

## Simulating with Parameter Uncertainty

October 24, 2014

Bill Knebel  
Tim Bergsma

## 1 Purpose

This script shows how to conduct a simulation that considers uncertainty in the parameter estimates. See also [http://www.page-meeting.org/page/page2006/P2006III\\_11.pdf](http://www.page-meeting.org/page/page2006/P2006III_11.pdf).

## 2 Data

Here we load metrumrg and read in the data to be used for simulations.

Listing 1:

```
> library(metrumrg)
> data <- read.csv("../data/derived/phase1.csv")
> head(data)
```

|   | C | ID | TIME | SEQ | EVID | AMT  | DV    | SUBJ | HOUR | HEIGHT | WEIGHT | SEX | AGE  | DOSE | FED | SMK |
|---|---|----|------|-----|------|------|-------|------|------|--------|--------|-----|------|------|-----|-----|
| 1 | C | 1  | 0.00 | 0   | 0    | .    | 0     | 1    | 0.00 | 174    | 74.2   | 0   | 29.1 | 1000 | 1   | 0   |
| 2 | . | 1  | 0.00 | 1   | 1    | 1000 | .     | 1    | 0.00 | 174    | 74.2   | 0   | 29.1 | 1000 | 1   | 0   |
| 3 | . | 1  | 0.25 | 0   | 0    | .    | 0.363 | 1    | 0.25 | 174    | 74.2   | 0   | 29.1 | 1000 | 1   | 0   |
| 4 | . | 1  | 0.50 | 0   | 0    | .    | 0.914 | 1    | 0.50 | 174    | 74.2   | 0   | 29.1 | 1000 | 1   | 0   |
| 5 | . | 1  | 1.00 | 0   | 0    | .    | 1.12  | 1    | 1.00 | 174    | 74.2   | 0   | 29.1 | 1000 | 1   | 0   |
| 6 | . | 1  | 2.00 | 0   | 0    | .    | 2.28  | 1    | 2.00 | 174    | 74.2   | 0   | 29.1 | 1000 | 1   | 0   |

  

|   | DS | CRCN | TAFD | TAD  | LDOS | MDV | predose | zerodv |
|---|----|------|------|------|------|-----|---------|--------|
| 1 | 0  | 83.5 | 0.00 | .    | .    | 0   | 1       | 0      |
| 2 | 0  | 83.5 | 0.00 | 0    | 1000 | 1   | 0       | 0      |
| 3 | 0  | 83.5 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 1000 | 0   | 0       | 0      |
| 4 | 0  | 83.5 | 0.50 | 0.5  | 1000 | 0   | 0       | 0      |
| 5 | 0  | 83.5 | 1.00 | 1    | 1000 | 0   | 0       | 0      |
| 6 | 0  | 83.5 | 2.00 | 2    | 1000 | 0   | 0       | 0      |

We use NONMEM output from a simple two compartment model to generate parameters. We use 1005.lst and 1005.cov output from NM7 to populate a call to metrumrg::simpar().

Listing 2:

```
> cov <- read.table("../nonmem/1005/1005.cov", skip=1, header=T)
> head(cov)
```

|   | NAME   | THETA1      | THETA2     | THETA3       | THETA4      | THETA5      |
|---|--------|-------------|------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 | THETA1 | 0.85947800  | 0.7848260  | 1.05073e-03  | 0.06297000  | -1.6425100  |
| 2 | THETA2 | 0.78482600  | 4.7421000  | 6.67920e-03  | 0.89652600  | 5.3176400   |
| 3 | THETA3 | 0.00105073  | 0.0066792  | 2.75922e-05  | 0.00222269  | -0.0304355  |
| 4 | THETA4 | 0.06297000  | 0.8965260  | 2.22269e-03  | 0.28707800  | 0.1958110   |
| 5 | THETA5 | -1.64251000 | 5.3176400  | -3.04355e-02 | 0.19581100  | 563.8350000 |
| 6 | THETA6 | -0.04113180 | -0.0252131 | -1.04883e-04 | -0.01065710 | 0.7701760   |

  

|   | THETA6       | THETA7       | SIGMA.1.1.   | SIGMA.2.1. | SIGMA.2.2.  | OMEGA.1.1.  |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1 | -0.041131800 | -0.176199000 | -5.18961e-04 | 0          | 2.06030e-02 | 6.09321e-03 |
| 2 | -0.025213100 | 0.068704500  | -3.12567e-03 | 0          | 1.90856e-02 | 5.73980e-03 |
| 3 | -0.000104883 | -0.000135683 | -1.02658e-05 | 0          | 5.89818e-05 | 3.21218e-06 |

```

4 -0.010657100  0.015500000 -6.28838e-04      0  2.53788e-03  4.30468e-03
5  0.770176000 -0.633694000  4.55841e-02      0 -4.24311e-01  2.73913e-01
6  0.013008700  0.000572209  1.20518e-04      0 -1.04929e-03  1.65243e-03
      OMEGA.2.1.  OMEGA.2.2.  OMEGA.3.1.  OMEGA.3.2.  OMEGA.3.3.
1 -2.40140e-04 -4.36000e-03 -5.36432e-03 -2.57895e-03 -3.33572e-03
2 -2.19992e-02 -2.44779e-02 -1.95821e-02 -1.12216e-02  4.78859e-03
3 -6.51294e-05 -7.81938e-05 -6.76593e-05 -2.76252e-05  2.83097e-05
4 -6.21638e-03 -7.79632e-03 -4.55928e-03 -2.25358e-03  3.07430e-03
5  1.60551e-01  2.73617e-02 -5.50834e-03  7.46183e-02 -3.41613e-02
6  3.04227e-04  5.99259e-04 -5.34503e-04 -5.46264e-05 -3.36875e-04

```

We are interested in theta covariance, so we remove extra columns and rows.

Listing 3:

```
> cov<- cov[1:7,c(2:8)]
```

### 3 Parameters

Now we generate 10 sets of population parameters based on the 1005.lst results.

Listing 4:

```

> set.seed(10)
> PKparms <- simpar(
+   nsim=10,
+   theta=c(8.58,21.6, 0.0684, 3.78, 107, 0.999, 1.67),
+   covar=cov,
+   omega=list(0.196, 0.129, 0.107),
+   odf=c(40,40,40),
+   sigma=list(0.0671),
+   sdf=c(200)
+ )
> PKparms

```

|    | TH.1  | TH.2  | TH.3    | TH.4  | TH.5   | TH.6   | TH.7  | OM1.1  | OM2.2   | OM3.3   | SG1.1   |
|----|-------|-------|---------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1  | 7.565 | 19.23 | 0.06670 | 3.882 | 107.50 | 1.1020 | 1.340 | 0.1847 | 0.15400 | 0.13630 | 0.06894 |
| 2  | 6.531 | 20.18 | 0.06637 | 3.861 | 102.60 | 1.0680 | 2.325 | 0.2862 | 0.12000 | 0.16400 | 0.06099 |
| 3  | 8.257 | 21.93 | 0.06598 | 3.722 | 74.43  | 0.8294 | 2.140 | 0.1647 | 0.12770 | 0.11300 | 0.06041 |
| 4  | 6.394 | 19.65 | 0.06679 | 3.521 | 92.78  | 0.9400 | 2.011 | 0.1886 | 0.11460 | 0.08460 | 0.07700 |
| 5  | 7.266 | 20.13 | 0.07281 | 4.136 | 114.00 | 0.9471 | 1.937 | 0.1526 | 0.08448 | 0.13140 | 0.06269 |
| 6  | 8.205 | 21.46 | 0.07480 | 4.221 | 116.30 | 0.9340 | 1.544 | 0.2462 | 0.17640 | 0.08805 | 0.07274 |
| 7  | 8.495 | 23.50 | 0.07476 | 4.147 | 78.29  | 1.0610 | 1.906 | 0.2221 | 0.14440 | 0.09957 | 0.06160 |
| 8  | 7.988 | 21.95 | 0.07318 | 4.524 | 98.36  | 0.9228 | 1.700 | 0.2287 | 0.13820 | 0.06118 | 0.06692 |
| 9  | 8.268 | 19.21 | 0.07017 | 3.554 | 68.39  | 0.9785 | 1.814 | 0.1765 | 0.12310 | 0.08504 | 0.06092 |
| 10 | 8.144 | 20.51 | 0.06545 | 3.754 | 100.90 | 1.0090 | 1.511 | 0.2116 | 0.11940 | 0.09954 | 0.06269 |

## 4 Control Streams

We read in a control stream and clean out extra xml markup.

Listing 5:

```
> ctl <- as.nmctl(readLines("../nonmem/ctl/1005.ctl"))
> ctl[] <- lapply(ctl,function(rec)sub("<.*","",rec))
```

Now we iterate across the rows of PKparms, writing out a separate ctl for each.

Listing 6:

```
> dir.create('../nonmem/sim')
> set <- lapply(
+   rownames(PKparms),
+   function(row,params,ctl){
+     params <- as.character(PKparms[row,])
+     ctl$prob <- sub(1005,row,ctl$prob)
+     ctl$theta <- params[1:7]
+     ctl$omega <- params[8:10]
+     ctl$sigma <- params[11]
+     names(ctl)[names(ctl)=='estimation'] <- 'simulation'
+     ctl$simulation <- paste(
+       '(',
+       as.numeric(row) + 7995,
+       'NEW) (' ,
+       as.numeric(row) + 8996,
+       'UNIFORM) ONLYSIMULATION'
+     )
+     ctl$cov <- NULL
+     ctl$table <- NULL
+     ctl$stable <- NULL
+     ctl$stable <- 'ID TIME DV WT SEX LDOS NOPRINT NOAPPEND FILE=sim.tab
+   ,
+     write.nmctl(ctl,file=file.path('../nonmem/sim',paste(sep='.',row,'
+   ctl'))))
+     return(ctl)
+   },
+   params=PKparms,
+   ctl=ctl
+ )
```

## 5 Simulation

Finally, we run NONMEM simulations using NONR.

Listing 7:

```
> NONR (
```

```
+      run=1:10,  
+      command="/opt/NONMEM/nm72/nmqual/autolog.pl",  
+      project="../nonmem/sim",  
+      diag=FALSE,  
+      checkrunno=FALSE,  
+      grid=TRUE  
+ )
```