

# Lecture 6

2/19 B<sub>7</sub> Monday

$$B(\alpha, \beta) := \int_0^1 e^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} dx$$

[beta function] ↑

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

$$E(Y) = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta}$$

$$\text{Mode}[Y] = \frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha+\beta-2}, \quad \alpha, \beta \geq 1$$

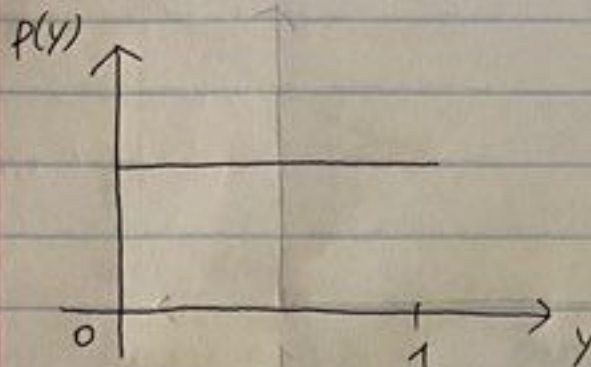
$$\text{Med}[Y] = \text{qbeta}(0.5, \alpha, \beta)$$

parameter space

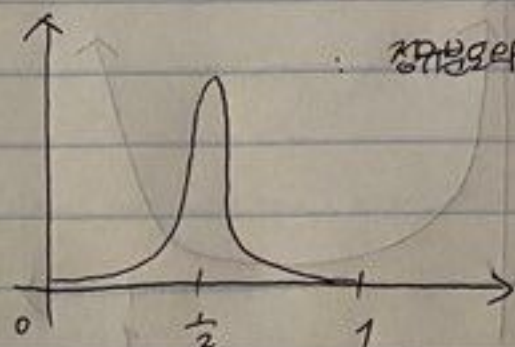
$$\alpha, \beta > 0$$

$$\text{supp}[Y] = (0, 1)$$

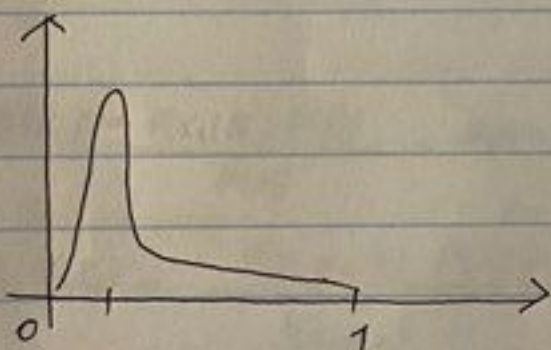
[shape]



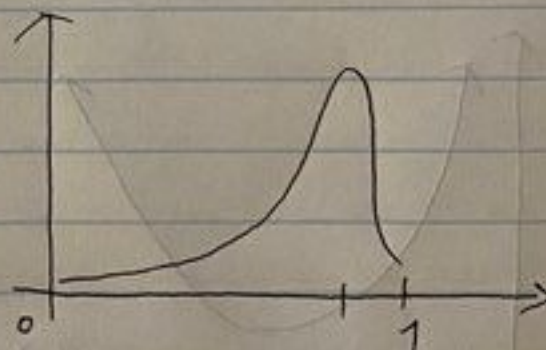
$$\alpha = \beta = 1, \quad U(0,1)$$



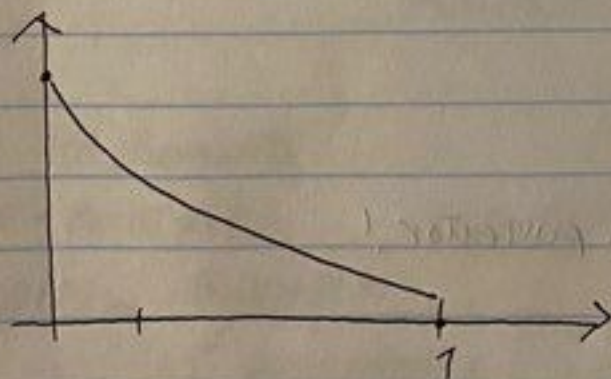
$$\alpha = \beta = 100$$



$$\alpha = 10, \beta = 90$$



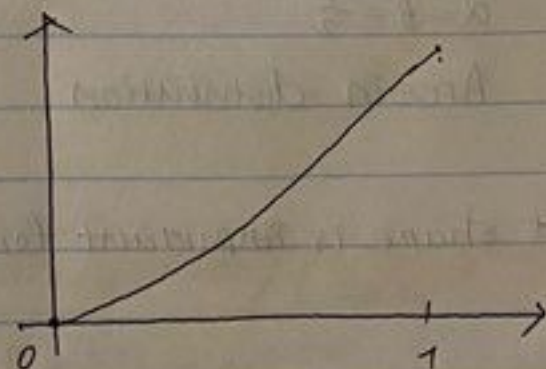
$$\alpha = 90, \beta = 10$$



$$\alpha = 1, \beta = 4$$

$$\downarrow$$
  

$$y=0$$



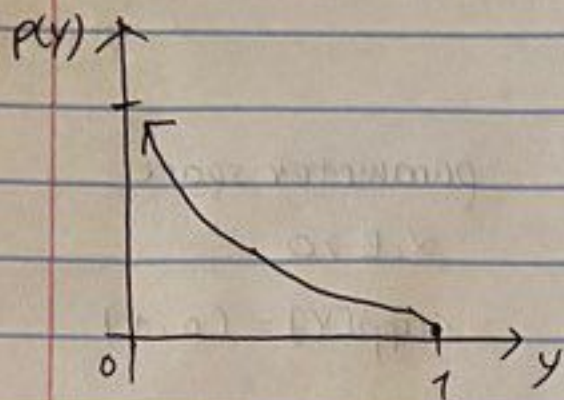
$$\alpha = 4, \beta = 1$$

$$\downarrow$$
  

$$y=1$$

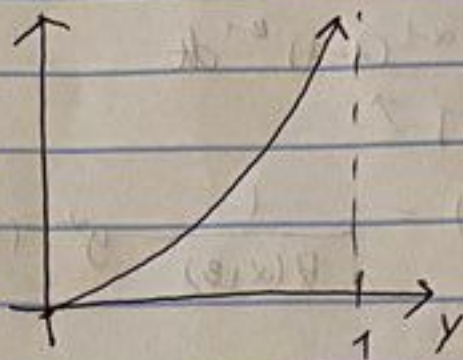


$\varepsilon > 0$  but small

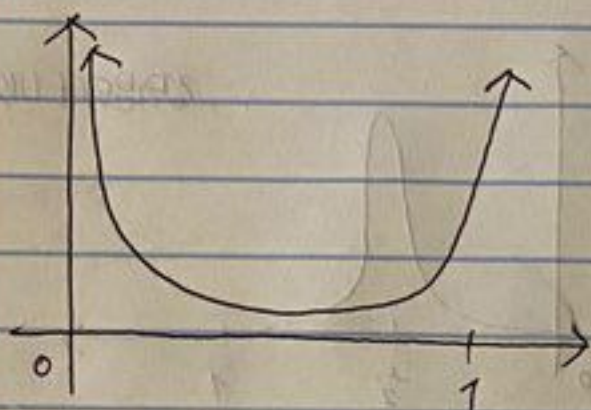


$$\alpha = 1 - \varepsilon, \quad \beta = 4$$

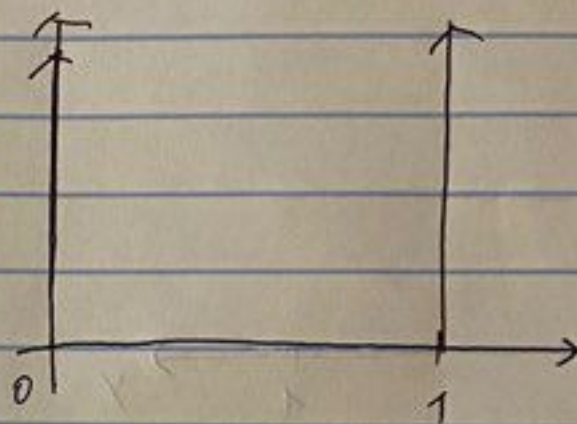
no mode(y)



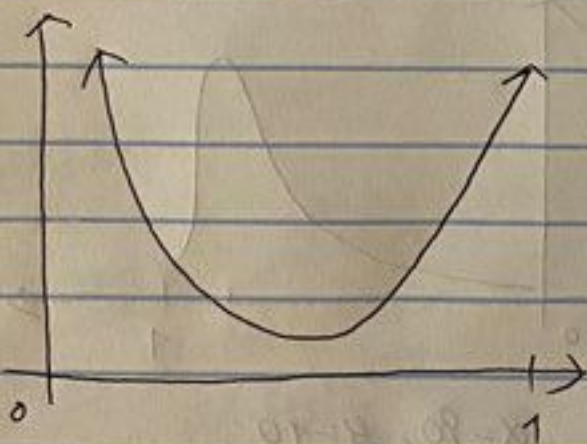
$$\alpha = 4, \quad \beta = 1 - \varepsilon$$



$$\alpha = \beta = 1 - \varepsilon$$



$$\alpha = \beta = \varepsilon$$



$$\alpha = \beta = \frac{1}{2}$$

Arcsin distribution

\* shape is important for the posterior!



$\mathcal{F} = \text{iid Bernoulli}$

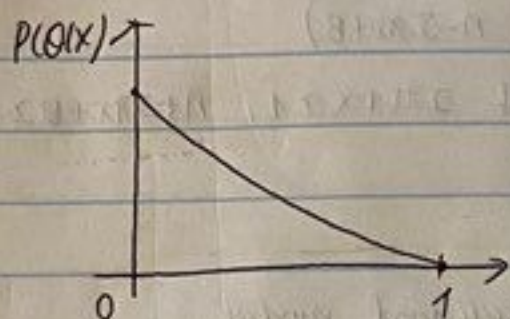
$$P(\theta) = U(0,1) = \text{Beta}(1,1)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(\theta|X) = \text{Beta}(\sum x_i + 1, n - \sum x_i + 1)$$

$$\text{Let } X = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$$

$$P(\theta|X) = \text{Beta}(1, 4)$$

formula 0/B



$$\alpha=1, \beta=4$$

$$\hat{\theta}_{\text{MMSE}} = 0.2, \quad \hat{\theta}_{\text{MAP}} \approx 0.159$$

$$\hat{\theta}_{\text{MAP}} = \hat{\theta}_{\text{MLE}} = 0$$

$$P(\theta|x_1) = \frac{P(x_1|\theta)P(\theta)}{P(x_1)} = \text{Beta}(1, 2)$$

$$P(\theta|x_1, x_2) = \frac{P(x_1, x_2|\theta) \cdot P(\theta|x_1)}{P(x_1, x_2)} = \text{Beta}(1, 3)$$

$$P(\theta|x_1, x_2, x_3) = \frac{P(x_1, x_2, x_3|\theta) \cdot P(\theta|x_1, x_2)}{P(x_1, x_2, x_3)} = \text{Beta}(1, 4)$$

$\mathcal{F} = \text{iid Bernoulli}$

$P(\theta) = \text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta)$ ,  $X$  is  $n$  observations

$$\begin{aligned} P(\theta|X) &= \frac{P(X|\theta)P(\theta)}{\int_0^1 P(X|\theta)P(\theta)d\theta} = \frac{(\theta^{\sum x_i} (1-\theta)^{n-\sum x_i}) \left( \frac{1}{B(\alpha, \beta)} \theta^{\alpha-1} (1-\theta)^{\beta-1} \right)}{\int_0^1 \theta^{\sum x_i} (1-\theta)^{n-\sum x_i} \frac{1}{B(\alpha, \beta)} \theta^{\alpha-1} (1-\theta)^{\beta-1} d\theta} \\ &= \frac{\theta^{\sum x_i + \alpha - 1} (1-\theta)^{n - \sum x_i + \beta - 1}}{\int_0^1 \theta^{\sum x_i + \alpha - 1} (1-\theta)^{n - \sum x_i + \beta - 1} d\theta} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \text{Beta}(\sum x_i + \alpha, n - \sum x_i + \beta) = \frac{1}{B(\sum x_i + \alpha, n - \sum x_i + \beta)} \theta^{\sum x_i + \alpha - 1} (1-\theta)^{n - \sum x_i + \beta - 1}$$



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$$P(\theta) \xrightarrow{\times} P(\theta|x)$$

$$\text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta) \xrightarrow{\times} \text{Beta}(\underbrace{\sum x_i + \alpha}_{\alpha'}, \underbrace{n - \sum x_i + \beta}_{\beta'})$$

prior parameters                      posterior parameters

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

$$\hat{\theta}_{\text{MMAE}} = \text{Med}[\theta|x] = \text{qbeta}(0.5, \sum x_i + \alpha, n - \sum x_i + \beta)$$

$$\hat{\theta}_{\text{MAP}} = \text{Mode}[\theta|x] = \frac{\sum x_i + \alpha - 1}{n + \alpha + \beta - 2} \quad \text{if } \sum x_i + \alpha \geq 1, n + \sum x_i + \beta \geq 1$$

"Conjugacy" for a likelihood model

the prior and the posterior have the same random variable.  
(different parameters). Beta is the "conjugate prior" for the iid Bernoulli likelihood.

$T = \text{Bin}(n, \theta)$  with  $n$  fixed, known and  $\theta$  unknown.

$$\binom{n}{x} \theta^x (1-\theta)^{n-x}$$

pseudo=fake.

Let  $X = \sum x_i$  is the iid Bernoulli model.

$$n - X = n - \sum x_i$$

$$P(\theta) = \text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta) \Rightarrow P(\theta|x) = \text{Beta}(\underbrace{x + \alpha}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{\# of success}}}, \underbrace{n - x + \beta}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{\# of failures}}})$$

# of prior successes / # of pseudosuccesses  
pseudo count  
# of prior failures / # of pseudofailures

$$P(\theta) = U(0,1) = \text{Beta}(1,1)$$

# prior observations

↑  
principle indifference

↑    ↑  
 $\alpha$     $\beta$

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 $N_0 = 2$

1 fake success / 1 fake failure

$$E(\theta) = \frac{1}{2}$$

The principle of indifference is "not indifference"  
because it contains information.

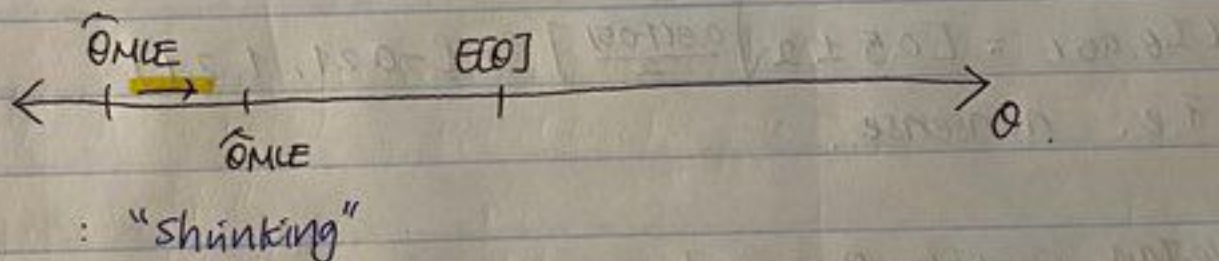
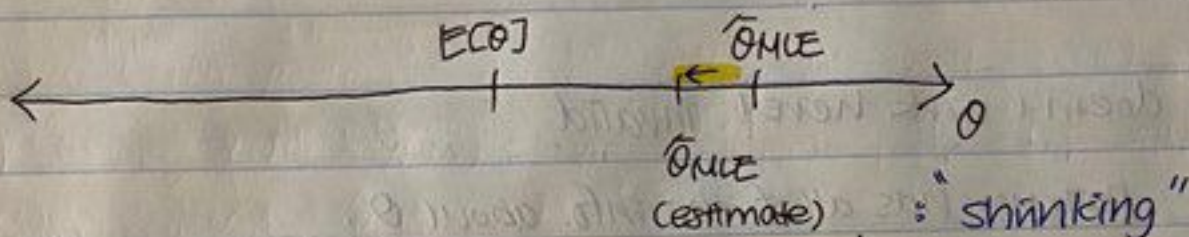


↙ default point estimation.

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\theta}_{MMSE} &= \frac{x + \alpha}{n + \alpha + B} = \frac{x}{n + \alpha + B} \cdot \frac{n}{n} + \frac{\alpha}{n + \alpha + B} \cdot \frac{\alpha + B}{\alpha + B} \\ &= \frac{n}{n + \alpha + B} \left( \frac{x}{n} \right) + \frac{\alpha + B}{n + \alpha + B} \cdot \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + B} \\ &\quad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{1-\rho} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{=\bar{x}} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{\rho} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}_{\text{prior expectation}} \\ &= (1-\rho) \cdot \hat{\theta}_{MLE} + \rho \cdot E(\theta)\end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \hat{\theta}_{MMSE} = (1-\rho) \hat{\theta}_{MLE} + \rho E(\theta)$  : linear combination.  
"shrinkage estimation"

% of what believe after + % of what believe before



$\alpha, B$  small  $\Rightarrow$  prior uninformative

$\alpha, B$  large  $\Rightarrow$  prior informative



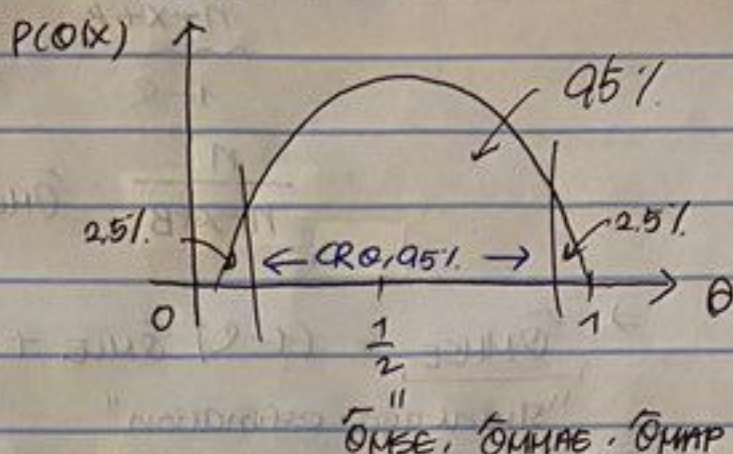
$\mathcal{F} = \text{Binomial}$

$x=1, n=2$

1 failure + 1 failure  
1 pseudo success + 1 real success

$P(\theta)$  prior indifference

$\Rightarrow P(\theta|x) = \text{Beta}(2, 2)$



[2nd Goal of Inference]

: confidence set

↪ doesn't work here! Invalid.

posterior has all of the info. about  $\theta$ .

$$CI_{0.95\%} = [0.5 \pm 2 \sqrt{\frac{0.5(1-0.5)}{2}}] = [-0.21, 1.21]$$

i.e. nonsense.

[Bayesian Credible Regions] (CR)

$$CR_{0,1-\alpha} = [\text{Quantile}[\theta|x, \frac{\alpha}{2}], \text{Quantile}[\theta|x, 1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}]]$$

$$\alpha > 0 = P(\theta \in CR_{0,1-\alpha} | X) = 1 - \alpha$$