

Key-points for HW6

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3.11

Follow the bioassay example, we get the following two figures:

Figure 1 shows that the distribution is a compromise between the likelihood and the normal prior

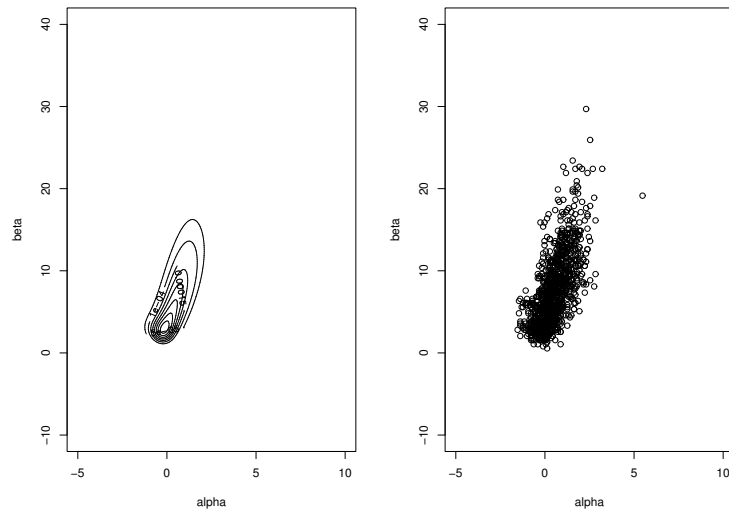


Figure 1: Contour plot and sample points

distribution. With a normal prior, the resulting posterior is going to be influenced by it. So to assume such a prior we need justify it.

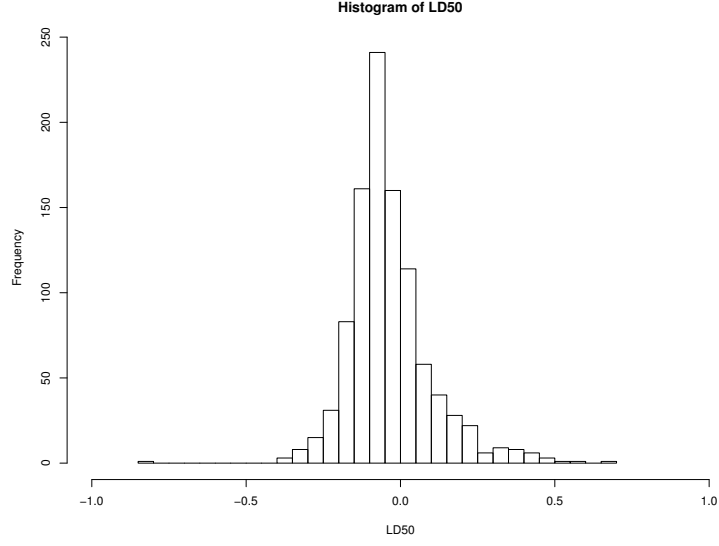


Figure 2: Distribution of LD50

3.14

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(\alpha, \beta | y, n, x) d\alpha d\beta &\propto p(\alpha, \beta) \prod_{i=1}^k p(y_i | \alpha, \beta, n_i, x_i) d\alpha d\beta \\
&< \prod_{i=1}^k \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \text{logit}^{-1}(\alpha + \beta x_i) \cdot (1 - \text{logit}^{-1}(\alpha + \beta x_i)) d\alpha d\beta \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^k \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2 + e^{\alpha + \beta x_i} + e^{-(\alpha + \beta x_i)}} d\alpha d\beta \\
&< 4 \prod_{i=1}^k \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{e^{\alpha + \beta x_i} + e^{-(\alpha + \beta x_i)}} d\alpha d\beta \\
&< 4 \prod_{i=1}^k \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{e^{\alpha + \beta x_i}} d\alpha d\beta \\
&= 4 \prod_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{x_i} < \infty
\end{aligned}$$

4.2

Calculate the information matrix, and then approximate the variance by the inverse of the information matrix.

4.3

Delta Method: (Refer to C&B P240) The posterior mode can be approximated by:

$$-\frac{\hat{\alpha}}{\hat{\beta}} = -\frac{\hat{\alpha}}{\hat{\beta}} = -0.85/7.75 = -0.11$$

with α, β obtained by fitting a GLM. By expanding the function $:-\frac{\alpha}{\beta}$, we get the approximate variance :

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{Var}\left(-\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right) &\approx \nabla\left(-\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)I^{-1}(\alpha, \beta)\nabla\left(-\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^T|_{\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}} \\ &= 0.0091 \end{aligned}$$

i.e, $std \approx 0.0955$ Sampling from the normal distribution yields the following figure. Compared to the histogram in Figure 4.2, they look kind of similar .

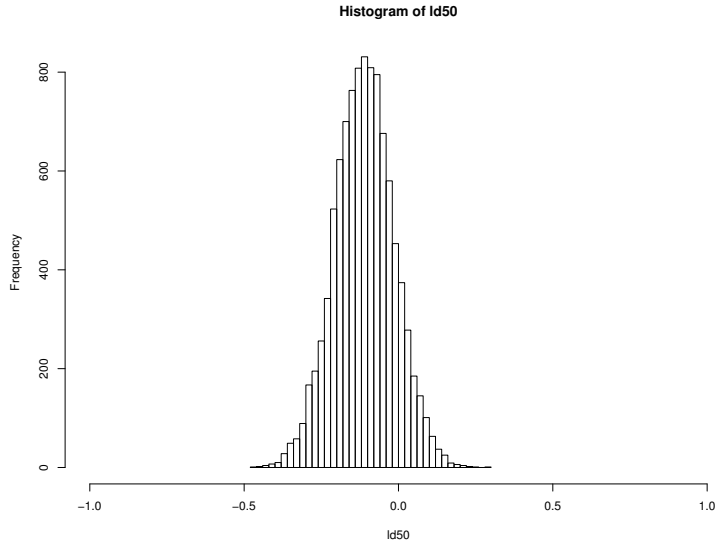


Figure 3: Distribution of LD50 by Delta Method

11.3 Metropolis algorithm:

Arbitrarily choose the starting point to be $(\alpha_0, \beta_0, \Sigma_0) = (0.85, 7.75, \begin{pmatrix} 1.09 & 3.55 \\ 3.55 & 23.74 \end{pmatrix})$, which is the estimation from the GLM fitting. And take the jumping rule to be :

$$J(\theta^*|\theta^{t-1}) = N(\theta^{t-1}|\Sigma)$$

Run the Metropolis algorithm, we get the following figures:

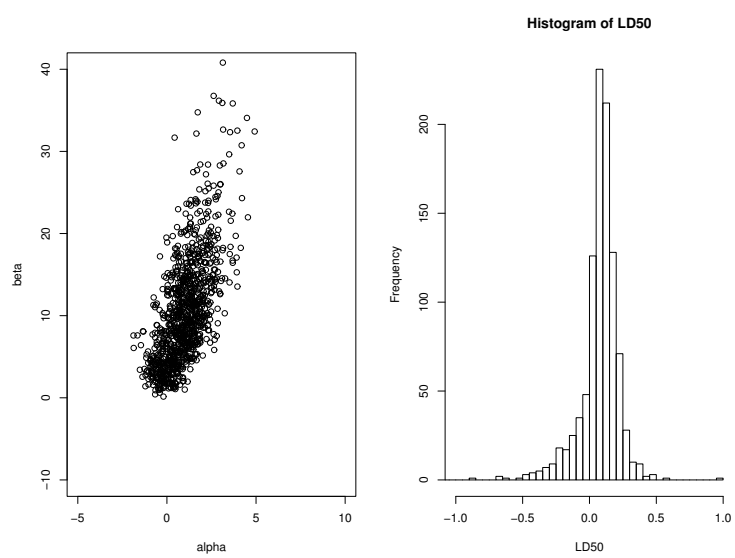


Figure 4: Distribution of LD50 by Delta Method