Problem 1

a) joint likelihood:

$$p(x_1 x_2 ... x_N \mid \pi, r) = \prod_{i=1}^{N} \left(\begin{pmatrix} x_i + r - 1 \\ x_i \end{pmatrix} \pi^{x_i} (1 - \pi)^r \right)$$

b) Derive the maximum likelihood estimate for π :

$$\log p(x_{1}x_{2}...x_{N} \mid \pi, r) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \log \left(\binom{x_{i} + r - 1}{x_{i}} \right) \pi^{x_{i}} (1 - \pi)^{r}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{N} \log \binom{x_{i} + r - 1}{x_{i}} + \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_{i} \log \pi + \sum_{i=1}^{N} r \log(1 - \pi)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{N} \log \binom{x_{i} + r - 1}{x_{i}} + \log \pi \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_{i} + Nr \log(1 - \pi)$$

$$\frac{\partial \log p(x_{1}x_{2}...x_{N} \mid \pi, r)}{\partial \pi} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_{i} \cdot \frac{1}{\pi} - \frac{Nr}{1 - \pi}$$

Set
$$\frac{\partial \log p(x_1 x_2 ... x_N \mid \pi, r)}{\partial \pi} = 0 \implies \sum_{i=1}^N x_i \bullet \frac{1}{\pi} - \frac{Nr}{1-\pi} = 0 \implies \pi = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i + Nr}$$

$$\therefore \widehat{\pi}_{ML} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i + Nr}$$

c) Derive MAP for π :

$$p(\pi \mid x_1 x_2 ... x_N) = \frac{p(x_1 x_2 ... x_N \mid \pi) \bullet p(\pi)}{p(x_1 x_2 ... x_N)} = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{N} \left(\binom{x_i + r - 1}{x_i} \pi^{x_i} (1 - \pi)^r \right) \bullet \frac{\Gamma(a + b)}{\Gamma(a) \Gamma(b)} \pi^{a - 1} (1 - \pi)^{b - 1}}{\prod_{i=1}^{N} \left(\binom{x_i + r - 1}{x_i} \pi^{x_i} (1 - \pi)^r \right) \bullet p(\pi) d\pi}$$

The denominator is irrelevant of π , so

$$p(\pi \mid x_1 x_2 ... x_N) \propto \prod_{i=1}^{N} \left(\binom{x_i + r - 1}{x_i} \pi^{x_i} (1 - \pi)^r \right) \bullet \frac{\Gamma(a + b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \pi^{a - 1} (1 - \pi)^{b - 1}$$

Let

$$\begin{split} & l = \log \left[\prod_{i=1}^{N} \left(\binom{x_i + r - 1}{x_i} \pi^{x_i} (1 - \pi)^r \right) \bullet \frac{\Gamma(a + b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \pi^{a - 1} (1 - \pi)^{b - 1} \right] \\ & = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \log \binom{x_i + r - 1}{x_i} + \log \pi \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i + Nr \log(1 - \pi) + \log \frac{\Gamma(a + b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} + (a - 1) \log \pi + (b - 1) \log(1 - \pi) \end{split}$$

Set
$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \pi} = 0 \implies \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i \bullet \frac{1}{\pi} - \frac{Nr}{1-\pi} + \frac{a-1}{\pi} - \frac{b-1}{1-\pi} = 0 \implies \pi = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i + a - 1}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i + Nr + a + b - 2}$$

$$\therefore \widehat{\pi}_{MAP} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i + a - 1}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i + Nr + a + b - 2}$$

d) derive the posterior distribution of π :

$$p(\pi \mid x_{1}x_{2}...x_{N}) = \frac{p(x_{1}x_{2}...x_{N} \mid \pi) \bullet p(\pi)}{\int_{0}^{1} p(x_{1}x_{2}...x_{N} \mid \pi) \bullet p(\pi) d\pi} = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^{N} \left(\left(\frac{x_{i} + r - 1}{x_{i}} \right) \pi^{x_{i}} (1 - \pi)^{r} \right) \bullet \frac{\Gamma(a + b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \pi^{a - 1} (1 - \pi)^{b - 1}}{p(x_{1}x_{2}...x_{N})}$$

$$\propto \prod_{i=1}^{N} \left(\left(\frac{x_{i} + r - 1}{x_{i}} \right) \pi^{x_{i}} (1 - \pi)^{r} \right) \bullet \frac{\Gamma(a + b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \pi^{a - 1} (1 - \pi)^{b - 1}$$

$$\propto \prod_{i=1}^{N} \left(\pi^{x_{i}} (1 - \pi)^{r} \right) \bullet \frac{\Gamma(a + b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \pi^{a - 1} (1 - \pi)^{b - 1}$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(a + b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \pi^{\sum_{i=1}^{N} x_{i} + a - 1} (1 - \pi)^{Nr + b - 1} \sim \text{Beta}(\sum_{i=1}^{N} x_{i} + a, Nr + b)$$

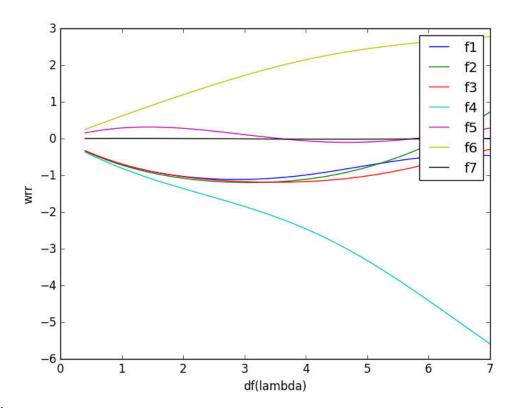
e) the mean and variance of π_{MAP} :

$$\therefore p(\pi \mid x_1 x_2 ... x_N) \sim \text{Beta}(\sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i + a, Nr + b)$$

$$\therefore E[\pi_{MAP}] = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} x_{i} + a}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} x_{i} + a + Nr + b}, Var[\pi_{MAP}] = \frac{\left(\sum_{i=1}^{N} x_{i} + a\right)(Nr + b)}{\left(\sum_{i=1}^{N} x_{i} + a + Nr + b\right)^{2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{N} x_{i} + a + Nr + b + 1\right)}$$

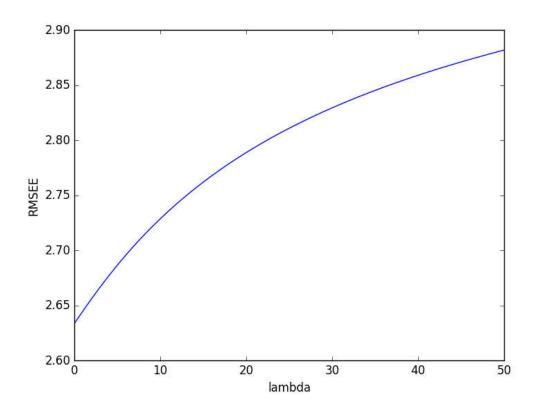
The mean of π_{MAP} is very similar to $\widehat{\pi}_{MAP}$. $\widehat{\pi}_{MAP}$ depends not only on given data, but also on the prior distribution of π . While as for $\widehat{\pi}_{ML}$, it only depends on the given data.

Problem 2 a)



b) Feature 4 and Feature 6 have a greater impact on the predictive value y, for they have larger absolute values.

c)



RMSE increases when λ become larger, so we should choose $\lambda =$ 0. That's to calculate w_{LS}