

# Hierarchical Bayesian Models: Introduction

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

# Course layout

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, wikipedia

Marks: homeworks worth 110 points in total

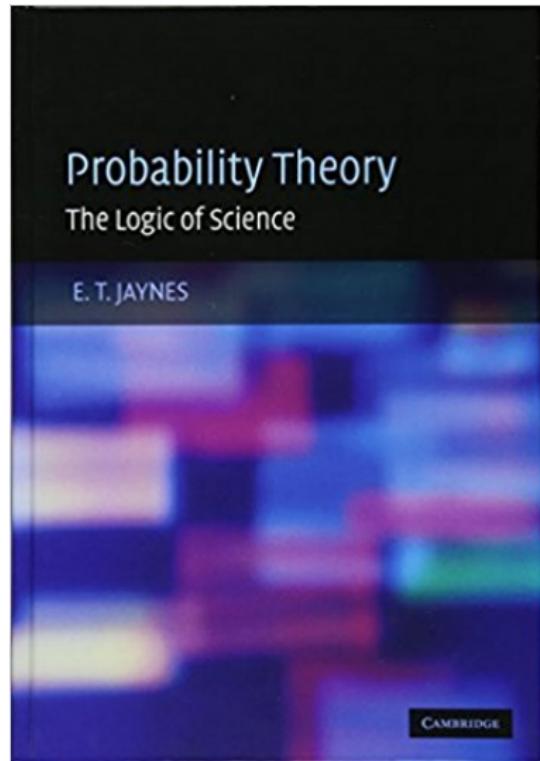
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Probability theory as:

- ▶ 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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Engineering (ML) notation: meaning given by context.

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where  $\Sigma = A^\top A$

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### Nomenclature:

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## Derivation

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

Completion

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

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

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

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

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:

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

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