

Problem 1a:

Bayes' theorem gives for $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$ that

$$p(\theta|y) \propto p(y|\theta)p(\theta) \propto \theta^{2n} \cdot \exp\left[-\left(\frac{1}{2} + \sum_{i=1}^n y_i\right)\theta\right], \text{ which can}$$

be identified as the form of a gamma distribution with parameters

$$\alpha = 2n + 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \beta = \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$$

Problem 3a:

Bayes' theorem gives for $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ that

$$p(\theta|x) \propto p(x|\theta)p(\theta) \propto \exp\left[-n\theta^2 + 2\theta \sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i\right]$$

If $\theta|x \sim N(\mu_n, \sigma_n^2)$, then

$$p(\theta|x) \propto \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma_n^2} \cdot \theta^2 + \frac{\mu_n}{\sigma_n^2} \cdot \theta\right].$$

Hence, the posterior distribution for θ is $N(\mu_n, \sigma_n^2)$, where it is identified that

$$\mu_n = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i}{n} \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_n^2 = \frac{1}{2n}$$

Problem 3b:

The Bayes point estimate is the posterior median given by μ_n , i.e.

$$\hat{\theta} = \mu_n = \frac{2}{5} = 0.4$$

Problem 3c:

The marginal likelihood for $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ and $p(\theta) = \frac{1}{c}$ on an interval with length c is given by

$$\begin{aligned} p(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(x|\theta)p(\theta) d\theta = \frac{1}{c} \cdot \pi^{-n/2} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{x_i}\right) \cdot \exp\left[-\sum_{i=1}^n (\ln x_i)^2\right] \\ &\quad \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left[-n\theta^2 + 2\theta \sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i\right] d\theta \\ &= \exp\left[\frac{\mu_n^2}{2\sigma_n^2}\right] \cdot \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma_n^2} (\theta - \mu_n)^2\right] d\theta}_{= \sigma_n \cdot \sqrt{2\pi}} \end{aligned}$$