

Moment-generating Function for Bayesian Computation

with an application in X-ray source intensity estimation

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Problem: the model marginalisation integral

Notation:

- ξ : population (hyper-)parameters;
- θ : individual (unit-level) parameters;
- \mathbf{y} : observations.

Bayes' formula for the full posterior:

$$p(\xi, \theta | \mathbf{y}) \propto p(\xi)p(\theta | \xi)p(\mathbf{y} | \theta).$$

Law of total probability:

$$p(\xi | \mathbf{y}) = \int_{\Omega_\theta} p(\xi, \theta | \mathbf{y}) d\theta.$$

Combining the two:

$$p(\xi | \mathbf{y}) \propto p(\xi) \int_{\Omega_\theta} p(\mathbf{y} | \theta)p(\theta | \xi) d\theta = p(\xi)p(\mathbf{y} | \xi), \quad (1)$$

The Bayes' formula.

Problem: the model marginalisation integral

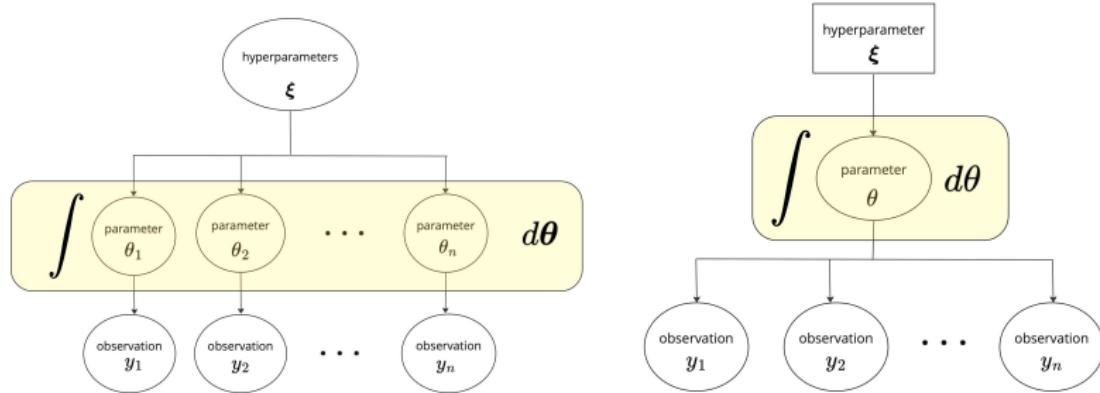


Figure: Hierarchical model marginalisation vs. marginal likelihood computation.

The model marginalisation integral $p(\mathbf{y}|\xi)$ is also a marginal likelihood (for sub-models in the hierarchical structure):

$$p(\theta|\mathbf{y}, \xi) = \frac{p(\mathbf{y}|\theta, \xi)p(\theta|\xi)}{p(\mathbf{y}|\xi)}.$$

Evaluating the model marginalisation integral

Facts:

$$p_{\text{Poisson}}(y|\theta) = \frac{\theta^y}{y!} e^{-\theta}, \text{ and } \frac{d^y}{dt^y} e^{t\theta} = \theta^y e^{t\theta}$$

and

$$M_\theta(t) = \mathbb{E}(e^{t\theta}), \text{ for suitable } t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Derivatives of prior moment-generating function

with Poisson likelihoods, univariate, 1 observation

$$\begin{aligned} p(y|\xi) &= \int_{\Omega_\theta} p(y|\theta)p(\theta|\xi)d\theta \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\theta|\xi}[p(y|\theta)] \\ &= \frac{1}{y!} \mathbb{E}_{\theta|\xi}[\theta^y e^{t\theta}] \Big|_{t=-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{y!} \mathbb{E}_{\theta|\xi} \left[\frac{d^y}{dt^y} e^{t\theta} \right] \Big|_{t=-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{y!} \frac{d^y}{dt^y} \mathbb{E}_{\theta|\xi} [e^{t\theta}] \Big|_{t=-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{y!} \frac{d^y}{dt^y} M_{\theta|\xi}(t) \Big|_{t=-1} \end{aligned}$$

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Corollary

For $\lambda := \mathbf{r}\theta$ and Poisson likelihood:

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\lambda) = \prod_{j=1}^m \frac{(\zeta_j \lambda_j)^{y_j}}{y_j!} e^{-\zeta_j \lambda_j},$$

under certain trivial conditions, the mgf-marginalisation is

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\xi) = \left[\prod_{j=1}^m \frac{1}{y_j!} \zeta_j^{y_j} \right] \frac{\partial^{\sum_{s=1}^m y_s}}{\partial t_1^{y_1} \partial t_2^{y_2} \cdots \partial t_m^{y_m}} \prod_{i=1}^n M_{\theta_i|\xi}((\mathbf{t}^\top \mathbf{r})_i) \Big|_{\mathbf{t}=-\zeta}. \quad (2)$$

Limitations

Nested Sampling:

- can deal with complicated models;
- (almost) always practical;
- sophisticated.

Moment-generating Function marginalisation:

- only works for certain likelihoods;
- sometimes not as practical as theory promises;
- underexplored.

Example: estimating X-ray Source Intensities

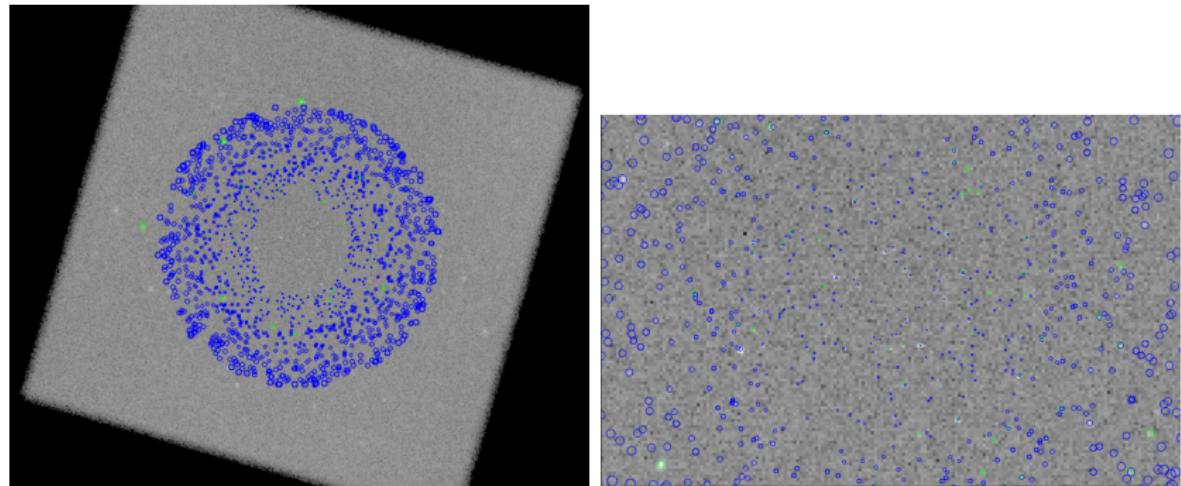


Figure: X-ray photon counts in NGC2516 Southern Beehive, Chandra telescope

Goal: Estimate distribution of source count rates

Issues:

- background contamination
- overlapping source regions

Types of sources

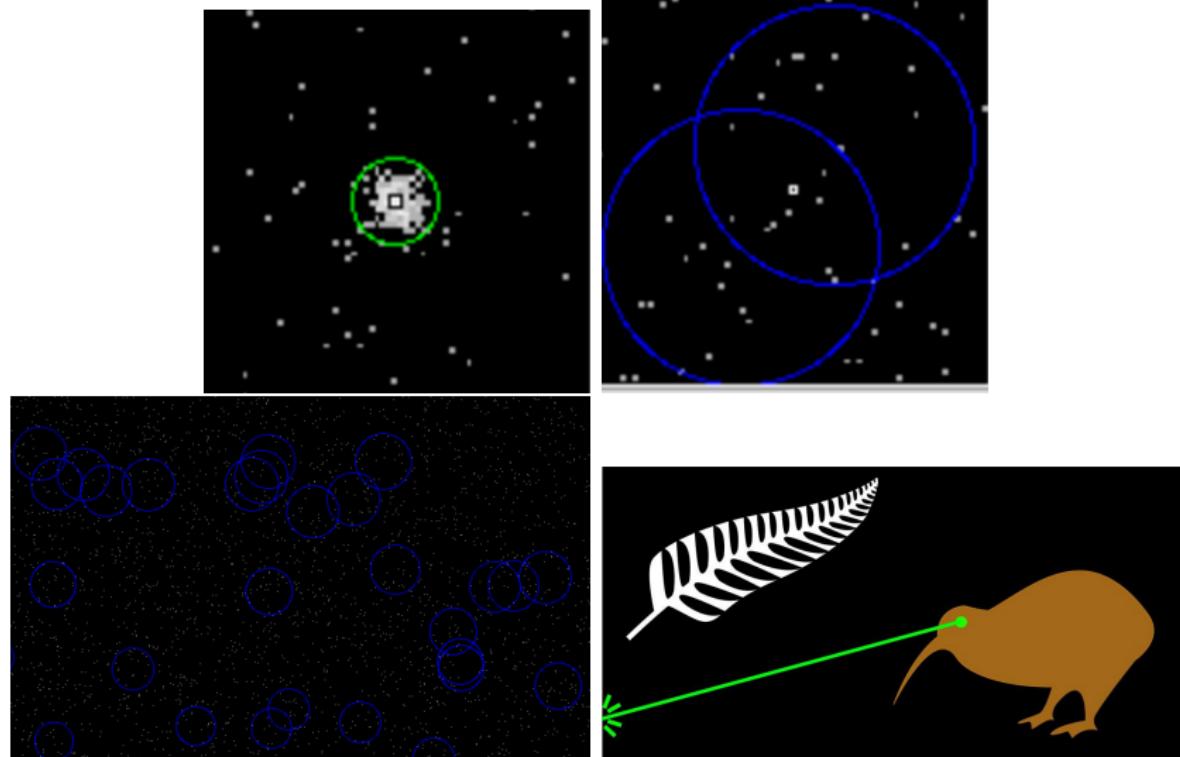


Figure: Isolated, binary-overlapping, multiple overlapping and kiwi-laser sources

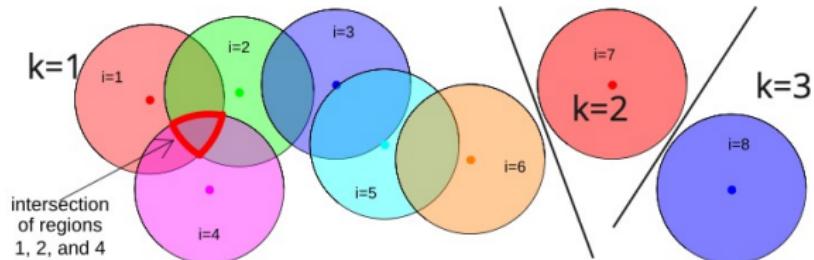
Estimating X-ray Source Intensities

model construction

Observation	Segment counts Y_s and background count X
Likelihood	$Y_s (\underline{\lambda}_i, \underline{\xi}_s) \stackrel{\text{indep}}{\sim} \text{Poisson} \left(\sum_i (r_{s,i} e_s \underline{\lambda}_i + a_s \underline{\xi}_s) T \right)$
Population(source)	$\underline{\lambda}_i \alpha, \beta \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$
Population(background)	$\underline{\xi}_s \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \text{Gamma}(\alpha_\xi, \beta_\xi)$
Population parameters	$\frac{\alpha}{\beta} \sim \mathbb{1}[\frac{\alpha}{\beta} > 0], \frac{\alpha}{\beta^2} \sim \mathbb{1}[\frac{\alpha}{\beta^2} > 0]$
Population parameters	$\alpha_\xi = 10^{-6} + x, \beta_\xi = A T (10^{-12} + 1)$

- More parameters than observations! Want $\iint L(\alpha, \beta, \underline{\xi}, \underline{\lambda}; \mathbf{Y}) d\underline{\xi} d\underline{\lambda}$.
- \mathbf{Y} linearly dependent $\implies L(\alpha, \beta, \underline{\xi}, \underline{\lambda}; \mathbf{Y})$ is not a product in \mathbf{Y} .
 $\implies \iint \prod \cdots d\underline{\xi} d\underline{\lambda} \neq \prod \iint \cdots d\underline{\xi} d\underline{\lambda}$.

High-order Derivative to Compute



But how?

$$\begin{aligned} & p(\mathbf{y}_{\mathcal{G}_k} | \alpha, \beta) \\ &= \left[\prod_{s \in \mathcal{G}_k} \frac{1}{y_s!} t_s^{y_s} \right] \\ &\quad \times \frac{\partial^{\sum_{s \in \mathcal{G}_k} y_s}}{\partial t_{s_1}^{y_{s_1}} \partial t_{s_2}^{y_{s_2}} \cdots \partial t_{s_{|\mathcal{G}_k|}}^{y_{s_{|\mathcal{G}_k|}}}} \left\{ \prod_{i \in \mathcal{G}_k} \left(\frac{\beta}{\beta - (\mathbf{t}^\top \tilde{\mathbf{r}})_i} \right)^\alpha \prod_{s \in \mathcal{G}_k} \left(\frac{\beta_\xi}{\beta_\xi - (\mathbf{t}^\top \tilde{\mathbf{r}})_{I+s}} \right)^{\alpha_\xi} \right\} \Big|_{\mathbf{t}=-\zeta} \end{aligned}$$

gives

$$L(\alpha, \beta; \mathbf{Y}) = \prod_k p(\mathbf{y}_{\mathcal{G}_k} | \alpha, \beta)$$

Moment generating function for transformed parameters

linear dependency

$$\lambda_s := \sum_{i \in s} r_{s,i} \underline{\lambda}_i.$$

$$M_{\underline{\lambda}}(\mathbf{t}) = \mathbb{E}(e^{\mathbf{t}^\top \underline{\lambda}}) = \mathbb{E}(e^{\sum_{i=1}^I t_i \underline{\lambda}_i}) = \prod_{i=1}^I \mathbb{E}(e^{t_i \underline{\lambda}_i}) = \prod_{i=1}^I M_{\underline{\lambda}_i}(t_i) \implies$$

$$M_{\lambda}(\zeta) = \mathbb{E}(e^{\zeta^\top \lambda}) = \mathbb{E}(e^{\zeta^\top \mathbf{r} \underline{\lambda}}) = M_{\underline{\lambda}}((\zeta^\top \mathbf{r})^\top) = \prod_{i=1}^I M_{\underline{\lambda}_i}((\zeta^\top \mathbf{r})_i)$$

Obtain a closed form of the marginal distribution like *no other method!*

Posterior Contours

Figure: Contours of marginal posterior (isolated + binary-overlapping sources)

Model evidence calculation

with Poisson likelihoods, univariate, n observations

For $\lambda = \zeta\theta$, with certain trivial assumptions,

$$p(\mathbf{y}) = \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{y_i!} \right] \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i} M_\theta(t\zeta) \Big|_{t=-n} \quad (3)$$

or

$$p(\mathbf{y}) = \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{y_i!} \right] \zeta^{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^{\sum_{s=1}^n y_s} M_\theta(t) \Big|_{t=-n\zeta}. \quad (4)$$

Derivatives of prior moment-generating function

with gamma likelihoods, univariate, 1 observation, known shape α

$$\begin{aligned} & p(y|\xi) \\ &= \int_{\Omega_\theta} p(y|\theta)p(\theta|\xi)d\theta \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\theta|\xi}[p(y|\theta)] \\ &= \frac{y^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \mathbb{E}_{\theta|\xi}[\theta^\alpha e^{t\theta}] \Big|_{t=-y} \\ &= \frac{y^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \mathbb{E}_{\theta|\xi} \left[\left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)_{(-\infty)+}^\alpha e^{t\theta} \right] \Big|_{t=-y} \\ &= \frac{y^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)_{(-\infty)+}^\alpha \mathbb{E}_{\theta|\xi} [e^{t\theta}] \Big|_{t=-y} \\ &= \frac{y^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)_{(-\infty)+}^\alpha M_{\theta|\xi}(t) \Big|_{t=-y} \end{aligned}$$

Facts:

$$p_{\text{gamma}}(y|\theta) = \frac{\theta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} y^{\alpha-1} e^{-\theta y},$$

Caputo fractional derivative

$$\left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)_{(-\infty)+}^\alpha e^{t\theta} = \theta^\alpha e^{t\theta}$$

and

$$M_\theta(t) = \mathbb{E}(e^{t\theta}), \text{ for suitable } t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Derivatives of prior moment-generating function

with gamma likelihoods, multivariate, n observation, known shape α

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{y_i^{\alpha_i-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha_i)} \right] \frac{\partial^{\sum_{s=1}^n \alpha_s}}{\partial t_1^{\alpha_1} \partial t_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots \partial t_n^{\alpha_n}} M_{\boldsymbol{\theta}|\boldsymbol{\xi}}(\mathbf{t}) \Big|_{\mathbf{t}=-\mathbf{y}}. \quad (5)$$

If \mathbf{r} is diagonal in $\boldsymbol{\beta} := \mathbf{r}\boldsymbol{\theta} > \mathbf{0}$, then

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\boldsymbol{\xi}) = \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{y_i^{\alpha_i-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha_i)} \right] \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial^{\alpha_i}}{\partial t_i^{\alpha_i}} M_{\theta_i|\boldsymbol{\xi}}((\mathbf{t}^\top \mathbf{r})_i) \Big|_{\mathbf{t}=-\mathbf{y}}, \quad (6)$$

Model evidence calculation

with gamma likelihoods, univariate, n observations, known shape α

$$\beta := r\theta > 0,$$

$$p(\mathbf{y}) = \left[\prod_{i=1}^n y_i^{\alpha-1} \right] \frac{r^{n\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha)^n} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^{n\alpha} M_\theta(t) \Big|_{t=-r \sum_{i=1}^n y_i}$$

or

$$p(\mathbf{y}) = \left[\prod_{i=1}^n y_i^{\alpha-1} \right] \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)^n} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^{n\alpha} M_\theta(rt) \Big|_{t=-\sum_{i=1}^n y_i}$$

for (Liouville-)Caputo fractional derivative $\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^{n\alpha}$, lower limit $-\infty$.

Extension: other Likelihoods

$Y \sim$	Transformation	Result	MGF derivative
Laplace($\mu = 0, \tau$)	$ Y $	Gamma($1, \tau$)	1
Normal($\mu = 0, \tau$)	Y^2	Gamma($\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\tau}{2}$)	0.5
Rayleigh(b)	Y^2	Gamma($1, \frac{1}{2b^2}$)	1
Maxwell-Boltzmann(a)	Y^2	Gamma($\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2a^2}$)	1.5
Inv-Gamma(α, β)	$\frac{1}{Y}$	Gamma(α, β)	α
Lévy($\mu = 0, c$)	$\frac{1}{Y}$	Gamma($\frac{1}{2}, \frac{c}{2}$)	0.5
Weibull($\rho = 1, \lambda$)	Y	Gamma($1, \lambda$)	1
BurrXII($c = 1, k$)	$\log(Y + 1)$	Gamma($1, k$)	1
Pareto(α, y_m)	$\log\left(\frac{Y}{y_m}\right)$	Gamma($1, \alpha$)	1
Dagum($a = 1, b = 1, q$)	$\log\left(\frac{1}{Y} + 1\right)$	Gamma($1, q$)	1
Gompertz($b = 1, \eta$)	$1 - e^Y$	Gamma($1, \eta$)	1

Extension: posterior moments/mgf

with Poisson likelihoods, univariate, 1 observation

For canonical parameter $\eta = \log \theta$,

$$\mathbb{E}_\theta(\theta^t | y) = M_{\eta|y}(t) = \frac{\left(\frac{d}{dr} \right)^{y+t} M_\theta(r) \Big|_{r=-1}}{\left(\frac{d}{dr} \right)^y M_\theta(r) \Big|_{r=-1}}, \quad (7)$$

which is also known as 'transfer function'.

Extension: posterior mgf

with gamma likelihoods, univariate, 1 observation, known shape α

$$M_{\theta|y}(t) = \frac{\left(\frac{d}{dr}\right)_{(-\infty)+}^{\alpha} M_{\theta}(r)\Big|_{r=-y+t}}{\left(\frac{d}{dr}\right)_{(-\infty)+}^{\alpha} M_{\theta}(r)\Big|_{r=-y}}. \quad (8)$$

Appendix

Derivative-expectation exchanging conditions

Proposition

The conditions for exchanging derivative and expectation are given by

- ① $\kappa \in \mathbb{N}_0$;
- ② $v(\theta, t)$ is defined for $0 \leq \theta < \infty$ and $c \leq t \leq d$, where $[c, d]$ is any arbitrary subset of the radius of convergence for the prior mgf $M_\theta(t)$;
- ③ For the prior measure $\mu(d\theta)$, $v(\theta, t)$ is integrable with respect to μ for each $t \in [c, d]$;
- ④ Let $s \in (c, d)$. Then for every $\epsilon > 0$ there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\left| \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)^\kappa v(\theta, t) - \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)^\kappa v(\theta, s) \right| < \epsilon$$

for all $\theta \in [0, \infty)$ and for all $t \in (s - \delta, s + \delta)$.

Poisson derivative-expectation exchanging

- ① κ is the observed Poisson count, so $\kappa \in \mathbb{N}_0$;
- ② $\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)^\kappa v(\theta, t) = \theta^\kappa e^{t\theta}$ with $t = -1$, so $v(\theta, t) = e^{\theta t}$;
- ③ Prior distributions with mgf's exist and is finite for all t in $[c, d]$ for $c < -1 < d \implies \forall t \in [c, d], v(\theta, t) = e^{t\theta}$ is $\mu(d\theta)$ -integrable;
- ④ $\theta^\kappa e^{t\theta}$ is continuous with respect to both $\theta \in [0, \infty)$ and $t \in [c, d]$.

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Corollary

Suppose $\lambda := \mathbf{r}\theta$ with known $\mathbf{r} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ for $m \geq n$ and $y_j \stackrel{\text{indep}}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\lambda_j)$, such that

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\lambda) = \prod_{j=1}^m \frac{(\zeta_j \lambda_j)^{y_j}}{y_j!} e^{-\zeta_j \lambda_j},$$

where $\zeta \in \mathbb{R}^m$ are known constants. Suppose the population prior mgf exists and satisfies $M_{\theta_i|\xi}((-\zeta^\top \mathbf{r})_i) < \infty$ for each $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. Then

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\xi) = \left[\prod_{j=1}^m \frac{1}{y_j!} \zeta_j^{y_j} \right] \frac{\partial^{\sum_{s=1}^m y_s}}{\partial t_1^{y_1} \partial t_2^{y_2} \cdots \partial t_m^{y_m}} \prod_{i=1}^n M_{\theta_i|\xi}((\mathbf{t}^\top \mathbf{r})_i) \Big|_{\mathbf{t}=-\zeta}, \quad (9)$$

if $M_{\theta|\xi}(\mathbf{t})$ is continuous and differentiable up to the suitable order at $-\zeta$.

Bell Polynomials

Computing High-order Derivatives, Isolated Sources

$B_0 := 1$ and

$$B_{n+1}(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} B_{n-i}(x_1, \dots, x_{n-i}) x_{i+1}, \quad (10)$$

For $\underline{K}(t) := \sum_{i=1}^n K_{\theta_i|\xi}(t)$, Using Faà di Bruno's formula,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)^y \prod_{i=1}^n M_{\theta_i|\xi}(t) \\ &= \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)^y \exp \left[\sum_{i=1}^n K_{\theta_i|\xi}(t) \right] \\ &= \exp [\underline{K}(t)] B_y [\underline{K}'(t), \underline{K}''(t), \dots, \underline{K}^{(y)}(t)] \\ &= \left[\prod_{i=1}^n M_{\theta_i|\xi}(t) \right] B_y [\underline{K}'(t), \underline{K}''(t), \dots, \underline{K}^{(y)}(t)] \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Generalised Leibniz Rule

Computing High-order Derivatives, Overlapping Sources

For $\mathbf{k}_i! := \prod_{j=1}^m k_{i,j}!$, $|\mathbf{k}| := \sum_{j=1}^m k_j$, $D^{\mathbf{k}} := \frac{\partial^{|\mathbf{k}|}}{\partial t_1^{k_1} \cdots \partial t_m^{k_m}}$ and multinomial coefficient

$$\binom{\mathbf{y}}{\mathbf{k}_1, \dots, \mathbf{k}_n} = \frac{\mathbf{y}!}{\prod_{i=1}^n \mathbf{k}_i!} = \frac{y_1! \cdots y_m!}{\prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^m k_{i,j}!},$$

GLR is

$$D^{\mathbf{y}} \left(\prod_{i=1}^n M_{\theta_i | \xi} \right) (\zeta) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}_1 + \cdots + \mathbf{k}_n = \mathbf{y}} \binom{\mathbf{y}}{\mathbf{k}_1, \dots, \mathbf{k}_n} \prod_{i=1}^n D^{\mathbf{k}_i} M_{\theta_i | \xi}(\zeta), \quad (12)$$

Generalised Leibniz Rule

Computing High-order Derivatives, Binary Overlapping Sources

For

$$L_A := \beta - r_1 e_u t_u^0 - r_2 e_w t_w^0,$$

$$L_B := \beta - r_3 e_v t_v^0 - r_4 e_w t_w^0,$$

$$M_u := \beta_2 - a_u t_u^0, \quad M_v := \beta_2 - a_v t_v^0, \quad M_w := \beta_2 - a_w t_w^0,$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial^{y_u+y_v+y_w}}{\partial t_u^{y_u} \partial t_v^{y_v} \partial t_w^{y_w}} f(t_u, t_v, t_w) \Big|_{(t^0)} \\ &= y_u! y_v! y_w! \sum_{m=0}^{y_u} \sum_{p=0}^{y_v} \sum_{n=0}^{y_w} \sum_{q=0}^{y_w-n} \left(\frac{\beta}{L_A} \right)^\alpha \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + m + n)}{\Gamma(\alpha)m!n!} \left(\frac{r_1 e_u}{L_A} \right)^m \left(\frac{r_2 e_w}{L_A} \right)^n \\ & \quad \times \left(\frac{\beta}{L_B} \right)^\alpha \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + p + q)}{\Gamma(\alpha)p!q!} \left(\frac{r_3 e_v}{L_B} \right)^p \left(\frac{r_4 e_w}{L_B} \right)^q \\ & \quad \times \left(\frac{\beta_2}{M_u} \right)^{\alpha_2} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_2 + (y_u - m))}{\Gamma(\alpha_2)(y_u - m)!} \left(\frac{a_u}{M_u} \right)^{(y_u - m)} \left(\frac{\beta_2}{M_v} \right)^{\alpha_2} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_2 + (y_v - p))}{\Gamma(\alpha_2)(y_v - p)!} \left(\frac{a_v}{M_v} \right)^{(y_v - p)} \\ & \quad \times \left(\frac{\beta_2}{M_w} \right)^{\alpha_2} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_2 + (y_w - n - q))}{\Gamma(\alpha_2)(y_w - n - q)!} \left(\frac{a_w}{M_w} \right)^{(y_w - n - q)}. \end{aligned}$$

(13)

Example 2

Pump failure, gamma-prior hierarchical model

From ?. Number of pump failures y_i and the operating times t_i of pump i :

i	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
t_i	94.32	15.72	62.88	125.76	5.24	31.44	1.048	1.048	2.096	10.48
y_i	5	1	5	14	3	19	1	1	4	22

Table: Pump failure data

Model:

$$(\lambda_i | \alpha, \beta) \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$$

$$Y_i | \lambda_i \stackrel{\text{indep.}}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\lambda_i t_i).$$

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Pump failure, gamma-prior hierarchical model

- Equivalent GLMM:

$$\log(\mathbb{E}(Y_i|\lambda_i)) = \log(\mu_i) = \tilde{\eta}_i = \log(t_i) + \log(\lambda_i),$$

where $Y_i|\lambda_i \stackrel{\text{indep.}}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\mu_i)$, $\log(t_i)$: offsets, random effects: $\log(\lambda_i)$, no fixed effects.

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$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{y}|\alpha, \beta) &= \prod_{i=1}^{10} \frac{t_i^{y_i}}{y_i!} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s_i} \right)^{y_i} M_{\lambda_i|\alpha,\beta}(s_i) \Big|_{s_i=-t_i} \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^{10} \frac{t_i^{y_i}}{y_i!} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + y_i)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \frac{\beta^\alpha}{(\beta + t_i)^{\alpha+y_i}}. \end{aligned}$$

- Empirical Bayesian [?]: $\hat{\alpha} = 1.27$ and $\hat{\beta} = 0.82$, so $p(\mathbf{y}|\alpha = 1.27, \beta = 0.82) = 2.766569 \times 10^{-16}$.
- Verification: $(\lambda_i|\alpha, \beta) \sim \text{NegBin}(\alpha, \frac{\beta}{\beta+t_i})$, so $p(\mathbf{y}|\alpha = 1.27, \beta = 0.82) = 2.766569 \times 10^{-16}$.

Example 3

Pump failure, Pareto-prior non-hierarchical model

$$(\lambda|\alpha, \beta) \sim \text{Pareto}(\alpha, k),$$

$$y_i | \lambda \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\lambda t_i).$$

- The exponential integral function [?]:

$$E_r(z) = z^{r-1} \Gamma(1-r, z),$$

where $\Gamma(1-r, z) = \int_z^\infty t^{-r} e^{-t} dt.$

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$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{y}|\alpha, k) &= \left[\prod_{i=1}^{10} \frac{t_i^{y_i}}{y_i!} \right] \left(\frac{d}{ds} \right)^{\sum_{i=1}^{10} y_i} M_{\lambda|\alpha,k}(s) \Big|_{s=-\sum_{i=1}^{10} t_i} \\ &= \left[\prod_{i=1}^{10} \frac{t_i^{y_i}}{y_i!} \right] k^{75} \alpha E_{\alpha+1-75} \left(k \sum_{i=1}^{10} t_i \right) \\ &= [2.799194 \times 10^{48}] \alpha k^{75} E_{\alpha-74}(350.032k). \end{aligned}$$

Example 3

Pump failure, Pareto-prior non-hierarchical model

- Verification: Marginal density of mixed Poisson-Pareto [?]:

$$p(y(t)|\alpha, k) = \frac{\alpha^{(kt)^y}}{y!} E_{\alpha-y+1}(kt).$$

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$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{y}|\alpha, k) &= \prod_{i=1}^{10} p(y_i(t_i)|\alpha, k) = \alpha k^{\sum_{i=1}^{10} y_i} \prod_{i=1}^{10} \frac{t_i^{y_i}}{y_i!} E_{\alpha-y_i+1}(kt_i) \\ &= \left[\prod_{i=1}^{10} \frac{t_i^{y_i}}{y_i!} \right] \alpha k^{\sum_{i=1}^{10} y_i} E_{\alpha+1-\sum_{i=1}^{10} y_i} \left(k \sum_{i=1}^{10} t_i \right) \\ &= [2.799194 \times 10^{48}] \alpha k^{75} E_{\alpha-74}(350.032k), \end{aligned}$$