STAT 576 Bayesian Analysis

Lecture 3: Bayesian Inference II

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- Important Examples:
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- If we are only interested in θ_1, we need to get the **marginal** posterior for θ_1:

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  - In order to construct a conjugate joint prior
  - We may find a conjugate prior for the conditional observation model:

$$p(y \mid \theta_1, \theta_2)$$

    with fixed θ_2
  - Then find a conjugate prior for the marginal observation model:

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$$p(y_1, \ldots, y_n \mid \mu, \sigma^2) \propto (\sigma^2)^{-n/2} \exp\left\{-\frac{(n-1)s^2 + n(\bar{y} - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right\}$$

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- The score function is

$$\nabla \ell(\mu, \sigma^2) = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{n(\mu-\bar{y})}{\sigma^2} \\ \frac{(n-1)s^2+n(\bar{y}-\mu)^2}{2(\sigma^2)^2} - \frac{n}{2\sigma^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

- The Fisher's information (2×2 **matrix**) is

$$\mathcal{I}(\mu, \sigma^2) = -\mathbb{E}_{\mu,\sigma^2}[\Delta \ell(\mu, \sigma)] = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{n}{\sigma^2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{n}{2\sigma^4} \end{bmatrix}$$

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- Reasoning:
  - We assign uniform prior $p(\theta) \propto 1$ for the case that

$$\mathcal{I}(\theta) \propto \boldsymbol{I}$$

  - For any bijective continous mapping $\lambda = g(\theta)$, we have

$$\mathcal{I}(\lambda) = \left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \lambda}\right)^T \mathcal{I}(\theta) \left(\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \lambda}\right)$$

  - This corresponds to the change-of-variable of $p(\theta)$ to λ:

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  - $\sigma^2 \sim \text{InvGamma}(\alpha - 3/2, \beta/2)$
  - $\mu \sim t_{2\alpha-3}(\delta, \beta/(\gamma(2\alpha-3)))$

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- Now recall our previous discussion on the marginal/conditional distributions.
- conditional posterior of μ:

$$p(\mu \mid \sigma^2, y) \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{\kappa_0\mu_0 + n\bar{y}}{\kappa_0 + n}, \frac{\sigma^2}{\kappa_0 + n}\right)$$

- conditional posterior of σ^2:

$$p(\sigma^2 \mid \mu, y) \sim \text{Scaled-Inv-}\Gamma\left(\frac{\nu_0 + n + 1}{2}, \frac{\nu_0\sigma_0^2 + (n-1)s^2 + \kappa_0(\mu - \mu_0)^2 + n(\mu - \bar{y})^2}{2}\right)$$

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$$p(\mu, \sigma^2 \mid y) \sim \text{N-Inv-}\Gamma\left(\frac{\kappa_0\mu_0 + n\bar{y}}{\kappa_0 + n}, \kappa_0 + n, \frac{\nu_0 + n}{2}, \frac{\nu_0\sigma_0^2 + (n-1)s^2 + \frac{n\kappa_0}{n+\kappa_0}(\mu_0 - \bar{y})^2}{2}\right)$$

- marginal posterior of σ^2:

$$p(\sigma^2 \mid y) \sim \text{Scaled-Inv-}\Gamma\left(\frac{\nu_0 + n}{2}, \frac{\nu_0\sigma_0^2 + (n-1)s^2 + \frac{n\kappa_0}{n+\kappa_0}(\mu_0 - \bar{y})^2}{2}\right)$$

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$$p(\mu, \sigma^2 \mid y) \sim \text{N-Inv-}\Gamma\left(\frac{\kappa_0\mu_0 + n\bar{y}}{\kappa_0 + n}, \kappa_0 + n, \frac{\nu_0 + n}{2}, \frac{\nu_0\sigma_0^2 + (n-1)s^2 + \frac{n\kappa_0}{n+\kappa_0}(\mu_0 - \bar{y})^2}{2}\right)$$

- marginal posterior of σ^2:

$$p(\sigma^2 \mid y) \sim \text{Scaled-Inv-}\Gamma\left(\frac{\nu_0 + n}{2}, \frac{\nu_0\sigma_0^2 + (n-1)s^2 + \frac{n\kappa_0}{n+\kappa_0}(\mu_0 - \bar{y})^2}{2}\right)$$

- marginal posterior of μ:

$$p(\mu \mid y) \sim t_{\nu_0+n}\left(\frac{\kappa_0\mu_0 + n\bar{y}}{\kappa_0 + n}, \frac{\nu_0\sigma_0^2 + (n-1)s^2 + \frac{n\kappa_0}{n+\kappa_0}(\mu_0 - \bar{y})^2}{(\nu_0 + n)(\kappa_0 + n)}\right)$$