

# Lecture 10.

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## Informative Priors

Let  $\theta$  be the career prob. of getting a hit for a batter in baseball.

$$\hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \frac{x}{n} \quad \begin{matrix} x \leftarrow \# \text{ hits} \\ n \leftarrow \# \text{ at bats} \end{matrix} \quad \text{bad estimator (b/c small } n)$$

Bern  $\theta$  in history is 0.366

Average is 0.260

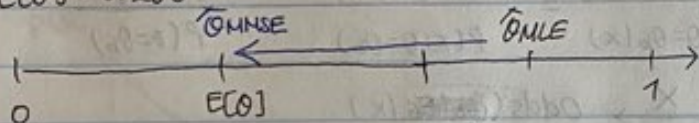
$n=7, \alpha=2$

$$\hat{\theta}_{MLE} = 0.667 = \hat{\theta}_{MMSE} \text{ if } \theta \sim \text{Beta}(0,0)$$

$$\text{if } \theta \sim \text{Beta}(1,1), \hat{\theta}_{MMSE} = \frac{1+2}{2+1+1} = 0.600$$

Design a prior  $\rightarrow$  Pick  $\alpha, \beta$

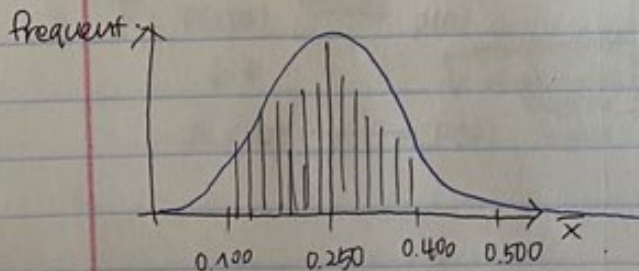
$$E[\theta] = 0.260$$



$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\theta}_{MMSE} &= (1\%) \hat{\theta}_{MLE} \\ &+ (99\%) (0.260) = 0.263 \\ &= E[\theta] \end{aligned}$$

Look at previous data. eg. all players  $> 500$  at bats

We examine  $\bar{x}$ 's



Now try to fit a Beta distribution to the data.

Via maximum likelihood  $\hat{\alpha}_{MLE} = 78.7$  &

$$\hat{\beta}_{MLE} = 224.8$$

$$\Rightarrow E[\hat{\theta}] = 0.260$$

$$\Rightarrow n_0 = 303.5$$

This process is called "empirical Bayes."

$$\Rightarrow p = \frac{303.5}{303.5 + 77} = 99\%$$

dt.  $n = \alpha + \beta$  of cm

$$\begin{aligned} \text{no. } \theta \in \mathbb{R}^2 \\ \therefore p = \frac{d\theta}{d\theta + n} \end{aligned}$$



$\theta \sim \text{Beta}(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$  is called the Jeffery's prior (uninformative).

$$\text{Odds}(A) := \frac{P(A)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{P(A^c)^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{P(A)}{1-P(A)} \in [0, \infty)$$

$$\text{Odds Against}(A) := \text{Odds}(A)^{-1} = \frac{1-P(A)}{P(A)} \in [0, \infty)$$

$$\text{Odds}(A, B) := \frac{P(A)}{P(B)}$$

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

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

$$\rightarrow \text{Odds}(\theta_a, \theta_b | x) = \frac{P(\theta = \theta_a | x)}{P(\theta = \theta_b | x)} = \frac{P(x | \theta = \theta_a)}{P(x | \theta = \theta_b)} \cdot \frac{P(\theta = \theta_a)}{P(\theta = \theta_b)}$$

$\downarrow$  likelihood prior       $\downarrow$  prior odds (Odds( $\theta_a, \theta_b$ ))

$$\Rightarrow \text{Odds}(\theta_a, \theta_b) \xrightarrow{x} \text{Odds}(\theta_a, \theta_b | x)$$

posterior odds.

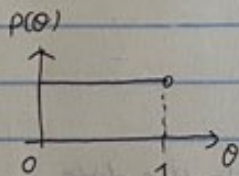
$$\text{e.g. } 1:1 \xrightarrow{x} 5:1$$

Let  $\phi(\theta)$  be odds  $\theta$ .

$F$ : Binomial, fixed  $n$ .

$$\phi(\theta) = \frac{\theta}{1-\theta}$$

$$P(\theta) = U(0, 1)$$



Fisher's idea

Q) What is prior of indifference of  $\phi$ ?

A)  $P(\phi) \stackrel{?}{=} U(0, \infty) = 0 \neq$  not a valid PDF.  $\int_0^\infty 0 d\phi \neq 1$ .

\* If  $P(\theta) = U(0, 1)$ , what is  $P(\phi) = ?$



For a continuous random variable  $x$ .

If  $Y=t(x)$  where  $t$  is invertible and  $f_X(x)$  known.

$$\Rightarrow f_Y(y) = f_X(t^{-1}(y)) \left| \frac{d}{dy} [t^{-1}(y)] \right| \quad (\text{derived in Math 368})$$

$$Q = Q(\theta) = \frac{\theta}{1+\theta} = t(\theta)$$

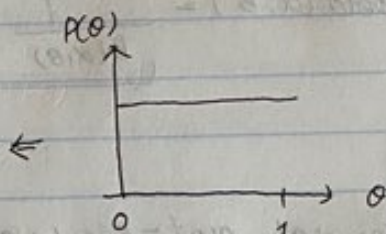
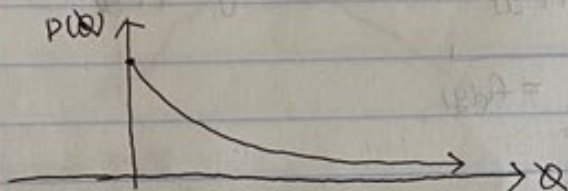
$$Q(1-\theta) = \theta$$

$$Q - \theta Q = \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{Q}{1+Q} = t^{-1}(Q)$$

$$\frac{d}{dQ} [t^{-1}(Q)] = \frac{(1+Q) \cdot 1 - Q \cdot 1}{(1+Q)^2} = \frac{1}{(1+Q)^2}$$

$$f_Q(Q) = f_\theta\left(\frac{Q}{1+Q}\right) \left| \frac{1}{(1+Q)^2} \right| = \frac{1}{(1+Q)^2}$$



$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{f}: P(X|\theta) & \xrightarrow{\text{Jeffery's protocol}} & P(Q) \\ \downarrow \neq & & \uparrow \text{transformation of variables formula works} \\ P(X|Q) & \xrightarrow{''} & P(Q) \end{array}$$

$$P(X|\theta) = \binom{n}{x} \theta^x (1-\theta)^{n-x}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X|Q) &= \binom{n}{x} \left(\frac{Q}{1+Q}\right)^x \left(1 - \frac{Q}{1+Q}\right)^{n-x} \\ &= \binom{n}{x} \frac{Q^x}{(1+Q)^n} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Binomial Parametrization with odds.

$$Q = Q(\theta) = \frac{\theta}{1-\theta} = t(\theta) \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{Q}{1+Q} = t^{-1}(Q)$$

Let  $X$  be continuous with density  $f(x|\theta)$ .

$f(x|\theta) \propto k(x|\theta)$  is unique.

by definition  $\exists c > 0$  not a function of  $x$ .

$$f(x|\theta) = c \cdot k(x|\theta)$$

$\uparrow$

now constant.



def. 0.18.

$$1 = \int_{\text{supp}(X)} f(x, \theta) dx = \int_{\text{supp}(X)} c \cdot k(x, \theta) dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \int_{\text{supp}(X)} k(x, \theta) dx \right)^{-1} = c$$

$$p(x, \theta) \propto k(x, \theta)$$

which means  $\exists c > 0$ .

$$p(x, \theta) = c k(x, \theta)$$

$$c = \left( \int_{x \in \text{supp}(X)} k(x, \theta) dx \right)^{-1}$$

$k(x, \theta) \rightarrow y, \theta$

$$\textcircled{ex} \quad Y \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta) = \frac{\frac{1}{B(\alpha, \beta)} y^{\alpha-1} (1-y)^{\beta-1}}{= f_Y(y)} \propto y^{\alpha-1} (1-y)^{\beta-1}$$

$\mathbb{F}$ : Binomial,  $p(\theta) = \text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta) \Rightarrow p(\theta|x) = \text{Beta}(x+\alpha, n-x+\beta)$

$$\begin{aligned} p(\theta|x) &= \frac{p(x|\theta)p(\theta)}{p(x)} \propto p(x|\theta)p(\theta) = \left( \binom{n}{x} \theta^x (1-\theta)^{n-x} \right) \left( \frac{1}{B(\alpha, \beta)} \theta^{\alpha-1} (1-\theta)^{\beta-1} \right) \\ &\propto \theta^{x+\alpha-1} (1-\theta)^{n-x+\beta-1} \\ &\propto \text{Beta}(x+\alpha, n-x+\beta) \end{aligned}$$

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$$Y \sim N(\theta, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(y-\theta)^2}$$

$$\propto e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(y-\theta)^2}$$

$$= e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(y^2 - 2\theta y + \theta^2)}$$

$$= e^{-\frac{y^2}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{\theta y}{\sigma^2} - \frac{\theta^2}{2\sigma^2}} = e^{-\frac{y^2}{2\sigma^2}} e^{\frac{\theta y}{\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{\theta^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$\propto e^{\frac{\theta y}{\sigma^2} - \frac{y^2}{2\sigma^2}} = k(y; \theta, \sigma^2)$$

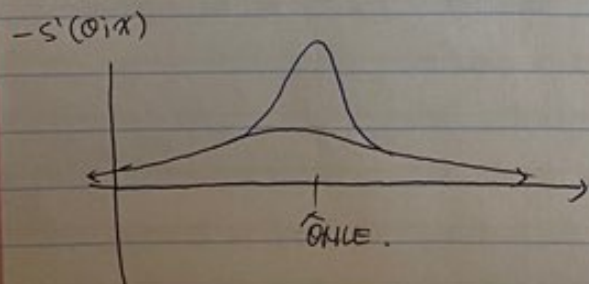
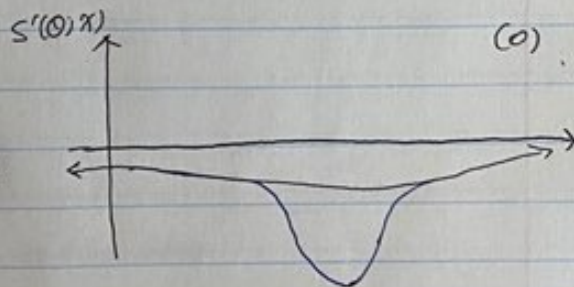
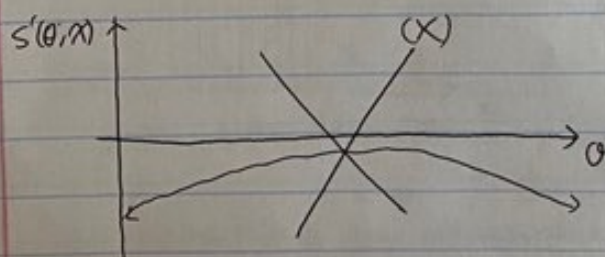
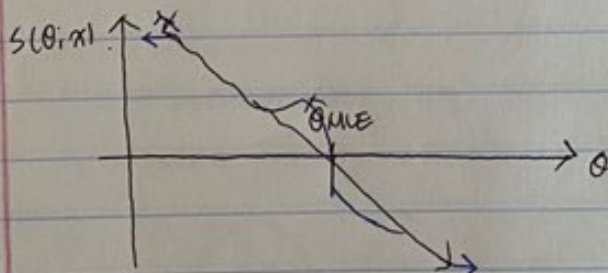
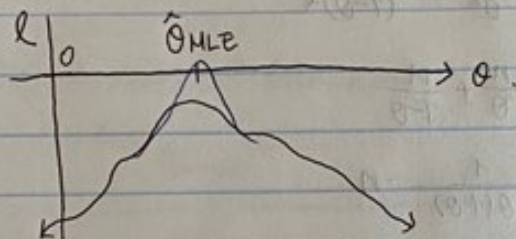
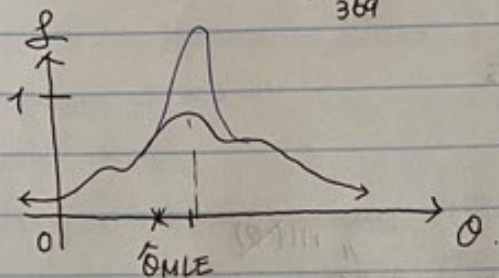
$$\therefore c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{\theta^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$



likelihood  $f(\theta; x) = p(x; \theta)$ .  $\log$   $l(\theta; x) := \ln(f)$   
 Score function  $s(\theta; x) := l'(\theta; x)$

$$I(\theta) := \text{Var}_x[s(\theta; x)] = \dots = -E_x[l''(\theta; x)] = -s''(\theta; x)$$

Fisher Information



$$X \sim \text{Bin}(n, \theta)$$

$$P(X; \theta) = \binom{n}{x} \theta^x (1-\theta)^{n-x}$$

$$\ell(\theta; x) = \ln\left(\binom{n}{x}\right) + x \ln(\theta) + (n-x) \ln(1-\theta)$$

$$\ell(\theta; x) = \ell'(\theta; x) = \frac{x}{\theta} - \frac{n-x}{1-\theta}$$

$$\ell''(\theta; x) = -\frac{x}{\theta^2} - \frac{n-x}{(1-\theta)^2}$$

$$-\ell''(\theta; x) = \frac{x}{\theta^2} + \frac{n-x}{(1-\theta)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow I(\theta) = E_x \left[ \frac{x}{\theta^2} + \frac{n-x}{(1-\theta)^2} \right] = \frac{n\theta}{\theta^2} + \frac{n-n\theta}{(1-\theta)^2}$$

$$= \frac{n}{\theta} + \frac{n}{1-\theta}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\theta(1-\theta)} \cdot n$$