

Assignment 2

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Theoretical Exercises

1)

$$\mathcal{L}(y|\mu_0) = \prod_{i=1}^n (2\sigma^2\pi)^{-1/2} \exp[-1/2\sigma^2(y_i - \theta)^2] = (2\sigma^2\pi)^{-n/2} \exp[-1/2 \sum (y_i - \theta)^2]$$

$$\propto \exp[-1/2 \sum (y_i - \theta)^2]$$

$$\pi(\theta) = (2\pi\tau_0^2)^{-1/2} \exp[-1/2\tau_0^2(\theta - \mu_0)^2] \propto \exp[-1/2\tau_0^2(\theta - \mu_0)^2]$$

$$P(\theta|y) \propto \exp\left[\frac{-1}{2\sigma^2} \sum (y_i - \theta)^2\right] \exp\left[\frac{-1}{2\tau_0^2}(\theta - \mu_0)^2\right] = \exp\left[\frac{-1}{2}(\sigma^{-2} \sum (y_i - \theta)^2 + \tau_0^{-2}(\theta - \mu_0)^2)\right] =$$

$$\exp\left[\frac{-1}{2}(\sigma^{-2}(\sum (y_i^2 - 2\theta y_i + \theta^2)) + \tau_0^{-2}(\theta^2 - 2\theta\mu_0 + \mu_0^2))\right] = \exp\left[\frac{-1}{2}\left(\frac{n\theta^2}{\sigma^2} - \frac{2\theta}{\sigma^2} \sum y_i + \frac{\theta^2}{\sigma^2} + \tau_0^{-2}(-2\theta\mu_0 + \mu_0^2)\right)\right] =$$

$$\exp\left[\frac{-1}{2}\left(n\theta^2\left(\frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{n\tau_0^2}\right) - 2\theta\left\{\frac{\mu_0}{\tau_0^2} + \frac{\sum y_i}{\sigma^2}\right\} + \frac{\mu_0^2}{\tau_0^2} + \frac{\sum y_i^2}{\sigma^2}\right)\right] =$$

$$\exp\left[\frac{-1}{2}\left(n\theta^2\left(\frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{n\tau_0^2}\right) - 2\theta\left\{\frac{\frac{\mu_0}{\tau_0^2} + \frac{\sum y_i}{\sigma^2}}{\frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{n\tau_0^2}}\right\} + \frac{\frac{\mu_0^2}{\tau_0^2} + \frac{\sum y_i^2}{\sigma^2}}{\frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{n\tau_0^2}}\right)\right] =$$

$$\exp\left[\frac{-1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{n\tau_0^2}\right)\left(n\theta^2 - 2\theta\left\{\frac{\frac{\mu_0}{\tau_0^2} + \frac{\sum y_i}{\sigma^2}}{\frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{n\tau_0^2}}\right\} + \frac{\frac{\mu_0^2}{\tau_0^2} + \frac{\sum y_i^2}{\sigma^2}}{\frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{n\tau_0^2}}\right)\right] \propto$$

$$\exp\left[\frac{-1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{n\tau_0^2}\right)\left(\left\{\theta - \frac{\frac{\mu_0}{\tau_0^2} + \frac{\sum y_i}{\sigma^2}}{\frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{n\tau_0^2}}\right\}^2 + \frac{\frac{\mu_0^2}{\tau_0^2} + \frac{\sum y_i^2}{\sigma^2}}{\frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{n\tau_0^2}} - \left\{\frac{\frac{\mu_0}{\tau_0^2} + \frac{\sum y_i}{\sigma^2}}{\frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{n\tau_0^2}}\right\}^2\right)\right] =$$

$$\exp\left[\frac{-1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{n\tau_0^2}\right)\left\{\theta - \frac{\frac{\mu_0}{\tau_0^2} + \frac{\sum y_i}{\sigma^2}}{\frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{n\tau_0^2}}\right\}^2\right] \exp\left[\frac{-1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{n\tau_0^2}\right)\left(\frac{\frac{\mu_0^2}{\tau_0^2} + \frac{\sum y_i^2}{\sigma^2}}{\frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{n\tau_0^2}} - \left\{\frac{\frac{\mu_0}{\tau_0^2} + \frac{\sum y_i}{\sigma^2}}{\frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{n\tau_0^2}}\right\}^2\right)\right] \propto$$

$$\exp\left[\frac{-1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{n\tau_0^2}\right)\left\{\theta - \frac{\frac{\mu_0}{\tau_0^2} + \frac{\sum y_i}{\sigma^2}}{\frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{n\tau_0^2}}\right\}^2\right]$$

Which we recognize as the kernel for a normal distribution with:

$$\mu_1 = \frac{\frac{\mu_0}{\tau_0^2} + \frac{\sum y_i}{\sigma^2}}{\frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{n\tau_0^2}}$$

$$\frac{1}{\tau_1^2} = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{n\tau_0^2}$$

2) $X_i \sim \text{exponential}(\lambda)$

$$\lambda e^{-\lambda x}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(x_i|\lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda e^{-\lambda x_i} = \lambda^n e^{-\lambda \sum x_i}$$

Define:

$$C(\theta)^n = \lambda^n$$

$$T(X) = \sum t(x_i)$$

$$t(x_i) = x_i$$

$$w(\theta) = -\lambda$$

Then our conjugate prior takes the form:

$$\lambda^\eta \exp[-\lambda \nu]$$

Which is the kernel for a Gamma distribution

3) Let Z be a geometric random variable with probability of success θ . Find Jeffrey's Prior

$$\mathcal{L}(Z|\theta) = (1-\theta)^Z \theta$$

$$\text{Jeffrey's Prior: } [J(\theta)]^{1/2}$$

$$J(\theta) = -E \left[\frac{d^2 \uparrow(z|\theta)}{d\theta^2} | \theta \right]$$

$$\uparrow(z|\theta) = z \log(1-\theta) + \log(\theta)$$

$$\frac{d \uparrow}{d\theta} = -z(1-\theta)^{-1} + \theta^{-1}$$

$$\frac{d^2 \uparrow}{d\theta^2} = -z(1-\theta)^{-2} - \theta^{-2}$$

For a rv x that is geometrically distributed with probability of success p : $E[x] = \frac{1-p}{p}$

$$-E \left[\frac{d^2 \uparrow(z|\theta)}{d\theta^2} | \theta \right] = -E[-z(1-\theta)^{-2} - \theta^{-2}] = -(1-\theta)^{-2} E[-z] + \theta^{-2} = (-\frac{1}{(1-\theta)^2})(-\frac{1-\theta}{\theta}) + \frac{1}{\theta^2} =$$

$$\frac{1}{\theta(1-\theta)} + \frac{1}{\theta^2} = \frac{\theta}{\theta^2(1-\theta)} + \frac{(1-\theta)}{\theta^2(1-\theta)} \propto \frac{1}{\theta^2(1-\theta)} = \theta^{-2}(1-\theta)^{-1}$$

$$[J(\theta)]^{1/2} = (\theta^{-2}(1-\theta)^{-1})^{1/2} = \theta^{-1}(1-\theta)^{-1/2} = \theta^{0-1}(1-\theta)^{1/2-1}$$

Which looks like the kernel for a beta distribution, except it is improper as $\alpha = 0$ in this kernel, when it should be strictly greater than 0.

Analysis Exercises

1)

a)

$$Unif(0,1) \iff beta(1,1)$$

Then $\alpha_1 = \alpha_0 + x$, and $\beta_1 = \beta_0 + N - x$, where x is the number of “successes” and N is the sample size

So with the Huff post data, we have $x = 380$ and $N = 1000$

Then: $\alpha_1 = 1 + 380 = 381$ and $\beta_1 = 1 + 1000 - 380 = 621$

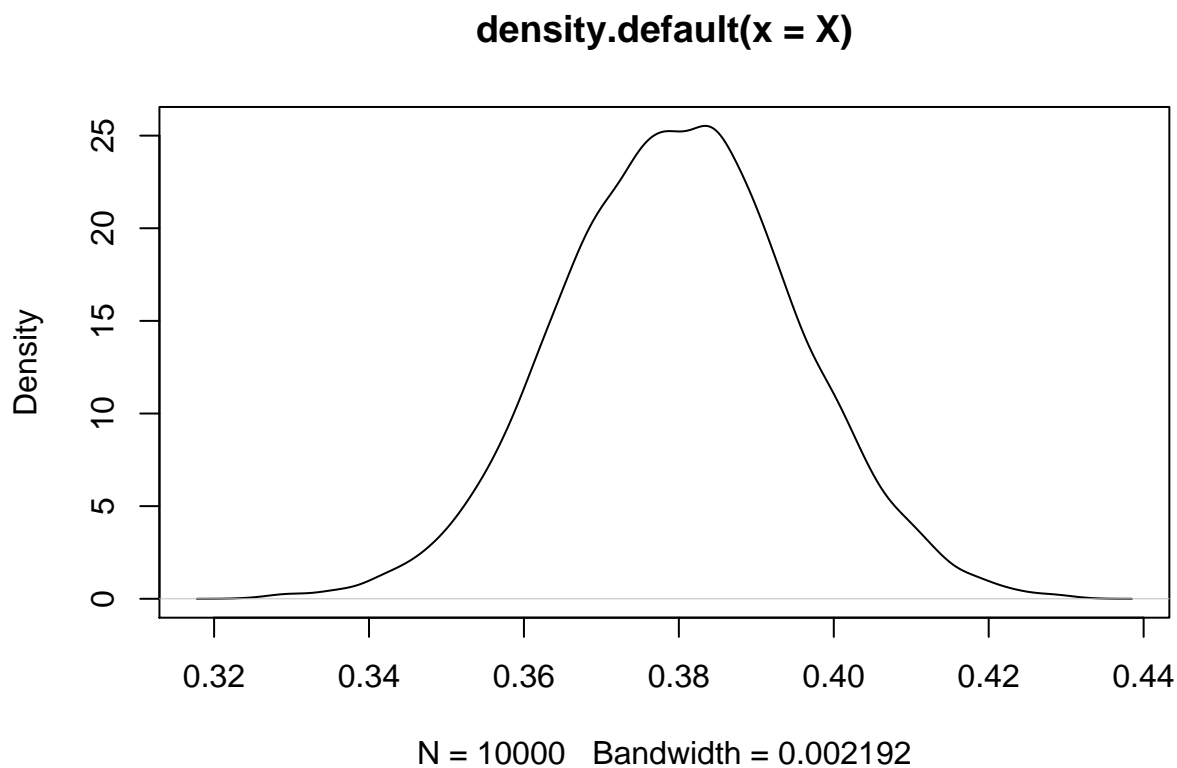
```
alpha = 381
beta = 621

set.seed(2019)
X <- rbeta(n = 10000, shape1 = alpha, shape2 = beta)
```

We find that an estimated 38% of the population is very concerned about the coronavirus, and we have about a 6-percentage point window in which we estimate the true mean lies - (0.3496, 0.4101)

Density Plot:

```
plot(density(X))
```



Median:

```
median(X)
```

```
## [1] 0.3799
```

95% Confidence Interval:

```
quantile(X, probs = c(0.025, 0.975))
```

```
##    2.5% 97.5%  
## 0.3496 0.4101
```

b)

$$\alpha_2 = \alpha_1 + x_2 = 381 + 450 = 831$$

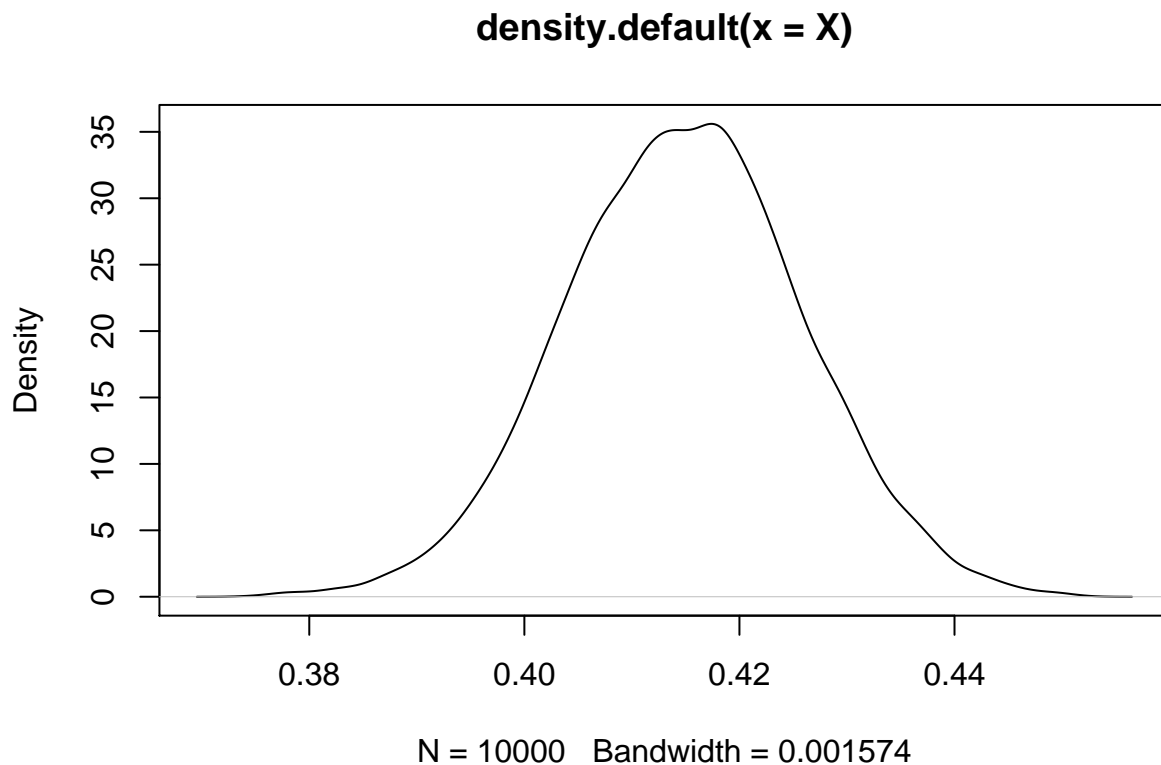
$$\beta_2 = \beta_1 + N_2 - x_2 = 621 + 1000 - 450 = 1171$$

```
alpha = 831  
beta = 1171  
  
set.seed(2019)  
X <- rbeta(n = 10000, shape1 = alpha, shape2 = beta)
```

Updating our prior, we now estimate that about 41.5% of the population is very concerned with the coronavirus, and the range of the distribution/confidence interval has shrunk as we have increased our sample size. The window of the confidence interval is now just 4-percentage points - (0.3931, 0.4364)

Density Plot:

```
plot(density(X))
```



Median:

```
median(X)
```

```
## [1] 0.4149
```

95% Confidence Interval:

```
quantile(X, probs = c(0.025, 0.975))
```

```
##    2.5% 97.5%  
## 0.3931 0.4364
```

c)

Using standard uniform prior \Longleftrightarrow beta(1,1):

$$\alpha_3 = \alpha_0 + x_3 = 1 + 737 = 738$$

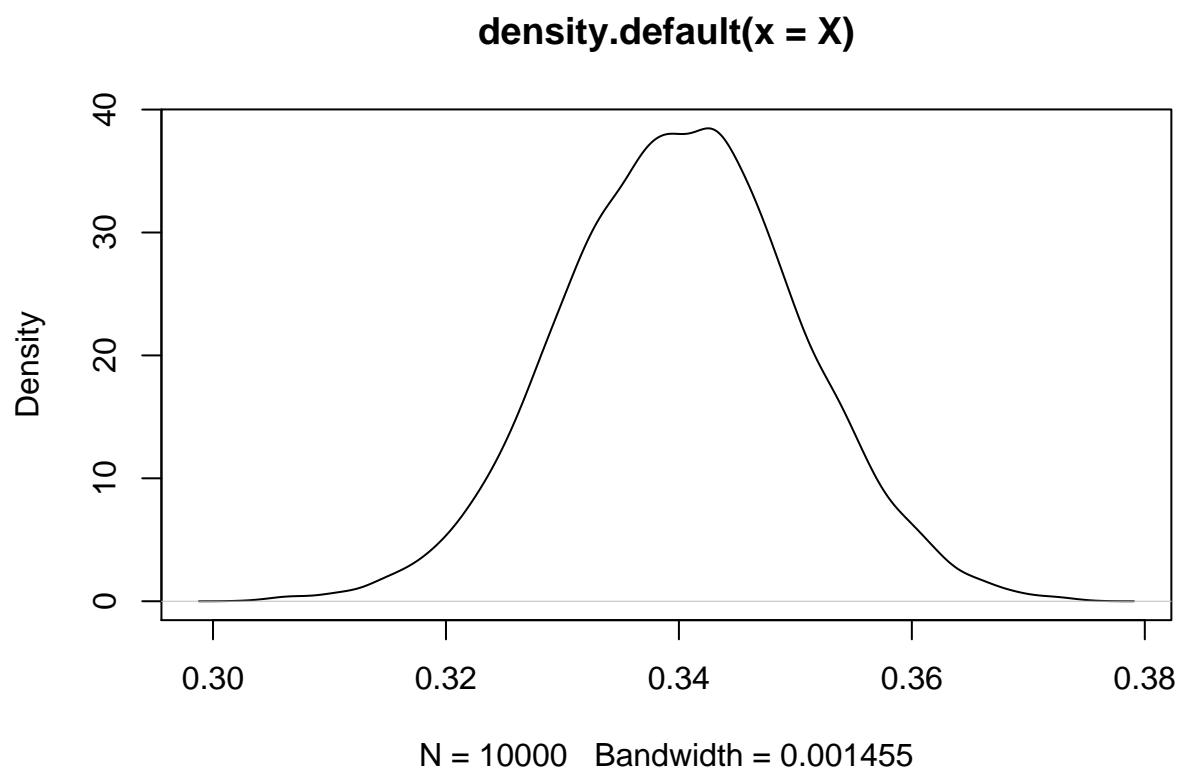
$$\beta_3 = \beta_0 + N_3 - x_3 = 1 + 2166 - 737 = 1430$$

```
alpha = 738  
beta = 1430
```

```
set.seed(2019)  
X <- rbeta(n = 10000, shape1 = alpha, shape2 = beta)
```

Density Plot:

```
plot(density(X))
```



Median:

```
median(X)
```

```
## [1] 0.3402
```

95% Confidence Interval:

```
quantile(X, probs = c(0.025, 0.975))
```

```
## 2.5% 97.5%
## 0.3201 0.3602
```

Now using the posterior from b) as our prior:

$$\alpha_3 = \alpha_2 + x_3 = 831 + 737 = 1568$$

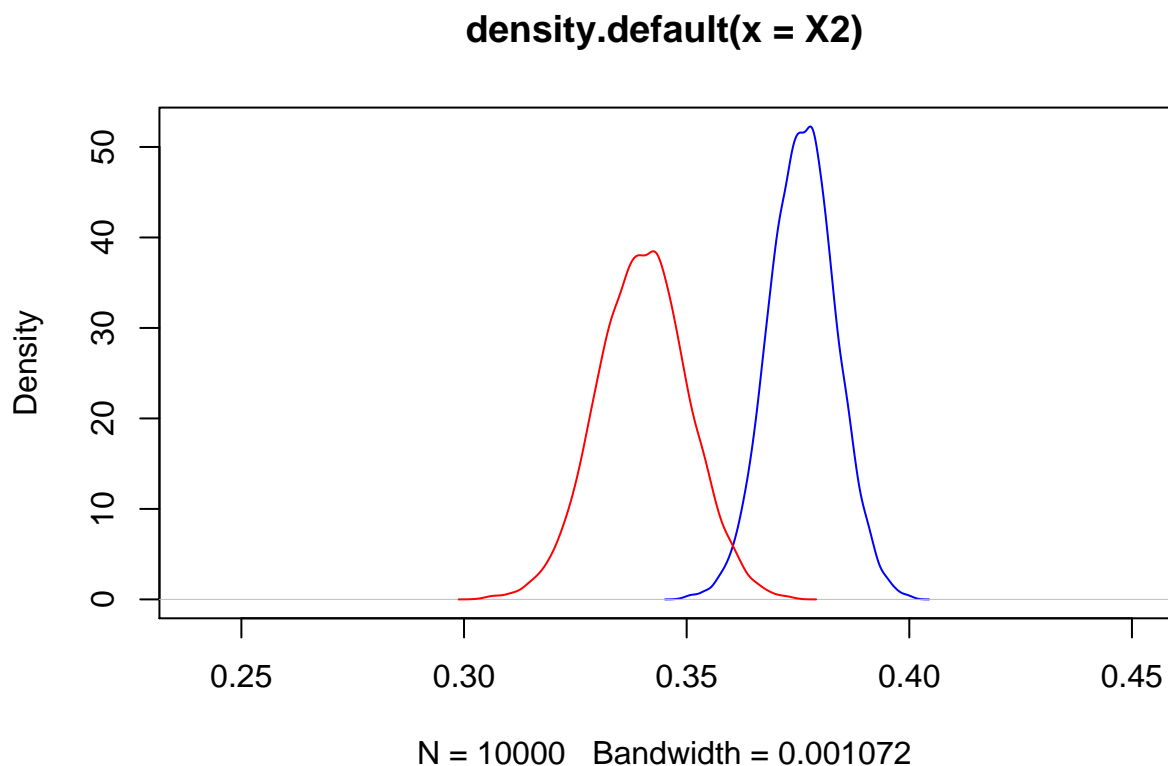
$$\beta_3 = \beta_2 + N_3 - x_3 = 1171 + 2166 - 737 = 2600$$

```
alpha = 1568
beta = 2600
```

```
set.seed(2019)
X2 <- rbeta(n = 10000, shape1 = alpha, shape2 = beta)
```

Density Plot: We see that the distribution formed using the posterior prior from b) as our conjugate prior has a higher mean and tighter distribution than the posterior distribution formed using the standard uniform as a prior.

```
plot(density(X2), col = "blue", xlim = c(0.24,0.45))
lines(density(X), col = "red")
```



Median:

```
median(X2)
```

```
## [1] 0.376
```

95% Confidence Interval: The confidence interval formed using the posterior from b) as the prior has a higher range, and also only a three percentage point window, compared to approximately a 4 percentage point window when we used the standard uniform as our prior

```
quantile(X2, probs = c(0.025, 0.975))
```

```
## 2.5% 97.5%
## 0.3612 0.3908
```

2

$$\mathcal{L}(x|\lambda) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!} \rightarrow \hat{\mathcal{J}}(x|\theta) = x \log(\lambda) - \lambda - \log(x!)$$

$$\frac{d\uparrow}{d\lambda} = \frac{x}{\lambda} - 1$$

$$\frac{d^2\uparrow}{d\lambda^2} = \frac{-x}{\lambda^2}$$

$$-E\left[\frac{-x}{\lambda^2}\right] = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

$$\pi(\lambda) \propto \frac{1}{\lambda^{1/2}}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(x|\lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\lambda^{x_i} e^{-\lambda}}{x_i!} \propto e^{-n\lambda} \lambda^{\sum x_i}$$

$$\mathcal{L}(x|\lambda)\pi(\lambda) \propto e^{-n\lambda} \lambda^{\sum x_i} \frac{1}{\lambda^{1/2}} = \lambda^{\sum x_i + \frac{1}{2} - 1} e^{-n\lambda},$$

Which is the kernel for a gamma distribution:

$$P(\lambda|x_1, \dots, x_n) \sim \text{Gamma}(\frac{1}{2} + \sum x_i, n)$$

```
skin <- read.delim("skin.txt", header = T, sep = " ")
sumX <- sum(skin$numsc)
n <- sum(!is.na(skin$numsc))
```

So our posterior for λ is

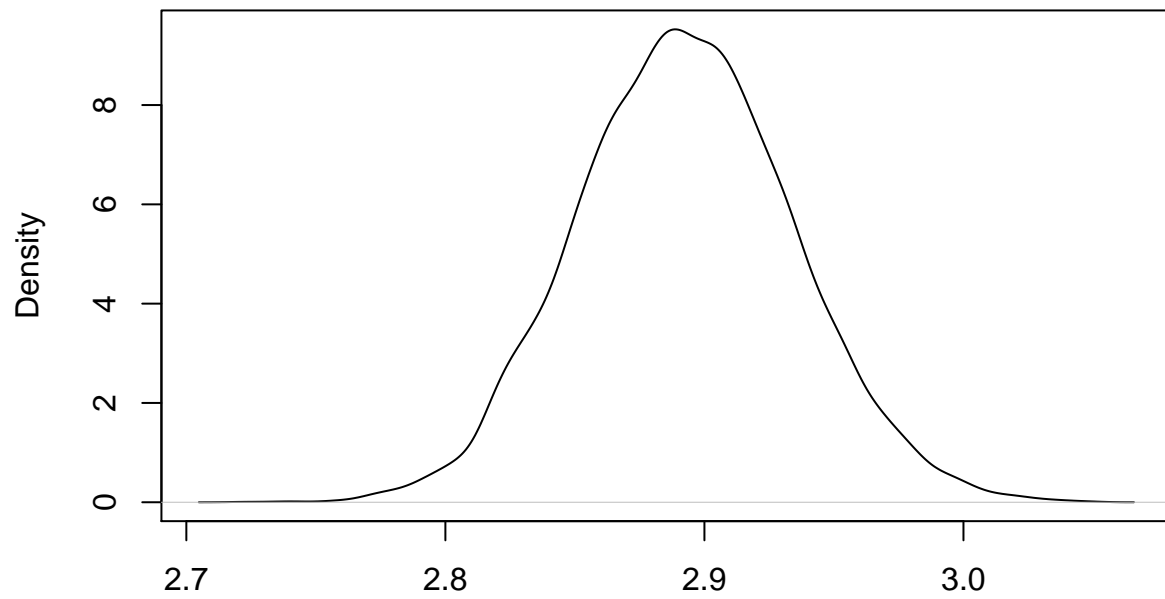
$$P(\lambda|x_1, \dots, x_n) \sim \text{Gamma}(\frac{1}{2} + 4867, 1683)$$

```
alpha <- 1/2 + sumX
beta <- n

set.seed(11)
lambdas <- rgamma(n = 10000, shape = alpha, rate = beta)

plot(density(lambdas))
```


density.default(x = lambdas)



N = 10000 Bandwidth = 0.005957

```
median(lambdas)
```

```
## [1] 2.892
```

```
quantile(lambdas, probs = c(0.025, 0.975))
```

```
## 2.5% 97.5%
```

```
## 2.814 2.976
```