

Homework3

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Question 1: Hoff 5.2

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yA <- 75.2; yB <- 77.5
sA <- 7.3; sB <- 8.1
nA <- 16; nB <- 16
mu0 <- 10; sigma20 <- 100

N = 5
Pr = c()
for (i in 0:N){
  k0 = v0 = 2^i

  k_nA <- k0 + nA; k_nB <- k0 + nB
  v_nA <- v0 + nA; v_nB <- k0 + nB

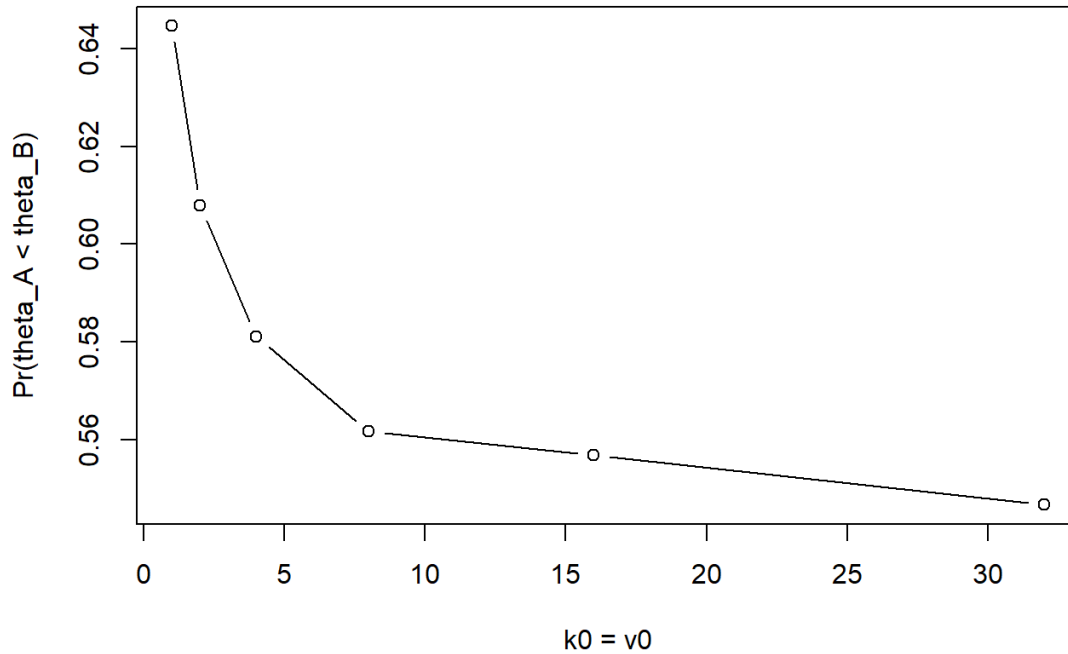
  mu_nA <- (k0*mu0 + nA*yA)/k_nA
  mu_nB <- (k0*mu0 + nB*yB)/k_nB
  sigma2_nA <- (1/v_nA) * (v0*sigma20 + sA^2*(nA-1) + (nA*k0/k_nA)*(yA-mu0)^2)
  sigma2_nB <- (1/v_nB) * (v0*sigma20 + sB^2*(nB-1) + (nB*k0/k_nB)*(yB-mu0)^2)

  # Posterior
  S = 10000
  tauA_postsample <- rgamma(S, k_nA/2, k_nA*sigma2_nA/2)
  thetaA_postsample <- rnorm(S, mu_nA, sqrt(1/(k_nA*tauA_postsample)))
  tauB_postsample <- rgamma(S, k_nB/2, k_nB*sigma2_nB/2)
  thetaB_postsample <- rnorm(S, mu_nB, sqrt(1/(k_nB*tauB_postsample)))

  # MC Sampling
  Pr <- c(Pr, mean(thetaA_postsample < thetaB_postsample))
}

plot(2^(0:N), Pr, "b", xlab = "k0 = v0", ylab = "Pr(theta_A < theta_B)",
     main="Probability of theta_A < theta_B with different prior using MC")
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Probability of $\theta_A < \theta_B$ with different prior using MC



- Describe how you might use this plot to convey the evidence that $\theta_A < \theta_B$ to people of a variety of prior opinions.

The sample mean of B is larger than sample mean of A and both of them are larger than the prior mean. As prior belief becomes stronger, in this case the greater the prior sample size k_0 and prior degrees of freedom v_0 , the more influence it is to be incorporated into posterior mean and variance. As shown in the plot, the probability of $\theta_A - \theta_B$ is greater than 0.53 and converges to 0.53 for larger prior sample size or prior degrees of freedom. This means θ_A is less than θ_B with a large confidence.

Q2:

$$Y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$$

$$y_i \sim N(\theta, \sigma^2)$$

$$\text{Jeffrey's prior: } \pi(\theta, \sigma^2) \propto (\sigma^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

Derive posterior under this prior and state whether it's proper. What happens when $n=1$ vs. $n>1$?

$$\begin{aligned} p(\theta, \sigma^2 | Y) &\propto p(Y | \theta, \sigma^2) \cdot p(\theta, \sigma^2) \\ &\propto (\sigma^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} \cdot p(y_1, \dots, y_n | \theta, \sigma^2) \\ &\propto (\sigma^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}} (\sigma^2)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \theta)^2\right) \\ &\propto (\sigma^2)^{-\frac{n+3}{2}} \exp\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 - 2\theta \sum_{i=1}^n y_i + n\theta^2}{-2\sigma^2}\right) \\ &\propto \left(\frac{1}{\sigma^2}\right)^{\frac{n+3}{2}} \exp\left(\frac{n\left(\theta - 2\theta \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i}{n} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i}{n^2}\right) + \left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2}{n}\right)}{-2\sigma^2}\right) \\ &\propto \exp\left(\frac{\left(\theta - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i}{n}\right)^2}{-2\frac{\sigma^2}{n}}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\sigma^2}\right)^{\frac{n+5}{2}-1} \exp\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2}{n}}{-2\sigma^2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

When $n=1$:

$$p(\theta, \sigma^2 | Y) \propto \exp\left(\frac{\left(\theta - \sum_{i=1}^1 y_i\right)^2}{-2\sigma^2}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\sigma^2}\right)^2$$

This posterior doesn't contain the same distribution as prior's (normal & gamma).

Also, since $p(\sigma^2 | Y) = \int p(\theta, \sigma^2 | Y) d\theta \propto \int \exp\left(\frac{\left(\theta - \sum_{i=1}^1 y_i\right)^2}{-2\sigma^2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\sigma^2}\right)^2 d\theta$ is a function of both θ and σ^2 , this posterior is not proper.

When $n \neq 1$:

$$p(\theta, \sigma^2 | Y) \propto N\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i}{n}, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right) \times \text{Gamma}\left(\frac{n+5}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2}{n}\right)\right)$$

The posterior's distribution for Jeffrey's prior is a Normal-inverse-gamma distribution with parameters derived above. Thus when $n \neq 1$, it's a proper posterior distribution.

Q3:

$$y|\theta \sim P_0(\theta).$$

1) Find the Jeffrey's prior for θ . $\pi(\theta) \propto \sqrt{I(\theta)}$

$$\because I(\theta) = -E\left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial^2\theta} \log P(y|\theta) | \theta\right] \text{ and } p(y|\theta) \sim P_0(\theta).$$

$$\therefore \log p(y|\theta) = \log \frac{\theta^y \cdot e^{-\theta}}{y!} = y \log \theta - \theta - \log y!.$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial^2}{\partial^2\theta} \log P(y|\theta) = \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta} \left(\frac{y}{\theta} - 1\right) = -y \cdot \theta^{-2} = -\frac{y}{\theta^2}.$$

$$\therefore I(\theta) = -E\left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial^2\theta} \log P(y|\theta) | \theta\right] = -E\left[-\frac{y}{\theta^2}\right] = \frac{\theta}{\theta^2} = \frac{1}{\theta}.$$

Then, we have Jeffrey's prior $\propto \sqrt{I(\theta)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\theta}}$.

Since $\int_0^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\theta}} d\theta = \left. \frac{\theta^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\frac{1}{2}} \right|_0^{\infty} = 2\sqrt{\theta} \Big|_0^{\infty} = \infty$, this distribution doesn't integrate to 1, it's improper.

2). What values of a and b for the gamma density $Ga(a, b)$ will result in a close match to the Jeffrey's density you found?

$$f(\theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\theta}} = \theta^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \theta^{\frac{1}{2}-1} \cdot e^{-0 \cdot \theta} \propto Ga\left(\frac{1}{2}, 0\right).$$

$\therefore Ga\left(\frac{1}{2}, 0\right)$ will result in a close match.

Q4: y_i , $\begin{cases} x_i=0 & \text{for control subjects.} \\ x_i=1 & \text{for treated subjects.} \end{cases}$ $y_i \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda \cdot \gamma^{x_i})$. $\begin{cases} \lambda = E[y_i | x_i=0] \\ \gamma = \text{multiplicative change in the mean.} \\ \text{in treated gp.} \end{cases}$

$$\lambda \sim \text{Ga}(1, 1)$$

$$\gamma \sim \text{Ga}(1, 1)$$

Is the joint posterior for λ and γ conjugate?

since λ and γ are independent in assumption

$$\begin{aligned} p(\lambda, \gamma | y_1, \dots, y_n) &\propto p(y_1, \dots, y_n | \lambda, \gamma) \cdot p(\lambda) \cdot p(\gamma) \\ &\propto \prod_{i=1}^m e^{-\lambda\gamma} (\lambda\gamma)^{y_i} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^{n-m} e^{-\lambda} (\lambda)^{y_i} \cdot \lambda^{1-1} e^{-\lambda} \cdot \gamma^{1-1} e^{-\gamma} \quad \text{m is number of subjects in treated gp, } m \in [0, n] \\ &\propto e^{-m\lambda\gamma} (\lambda\gamma)^{\sum_{i=1}^m y_i} e^{-(n-m)\lambda} \lambda^{\sum_{i=1}^{n-m} y_i} e^{-(\lambda+\gamma)} \\ &= \left(e^{-m\lambda\gamma-\gamma} \gamma^{\sum_{i=1}^m y_i} \right) \left(e^{-(n-m+1)\lambda} \lambda^{\sum_{i=1}^m y_i + \sum_{i=1}^{n-m} y_i} \right) \\ &= \left(e^{-(m\lambda+1)\gamma} \gamma^{\left(\sum_{i=1}^m y_i + 1\right)-1} \right) \cdot \left(e^{-(n-m+1)\lambda} \lambda^{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i + 1\right)-1} \right) \\ &\propto \text{Gamma}\left(\sum_{i=1}^m y_i + 1, m\lambda + 1\right) \cdot \text{Gamma}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i + 1, n-m+1\right) \end{aligned}$$

Yes, the joint posterior for λ and γ is conjugate to the priors, since it's a Gamma ~ Gamma distribution.