

Homework1

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a

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Pr(y = k) &= \int_0^1 \Pr(y = k|\theta) d\theta \\
 &= \int_0^1 \binom{n}{k} \theta^k (1 - \theta)^{n-k} d\theta \\
 &= \binom{n}{k} \frac{\Gamma(k+1)\Gamma(n-k+1)}{\Gamma(n+2)} \\
 &= \frac{1}{n+1}
 \end{aligned}$$

b

from the geometry attribute, we know a point between can be written as $\frac{\alpha+y}{\alpha+\beta+n} = \lambda \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta} + (1-\lambda) \frac{y}{n}$ and $\lambda \in [0, 1]$

We can also write $\$ \$$ as $\$ + (-)\$$

c

Uniform prior distribution: $\alpha = \beta = 1$. Prior variance is $\frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha+\beta)^2(\alpha+\beta+1)} = \frac{1}{12}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Posterior variance} &= \frac{(1+y)(1+n-y)}{(2+n)^2(3+n)} \\
 &= \left(\frac{1+y}{2+n}\right) \left(\frac{1+n-y}{2+n}\right) \left(\frac{1}{3+n}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

The first two factors in are two numbers that sum to 1, so their product is at most $\frac{1}{4}$. And, since $n \geq 1$, the third factor is less than $\frac{1}{4}$. So the product of all three factors is less than $\frac{1}{16}$.

d

$n = n$ and $y = 1$. $\alpha = 1$, $\beta = 3$, then prior variance is $\frac{3}{80}$, and posterior variance is $\frac{1}{20}$.

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a

$$q(\theta) = p\left(\frac{e^\phi}{1+e^\phi}\right) \left| \frac{d}{d\theta} \log\left(\frac{\theta}{1-\theta}\right) \right| \propto \theta^{-1}(1-\theta)^{-1}$$

b.

If $y = 0$, $p(\theta|y) \propto \theta^{-1}(1-\theta)^{n-1}$ has infinite integral over any interval near $\theta = 0$. When $y = n$ similar result happens at $\theta = 1$.

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a

$$\theta \left| y \sim N \left(\frac{\frac{1}{40^2} 180 + \frac{n}{20^2} 150}{\frac{1}{40^2} + \frac{n}{20^2}}, \frac{1}{\frac{1}{40^2} + \frac{n}{20^2}} \right) \right.$$

b

$$\tilde{y} \left| y \sim N \left(\frac{\frac{1}{40^2} 180 + \frac{n}{20^2} 150}{\frac{1}{40^2} + \frac{n}{20^2}}, \frac{1}{\frac{1}{40^2} + \frac{n}{20^2}} + 20^2 \right) \right.$$

c

95% posterior interval for $\theta | \bar{y} = 150, n = 10$: $150.7 \pm 1.96(6.25) = [138, 163]$

95% posterior interval for $\tilde{y} | \bar{y} = 150, n = 10$: $150.7 \pm 1.96(20.95) = [110, 192]$

d

95% posterior interval for $\theta | \bar{y} = 150, n = 100$: $[146, 154]$

95% posterior interval for $\tilde{y} | \bar{y} = 150, n = 100$: $[111, 189]$

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a

We have $p(y|\theta) = \theta \cdot e^{-\theta y} I_{(0,\infty)}(y)$, let the prior be Gamma distribution: $P(\theta) = \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \theta^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta\theta} I_{(0,\infty)} \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$ So, $P(\theta|y) \propto p(y|\theta)p(\theta) \propto \theta^\alpha e^{-(\beta+y)\theta} I_{(0,\infty)}(y, \theta)$ So, $p(y|\theta) \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha + 1, \beta + y)$ is conjugate prior distribution

b

$$P(\phi) = p(\theta) \left| \frac{d\theta}{d\phi} \right|, \quad \theta = \frac{1}{\phi}$$

$$P(\theta) = \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \theta^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta\theta} I_{(0,\infty)}(\theta), \quad \frac{d\theta}{d\phi} = -\frac{1}{\phi^2}$$

so we have

$$P(\phi) = \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \phi^{-(\alpha-1)} e^{-\beta/\phi} \frac{1}{\phi^2} I_{(0,\infty)}(\phi)$$

$$= \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \phi^{-(\alpha+1)} \cdot e^{-\frac{\beta}{\phi}} I_{[\cos j]}(\phi) \sim \text{Inv-Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$$

c

$CV = \alpha^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 0.5 \Rightarrow \alpha = 4, p(\theta|y) \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha + n, \beta + n\bar{y})$, from $CV = (\alpha + n)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 0.1 \Rightarrow n = 96$

d

$P(\phi) \sim \text{Inv-Gamma}(\alpha, \beta), CV = (\alpha - 2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 0.5 \Rightarrow \alpha = 6$ And,

$$P(\phi|y) \propto p(\phi)p(y|\phi)$$

$$\propto \phi^{-n} e^{-\frac{n\bar{y}}{\phi}} I_{(0,\infty)}(y) \phi^{-(\alpha+1)} e^{-\frac{\beta}{\phi}} I_{(0,\infty)}(\phi)$$

$$\sim \text{Inv-Gamma}(\alpha + n, \beta + n\bar{y})$$

Now, $CV = (\alpha + n - 2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 0.1 \Rightarrow n = 96$

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3.1

a

Label the prior distribution $p(\theta)$ as Dirichlet (a_1, \dots, a_n) . The posterior distribution is

$p(\theta|y) = \text{Dirichlet}(y_1 + a_1, \dots, y_n + a_n)$, the marginal posterior distribution of $(\theta_1, \theta_2, 1 - \theta_1 - \theta_2)$ is also Dirichlet:

$$p(\theta_1, \theta_2|y) \propto \theta_1^{y_1+a_1-1} \theta_2^{y_2+a_2-1} (1 - \theta_1 - \theta_2)^{y_{\text{rest}}+a_{\text{rest}}-1}$$

where $y_{\text{rest}} = y_3 + \dots + y_J$, $a_{\text{rest}} = a_3 + \dots + a_J$

Change variables to $(\alpha, \beta) = \left(\frac{\theta_1}{\theta_1+\theta_2}, \theta_1 + \theta_2\right)$. The Jacobian of this transformation is $|1/\beta|$, so the transformed density is

$$\begin{aligned} p(\alpha, \beta|y) &\propto \beta(\alpha\beta)^{y_1+a_1-1} ((1-\alpha)\beta)^{y_2+a_2-1} (1-\beta)^{y_{\text{rest}}+a_{\text{rest}}-1} \\ &= \alpha^{y_1+a_1-1} (1-\alpha)^{y_2+a_2-1} \beta^{y_1+y_2+a_1+a_2-1} (1-\beta)^{y_{\text{rest}}+a_{\text{rest}}-1} \\ &\propto \text{Beta}(\alpha|y_1 + a_1, y_2 + a_2) \text{Beta}(\beta|y_1 + y_2 + a_1 + a_2, y_{\text{rest}} + a_{\text{rest}}) \end{aligned}$$

since the posterior density divides into separate factors for α and β , they are independent, and, and shown above,

$$\alpha|y \sim \text{Beta}(y_1 + a_1, y_2 + a_2)$$

b

The Beta $(y_1 + a_1, y_2 + a_2)$ posterior distribution can also be derived from a Beta (a_1, a_2) prior distribution and a binomial observation y_1 with sample size $y_1 + y_2$.

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$$\begin{aligned} p(\mu, \sigma^2|y) &\propto p(y|\mu, \sigma^2)p(\mu, \sigma^2) \\ &\propto (\sigma^2)^{-n/2} \exp\left(-\frac{(n-1)s^2 + n(\mu - \bar{y})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \sigma^{-1} (\sigma^2)^{-(\nu_0/2+1)} \exp\left(-\frac{\nu_0\sigma_0^2 + \kappa_0(\mu - \mu_0)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \\ &\propto \sigma^{-1} (\sigma^2)^{-((\nu_0+n)/2+1)} \exp\left(-\frac{\nu_0\sigma_0^2 + (n-1)s^2 + \frac{n\kappa_0(\bar{y}-\mu_0)^2}{n+\kappa_0} + (n+\kappa_0)\left(\mu - \frac{\mu_0\kappa_0+n\bar{y}}{n+\kappa_0}\right)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \\ \mu, \sigma^2|y &\sim \text{N-Inv-}\chi^2\left(\frac{\mu_0\kappa_0+n\bar{y}}{n+\kappa_0}, \frac{\sigma_n^2}{n+\kappa_0}; n + \nu_0, \sigma_n^2\right) \\ \sigma_n^2 &= \frac{\nu_0\sigma_0^2 + (n-1)s^2 + \frac{n\kappa_0(\bar{y}-\mu_0)^2}{n+\kappa_0}}{n+\nu_0} \end{aligned}$$

and prove

$$\mu|\sigma^2, y \sim N(\bar{y}, \sigma^2/n)$$

$$P(u|\sigma^2, y) = P(u, \sigma^2|y) / P(\sigma^2|y), \text{ for non-informative, } p(x, \sigma^2|y) \propto p(y|y, \sigma^2)p(u, \sigma^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(x, \sigma^2|y) &\propto \sigma^{-(n+2)} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - u)^2\right\} \\ &= \sigma^{-(n+2)} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} [(n-1)s^2 + n(\bar{y} - \mu)^2]\right\} \end{aligned}$$

and we have $p(\sigma^2|y) = \int p(\mu, \sigma^2|y) d\mu \propto \sigma^{-(n+2)} \exp -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(n-1)s^2\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2/n}$

Addition

Prove that Jeffreys' prior for $\mu|\sigma^2, y \sim N(\bar{y}, \sigma^2/n)$ is $p(\mu, \sigma^2) \propto \sigma^{-n-1}$ without any (independence) assumptions. This result was presented on the blackboard today. Please derive it.

$$\theta = [\mu, \sigma]$$

$$P(\theta) \propto [J(\theta)]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

and we have

$$\begin{aligned} \log p(y|\theta) &= \log \left[\frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{\frac{n}{2}}} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - u)^2 \right) \right] \\ &= C - n \log \sigma - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - u)^2 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \log P(y|\theta)}{\partial \mu} &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - u)}{\sigma^2} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 \log p(y|\theta)}{\partial u^2} = -\frac{n}{\sigma^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial \log P(y|\theta)}{\partial \sigma} = -\frac{n}{\sigma} + \frac{1}{\sigma^3} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - u)^2 \frac{\partial^2 \log p(y|\theta)}{\partial \sigma^2} = \frac{\theta n}{\sigma^2} - \frac{3}{\sigma^4} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - u)^2 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 \log p(y|\theta)}{\partial u \partial \sigma} = -\frac{2 \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - u)}{\sigma^3}$$

So $J(\theta)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \begin{bmatrix} -E \left(\frac{\partial^2 \log p(y|\theta)}{\partial \mu^2} \right) & -E \left(\frac{\partial^2 \log P(y|\theta)}{\partial u \partial \theta} \right) \\ -E \left(\frac{\partial^2 \log P(y|\theta)}{\partial u \partial \theta} \right) & -E \left(\frac{\partial^2 \log p(y|\theta)}{\partial \theta^2} \right) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{n}{\sigma^2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2n}{\sigma^2} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} \det[J(\theta)^{\frac{1}{2}}] &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sigma} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\sqrt{2}n}{\sigma} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \sqrt{2}n\sigma^{-2}\sigma \cdot \sigma^{-2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow p(\mu, \sigma) \propto (\sigma^2)^{-1}$$