HW04

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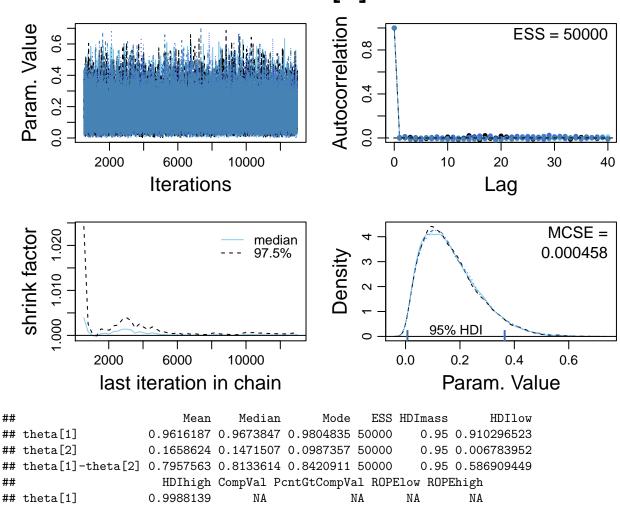
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I have executed these exercises on my own and written the answers in my own words. Signed: Shashi Shankar

1A.

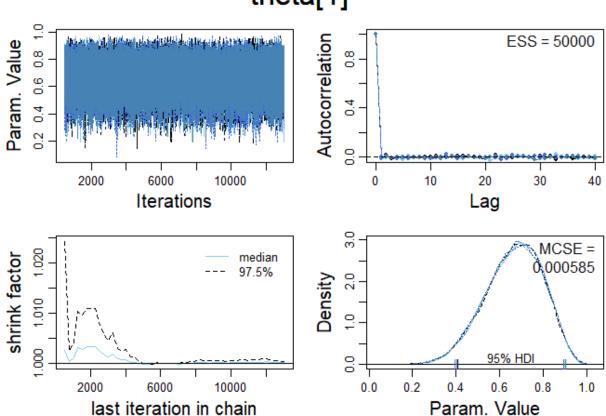
```
# Creating Data set
y = c(rep(1,48),rep(0,8))
s = c(rep("A", 48), rep("B", 8))
write.csv( data.frame(y=y,s=s) , file="1A.csv" , row.names=FALSE )
# Below is just the essential lines of Jags-Ydich-XnomSsubj-MbernBeta-Example.R
# with the data file changed:
graphics.off()
rm(list=ls(all=TRUE))
fileNameRoot="1A" # for output filenames
source("DBDA2E-utilities.R")
##
## Kruschke, J. K. (2015). Doing Bayesian Data Analysis, Second Edition:
## A Tutorial with R, JAGS, and Stan. Academic Press / Elsevier.
## Loading required package: coda
## Linked to JAGS 4.2.0
## Loaded modules: basemod, bugs
# Load The data from the file:
myData = read.csv("1A.csv")
# Load the relevant model into R's working memory:
source("Jags-Ydich-XnomSsubj-MbernBeta.R")
## Kruschke, J. K. (2015). Doing Bayesian Data Analysis, Second Edition:
## A Tutorial with R, JAGS, and Stan. Academic Press / Elsevier.
# Generate the MCMC chain:
mcmcCoda = genMCMC( data=myData , numSavedSteps=50000 , saveName=fileNameRoot )
## Compiling model graph
##
    Resolving undeclared variables
##
     Allocating nodes
## Graph information:
##
    Observed stochastic nodes: 56
    Unobserved stochastic nodes: 2
##
##
    Total graph size: 120
```

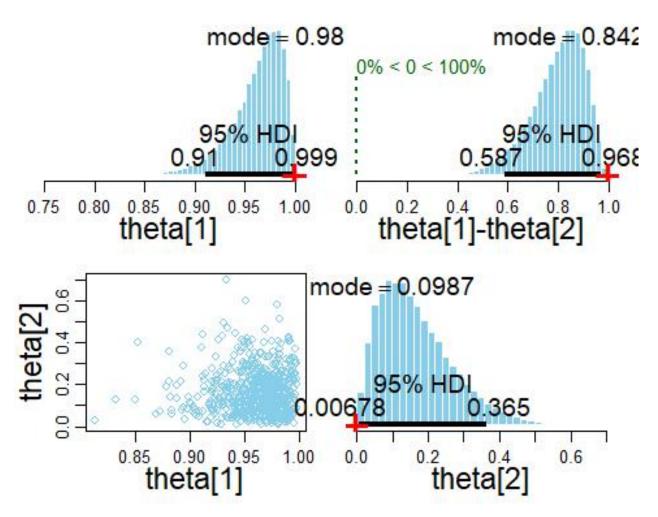
```
##
## Initializing model
##
## Burning in the MCMC chain...
## Sampling final MCMC chain...
parameterNames = varnames(mcmcCoda) # get all parameter names
for ( parName in parameterNames ) {
    diagMCMC( codaObject=mcmcCoda , parName=parName )
}
# Get summary statistics of chain:
summaryInfo = smryMCMC( mcmcCoda , compVal=NULL , #rope=c(0.45,0.55) ,
compValDiff=0.0 , #ropeDiff = c(-0.05,0.05) ,
saveName=fileNameRoot )
```



```
# Display posterior information: plotMCMC( mcmcCoda , data=myData , compVal=NULL , #rope=c(0.45,0.55) , compValDiff=0.0 , #ropeDiff = c(-0.05,0.05) , saveName=fileNameRoot )
```

theta[1]

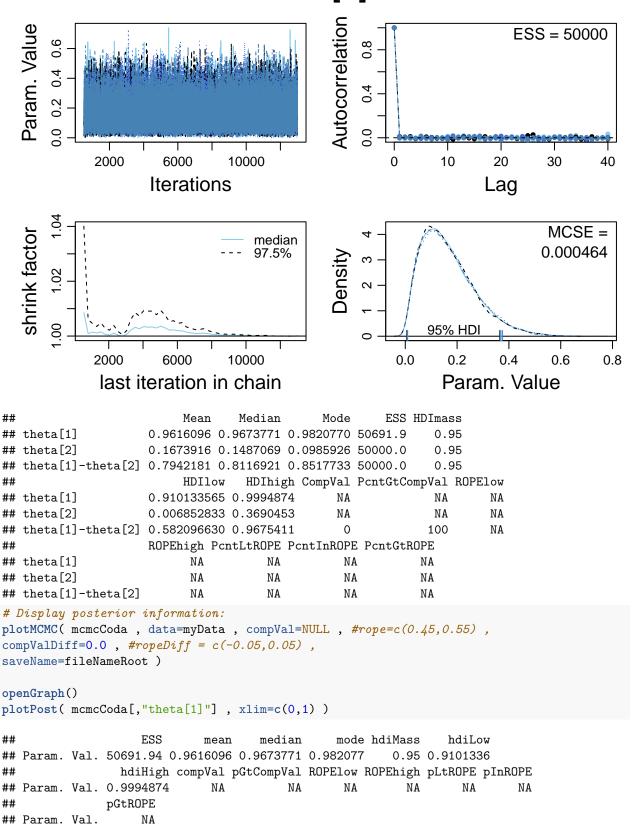




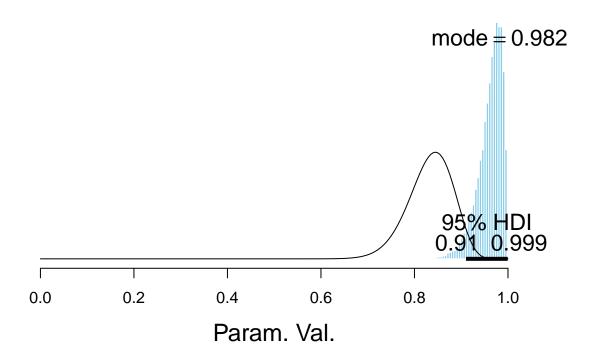
It is evident from the posterior distribution that 95% HDI of theta1 is between 0.9 and 0.999 whereas for theta2 it's between 0 to 0.366. The scatterplot between them also indicates the region where theta1 values are very high and and theta2 values are low.

1B.

```
## A Tutorial with R, JAGS, and Stan. Academic Press / Elsevier.
## **************************
# Load The data from the file:
myData = read.csv("1B.csv")
# Load the relevant model into R's working memory:
source("Jags-Ydich-XnomSsubj-MbernBeta.R")
##
## Kruschke, J. K. (2015). Doing Bayesian Data Analysis, Second Edition:
## A Tutorial with R, JAGS, and Stan. Academic Press / Elsevier.
# Generate the MCMC chain:
mcmcCoda = genMCMC( data=myData , numSavedSteps=50000 , saveName=fileNameRoot )
## Compiling model graph
     Resolving undeclared variables
     Allocating nodes
##
## Graph information:
     Observed stochastic nodes: 56
##
##
     Unobserved stochastic nodes: 2
##
     Total graph size: 120
##
## Initializing model
## Burning in the MCMC chain...
## Sampling final MCMC chain...
parameterNames = varnames(mcmcCoda) # get all parameter names
for ( parName in parameterNames ) {
diagMCMC( codaObject=mcmcCoda , parName=parName )
}
# Get summary statistics of chain:
summaryInfo = smryMCMC( mcmcCoda , compVal=NULL , #rope=c(0.45,0.55) ,
compValDiff=0.0 , \#ropeDiff = c(-0.05, 0.05) ,
saveName=fileNameRoot )
```



```
a = 2 ; b = 2 # constants from prior in Jags-Ydich-XnomSsubj-MbernBeta.R
H = 48 ; T = 8 # heads and tails from your data
thetaGrid=seq(0,1,length=201)
lines( thetaGrid , dbeta( thetaGrid , a+H , b+T ) )
```



H and T are the number of heads and number of tails in the data. Using z and N notation, H is z and T is N-z. We are plotting a beta distribution with shape constants of a+H and b+T, Because when we start with a beta(a,b) prior we end up with a beta(a+z,b+N-z) posterior.

a and b (both 2) were determined from the model specification in low level script file dbeta(2,2). Heads and tails are 48 and 8 respectively.

The lines() function adds information to a graph. It can not produce a graph on its own. Usually it follows a plot(x, y) command that produces a graph.

The superimposed curve is closely matching the histogram.

2.

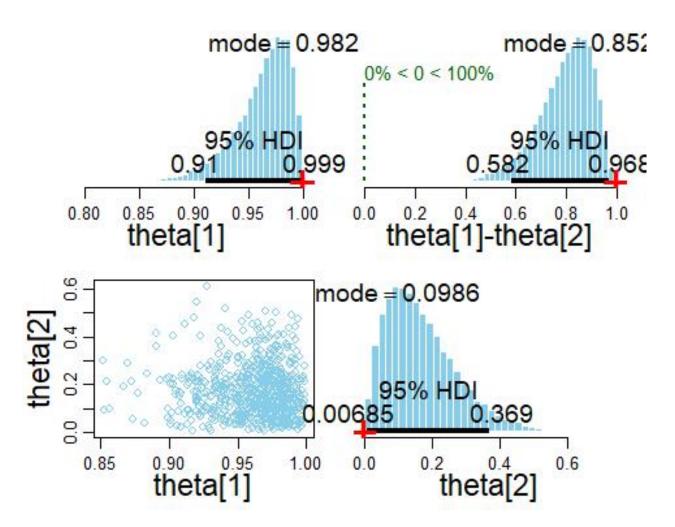


Figure 1:

```
##
##
  Compiling model graph
##
      Resolving undeclared variables
##
      Allocating nodes
##
  Graph information:
      Observed stochastic nodes: 15
##
      Unobserved stochastic nodes: 2
##
##
      Total graph size: 38
##
##
   Initializing model
##
## Burning in the MCMC chain...
   Sampling final MCMC chain...
                                                         ESS HDImass
##
                           Mean
                                   Median
                                                Mode
                      0.6666179 0.6765121 0.7045672 51183.4
## theta[1]
                                                                 0.95
                      0.3634230 0.3550149 0.3070597 50000.0
   theta[2]
                                                                 0.95
  theta[1]-theta[2] 0.3031949 0.3115623 0.3333145 50000.0
                                                                 0.95
                           HDIlow
                                    HDIhigh CompVal PcntGtCompVal ROPElow
## theta[1]
                      0.41292323 0.9078335
                                                  NA
                                                                       0.45
                                                                 NA
## theta[2]
                       0.10608969 0.6336525
                                                  NA
                                                                 ΝA
                                                                       0.45
## theta[1]-theta[2] -0.06854586 0.6685918
                                                   0
                                                                      -0.05
                                                             93.586
##
                      ROPEhigh PcntLtROPE PcntInROPE PcntGtROPE
## theta[1]
                          0.55
                                     6.198
                                               12.936
                                                          80.866
## theta[2]
                          0.55
                                   73.466
                                               16.370
                                                           10.164
## theta[1]-theta[2]
                          0.05
                                    3.944
                                                6.010
                                                          90.046
```

The summary results display the Mean, Median, Mode of the MCMC chain for either the parameter or parameter difference. Each row corresponds to the parameter or parameter difference indicated in the left-most column. ESS is the effective sample size, which is the chain length divided by the autocorrelation. HDImass indicates the probability mass of highest density interval (default 95 %). HDIlow is the lower limit of the HDI, and HDIhigh is the upper limit. Comparison value (CompVal) for single-parameter decisions. It's value is shown as NA because it was commented in the code. The next column indicates the percentage of the posterior that is greater than the comparison value (PcntGtCompVal). Next are the columns for the ROPE (region of practical equivalence), which show the specifications in the arguments. The last three columns indicate the percentage of the posterior distribution that is less than the ROPE lower limit, within the ROPE limits, and greater than the ROPE upper limit.

3.

fileNameRoot = "Jags-Ydich-XnomSsubj-MbernBeta-" graphFileType = "eps" fileNameRoot specifies the beginning of the filenames for saved information, and graphFileType specifies the graphics format for the saved graphs.

Generate the MCMC chain: mcmcCoda = genMCMC(data=myData , numSavedSteps=50000 , saveName=fileNameRoot)

genMCMC returns mcmccoda object containing information about every step. The MCMC chain is saved in a file named <fileNameRoot-Mcmc.Rdata file.

Display diagnostics of chain, for specified parameters:

 $parameterNames = varnames(mcmcCoda) \# \ get \ all \ parameter \ names \ for \ (\ parName \ in \ parameterNames) \ \{ \ diagMCMC(\ codaObject=mcmcCoda \ , \ parName=parName \ , \ saveName=fileNameRoot \ , \ saveType=graphFileType) \}$

The above line gets all the parameters from the mcmccoda object and saves the diagnostic graphs for each parameter. file names are the fileNameRoot with Diag appended.

Get summary statistics of chain:

```
summaryInfo = smryMCMC(\ mcmcCoda\ ,\ compVal=0.5\ ,\ rope=c(0.45,0.55)\ ,\ compValDiff=0.0\ ,\ ropeDiff=c(-0.05,0.05)\ ,\ saveName=fileNameRoot\ )
```

The summary information is saved in a file named Jags-Ydich-XnomSsubj-MbernBeta-SummaryInfo.csv. The file name is the fileNameRoot with SummaryInfo appended.

Display posterior information:

```
\label{eq:compval} \begin{aligned} &\text{plotMCMC(} \ \text{mcmcCoda }, \ \text{data=myData }, \ \text{compVal=NULL }, \ \#\text{rope=c}(0.45, 0.55) \ , \ \text{compValDiff=0.0 }, \\ &\#\text{ropeDiff} = \text{c(-0.05,0.05)} \ , \ \text{saveName=fileNameRoot }, \ \text{saveType=graphFileType }) \end{aligned}
```

The graph of the posterior distribution is saved in a file named Jags-Ydich-XnomSsubj-MbernBeta-Post.eps file name is the fileNameRoot with Post appended.

Note: .eps is a file format optimized for creating large LaTeX files.

4A.

To reproduce figure 8.7 we need to run JAGS without the data included. So, the y values must be omitted, but all the other constants must be retained in order to define the structure of the model, such as the number of (absent) data values and the number of (absent) subjects etc.

```
dataList = list( # y = y , s = s , Ntotal = Ntotal , Nsubj = Nsubj )
source("Jags-Ydich-XnomSsubj-Mbernbeta-Example.R")
```

```
##
## Kruschke, J. K. (2015). Doing Bayesian Data Analysis, Second Edition:
## A Tutorial with R, JAGS, and Stan. Academic Press / Elsevier.
##
## Compiling model graph
##
    Resolving undeclared variables
##
    Allocating nodes
## Graph information:
##
    Observed stochastic nodes: 15
##
    Unobserved stochastic nodes: 2
##
    Total graph size: 38
##
## Initializing model
##
```

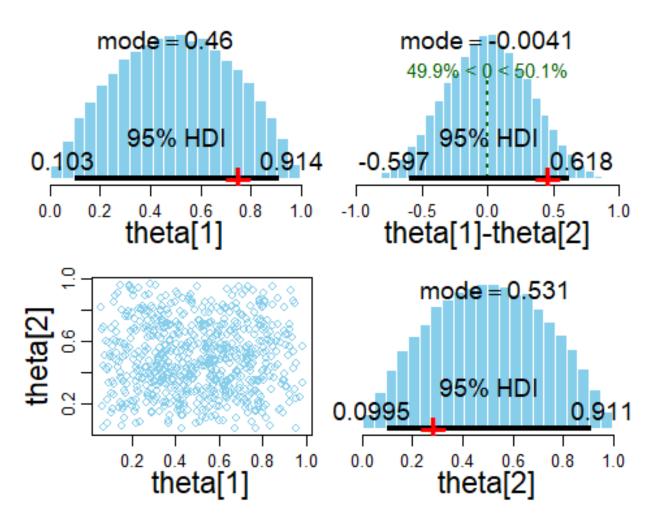


Figure 2: Posterior

```
## Burning in the MCMC chain...
## Sampling final MCMC chain...
##
                                    Median
                                                        ESS HDImass
                                                                          HDIlow
                           Mean
                                                Mode
   theta[1]
                      0.6657118 0.6742455 0.6767565 50000
##
                                                                0.95
                                                                      0.41083556
   theta[2]
                      0.3639285 0.3553744 0.3305371 50000
                                                                0.95
                                                                      0.10818487
##
   theta[1]-theta[2] 0.3017833 0.3095400 0.3505052 50000
                                                                0.95 -0.08042172
                        HDIhigh CompVal PcntGtCompVal ROPElow ROPEhigh
##
##
   theta[1]
                      0.9045921
                                      NA
                                                     NA
                                                           0.45
                                                                     0.55
                      0.6391385
                                      NA
   theta[2]
                                                     NA
                                                           0.45
                                                                     0.55
##
   theta[1]-theta[2] 0.6559541
                                       0
                                                 93.612
                                                          -0.05
                                                                     0.05
##
                      PcntLtROPE PcntInROPE PcntGtROPE
## theta[1]
                                      13.148
                                                  80.676
                           6.176
## theta[2]
                          73.440
                                      16.138
                                                  10.422
## theta[1]-theta[2]
                           3.936
                                       6.142
                                                  89.922
```

The graph of the "posterior" looks like that in Figure 8.7 from the book. ## 4B.

Changed the prior specification to dbeta(1, 1) # THE MODEL. modelString = " model { for (i in 1:Ntotal) { $y[i] \sim \text{dbern}(\text{ theta[s[i]] }) }$ for (sldx in 1:Nsubj) { theta[sldx] $\sim \text{dbeta}(1, 1) \# \text{N.B.}$: 2,2 prior; change as

appropriate. } } " # close quote for modelString writeLines(modelString , con="TEMPmodel.txt")
source("Jags-Ydich-XnomSsubj-Mbernbeta-Example.R")

```
##
## Kruschke, J. K. (2015). Doing Bayesian Data Analysis, Second Edition:
## A Tutorial with R, JAGS, and Stan. Academic Press / Elsevier.
##
##
  Compiling model graph
##
     Resolving undeclared variables
     Allocating nodes
##
## Graph information:
     Observed stochastic nodes: 15
##
##
     Unobserved stochastic nodes: 2
##
     Total graph size: 38
##
##
  Initializing model
##
## Burning in the MCMC chain...
## Sampling final MCMC chain...
##
                       Mean
                              Median
                                         Mode
                                                 ESS HDImass
## theta[1]
                   0.6670184 0.6761939 0.7116743 50000.0
                                                        0.95
## theta[2]
                   0.3641594 0.3554050 0.3398825 50000.0
                                                        0.95
## theta[1]-theta[2] 0.3028589 0.3116637 0.3404633 50675.7
##
                               HDIhigh CompVal PcntGtCompVal ROPElow
                       HDIlow
## theta[1]
                   0.41137733 0.9042805
                                           NA
                                                        NA
                                                             0.45
## theta[2]
                   0.10759847 0.6332177
                                                             0.45
                                           NA
                                                        NA
  theta[1]-theta[2] -0.07505761 0.6606989
                                            0
                                                    93.528
                                                            -0.05
##
                   ROPEhigh PcntLtROPE PcntInROPE PcntGtROPE
## theta[1]
                      0.55
                               5.978
                                        12.898
                                                  81.124
## theta[2]
                      0.55
                              73.206
                                        16.426
                                                  10.368
## theta[1]-theta[2]
                      0.05
                               3.846
                                         6.374
                                                  89.780
```

The distributions on theta[1] and theta[2] look uniform, because that is a dbeta(1,1) distribution and we have commented the data y in the low level script. However, the prior distribution on theta[1]-theta[2] is triangular. There are a lot of points along the diagonal, but the number of points drops off linearly toward the corners. It shows that uniform priors on theta[1] and theta[2] do not imply a uniform prior on the difference of parameters.

4C.

Changed the prior specification to dbeta(0.5, 0.5)

```
source("Jags-Ydich-XnomSsubj-Mbernbeta-Example.R")
```

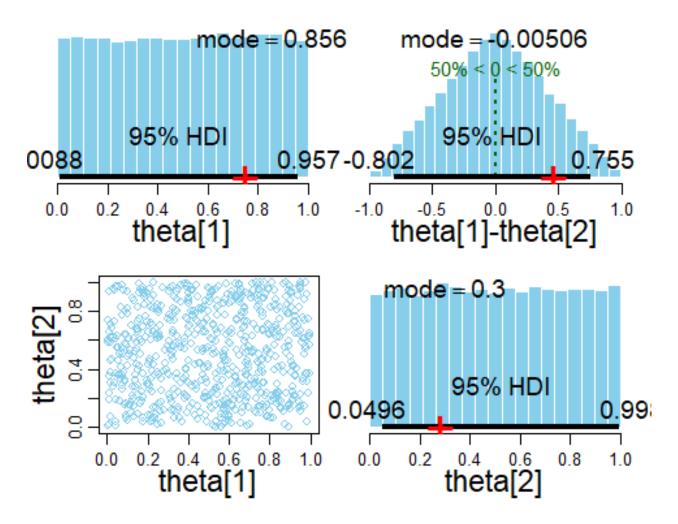


Figure 3: Posterior

```
##
      Allocating nodes
##
  Graph information:
##
      Observed stochastic nodes: 15
##
      Unobserved stochastic nodes: 2
##
      Total graph size: 38
##
## Initializing model
##
## Burning in the MCMC chain...
## Sampling final MCMC chain...
##
                                                        ESS HDImass
                                                                         HDIlow
                           Mean
                                   Median
                                                Mode
## theta[1]
                      0.6658859 0.6762045 0.6937260 50000
                                                               0.95
                                                                     0.41141731
## theta[2]
                      0.3635732 0.3553315 0.3462667 50000
                                                               0.95
                                                                    0.11013089
## theta[1]-theta[2] 0.3023127 0.3099067 0.3142692 50000
                                                               0.95 -0.05841552
##
                        HDIhigh CompVal PcntGtCompVal ROPElow ROPEhigh
## theta[1]
                      0.9054943
                                     NA
                                                    NA
                                                           0.45
## theta[2]
                      0.6349476
                                      NA
                                                    NA
                                                           0.45
                                                                    0.55
## theta[1]-theta[2] 0.6769620
                                       0
                                                93.676
                                                          -0.05
                                                                    0.05
##
                      PcntLtROPE PcntInROPE PcntGtROPE
## theta[1]
                           6.252
                                      12.914
                                                 80.834
## theta[2]
                          73.258
                                      16.580
                                                 10.162
## theta[1]-theta[2]
                           3.736
                                       6.100
                                                 90.164
```

The individual parameters have dota(0.5,0.5) marginal distributions. The scatter plot has higher density toward the corners. It shows that a prior on individual parameters may have unforeseen implications for the prior on the difference of parameters.

5A.

```
# Creating Data set
y = c(rep(1,48),rep(0,8))
s = c(rep("A", 48), rep("B", 8))
write.csv( data.frame(y=y,s=s) , file="1A.csv" , row.names=FALSE )
# Below is just the essential lines of Jags-Ydich-XnomSsubj-MbernBeta-Example.R
# with the data file changed:
graphics.off()
rm(list=ls(all=TRUE))
fileNameRoot="5A_2000" # for output filenames
source("DBDA2E-utilities.R")
##
## Kruschke, J. K. (2015). Doing Bayesian Data Analysis, Second Edition:
## A Tutorial with R, JAGS, and Stan. Academic Press / Elsevier.
# Load The data from the file:
myData = read.csv("1A.csv")
# Load the relevant model into R's working memory:
source("Jags-Ydich-XnomSsubj-MbernBeta.R")
##
```

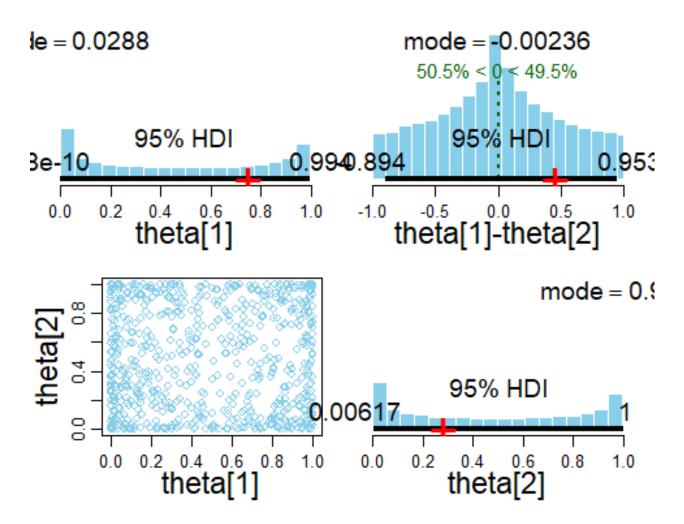
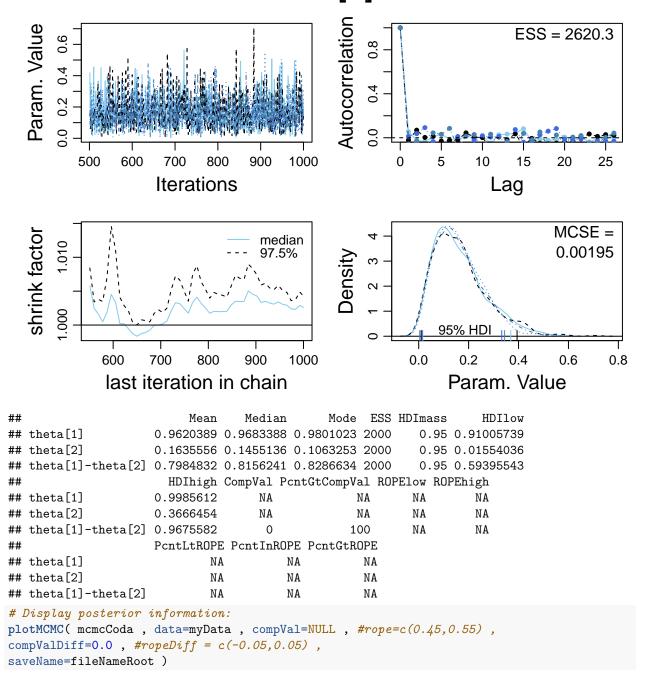


Figure 4: Posterior

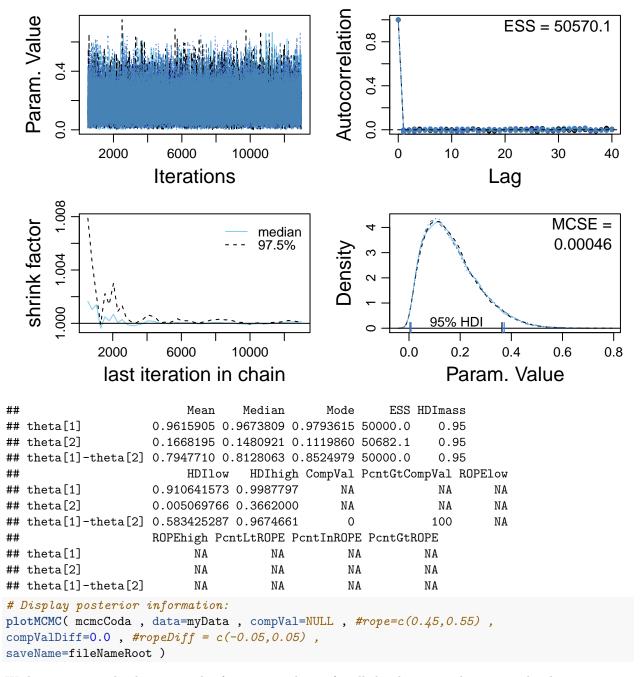
```
## Kruschke, J. K. (2015). Doing Bayesian Data Analysis, Second Edition:
## A Tutorial with R, JAGS, and Stan. Academic Press / Elsevier.
# Generate the MCMC chain:
mcmcCoda = genMCMC( data=myData , numSavedSteps=2000 , saveName=fileNameRoot )
## Compiling model graph
##
     Resolving undeclared variables
     Allocating nodes
##
## Graph information:
     Observed stochastic nodes: 56
     Unobserved stochastic nodes: 2
##
##
     Total graph size: 120
##
## Initializing model
##
## Burning in the MCMC chain...
## Sampling final MCMC chain...
parameterNames = varnames(mcmcCoda) # get all parameter names
for ( parName in parameterNames ) {
diagMCMC( codaObject=mcmcCoda , parName=parName )
}
# Get summary statistics of chain:
summaryInfo = smryMCMC( mcmcCoda , compVal=NULL , #rope=c(0.45,0.55) ,
compValDiff=0.0 , \#ropeDiff = c(-0.05, 0.05) ,
saveName=fileNameRoot )
```



With 2000 steps the diagnostic plot for autocoreelation is not very steady. The chains are not very well superimposed on each other.

```
# Creating Data set
y = c( rep(1,48),rep(0,8) )
s = c( rep("A", 48) , rep("B", 8) )
write.csv( data.frame(y=y,s=s) , file="1A.csv" , row.names=FALSE )
# Below is just the essential lines of Jags-Ydich-XnomSsubj-MbernBeta-Example.R
# with the data file changed:
```

```
graphics.off()
rm(list=ls(all=TRUE))
fileNameRoot="5A_50000" # for output filenames
source("DBDA2E-utilities.R")
## Kruschke, J. K. (2015). Doing Bayesian Data Analysis, Second Edition:
## A Tutorial with R, JAGS, and Stan. Academic Press / Elsevier.
# Load The data from the file:
myData = read.csv("1A.csv")
# Load the relevant model into R's working memory:
source("Jags-Ydich-XnomSsubj-MbernBeta.R")
##
## Kruschke, J. K. (2015). Doing Bayesian Data Analysis, Second Edition:
## A Tutorial with R, JAGS, and Stan. Academic Press / Elsevier.
# Generate the MCMC chain:
mcmcCoda = genMCMC( data=myData , numSavedSteps=50000 , saveName=fileNameRoot )
## Compiling model graph
    Resolving undeclared variables
##
    Allocating nodes
## Graph information:
##
    Observed stochastic nodes: 56
    Unobserved stochastic nodes: 2
##
    Total graph size: 120
## Initializing model
##
## Burning in the MCMC chain...
## Sampling final MCMC chain...
parameterNames = varnames(mcmcCoda) # get all parameter names
for ( parName in parameterNames ) {
diagMCMC( codaObject=mcmcCoda , parName=parName )
# Get summary statistics of chain:
summaryInfo = smryMCMC( mcmcCoda , compVal=NULL , #rope=c(0.45,0.55) ,
compValDiff=0.0 , \#ropeDiff = c(-0.05, 0.05) ,
saveName=fileNameRoot )
```



With 50000 steps the diagnostic plot for autocoreelation for all the chains are close to 0. The chains are very well superimposed on each other.

5B.

```
# Jags-Ydich-XnomSsubj-Mbernbeta.R
# Accompanies the book:
# Kruschke, J. K. (2014). Doing Bayesian Data Analysis:
```

```
# A Tutorial with R, JAGS, and Stan. 2nd Edition. Academic Press / Elsevier.
source("DBDA2E-utilities.R")
##
## Kruschke, J. K. (2015). Doing Bayesian Data Analysis, Second Edition:
## A Tutorial with R, JAGS, and Stan. Academic Press / Elsevier.
genMCMC = function( data , numSavedSteps=50000 , saveName=NULL ) {
 require(rjags)
 #-----
 # THE DATA.
 # N.B.: This function expects the data to be a data frame,
 # with one component named y being a vector of integer 0,1 values,
 # and one component named s being a factor of subject identifiers.
 y = data\$y
 s = as.numeric(data$s) # converts character to consecutive integer levels
 # Do some checking that data make sense:
 if ( any( y!=0 & y!=1 ) ) { stop("All y values must be 0 or 1.") }
 Ntotal = length(y)
 Nsubj = length(unique(s))
 # Specify the data in a list, for later shipment to JAGS:
 dataList = list(
   y = y,
   s = s ,
   Ntotal = Ntotal ,
  Nsubj = Nsubj
 )
 #-----
 # THE MODEL.
 modelString = "
 model {
   for ( i in 1:Ntotal ) {
    y[i] ~ dbern( theta[s[i]] )
   for ( sIdx in 1:Nsubj ) {
    theta[sIdx] ~ dbeta( 0.5 , 0.5 ) # N.B.: 2,2 prior; change as appropriate.
   }
 }
 " # close quote for modelString
 writeLines( modelString , con="TEMPmodel.txt" )
 #-----
 # INTIALIZE THE CHAINS.
 # Initial values of MCMC chains based on data:
 # Option 1: Use single initial value for all chains:
 # thetaInit = rep(0, Nsubj)
 # for (sIdx in 1:Nsubj) { # for each subject
    includeRows = (s == sIdx) # identify rows of this subject
    yThisSubj = y[includeRows] # extract data of this subject
   thetaInit[sIdx] = sum(yThisSubj)/length(yThisSubj) # proportion
```

```
# initsList = list( theta=thetaInit )
 # Option 2: Use function that generates random values near MLE:
 initsList = function() {
   thetaInit = rep(0,Nsubj)
   for ( sIdx in 1:Nsubj ) { # for each subject
     includeRows = (s == sIdx) # identify rows of this subject
     yThisSubj = y[includeRows] # extract data of this subject
     resampledY = sample( yThisSubj , replace=TRUE ) # resample
     thetaInit[sIdx] = sum(resampledY)/length(resampledY)
   thetaInit = 0.001+0.998*thetaInit # keep away from 0,1
   return( list( theta=thetaInit ) )
  # RUN THE CHAINS
 parameters = c( "theta") # The parameters to be monitored
 adaptSteps = 500  # Number of steps to adapt the samplers
burnInSteps = 500  # Number of steps to burn-in the chains
nChains = 4  # nChains should be 2 or more for diagnostics
 thinSteps = 1
 nIter = ceiling( ( numSavedSteps * thinSteps ) / nChains )
 # Create, initialize, and adapt the model:
 jagsModel = jags.model( "TEMPmodel.txt" , data=dataList , #inits=initsList ,
                         n.chains=nChains , n.adapt=adaptSteps )
 # Burn-in:
 cat( "Burning in the MCMC chain...\n" )
 update( jagsModel , n.iter=burnInSteps )
 # The saved MCMC chain:
 cat( "Sampling final MCMC chain...\n" )
 codaSamples = coda.samples( jagsModel , variable.names=parameters ,
                             n.iter=nIter , thin=thinSteps )
 # resulting codaSamples object has these indices:
 # codaSamples[[ chainIdx ]][ stepIdx , paramIdx ]
 if ( !is.null(saveName) ) {
   save( codaSamples , file=paste(saveName,"Mcmc.Rdata",sep="") )
 return( codaSamples )
} # end function
#-----
smryMCMC = function( codaSamples , compVal=0.5 , rope=NULL ,
                     compValDiff=0.0 , ropeDiff=NULL , saveName=NULL ) {
 mcmcMat = as.matrix(codaSamples,chains=TRUE)
 Ntheta = length(grep("theta",colnames(mcmcMat)))
 summaryInfo = NULL
 rowIdx = 0
 for ( tIdx in 1:Ntheta ) {
   parName = paste0("theta[",tIdx,"]")
   summaryInfo = rbind( summaryInfo ,
     summarizePost( mcmcMat[,parName] , compVal=compVal , ROPE=rope ) )
   rowIdx = rowIdx+1
   rownames(summaryInfo)[rowIdx] = parName
```

```
for ( t1Idx in 1:(Ntheta-1) ) {
   for ( t2Idx in (t1Idx+1):Ntheta ) {
     parName1 = paste0("theta[",t1Idx,"]")
     parName2 = paste0("theta[",t2Idx,"]")
      summaryInfo = rbind( summaryInfo ,
        summarizePost( mcmcMat[,parName1]-mcmcMat[,parName2] ,
                       compVal=compValDiff , ROPE=ropeDiff ) )
     rowIdx = rowIdx+1
      rownames(summaryInfo)[rowIdx] = paste0(parName1,"-",parName2)
   }
  }
  if ( !is.null(saveName) ) {
   write.csv( summaryInfo , file=paste(saveName, "SummaryInfo.csv", sep="") )
  show( summaryInfo )
  return( summaryInfo )
plotMCMC = function( codaSamples , data , compVal=0.5 , rope=NULL ,
                    compValDiff=0.0 , ropeDiff=NULL ,
                    saveName=NULL , saveType="jpg" ) {
  #-----
  # N.B.: This function expects the data to be a data frame,
  # with one component named y being a vector of integer 0,1 values,
  # and one component named s being a factor of subject identifiers.
  y = data y
  s = as.numeric(data$s) # converts character to consecutive integer levels
  # Now plot the posterior:
  mcmcMat = as.matrix(codaSamples,chains=TRUE)
  chainLength = NROW( mcmcMat )
  Ntheta = length(grep("theta", colnames(mcmcMat)))
  openGraph(width=2.5*Ntheta,height=2.0*Ntheta)
  par( mfrow=c(Ntheta, Ntheta) )
  for ( t1Idx in 1:(Ntheta) ) {
    for ( t2Idx in (1):Ntheta ) {
     parName1 = paste0("theta[",t1Idx,"]")
     parName2 = paste0("theta[",t2Idx,"]")
      if ( t1Idx > t2Idx) {
        # plot.new() # empty plot, advance to next
       par( mar=c(3.5,3.5,1,1) , mgp=c(2.0,0.7,0) )
       nToPlot = 700
       ptIdx = round(seq(1,chainLength,length=nToPlot))
       plot ( mcmcMat[ptIdx,parName2] , mcmcMat[ptIdx,parName1] , cex.lab=1.75 ,
              xlab=parName2 , ylab=parName1 , col="skyblue" )
      } else if ( t1Idx == t2Idx ) {
       par(mar=c(3.5,1,1,1), mgp=c(2.0,0.7,0))
       postInfo = plotPost( mcmcMat[,parName1] , cex.lab = 1.75 ,
                            compVal=compVal , ROPE=rope , cex.main=1.5 ,
                            xlab=parName1 , main="" )
        includeRows = ( s == t1Idx ) # identify rows of this subject in data
```

```
dataPropor = sum(y[includeRows])/sum(includeRows)
        points( dataPropor , 0 , pch="+" , col="red" , cex=3 )
      } else if ( t1Idx < t2Idx ) {
        par( mar=c(3.5,1,1,1) , mgp=c(2.0,0.7,0) )
        postInfo = plotPost(mcmcMat[,parName1]-mcmcMat[,parName2] , cex.lab = 1.75 ,
                           {\tt compVal=compValDiff~,~ROPE=ropeDiff~,~cex.main=1.5~,}
                           xlab=paste0(parName1,"-",parName2) , main="" )
        includeRows1 = ( s == t1Idx ) # identify rows of this subject in data
        dataPropor1 = sum(y[includeRows1])/sum(includeRows1)
        includeRows2 = ( s == t2Idx ) # identify rows of this subject in data
        dataPropor2 = sum(y[includeRows2])/sum(includeRows2)
        points( dataPropor1-dataPropor2 , 0 , pch="+" , col="red" , cex=3 )
   }
  }
  if ( !is.null(saveName) ) {
    saveGraph( file=paste(saveName, "Post", sep=""), type=saveType)
  }
}
```

Although JAGS can automatically start the MCMC chains at default values, the efficiency of the MCMC process can sometimes be improved if we intelligently provide reasonable starting values to JAGS. Generally, a useful choice for initial values of the parameters is their maximum likelihood estimate (MLE).

In this question we are supposed to omit the inits argument entirely so that JAGS would create its own initial values for the chains.

```
source("Jags-Ydich-XnomSsubj-MbernBeta-Example.R")
```

```
##
## Kruschke, J. K. (2015). Doing Bayesian Data Analysis, Second Edition:
## A Tutorial with R, JAGS, and Stan. Academic Press / Elsevier.
##
## Compiling model graph
##
     Resolving undeclared variables
##
     Allocating nodes
## Graph information:
##
     Observed stochastic nodes: 15
##
     Unobserved stochastic nodes: 2
##
     Total graph size: 38
##
## Initializing model
##
## Burning in the MCMC chain...
## Sampling final MCMC chain...
##
                                       Mode
                                             ESS HDImass
                                                           HDT1 ow
                      Mean
                            Median
## theta[1]
                  0.6662753 0.6765425 0.7086431 50000
                                                   0.95 0.41326188
## theta[2]
                  0.3634623 0.3544594 0.3315970 50000
                                                   0.95 0.10890806
## theta[1]-theta[2] 0.3028130 0.3117332 0.3311916 50000
                                                   0.95 -0.07604725
##
                   HDIhigh CompVal PcntGtCompVal ROPElow ROPEhigh
```

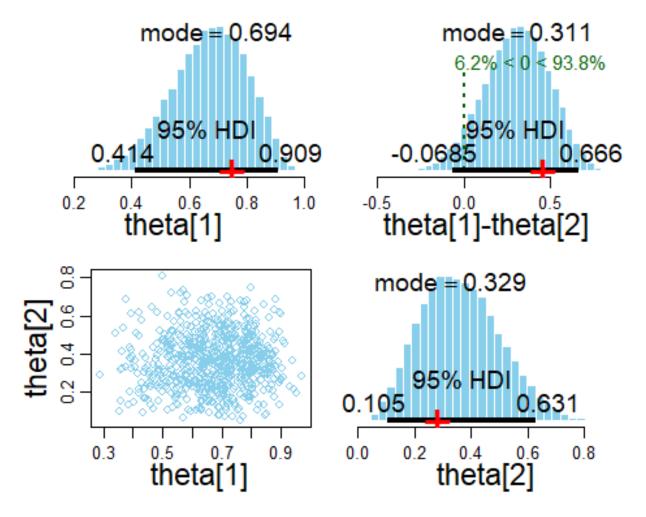
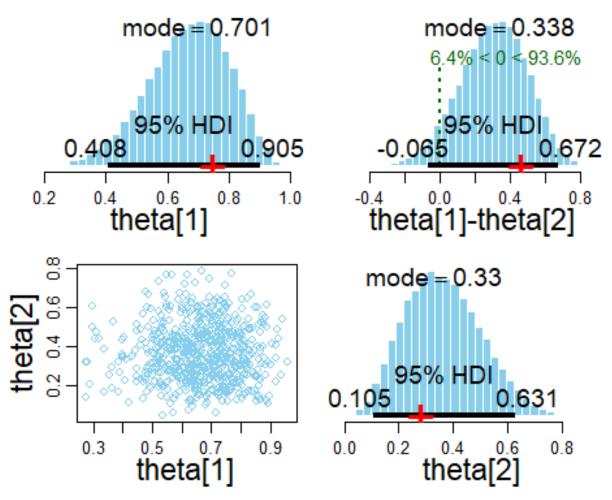


Figure 5: Without Inits

## theta[1]	0.9109175	NA	NA	0.45	0.55
## theta[2]	0.6353115	NA	NA	0.45	0.55
<pre>## theta[1]-theta[2]</pre>	0.6618275	0	93.56	-0.05	0.05
##	PcntLtROPE	${\tt PcntInROPE}$	PcntGtROPE		
## theta[1]	6.246	13.054	80.700		
## theta[2]	73.236	16.628	10.136		
## theta[1]-theta[2]	3.888	6.186	89.926		



No, MCMC output did not change in a systematic way, other than MCMC sampling noise. In fact the HDI (95 percent) for both theta1 and theta2 are almost the same.