

# Beta-Binomial conjugation

pf: Note that  $X$  here is the case of a binomial likelihood

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^N X_i \text{ bernoulli trials}$$

$$P(X|\theta) = \frac{P(X|\theta) \cdot P(\theta)}{P(X)} = \frac{P(X, \theta) \rightarrow \text{joint}}{\int_0^1 P(X, \theta) d\theta}$$

$$P(X|\theta) = \binom{N}{x} \cdot \theta^x \cdot (1-\theta)^{N-x}, \text{ where } P(\theta) = \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \theta^{a-1} \cdot (1-\theta)^{b-1}$$

$$P(X, \theta) = \frac{\Gamma(a+b)\Gamma(N+1)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)\Gamma(N-x+1)\Gamma(x+1)} \theta^{a+x-1} (1-\theta)^{N+b-x-1}$$

$$\text{Assume that } \tau = \frac{\Gamma(a+b)\Gamma(N+1)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)\Gamma(N-x+1)\Gamma(x+1)}$$

$$\therefore P(X, \theta) = \tau \cdot \theta^{x+a-1} \cdot (1-\theta)^{N+b-x-1}$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(a+b+N)}{\Gamma(x+a)\Gamma(N+b-x)} \cdot \theta^{x+a-1} (1-\theta)^{N+b-x-1} \cdot \tau \times \frac{\Gamma(x+a)\Gamma(N+b-x)}{\Gamma(a+b+N)}$$

$$\text{where } \int_0^1 P(X, \theta) d\theta = \int_0^1 \underbrace{\frac{\Gamma(a+b+N)}{\Gamma(x+a)\Gamma(N+b-x)} \theta^{x+a-1} (1-\theta)^{N+b-x-1}}_{\text{beta distribution}} d\theta \cdot \tau \cdot \frac{\Gamma(x+a)\Gamma(N+b-x)}{\Gamma(a+b+N)}$$

Within this integral is a beta distribution. It's just a beta distribution of a new value of  $a'$  and  $b'$ .  $\therefore$  This must integrate to one.

$$\therefore P(X, \theta) = \tau \cdot \theta^{x+a-1} (1-\theta)^{N+b-x-1} \quad P(X) = \tau \cdot \frac{\Gamma(x+a)\Gamma(N+b-x)}{\Gamma(N+a+b)}$$

$$P(\theta|X) = \frac{\tau \cdot \theta^{x+a-1} (1-\theta)^{N+b-x-1}}{\tau \cdot \Gamma(x+a)\Gamma(N+b-x)} \cdot \Gamma(N+a+b)$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(N+a+b)}{\Gamma(x+a)\Gamma(N+b-x)} \theta^{x+a-1} (1-\theta)^{N+b-x-1}$$

$$= \text{Beta}(x+a, N+b-x) \neq$$