

Lecture 14

- Recall: Priors + Posteriors for Poisson $n \geq 0$ (# of trials), $x_i \geq 0$ (successes)

Indifference / $P(\theta) \propto 1$

$\theta \sim \text{Gamma}(1, 0)$

* improper, $\beta \neq 0$

$\theta | X \sim \text{Gamma}(\sum x_i + 1, n)$

* always proper

Jeffrey's / $P_J(\theta) \propto \sqrt{I(\theta)}$

$\theta \sim \text{Gamma}(\frac{1}{2}, 0)$

* improper, $\beta \neq 0$

$\theta | X \sim \text{Gamma}(\sum x_i + \frac{1}{2}, n)$

* always proper

Haldane /

$\theta \sim \text{Gamma}(0, 0)$

* improper, $\alpha \neq 0, \beta \neq 0$

$\theta | X \sim \text{Gamma}(\sum x_i, n)$

* improper when no successes

- $\hat{\theta}_{MMSE}$

$$= E[\theta | X] = \left(\frac{\sum x_i + \alpha}{n + \beta} \right) = \left(\frac{\sum x_i}{n + \beta} \right) + \left(\frac{\alpha}{n + \beta} \right) = \left(\frac{\sum x_i}{n} \cdot \frac{n}{n + \beta} \right) + \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} \cdot \frac{\beta}{n + \beta} \right)$$

$$\text{let } \left(\frac{\beta}{n + \beta} \right) = \rho \quad \text{then } \left(\frac{n}{n + \beta} \right) = 1 - \rho \quad \text{AND} \quad \begin{aligned} &\sum x_i / n = \hat{\theta}_{MLE} \\ &\alpha / \beta = E[\hat{\theta}] \end{aligned}$$

So

$$= E[\theta | X] = \rho E[\hat{\theta}] + (1 - \rho) \hat{\theta}_{MLE}$$

* Shrinkage Estimator

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rho = 0$$

so $E[\theta | X]$ shrinks to $\hat{\theta}_{MLE}$

• Posterior Prediction Distribution

given X^* and $n^*=1$ new trials, what's the new posterior prediction

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X^* | X) &= \int_{\Theta} P(X^* | \theta) P(\theta | X) d\theta \\
 &= \int_0^1 \left(\frac{\theta^{x^*} e^{-\theta}}{x^*!} \right) \left(\frac{\beta' \alpha'}{\Gamma(\alpha')} \theta^{\alpha'-1} e^{-\beta' \theta} \right) d\theta \quad \text{gamma} = (\alpha', \beta') \\
 &= \left(\frac{\beta' \alpha'}{\Gamma(\alpha') \cdot x^*!} \right) \int_0^1 \left(\theta^{x^* + \alpha' - 1} e^{-(\beta' + 1)\theta} \right) d\theta \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Kernel of} \\ \text{gamma} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \beta'' = \beta' + 1 \\ \alpha'' = \alpha' + x^* \end{array} \\
 &= \frac{\beta' \alpha'}{\Gamma(\alpha') \cdot x^*!} \left[\int_0^1 \left(\frac{(\beta' + 1)^{(\alpha' + x^*)}}{\Gamma(\alpha' + x^*)} \right) \theta^{(\alpha' + x^*) - 1} e^{-(\beta' + 1)\theta} d\theta \right] \left(\frac{\Gamma(\alpha' + x^*)}{(\beta' + 1)^{(\alpha' + x^*)}} \right) \\
 &\quad \text{constant} \quad \text{pdf of distribution over its support} \quad \text{reciprocal} \\
 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{\beta' \alpha'}{\Gamma(\alpha') \cdot x^*!} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(\alpha' + x^*)}{(\beta' + 1)^{\alpha'} (\beta' + 1)^{x^*}} \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma(x^* + \alpha')}{x^*! \Gamma(\alpha')} \cdot \left(\frac{\beta'}{\beta' + 1} \right)^{\alpha'} \left(\frac{1}{\beta' + 1} \right)^{x^*} \quad \left| \text{let } \left(\frac{\beta'}{\beta' + 1} = p \right) \text{ And } \left(\frac{1}{\beta' + 1} = 1 - p \right) \right.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(x^* + \alpha')}{x^*! \Gamma(\alpha')} \cdot e^{\alpha'} (1 - p)^{x^*} \quad \left| \text{if } \alpha' \in \mathbb{N} \right.$$

$$= \left(\frac{(x^* + \alpha' - 1)!}{x^*! (\alpha' - 1)!} \right) e^{\alpha'} (1 - p)^{x^*} = \left[\binom{x^* + \alpha' - 1}{x^*} e^{\alpha'} (1 - p)^{x^*} \right]$$

$$\bullet P(X^* | X) = \text{NegBinomial}(\alpha', p) = \left[\text{NegBin} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n^*} X_i + \alpha', \frac{\beta' + n}{\beta' + 1 + n} \right) \right]$$

$n^* = 1$

- The Normal distribution (N)

$$P(X; \theta; \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(X-\theta)^2}$$

$$\text{supp}[X] = \mathbb{R}$$

$$\theta \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\sigma^2 \in (0, \infty)$$

A. * let σ^2 be fixed, find Kernel

$$K(X; \theta; \sigma^2) \propto e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(X-\theta)^2} = e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(X^2 - 2X\theta + \theta^2)}$$

$$\propto e^{-\frac{X^2}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{X\theta}{\sigma^2}}$$

$$\propto e^{-X^2\left(\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}\right)} e^{X\left(\frac{\theta}{\sigma^2}\right)}$$

$$= e^{\alpha X^2} e^{\beta X}$$

• Note •

θ is also fixed/constant

$$\alpha = -1/2\sigma^2 \quad \alpha \leq 0$$

$$\beta = \theta/\sigma^2 \quad \beta \in \mathbb{R}$$

- $\hat{\theta}_{MLE}$ for Normal

$$f(\theta; X_1, \dots, X_n, \sigma^2) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(X_i - \theta)^2} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}}\right)^n e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \theta)^2}$$

$$l = \ln(f) = n \ln\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}}\right) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i^2 - 2X_i\theta + \theta^2)}{(\sum X_i^2 - 2\theta \sum X_i + n\theta^2)}$$

* $d/d\theta$

$$l' = 0 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (0 - 2\sum X_i + 2n\theta) = \frac{\sum X_i}{\sigma^2} - \frac{n\theta}{\sigma^2}$$

Find max. $l' = 0 = \frac{\sum X_i}{\sigma^2} - \frac{n\theta}{\sigma^2}$

$$\frac{n\theta}{\sigma^2} = \frac{\sum X_i}{\sigma^2}$$

$$\theta = \frac{\sum X_i}{n} = \bar{X} = \hat{\theta}_{MLE}$$

Note: $\sum X_i = n\bar{X}$

fixed

$$P(\theta | x_1, \dots, x_n; \sigma^2) = \frac{P(x_1, \dots, x_n | \theta; \sigma^2) P(\theta | \sigma^2)}{P(x_1, \dots, x_n | \sigma^2)} \propto P(x_1, \dots, x_n | \theta; \sigma^2) P(\theta | \sigma^2)$$

$$= \left[\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \right)^n e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum (x_i - \theta)^2} \right] P(\theta | \sigma^2)$$

$$\propto e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum x_i^2} e^{\frac{0 \sum x_i}{\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{n\theta^2}{\sigma^2}} \cdot P(\theta | \sigma^2)$$

• Notes
 x_i is now constant
 $\sum x_i = n\bar{x}$

$$\propto e^{-\left(\frac{n}{\sigma^2}\right)\theta^2} e^{\left(\frac{\sum x_i}{\sigma^2}\right)\theta} \cdot P(\theta | \sigma^2)$$

$$\propto e^{-\left(\frac{n}{\sigma^2}\right)\theta^2} e^{\left(\frac{n\bar{x}}{\sigma^2}\right)\theta} \cdot P(\theta | \sigma^2)$$

• $a = \frac{n}{2\sigma^2}$
 • $b = \frac{n\bar{x}}{\sigma^2}$

form of $K(\theta | x, \sigma^2)$

- so $P(\theta | \sigma^2)$ must resemble $K(\theta | x; \sigma^2)$ for conjugate prior+posterior

$$\propto \begin{pmatrix} e^{a\theta^2} & e^{b\theta} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} e^{c\theta^2} & e^{d\theta} \end{pmatrix} \propto N(\dots)$$

$K(\theta | x; \sigma^2) \quad K(\theta | \sigma^2)$

- let prior be Normal too : so $\theta | \sigma^2 \sim N(\mu_0, \tau^2)$
- prior mean prior variance

$$P(\theta | \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\tau^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\tau^2}(\theta - \mu_0)^2} \propto e^{\left(\frac{-1}{\tau^2}\right)\theta^2} e^{\left(\frac{\mu_0}{\tau^2}\right)\theta}$$

since μ_0 fixed
 τ^2 fixed

• So

$$P(\theta | x_1, \dots, x_n; \sigma^2) \propto \begin{pmatrix} e^{a\theta^2} & e^{b\theta} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e^{c\theta^2} & e^{d\theta} \end{pmatrix}$$

$\text{Norm}(\sum x_i, \sigma^2)$ $\text{Norm}(\mu_0, \tau^2)$
 (data) (prior)

$a = -n/2\sigma^2$
 $b = n\bar{x}/\sigma^2$
 $c = -1/2\tau^2$
 $d = \mu_0/\tau^2$

$$\propto e^{(a+c)\theta^2} \cdot e^{(b+d)\theta}$$

- converting to form of kernel :

$$P(\theta | x; \sigma^2) \propto N\left(\frac{\frac{n\bar{x}}{\sigma^2} + \frac{\mu_0}{\tau^2}}{\frac{n}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{\tau^2}}, \frac{1}{\frac{n}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{\tau^2}}\right)$$

$a+c$: form of $-1/2\text{var}$
 $b+d$: form of mean/var

** Compare $a+c$ to α
 $b+d$ to β

from Kernel of Norm. distribution
 $K(x, \theta, \sigma^2)$