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### ### Questions

#### Question 1

1. Let  $\theta$  be the true proportion of men in your community over the age of 40 with hypertension. Consider the following "thought experiment":

(a) Though you may have little or no expertise in this area, give an initial point estimate of  $\theta$ .

Before looking at any data I would have said  $g_0 = 0.3$ . After a quick look at sources ([https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/products/databriefs/db364.htm#:~:text=Key%20findings,-Data%20from%20the&text=In%20survey%20period%202017%E2%80%932018,%25%20\(60%20and%20over\) in 2017–18 59.4% of men ages 40–59 and 75.2% and of men ages 60+ had hypertension in the USA. Additionally, from https://www.statista.com/statistics/241488/population-of-the-us-by-sex-and-age/](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/products/databriefs/db364.htm#:~:text=Key%20findings,-Data%20from%20the&text=In%20survey%20period%202017%E2%80%932018,%25%20(60%20and%20over) in 2017–18 59.4% of men ages 40–59 and 75.2% and of men ages 60+ had hypertension in the USA. Additionally, from https://www.statista.com/statistics/241488/population-of-the-us-by-sex-and-age/)) as of July 1, 2022 41.46 million USA residents were men ages 40–59 and 36.33 million USA residents were men ages 60+. A very unscientific but likely more accurate point estimate would be  $g_1 = \frac{41.46(0.594) + 36.33(0.752)}{41.46 + 36.33} = \frac{51.9474}{77.79} = 0.6677902$ .

(b) Now suppose a survey to estimate  $\theta$  is established in your community, and of the first 5 randomly selected men, 4 are hypertensive. How does this information affect your initial estimate of  $\theta$ ? It does not modify it. The sample is small and a sample proportion of 0.8 for a sample size of 5 seems reasonable given our point estimate. In the bayesian philosophy it would be superior to include this data in the point estimate in some way.

#### Question 2

BDA3 Exercise 2.8. Hint: For Part b, see pages 7 and 41.

8. Suppose that  $f(x|\theta, \sigma)$  is normal with mean  $\theta$  and standard deviation  $\sigma$ .

(a) Suppose that  $\sigma$  is known, we will show that the Jeffreys prior (2.12) for  $\theta$  is given by  $p(\theta) \propto 1$ ,  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$

By definition of Jeffreys prior, we have  $p(\theta) \propto [I(\theta)]^{1/2}$ , where  $I(\theta)$  is the expected Fisher information in the model, namely,  $-E_{\theta} \left\{ \frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} \log(f(x|\theta, \sigma)) \right\}$ . We proceed algebraically:

$$\log(f(x|\theta, \sigma)) = \log\left(\frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}}\right) e^{-\frac{(x-\theta)^2}{2\sigma^2}} = \left(-\frac{(x-\theta)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) + \log\left(\frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}}\right)$$

Thus,

$$-E_{\theta} \left\{ \frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} \log(f(x|\theta, \sigma)) \right\} = -E_{\theta} \left\{ \frac{d}{d\theta} \left( \frac{x-\theta}{\sigma^2} \right) \right\} = -E_{\theta} \left\{ -\frac{1}{\sigma^2} \right\} = \frac{1}{\sigma^2}, \quad \theta \in \mathbb{R}$$

Therefore,

$$p(\theta) \propto [I(\theta)]^{1/2} = \left[ \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \right]^{1/2} = \frac{1}{\sigma}$$

Since  $\sigma$  is known, however:

$$p(\theta) = 1, \quad \theta \in \mathbb{R}$$

as desired.

(b) Next, suppose that  $\theta$  is known, and show that the Jeffreys prior for  $\sigma$  is given by  

$$p(\sigma) = \frac{1}{\sigma}, \sigma > 0$$

By definition of Jeffreys prior, we have  $p(\sigma) \propto [I(\sigma)]^{1/2}$ , where  $I(\sigma)$  is the expected Fisher information in the model, namely,  $-E_{\theta|\sigma} \left( \frac{d^2}{d\sigma^2} \log(f(x|\sigma)) \right)$ . We proceed algebraically:

$$\log(f(x|\theta, \sigma)) = \log\left(\frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}}\right) e^{-\frac{(x-\theta)^2}{2\sigma^2}} = \left(-\frac{(x-\theta)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) + \log\left(\frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}}\right)$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} -E_{\theta|\sigma} \left( \frac{d^2}{d\sigma^2} \log(f(x|\theta, \sigma)) \right) &= -E_{\theta|\sigma} \left( \frac{d}{d\sigma} \left( \frac{(x-\theta)^2}{\sigma^3} - \frac{1}{\sigma} \right) \right) = E_{\theta|\sigma} \left( \frac{3(x-\theta)^2}{\sigma^4} - \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{2}{\sigma^2}, \sigma > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$p(\sigma) \propto [I(\sigma)]^{1/2} = \left(\frac{2}{\sigma^2}\right)^{1/2} = \frac{1}{\sigma}$$

Since  $\sigma$  is unknown, however:

$$p(\sigma) = \frac{1}{\sigma}, \sigma > 0$$

as desired.

(c) Finally, assume that  $\theta$  and  $\sigma$  are both unknown, and show that the bivariate Jeffreys prior (2.15) is given by

$$p(\theta, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sigma^2}, \theta \in \mathbb{R}, \sigma > 0,$$

a slightly different form than that obtained by simply multiplying the two individual Jeffreys priors obtained above.

Let  $I(\theta, \sigma)_{ij}$  be as defined as in (2.15) with  $(\theta, \sigma)$  instead of the parameter vector notation in the textbook which I could not replicate. It follows that  $I(\theta, \sigma)_{11} = \frac{1}{\sigma^2}$  and  $I(\theta, \sigma)_{22} = \frac{2}{\sigma^2}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} I(\theta, \sigma)_{12} &= \frac{1}{\sigma^2} = -E_{\theta|\sigma} \left( \frac{d}{d\theta} \left( \frac{(x-\theta)^2}{\sigma^3} - \frac{1}{\sigma} \right) \right) = E_{\theta|\sigma} \left( \frac{2(x-\theta)}{\sigma^3} \right) \\ &= 0, \theta \in \mathbb{R}, \sigma > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by definition of a multi-parameter case:

$$p(\theta, \sigma) \propto |I(\theta, \sigma)|^{1/2}$$

where  $|I(\theta, \sigma)|$  is the determinant of the matrix we just found the elements of. We proceed algebraically:

$$|I(\theta, \sigma)|^{1/2} = \left( \left( \frac{2}{\sigma^2} \right) \left( \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \right) - 0 \right)^{1/2} = \frac{1}{\sigma^2}$$

$$\text{Thus, } p(\theta, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sigma^2}, \theta \in \mathbb{R}, \sigma > 0$$

as desired.

### Question 3

BDA3 Exercise 2.9. In parts (a) and (b), you should construct the density plots using R. In addition, find the exact (i.e. not using a normal approximation) posterior probability that the true percentage of Californians who support the death penalty is less than 64%.

9. Setting parameters for a beta prior distribution: suppose your prior distribution for  $\theta$ , the proportion of Californians who support the death penalty, is beta with mean 0.6 and standard deviation 0.3.

(a) Determine the parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  of your prior distribution. Sketch the prior density function.

Given the mean of beta prior is 0.6, we know that  $0.6 = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta}$ . Additionally, since the standard deviation is 0.3,  $0.3 = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha + \beta)^2(\alpha + \beta + 1)}}$ . Using the first equation we obtain  $\beta = \frac{2\alpha}{3}$ . Using the second equation,  $0.3 = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha(\frac{2\alpha}{3})}{(\alpha + \frac{2\alpha}{3})^2(\alpha + \frac{2\alpha}{3} + 1)}}$   $= \sqrt{\frac{18\alpha^2}{125\alpha^3 + 75\alpha^2}}$

Thus,  $\alpha = (\frac{18}{0.3^2} - 75)/125 = 1$  and therefore,  $\beta = \frac{2\alpha}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$

Approximate Prior Density Plot

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plot(density(rbeta(1000000,1,2/3)))
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(b) A random sample of 1000 Californians is taken, and 65% support the death penalty. What are your posterior mean and variance for  $\theta$ ? Draw the posterior density function.

Note that  $Y|\theta \sim \text{Bin}(1000, \theta)$ . We want to find the posterior for  $\theta$  given  $Y=650$ .

Note that by a common conjugacy result  $\theta|Y \sim \text{Beta}(y + \alpha, n - y + \beta)$  in this case:

$\theta|Y=560 \sim \text{Beta}(651, 350 + 2/3)$

The posterior Mean is therefore  $\frac{651}{651 + \frac{1052}{3}} \approx 0.65$ . And the posterior variance is  $\frac{651(\frac{1052}{3})}{(651 + \frac{1052}{3})^2 (652 + \frac{1052}{3})} = \frac{684852}{(\frac{3005}{3})^2 (3008)} \approx 0.000227$

Approximate Posterior Density Plot

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```{r}
plot(density(rbeta(1000000,651,350+2/3)))
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Additionally, will find the exact (i.e. not using a normal approximation) posterior probability that the true percentage of Californians who support the death penalty is less than 64%. A simple integral is calculated. The posterior pdf is integrated over the region  $\theta \in (0, 64)$ . or the R code below is used.

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pbeta(.64, 651, 350+2/3, lower.tail = TRUE)
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Thus, there is a posterior probability of approximately 0.2541 that the true percentage of Californians who support the death penalty is less than 64%.