

PSYC 529 R Homework 4

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```
library(tidyverse)
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— Attaching core tidyverse packages ————— tidyverse 2.0.0
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✓ dplyr      1.1.4    ✓ readr      2.1.5
✓ forcats    1.0.0    ✓ stringr    1.5.1
✓ ggplot2    3.5.1    ✓ tibble     3.2.1
✓ lubridate  1.9.4    ✓ tidyr      1.3.1
✓ purrr      1.0.2
— Conflicts ————— tidyverse_conflicts()
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* dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
* dplyr::lag()     masks stats::lag()
i Use the conflicted package (<http://conflicted.r-lib.org/>) to force all
conflicts to become errors
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```
words <- read.csv("../data/word_memory_data_summarized.csv")
words
```

	id	condition	trials	yes_responses	prop_yes_resp
1	2002	Memorized	30	27	0.90
2	2002	Related_Unmemorized	6	6	1.00
3	2002	Unrelated_Unmemorized	36	0	0.00
4	LMB	Memorized	30	22	0.73
5	LMB	Related_Unmemorized	6	4	0.67
6	LMB	Unrelated_Unmemorized	36	1	0.03
7	egh44	Memorized	30	21	0.70
8	egh44	Related_Unmemorized	6	1	0.17
9	egh44	Unrelated_Unmemorized	36	0	0.00
10	jh3487	Memorized	30	27	0.90
11	jh3487	Related_Unmemorized	6	6	1.00
12	jh3487	Unrelated_Unmemorized	36	0	0.00
13	jhm77	Memorized	30	17	0.57
14	jhm77	Related_Unmemorized	6	2	0.33
15	jhm77	Unrelated_Unmemorized	36	0	0.00
16	mam475	Memorized	30	24	0.80
17	mam475	Related_Unmemorized	6	1	0.17

18	mam475	Unrelated_Unmemorized	36	0	0.00
19	seb235	Memorized	30	30	1.00
20	seb235	Related_Unmemorized	6	6	1.00
21	seb235	Unrelated_Unmemorized	36	0	0.00
22	spp36	Memorized	30	22	0.73
23	spp36	Related_Unmemorized	6	4	0.67
24	spp36	Unrelated_Unmemorized	36	1	0.03
25	ss3998	Memorized	30	23	0.77
26	ss3998	Related_Unmemorized	6	5	0.83
27	ss3998	Unrelated_Unmemorized	36	0	0.00
28	ssg47	Memorized	30	25	0.83
29	ssg47	Related_Unmemorized	6	4	0.67
30	ssg47	Unrelated_Unmemorized	36	0	0.00
31	wz343	Memorized	30	26	0.87
32	wz343	Related_Unmemorized	6	1	0.17
33	wz343	Unrelated_Unmemorized	36	0	0.00
34	yl2456	Memorized	30	25	0.83
35	yl2456	Related_Unmemorized	6	3	0.50
36	yl2456	Unrelated_Unmemorized	36	0	0.00
37	yq222	Memorized	30	26	0.87
38	yq222	Related_Unmemorized	6	2	0.33
39	yq222	Unrelated_Unmemorized	36	0	0.00
40	zl543	Memorized	30	29	0.97
41	zl543	Related_Unmemorized	6	2	0.33
42	zl543	Unrelated_Unmemorized	36	0	0.00
43	zl627	Memorized	30	25	0.83
44	zl627	Related_Unmemorized	6	4	0.67
45	zl627	Unrelated_Unmemorized	36	5	0.14

1. Looking at the data table (you don't need to import it as an R data frame). Define the following as variables in R:

(a) (21/2 points) N: the number of relevant data points (trials)

```
memorized_ds <- words %>%
  filter(condition == "Memorized")

N <- sum(memorized_ds$trials)

N
```

```
[1] 450
```

(b) (21/2 points) z: the number of "yes" responses on relevant trials

```
z <- sum(memorized_ds$yes_responses)

z
```

```
[1] 369
```

- (c) (21/2 points) a: the first prior beta hyperparameter
(d) (21/2 points) b: the second prior beta hyperparameter

```
# beta(4,4)
a <- 4
b <- 4
```

2. (10 points) Use these variables to compute the posterior beta distribution hyperparameters (call them a post and b post).

```
a_post <- a + z # prior + successes
b_post <- b + N - z # prior + failures

a_post
```

```
[1] 373
```

```
b_post
```

```
[1] 85
```

3. We now make a combined plot of the prior and posterior distributions. Hint: Use the file “beta conjugate prior demo” on Canvas as a template for doing all of this. That will make this part of the homework much easier and faster

data frame for plotting prior distribution:

```
prior_plot_df = data.frame(theta = seq(from = 0, to = 1, length.out = 200),
                             distribution = "prior") %>%
  mutate(p_theta = dbeta(theta, shape1 = a, shape2 = b))
```

data frame for plotting the posterior distribution:

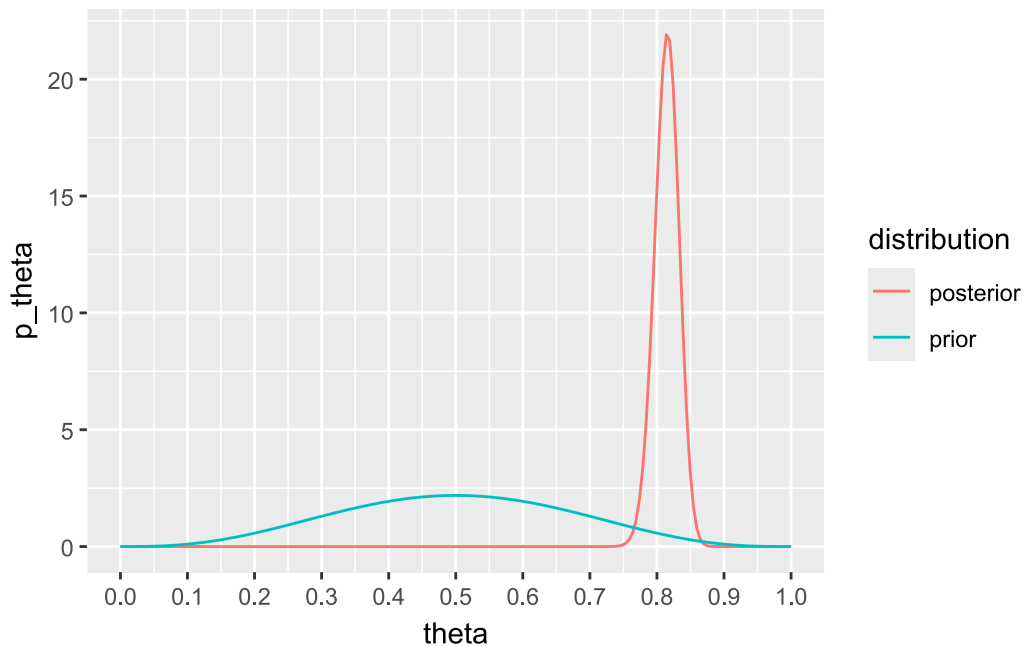
```
post_plot_df = data.frame(theta = seq(from = 0, to = 1, length.out = 200),
                           distribution = "posterior") %>%
  mutate(p_theta = dbeta(theta, shape1 = a_post, shape2 = b_post))
```

combine prior and posterior plotting data frames:

```
combo_plot_df = bind_rows(prior_plot_df,
                           post_plot_df)
```

combined plot:

```
combo_plot_df %>% ggplot(aes(x = theta, y = p_theta, color = distribution)) +
  geom_line() +
  scale_x_continuous(breaks = seq(from = 0, to = 1, by = 0.1)) # more marks on
x axis
```



4. The expected value (mean) and mode (most probable value) are two ways to summarize a probability distribution. Given the hyperparameters a and b of a beta distribution, you can compute the distribution's mode (ω) and expected value (i.e. mean, μ) using formulas given in the textbook (page 129) and summarized in Cliff's notes for chapter 6 (these are on Canvas). Use these formulas and your R variables to compute and display the following:

- (a) (10 points) $E[\theta]$ (the prior mean of θ)

```
e_prior <- a / a + b
e_prior
```

```
[1] 5
```

- (b) (10 points) the prior mode of θ .

```
mode_prior <- (a - 1) / (a + b - 2)
mode_prior
```

```
[1] 0.5
```

(c) (10 points) $E[\theta|N, z]$ (the posterior mean of θ)

```
e_post <- a_post / (a_post + b_post)
e_post
```

```
[1] 0.8144105
```

(d) (10 points) the posterior mode of θ

```
mode_post <- (a_post - 1) / (a_post + b_post - 2)
mode_post
```

```
[1] 0.8157895
```

5. You can use the R function `qbeta` to find quantiles of a beta distribution.

For example, let's suppose we want to find the median (0.5 quantile, i.e. 50th percentile) of a $\text{beta}(3, 2)$ distribution. Then we use the following code: `qbeta(p = 0.5, shape1 = 3, shape2 = 2)`

This tells use that, assuming $a = 3$ and $b = 2$, we have $p(\theta \leq 0.6142724) = 0.5$. In other words the median of a $\text{beta}(3, 2)$ distribution is about 0.61.

Use `qbeta` to compute the following: (a) (5 points) The 5th percentile (i.e. 0.05 quantile) of the prior distribution

```
qbeta(p = 0.05, a, b)
```

```
[1] 0.2253216
```

the probability of θ being less than or equal to 0.2253216 is roughly 5% in the prior distribution.

(b) (5 points) The 5th percentile of the posterior distribution

```
qbeta(p = 0.05, a_post, b_post)
```

```
[1] 0.7837966
```

The probability of theta being less than or equal to 0.78 is roughly 0.05.

(c) (5 points) The 95th percentile (i.e. 0.95 quantile) of the prior distribution

```
qbeta(p = 0.95, a, b)
```

```
[1] 0.7746784
```

(d) (5 points) The 95th percentile of the posterior distribution

```
qbeta(p = 0.95, a_post, b_post)
```

```
[1] 0.8434619
```

Note: We can use these percentiles to construct 90% credible intervals for θ : the probability that θ is between the 5th and 95th percentiles of the distribution is 90%. For the sake of time we won't go into this in detail, but ask me if you have any questions about it (it's very similar to how you derive frequentist confidence intervals, except using the prior or posterior distribution over θ instead of the sampling distribution of some estimator).