

Text S1

Gibbs sampling in Bayesian liability regression model

Gibbs sampling is based on the fully conditional distribution of each unknown variable. This procedure iteratively goes through all variables, each time sampling from the distribution of one of them while fixing all others at their latest values. For liability modeling, the following steps are carried out (using notations in main text):

Start with arbitrary values for $\mu^{(t=0)}$, $\beta_j^{(t=0)}$ ($j = 1, \dots, p$), $\sigma^{2(t=0)}$

At iteration $t+1$:

1. Generate liability $y_i^{(t+1)}$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$) from a truncated Normal distribution, i.e., for $d_i = 1$

sample y_i from $N\left(\mu^{(t)} + \sum_{j=1}^p x_{ij}\beta_j^{(t)}, 1\right)$ until $y_i > 0$; similarly, for $d_i = 0$ sample y_i from

$N\left(\mu^{(t)} + \sum_{j=1}^p x_{ij}\beta_j^{(t)}, 1\right)$ until $y_i < 0$.

2. Generate $\mu^{(t+1)}$ from $N\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(y_i^{(t)} - \sum_{j=1}^p x_{ij}\beta_j^{(t)}\right), \frac{1}{n}\right)$.

3. Generate β_j 's. $\beta_j^{(t+1)}$ is drawn from

$$N\left(\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_{ij}^2 + (w_j \sigma^{2(t)})^{-1}\right)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ij} \left(y_i^{(t+1)} - \mu^{(t+1)} - \sum_{k < j} x_{ik} \beta_k^{(t+1)} - \sum_{k > j} x_{ik} \beta_k^{(t)}\right), \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_{ij}^2 + (w_j \sigma^{2(t)})^{-1}\right)^{-1}\right)$$

4. Generate $\sigma^{2(t+1)}$ from a scaled inverted Chi-square $\left(\sum_{j=1}^p \frac{\beta_j^{2(t+1)}}{w_j} + \nu S^2\right) \chi_{(\nu+p)}^{-2}$.