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A. Sampling from the Posterior

We use Gibbs sampling to sample from the joint posterior distribution of the parameters: β , α , γ , λ , b_o , and V_0 . The joint posterior does not have a closed form; however, given that the conditional posteriors either have a closed form or are log-concave, implementation of the Gibbs sampler is straight-forward. Let D denote the data and $rest$ denote the remaining parameters. Then at each iteration of the Gibbs sampler, we proceed as follows:

1. Let $\beta_{il} = (\beta_{il0}, \dots, \beta_{ilp})'$, $i = 1, \dots, N$, $l = 1, \dots, q$. Then use ARS to sample $[\beta_{il}|rest, D]$ from

$$\begin{aligned} p(\beta_{il}|rest, D) &\propto \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left[\beta'_{il} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{m_i} B_l(t_{ij})^2 \Sigma^{-1} + V_{0l}^{-1} \right) \beta_{il} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. - 2\beta'_{il} (\Sigma^{-1} A_{il} + V_0^{-1} (b_{0l} + x'_i \alpha)) \right] \right\} \\ &\times \exp \left\{ \nu_i (\gamma' \psi_\beta(s_i) + z'_i \zeta) - e^{z'_i \zeta} \sum_{j=1}^J H_{ij}(\beta, \gamma, \lambda) \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$A_{il} = \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \begin{pmatrix} Y_{ij1} - \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq l}}^q \beta_{ik1} B_k(t_{ij}) \\ \vdots \\ Y_{ijp} - \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq l}}^q \beta_{ikp} B_k(t_{ij}) \end{pmatrix}.$$

2. Sample

$$[V_{0l}^{-1}|rest, D] \sim Wishart \left(\left(S_{v_{0l}}^{-1} + \sum_{i=1}^N (\beta_{il} - b_{0l} - x'_i \alpha) (\beta_{il} - b_{0l} - x'_i \alpha)' \right)^{-1}, N + \nu_{v_{0l}} \right).$$

3. Sample

$$[\Sigma^{-1}|rest, D] \sim Wishart \left(\left(S^{-1} + \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} (Y_{ij} - \psi_\beta(t_{ij})) (Y_{ij} - \psi_\beta(t_{ij}))' \right)^{-1}, \sum m_i + \nu_e \right).$$

4. Let $b_{0l} = (b_{0l0}, \dots, b_{0lp})'$, $i = 1, \dots, N$, $l = 1, \dots, q$. Then sample

$$[b_{0l}|rest, D] \sim N_2(\mu_{b_{0l}}, \Sigma_{b_{0l}}), \text{ where}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{b_{0l}} &= \Sigma_{b_{0l}} (V_{0l}^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (\beta_{il} - x'_i \alpha) + A_1^{-1} A_0) \text{ and} \\ \Sigma_{b_{0l}} &= (N V_{0l}^{-1} + A_1^{-1})^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

5. Use ARS to sample $[\gamma|rest, D]$ from

$$\begin{aligned} p(\gamma|rest, D) &\propto \exp \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\nu_i (\gamma' \psi_\beta(s_i) + z'_i \zeta) - e^{z'_i \zeta} \sum_{j=1}^J H_{ij}(\beta, \gamma, \lambda) \right) \right\} \times \\ &\quad \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\gamma - g_0)' g_1^{-1} (\gamma - g_0) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

6. Sample $[\lambda_j | rest, D] = gamma(d_{0j} + n_j, \sum_{i=1}^N e^{z'_i \zeta} H_{ij}(\beta, \gamma, 1) + d_{1j})$, where n_j is the number of events in the j th interval and $H_{ij}(\beta, \gamma, 1)$ is $H_{ij}(\beta, \gamma, \lambda)$ evaluated with $\lambda_j = 1$.

7. Sample

$$\begin{aligned} [\alpha | rest, D] &\sim N_p(\mu_\alpha, \Sigma_\alpha), \text{ where} \\ \mu_\alpha &= \Sigma_\alpha \left(\sum_{i=1}^N x_i \sum_{l=1}^q V_{0l}^{-1} (\beta_{il} - b_{0l}) + C_1^{-1} C_0 \right) \text{ and} \\ \Sigma_\alpha &= \left(q \sum_{i=1}^N x_i V_{0l}^{-1} x_i' + C_1^{-1} \right)^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

B. Estimating the predicted survival curve

Given the G MCMC samples, $b_0^{(g)}, \alpha^{(g)}, \lambda^{(g)}, \gamma^{(g)}$ and $V_0^{(g)}, g = 1, \dots, G$, we can estimate the predicted survival curve at a set of time points, $u = u_1, \dots, J$, as follows.

Repeat the following steps for $g = 1, \dots, G$.

1. Sample $\beta_{l,1}^* \sim N_2(b_{0l}^{(g)} + \alpha^{(g)}, V_{0l}^{(g)})$ and $\beta_{l,2}^* \sim N_2(b_{0l}^{(g)}, V_{0l}^{(g)})$.
2. Calculate $S_k^{(g)}(u_j) = \exp\{-\int_0^{u_j} \lambda^{(g)}(t) e^{\gamma'(g)' \psi_\beta(t) + \zeta*(2-k)} dt\}, k = 1, 2$.

The predicted survival curve at time u_j is then, $S_k(u_j) = median(S_k^{(g)}(u_j), g = 1, \dots, G), k = 1, 2$, where $k = 1$ indicates the treatment group and $k = 2$ is the non-treatment group.