

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} p(x|\theta) : \text{likelihood} \\ p(\theta) : \text{prior} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{Combine} \\ \text{prior} \end{array} \begin{array}{l} \text{likelih. (data) +} \\ \rightarrow \end{array} \frac{\text{posterior}}{p(\theta|x)}$$

$\int p(x)$: marginal distⁿ

Use these to derive $p(\theta|x)$

\rightarrow assuming data x is FIXED + KNOWN!

$$p(\theta|x) = \frac{p(\theta, x)}{p(x)} = \frac{p(x|\theta) p(\theta)}{p(x)}$$

$p(x)$ \rightarrow does NOT depend on θ

\propto
prop
 θ

$$p(\theta|x) p(\theta)$$

\hookrightarrow see if I recognize this as a common distⁿ.

(x is a constant wrt to θ)

(Ex: Normal, Gamma, etc.).

+

$$X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\theta), \quad 0 < \theta < 1$$

$$p(x|\theta) = \theta^x (1-\theta)^{1-x} I(0 < \theta < 1).$$

$$X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{Bern}(\theta)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \alpha: \text{prop to} \\ x_{1:n} = x_1, \dots, x_n \end{array} \right\} \text{not. shorthand.}$$

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_n | \theta) \stackrel{\text{iid}}{=} \quad (1)$$

$$P(X_1 = x_1 | \theta) P(X_2 = x_2 | \theta) \cdots P(X_n = x_n | \theta) \quad (2)$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i = x_i | \theta) \quad (3)$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i | \theta) \quad (4)$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^n \theta^{x_i} (1-\theta)^{1-x_i} \quad \text{plugging in Bern.} \quad (5)$$

$$= \theta^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} (1-\theta)^{n - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i} \quad (6)$$

likelihood

prior $\theta \sim \text{Beta}(a, b)$, $a, b > 0$

$$p(\theta) \propto \text{Beta}(\underbrace{\theta}_{\text{r.v.}} \mid \underbrace{a, b}_{\text{fixed}}) = \frac{1}{B(a, b)} \theta^{a-1} (1-\theta)^{b-1}$$

$$I(0 < \theta < 1) \quad (7)$$

$$B(a, b) = \frac{\Gamma(a) \Gamma(b)}{\Gamma(a+b)}$$

Posterior

$$p(\theta | x_{1:n}) \propto p(x_{1:n} | \theta) p(\theta)$$

Plus in
(6) + (7)

$$= \theta^{\sum x_i} (1-\theta)^{n - \sum x_i} \times \frac{1}{B(a, b)} \theta^{a-1} (1-\theta)^{b-1} I(0 < \theta < 1)$$

constant that doesn't depend on θ

$$\propto \theta^{\sum x_i} (1-\theta)^{n - \sum x_i} \theta^{a-1} (1-\theta)^{b-1} I(0 < \theta < 1)$$

$$= \theta^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i + a - 1} (1-\theta)^{n - \sum x_i + b - 1} I(0 < \theta < 1)$$

group like terms

$$\Rightarrow \theta | x_{1:n} \sim \text{Beta}(\sum x_i + a, n - \sum x_i + b)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int \underbrace{\theta^{a_n+1-1} (1-\theta)^{b_n-1}}_{\text{kernel of Beta}(a_n+1, b_n)} d\theta \\
 &= \int \frac{\theta^{a_n+1-1} (1-\theta)^{b_n-1}}{\beta(a_n+1, b_n)} \times \beta(a_n+1, b_n) d\theta \\
 &= \underline{\beta(a_n+1, b_n)} //
 \end{aligned}$$