

Question 1: Maxwell

(a) We let $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$ and find the likelihood as

$$\begin{aligned} L(\theta) &= \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i | \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \theta^{3/2} y_i^2 \exp\{-\theta y_i^2/2\} \\ &= \left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}}\right)^n \theta^{\frac{3}{2}n} \exp\left\{-\frac{\theta}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2\right\} \\ &\propto \theta^{3n/2} \exp\left\{-\frac{\theta}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2\right\} \end{aligned}$$

Then the posterior distribution is

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(\theta | \mathbf{y}) &\propto \theta^{\frac{3}{2}n} \exp\left\{-\frac{\theta}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2\right\} \cdot \exp\{-\lambda\theta\} = \theta^{\frac{3}{2}n} \exp\left\{-\left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 + \lambda\right)\theta\right\} \\ &\sim \text{Gamma}\left(\frac{3}{2}n + 1, \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 + \lambda\right). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the posterior is $\text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$ where $\alpha = \frac{3}{2}n + 1$ and $\beta = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 + \lambda$, which means that it depends on data via $\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2$.

(b) Since $\sum_{i=1}^3 y_i^2 = (1.4)^2 + (3.1)^2 + (2.5)^2 = 17.82$ and the mean of $\text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$ is $\frac{\alpha}{\beta}$ we calculate the Bayes estimator as

$$\hat{\theta}_B = E[\theta | \mathbf{y}] = \frac{\frac{3}{2}n + 1}{\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 + \lambda} = \frac{\frac{3}{2}(3) + 1}{\frac{1}{2}(17.82) + \frac{1}{2}} = 0.5845.$$

The MLE for θ is $\hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \frac{3n}{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2} = \frac{(3)(3)}{17.82} = 0.5051$, and the prior mean is $E[\theta] = 1/\lambda = 2$. Based on our results, the relationship among Bayes estimator, MLE and prior mean is

MLE(0.5051) < Bayes estimator (0.5845) < prior mean (2)

(c) We use the following Matlab code:

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gaminv(0.025,4.5+1,1 /(17.82 / 2+0.5)) % 0.2027
gaminv(0.975,4.5+1,1 /(17.82 / 2+0.5)) % 1.1647
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The 95% equitailed credible set for θ to be [0.2027, 1.1647].

(d) As $EY = 2\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi\theta}}$ and $\pi(\theta | x) \sim \text{Gamma}(5.5, 9.41)$, we find the predictive value for a single future observation as

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{y}_{n+1} &= \int_0^\infty 2\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi\theta}} \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \theta^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta\theta} d\theta = \int_0^\infty 2\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi\theta}} \frac{9.41^{5.5}}{\Gamma(5.5)} \theta^{4.5} e^{-9.41\theta} d\theta \\ &\approx 2.2445\end{aligned}$$

Question 2: Jeremy Mixture

(a) Marginal Distribution:

$$\begin{aligned}m(x) &= \int f(x | \theta) \pi(\theta) d\theta \\ &= \int f(x | \theta) [\epsilon \pi_1(\theta) + (1 - \epsilon) \pi_2(\theta)] d\theta \\ &= \epsilon \int f(x | \theta) \pi_1(\theta) d\theta + (1 - \epsilon) \int f(x | \theta) \pi_2(\theta) d\theta \\ &= \epsilon m_1(x) + (1 - \epsilon) m_2(x)\end{aligned}$$

The posterior is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\pi(\theta | x) &= \frac{f(x | \theta) \pi(\theta)}{m(x)} \\ &= \frac{f(x | \theta) [\epsilon \pi_1(\theta) + (1 - \epsilon) \pi_2(\theta)]}{m(x)} \\ &= \frac{\epsilon f(x | \theta) \pi_1(\theta)}{m(x)} + \frac{(1 - \epsilon) f(x | \theta) \pi_2(\theta)}{m(x)} \\ &= \frac{\epsilon m_1(x) f(x | \theta) \pi_1(\theta)}{m(x) m_1(x)} + \frac{(1 - \epsilon) m_2(x) f(x | \theta) \pi_2(\theta)}{m(x) m_2(x)} \\ &= \frac{\epsilon m_1(x)}{m(x)} \left(\frac{f(x | \theta) \pi_1(\theta)}{m_1(x)} \right) + \frac{[\epsilon m_1(x) + (1 - \epsilon) m_2(x) - \epsilon m_1(x)] f(x | \theta) \pi_2(\theta)}{m(x) m_2(x)} \\ &= \frac{\epsilon m_1(x)}{m(x)} \left(\frac{f(x | \theta) \pi_1(\theta)}{m_1(x)} \right) + \frac{[m(x) - \epsilon m_1(x)] f(x | \theta) \pi_2(\theta)}{m(x) m_2(x)} \\ &= \frac{\epsilon m_1(x)}{m(x)} \left(\frac{f(x | \theta) \pi_1(\theta)}{m_1(x)} \right) + \left(\frac{m(x) - \epsilon m_1(x)}{m(x)} \right) \frac{f(x | \theta) \pi_2(\theta)}{m_2(x)} \\ &= \epsilon' \pi_1(\theta | x) + (1 - \epsilon') \pi_2(\theta | x)\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\epsilon' = \frac{\epsilon m_1(x)}{\epsilon m_1(x) + (1 - \epsilon) m_2(x)}$$

(b) We first find the posterior distribution given the likelihood $X | \theta \sim \mathcal{N}(\theta, \sigma^2)$ when σ^2 is fixed, and the prior $\theta \sim \mathcal{N}(\theta_0, \sigma_0^2)$. We have

$$\begin{aligned}\pi(\theta | x) &\propto f(x | \theta)\pi(\theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\theta)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_0^2}} e^{-\frac{(\theta-\theta_0)^2}{2\sigma_0^2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma\sigma_0} \exp\left\{-\frac{(x-\theta)^2\sigma_0^2 + (\theta-\theta_0)^2\sigma^2}{2\sigma^2\sigma_0^2}\right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma\sigma_0} \exp\left\{-\frac{\theta^2 - \frac{2(\sigma_0^2x + \sigma^2\theta_0)}{\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2}\theta + \frac{\sigma_0^2x^2 + \sigma^2\theta_0^2}{\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2}}{\frac{2\sigma^2\sigma_0^2}{\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2}}\right\} \\ &\propto \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{\sigma_0^2x + \sigma^2\theta_0}{\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2}, \frac{\sigma^2\sigma_0^2}{\sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2}\right)\end{aligned}$$

Based on the above result and $\pi_1(\theta) \sim \mathcal{N}(\theta_0 = 110, \sigma_0^2 = 60)$, $\pi_2(\theta) \sim \mathcal{N}(\theta_0 = 100, \sigma_0^2 = 200)$, $\sigma^2 = 80$ and $x = 98$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\pi_1(\theta | x) &\sim \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{(60)(98) + (80)(110)}{60 + 80}, \frac{(80)(60)}{60 + 80}\right) = \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{734}{7}, \frac{240}{7}\right) \\ \pi_2(\theta | x) &\sim \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{(200)(98) + (80)(100)}{200 + 80}, \frac{(80)(200)}{200 + 80}\right) = \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{690}{7}, \frac{400}{7}\right)\end{aligned}$$

Roshan's derivation for Marginal distribution of X :

Let $X|\theta \sim N(\theta, \sigma^2)$ and $\theta \sim N(\theta_0, \sigma_0^2)$. Then $X = \theta + \epsilon$, where $\epsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$. We have the following:

$$E[X] = \theta_0 + 0$$

$$Var[X] = Var[\theta] + Var[\epsilon] = \sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2$$

Thus, $X \sim N(\theta_0, \sigma_0^2 + \sigma^2)$. Using the provided information, we have the following for the marginal distributions:

For $N(110, 60) \rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned}m_1(98) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sqrt{80+60}} \cdot \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2(80+60)}(98-110)^2\right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{280\pi}} \cdot \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2(80+60)}(98-110)^2\right\} \\ &= 0.0201601890\end{aligned}$$

For $N(100, 200) \rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} m_2(98) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sqrt{80+60}} \cdot \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2(80+200)}(98-100)^2\right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{560\pi}} \cdot \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2(80+200)}(98-100)^2\right\} \\ &= 0.02367167266471270 \end{aligned}$$

We can then compute the ϵ' as

$$\epsilon' = \frac{\frac{2}{3}m_1(x)}{\frac{2}{3}m_1(x) + \frac{1}{3}m_2(x)} = \frac{\frac{2}{3}(0.0202)}{\frac{2}{3}(0.0202) + \frac{1}{3}(0.0237)} = 0.6303$$

Thus, the posterior is

$$\pi(\theta | x) = 0.6303 \cdot \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{734}{7}, \frac{240}{7}\right) + 0.3697 \cdot \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{690}{7}, \frac{400}{7}\right)$$

and the Bayes estimator for θ is

$$\delta_B(98) = E[\theta | x] = (0.6303) \left(\frac{734}{7}\right) + (0.3697) \left(\frac{690}{7}\right) = 102.5333$$

Question 3: Mendel's Experiment with Peas

Q3:

(a) To calculate the prior mean, use the mean formula for the *Beta* distribution. This is just $\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}$. The posterior distribution of p is $\mathcal{B}\text{eta}(\alpha + 787, \beta + 1064 - 787) = \mathcal{B}\text{eta}(802, 282)$. Using the same formula to calculate the posterior mean yields $\frac{802}{802+282} \approx 0.739852$

(b) Taking the CDF of the above posterior *Beta* distribution, we get: $P(p \leq 0.75) = 0.7754435$ (Done in R):

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> pbeta(0.75, 802, 282)
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(c) The 95% equitailed credible set was determined by solving the equations $\int_0^a \pi(\theta | x) d\theta = 0.025$ and $\int_b^1 \pi(\theta | x) d\theta = 0.025$ for a and b respectively. Our result is $[a, b] = [0.713334, 0.765533]$.