

Inference Prediction and Hypothesis Testing with Odds

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```
library(bayesrules)
library(tidyverse)
library(rstan)
library(bayesplot)
library(broom.mixed)
library(janitor)
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Prior: $\pi \sim \text{Beta}(1, 0.8)$

Posterior: $\pi \sim \text{Beta}(4, 3)$

Wanna test $H_0 \leq 0.4$ versus $H_a > 0.4$

Posterior Probability

Posterior probability for the alternative hypothesis: is 82.08%

```
post_prob <- pbeta(0.4, 4, 3, lower.tail = FALSE)
post_prob
```

```
## [1] 0.8208
```

Posterior Odds

Posterior odds: 4.580357

```
post_odds <- post_prob/(1-post_prob)
post_odds
```

```
## [1] 4.580357
```

The posterior assessment is that π is 4.5 times more likely to be above 0.4 than to be less than 0.4.

Prior Probability and Odds

Prior odds: 1.98098

```
prior_prob <- pbeta(0.4, 1, 0.8, lower.tail = FALSE)
prior_odds <- prior_prob/(1-prior_prob)
prior_odds
```

```
## [1] 1.98098
```

The prior odds of π being greater than 0.4 were also above 1, at nearly 2, so it was twice as likely to be above 0.4 than it was to be below 0.4

Bayes Factor

Bayes Factor: 2.312168

```
bayes_fact <- post_odds/prior_odds  
bayes_fact
```

```
## [1] 2.312168
```

The plausibility of the alternative hypothesis has increase in light of the observed data. While the prior odds indicated that the alternative was more likely, the posterior odds confirmed that assessment (not changing our view entirely, but adding more confirming evidence).

Analysis

The posterior probability and Bayes Factor establish fairly convincing evidence in favor of the claim that the mean is greater than 0.4.

Basically, in light of the evidence that we collected, we've updated our understading of the characteristics of π , as in where its average lies and how much that can vary.

Before gathering evidence, we believed that the probability of π being greater than 0.4 was 66%. After gathering evidence and updating our understanding of π , we believe that the probability of π being greater than 0.4 is 82%.

As such, we understand that the posterior probability of π being greater than 0.4 is greater than the prior probability. So, the plausibility of the speculation that π is greater than 0.4, as opposed to its originally assumed to being less than or equal to 0.4, has increased with the new evidence.