

Let  $X|\theta \sim \text{Binom}(n, \theta)$ ,  $\theta \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $\theta|X \sim \text{Beta}(\overbrace{\alpha+x}^{\alpha'}, \overbrace{\beta+n-x}^{\beta'})$ . Then

$$X^*|X \sim \text{BetaBinom}(n^*, \alpha', \beta') = \binom{n^*}{x^*} \frac{B(\overbrace{\alpha+x+x^*}^{\alpha'}, \overbrace{\beta+n-x+n^*-x^*}^{\beta'})}{B(\overbrace{\alpha+x}^{\alpha'}, \overbrace{\beta+n-x}^{\beta'})}$$

Posterior Predictive Distribution:  $\mathbb{P}(X^* | X) = \int_{\Theta} \mathbb{P}(X^* | \theta) \mathbb{P}(\theta | X) d\theta$  (the distribution of function  $X^*$  given data  $x$ )

$\mathbb{P}(X)$  is the distribution of data observed  $= \int_{\Theta} \mathbb{P}(X | \theta) \mathbb{P}(\theta) d\theta$

Prior Predictive Distribution:  $\mathbb{P}(X | \{\}) = \int \mathbb{P}(X | \theta) \mathbb{P}(\theta | \{\}) d\theta$

Let  $X \sim \text{BetaBinom}(n, \alpha, \beta)$ . If  $\theta \sim U(0, 1) = \text{Beta}(1, 1)$ , this is an uninformative prior, as well as a indifference or Laplace prior. It says there is one success and one failure. The most uninformative prior is  $\theta \sim \text{Beta}(0, 0)$ . However, this is “illegal” because  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are not in the parameter space and thus do not form a true PDF. This prior is called an improper prior, as well as Haldane prior.

Let's say we go along with  $\theta \sim \text{Beta}(0, 0)$ . Then  $\theta|X \sim \text{Beta}(x, n-x)$ . From this,

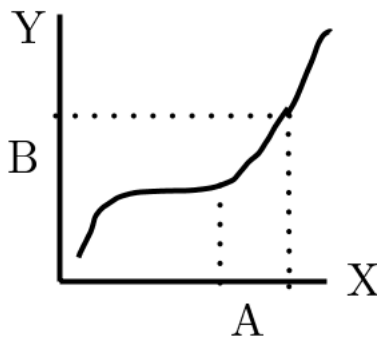
$$\hat{\theta}_{\text{MMSE}} = \frac{x}{n} = \hat{\theta}_{\text{MLE}}$$

This posterior could be improper if  $x = 0$  (no successes) or if  $x = n$  (no failures). Therefore, be careful when using “improper” priors as your posterior could also be improper.

Note:  $\text{Beta}(0, 0)$  and  $\text{Beta}(1, 1)$  are both uninformative but only  $\text{Beta}(1, 1)$  is indifferent.

Reparameterization:  $R = \text{Odds}(\theta) = \frac{\theta}{1-\theta}$ . For example,  $R = \text{Odds}(0.9) = \frac{0.9}{1-0.9} = 9$ . Note that  $\theta = (0, 1)$  and  $R = (0, \infty)$ .

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two random variables related by a 1-1 inverse transform. This means  $Y = t(X)$  and  $X = t^{-1}(Y)$ . We know  $f_X(x)$ , the PDF of  $X$ . We want the PDF of  $Y$ ,  $f_Y(y)$ .



Since  $\mathbb{P}(X \in A) \approx f_X(x)A$  and  $\mathbb{P}(Y \in B) \approx f_Y(y)B$

$$f_X(x)|dx| = f_Y(y)|dy| \rightarrow f_Y(y) = f_X(x) \left| \frac{dx}{dy} \right|$$

By the above equations, we can substitute for  $X$ :

$$f_Y(y) = f_X(t^{-1}(y)) \left| \frac{d}{dy} [t'(x)] \right|$$

Since  $R = t(\theta) = \frac{\theta}{1-\theta}$ , then  $\theta = t^{-1}(R) = \frac{R}{R+1}$ . Therefore

$$f_R(r) = f_\theta(t^{-1}(r)) \left| \frac{d}{dr} [t^{-1}(r)] \right| = f_Y\left(\frac{r}{r+1}\right) \left| \frac{d}{dr} \frac{r}{r+1} \right| = (1) \left| -\frac{1}{(r+1)^2} \right| = \frac{1}{(r+1)^2}$$

Let  $\theta \sim U(0, 1)$  or  $\theta \sim \text{Beta}(0, 0)$  (uninformative). If under a reparameterization  $\phi = t(\theta)$ , what if I had a protocol which allows us to pick a priors given  $\mathcal{F}$ :

$$\mathbb{P}(X | \theta) \xrightarrow{\text{pick}} \mathbb{P}(\theta) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{P}(X | \phi) \xrightarrow{\text{pick}} \mathbb{P}(\phi)$$

such that we have  $P(\phi) = p(t^{-1}(\phi)) \left| \frac{d}{dt} t^{-1}(\phi) \right|$  (Jeffrey's prior).

$$\mathbb{P}(\theta | X) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(X | \theta) \mathbb{P}(\theta)}{\mathbb{P}(X)} \propto \mathbb{P}(X | \theta) \mathbb{P}(\theta)$$

in fact,  $f(x; \theta) \propto g(x; \theta)$  where  $g$  is a kernel of  $f$ . This means  $f(x; \theta) = \frac{1}{c} g(x; \theta)$ .

$$\int f(x) dx = 1 \rightarrow \int g(x) dx = \int c f(x) dx = c \underbrace{\int f(x) dx}_1 \rightarrow c = \int g(x) dx$$

Note:  $f$  and  $g$  are 1-1.

Let  $X|\theta \sim \text{Binom}(n, \theta)$  and  $\theta \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(\theta | X) &\propto \mathbb{P}(X | \theta) \mathbb{P}(\theta) = \binom{n}{x} \theta^x (1-\theta)^{n-x} \frac{1}{B(\alpha, \beta)} \theta^{\alpha-1} (1-\theta)^{\beta-1} \\ &\propto \theta^x (1-\theta)^{n-x} \theta^{\alpha-1} (1-\theta)^{\beta-1} \\ &= \overbrace{\theta^{x+\alpha-1}}^a (1-\theta)^{\overbrace{n-x+\beta-1}^b} \\ &= \text{Beta}(x+\alpha, n-x+\beta) \end{aligned}$$

$$\theta \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta) = \frac{1}{B(\alpha, \beta)} \theta^{\alpha-1} (1-\theta)^{\beta-1} \propto \underbrace{\theta^a (1-\theta)^b}_{\text{kernel of the beta}}$$

$$X|\theta \sim \text{Binom}(n, \theta) = \binom{n}{x} \theta^x (1-\theta)^{n-x} = \left( \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!} \right) \theta^x (1-\theta)^n (1-\theta)^{-x} \propto \frac{1}{x!(n-x)!} \left( \frac{\theta}{1-\theta} \right)^x$$

Likelihood:  $\mathcal{L}(\theta; x) = \mathbb{P}(x; \theta)$

Log-Likelihood:  $l(\theta; x) = \ln(\mathcal{L}(\theta; x))$

Score Function:  $s(\theta; x) = l'(\theta; x)$

Fisher Information:  $I(\theta) = \text{Var}_x[s(\theta; x)] = \dots = \text{E}_x[s(\theta; x)^2] = \dots = \text{E}_x[-l''(\theta; x)]$

The Fisher Information measures the information in  $X$  about  $\theta$ .

Let  $X \sim \text{Binom}(n; \theta)$  Then

$$\begin{aligned} X \sim \text{Binom}(n; \theta) &= \binom{n}{x} \theta^x (1 - \theta)^{n-x} \\ l(\theta; x) &= \ln \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!} + x \ln \theta + (n-x) \ln(1 - \theta) \\ l'(\theta; x) &= \frac{x}{\theta} - \frac{n-x}{1-\theta} \\ l''(\theta; x) &= \frac{-x}{\theta^2} - \frac{n-x}{(1-\theta)^2} \\ I(\theta) &= \mathbb{E}_x[-l''(\theta; x)] \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{x}{\theta^2} + \frac{n-x}{(1-\theta)^2}\right] \\ &= \frac{\mathbb{E}[X]}{\theta^2} + \frac{n - \mathbb{E}[X]}{(1-\theta)^2} \\ &= \frac{n\theta}{\theta^2} + \frac{n - n\theta}{(1-\theta)^2} \\ &= n\left(\frac{1}{\theta} + \frac{1}{1-\theta}\right) \\ &= n \frac{1}{\theta(1-\theta)} \end{aligned}$$

The Fisher information for the Binomial distribution is  $n \frac{1}{\theta(1-\theta)}$ .