Robust Bayesian Regression Readings: Hoff Chapter 9, West JRSSB 1984, Fúquene, Pérez & Pericchi 2015

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Intercept	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Air.Flow	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Water.Temp	0.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00
Acid.Conc.	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
'1'	0.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
'2'	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
'3'	0.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00
'4'	0.75	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
'5'	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
'6'	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
'7'	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
'8'	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
'9'	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
'10'	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
'11'	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
'12'	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
'13'	0.16	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
'14'	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
'15'	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
'16'	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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'18'	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
'19'	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
'20'	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
'21'	0.94	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
BF		0.13	0.01	0.08	0.07	1.00
PostProbs		0.24	0.11	0.03	0.02	0.02
R2		0.96	0.93	0.97	0.97	0.99
dim		4.00	3.00	5.00	5.00	7.00
logmarg		22.17	19.43	21.68	21.57	24.18

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Body Fat Data: Intervals w/ All Data

Response % Body Fat and Predictor Waist Circumference



Which analysis do we use? with Case 39 or not – or something different?

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- 2^n submodels $\gamma_i = 0 \Leftrightarrow \delta_i = 0$
- If *γ_i* = 1 then case *i* has a different mean "mean shift" outliers.

Mean Shift = Variance Inflation

• Model
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Prior

$$egin{aligned} \delta_i \mid \gamma_i \sim \textit{N}(0, \textit{V}\sigma^2\gamma_i) \ \gamma_i \sim \textit{Ber}(\pi) \end{aligned}$$

Then ϵ_i given σ^2 is independent of δ_i and

$$\epsilon_i^* \equiv \epsilon_i + \delta_i \mid \sigma^2 \begin{cases} N(0, \sigma^2) & wp \quad (1 - \pi) \\ N(0, \sigma^2(1 + V)) & wp \quad \pi \end{cases}$$

Model $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \epsilon^*$ "variance inflation" V + 1 = K = 7 in the paper by Hoeting et al. package BMA

Simultaneous Outlier and Variable Selection

MC3.REG(all.y = bodyfat\$Bodyfat, all.x = as.matrix(bodyfat\$Abdom num.its = 10000, outliers = TRUE)

Model parameters: PI=0.02 K=7 nu=2.58 lambda=0.28 phi=2.85

15 models were selected Best 5 models (cumulative posterior probability = 0.9939):

	prob	model	1 model 2	2 model 3	model 4	model 5
variables						
all.x	1	x	x	x	x	x
outliers						
39	0.94932	x	x		x	
204	0.04117	•			x	
207	0.10427	•	x	•	•	x
post prob		0.815	0.095	0.044	0.035	0.004
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An outlying observation y_j is accommodated if the posterior distribution for $p(\beta | \mathbf{Y}_{(i)})$ converges to $p(\beta | \mathbf{Y})$ for all β as $|\mathbf{Y}_i| \to \infty$. Requires error models with influence functions that go to zero such as the Student t (O'Hagan, 1979)

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May do this through ordinary text files or use the functions in R2jags to specify model, data, and initial values then call jags.

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Model Specification via R2jags

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rr.model = function() {
  for (i in 1:n) {
    mu[i] <- alpha0 + alpha1*(X[i] - Xbar)</pre>
    lambda[i] ~ dgamma(9/2, 9/2)
    prec[i] <- phi*lambda[i]</pre>
    Y[i] ~ dnorm(mu[i], prec[i])
  }
  phi ~ dgamma(1.0E-6, 1.0E-6)
  alpha0 ~ dnorm(0, 1.0E-6)
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A list or rectangular data structure for all data and summaries of data used in the model



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Running jags from R



Output

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beta0	-41.70	2.75	-46.91	-41.67	-36.40
beta1	0.66	0.03	0.60	0.66	0.71
sigma	4.48	0.23	4.05	4.46	4.96
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lambda[39]	0.33	0.16	0.11	0.30	0.72
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