Chapter 4: Bayesian Inference

강의 목표

- ▶ 베이지안 추론의 이해
 - · Likelihood Method
 - · Bayesian Method

Statistical Models: Main Focus

▶ Inference about parameters, based on data.

Notations and Settings: Distributions

- ▶ Denote an unobserved parameter of interest as θ .
- Denote our data as D.
- Our probability model for the data, given a value of θ , is denoted $P(\mathbf{D} \mid \theta)$.
- ▶ 가정: 주어진 데이터 D 혹은 X는 확률 변수 X의 관측치이며 X의 분포는 unknown parameter θ 에 의존하는 density function $f(\cdot \mid \theta)$ 를 가진다.

e.g.: Normal distribution $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

Notations and Settings: Data

- ▶ Suppose we observe an iid sample of data $X = (X_1, ..., X_n)$.
- Now X is considered fixed and known.
- ▶ Denote our data as the $n \times k$ matrix X.
- \blacktriangleright We denote the parameter(s) of interest to be the vector θ .

Likelihood Theory

- ▶ The likelihood function: $L(\theta \mid X) = f(X \mid \theta)$.
- ▶ $L(\theta \mid X)$ is a function of θ that shows how "likely" are various parameter values θ to have produced the data X that were observed.

Likelihood Principle

Mathematically, if the data X represent iid observations from probability distribution $p(X \mid \theta)$, then

$$L(\theta \mid X) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} P(X_i \mid \theta)$$

where $X_1, ..., X_n$ are the n data vectors.

Likelihood Theory

- ightharpoonup 목표: Parameter θ
- ▶ 주어진 정보: 데이터 *X*
- ▶ 데이터 X가 θ 정보를 가지고 있으므로 X를 통해 θ 를 추측.
- 주의해야 할 점: θ가 X의 분포를 결정. X가 θ를 결정하는 것이
 아님.

Maximum Likelihood Estimator (MLE)

- In classical statistics, the specific value of θ that maximizes $L(\theta \mid X)$ is the maximum likelihood estimator (MLE) of θ .
- ▶ e.g., 동전을 100회 던졌을때 앞면이 100회 연속 나왔다고 가정하자. 동전을 던졌을때 앞면이 나올 확률 *p*는 다음 중 어느 것이 더 가능성이 있을까?
 - 1. p = 0
 - 2. p = 0.5
 - 3. p = 1

Likelihood Limitations

In many common probability models, when the sample size n is large,

- ▶ $L(\theta \mid X)$ is unimodal in θ .
- $ightharpoonup L(\theta \mid X)$ is strictly concave.
- ▶ Unlike $P(\theta \mid X)$, $L(\theta \mid X)$ does not necessarily obey the usual laws for probability distributions.
- In the classical framework, all the randomness within $L(\theta \mid X)$ is attached to X, not to θ

Likelihood Example

성공확률이 θ인 베르누이 시행을 10번 독립적으로 반복했을
 때 성공횟수 X는 이항분포 B(10,θ)를 따른다. X의 관측치로
 X = 3을 얻었다면 θ의 Likelihoods는

$$L(\theta \mid X = 3) = f(3 \mid \theta) = {10 \choose 3} \theta^3 (1 - \theta)^7$$

Likelihood Example

► The first derivative of the log likelihood $\ell(\theta \mid X = 3)$ is as follows:

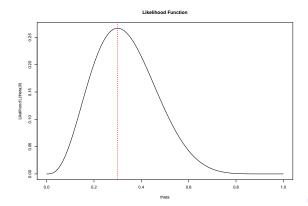
$$\frac{\partial \ell(\theta \mid X=3)}{\partial d\theta} = 3\frac{1}{\theta} - 7\frac{1}{1-\theta}.$$

From the first order optimality condition,

$$3(1-\theta)-7\theta=0$$

► Hence MLE: $\hat{\theta} = 0.3$.

Likelihood Example



Likelihood Example: Negative Binomial

 성공확률이 θ인 베르누이 시행을 3번째 성공이 나올 때까지 실험을 계속하기로 한다면 실패횟수 X는 음이항 분포
 NB(3,θ)를 따르게 된다. 관측치 X = 7이라고 하자.

$$L(\theta \mid X = 7) = f(3 \mid \theta) = {3 + 7 - 1 \choose 7} \theta^3 (1 - \theta)^7$$

► MLE: $\hat{\theta} = 0.3$.

Maximum Likelihood Estimator (MLE)

▶ MLE는 분포의 kernel에 의존한다.

▶ Binomial Dist: $\theta^3(1-\theta)^7$

Negative Binomial Dist: $\theta^3(1-\theta)^7$

Likelihood Principle

- The Likelihood Principle of Birnbaum states that (given the data) **all** of the evidence about θ is contained in the likelihood function.
- 통계적 실험에서 데이터가 가지고 있는 θ의 추론에 관한 정보는 Likelihood function에 모두 포함되어 있다.
- Likelihood Principle implies: Two experiments that yield equal (or proportional) likelihoods should produce equivalent inference about θ.

Likelihood Ratio

- ▶ What if $L(\theta \mid X)$ is not differentiable?
- ▶ How to compare two values for θ ?
- Likelihood Ratio:

$$f(X \mid \theta_a)/f(X \mid \theta_b) = L(\theta_a \mid X)/f(\theta_b \mid X)$$

Likelihood Ratio Example

 $X=X_1,...,X_n$ 이 $N(\theta,1)$ 을 따를 θ_a 와 θ_b 의 Likelihood Ratio (LR) 를 구하여라.

▶ 정의에 따르면 LR은 다음과 같다.

$$L(\theta_{a} \mid X)/L(\theta_{b} \mid X) = \frac{(2\pi)^{n/2} \exp(-\sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_{i} - \theta_{a})^{2}/2)}{(2\pi)^{n/2} \exp(-\sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_{i} - \theta_{b})^{2}/2)}$$

$$= \frac{\exp(-\sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_{i} - \theta_{a})^{2}/2)}{\exp(-\sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_{i} - \theta_{b})^{2}/2)}$$

$$\ell(\theta_{a} \mid X) - \ell(\theta_{b} \mid X) \propto \sum (2\theta_{a}X_{i} - \theta_{a}^{2}) - \sum (2\theta_{b}X_{i} - \theta_{b}^{2})$$

$$= 2n(\theta_{a} - \theta_{b})\bar{X} - n(\theta_{a}^{2} - \theta_{b}^{2})$$

Likelihood Ratio Example

Consider $\theta_a = 0$ and $\theta_b = 1$. If $n = 10, \bar{x} = 0.1$

▶ 정의에 따르면 LR은 다음과 같다.

$$\ell(\theta_a \mid X) - \ell(\theta_b \mid X) \propto 2n(\theta_a - \theta_b)\bar{X} - n(\theta_a^2 - \theta_b^2)$$

$$= 2 \times 10(0 - 1)0.1 - 10(0 - 1)$$

$$= -2 + 10 = 8$$

Sufficient Statistics

- Sufficient Statistics (충분통계량):
 X가 밀도함수 f(X | θ)를 갖는다고 하자. T(X)가 주어졌을 때
 X의 조건부 분포가 θ에 의존하지 않으면 T(X)를 θ의 충분통계량이라고 한다.
- T(X): θ의 모든 정보를 가진 통계량
- ▶ 위 Normal 분포의 예의 경우 충분통계량은 X̄.
- ightharpoonup 충분통계량 T(X) 의 예: \bar{X} , $\sum X$, $\sum (X_i \bar{X})^2$, $\max X$, $\min X$

Sufficient Statistics

- Likelihood Principle에 따르면, θ 의 모든 정보는 X에 포함되어 있다.
- Sufficient Statistics에 따르면, θ의 모든 정보는 T(X)에
 포함되어 있다.
- ▶ Hence, T(X) is sufficient to estimate θ .
- ▶ 데이터가 가진 θ 의 정보가 T(X)에 모두 포함되어 있으므로 T(X)만 알면 더 이상 데이터의 다른 내용은 몰라도 충분하다.

Ancillary Statistics

- Ancillary Statistics (보조 통계량): 통계량의 분포가 θ 와 무관하여 θ 에 대한 정보를 전혀 가지고 있지 않은 통계량
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- ▶ Sufficient Statistics의 반대 개념
- ▶ i.e., 보조 통계량은 θ 의 정보가 없으므로 θ 의 추정에 아무런 도움이 안된다.

Ancillary Statistics Example

두 변수 X_1, X_2 는 모두 $U(\theta-1, \theta+1)$ 의 Uniform 분포를 따른다. 이때 두 변수의 차이 X_1-X_2 는 θ 의 정보를 전혀 갖지 않는다.

Ancillary Statistics Example

두 변수 $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$ 는 모두 iid $N(\theta, 1)$ 의 분포를 따른다. 이때 sample variance (s^2) 는 θ 의 정보를 전혀 갖지 않는다.

$$s^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2$$

Review

- The main difference between Bayesian and Frequentist is how to consider θ .
 - Constant: $P(\theta = 0) = 1$ or 0.
 - \triangleright Variable: there exists a distribution for θ .

Bayesian Method

- ▶ Ultimate Goal: To make probability statements about θ , given some observed data: $p(\theta \mid \mathbf{D})$.
- Using Bayes' Law,

$$p(\theta \mid \mathbf{D}) = \frac{p(\theta)p(\mathbf{D} \mid \theta)}{p(\mathbf{D})}.$$

- ► There are two challenges
 - 1. How to find $p(\theta)$?
 - 2. How to find $p(\mathbf{D})$?

Prior Distribution

- ► How to find prior $P(\theta)$?
 In usual, we assume the prior distribution for θ .
 - 1. Informative Prior
 - 2. Non-informative Prior
- We must specify $P(\theta)$ based on any knowledge we have about θ before observing the data.
- This could be highly specific or quite vague, depending how uncertain we are about θ .
 - e.g., Albert가 아빠일 확률

Data Distribution

- ightharpoonup How to find $P(\mathbf{D})$?
 - 1. $P(\mathbf{D})$ does not depend on θ and thus carries no information about θ .
 - 2. It is simply a **normalizing constant** which makes $P(\theta \mid \mathbf{D})$ sum or integrate to 1.

Posterior Distribution

For inference about θ , it is just as good to write.

$$p(\theta \mid \mathbf{D}) \propto p(\theta)p(\mathbf{D} \mid \theta)$$

- ightharpoonup The LHS is called the posterior distribution of θ
- We can calculate the posterior distribution by
 - 1. Multiplying the prior by the likelihood.
 - 2. Normalizing the posterior at the last step.
- The posterior distribution represents a compromise between the prior information about θ in $p(\theta)$ and the information from the sample about θ in $p(\mathbf{D} \mid \theta)$.



Useful Statistics Using Bayes' Law

Once we obtain the posterior distribution we can use any summaries such as mean, median, variance and many others.

Posterior mean

$$\mathbb{E}[\theta \mid \mathbf{D}] = \int \theta \cdot p(\theta \mid \mathbf{D}) d\theta.$$

For ease of notation,

- ▶ Posterior distribution: $\pi(\theta \mid x)$, $p(\theta \mid x)$.
- ▶ Prior distribution: $\pi(\theta)$, $p(\theta)$.

Statistics Using Bayes' Law

► The **posterior variance** is

$$Var(\theta \mid \mathbf{D}) = E \{ (\theta - E(\theta \mid \mathbf{D}))^2 \mid \mathbf{D} \}$$

$$= \int (\theta - E(\theta \mid \mathbf{D}))^2 1 p(\theta \mid \mathbf{D}) d\theta$$

$$= \int \theta^2 p(\theta \mid \mathbf{D}) d\theta - 2E(\theta \mid \mathbf{D}) \int \theta p(\theta \mid \mathbf{D}) d\theta$$

$$+ E(\theta \mid \mathbf{D})^2 \int p(\theta \mid \mathbf{D}) d\theta$$

$$= E(\theta^2 \mid \mathbf{D}) - E(\theta \mid \mathbf{D})^2$$

If the values of θ are discrete, sums would replace the integrals.



Posterior Example

성공확률이 θ 인 베르누이 시행을 10번 독립적으로 반복했을 때 성공횟수 \mathbf{X} 는 이항분포 $B(10,\theta)$ 를 따른다. \mathbf{X} 의 관측치로 X=3을 얻었다면 θ 의 Posteiror를 구하시오.

- Prior Distribution (사전 분포)에 대한 정보가 없으므로 θ 의 분포를 U(0,1)으로 가정한다.
- Posterior Distribution

$$\pi(\theta \mid X = 3) = \frac{\binom{10}{3}\theta^3(1-\theta)^7}{\int_0^1 \binom{10}{3}\theta^3(1-\theta)^7 d\theta} = \frac{\Gamma(12)}{\Gamma(4)\Gamma(8)}\theta^3(1-\theta)^7.$$

Posterior Example

Due the joint density function or kernel $\theta^3(1-\theta)^7$, the posterior distribution is Beta(4,8). Then,

▶ Posterior Mean: 1/3

▶ Posteiror SD: 0.13

Principles of Bayesian Inference

- ▶ θ 에 대한 이론, 경험, 과거의 자료 등 가능한 정보로부터 사전분포 (Prior) $\pi(\theta)$ 를 구한다.
- ▶ 관측변수 X를 정하고 통계조사나 실험 등을 통하여 데이터 X
 를 얻는다. 적절한 통계 모형으로 부터 θ가 주어졌을 때
 관측데이터의 조건부 밀도함수 f(X | θ)를 구한다.
- ▶ 베이즈 정리를 이용하요 Posterior 분포 (사후분포)를 구하고 이를 추정에 사용한다.
- ightharpoonup 즉, Posterior Distribution이 θ 의 모든 정보를 가지고 있다.

Binomial Distribution

If the random variable X follows the binomial distribution with parameters $n \in \mathcal{N}$ and $p \in [0,1]$, we write $X \sim B(n,p)$.

$$Pr(x; n, p) = Pr(X = x) = \binom{n}{x} p^{x} (1 - p)^{n - x}.$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = np,$$

$$Var(X) = np(1 - p).$$

Negative Binomial Distribution

베르누이 시행을 미리 정한 성공횟수 r 회가 될 때까지 반복 시행할 때 확률변수 X (실패횟수 또는 시행횟수)가 나타내는 분포를 말한다. The probability mass function of the negative binomial distribution is

$$Pr(X = x) = {k+r-1 \choose k} p^r (1-p)^x \text{ for } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots,$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = \frac{pr}{1-p},$$

$$Var(X) = \frac{pr}{(1-p)^2}.$$

Poisson

A discrete random variable X is said to have a Poisson distribution with parameter $\lambda>0$, if, for x=0,1,2,..., the probability mass function of X is given by

$$Pr(X = x) = \frac{\lambda^{x} e^{-\lambda}}{x!}$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = \lambda,$$

$$Var(X) = \lambda.$$

Uniform

The probability density function of the continuous uniform distribution is

$$\Pr(x; \alpha, \beta) = \Pr(X = x) = \frac{1}{\beta - \alpha} \text{ for } \alpha \le x \le \beta$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = \frac{\beta + \alpha}{2},$$

$$\operatorname{Var}(X) = \frac{(\beta - \alpha)^2}{12}.$$

Gamma

The gamma distribution can be parameterized in terms of a shape parameter α and an inverse scale parameter β , called a rate parameter. The corresponding probability density function in the shape-rate parametrization is

$$\Pr(x; \alpha, \beta) = \Pr(X = x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^{\alpha}} x^{\alpha - 1} e^{-\frac{x}{\beta}} \text{ for } x > 0,$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = \alpha\beta,$$

$$\operatorname{Var}(X) = \alpha\beta^{2}.$$

Inverse Gamma

The inverse gamma distribution's probability density function is defined over the support x > 0

$$\Pr(x; \alpha, \beta) = \Pr(X = x) = \frac{\beta^{\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} x^{-\alpha - 1} e^{-\frac{\beta}{x}} \quad \text{for} \quad x > 0$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = \frac{\beta}{\alpha - 1},$$

$$\operatorname{Var}(X) = \frac{\beta^2}{(\alpha - 1)^2 (\alpha - 2)}.$$

Normal

The probability density of the normal distribution is

$$\Pr(x; \mu, \sigma^2) = \Pr(X = x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad \text{for} \quad -\infty < x < \infty,$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = \mu,$$

$$\operatorname{Var}(X) = \sigma^2.$$

Student T

Student's t-distribution has the probability density function given by

$$\Pr(x;\nu) = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{\nu+1}{2})}{\sqrt{\nu\pi}\Gamma(\frac{\nu}{2})} (1 + \frac{x^2}{\nu})^{-\frac{\nu+1}{2}} \quad \text{for } -\infty < x < \infty$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = 0$$

$$\operatorname{Var}(X) = \begin{cases} \frac{\nu}{\nu-2} & \text{if } \nu > 2\\ \infty & \text{if } 1 < \nu \le 2 \end{cases}$$

Posterior Intervals

The ideal summary of θ is an interval (or region) with a certain probability of containing θ . For some positive α ,

$$\Pr(L_{\alpha} \leq \theta \leq U_{\alpha}) = 1 - \alpha.$$

► Note that a classical (frequentist) confidence interval (CI) does not exactly have this interpretation.

Definitions of C.I. Coverage

▶ **Definition**: A random interval $L(\mathbf{X})$, $U(\mathbf{X})$ has $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ frequentist coverage for θ if, **before** the data are gathered,

$$P[L(\mathbf{X}) < \theta < U(\mathbf{X}) \mid \theta] = 1 - \alpha.$$

(Pre-experimental $1 - \alpha$ coverage)

Note that if we observe $\mathbf{X} = x$ and plug x into our confidence interval formula,

$$P(L(x) < \theta < U(x) \mid \theta) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \theta \notin (L(x), U(x)) \\ 1 & \text{if } \theta \in (L(x), U(x)) \end{cases}$$

(Not Post-experimental $1-\alpha$ coverage)

Definitions of C.I. Coverage

▶ **Definition**: An interval (L(x), U(x)), based on the observed data $\mathbf{X} = x$, has $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ Bayesian coverage for θ if

$$P[L(X) < \theta < U(X) \mid X = x] = 1 - \alpha.$$

(Post-experimental $1 - \alpha$ coverage)

The Frequentist interpretation is less desirable if we are performing inference about θ based on a single interval.



Bayesian Credible Intervals

- ➤ A credible interval (or a credible set) is the Bayesian analogue of a confidence interval (C.I.)
- ▶ A $100(1-\alpha)$ % credible set C is a subset of Θ such that

$$\int_{\mathcal{C}} \pi(\theta \mid X) d\theta = 1 - \alpha.$$

This is equivalent to

$$Pr(\theta \in C \mid x) = 1 - \alpha.$$

If the parameter space Θ is discrete, a sum replaces the integral.



Quantile-Based Interval

- If θ_L^* is the $\alpha/2$ posterior quantile for θ , and θ_U^* is the $1 \alpha/2$ posterior quantile for θ , then (θ_L^*, θ_U^*) is a $100(1 \alpha)\%$ credible interval for θ .
- Note that $P(\theta < \theta_L^* \mid X) = \alpha/2$ and $P(\theta > \theta_U^* \mid X) = \alpha/2$.

$$P(\theta \in (\theta_L^*, \theta_U^*) \mid X) = 1 - P(\theta \notin (\theta_L^*, \theta_U^*) \mid X)$$
$$= 1 - (P(\theta < \theta_L^* \mid X) + P(\theta > \theta_U^* \mid X))$$
$$= 1 - \alpha.$$

- Suppose $X_1, ..., X_n$ are the durations of cabinets for a sample of cabinets from Western European countries.
- \blacktriangleright We assume the X_i 's follow an exponential distribution.

$$p(X_i \mid \theta) = \theta e^{-\theta X_i}, \quad X_i > 0,$$

$$L(\theta \mid X) = \theta^n e^{-\theta \sum_{i=1}^n x_i}.$$

Suppose our prior distribution for θ is

$$p(\theta) \propto 1/\theta, \quad \theta > 0.$$

 \rightarrow Larger values of θ are less likely a **priori**.



▶ Then, we have

$$\pi(\theta \mid x) \propto p(\theta)L(\theta \mid x)$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{\theta}\right)\theta^{n}e^{-\theta\sum_{i=1}^{n}x_{i}}$$

$$= \theta^{n-1}e^{-\theta\sum_{i=1}^{n}x_{i}}.$$

- ► This is the kernel of a gamma distribution with "shape" parameter n and "rate" parameter $\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i$.
- After including the normalizing constant,

$$\pi(\theta \mid X) = \frac{(\sum x_i)^n}{\Gamma(n)} \theta^{n-1} e^{-\theta \sum_{i=1}^n x_i}, \quad \theta > 0.$$

- Now, given the observed data $x_1, ..., x_n$, we can calculate any quantiles of this gamma distribution.
- ► The 0.05 and 0.95 quantiles will give us a 90% credible interval for θ .

- Suppose we feel $p(\theta) = 1/\theta$ is too subjective and favors small values of θ too much.
- Instead, let's consider the non-informative prior

$$p(\theta) = 1, \quad \theta > 1$$

(favors all values of θ equally).

► Then our posterior is

$$\pi(\theta \mid x) \propto p(\theta)L(\theta \mid x)$$

$$= (1)\theta^n e^{-\theta \sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$$

$$= \theta^n e^{-\theta \sum_{i=1}^n x_i}.$$

- This is the kernel of a gamma distribution with "shape" parameter n+1 and "rate" parameter $\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i$.
- ▶ We can similarly find the equal-tail credible interval.

- First Case: $\mathbb{E}(\theta \mid X_1,...,X_n) = \frac{n-1}{\sum X_i}$.
- ► Second Case: $\mathbb{E}(\theta \mid X_1, ..., X_n) = \frac{n}{\sum X_i}$.
- ▶ As $n \to \infty$ the both becomes similar.
- ► Although the priors different, the posterior distributions are similar when *n* is sufficiently large enough.

- ▶ Consider 10 flips of a coin having $Pr(Heads) = \theta$.
- ► Suppose we observe 2 "heads".
- ▶ We model the count of heads as binomial:

$$p(X = x \mid \theta) = {10 \choose x} \theta^{x} (1 - \theta)^{10-x}, \quad x = 0, 1, ..., 10.$$

Let's use a uniform prior for θ :

$$p(\theta) = 1, \quad 0 \le \theta \le 1.$$

► Then the posterior is:

$$\pi(\theta \mid x) \propto p(\theta)L(\theta \mid x)$$

$$= {10 \choose x} \theta^{x} (1-\theta)^{10-x}$$

$$\propto \theta^{x} (1-\theta)^{10-x}, \quad 0 \le \theta \le 1.$$

- This is a beta distribution for θ with parameters x+1 and 10-x+1.
- ▶ Since x = 2 here, $\pi(\theta \mid x = 2)$ is beta (3,9).
- The 0.025 and 0.975 quantiles of a beta (3,9) are (.0602, .5178), which is a 95% credible interval for θ .



 $N(\theta,2^2)$ 분포로부터 16개의 표본을 추출한 결과 $\bar{X}=0.3$ 이었다. θ 에 대한 무정보 사전분포 (non-informative)로 $\pi(\theta)=1$ 을 가정하고 , 이를 $\bar{\mathbf{X}}\mid\theta\sim N(\theta,2^2/16)$ 과 합성하여 사후분포를 유도하여라. 그리고 대응되는 95%베이지안 신뢰구간을 구해 보자.

$$\pi(\theta \mid \bar{X}) \propto f(\bar{X} \mid \theta)\pi(\theta)$$

$$\propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2 \times 0.25}(0.3 - \theta)^2\right).$$

Hence the posterior dist is $Normal(0.3, (0.5)^2)$

- ▶ C은 유일하지 않을 수 있다.
- ▶ 이들 중 가장 좋은 신뢰구간은 어떤 것일까?
- ► Intuitively, the green and blue credible sets are worse than red credible set.

Highest Posterior Density (HPD) Intervals

- Note that values of θ around 0.3 have much higher posterior probability than values around 7.5.
- A better approach here is to create our interval of θ -values having the Highest Posterior Density.

Highest Posterior Density (HPD) Intervals

▶ Definition: A $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ HPD interval for θ is a subset $\mathcal{C} \in \Theta$ defined by

$$\mathcal{C} = \{\theta : \pi(\theta \mid x) \ge k\}$$

where *k* is the largest number such that

$$\int_{\theta:\pi(\theta\mid x)\geq k}\pi(\theta\mid x)d\theta=1-\alpha.$$

The value k can be thought of as a horizontal line placed over the posterior density whose intersection(s) with the posterior define regions with probability $1 - \alpha$.

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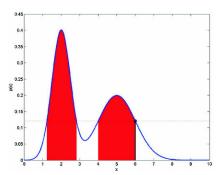
- ▶ Definition: A $100(1 \alpha)$ % HPD interval for θ is a subset (θ_1, θ_2) defined by
 - 1. $P(\theta_1 < \theta < \theta_2 \mid X) = 1 \alpha$.
 - 2. 만약 $\theta_a \in (\theta_1, \theta_2)$ 이고 $\theta_b \notin (\theta_1, \theta_2)$ 이면 $\Pr(\theta_a \mid x) > \Pr(\theta_b \mid x)$.
- ▶ 최대사후구간 (HPD Interval)은 주어진 신뢰도를 만족하는 베이지안 구간 중 최대한 Posterior density값이 높은 θ 들의 합집합이다.

Example 3: HPD Interval

- ► From the previous example, the posterior dist is Normal(0.3, (0.5)²)
- ▶ HPD Interval is $0.3 \pm 1.96 \times 0.5 = (-0.68, 1.28)$
- For Normal distribution, the HPD interval has the minimum distance than other credible sets

Highest Posterior Density Intervals

- ► The HPD region will be an interval when the posterior is unimodal.
- If the posterior is multimodal, the HPD region might be a discontiguous set.



How to Find HPD Interval

- 예를 통해 보면 구간의 경계값들에서 사후밀도함수값이 동일함을 알 수 있다.
- 즉 주어진 신뢰도를 만족하는 구간 중 최대한
 사후밀도함수값이 높은 ## 값을 모으기 위하여 가상의 수평
 막대를 사후밀도함수의 최댓값에서투 점차 아래로 내리면서
 만나는 점들 사이의 면적을 계산하여 면적이 최초로 (1 \alpha)와
 동일 하는 구간이 HPD interval이 된다.

How to Find HPD Interval

- ▶ 수리적으로 찾는 방법은 매우 어렵다.
- ▶ 그래서 근사적으로 찾는 방법이 권장 된다.
- ▶ 앞으로 근사적으로 HPD interval을 찾는 세가지 방법을 고려하겠다.

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- Suppose that the posterior is symmetric and unimodal.
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Case 1: Example

```
> n = 100
> x1 < -rnorm(n, 0, 1)
> quantile(x1, c(.025, .975))
2.5% 97.5%
-1.959474 2.269712
>
> n = 1000
> x2 < -rnorm(n, 0, 1)
> quantile(x2, c(.025, .975))
2.5% 97.5%
-1.928400 1.894172
```

Case 1: Example

- > par(mfrow = c(1,2))
- > hist(x1);hist(x2)

Histogram of x1 2 Frequency 9 40 2 3 х1

Histogram of x2 200 150 Frequency 100 20 -2 x2

Case 2: Grid Search Method (격자점 방법)

- ▶ Main idea: Consider θ as N distinct values $(\theta_1, \theta_2, ... \theta_N)$.
- Calculate

$$\widehat{\pi}(\theta_i \mid x) = \frac{\pi(\theta_i)f(x \mid \theta_i)}{\pi(\theta_i)f(x \mid \theta_i)}.$$

Find M such that

$$\min\{m \mid \sum_{j=1}^{m} \widehat{\pi}(\theta_i \mid x) \ge 1 - \alpha\}$$

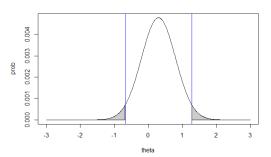
Case 2: Grid Search Method (격자점 방법)

```
HPDgrid = function(prob, level = 0.95){
  prob.sort = sort(prob, decreasing = T)
  M = min( which(cumsum(prob.sort)>=level) )
  height = prob.sort[M]
  HPD.index = which( prob >= height)
  HPD.level = sum(prob[HPD.index])
  res = list( index = HPD.index, level = HPD.level )
  return(res)
```

Suppose that the posterior distributions satisfies

$$f(\theta \mid x) \propto \exp\left(-2(\theta - 0.3)^2\right)$$
.

```
> N = 1001
> theta = seq(-3, 3, length = N)
> prob = exp(-0.5/0.25*(theta-0.3)^2)
> prob = prob/sum(prob)
> alpha = 0.05; level = 1-alpha
```

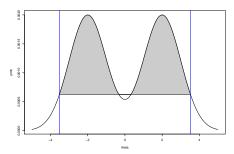


```
par(mfrow = c(1,1))
plot(theta, prob, type ="1", ylab = "prob", xlab ="theta", xlim = c(-3,3))
abline(v = HPDgrid.hat, col = 'blue')
polygon(x = c(theta[which(theta < HPDgrid.hat[1])], rev(theta[which(theta < HPDgrid.hat[1])]),
y = c(prob[which(theta < HPDgrid.hat[1])], rep( 0, sum(theta < HPDgrid.hat[1]) )),
col = "grey80")
polygon(x = c(theta[which(theta > HPDgrid.hat[2])], rev(theta[which(theta > HPDgrid.hat[2])])),
y = c(prob[which(theta > HPDgrid.hat[2])], rep( 0, sum(theta > HPDgrid.hat[2]))),
col = "grey80")
}
```

Suppose that the posterior distributions satisfies

$$f(\theta \mid x) \propto \exp\left(-(\theta-2)^2/2\right) + \exp\left(-(\theta+2)^2/2\right)$$
.

```
N = 1001
theta = seq(-5, 5, length = N)
#prob = exp(-0.5/0.25*(theta-0.3)^2)
prob = exp(-1/2*(theta+2)^2) + exp(-1/2*(theta-2)^2)
prob = prob/sum(prob)
alpha = 0.10; level = 1-alpha
```



```
> HPD = HPDgrid(prob, level)
> HPDgrid.hat = c( min(theta[HPD$index]), max(theta[HPD$index])
> HPDgrid.hat
[1] -3.52  3.52
> theta[which(prob == min( prob[HPD$index] ) )]
```

[1] -0.33 0.33

```
par(mfrow = c(1,1))
plot(theta, prob, type ="l", ylab = "prob", xlab ="theta", xlim = c(-5,5))
abline(v = HPDgrid.hat, col = 'blue')
polygon(x = c(theta[HPD$index]) , y = c(prob[HPD$index]), col = "grey80")
```

- ▶ It is very useful for the multivariate or multimodal θ .
- ▶ It is difficult for find the optimal HPD interval when the posterior density is wiggly.
- ▶ It is hard to calculate all possible values for θ if $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$.

- ▶ Posterior sampling histogram 이 density function 과 유사하다는 성질을 이용
- ▶ 예를 들어 1000개의 사후표본이 주어졌을때, 95% CI는 950 개의 표본을 포함할 것이다.
- ▶ 1000개의 θ 오른차순으로 정렬하여 $(\theta_1, ..., \theta_{1000})$ 이라고 하자.
- ▶ 이 때 가능한 신뢰구간은 $(\theta_1, \theta_{950}), (\theta_2, \theta_{951}), (\theta_3, \theta_{953}), ...$ 이 된다.
- ▶ 이 중에 가장 짧은 구간을 근사적 HPD interval로 취할 수 있다.

```
HPDsample = function(theta, level = 0.95){
N = length(theta)
theta.sort = sort(theta)
M = ceiling(N*level)
nCI=N-M
CI.width = rep(0, nCI)
for(i in 1:nCI) CI.width[i] = theta.sort[i+M] - theta.sort[i]
index = which.min(CI.width)
HPD = c(theta.sort[index], theta.sort[index+M])
return(HPD)
```

▶ Suppose that the posterior distribution is $\theta \sim N(0,1)$.

```
> N = 1000
> theta = rnorm(N, 0, 1)
> alpha = 0.05
> level = 1-alpha
> HPDsample(theta)
[1] -1.632139 2.141612
```

▶ Suppose that the posterior distribution is $\theta \sim N(0,1)$.

```
> N = 10000
> theta = rnorm(N, 0, 1)
> alpha = 0.05
> level = 1-alpha
> HPDsample(theta)
[1] -1.909751  1.967354
```

Pros.

- 많은 경우 θ의 posterior distribution이 매우 복잡하여
 percentile을 직접 찾을 수 없다.
- ▶ Grid search method의 경우, 도메인이 무한인 경우 사용하기 어렵다.

Cons.

- ▶ Unimodal에서만 사용 가능하다.
- ► 다변량 모수에 대한 다차원 사후구간을 찾는데에 적용할 수 없다.

Weakness of Frequentist

분산이 $\sigma^2=1$ 인 정규분포의 평균 θ 를 추정하고자 한다. 표본을 얻기 전에 먼저 동전을 던져 앞면이 나오면 표본을 2개만 취하고, 뒷면이 나오면 표본을 1000개 취하기로 하였다. 즉 표본크기 n은 각각 확률 $\frac{1}{2}$ 로 2, 아니면 1000이 될 것이다. 이 실험에서 θ 에 대한 추정치는 표본의 평균 \bar{X} 가 적절하며 \bar{X} 의 정확도를 측정하는 통계량으로는 \bar{X} 의 분산이 적절 할 것이다. \bar{X} 의 분산은

$$Var(\bar{X}) = \frac{1}{2}Var(\bar{X} \mid n = 2) + \frac{1}{2}Var(\bar{X} \mid n = 1000)$$
$$= \frac{1}{2}(\sigma^2/2 + \sigma^2/1000) \approx 1/4.$$

Weakness of Frequentist

만약 동전의 결과가 뒷면이고 따라서 1000개의 표본을 취한 결과가 $\bar{X}=0.1$ 이었다고 하자. 고전적 통계추론에 의하면 θ 에 대한 추정치는 0.1이고 추정오차는 $\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}}=0.5$ 로 결론 짓는다. 이미 1000 개의 표본을 취했다는 것을 안 상태에서, 추정오차를 $\sqrt{\frac{1}{1000}}=0.03$ 아닌 0.5를 합리적인 추정오차라고 할 수 있겠는가?

Weakness of Frequentist

두 변수 X_1, X_2 는 $U(\theta - \frac{1}{2}, \theta + \frac{1}{2})$ 를 따른다. 고전적 통계추론에서 θ 대한 95% 신뢰구간을 구하면, 적절한 양의 상수 C에 대하여 $\bar{X} \pm C$ 의 형태를 가진다. 만약 두변수의 관측값이 각각, $X_1 = 1, X_2 = 2$ 라면, θ 가 1.5임이 확실하다. 이때 우리가 신뢰계수를 100%가 아닌 95%로 보아야 하는가?