~x1+...+xp’ describing the fixed-effects part of the model, with the response on the left of a ‘~’ operator and the p fixed terms, separated by ‘+’ operators, on the right.
- **random**: A one-sided formula of the form ‘~x1+...+xq’ specifying the model for the random effects part of the model, with the q random terms, separated by ‘+’ operators.
- **group**: String indicating the name of the grouping variable in data, defining the hierarchical structure of the model.
- **data**: A data frame containing the variables in the model.
- **burnin**: The number of burnin iterations for the sampler.
- **mcmc**: The number of Gibbs iterations for the sampler. Total number of Gibbs iterations is equal to burnin+mcmc. burnin+mcmc must be divisible by 10 and superior or equal to 100 so that the progress bar can be displayed.
- **thin**: The thinning interval used in the simulation. The number of mcmc iterations must be divisible by this value.
- **seed**: The seed for the random number generator. If NA, the Mersenne Twister generator is used with default seed 12345; if an integer is passed it is used to seed the Mersenne twister.
- **verbose**: A switch (0,1) which determines whether or not the progress of the sampler is printed to the screen. Default is 1: a progress bar is printed, indicating the step (in %) reached by the Gibbs sampler.
- **beta.start**: The starting values for the \(\beta\) vector. This can either be a scalar or a p-length vector. The default value of NA will use the OLS \(\beta\) estimate of the corresponding Gaussian Linear Regression without random effects. If this is a scalar, that value will serve as the starting value mean for all of the betas.
- **sigma2.start**: Scalar for the starting value of the residual error variance. The default value of NA will use the OLS estimates of the corresponding Gaussian Linear Regression without random effects.
- **Vb.start**: The starting value for variance matrix of the random effects. This must be a square q-dimension matrix. Default value of NA uses an identity matrix.
- **mubeta**: The prior mean of \(\beta\). This can either be a scalar or a p-length vector. If this takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the prior mean for all of the betas. The default value of 0 will use a vector of zeros for an uninformative prior.
\textbf{Details}

\texttt{mcmChregress} simulates from the posterior distribution sample using the blocked Gibbs sampler of Chib and Carlin (1999), Algorithm 2. The simulation is done in compiled C++ code to maximize efficiency. Please consult the coda documentation for a comprehensive list of functions that can be used to analyze the posterior sample.

The model takes the following form:

\[ y_i = X_i\beta + W_i b_i + \varepsilon_i \]

Where each group \( i \) have \( k_i \) observations.

Where the random effects:

\[ b_i \sim N_q(0, V_b) \]

And the errors:

\[ \varepsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2 I_{k_i}) \]

We assume standard, conjugate priors:

\[ \beta \sim N_p(\mu_\beta, V_\beta) \]

And:

\[ \sigma^2 \sim IGamma(\nu, 1/\delta) \]

And:

\[ V_b \sim IWishart(r, rR) \]


\textbf{NOTE:} We do not provide default parameters for the priors on the precision matrix for the random effects. When fitting one of these models, it is of utmost importance to choose a prior that reflects your prior beliefs about the random effects. Using the \texttt{dwish} and \texttt{rwish} functions might be useful in choosing these values.

\textbf{Value}

\begin{itemize}
  \item \texttt{mcmc} An \texttt{mcmc} object that contains the posterior sample. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the \texttt{coda} package. The posterior sample of the deviance \( D \), with \( D = -2 \log(\prod_i P(y_i|\beta, b_i, \sigma^2)) \), is also provided.
  \item \texttt{Y.pred} Predictive posterior mean for each observation.
\end{itemize}
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References


Daniel Pemstein, Kevin M. Quinn, and Andrew D. Martin. 2007. *Scythe Statistical Library 1.0.* 


See Also

`plot.mcmc`, `summary.mcmc`

Examples

```r
## Not run:
#=============================================
# Hierarchical Gaussian Linear Regression
#=============================================

### Generating data

# Constants
nobs <- 1000
species <- 20
species <- c(1:nspecies,sample(c(1:nspecies),(nobs-nspecies),replace=TRUE))

# Covariates
X1 <- runif(n=nobs,min=0,max=10)
X2 <- runif(n=nobs,min=0,max=10)
X <- cbind(rep(1,nobs),X1,X2)
W <- X

# Target parameters
# beta
beta.target <- matrix(c(0.1,0.3,0.2),ncol=1)
# Vb
Vb.target <- c(0.5,0.2,0.1)
# b
b.target <- cbind(rnorm(nspecies,mean=0,sd=sqrt(Vb.target[1])),
                  rnorm(nspecies,mean=0,sd=sqrt(Vb.target[2])),
                  rnorm(nspecies,mean=0,sd=sqrt(Vb.target[3])))
# sigma2
sigma2.target <- 0.02

# Response
Y <- vector()
for (n in 1:nobs) {
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Y[n] <- rnorm(n=1, 
  mean=X[n,]%*%beta.target+W[n,]%*%b.target[species[n],], 
  sd=sqrt(sigma2.target))
}

# Data-set
Data <- as.data.frame(cbind(Y,X1,X2,species))
plot(Data$X1,Data$Y)

### Call to MCMChregress

model <- MCMChregress(fixed=Y~X1+X2, random=~X1+X2, group="species", 
data=Data, burnin=1000, mcmc=1000, thin=1,verbose=1, 
seed=NA, beta.start=0, sigma2.start=1, 
Vb.start=1, mubeta=0, Vbeta=1.0e6, 
r=3, R=diag(c(1,0.1,0.1)), nu=0.001, delta=0.001)

### MCMC analysis

# Graphics
pdf("Posteriors-MCMChregress.pdf")
plot(model@mcmc)
dev.off()

# Summary
summary(model@mcmc)

# Predictive posterior mean for each observation
model$Y$pred

# Predicted-Observed
plot(Data$Y,model$Y$pred)
abline(a=0,b=1)

## End(Not run)

Markov Chain Monte Carlo for One Dimensional Item Response Theory Model

Description

This function generates a sample from the posterior distribution of a one dimensional item response theory (IRT) model, with Normal priors on the subject abilities (ideal points), and multivariate Normal priors on the item parameters. The user supplies data and priors, and a sample from the posterior distribution is returned as an mcmc object, which can be subsequently analyzed with functions provided in the coda package.

If you are interested in fitting K-dimensional item response theory models, or would rather identify the model by placing constraints on the item parameters, please see MCMCirtKd.

Usage

MCMCirt1d(datamatrix, theta.constraints=list(), burnin = 1000, 
mcmc = 20000, thin=1, verbose = 0, seed = NA, theta.start = NA,
Arguments

datamatrix
The matrix of data. Must be 0, 1, or missing values. The rows of datamatrix correspond to subjects and the columns correspond to items.

theta.constraints
A list specifying possible simple equality or inequality constraints on the ability parameters. A typical entry in the list has one of three forms: varname=c which will constrain the ability parameter for the subject named varname to be equal to c, varname="+" which will constrain the ability parameter for the subject named varname to be positive, and varname="-" which will constrain the ability parameter for the subject named varname to be negative. If x is a matrix without row names defaults names of "V1","V2", ..., etc will be used. See Rivers (2003) for a thorough discussion of identification of IRT models.

burnin
The number of burn-in iterations for the sampler.

mcmc
The number of Gibbs iterations for the sampler.

thin
The thinning interval used in the simulation. The number of Gibbs iterations must be divisible by this value.

verbose
A switch which determines whether or not the progress of the sampler is printed to the screen. If verbose is greater than 0 then every verboseth iteration will be printed to the screen.

seed
The seed for the random number generator. If NA, the Mersenne Twister generator is used with default seed 12345; if an integer is passed it is used to seed the Mersenne twister. The user can also pass a list of length two to use the L’Ecuyer random number generator, which is suitable for parallel computation. The first element of the list is the L’Ecuyer seed, which is a vector of length six or NA (if NA a default seed of rep(12345, 6) is used). The second element of list is a positive substream number. See the MCMCpack specification for more details.

theta.start
The starting values for the subject abilities (ideal points). This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of voters. If this takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the starting value for all of the thetas. The default value of NA will choose the starting values based on an eigenvalue-eigenvector decomposition of the agreement score matrix formed from the datamatrix.

alpha.start
The starting values for the $\alpha$ difficulty parameters. This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of items. If this takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the starting value for all of the alphas. The default value of NA will set the starting values based on a series of probit regressions that condition on the starting values of theta.

beta.start
The starting values for the $\beta$ discrimination parameters. This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of items. If this takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the starting value for all of the betas. The default value of NA will set the starting values based on a series of probit regressions that condition on the starting values of theta.

t0
A scalar parameter giving the prior mean of the subject abilities (ideal points).

T0
A scalar parameter giving the prior precision (inverse variance) of the subject abilities (ideal points).
The prior mean of \((\alpha, \beta)\). Can be either a scalar or a 2-vector. If a scalar both means will be set to the passed value. The prior mean is assumed to be the same across all items.

\(AB0\)
The prior precision of \((\alpha, \beta)\). This can either be a scalar or a 2 by 2 matrix. If this takes a scalar value, then that value times an identity matrix serves as the prior precision. The prior precision is assumed to be the same across all items.

\(store.item\)
A switch that determines whether or not to store the item parameters for posterior analysis. \(NOTE: In situations with many items storing the item parameters takes an enormous amount of memory, so \text{store.item} should only be \text{FALSE} if the chain is thinned heavily, or for applications with a small number of items.\) By default, the item parameters are not stored.

\(store.ability\)
A switch that determines whether or not to store the ability parameters for posterior analysis. \(NOTE: In situations with many individuals storing the ability parameters takes an enormous amount of memory, so \text{store.ability} should only be \text{TRUE} if the chain is thinned heavily, or for applications with a small number of individuals.\) By default, the item parameters are stored.

\(drop.constant.items\)
A switch that determines whether or not items that have no variation should be deleted before fitting the model. Default = \text{TRUE}.

... further arguments to be passed

Details

\texttt{MCMCirt1d} simulates from the posterior distribution using standard Gibbs sampling using data augmentation (a Normal draw for the subject abilities, a multivariate Normal draw for the item parameters, and a truncated Normal draw for the latent utilities). The simulation proper is done in compiled C++ code to maximize efficiency. Please consult the coda documentation for a comprehensive list of functions that can be used to analyze the posterior sample.

The model takes the following form. We assume that each subject has an subject ability (ideal point) denoted \(\theta_j\) and that each item has a difficulty parameter \(\alpha_i\) and discrimination parameter \(\beta_i\). The observed choice by subject \(j\) on item \(i\) is the observed data matrix which is \((I \times J)\). We assume that the choice is dictated by an unobserved utility:

\[ z_{i,j} = -\alpha_i + \beta_j \theta_j + \varepsilon_{i,j} \]

Where the errors are assumed to be distributed standard Normal. The parameters of interest are the subject abilities (ideal points) and the item parameters.

We assume the following priors. For the subject abilities (ideal points):

\[ \theta_j \sim \mathcal{N}(t_0, T_0^{-1}) \]

For the item parameters, the prior is:

\[ [\alpha_i, \beta_i]' \sim \mathcal{N}_2(ab_0, AB_0^{-1}) \]

The model is identified by the proper priors on the item parameters and constraints placed on the ability parameters.

As is the case with all measurement models, make sure that you have plenty of free memory, especially when storing the item parameters.
Value

An mcmc object that contains the sample from the posterior distribution. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the coda package.

References


See Also

`plot.mcmc`, `summary.mcmc`, `MCMCirtKd`

Examples

```r
## Not run:
## US Supreme Court Example with inequality constraints
data(SupremeCourt)
posterior1 <- MCMCirt1d(t(SupremeCourt),
  theta.constraints=list(Scalia="*", Ginsburg="-"),
  B0.alpha=.2, B0.beta=.2,
  burnin=500, mcmc=100000, thin=20, verbose=500,
  store.item=TRUE)
geweke.diag(posterior1)
plot(posterior1)
summary(posterior1)

## US Senate Example with equality constraints
data(Senate)
Sen.rollcalls <- Senate[,6:677]
posterior2 <- MCMCirt1d(Sen.rollcalls,
  theta.constraints=list(KENNEDY=-2, HELMS=2),
  burnin=2000, mcmc=100000, thin=20, verbose=500)
geweke.diag(posterior2)
plot(posterior2)
summary(posterior2)
```

## End(Not run)
Markov Chain Monte Carlo for Hierarchical One Dimensional Item Response Theory Model, Covariates Predicting Latent Ideal Point (Ability)

Description

This function generates a sample from the posterior distribution of a one dimensional item response theory (IRT) model, with multivariate Normal priors on the item parameters, and a Normal-Inverse Gamma hierarchical prior on subject ideal points (abilities). The user supplies item-response data, subject covariates, and priors. Note that this identification strategy obviates the constraints used on theta in MCMCirtQd. A sample from the posterior distribution is returned as an mcmc object, which can be subsequently analyzed with functions provided in the coda package.

If you are interested in fitting K-dimensional item response theory models, or would rather identify the model by placing constraints on the item parameters, please see MCMCirtKd.

Usage

MCMCirtHier1d(datamatrix, Xjdata, burnin = 1000, mcmc = 20000, thin=1, verbose = 0, seed = NA, theta.start = NA, a.start = NA, b.start = NA, beta.start=NA, b0=0, B0=0.01, c0=.001, d0=.001, ab0=0, AB0=.25, store.item = FALSE, store.ability=TRUE, drop.constant.items=TRUE, marginal.likelihood=c("none","Chib95"), px=TRUE,px_a0 = 10, px_b0=10, ...)

Arguments

datamatrix The matrix of data. Must be 0, 1, or missing values. The rows of datamatrix correspond to subjects and the columns correspond to items.

Xjdata A data.frame containing second-level predictor covariates for ideal points $\theta$. Predictors are modeled as a linear regression on the mean vector of $\theta$; the posterior sample contains regression coefficients $\beta$ and common variance $\sigma^2$. See Rivers (2003) for a thorough discussion of identification of IRT models.

burnin The number of burn-in iterations for the sampler.

mcmc The number of Gibbs iterations for the sampler.

thin The thinning interval used in the simulation. The number of Gibbs iterations must be divisible by this value.

verbose A switch which determines whether or not the progress of the sampler is printed to the screen. If verbose is greater than 0 then every verbose iteration will be printed to the screen.

seed The seed for the random number generator. If NA, the Mersenne Twister generator is used with default seed 12345; if an integer is passed it is used to seed the Mersenne twister. The user can also pass a list of length two to use the L’Ecuyer random number generator, which is suitable for parallel computation. The first element of the list is the L’Ecuyer seed, which is a vector of length six or NA
(if NA a default seed of rep(12345, 6) is used). The second element of list is a positive substream number. See the MCMCpack specification for more details.

**theta.start**
The starting values for the subject abilities (ideal points). This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of voters. If this takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the starting value for all of the thetas. The default value of NA will choose the starting values based on an eigenvalue-eigenvector decomposition of the agreement score matrix formed from the datamatrix.

**a.start**
The starting values for the \(a\) difficulty parameters. This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of items. If this takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the starting value for all \(a\). The default value of NA will set the starting values based on a series of probit regressions that condition on the starting values of theta.

**b.start**
The starting values for the \(b\) discrimination parameters. This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of items. If this takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the starting value for all \(b\). The default value of NA will set the starting values based on a series of probit regressions that condition on the starting values of theta.

**beta.start**
The starting values for the \(\beta\) regression coefficients that predict the means of ideal points \(\theta\). This can either be a scalar or a column vector with length equal to the number of covariates. If this takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the starting value for all of the betas. The default value of NA will set the starting values based on a linear regression of the covariates on (either provided or generated) theta.start.

**b0**
The prior mean of \(\beta\). Can be either a scalar or a vector of length equal to the number of subject covariates. If a scalar all means with be set to the passed value.

**B0**
The prior precision of \(\beta\). This can either be a scalar or a square matrix with dimensions equal to the number of betas. If this takes a scalar value, then that value times an identity matrix serves as the prior precision of beta. A default proper but diffuse value of .01 ensures finite marginal likelihood for model comparison. A value of 0 is equivalent to an improper uniform prior for beta.

**c0**
\(c_0/2\) is the shape parameter for the inverse Gamma prior on \(\sigma^2\) (the variance of \(\theta\)). The amount of information in the inverse Gamma prior is something like that from \(c_0\) pseudo-observations.

**d0**
\(d_0/2\) is the scale parameter for the inverse Gamma prior on \(\sigma^2\) (the variance of \(\theta\)). In constructing the inverse Gamma prior, \(d_0\) acts like the sum of squared errors from the \(c_0\) pseudo-observations.

**ab0**
The prior mean of \((a, b)\). Can be either a scalar or a 2-vector. If a scalar both means will be set to the passed value. The prior mean is assumed to be the same across all items.

**AB0**
The prior precision of \((a, b)\). This can either be a scalar or a 2 by 2 matrix. If this takes a scalar value, then that value times an identity matrix serves as the prior precision. The prior precision is assumed to be the same across all items.

**store.item**
A switch that determines whether or not to store the item parameters for posterior analysis. **NOTE:** In situations with many items storing the item parameters takes an enormous amount of memory, so **store.item** should only be `TRUE` if the chain is thinned heavily, or for applications with a small number of items. By default, the item parameters are not stored.
store.ability  A switch that determines whether or not to store the ability parameters for posterior analysis. **NOTE:** In situations with many individuals storing the ability parameters takes an enormous amount of memory, so `store.ability` should only be TRUE if the chain is thinned heavily, or for applications with a small number of individuals. By default, ability parameters are stored.

drop.constant.items  A switch that determines whether or not items that have no variation should be deleted before fitting the model. Default = TRUE.

marginal.likelihood  Should the marginal likelihood of the second-level model on ideal points be calculated using the method of Chib (1995)? It is stored as an attribute of the posterior `mcmc` object and suitable for comparison using `BayesFactor`.

px  Use Parameter Expansion to reduce autocorrelation in the chain? PX introduces an unidentified parameter `alpha` for the residual variance in the latent data (Liu and Wu 1999). Default = TRUE

px_a0  Prior shape parameter for the inverse-gamma distribution on `alpha`, the residual variance of the latent data. Default=10.

px_b0  Prior scale parameter for the inverse-gamma distribution on `alpha`, the residual variance of the latent data. Default = 10

...  further arguments to be passed

**Details**

`MCMCirtHier1d` simulates from the posterior distribution using standard Gibbs sampling using data augmentation (a Normal draw for the subject abilities, a multivariate Normal draw for (second-level) subject ability predictors, an Inverse-Gamma draw for the (second-level) variance of subject abilities, a multivariate Normal draw for the item parameters, and a truncated Normal draw for the latent utilities). The simulation proper is done in compiled C++ code to maximize efficiency. Please consult the coda documentation for a comprehensive list of functions that can be used to analyze the posterior sample.

The model takes the following form. We assume that each subject has an subject ability (ideal point) denoted $\theta_j$ and that each item has a difficulty parameter $a_i$ and discrimination parameter $b_i$. The observed choice by subject $j$ on item $i$ is the observed data matrix which is $(I \times J)$. We assume that the choice is dictated by an unobserved utility:

$$z_{i,j} = -\alpha_i + \beta_i \theta_j + \epsilon_{i,j}$$

Where the errors are assumed to be distributed standard Normal. This constitutes the measurement or level-1 model. The subject abilities (ideal points) are modeled by a second level Normal linear predictor for subject covariates $X_j$data, with common variance $\sigma^2$. The parameters of interest are the subject abilities (ideal points), item parameters, and second-level coefficients.

We assume the following priors. For the subject abilities (ideal points):

$$\theta_j \sim N(\mu_\theta, T_0^{-1})$$

For the item parameters, the prior is:

$$[a_i, b_i] \sim N_2(ab_0, AB_0^{-1})$$

The model is identified by the proper priors on the item parameters and constraints placed on the ability parameters.

As is the case with all measurement models, make sure that you have plenty of free memory, especially when storing the item parameters.
**Value**

An `mcmc` object that contains the sample from the posterior distribution. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the coda package. If `marginal.likelihood = "Chib95"` the object will have attribute `logmarglike`.

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**References**


**See Also**

`plot.mcmc.summary.mcmc`, `MCMCirtKd`

**Examples**

```r
## Not run:
data(SupremeCourt)

Xjdata <- data.frame(presparty= c(1,1,0,1,1,1,0,0),
                      sex= c(0,0,1,0,0,0,0,1,0))

## Parameter Expansion reduces autocorrelation.
posterior1 <- MCMCirtHier1d(t(SupremeCourt),
                           burnin=50000, mcmc=10000, thin=20, verbose=10000,
                           Xjdata=Xjdata,
                           marginal.likelihood="Chib95",
                           px=TRUE)

## But, you can always turn it off.
posterior2 <- MCMCirtHier1d(t(SupremeCourt),
                           burnin=50000, mcmc=10000, thin=20, verbose=10000,
```
Xjdata=Xjdata,
#marginal.likelihood="Chib95",
pX=FALSE)
## Note that the hierarchical model has greater autocorrelation than
## the naive IRT model.
posterior0 <- MCMCirt1d(t(SupremeCourt),
    theta.constraints=list(Scalia="+", Ginsburg="-"),
    B0.alpha=.2, B0.beta=.2,
    burnin=50000, mcmc=100000, thin=100, verbose=10000,
    store.item=FALSE)

## Randomly 10
## the variance of the (unidentified) latent parameter alpha.
scMiss <- SupremeCourt
scMiss[matrix(as.logical(rbinom(nrow(SupremeCourt)+ncol(SupremeCourt), 1, .1)),
    dim(SupremeCourt))]<- NA
posterior1.miss <- MCMCirtHierId(t(scMiss),
    burnin=80000, mcmc=10000, thin=20,
    verbose=10000,
    Xjdata=Xjdata,
    marginal.likelihood="Chib95",
    px=TRUE)

## End(Not run)

### Description

This function generates a sample from the posterior distribution of a K-dimensional item response theory (IRT) model, with standard normal priors on the subject abilities (ideal points), and normal priors on the item parameters. The user supplies data and priors, and a sample from the posterior distribution is returned as an mcmc object, which can be subsequently analyzed with functions provided in the coda package.

### Usage

```r
MCMCirtKd(datamatrix, dimensions, item.constraints=list(),
    burnin = 1000, mcmc = 10000, thin=1, verbose = 0, seed = NA,
    alphabeta.start = NA, b0 = 0, b0=0, store.item = FALSE,
    store.ability=TRUE, drop.constant.items=TRUE, ... )
```

### Arguments

- **datamatrix**: The matrix of data. Must be 0, 1, or missing values. It is of dimensionality subjects by items.
- **dimensions**: The number of dimensions in the latent space.
**item.constraints**

List of lists specifying possible equality or simple inequality constraints on the item parameters. A typical entry in the list has one of three forms: `rowname=list(d,c)` which will constrain the dth item parameter for the item named rowname to be equal to c, `rowname=list(d,"+")` which will constrain the dth item parameter for the item named rowname to be positive, and `rowname=list(d, "-")` which will constrain the dth item parameter for the item named rowname to be negative. If x is a matrix without row names defaults names of “V1”, “V2”, ..., etc will be used. In a K dimensional model, the first item parameter for item i is the difficulty parameter ($\alpha_i$), the second item parameter is the discrimination parameter on dimension 1 ($\beta_{i,1}$), the third item parameter is the discrimination parameter on dimension 2 ($\beta_{i,2}$), ..., and the (K+1)th item parameter is the discrimination parameter on dimension K ($\beta_{i,K}$). The item difficulty parameters ($\alpha$) should generally not be constrained.

**burnin**
The number of burn-in iterations for the sampler.

**mcmc**
The number of iterations for the sampler.

**thin**
The thinning interval used in the simulation. The number of iterations must be divisible by this value.

**verbose**
A switch which determines whether or not the progress of the sampler is printed to the screen. If verbose is greater than 0 then every verbose-th iteration will be printed to the screen.

**seed**
The seed for the random number generator. If NA, the Mersenne Twister generator is used with default seed 12345; if an integer is passed it is used to seed the Mersenne twister. The user can also pass a list of length two to use the L'Ecuyer random number generator, which is suitable for parallel computation. The first element of the list is the L’Ecuyer seed, which is a vector of length six or NA (if NA a default seed of rep(12345,6) is used). The second element of list is a positive substream number. See the MCMCpack specification for more details.

**alphabeta.start**
The starting values for the $\alpha$ and $\beta$ difficulty and discrimination parameters. If alphabeta.start is set to a scalar the starting value for all unconstrained item parameters will be set to that scalar. If alphabeta.start is a matrix of dimension $(K+1) \times \text{items}$ then the alphabeta.start matrix is used as the starting values (except for equality-constrained elements). If alphabeta.start is set to NA (the default) then starting values for unconstrained elements are set to values generated from a series of proportional odds logistic regression fits, and starting values for inequality constrained elements are set to either 1.0 or -1.0 depending on the nature of the constraints.

**b0**
The prior means of the $\alpha$ and $\beta$ difficulty and discrimination parameters, stacked for all items. If a scalar is passed, it is used as the prior mean for all items.

**B0**
The prior precisions (inverse variances) of the independent normal prior on the item parameters. Can be either a scalar or a matrix of dimension $(K+1) \times \text{items}$.

**store.item**
A switch that determines whether or not to store the item parameters for posterior analysis. **NOTE:** In applications with many items this takes an enormous amount of memory. If you have many items and want to store the item parameters you may want to thin the chain heavily. By default, the item parameters are not stored.

**store.ability**
A switch that determines whether or not to store the subject abilities for posterior analysis. **NOTE:** In applications with many subjects this takes an enormous amount of memory.
If you have many subjects and want to store the ability parameters you may want to thin the chain heavily. By default, the ability parameters are all stored.

`drop.constant.items`

A switch that determines whether or not items that have no variation should be deleted before fitting the model. Default = TRUE.

... further arguments to be passed

### Details

`mcmcirtKd` simulates from the posterior distribution using standard Gibbs sampling using data augmentation (a normal draw for the subject abilities, a multivariate normal draw for the item parameters, and a truncated normal draw for the latent utilities). The simulation proper is done in compiled C++ code to maximize efficiency. Please consult the coda documentation for a comprehensive list of functions that can be used to analyze the posterior sample.

The default number of burnin and mcmc iterations is much smaller than the typical default values in MCMCpack. This is because fitting this model is extremely computationally expensive. It does not mean that this small of a number of scans will yield good estimates. The priors of this model need to be proper for identification purposes. The user is asked to provide prior means and precisions (not variances) for the item parameters and the subject parameters.

The model takes the following form. We assume that each subject has an ability (ideal point) denoted $\theta_j$ ($K \times 1$), and that each item has a difficulty parameter $\alpha_i$ and discrimination parameter $\beta_i$ ($K \times 1$). The observed choice by subject $j$ on item $i$ is the observed data matrix which is ($I \times J$).

We assume that the choice is dictated by an unobserved utility:

$$z_{i,j} = -\alpha_i + \beta_i^t \theta_j + \epsilon_{i,j}$$

Where the $\epsilon_{i,j}$s are assumed to be distributed standard normal. The parameters of interest are the subject abilities (ideal points) and the item parameters.

We assume the following priors. For the subject abilities (ideal points) we assume independent standard normal priors:

$$\theta_{j,k} \sim N(0,1)$$

These cannot be changed by the user. For each item parameter, we assume independent normal priors:

$$[\alpha_i, \beta_i]^t \sim N(K+1)(b_{0,i}, B_{0,i})$$

Where $B_{0,i}$ is a diagonal matrix. One can specify a separate prior mean and precision for each item parameter.

The model is identified by the constraints on the item parameters (see Jackman 2001). The user cannot place constraints on the subject abilities. This identification scheme differs from that in `mcmcirtQd`, which uses constraints on the subject abilities to identify the model. In our experience, using subject ability constraints for models in greater than one dimension does not work particularly well.

As is the case with all measurement models, make sure that you have plenty of free memory, especially when storing the item parameters.

### Value

An `mcmc` object that contains the posterior sample. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the coda package.
References


See Also

`plot.mcmc`, `summary.mcmc`, `MCMCirt1d`, `MCMCordfactanal`

Examples

```r
## Not run:
data(SupremeCourt)
# note that the rownames (the item names) are "1", "2", etc
posterior1 <- MCMCirtKd(t(SupremeCourt), dimensions=1,
burnin=5000, mcmc=50000, thin=10,
B0=.25, store.item=TRUE,
item.constraints=list("1"=list(2,"-")))
plot(posterior1)
summary(posterior1)

data(Senate)
Sen.rolls calls <- Senate[,6:677]
posterior2 <- MCMCirtKd(Sen.rolls calls, dimensions=2,
burnin=5000, mcmc=50000, thin=10,
item.constraints=list(rc2=list(2,"-"), rc2=c(3,0),
                      rc3=list(3,"-")),
B0=.25)
plot(posterior2)
summary(posterior2)

## End(Not run)
```
Markov Chain Monte Carlo for Heteroskedastic K-Dimensional Item Response Theory Model

Description

This function generates a sample from the posterior distribution of a heteroskedastic K-dimensional item response theory (IRT) model, with standard normal priors on the subject abilities (ideal points), normal priors on the item parameters, and inverse-gamma priors on subject error variances. To maintain identification and comparability with results of the homoskedastic estimator, the mean root subject error precision is constrained to one. The user supplies data and priors, and a sample from the posterior distribution is returned as an mcmc object, which can be subsequently analyzed with functions provided in the coda package.

Usage

MCMCirtKdHet(datamatrix, dimensions, item.constraints = list(), burnin = 1000, mcmc = 1000, thin = 1, verbose = 0, seed = NA, alphabeta.start = NA, b0 = 0, B0 = 0.04, c0 = 0, d0 = 0, store.item = FALSE, store.ability = TRUE, store.sigma = TRUE, drop.constant.items = TRUE)

Arguments

datamatrix  The matrix of data. Must be 0, 1, or NA. It is of dimensionality subjects by items.
dimensions  The number of dimensions in the latent space.
item.constraints  List of lists specifying possible equality or simple inequality constraints on the item parameters. A typical entry in the list has one of three forms: rowname=list(d,c) which will constrain the dth item parameter for the item named rowname to be equal to c, rowname=list(d,"+") which will constrain the dth item parameter for the item named rowname to be positive, androwname=list(d, "-"") which will constrain the dth item parameter for the item named rowname to be negative. If x is a matrix without row names defaults names of “V1”, “V2”, ..., etc will be used. In a K dimensional model, the first item parameter for item i is the difficulty parameter (α_i), the second item parameter is the discrimination parameter on dimension 1 (β_{i,1}), the third item parameter is the discrimination parameter on dimension 2 (β_{i,2}), ..., and the (K+1)th item parameter is the discrimination parameter on dimension K (β_{i,K}). The item difficulty parameters (α) should generally not be constrained.
burnin  The number of burn-in iterations for the sampler.
mcmc  The number of iterations for the sampler.
thin  The thinning interval used in the simulation. The number of iterations must be divisible by this value.
verbose  A switch which determines whether or not the progress of the sampler is printed to the screen. If verbose is greater than 0 then every verbose^th iteration will be printed to the screen.
seed
The seed for the random number generator. If NA, the Mersenne Twister generator is used with default seed 12345; if an integer is passed it is used to seed the Mersenne twister. The user can also pass a list of length two to use the L’Ecuyer random number generator, which is suitable for parallel computation. The first element of the list is the L’Ecuyer seed, which is a vector of length six or NA (if NA a default seed of rep(12345, 6) is used). The second element of list is a positive substream number. See the MCMCpack specification for more details.

alphabeta.start
The starting values for the $\alpha$ and $\beta$ difficulty and discrimination parameters. If alphabeta.start is set to a scalar the starting value for all unconstrained item parameters will be set to that scalar. If alphabeta.start is a matrix of dimension $(K + 1) \times \text{items}$ then the alphabeta.start matrix is used as the starting values (except for equality-constrained elements). If alphabeta.start is set to NA (the default) then starting values for unconstrained elements are set to values generated from a series of proportional odds logistic regression fits, and starting values for inequality constrained elements are set to either 1.0 or -1.0 depending on the nature of the constraints.

b0
The prior means of the $\alpha$ and $\beta$ difficulty and discrimination parameters, stacked for all items. If a scalar is passed, it is used as the prior mean for all items.

B0
The prior precisions (inverse variances) of the independent normal prior on the item parameters. Can be either a scalar or a matrix of dimension $(K + 1) \times \text{items}$.

c0
The first parameter of the inverse gamma prior on the subject-specific variance parameters. This can be thought of as the number of bills that the prior information is equivalent to. This scalar value is common across all subjects (legislators) and defaults to an uninformative prior. NOTE: regardless of the value provided, identification is provided by a constraint on the mean root subject specific variance.

d0
The second parameter of the inverse gamma prior on the subject-specific variance parameters. This can be thought of as the sum of square error that the prior information is equivalent to. This scalar value is common across all subjects (legislators) and defaults to an uninformative prior. NOTE: regardless of the value provided, identification is provided by a constraint on the mean root subject specific variance.

store.item
A switch that determines whether or not to store the item parameters for posterior analysis. NOTE: In applications with many items this takes an enormous amount of memory. If you have many items and want to want to store the item parameters you may want to thin the chain heavily. By default, the item parameters are not stored.

store.ability
A switch that determines whether or not to store the subject abilities for posterior analysis. NOTE: In applications with many subjects this takes an enormous amount of memory. If you have many subjects and want to want to store the ability parameters you may want to thin the chain heavily. By default, the ability parameters are all stored.

store.sigma
A switch that determines whether or not to store the subject-specific variances for posterior analysis. NOTE: In applications with many subjects this takes an enormous amount of memory. If you have many subjects and want to want to store the ability parameters you may want to thin the chain heavily. By default, the subject-specific variance parameters are all stored.
drop.constant.items

A switch that determines whether or not items that have no variation should be deleted before fitting the model. Default = TRUE.

Value

An mcmc object that contains the posterior sample. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the coda package.

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Modified from MCMCirtKd and MCMCordfactanal. Suggestions for additional options are welcome.

References


See Also

plot.mcmc, summary.mcmc, MCMCirtKd

Examples

### Not run:

data(Senate)

Y <- as.matrix(Senate[,6:677])

Hompost <- MCMCirtKd(Y,1,b0=0,b0=0.04,burn=1000,mcmc=1000,thin=1,verbose=250)

Hetpost <- MCMCirtKdHet(Y,1,b0=0,b0=0.04,burn=1000,mcmc=1000,thin=1,verbose=250)

SenatorNames <- Senate[,5]

HomoskedasticIdealPointEstimates <- colMeans(Hompost)[1:102]

HeteroskedasticIdealPointEstimates <- colMeans(Hetpost)[1:102]

HeteroskedasticSigmaEstimates <- colMeans(Hetpost)[103:204]

plot(HomoskedasticIdealPointEstimates, HeteroskedasticIdealPointEstimates, cex= HeteroskedasticSigmaEstimates,xlab="Ideal Points (Homoskedastic)", ylab="Ideal Points (Heteroskedastic)", main="Comparison of Ideal Point Estimates for the 106th Senate", xlim=c(-2.5,2.5),ylim=c(-2.5,2.5))

for (i in 1:102){
  if (rank(-HeteroskedasticSigmaEstimates)[i] <= 10){
    text(HomoskedasticIdealPointEstimates[i], HeteroskedasticIdealPointEstimates[i],SenatorNames[i], pos=3,sign(HomoskedasticIdealPointEstimates[i]),cex=0.75)
  }
}

legend(x="topleft",legend=c("Point sizes proportional to estimated legislator","variance under heteroskedastic model","Some legislators with large variance have","more extreme estimated ideal points under the","heteroskedastic model because their","deviations from the party line are attributable","to idiosyncrasy rather than moderation."), cex=0.5)
MCMCirtKdRob

Markov Chain Monte Carlo for Robust K-Dimensional Item Response Theory Model

Description

This function generates a posterior sample from a Robust K-dimensional item response theory (IRT) model with logistic link, independent standard normal priors on the subject abilities (ideal points), and independent normal priors on the item parameters. The user supplies data and priors, and a sample from the posterior distribution is returned as an mcmc object, which can be subsequently analyzed with functions provided in the coda package.

Usage

```
mcmcirtkdrob(datamatrix, dimensions, item.constraints=list(), ability.constraints=list(), burnin = 500, mcmc = 5000, thin=1, interval.method="step", theta.w=0.5, theta.mp=4, alphabeta.w=1.0, alphabeta.mp=4, delta0.w=NA, delta0.mp=3, delta1.w=NA, delta1.mp=3, verbose = FALSE, seed = NA, theta.start = NA, alphabeta.start = NA, delta0.start = NA, delta1.start = NA, b0 = 0, B0=0, k0=.1, k1=.1, c0=1, d0=1, c1=1, d1=1, store.item=TRUE, store.ability=FALSE, drop.constant.items=TRUE, ...)```

Arguments

datamatrix The matrix of data. Must be 0, 1, or missing values. It is of dimensionality subjects by items.
dimensions The number of dimensions in the latent space.
item.constraints List of lists specifying possible equality or simple inequality constraints on the item parameters. A typical entry in the list has one of three forms: `rowname=list(d,c)` which will constrain the dth item parameter for the item named rowname to be equal to c, `rowname=list(d,"+")` which will constrain the dth item parameter for the item named rowname to be positive, and `rowname=list(d,"-")` which will constrain the dth item parameter for the item named rowname to be negative. If datamatrix is a matrix without row names defaults names of "V1","V2", ..., etc will be used. In a K-dimensional model, the first item parameter for item i is the difficulty parameter (\(\alpha_i\)), the second item parameter is the discrimination parameter on dimension 1 (\(\beta_{i,1}\)), the third item parameter is the discrimination parameter on dimension 2 (\(\beta_{i,2}\)), ..., and the \((K+1)th\) item parameter is the discrimination parameter on dimension \(K\) (\(\beta_{i,K}\)). The item difficulty parameters (\(\alpha\)) should generally not be constrained.

ability.constraints List of lists specifying possible equality or simple inequality constraints on the ability parameters. A typical entry in the list has one of three forms: `colname=list(d,c)` which will constrain the dth ability parameter for the subject named colname to

## End(Not run)
be equal to c, colname=list(d,"+")) which will constrain the dth ability parameter for the subject named colname to be positive, and colname=list(d, "-")) which will constrain the dth ability parameter for the subject named colname to be negative. If datamatrix is a matrix without column names defaults names of "V1", "V2", ..., etc will be used.

burnin The number of burn-in iterations for the sampler.
mcmc The number of iterations for the sampler after burn-in.
thin The thinning interval used in the simulation. The number of iterations must be divisible by this value.

interval.method Method for finding the slicing interval. Can be equal to either step in which case the stepping out algorithm of Neal (2003) is used or doubling in which case the doubling procedure of Neal (2003) is used. The stepping out method tends to be faster on a per-iteration basis as it typically requires few function calls. The doubling method expands the initial interval more quickly which makes the Markov chain mix somewhat more quickly— at least in some situations.

theta.w The initial width of the slice sampling interval for each ability parameter (the elements of θ)
theta.mp The parameter governing the maximum possible width of the slice interval for each ability parameter (the elements of θ). If interval.method="step" then the maximum width is theta.w * theta.mp.
If interval.method="doubling" then the maximum width is theta.w * 2^theta.mp.
alphabeta.w The initial width of the slice sampling interval for each item parameter (the elements of α and β)
alphabeta.mp The parameter governing the maximum possible width of the slice interval for each item parameters (the elements of α and β). If interval.method="step" then the maximum width is alphabeta.w * alphabeta.mp.
If interval.method="doubling" then the maximum width is alphabeta.w * 2^alphabeta.mp.
delta0.w The initial width of the slice sampling interval for δ₀
delta0.mp The parameter governing the maximum possible width of the slice interval for δ₀. If interval.method="step" then the maximum width is delta0.w * delta0.mp.
If interval.method="doubling" then the maximum width is delta0.w * 2^delta0.mp.
delta1.w The initial width of the slice sampling interval for δ₁
delta1.mp The parameter governing the maximum possible width of the slice interval for δ₁. If interval.method="step" then the maximum width is delta1.w * delta1.mp.
If interval.method="doubling" then the maximum width is delta1.w * 2^delta1.mp.
verbose A switch which determines whether or not the progress of the sampler is printed to the screen. If verbose > 0, the iteration number with be printed to the screen every verbose'th iteration.
seed The seed for the random number generator. If NA, the Mersenne Twister generator is used with default seed 12345; if an integer is passed it is used to seed the Mersenne twister. The user can also pass a list of length two to use the L’Ecuyer random number generator, which is suitable for parallel computation. The first element of the list is the L’Ecuyer seed, which is a vector of length six or NA (if NA a default seed of rep(12345, 6) is used). The second element of list is a positive substream number. See the MCMCpack specification for more details.
theta.start  The starting values for the ability parameters $\theta$. Can be either a scalar or a matrix with number of rows equal to the number of subjects and number of columns equal to the dimension $K$ of the latent space. If theta.start=NA then starting values will be chosen that are 0 for unconstrained subjects, -0.5 for subjects with negative inequality constraints and 0.5 for subjects with positive inequality constraints.

alphabeta.start  The starting values for the $\alpha$ and $\beta$ difficulty and discrimination parameters. If alphabeta.start is set to a scalar the starting value for all unconstrained item parameters will be set to that scalar. If alphabeta.start is a matrix of dimension $(K + 1) \times \text{items}$ then the alphabeta.start matrix is used as the starting values (except for equality-constrained elements). If alphabeta.start is set to NA (the default) then starting values for unconstrained elements are set to values generated from a series of proportional odds logistic regression fits, and starting values for inequality constrained elements are set to either 1.0 or -1.0 depending on the nature of the constraints.

delta0.start  The starting value for the $\delta_0$ parameter.

delta1.start  The starting value for the $\delta_1$ parameter.

b0  The prior means of the $\alpha$ and $\beta$ difficulty and discrimination parameters, stacked for all items. If a scalar is passed, it is used as the prior mean for all items.

B0  The prior precisions (inverse variances) of the independent Normal prior on the item parameters. Can be either a scalar or a matrix of dimension $(K + 1) \times \text{items}$.

k0  $\delta_0$ is constrained to lie in the interval between 0 and k0.

k1  $\delta_1$ is constrained to lie in the interval between 0 and k1.

c0  Parameter governing the prior for $\delta_0$. $\delta_0$ divided by c0 is assumed to be follow a beta distribution with first parameter c0.

d0  Parameter governing the prior for $\delta_0$. $\delta_0$ divided by k0 is assumed to be follow a beta distribution with second parameter d0.

c1  Parameter governing the prior for $\delta_1$. $\delta_1$ divided by k1 is assumed to be follow a beta distribution with first parameter c1.

d1  Parameter governing the prior for $\delta_1$. $\delta_1$ divided by k1 is assumed to be follow a beta distribution with second parameter d1.

store.item  A switch that determines whether or not to store the item parameters for posterior analysis. NOTE: This typically takes an enormous amount of memory, so should only be used if the chain is thinned heavily, or for applications with a small number of items. By default, the item parameters are not stored.

store.ability  A switch that determines whether or not to store the subject abilities for posterior analysis. By default, the item parameters are all stored.

drop.constant.items  A switch that determines whether or not items that have no variation should be deleted before fitting the model. Default = TRUE.

...  further arguments to be passed

Details

MCMCirtKdRob simulates from the posterior using the slice sampling algorithm of Neal (2003). The simulation proper is done in compiled C++ code to maximize efficiency. Please consult the
The model takes the following form. We assume that each subject has an subject ability (ideal point) denoted $\theta_j$ ($K \times 1$), and that each item has a scalar difficulty parameter $\alpha_i$ and discrimination parameter $\beta_i$ ($K \times 1$). The observed choice by subject $j$ on item $i$ is the observed data matrix which is ($I \times J$).

The probability that subject $j$ answers item $i$ correctly is assumed to be:

$$\pi_{ij} = \delta_0 + (1 - \delta_0 - \delta_1)/(1 + \exp(\alpha_i - \beta_i \theta_j))$$

This model was discussed in Bafumi et al. (2005).

We assume the following priors. For the subject abilities (ideal points) we assume independent standard Normal priors:

$$\theta_{j,k} \sim N(0, 1)$$

These cannot be changed by the user. For each item parameter, we assume independent Normal priors:

$$[\alpha_i, \beta_i]' \sim N_{(K+1)}(b_{0,i}, B_{0,i})$$

Where $B_{0,i}$ is a diagonal matrix. One can specify a separate prior mean and precision for each item parameter. We also assume $\delta_0/\kappa_0 \sim Beta(c_0, d_0)$ and $\delta_1/\kappa_1 \sim Beta(c_1, d_1)$.

The model is identified by constraints on the item parameters and / or ability parameters. See Rivers (2004) for a discussion of identification of IRT models.

As is the case with all measurement models, make sure that you have plenty of free memory, especially when storing the item parameters.

Value

An mcmc object that contains the posterior sample. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the coda package.

References


See Also

plot.mcmc, summary.mcmc, MCMCirtld, MCMCirtKd

Examples

```r
## Not run:
## Court example with ability (ideal point) and
## item (case) constraints
data(SupremeCourt)
post1 <- MCMCirtKdRob(SupremeCourt), dimensions=1,
  burnin=500, mcmc=5000, thin=1,
  B0=.25, store.item=TRUE, store.ability=TRUE,
  ability.constraints=list("Thomas"=list(1,"+")
  "Stevens"=list(1,-4)),
  item.constraints=list("1"=list(2,"-")),
  verbose=50)
plot(post1)
summary(post1)

## Senate example with ability (ideal point) constraints
data(Senate)
namestring <- as.character(Senate$member)
namestring[78] <- "CHAFEEO1"
namestring[79] <- "CHAFEEO2"
namestring[59] <- "SMITH.NH"
namestring[74] <- "SMITH.OR"
rownames(Senate) <- namestring
post2 <- MCMCirtKdRob(Senate[,6:677], dimensions=1,
  burnin=1000, mcmc=5000, thin=1,
  ability.constraints=list("KENNEDY"=list(1,-4),
    "HELM"=list(1, 4), "ASHCROFT"=list(1,"+"),
    "BOXER"=list(1,"-"), "KERRY"=list(1,"-"),
    "HATCH"=list(1,"+")),
  B0=0.1, store.ability=TRUE, store.item=FALSE,
  verbose=5, k0=0.15, k1=0.15,
  delta0.start=0.13, delta1.start=0.13)
plot(post2)
summary(post2)
## End(Not run)
```

### Description

This function generates a sample from the posterior distribution of a logistic regression model using a random walk Metropolis algorithm. The user supplies data and priors, and a sample from the posterior distribution is returned as an mcmc object, which can be subsequently analyzed with functions provided in the coda package.
MCMClogit

Usage
MCMClogit(formula, data=NULL, burnin = 1000, mcmc = 10000, thin=1, tune=1.1, verbose = 0, seed = NA, beta.start = NA, b0 = 0, B0 = 0, user.prior.dense = NULL, logfun=TRUE, marginal.likelihood=c("none", "Laplace"), ...)

Arguments

formula Model formula.
data Data frame.
burnin The number of burn-in iterations for the sampler.
mcmc The number of Metropolis iterations for the sampler.
thin The thinning interval used in the simulation. The number of mcmc iterations must be divisible by this value.
tune Metropolis tuning parameter. Can be either a positive scalar or a k-vector, where k is the length of \( \beta \). Make sure that the acceptance rate is satisfactory (typically between 0.20 and 0.5) before using the posterior sample for inference.
verbose A switch which determines whether or not the progress of the sampler is printed to the screen. If verbose is greater than 0 the iteration number, the current beta vector, and the Metropolis acceptance rate are printed to the screen every verbose iteration.
seed The seed for the random number generator. If NA, the Mersenne Twister generator is used with default seed 12345; if an integer is passed it is used to seed the Mersenne twister. The user can also pass a list of length two to use the L'Ecuyer random number generator, which is suitable for parallel computation. The first element of the list is the L'Ecuyer seed, which is a vector of length six or NA (if NA a default seed of rep(12345,6) is used). The second element of list is a positive substream number. See the MCMCpack specification for more details.
beta.start The starting value for the \( \beta \) vector. This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of betas. If this takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the starting value for all of the betas. The default value of NA will use the maximum likelihood estimate of \( \beta \) as the starting value.
b0 If user.prior.dense=NULL b0 is the prior mean of \( \beta \) under a multivariate normal prior. This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of betas. If this takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the prior mean for all of the betas.
B0 If user.prior.dense=NULL B0 is the prior precision of \( \beta \) under a multivariate normal prior. This can either be a scalar or a square matrix with dimensions equal to the number of betas. If this takes a scalar value, then that value times an identity matrix serves as the prior precision of \( \beta \). Default value of 0 is equivalent to an improper uniform prior for beta.
user.prior.dense

If non-NULL, the prior (log)density up to a constant of proportionality. This must be a function defined in R whose first argument is a continuous (possibly vector) variable. This first argument is the point in the state space at which the prior (log)density is to be evaluated. Additional arguments can be passed to user.prior.dense() by inserting them in the call to MCMClogit(). See the Details section and the examples below for more information.
logfun Logical indicating whether use.prior.density() returns the natural log of a density function (TRUE) or a density (FALSE).

marginal.likelihood

How should the marginal likelihood be calculated? Options are: none in which case the marginal likelihood will not be calculated or Laplace in which case the Laplace approximation (see Kass and Raftery, 1995) is used.

... further arguments to be passed

Details

MCMClogit simulates from the posterior distribution of a logistic regression model using a random walk Metropolis algorithm. The simulation proper is done in compiled C++ code to maximize efficiency. Please consult the coda documentation for a comprehensive list of functions that can be used to analyze the posterior sample.

The model takes the following form:

\[ y_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\pi_i) \]

Where the inverse link function:

\[ \pi_i = \frac{\exp(x'_i \beta)}{1 + \exp(x'_i \beta)} \]

By default, we assume a multivariate Normal prior on \( \beta \):

\[ \beta \sim \mathcal{N}(b_0, B_0^{-1}) \]

Additionally, arbitrary user-defined priors can be specified with the user.prior.density argument.

If the default multivariate normal prior is used, the Metropolis proposal distribution is centered at the current value of \( \beta \) and has variance-covariance \( V = T (B_0 + C^{-1})^{-1} T \), where \( T \) is a the diagonal positive definite matrix formed from the tune, \( B_0 \) is the prior precision, and \( C \) is the large sample variance-covariance matrix of the MLEs. This last calculation is done via an initial call to glm.

If a user-defined prior is used, the Metropolis proposal distribution is centered at the current value of \( \beta \) and has variance-covariance \( V = T C T \), where \( T \) is a the diagonal positive definite matrix formed from the tune and \( C \) is the large sample variance-covariance matrix of the MLEs. This last calculation is done via an initial call to glm.

Value

An mcmc object that contains the posterior sample. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the coda package.

References


MCMCmetrop1R

See Also

plot.mcmc, summary.mcmc, glm

Examples

```r
### Not run:
### default improper uniform prior
data(birthwt)
posterior <- MCMClogit(low~age+as.factor(race)+smoke, data=birthwt)
plot(posterior)
summary(posterior)

### multivariate normal prior
data(birthwt)
posterior <- MCMClogit(low~age+as.factor(race)+smoke, b0=0, B0=0.001,
data=birthwt)
plot(posterior)
summary(posterior)

### user-defined independent Cauchy prior
logpriorfun <- function(beta){
  sum(dcauchy(beta, log=TRUE))
}
posterior <- MCMClogit(low~age+as.factor(race)+smoke,
data=birthwt, user.prior.density=logpriorfun,
  logfun=TRUE)
plot(posterior)
summary(posterior)

### user-defined independent Cauchy prior with additional args
logpriorfun <- function(beta, location, scale){
  sum(dcauchy(beta, location, scale, log=TRUE))
}
posterior <- MCMClogit(low~age+as.factor(race)+smoke,
data=birthwt, user.prior.density=logpriorfun,
  logfun=TRUE, location=0, scale=10)
plot(posterior)
summary(posterior)

### End(Not run)
```

MCMCmetrop1R  Metropolis Sampling from User-Written R function

Description

This function allows a user to construct a sample from a user-defined continuous distribution using
a random walk Metropolis algorithm.
MCMCmetrop1R

Usage
MCMCmetrop1R(fun, theta.init, burnin = 500, mcmc = 20000, thin = 1,
   tune = 1, verbose = 0, seed=NA, logfun = TRUE,
   force.samp = FALSE, V = NULL, optim.method = "BFGS",
   optim.lower = -Inf, optim.upper = Inf,
   optim.control = list(fnscale = -1, trace = 0, REPORT = 10,
                        maxit=500), ...)

Arguments
fun  The unnormalized (log)density of the distribution from which to take a sample.
    This must be a function defined in R whose first argument is a continuous (possibly vector) variable. This first argument is the point in the state space at which the (log)density is to be evaluated. Additional arguments can be passed to fun() by inserting them in the call to MCMCmetrop1R(). See the Details section and the examples below for more information.
theta.init  Starting values for the sampling. Must be of the appropriate dimension. It must also be the case that fun(theta.init, ...) is greater than -Inf if fun() is a logdensity or greater than 0 if fun() is a density.
burnin  The number of burn-in iterations for the sampler.
mcmc  The number of MCMC iterations after burnin.
thin  The thinning interval used in the simulation. The number of MCMC iterations must be divisible by this value.
tune  The tuning parameter for the Metropolis sampling. Can be either a positive scalar or a k-vector, where k is the length of \( \theta \).
verbose  A switch which determines whether or not the progress of the sampler is printed to the screen. If verbose is greater than 0 the iteration number, the \( \theta \) vector, the function value, and the Metropolis acceptance rate are sent to the screen every verbose iteration.
seed  The seed for the random number generator. If NA, the Mersenne Twister generator is used with default seed 12345; if an integer is passed it is used to seed the Mersenne twister. The user can also pass a list of length two to use the L'Ecuyer random number generator, which is suitable for parallel computation. The first element of the list is the L'Ecuyer seed, which is a vector of length six or NA (if NA a default seed of \text{rep}(12345, 6) is used). The second element of list is a positive substream number. See the MCMCpack specification for more details.
logfun  Logical indicating whether fun returns the natural log of a density function (TRUE) or a density (FALSE).
force.samp  Logical indicating whether the sampling should proceed if the Hessian calculated from the initial call to optim routine to maximize the (log)density is not negative definite. If force.samp==TRUE and the Hessian from optim is non-negative definite, the Hessian is rescaled by subtracting small values from its main diagonal until it is negative definite. Sampling proceeds using this rescaled Hessian in place of the original Hessian from optim. By default, if force.samp==FALSE and the Hessian from optim is non-negative definite, an error message is printed and the call to MCMCmetrop1R is terminated.

Please note that a non-negative Hessian at the mode is often an indication that the function of interest is not a proper density. Thus, force.samp should only be set equal to TRUE with great caution.
The variance-covariance matrix for the Gaussian proposal distribution. Must be a square matrix or NULL. If a square matrix, \( V \) must have dimension equal to the length of \( \theta_{\text{init}} \). If NULL, \( V \) is calculated from tune and an initial call to \texttt{optim}. See the Details section below for more information. Unless the log-posterior is expensive to compute it will typically be best to use the default \( V = \text{NULL} \).

**optim.method**
The value of the \texttt{method} parameter sent to \texttt{optim} during an initial maximization of \( \text{fun} \). See \texttt{optim} for more details.

**optim.lower**
The value of the \texttt{lower} parameter sent to \texttt{optim} during an initial maximization of \( \text{fun} \). See \texttt{optim} for more details.

**optim.upper**
The value of the \texttt{upper} parameter sent to \texttt{optim} during an initial maximization of \( \text{fun} \). See \texttt{optim} for more details.

**optim.control**
The value of the \texttt{control} parameter sent to \texttt{optim} during an initial maximization of \( \text{fun} \). See \texttt{optim} for more details.

... Additional arguments.

**Details**

\texttt{MCMCmetrop1R} produces a sample from a user-defined distribution using a random walk Metropolis algorithm with multivariate normal proposal distribution. See Gelman et al. (2003) and Robert & Casella (2004) for details of the random walk Metropolis algorithm.

The proposal distribution is centered at the current value of \( \theta \) and has variance-covariance \( V \). If \( V \) is specified by the user to be \texttt{NULL} then \( V \) is calculated as: \( V = T (-1 \cdot H)^{-1} T \), where \( T \) is a the diagonal positive definite matrix formed from the \texttt{tune} and \( H \) is the approximate Hessian of \( \text{fun} \) evaluated at its mode. This last calculation is done via an initial call to \texttt{optim}.

**Value**

An \texttt{mcmc} object that contains the posterior sample. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the \texttt{coda} package.

**References**


Daniel Pemstein, Kevin M. Quinn, and Andrew D. Martin. 2007. \textit{Scythe Statistical Library 1.0}. \url{http://scythe.wustl.edu/}.


**See Also**

\texttt{plot.mcmc}, \texttt{summary.mcmc}, \texttt{optim}, \texttt{metrop}
Examples

```r
## Not run:

## logistic regression with an improper uniform prior
## X and y are passed as args to MCMCmetrop1R

logitfun <- function(beta, y, X){
  eta <- X %*% beta
  p <- 1/(1+exp(-eta))
  sum( y * log(p) + (1-y)*log(1-p) )
}

x1 <- rnorm(1000)
x2 <- rnorm(1000)
Xdata <- cbind(x1,x2)
p <- exp(.5 - x1 + x2)/(1+exp(.5 - x1 + x2))
yvector <- rbinom(1000, 1, p)

post.samp <- MCMCmetrop1R(logitfun, theta.init=c(0,0,0),
                           X=Xdata, y=yvector,
                           thin=1, mcmc=40000, burnin=500,
                           tune=c(1.5, 1.5, 1.5),
                           verbose=500, logfun=TRUE)

raftery.diag(post.samp)
plot(post.samp)
summary(post.samp)
## #################################################################

## negative binomial regression with an improper unform prior
## X and y are passed as args to MCMCmetrop1R

negbinfun <- function(theta, y, X){
  k <- length(theta)
  beta <- theta[1:(k-1)]
  alpha <- exp(theta[k])
  mu <- exp(X %*% beta)
  log.like <- sum(
    lgamma(y+alpha) - lfactorial(y) - lgamma(alpha) +
    alpha * log(alpha/(alpha+mu)) +
    y * log(mu/(alpha+mu))
  )
}

n <- 1000
x1 <- rnorm(n)
x2 <- rnorm(n)
XX <- cbind(x1,x2)
mu <- exp(1.5*x1+2*x2)*rgamma(n,1)
yy <- rpois(n, mu)

post.samp <- MCMCmetrop1R(negbinfun, theta.init=c(0,0,0), y=yy, X=XX,
                          thin=1, mcmc=35000, burnin=1000,
                          tune=1.5, verbose=500, logfun=TRUE,
                          seed=list(NA,0))

raftery.diag(post.samp)
```
plot(post.samp)
summary(post.samp)

## sample from a univariate normal distribution with
## mean 5 and standard deviation 0.1
##
## (MCMC obviously not necessary here and this should
## really be done with the logdensity for better
## numerical accuracy-- this is just an illustration of how
## MCMCmetropRI works with a density rather than logdensity)
post.samp <- MCMCmetropRI(dnorm, theta.init=5.3, mean=5, sd=0.1,
                           thin=1, mcmc=50000, burnin=500,
                           tune=2.0, verbose=5000, logfun=FALSE)

summary(post.samp)

## End(Not run)

MCMCmixfactanal  Markov Chain Monte Carlo for Mixed Data Factor Analysis Model

Description
This function generates a sample from the posterior distribution of a mixed data (both continuous
and ordinal) factor analysis model. Normal priors are assumed on the factor loadings and factor
scores, improper uniform priors are assumed on the cutpoints, and inverse gamma priors are as-
sumed for the error variances (uniquenesses). The user supplies data and parameters for the prior
distributions, and a sample from the posterior distribution is returned as an mcmc object, which can
be subsequently analyzed with functions provided in the coda package.

Usage
MCMCmixfactanal(x, factors, lambda.constraints=list(),
               data=parent.frame(), burnin = 1000, mcmc = 20000,
               thin=1, tune=NA, verbose = 0, seed = NA,
               lambda.start = NA, psi.start=NA,
               l0=0, L0=0, a0=0.001, b0=0.001,
               store.lambda=TRUE, store.scores=FALSE,
               std.mean=TRUE, std.var=TRUE, ... )

Arguments
x       A one-sided formula containing the manifest variables. Ordinal (including di-
        chotomous) variables must be coded as ordered factors. Each level of these
        ordered factors must be present in the data passed to the function. NOTE:
        data input is different in MCMCmixfactanal than in either MCMCfactanal or
        MCMCordfactanal.
factors The number of factors to be fitted.
lambda.constraints

List of lists specifying possible equality or simple inequality constraints on the factor loadings. A typical entry in the list has one of three forms: \texttt{varname=list(d,c)} which will constrain the \texttt{d}th loading for the variable named \texttt{varname} to be equal to \texttt{c}, \texttt{varname=list(d,"+")} which will constrain the \texttt{d}th loading for the variable named \texttt{varname} to be positive, and \texttt{varname=list(d, "-")} which will constrain the \texttt{d}th loading for the variable named \texttt{varname} to be negative. If \texttt{x} is a matrix without column names defaults names of "V1", "V2", ..., etc will be used. Note that, unlike \texttt{mcmcfactanal}, the $\Lambda$ matrix used here has factors+1 columns. The first column of $\Lambda$ corresponds to negative item difficulty parameters for ordinal manifest variables and mean parameters for continuous manifest variables and should generally not be constrained directly by the user.

data

A data frame.

burnin

The number of burn-in iterations for the sampler.

mcmc

The number of iterations for the sampler.

thin

The thinning interval used in the simulation. The number of iterations must be divisible by this value.

tune

The tuning parameter for the Metropolis-Hastings sampling. Can be either a scalar or a $k$-vector (where $k$ is the number of manifest variables). tune must be strictly positive.

verbose

A switch which determines whether or not the progress of the sampler is printed to the screen. If \texttt{verbose} is greater than 0 the iteration number and the Metropolis-Hastings acceptance rate are printed to the screen every \texttt{verbose}th iteration.

seed

The seed for the random number generator. If NA, the Mersenne Twister generator is used with default seed 12345; if an integer is passed it is used to seed the Mersenne twister. The user can also pass a list of length two to use the L’Ecuyer random number generator, which is suitable for parallel computation. The first element of the list is the L’Ecuyer seed, which is a vector of length six or NA (if NA a default seed of \texttt{rep(12345,6)} is used). The second element of list is a positive substream number. See the MCMCpack specification for more details.

lambda.start

Starting values for the factor loading matrix $\Lambda$. If \texttt{lambda.start} is set to a scalar the starting value for all unconstrained loadings will be set to that scalar. If \texttt{lambda.start} is a matrix of the same dimensions as $\Lambda$ then the \texttt{lambda.start} matrix is used as the starting values (except for equality-constrained elements). If \texttt{lambda.start} is set to NA (the default) then starting values for unconstrained elements in the first column of $\Lambda$ are based on the observed response pattern, the remaining unconstrained elements of $\Lambda$ are set to 0, and starting values for inequality constrained elements are set to either 1.0 or -1.0 depending on the nature of the constraints.

psi.start

Starting values for the error variance (uniqueness) matrix. If \texttt{psi.start} is set to a scalar then the starting value for all diagonal elements of $\Psi$ that represent error variances for continuous variables are set to this value. If \texttt{psi.start} is a $k$-vector (where $k$ is the number of manifest variables) then the starting value of $\Psi$ has \texttt{psi.start} on the main diagonal with the exception that entries corresponding to error variances for ordinal variables are set to 1. If \texttt{psi.start} is set to NA (the default) the starting values of all the continuous variable uniquenesses are set to 0.5. Error variances for ordinal response variables are always constrained (regardless of the value of \texttt{psi.start} to have an error variance of 1 in order to achieve identification.
The means of the independent Normal prior on the factor loadings. Can be either a scalar or a matrix with the same dimensions as Lambda.

The precisions (inverse variances) of the independent Normal prior on the factor loadings. Can be either a scalar or a matrix with the same dimensions as Lambda.

Controls the shape of the inverse Gamma prior on the uniqueness. The actual shape parameter is set to a0/2. Can be either a scalar or a k-vector.

Controls the scale of the inverse Gamma prior on the uniquenesses. The actual scale parameter is set to b0/2. Can be either a scalar or a k-vector.

A switch that determines whether or not to store the factor loadings for posterior analysis. By default, the factor loadings are all stored.

A switch that determines whether or not to store the factor scores for posterior analysis. NOTE: This takes an enormous amount of memory, so should only be used if the chain is thinned heavily, or for applications with a small number of observations. By default, the factor scores are not stored.

If TRUE (the default) the continuous manifest variables are rescaled to have zero mean.

If TRUE (the default) the continuous manifest variables are rescaled to have unit variance.

... further arguments to be passed

Details

The model takes the following form:

Let \( i = 1, \ldots, N \) index observations and \( j = 1, \ldots, K \) index response variables within an observation. An observed variable \( x_{ij} \) can be either ordinal with a total of \( C_j \) categories or continuous. The distribution of \( X \) is governed by a \( N \times K \) matrix of latent variables \( X^* \) and a series of cutpoints \( \gamma \). \( X^* \) is assumed to be generated according to:

\[
x^*_i = \Lambda \phi_i + \epsilon_i
\]

\[
\epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Psi)
\]

where \( x^*_i \) is the \( k \)-vector of latent variables specific to observation \( i \), \( \Lambda \) is the \( k \times d \) matrix of factor loadings, and \( \phi_i \) is the \( d \)-vector of latent factor scores. It is assumed that the first element of \( \phi_i \) is equal to 1 for all \( i \).

If the \( j \)th variable is ordinal, the probability that it takes the value \( c \) in observation \( i \) is:

\[
\pi_{ijc} = \Phi(\gamma_{jc} - \Lambda_j \phi_i) - \Phi(\gamma_{j(c-1)} - \Lambda_j \phi_i)
\]

If the \( j \)th variable is continuous, it is assumed that \( x^*_{ij} = x_{ij} \) for all \( i \).

The implementation used here assumes independent conjugate priors for each element of \( \Lambda \) and each \( \phi_i \). More specifically we assume:

\[
\Lambda_{ij} \sim \mathcal{N}(l_{0,ij}, L_{0,ij}^{-1}), \; i = 1, \ldots, k, \; j = 1, \ldots, d
\]

\[
\phi_{i(2:d)} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I), \; i = 1, \ldots, n
\]
MCMCmixfactanal simulates from the posterior distribution using a Metropolis-Hastings within Gibbs sampling algorithm. The algorithm employed is based on work by Cowles (1996). Note that the first element of $\phi_i$ is a 1. As a result, the first column of $\Lambda$ can be interpreted as negative item difficulty parameters. Further, the first element $\gamma_1$ is normalized to zero, and thus not returned in the mcmc object. The simulation proper is done in compiled C++ code to maximize efficiency. Please consult the coda documentation for a comprehensive list of functions that can be used to analyze the posterior sample.

As is the case with all measurement models, make sure that you have plenty of free memory, especially when storing the scores.

### Value

An mcmc object that contains the posterior sample. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the coda package.

### References


### See Also

`plot.mcmc, summary.mcmc, factanal, MCMCFactanal, MCMCordfactanal, MCMCirt1d, MCMCirtKd`

### Examples

```r
## Not run:
data(PERisk)

post <- MCMCmixfactanal(~courts+barb2+prsexp2+prscorr2+gdpw2, 
factors=1, data=PERisk, 
lambda.constraints = list(courts=list(2,"-")), 
burnin=5000, mcmc=1000000, thin=50, 
verbose=500, L0=.25, store.lambda=TRUE, 
store.scores=TRUE, tune=1.2)

plot(post) 
summary(post)
```

```r
library(MASS)
data(Cars93)
```
attach(Cars93)
new.cars <- data.frame(Price, MPG.city, MPG.highway,
          Cylinders, EngineSize, Horsepower,
          RPM, Length, Wheelbase, Width, Weight, Origin)
rownames(new.cars) <- paste(Manufacter, Model)
detach(Cars93)

# drop obs 57 (Mazda RX 7) b/c it has a rotary engine
new.cars <- new.cars[-57,]
# drop 3 cylinder cars
new.cars <- new.cars[new.cars$Cylinders!=3,]
# drop 5 cylinder cars
new.cars <- new.cars[new.cars$Cylinders!=5,]

new.cars$log.Price <- log(new.cars$Price)
new.cars$log.MPG.city <- log(new.cars$MPG.city)
new.cars$log.MPG.highway <- log(new.cars$MPG.highway)
new.cars$log.EngineSize <- log(new.cars$EngineSize)
new.cars$log.Horsepower <- log(new.cars$Horsepower)

new.cars$Cylinders <- ordered(new.cars$Cylinders)
new.cars$Origin <- ordered(new.cars$Origin)

post <- MCMCmixfactanal(~log.Price+log.MPG.city+
          log.MPG.highway+Cylinders+log.EngineSize+
          log.Horsepower+RPM+Length+
          Wheelbase+Width+Weight+Origin, data=new.cars,
          lambda.constraints=list(log.Horsepower=2,"+"),
          factors=2,
          burnin=5000, mcmc=500000, thin=100, verbose=500,
          L0=.25, tune=3.0)

plot(post)
summary(post)

## End(Not run)

MCMCmnl

Markov Chain Monte Carlo for Multinomial Logistic Regression

Description

This function generates a sample from the posterior distribution of a multinomial logistic regression model using either a random walk Metropolis algorithm or a slice sampler. The user supplies data and priors, and a sample from the posterior distribution is returned as an mcmc object, which can be subsequently analyzed with functions provided in the coda package.

Usage

MCMCmnl(formula, baseline=NULL, data=NULL,
          burnin = 1000, mcmc = 10000, thin = 1,
mcmc.method = c("IndMH", "RWM", "slice"), tune = 1, tdf=6,
verbose = 0, seed = NA, beta.start = NA, b0 = 0, B0 = 0, ...)

**Arguments**

formula  
Model formula.
If the choicesets do not vary across individuals, the $y$ variable should be a factor or numeric variable that gives the observed choice of each individual. If the choicesets do vary across individuals, $y$ should be a $n \times p$ matrix where $n$ is the number of individuals and $p$ is the maximum number of choices in any choice-set. Here each column of $y$ corresponds to a particular observed choice and the elements of $y$ should be either 0 (not chosen but available), 1 (chosen), or -999 (not available).
Choice-specific covariates have to be entered using the syntax: `choicevar(cvar, "var", "choice")` where `cvar` is the name of a variable in `data`, `var` is the name of the new variable to be created, and `choice` is the level of $y$ that `cvar` corresponds to. Specifying each choice-specific covariate will typically require $p$ calls to the `choicevar` function in the formula.
Individual specific covariates can be entered into the formula normally.
See the examples section below to see the syntax used to fit various models.

baseline  
The baseline category of the response variable. `baseline` should be set equal to one of the observed levels of the response variable. If left equal to NULL then the baseline level is set to the alpha-numerically first element of the response variable. If the choicesets vary across individuals, the baseline choice must be in the choiceset of each individual.

data  
The data frame used for the analysis. Each row of the dataframe should correspond to an individual who is making a choice.

burnin  
The number of burn-in iterations for the sampler.

mcmc  
The number of iterations to run the sampler past burn-in.

thin  
The thinning interval used in the simulation. The number of mcmc iterations must be divisible by this value.

mcmc.method  
Can be set to either "IndMH" (default), "RWM", or "slice" to perform independent Metropolis-Hastings sampling, random walk Metropolis sampling or slice sampling respectively.

tdf  
Degrees of freedom for the multivariate-t proposal distribution when `mcmc.method` is set to "IndMH". Must be positive.

tune  
Metropolis tuning parameter. Can be either a positive scalar or a $k$-vector, where $k$ is the length of $\beta$. Make sure that the acceptance rate is satisfactory (typically between 0.20 and 0.5) before using the posterior sample for inference.

verbose  
A switch which determines whether or not the progress of the sampler is printed to the screen. If `verbose` is greater than 0 the iteration number, the current beta vector, and the Metropolis acceptance rate are printed to the screen every `verbose`th iteration.

seed  
The seed for the random number generator. If NA, the Mersenne Twister generator is used with default seed 12345; if an integer is passed it is used to seed the Mersenne twister. The user can also pass a list of length two to use the L’Ecuyer random number generator, which is suitable for parallel computation. The first element of the list is the L’Ecuyer seed, which is a vector of length six or NA (if NA a default seed of `rep(12345, 6)` is used). The second element of list is a positive substream number. See the MCMCpack specification for more details.
**beta.start**
The starting value for the $\beta$ vector. This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of betas. If this takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the starting value for all of the betas. The default value of NA will use the maximum likelihood estimate of $\beta$ as the starting value.

**b0**
The prior mean of $\beta$. This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of betas. If this takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the prior mean for all of the betas.

**B0**
The prior precision of $\beta$. This can either be a scalar or a square matrix with dimensions equal to the number of betas. If this takes a scalar value, then that value times an identity matrix serves as the prior precision of $\beta$. Default value of 0 is equivalent to an improper uniform prior for beta.

... Further arguments to be passed.

**Details**

`MCMCmnl` simulates from the posterior distribution of a multinomial logistic regression model using either a random walk Metropolis algorithm or a univariate slice sampler. The simulation proper is done in compiled C++ code to maximize efficiency. Please consult the coda documentation for a comprehensive list of functions that can be used to analyze the posterior sample.

The model takes the following form:

$$y_i \sim \text{Multinomial}(\pi_i)$$

where:

$$\pi_{ij} = \frac{\exp(x_{ij}'\beta)}{\sum_{k=1}^{p} \exp(x_{ik}'\beta)}$$

We assume a multivariate Normal prior on $\beta$:

$$\beta \sim \mathcal{N}(b_0, B_0^{-1})$$

The Metropolis proposal distribution is centered at the current value of $\beta$ and has variance-covariance $V = T (B_0 + C^{-1})^{-1} T$, where $T$ is the diagonal positive definite matrix formed from the tune, $B_0$ is the prior precision, and $C$ is the large sample variance-covariance matrix of the MLEs. This last calculation is done via an initial call to `optim`.

**Value**

An mcmc object that contains the posterior sample. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the coda package.

**References**


See Also

plot.mcmc, summary.mcmc, multinom

Examples

```r
## Not run:
data(Nethvote)

## just a choice-specific X var
post1 <- MCMCmnl(vote ~
  choicevar(distD66, "sqdist", "D66") +
  choicevar(distPvdA, "sqdist", "PvdA") +
  choicevar(distVVD, "sqdist", "VVD") +
  choicevar(distCDA, "sqdist", "CDA"),
  baseline="D66", mcmc.method="IndMH", B0=0,
  verbose=500, mcmc=100000, thin=10, tune=1.0,
  data=Nethvote)

plot(post1)
summary(post1)

## just individual-specific X vars
post2 <- MCMCmnl(vote ~
  relig + class + income + educ + age + urban,
  baseline="D66", mcmc.method="IndMH", B0=0,
  verbose=500, mcmc=100000, thin=10, tune=0.5,
  data=Nethvote)

plot(post2)
summary(post2)

## both choice-specific and individual-specific X vars
post3 <- MCMCmnl(vote ~
  choicevar(distD66, "sqdist", "D66") +
  choicevar(distPvdA, "sqdist", "PvdA") +
  choicevar(distVVD, "sqdist", "VVD") +
  choicevar(distCDA, "sqdist", "CDA") +
  relig + class + income + educ + age + urban,
  baseline="D66", mcmc.method="IndMH", B0=0,
  verbose=500, mcmc=100000, thin=10, tune=0.5,
  data=Nethvote)

plot(post3)
summary(post3)

## numeric y variable
nethvote$vote <- as.numeric(nethvote$vote)
post4 <- MCMCmnl(vote ~
  choicevar(distD66, "sqdist", "2") +
  choicevar(distPvdA, "sqdist", "3") +
  choicevar(distVVD, "sqdist", "4") +
```
choicevar(distCDA, "sqdist", "1") +
relig + class + income + educ + age + urban,
baseline="2", mcmc.method="IndMH", B0=0,
verbose=500, mcmc=100000, thin=10, tune=0.5,
data=Nethvote)

plot(post4)
summary(post4)

## Simulated data example with nonconstant choiceset
n <- 1000
y <- matrix(0, n, 4)
colnames(y) <- c("a", "b", "c", "d")
xa <- rnorm(n)
xb <- rnorm(n)
xc <- rnorm(n)
xd <- rnorm(n)
xchoice <- cbind(xa, xb, xc, xd)
z <- rnorm(n)
for (i in 1:n){
  ## randomly determine choiceset (c is always in choiceset)
  choiceset <- c(3, sample(c(1,2,4), 2, replace=FALSE))
  numer <- matrix(0, 4, 1)
  for (j in choiceset){
    if (j == 3){
      numer[j] <- exp(xchoice[i, j])
    } else {
      numer[j] <- exp(xchoice[i, j] - z[i])
    }
  }
  p <- numer / sum(numer)
y[i,] <- rmultinom(1, 1, p)
y[i,-choiceset] <- -999
}

post5 <- MCMCmnl(y~choicevar(xa, "x", "a") +
  choicevar(xb, "x", "b") +
  choicevar(xc, "x", "c") +
  choicevar(xd, "x", "d") + z,
baseline="c", verbose=500,
mcmc=100000, thin=10, tune=.85)

plot(post5)
summary(post5)

## End(Not run)
**Description**

This function generates a sample from the posterior distribution of an ordered probit regression model using the data augmentation approach of Cowles (1996). The user supplies data and priors, and a sample from the posterior distribution is returned as an mcmc object, which can be subsequently analyzed with functions provided in the coda package.

**Usage**

```r
MCMCoprobit(formula, data = parent.frame(), burnin = 1000, mcmc = 10000,
             thin = 1, tune = NA, tdf = 1, verbose = 0, seed = NA, beta.start = NA,
             b0 = 0, B0 = 0, a0 = 0, A0 = 0, mcmc.method = c("Cowles", "AC"), ...)
```

**Arguments**

- `formula`: Model formula.
- `data`: Data frame.
- `burnin`: The number of burn-in iterations for the sampler.
- `mcmc`: The number of MCMC iterations for the sampler.
- `thin`: The thinning interval used in the simulation. The number of Gibbs iterations must be divisible by this value.
- `tune`: The tuning parameter for the Metropolis-Hastings step. Default of NA corresponds to a choice of 0.05 divided by the number of categories in the response variable.
- `tdf`: Degrees of freedom for the multivariate-t proposal distribution when `mcmc.method` is set to "IndMH". Must be positive.
- `verbose`: A switch which determines whether or not the progress of the sampler is printed to the screen. If `verbose` is greater than 0 the iteration number, the beta vector, and the Metropolis-Hastings acceptance rate are printed to the screen every `verbose`th iteration.
- `seed`: The seed for the random number generator. If NA, the Mersenne Twister generator is used with default seed 12345; if an integer is passed it is used to seed the Mersenne twister. The user can also pass a list of length two to use the L’Ecuyer random number generator, which is suitable for parallel computation. The first element of the list is the L’Ecuyer seed, which is a vector of length six or NA (if NA a default seed of `rep(12345, 6)` is used). The second element of list is a positive substream number. See the MCMCpack specification for more details.
- `beta.start`: The starting value for the \( \beta \) vector. This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of betas. If this takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the starting value for all of the betas. The default value of NA will use rescaled estimates from an ordered logit model.
- `b0`: The prior mean of \( \beta \). This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of betas. If this takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the prior mean for all of the betas.
- `B0`: The prior precision of \( \beta \). This can either be a scalar or a square matrix with dimensions equal to the number of betas. If this takes a scalar value, then that value times an identity matrix serves as the prior precision of \( \beta \). Default value of 0 is equivalent to an improper uniform prior on \( \beta \).
- `a0`: The prior mean of \( \gamma \). This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of betas. If this takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the prior mean for all of the betas.
**Details**

MCMCoprobit simulates from the posterior distribution of an ordered probit regression model using data augmentation. The simulation proper is done in compiled C++ code to maximize efficiency. Please consult the coda documentation for a comprehensive list of functions that can be used to analyze the posterior sample.

The observed variable $y_i$ is ordinal with a total of $C$ categories, with distribution governed by a latent variable:

$$z_i = x_i' \beta + \varepsilon_i$$

The errors are assumed to be from a standard Normal distribution. The probabilities of observing each outcome is governed by this latent variable and $C - 1$ estimable cutpoints, which are denoted $\gamma_c$. The probability that individual $i$ is in category $c$ is computed by:

$$\pi_{ic} = \Phi(\gamma_c - x_i' \beta) - \Phi(\gamma_{c-1} - x_i' \beta)$$

These probabilities are used to form the multinomial distribution that defines the likelihoods.

MCMCoprobit provides two ways to sample the cutpoints. Cowles (1996) proposes a sampling scheme that groups sampling of a latent variable with cutpoints. In this case, for identification the first element $\gamma_1$ is normalized to zero. Albert and Chib (2001) show that we can sample cutpoints indirectly without constraints by transforming cutpoints into real-valued parameters ($\alpha$).

**Value**

An mcmc object that contains the posterior sample. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the coda package.

**References**


See Also

plot.mcmc, summary.mcmc

Examples

```r
## Not run:
x1 <- rnorm(100); x2 <- rnorm(100);
z <- 1.0 + x1*0.1 - x2*0.5 + rnorm(100);
y <- z; y[z < 0] <- 0; y[z >= 0 & z < 1] <- 1;
y[z >= 1 & z < 1.5] <- 2; y[z >= 1.5] <- 3;
out1 <- MCMCoprobit(y ~ x1 + x2, tune=0.3)
out2 <- MCMCoprobit(y ~ x1 + x2, tune=0.3, tdf=3, verbose=1000, mcmc.method="AC")
summary(out1)
summary(out2)
plot(out1)
plot(out2)
## End(Not run)
```

MCMCoprobitChange

Markov Chain Monte Carlo for Ordered Probit Changepoint Regression Model

Description

This function generates a sample from the posterior distribution of an ordered probit regression model with multiple parameter breaks. The function uses the Markov chain Monte Carlo method of Chib (1998). The user supplies data and priors, and a sample from the posterior distribution is returned as an mcmc object, which can be subsequently analyzed with functions provided in the coda package.

Usage

```r
MCMCoprobitChange(formula, data=parent.frame(), m = 1,
burnin = 1000, mcmc = 1000, thin = 1, tune = NA, verbose = 0,
seed = NA, beta.start = NA, gamma.start=NA, P.start = NA,
b0 = NULL, B0 = NULL, a = NULL, b = NULL,
marginal.likelihood = c("none", "Chib95"), gamma.fixed=0, ...)
```

Arguments

- `formula`: Model formula.
- `data`: Data frame.
- `m`: The number of changepoints.
- `burnin`: The number of burn-in iterations for the sampler.
- `mcmc`: The number of MCMC iterations after burnin.
- `thin`: The thinning interval used in the simulation. The number of MCMC iterations must be divisible by this value.
- `tune`: The tuning parameter for the Metropolis-Hastings step. Default of NA corresponds to a choice of 0.05 divided by the number of categories in the response variable.
verbose

A switch which determines whether or not the progress of the sampler is printed to the screen. If verbose is greater than 0 the iteration number, the $\beta$ vector, and the error variance are printed to the screen every verbose iteration.

seed

The seed for the random number generator. If NA, the Mersenne Twister generator is used with default seed 12345; if an integer is passed it is used to seed the Mersenne twister. The user can also pass a list of length two to use the L’Ecuyer random number generator, which is suitable for parallel computation. The first element of the list is the L’Ecuyer seed, which is a vector of length six or NA (if NA a default seed of rep(12345, 6) is used). The second element of list is a positive substream number. See the MCMCpack specification for more details.

beta.start

The starting values for the $\beta$ vector. This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of betas. The default value of of NA will use the MLE estimate of $\beta$ as the starting value. If this is a scalar, that value will serve as the starting value mean for all of the betas.

gamma.start

The starting values for the $\gamma$ vector. This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of gammas. The default value of of NA will use the MLE estimate of $\gamma$ as the starting value. If this is a scalar, that value will serve as the starting value mean for all of the gammas.

P.start

The starting values for the transition matrix. A user should provide a square matrix with dimension equal to the number of states. By default, draws from the Beta(0.9, 0.1) are used to construct a proper transition matrix for each raw except the last raw.

b0

The prior mean of $\beta$. This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of betas. If this takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the prior mean for all of the betas.

B0

The prior precision of $\beta$. This can either be a scalar or a square matrix with dimensions equal to the number of betas. If this takes a scalar value, then that value times an identity matrix serves as the prior precision of beta. Default value of 0 is equivalent to an improper uniform prior for beta.

a

$a$ is the shape1 beta prior for transition probabilities. By default, the expected duration is computed and corresponding $a$ and $b$ values are assigned. The expected duration is the sample period divided by the number of states.

b

$b$ is the shape2 beta prior for transition probabilities. By default, the expected duration is computed and corresponding $a$ and $b$ values are assigned. The expected duration is the sample period divided by the number of states.

marginal.likelihood

How should the marginal likelihood be calculated? Options are: none in which case the marginal likelihood will not be calculated, and Chib95 in which case the method of Chib (1995) is used.

gamma.fixed

1 if users want to constrain $\gamma$ values to be constant. By default, $\gamma$ values are allowed to vary across regimes.

Details

MCMCoprobitchange simulates from the posterior distribution of an ordinal probit regression model with multiple parameter breaks. The simulation of latent states is based on the linear approximation method discussed in Park (2011).
The model takes the following form:

\[
\Pr(y_t = 1) = \Phi(\gamma_{c,m} - x_i\beta_m) - \Phi(\gamma_{c-1,m} - x_i\beta_m) \quad m = 1, \ldots, M
\]

Where \( M \) is the number of states, and \( \gamma_{c,m} \) and \( \beta_m \) are parameters when a state is \( m \) at \( t \).

We assume Gaussian distribution for prior of \( \beta \):

\[
\beta_m \sim N(b_0, B_0^{-1}), \quad m = 1, \ldots, M
\]

And:

\[
\pi_{mm} \sim Beta(a,b), \quad m = 1, \ldots, M
\]

Where \( M \) is the number of states.

Note that when the fitted changepoint model has very few observations in any of states, the marginal likelihood outcome can be “nan,” which indicates that too many breaks are assumed given the model and data.

Value

An mcmc object that contains the posterior sample. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the coda package. The object contains an attribute `probNstate` storage matrix that contains the probability of state \( i \) for each period, the log-likelihood of the model (loglike), and the log-marginal likelihood of the model (logmarglike).

References


See Also

plotState, plotChangepoint

Examples

```r
set.seed(1909)
N <- 200
x1 <- rnorm(N, 1, .5);

## set a true break at 100
z1 <- 1 + x1[1:100] + rnorm(100);
z2 <- 1 - 0.2*x1[101:200] + rnorm(100);
z <- c(z1, z2);
y <- z

## generate y
y[z < 1] <- 1;
y[z >= 1 & z < 2] <- 2;
y[z >= 2] <- 3;

## inputs
```
MCMCordfactanal

Markov Chain Monte Carlo for Ordinal Data Factor Analysis Model

Description

This function generates a sample from the posterior distribution of an ordinal data factor analysis model. Normal priors are assumed on the factor loadings and factor scores while improper uniform priors are assumed on the cutpoints. The user supplies data and parameters for the prior distributions, and a sample from the posterior distribution is returned as an mcmc object, which can be subsequently analyzed with functions provided in the coda package.

Usage

MCMCordfactanal(x, factors, lambda.constraints=list(),
    data=parent.frame(), burnin = 1000, mcmc = 20000,
    thin=1, tune=NA, verbose = 0, seed = NA,
    lambda.start = NA, lambda.start = NA, lambda.start = NA, lambda.start = NA,
    store.lambdas=TRUE, store.scores=FALSE,
    drop.constantvars=TRUE, ... )

Arguments

x
Either a formula or a numeric matrix containing the manifest variables.
factors
The number of factors to be fitted.
lambda.constraints
List of lists specifying possible equality or simple inequality constraints on the factor loadings. A typical entry in the list has one of three forms: varname=list(d,c) which will constrain the dth loading for the variable named varname to be equal to c, varname=list(d,"+") which will constrain the dth loading for the variable named varname to be positive, and varname=list(d, ")-" which will constrain the dth loading for the variable named varname to be negative. If x is a matrix without column names defaults names of "V1", "V2", ..., etc will be used. Note that, unlike MCMCfactanal, the \( \Lambda \) matrix used here has factors+1
columns. The first column of $\Lambda$ corresponds to negative item difficulty parameters and should generally not be constrained.

data A data frame.

burnin The number of burn-in iterations for the sampler.

mcmc The number of iterations for the sampler.

thin The thinning interval used in the simulation. The number of iterations must be divisible by this value.

tune The tuning parameter for the Metropolis-Hastings sampling. Can be either a scalar or a $k$-vector. Must be strictly positive.

verbose A switch which determines whether or not the progress of the sampler is printed to the screen. If verbose is greater than 0 the iteration number and the Metropolis-Hastings acceptance rate are printed to the screen every verboseith iteration.

seed The seed for the random number generator. If NA, the Mersenne Twister generator is used with default seed 12345; if an integer is passed it is used to seed the Mersenne twister. The user can also pass a list of length two to use the L’Ecuyer random number generator, which is suitable for parallel computation. The first element of the list is the L’Ecuyer seed, which is a vector of length six or NA (if NA a default seed of rep(12345, 6) is used). The second element of list is a positive substream number. See the MCMCpack specification for more details.

lambda.start Starting values for the factor loading matrix Lambda. If lambda.start is set to a scalar the starting value for all unconstrained loadings will be set to that scalar. If lambda.start is a matrix of the same dimensions as Lambda then the lambda.start matrix is used as the starting values (except for equality-constrained elements). If lambda.start is set to NA (the default) then starting values for unconstrained elements in the first column of Lambda are based on the observed response pattern, the remaining unconstrained elements of Lambda are set to , and starting values for inequality constrained elements are set to either 1.0 or -1.0 depending on the nature of the constraints.

$\boldsymbol{l0}$ The means of the independent Normal prior on the factor loadings. Can be either a scalar or a matrix with the same dimensions as Lambda.

$\boldsymbol{L0}$ The precisions (inverse variances) of the independent Normal prior on the factor loadings. Can be either a scalar or a matrix with the same dimensions as Lambda.

store.lambda A switch that determines whether or not to store the factor loadings for posterior analysis. By default, the factor loadings are all stored.

store.scores A switch that determines whether or not to store the factor scores for posterior analysis. NOTE: This takes an enormous amount of memory, so should only be used if the chain is thinned heavily, or for applications with a small number of observations. By default, the factor scores are not stored.

drop.constantvars A switch that determines whether or not manifest variables that have no variation should be deleted before fitting the model. Default = TRUE.

... further arguments to be passed

Details

The model takes the following form:

Let $i = 1, \ldots, N$ index observations and $j = 1, \ldots, K$ index response variables within an observation. The typical observed variable $x_{ij}$ is ordinal with a total of $C_j$ categories. The distribution of
$X$ is governed by a $N \times K$ matrix of latent variables $X^*$ and a series of cutpoints $\gamma$. $X^*$ is assumed to be generated according to:

$$x^*_i = \Lambda \phi_i + \epsilon_i$$

$$\epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$$

where $x^*_i$ is the $k$-vector of latent variables specific to observation $i$, $\Lambda$ is the $k \times d$ matrix of factor loadings, and $\phi_i$ is the $d$-vector of latent factor scores. It is assumed that the first element of $\phi_i$ is equal to 1 for all $i$.

The probability that the $j$th variable in observation $i$ takes the value $c$ is:

$$\pi_{ijc} = \Phi(\gamma_{jc} - \Lambda_j' \phi_i) - \Phi(\gamma_{j(c-1)} - \Lambda_j' \phi_i)$$

The implementation used here assumes independent conjugate priors for each element of $\Lambda$ and each $\phi_i$. More specifically we assume:

$$\Lambda_{ij} \sim \mathcal{N}(l_{0ij}, L_{0ij}^{-1}), i = 1, \ldots, k, j = 1, \ldots, d$$

$$\phi_{i(2:d)} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I), i = 1, \ldots, n$$

The standard two-parameter item response theory model with probit link is a special case of the model sketched above. `MCMCordfactanal` simulates from the posterior distribution using a Metropolis-Hastings within Gibbs sampling algorithm. The algorithm employed is based on work by Cowles (1996). Note that the first element of $\phi_i$ is a 1. As a result, the first column of $\Lambda$ can be interpreted as item difficulty parameters. Further, the first element $\gamma_1$ is normalized to zero, and thus not returned in the mcmc object. The simulation proper is done in compiled C++ code to maximize efficiency. Please consult the coda documentation for a comprehensive list of functions that can be used to analyze the posterior sample.

As is the case with all measurement models, make sure that you have plenty of free memory, especially when storing the scores.

Value

An mcmc object that contains the posterior sample. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the coda package.

References


MCMCpoisson

Markov Chain Monte Carlo for Poisson Regression

Description

This function generates a sample from the posterior distribution of a Poisson regression model using a random walk Metropolis algorithm. The user supplies data and priors, and a sample from the posterior distribution is returned as an mcmc object, which can be subsequently analyzed with functions provided in the coda package.

Usage

MCMCpoisson(formula, data = NULL, burnin = 1000, mcmc = 10000, thin = 1, tune = 1.1, verbose = 0, seed = NA, beta.start = NA, b0 = 0, B0 = 0, marginal.likelihood = c("none", "Laplace"), ...)

Arguments

formula Model formula.
data Data frame.
burnin The number of burn-in iterations for the sampler.
mcmc The number of Metropolis iterations for the sampler.
thin The thinning interval used in the simulation. The number of mcmc iterations must be divisible by this value.

Examples

```r
## Not run:
data(painters)
new_painters <- painters[,1:4]
cuts <- apply(new_painters, 2, quantile, c(.25, .50, .75))
for (i in 1:4){
  new_painters[new_painters[,i]<cuts[1,i],i] <- 100
  new_painters[new_painters[,i]<cuts[2,i],i] <- 200
  new_painters[new_painters[,i]<cuts[3,i],i] <- 300
  new_painters[new_painters[,i]<cuts[4,i],i] <- 400
}

posterior <- MCMCordfactanal(~Composition+Drawing+Colour+Expression, 
data=new_painters, factors=1, 
lambda.constraints=list(Drawing=list(2,"+")), 
burnin=5000, mcmc=500000, thin=200, verbose=500,
L8=0.5, store.lambda=TRUE, 
store.scores=TRUE, tune=1.2)
plot(posterior)
summary(posterior)

## End(Not run)
```

See Also

plot.mcmc, summary.mcmc, factanal, MCMCfactanal, MCMCirt1d, MCMCirtKd
tune

Metropolis tuning parameter. Can be either a positive scalar or a \( k \)-vector, where \( k \) is the length of \( \beta \). Make sure that the acceptance rate is satisfactory (typically between 0.20 and 0.5) before using the posterior sample for inference.

verbose

A switch which determines whether or not the progress of the sampler is printed to the screen. If verbose is greater than 0 the iteration number, the current beta vector, and the Metropolis acceptance rate are printed to the screen every verbose iteration.

seed

The seed for the random number generator. If NA, the Mersenne Twister generator is used with default seed 12345; if an integer is passed it is used to seed the Mersenne twister. The user can also pass a list of length two to use the L’Ecuyer random number generator, which is suitable for parallel computation. The first element of the list is the L’Ecuyer seed, which is a vector of length six or NA (if NA a default seed of \( \text{rep}(12345, 6) \) is used). The second element of list is a positive substream number. See the MCMCpack specification for more details.

beta.start

The starting value for the \( \beta \) vector. This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of betas. If this takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the starting value for all of the betas. The default value of NA will use the maximum likelihood estimate of \( \beta \) as the starting value.

b0

The prior mean of \( \beta \). This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of betas. If this takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the prior mean for all of the betas.

B0

The prior precision of \( \beta \). This can either be a scalar or a square matrix with dimensions equal to the number of betas. If this takes a scalar value, then that value times an identity matrix serves as the prior precision of \( \beta \). Default value of 0 is equivalent to an improper uniform prior for beta.

marginal.likelihood

How should the marginal likelihood be calculated? Options are: none in which case the marginal likelihood will not be calculated or laplace in which case the Laplace approximation (see Kass and Raftery, 1995) is used.

... further arguments to be passed

Details

MCMCpoisson simulates from the posterior distribution of a Poisson regression model using a random walk Metropolis algorithm. The simulation proper is done in compiled C++ code to maximize efficiency. Please consult the coda documentation for a comprehensive list of functions that can be used to analyze the posterior sample.

The model takes the following form:

\[
y_i \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu_i)
\]

Where the inverse link function:

\[
\mu_i = \exp(x_i' \beta)
\]

We assume a multivariate Normal prior on \( \beta \):

\[
\beta \sim \mathcal{N}(b_0, B_0^{-1})
\]

The Metropolis proposal distribution is centered at the current value of \( \theta \) and has variance-covariance \( V = T(B_0 + C^{-1})^{-1}T \), where \( T \) is a the diagonal positive definite matrix formed from the tune, \( B_0 \) is the prior precision, and \( C \) is the large sample variance-covariance matrix of the MLEs. This last calculation is done via an initial call to glm.
Value

An mcmc object that contains the posterior sample. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the coda package.

References


See Also

plot.mcmc, summary.mcmc, glm

Examples

```r
## Not run:
counts <- c(18,17,15,20,10,20,25,13,12)
outcome <- gl(3,1,9)
treatment <- gl(3,3)
posterior <- MCMCpoisson(counts ~ outcome + treatment)
plot(posterior)
summary(posterior)

## End(Not run)
```

Description

This function generates a sample from the posterior distribution of a Poisson regression model with multiple changepoints. The function uses the Markov chain Monte Carlo method of Chib (1998). The user supplies data and priors, and a sample from the posterior distribution is returned as an mcmc object, which can be subsequently analyzed with functions provided in the coda package.

Usage

```r
MCMCpoissonChange(
  formula, data = parent.frame(), m = 1,
  b0 = 0, B0 = 1, a = NULL, b = NULL, c0 = NA, d0 = NA,
  lambda.mu = NA, lambda.var = NA,
  burnin = 1000, mcmc = 1000, thin = 1, verbose = 0,
  seed = NA, beta.start = NA, P.start = NA,
  marginal.likelihood = c("none", "Chib95"), ...)
```
MCMCpoissonChange

Arguments

```r
formula  Model formula.
data      Data frame.
m         The number of changepoints.
b0        The prior mean of \( \beta \). This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of betas. If this takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the prior mean for all of the betas.
B0        The prior precision of \( \beta \). This can either be a scalar or a square matrix with dimensions equal to the number of betas. If this takes a scalar value, then that value times an identity matrix serves as the prior precision of \( \beta \). Default value of 0 is equivalent to an improper uniform prior for \( \beta \).
a         \( a \) is the shape1 beta prior for transition probabilities. By default, the expected duration is computed and corresponding \( a \) and \( b \) values are assigned. The expected duration is the sample period divided by the number of states.
b         \( b \) is the shape2 beta prior for transition probabilities. By default, the expected duration is computed and corresponding \( a \) and \( b \) values are assigned. The expected duration is the sample period divided by the number of states.
c0        \( c_0 \) is the shape parameter for Gamma prior on \( \lambda \) (the mean). When there is no covariate, this should be provided by users. No default value is provided.
d0        \( d_0 \) is the scale parameter for Gamma prior on \( \lambda \) (the mean). When there is no covariate, this should be provided by users. No default value is provided.
lambda.mu The mean of the Gamma prior on \( \lambda \). \texttt{sigma.mu} and \texttt{sigma.var} allow users to choose the Gamma prior by choosing its mean and variance.
lambda.var The variance of the Gamma prior on \( \lambda \). \texttt{sigma.mu} and \texttt{sigma.var} allow users to choose the Gamma prior by choosing its mean and variance.
burnin    The number of burn-in iterations for the sampler.
mcmc      The number of MCMC iterations after burn-in.
thin      The thinning interval used in the simulation. The number of MCMC iterations must be divisible by this value.
verbose   A switch which determines whether or not the progress of the sampler is printed to the screen. If \texttt{verbose} is greater than 0, the iteration number and the posterior density samples are printed to the screen every \texttt{verbose}th iteration.
seed      The seed for the random number generator. If NA, current R system seed is used.
beta.start The starting values for the beta vector. This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of betas. The default value of NA will use draws from the Uniform distribution with the same boundary with the data as the starting value. If this is a scalar, that value will serve as the starting value mean for all of the betas. When there is no covariate, the log value of means should be used.
P.start   The starting values for the transition matrix. A user should provide a square matrix with dimension equal to the number of states. By default, draws from the Beta(0.9, 0.1) are used to construct a proper transition matrix for each raw except the last raw.
marginal.likelihood How should the marginal likelihood be calculated? Options are: none in which case the marginal likelihood will not be calculated, and Chib95 in which case the method of Chib (1995) is used.
...        further arguments to be passed
```
Details


The model takes the following form:

\[ y_t \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu_t) \]
\[ \mu_t = x_t' \beta_m, \quad m = 1, \ldots, M \]

Where \( M \) is the number of states and \( \beta_m \) is parameters when a state is \( m \) at \( t \).

We assume Gaussian distribution for prior of \( \beta \):

\[ \beta_m \sim N(b_0, B_0^{-1}), \quad m = 1, \ldots, M \]

And:

\[ p_{mm} \sim \text{Beta}(a, b), \quad m = 1, \ldots, M \]

Where \( M \) is the number of states.

Value

An `mcmc` object that contains the posterior sample. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the `coda` package. The object contains an attribute `probNstate` storage matrix that contains the probability of state \( i \) for each period, and the log-marginal likelihood of the model (`logmarglike`).

References


See Also

`MCMCbinaryChange`, `plotState`, `plotChangepoint`

Examples

```r
## Not run:
set.seed(111119)
n <- 150
x1 <- runif(n, 0, 0.5)
true.beta1 <- c(1, 1)
true.beta2 <- c(1, -2)
```
true.beta3 <- c(1, 2)

## set true two breaks at (50, 100)
true.s <- rep(1:3, each=n/3)
mu1 <- exp(1 + x[true.s==1]*1)
mu2 <- exp(1 + x[true.s==2]*2)
mu3 <- exp(1 + x[true.s==3]*2)

y <- as.ts(c(rpois(n/3, mu1), rpois(n/3, mu2), rpois(n/3, mu3)))
formula = y ~ x

## fit multiple models with a varying number of breaks
model0 <- MCMCpoissonChange(formula, m=0, mccm = 1000, burnin = 1000, verbose = 500, b0 = rep(0, 2), B0 = 5*diag(2), marginal.likelihood = "Chib95")
model1 <- MCMCpoissonChange(formula, m=1, mccm = 1000, burnin = 1000, verbose = 500, b0 = rep(0, 2), B0 = 5*diag(2), marginal.likelihood = "Chib95")
model2 <- MCMCpoissonChange(formula, m=2, mccm = 1000, burnin = 1000, verbose = 500, b0 = rep(0, 2), B0 = 5*diag(2), marginal.likelihood = "Chib95")
model3 <- MCMCpoissonChange(formula, m=3, mccm = 1000, burnin = 1000, verbose = 500, b0 = rep(0, 2), B0 = 5*diag(2), marginal.likelihood = "Chib95")
model4 <- MCMCpoissonChange(formula, m=4, mccm = 1000, burnin = 1000, verbose = 500, b0 = rep(0, 2), B0 = 5*diag(2), marginal.likelihood = "Chib95")
model5 <- MCMCpoissonChange(formula, m=5, mccm = 1000, burnin = 1000, verbose = 500, b0 = rep(0, 2), B0 = 5*diag(2), marginal.likelihood = "Chib95")

## find the most reasonable one
print(BayesFactor(model0, model1, model2, model3, model4, model5))

## draw plots using the "right" model
par(mfrow=c(attr(model2L, "m") + 1, 1), mai=c(0.4, 0.6, 0.3, 0.05))
plotState(model2L, legend.control = c(1, 0.6))
plotChangepoint(model2L, verbose = TRUE, ylab="Density", start=1, overlay=TRUE)

## No covariate case
model2.1 <- MCMCpoissonChange(y ~ 1, m = 2, c0 = 2, d0 = 1, mccm = 1000, burnin = 1000, verbose = 500, marginal.likelihood = "Chib95")
print(BayesFactor(model2L, model2.1))

## End(Not run)

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### Description

This function generates a sample from the posterior distribution of a probit regression model using the data augmentation approach of Albert and Chib (1993). The user supplies data and priors, and
a sample from the posterior distribution is returned as an mcmc object, which can be subsequently analyzed with functions provided in the coda package.

Usage

MCMCprobit(formula, data = NULL, burnin = 1000, mcmc = 10000,
thin = 1, verbose = 0, seed = NA, beta.start = NA,
b0 = 0, B0 = 0, bayes.resid = FALSE,
marginal.likelihood=c("none", "Laplace", "Chib95"), ...)

Arguments

formula   Model formula.
data       Data frame.
burnin     The number of burn-in iterations for the sampler.
mcmc       The number of Gibbs iterations for the sampler.
thin       The thinning interval used in the simulation. The number of Gibbs iterations must be divisible by this value.
verbose    A switch which determines whether or not the progress of the sampler is printed to the screen. If verbose is greater than 0 the iteration number and the betas are printed to the screen every verbose th iteration.
seed       The seed for the random number generator. If NA, the Mersenne Twister generator is used with default seed 12345; if an integer is passed it is used to seed the Mersenne twister. The user can also pass a list of length two to use the L'Ecuyer random number generator, which is suitable for parallel computation. The first element of the list is the L'Ecuyer seed, which is a vector of length six or NA (if NA a default seed of rep(12345, 6) is used). The second element of list is a positive substream number. See the MCMCpack specification for more details.
beta.start The starting value for the $\beta$ vector. This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of betas. If this takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the starting value for all of the betas. The default value of NA will use the maximum likelihood estimate of $\beta$ as the starting value.
b0       The prior mean of $\beta$. This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of betas. If this takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the prior mean for all of the betas.
B0       The prior precision of $\beta$. This can either be a scalar or a square matrix with dimensions equal to the number of betas. If this takes a scalar value, then that value times an identity matrix serves as the prior precision of $\beta$. Default value of 0 is equivalent to an improper uniform prior on $\beta$.
bayes.resid Should latent Bayesian residuals (Albert and Chib, 1995) be returned? Default is FALSE meaning no residuals should be returned. Alternatively, the user can specify an array of integers giving the observation numbers for which latent residuals should be calculated and returned. TRUE will return draws of latent residuals for all observations.
marginal.likelihood How should the marginal likelihood be calculated? Options are: none in which case the marginal likelihood will not be calculated, Laplace in which case the Laplace approximation (see Kass and Raftery, 1995) is used, or Chib95 in which case Chib (1995) method is used.
... further arguments to be passed
Details

MCMCprobit simulates from the posterior distribution of a probit regression model using data augmentation. The simulation proper is done in compiled C++ code to maximize efficiency. Please consult the coda documentation for a comprehensive list of functions that can be used to analyze the posterior sample.

The model takes the following form:

\[ y_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\pi_i) \]

Where the inverse link function:

\[ \pi_i = \Phi(x_i' \beta) \]

We assume a multivariate Normal prior on \( \beta \):

\[ \beta \sim \mathcal{N}(b_0, B_0^{-1}) \]

See Albert and Chib (1993) for estimation details.

Value

An mcmc object that contains the posterior sample. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the coda package.

References


See Also

plot.mcmc, summary.mcmc, glm

Examples

```r
## Not run:
data(birthwt)
out1 <- MCMCprobit(low~as.factor(race)+smoke, data=birthwt, b0 = 0, B0 = 10, marginal.likelihood="Chib95")
out2 <- MCMCprobit(low~age+as.factor(race), data=birthwt, b0 = 0, B0 = 10, marginal.likelihood="Chib95")
out3 <- MCMCprobit(low+as.factor(race)+smoke, data=birthwt, b0 = 0, B0 = 10, marginal.likelihood="Chib95")
```
BayesFactor(out1, out2, out3)
plot(out3)
summary(out3)

## End(Not run)

MCMCprobitChange

Markov Chain Monte Carlo for a linear Gaussian Multiple Change-point Model

Description

This function generates a sample from the posterior distribution of a linear Gaussian model with multiple changepoints. The function uses the Markov chain Monte Carlo method of Chib (1998). The user supplies data and priors, and a sample from the posterior distribution is returned as an mcmc object, which can be subsequently analyzed with functions provided in the coda package.

Usage

MCMCprobitChange(formula, data=parent.frame(), m = 1,
                  burnin = 10000, mcmc = 10000, thin = 1, verbose = 0,
                  seed = NA, beta.start = NA, P.start = NA,
                  b0 = NULL, B0 = NULL, a = NULL, b = NULL,
                  marginal.likelihood = c("none", "Chib95"), ...)

Arguments

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The starting values for the transition matrix. A user should provide a square matrix with dimension equal to the number of states. By default, draws from the Beta(0.9, 0.1) are used to construct a proper transition matrix for each raw except the last raw.

The prior mean of $\beta$. This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of betas. If this takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the prior mean for all of the betas.

The prior precision of $\beta$. This can either be a scalar or a square matrix with dimensions equal to the number of betas. If this takes a scalar value, then that value times an identity matrix serves as the prior precision of beta. Default value of 0 is equivalent to an improper uniform prior for beta.

$a$ is the shape1 beta prior for transition probabilities. By default, the expected duration is computed and corresponding a and b values are assigned. The expected duration is the sample period divided by the number of states.

$b$ is the shape2 beta prior for transition probabilities. By default, the expected duration is computed and corresponding a and b values are assigned. The expected duration is the sample period divided by the number of states.

How should the marginal likelihood be calculated? Options are: none in which case the marginal likelihood will not be calculated, and Chib95 in which case the method of Chib (1995) is used.

... further arguments to be passed

**Details**

MCMCprobitChange simulates from the posterior distribution of a probit regression model with multiple parameter breaks. The simulation is based on Chib (1998) and Park (2011).

The model takes the following form:

$$Pr(y_t = 1) = \Phi(x_t' \beta_m) \quad m = 1, \ldots, M$$

Where $M$ is the number of states, and $\beta_m$ is a parameter when a state is $m$ at $t$.

We assume Gaussian distribution for prior of $\beta$:

$$\beta_m \sim N(b_0, B_0^{-1}) \quad m = 1, \ldots, M$$

And:

$$p_{nm} \sim Beta(a, b) \quad m = 1, \ldots, M$$

Where $M$ is the number of states.

**Value**

An mcmc object that contains the posterior sample. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the coda package. The object contains an attribute `prob.state` storage matrix that contains the probability of `state` for each period, the log-likelihood of the model (`loglike`), and the log-marginal likelihood of the model (`logmarglike`).
References


See Also

plotstate, plotchangepoint

Examples

## Not run:
set.seed(1973)
x1 <- rnorm(300, 0, 1)
true.beta <- c(-.5, .2, 1)
true.alpha <- c(1, -1, .2)
X <- cbind(1, x1)

## set two true breaks at 100 and 200
true.phi1 <- pnorm(true.alpha[1] + x1[1:100]*true.beta[1])
true.phi2 <- pnorm(true.alpha[2] + x1[101:200]*true.beta[2])
true.phi3 <- pnorm(true.alpha[3] + x1[201:300]*true.beta[3])

## generate y
y1 <- rbinom(100, 1, true.phi1)
y2 <- rbinom(100, 1, true.phi2)
y3 <- rbinom(100, 1, true.phi3)
Y <- as.ts(c(y1, y2, y3))

## fit multiple models with a varying number of breaks
out0 <- MCMCprobitChange(formula=Y~X-1, data=parent.frame(), m=0,
mcmc=1000, burnin=1000, thin=1, verbose=1000,
b0 = 0, B0 = 10, a = 1, b = 1, marginal.likelihood = c("Chib95"))
out1 <- MCMCprobitChange(formula=Y~X-1, data=parent.frame(), m=1,
mcmc=1000, burnin=1000, thin=1, verbose=1000,
b0 = 0, B0 = 10, a = 1, b = 1, marginal.likelihood = c("Chib95"))
out2 <- MCMCprobitChange(formula=Y~X-1, data=parent.frame(), m=2,
mcmc=1000, burnin=1000, thin=1, verbose=1000,
b0 = 0, B0 = 10, a = 1, b = 1, marginal.likelihood = c("Chib95"))
out3 <- MCMCprobitChange(formula=Y~X-1, data=parent.frame(), m=3,
mcmc=1000, burnin=1000, thin=1, verbose=1000,
b0 = 0, B0 = 10, a = 1, b = 1, marginal.likelihood = c("Chib95"))

## find the most reasonable one
BayesFactor(out0, out1, out2, out3)

## draw plots using the "right" model
plotState(out2)
plotChangepoint(out2)
MCMCquantreg

Bayesian quantile regression using Gibbs sampling

Description

This function fits quantile regression models under Bayesian inference. The function samples from
the posterior distribution using Gibbs sampling with data augmentation. A multivariate normal prior
is assumed for $\beta$. The user supplies the prior parameters. A sample of the posterior distribution is
returned as an mcmc object, which can then be analysed by functions in the coda package.

Usage

MCMCquantreg(formula, data = NULL, tau = 0.5, burnin = 1000,
          mcmc = 10000, thin = 1, verbose = 0, seed = sample(1:1000000,1),
          beta.start = NA, b0 = 0, B0 = 0, ...)

Arguments

formula Model formula.
data Data frame.
tau The quantile of interest. Must be between 0 and 1. The default value of 0.5
corresponds to median regression.
burnin The number of burn-in iterations for the sampler.
mcmc The number of MCMC iterations after burnin.
thin The thinning interval used in the simulation. The number of MCMC iterations
must be divisible by this value.
verbose A switch which determines whether or not the progress of the sampler is printed
to the screen. If verbose is greater than 0 the iteration number and the most
recently sampled values of $\beta$ and $\sigma$ are printed to the screen every verbose
iteration.
seed The seed for the random number generator. If NA, the Mersenne Twister gen-
erator is used with default seed 12345; if an integer is passed it is used to seed
the Mersenne twister. The default value for this argument is a random integer
between 1 and 1,000,000. This default value ensures that if the function is used
again with a different value of $\tau$, it is extremely unlikely that the seed will be
identical. The user can also pass a list of length two to use the L’Ecuyer random
number generator, which is suitable for parallel computation. The first element
of the list is the L’Ecuyer seed, which is a vector of length six or NA (if NA a
default seed of rep(12345,6) is used). The second element of list is a positive
substream number. See the MCMCpack specification for more details.
beta.start The starting values for $\beta$. This can either be a scalar or a column vector with
dimension equal to the dimension of $\beta$. The default value of NA will use the
OLS estimate $\hat{\beta}$ with $\hat{\sigma}\Phi^{-1}(\tau)$ added on to the first element of $\beta$ as the starting
value. ($\hat{\sigma}^2$ denotes the usual unbiased estimator of $\sigma^2$ under ordinary mean
regression and $\Phi^{-1}(\tau)$ denotes the inverse of the cumulative density function
of the standard normal distribution.) Note that the default value assume that an
intercept is included in the model. If a scalar is given, that value will serve as
the starting value for all $\beta$. 
The prior mean of $\beta$. This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimensions equal to the dimension of $\beta$. If this takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the prior mean for all $\beta$.

The prior precision of $\beta$. This can either be a scalar or a square matrix with dimensions equal to the number of betas. If this takes a scalar value, then that value times an identity matrix serves as the prior precision of $\beta$. Default value of 0 is equivalent to an improper uniform prior for $\beta$.

... further arguments to be passed

Details

`mcmcquantreg` simulates from the posterior distribution using Gibbs sampling with data augmentation (see [http://people.brunel.ac.uk/~mastkky/](http://people.brunel.ac.uk/~mastkky/)). $\beta$ are drawn from a multivariate normal distribution. The augmented data are drawn conditionally from the inverse Gaussian distribution. The simulation is carried out in compiled C++ code to maximise efficiency. Please consult the coda documentation for a comprehensive list of functions that can be used to analyse the posterior sample.

We assume the model

$$Q_\tau(y_i|x_i) = x_i^T \beta$$

, where $Q_\tau(y_i|x_i)$ denotes the conditional $\tau$th quantile of $y_i$ given $x_i$, and $\beta = \beta(\tau)$ are the regression parameters possibly dependent on $\tau$. The likelihood is formed based on assuming independent Asymmetric Laplace distributions on the $y_i$ with skewness parameter $\tau$ and location parameters $x_i^T \beta$. This assumption ensures that the likelihood function is maximised by the $\tau$th conditional quantile of the response variable. We assume standard, semi-conjugate priors on $\beta$:

$$\beta \sim N(\beta_0, B_0^{-1})$$

. Only starting values for $\beta$ are allowed for this sampler.

Value

An mcmc object that contains the posterior sample. This object can be summarised by functions provided by the coda package.

Author(s)

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References


MCMCregress

See Also

MCMCregress, plot.mcmc, summary.mcmc, lm, rq

Examples

## Not run:

```r
x <- rep(1:10, 5)
y <- rnorm(50, mean = x)
posterior_50 <- MCMCquantreg(y ~ x)
posterior_95 <- MCMCquantreg(y ~ x, tau = 0.95, verbose = 10000,
                           mcmc = 50000, thin = 10, seed = 2)
plot(posterior_50)
plot(posterior_95)
raftery.diag(posterior_50)
autocorr.plot(posterior_95)
summary(posterior_50)
summary(posterior_95)
```  

## End(Not run)

MCMCregress

Markov Chain Monte Carlo for Gaussian Linear Regression

Description

This function generates a sample from the posterior distribution of a linear regression model with Gaussian errors using Gibbs sampling (with a multivariate Gaussian prior on the beta vector, and an inverse Gamma prior on the conditional error variance). The user supplies data and priors, and a sample from the posterior distribution is returned as an mcmc object, which can be subsequently analyzed with functions provided in the coda package.

Usage

```r
MCMCregress(formula, data = NULL, burnin = 1000, mcmc = 10000,
             thin = 1, verbose = 0, seed = NA, beta.start = NA,
             b0 = 0, B0 = 0, c0 = 0.001, d0 = 0.001, sigma.mu = NA, sigma.var = NA,
             marginal.likelihood = c("none", "Laplace", "Chib95"), ...)
```

Arguments

- **formula**: Model formula.
- **data**: Data frame.
- **burnin**: The number of burn-in iterations for the sampler.
- **mcmc**: The number of MCMC iterations after burnin.
- **thin**: The thinning interval used in the simulation. The number of MCMC iterations must be divisible by this value.
- **verbose**: A switch which determines whether or not the progress of the sampler is printed to the screen. If verbose is greater than 0 the iteration number, the \( \beta \) vector, and the error variance are printed to the screen every verbose-th iteration.
seed

The seed for the random number generator. If NA, the Mersenne Twister generator is used with default seed 12345; if an integer is passed it is used to seed the Mersenne twister. The user can also pass a list of length two to use the L’Ecuyer random number generator, which is suitable for parallel computation. The first element of the list is the L’Ecuyer seed, which is a vector of length six or NA (if NA a default seed of rep(12345, 6) is used). The second element of list is a positive substream number. See the MCMCpack specification for more details.

beta.start

The starting values for the $\beta$ vector. This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of betas. The default value of NA will use the OLS estimate of $\beta$ as the starting value. If this is a scalar, that value will serve as the starting value mean for all of the betas.

b0

The prior mean of $\beta$. This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of betas. If this takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the prior mean for all of the betas.

B0

The prior precision of $\beta$. This can either be a scalar or a square matrix with dimensions equal to the number of betas. If this takes a scalar value, then that value times an identity matrix serves as the prior precision of beta. Default value of 0 is equivalent to an improper uniform prior for beta.

c0

c0/2 is the shape parameter for the inverse Gamma prior on $\sigma^2$ (the variance of the disturbances). The amount of information in the inverse Gamma prior is something like that from $c_0$ pseudo-observations.

d0

d0/2 is the scale parameter for the inverse Gamma prior on $\sigma^2$ (the variance of the disturbances). In constructing the inverse Gamma prior, $d_0$ acts like the sum of squared errors from the $c_0$ pseudo-observations.

sigma.mu

The mean of the inverse Gamma prior on $\sigma^2$. sigma.mu and sigma.var allow users to choose the inverse Gamma prior by choosing its mean and variance.

sigma.var

The variance of the inverse Gamma prior on $\sigma^2$. sigma.mu and sigma.var allow users to choose the inverse Gamma prior by choosing its mean and variance.

marginal.likelihood

How should the marginal likelihood be calculated? Options are: none in which case the marginal likelihood will not be calculated, Laplace in which case the Laplace approximation (see Kass and Raftery, 1995) is used, and Chib95 in which case the method of Chib (1995) is used.

... further arguments to be passed

Details

MCMCregress simulates from the posterior distribution using standard Gibbs sampling (a multivariate Normal draw for the betas, and an inverse Gamma draw for the conditional error variance). The simulation proper is done in compiled C++ code to maximize efficiency. Please consult the coda documentation for a comprehensive list of functions that can be used to analyze the posterior sample.

The model takes the following form:

$$y_i = x_i'\beta + \varepsilon_i$$

Where the errors are assumed to be Gaussian:

$$\varepsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$$

We assume standard, semi-conjugate priors:

$$\beta \sim \mathcal{N}(b_0, B_0^{-1})$$
And:

\[ \sigma^{-2} \sim \Gamma(a_0/2, d_0/2) \]

Where \( \beta \) and \( \sigma^{-2} \) are assumed \textit{a priori} independent. Note that only starting values for \( \beta \) are allowed because simulation is done using Gibbs sampling with the conditional error variance as the first block in the sampler.

**Value**

An mcmc object that contains the posterior sample. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the coda package.

**References**


Daniel Pemstein, Kevin M. Quinn, and Andrew D. Martin. 2007. \textit{Scythe Statistical Library 1.0}. \texttt{http://scythe.wustl.edu}.


**See Also**

\texttt{plot.mcmc, summary.mcmc, lm}

**Examples**

```r
## Not run:
line <- list(X = c(-2,-1,0,1,2), Y = c(1,3,3,3,5))
posterior <- MCMCregress(Y~X, b0=0, b0 = 0.1, 
  sigma.mu = 5, sigma.var = 25, data=line, verbose=1000)
plot(posterior)
raftery.diag(posterior)
summary(posterior)
## End(Not run)
```

**MCMCregressChange**

\textit{Markov Chain Monte Carlo for a linear Gaussian Multiple Change-point Model}

**Description**

This function generates a sample from the posterior distribution of a linear Gaussian model with multiple changepoints. The function uses the Markov chain Monte Carlo method of Chib (1998). The user supplies data and priors, and a sample from the posterior distribution is returned as an mcmc object, which can be subsequently analyzed with functions provided in the coda package.
Usage

MCMCregressChange(formula, data=parent.frame(), m=1, b0=0, B0=0, c0=0.001, d0=0.001, sigma.mu=NA, sigma.var=NA, a=NULL, b=NULL, mcmc=1000, burnin=1000, thin=1, verbose=0, seed=NA, beta.start=NA, P.start=NA, marginal.likelihood=c("none", "Chib95"), ...)

Arguments

formula Model formula.
data Data frame.
m The number of changepoints.
b0 The prior mean of $\beta$. This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of betas. If this takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the prior mean for all of the betas.
B0 The prior precision of $\beta$. This can either be a scalar or a square matrix with dimensions equal to the number of betas. If this takes a scalar value, then that value times an identity matrix serves as the prior precision of beta. Default value of 0 is equivalent to an improper uniform prior for beta.
c0 $c_0/2$ is the shape parameter for the inverse Gamma prior on $\sigma^2$ (the variance of the disturbances). The amount of information in the inverse Gamma prior is something like that from $c_0$ pseudo-observations.
d0 $d_0/2$ is the scale parameter for the inverse Gamma prior on $\sigma^2$ (the variance of the disturbances). In constructing the inverse Gamma prior, $d_0$ acts like the sum of squared errors from the $c_0$ pseudo-observations.
sigma.mu The mean of the inverse Gamma prior on $\sigma^2$. $sigma.mu$ and $sigma.var$ allow users to choose the inverse Gamma prior by choosing its mean and variance.
sigma.var The variance of the inverse Gamma prior on $\sigma^2$. $sigma.mu$ and $sigma.var$ allow users to choose the inverse Gamma prior by choosing its mean and variance.
a $a$ is the shape1 beta prior for transition probabilities. By default, the expected duration is computed and corresponding a and b values are assigned. The expected duration is the sample period divided by the number of states.
b $b$ is the shape2 beta prior for transition probabilities. By default, the expected duration is computed and corresponding a and b values are assigned. The expected duration is the sample period divided by the number of states.
burnin The number of burn-in iterations for the sampler.
mcmc The number of MCMC iterations after burnin.
thin The thinning interval used in the simulation. The number of MCMC iterations must be divisible by this value.
verbose A switch which determines whether or not the progress of the sampler is printed to the screen. If verbose is greater than 0 the iteration number, the $\beta$ vector, and the error variance are printed to the screen every verboseith iteration.
seed The seed for the random number generator. If NA, the Mersenne Twister generator is used with default seed 12345; if an integer is passed it is used to seed the Mersenne twister. The user can also pass a list of length two to use the L’Ecuyer random number generator, which is suitable for parallel computation. The first element of the list is the L’Ecuyer seed, which is a vector of length six or NA (if NA a default seed of rep(12345, 6) is used). The second element of list is a positive substream number. See the MCMCpack specification for more details.
beta.start The starting values for the $\beta$ vector. This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of betas. The default value of NA will use the MLE estimate of $\beta$ as the starting value. If this is a scalar, that value will serve as the starting value mean for all of the betas.

P.start The starting values for the transition matrix. A user should provide a square matrix with dimension equal to the number of states. By default, draws from the Beta(.9, .1) are used to construct a proper transition matrix for each raw except the last raw.

marginal.likelihood How should the marginal likelihood be calculated? Options are: none in which case the marginal likelihood will not be calculated, and Chib95 in which case the method of Chib (1995) is used.

... further arguments to be passed

Details

MCMCregressChange simulates from the posterior distribution of a binary model with multiple changepoints.

The model takes the following form:

$$y_t = x_t' \beta + I(s_t = i) \epsilon_t, \ i = 1, \ldots, k$$

Where $k$ is the number of states and $I(s_t = i)$ is an indicator function that becomes 1 when a state at $t$ is $i$ and otherwise 0.

The errors are assumed to be Gaussian in each regime:

$$I(s_t = i) \epsilon_t \sim N(0, \sigma_i^2)$$

We assume standard, semi-conjugate priors:

$$\beta_i \sim N(b_0, B_0^{-1}), \ i = 1, \ldots, k$$

And:

$$\sigma_i^{-2} \sim Gamma(c_0/2, d_0/2), \ i = 1, \ldots, k$$

Where $\beta_i$ and $\sigma_i^{-2}$ are assumed a priori independent.

The simulation proper is done in compiled C++ code to maximize efficiency.

Value

An mcmc object that contains the posterior sample. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the coda package. The object contains an attribute prob.state storage matrix that contains the probability of state, for each period, the log-likelihood of the model (loglike), and the log-marginal likelihood of the model (logmarglike).

References


**See Also**

`plotState, plotChangepoint`

**Examples**

```r
## Not run:
set.seed(1119)
n <- 100
x1 <- runif(n)
true.beta1 <- c(2, -2)
true.beta2 <- c(0, 2)
true.Sigma <- c(1, 2)
true.s <- rep(1:2, each=n/2)
mu1 <- cbind(1, x1[true.s==1])
mu2 <- cbind(1, x1[true.s==2])
y <- as.ts(c(rnorm(n/2, mu1, sd=sqrt(true.Sigma[1])), rnorm(n/2, mu2, sd=sqrt(true.Sigma[2]))))
formula=y ~ x1
ols1 <- lm(y[true.s==1] ~ x1[true.s==1])
ols2 <- lm(y[true.s==2] ~ x1[true.s==2])

## prior
b0 <- 0
B0 <- 1
sigma.mu=sd(y)
sigma.var=var(y)

## models
model1 <- MCMCregressChange(formula, m=1, b0=b0, B0=B0, mcmc=100, burnin=100, sigma.mu=sigma.mu, sigma.var=sigma.var, marginal.likelihood="Chib95")
model2 <- MCMCregressChange(formula, m=2, b0=b0, B0=B0, mcmc=100, burnin=100, sigma.mu=sigma.mu, sigma.var=sigma.var, marginal.likelihood="Chib95")
model3 <- MCMCregressChange(formula, m=3, b0=b0, B0=B0, mcmc=100, burnin=100, sigma.mu=sigma.mu, sigma.var=sigma.var, marginal.likelihood="Chib95")
model4 <- MCMCregressChange(formula, m=4, b0=b0, B0=B0, mcmc=100, burnin=100, sigma.mu=sigma.mu, sigma.var=sigma.var, marginal.likelihood="Chib95")
model5 <- MCMCregressChange(formula, m=5, b0=b0, B0=B0, mcmc=100, burnin=100, sigma.mu=sigma.mu, sigma.var=sigma.var, marginal.likelihood="Chib95")
print(BayesFactor(model1, model2, model3, model4, model5))
plotState(model1)
plotChangepoint(model1)

## End(Not run)
```
MCMCresidualBreakAnalysis

Description

This function performs a break analysis for univariate time series data using a linear Gaussian changepoint model. The code is written mainly for an internal use in testpanelSubjectBreak.

Usage

MCMCresidualBreakAnalysis(resid, m = 1,
  bθ = 0, Bθ = 0.001, cθ = 0.1, dθ = 0.1, a = NULL, b = NULL,
  mcmc = 1000, burnin = 1000, thin = 1, verbose = 0,
  seed = NA, beta.start = NA, P.start = NA,
  marginal.likelihood = c("none", "Chib95"), ...)

Arguments

resid      Univariate time series
m          The number of breaks.
bθ         The prior mean of $\beta$. This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of betas. If this takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the prior mean for all of the betas.
Bθ         The prior precision of $\beta$. This can either be a scalar or a square matrix with dimensions equal to the number of betas. If this takes a scalar value, then that value times an identity matrix serves as the prior precision of beta. Default value of 0 is equivalent to an improper uniform prior for beta.
cθ         $c_0/2$ is the shape parameter for the inverse Gamma prior on $\sigma^2$ (the variance of the disturbances). The amount of information in the inverse Gamma prior is something like that from $c_0$ pseudo-observations.
dθ         $d_0/2$ is the scale parameter for the inverse Gamma prior on $\sigma^2$ (the variance of the disturbances). In constructing the inverse Gamma prior, $d_0$ acts like the sum of squared errors from the $c_0$ pseudo-observations.
a          $a$ is the shape1 beta prior for transition probabilities. By default, the expected duration is computed and corresponding $a$ and $b$ values are assigned. The expected duration is the sample period divided by the number of states.
b          $b$ is the shape2 beta prior for transition probabilities. By default, the expected duration is computed and corresponding $a$ and $b$ values are assigned. The expected duration is the sample period divided by the number of states.
burnin     The number of burn-in iterations for the sampler.
mcmc       The number of MCMC iterations after burnin.
thin       The thinning interval used in the simulation. The number of MCMC iterations must be divisible by this value.
verbose    A switch which determines whether or not the progress of the sampler is printed to the screen. If verbose is greater than 0 the iteration number, the $\beta$ vector, and the error variance are printed to the screen every verboseeth iteration.
seed
The seed for the random number generator. If NA, the Mersenne Twister generator is used with default seed 12345; if an integer is passed it is used to seed the Mersenne twister. The user can also pass a list of length two to use the L’Ecuyer random number generator, which is suitable for parallel computation. The first element of the list is the L’Ecuyer seed, which is a vector of length six or NA (if NA a default seed of rep(12345, 6) is used). The second element of list is a positive substream number. See the MCMCpack specification for more details.

beta.start
The starting values for the $\beta$ vector. This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of betas. The default value of of NA will use the OLS estimate of $\beta$ as the starting value. If this is a scalar, that value will serve as the starting value mean for all of the betas.

P.start
The starting values for the transition matrix. A user should provide a square matrix with dimension equal to the number of states. By default, draws from the Beta(0.9, 0.1) are used to construct a proper transition matrix for each raw except the last raw.

marginal.likelihood
How should the marginal likelihood be calculated? Options are: none in which case the marginal likelihood will not be calculated, and chib95 in which case the method of Chib (1995) is used.

... further arguments to be passed

Details

MCMCresidualBreakAnalysis simulates from the posterior distribution using standard Gibbs sampling (a multivariate Normal draw for the betas, and an inverse Gamma draw for the conditional error variance). The simulation proper is done in compiled C++ code to maximize efficiency. Please consult the coda documentation for a comprehensive list of functions that can be used to analyze the posterior sample.

The model takes the following form:

$$y_i \sim N(\beta_m, \sigma^2_m) \quad m = 1, \ldots, M$$

We assume standard, semi-conjugate priors:

$$\beta \sim N(b_0, B_0^{-1})$$

And:

$$\sigma^{-2} \sim Gamma(c_0/2, d_0/2)$$

Where $\beta$ and $\sigma^{-2}$ are assumed a priori independent.

And:

$$p_{mm} \sim Beta(a, b), \quad m = 1, \ldots, M$$

Where $M$ is the number of states.

Value

An mcmc object that contains the posterior sample. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the coda package.
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References


See Also

plot.mcmc, summary.mcmc, lm

Examples

```r
## Not run:
line <- list(X = c(-2,-1,0,1,2), Y = c(1,3,3,3,5))
ols <- lm(Y~X)
residual <- rstandard(ols)
posterior <- MCMCResidualBreakAnalysis(residual, m = 1, data=line, mcmc=1000, verbose=200)
plotState(posterior)
summary(posterior)

## End(Not run)
```

MCMCSVdreg

Markov Chain Monte Carlo for SVD Regression

Description

This function generates a sample from the posterior distribution of a linear regression model with Gaussian errors in which the design matrix has been decomposed with singular value decomposition. The sampling is done via the Gibbs sampling algorithm. The user supplies data and priors, and a sample from the posterior distribution is returned as an mcmc object, which can be subsequently analyzed with functions provided in the coda package.

Usage

```r
MCMCSVdreg(formula, data=NULL, burnin = 1000, mcmc = 10000, 
thin=1, verbose = 0, seed = NA, tau2.start = 1, 
g0 = 0, a0 = 0.001, b0 = 0.001, c0=2, d0=2, w0=1, 
beta.samp=FALSE, intercept=TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

- `formula`: Model formula. Predictions are returned for elements of y that are coded as NA.
- `data`: Data frame.
- `burnin`: The number of burn-in iterations for the sampler.
- `mcmc`: The number of MCMC iterations after burnin.
- `thin`: The thinning interval used in the simulation. The number of MCMC iterations must be divisible by this value.
- `verbose`: A switch which determines whether or not the progress of the sampler is printed to the screen. If verbose is greater than 0 the iteration number, the \( \beta \) vector, and the error variance are printed to the screen every `verbose`th iteration.
seed

The seed for the random number generator. If NA, the Mersenne Twister generator is used with default seed 12345; if an integer is passed it is used to seed the Mersenne twister. The user can also pass a list of length two to use the L’Ecuyer random number generator, which is suitable for parallel computation. The first element of the list is the L’Ecuyer seed, which is a vector of length six or NA (if NA a default seed of `rep(12345, 6)` is used). The second element of list is a positive substream number. See the MCMCpack specification for more details.

tau2.start

The starting values for the $\tau^2$ vector. Can be either a scalar or a vector. If a scalar is passed then that value will be the starting value for all elements of $\tau^2$.

g0

The prior mean of $\gamma$. This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of gammas. If this takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the prior mean for all of the betas.

a0

$a_0/2$ is the shape parameter for the inverse Gamma prior on $\sigma^2$ (the variance of the disturbances). The amount of information in the inverse Gamma prior is something like that from $a_0$ pseudo-observations.

b0

$b_0/2$ is the scale parameter for the inverse Gamma prior on $\sigma^2$ (the variance of the disturbances). In constructing the inverse Gamma prior, $b_0$ acts like the sum of squared errors from the $a_0$ pseudo-observations.

c0

$c_0/2$ is the shape parameter for the inverse Gamma prior on $\tau^2_i$.

d0

d0/2 is the scale parameter for the inverse Gamma prior on $\tau^2_i$.

w0

The prior probability that $\gamma_i = 0$. Can be either a scalar or an $N$ vector where $N$ is the number of observations.

beta.samp

Logical indicating whether the sampled elements of beta should be stored and returned.

intercept

Logical indicating whether the original design matrix should include a constant term.

... further arguments to be passed

Details

The model takes the following form:

$$y = X\beta + \varepsilon$$

Where the errors are assumed to be iid Gaussian:

$$\varepsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$$

Let $N$ denote the number of rows of $X$ and $P$ the number of columns of $X$. Unlike the standard regression setup where $N >> P$ here it is the case that $P >> N$.

To deal with this problem a singular value decomposition of $X'$ is performed: $X' = ADF$ and the regression model becomes

$$y = F'D\gamma + \varepsilon$$

where $\gamma = A'\beta$.

We assume the following priors:

$$\sigma^{-2} \sim \text{Gamma}(a_0/2, b_0/2)$$
\[ \tau^{-2} \sim \text{Gamma}(c_0/2, d_0/2) \]

\[ \gamma_i \sim w_0 \delta_0 + (1 - w_0)_i \mathcal{N}(g_0, \sigma^2 \tau_i^2 / d_i^2) \]

where \( \delta_0 \) is a unit point mass at 0 and \( d_i \) is the \( i \)th diagonal element of \( D \).

Value

An mcmc object that contains the posterior sample. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the coda package.

References


See Also

`plot.mcmc`, `summary.mcmc`, `lm`
Arguments

- **formula**: A model formula.
- **data**: A dataframe.
- **below**: The point at which the dependent variable is censored from below. The default is zero. To censor from above only, specify that below = -Inf.
- **above**: The point at which the dependent variable is censored from above. To censor from below only, use the default value of Inf.
- **burnin**: The number of burn-in iterations for the sampler.
- **mcmc**: The number of MCMC iterations after burnin.
- **thin**: The thinning interval used in the simulation. The number of MCMC iterations must be divisible by this value.
- **verbose**: A switch which determines whether or not the progress of the sampler is printed to the screen. If verbose is greater than 0 the iteration number, the $\beta$ vector, and the error variance is printed to the screen every verboseth iteration.
- **seed**: The seed for the random number generator. If NA, the Mersenne Twister generator is used with default seed 12345; if an integer is passed it is used to seed the Mersenne twister. The user can also pass a list of length two to use the L’Ecuyer random number generator, which is suitable for parallel computation. The first element of the list is the L’Ecuyer seed, which is a vector of length six or NA (if NA a default seed of `rep(HQRSTULVI)`) is used). The second element of list is a positive substream number. See the MCMCpack specification for more details.
- **beta.start**: The starting values for the $\beta$ vector. This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of betas. The default value of NA will use the OLS estimate of $\beta$ as the starting value. If this is a scalar, that value will serve as the starting value mean for all of the betas.
- **b0**: The prior mean of $\beta$. This can either be a scalar or a column vector with dimension equal to the number of betas. If this takes a scalar value, then that value will serve as the prior mean for all of the betas.
- **B0**: The prior precision of $\beta$. This can either be a scalar or a square matrix with dimensions equal to the number of betas. If this takes a scalar value, then that value times an identity matrix serves as the prior precision of beta. Default value of 0 is equivalent to an improper uniform prior for beta.
- **c0**: $c_0/2$ is the shape parameter for the inverse Gamma prior on $\sigma^2$ (the variance of the disturbances). The amount of information in the inverse Gamma prior is something like that from $c_0$ pseudo-observations.
- **d0**: $d_0/2$ is the scale parameter for the inverse Gamma prior on $\sigma^2$ (the variance of the disturbances). In constructing the inverse Gamma prior, $d_0$ acts like the sum of squared errors from the $c_0$ pseudo-observations.

Details

`MCMCtobit` simulates from the posterior distribution using standard Gibbs sampling (a multivariate Normal draw for the betas, and an inverse Gamma draw for the conditional error variance). `MCMCtobit` differs from `MCMCregress` in that the dependent variable may be censored from below, from above, or both. The simulation proper is done in compiled C++ code to maximize efficiency. Please consult the coda documentation for a comprehensive list of functions that can be used to analyze the posterior sample.
The model takes the following form:

\[ y_i = x'_i \beta + \epsilon_i, \]

where the errors are assumed to be Gaussian:

\[ \epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2). \]

Let \( c_1 \) and \( c_2 \) be the two censoring points, and let \( y_i^* \) be the partially observed dependent variable. Then,

\[ y_i = \begin{cases} y_i^* & \text{if } c_1 < y_i^* < c_2, \\ c_1 & \text{if } c_1 \geq y_i^*, \\ c_2 & \text{if } c_2 \leq y_i^*. \end{cases} \]

We assume standard, semi-conjugate priors:

\[ \beta \sim \mathcal{N}(b_0, B_0^{-1}), \]

and:

\[ \sigma^{-2} \sim \text{Gamma}(c_0/2, d_0/2), \]

where \( \beta \) and \( \sigma^{-2} \) are assumed a priori independent. Note that only starting values for \( \beta \) are allowed because simulation is done using Gibbs sampling with the conditional error variance as the first block in the sampler.

**Value**

An mcmc object that contains the posterior sample. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the coda package.

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**References**


**See Also**

`plot.mcmc`, `summary.mcmc`, `survreg`, `MCMCregress`
MCmultinomdirichlet

Monte Carlo Simulation from a Multinomial Likelihood with a Dirichlet Prior

Description
This function generates a sample from the posterior distribution of a multinomial likelihood with a Dirichlet prior.

Usage
MCmultinomdirichlet(y, alpha0, mc=1000, ...)

Arguments
y A vector of data (number of successes for each category).
alpha0 The vector of parameters of the Dirichlet prior.
mc The number of Monte Carlo draws to make.
... further arguments to be passed

Details
MCmultinomdirichlet directly simulates from the posterior distribution. This model is designed primarily for instructional use. π is the parameter of interest of the multinomial distribution. It is of dimension (d × 1). We assume a conjugate Dirichlet prior:

\[ \pi \sim \text{Dirichlet}(\alpha_0) \]

y is a (d × 1) vector of observed data.

Value
An mcmc object that contains the posterior sample. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the coda package.

See Also
plot.mcmc, summary.mcmc

Examples

## Not run:
library(survival)
example(tobin)
summary(tfit)
tfit.mcmc <- MCMCtobit(durable ~ age + quant, data=tobin, mcmc=30000, verbose=1000)
plot(tfit.mcmc)
raftery.diag(tfit.mcmc)
summary(tfit.mcmc)

## End(Not run)
MCnormalnormal

Monte Carlo Simulation from a Normal Likelihood (with known variance) with a Normal Prior

Description

This function generates a sample from the posterior distribution of a Normal likelihood (with known variance) with a Normal prior.

Usage

MCnormalnormal(y, sigma, mu0, tau0, mc=1000, ...)

Arguments

y The data.
sigma The known variance of y.
mu0 The prior mean of mu.
tau0 The prior variance of mu.
mc The number of Monte Carlo draws to make.
...

Details

MCnormalnormal directly simulates from the posterior distribution. This model is designed primarily for instructional use. \( \mu \) is the parameter of interest of the Normal distribution. We assume a conjugate normal prior:

\[
\mu \sim N(\mu_0, \tau_0^2)
\]

Value

An mcmc object that contains the posterior sample. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the coda package.

See Also

plot.mcmc, summary.mcmc
MCpoissongamma

Monte Carlo Simulation from a Poisson Likelihood with a Gamma Prior

Description

This function generates a sample from the posterior distribution of a Poisson likelihood with a Gamma prior.

Usage

MCpoissongamma(y, alpha, beta, mc=1000, ...)

Arguments

y A vector of counts (must be non-negative).
alpha Gamma prior distribution shape parameter.
beta Gamma prior distribution scale parameter.
mc The number of Monte Carlo draws to make.
... further arguments to be passed

Details

MCpoissongamma directly simulates from the posterior distribution. This model is designed primarily for instructional use. \( \lambda \) is the parameter of interest of the Poisson distribution. We assume a conjugate Gamma prior:

\[
\lambda \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)
\]

\( y \) is a vector of counts.

Value

An mcmc object that contains the posterior sample. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the coda package.

See Also

plot.mcmc, summary.mcmc
**Examples**

```r
## Not run:
data(quine)
prior <- MCMCpoissongamma(quine$Days, 15, 1, 5000)
sweep(prior)  
plot(prior)  
grid <- seq(14,18,0.01)
plot(grid, dgamma(grid, 15, 1), type="l", col="red", lwd=3, ylim=c(0,1.3),
     xlab="lambda", ylab="density")
lines(density(prior), col="blue", lwd=3)
legend(17, 1.3, c("prior", "posterior"), lwd=3, col=c("red", "blue"))
```

## End(Not run)

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**mptable**

*Calculate the marginal posterior probabilities of predictors being included in a quantile regression model.*

**Description**

This function extracts the marginal probability table produced by `summary.qrssvs`.

**Usage**

```r
mptable(qrssvs)
```

**Arguments**

- `qrssvs`  
  An object of class `qrssvs`. Typically this will be the gamma component of the list returned by `SSVSquantreg`.

**Value**

A table with the predictors listed together with their posterior marginal posterior probability of inclusion.

**Author(s)**

Craig Reed

**See Also**

- `SSVSquantreg`

**Examples**

```r
## Not run:
set.seed(1)
epsilon <- rnorm(100)
set.seed(2)
x <- matrix(rnorm(1000),100,10)
y <- x[,1]+x[,10]+epsilon
qrssvs <- SSVSquantreg(y=x)
```
Nethvote

Description


Usage

data(Nethvote)

Format

A data frame with 1754 observations and 11 variables from the 1989 Dutch Parliamentary Election Study (Anker and Oppenhuis, 1993). Each observation is a survey respondent. These data are a subset of one of five multiply imputed datasets used in Quinn and Martin (2002). For more information see Quinn and Martin (2002).

vote A factor giving the self-reported vote choice of each respondent. The levels are CDA (Christen Democratisch Appel), D66 (Democraten 66), PvdA (Partij van de Arbeid), and VVD (Volkspartij voor Vrijheid en Democratie).

distD66 A numeric variable giving the squared ideological distance between the respondent and the D66. Larger values indicate ideological dissimilarity between the respondent and the party.

distPvdA A numeric variable giving the squared ideological distance between the respondent and the PvdA. Larger values indicate ideological dissimilarity between the respondent and the party.

distVVD A numeric variable giving the squared ideological distance between the respondent and the VVD. Larger values indicate ideological dissimilarity between the respondent and the party.

distCDA A numeric variable giving the squared ideological distance between the respondent and the CDA. Larger values indicate ideological dissimilarity between the respondent and the party.

relig An indicator variable equal to 0 if the respondent is not religious and 1 if the respondent is religious.

class Social class of respondent. 0 is the lowest social class, 4 is the highest social class.

income Income of respondent. 0 is lowest and 6 is highest.

educ Education of respondent. 0 is lowest and 4 is highest.

age Age category of respondent. 0 is lowest and 12 is highest.

urban Indicator variable equal to 0 if the respondent is not a resident of an urban area and 1 if the respondent is a resident of an urban area.

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References


NoncenHypergeom  The Noncentral Hypergeometric Distribution

Description

Evaluates the density at a single point or all points, and generate random draws from the Noncentral Hypergeometric distribution.

Usage

dnoncenhypergeom(x=NA, n1, n2, m1, psi)

rnoncenhypergeom(n, n1, n2, m1, psi)

Arguments

x  The location to evaluate the density. If x is NA, then a matrix is returned with the density evaluated at all possible points.
n  The number of draws to make from the distribution.
n1  The size of group one.
n2  The size of group two.
m1  The observed number of positive outcomes (in both groups).
psi  Odds ratio.

Details

The Noncentral Hypergeometric is particularly useful for conditional inference for $(2 \times 2)$ tables. We use the parameterization and algorithms of Liao and Rosen (2001). The underlying R code is based on their published code. See their article for details of the parameterization.

Value

dnoncenhypergeom evaluates the density at point x, or a matrix with the first column containing the possible values of the random variable, and the second column containing the probabilities. rnoncenhypergeom returns a list of n random draws from the distribution.

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Examples

density <- dnoncenhypergeom(NA, 500, 500, 500, 6.0)
draws <- rnoncenhypergeom(10, 500, 500, 500, 6.0)
PErisk

Political Economic Risk Data from 62 Countries in 1987

Description

Political Economic Risk Data from 62 Countries in 1987.

Usage

data(PErisk)

Format

A data frame with 62 observations on the following 9 variables. All data points are from 1987. See Quinn (2004) for more details.

country  a factor with levels Argentina through Zimbabwe

courts  an ordered factor with levels $0 < 1 < 2 < 3 < 4 < 5$, an indicator of whether the country in question is judged to have an independent judiciary. From Henisz (2002).

barb2  a numeric vector giving the natural log of the black market premium in each country. The black market premium is coded as the black market exchange rate (local currency per dollar) divided by the official exchange rate minus 1. From Marshall, Gurr, and Harff (2002).

prsexp2  an ordered factor with levels $0 < 1 < 2 < 3 < 4 < 5$, giving the lack of expropriation risk. From Marshall, Gurr, and Harff (2002).

prscorr2  an ordered factor with levels $0 < 1 < 2 < 3 < 4 < 5$, measuring the lack of corruption. From Marshall, Gurr, and Harff (2002).

gdpw2  a numeric vector giving the natural log of real GDP per worker in 1985 international prices. From Alvarez et al. (1999).

Source


References

plot.qrssvs

Plot output from quantile regression stochastic search variable selection (QR-SSVS).

Description
This function produces a Trellis plot of the predictors on the y-axis versus the marginal posterior probability of inclusion on the x-axis.

Usage
## S3 method for class 'qrssvs'
plot(x, ...)

Arguments
x
An object of class qrssvs. Typically this will be the gamma component of the list returned by SSVSquantreg.

... Further arguments

Value
An object with class "trellis". The associated update and print methods are documented in the "Lattice" package.

Author(s)
Craig Reed

References

See Also
SSVSquantreg, mptable, Lattice for a brief introduction to lattice displays and links to further documentation.

Examples
## Not run:
set.seed(1)
epsilon<-rnorm(100)
set.seed(2)
x<-matrix(rnorm(1000),100,10)
y<-x[,1]+x[,10]+epsilon
qrssvs<-SSVSquantreg(y~x)
plot(qrssvs$gamma)
## Modify the graph by increasing the fontsize on the axes
qrssvsplot<-plot(qrssvs$gamma)
update(qrssvsplot, scales=list(cex=3))

## End(Not run)
plotChangepoint  

Posterior Density of Regime Change Plot

Description
Plot the posterior density of regime change.

Usage
plotChangepoint(mcmcout, main="Posterior Density of Regime Change Probabilities", xlab = "Time", ylab = "", verbose = FALSE, start=1, overlay=FALSE)

Arguments
- mcmcout: The mcmc object containing the posterior density sample from a changepoint model. Note that this must have a prob.state attribute.
- main: Title of the plot
- xlab: Label for the x-axis.
- ylab: Label for the y-axis.
- verbose: If verbose=TRUE, expected changepoints are printed.
- start: The time of the first observation to be shown in the time series plot.
- overlay: If overlay=TRUE, the probability of each regime change is drawn separately, which will be useful to draw multiple plots in one screen. See the example in MCMCpoissonChange. Otherwise, multiple plots of regime change probabilities will be drawn.

See Also
MCMCpoissonChange, MCMCbinaryChange

plotState  

Changepoint State Plot

Description
Plot the posterior probability that each time point is in each state.

Usage
plotState(mcmcout, main="Posterior Regime Probability", ylab=expression(paste("Pr("", S[t], "=" k |", Y[t], ")")), legend.control = NULL, cex = 0.8, lwd = 1.2, start=1)
Arguments

- `mcmcout`: The `mcmc` object containing the posterior density sample from a changepoint model. Note that this must have a `prob.state` attribute.
- `main`: Title of the plot.
- `ylab`: Label for the y-axis.
- `legend.control`: Control the location of the legend. It is necessary to pass both the x and y locations; i.e., `c(x,y)`.
- `cex`: Control point size.
- `lwd`: Line width parameter.
- `start`: The time of the first observation to be shown in the time series plot.

See Also

- `MCMCpoissonChange`, `MCMCbinaryChange`

Description

This function takes an object of class `BayesFactor` and calculates the posterior probability that each model under study is correct given that one of the models under study is correct.

Usage

```r
PostProbMod(BF, prior.probs=1)
```

Arguments

- `BF`: An object of class `BayesFactor`.
- `prior.probs`: The prior probabilities that each model is correct. Can be either a scalar or array. Must be positive. If the sum of the prior probabilities is not equal to 1, `prior.probs` will be normalized so that it does sum to unity.

Value

An array holding the posterior probabilities that each model under study is correct given that one of the models under study is correct.

See Also

- `MCMCregress`
Examples

```r
## Not run:
data(birthwt)

post1 <- MCMCregress(bwt~age+lwt+as.factor(race) + smoke + ht,
  data=birthwt, b0=c(2700, 0, 0, -500, -500),
  B0=c(1e-6, .01, .01, 1.6e-5, 1.6e-5, 1.6e-5),
  c0=10, d0=4500000,
  marginal.likelihood="Chib95", mcmc=10000)

post2 <- MCMCregress(bwt~age+lwt+as.factor(race) + smoke,
  data=birthwt, b0=c(2700, 0, 0, -500, -500),
  B0=c(1e-6, .01, .01, 1.6e-5, 1.6e-5, 1.6e-5),
  c0=10, d0=4500000,
  marginal.likelihood="Chib95", mcmc=10000)

post3 <- MCMCregress(bwt~as.factor(race) + smoke + ht,
  data=birthwt, b0=c(2700, -500, -500, -500),
  B0=c(1e-6, 1.6e-5, 1.6e-5, 1.6e-5, 1.6e-5),
  c0=10, d0=4500000,
  marginal.likelihood="Chib95", mcmc=10000)

BF <- BayesFactor(post1, post2, post3)
mod.probs <- PostProbMod(BF)
print(mod.probs)

## End(Not run)
```

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**Procrustes Transformation**

**Description**

This function performs a Procrustes transformation on a matrix \( X \) to minimize the squared distance between \( X \) and another matrix \( X_{\text{star}} \).

**Usage**

```r
procrustes(X, Xstar, translation=FALSE, dilation=FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

- \( X \) : The matrix to be transformed.
- \( X_{\text{star}} \) : The target matrix.
- **translation** : logical value indicating whether \( X \) should be translated.
- **dilation** : logical value indicating whether \( X \) should be dilated.
Details

R, tt, and s are chosen so that:

\[ sX R + 1tt' \approx X^* \]

\( X_{\text{new}} \) is given by:

\[ X_{\text{new}} = sX R + 1tt' \]

Value

A list containing: \( X_{\text{new}} \) the matrix that is the Procrustes transformed version of \( X \), \( R \) the rotation matrix, \( tt \) the translation vector, and \( s \) the scale factor.

References


See Also

MCMCirtKd

read.Scythe

Read a Matrix from a File written by Scythe

Description

This function reads a matrix from an ASCII file in the form produced by the Scythe Statistical Library. Scythe output files contain the number of rows and columns in the first row, followed by the data.

Usage

```
read.Scythe(infile=NA)
```

Arguments

- `infile` The file to be read. This can include path information.

Value

A matrix containing the data stored in the read file.

References


See Also

write.Scythe
Examples

```r
## Not run:
mymatrix <- read.Scythe("myfile.txt")
## End(Not run)
```

**Rehnquist**  
*U.S. Supreme Court Vote Matrix, Rehnquist Court (1994-2004)*

**Description**

This dataframe contains a matrix of votes cast by U.S. Supreme Court justices by all cases in the 1994-2004 terms.

**Usage**

```r
data(SupremeCourt)
```

**Format**

The dataframe has contains data for justices Rehnquist, Stevens, O’Connor, Scalia, Kennedy, Souter, Thomas, Ginsburg, and Breyer for the 1994-2004 terms of the U.S. Supreme Court. The dataframe also contains the term of the case, and a time variable that counts from term 1 to 11. The votes are coded liberal (1) and conservative (0) using the protocol of Spaeth (2003). The unit of analysis is the case citation (ANALU=0). We are concerned with formally decided cases issued with written opinions, after full oral argument and cases decided by an equally divided vote (DECTYPE=1,5,6,7).

**Source**


**Senate**  
*106th U.S. Senate Roll Call Vote Matrix*

**Description**

This dataframe contains a matrix of votes cast by U.S. Senators in the 106th Congress.

**Usage**

```r
data(Senate)
```

**Format**

The dataframe contains roll call data for all Senators in the 106th Senate. The first column (id) is the ICPSR member ID number, the second column (statecode) is the ICPSR state code, the third column (party) is the member’s state name, and the fourth column (member) is the member’s name. This is followed by all roll call votes (including unanimous ones) in the 106th. Nay votes are coded 0, yea votes are coded 1, and NAs are missing votes.
SSVSquantreg

Source

SSVSquantreg Stochastic search variable selection for quantile regression

Description
This function uses stochastic search to select promising regression models at a fixed quantile $\tau$. Indicator variables $\gamma$ are used to represent whether a predictor is included in the model or not. The user supplies the data and the prior distribution on the model size. A list is returned containing the posterior sample of $\gamma$ and the associated regression parameters $\beta$.

Usage
SSVSquantreg(formula, data = NULL, tau = 0.5, include=NULL, burnin = 1000, mcmc = 10000, thin = 1, verbose = 0, seed = sample(1:1000000,1), pi0a0 = 1, pi0b0 = 1, ...)

Arguments

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<td>The seed for the random number generator. If NA, the Mersenne Twister generator is used with default seed 12345; if an integer is passed it is used to seed the Mersenne twister. The default value for this argument is a random integer between 1 and 1,000,000. This default value ensures that if the function is used again with a different value of $\tau$, it is extremely unlikely that the seed will be identical. The user can also pass a list of length two to use the L’Ecuyer random number generator, which is suitable for parallel computation. The first element of the list is the L’Ecuyer seed, which is a vector of length six or NA (if NA a default seed of rep(12345,6) is used). The second element of list is a positive substream number. See the MCMCpack specification for more details.</td>
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SSVSquantreg implements stochastic search variable selection over a set of potential predictors to obtain promising models. The models considered take the following form:

$$Q_\tau(y_i|x_{i\gamma}) = x'_{i\gamma} \beta_{\gamma},$$

where $Q_\tau(y_i|x_{i\gamma})$ denotes the conditional $\tau$th quantile of $y_i$ given $x_{i\gamma}$, $x_{i\gamma}$ denotes $x_i$ with those predictors $x_{ij}$ for which $\gamma_j = 0$ removed and $\beta_{\gamma}$ denotes the model specific regression parameters.

The likelihood is formed based on the assumption of independent asymmetric Laplace distributions on the $y_i$ with skewness parameter $\tau$ and location parameters $x'_{i\gamma} \beta_{\gamma}$. This assumption ensures that the likelihood function is maximised by the $\tau$th conditional quantile of the response variable.

The prior on each $\beta_j$ is

$$(1 - \gamma_j)\delta_0 + \gamma_j\text{Cauchy}(0, 1),$$

where $\delta_0$ denotes a degenerate distribution with all mass at 0. A standard Cauchy distribution is chosen conditional on $\gamma_j = 1$. This allows for a wider range of nonzero values of $\beta_j$ than a standard Normal distribution, improving the robustness of the method. Each of the indicator variables $\gamma_j$ is independently assigned a Bernoulli prior, with prior probability of inclusion $\pi_0$. This in turn is assigned a beta distribution, resulting in a beta-binomial prior on the model size. The user can supply the hyperparameters for the beta distribution. Starting values are randomly generated from the prior distribution.

It is recommended to standardise any non-binary predictors in order to compare these predictors on the same scale. This can be achieved using the `scale` function.

If it is certain that a predictor should be included, all predictors specified are brought to the first positions for computational convenience. The regression parameters associated with these predictors are given independent improper priors. Users may notice a small speed advantage if they specify the predictors that they feel certain should appear in the model, particularly for large models with a large number of observations.

Value

A list containing:

- `gamma` The posterior sample of $\gamma$. This has associated summary and plot methods.
- `beta` The posterior sample of the associated regression parameters $\beta$. This can be analysed with functions from the coda package.

Author(s)

Craig Reed

References


**summary.qrssvs**

See Also

`MCMCquantreg, summary.qrssvs, plot.qrssvs, mptable, topmodels, scale.rq`

Examples

```r
## Not run:

gamma <- list()

gamma[[1]] <- ssvsquantreg(y ~ x, tau = 0.5)
gamma[[2]] <- ssvsquantreg(y ~ x, tau = 0.7)

gamma[1] <- summary(gamma[[1]])
gamma[2] <- summary(gamma[[2]])

## End(Not run)
```

**summary.qrssvs**

*Summarising the results of quantile regression stochastic search variable selection (QR-SSVS).*

Description

This function produces a table of predictors and their associated marginal posterior probability of inclusion. It also returns the median probability model (see the details section).

Usage

```r
## S3 method for class 'qrssvs'
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

- **object**
  An object of class `qrssvs`. Typically this will be the gamma component of the list returned by `SSVQuantreg`.

- **...**
  Further arguments.

Details

The median probability model is defined to be the model that contains any predictor with marginal posterior probability greater than or equal to 0.5. If the goal is to select a single model e.g. for prediction, Barbieri and Berger (2004) recommend the median probability model. In some cases, this will coincide with the maximum probability model.

Author(s)

Craig Reed
References


See Also

SSVSquantreg, mtable, topmodels

Examples

```r
## Not run:
set.seed(1)
epsilon <- rnorm(100)
set.seed(2)
x <- matrix(rnorm(1000), 100, 10)
y <- x[,1]+x[,10]+epsilon
qrssvs <- SSVSquantreg(y ~ x)
summary(qrssvs$gamma)

## End(Not run)
```

SupremeCourt Data Frame

U.S. Supreme Court Vote Matrix

Description

This dataframe contains a matrix votes cast by U.S. Supreme Court justices in all cases in the 2000 term.

Usage

data(SupremeCourt)

Format

The dataframe has contains data for justices Rehnquist, Stevens, O'Connor, Scalia, Kennedy, Souter, Thomas, Ginsburg, and Breyer for the 2000 term of the U.S. Supreme Court. It contains data from 43 non-unanimous cases. The votes are coded liberal (1) and conservative (0) using the protocol of Spaeth (2003). The unit of analysis is the case citation (ANALU=0). We are concerned with formally decided cases issued with written opinions, after full oral argument and cases decided by an equally divided vote (DECTYPE=1,5,6,7).

Source

Description

testpanelGroupBreak fits a multivariate linear regression model with parametric breaks using panel residuals to test the existence of group-level breaks in panel residuals. The details are discussed in Park (2011).

Usage

testpanelGroupBreak(subject.id, time.id, resid, m=1,
mcmc=1000, burnin=1000, thin=1, verbose=0,
b0, B0, c0, d0, a = NULL, b = NULL,
seed = NA, marginal.likelihood = c("none", "Chib95"), ...)

Arguments

subject.id A numeric vector indicating the group number. It should start from 1.
time.id A numeric vector indicating the time unit. It should start from 1.
resid A vector of panel residuals
m The number of changepoints.
mcmc The number of MCMC iterations after burn-in.
burnin The number of burn-in iterations for the sampler.
thin The thinning interval used in the simulation. The number of MCMC iterations must be divisible by this value.
verbose A switch which determines whether or not the progress of the sampler is printed to the screen. If verbose is greater than 0, the iteration number and the posterior density samples are printed to the screen every verbose iteration.
b0 The prior mean of the residual mean.
B0 The prior precision of the residual variance
c0 c0_0/2 is the shape parameter for the inverse Gamma prior on σ^2. The amount of information in the inverse Gamma prior is something like that from c0 pseudo-observations.
d0 d0_0/2 is the scale parameter for the inverse Gamma prior on σ^2.
a a is the shap1 beta prior for transition probabilities. By default, the expected duration is computed and corresponding a and b values are assigned. The expected duration is the sample period divided by the number of states.
b b is the shape2 beta prior for transition probabilities. By default, the expected duration is computed and corresponding a and b values are assigned. The expected duration is the sample period divided by the number of states.
seed The seed for the random number generator. If NA, current R system seed is used.
marginal.likelihood How should the marginal likelihood be calculated? Options are: none in which case the marginal likelihood will not be calculated and Chib95 in which case the method of Chib (1995) is used.
...

further arguments to be passed
Details

testpanelGroupBreak fits a multivariate linear regression model with parametric breaks using panel residuals to detect the existence of system-level breaks in unobserved factors as discussed in Park (2011).

The model takes the following form:

\[ e_i \sim N(\beta_m, \sigma_m^2 I) \quad m = 1, \ldots, M \]

We assume standard, semi-conjugate priors:

\[ \beta \sim N(b_0, B_0) \]

And:

\[ \sigma^{-2} \sim Gamma(c_0/2, d_0/2) \]

Where \( \beta \) and \( \sigma^{-2} \) are assumed a priori independent.

And:

\[ p_{mm} \sim Beta(a, b), \quad m = 1, \ldots, M \]

Where \( M \) is the number of states.

Value

An mcmc object that contains the posterior sample. This object can be summarized by functions provided by the coda package. The object contains an attribute \texttt{probNstate} storage matrix that contains the probability of \texttt{state} for each period, and the log-marginal likelihood of the model (logmarglike).

References


Examples

```r
## Not run:
## data generating
set.seed(1977)
Q <- 3
ttrue.beta1 <- c(1, 1, 1); ttrue.beta2 <- c(1, -1, -1)
ttrue.sigma2 <- c(1, 3); ttrue.D1 <- diag(.5, Q); ttrue.D2 <- diag(2.5, Q)
N=20; T=100;
NT <- N*T
x1 <- rnorm(N*T)
x2 <- runif(N*T, 5, 10)
X <- cbind(x1, x2); W <- X; y <- rep(NA, NT)

## true break numbers are one and at the center
break.point <- rep(T/2, N); break.sigma=c(rep(1, N));
break.list <- rep(1, N)
id <- rep(1:2, each=NT/N)
K <- ncol(X);
ruler <- c(1:T)
```
## compute the weight for the break

```r
W.mat <- matrix(NA, T, N)
for (i in 1:N){
  W.mat[, i] <- pnorm((ruler.break.point[i])/break.sigm[i])
}
Weight <- as.vector(W.mat)
```

## data generating by weighting two means and variances

```r
j = 1
for (i in 1:N){
  Xi <- X[j:(j+T-1), ]
  Wi <- W[j:(j+T-1), ]
  true.V1 <- true.sigma2[1]*diag(T) + Wi*true.D1*xt(Wi)
  true.V2 <- true.sigma2[2]*diag(T) + Wi*true.D2*xt(Wi)
  true.mean1 <- Xi*true.beta1
  true.mean2 <- Xi*true.beta2
  weight <- Weight[j:(j+T-1)]
  y[j:(j+T-1)] <- (1-weight)*true.mean1 + (1-weight)*chol(true.V1)*rnorm(T) +
    weight*true.mean2 + weight*chol(true.V2)*rnorm(T)
  j <- j + T
}
```

## model fitting

```r
subject.id <- c(rep(1:N, each=T))
time.id <- c(rep(1:T, N))
resid <- rstandard(lm(y ~ X + as.factor(subject.id)))
G <- 100
out0 <- testpanelGroupBreak(subject.id, time.id, resid, m=0,
  mcmc=G, burnin=G, thin=1, verbose=G,
  b0=0, B0=1/G, c0=2, d0=2, marginal.likelihood = "Chib95")
out1 <- testpanelGroupBreak(subject.id, time.id, resid, m=1,
  mcmc=G, burnin=G, thin=1, verbose=G,
  b0=0, B0=1/G, c0=2, d0=2, marginal.likelihood = "Chib95")
out2 <- testpanelGroupBreak(subject.id, time.id, resid, m=2,
  mcmc=G, burnin=G, thin=1, verbose=G,
  b0=0, B0=1/G, c0=2, d0=2, marginal.likelihood = "Chib95")
out3 <- testpanelGroupBreak(subject.id, time.id, resid, m=3,
  mcmc=G, burnin=G, thin=1, verbose=G,
  b0=0, B0=1/G, c0=2, d0=2, marginal.likelihood = "Chib95")
```

**Note that the code is for a hypothesis test of no break in panel residuals.**
**When breaks exist, the estimated number of break in the mean and variance of panel residuals**
**tends to be larger than the number of break in the data generating process.**
**This is due to the difference in parameter space, not an error of the code.**
BayesFactor(out0, out1, out2, out3)

## In order to identify the number of breaks in panel parameters,
## use HMMpanelRE() instead.

## End(Not run)
Description

testpanelSubjectBreak fits a univariate linear regression model with parametric breaks using panel residuals to test the existence of subject-level breaks in panel residuals. The details are discussed in Park (2011).

Usage

testpanelSubjectBreak(subject.id, time.id, resid, max.break=2,
minimum = 10, mcmc=1000, burnin=1000, thin=1, verbose=0,
b0, B0, c0, d0, a = NULL, b = NULL, seed = NA,
Time = NULL, ps.out = FALSE)

Arguments

subject.id A numeric vector indicating the group number. It should start from 1.
time.id A numeric vector indicating the time unit. It should start from 1.
resid A vector of panel residuals.
max.break An upper bound of break numbers for the test.
minimum A minimum length of time series for the test. The test will skip a subject with a time series shorter than this.
mcmc The number of MCMC iterations after burn-in.
burnin The number of burn-in iterations for the sampler.
thin The thinning interval used in the simulation. The number of MCMC iterations must be divisible by this value.
verbose A switch which determines whether or not the progress of the sampler is printed to the screen. If verbose is greater than 0, the iteration number and the posterior density samples are printed to the screen every verbose iteration.
b0 The prior mean of the residual mean.
B0 The prior precision of the residual variance
c0 \(c_0/2\) is the shape parameter for the inverse Gamma prior on \(\sigma^2.\) The amount of information in the inverse Gamma prior is something like that from \(c_0\) pseudo-observations.
d0 \(d_0/2\) is the scale parameter for the inverse Gamma prior on \(\sigma^2.\)
a \(a\) is the shape1 beta prior for transition probabilities. By default, the expected duration is computed and corresponding \(a\) and \(b\) values are assigned. The expected duration is the sample period divided by the number of states.
b \(b\) is the shape2 beta prior for transition probabilities. By default, the expected duration is computed and corresponding \(a\) and \(b\) values are assigned. The expected duration is the sample period divided by the number of states.
seed The seed for the random number generator. If NA, current R system seed is used.
Time Times of the observations. This will be used to find the time of the first observations in panel residuals.
ps.out If ps.out == TRUE, state probabilities are exported. If the number of panel subjects is huge, users can turn it off to save memory.

... further arguments to be passed

Details
testpanelSubjectBreak fits a univariate linear regression model for subject-level residuals from a panel model. The details are discussed in Park (2011).

The model takes the following form:

\[ e_{it} = \alpha_{im} + \epsilon_{it} \quad m = 1, \ldots, M \]

The errors are assumed to be time-varying at the subject level:

\[ \epsilon_{it} \sim N(0, \sigma_{im}^2) \]

We assume standard, semi-conjugate priors:

\[ \beta \sim N(b_0, B_0^{-1}) \]

And:

\[ \sigma^{-2} \sim \text{Gamma}(c_0/2, d_0/2) \]

Where \( \beta \) and \( \sigma^{-2} \) are assumed \textit{a priori} independent.

And:

\[ p_{mm} \sim \text{Beta}(a, b), \quad m = 1, \ldots, M \]

Where \( M \) is the number of states.

OLS estimates are used for starting values.

Value

The returned object is a matrix containing log marginal likelihoods for all HMMs. The dimension of the returned object is the number of panel subjects by max.break + 1. If psout == TRUE, the returned object has an array attribute psout containing state probabilities for all HMMs.

References


Examples

```r
## Not run:
sess.seed(1974)
N <- 30
T <- 80
NT <- N*T

## true parameter values
ttrue-beta <- c(1, 1)
ttrue-sigma <- 3
x1 <- rnorm(N)
```
x2 <- runif(NT, 2, 4)

## group-specific breaks
break.point = rep(T/2, N); break.sigma=c(rep(1, N));
break.list <- rep(1, N)

X <- as.matrix(cbind(x1, x2), NT,);
y <- rep(NA, NT)
id <- rep(1:N, each=NT/N)
K <- ncol(X);
true.beta <- as.matrix(true.beta, K, 1)

## compute the break probability
ruler <- c(1:T)
W.mat <- matrix(NA, T, N)
for (i in 1:N){
  W.mat[, i] <- pnorm((ruler-break.point[i])/break.sigma[i])
}
Weight <- as.vector(W.mat)

## draw time-varying individual effects and sample y
j = 1
true.sigma.alpha <- 30
true.alpha1 <- true.alpha2 <- rep(NA, N)
for (i in 1:N){
  Xi <- X[j:(j+T-1), ]
  true.mean <- Xi  %*% true.beta
  weight <- Weight[j:(j+T-1)]
  true.alpha1[i] <- rnorm(1, 0, true.sigma.alpha)
  true.alpha2[i] <- -1*true.alpha1[i]
  y[j:(j+T-1)] <- (((1-weight)*true.mean + (1-weight)*rnorm(T, 0, true.sigma) +
            (1-weight)*true.alpha1[i]) +
            (weight*true.mean + weight*rnorm(T, 0, true.sigma) + weight*true.alpha2[i]))
  j <- j + T
}

## extract the standardized residuals from the OLS with fixed-effects
FEols <- lm(y ~ X + as.factor(id) -1 )
resid.all <- rstandard(FEols)
time.id <- rep(1:80, N)

## model fitting
G <- 1000
BF <- testpanelSubjectBreak(subject.id=id, time.id=time.id, resid= resid.all, max.break=3, minimum = 10,
mcmc=G, burnin = G, thin=1, verbose=G,
b0=0, B0=1/100, c0=2, d0=2, Time = time.id)

## estimated break numbers
## thresho
estimated.breaks <- make.breaklist(BF, threshold=3)

## print all posterior model probabilities
print(attr(BF, "model.prob"))

## End(Not run)
tomogplot

**Description**

tomogplot is used to produce a tomography plot (see King, 1997) for a series of partially observed 2 x 2 contingency tables.

**Usage**

tomogplot(r0, r1, c0, c1, xlab="fraction of r0 in c0 (p0)",
ylab="fraction of r1 in c0 (p1)", bgcol="white", ...)

**Arguments**

- **r0** An \((ntables \times 1)\) vector of row sums from row 0.
- **r1** An \((ntables \times 1)\) vector of row sums from row 1.
- **c0** An \((ntables \times 1)\) vector of column sums from column 0.
- **c1** An \((ntables \times 1)\) vector of column sums from column 1.
- **xlab** The x axis label for the plot.
- **ylab** The y axis label for the plot.
- **bgcol** The background color for the plot.
- **...** further arguments to be passed

**Details**

Consider the following partially observed 2 by 2 contingency table:

\[
\begin{array}{c|cc|c}
& X = 0 & \overline{X} = 0 & \overline{Y} = 0 \\
Y = 0 & r_0 & \overline{r}_0 & \overline{c}_0 \\
Y = 1 & r_1 & \overline{r}_1 & \overline{c}_1 \\
\end{array}
\]

where \(r_0, r_1, c_0, c_1,\) and \(N\) are non-negative integers that are observed. The interior cell entries are not observed. It is assumed that \(Y_0 | r_0 \sim \text{Binomial}(r_0, p_0)\) and \(Y_1 | r_1 \sim \text{Binomial}(r_1, p_1)\).

This function plots the bounds on the maximum likelihood estimates for \((p_0, p_1)\).

**References**


See Also

MCMChierEI, MCMCdynamicEI, dtomogplot

Examples

```r
r0 <- rpois(100, 500)
r1 <- rpois(100, 200)
c0 <- rpois(100, 100)
c1 <- (r0 + r1) - c0
tomogplot(r0, r1, c0, c1)
```

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**topmodels**

*Shows an ordered list of the most frequently visited models sampled during quantile regression stochastic search variable selection (QR-SSVS).*

**Description**

Given output from quantile regression stochastic search variable selection, this function returns a table of the 'best' models together with their associated empirical posterior probability.

**Usage**

```r
topmodels(qrssvs, nmodels=5, abbreviate=FALSE, minlength=3)
```

**Arguments**

- `qrssvs` An object of class `qrssvs`. Typically this will be the gamma component of the list returned by `SSVSquantreg`.
- `nmodels` The number of models to tabulate.
- `abbreviate` Logical: should the names of the predictors be abbreviated?
- `minlength` If `abbreviate` is set to TRUE, the minimum length of the abbreviations.

**Value**

A table with the models and their associated posterior probability. The models are arranged in descending order of probability.

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**See Also**

`SSVSquantreg`
Examples

```r
## Not run:
set.seed(1)
epsilon<-rnorm(100)
set.seed(2)
x<-matrix(rnorm(1000),100,10)
y<-x[,1]+x[,10]+epsilon
qrssvs<-SSVSquantreg(y-x)
topmodels(qrssvs$gamma)

## End(Not run)
```

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**Description**

This function takes a symmetric matrix and extracts a list of all lower triangular elements.

**Usage**

```r
vech(x)
```

**Arguments**

- `x` A symmetric matrix.

**Details**

This function checks to make sure the matrix is square, but it does not check for symmetry (it just pulls the lower triangular elements). The elements are stored in column major order. The original matrix can be restored using the `xpnd` command.

**Value**

A list of the lower triangular elements.

**See Also**

`xpnd`

**Examples**

```r
symmat <- matrix(c(1,2,3,4,2,4,5,6,3,5,7,8,4,6,8,9),4,4)
vech(syranatmat)
```
The Wishart Distribution

Description
Density function and random generation from the Wishart distribution.

Usage
\[
\text{dwish}(W, v, S) \quad \text{rwish}(v, S)
\]

Arguments
- \(W\): Positive definite matrix \(W\) \((p \times p)\).
- \(v\): Degrees of freedom (scalar).
- \(S\): Inverse scale matrix \((p \times p)\).

Details
The mean of a Wishart random variable with \(v\) degrees of freedom and inverse scale matrix \(S\) is \(vS\).

Value
\text{dwish} \text{ evaluates the density at positive definite matrix } W. \text{ \text{rwish} generates one random draw from } the \text{ distribution.}

Examples
\[
\text{density} \leftarrow \text{dwish}([2, -3, -3, 4], 2, 2), \text{matrix}([1, 3, 3, 1], 2, 2)) \\
\text{draw} \leftarrow \text{rwish}(3, \text{matrix}([1, 3, 3, 1], 2, 2))
\]

Write a Matrix to a File to be Read by Scythe

Description
This function writes a matrix to an ASCII file that can be read by the Scythe Statistical Library. Scythe requires that input files contain the number of rows and columns in the first row, followed by the data.

Usage
\text{write.Scythe(outmatrix, outfile=NA, overwrite=FALSE)}

Arguments
- \text{outmatrix}: The matrix to be written to a file.
- \text{outfile}: The file to be written. This can include path information.
- \text{overwrite}: A logical that determines whether an existing file should be over-written. By default, it protects the user from over-writing existing files.
Expand a Vector into a Symmetric Matrix

Description
This function takes a vector of appropriate length (typically created using `vech`) and creates a symmetric matrix.

Usage
```r
xpnd(x, nrow)
```

Arguments
- `x`: A list of elements to expand into symmetric matrix.
- `nrow`: The number of rows (and columns) in the returned matrix. Look into the details.

Details
This function is particularly useful when dealing with variance covariance matrices. Note that R stores matrices in column major order, and that the items in `x` will be recycled to fill the matrix if need be.

The number of rows can be specified or automatically computed from the number of elements in a given object via \((-1 + \sqrt{1 + 8 \times \text{length}(x)})/2\).

Value
An \((nrows \times nrows)\) symmetric matrix.

See Also
- `vech`
Examples

\texttt{xpnd(c(1,2,3,4,4,5,6,7,8,9), 4)}
\texttt{xpnd(c(1,2,3,4,4,5,6,7,8,9))}
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