

Jeffrey's $P_J(\sigma^2|\theta) \propto \sqrt{I(\sigma^2; \theta)}$

$$\begin{aligned} \ell'(\sigma^2; X, \theta) &= -\frac{n}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{\sum (x_i - \theta)^2}{2(\sigma^2)^2} \\ \ell''(\sigma^2; X, \theta) &= \frac{n}{2(\sigma^2)^3} - \frac{\sum (x_i - \theta)^2}{(\sigma^2)^3} \end{aligned}$$

$X \sim N(\theta, \sigma^2)$
Def of $Var[X] = \sigma^2$

Fisher Info

$$\begin{aligned} I(\sigma^2; \theta) &= E_X[-\ell''] = E_X\left[-\frac{n}{2(\sigma^2)^2} + \frac{\sum (x_i - \theta)^2}{(\sigma^2)^3}\right] \\ &= \left(-\frac{n}{2(\sigma^2)^2} + \frac{\sum E[(x_i - \theta)^2]}{(\sigma^2)^3}\right) = \left(-\frac{n}{2(\sigma^2)^2} + \frac{\sum \sigma^2}{(\sigma^2)^3}\right) \\ &= -\frac{n}{2(\sigma^2)^2} + \frac{n}{(\sigma^2)^2} = \frac{n}{(\sigma^2)^2} \left(-\frac{1}{2} + 1\right) = \frac{n}{2(\sigma^2)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$P_J(\sigma^2|\theta) \propto \sqrt{\frac{n}{2(\sigma^2)^2}} \propto \sqrt{\frac{1}{(\sigma^2)^2}} = (\sigma^2)^{-1} \propto \text{InvGamma}(\theta, \theta) = \text{Haldane}$$

Jeffrey's and Haldane are equivalent principled objective priors and they're the default for this model.

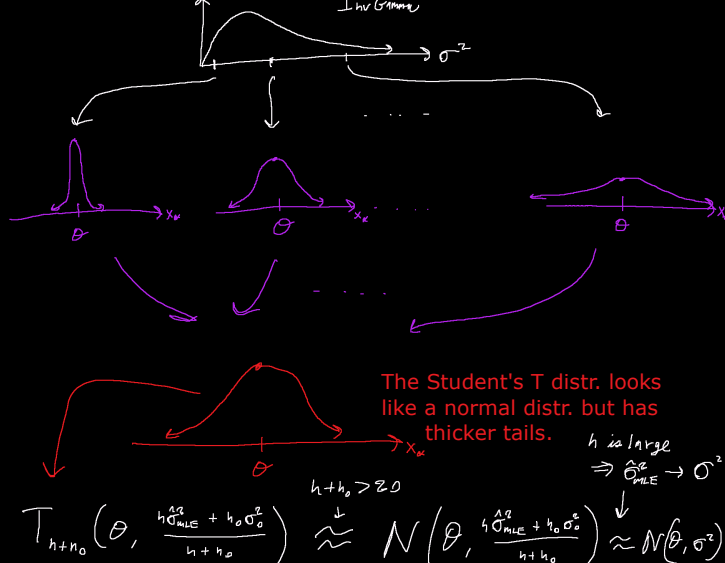
Shrinkage $P(\sigma^2|\theta) = \text{InvGamma}\left(\frac{n_0}{2}, \frac{n_0 \hat{\sigma}_0^2}{2}\right) \Rightarrow E[\sigma^2|\theta] = \frac{n_0 \hat{\sigma}_0^2}{n_0 - 2}$
(Valid for $n_0 > 2$)

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\sigma}_{MMSE}^2 &= \frac{n \hat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2 + n_0 \hat{\sigma}_0^2}{n + n_0 - 2} = \frac{n \hat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2}{n + n_0 - 2} + \frac{n_0 \hat{\sigma}_0^2}{n + n_0 - 2} \cdot \frac{n_0 - 2}{n_0 - 2} \\ &= \underbrace{\frac{n}{n + n_0 - 2}}_{1 - \epsilon} \hat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2 + \underbrace{\frac{n_0 - 2}{n + n_0 - 2}}_{\epsilon} E[\sigma^2|\theta] \end{aligned}$$

Posterior Predictive Distribution

$$\begin{aligned} P(x_*|X, \theta) &= \int_0^\infty \underbrace{P(x_*|\theta, \sigma^2)}_{N(\theta, \sigma^2)} \underbrace{P(\sigma^2|X, \theta)}_{\text{InvGamma}\left(\frac{n+n_0}{2}, \frac{n\hat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2 + n_0\hat{\sigma}_0^2}{2}\right)} d\sigma^2 \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma^2} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x_* - \theta)^2} \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} (\sigma^2)^{-\alpha-1} e^{-\frac{\beta}{\sigma^2}} d\sigma^2 \\ &\propto \int_0^\infty (\sigma^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{(x_* - \theta)^2}{2\sigma^2}} (\sigma^2)^{-\alpha-1} e^{-\frac{\beta}{\sigma^2}} d\sigma^2 \\ &= \int_0^\infty (\sigma^2)^{-\alpha + \frac{1}{2} - 1} e^{-\frac{(x_* - \theta)^2/2 + \beta}{\sigma^2}} d\sigma^2 \\ &\stackrel{n\text{-subst}}{=} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha')}{\beta^{\alpha'}} = \Gamma(\alpha') \beta^{-\alpha'} \\ &P(x_*|X, \theta) \propto \Gamma\left(\frac{n+n_0+1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{(x_* - \theta)^2 + \frac{n\hat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2 + n_0\hat{\sigma}_0^2}{2}}{2}\right)^{-\frac{n+n_0+1}{2}} \\ &\propto \left(\frac{(x_* - \theta)^2 + q}{2}\right)^{-\frac{v+1}{2}} \cdot \left(\frac{2}{q}\right)^{-\frac{v+1}{2}} \cdot \left(\frac{2}{q}\right)^{\frac{v+1}{2}} \\ &= \left(\frac{(x_* - \theta)^2}{q} + 1\right)^{-\frac{v+1}{2}} \left(\frac{2}{q}\right)^{\frac{v+1}{2}} = \left(1 + \frac{1}{v} \frac{(x_* - \theta)^2}{\frac{q}{v}}\right)^{-\frac{v+1}{2}} \left(\frac{2}{q}\right)^{\frac{v+1}{2}} \\ &\propto \left(1 + \frac{1}{v} \frac{(x_* - \theta)^2}{\frac{q}{v}}\right)^{-\frac{v+1}{2}} \propto T_{\frac{n+n_0}{2}}\left(\theta, \frac{n\hat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2 + n_0\hat{\sigma}_0^2}{n+n_0}\right) \end{aligned}$$

This distribution is "non-standard Student's T distribution" or "shifted and scaled Student's T distribution".



$$T_{h+h_0}\left(\theta, \frac{h\hat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2 + h_0\hat{\sigma}_0^2}{h+h_0}\right) \stackrel{h+h_0 \gg 0}{\approx} N\left(\theta, \frac{h\hat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2 + h_0\hat{\sigma}_0^2}{h+h_0}\right) \approx N(\theta, \sigma^2)$$

$\theta = 5, h = 12, \hat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2 = 0.387, \text{Jeff's prior} \Rightarrow n_0 = \hat{\sigma}_0^2 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} P(x_* > 8 | X, \theta) &= 1 - P(x_* \leq 8 | X, \theta) \\ &= 1 - \text{pt.scaled}\left(\underbrace{8}_{x_*}, \underbrace{12}_v, \underbrace{5}_\theta, \underbrace{\sqrt{\frac{12 \cdot 0.387}{12}}}_{\sqrt{\text{scale}}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Predictive Intervals (PI)

$$PI_{x_*, 1-\alpha_0} = [Q[x_*|X, \frac{\alpha_0}{2}], Q[x_*|X, 1 - \frac{\alpha_0}{2}]]$$

$$P(x_* \in PI_{x_*, 1-\alpha_0} | X) = 1 - \alpha_0$$

$$\sigma^2 = 1.1, \bar{x} = 1.89, n = 13, \text{Jeff's prior} \Rightarrow P(x_*|X, \sigma^2) = N(\bar{x}, \sigma^2)$$

$$PI_{x_*, 95\%} = [q_{\text{norm}}(0.025, 1.89, \sqrt{1.1}), q_{\text{norm}}(0.975, 1.89, \sqrt{1.1})]$$

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$\mathcal{F}: X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\theta, \sigma^2)$ where both θ, σ^2 are unknown
thus we want inference for both or inference for one and the other is a "nuisance parameter"

Let's assume Laplace prior

$$\begin{aligned} P(\theta, \sigma^2 | X) &\propto P(X|\theta, \sigma^2) P(\theta, \sigma^2) \propto P(X|\theta, \sigma^2) \\ &= (2\pi)^{-n/2} (\sigma^2)^{-n/2} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum (x_i - \theta)^2} \\ &\propto (\sigma^2)^{-n/2} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \propto \text{InvGamma} \end{aligned}$$

It is not invgamma since the posterior now is a 2-d distr and the invgamma is only one-dimensional

What we have above is a known distribution but to get it into canonical form, we need to do some algebra

$$\sum (x_i - \theta)^2 = \sum ((x_i - \bar{x}) + (\bar{x} - \theta))^2 = \sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2 + 2 \sum (x_i - \bar{x})(\bar{x} - \theta) + \sum (\bar{x} - \theta)^2$$

$$S^2 := \frac{1}{n-1} \sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \quad \text{the sample variance formula from Math 241}$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum x_i \Rightarrow \sum x_i = n\bar{x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (n-1)S^2 + 2 \sum (x_i \bar{x} - \bar{x}^2 - x_i \theta + \bar{x} \theta) + n(\bar{x} - \theta)^2 \\ &= (n-1)S^2 + n(\bar{x} - \theta)^2 + 2 \left(\cancel{n\bar{x}^2} - \cancel{n\bar{x}^2} - \cancel{n\bar{x}\theta} + \cancel{n\bar{x}\theta} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} P(\theta, \sigma^2 | X) &\propto (\sigma^2)^{-n/2} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} ((n-1)S^2 + n(\bar{x} - \theta)^2)} \\ &= (\sigma^2)^{-(\frac{n}{2} + 1) - 1} e^{-\frac{(n-1)S^2/2}{\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} n(\bar{x} - \theta)^2} \\ &= e^{-\frac{1}{2\left(\frac{n}{2} + 1\right)} (\bar{x} - \theta)^2} (\sigma^2)^{-(\frac{n}{2} + 1) - 1} e^{-\frac{(n-1)S^2/2}{\sigma^2}} \\ &\propto N\left(\underbrace{\bar{x}}_\uparrow, \underbrace{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}}_\uparrow\right) \propto \text{InvGamma}\left(\underbrace{\frac{n+2}{2}}_\uparrow, \underbrace{\frac{(n-1)S^2}{2}}_\uparrow\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\propto \text{NormalInvGamma}\left(\mu_2 = \bar{x}, \lambda = n, \alpha = \frac{n+2}{2}, \beta = \frac{(n-1)S^2}{2}\right)$$

This is the "normal-inverse-gamma" distribution with four parameters!