

## Winter 19 – AMS206B Homework 1 Solution

1. Let  $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$ , where  $E(X) = 1/\lambda$ . What is the pmf (probability mass function) of  $Y = \lfloor X \rfloor$  (the floor of  $X$ )? Do you recognize it as a distribution that you have studied in the past?

We first find  $\Pr(Y = y) = \Pr(y \leq X < y+1) = \int_y^{y+1} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx = e^{-\lambda y}(1 - e^{-\lambda})$ ,  $y = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

We observe it is the probability function for the geometric distribution with parameter  $e^{-\lambda}$ , i.e.,  $Y \sim \text{Geometric}(e^{-\lambda})$ .

2. Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be two independent random variables such that  $X_i \sim \text{Ga}(a_i, b)$  for any  $a_1, a_2, b > 0$ . Define  $Y = X_1/(X_1 + X_2)$  and  $Z = (X_1 + X_2)$ .

- (a) Find the joint pdf for  $Y$  and  $Z$  and show that these two random variables are independent.

$Y = X_1/(X_1 + X_2)$  and  $Z = (X_1 + X_2)$ ,  $X_1, X_2 \in \mathbb{R}^+$  are differentiable one-to-one transformations. We observe  $X_1 = YZ$  and  $X_2 = Z(1 - Y)$ . We use a change of variables. We have  $0 < Y < 1$  and  $Z \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , and find

$$\begin{aligned} g(y, z) &= f(yz, z(1-y))|J| \\ &= \frac{b^{a_1}}{\Gamma(a_1)} (yz)^{a_1-1} e^{-byz} \frac{b^{a_2}}{\Gamma(a_2)} ((1-y)z)^{a_2-1} e^{-b(1-y)z} z \\ &\propto \underbrace{y^{a_1-1}(1-y)^{a_2-1}}_{\text{function of } y \text{ only}} \underbrace{z^{a_1+a_2-1} e^{-bz}}_{\text{function of } z \text{ only}}, y \in (0, 1) \text{ and } 0 < z. \end{aligned}$$

Since the joint pdf of  $Y$  and  $Z$  can be expressed as a product of a function of  $Y$  only and a function of  $Z$  only,  $Y$  and  $Z$  are independent.

- (b) Find the marginal pdf of  $Z$ . Do you recognize this pdf as belonging to some family that you know?

From part (a), we have  $f(z) \propto z^{a_1+a_2-1} e^{-bz}$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and recognize it is proportional to the pdf of  $\text{Gamma}(a_1 + a_2, b)$ . Thus,  $Z \sim \text{Gamma}(a_1 + a_2, b)$ .

- (c) Find the marginal pdf of  $Y$ . Do you recognize this pdf as belonging to some family that you know?

From part (a), we have  $f(y) \propto y^{a_1-1}(1-y)^{a_2-1}$ ,  $0 < y < 1$  and recognize it is proportional to the pdf of  $\text{Be}(a_1, a_2)$ . Thus,  $Y \sim \text{Be}(a_1, a_2)$ .

- (d) Compute  $E(Y^k)$  for any  $k > 0$ .

We have

$$E(Y^k) = \int_0^1 y^k \frac{1}{B(a_1, a_2)} y^{a_1-1} (1-y)^{a_2-1} dy = \frac{B(a_1 + k, a_2)}{B(a_1, a_2)}.$$

(e) What does this result imply if  $a_i = b = 1$ ?

We observe  $Y \sim \text{Be}(1, 1) = \text{Unif}(1, 1)$ . For  $Z = X_1 + \dots, X_n$ ,  $Z \sim \text{Gamma}(n, 1)$ , that is, Erlang distribution.

3. Consider three independent random variables  $X_1, X_2$  and  $X_3$  such that  $X_i \stackrel{\text{indep}}{\sim} \text{Gamma}(a_i, b)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . Let

$$\mathbf{Y} = (Y_1, Y_2, Y_3) = \left( \frac{X_1}{X_1 + X_2 + X_3}, \frac{X_2}{X_1 + X_2 + X_3}, \frac{X_3}{X_1 + X_2 + X_3} \right).$$

(a) Show that  $\mathbf{Y} \sim \text{Dirichlet}(a_1, a_2, a_3)$ , a Dirichlet distribution.

First, we consider the joint density of the three independent Gamma-distributed RVs:

$$p(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \prod_{i=1}^3 p(x_i) = \prod_{i=1}^3 \frac{x_i^{a_i-1} e^{-x_i/b}}{\Gamma(a_i) b^{a_i}} = \frac{e^{\sum_{i=1}^3 x_i/b} \prod_{i=1}^3 x_i^{a_i-1}}{b^{\sum_{i=1}^3 a_i} \prod_{i=1}^3 \Gamma(a_i)}.$$

Since  $Y_i = X_i / \sum_{i=1}^3 X_i$ , we find

$$\begin{aligned} X_1 &= Y_1 Z \\ X_2 &= Y_2 Z \\ X_3 &= Y_3 Z = (1 - Y_1 - Y_2) Z, \end{aligned}$$

where  $Z = \sum_{i=1}^3 X_i$ . To obtain the joint distribution of  $(Y_1, Y_2, Z)$ , we find the Jacobian for this change of variables. The matrix is

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{dx_1}{dy_1} & \frac{dx_1}{dy_2} & \frac{dx_1}{dz} \\ \frac{dx_2}{dy_1} & \frac{dx_2}{dy_2} & \frac{dx_2}{dz} \\ \frac{dx_3}{dy_1} & \frac{dx_3}{dy_2} & \frac{dx_3}{dz} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} Z & 0 & Y_1 \\ 0 & Z & Y_2 \\ -Z & -Z & (1 - Y_1 - Y_2) \end{pmatrix}$$

So, the Jacobian,  $|J|$  is  $Z^2$ .

$$p(Y_1, Y_2, Z) = \frac{(y_1 z)^{a_1-1} e^{-y_1 z/b} (y_2 z)^{a_2-1} e^{-y_2 z/b} \{(1 - y_1 - y_2) z\}^{a_3-1} e^{-(1-y_1-y_2)z/b}}{b^{\sum_{i=1}^3 a_i} \prod_{i=1}^3 \Gamma(a_i)} z^2,$$

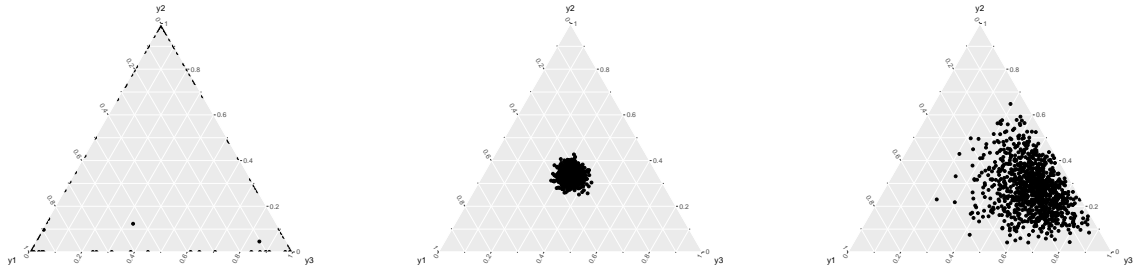
where  $0 < y_1, y_2 < 1$ ,  $y_1 + y_2 < 1$  and  $0 < z$ .

By letting  $y_3 = 1 - y_1 - y_2$ ,

$$p(Y_1, Y_2, Z) = \frac{y_1^{a_1-1} y_2^{a_2-1} y_3^{a_3-1} z^{\sum_{i=1}^3 a_i-1} e^{\overbrace{\sum_{i=1}^3 y_i/b}^{=1}}}{b^{\sum_{i=1}^3 a_i} \prod_{i=1}^3 \Gamma(a_i)}.$$

We now integrate out  $z$  to obtain  $p(y_1, y_2, y_3)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} p(y_1, y_2, y_3) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{y_1^{a_1-1} y_2^{a_2-1} y_3^{a_3-1} \overbrace{z^{\sum_{i=1}^3 a_i-1} e^{-z/b}}^{\text{kernel for Gamma}(\sum_{i=1}^3 a_i, b)}}{b^{\sum_{i=1}^3 a_i} \prod_{i=1}^3 \Gamma(a_i)} dz \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(\sum_{i=1}^3 a_i)}{\prod_{i=1}^3 \Gamma(a_i)} y_1^{a_1-1} y_2^{a_2-1} y_3^{a_3-1}. \end{aligned}$$



(a)  $\mathbf{a} = (0.01, 0.01, 0.01)$

(b)  $\mathbf{a} = (100, 100, 100)$

(c)  $\mathbf{a} = (3, 5, 10)$

Figure 1:  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2, y_3)$  simulated from Dirichlet distribution  $\text{Dir}(\mathbf{a})$ .

Thus,  $\mathbf{Y} = (Y_1, Y_2, Y_3) \sim \text{Dir}(a_1, a_2, a_3)$ .

- (b) How can this result be used to generate random variables according to a Dirichlet distribution? Write a simple function in **R** or **Matlab** (your choice) that takes as inputs  $n$ , the number of trivariate vectors to be generated, and  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$  and generates a matrix of size  $n \times 3$  whose rows correspond to independent samples from a Dirichlet distribution with parameter  $(a_1, a_2, a_3)$ .

Use each of  $\mathbf{a} = (0.01, 0.01, 0.01)$ ,  $(100, 100, 100)$ , and  $(3, 5, 10)$  and comment how the density of  $\mathbf{Y}$  changes over  $\mathbf{a}$ .

#a is a vector of length p; a=(a\_1, a\_2, ..., a\_p)  
#n is the sample size

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> dirichlet <- function(a, n){
  p <- length(a)
  y <- array(NA, dim=c(n, p)) #Each row of y is iid sample from Dir(a)

  for (i in 1:n) {
    tmp <- rgamma(p, a, 1)
    y[i, ] <- tmp / sum(tmp)
  }

  return(y)
}
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Fig 1 illustrates trinary plots of 1000 simulated  $\mathbf{y}$  with different  $\mathbf{a}$ . For  $a < 1$ ,  $\mathbf{y}$  are at the vertices and edges, meaning either one or two of  $y_1, y_2$  or  $y_3$  are close to zero. For  $a = 100$ , all  $y_i$  are close to  $1/3$  (i.e., small variance) as shown in Fig 1(b). For  $\mathbf{a} = (3, 5, 10)$ ,  $\mathbf{y}$  are around the mean  $(3/18, 5/18, 10/18)$  and its variance is larger than that with  $a = 100$ .

4.  $Y$  follows an inverse Gamma distribution with shape parameter  $a$  and scale parameter  $b$  ( $Y \sim \text{IG}(a, b)$ ) if  $Y = 1/X$  with  $X \sim \text{Gamma}(a, b)$  (assume the Gamma distribution is parameterized so that  $E(X) = ab$ ).

(a) Find the density of  $Y$ .

Since  $X \sim \text{Gamma}(a, b)$ ,

$$f(x) = \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} x^{a-1} \exp(-bx), \text{ for } x > 0.$$

Let  $y = 1/x$ . Then  $x = 1/y$  and  $\frac{dx}{dy} = -1/y^2$ . Therefore,

$$p(y) = \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} \left(\frac{1}{y}\right)^{a-1} \exp(-b/y) \left| -\frac{1}{y^2} \right| = \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} y^{-(a+1)} \exp(-b/y), \quad y > 0,$$

which is an inverse Gamma with shape  $a$  and rate  $b$ ,  $y \sim \text{IG}(a, b)$ .

- (b) Compute  $E(Y^k)$ . Do you need to impose any constrain on the problem for this expectation to exists?

We have

$$E(Y^k) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} y^k \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} y^{-(a+1)} \exp(-b/y) dy = \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} \frac{\Gamma(a-k)}{b^{a-k}} = \frac{b^k \Gamma(a-k)}{\Gamma(a)}.$$

That is,  $E(Y^k) = b^k \Gamma(a-k)/\Gamma(a)$  for  $a-k > 0$ .

- (c) Compare  $E(Y^k)$  to  $1/E(X^k)$  (hint: look at the ratio of the two quantities).

We first find

$$E(X^k) = \frac{b^a \Gamma(a+k)}{\Gamma(a) b^{a+k}} = \frac{\Gamma(a+k)}{\Gamma(a) b^k}.$$

Then,

$$\zeta \equiv \frac{1/E(X^k)}{E(Y^k)} = \frac{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(a)}{\Gamma(a+k)\Gamma(a-k)}$$

which implies that  $\zeta = 1 \Leftrightarrow k = 0$ . That is, none of the moments of  $X$  is invariant to the reciprocal transformation.

5.  $Y$  follows a log normal distribution with parameters  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  (denotes as  $Y \sim \text{Log-N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ ) if  $Y = \exp(X)$  where  $X \sim \text{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ .

(a) Find the density of  $Y$ .

We have  $Y = \exp(X) \in \mathbb{R}^+$ . We use a change of a variable and find

$$g(y) = f(\log(y)) \left| \frac{1}{y} \right| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}y} \exp \left\{ -\frac{(\log(y) - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right\}, \quad y \in \mathbb{R}^+.$$

(b) Compute the mean and the variance of  $Y$ .

Observe the  $k$ -th moment of  $Y$ ,  $E^Y(Y^k) = E^X(e^{kX})$  and find

$$\begin{aligned} E^X(e^{kX}) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} + kx\right\} dx \\ &= \exp\left\{-\frac{\mu^2}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{(\mu + k\sigma^2)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right\} \\ &= \exp(k\mu + k^2\sigma^2/2). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $E(Y) = \exp(\mu + \sigma^2/2)$  and  $\text{Var}(Y) = E(Y^2) - E(Y)^2 = \exp(2\mu + \sigma^2)\{\exp(\sigma^2) - 1\}$ .

6. Let  $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_p)$  with  $X \sim N_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \Sigma)$  and set  $\mathbf{Z}_1 = (X_1, \dots, X_q)$  and  $\mathbf{Z}_2 = (X_{q+1}, \dots, X_p)$  with  $1 < q < p$ . Show that

$$\mathbf{Z}_1 \mid \mathbf{Z}_2 \sim N_q(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 + \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}(\mathbf{Z}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2), \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21}),$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_k$  and  $\Sigma_{k\ell}$  denote the blocks of  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  and  $\Sigma$  where the rows correspond to the variables in  $\mathbf{Z}_k$  and the columns to the variables in  $\mathbf{Z}_\ell$ .

Using some results of the inverse of a partitioned matrix, we find for symmetric and  $\Sigma > 0$ ,

$$\Sigma^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{11.2}^{-1} & -\Sigma_{11.2}^{-1}\Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1} \\ -\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21}\Sigma_{11.2}^{-1} & \Sigma_{22.1}^{-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{11.2}^{-1} & -\Sigma_{11}^{-1}\Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22.1}^{-1} \\ -\Sigma_{22.1}^{-1}\Sigma_{21}\Sigma_{11}^{-1} & \Sigma_{22.1}^{-1} \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $\Sigma_{11.2} = \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21}$  and  $\Sigma_{22.2} = \Sigma_{22} - \Sigma_{21}\Sigma_{11}^{-1}\Sigma_{12}$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} g(\mathbf{z}_1 \mid \mathbf{z}_2) &\propto f(\mathbf{z}_1, \mathbf{z}_2) \\ &\propto \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{z}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 \\ \mathbf{z}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 \end{bmatrix}' \Sigma^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{z}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 \\ \mathbf{z}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 \end{bmatrix}\right\} \\ &\propto \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \left\{ (\mathbf{z}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1)' \Sigma_{11.2}^{-1} (\mathbf{z}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1) - (\mathbf{z}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1)' \Sigma_{11.2}^{-1} \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} (\mathbf{z}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. - (\mathbf{z}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)' \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \Sigma_{21} \Sigma_{11.2}^{-1} (\mathbf{z}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1) \right\}\right] \\ &\propto \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \left\{ \mathbf{z}_1' \Sigma_{11.2}^{-1} \mathbf{z}_1 - \mathbf{z}_1' (\Sigma_{11.2}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 + \Sigma_{11.2}^{-1} \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} (\mathbf{z}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. - (\boldsymbol{\mu}_1' \Sigma_{11.2}^{-1} + (\mathbf{z}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)' \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \Sigma_{21} \Sigma_{11.2}^{-1}) \mathbf{z}_1 \right\}\right]. \end{aligned}$$

We recognize the kernel for  $N_q(\Sigma_{11.2}(\Sigma_{11.2}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 + \Sigma_{11.2}^{-1}\Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}(\mathbf{z}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)), \Sigma_{11.2})$ . That is,  $\mathbf{Z}_1 \mid \mathbf{Z}_2 \sim N_q(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1 + \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}(\mathbf{Z}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2), \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21})$ .

7. Show that if  $X \sim \text{Exp}(\beta)$ , then

- (a)  $Y = X^{1/\gamma}$  has a Weibull distribution with parameters  $\gamma$  and  $\beta$  with  $\gamma > 0$  a constant.

We have  $Y = X^{1/\gamma} \in \mathbb{R}^+$ . We use a change of a variable and find

$$g(y) = f(y^\gamma) |\gamma y^{\gamma-1}| = \beta \gamma y^{\gamma-1} \exp(-\beta y^\gamma), \quad y \in \mathbb{R}^+.$$

We also observe  $E^Y(Y^k) = E^X(X^{k/\gamma}) = \frac{\Gamma(1+k/\gamma)}{\beta^{k/\gamma}}$  (use the gamma kernel). We find  $E^Y(Y) = \frac{\Gamma(1+1/\gamma)}{\beta^{1/\gamma}}$  and  $\text{Var}(Y) = E^X(X^{2/\gamma}) - E^X(X^{1/\gamma})^2 = \{\Gamma(1+2/\gamma) - (\Gamma(1+1/\gamma))^2\} / \beta^{2/\gamma}$ .

- (b)  $Y = (2X/\beta)^{1/2}$  has the Rayleigh distribution.

We have  $Y = (2X/\beta)^{1/2} \in \mathbb{R}^+$ . We use a change of a variable and find

$$g(y) = f(\beta y^2/2) |\beta y| = \beta^2 y \exp(-\beta^2 y^2/2), \quad y \in \mathbb{R}^+.$$

We also observe  $E^Y(Y^k) = E^X((2X/\beta)^{k/2}) = \frac{2^{k/2} \Gamma(1+k/2)}{\beta^k}$  (use the gamma kernel). We find  $E^Y(Y) = \sqrt{2} \Gamma(1.5)/\beta$  and  $\text{Var}(Y) = E^X(2X/\beta) - E^X((2X/\beta)^{1/2})^2 = 2(1 - \Gamma(1.5)^2)/\beta^2$ .

For both parts, derive the form of the pdf, verify that is a pdf, and calculate the mean and the variance.

8. Let  $Y | X \sim \text{Poisson}(X)$  and let  $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$ . What is the marginal distribution of  $Y$ ?

We find

$$m(y) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \frac{e^{-x} x^y}{y!} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx = \frac{\Gamma(y+1) \lambda}{y! (1+\lambda)^{y+1}} = \frac{\lambda}{(1+\lambda)^{y+1}}, \quad y = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

9. (Robert 1.37) Let  $x \sim N(\theta, \sigma^2)$ ,  $y \sim N(\rho x, \sigma^2)$  with  $\rho$  known. Assume a prior of the form  $\pi(\theta, \sigma^2) = 1/\sigma^2$ . Find the predictive density of  $y$  given  $x$ .

We check the marginal distribution  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} m(x) dx < \infty$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}} m(x) dx &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\theta)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) (\sigma^2)^{-1/2-1} d\theta d\sigma^2 \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} (\sigma^2)^{-1} d\sigma^2 = \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\theta, \sigma^2 | x$  cannot be defined and  $y | x$  cannot.

10. (Robert) If  $y \sim \text{Binomial}(n, \theta)$  and  $x \sim \text{Binomial}(m, \theta)$ , and  $\theta \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta)$ . Find the predictive distribution of  $y$  given  $x$ .

Assume conditional independence of  $X$  and  $Y$  given  $\theta$ . We know that  $\theta \mid x \sim \text{Be}(\alpha + x, \beta + m - x)$  and then have for  $y = 0, \dots, n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f(y \mid x) &= \int_0^1 f(y \mid \theta) \pi(\theta \mid x) d\theta \\ &= \int_0^1 \binom{n}{y} \theta^y (1 - \theta)^{n-y} \frac{\theta^{\alpha+x-1} (1 - \theta)^{\beta+m-x-1}}{B(\alpha + x, \beta + m - x)} d\theta \\ &= \frac{\binom{n}{y} B(\alpha + x + y, \beta + m - x + n - y)}{B(\alpha + x, \beta + m - x)}, \quad y = 0, 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

that is,  $y \mid x \sim \text{Beta-Binomial}(n, \alpha + x, \beta + m - x)$ .

11. (Robert) Give the posterior and the marginal distributions in the following cases:

- (a)  $x \mid \sigma^2 \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$  and  $1/\sigma^2 \sim \text{Gamma}(1, 2)$ .

We know  $1/\sigma^2 \sim \text{Gamma}(1, 2) \Rightarrow \sigma^2 \sim \text{IG}(1, 2)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} m(x) &= \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} (\sigma^2)^{-1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \frac{2}{\Gamma(1)} (\sigma^2)^{-2} \exp\left(-\frac{2}{\sigma^2}\right) d\sigma^2 \\ &= \frac{2\Gamma(3/2)}{\sqrt{2\pi}(2 + x^2/2)^{3/2}}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}. \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\pi(\sigma^2 \mid x) \propto (\sigma^2)^{-1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) (\sigma^2)^{-2} \exp\left(-\frac{2}{\sigma^2}\right), \quad 0 < \sigma^2$$

that is,  $\sigma^2 \mid x \sim \text{IG}(3/2, 2 + x^2/2) (\Rightarrow 1/\sigma^2 \mid x \sim \text{Gamma}(3/2, 2 + x^2/2))$ .

- (b)  $x \mid p \sim \text{Negative-Binomial}(10, p)$  and  $p \sim \text{Beta}(1/2, 1/2)$ .

Following the parameterization of CR p522, we have

$$\begin{aligned} m(x) &= \int_0^\infty \binom{n+x-1}{x} p^n (1-p)^x \frac{1}{B(1/2, 1/2)} p^{-1/2} (1-p)^{-1/2} dp \\ &= \frac{\binom{n+x-1}{x} B(n+1/2, x+1/2)}{B(1/2, 1/2)}, \quad x = 0, 1, \dots \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\pi(p \mid x) \propto p^n (1-p)^x p^{-1/2} (1-p)^{-1/2}, \quad 0 < p < 1,$$

that is,  $p \mid x \sim \text{Be}(n + 1/2, x + 1/2)$ .