

$p(m|N, \theta)$ is a Binomial distribution, $p(\theta|a, b)$ is a beta distribution

We want to prove the Beta-Binomial conjugation

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$$p(\theta|m) = \frac{p(m|N, \theta) \cdot p(\theta|a, b)}{p(m)} \propto \binom{N}{m} \theta^m (1-\theta)^{N-m} \cdot \theta^{a-1} (1-\theta)^{b-1} \cdot \frac{1}{\beta(a, b)}$$

$$\propto \theta^{m+a-1} (1-\theta)^{N-m+b-1}$$

$\therefore p(\theta|m)$ is a valid probability distribution and integrates to 1.

We need a scaling factor C so that $\int_0^1 C \theta^{m+a-1} (1-\theta)^{N-m+b-1} d\theta = 1$

It turns out that if C is $\frac{1}{\beta(m+a, N-m+b)}$, $\int_0^1 C \theta^{m+a-1} (1-\theta)^{N-m+b-1} d\theta = 1$

$$\therefore p(\theta|m) = \frac{1}{\beta(m+a, N-m+b)} \theta^{m+a-1} (1-\theta)^{N-m+b-1} \rightarrow \text{a Beta distribution}$$