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Problem 1.

(a) because we already know that the sequence is iid

$$\rightarrow L(\pi, r) = \prod_{i=1}^N P(x_i | \pi, r) = \prod_{i=1}^N \binom{x_i + r - 1}{x_i} \pi^{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i} (1-\pi)^{N-r}$$

$$(b) \ell(\pi, r) = \ln L(\pi, r) = \sum_{i=1}^N \ln \binom{x_i + r - 1}{x_i} + \sum_{i=1}^N x_i \ln \pi + N \cdot r \ln(1-\pi)$$

$$\frac{\partial \ell(\pi, r)}{\partial \pi} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i}{\pi} + (-1) \frac{N \cdot r}{1-\pi} = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N x_i (1-\pi) = N \cdot r \cdot \pi$$

$$(N \cdot r + \sum_{i=1}^N x_i) \pi = \sum_{i=1}^N x_i$$

$$\rightarrow \pi = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i + N \cdot r} = \frac{\bar{X}}{\bar{X} + r} \quad (\bar{X} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i)$$

$$\rightarrow \hat{\pi}_{ML} = \frac{\bar{X}}{\bar{X} + r}$$

$$(c) \hat{\pi}_{MAP} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\pi} P(\pi | x) = \operatorname{argmax}_{\pi} \frac{P(x|\pi) P(\pi)}{P(x)} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\pi} P(x|\pi) P(\pi) \quad (P(x) \text{ don't have } \pi)$$

$$\rightarrow \hat{\pi}_{MAP} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\pi} \prod_{i=1}^N P(x_i | \pi) P(\pi)$$

$$= \operatorname{argmax}_{\pi} \sum_{i=1}^N (\ln P(x_i | \pi)) + \ln P(\pi)$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial \pi} \sum_{i=1}^N (\ln P(x_i | \pi)) + \ln P(\pi) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \pi} \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \ln \binom{x_i + r - 1}{x_i} + \sum_{i=1}^N x_i \cdot \ln \pi + N \cdot r \ln(1-\pi) + \ln \frac{P(a+b)}{P(a)P(b)} \pi^{a-1} (1-\pi)^{b-1} \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i}{\pi} - N \cdot r \frac{1}{1-\pi} + (a-1) \frac{1}{\pi} - (b-1) \frac{1}{1-\pi} = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} (\sum_{i=1}^N x_i + a - 1) = \frac{1}{1-\pi} (N \cdot r + b - 1)$$

$$\rightarrow \hat{\pi}_{MAP} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i + a - 1}{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i + N \cdot r + a + b - 2} = \frac{\bar{X} + \frac{a-1}{N}}{\bar{X} + r + \frac{a+b-2}{N}}$$

$$(d) \quad P(\pi|x) = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^N P(x_i|\pi) P(\pi)}{\int_0^1 \prod_{i=1}^N P(x_i|\pi) P(\pi) d\pi}$$

$$P(\pi|x) \propto \prod_{i=1}^N \left[\binom{x_i+r-1}{x_i} \pi^{x_i} (1-\pi)^r \right] \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \pi^{a-1} (1-\pi)^{b-1}$$

$$\propto \pi^{\sum x_i + a - 1} (1-\pi)^{Nr + b - 1}$$

$$\therefore \rightarrow P(\pi|x) \sim \text{Beta}\left(\sum_{i=1}^N x_i + a, Nr + b\right)$$

$$(e) \quad E(\pi|x) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i + a}{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i + Nr + a + b}$$

$$\text{Var}(\pi|x) = \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^N x_i + a)(Nr + b)}{(\sum_{i=1}^N x_i + Nr + a + b)^2 (\sum_{i=1}^N x_i + Nr + a + b + 1)}$$

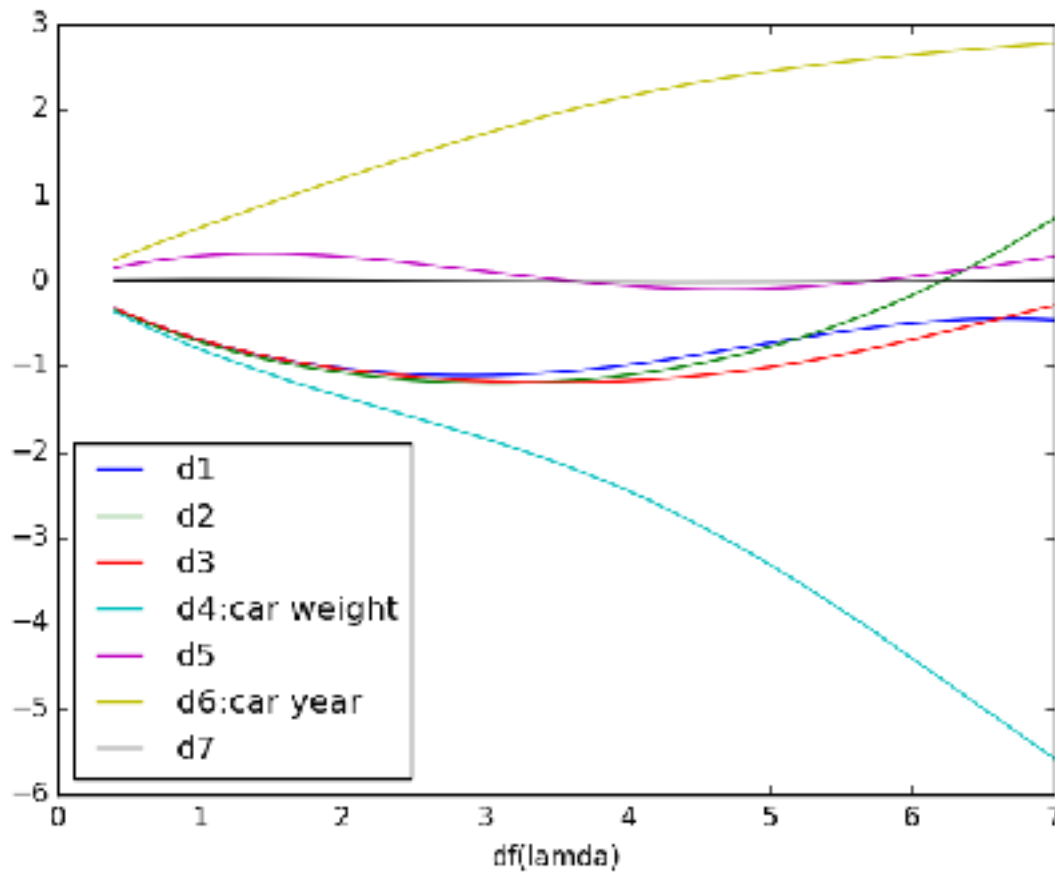
$$\Delta \left(\text{if } x \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta), E(x) = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}, \text{Var}(x) = \frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha+\beta)^2(\alpha+\beta+1)} \right)$$

$$\therefore \hat{\pi}_{ML} \text{ is the mean of } \text{Beta}\left(\sum_{i=1}^N x_i, \cancel{Nr}\right) \quad (a'=0, b'=0)$$

$$\hat{\pi}_{MAP} \text{ is the mean of } \text{Beta}\left(\sum_{i=1}^N x_i + a - 1, Nr + b - 1\right) \quad (a'=a-1, b'=b-1)$$

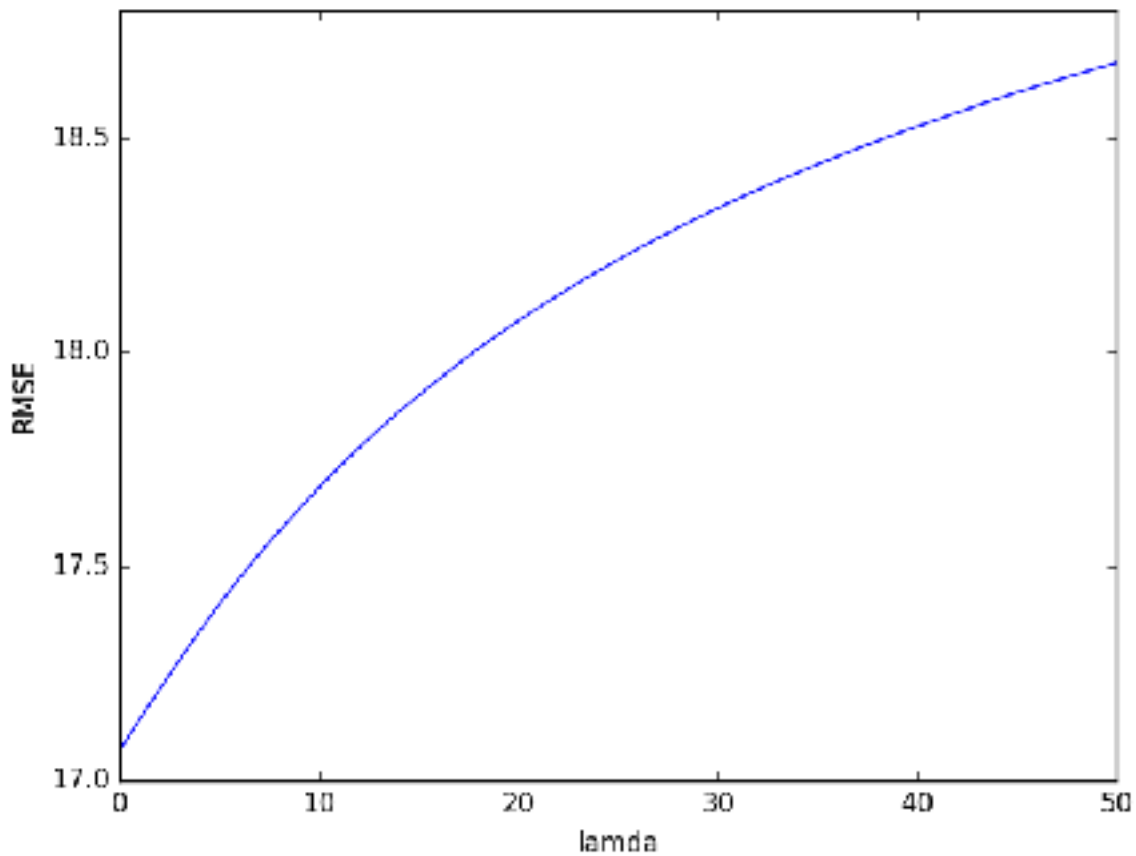
Problem 2:

(a) : The seven values in w as a function of $df(\lambda)$ is as follow:
(d_i denote dimension i)



(b) Because these two variables can explain more variation in response than other variables when constraining the l_2 norm of β . On the other hand, these two coefficients is larger than others when λ equal to zero. That means the changing of these two variables have larger influence on the value of y when we use linear regression to fit the model.

(c): The figure tell us that the RMSE is a monotonic increasing sequence as a function of lambda. The value that the bias will increase is larger than the value that the variance will decrease. So under this circumstance, we should use least square method instead of the ridge regression, considering the trade-of between bias-variance. We should choose $\lambda = 0$ in this problem.



(d) We should choose the λ and p which minimize the RMSE. We could find the location the minimum in the figure is $(23, 2.192574120864215)$ with $p = 2$. So we should choose $\lambda = 23$ and $p = 2$ in this problem. My assessment of the ideal value of λ change because the model could not be regression under $p = 1$ (like what we do in question (c)). The bias is too high when we choose $p = 1$. We get closer to the true model when we set $p = 2$. And we can tell from the figure that $\lambda = 23$ is the best choice. So that is why we choose $p = 2$ and $\lambda = 23$.

(If we could using a float number as λ , we could use the numerical method to calculate the point where it minimum of the function. It should be near the integer 23.)

