

AUTOMATIC MODEL SELECTION

The linear regression model

Let

$$y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}$$

be an n-dimensional random vector with mean vector $\mu = E y$ and covariance matrix $\Sigma = \text{var}(y)$.

For the standard linear model, we assume that

$$\mu = \begin{pmatrix} E y_1 \\ \vdots \\ E y_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 x_{11} + \dots + \beta_k x_{1k} \\ \vdots \\ \beta_1 x_{n1} + \dots + \beta_k x_{nk} \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} x_{11} & \dots & x_{1k} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_{n1} & \dots & x_{nk} \end{pmatrix}}_X \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_k \end{pmatrix}}_{\beta} = X\beta$$

$$\text{and } \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \text{Var}(y_1) & \text{Cov}(y_1, y_2) & \dots & \text{Cov}(y_1, y_n) \\ \text{Cov}(y_2, y_1) & \text{Var}(y_2) & \dots & \text{Cov}(y_2, y_n) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \text{Cov}(y_n, y_1) & \text{Cov}(y_n, y_2) & \dots & \text{Var}(y_n) \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} \sigma^2 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma^2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \sigma^2 \end{pmatrix} = \sigma^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \sigma^2 I,$$

where the k columns of the matrix X (the k regressors) are linearly independent.

Likelihood function of the linear model

If $y=(y_1,\dots,y_k)^T$ has a multivariate normal distribution with a diagonal covariance matrix, the multivariate normal density $f(y_1,\dots,y_k)$ factors into n univariate normal densities:

$$\begin{aligned} f(y_1,\dots,y_k) &= \prod_{t=1}^n f_t(y_t) \\ &= \prod_{t=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\text{Var}(y_t)}} \exp\left(-\frac{(y_t - \text{E}y_t)^2}{2\text{Var}(y_t)}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Under the assumptions $\text{E}y=X\beta$ and $\text{var}(y)=\sigma^2I$ of the linear model we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(y_1,\dots,y_k) &= \prod_{t=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(y_t - \text{E}y_t)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \\ &= (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{t=1}^n (y_t - \beta_1 x_{t1} - \dots - \beta_k x_{tk})^2\right) \end{aligned}$$

This density is a function of y_1,\dots,y_k with fixed model parameters β_1,\dots,β_k , and σ^2 . When we want to stress the dependence of the density on the model parameters, we write $f(y_1,\dots,y_k;\beta_1,\dots,\beta_k,\sigma^2)$ instead of $f(y_1,\dots,y_k)$.

Viewing $f(y_1,\dots,y_k;\beta_1,\dots,\beta_k,\sigma^2)$ as a function of β_1,\dots,β_k , and σ^2 with y_1,\dots,y_k fixed, we obtain the likelihood function of the linear model:

$$L(\beta_1,\dots,\beta_k,\sigma^2;y_1,\dots,y_k) = f(y_1,\dots,y_k;\beta_1,\dots,\beta_k,\sigma^2)$$

ML estimators for the model parameters

The maximum likelihood (ML) estimators for the model parameters are obtained by maximizing the likelihood function or equivalently the log likelihood function

$$\begin{aligned}\log L(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k, \sigma^2; y_1, \dots, y_k) \\ = -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{t=1}^n (y_t - \beta_1 x_{t1} - \dots - \beta_k x_{tk})^2.\end{aligned}$$

Setting the partial derivatives of the log likelihood with respect to β_1, \dots, β_k , and σ^2 to zero gives

$$\begin{aligned}-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{t=1}^n 2(y_t - \beta_1 x_{t1} - \dots - \beta_k x_{tk})(-x_{tj}) = 0, \quad j=1, \dots, k, \\ -\frac{n}{2} \frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} \sum_{t=1}^n (y_t - \beta_1 x_{t1} - \dots - \beta_k x_{tk})^2 = 0,\end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to

$$-\frac{1}{\sigma^2} (y - X\beta)^T X = 0, \quad -\frac{n}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma^4} (y - X\beta)^T (y - X\beta) = 0$$

and also to

$$X^T (y - X\beta) = 0, \quad -n\sigma^2 + (y - X\beta)^T (y - X\beta) = 0$$

and finally also to

$$X^T y = X^T X \beta, \quad (y - X\beta)^T (y - X\beta) = n\sigma^2.$$

Thus

$$\hat{\beta} = (\hat{\beta}_1, \dots, \hat{\beta}_k)^T = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y, \quad \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} (y - X\hat{\beta})^T (y - X\hat{\beta}).$$

Geometrical interpretation

$X\hat{\beta} = X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$ is the projection of y onto the subspace of \mathbb{R}^n spanned by the columns x_1, \dots, x_k of X because

$$X\hat{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\beta}_1 x_{11} + \dots + \hat{\beta}_k x_{1k} \\ \vdots \\ \hat{\beta}_1 x_{n1} + \dots + \hat{\beta}_k x_{nk} \end{pmatrix} = \hat{\beta}_1 \begin{pmatrix} x_{11} \\ \vdots \\ x_{n1} \end{pmatrix} + \dots + \hat{\beta}_k \begin{pmatrix} x_{1k} \\ \vdots \\ x_{nk} \end{pmatrix}$$

is an element of $\text{span}(x_1, \dots, x_k)$ and

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1^T \\ \vdots \\ x_k^T \end{pmatrix} (y - X\hat{\beta}) = X^T (y - X\hat{\beta}) = X^T y - X^T X (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y = 0,$$

which implies that $y - X\hat{\beta}$ is an element of the orthogonal complement of $\text{span}(x_1, \dots, x_k)$.

Analogously, $y - X\hat{\beta} = (I - X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T)y$ is the projection of y onto the orthogonal complement of $\text{span}(x_1, \dots, x_k)$ because

$$y - X\hat{\beta} \in (\text{span}(x_1, \dots, x_k))^\perp$$

and

$$y - (y - X\hat{\beta}) = X\hat{\beta} \in \text{span}(x_1, \dots, x_k) = ((\text{span}(x_1, \dots, x_k))^\perp)^\perp.$$

Exercise: Show that the matrices

$$P_X = X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T, \quad P_{X^\perp} = I - X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T$$

are symmetric and idempotent.

Expected values of the ML estimators

$\hat{\beta}=(X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$ is an unbiased estimator for β because

$$E\hat{\beta}=(X^T X)^{-1} X^T E y=(X^T X)^{-1} X^T X \beta=\beta.$$

Furthermore, using

$$E P_{X^\perp} y=E(y-X\hat{\beta})=E y-E X \hat{\beta}=X \beta-X E \hat{\beta}=X \beta-X \beta=0$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} E(y-X\hat{\beta})^T(y-X\hat{\beta}) &=E(P_{X^\perp} y)^T(P_{X^\perp} y)=E \operatorname{tr}(P_{X^\perp} y)^T P_{X^\perp} y \\ &=E \operatorname{tr} P_{X^\perp} y(P_{X^\perp} y)^T=\operatorname{tr} E P_{X^\perp} y(P_{X^\perp} y)^T \\ &=\operatorname{tr} \operatorname{var}(P_{X^\perp} y)=\operatorname{tr} P_{X^\perp} \operatorname{var}(y) P_{X^\perp}^T \\ &=\operatorname{tr} P_{X^\perp} \sigma^2 I P_{X^\perp}=\sigma^2 \operatorname{tr} P_{X^\perp} P_{X^\perp} \\ &=\sigma^2 \operatorname{tr} P_{X^\perp}=\sigma^2 \operatorname{tr}(I-X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T) \\ &=\sigma^2(\operatorname{tr} I-\operatorname{tr} X(X^T X)^{-1} X^T) \\ &=\sigma^2(\underbrace{\operatorname{tr} I}_{n \times n}-\underbrace{\operatorname{tr} X^T X(X^T X)^{-1}}_{k \times k})=\sigma^2(n-k). \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$E \hat{\sigma}^2=E \frac{1}{n}(y-X\hat{\beta})^T(y-X\hat{\beta})=\frac{n-k}{n} \sigma^2.$$

Exercise: Show that

$$\operatorname{Cov}(X\hat{\beta}, y-X\hat{\beta})=0.$$

The final prediction error criterion

Let y and z be independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.) normal random vectors with mean vector $X\beta$ and covariance matrix $\sigma^2 I$.

Using the ML estimate $\hat{\beta} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$ obtained from y we may predict z by $X\hat{\beta}$. It follows from

$$\begin{aligned} 2\sigma^2 I &= \text{Var}(z) + \text{Var}(y) = \text{Var}(z - y) = \text{Var}((z - X\hat{\beta}) - (y - X\hat{\beta})) \\ &= \text{Var}(z - X\hat{\beta}) - 2\text{Cov}(z - X\hat{\beta}, y - X\hat{\beta}) + \text{Var}(y - X\hat{\beta}) \\ &= \text{Var}(z - X\hat{\beta}) - 2\text{Cov}(z, y - X\hat{\beta}) + 2\text{Cov}(X\hat{\beta}, y - X\hat{\beta}) + \text{Var}(y - X\hat{\beta}) \\ &= \text{Var}(z - X\hat{\beta}) + \text{Var}(y - X\hat{\beta}) \\ &= E(z - X\hat{\beta})(z - X\hat{\beta})^T + E(y - X\hat{\beta})(y - X\hat{\beta})^T \end{aligned}$$

that

$$\begin{aligned} 2n\sigma^2 &= \text{tr}(2\sigma^2 I) = E \text{tr}(z - X\hat{\beta})(z - X\hat{\beta})^T + E \text{tr}(y - X\hat{\beta})(y - X\hat{\beta})^T \\ &= E \text{tr}(z - X\hat{\beta})^T (z - X\hat{\beta}) + E \text{tr}(y - X\hat{\beta})^T (y - X\hat{\beta}) \\ &= E(z - X\hat{\beta})^T (z - X\hat{\beta}) + E(y - X\hat{\beta})^T (y - X\hat{\beta}) \\ &= E(z - X\hat{\beta})^T (z - X\hat{\beta}) + (n - k)\sigma^2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the mean squared prediction error is given by

$$\frac{1}{n} E(z - X\hat{\beta})^T (z - X\hat{\beta}) = \frac{n+k}{n} \sigma^2$$

and an unbiased estimator for it is

$$\text{FPE}(k) = \frac{n+k}{n} \frac{n}{n-k} \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{n+k}{n-k} \hat{\sigma}^2 = \left(1 + \frac{2k}{n-k}\right) \hat{\sigma}^2.$$

The corrected AIC

Let y and z be i.i.d. $N(X\beta, \sigma^2 I)$ and

$$\hat{\beta} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y, \quad \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} (y - X\hat{\beta})^T (y - X\hat{\beta}).$$

A measure that is somehow related to the mean squared prediction error is

$$E(-2 \log f(z; \hat{\beta}, \hat{\sigma}^2)) = E\left(n \log(2\pi) + n \log \hat{\sigma}^2 + \frac{(z - X\hat{\beta})^T (z - X\hat{\beta})}{\hat{\sigma}^2}\right).$$

Here $f(z; \hat{\beta}, \hat{\sigma}^2)$ is viewed as a function of z , $\hat{\beta}$, and $\hat{\sigma}^2$. Clearly, the naïve estimator

$$-2 \log f(y; \hat{\beta}, \hat{\sigma}^2)$$

underestimates $E(-2 \log f(z; \hat{\beta}, \hat{\sigma}^2))$. It follows from

$$\begin{aligned} & E[-2 \log f(z; \hat{\beta}, \hat{\sigma}^2)] - E[-2 \log f(y; \hat{\beta}, \hat{\sigma}^2)] \\ &= E \frac{(z - X\hat{\beta})^T (z - X\hat{\beta})}{\hat{\sigma}^2} - E \frac{(y - X\hat{\beta})^T (y - X\hat{\beta})}{\hat{\sigma}^2} \\ &= E(z - X\hat{\beta})^T (z - X\hat{\beta}) \frac{n}{\sigma^2} E\left(\frac{1}{\frac{n\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma^2}}\right) - n \\ &= \text{tr}(\text{var}(z) + \text{var}(X\hat{\beta})) \frac{n}{\sigma^2} \frac{1}{n-k-2} - n \\ &= (n+k) \sigma^2 \frac{n}{\sigma^2} \frac{1}{n-k-2} - n \\ &= 2(k+1) + \frac{2k^2 + 6k + 4}{n-k-2} \end{aligned}$$

that

$$\text{AIC}_C(k) = -2 \log f(y; \hat{\beta}, \hat{\sigma}^2) + 2(k+1) + \frac{2k^2 + 6k + 4}{n-k-2}$$

is an unbiased estimator for $E[-2 \log f(z; \hat{\beta}, \hat{\sigma}^2)]$.

Exercise: Check each step in the derivation of AIC_C . You may use the following facts:

(i) The statistics $\hat{\beta}$ and $\hat{\sigma}^2$ are independent.

(ii) $\hat{\beta} \sim N(\beta, \sigma^2 (X^T X)^{-1})$, $n\hat{\sigma}^2 / \sigma^2 \sim \chi^2(n-k)$

(iii) $X \sim \chi^2(j) \Rightarrow E \frac{1}{X} = \frac{1}{j-2}$

Up to now we have never questioned the assumption that the design matrix X containing the regressors is given. In practice, we rarely know a priori which regressors should be included in a regression model and must therefore select the design matrix from a set of candidate matrices. A possible strategy is to select that $n \times k$ matrix which minimizes $FPE(k)$ or $AIC_C(k)$.

While $\hat{\sigma}^2$ can only decrease if additional variables are included, the terms

$$1 + \frac{2k}{n-k}$$

and

$$2(k+1) + \frac{2k^2 + 6k + 4}{n-k-2}$$

occurring in $FPE(k)$ and $AIC_C(k)$, respectively, increase as the number of regressors k increases and therefore serve as penalty terms to prevent overparametrization.

An apparent flaw of this model selection approach is that $FPE(k)$ and $AIC_C(k)$ have been derived under the assumption that the mean of y can be written as a linear combination of the columns of X . Why should all candidate matrices satisfy this assumption?

At second glance, model selection with $FPE(k)$ or $AIC_C(k)$ is not so absurd after all, because the chances of selecting a too small (misspecified) model disappear as n increases. So the real challenge is to avoid choosing a too large model. But $FPE(k)$ and $AIC_C(k)$ are particularly suitable for comparing the correct model with larger models, because all of these models are correctly specified.

Exercise: Show that the minimization of

$$AIC_C(k) = -2 \log f(y; \hat{\beta}, \hat{\sigma}^2) + 2(k+1) + \frac{2k^2 + 6k + 4}{n-k-2}$$

is equivalent to the minimization of

$$n \log \hat{\sigma}^2 + 2(k+1) + \frac{2k^2 + 6k + 4}{n-k-2}.$$

If we ignore the last term occurring in $AIC_C(k)$, which vanishes as n increases, we obtain

$$AIC(k) = -2 \log f(y; \hat{\beta}, \hat{\sigma}^2) + 2(k+1).$$

Here the penalty term is just two times the number of model parameters. (The parameters in the linear regression model are β_1, \dots, β_k , and σ^2 .)

Exercise: Show that the minimization of

$$FPE(k) = \left(1 + \frac{2k}{n-k}\right) \hat{\sigma}^2$$

is roughly equivalent to the minimization of $AIC(k)$.

Hint: $\log(1+\varepsilon) \approx \varepsilon$

We might expect that

$$\text{AIC}(k) = -2 \log f(y; \hat{\beta}, \hat{\sigma}^2) + 2(k+1)$$

which has been derived as an asymptotically unbiased estimator for

$$E[-2 \log f(z; \beta, \sigma^2)]$$

in the framework of the linear regression model

$$y_t = \beta_1 x_{t1} + \dots + \beta_k x_{tk} + u_t,$$

can also be used when $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)^T$ comes from a Gaussian AR(p) model

$$y_t = \phi_1 y_{t-1} + \dots + \phi_p y_{t-p} + u_t$$

with parameters ϕ_1, \dots, ϕ_p , and $\sigma^2 = \text{var}(u_t)$.

Indeed, if $\hat{\phi} = (\hat{\phi}_1, \dots, \hat{\phi}_p)^T$ and $\hat{\sigma}^2$ are the ML estimators for the model parameters and $z = (z_1, \dots, z_n)^T$ is an independent series from the same AR(p) model, then

$$\text{AIC}(p) = -2 \log f(y; \hat{\phi}, \hat{\sigma}^2) + 2(p+1)$$

is an approximately unbiased estimator for

$$E[-2 \log f(z; \phi, \sigma^2)].$$

Analogously, in the case of an ARMA(p,q) model

$$y_t = \phi_1 y_{t-1} + \dots + \phi_p y_{t-p} + u_t + \theta_1 u_{t-1} + \dots + \theta_q u_{t-q}$$

we may use

$$\text{AIC}(p,q) = -2 \log f(y; \hat{\phi}, \hat{\theta}, \hat{\sigma}^2) + 2(p+q+1).$$

The likelihood function for an AR(1) model

Suppose that $y=(y_1,\dots,y_n)^T$ comes from a Gaussian AR(1) model represented by

$$y_t=\phi y_{t-1}+u_t$$

or, equivalently, by

$$y_t=\phi(\phi y_{t-2}+u_{t-1})+u_t=\phi(\phi(\phi y_{t-3}+u_{t-2})+u_{t-1})+u_t=\dots=\sum_{j=0}^{\infty}\phi^j u_{t-j}$$

where $|\phi|<1$ and the errors u_t are i.i.d. $N(0,\sigma^2)$. Then

$$E y_t = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \phi^j E u_{t-j} = 0$$

and for $h \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(h) &= \text{cov}(y_t, y_{t-h}) = E y_t y_{t-h} \\ &= E(u_t + \phi u_{t-1} + \phi^2 u_{t-2} + \dots)(u_{t-h} + \phi u_{t-h-1} + \phi^2 u_{t-h-2} + \dots) \\ &= \sigma^2(\phi^h \phi^0 + \phi^{h+1} \phi^1 + \phi^{h+2} \phi^2 + \dots) = \sigma^2 \phi^h \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (\phi^2)^j = \frac{\sigma^2}{1-\phi^2} \phi^h. \end{aligned}$$

The ML estimates are obtained by finding the values of ϕ and σ^2 which maximize

$$f(y_1, \dots, y_n; \phi, \sigma^2) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{n}{2}} (\det \Gamma)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} y^T \Gamma^{-1} y\right),$$

where $\Gamma = E y y^T$ depends on ϕ and σ^2 .

This maximization problem can only be solved numerically but not analytically.

Exercise: Show that

$$\Gamma = \frac{\sigma^2}{1-\phi^2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \phi & \dots & \phi^{n-1} \\ \phi & 1 & \dots & \phi^{n-2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \phi^{n-1} & \phi^{n-2} & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\Gamma^{-1} = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\phi & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ -\phi & 1+\phi^2 & -\phi & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & -\phi & 1+\phi^2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Exercise: Show that $\Gamma^{-1} = \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{L}$, where

$$\mathbf{L} = \frac{1}{\sigma} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{1-\phi^2} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ -\phi & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & -\phi & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Exercise: Show that $\det \Gamma = \frac{\sigma^{2n}}{1-\phi^2}$.

The conditional likelihood function

The joint density of a sample $y=(y_1,\dots,y_n)^T$ from a Gaussian AR(1) model represented by

$$y_t=\phi y_{t-1}+u_t$$

can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} f(y_1,\dots,y_n) &= f(y_n|y_1,\dots,y_{n-1})f(y_1,\dots,y_{n-1}) \\ &= f(y_n|y_1,\dots,y_{n-1})f(y_{n-1}|y_1,\dots,y_{n-2})f(y_1,\dots,y_{n-2}) \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &= f(y_n|y_1,\dots,y_{n-1})\dots f(y_2|y_1)f(y_1). \end{aligned}$$

If $u_t \sim N(0,\sigma^2)$, y_{t-1} is fixed, and $y_t=\phi y_{t-1}+u_t$, then

$$y_t \sim N(\phi y_{t-1},\sigma^2).$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} f(y_t|y_1,\dots,y_{t-1}) &= f(y_t|y_{t-1}) \\ &= (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(y_t-\phi y_{t-1})^2\right) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} f(y_n,\dots,y_2|y_1) &= f(y_n|y_1,\dots,y_{n-1})\dots f(y_2|y_1) \\ &= f(y_n|y_{n-1})\dots f(y_2|y_1) \\ &= (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{n-1}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{t=2}^n (y_t - \phi y_{t-1})^2\right). \end{aligned}$$

Exercise: Show that maximizing

$$\log f(y_n, \dots, y_2 | y_1) = -\frac{n-1}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{t=2}^n (y_t - \phi y_{t-1})^2$$

gives the ordinary least squares (OLS) estimate

$$\hat{\phi} = \frac{\sum_{t=2}^n y_t y_{t-1}}{\sum_{t=2}^n y_{t-1}^2}.$$

Multiplying the conditional likelihood function by $f(y_1)$ we obtain the full likelihood function, i.e.,

$$f(y_1, \dots, y_n) = f(y_n, \dots, y_2 | y_1) f(y_1).$$

It follows from $\text{Var}(y_1) = \frac{\sigma^2}{1-\phi^2}$ that

$$f(y_1) = \left(2\pi \frac{\sigma^2}{1-\phi^2}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1-\phi^2}{2\sigma^2} y_1^2\right).$$