

1. Consider a Wishart distributed 4×4 matrix $W \sim \mathcal{W}_4(n, \Sigma)$ where

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 15 & 5 & 9 \\ 1 & 5 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 9 & 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } W = \begin{pmatrix} W_{11} & W_{12} & W_{13} & W_{14} \\ W_{21} & W_{22} & W_{23} & W_{24} \\ W_{31} & W_{32} & W_{33} & W_{44} \\ W_{41} & W_{42} & W_{43} & W_{44} \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (a) Find the distribution of

$$W_{\{3,4\}} = \begin{pmatrix} W_{33} & W_{34} \\ W_{43} & W_{44} \end{pmatrix};$$

- (b) Find the conditional distribution of $W_{\{1,2\},\{3,4\}}$ given $W_{\{3,4\}}$, where

$$W_{\{1,2\},\{3,4\}} = (W_{13}, W_{14}, W_{23}, W_{24})^\top.$$

2. This is essentially problem 5.1.a of Leonard and Hsu (1999).

Consider a sample $(X = x) = (X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_n = x_n)$ from a normal distribution $\mathcal{N}(\theta, \phi)$.

- (a) Show that the likelihood function is

$$L(\theta, \phi) \propto \phi^{-n/2} \exp\left\{-\frac{s}{2\phi} - \frac{n(\theta - \bar{x})^2}{2\phi}\right\}$$

where $\bar{x} = n^{-1} \sum_i x_i$ and $S = \sum_i^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2$.

- (b) Consider the (improper) prior distribution $\pi(\theta, \phi) \propto \phi^{-1}$ and show that the marginal posterior of θ is

$$\pi(\theta | x) \propto \{s + n(\theta - \bar{x})^2\}^{-n/2}.$$

- (c) Show that the marginal posterior distribution of ϕ is

$$\pi(\phi | x) \propto \phi^{-(n+1)/2} \exp\{-s/(2\phi)\}.$$

- (d) Show that the posterior density of $\gamma = \log \phi$ is

$$\pi(\gamma | x) \propto \exp\{-\gamma(n-1)/2 - e^{-\gamma}s/2\}.$$

- (e) Show that the posterior density of $\xi = \phi^{-1}$ is

$$\pi(\xi | x) \propto \xi^{(n-3)/2} \exp\{-s\xi/2\}.$$

- (f) Find the posterior mode, mean, and median of ϕ, γ, ξ .

- (g) Compare the marginal posterior densities with those obtained by Laplace approximation of the relevant integrals.

- (h) Use the Laplace approximation to derive an approximate expression for the density of $\eta = \theta - \gamma$.