

# Exercise 1

Bayesian inference in simple conjugate families

$$(A) \quad x_i \in \{0, 1\} \Rightarrow p(x_1, \dots, x_N | w) = \prod_{i=1}^N w^{x_i} (1-w)^{(1-x_i)} = w^{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i} (1-w)^{\sum_{i=1}^N (1-x_i)}$$

$$w = p(x_i = 1)$$

$$\text{prior: } p(w) \propto w^{a-1} (1-w)^{b-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{posterior: } p(w | x_1, \dots, x_N) \propto p(x_1, \dots, x_N | w) p(w) \\ = w^{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i + a - 1} (1-w)^{\sum_{i=1}^N (1-x_i) + b - 1}$$

$$\therefore p(w | x_1, \dots, x_N) \sim \text{Beta}\left(\sum_{i=1}^N x_i + a, \sum_{i=1}^N (1-x_i) + b\right).$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N x_i : \text{times of } x_i = 1$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N (1-x_i) : \text{times of } x_i = 0$$

$$(B) \text{ Change of variable: } p_y(y = h(x)) = p_x(x = h^{-1}(y)) \left| \frac{\partial h^{-1}(y)}{\partial(y)} \right|$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}, Y = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = h(X) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 / (x_1 + x_2) \\ x_1 + x_2 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{cases} x_1 / (x_1 + x_2) = y_1 \\ x_1 + x_2 = y_2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = y_1 y_2 \\ x_2 = (1-y_1) y_2 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow h^{-1}(Y) = X = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 y_2 \\ (1-y_1) y_2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \left| \frac{\partial h^{-1}(Y)}{\partial(Y)} \right| = \begin{vmatrix} y_2 & y_2 \\ -y_2 & (1-y_1) \end{vmatrix} = |y_2| \frac{y_1 = x_1 + x_2}{x_1 > 0, x_2 > 0} y_2 \dots \textcircled{1}$$

$$p(X) = p(x_1) p(x_2) \propto x_1^{a_1-1} x_2^{a_2-1} e^{-b_1 x_1} e^{-b_2 x_2}$$

$$p(y_1, y_2) = p(Y) \propto (y_1 y_2)^{a_1-1} [(1-y_1) y_2]^{a_2-1} e^{-b_1 y_1 y_2} e^{-b_2 (1-y_1) y_2} \cdot y_2 = (y_1 y_2)^{a_1-1} [(1-y_1) y_2]^{a_2-1} e^{-b y_2} \cdot y_2$$

$$\Rightarrow p(y_1) = \int_{y_2} p(y_1, y_2) \propto y_1^{(a_1-1)} (1-y_1)^{(a_2-1)} \underbrace{\int_{y_2} y_2^{(a_1+a_2)-1} e^{-b y_2}}_{\text{Gamma}(a_1+a_2, b) \text{ integral}}$$

$$\Rightarrow p(y_1) \sim \text{Beta}(a_1, a_2)$$

$$p(y_2) = \int_{y_1} p(y_1, y_2) \propto y_2^{(a_1+a_2)-1} e^{-b y_2} \underbrace{\int_{y_1} y_1^{(a_1-1)} (1-y_1)^{(a_2-1)}}_{\text{Beta}(a_1, a_2) \text{ integral}}$$

$$\Rightarrow p(y_2) \sim \text{Gamma}(a_1+a_2, b).$$

Simulate Beta: ① Simulate pair  $(x_1, x_2)$  from Gamma

$$\textcircled{2} y = \frac{x_1}{x_1 + x_2}$$

③  $y$  follows Beta distribution

$$(c) p(x_i|\theta) \sim N(\theta, \sigma^2) \propto \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x_i - \theta)^2\right\} \quad ①$$

$$p(\theta) \sim N(m, v) \propto \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2v}(\theta - m)^2\right\} \quad ②$$

$$\Rightarrow p(x = x_1, \dots, x_N | \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^N p(x_i) \propto \prod_{i=1}^N \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x_i - \theta)^2\right\} = \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \theta)^2\right\}$$

posterior:

$$p(\theta|x) \propto p(x|\theta) p(\theta) = \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \theta)^2 - \frac{1}{2v}(\theta - m)^2\right\}$$

$$= \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \left[ \left(\frac{N}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{v}\right) \theta^2 - 2 \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i}{\sigma^2} + \frac{m}{v}\right) \theta + \text{const} \right]\right\}$$

$$\propto \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{N}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{v}\right) \left[\theta - \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i}{\sigma^2} + \frac{m}{v}\right) / \left(\frac{N}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{v}\right)\right]^2\right\}$$

$$\text{Sum of precision}^{-1} [\bar{x} \sim N(\theta, \frac{\sigma^2}{N})]$$

$$\text{Var}(\theta|x) = \left(\frac{N}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{v}\right)^{-1} = \left[\left(\frac{\sigma^2}{N}\right)^{-1} + v^{-1}\right]^{-1}$$

Sum of cross-weighted mean.

$$E(\theta|x) = \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i}{\sigma^2} + \frac{m}{v}\right) / \left(\frac{N}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{v}\right) \stackrel{\sum x_i = N\bar{x}}{=} \frac{v}{v + \frac{\sigma^2}{N}} \bar{x} + \frac{\frac{\sigma^2}{N}}{v + \frac{\sigma^2}{N}} m$$

(d). known mean, unknown var for Normal

$$p(x_i|w) \sim N(\theta, w^{-1}) = \left(\frac{w}{2\pi}\right)^{1/2} \exp\left\{-\frac{w}{2}(x_i - \theta)^2\right\} \quad ①$$

$$p(w) \sim \text{Gamma}(a, b) \propto w^{a-1} \exp\{-bw\} \quad ②$$

$$\Rightarrow p(x = x_1, \dots, x_N | w) = \prod_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{w}{2\pi}\right)^{1/2} \exp\left\{-\frac{w}{2}(x_i - \theta)^2\right\} \propto w^{N/2} \exp\left\{-\frac{w}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \theta)^2\right\}$$

posterior:

$$p(w|x) \propto p(x|w) p(w) \propto w^{N/2} \exp\left\{-\frac{w}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \theta)^2\right\} w^{a-1} \exp\{-bw\}$$

$$= w^{(a + \frac{N}{2}) - 1} \exp\left\{-\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \theta)^2 + b}{2} w\right\}$$

$$\begin{cases} a^* = a + \frac{N}{2} \\ b^* = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \theta)^2 + b \right] \end{cases}$$

$$p(w|x) \sim \text{Gamma}(a^*, b^*)$$

(E) unknown  $\theta$ , known but idiosyncratic variance  $\sigma_i^2$  (Exercise 1)

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$$x_i \sim N(\theta, \sigma_i^2), \quad \theta \sim N(m, v), \quad p(\theta|x) = ?$$

$$p(\theta|x) \propto p(x_1, \dots, x_N | \theta) p(\theta) \propto \prod_{i=1}^N \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma_i^2}(x_i - \theta)^2\right\} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2v}(\theta - m)^2\right\}$$

$$= \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} (x_i - \theta)^2 + \frac{1}{v} (\theta - m)^2 \right]\right\}$$

$$= \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} + \frac{1}{v} \right) \theta^2 - 2 \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{x_i}{\sigma_i^2} + \frac{m}{v} \right) \theta + \text{const} \right]\right\}$$

$$\propto \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} + \frac{1}{v} \right) \left[ \theta - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{x_i}{\sigma_i^2} + \frac{m}{v}}{\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} + \frac{1}{v}} \right]^2\right\}$$

$$\text{Var}(\theta|x) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} + \frac{1}{v} \right)^{-1} = v^*$$

$$E(\theta|x) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{x_i}{\sigma_i^2} + \frac{m}{v}}{\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} + \frac{1}{v}} = v^* \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{x_i}{\sigma_i^2} + \frac{m}{v} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \frac{v^*}{\sigma_i^2} \right) x_i + \frac{v^*}{v} m \quad (\text{weighted sum})$$

(F)

$$p(w = \frac{1}{\sigma^2}) \sim \text{Gamma}(a, b) \propto w^{a-1} \exp\{-bw\}$$

$$p(x|\sigma^2) = p(x|w) = N(0, w^{-1}) \propto w^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{w}{2} x^2\right\}$$

$$p(x) = \int_w p(x, w) = \int_w p(x|w) p(w) \propto \int_w w^{a-1} \exp\{-bw\} \exp\left\{-\frac{w}{2} x^2\right\} w^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \int_w w^{(a+\frac{1}{2})-1} \exp\left\{-(b+\frac{x^2}{2})w\right\} dw \rightarrow \text{Gamma kernel}$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(a+\frac{1}{2})}{(b+\frac{x^2}{2})^{(a+\frac{1}{2})}} \propto (b+\frac{x^2}{2})^{-\frac{2a+1}{2}}$$

$$\propto \left(1 + \frac{1}{2a} \cdot \frac{x^2}{(\frac{b}{a})}\right)^{-\frac{(2a+1)}{2}} \sim t_{2a} \quad (\mu=0, \sigma^2 = \frac{b}{a}).$$

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$$x \sim N(\mu, w), \quad w \sim \text{Gamma}\left(\frac{\nu}{2}, \frac{\nu \sigma_0^2}{2}\right) \Rightarrow p(x) \sim t_\nu(\mu, \sigma_0^2)$$

marginal

useful when model hyperparameters



(Basics)

(A) ① prove  $\text{cov}(x) = E(xx^T) - \mu\mu^T$ 

$$\text{cov}(x) = E[(x - \mu)(x - \mu)^T] = E(xx^T - x\mu^T - \mu x^T + \mu\mu^T)$$

$$= E(xx^T) - E(x\mu^T) - E(\mu x^T) + \mu\mu^T$$

$$= E(xx^T) - E(x)\mu^T - \mu E(x^T) + \mu\mu^T$$

$$= E(xx^T) - \mu\mu^T - \mu\mu^T + \mu\mu^T$$

$$= E(xx^T) - \mu\mu^T \quad \text{--- ①}$$

② prove:  $\text{cov}(Ax+b) = A \text{cov}(x) A^T$ 

According to ①,

$$\text{cov}(Ax+b) = E[(Ax+b)(Ax+b)^T] - (A\mu+b)(A\mu+b)^T$$

$$= E[Axx^TA^T + Ax b^T + b x^T A^T + b b^T] - A\mu\mu^T A^T - A\mu b^T - b\mu^T A^T - b b^T$$

$$= A E(xx^T) A^T + A E(x) b^T + b E(x^T) A^T + b b^T - A\mu\mu^T A^T - A\mu b^T - b\mu^T A^T - b b^T$$

$$= A E(xx^T) A^T - A\mu\mu^T A^T$$

$$= A \underbrace{[E(xx^T) - \mu\mu^T]}_{\text{cov}(x)} A^T$$

$$= A \text{cov}(x) A^T$$