

Should Bayesians and frequentists
calibrate their parameters?

D Fraser
Statistics Dept
U of Toronto

December 8 2005
U of Western Ontario

www.utstat.toronto.edu/dfvaser
- - - - - /documents / xxxc

Calibrate?

Calibrate parameters? B | (μ, σ) $\frac{d\mu d\sigma}{\sigma}$
 f | $\sigma \quad \sigma^2 \quad \log \sigma^2$

Conceptualize parameter? What is real interest parameter?

Measure of departure of
data from parameter value?

Common issues... B & f?

Claim: If Bayesians & frequentists calibrate
then they'll agree... same conclusions

xcxc = western dec 5

Does it matter?

Does it make a difference?

- Examples
 - There are issues
 - Calibration is central
 - There are methods
-

Thanks

Acknowledgements To

Many colleagues —

B Example 1

b1

One Normal

$y_1, \dots, y_n \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$
Interest in $\dots \sigma$

$$\text{or } \underline{y} = X\beta + \sigma \underline{z}$$

$N(0, 1)$
Student(7)

Calibrate? σ σ^2 $\log \sigma^2$ "same" parameter

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = n^{-1} \sum (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

$$s_y^2 = (n-p)^{-1} \sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2$$

} N case

Unbiasedness for σ^2 , ... for σ ?

II Examples

b2

1) One Normal

 $y_1, \dots, y_n \quad N \quad \mu \quad \sigma^2$

$$\text{or } \underline{y} = X\beta + \sigma \underline{z}$$

N O 1

Student (7)

Interest in ... σ

f Calibrate? σ σ^2 $\log \sigma^2$ "same" parameter

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \bar{n}^{-1} \sum (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

$$s_y^2 = (n-p)^{-1} \sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2$$

N case

Unbiasedness for σ^2 ... for σ ?Bayes ?

$$\sigma^{-2} d\mu d\sigma$$

$$\sigma^{-1} d\mu d\sigma$$

(Left inv., Right inv.)

II Examples

1) One Normal

$y_1, \dots, y_n \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$
Interest in ... σ

or $\underline{y} = X\beta + \sigma \underline{z}$

N O 1
Student (7)

Calibrate? σ σ^2 $\log \sigma^2$ "same" parameter

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \bar{n}^{-1} \sum (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$$

$$s_y^2 = (n-p)^{-1} \sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2$$

} N case
Unbiasedness for σ^2 ... for σ ?

Bayes? $\sigma^{-2} d\mu d\sigma$

$\sigma^{-1} d\mu d\sigma$

(Left inv., Right inv.)

p-value

$$p(\sigma) = P \left\{ \overset{\text{pivot}}{\text{pivot}} \leq \text{obs. pivot} \right\}$$

$$= P \left\{ \frac{\sum (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}{\sigma^2} \leq \frac{\sum (y_i^0 - \hat{y}_i^0)^2}{\sigma^2} \right\}$$

$\uparrow \chi^2_{n-p}$ in N case



Measure of departure

... built into pivot

Intrinsic (continuity)

p-value = confidence distribution function

C Example 2

C1

Two normals

$y_{11}, \dots, y_{1n} \quad N \mu_1 \sigma_1^2$ Interest in $\delta = \mu_1 - \mu_2$
 $y_{21}, \dots, y_{2m} \quad N \mu_2 \sigma_2^2$

Calibration? Difference in means ... ! Obvious!

$$f \quad z = \frac{\bar{y}_1 - \bar{y}_2}{\left\{ \frac{\sum (y_{1i} - \hat{y}_{1i})^2}{n(n-1)} + \frac{\sum (y_{2i} - \hat{y}_{2i})^2}{m(m-1)} \right\}^{1/2}} \quad \text{cf "?" (Long standing issue!)}$$

II Examples

C2

2) Two normals

$$\begin{array}{l} y_{11}, \dots, y_{1n} \quad N \mu_1 \sigma_1^2 \\ y_{21}, \dots, y_{2m} \quad N \mu_2 \sigma_2^2 \end{array} \quad \text{Interest in } \delta = \mu_1 - \mu_2$$

Calibration? Difference in means ... ! Obvious!

$$f \quad z = \frac{\bar{y}_1 - \bar{y}_2}{\left\{ \frac{\sum (y_{1i} - \hat{y}_{1i})^2}{n(n-1)} + \frac{\sum (y_{2i} - \hat{y}_{2i})^2}{m(m-1)} \right\}^{1/2}} \quad \text{cf ? Long standing issue}$$

$$B \quad \pi(\theta) = d\mu_1 d\mu_2 \frac{d\sigma_1 d\sigma_2}{\sigma_1^2 \sigma_2^2} \quad \text{or} \quad d\mu_1 d\mu_2 \frac{d\sigma_1 d\sigma_2}{\sigma_1 \sigma_2}$$

Left inv. / Jeffreys

Right inv. / modified Jeffreys / Fisher

Behrens 1929 Fisher 1934 Jeffreys 1939 1946

II Examples

c3

2) Two normals

$$\begin{array}{l} y_{11}, \dots, y_{1n} \quad N, \mu_1, \sigma_1^2 \\ y_{21}, \dots, y_{2m} \quad N, \mu_2, \sigma_2^2 \end{array} \quad \text{Interest in } \delta = \mu_1 - \mu_2$$

Calibration? Difference in means ... ! Obvious!

$$f \quad z = \frac{\bar{y}_1 - \bar{y}_2}{\left\{ \frac{\sum (y_{1i} - \hat{y}_{1i})^2}{n(n-1)} + \frac{\sum (y_{2i} - \hat{y}_{2i})^2}{m(m-1)} \right\}^{1/2}} \quad \text{cf ? Long standing issue}$$

$$B \quad \pi(\theta) = d\mu_1 d\mu_2 \frac{d\sigma_1 d\sigma_2}{\sigma_1^2 \sigma_2^2} \quad \text{or} \quad d\mu_1 d\mu_2 \frac{d\sigma_1 d\sigma_2}{\sigma_1 \sigma_2}$$

Left inv. / Jeffreys

Right inv. / modified Jeffreys / Fisher

$$\pi(\theta) = d\mu_1 d\mu_2 \frac{d\sigma_1 d\sigma_2}{\sigma_1^3 \sigma_2^3 \left(\frac{\sigma_1^2}{n} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{m} \right)^{-1}}$$

Ghosh Kim (2001)

Behrens 1929 Fisher 1934 Jeffreys 1939 1946 Ghosh Kim 2001 (CJS)

Example Behrens-Fisher 1929 1934 Ghosh Kim 2001

$y_{11}, \dots, y_{1n} \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$

Interest $\psi = \mu_1 - \mu_2$

$y_{21}, \dots, y_{2n} \sim N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$

GK: $\pi = \sigma_1^{-3} \sigma_2^{-3} \left(\frac{\sigma_1^2}{n} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{m} \right)$

vs Jeffreys(right): $\sigma_1^{-1} \sigma_2^{-1}$

Some simulation numbers: Case

n	m	σ_1^2	σ_2^2	ψ
2	2	2	1	2

Nominal 5% 95% points by various methods

Example Behrens-Fisher 1929 1934 Ghosh Kim 2001

$$y_{11}, \dots, y_{1n} \quad N \quad \mu_1 \quad \sigma_1^2$$

Interest $\psi = \mu_1 - \mu_2$

$$y_{21}, \dots, y_{2n} \quad N \quad \mu_2 \quad \sigma_2^2$$

$$GK: \pi = \sigma_1^{-3} \sigma_2^{-3} \left(\frac{\sigma_1^2}{n} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{m} \right) \quad \text{us Jeffreys (right): } \sigma_1^{-1} \sigma_2^{-1}$$

Some simulation numbers: Case

n	m	σ_1^2	σ_2^2	ψ
2	2	2	1	2

Nominal 5% 95% points by various methods

	Nominal	5%	95%
B	Jeffreys	0.7%	99.1%
B	Kim Ghosh	1.7%	97.9%
f	Lik ratio	13.2%	86.9%

Example Behrens-Fisher 1929 1934 Ghosh Kim 2001

$y_{11}, \dots, y_{1n} \quad N \quad \mu_1 \quad \sigma_1^2$ Interest $\psi = \mu_1 - \mu_2$

$y_{21}, \dots, y_{2n} \quad N \quad \mu_2 \quad \sigma_2^2$

GK: $\pi = \sigma_1^{-3} \sigma_2^{-3} \left(\frac{\sigma_1^2}{n} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{m} \right)$ us Jeffreys(right): $\sigma_1^{-1} \sigma_2^{-1}$

Some simulation numbers: Case

n	m	σ_1^2	σ_2^2	ψ
2	2	2	1	2

Nominal 5% 95% points by various methods including flat prior

	<u>Nominal</u>	<u>5%</u>	<u>95%</u>	
	Jeffreys	0.7%	99.1%	
	Kim Ghosh	1.7%	97.9%	
	Lik ratio	13.2%	86.9%	
flat prior } data dep. } $O(n^{-3/2})$ } $B \equiv f$ }	$p(\psi), s(\psi)$	4.23%	95.8%	
	Sim 95% limits	(4.86, 5.14)	(94.9, 95.14)	<u>$N=100,000$</u>

D Data dependent priors

dl

- Sounds like a contradiction?

- Box & Cox 1964 $y^{\wedge} = X\beta + \sigma \tilde{z}$ $z_i \sim N(0,1)$

Used data dependent prior

----- Later...

- Cox: Prior depend on data? Of course!

- Wasserman 2000

but Why?

D Data dependent priors

d2

- Sounds like a contradiction?

- Box & Cox 1964 $y^{\lambda} = X\beta + \sigma \tilde{z}$ $z_i \sim N(0,1)$

Used data dependent prior

- Cox: Prior depend on data? Of course!

- Wasserman 2000

Prior depend on data ?

Prior depend on model ? default prior (objective ???)

D Data dependent priors

- Sounds like a contradiction?

- Box & Cox 1964 $y^{\wedge} = X\beta + \sigma \tilde{z}$ $z_i \sim N(0,1)$

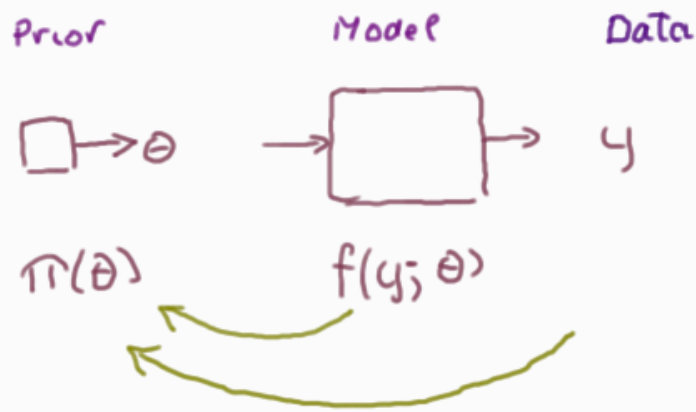
Used data dependent prior

- Cox: Prior depend on data? Of course!

- Wasserman 2000

Prior depend on data ?

Prior depend on model ? default prior (objective???)



D Data dependent priors

d4

Should: Bayesian right tail posterior probabilities
be equal to p-values i.e. have frequentist properties?

Widely addressed: "matching" in B community!

Judith Rousseau ... "important to be as close as possible
to the uniform distribution"

D Matching:

Pure case: Scalar, scalar θ $f(y; \theta)$

" p-value = right tail posterior probability

" Implications!

$$p^{\circ}(\theta) = F(y^{\circ}; \theta) = \int_{\theta}^{\infty} L^{\circ}(\theta) \pi(\theta) d\theta$$

D Matching:

Pure case: Scalar, scalar θ $f(y; \theta)$

p-value = right tail posterior probability

$$p^{\circ}(\theta) = F(y^{\circ}; \theta) = \int_{\theta}^{\infty} L^{\circ}(\theta) \pi(\theta) d\theta$$

$$F(y^{\circ}; \theta) = \int_{\theta}^{\infty} c f(y^{\circ}; \theta) \pi(\theta) d\theta$$

Differentiate:

$$F_{;\theta}(y^{\circ}; \theta) = -c F_y(y^{\circ}; \theta) \pi(\theta)$$

$$\pi(\theta) = -c \frac{F_{;\theta}(y^{\circ}; \theta)}{F_y(y^{\circ}; \theta)}$$

Needed
Data-dependent
model-based
prior

D Matching:

d7

Pure case: Scalar, scalar θ $f(y; \theta)$

p-value = right tail posterior probability

$$p^{\circ}(\theta) = F(y^{\circ}; \theta) = \int_{\theta}^{\infty} L^{\circ}(\theta) \pi(\theta) d\theta$$

$$F(y^{\circ}; \theta) = \int_{\theta}^{\infty} c f(y^{\circ}; \theta) \pi(\theta) d\theta$$

Differentiate

$$F_{;\theta}(y^{\circ}; \theta) = -c F_y(y^{\circ}; \theta) \pi(\theta)$$

$$\pi(\theta) = -c \frac{F_{;\theta}(y^{\circ}; \theta)}{F_y(y^{\circ}; \theta)} = \left. \frac{dy}{d\theta} \right|_{\text{data fixed pivot}}$$

Need: Data-dependent prior \Rightarrow "matching"

Note - prior is flat if model is location

- $F(y; \theta) \sim U(0, 1)$ is pivotal

- Prior = $\left. \frac{dy}{d\theta} \right|_{y^{\circ}}$.. (with fixed pivot)

E Inference elements

e1

$$f(y; \theta) + y^o \Rightarrow ?$$

Case: Scalar y & θ ... Where things should start!

Obvious:	$f^o = f(y^o; \theta)$	$L^o(\theta)$	Prob <u>at</u>
	$F^o = F(y^o; \theta)$	$p^o(\theta)$	Prob <u>left</u>

E Inference elements

e2

$$f(y; \theta) + y^o \Rightarrow ?$$

Case: Scalar y & θ --- Where things should start!

Obvious:	$f^o = f(y^o; \theta)$	$L^o(\theta)$	Prob <u>at</u>
	$F^o = F(y^o; \theta)$	$p^o(\theta)$	Prob <u>left</u>

Q

Is there anything more?

E Inference elements

e3

$$f(y; \theta) + y^o \Rightarrow ?$$

Case: Scalar y & θ ... Where things should start!

Obvious: $f^o = f(y^o; \theta)$ $L^o(\theta)$ Prob at
 $F^o = F(y^o; \theta)$ $p^o(\theta)$ Prob left

Q

Is there anything more?

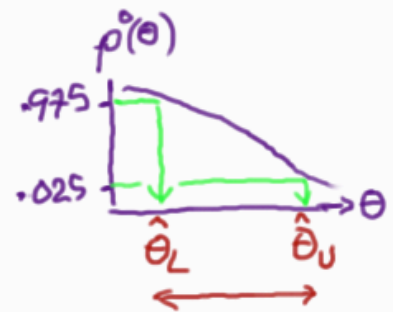
$u = F(y; \theta)$ is a pivot

Invert: get all confidence bounds, conf. int's

$$95\% \text{ CI} = \{p^{-1}(.975), p^{-1}(.025)\}$$

A

It's all there!



Inference & what more than likelihood

e4

$$f(y; \theta) + y^o \Rightarrow ?$$

Case: Scalar y & θ ... Where things should start!

Obvious:

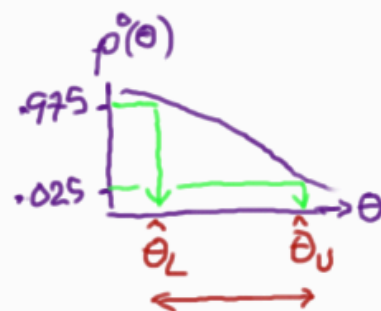
$f^o = f(y^o; \theta)$	$L^o(\theta)$	Prob <u>at</u>
$F^o = F(y^o; \theta)$	$p^o(\theta)$	Prob <u>left</u>

Is there anything more?

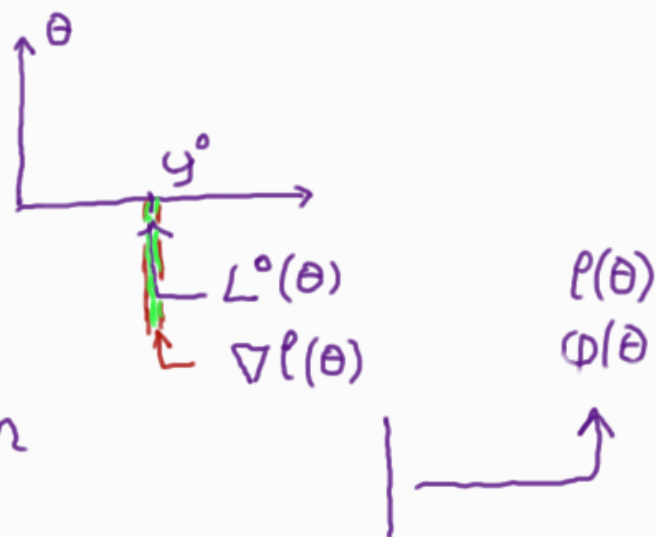
$u = F(y; \theta)$ is a pivot

Invert: get all confidence bounds, conf. int's

$$95\% \text{ CI} = \{p^{-1}(.975), p^{-1}(.025)\}$$



Can do in general;
Min. assumptions!



But: you need more than
likelihood

Inference: Need more than Likelihood!

e5

$$f(y; \theta) + y^0 \Rightarrow ?$$

$$y \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n \quad \theta \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^p$$

moderate regularity

Inference: Need more than Likelihood!

e6

$$f(y; \theta) + y^0 \Rightarrow ?$$

$$y \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^n \quad \theta \text{ in } \mathbb{R}^p$$

moderate regularity

Need: $l(\theta; y^0) = a + \log f(y^0; \theta)$

$\varphi(\theta) =$ Gradient likelihood in directions $V = (\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_p)$
tangent to "conditioning"

Inference: Need more than Likelihood!

e7

$$f(y; \theta) + y^0 \Rightarrow ?$$

y in \mathbb{R}^n θ in \mathbb{R}^p moderate regularity

Need: $l(\theta; y^0) = a + \log f(y^0; \theta)$

$\varphi(\theta) =$ Gradient likelihood in directions $V = (\underline{v}_1, \dots, \underline{v}_p)$
tangent to "conditioning"

Get

p-value for any scalar $\psi(\theta)$

3rd

Likelihood " " " or vector $\psi(\theta)$

3rd

p-value for any vector $\psi(\theta)$

2nd

uses just mle's, info's & CPU ...

F Calibrate: priors

Get: 3rd order inference using

$$V = \frac{dy}{d\theta} \Big|_{(y^0, \hat{\theta})}$$

Differentiate for fixed pivotal

Get: 3rd order matching prior

$$V(\theta) = (\underline{v}_1(\theta), \dots, \underline{v}_p(\theta)) = \frac{dy}{d\theta} \Big|_{(y^0, \theta)}$$

$$\text{Prior} = c | M' V(\theta) |$$

$$\begin{aligned} M &= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y \partial \theta} \ell(\theta; y) \Big|_{\hat{\theta}^0, y^0} \\ &= \underline{\ell}_{y, \theta}(\hat{\theta}^0; y^0) \end{aligned}$$

F Calibrate: priors

Got: 3rd order inference using

$$V = \frac{dy}{d\theta} \Big|_{(y^0, \hat{\theta})}$$

Differentiate for fixed pivotal

Get: 3rd order matching prior

$$V(\theta) = (\underline{v}_1(\theta), \dots, \underline{v}_p(\theta)) = \frac{dy}{d\theta} \Big|_{(y^0, \theta)}$$

$$\text{Prior} = c |M' V(\theta)| d\theta$$

$$M = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y \partial \theta} \ell(\theta; y) \Big|_{\hat{\theta}^0, y^0}$$

$$= \underline{\ell}_{y, \theta}(\hat{\theta}^0; y^0)$$

Example: $\underline{y} = X\beta + \sigma \underline{z}$

\underline{z}_i : Student or Extreme value

$$\text{Prior} = c |M' V(\theta)| d\theta$$

$$= d\beta \frac{d\sigma}{\sigma}$$

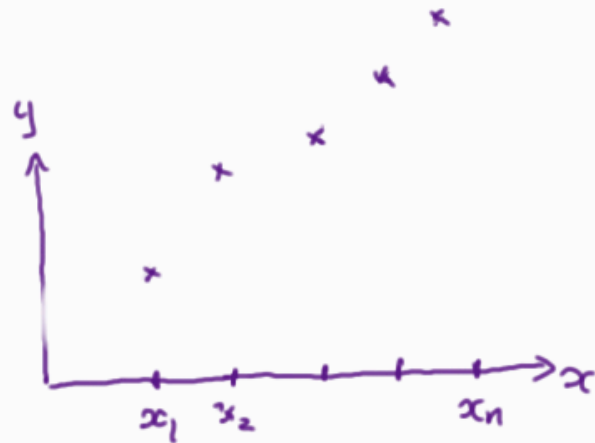
and also gives confidence

Fraser, Reid, Mavras (Rome) Yi (Waterloo) 2005

G Example: Box & Cox 1964

Finding the parameter

Model $y^{\lambda} = \alpha + \beta x + \sigma z$

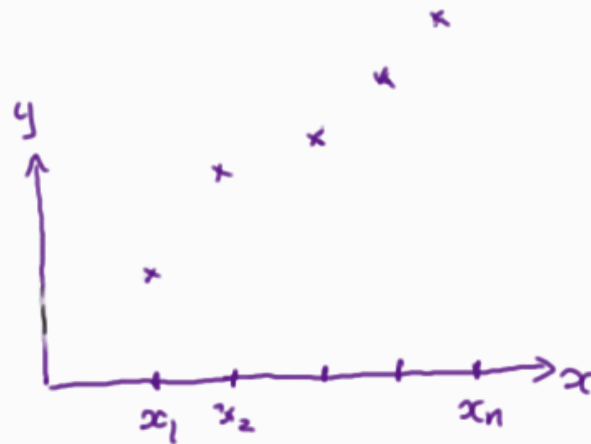


G Example: Box & Cox 1964

Finding the parameter

Model $y^{\lambda} = \alpha + \beta x + \sigma z$

a) If you knew λ
just ordinary regression

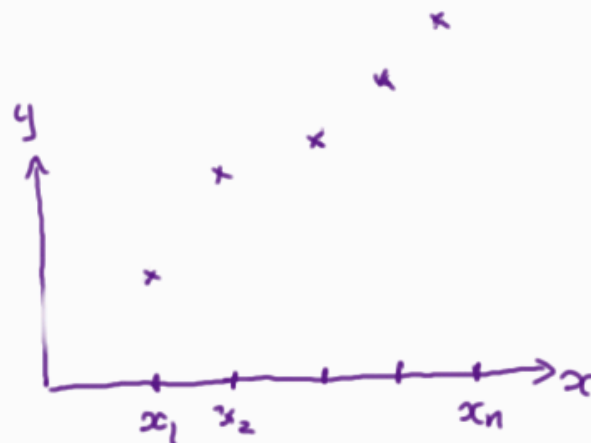


G Example: Box & Cox 1964

Finding the parameter

Model $y^\lambda = \alpha + \beta x + \sigma z$

a) If you knew λ
just ordinary regression



Psychologist is uncertain as to how to express/calibrate/scale response y
Possibly: y^2 or $y^{1/2}$ or $\log y$ to get: Lin model, Normality, homosced. ... $y > 0$
try y^λ

Model: $y = (\alpha + \beta x + \sigma z)^{1/\lambda}$

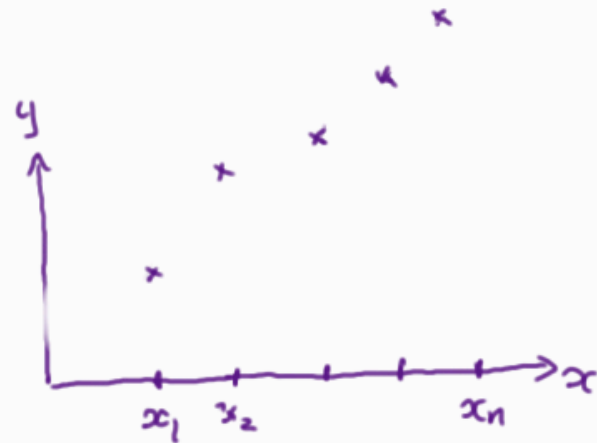
... say $z \sim N$

G Example: Box & Cox 1964

Finding the parameter

Model $y^\lambda = \alpha + \beta x + \sigma z$

a) If you knew λ
just ordinary regression



Psychologist is uncertain as to how to express/calibrate/scale response y
Possibly y^2 or $y^{1/2}$ or $\log y$ to get Lin model, Normality, homosced...

try y^λ

Model: $y = (\alpha + \beta x + \sigma z)^{1/\lambda}$

--- say $z \sim N$

" $y > 0$ "

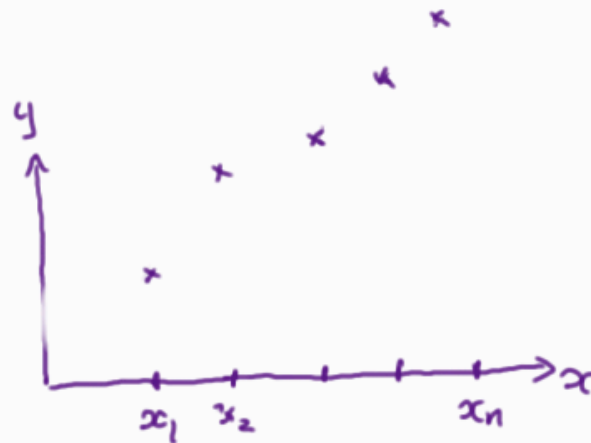
but what does β mean? Box Cox 1964 Bickel Doksum 1981 Box Cox 1982 !

G Example: Box & Cox 1964

Finding the parameter

Model $y^\lambda = \alpha + \beta x + \sigma z$

a) If you knew λ
just ordinary regression



Psychologist is uncertain as to how to express/calibrate/scale response y
Possibly y^2 or $y^{1/2}$ or $\log y$ to get Lin model, Normality, homosced...

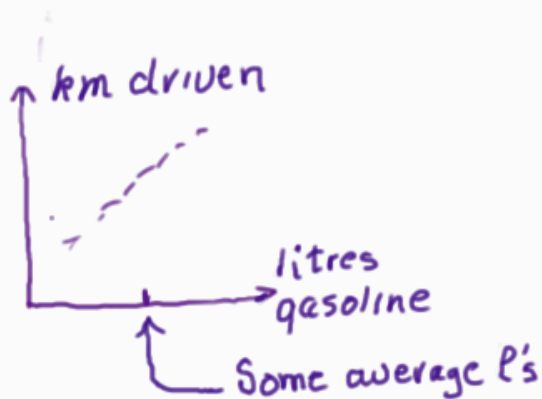
try y^λ

Model: $y = (\alpha + \beta x + \sigma z)^{1/\lambda}$

--- say $z \sim N$

" $y > 0$ "

Example



Interest?

How "km" change with x change

$\psi(\theta) = \frac{d}{dx} (\alpha + \beta x)^{1/\lambda} \Big|_{x_0}$ real parameter

So get p -value.

A message:

Calibrate parameter

- 1) Need: likelihood, gradient of likelihood
get: 3rd order p-value f
- 2) Need: likelihood, pivotal B
get: 3rd order posterior tail probs
- 3) Bayes & likelihood agree (f B) ♡