

# Hierarchical Bayesian Models: Introduction

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- ▶ probability distribution represents a *degree of belief*.

**Aim:** practical use of general methodology

- ▶ show a range of models and their specifics
- ▶ minimum level of formality – focus on key aspects

**Literature:** Bishop, Ch.M. Pattern recognition and machine learning. Springer, 2006. (first part) Papers and tutorials (second part)

**Details:** [scholar.google.com](https://scholar.google.com), [wikipedia](https://wikipedia.org)

**Marks:** homeworks worth 110 points in total

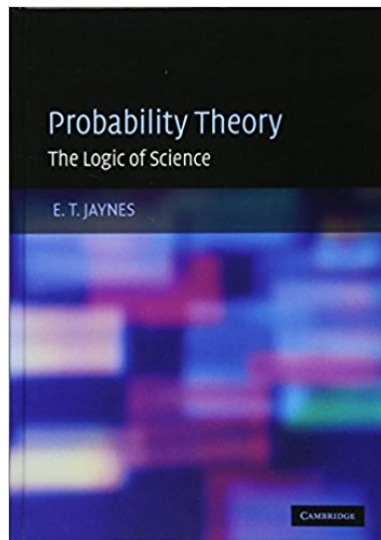
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Probability theory as:

- ▶ extension of logic
- ▶ language
- ▶ necessity for making decisions under uncertainty

Alternatives:

- ▶ Dempster-Shafer
- ▶ fuzzy logic





Random variables:

$$X \in \{x_1, \dots, x_M\}$$

$$Y \in \{y_1, \dots, y_L\}$$

Joint probability

$$P(X = x_i, Y = y_j) = \frac{n_{i,j}}{N}$$

where  $N$  ( $N \rightarrow \infty$ ) is the number of realizations and  $n_{i,j}$  is the number of trials where  $X = x_i, Y = y_j$ .

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# Bayes rule

Named after reverend Thomas Bayes, the Bayes rule is a consequence of the product rule:

$$\begin{aligned}P(X, Y) &= p(Y|X)p(X), \\ &= p(X|Y)p(Y),\end{aligned}$$

yielding:

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with

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$$P(X = 1|Y = 1) = \frac{0.009}{0.108} = 8.3\%$$

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## Nomenclature:

Likelihood:  $p(y_i|m, s)$  with parameters  $m, s$

Prior:  $p(m, s)$  with hyper-parameters  $\alpha, \beta$ .

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 p(m, s|y_1, y_2) &= \frac{p(y_1|m, s)p(y_2|m, s)p(m|s)p(s)}{p(y_1, y_2)} \\
 &\propto p(y_1|m, s)p(y_2|m, s)p(m|s)p(s) \\
 &\propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}^3} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(y_1 - m)^2}{s} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{(y_2 - m)^2}{s} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{m^2}{s} - \frac{\beta}{s}\right) \frac{1}{s^{\alpha+1}} \\
 &\propto s^{-\frac{3}{2}-\alpha-1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2s} [(y_1 - m)^2 + (y_2 - m)^2 + m^2] - \frac{\beta}{s}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

completion of squares

$$p(m, s|y_1, y_2) \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{s}^3} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2s} \left[m - \frac{(y_1 + y_2)}{3}\right]^2 - \frac{1}{2s} S - \frac{\beta}{s}\right) \frac{1}{s^{\alpha+1}}$$

$$S = -3 \left(\frac{y_1 + y_2}{3}\right)^2 + (y_1^2 + y_2^2)$$

Completion

$$(y_1 - m)^2 + (y_2 - m)^2 + m^2 = 3m^2 - 2(y_1 + y_2)m + y_1^2 + y_2^2$$

$$= 3\left(m^2 - 2\frac{y_1 + y_2}{3}m\right) + y_1^2 + y_2^2$$

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## Decomposition of the joint

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integrating over  $m$  (Gauss integral, yielding  $\sqrt{s}\sqrt{\pi}$ )

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$$= iG\left(\alpha + 1, \beta + \frac{S}{2}\right)$$

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$$= \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{y_1 + y_2}{3}, \frac{s}{3}\right)$$

## Alternative decomposition

$$p(m, s|y_1, y_2) \propto \frac{1}{s^{\frac{3}{2}+\alpha+1}} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \frac{3}{s} \left[ m - \frac{(y_1 + y_2)}{3} \right]^2 - \frac{1}{2s} S - \frac{\beta}{s} \right)$$

integrating over  $s$  (norm.coef of  $iG$ )

$$p(m|y_1, y_2) \propto \left( \frac{3}{2} \left[ m - \frac{(y_1 + y_2)}{3} \right]^2 + \frac{S}{2} + \beta \right)^{-\frac{3}{2}-\alpha}$$

$$= St \left( \frac{(y_1 + y_2)}{3}, \frac{S + 2\beta}{3}, \frac{3}{2} + \alpha \right)$$

$$p(s|m, y_1, y_2) \propto \frac{1}{s^{\frac{3}{2}+\alpha+1}} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{s} \left\{ \frac{3}{2} \left[ m - \frac{(y_1 + y_2)}{3} \right]^2 + \frac{1}{2} S + \beta \right\} \right)$$

$$= iG \left( \frac{3}{2} + \alpha, \frac{3}{2} \left[ m - \frac{(y_1 + y_2)}{3} \right]^2 + \frac{1}{2} S + \beta \right)$$

Integration of inverse Gamma

$$\int \left( \frac{1}{s} \right)^{\alpha+1} \exp \left( -\frac{\beta}{s} \right) ds = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{\beta^\alpha}$$

## Take home message

- ▶ likelihood is typically product of distributions (i.i.d)
- ▶ prior is designed
- ▶ proportionality is useful (believe that normalization can be done later),
- ▶ completion of squares = working with Gaussian distribution
- ▶ Marginal and Conditional distributions of a Gaussian is a Gaussian

## Homework assignment (5 points each decomposition)

Model:

$$s \sim iG(\alpha, \beta)$$

$$m \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \tau)$$

$$x_1 \sim \mathcal{N}(m, s)$$

$$x_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(m, s)$$

Bayes rule:

$$p(m, s | x_1, x_2) = \frac{p(x_1 | m, s) p(x_2 | m, s) p(m | s) p(s)}{p(x_1, x_2)}$$

Find decompositions:

$$p(m, s | x_1, x_2) = p(m | s, x_1, x_2) p(s | x_1, x_2)$$

$$p(m, s | x_1, x_2) = p(s | m, x_1, x_2) p(m | x_1, x_2)$$

Hint:

$$p(s | x_1, x_2) \propto \int p(x_1 | m, s) p(x_2 | m, s) p(m | s) p(s) dm$$

$$p(m | x_1, x_2) \propto \int p(x_1 | m, s) p(x_2 | m, s) p(m | s) p(s) ds$$