

Bayesian Methods in Genome Association Studies

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Bayes Theorem

The conditional probability of X given Y is

$$\Pr(X|Y) = \frac{\Pr(X, Y)}{\Pr(Y)} = \frac{\Pr(Y|X) \Pr(X)}{\Pr(Y)}$$

where $\Pr(X, Y)$ is the joint probability of X and Y , $\Pr(X)$ is the probability of X , and $\Pr(Y)$ is the probability of Y .

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$$\boldsymbol{\mu}' = [1 \quad 2]$$

and covariance matrix

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 2.0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Suppose we do not know how to draw samples from $f(\mathbf{x})$, but know how to draw samples from $f(x_i|x_j)$, which is univariate normal with mean:

$$\mu_{i,j} = \mu_i + \frac{v_{ij}}{v_{jj}}(x_j - \mu_j)$$

and variance

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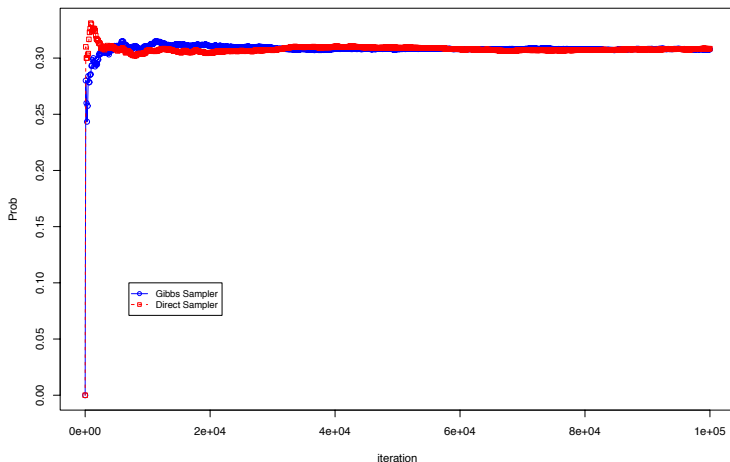
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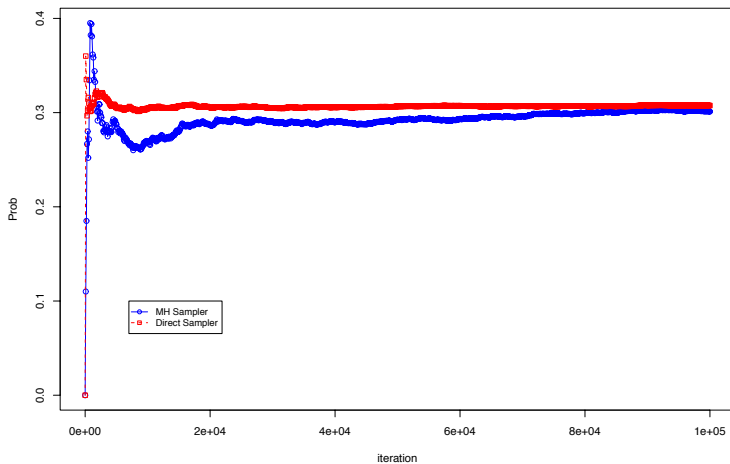
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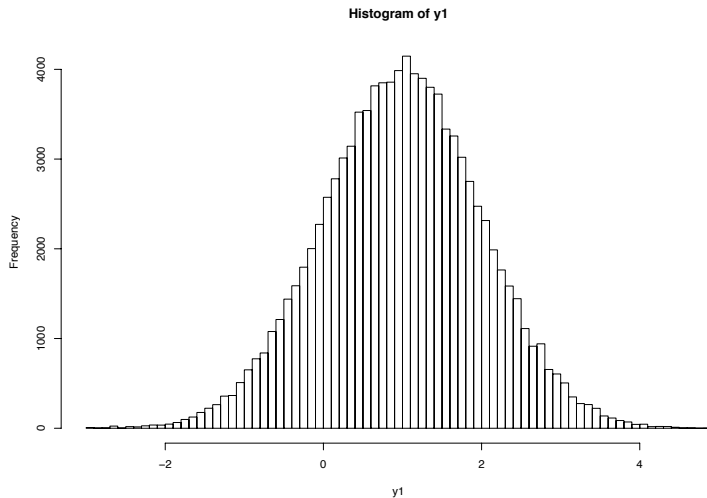
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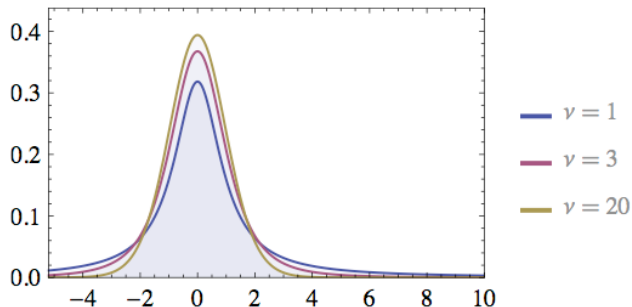
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