

Computational Statistics-Report

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```
mydata<-read.table("Report2_Dataset.txt", header=FALSE)
```

Statistical Analysis of Covariates

It is important to mention the use of notation before we proceed. We will in this section use the notation $\mathbf{x} = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ as our covariate vector.

Ascicles

1.1 Model selection

Since the Ascicles - covariate has a 0-1 outcome we can assume that it is Bernoulli distributed with parameter θ . A natural conjugate prior for the Bernoulli distribution is the Beta distribution. The posterior beta distribution for the parameter is given by

$$Beta(\theta|a + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i, b + n - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i)$$

1.2 Results

The following results were found using the posterior beta distribution with $a=1$ and $b=1$ (Uniform distributed) for the ascicles data:

```
## Posterior mean: 0.08227848
```

```
## Posterior mode: 0.07961783
```

```
## Centered 95% Confidence Interval: [ 0.05235453 , 0.1119428 ]
```

With the following HPD interval:

```
##      lower      upper
```

```
## 0.05077072 0.11015298
```

```
## attr("credMass")
```

```
## [1] 0.95
```

```
\subsection{1. Sex}
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The sex of the patients is encoded in a binary variable, where 0 means \emph{male} and 1 means \emph{female}.

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\subsubsection{1.1 Model selection}
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We assume a Bernoulli model $Ber(\theta)$ for the sex of the patient conditional on one parameter θ .

```
\begin{equation}
```

```
f(x|\theta)=\theta^x(1-\theta)^{1-x},
```

```
\end{equation}
where  $x \in \{0,1\}$ . As a prior distribution for  $\theta$  we use the natural conjugate family of the
\begin{equation}
h(\theta) = \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \theta^{a-1} (1-\theta)^{b-1},
\end{equation}
for  $\theta \in [0,1]$ .
\subsubsection{1.2 Results}
From the given dataset we get the sample size  $n$  and the sum of the observations  $s$ :
```

```
```r
n<-length(mydata$V6[!is.na(mydata$V6)])
s<-sum(mydata$V6)
n
[1] 312
s
```

```
[1] 276
```

Therefore the posterior distribution is  $Beta(2 + s, 2 + n - s)$ , which turns out to be  $Beta(278, 38)$ . From that we get

```
Posterior mean: 0.8797468
Posterior mode: 0.8821656
Centered 95% Confidence Interval: [0.8417454 , 0.9132003]
```

And the HPD confidence Interval calculates to:

```
tst<-rbeta(1e5,278,38)
hdi(tst)

lower upper
0.8435172 0.9144173
attr(,"credMass")
[1] 0.95
```

## 2. Spiders

The presence of spiders is encoded in a Binary variable, where 1 means spiders are present.

### 1.1 Model selection

We assume a Bernoulli model  $Ber(\theta)$  for the presence of spiders in patients conditional on one parameter  $\theta$ , the probability of the presence of spiders in the patient. The density function is given as stated earlier. As a prior distribution for  $\theta$  we use the natural conjugate family of the Bernoulli distribution, namely the Beta distribution,  $Beta(a, b)$ , with two shape parameters  $a = b = 1$ , because we have no prior information. The density is given as above.

### 1.2 Results

From the given dataset we get the sample size  $n$  and the sum of the observations  $s$ :

```
n<-length(mydata$V9[!is.na(mydata$V9)])
s<-sum(mydata$V9)
n
[1] 312
```

```
s
```

```
[1] 90
```

Therefore the posterior distribution is  $Beta(1 + s, 1 + n - s)$ , which turns out to be  $Beta(91, 223)$ . From that we get

```
Posterior mean: 0.2911392
```

```
Posterior mode: 0.2898089
```

```
Centered 95% Confidence Interval: [0.2410228 , 0.341131]
```

And the HPD confidence interval calculates to:

```
tst<-rbeta(1e5,91,223)
hdi(tst)
```

```
lower upper
```

```
0.2403773 0.3405455
```

```
attr(,"credMass")
```

```
[1] 0.95
```

### 3. Hepatomegaly

The presence of hepatomegaly is encoded in a Binary variable, where 1 means hepatomegaly is present.

#### 1.1 Model selection

We assume a Bernoulli model  $Ber(\theta)$  for the presence of hepatomegaly in the patient, conditional on one parameter  $\theta$ , the probability of the presence of hepatomegaly in the patient. The density function is given as stated earlier. As a prior distribution for  $\theta$  we use the natural conjugate family of the Bernoulli distribution, namely the Beta distribution,  $Beta(a, b)$ , with two shape parameters  $a = b = 1$ , because we have no prior information. The density is given as above.

#### 1.2 Results

From the given dataset we get the sample size  $n$  and the sum of the observations  $s$ :

```
n<-length(mydata$V8[!is.na(mydata$V8)])
s<-sum(mydata$V8)
n
```

```
[1] 312
```

```
s
```

```
[1] 160
```

Therefore the posterior distribution is  $Beta(1 + s, 1 + n - s)$ , which turns out to be  $Beta(161, 153)$ . From that we get

```
Posterior mean: 0.5126582
```

```
Posterior mode: 0.5127389
```

```
Centered 95% Confidence Interval: [0.4575015 , 0.5678225]
```

And the HPD confidence interval calculates to:

```
tst<-rbeta(1e5,161,153)
hdi(tst)
```

```
lower upper
0.4583751 0.5687138
attr(,"credMass")
[1] 0.95
```

#### 4. Histologic stage

The Histologic stage of the disease is a number in  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , where the stage increases with severeness. We will give here the frequencies of the stages in the dataset.

```
1 2 3 4
16 67 120 109
```

We see that, most patients have been diagnosed in the last to stages of the disease.

## Appendix

### Bernoulli/Beta

A natural conjugate prior for the Bernoulli distribution is the Beta distribution.

$$f(x_i|\theta) = \theta^{x_i}(1-\theta)^{1-x_i}$$

$$L(\mathbf{x}|\theta) = \theta^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} (1-\theta)^{n-\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$$

$$h(\theta) = \text{Beta}(a, b)$$

We proceed by calculating the posterior distribution for  $\theta$

$$h(\theta|\mathbf{x}) \propto L(\mathbf{x}|\theta)h(\theta) = \theta^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} (1-\theta)^{n-\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} \frac{1}{B(a, b)} \theta^{a-1} (1-\theta)^{b-1} I(0 < \theta < 1)$$

$$\propto \text{Beta}(\theta|a + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i, b + n - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i)$$

### Poisson/Gamma

If our data  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are iid  $\text{Poisson}(\lambda)$  distributed then a  $\text{gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$  prior on  $\lambda$  is a conjugate prior. The Likelihood function is:

$$L(\lambda|\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}}{x_i!} = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}}{\prod_{i=1}^n x_i!}$$

Our gamma prior has the expression:

$$h(\lambda) = \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \lambda^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta\lambda}$$

Using bayes rule we find the following posterior:

$$h(\lambda|\mathbf{x}) \propto h(\lambda)L(\mathbf{x}|\lambda) \propto \lambda^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i + \alpha - 1} e^{-(n+\beta)\lambda}$$

$$\propto \text{gamma}(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i + \alpha, n + \beta)$$