

Exercise 1: Let the observed data $\{y_i\}_{i=1}^n$ be binary with each y_i being an independent realization of a Bernoulli random variable Y_i with parameter $\mu_i = \Pr(Y_i = 1)$. Each $\mu_i = \mathbb{E}[Y_i]$ is modeled with a logistic function, that is,

$$\mu_i = \frac{e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i}}{1 + e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i}} \Leftrightarrow \log \left\{ \frac{\mu_i}{1 - \mu_i} \right\} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i,$$

where $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, \dots, x_n]^T$ is a vector of predictor values and β_0 and β_1 are parameters.

1. Write down the likelihood $p(\mathbf{y} | \beta_0, \beta_1)$ for the logistic regression model.
2. Find the posterior $p(\beta_0, \beta_1 | \mathbf{y})$ assuming independent Normal priors with $\mu_{\beta_j} = 0$ and variance $\sigma_{\beta_j}^2$, where $j = 1, 2$.
3. Demonstrate that marginalizing \mathbf{u} out of the joint posterior

$$p(\mathbf{u}, \beta_0, \beta_1 | \mathbf{y}) \propto \prod_{i=1}^n 1 \left(u_i < \frac{e^{\beta_0 y_i + \beta_1 x_i y_i}}{1 + e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i}} \right) \exp \left\{ -\frac{(\beta_0 - \mu_{\beta_0})^2}{2\sigma_{\beta_0}^2} - \frac{(\beta_1 - \mu_{\beta_1})^2}{2\sigma_{\beta_1}^2} \right\}$$

yields the posterior $p(\beta_0, \beta_1 | \mathbf{y})$.

4. Implement slice sampling by generating

$$\begin{aligned} u_i | \mathbf{u}_{-i}, \beta_0, \beta_1, \mathbf{y} &\sim \text{Unif} \left(0, \frac{e^{\beta_0 y_i + \beta_1 x_i y_i}}{1 + e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i}} \right) \\ \beta_0 | \mathbf{u}, \beta_1, \mathbf{y} &\sim \text{Normal}(\beta_0 | \mu_{\beta_0}, \sigma_{\beta_0}) \prod_{i=1}^n 1 \left(u_i < \frac{e^{\beta_0 y_i + \beta_1 x_i y_i}}{1 + e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i}} \right) \\ \beta_1 | \mathbf{u}, \beta_0, \mathbf{y} &\sim \text{Normal}(\beta_1 | \mu_{\beta_1}, \sigma_{\beta_1}) \prod_{i=1}^n 1 \left(u_i < \frac{e^{\beta_0 y_i + \beta_1 x_i y_i}}{1 + e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Note that the full conditionals $p(\beta_0 | \mathbf{u}, \beta_1, \mathbf{y})$ and $p(\beta_1 | \mathbf{u}, \beta_0, \mathbf{y})$ are truncated Normal distributions.

5. Apply the slice sampler to the following simulated data:

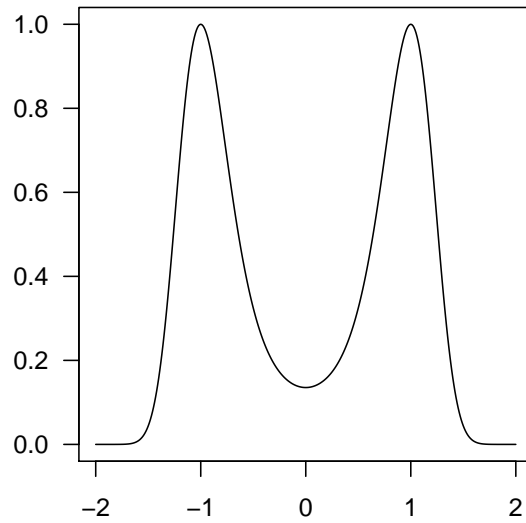
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n <- 100
beta0 <- 2 ; beta1 <- 0.5
set.seed( 100 ) ; x <- abs( rnorm( n ) )
eta <- beta0 + beta1 * x ; mu <- exp( eta ) / ( 1 + exp( eta ) )
y <- rbinom( n, 1, mu )
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Exercise 2: Let X be a random variable with unnormalized density

$$p(x | \sigma) \propto \exp \left\{ -\sigma(x^2 - 1)^2 \right\}.$$

The density of X is bimodal as can be seen from the following figure:

Unnormalized density with sigma = 2



1. Implement a random walk Metropolis–Hastings sampler based on $\text{Normal}(0, \sigma^2)$ noise.
2. Implement a random walk Metropolis–Hastings sampler that runs 4 chains in parallel with different values of σ . That is, the first Markov Chain has the target $p_1(x | \sigma_1)$, the second Markov chain has the target $p_2(x | \sigma_2)$ and so forth. In each iteration, accept a swap between the states x_i and x_j of two randomly chosen chains i and j with probability

$$\alpha = \min\left\{1, \frac{p_i(x_j | \sigma_i)p_j(x_i | \sigma_j)}{p_i(x_i | \sigma_i)p_j(x_j | \sigma_j)}\right\}.$$

3. Run both methods for $\sigma = 1, 2, 4, 8$ and inspect the histograms for $\sigma = 8$ to see if both methods can approximate the bivariate distribution.