

DESCRIPTION

This document provides solution's to 4.32 to
4.39 from chapter 4 of statistical
inference book by Casella and Berger,
Focusing on Hierarchical Models and
Mixture distributions.

A few Problem's are yet to be solved,
but I will update the document soon.

4.32

a) for the hierarchical model

$$Y | \lambda \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda) \quad \text{and}$$

$$\lambda \sim \text{gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$$

find the marginal distribution, mean
and variance of Y . Show that the
marginal distribution of Y is
a negative binomial if α is an
integer.

solution:

$$P(Y=y) = \int_0^\infty P(Y=y | \lambda=\lambda) d\lambda$$

$$= \int_0^\infty P(Y=y | \lambda=\lambda) P(\lambda=\lambda) d\lambda$$

$$= \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-\lambda} \cdot \lambda^y}{y!} \cdot \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \beta^\alpha \lambda^{\alpha-1} \cdot e^{-\frac{\lambda}{\beta}} \frac{1}{\beta} d\lambda$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha) R^\alpha \cdot y!} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda} \cdot \lambda^y \cdot \lambda^{\alpha-1} \cdot e^{-\frac{\lambda}{R}} \frac{1}{R} d\lambda$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha) R^\alpha \cdot y!} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda(1+\frac{1}{R})} \cdot \lambda^{\alpha+y-1} d\lambda$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha) R^\alpha \cdot y!} \int_0^{\infty} \lambda^{(\alpha+y-1)} \cdot e^{-\frac{\lambda}{1+\frac{1}{R}}} d\lambda$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+y) \left(\frac{R}{1+R}\right)^{\alpha+y}}{\Gamma(\alpha) R^\alpha \cdot y!}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_y(y) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha) R^\alpha} \cdot \frac{1}{y!} \cdot \Gamma(\alpha+y) \cdot \left(\frac{R}{1+R}\right)^{\alpha+y}$$

$$y = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

if α is an integer

$$f_y(y) = \frac{1}{(\alpha-1)! \beta^\alpha} \cdot \frac{1}{y!} \cdot (\alpha+y-1)! \left(\frac{\beta}{1+\beta}\right)^{\alpha+y}$$

$$f_y(y) = \binom{\alpha+y-1}{y} \left(\frac{\beta}{1+\beta}\right)^y \cdot \left(1 - \frac{\beta}{1+\beta}\right)^\alpha$$

$Y \sim \text{Negative Binomial } (\alpha, p)$

$$\mathbb{E}[Y] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[Y|N]]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[N]$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \alpha \beta$$

$$\text{var}(X) = \mathbb{E}[\text{var}(X|N)] + \text{var}(\mathbb{E}[Y|N])$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[N] + \text{var}(N)$$

$$\text{var}(X) = \alpha \beta + \alpha \beta^2$$

4.32 b

Show that the 3-stage model

$$Y|N \sim \text{Binomial}(N, p)$$

$$N|\lambda \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$$

$$\lambda \sim \text{gamma}(\alpha, \beta) \text{ leads to}$$

the same Marginal (unconditional)

distribution of Y

Solution:

$$P(Y=y|\lambda) = \sum_{N=y}^{\infty} P(Y|N, \lambda) P(N|\lambda) P(\lambda)$$

$$= \sum_{N=y}^{\infty} \binom{n}{y} p^y (1-p)^{n-y} \cdot \frac{e^{-\lambda} \cdot \lambda^n}{n!}$$

$$= \left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right)^y \cdot e^{-\lambda} \sum_{n=y}^{\infty} \frac{n!}{(n-y)! y!} \frac{[(1-p)\lambda]^n}{n!}$$

$$= \frac{\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right)^y \cdot e^{-\lambda}}{y!} \sum_{n=y}^{\infty} \frac{[(1-p)\lambda]^n}{(n-y)!}$$

$$= \frac{(P\lambda)^y e^{-P\lambda}}{y!}$$

$$\Rightarrow Y | \lambda \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$$

and $\lambda \sim \text{gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$

4.3.4

- a) For the hierarchy in Example 4.4.6, show that the marginal distribution's of X is given by the beta-binomial distribution.

$$P(X=x) = \binom{n}{x} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(x)\Gamma(n-x)} \frac{\Gamma(x+\alpha)[(n-x)+\beta]}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+n)}$$

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Example 4.4.6

$$X | P \sim \text{binomial}(P)$$

$$i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$P \sim \text{beta}(\alpha, \beta)$$

$$P(X=x) = \int_{P=0}^1 P(X=x | P=p) P(P=p) dp$$

$$= \int_{P=0}^1 \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} p^{\alpha-1} (1-p)^{\beta-1} dp$$

$$= \binom{n}{x} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \int_{P=0}^1 p^{\alpha+x-1} \cdot (1-p)^{\beta+n-x-1} dp$$

$$P(X=x) = \binom{n}{x} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \frac{\Gamma(x+\alpha) \Gamma(n-x+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+n)}$$

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A variation on the hierarchical model

in Part (a) ☺

$X | P \sim \text{negative binomial } (\alpha, P)$

$P \sim \text{beta } (\alpha, \beta)$

find marginal pmf of X , mean, var

Solution:

$$P(X=x) = \int_{p=0}^1 \binom{\alpha+x-1}{x} p^{\alpha} (1-p)^{x-1} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} p^{\beta-1} (1-p)^{\beta-1} dp$$

$$= \binom{\alpha+x-1}{x} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \int_{p=0}^1 p^{\alpha+x-1} (1-p)^{\beta+x-1} dp$$

$$P(X=x) = \binom{\alpha+x-1}{x} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta) \Gamma(\beta+x)}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+x)}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X|P]]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}\left[\alpha \frac{1-p}{p}\right] = \alpha \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1-p}{p}\right]$$

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1-p}{p}\right] = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+p)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(p)} \int_0^1 \frac{1-p}{p} p^{\alpha-1} \cdot (1-p)^{p-1} dp$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{\Gamma(\alpha+p)}}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(p)} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(\alpha-1) \Gamma(p+1)}{\cancel{\Gamma(\alpha+p)}}$$

$$= \frac{p}{\alpha-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\mathbb{E}[x] = \frac{\alpha p}{\alpha-1}}$$

$$\text{Var}(x) = \mathbb{E}[\text{Var}(x|p)] + \text{Var}(\mathbb{E}[x|p])$$

$$= \mathbb{E}\left[\sigma\left(\frac{1-p}{p^2}\right)\right] + \text{Var}\left(\sigma\left(\frac{1-p}{p}\right)\right)$$

$$= \sigma \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1-p}{p^2}\right] + \sigma \text{Var}\left(\frac{1-p}{p}\right)$$

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1-p}{p^2}\right] = \frac{1}{B(\alpha, \beta)} \int_0^1 p^{\alpha-2-1} \cdot (1-p)^{\beta+1-1} dp$$

$$= \frac{B(\alpha-2, \beta+1)}{B(\alpha, \beta)} = \frac{(\beta+1)(\alpha+\beta)}{\alpha(\alpha-1)}$$

$$\text{Var}\left(\frac{1-p}{p}\right) = \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\frac{1-p}{p}\right)^2\right] - \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1-p}{p}\right]^2$$

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\left(\frac{1-p}{p}\right)^2\right] = \frac{1}{B(\alpha, \beta)} \int_0^1 p^{\alpha-2-1} \cdot (1-p)^{\beta+2-1} dp$$

$$= \frac{B(\alpha-2, \beta+2)}{B(\alpha, \beta)}$$

$$= \frac{(\beta+1)\beta}{(\alpha-1)(\alpha+2)}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Var}(X) = \frac{\beta(\beta+1)\beta}{(\alpha-1)(\alpha+2)} - \left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha-1}\right)^2}$$

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For a hierarchy in Example 4.4.6, show that

the variance of X can be written

$$\text{Var}(X) = n \mathbb{E} P(1-P) + n(n-1) \text{Var}$$

Example 4.4.6: $X|P \sim \text{binomial}(P)$

$$P \sim \text{beta}(\alpha, \beta)$$

$i=1, 2, \dots, n$

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$$\text{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E} [\text{Var}(X|P)]$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Var} (\mathbb{E}[X|P])$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E} [nP(1-P)]$$

$$+ \text{Var}(nP)$$

$$= n \mathbb{E} [P(1-P)] + n^2 \text{Var}(P)$$

$$= n \mathbb{E} [P - P^2] + n^2 \text{Var}(P)$$

$$= n (\mathbb{E}P - \mathbb{E}P^2) + n^2 \text{Var}(P)$$

$$= n (\mathbb{E}P - \mathbb{E}[P]^2 + \mathbb{E}[P]^2 - \mathbb{E}[P^2])$$

$$+ n^2 \text{Var}(P)$$

$$= n (E[\bar{P}] - E[\bar{P}]^2) - n \text{var}(\bar{P}) \\ + n^2 \text{var}(\bar{P})$$

$$\boxed{E[X] = n E[\bar{P}] (1 - E[\bar{P}]) \\ + n(n-1) \text{var}(\bar{P})}$$

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For the hierarchy in Exercise 4.32
, show that the variance of Y can be
written

$$\text{Var}(Y) = E[\lambda] + \text{Var}(\lambda)$$

$$= \mu + \frac{1}{\alpha} \mu^2$$

Exercise 4.32:

$Y | \lambda \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$

$\lambda \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$

Solution:

$$\text{Var}(Y) = E[\text{Var}(Y|\lambda)] \\ + \text{Var}(E[Y|\lambda])$$

$$\text{var}(y) = E[\hat{\lambda}] + \text{var}(\hat{\lambda})$$

$$= \alpha\beta + \alpha\beta^2$$

if $E[\hat{\lambda}] = \mu = \alpha\beta$

then

$$\text{var}(y) = \mu + \frac{\alpha\beta^2}{\alpha}$$

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one generalization of the Bernoulli trials hierarchy in Example 4.4.6 is to allow the success prob to vary from trial to trial, keeping the trials independent. A standard model for the situation is

$$X_i | p_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p_i)$$

$$i=1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$p_i \sim \text{beta}(\alpha, \beta)$$

This model might be appropriate, for example, if we are measuring the success of a drug on n patients and, because all patients

are different, we are reluctant to assume that all success prob are constant. (This can be thought of as an empirical Bayes model;)

A r.v of interest is $\bar{Y} = \sum_{i=1}^n$ the total number of success.

a) Show that $E[\bar{Y}] = \frac{n\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} E[\bar{Y}] &= \sum_{i=1}^n E[X_i] = \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n E[E[X_i | P_i]] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n E[P_i] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta} = \frac{n\alpha}{\alpha+\beta} \end{aligned}$$

b) Show that $V(\bar{Y}) = \frac{n\alpha\beta}{(\alpha+\beta)^2}$, and hence

\bar{Y} has the same mean and variance of

a Binomial $(n, \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta})$ s.t.u. What is
the distribution of γ ?

Solution:

$$\text{Var}(\gamma) = \text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(x_i)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n [E\{\text{Var}(x_i | p_i)\} + \text{Var}\{E(x_i | p_i)\}]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n [E\{p_i(1-p_i)\}] + \text{Var}(p_i)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n [E[p_i] - E[p_i^2]] + \text{Var}(p_i)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n [E[p_i] - [E[p_i^2]] + E[p^2] - E[p]^2]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n [E[p_i] - (E[p_i])^2]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta} - \frac{\alpha^2}{(\alpha+\beta)^2}$$

$$= n \left(\frac{\alpha(\alpha+\beta) - \alpha^2}{(\alpha+\beta)^2} \right)$$

$$\text{Var}(x) = \frac{n\alpha\beta}{(\alpha+\beta)^2}$$

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(c) Suppose now that i th model is

$x_i | p_i \sim \text{binomial}(n_i, p_i) \quad i=1, 2, \dots, k$

$p_i \sim \text{beta}(\alpha, \beta)$

Show that for $y = \sum_{i=1}^k x_i \sim$

$$E[y] = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta} \sum_{i=1}^k n_i \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Var}(y) = \sum_{i=1}^k \text{Var}(x_i)$$

where

$$\text{Var}(x_i) = n_i \cdot \frac{\alpha\beta(\alpha+\beta+n_i)}{(\alpha+\beta)^2(\alpha+\beta+1)}$$

Solution:

$$Y = \sum_{i=1}^k x_i$$

$$\mathbb{E}[Y] = \sum_{i=1}^k \mathbb{E}[x_i]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^k \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[x_i | P_i]]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^k \mathbb{E}[n_i P_i]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^k n_i \mathbb{E}[P_i] = \sum_{i=1}^k n_i \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta}$$

$$\boxed{\mathbb{E}[x] = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta} \sum_{i=1}^k n_i}$$

$$\text{var}(Y) = \sum_{i=1}^k \text{var}(x_i)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^k \mathbb{E}[\text{var}(x_i | P_i)] + \text{var}(\mathbb{E}[x_i | P_i])$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^K \mathbb{E}[n_i p_i (1-p_i)] + \text{Var}(n_i p_i)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^K n_i [\mathbb{E}[p_i] - \mathbb{E}[p_i^2] + n_i^2 \text{Var}(p_i)]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^K n_i [\mathbb{E}[p_i] - n_i [\text{Var}(p_i) + \mathbb{E}[p_i]^2] + n_i^2 \text{Var}(p_i)]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^K n_i [\mathbb{E}[p_i] - \mathbb{E}[p_i]^2 + n_i(n_i-1) \text{Var}(p_i)]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^K n_i \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta} - n_i \frac{\alpha^2}{(\alpha+\beta)^2} + \frac{n_i(n_i-1)}{(\alpha+\beta)^2(\alpha+\beta+1)} \alpha \beta$$

$$= \frac{\alpha \beta}{(\alpha+\beta)^2 (\alpha+\beta+1)} \sum_{i=1}^K \frac{n_i (\alpha+\beta)(\alpha+\beta+1)}{\beta} - \frac{n_i \alpha}{\beta} \frac{(n_i-1)}{(\alpha+\beta+1)}$$

$$+ n_i(n_i-1)$$

$$= \frac{\alpha \beta}{(\alpha+\beta)^2 (\alpha+\beta+1)} \sum_{i=1}^K \left(n_i (\alpha+\beta+1) + n_i(n_i-1) \right)$$

$$= \frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha+\beta)^2(\alpha+\beta+1)} \sum_{i=1}^k n_i(\alpha+\beta+n_i)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Var}(x_i) = \frac{\alpha\beta \cdot n_i (\alpha+\beta+n_i)}{(\alpha+\beta)^2 (\alpha+\beta+1)}$$

4.38

The gamma as a mixture of exponentials.

Show that in certain cases, the gamma distribution can be written as a scale mixture of exponentials, an identity suggested by different analysis of the same data. Let $f(x)$ be a gamma(α, λ) pdf.

a) Show that if $\alpha \leq 1$, then $f(x)$ can be written

$$f(x) = \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{v} e^{-\frac{x}{\lambda}v} p_\lambda(v) dv$$

Where $P_\lambda(v) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \frac{v^{\alpha-1}}{(x-v)^\alpha}$, $0 < v < x$

Solution:

$$f(x) = \int_0^x \frac{1}{v} e^{-\frac{x}{v}} P_\lambda(v) dv$$

$$f(x) = \int_0^x \frac{1}{v} e^{-\frac{x}{v}} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \frac{v^{\alpha-1}}{(x-v)^\alpha} dv$$

$\alpha \leq 1$
 $0 < v < x$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \int_0^x \frac{1}{v} e^{-\frac{x}{v}} \frac{v^{\alpha-1}}{(x-v)^\alpha} dv$$

$$u = \frac{x}{v} - \frac{x}{x} \Rightarrow du = -\frac{x}{v^2} dv \quad u: \infty \rightarrow 0$$

$$\frac{u}{x} = \frac{1}{v} - \frac{1}{x} \Rightarrow \frac{u}{x} = \frac{x-v}{xv} \Rightarrow \frac{u}{x-v} = \frac{x}{xu}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{x} \cdot e^{-\frac{u-x}{x}} \cdot \frac{x^\alpha}{\lambda^{\alpha}} du$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(1-\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} \cdot e^{-\frac{x}{\lambda}} \int_0^\infty \frac{e^{-u}}{u^\alpha} du$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \frac{x^{\alpha-1} \cdot e^{-\frac{x}{\lambda}}}{\lambda^\alpha} \int_0^\infty u^{1-\alpha-1} e^{-u} du$$

$\underbrace{\phantom{\int_0^\infty u^{1-\alpha-1} e^{-u} du}}$
gamma($1-\alpha, 1/\lambda$)

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(1-\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} \cdot e^{-\frac{x}{\lambda}} \cdot \Gamma(1-\alpha)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\lambda^\alpha} x^{\alpha-1} \cdot e^{-\frac{x}{\lambda}}$$

$X \sim \text{gamma}(\alpha, \lambda)$

4.38 b

Show that $P_\lambda(v)$ is a pdf, for $\lambda \leq 1$

by showing that

$$\int_0^\lambda P_\lambda(v) dv = 1$$

Solution:

$$\int_0^\lambda P_\lambda(v) dv = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\delta) \Gamma(1-\delta)} \int_0^\lambda \frac{v^{\delta-1}}{(\lambda-v)^\alpha} dv$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\delta) \Gamma(1-\delta)} \int_0^\lambda v^{\delta-1} \cdot (\lambda-v)^{-\alpha} dv$$

$$u = \frac{v}{\lambda} \Rightarrow du = \frac{dv}{\lambda}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\delta) \Gamma(1-\delta)} \int_0^1 \lambda^{\delta-1} \cdot u^{\delta-1} \cdot \lambda^{-\delta} \cdot (1-u)^{-\alpha} \frac{du}{\lambda} du$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha) \Gamma(1-\alpha)} \int_0^1 u^{\alpha-1} \cdot (1-u)^{-\alpha} du$$

$\underbrace{\qquad\qquad\qquad}_{\text{Beta}(\alpha, 1-\alpha)}$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha) \Gamma(1-\alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha) \Gamma(1-\alpha)} = 1$$

Hence

$$\int_0^1 P_x(u) du = 1$$

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