

Bayesian Statistics

more advanced model \rightarrow more advanced computation

MCMC: possibilities of models \uparrow

① Statistical modelling

statistical model: imitate & approximates
data generating process
- relationship btw variables

objective ① Quantify uncertainty

② Inference

③ Measure support for hypotheses

④ Prediction \leftarrow ML focus

process ① Understand the problem

② Plan & collect data

③ Explore data

④ Postulate model

\hookrightarrow complexity vs generalizability (Bias-Var tradeoff)

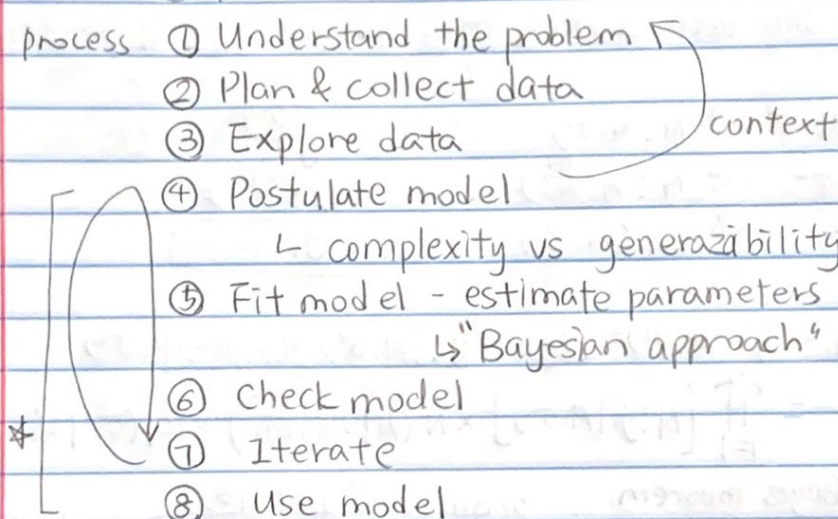
⑤ Fit model - estimate parameters

\hookrightarrow "Bayesian approach"

⑥ Check model

⑦ Iterate

⑧ Use model



② heights $n=15$ men

$$y_i = \mu + \varepsilon_i, \quad \varepsilon_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2) \quad i=1, \dots, n (=15)$$

$$y_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\mu, \sigma^2) \quad \rightarrow \text{can generate fake instances}$$

: frequentist approach: that fits the distribution

\hookrightarrow change of estimates of μ, σ

Bayesian approach: uncertainty of μ, σ with probability

<prior>

\hookrightarrow r.v. with distribution

① likelihood: $P(\text{data} | \text{unknown parameter}) : P(y | \theta)$

② prior $P(\theta)$ \leftarrow known

$$\text{③ posterior } P(\theta | y) = \frac{P(\theta, y)}{P(y)} = \frac{P(\theta, y)}{\int P(\theta, y) d\theta} = \frac{P(y | \theta) P(\theta)}{\int P(y | \theta) P(\theta) d\theta}$$

Statistical
modeling \leftarrow

model hierarchy

$$y_i | \mu, \sigma^2 \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

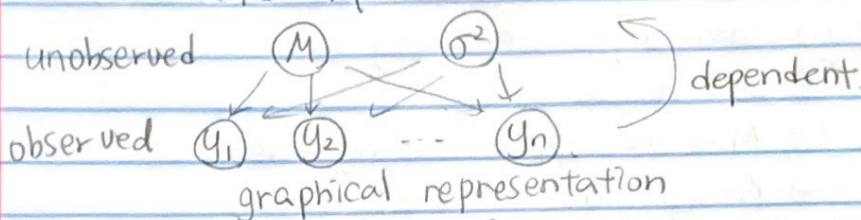
$$P(\mu, \sigma^2) = P(\mu)P(\sigma^2)$$

② Conjugate prior?

$$\mu (\sigma^2 \text{ known}) \sim N, \quad \sigma^2 (\mu \text{ known}) \sim \text{IG}$$

$$\mu \sim N(\mu_0, \sigma_0^2)$$

$$\sigma^2 \sim \text{IG}(\nu_0, \beta_0)$$



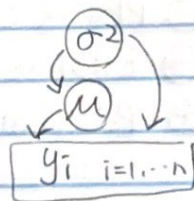
simulate

→ Simulate starting from variables w/o dependency

$$y_i | \mu, \sigma^2 \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

$$\mu | \sigma^2 \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} N(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{w_0})$$

$$\sigma^2 \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{IG}(\nu_0, \beta_0)$$



$$P(y_1, \dots, y_n, \mu, \sigma^2) = P(y_1, \dots, y_n | \mu, \sigma^2) P(\mu | \sigma^2) P(\sigma^2)$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^n [N(y_i | \mu, \sigma^2)] \times N(\mu | \mu_0, \frac{\sigma^2}{w_0}) \times \text{IG}(\sigma^2 | \nu_0, \beta_0)$$

* Bayes theorem.

$$P(\theta | y) = \frac{P(y | \theta) P(\theta)}{\int P(y | \theta) P(\theta) d\theta} \propto P(y | \theta) P(\theta)$$

$$\propto P(\mu, \sigma^2 | y_1, \dots, y_n)$$

n=10 $y_i | \mu \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} N(\mu, 1)$ center, scale, df $\mu \sim t(0, 1, 1)$

$$P(\mu | y_1, \dots, y_n) \propto \prod_{i=1}^n [N(\mu, 1)] t(0, 1, 1)$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(y_i - \mu)^2\right) \right] \frac{1}{\pi(1 + \mu^2)}$$

$$\propto \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)^2\right] \cdot \frac{1}{1 + \mu^2}$$

$$\propto \frac{\exp(n(\bar{y}\mu - \mu^2/2))}{1 + \mu^2}$$

hard to compute

: not a form of standard distribution

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \theta \sim \text{Ga}(a, b) \quad a=2 \quad b=\frac{1}{3}$$

$$E(\theta) = \int_0^\infty \theta p(\theta) d\theta = \int_0^\infty \theta \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} \theta^{a-1} e^{-b\theta} d\theta = \frac{a}{b}$$

$\theta_i^* \quad i=1, \dots, m$ by LLN, CLT

$$\bar{\theta}^* = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \theta_i^*$$

$$\text{Var}(\theta) = \int_0^\infty (\theta - E(\theta))^2 p(\theta) d\theta$$

$$h(\theta) = \int h(\theta) p(\theta) d\theta = E[h(\theta)] \approx \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m h(\theta_i^*)$$

ex. $h(\theta) = I_{\theta < 5}(\theta)$

$$E(h(\theta)) = \int_0^\infty I_{\theta < 5}(\theta) p(\theta) d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^5 1 \cdot p(\theta) d\theta = \text{Pr}[0 < \theta < 5] \approx \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m I_{\theta_i^* < 5}(\theta_i^*)$$

→ can approximate by drawing many samples θ^*

$$\bar{\theta}^* \sim N(E(\theta), \frac{\text{Var}(\theta)}{m})$$

$$\widehat{\text{Var}}(\theta) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m (\theta_i^* - \bar{\theta}^*)^2$$

$$\text{SE} = \sqrt{\widehat{\text{Var}}(\theta)/m}$$

$$y | \phi \sim \text{Bin}(10, \phi)$$

$$\phi \sim \text{Beta}(2, 2)$$

$$p(y, \phi) = p(\phi) p(y | \phi)$$

simulate: ① ϕ_i^* from Beta

② Given ϕ_i^* , draw $y_i^* \sim \text{Bin}(10, \phi_i^*)$

→ (y_i^*, ϕ_i^*)