

Assignment #3

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Problem 1

Sampling Distribution: $y_1, \dots, y_n | \theta \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} N(\theta, \sigma_y^2)$

Prior Distribution: $\theta \sim N(\mu_\theta, \sigma_\theta^2)$

Posterior Distribution: $\theta | y \sim N(Q_\theta^{-1} \ell_\theta, Q_\theta^{-1})$

Posterior Distribution:

$$\begin{aligned} p(\theta|y) &\propto p(y|\theta)p(\theta) \\ &= \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_y^2}} \right]^n \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma_y^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \theta)^2\right) \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_\theta^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma_\theta^2} (\theta - \mu_\theta)^2\right) \\ &\propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma_\theta^2} (\theta - \mu_\theta)^2\right) \times \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma_y^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \theta)^2\right) \\ &= \exp\left(-\frac{\theta^2 - 2\theta\mu_\theta + \mu_\theta^2}{2\sigma_\theta^2}\right) \times \exp\left(-\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i^2 - 2\theta y_i + \theta^2)}{2\sigma_y^2}\right) \\ &= \exp\left(\frac{-\theta^2 + 2\theta\mu_\theta - \mu_\theta^2}{2\sigma_\theta^2} - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i^2 - 2\theta y_i + \theta^2)}{2\sigma_y^2}\right) \\ &= \exp\left(\frac{\sigma_y^2[-\theta^2 + 2\theta\mu_\theta - \mu_\theta^2] - \sigma_\theta^2[\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i^2 - 2\theta y_i + \theta^2)]}{2\sigma_\theta^2\sigma_y^2}\right) \\ &= \exp\left(\frac{-\theta^2(\sigma_y^2 + n\sigma_\theta^2) + 2\theta(\mu_\theta\sigma_y^2 + \sigma_\theta^2 y_1 + \dots + \sigma_\theta^2 y_n) - (\mu_\theta^2\sigma_y^2 + \sigma_\theta^2 y_1^2 + \dots + \sigma_\theta^2 y_n^2)}{2\sigma_\theta^2\sigma_y^2}\right) \\ &= \exp\left(\frac{-\theta^2 + 2\theta\frac{\mu_\theta\sigma_y^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_\theta^2 y_i}{\sigma_y^2 + n\sigma_\theta^2} - \left(\frac{\mu_\theta\sigma_y^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_\theta^2 y_i}{\sigma_y^2 + n\sigma_\theta^2}\right)^2}{2\frac{\sigma_\theta^2\sigma_y^2}{\sigma_y^2 + n\sigma_\theta^2}}\right) \times \exp\left(-\frac{\mu_\theta^2\sigma_y^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_\theta^2 y_i^2}{2\sigma_\theta^2\sigma_y^2}\right) \\ &= \exp\left(-\frac{\left(\theta - \frac{\mu_\theta\sigma_y^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_\theta^2 y_i}{\sigma_y^2 + n\sigma_\theta^2}\right)^2}{2\frac{\sigma_\theta^2\sigma_y^2}{\sigma_y^2 + n\sigma_\theta^2}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

From this result, we can see the following result:

$$\begin{aligned}
\theta|y &\sim N\left(\frac{\mu_\theta\sigma_y^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_\theta^2 y_i}{\sigma_y^2 + n\sigma_\theta^2}, \frac{\sigma_y^2\sigma_\theta^2}{\sigma_y^2 + n\sigma_\theta^2}\right) \\
&\sim N\left(\frac{\mu_\theta\sigma_\theta^{-2} + \sigma_y^{-2} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i}{\sigma_\theta^{-2} + n\sigma_y^{-2}}, \frac{1}{\sigma_\theta^{-2} + n\sigma_y^{-2}}\right) \\
&\sim N(Q_\theta^{-1}\ell_\theta, Q_\theta^{-1})
\end{aligned}$$

Where the following holds:

$$\begin{aligned}
Q_\theta &= n\sigma_y^{-2} + \sigma_\theta^{-2} \\
\ell_\theta &= \sigma_y^{-2} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i + \sigma_\theta^{-2} \mu_\theta
\end{aligned}$$

Problem 2

Part i

Posterior Distribution:

$$\begin{aligned}
p(\theta|y, \tau_y) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_y^2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma_y^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \theta x_i)^2\right] \\
&\propto \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma_y^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \theta x_i)^2\right] \\
&= \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\sigma_y^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i^2 - 2\theta x_i y_i + \theta^2 x_i^2)\right)\right] \\
&= \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\sigma_y^2} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 - \sum_{n=1}^n 2\theta x_i y_i + \sum_{i=1}^n \theta^2 x_i^2\right]\right)\right] \\
&= \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\sigma_y^2} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 - 2\theta \sum_{n=1}^n x_i y_i + \theta^2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2\right]\right)\right] \\
&= \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\sigma_y^{-2} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 - 2\theta \sigma_y^{-2} \sum_{n=1}^n x_i y_i + \theta^2 \sigma_y^{-2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2\right)\right] \\
&\propto \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\theta^2 \sigma_y^{-2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - 2\theta \sigma_y^{-2} \sum_{n=1}^n x_i y_i\right)\right]
\end{aligned}$$

Now, given the formula: $p(\theta|y) \propto \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(Q_\theta \theta^2 - 2\ell_\theta \theta\right)\right]$

We get the results that:

$$\begin{aligned}
Q_\theta &= \sigma_y^{-2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \\
\ell_\theta &= \sigma_y^{-2} \sum_{n=1}^n x_i y_i
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
p(\theta|y, \tau_y) &\sim N(Q_\theta^{-1}\ell_\theta, Q_\theta^{-1}) \\
&\sim N\left((\sigma_y^{-2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2)^{-1} \times (\sigma_y^{-2} \sum_{n=1}^n x_i y_i)^{-1}, (\sigma_y^{-2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2)^{-1}\right)
\end{aligned}$$

Problem 3

Sampling Distribution: $p(y|\theta) = \frac{\theta^y e^{-\theta}}{y!}$

Domain: $\theta > 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(y|\theta) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\theta^{y_i} e^{-\theta}}{y_i!} \\
 &= \theta^{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i} e^{-n\theta} \times \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{y_i!} \\
 \log[p(y|\theta)] &= \log \left[\theta^{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i} e^{-n\theta} \times \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{y_i!} \right] \\
 &= \left[\sum_{i=1}^n y_i \right] \log(\theta) - n\theta - \log \left[\sum_{i=1}^n y_i! \right] \\
 \frac{d}{d\theta} \log[p(y|\theta)] &= \frac{d}{d\theta} \left[\left[\sum_{i=1}^n y_i \right] \log(\theta) \right] - \frac{d}{d\theta} (n\theta) + 0 \\
 &= \left[\sum_{i=1}^n y_i \right] \frac{1}{\theta} - n \\
 \frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} \log[p(y|\theta)] &= \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{d}{d\theta} \theta^{-1} \right] + 0 \\
 &= \frac{-\sum_{i=1}^n y_i}{\theta^2} \\
 E \left[\frac{d^2 \log[p(y|\theta)]}{d\theta^2} \middle| \theta \right] &= \frac{-n\theta}{\theta^2} \\
 &= \frac{-n}{\theta} \\
 \sqrt{-E \left[\frac{d^2 \log[p(y|\theta)]}{d\theta^2} \middle| \theta \right]} &= \sqrt{\frac{n}{\theta}} \\
 &\propto \theta^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &\sim \text{Gamma} \left(\alpha = \frac{1}{2}, \beta = 0 \right)
 \end{aligned}$$