

# Lecture - 12

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$$X \sim \text{Poisson}(\theta) = \underbrace{e^{-\theta}}_{\text{Constant}} \theta^x = p(x; \theta) \propto e^{-\theta} \theta^x$$

(Discrete)

$$Y \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta) = \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} y^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta y} \propto y^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta y}$$

(Continuous)

$T$ : iid poisson  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ ;  $\theta$  iid poisson( $\theta$ )

$$p(x|\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{e^{-\theta} \theta^{x_i}}{x_i!} = \frac{e^{-n\theta} \theta^{\sum x_i}}{\prod_{i=1}^n x_i!}; \theta \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$$

Put a prior on  $\theta$ ; last time we learnt that the gamma is conjugate for the poisson likelihood model.

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

$$= \left( \frac{e^{-n\theta} \theta^{\sum x_i}}{\prod_{i=1}^n x_i!} \right) \left( \frac{\beta^\alpha \theta^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta\theta}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \right)$$

likelihood                      Gamma

$$\propto e^{-n\theta} \theta^{\sum x_i} \theta^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta\theta} = \theta^{\sum x_i + \alpha - 1} e^{-(n+\beta)\theta}$$

(kernel)

$$\propto \text{Gamma}(\sum x_i + \alpha, n + \beta) = P(\theta|x)$$

$$P(\theta) \xrightarrow{x} P(\theta|x) \text{ Gamma distribution}$$

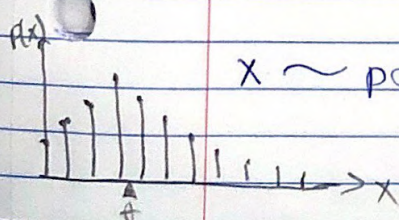
$$\text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta) \xrightarrow{x} \text{Gamma}(\sum x_i + \alpha, n + \beta) \quad \begin{matrix} \alpha \\ \# \text{ of} \\ \text{trials} \end{matrix}$$

$$X \sim \text{poisson}(\theta) \text{ Supp}[X] = \mathbb{N}_0 (0, 1, \dots, \infty)$$

parameter space  $\theta \in (0, \infty)$

$$E[X] = \theta$$

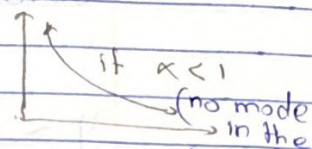
$\theta = np$   
prob. of success





$$E[\theta] = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}, \text{ mode}[\theta] = \frac{\alpha-1}{\beta} \text{ if } \alpha \geq 1$$

$$\hat{\theta}_{\text{MMSE}} = E[\theta|x] = \frac{\sum x_i + \alpha}{n + \beta}$$



$$\hat{\theta}_{\text{MMSE}} = \text{med}[\theta|x] = \text{qgamma}(0.5, \sum x_i + \alpha, n + \beta)$$

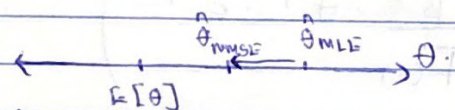
$$\hat{\theta}_{\text{MAP}} = \text{mode}[\theta|x] = \frac{\sum x_i + \alpha - 1}{n + \beta}; \text{ if } \sum x_i + \alpha \geq 1$$

Pseudo count interpretation.

$$\theta|x \sim \text{Gamma}(\underbrace{\sum x_i}_{\text{\# of total success}} + \underbrace{\alpha}_{\text{\# of pseudo success}}, \underbrace{n + \beta}_{\text{\# of trials + \# of pseudo trials (n_0)}})$$

# of experiments you made; (if gamma be large #) stronger data

Shrinkage.



$$\hat{\theta}_{\text{MMSE}} = \frac{\sum x_i + \alpha}{n + \beta} = \frac{\sum x_i}{n + \beta} + \frac{\alpha}{n + \beta}$$

Prior expectation  $E[\theta]$

$$= \frac{n}{n + \beta} \bar{x} + \frac{\beta}{n + \beta} E[\theta]$$

If you have more & more data, you will get more & more shrinkage.

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



Prove the MLE

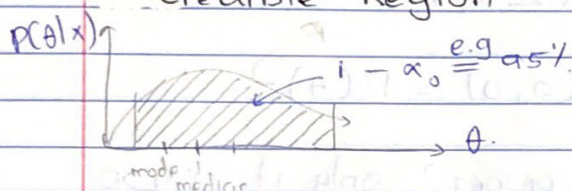
$$L(\theta; x) = \frac{e^{-n\theta} \theta^{\sum x_i}}{\prod x_i!}, \quad l(\theta; x) = -n\theta + (\sum x_i) \ln(\theta) - \ln(\prod x_i!)$$

$$l'(\theta; x) = -n + \frac{\sum x_i}{\theta} \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sum x_i}{\theta} = n$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum x_i = n\theta \Rightarrow \hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \bar{x}$$

Credible Region



$$CR_{\theta, 1-\alpha} = [q\text{gamma}(\alpha_{\frac{\alpha_0}{2}}, \sum x_i + \alpha, n + \beta), q\text{gamma}(1 - \alpha_{\frac{\alpha_0}{2}}, \sum x_i + \alpha, n + \beta)]$$

Bayesian hypothesis testing (same as before)

Uninformative priors (principal)

- ① Laplace indifference prior  $\text{Gamma}(1, 0)$
- ② Haldane ignorance prior  $\text{Gamma}(0, 0)$
- ③ Jeffrey's prior  $\text{Gamma}(\frac{1}{2}, 0)$

$$\theta \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta) \quad \text{Supp}[\theta] = [0, \alpha)$$

$$\theta \sim U(0, \alpha); \text{ Answer} \Rightarrow \text{NO}$$

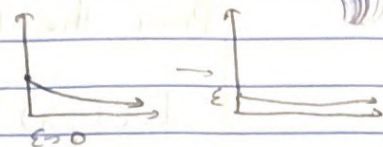
$$p(\theta) = \frac{1}{\alpha} = 0 \text{ not valid pdf!}$$

$$p(\theta) = \text{Gamma}(1, \varepsilon) = \frac{\varepsilon}{\Gamma(1)} \theta^{1-1} e^{-\varepsilon\theta} = \varepsilon e^{-\varepsilon\theta}$$



If  $\epsilon$  is really small  $\rightarrow \approx 0$

$$P(0) = \sum e^{-\epsilon(0)} = \epsilon$$



Laplace

$\theta \sim \text{Gamma}(1, 0)$  proper? No, b/c  $\beta > 0$   
 $n$  has to be greater than 1

$$\Rightarrow P(\theta|x) = \text{Gamma}(\sum x_i + 1, n)$$

shrinkage is undefined here Proper? Yes (always)

Haldane:  $\beta=0, \alpha=0$

# of pseudo

success

# of pseudo trials

$$P(\theta|x) = \text{Gamma}(\sum x_i + \alpha, n + \beta)$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Gamma}(0, 0) = P(\theta)$$

$\Rightarrow \text{Gamma}(\sum x_i, n)$  proper? only if  $\exists x_i > 0$

$$\hat{\theta}_{\text{MSE}} = E[\theta|x] = \frac{\sum x_i}{n} = \bar{x} = \hat{\theta}_{\text{MLE}}$$

Jeffrey's prior

$$P_J(\theta) \propto \sqrt{I(\theta)} = \sqrt{n/\theta} \propto \theta^{-1/2} = \theta^{1/2-1} \text{ Gamma}(1/2, 0)$$

$$l'(\theta; x) = -\frac{n + \sum x_i}{\theta}, \quad -l''(\theta; x) = \frac{\sum x_i}{\theta^2}$$

$$I(\theta) = E_x[-l''(\theta; x)] = E_x\left[\frac{\sum x_i}{\theta^2}\right] = \frac{1}{\theta^2} \sum_{i=1}^n E[x_i]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\theta^2} n\theta = n/\theta$$

$P(\theta|x) = \text{Gamma}(\sum x_i + 1/2, n)$  Always proper? YES!



## Prediction

$X_*$  is the next observation that you want to predict

$$X_* | X \sim ? \quad \text{Supp}[X_* | X] = \text{Supp}[X] = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

$$P(X_* | X) = \int_{\Theta} \underbrace{P(X_* | \theta)}_{\text{likelihood}} \underbrace{P(\theta | X)}_{\text{posterior}} d\theta.$$

$$= \int_0^\infty \left( \frac{e^{-\theta} \theta^{x_*}}{x_*!} \right) \left( \frac{(n+\beta)^{\sum x_i + \alpha}}{\Gamma(\sum x_i + \alpha)} \cdot \theta^{\sum x_i + \alpha - 1} e^{-(n+\beta)\theta} \right) d\theta$$