

16. Let $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim \text{IID normal}(\theta, \sigma^2)$, and let the prior distribution on θ be $\text{normal}(\mu, \tau^2)$.

(a) Find the joint PDF of \bar{X} and θ .

(b) Show that $m(\bar{x} \mid \sigma^2, \mu, \tau^2)$, the marginal distribution of \bar{X} , is normal with mean μ and variance $(\sigma^2/n) + \tau^2$.

(c) Show that the $\pi(\theta \mid \bar{x}, \mu, \tau^2)$, the posterior distribution of θ is normal with mean and variance

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\theta \mid \bar{x}, \mu, \tau^2] &= \left(\frac{\tau^2}{\tau^2 + \sigma^2} \right) \bar{x} + \left(\frac{\sigma^2}{\tau^2 + \sigma^2} \right) \mu \\ \text{Var}(\theta \mid \bar{x}, \mu, \tau^2) &= \frac{\sigma^2 \tau^2}{\tau^2 + \sigma^2} \end{aligned}$$

(d) Let δ^π denote the Bayes estimator of θ for squared error loss. Find the risk function $R(\theta, \delta^\pi)$ for the Bayes estimator of θ .

(e) Let $X \sim \text{normal}(\theta, 1)$ for this $n = 1$. Consider two prior distributions $\pi_1(\theta) \sim \text{normal}(0, 1)$ and $\pi_2(\theta) \sim \text{normal}(0, 10)$. Write the risk functions for each of these two priors. Use R to compute and graph the risk functions on the same axes. Comment on how the prior affects the risk function of the Bayes estimator.