Overlapping Expert Information: Learning about Dependencies in Expert Judgment

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Extending Winkler's Multivariate Normal Aggregation

P(Event)

$P(Event | X_1, \dots, X_n)$

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Event = Collision between two vessels X_1 = Type of other vessel X_2 = Proximity of other vessel X_3 = Wind speed X_4 = Wind direction X_5 = Current speed X_6 = Current direction X_7 = Visibility

$P(\text{Event} | X_1, \dots, X_n)$

Event = Incoming vessel contains RDD X_1 = Last country docked X_2 = 2nd to last country docked X_3 = 3rd to last country docked X_4 = Frequency of US calls X_5 = Vessel ownership X_6 = Type of vessel X_7 = Type of crew



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What is the probability of a collision?



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Issaquah	Ferry Class	_
SEA-BRE(A)	Ferry Route	_
Navy	Ist Interacting Vessel	Product
Crossing	Traffic Scenario 1st Vessel	
< mile	Traffic Proximity 1st Vessel	
No Vessel	2nd Interacting Vessel	_
No Vessel	Traffic Scenario 2nd Vessel	
No Vessel	Traffic Proximity 2nd Vessel	
> 0.5 Miles	Visibility	
Along Ferry	Wind Direction	
0	Wind Speed	-
Likelihood of Collision		-
987	6 5 4 3 2 I 2 3 4 5 6	789

$$P(Event | X, p_0, \beta) = p_0 \exp(X^T \beta)$$

$$\frac{P(Event | R, \beta)}{P(Event | L, \beta)} = \frac{p_0 \exp(R^T \beta)}{p_0 \exp(L^T \beta)} = \exp((R - L)^T \beta)$$

$$y_{i,j} = \ln(z_{i,j}) = X_i^T \beta + u_{i,j}$$





$$u_i = \mu_i - \theta$$

$$\underline{u} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_p \end{pmatrix} \sim MVNormal(\underline{0}, \Sigma)$$

$$\pi(\theta;\mu,\Sigma) \propto \exp\left(-\left(\theta-\mu^*\right)^2/2\sigma^2\right)$$





$X_{1,q}$ $x_{1,1}$ $y_{1,1}$ $y_{1,p}$ ••• β_1 β_1 $\mathcal{U}_{1,1}$ ••• $\mathcal{U}_{1,p}$ \vdots \ddots \vdots + ·. : -= β_q $\cdots \beta_q$ $\cdots x_{N,q}$ $X_{N,1}$ $u_{N,1}$ $y_{N,1}$ $\mathcal{Y}_{N,p}$ $\mathcal{U}_{N,p}$ • • •



$p(\mathbf{Y} | \mathbf{X}, \boldsymbol{\beta}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) \propto |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{-\frac{N}{2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} tr(\mathbf{V}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1})\right\} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} tr\left(\left(\widehat{\mathbf{B}} - \boldsymbol{\beta}\underline{1}^{T}\right)^{T} \mathbf{X}^{T} \mathbf{X}\left(\widehat{\mathbf{B}} - \boldsymbol{\beta}\underline{1}^{T}\right)\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}\right)\right\}$





$$(\Sigma) \sim Inv - Wishart(\mathbf{G}, m)$$

$$(\beta | \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X}, \Sigma) \sim MVNormal\left(\varphi, \frac{\mathbf{A}}{\underline{1}^{T} \Sigma^{-1} \underline{1}}\right)$$

$$V = (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\mathbf{B}})^{T} (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\mathbf{B}})$$

$$(\Sigma | \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X}) \sim Inv - Wishart(\mathbf{G} + \mathbf{V}, m + N)$$

$$(\beta | \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X}, \Sigma) \sim MVNormal\left((\mathbf{A}^{-1} + \mathbf{X}^{T} \mathbf{X})^{-1} \left(\mathbf{X}^{T} \mathbf{X} \frac{\hat{\mathbf{B}} \Sigma^{-1} \underline{1}}{\underline{1}^{T} \Sigma^{-1} \underline{1}} + \mathbf{A}^{-1} \varphi\right), \frac{(\mathbf{A}^{-1} + \mathbf{X}^{T} \mathbf{X})^{-1}}{\underline{1}^{T} \Sigma^{-1} \underline{1}}\right)$$

Description	Notation	Values
Ferry route and class	FR_FC	26
Type of 1st interacting vessel	TT_I	3
Scenario of 1st interacting vessel	TS_I	4
Proximity of 1st interacting vessel	TP_I	Binary
Type of 2nd interacting vessel	TT_2	5
Scenario of 2nd interacting vessel	TS_2	4
Proximity of 2nd interacting vessel	TP_2	Binary
Visibility	VIS	Binary
Wind direction	WD	Binary
Wind speed	WS	Continuous



Assume independence between the experts a priori

Comparing the two scenarios we pictured earlier a priori



Doesn't dependence between experts increase posterior variance?



1,1 Experts 1, 3 and 7 are correlated Experts 2, 4 and 6 are correlated 0 3,1 Experts 5 and 8 are negatively or 3,3 uncorrelated with other experts 0 _1 7.7 7,1 7,3 -1 0 0 0 Remember we 4,1 4,7 4,4 4,3 assumed independence -1 0 -1 0 a priori, but we learnt 2,1 2,3 2.7 2.4 2.2 about $\Sigma!$ 6.2 6,1 6,3 6,7 6,4 6.6 -1 0 5,1 5,4 5,2 5,6 5,3 5,7 5.5 Λ Λ -1 8.6 8.1 8.3 8,7 8,4 8.2 8.5 8,8 -0.9 0.1 0 -1 0 0 -1 -1 -1 -1 0 -1 0 0



90% Credibility Interval

Prior $[1.88*10^{-35}, 5.32*10^{34}]$ Dependent[4.38,5.84] $\frac{1}{2}$ width = 0.73Independent[4.43,7.04] $\frac{1}{2}$ width = 1.3

Getting the Right Mix of Experts











 $(z_i | \mu_i, \alpha_i, \gamma_i) \sim N(\mu_i, r_i)$ $(\mu_i | \theta, \lambda) \sim N(\theta, \lambda)$



$$\begin{pmatrix} z_i | \theta, r_i, \alpha_i, \gamma_i \end{pmatrix} \sim N(\theta + \alpha_i, \gamma_i r_i) \\ \begin{pmatrix} r_i | \theta, z_i, \alpha_\gamma, b_\gamma \end{pmatrix} \sim Ga(\alpha_\gamma, b_\gamma) \\ \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p \sim N(0, \lambda) \\ \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_p \sim Gamma(a, b)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(z_{i} \mid \theta, r_{i}, \alpha_{i}, \gamma_{i}\right) &\sim N(\theta + \alpha_{i}, \gamma_{i}r_{i}) \\ \left(r_{i} \mid \theta, z_{i}, a_{\gamma}, b_{\gamma}\right) &\sim Ga(a_{\gamma}, b_{\gamma}) \\ (\alpha_{1}, \gamma_{1}), \dots, (\alpha_{p}, \gamma_{p}) &\sim G \\ G &\sim DP(G_{0}, M) \\ G_{0} &= gamma(a, b) \end{aligned}$$













