

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

Problem 3