

# Bayesian Learning Lab1

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## 1. Bernoulli ... again.

Let  $y_1, \dots, y_n | \theta \sim \text{Bern}(\theta)$  and assume that you have obtained a sample with  $s = 5$  successes in  $n = 20$  trials. Assume a  $\text{Beta}(\alpha_0, \beta_0)$  prior for  $\theta$  and let  $\alpha_0 = \beta_0 = 2$

**(a) Draw random numbers from the posterior  $\theta | y \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha_0 + s, \beta_0 + f)$ ,  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$  and verify graphically that the posterior mean and standard deviation converges to the true values as the number of random draws grows large.**

*Verification*

To verify graphically that the posterior mean and standard deviation, meaning that it is needed to use the mean and variance from the Beta Probability Density Function.

Mean of Beta PDF:  $\frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta}$

Variance of Beta PDF:  $\frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha + \beta)^2(\alpha + \beta + 1)}$

*Bernouli Distruibution*

The probability density function of Bernouli distribution is:

$$p(s) = \binom{n}{s} \theta^s (1 - \theta)^{n-s}$$

The likelihood function is:

$$p(y_1, \dots, y_n | \theta) = \binom{n}{s} \theta^s (1 - \theta)^{n-s}$$

The prior is given  $\text{Beta}(\alpha_0, \beta_0)$ :

$$p(\theta) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_0 + \beta_0)}{\Gamma(\alpha_0)\Gamma(\beta_0)} \theta^{\alpha_0-1} (1 - \theta)^{\beta_0-1}$$

*We have:*

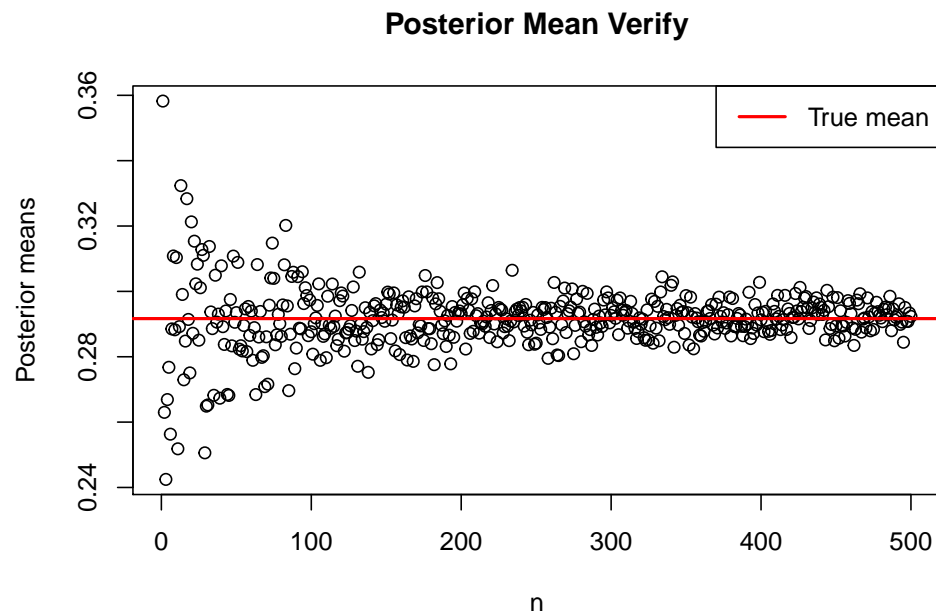
Posterior  $\propto$  likelihood \* prior

$$\theta | y \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha_0 + s, \beta_0 + f)$$

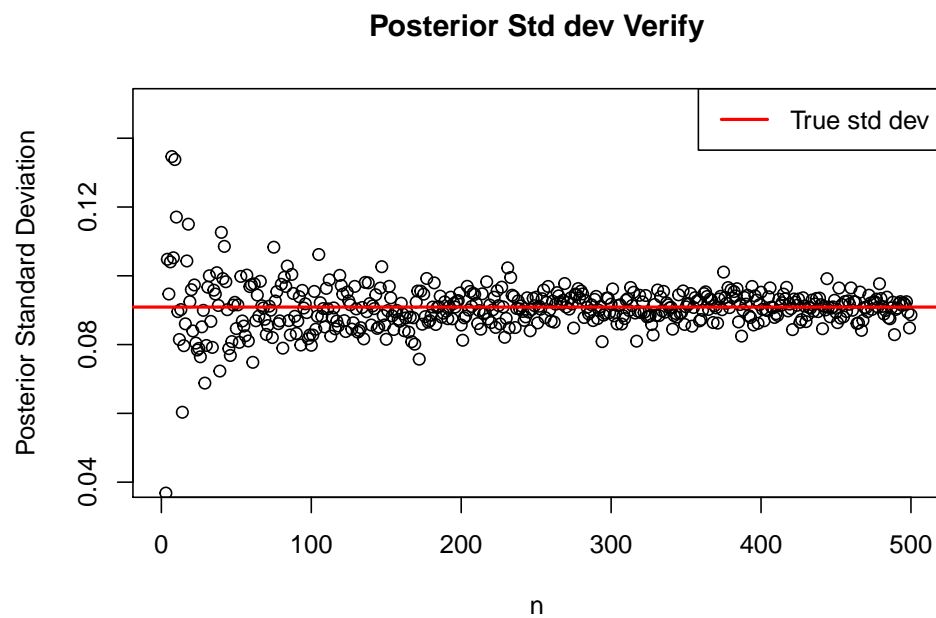
From the above given posterior, we know that  $\alpha = \alpha_0 + s = 7$ ,  $\beta = \beta_0 + f = 17$ . By using the alpha and beta we have, it is possible to simulate the random samples from the `rbeta()` function. With the growing number of random draws (1:500), we can plot the samples and investigate how the mean and standard deviation distributed.

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## [1] 0.09090593
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## The true mean is: 0.2916667
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## The true Standard deviation is: 0.09090593



According to the two figures above, it is successfully verified the posterior mean and standard deviations are converged to the true value.

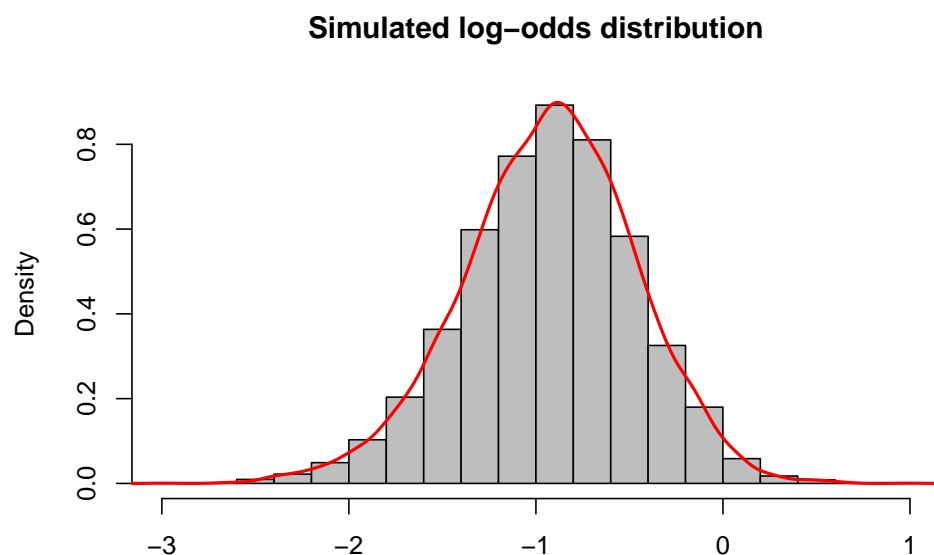
(b) Use simulation (nDraws = 10000) to compute the posterior probability  $Pr(\theta > 0.3|y)$  and compare with the exact value [Hint: pbeta()].

From the simulation of nDraws = 10000, the posterior probability  $Pr(\theta > 0.3|y)$  is 0.4392, and it is very close to the true probability computed from the pbeta() function, which is 0.4399472.

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## The simulation posterior probability (> 0.3) is: 0.4392
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## The true probability is : 0.4399472
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(c) Compute the posterior distribution of the log-odds  $\phi = \log \frac{\theta}{1-\theta}$  (nDraws = 10000). [Hint: hist() and density()] might come in handy]



## 2 Log-normal distribution and the Gini coefficient.

Assume that you have asked 10 randomly selected persons about their monthly income (in thousands Swedish Krona) and obtained the following ten observations: 44, 25, 45, 52, 30, 63, 19, 50, 34 and 67. A common model for non-negative continuous variables is the log-normal distribution. The log-normal distribution  $\log(N(\mu, \sigma^2))$  has density function: \*

$$p(y|\mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{y * \sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(\log(y)-\mu)^2}$$

For  $y > 0$ ,  $\mu > 0$  and  $\sigma^2 > 0$ . The log-normal distribution is related to the normal distribution as follows: if  $y \sim \log N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  then  $\log(y) \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ . Let  $y_1, \dots, y_n | \mu, \sigma^2 \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \log N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , where  $\mu = 3.7$  is assumed to be known but  $\sigma^2$  is unknown with non-informative prior  $p(\sigma^2) \propto \frac{1}{\sigma^2}$ . The posterior for the  $\sigma^2$  is the  $Inv - \chi^2(n, \tau^2)$  distribution, where

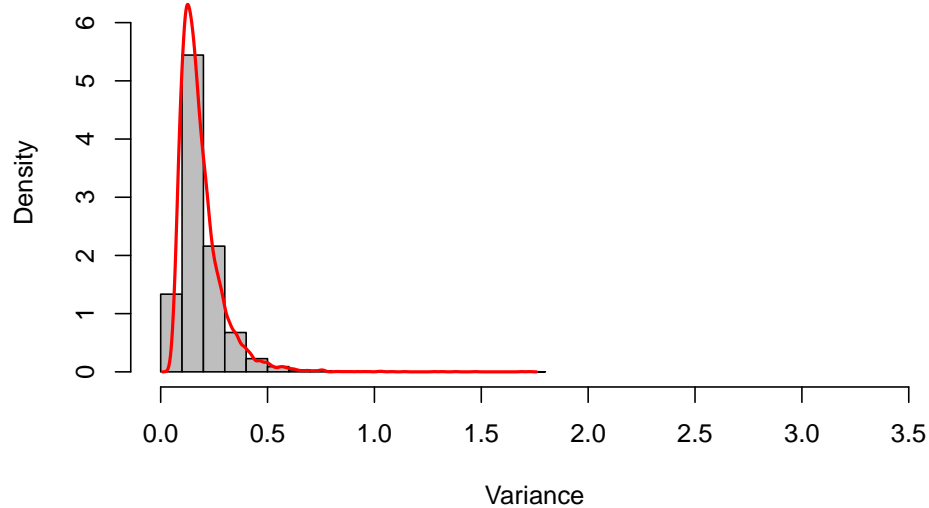
$$\tau^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (\log(y_i) - \mu)^2}{n}$$

(a) Simulate 10,000 draws from the posterior of  $\sigma^2$  (assuming  $\mu = 3.7$ ) and compare with the theoretical  $Inv - \chi^2(n, \tau^2)$  posterior distribution.

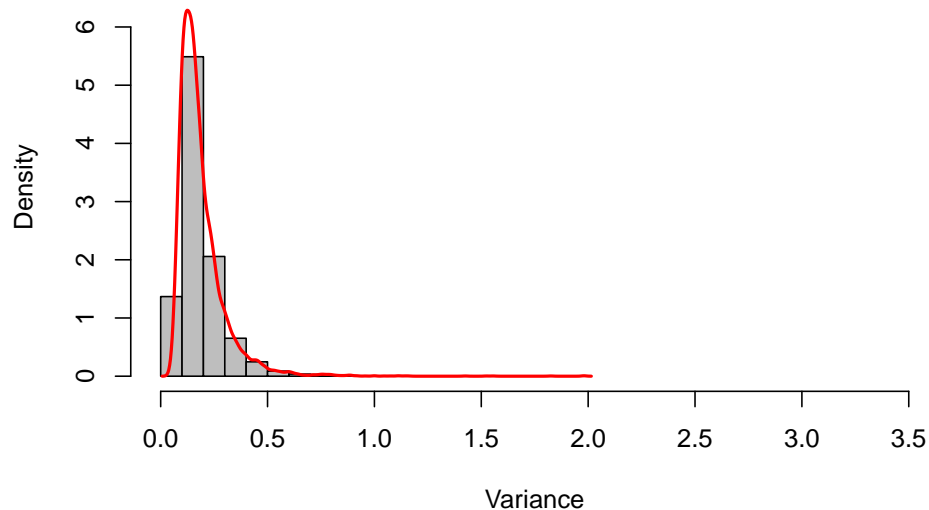
We can simulate 10,000 samples from the posterior of  $\sigma^2$  using `rchisq()`. First, we draw  $X \sim \chi^2(n - 1)$  then compute  $\sigma^2 = \frac{\tau^2 n}{X}$ . To compare with the theoretical  $Inv - \chi^2(n, \tau^2)$ , where the scaled parameter is  $\tau^2$ , we can use the `invrchisq()` draw 10,000 samples of the variance. (Source: Wikipedia [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scaled\\_inverse\\_chi-squared\\_distribution](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scaled_inverse_chi-squared_distribution))

Looking at the two histogram belows, there are no difference between them.

### Simulated Inv-Chi-Square

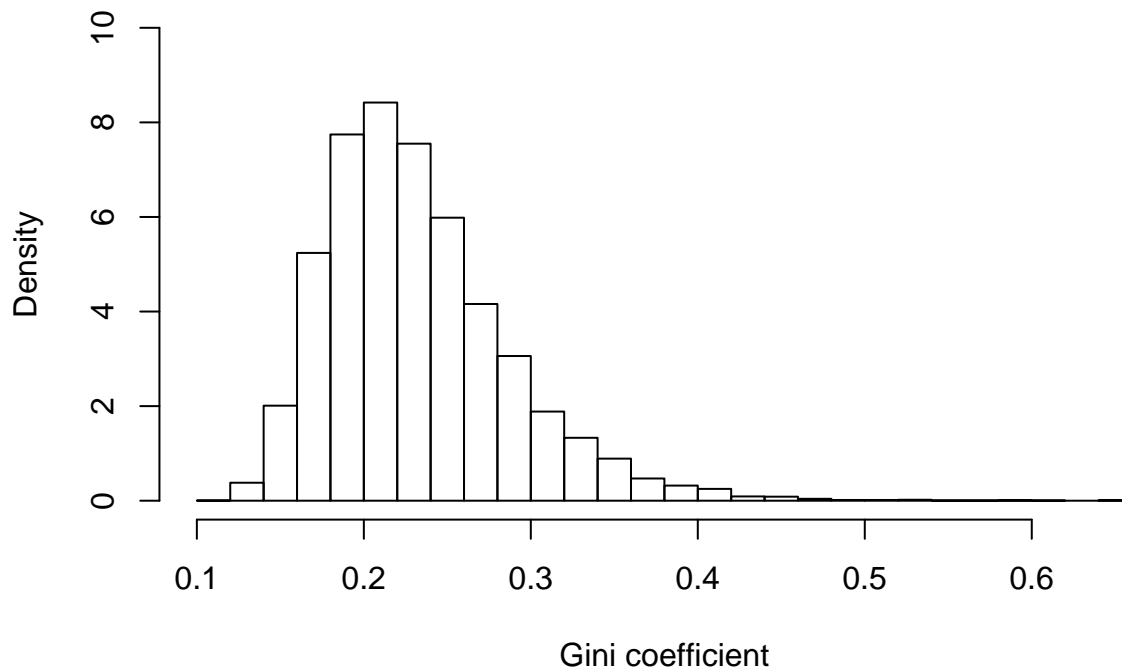


### Theoretical Inv-Chi-Square distribution



(b) The most common measure of income inequality is the Gini coefficient,  $G$ , where  $0 \leq G \leq 1$ .  $G = 0$  means a completely equal income distribution, whereas  $G = 1$  means complete income inequality. See Wikipedia for more information. It can be shown that  $G = 2\phi(\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{2}} - 1)$  when incomes follow a  $\log N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  distribution.  $\phi(z)$  is the cumulative distribution function (CDF) for the standard normal distribution with mean zero and unit variance. Use the posterior draws in a) to compute the posterior distribution of the Gini coefficient  $G$  for the current data set.

## Histogram of Gini coefficient



## Appendix

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#1.a

## Draw random numbers from the posterior
set.seed(12345)
beta_sample = function(n,alpha, beta){
  sample = rbeta(n, alpha, beta)
  mean_sam = mean(sample)
  sd_sam = sd(sample)
  return(list("Mean"=mean_sam,"sd"= sd_sam))
}

alpha=7
beta=17
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true_mean = alpha/(alpha+beta)
true_sd = sqrt((alpha*beta) / (((alpha+beta)^2)*(alpha+beta+1)))
true_sd

##verify of n =500
n=500
veri_means=c()
veri_sd = c()
for(i in 1:n){
  veri_means[i] = beta_sample(i, alpha, beta)$Mean
  veri_sd[i]=beta_sample(i, alpha, beta)$sd
}

cat("The true mean is:", true_mean)
plot( veri_means, main="Posterior Mean Verify", xlab="n", ylab="Posterior means")
abline(h=true_mean, col="red", lwd=2)
legend("topright",legend="True mean", lty=1,col="red",lwd=2)

cat("The true Standard deviation is:", true_sd)
plot(veri_sd, main="Posterior Std dev Verify", xlab="n", ylab="Posterior Standard Deviation",ylim=c(0.0
abline(h=true_sd, col="red", lwd=2)
legend("topright",legend="True std dev", lty=1,col="red",lwd=2)

# 1.b
set.seed(12345)
nDraws=10000
beta_sample2 = rbeta(nDraws, alpha, beta)

sample_prob = sum(beta_sample2 > 0.3)/nDraws
real_prob = pbeta(q=0.3,alpha, beta, lower.tail = FALSE)

cat("The simulation posterior probability (> 0.3) is: ",sample_prob)
cat("The true probability is :", real_prob)

#1.c
log_odd = log(beta_sample2/(1-beta_sample2))

hist(log_odd, freq = F, main="Simulated log-odds distribution", xlab="",col="grey")
lines(density(log_odd), col="red", lwd=2)
#log_odd
#2.a
library(LaplacesDemon)
y = c(44, 25, 45, 52, 30, 63, 19, 50, 34 ,67)
n=10
mu = 3.7
nDraws =10000

tau_2 = sum((log(y)-mu)^2)/n

###simulation
#set.seed(12345)
var=c()

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for(i in 1:nDraws){
  chi_sample = rchisq(n=1, df=n)
  var[i] = (tau_2*n)/chi_sample
}

###therotical inv-chi-square distuibution (n,T^2)
thero_tau = rinvcchisq(nDraws, n, tau_2)

### plot the posterior var and the theoretical var
hist(var, freq = F,xlim=c(0,3.5),ylim=c(0,6.5), main = "Simulated Inv-Chi-Square", xlab="Variance",col=
lines(density(var), col="red", lwd=2)

hist(thero_tau,freq=F,, xlim=c(0,3.5),ylim=c(0,6.5), main="Theoretical Inv-Chi-Square distribution", xlab="Variance",col=
lines(density(thero_tau), lwd=2, col="red")

# 2.b

gini = 2*pnorm(sqrt(var/2))-1

hist(gini, freq=F, ylim=c(0,10),breaks=30, main="Histogram of Gini coefficient", xlab="Gini coefficient")

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