

Warmup

We have two random variables X and Y . Which statement is true.

- ☒ i more than one of the choices is true
- ☒ ii $E(Y|X)$ is a function of X .
- iii $E(Y|X)$ is a function of Y .
- iv $E(E(Y|X))$ is a non constant random variable.
- ☒ v $E(E(E(Y|X))) = E(Y)$.

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Conditional densities.

$f(x, y)$

Bayes' rule:

$$f_X(x|Y=y) = \frac{f_Y(y|X=x)f_X(x)}{f_Y(y)}$$

Average conditional probability:

$$P(B) = \int P(B|X=x)f_X(x) dx$$

$$f_Y(y) = \int f_Y(y|X=x)f_X(x) dx$$

For example,

let $X \sim \text{Unit}(0,1)$ and $I_1|X=x, I_2|X=x \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{Ber}(x)$

$$P(\underbrace{I_2=1, I_1=1}_B) = \int_{x=0}^1 \underbrace{P(I_2=1, I_1=1 | X=x)}_{P(I_2=1|X=x)P(I_1=1|X=x)} f_X(x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^1 x^2 dx = \left[\frac{1}{3} \right]$$

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- ① Bayesian Stats
- ② Conjugate Pairs

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① Bayesian Statistics

In frequentist statistics we interpret probability as a long run average constant known only to Tyche, ~~the~~ goddess of fortune.

In Bayesian statistics we interpret probability as a RV

ex
When probability a coin lands head is a RV X rather than an unknown constant we are doing Bayesian statistics,

i.e
 $X \sim \text{Unif}(0,1)$
 $I_1 | X=x, I_2 | X=x \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{Ber}(x)$

Multiplication rule: The joint density is the product of the marginal and the conditional

$$f(x,y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y|X=x) \\ = f_Y(y)f_X(x|Y=y)$$

mixed joint X cont, Y discrete

$$\text{joint}(x,y) = f_X(x)P(Y=y|X=x) = P_Y(Y=y)f_X(x|Y=y)$$

$$\Rightarrow f_X(x|Y=y) = \frac{f_X(x)P(Y=y|X=x)}{P(Y=y)}$$

← posterior

$$f_X(x|I_1=1) = \frac{P(I_1=1|X=x) \cdot f_X(x)}{P(I_1=1)}$$

likelihood prior

← constant

Posterior \propto likelihood \cdot prior

ex Find $f_X(x|I_1=1) = \frac{x \cdot 1}{\frac{1}{2}} = 2x$



Review Beta distribution

$$X \sim \text{Beta}(r, s)$$

$$f_X(x) = \frac{\Gamma(r+s)}{\Gamma(r)\Gamma(s)} x^{r-1} (1-x)^{s-1}, \quad 0 < x < 1$$

← variable part

where $r \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \Rightarrow \Gamma(r) = (r-1)!$

ex If $0 < x < 1$,

$$f_X(x) \propto 1 \Rightarrow X \sim \text{Beta}(1, 1)$$

$$f_X(x) \propto x \Rightarrow X \sim \text{Beta}(2, 1)$$

$$f_X(x) \propto x(1-x) \Rightarrow X \sim \text{Beta}(2, 2)$$

Prior density

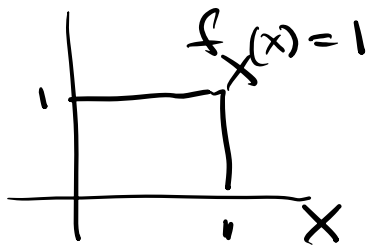
$$f_X(x) = 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$X \sim \text{Beta}(1,1)$$

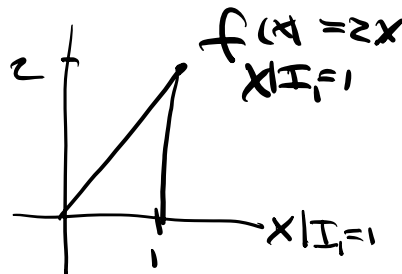
Posterior density

$$f_X(x | I_1=1) = 2x \Rightarrow X | I_1=1 \sim \text{Beta}(2,1)$$

Prior $X \sim \text{Unif}(0,1)$



Posterior



OK

Let A be an event with complement A^c .

$$X \sim \text{Unif}(0,1)$$

$$\text{Suppose } P(A | X=x) = x$$

$$\text{use the formula } P(A^c | X=x) = 1-x$$

$$f_X(x | A^c) \propto \text{likelihood} \cdot \text{prior}$$

\nwarrow proportional $\quad \quad \quad \nearrow 1$

to find $f_X(x | A^c)$ is proportional to $(1-x)$

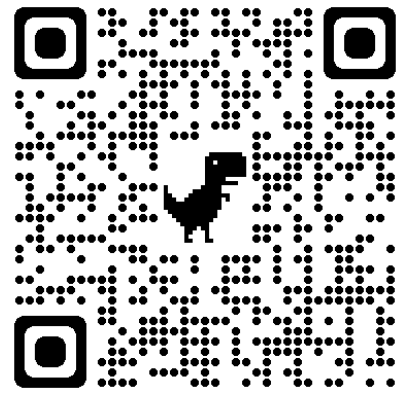
$$\Rightarrow X | A^c \sim \text{Beta}(1,2)$$

$$f_X(x | A^c) = \frac{\Gamma(2)}{\Gamma(1)\Gamma(2)} (1-x) = 2(1-x) \quad \text{for } 0 < x < 1$$

$$X \sim \text{Beta}(r,s)$$

$$f_X(x) = \frac{\Gamma(r+s)}{\Gamma(r)\Gamma(s)} x^{r-1} (1-x)^{s-1}, \quad 0 < x < 1$$

variable part.



1. Let A , B and C be events and let X be a random variable uniformly distributed on $(0,1)$. Suppose conditional on $X=x$, that A , B , and C are independent each with probability x . The conditional density of X given that A and B occurs and C doesn't is:

a $Beta(2, 2)$

b $Beta(3, 2)$

c $Beta(2, 3)$

d none of the above

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{X|ABC^c} &\propto \text{likelihood} \cdot \text{prior} \\
 &\propto P(ABC^c|X=x) f_X(x) \\
 &\propto P(A|X=x)P(B|X=x)P(C^c|X=x) = x^2(1-x) \\
 &\propto x^2(1-x) \sim \boxed{B(3, 2)}
 \end{aligned}$$

② Sec 6.3 conjugate pairs

The posterior can be difficult to calculate except when the prior and likelihood are conjugate pairs:

ex prior $X \sim \text{beta}(r, s)$

likelihood $Y|X=x \sim \text{Bin}(n, x)$

Posterior \propto likelihood \cdot prior

$$f_{X|Y=j}(x) \propto P(Y=j|X=x) f_X(x)$$

$$\underbrace{x^j (1-x)^{n-j}}_{\text{similar}} \cdot \underbrace{x^{r-1} (1-x)^{s-1}}_{\text{similar}} = x^{j+r-1} (1-x)^{n-j+s-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow X|Y=j \sim \text{Beta}(j+r, n-j+s)$$

Defⁿ (conjugate pairs)

The prior and likelihood are conjugate pairs when the prior and posterior belong to the same distribution family.

ex Suppose $\Theta \sim \text{Gamma}(r, \lambda)$ with r, λ known.

Let $N_1 | \Theta = \theta, N_2 | \Theta = \theta, N_3 | \Theta = \theta \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Poi}(\theta)$.

Find the posterior distribution of Θ .

$$\text{Gamma: } f(\theta) \propto \theta^{r-1} e^{-\lambda\theta}$$

$$\text{Poisson: } P(N_i = n_i | \Theta = \theta) \propto e^{-\theta} \theta^{n_i}$$

$$f(\theta) \propto \text{likelihood} \cdot \text{prior}$$
$$\Theta | N_1 = n_1, N_2 = n_2, N_3 = n_3$$

$$\propto P(N_1 = n_1, N_2 = n_2, N_3 = n_3 | \Theta = \theta) f(\theta)$$

$$= (e^{-\theta} \theta^{n_1}) (e^{-\theta} \theta^{n_2}) (e^{-\theta} \theta^{n_3}) \cdot \theta^{r-1} e^{-\lambda\theta}$$

$$= \theta^{(n_1 + n_2 + n_3) + r - 1} e^{-(\lambda + 3)\theta}$$

$$\sim \text{Gamma}(n_1 + n_2 + n_3 + r, \lambda + 3)$$

\Rightarrow prior = Gamma and
likelihood = Poisson

is a conjugate pair.

