

Based on the given assumptions we know

- The prior $f_{\Theta}(\theta)$ is a Beta distribution so $f_{\Theta}(\theta; \alpha, \beta) = \frac{\theta^{\alpha-1}(1-\theta)^{\beta-1}}{B(\alpha, \beta)}$.
- The likelihood is the product distribution of n iid Binomial distributions for $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ so

$$f_{\mathbf{X}|\Theta=\theta}(\mathbf{x}; N) = \prod_{i=1}^n \binom{N}{x_i} \theta^{x_i} (1-\theta)^{N-x_i} = \left(\prod_{i=1}^n \binom{N}{x_i} \right) \theta^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} (1-\theta)^{nN - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i}.$$

- The posterior probability distribution is proportional to the product of prior and likelihood and hence,

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\Theta|\mathbf{X}=\mathbf{x}}(\theta) &\propto f_{\mathbf{X}|\Theta=\theta}(\mathbf{x}; N) f_{\Theta}(\theta; \alpha, \beta) \\ &= \left(\prod_{i=1}^n \binom{N}{x_i} \right) \theta^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} (1-\theta)^{nN - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i} \frac{\theta^{\alpha-1}(1-\theta)^{\beta-1}}{B(\alpha, \beta)} \\ &= \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n \binom{N}{x_i}}{B(\alpha, \beta)} \theta^{\alpha-1 + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i} (1-\theta)^{\beta-1 + nN - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i} = c \theta^{a-1} (1-\theta)^{b-1}, \end{aligned}$$

where,

$$a = \alpha + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i, \quad b = \beta + nN - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i, \quad c = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n \binom{N}{x_i}}{B(\alpha, \beta)}.$$

Therefore the posterior distribution is

$$f_{\Theta|\mathbf{X}=\mathbf{x}}(\theta) = \frac{c \theta^{a-1} (1-\theta)^{b-1}}{\int_0^1 c \theta^{a-1} (1-\theta)^{b-1} d\theta} = \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \theta^{a-1} (1-\theta)^{b-1},$$

since $\int_0^1 \theta^{a-1} (1-\theta)^{b-1} d\theta = \frac{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)}{\Gamma(a+b)}$ (the Euler integral of the first kind).

Now, in the Bayesian setting the minimum mean square error estimator is the expected value of the posterior, i.e. for $\theta \in [0, 1]$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) &= E[\theta|\mathbf{x}] = \int_0^1 f_{\Theta|\mathbf{X}=\mathbf{x}}(\theta) \theta d\theta = \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \int_0^1 \theta^{a+1-1} (1-\theta)^{b-1} d\theta \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \frac{\Gamma(a+1)\Gamma(b)}{\Gamma(a+1+b)} = \frac{\Gamma(a+1)\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(a+b+1)}, \end{aligned}$$

using the property $\Gamma(a+1) = a\Gamma(a)$ we have

$$\hat{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{a\Gamma(a)\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)(a+b)\Gamma(a+b)} = \frac{a}{a+b} = \frac{\alpha + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{\alpha + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + \beta + nN - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i} \implies$$

$$\hat{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\alpha + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{\alpha + \beta + nN}.$$

For the given parameters ($\alpha = 2, \beta = 5, n = 8, N = 40$) we have

$$\hat{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{2 + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{327}.$$