

Homework #3 (100 points)

207.547 Seminar in Experimental Psychology: Computational Modeling
Spring 2018

Due: Thursday, May 3rd, at 11:59 pm

1. (50 pts). Consider the following binomial model and data:

Model M1: *Prior:* $\theta \sim \text{Beta}(2,2)$
 Likelihood: $k_i \sim \text{Bin}(\theta, n_i), (i = 1, \dots, 6)$

Data: $k[i] = \{11, 18, 15, 39, 32, 43\}$
 $n[i] = \{20, 25, 30, 55, 45, 57\}$

- (1) Draw a graphical representation of the model.
- (2) Using Stan, find the following:
 - (2a) The posterior distribution of the parameter.
 - (2b) The 95% Highest Density Interval for the parameter.

Attached your Stan program and outputs.

2. (50 pts). Modify `ra_prospect_stan_singleSubj.R` and `ra_prospect_stan_singleSubj.stan` codes so that

- (1) Your code will calculate posterior distributions of all 5 subjects (Hint: use a for loop)
- (2) Calculate posterior means of 5 subjects (Hint: `mean(...)`)
- (3) Compare MLE estimates (from HW2) and posterior means by plotting them in x- and y-axes.

Bonus Question 1 (+20 pts)

- (1) Based on lecture materials and chapters from John Kruschke's book, use grid approximation (instead of MCMC) and calculate posterior distributions of the `ra_prospect` model. Use 10 grids per parameter. Plot and attach your posterior distributions. Attach your R (or Python/Matlab) code.
- (2) Use 30 grids per parameter. Plot and attach your posterior distributions. Attach your R (or Python/Matlab) code.

Bonus Question 2 (+ 10 pts)

Perform posterior predictive checks by extracting `y_pred`. For each subject, plot actual and predicted choice behaviors on a single plot and check if the model mimics the actual choice patterns.