

Exercise 8

Let $y \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$

- (a) The normal PDF is: $(2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{(y-0)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$

κ^{-1} is the variance. It is the reciprocal of the precision, κ . Analogously for λ^{-1} and λ .

μ is our prior. $f(y, \mu)$ is the likelihood.

Therefore, $f(y|H1) = \int f(y, \mu) f(\mu) d\mu$

$$f(y, \mu) f(\mu) = (2\pi\kappa^{-1})^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp^{-\frac{\kappa}{2}(y-\mu)^2} \cdot (2\pi\lambda^{-1})^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp^{-\frac{\lambda}{2}(\mu-v)^2}$$

Focusing solely on the exponent term:

$$\exp^{-\frac{\kappa}{2}(y-\mu)^2 - \frac{\lambda}{2}(\mu-v)^2} = \exp^{-\frac{\kappa}{2}(y^2 - 2\mu y + \mu^2) - \frac{\lambda}{2}(\mu^2 - 2v\mu + v^2)}$$

Ignoring the exponent: $-\frac{\kappa}{2}y^2 - \kappa\mu y - \frac{\kappa}{2}\mu^2 - \frac{\lambda}{2}\mu^2 - \lambda v\mu - \frac{\lambda}{2}v^2$

Re-arranging: $= -\frac{1}{2}(\kappa y^2 - 2\kappa\mu y - \kappa\mu^2 - \lambda\mu^2 - 2\lambda v\mu - \lambda v^2)$

Factorising: $= -\frac{1}{2}(\mu^2(-\kappa-\lambda) - \mu(2\kappa y + 2\lambda v) + \kappa y^2 - \lambda v^2)$

$$= \frac{1}{2}((\kappa+\lambda)\mu^2) + \frac{1}{2}((2\kappa y + 2\lambda v)\mu) + \frac{1}{2}(\lambda v^2 - \kappa y^2) \quad (1)$$

We are after a perfect square, and want to re-write the part of (1) in a squiggly bracket as: $\frac{1}{2}(\kappa+\lambda)(\mu-a)^2$

We note that the "coefficient" on μ^2 is $\kappa+\lambda$, whilst the coefficient on μ is $(2\kappa y + 2\lambda v) = 2(\kappa y + \lambda v)$

To find a , we solve:

$$2a(\kappa+\lambda) = 2(\kappa y + \lambda v)$$

$$a = \frac{\kappa y + \lambda v}{\kappa + \lambda} \quad (2) \text{ We now plug this into the normal PDF of the mean.}$$