

Example 1 : Recursive Bayes Learning (pp 98)

$$p(x|\theta) \sim U(0, \theta) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\theta} & 0 \leq x \leq \theta \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Assume :  $\theta$  is bounded and  $0 < \theta \leq 10$ . (flat prior, noninformative)

$D = \{4, 7, 2, 8\}$  : randomly selected.

Recursive Bayes to estimate  $\theta$  & the underlying density.

$$p(\theta|D^0) = p(\theta) = U(0, 10)$$



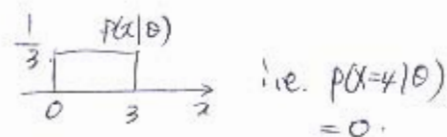
$$p(\theta|D^1) = \frac{p(x_1|\theta) p(\theta|D^0)}{\int \dots d\theta} \propto p(x_1|\theta) p(\theta|D^0)$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\theta} & 4 \leq \theta \leq 10 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \leftarrow p(x=4|\theta) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\theta} & \text{if } 4 \leq \theta \leq 10 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

e.g. if  $\theta = 3$ , then

$$p(\theta|D^2) \propto p(x_2|\theta) p(\theta|D^1)$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\theta^2} & 7 \leq \theta \leq 10 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



$$p(\theta|D^3) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\theta^3} & 7 \leq \theta \leq 10 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$p(\theta|D^4) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\theta^4} & 8 \leq \theta \leq 10 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

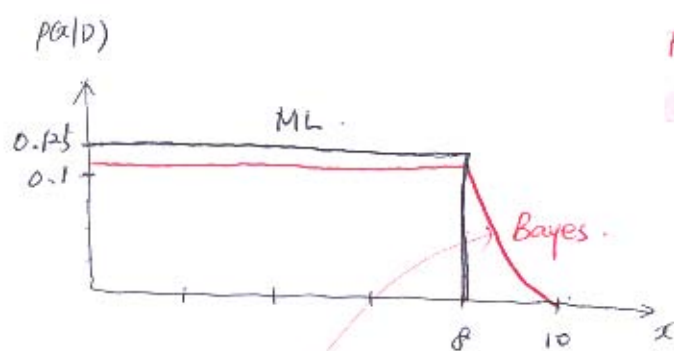
$$p(\theta|D^n) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\theta^n} & \max_x(D_n) \leq \theta \leq 10 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$p(\theta|D) = p(x_1|\theta) p(x_2|\theta) p(x_3|\theta) p(x_4|\theta) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\theta^4} & 8 \leq \theta \leq 10 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{MLE} : \theta_{\text{ML}} = 8$$

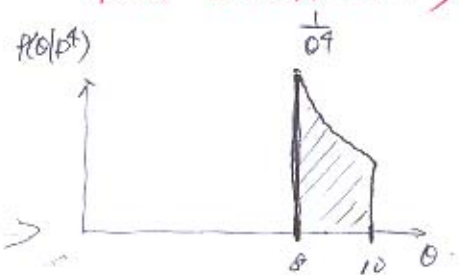
$\therefore$  1) if  $\theta < 8$  then at least one term (e.g.  $p(x=8|\theta)$ ) equals 0. therefore  $p(D^4|\theta) = 0$ .

2) if  $\theta > 8$  the value of each term ( $= \frac{1}{\theta}$ ) decreases  $\Rightarrow p(D^4|\theta)$  decreases.



For ML, values of  $x$  larger than 8 is impossible while they are possible for Bayes.

in prior information too,  
 $(p(x|\theta) \sim U(0, \theta), 0 \leq \theta \leq 10)$



Bayes Est.

$$p(x|D) = \int_0^{10} p(x|\theta) p(\theta|D) d\theta.$$

$$= \begin{cases} \int_0^8 \frac{1}{\theta} \cdot \frac{1}{\theta^4} d\theta & \text{if } x \leq 8. \\ \int_x^{10} \frac{1}{\theta} \cdot \frac{1}{\theta^4} d\theta & \text{if } 8 < x \leq 10 \end{cases}$$

$\nwarrow$   
 $\therefore p(x|\theta) = 0 \text{ for } 8 \leq \theta < x$