

# Student-*t* model for Stochastic volatility

## Parametrization

The Student-*t* likelihood for stochastic volatility models is defined as:

$$\pi(y|\eta) = \sigma\epsilon$$

where

$$\epsilon \sim T_\nu$$

and  $T_\nu$  is a Student-*t* distribution with  $\nu$  degrees of freedom *standardised* to that is has mean 0 and variance 1 for any value of  $\nu$ .

## Link-function

The squared scale parameter  $\sigma$  is linked to the linear predictor  $\eta$  as:

$$\sigma^2 = \exp(\eta)$$

## Hyperparameters

The degrees of freedom  $\nu$  is represented as

$$\theta = \log(\nu - 2)$$

and the prior is defined on  $\theta$

## Specification

- family="stochvol.t"
- Required argument: *y*.

## Hyperparameter spesification and default values

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hyper

theta

hyperid 83001

name log degrees of freedom

short.name dof

output.name degrees of freedom for stochvol student-t

output.name.intern dof\_intern for stochvol student-t

initial 4

fixed FALSE

prior pc.dof

param 15 0.5

to.theta function(x) log(x - 2)

from.theta function(x) 2 + exp(x)

survival FALSE

**discrete** FALSE

**link** default log

**pdf** stochvolt

## Example

In the following example we specify the likelihood for the stochastic volatility model to be Student- $t$

```
n=1000
x = 0.1 * arima.sim(n = n, model = list(ar = 0.9))
y=exp(x/2)*rt(n,df=6)
time=1:n
data=data.frame(y,time)

formula=y~f(time, model="ar1")+1
result=inla(formula,family="stochvol.t",data=data)
## sometimes we need to add
## control.inla = list(cmin = 1e-2)
## to make it converge
hyper=inla.hyperpar(result)
```

## Notes

None