

## **Description**

**logit.mh.w.gibbs**: Function which produces one or multiple *univariate* Metropolis-Hastings chains for logistic regression cases of the type

$$\log \text{it}(p_i) = a + bx_i, \text{ with } y_i | p_i \sim \text{Bin}(n_i, p_i) \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, n_i$$

with prior specification  $a \sim N(0, k)$ ,  $b \sim N(0, k)$  and normal random walk proposals

$$a^t \sim N(a^{t-1}, \sigma_a^2)$$

$$b^t \sim N(b^{t-1}, \sigma_b^2)$$

## **Usage**

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logit.mh.w.gibbs(y, x, sizes, n, l=1, discard=n/2, initial.matrix, sd, hyper.par=1000,  
update=FALSE, plot=TRUE)
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## **Arguments**

**y**: the vector containing the  $y_i$ 's.

**x**: the vector containing the  $x_i$ 's.

**sizes**: the vector containing the  $n_i$ 's.

**n**: the number of univariate Metropolis-Hastings iterations.

**l**: the number of univariate Metropolis-Hastings chains to be produced, the default choice is 1 chain.

**discard**: the number of discarded iterations for the “burn-in” period. The default value  $n/2$  discards the first half of the chain. This arguments must *always* be smaller than  $n$ .

**initial.matrix**: A matrix which contains the initial values of the simulation. This argument must be given in matrix form. If  $l=1$  (one chain) the initial.matrix must be of dimension  $1 \times 2$  with column one containing the initial value for parameter  $a$  and column two the initial value for parameter  $b$ . If  $l > 1$  i.e.  $l=4$  then the initial matrix must be of dimension  $4 \times 2$ . In this case the 1st column must contain 4 initial values for parameter  $a$  and the 2nd column must contain 4 initial values for parameter  $b$ .

**sd**: A vector with two elements corresponding to the proposals *standard deviations*  $\sigma_a$  and  $\sigma_b$  for parameters  $a$  (1st element) and  $b$  (2nd element).

**hyper.par**: a scalar corresponding to  $k$ , the default value is  $k = 1000$ .

***update***: A logical argument. If TRUE then the initial choices for parameters  $\sigma_a$  and  $\sigma_b$  are replaced at iterations  $n/4$ ,  $n/2$  and  $3n/4$  with the MCMC estimates acquired by the preceding draws of parameters  $a$ ,  $b$  belonging to the intervals  $[1, n/4]$ ,  $(n/4, n/2]$  and  $(n/2, 3n/4]$  respectively.

***plot***: A logical argument. If TRUE and  $l=1$  (one chain) then time series plots, autocorrelation plots and histograms for the draws of parameters  $a$ ,  $b$  are returned. If TRUE and  $l>1$  (multiple chains) then ergodic mean plots and histograms for the draws of parameters  $a$ ,  $b$  are returned.

### **Components**

logit.mh.w.gibbs returns the following components:

**parameters**: The draws of parameters from the posterior distribution.

**acceptance\_ratio**: The acceptance ratio of each chain and each parameter.

**R\_root**: The calculated R reduction measure (returned only if  $l>1$ ).

**lengths**: The size of the MCMC sample kept for inference.

**means**: The posterior means of the parameters.

**standard.deviations**: The posterior standard deviations of the parameters.

**correlations**: The posterior correlation matrix of the parameters.

**quantiles**: The posterior quantiles of the parameters.