

1. Beta-Binomial conjugation:

proof: For convenience, we take coin tossing as an example.

Assume that we toss a coin N times, with m times resulting in heads.

Previously, there have been a heads a times and tails b times.

Denote the probability of tossing heads by θ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } P(\theta | \text{event}) &= \frac{P(\text{event} | \theta) \cdot P(\theta)}{P(\text{event})} \\ (*) &= \frac{\cancel{\binom{N}{m}} \cdot \theta^m \cdot (1-\theta)^{N-m} \cdot \theta^{a-1} (1-\theta)^{b-1} \cdot \cancel{\frac{P(a+b)}{P(a)P(b)}}}{\int_0^1 \cancel{\binom{N}{m}} \cdot \theta^m \cdot (1-\theta)^{N-m} \cdot \theta^{a-1} \cdot (1-\theta)^{b-1} \cdot \cancel{\frac{P(a+b)}{P(a)P(b)}} d\theta} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \int_0^1 \beta(\theta | m+a, N-m+b) d\theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \int_0^1 \theta^{m+a-1} \cdot (1-\theta)^{N-m+b-1} \cdot \frac{P(N+a+b)}{P(m+a)P(N-m+b)} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \int_0^1 \theta^{m+a-1} \cdot (1-\theta)^{N-m+b-1} = \frac{P(m+a)P(N-m+b)}{P(N+a+b)}$$

Thus (*) becomes $\theta^{m+a-1} \cdot (1-\theta)^{N-m+b-1} \cdot \frac{P(N+a+b)}{P(m+a)P(N-m+b)}$

$$= \beta(\theta | m+a, N-m+b) \quad \ast$$

2. Gamma - Poisson conjugation

Gamma distribution: $f(x|\alpha, \beta) = \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \cdot x^{\alpha-1} \cdot e^{-\beta x}$

proof: By Bayes Rule, we have $P(\lambda|x) = \frac{P(x|\lambda) \cdot P(\lambda)}{P(x)}$

$$\propto P(x|\lambda) \cdot P(\lambda)$$

$\hookrightarrow x: \text{event}$

Assume there are n data points.

$$P(x|\lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\lambda^{x_i} e^{-\lambda}}{(x_i)!} = \frac{\lambda^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} \cdot e^{-n\lambda}}{\prod_{i=1}^n (x_i)!}$$

$$\propto \lambda^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} \cdot e^{-n\lambda}$$

$$P(\lambda) \propto \lambda^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta\lambda}$$

$\hookrightarrow \text{prior}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus, } P(\lambda|x) &\propto \lambda^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} \cdot e^{-n\lambda} \cdot \lambda^{\alpha-1} \cdot e^{-\beta\lambda} \\ &= \lambda^{n\bar{x}} \cdot \lambda^{\alpha-1} \cdot e^{-(\beta+n)\lambda} \\ &= \lambda^{(n\bar{x}+\alpha-1)} \cdot e^{-(\beta+n)\lambda} \end{aligned}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \sim \text{gamma}(n\bar{x}+\alpha, \beta+n)$$

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