

## Ralph's partially-identified Gibbs sampler

This is a continuation of Ralph's partially-identified DAG. After struggling with partial identification of causal effects, Ralph is now interested in addressing inference from a sample plagued by imperfect compliance.

Ralph knows the 16 compliance-response ( $cr$ ) pairs define the causal effects of interest.

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(y_1 \mid do(x_0)) &= \sum_{i=0}^3 v_{c=i,r=2} + \sum_{i=0}^3 v_{c=i,r=3}, \\ \Pr(y_1 \mid do(x_1)) &= \sum_{i=0}^3 v_{c=i,r=1} + \sum_{i=0}^3 v_{c=i,r=3}, \\ ACE(X \rightarrow Y) &= \sum_{i=0}^3 v_{c=i,r=1} - \sum_{i=0}^3 v_{c=i,r=2} \end{aligned}$$

where  $v_{cr}$  is the probability associated with the  $cr$  pair.

Since only  $p_{yx.z}$  is observed in the sample and  $v_{cr}$  is latent, Ralph decides to employ Markov-chain Monte Carlo simulation in the form of a Gibbs sampler (that is, from the full set of conditional posterior distributions). The first conditional posterior is

$$\Pr(cr^i \mid v_{cr^i}, data = \{p_{yx.z}\}) \propto f(x^i, y^i \mid z^i, cr^i) v_{cr^i}$$

where the superscript refers to individual  $i$  in the sample and  $f(x^i, y^i \mid z^i, cr^i)$  is an indicator function equal to one when  $x, y, z$  agrees with  $cr$  and zero otherwise. Ralph recognizes this as a multinomial distribution and generates values for the latent variable  $cr$ .

$cr$	$yx.z$
00	00.0, 00.1
01	00.0, 00.1
02	10.0, 10.1
03	10.0, 10.1
10	00.0, 01.1
11	00.0, 11.1
12	10.0, 01.1
13	10.0, 11.1
20	01.0, 00.1
21	11.0, 00.1
22	01.0, 10.1
23	11.0, 10.1
30	01.0, 01.1
31	11.0, 11.1
32	01.0, 01.1
33	11.0, 11.1

As  $v_{cr^i}$  is unknown, Ralph begins with some initial value and replaces it in subsequent rounds with draws from the second conditional posterior distribution

$$\Pr(v_{CR} | cr^1, \dots, cr^n) \propto \prod_{i=0}^3 \prod_{j=0}^3 (v_{cr_{ij}})^{N_{ij} + N'_{ij} - 1}$$

where  $N_{ij}$  refers to the number of draws corresponding to  $cr_{ij}$  from the first conditional posterior and  $N'_{ij}$  refers to the prior concentration parameter for a Dirichlet distribution. This conditional posterior follows a Dirichlet distribution and generates  $v_{cr}$  draws.

Suppose the *DGP* is

$$\begin{aligned} p_{00.0} &= 0.55 & p_{00.1} &= 0.45 \\ p_{01.0} &= 0.45 & p_{01.1} &= 0. \\ p_{10.0} &= 0. & p_{10.1} &= 0. \\ p_{11.0} &= 0. & p_{11.1} &= 0.55 \\ \Pr(z_1) &= 0.50 & \Pr(z_0) &= 0.50 \end{aligned}$$

Suggested:

1. For the *DGP*, generate a sample of  $n = 100$ . Using a Gibbs sampler, simulate 15,000 draws and discard the first 5,000 burn-in draws. Examine plots, histograms, and descriptive statistics (mean, standard deviation, and quantiles) for the post burn-in draws.

2. Repeat 1 for a sample of  $n = 1,000$ . Compare inferences for the two sample sizes relative to the known *DGP*.

Now, suppose the *DGP* is

$$\begin{aligned} p_{00.0} &= 0.919 & p_{00.1} &= 0.315 \\ p_{01.0} &= 0.000 & p_{01.1} &= 0.139 \\ p_{10.0} &= 0.081 & p_{10.1} &= 0.073 \\ p_{11.0} &= 0.000 & p_{11.1} &= 0.473 \\ \Pr(z_1) &= 0.500 & \Pr(z_0) &= 0.500 \end{aligned}$$

3. Repeat 1 and 2 for the second *DGP*.