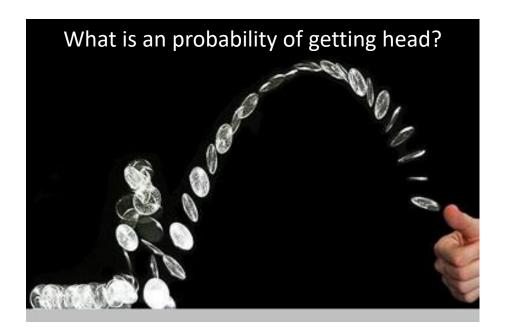
# **L2.** Fundamentals of Bayesian Statistics



Statistics infer the causes that generated the observed data.

Model

 $\theta$  (parameters) : characteristics of a model

data

 $y = (y_1, ..., y_n)$ : Observed consequence

(Head, Head, Tail, ...)

 $\theta$ : Probability of having a head for each coin tossing

#### **View on Probability**

#### **Frequentists:**

- probability only has a meaning in terms of a limiting case of repeated measurements.
- probabilities are fundamentally related to frequencies of events.

#### **Bayesian:**

- degrees of certainty about statements
- probabilities are fundamentally related to our own knowledge about an event.

#### **View on Statistics**

#### **Approaches to Statistics**

#### Frequentists:

- Data are a repeatable random sample → there is a frequency of occurrence
- Underlying parameters remain constant during this repeatable process
- Parameters are fixed and unchanging under all realistic circumstances

The true parameters are fixed, and a subset of data are realized from these parameters. Then, we randomly sample a subset of data (varying) to estimate the fixed parameters.

#### **Bayesian:**

- Data are observed from the realized sample
- Parameters are unknown and described probabilistically (View the world probabilistically)
- Data are fixed

We collected data, thus the data is given to us (fixed). Then, we try to estimate model parameters that can best describe the collected data.

#### **Frequentist vs Bayesian : Coin Tossing**

#### **Frequentist**

- $\theta$  = relative frequency of head in a "large number" of "identical flip"
- Statistical results assume that data were from a controlled experiment
- Nothing is more important than repeatability

(e.g., same experimental conditions)

# Try

- 1. Estimate the parameter  $\theta$  by conducting experiments
- 2. Give me estimates

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# **Identical Coin Tossing**

The Artist might be a frequentist



http://www.dotmancando.info/index.php?/projects/coin-flipper/

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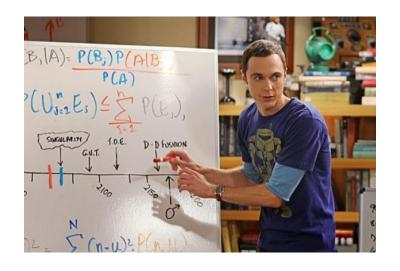
# Bayesian

- Parameters  $\theta$  are varied (uncertain)  $\leftarrow$  Core part of Bayesian approach
- Use probability concept to provide our belief on  $\theta: p(\theta)$
- Each parameter  $\theta$  can be associated with different conditions, i.e., orientation, force, etc.
- Data are fixed

#### **Issues**

- Subjective on  $p(\theta)$
- How to specify  $p(\theta)$

# Bayes' rule



$$p(A|B) = \frac{p(B|A)P(A)}{p(B)}$$

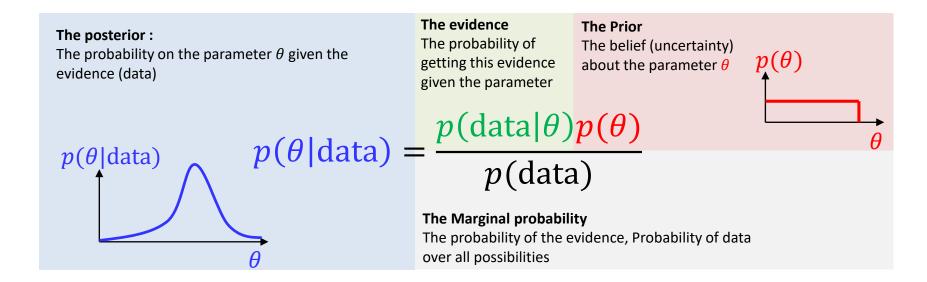
Bayes' rule will play fundamental role in proceeding Bayesian statistical analysis

# Derivation of Bayes' rule:

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A \land B)}{P(B)} \qquad P(B|A) = \frac{P(B \land A)}{P(A)}$$
Since  $P(A \land B) = P(B \land A)$ ,
$$\Rightarrow P(A|B)P(B) = P(B|A)P(A)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}$$

# **Bayes' rule in Statistics**



Parameter instantiates one model among a model class

$$p(\theta | \text{data}, \text{model}) = \frac{p(\text{data} | \theta, \text{model})p(\theta | \text{model})}{p(\text{data} | \text{model})}$$

#### **Approaches**

- 1. Select a model for data (structure)
- 2. Specify a prior on model parameters
- 3. Calculate the likelihood
- 4. Construct posterior
- 5. If necessary, predict unobserved value given the updated information on the parameters

#### **Estimating Model Parameters**

#### Frequentist approach

1. Construct a likelihood function

$$L(\theta) = p(y|\theta)$$

2. Select the parameters  $\theta$  that maximize the likelihood function:

$$\theta^* = \arg\max_{\theta} L(\theta)$$

(Maximum likelihood estimation (MLE)

#### **Bayesian approach**

1. Construct posterior distribution

$$p(\theta|y) = \frac{p(y|\theta)p(\theta)}{p(y)}$$
$$= \frac{p(y|\theta)p(\theta)}{\int_{\theta} p(y|\theta)p(\theta)d\theta}$$
$$\propto p(y|\theta)p(\theta)$$

(p(y)) serves as a normalizing constant in terms of  $\theta$ )

2. Use posterior distribution as a estimation

$$p(\theta|y)$$

(Bayesian Posterior estimation)

3. Or, select the parameters that maximize  $p(\theta|y)$ 

$$\theta^* = \arg\max_{\theta} p(\theta|y)$$

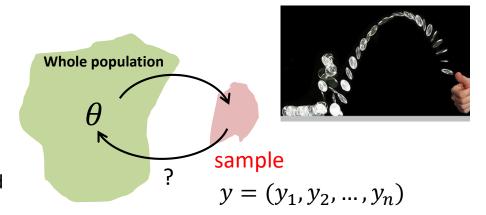
(Maximum a posteriori estimation (MAP))

# **Maximum Likelihood Estimation for Coin Flipping Probability**

$$Y_i \sim B(\theta)$$
  $Y_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if Head} \\ 0 & \text{if Tail} \end{cases}$ 

$$p(y_i) = B(y_i|\theta) = \theta^{y_i}(1-\theta)^{1-y_i}$$

 $\theta \in [0,1]$ : Probability of having a head



Likelihood of a single observation:

$$L(\theta) = P(y_i|\theta) = \theta^{y_i}(1-\theta)^{1-y_i}$$

Likelihood of a three-observations  $y = (y_1, y_2, y_3) = (1,0,1)$ :

$$L(\theta) = p(y_1 = 1, y_2 = 0, y_3 = 1|\theta)$$

$$= p(1|\theta)P(0|\theta)P(1|\theta) = \theta^2(1-\theta)^1 \quad \text{i.i.d.} \rightarrow \text{Exchangeability}$$

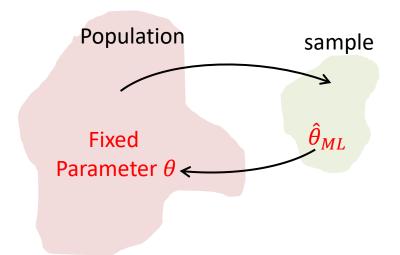
Likelihood of n —observations:

$$L(\theta) = P(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n | \theta) = \theta^{\sum y_i} (1 - \theta)^{n - \sum y_i}$$

 $\sum_{i=1}^{n} y_i$ : Number of Heads in n trials (sufficient statistics)

A statistic t = T(x) is sufficient for underlying parameter  $\theta$  if  $p(x|t,\theta) = p(x|t)$ 

# **Maximum Likelihood Estimation for Coin Flipping Probability**



#### Maximum likelihood estimation:

$$\begin{split} \hat{\theta}_{ML} &= \operatorname*{argmax}_{\theta} L(\theta) = p(y_1, y_2, ..., y_n | \theta) = \theta^{\sum y_i} (1 - \theta)^{n - \sum y_i} \\ \frac{\partial L(\theta)}{\partial \theta} &= \sum y_i \theta^{\sum y_i - 1} (1 - \theta)^{n - \sum y_i} - \theta^{\sum y_i} (n - \sum y_i) (1 - \theta)^{n - \sum y_i - 1} = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \hat{\theta}_{ML} &= \frac{\sum y_i}{n} \quad \text{MLE estimation gives a relative frequency} \end{split}$$

#### **Bayesian Approach for Estimating Model Parameters**

The essential characteristics of Bayesian methods

= explicit use of probability for quantifying uncertainty in the statistical models

# Bayes' rule:

$$p(\theta|y) = \frac{p(y|\theta)p(\theta)}{p(y)}$$

$$= \frac{p(y|\theta)p(\theta)}{\int_{\theta} p(y|\theta)p(\theta)d\theta} \qquad \left(\because p(y) = \int_{\theta} p(y|\theta)p(\theta)d\theta\right)$$

$$\propto p(y|\theta)p(\theta)$$

Posterior ∝ Likelihood X Prior

 $p(\theta)$ : Prior - subjective belief about  $\theta$ 

 $p(y|\theta)$ : Likelihood – observation (data) regarding  $\theta$ 

 $p(\theta|y)$ : Posterior - Updated belief about  $\theta$  with the data

$$P(\mathbb{P}) = P(\mathbb{P})$$

**Definition** (*Infinite exchangeability*). We say that  $(y_1, y_2, ...)$  is an infinitely exchangeable sequence of random variables if, for any n, the joint probability  $p(y_1, y_2, ... y_n)$  is invariant to permutation of the indices. That is, for any permutation  $\pi$ ,

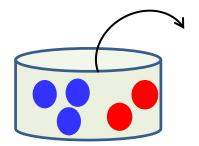
$$p_Y(y_1, y_2, ... y_n) = p_Y(y_{\pi_1}, y_{\pi_2}, ..., y_{\pi_n})$$

R.V.s are independent and identically distributed (i.i.d)



Random variables are infinitely exchangeable

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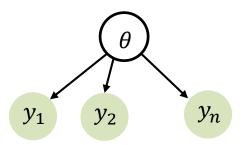


$$P(R,R,B,B,B) = P(B,R,B,B,R)$$
  
Exchangeable

Check!!

$$P(t_2 = R | t_1 = R) \neq P(t_2 = R | t_1 = B)$$
  
Not independent

# **Exchangeability**



 $y_1, y_2, ... y_n$  are conditionally independent given  $\theta$ 

**Theorem** (De Finetti, 1930s). A sequence of random variables  $(y_1, y_2, ...)$  is infinitely exchangeable *iff*, for all n,

$$p(y_1, y_2, \dots y_n) = \int \prod_{i=1}^n p(y_i | \theta) p(\theta) d\theta$$

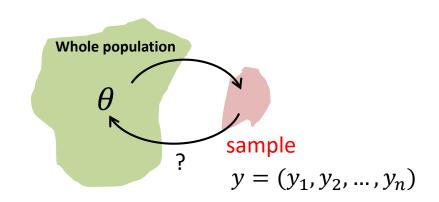
e.g., for coin tossing example:  $p(y_1, y_2, ... y_n) = \int \theta^{\sum y_i} [1 - \theta]^{N - \sum y_i} p(\theta) d\theta$ 

The theorem says that if we have exchangeable data,

- There must exist a parameter heta
- There must exist a likelihood  $p(y|\theta)$
- There must exist a distribution  $p(\theta)$
- The above quantities must exist so as to render the data  $y = (y_1, y_2, ..., y_n)$  conditionally independent

⇒Prior (Bayesian approach) is suggested by the data being exchangeable

$$Y_i \sim B(\theta)$$
  $Y_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if Head} \\ 0 & \text{if Tail} \end{cases}$   $p(y_i) = B(y_i|\theta) = \theta^{y_i}(1-\theta)^{1-y_i}$   $\theta \in [0,1]$ : Probability of having a head





*n* times

#### Bernoulli distribution

$$Y_i \sim B(\theta)$$
  $Y_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if Head} \\ 0 & \text{if Tail} \end{cases}$ 

$$p(y_i) = B(y_i|\theta) = \theta^{y_i}(1-\theta)^{1-y_i}$$

 $\theta \in [0,1]$  : Probability of having a head

# Binomial distribution

 $Y \sim \text{Bin}(n, \theta)$ 

$$p(y|\theta) = \text{Bin}(y|n,\theta) = \binom{n}{y} \theta^y (1-\theta)^{n-y}$$

$$y\in\{0,1,\dots,n\}:$$

The number of successes in a sequence of n independent yes/no experiments

$$p(\theta|y) = \frac{p(y|\theta)p(\theta)}{p(y)}$$

$$= \frac{p(y|\theta)p(\theta)}{\int_0^1 p(y,\theta)d\theta}$$

$$= \frac{p(y|\theta)p(\theta)}{\int_0^1 p(y|\theta)p(\theta)d\theta}$$

#### Likelihood:

$$Y \sim \text{Bin}(n, \theta) \rightarrow p(y|\theta) = \binom{n}{y} \theta^y (1 - \theta)^{n-y}$$
  
 $y = \# \text{ of success among } n \text{ trial}$ 

$$= \frac{p(y|\theta)p(\theta)}{\int_0^1 p(y|\theta)p(\theta)d\theta}$$
 Prior: 
$$\theta \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha,\beta) \to p(\theta) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)}\theta^{\alpha-1}(1-\theta)^{\beta-1}$$

#### **Numerator**

$$p(y|\theta)p(\theta) = \text{Binomial}(y|n,\theta) \times \text{Beta}(\theta|\alpha,\beta)$$

$$= \binom{n}{y} \theta^{y} (1-\theta)^{n-y} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \theta^{\alpha-1} (1-\theta)^{\beta-1}$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{\Gamma(y+1)\Gamma(n-y+1)} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \theta^{y} (1-\theta)^{n-y} \theta^{\alpha-1} (1-\theta)^{\beta-1}$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(n+1)\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(y+1)\Gamma(n-y+1)\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \theta^{\alpha+y-1} (1-\theta)^{\beta+n-y-1}$$

#### denominator

$$\begin{split} p(y) &= \int_0^1 p(y|\theta)p(\theta)d\theta \\ &= \int_0^1 \binom{n}{y} \theta^y (1-\theta)^{n-y} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \theta^{\alpha-1} (1-\theta)^{\beta-1} d\theta \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{\Gamma(y+1)\Gamma(n-y+1)} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \int_0^1 \theta^y (1-\theta)^{n-y} \theta^{\alpha-1} (1-\theta)^{\beta-1} d\theta \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{\Gamma(y+1)\Gamma(n-y+1)} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \int_0^1 \theta^y (1-\theta)^{n-y} \theta^{\alpha-1} (1-\theta)^{\beta-1} d\theta \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(n+1)\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(y+1)\Gamma(n-y+1)\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \int_0^1 \theta^{y+\alpha-1} (1-\theta)^{n-y+\beta-1} d\theta \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(n+1)\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)\Gamma(y+\alpha)\Gamma(n-y+\beta)}{\Gamma(y+1)\Gamma(n-y+1)\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)\Gamma(n+\alpha+\beta)} \int_0^1 \frac{\Gamma(n+\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(y+\alpha)\Gamma(n-y+\beta)} \theta^{y+\alpha-1} (1-\theta)^{n-y+\beta-1} d\theta \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(n+1)\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)\Gamma(y+\alpha)\Gamma(n-y+\beta)}{\Gamma(y+1)\Gamma(n-y+1)\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)\Gamma(n+\alpha+\beta)} \int_0^1 \operatorname{Beta}(\theta|y+\alpha,n-y+\beta) d\theta \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(n+1)\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)\Gamma(y+\alpha)\Gamma(n-y+\beta)}{\Gamma(n+1)\Gamma(n-y+1)\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)\Gamma(n+\alpha+\beta)} \\ &= \frac{\operatorname{Beta-Binomial}(y|n,\alpha,\beta) \end{split}$$

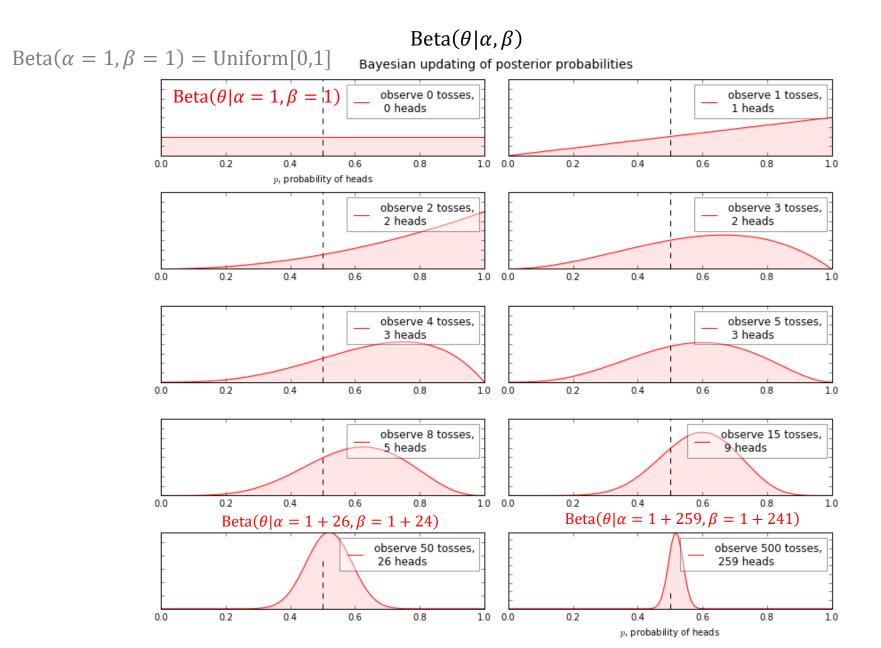
$$p(\theta|y) = \frac{p(y|\theta)p(\theta)}{\int_0^1 p(y|\theta)p(\theta)d\theta} = \frac{\text{Numerator}}{\text{Denominator}}$$

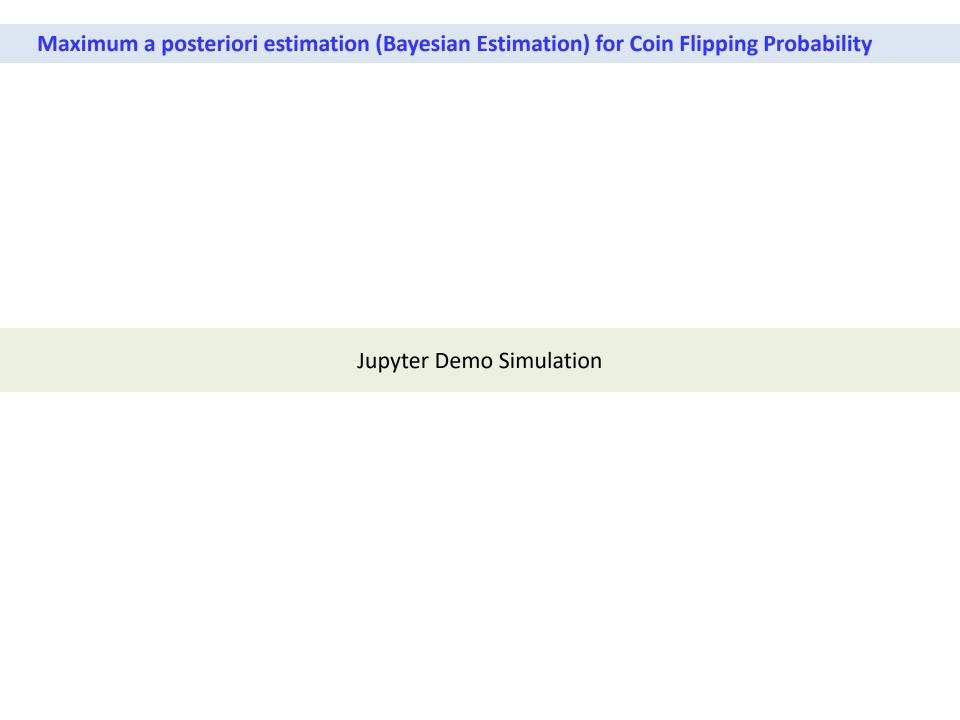
$$= \frac{\frac{\Gamma(n+1)\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(x+1)\Gamma(n-x+1)\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)}}{\frac{\Gamma(n+1)\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)\Gamma(y+\alpha)\Gamma(n-y+\beta)}{\Gamma(y+1)\Gamma(n-y+1)\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)\Gamma(n+\alpha+\beta)}} \theta^{\alpha+y-1} (1-\theta)^{\beta+n-y-1}$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(n+\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(y+\alpha)\Gamma(n-y+\beta)} \theta^{\alpha+y-1} (1-\theta)^{\beta+n-y-1}$$

$$= \frac{\text{Beta}(\theta|\alpha+y,\beta+n-y)}{\theta^{\alpha+y-1}}$$

$$p(\theta) = Beta(\theta | \alpha, \beta)$$
  $\xrightarrow{data} p(\theta | y) = Beta(\theta | \alpha + y, \beta + n - y)$ 

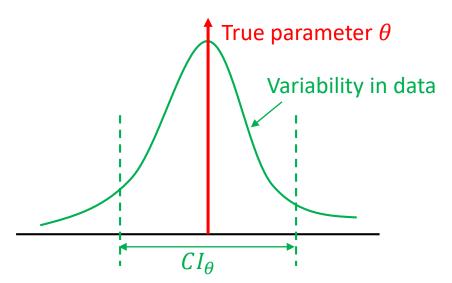




# **Confidence Interval vs. Credible region**

#### Frequentist approach

• Describe variability in data given the fixed parameter  $\theta$ 

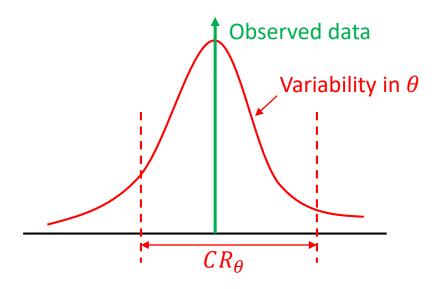


"There is a 95% probability that when I compute  $CI_{\theta}$  from a current data, the computed CI contains  $\theta_{true}$ 

 $\rightarrow$  From current data set, We can only say that  $\theta \in CI$  or  $\theta \notin CI$ 

# **Bayesian approach**

• Describe variability in  $\theta$  for fixed data



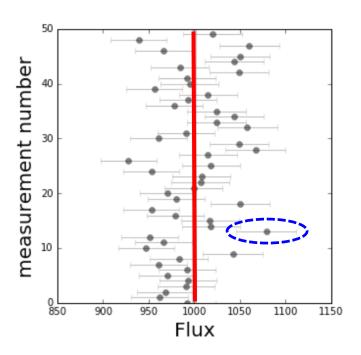
"Given our observed data, there is a 95% probability that the true value of  $\theta$  falls within Credible region  $CR_{\theta}$ "

 $\rightarrow$  From current data set, We can make probabilistic statement such as  $Pr(\theta \in CR) = 0.95$ 

# **Confidence Interval vs. Credible region**

#### Frequentist approach

 Describe variability in data given the fixed parameter θ

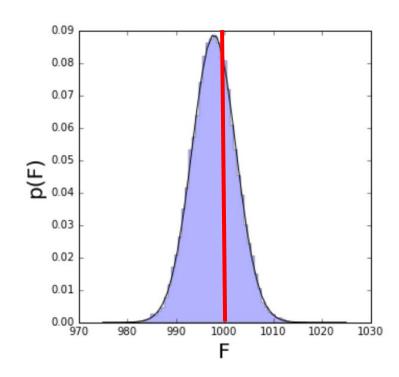


 $\theta \in CI \text{ or } \theta \notin CI$ 

If the experiment were repeated an infinite number of times, 95% of the calculated intervals would contain  $\theta$ .

#### **Bayesian approach**

• Describe variability in  $\theta$  for fixed data



$$Pr(\theta \in CR) = 0.95$$

There is a 95% chance  $\theta$  is in CR

• From the previous result  $p(\theta|y) = \text{Beta}(\theta|\alpha + y, \beta + n - y)$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}(\theta) = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta}$$

$$\mathbb{E}(\theta|y) = \frac{\alpha + y}{\alpha + \beta + n} = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta} \frac{\alpha + \beta}{(\alpha + \beta + n)} + \frac{y}{n} \frac{n}{(\alpha + \beta + n)}$$

$$= \mathbb{E}(\theta) \frac{\alpha + \beta}{\alpha + \beta + n} + \hat{\theta}_{ML} \frac{n}{\alpha + \beta + n}$$

- As  $n \to \infty$ ,  $\mathbb{E}(\theta | y) \to \frac{y}{n} = \hat{\theta}_{ML}$
- Large value of  $\alpha + \beta$  signifies Posterior

→In the limit, the prior does not influence the results. That is, the results are dominated by the data (observation).

$$\operatorname{var}(\theta|y) = \frac{(\alpha+y)(\beta+n-y)}{(\alpha+\beta+n)^2(\alpha+\beta+n+1)} = \frac{E(\theta|y)(1-E(\theta|y))}{\alpha+\beta+n+1}$$

• As 
$$n$$
 and  $(n-y) \to \infty$ ,  $var(\theta|y) \to \frac{1}{n} \frac{y}{n} \left(1 - \frac{y}{n}\right) = \frac{p(1-p)}{n}$ 

# Posterior as compromise between data and prior information

• 
$$E(u) = E(E(u|v))$$

$$\Rightarrow E(\theta) = E(E(\theta|y))$$

*The prior mean of*  $\theta$  *is the average of all possible posterior means over the distribution of possible data* 

• 
$$\operatorname{var}(u) = E(\operatorname{var}(u|v)) + \operatorname{var}(E(u|v))$$
  

$$\Rightarrow E(\operatorname{var}(\theta|y)) = \operatorname{var}(\theta) - \operatorname{var}(E(\theta|y))$$

The posterior variance is on average smaller than the prior variance by an amount that depends on the variation in posterior means over the distribution of all the possible data

The posterior distribution is centered at a point that represents a compromise between the prior information and the data, and the compromise is controlled to a greater extent by the data as the sample size increases

#### The Role of Prior

#### Example (BDA Ch.2.4)

Probability of girl birth given placenta Previa

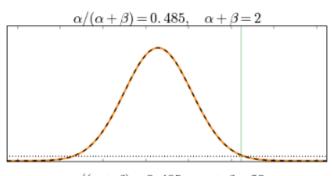
- Among 980 births with placenta Previa, 437 are females
- How much evidence does this provide for the claim that the proportion of female birth in the population of placenta Previa birth is less than 0.485?

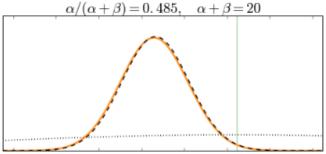
$$P(\theta) = \text{Beta}(\theta | \alpha, \beta)$$

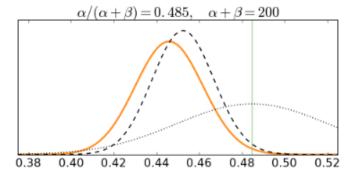
$$P(\theta | y) = \text{Beta}(\theta | \alpha + 437, \beta + 543)$$

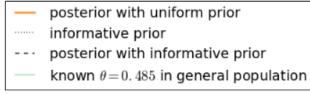
$$\mathbb{E}(\theta) = \frac{\alpha + 437}{\alpha + 437 + \beta + 543}$$

Parameters of the		Summaries of the	
prior distribution		posterior distribution	
		Posterior	95% posterior
$\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}$	$\alpha + \beta$	median of $\theta$	interval for $\theta$
0.500	2	0.446	[0.415, 0.477]
0.485	2	0.446	[0.415, 0.477]
0.485	5	0.446	[0.415, 0.477]
0.485	10	0.446	[0.415, 0.477]
0.485	20	0.447	[0.416, 0.478]
0.485	100	0.450	[0.420, 0.479]
0.485	200	0.453	[0.424, 0.481]









# **Beyond Parameter Estimation: Prediction based on Bayesian Approach**

#### Posterior distribution

the distribution of the unknown and an observable parameter  $\theta$  given observed y

$$p(\theta|y) = \frac{p(y|\theta)p(\theta)}{p(y)} = \frac{p(y|\theta)p(\theta)}{\int_{\theta} p(y|\theta)p(\theta)d\theta} \propto p(y|\theta)p(\theta)$$

#### Prior predictive distribution

Before the data y are considered, the distribution of the unknown but observable y is

$$p(y) = \int_{\theta} p(y, \theta) d\theta = \int_{\theta} p(y|\theta) p(\theta) d\theta$$

#### Posterior predictive distribution

Prediction for an observable  $\hat{y}$  conditional on the observed y

$$p(\hat{y}|y) = \int_{\theta} p(\hat{y}, \theta|y) d\theta = \int_{\theta} p(\hat{y}|\theta, y) p(\theta|y) d\theta = \int_{\theta} p(\hat{y}|\theta) p(\theta|y) d\theta$$

• Posterior predictive distribution=an average of conditional predictions over the posterior dist. on  $\theta$ 

#### **Prior predictive distribution**

#### Prior predictive distribution

Before the data y are considered, the distribution of the unknown but observable y is

$$y = \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_{i} \quad \text{:the number of people with diseases among } n$$

$$P(y) = \int_{0}^{1} P(y,\theta) d\theta$$

$$= \int_{0}^{1} P(y|\theta) p(\theta) d\theta \qquad P(y|\theta) = \operatorname{Bin}(y|n,\theta), \ p(\theta) = \operatorname{Beta}(\alpha,\beta)$$

$$= \int_{0}^{1} \binom{n}{y} \theta^{y} (1-\theta)^{n-y} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \theta^{\alpha-1} (1-\theta)^{\beta-1} d\theta \qquad \binom{n}{y} = \frac{y!}{y! (n-y)!} = \frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{\Gamma(y+1)\Gamma(n-y+1)}$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{\Gamma(y+1)\Gamma(n-y+1)} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \int_{0}^{1} \theta^{y} (1-\theta)^{n-y} \theta^{\alpha-1} (1-\theta)^{b-1} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(n+1)\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(y+1)\Gamma(n-y+1)\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \int_{0}^{1} \theta^{y+\alpha-1} (1-\theta)^{n-y+\beta-1} d\theta$$

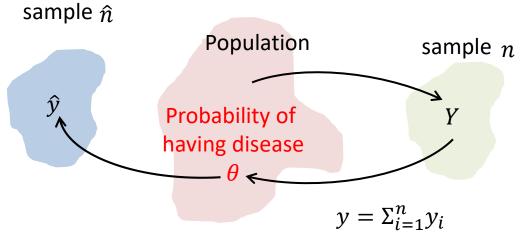
$$= \frac{\Gamma(n+1)\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)\Gamma(y+\alpha)\Gamma(n-y+\beta)}{\Gamma(y+1)\Gamma(n-y+1)\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)\Gamma(n+\alpha+\beta)} \int_{0}^{1} \frac{\Gamma(n+\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(y+\alpha)\Gamma(n-y+\beta)} \theta^{y+\alpha-1} (1-\theta)^{n-y+\beta-1} d\theta$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(n+1)\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)\Gamma(y+\alpha)\Gamma(n-y+\beta)}{\Gamma(y+1)\Gamma(n-y+1)\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)\Gamma(n+\alpha+\beta)} \int_{0}^{1} \operatorname{Beta}(\theta|y+\alpha,n-y+\beta) d\theta$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(n+1)\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)\Gamma(y+\alpha)\Gamma(n-y+\beta)}{\Gamma(y+1)\Gamma(n-y+1)\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)\Gamma(n+\alpha+\beta)} 1$$

$$= \operatorname{Beta-Binomial}(y|n,\alpha,\beta)$$
For  $\alpha=1,\beta=1,P(y)=\frac{1}{n+1}$  (check!)

#### **Posterior-Predictive Distribution**



the number of persons with diseases among n

# Posterior predictive distribution

Prediction for an observable  $\hat{y}$  conditional on the observed y

$$p(\hat{y}|y) = \int_{\theta} p(\hat{y}, \theta|y) d\theta = \int_{\theta} p(\hat{y}|\theta, y) p(\theta|y) d\theta = \int_{\theta} p(\hat{y}|\theta) p(\theta|y) d\theta$$

• Posterior predictive distribution=an average of conditional predictions over the posterior dist. on heta

#### **Posterior-Predictive Distribution**

#### Remember Prior Predictive distribution

$$p(y) = \int_0^1 p(y,\theta)d\theta = \int_0^1 p(y|\theta)p(\theta)d\theta$$
$$= \text{Beta-Binomial}(y|n,\alpha,\beta)$$

Using this result, the posterior predictive distribution is

$$p(\hat{y}|y) = \int_0^1 p(\hat{y}, \theta|y) d\theta = \int_0^1 p(\hat{y}|\theta) p(\theta|y) d\theta$$
$$= \text{Beta-Binomial}(\hat{y}|n, \alpha + y, \beta + n - y)$$

$$p(\theta|y) = \text{Beta}(\alpha + y, \beta + n - y)$$

 $p(\theta) = \text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta)$ 

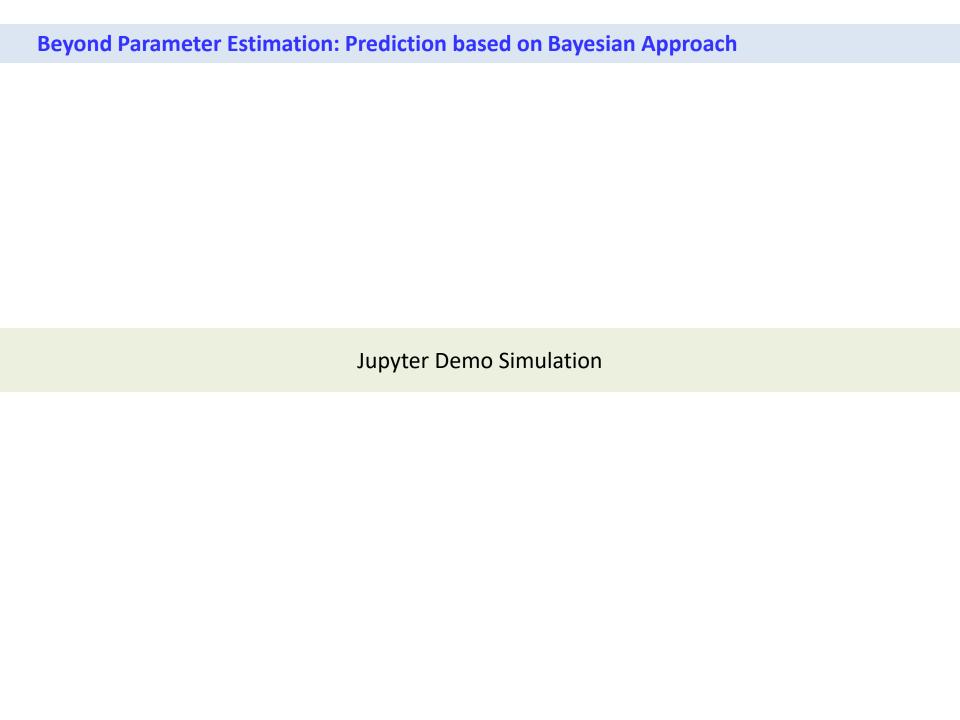
When 
$$\hat{y} = 1$$
,  $p(\hat{y} = 1|y) = \int_0^1 \theta p(\theta|y) d\theta$   $\therefore p(\hat{y} = 1|\theta) = \theta$ 

$$= \mathbb{E}[\theta|y]$$

$$= \frac{\alpha + y}{\alpha + y + \beta + n - y}$$
  $\therefore$  when  $\theta \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta)$ ,  $\mathbb{E}[\theta] = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta}$ 

$$= \frac{\alpha + y}{\alpha + \beta + n}$$

For 
$$\alpha = 1$$
,  $\beta = 1$ ,  $P(\hat{y} = 1|y) = \frac{y+1}{n+2}$  (check!)



#### **Bayesian Approach Example: Is sea water contaminated with cholera**

#### **Prior**

$$\theta = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{Sea without cholera} \\ 1 & \text{Sea with cholera} \end{cases}$$

$$p(\theta) = \begin{cases} 1/2 & \theta = 0 \\ 1/2 & \theta = 1 \end{cases}$$
 Uniform prior Discretized  $\theta$ 

#### Likelihood

$$y_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{fish with cholera} \\ 0 & \text{fish without cholera} \end{cases}$$

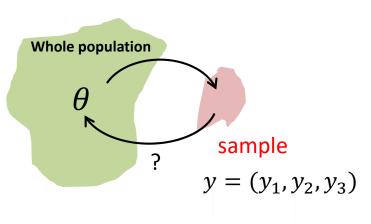
$$p(y_i = 1 | \theta = 0) = 0 \longrightarrow p(y_i = 0 | \theta = 0) = 1$$
  
 $p(y_i = 1 | \theta = 1) = \frac{1}{2} \longrightarrow p(y_i 0 | \theta = 1) = \frac{1}{2}$ 

data 
$$y = \{y_1 = 0, y_2 = 0, y_3 = 0\}$$
  $y_i$  are i.i.d.

$$P(y|\theta = 0) = (P(y = 0|\theta = 0))^3 = (1)^3 = 1$$
  
 $P(y|\theta = 1) = (P(y = 0|\theta = 1))^3 = (1/2)^3 = 1/8$ 

# **Denominator (Marginal likelihood)**

$$P(y) = \sum_{\theta} P(y|\theta)P(\theta)$$
  
=  $P(y|\theta = 0)P(\theta = 0) + P(y|\theta = 1)P(\theta = 1) = 1 \times \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{8} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{9}{16}$ 





#### **Bayesian Approach Example: Is sea water contaminated with cholera**

Posterior distribution: 
$$p(\theta|y) = \frac{p(y|\theta)p(\theta)}{p(y)}$$

$$P(\theta = 0|y) = \frac{P(y|\theta = 0,)P(\theta = 0)}{P(y)} = \frac{1 \times 1/2}{9/16} = \frac{8}{9}$$

$$P(\theta = 1|y) = \frac{P(y|\theta = 1,)P(\theta = 1)}{P(y)} = \frac{1/8 \times 1/2}{9/16} = \frac{1}{9}$$

Update with data

Prior
$$P(\theta = 1) = \frac{1}{2}$$

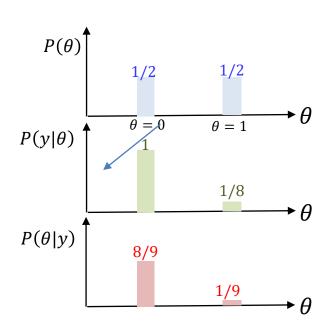
$$P(\theta = 0|y) \propto P(y|\theta = 0) P(\theta = 0) = 1 \times 1/2$$

$$P(\theta = 1|y) \propto P(y|\theta = 1,)P(\theta = 1) = 1/8 \times 1/2$$

Bayes' factor = 
$$\frac{P(\theta = 0|y)}{P(\theta = 1|y)} = \frac{8}{1}$$

#### Bayes factors is a Bayesian alternative to classical hypothesis testing

$$P(\theta_1|D) = \frac{P(D|\theta_1)p(\theta_1)}{p(D)}$$
 Which parameter is good? 
$$P(\theta_2|D) = \frac{P(D|\theta_2)p(\theta_2)}{p(D)}$$
 Bayes' factor = 
$$\frac{P(\theta_1|D)}{P(\theta_2|D)}$$



# **Three Steps in Bayesian Approaches**

#### Step 1: Modeling

setting up a full probability model, a joint probability distribution for all observable and unobservable quantities in a target problem

# Step 2: Inferencing

calculate and interpret the appropriate posterior distribution, the conditional probability distribution of the unobserved quantities of interests

# Step 3: Checking

Evaluate the fit of the model and the sensitiveness of the assumption in step 1