

Bayesian Non-Linear Subspace Shrinkage using Horseshoe Priors

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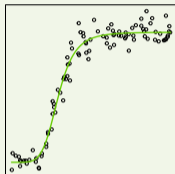
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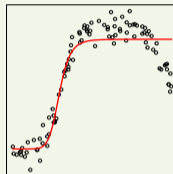
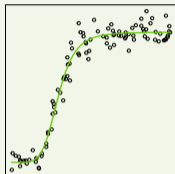
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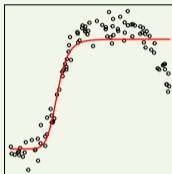
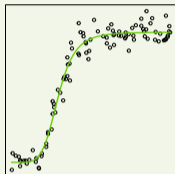
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Data suggests Hill model?

yes

no

Hill fit

Flexible fit

Adaptive shrinkage

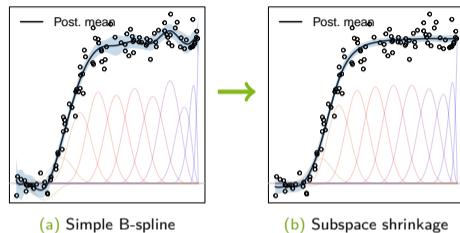
⇒ Non-parametric modeling with **subspace shrinkage**

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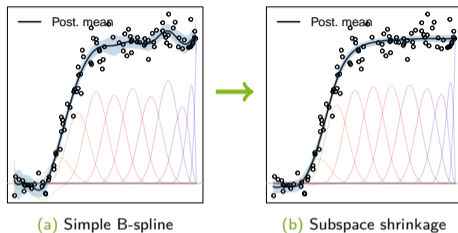
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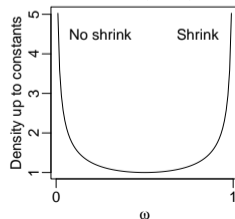
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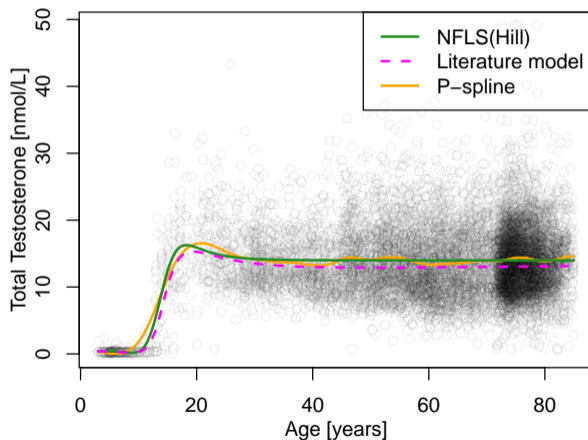
$$\omega = 1/(1 + \tau^2)$$

- Given θ : Linearize non-linear function (1. Order Taylor approx.)
- Construct projection matrix into approximated, linear space
- Include in prior to penalize deviations from this space
- Update θ in Bayesian sense
- Add scaling parameter τ^2 for shrinkage

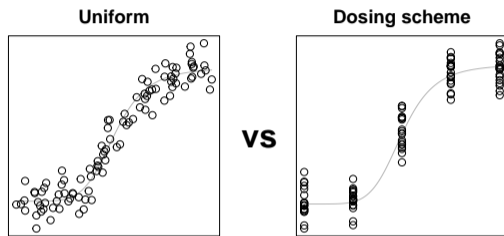


Application: Testosterone levels

- [2] compared >300 parametric models to model total testosterone levels in men
- NLFS as a comfortable alternative
- P-spline leads to artefactual bumps



Limitations and Extensions



Accounting for a dosing scheme + Add smoothing

- Including a shrinkage grid $\tilde{x}_1, \dots, \tilde{x}_n$ independent of x_1, \dots, x_n
- Gaussian processes (GPs) approach
 - ▶ Incorporate shrinkage prior in GP covariance matrix
- Add smoothness penalty [4]

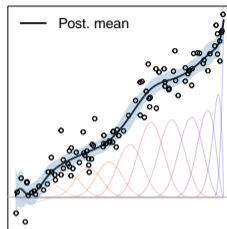
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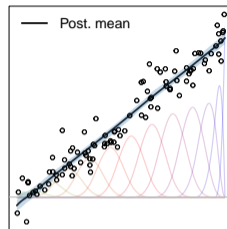
Appendix

Shrinkage Paper: Existing Theory

- $Y = \Phi\beta + \varepsilon, \varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 I_n)$
- $\Phi = \Phi(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1(x_1) & \dots & \phi_k(x_1) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi_1(x_n) & \dots & \phi_k(x_n) \end{pmatrix}$
- $\beta \sim$ s.t. $\Phi\beta$ shrink into column space of Φ_0
e.g. $\Phi_0 = (\mathbf{1}_n \mathbf{x})$
Not: Shrink β towards 0



(a) Simple B-spline



(b) Subspace shrinkage

$$p(\beta|\sigma^2, \tau^2) \propto (\tau^2)^{-k/2} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2\tau^2}\beta^\top \Phi^\top \underbrace{(I - P)\Phi\beta}_{\text{Subsp. deviation}}\right), \quad P = \Phi_0(\Phi_0^\top \Phi_0)^{-1}\Phi_0^\top$$

⇒ Prior penalizes deviations from subspace

Shrinkage Paper: Computational overview (Hill)

$$Y = \alpha + \Phi\beta + \varepsilon$$

$$\varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 I_n)$$

$$\sigma^2 \sim IG(\sigma_a, \sigma_b)$$

$$\alpha \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_\alpha, \sigma_\alpha^2)$$

$$\beta \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 \tau^2 (\Phi^\top (I - P_{\hat{F}_\theta}) \Phi)^{-1})$$

$$\theta_3 \sim \mathcal{N}_+(\mu_{\theta_3}, \sigma_{\theta_3}^2)$$

$$\theta_4 \sim \mathcal{LN}(\mu_{\theta_4}, \sigma_{\theta_4}^2)$$

$$\omega = 1/(1 + \tau^2) \sim \text{Beta}(a, b)$$

$$a = 0.5, b = \exp(-\log(n)/2)$$

Non-linear functional shrinkage

- 1: **Initialize:** $\alpha^{(1)}, \beta^{(1)}, \sigma^{2(1)}, \tau^{(1)}, \omega^{(1)}, \theta^{(1)}$
- 2: **for** $i : 2 \rightarrow B$ **do**
- 3: **Calculate** $\hat{F}_{\theta^{(i-1)}}$
- 4: **Sample** $\beta^{(i)} \sim p(\beta|\cdot)$ ▷ Conjugate
- 5: **Sample** $\alpha^{(i)} \sim p(\alpha|\cdot)$ ▷ Conjugate
- 6: **Sample** $\sigma^{2(i)} \sim p(\sigma^2|\cdot)$ ▷ Conjugate
- 7: **Sample** $\omega^{(i)} \sim p(\omega|\cdot)$ ▷ Slice Sampler
- 8: **Sample** $\theta^{(i)} \sim p(\theta|\cdot)$ ▷ MH Sampler
- 9: **end for**
- 10: **return** All samples

Shrinkage Paper: Multiple Function Spaces

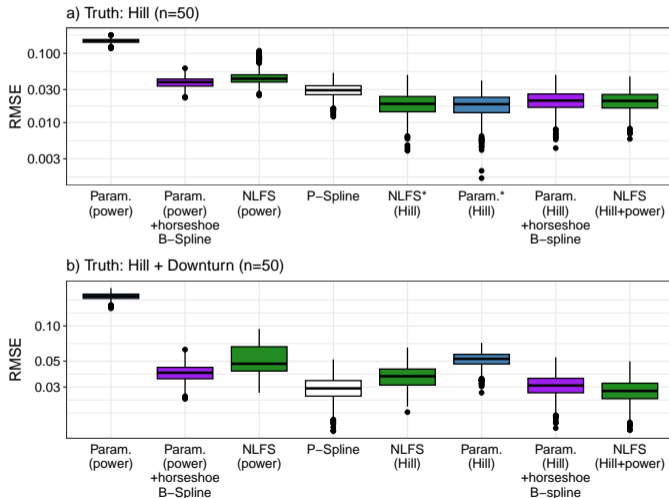
- $r \in \{1, \dots, R\} = \mathcal{R}$ function spaces $\Omega_0^{(r)} = \{h_\theta^{(r)} | \theta \in \Theta^{(r)}\}$ of interest
- For each $\Omega_0^{(r)}$, calculate the Jacobian, $\dot{F}_\theta^{(r)}$ yielding

$$\dot{F}_\theta^{(\mathcal{R})} = (\dot{F}_\theta^{(1)} \dots \dot{F}_\theta^{(R)})$$

- Use $\dot{F}_\theta^{(\mathcal{R})}$ to construct P_θ
- Note: Full rank and no linear bases other than a single intercept column in $\dot{F}_\theta^{(\mathcal{R})}$

[Overview](#)[NLFS overview](#)

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Is Param. + Shrinkage Spline the same?

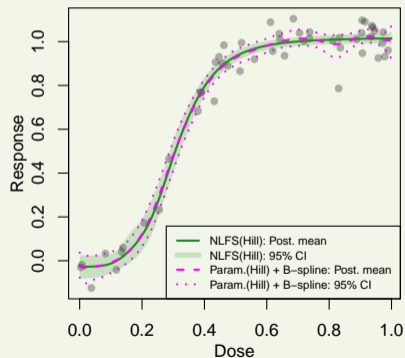
- Param.(Hill) + horseshoe B-spline
- $y = h_{\theta}(x) + \Phi\beta + \varepsilon$
- $\beta \sim N(0, \sigma^2\tau^2\text{diag}(\lambda_1^2, \dots, \lambda_k^2))$
- $\tau \sim C^+(0, 1)$ and $\lambda_j \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} C^+(0, 1)$ [3]

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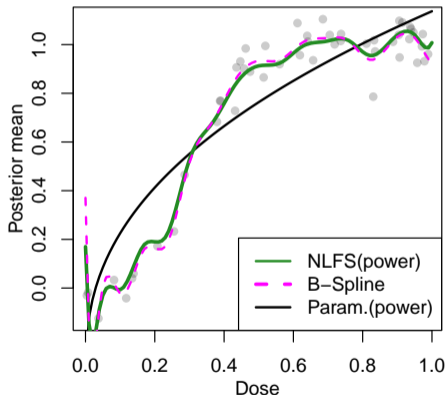
NLFS shrinks more uniformly

d) Truth = Hill, n = 50



Shrinkage Paper: Limitations and Extensions

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Smoothing

- Add smoothing penalty similar to Wieman & Kneib 2021 [4]
- $\text{Cov}(\beta | \sigma^2, \tau^2, \theta) = \sigma^2 \tau^2 (\Phi^\top (I - P_\theta) \Phi + \lambda^2 R^\top R)^{-1}$
- $R^\top R$ penalty matrix for smoothing splines
- New computational challenges

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