

Prediction in Bayesian Inference

Model is

$$y \sim f(y|\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{x}),$$

where

$$\theta$$
 – parameters;

▶ Posterior predictive distribution for future response y_0 at covariates \mathbf{x}_0 :

$$\pi(y_0|\mathbf{y},\mathbf{x}_0) = \int f(y_0|\boldsymbol{\theta},\mathbf{x}_0)\pi(\boldsymbol{\theta}|\mathbf{y})\mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{\theta}.$$

▶ Given an MCMC sample $\theta_1, \ldots, \theta_M$, a sample from this is produced as follows

$$y_{0j} \sim f(y_0|\boldsymbol{\theta}_j, \mathbf{x}_0).$$

Prediction for LMM

ightharpoonup Prediction from within a subject i with covariate \mathbf{x}_0

$$y_0 \sim \mathrm{N}\left(\mathbf{x}_0^T \boldsymbol{\beta} + b_i, \sigma^2\right).$$

▶ Doing this with MCMC sample β_1, \ldots, β_M , b_{i1}, \ldots, b_{iM} and $\sigma_1^2, \ldots, \sigma_M^2$:

$$y_{0j} \sim \mathrm{N}\left(\mathbf{x}_0^T \boldsymbol{\beta}_j + b_{ij}, \sigma_j^2\right).$$

Prediction for LMM

Prediction from new subject with covariate x₀

$$\begin{array}{lll} y_0 & \sim & \mathrm{N} \left(\boldsymbol{\mathsf{x}}^T \boldsymbol{\beta} + b_0, \sigma^2 \right), \\ b_0 & \sim & \mathrm{N} \left(0, \sigma_b^2 \right). \end{array}$$

▶ Doing this with MCMC sample $\beta_1, \ldots, \beta_M, \sigma_1^2, \ldots, \sigma_M^2$ and $\sigma_{b1}^2, \ldots, \sigma_{bM}^2$:

$$y_{0j} \sim \mathrm{N}\left(\mathbf{x}_{0}^{T}\boldsymbol{\beta}_{j} + b_{0j}, \sigma_{j}^{2}\right),$$

 $b_{0j} \sim \mathrm{N}\left(0, \sigma_{bj}^{2}\right)$