

ISYE 6420: HW3

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Question 1

Part A

The following information is given:

$$(1) f(r) = \xi \exp\left\{-\frac{\xi r^2}{2}\right\}$$

$$(2) \pi(\xi) = \lambda e^{-\lambda \xi}$$

Therefore:

$$(3) f(r | \xi)\pi(\xi) = \xi \lambda \exp\left\{-\xi\left(\lambda + \frac{r^2}{2}\right)\right\}$$

Since r is observed, it is a constant and we can express this as

$$(4) f(r | \xi)\pi(\xi) \propto \xi \exp\left\{-\xi\left(\lambda + \frac{r^2}{2}\right)\right\}$$

If θ followed a $Gamma(\alpha, \hat{\lambda})$ distribution, then it would have the pdf:

$f(\theta) = c(\hat{\lambda}\theta)^{\alpha-1} \exp\{-\hat{\lambda}\theta\}$ for some constant, c . Note that this parameterization is using the rate parameter instead of a scale parameter. Note that (4) follows this form such that $\alpha = 2$ and $\hat{\lambda} = \lambda + \frac{r^2}{2}$

With an observed value for r , $\pi(\xi | r) \propto f(r | \xi)\pi(\xi)$

Therefore, $\pi(\xi | r) \sim Gamma(2, \lambda + \frac{r^2}{2})$

Part B

In part a, we demonstrated that $\pi(\xi | r) \sim Gamma(2, \lambda + \frac{r^2}{2})$ for a single observation r . However, in this scenario, we have multiple observations.

$f(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n | \xi) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(r_i | \xi) = c \xi^n \exp\left\{-\xi \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{r_i^2}{2}\right\}$ for some constant, c equal to the product of our observations.

From part A, we saw that $\pi(\xi) = \lambda e^{-\lambda \xi}$ for some λ . So,

$$f(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n | \xi)\pi(\xi) \propto \xi^n \exp\left\{-\xi\left(\lambda + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{r_i^2}{2}\right)\right\}$$

Therefore, $\pi(\xi | r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n) \sim Gamma(n + 1, \lambda + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{r_i^2}{2})$ which is consistent with the special case of $i=1$ found in part A.

Given the four observations mentioned in the question statement

$$\pi(\xi | r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4) \sim Gamma(5, \lambda + 27) \text{ for some } \lambda.$$

With this parameterization, $E\xi = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda} = \frac{2}{\lambda+27}$ which is a bayes estimate.

Part C

When $\lambda = 1$, the posterior follows the following distribution: $\pi(\xi | r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4) \sim Gamma(5, 28)$

The 95% equitailed credible set is $[0.05798, 0.36577]$

```
alpha=5
beta=28
type_1=0.05
```

```
lb<-qgamma(type_1/2,alpha,rate=beta)
ub<-qgamma(1-(type_1/2),alpha,rate=beta)
```

```
point.estimate=alpha/beta
```

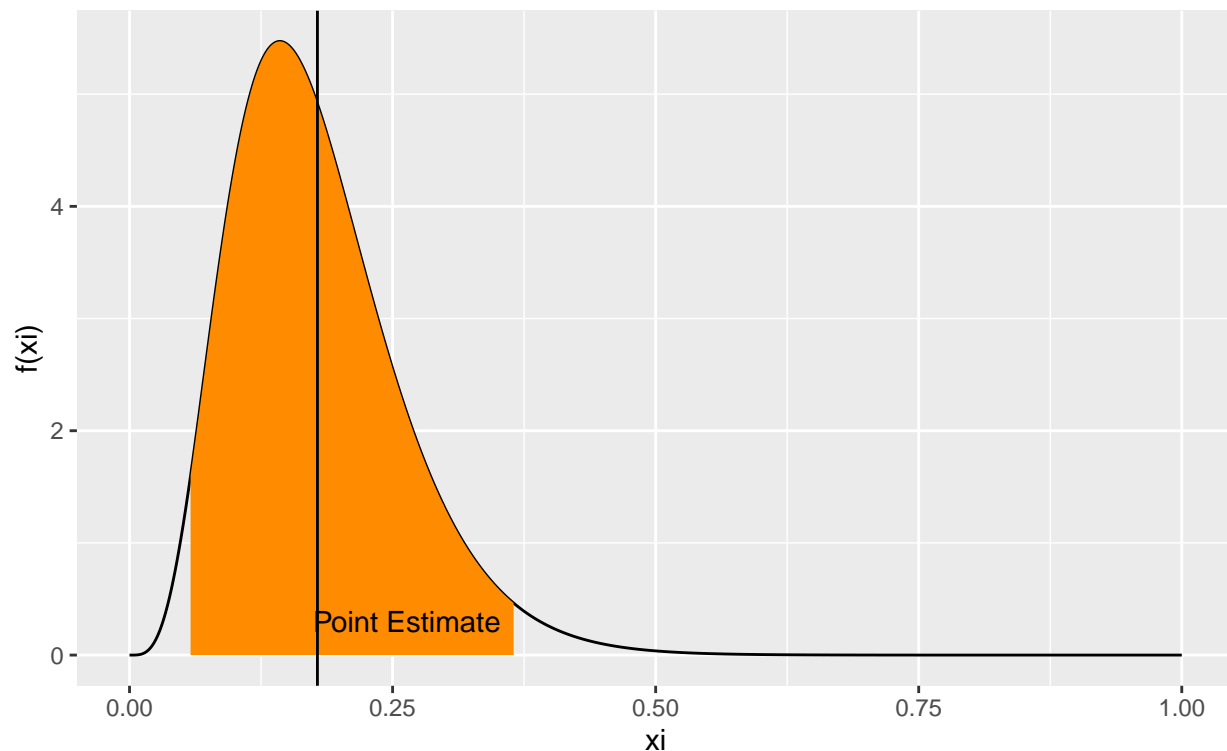
```
data<-data.frame(t=seq(0,1,0.001))%>%
  mutate(pdf=dgamma(t,alpha,rate=beta))
```

```
## Warning: package 'bindrcpp' was built under R version 3.5.1
```

```
data%>%
  ggplot(aes(x=t,y=pdf))+
    geom_line()+
    geom_ribbon(aes(x=ifelse(t<lb | t>ub,NA,t),ymin=0,ymax=pdf),fill="darkorange")+
    geom_vline(xintercept=point.estimate)+
    annotate('text',label='Point Estimate',x=point.estimate+0.085,y=0.3)+
    labs(title='Equitailed 95% Credible Set for Gamma(5,28) variable',subtitle = 'Credible set boundaries
```

Equitailed 95% Credible Set for Gamma(5,28) variable

Credible set boundaries and point estimate provided



Question 2

Part A

Eliciting a prior

We are provided the following information about p :

$$(1) \pi(p) \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$$

$$(2) \mu_p = 0.9$$

$$(3) \mu_p - 2\sigma = 0.8$$

We also know from wikipedia that for a beta distribution the following is true:

$$(4) \mu = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta}$$

$$(5) \sigma^2 = \frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha + \beta)^2(\alpha + \beta + 1)}$$

From (2) and (4), we know that $\alpha = 9\beta$, which can be used to simplify σ^2 to a function of a single variable, β

$$(6) \sigma^2 = \frac{9\beta^2}{(10\beta)^2(10\beta + 1)}$$

Using (3) and (6), we can solve for β

$$\sigma = 0.05$$

$$0.05^2 = \frac{9\beta^2}{(10\beta)^2(10\beta + 1)}$$

This yields $\beta = 3.5$, which allows us to solve for α as $\alpha = 31.5$

Therefore we've elicited a prior of $\pi(p) \sim \text{Beta}(31.5, 3.5)$ which has a pdf of

$$(7) \pi(p) = cp^{\alpha-1}(1-p)^{\beta-1} \text{ for } \alpha = 31.5 \text{ and } \beta = 3.5 \text{ and some constant, } c$$

Finding the likelihood distribution

Given a proportion p , the probability of experiencing k successes after n trials can be modeled as a binomial distribution. That is,

$$(8) f(n, k | p) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \text{ such that } n = 30 \text{ and } k = 22$$

Finding the posterior

Using (7) and (8) we get that:

$$f(n, k | p)\pi(p) = cp^k(1-p)^{n-k}p^{\alpha-1}(1-p)^{\beta-1}$$

$$f(n, k | p)\pi(p) \propto p^{\alpha+k-1}(1-p)^{n-k+\beta-1}$$

Therefore, the posterior can be modeled as:

$\pi(p | n, k) \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha + k, n - k + \beta)$ using the above mentioned values of $n = 30, k = 22, \alpha = 31.5, \beta = 3.5$, we get that

$\pi(p | n = 30, k = 22) \sim \text{Beta}(53.5, 11.5)$ and has pdf:

$$f(p | n = 30, k = 22) = cp^{52.5}(1-p)^{10.5}$$

Finding the bayes estimator

Using equation (4) we get that

$$Ep = \frac{53.5}{53.5 + 11.5} \text{ therefore our bayes estimator of } p \text{ is}$$

$$Ep = 0.82308$$

This intuitively makes sense. Although our experiment yielded a frequentist estimate of $\frac{22}{30} = 0.733$, our prior distribution was fairly narrow and therefore had a lot of influence over the posterior. I want to know who this “expert” is and why they have such confidence that the variance is so low. Typical egotistical scientist.

Part B

Using the code below, we find the equitailed credible interval of [0.7222,0.9051]

```
alpha<-53.5
beta<-11.5
type_1<-0.05
lb<-qbeta(type_1/2,alpha,beta)
ub<-qbeta(1-(type_1/2),alpha,beta)

lb

## [1] 0.7222732

ub

## [1] 0.9051004
```

Part C

Using the code below, we confirm that H_0 is accepted and H_1 is rejected. However we could have also inferred this since H_1 is outside the bounds of the credible interval.

```
critical_value<-4/5
h1<-pbeta(critical_value,alpha,beta)
h0<-1-h1

h0

## [1] 0.7054277

h1

## [1] 0.2945723
```

Part D

See the included ODC file for winbugs models.