

## 1 Maxwell.

- (a) We let
- $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$
- and find the likelihood as

$$\begin{aligned}
L(\theta) &= \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i|\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \theta^{3/2} y_i^2 \exp\{-\theta y_i^2/2\} \\
&= \left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}}\right)^n \theta^{\frac{3}{2}n} \exp\left\{-\frac{\theta}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2\right\} \\
&\propto \theta^{3n/2} \exp\left\{-\frac{\theta}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2\right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Then the posterior distribution is

$$\begin{aligned}
\pi(\theta|\mathbf{y}) &\propto \theta^{\frac{3}{2}n} \exp\left\{-\frac{\theta}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2\right\} \cdot \exp\{-\lambda\theta\} = \theta^{\frac{3}{2}n} \exp\left\{-\left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 + \lambda\right)\theta\right\} \\
&\sim \text{Gamma}\left(\frac{3}{2}n + 1, \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 + \lambda\right).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, the posterior is  $\text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$  where  $\alpha = \frac{3}{2}n + 1$  and  $\beta = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 + \lambda$ , which means that it depends on data via  $\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2$ .

- (b) Since  $\sum_{i=1}^3 y_i^2 = (1.4)^2 + (3.1)^2 + (2.5)^2 = 17.82$  and the mean of  $\text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$  is  $\frac{\alpha}{\beta}$ , we calculate the Bayes estimator as

$$\hat{\theta}_B = E[\theta|\mathbf{y}] = \frac{\frac{3}{2}n + 1}{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 + \lambda} = \frac{\frac{3}{2}(3) + 1}{\frac{1}{2}(17.82) + \frac{1}{2}} = 0.5845.$$

The MLE for  $\theta$  is  $\hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \frac{3n}{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2} = \frac{(3)(3)}{17.82} = 0.5051$ , and the prior mean is  $E[\theta] = 1/\lambda = 2$ . Based on our results, the relationship among Bayes estimator, MLE and prior mean is

$$\text{MLE}(0.5051) < \text{Bayes estimator}(0.5845) < \text{prior mean}(2).$$

- (c) We use the following Matlab code.

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gaminv(0.025, 4.5+1, 1/(17.82/2+0.5)) % 0.2027
gaminv(0.975, 4.5+1, 1/(17.82/2+0.5)) % 1.1647

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The 95% equitailed credible set for  $\theta$  to be  $[0.2027, 1.1647]$ .

- (d) As  $EY = 2\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi\theta}}$  and  $\pi(\theta|x) \sim \text{Gamma}(5.5, 9.41)$ , we find the predictive value for a single future observation as

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{y}_{n+1} &= \int_0^\infty 2\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi\theta}} \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \theta^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta\theta} d\theta = \int_0^\infty 2\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi\theta}} \frac{9.41^{5.5}}{\Gamma(5.5)} \theta^{4.5} e^{-9.41\theta} d\theta \\ &\approx 2.2445.\end{aligned}$$

## 2 Jeremy Mixture.

- (a) The derivation is shown as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}\pi(\theta|x) &= \frac{f(x|\theta)\pi(\theta)}{m(x)} = \frac{f(x|\theta)(\epsilon\pi_1(\theta) + (1-\epsilon)\pi_2(\theta))}{\int_{\Theta} f(x|\theta)(\epsilon\pi_1(\theta) + (1-\epsilon)\pi_2(\theta))d\theta} \\ &= \frac{\epsilon f(x|\theta)\pi_1(\theta) + (1-\epsilon)f(x|\theta)\pi_2(\theta)}{\epsilon \int_{\Theta} f(x|\theta)\pi_1(\theta)d\theta + (1-\epsilon) \int_{\Theta} f(x|\theta)\pi_2(\theta)d\theta} \\ &= \frac{\epsilon m_1(x)\pi_1(\theta|x) + (1-\epsilon)m_2(x)\pi_2(\theta|x)}{\epsilon m_1(x) + (1-\epsilon)m_2(x)} \\ &= \frac{\epsilon m_1(x)\pi_1(\theta|x)}{\epsilon m_1(x) + (1-\epsilon)m_2(x)} + \frac{(1-\epsilon)m_2(x)\pi_2(\theta|x)}{\epsilon m_1(x) + (1-\epsilon)m_2(x)} \\ &= \epsilon' \pi_1(\theta|x) + (1-\epsilon') \pi_2(\theta|x),\end{aligned}$$

where  $\epsilon' = \frac{\epsilon m_1(x)}{\epsilon m_1(x) + (1-\epsilon)m_2(x)}$ .

- (b) We first find the posterior distribution given the likelihood  $X|\theta \sim \mathcal{N}(\theta, \sigma^2)$  when  $\sigma^2$  is fixed, and the prior  $\theta \sim \mathcal{N}(\theta_0, \sigma_0^2)$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned}\pi(\theta|x) &\propto f(x|\theta)\pi(\theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\theta)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_0^2}} e^{-\frac{(\theta-\theta_0)^2}{2\sigma_0^2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma\sigma_0} \exp\left\{-\frac{(x-\theta)^2\sigma_0^2 + (\theta-\theta_0)^2\sigma^2}{2\sigma^2\sigma_0^2}\right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma\sigma_0} \exp\left\{-\frac{\theta^2 - \frac{2(\sigma_0^2x + \sigma^2\theta_0)}{\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2}\theta + \frac{\sigma_0^2x^2 + \sigma^2\theta_0^2}{\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2}}{\frac{2\sigma^2\sigma_0^2}{\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2}}\right\} \\ &\propto \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{\sigma_0^2x + \sigma^2\theta_0}{\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2}, \frac{\sigma^2\sigma_0^2}{\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2}\right).\end{aligned}$$

Based on the above result and  $\pi_1(\theta) \sim \mathcal{N}(110, 60)$ ,  $\pi_2(\theta) \sim \mathcal{N}(100, 200)$  and  $\sigma_0^2 = 80$ ,

we have

$$\begin{aligned}\pi_1(\theta|x) &\sim \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{(60)(98) + (80)(110)}{60 + 80}, \frac{(80)(60)}{60 + 80}\right) = \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{734}{7}, \frac{240}{7}\right), \\ \pi_2(\theta|x) &\sim \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{(200)(98) + (80)(100)}{200 + 80}, \frac{(80)(200)}{200 + 80}\right) = \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{690}{7}, \frac{400}{7}\right).\end{aligned}$$

We then calculate the marginal distribution of  $X$  as following.

$$\begin{aligned}m(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x|\theta)\pi(\theta)d\theta \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{(x-\theta)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right\} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_0^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{(\theta-\theta_0)^2}{2\sigma_0^2}\right\} d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma\sigma_0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left\{-\frac{(\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2)\theta^2 - 2(\sigma_0^2x + \sigma^2\theta_0)\theta + \sigma_0^2x^2 + \sigma^2\theta_0^2}{2\sigma^2\sigma_0^2}\right\} d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma\sigma_0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left\{-\frac{\left(\theta - \frac{\sigma_0^2x + \sigma^2\theta_0}{\sigma^2 + \sigma_0^2}\right)^2}{2\frac{\sigma_0^2\sigma^2}{\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2}}\right\} \exp\left\{\frac{\left(\frac{\sigma_0^2x + \sigma^2\theta_0}{\sigma^2 + \sigma_0^2}\right)^2 - \frac{\sigma_0^2x^2 + \sigma^2\theta_0^2}{\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2}}{2\frac{\sigma_0^2\sigma^2}{\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2}}\right\} d\theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma\sigma_0} \exp\left\{\frac{\left(\frac{\sigma_0^2x + \sigma^2\theta_0}{\sigma^2 + \sigma_0^2}\right)^2 - \frac{\sigma_0^2x^2 + \sigma^2\theta_0^2}{\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2}}{2\frac{\sigma_0^2\sigma^2}{\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2}}\right\} \\ &\quad \cdot \left(\sqrt{2\pi\frac{\sigma_0^2\sigma^2}{\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2}}\right) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\frac{\sigma_0^2\sigma^2}{\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2}}} \exp\left\{-\frac{\left(\theta - \frac{\sigma_0^2x + \sigma^2\theta_0}{\sigma^2 + \sigma_0^2}\right)^2}{2\frac{\sigma_0^2\sigma^2}{\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2}}\right\} d\theta \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2\pi\frac{\sigma_0^2\sigma^2}{\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2}}}{2\pi\sigma\sigma_0} \exp\left\{\frac{\left(\frac{\sigma_0^2x + \sigma^2\theta_0}{\sigma^2 + \sigma_0^2}\right)^2 - \frac{\sigma_0^2x^2 + \sigma^2\theta_0^2}{\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2}}{2\frac{\sigma_0^2\sigma^2}{\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2}}\right\}.\end{aligned}$$

Thus for  $\pi_1(\theta) \sim \mathcal{N}(110, 60)$ , we have  $\sigma^2 = 80, \theta_0 = 110$  and  $\sigma_0^2 = 60$ . Given that  $X = 98$ , we have

$$m_1(98) = 0.03372 \exp\{-0.5143\} = 0.0202.$$

Similarly, for  $\pi_2(\theta) \sim \mathcal{N}(100, 200)$ , we have  $\sigma^2 = 80, \theta_0 = 100$ , and  $\sigma_0^2 = 200$ . Given that  $X = 98$ , we have

$$m_2(98) = 0.02384 \exp\{-0.0071\} = 0.0237.$$

Thus, we compute the  $\epsilon'$  as

$$\epsilon' = \frac{\frac{2}{3}m_1(x)}{\frac{2}{3}m_1(x) + \frac{1}{3}m_2(x)} = \frac{\frac{2}{3}(0.0202)}{\frac{2}{3}(0.0202) + \frac{1}{3}(0.0237)} = 0.6303.$$

Then the posterior is given as

$$\pi(\theta|x) = 0.6303 \cdot \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{734}{7}, \frac{240}{7}\right) + 0.3697 \cdot \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{690}{7}, \frac{400}{7}\right),$$

and the Bayes estimator for  $\theta$  is

$$\delta_B(98) = E[\theta|x] = (0.6303) \left(\frac{734}{7}\right) + (0.3697) \left(\frac{690}{7}\right) = 102.5333.$$

### 3 Mendel's Experiment with Peas.

- (a) To calculate the prior mean, use the mean formula for  $\mathcal{B}\text{eta}$  distribution. This is just  $\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}$ . The posterior distribution of  $p$  is  $\mathcal{B}\text{eta}(\alpha + 787, \beta + 1064 - 787) = \mathcal{B}\text{eta}(799, 281)$ . Using the same formula to calculate the posterior mean yields  $\frac{799}{799+281} \approx 0.7398$
- (b) Taking the CDF of the above posterior  $\mathcal{B}\text{eta}$  distribution, we get:  $P(p \leq 0.75) = 0.7759$ . (Done in R)

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> pbeta(0.75, 799, 281)
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- (c) Using the "bayestestR" library in R:

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> dist = rbeta(10000, 799, 281)
> ci(dist, method = "ETI", 0.95)
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Result: [0.71, 0.77]