

Slaying the Mythical p

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Binomial distribution:

$$P(F_h|p_h, F) = \binom{F}{F_h} p_h^{F_h} (1 - p_h)^{F - F_h} \quad (1)$$

Statistician:

$$F = 250, F_h = 140, p_h = 0.5, F - F_h = F_t = 110 \quad (2)$$

$$P(F_h = 140|p_h = 0.5, N = 250) = \binom{250}{140} 0.5^{140} (1 - 0.5)^{110} \simeq 10^{-21} \quad (3)$$

$$P(F_h \geq 140|p_h = 0.5, N = 250) = \sum_{F_h=140}^{250} \binom{250}{F_h} 0.5^{250} = 0.0332 \quad (4)$$

\mathcal{H}_0 : Coin is fair

\mathcal{H}_1 : Coin is biased

D : Data of 140 heads in 250 spins

F_h : 140 (frequency of heads)

F_t : 110 (frequency of tails)

F : 250 (number of coin spins)

p_h : Probability of heads

Getting model comparison:

$$P(\mathcal{H}_0|D) = \frac{P(D|\mathcal{H}_0)P(\mathcal{H}_0)}{P(D)} \quad (5)$$

$$P(\mathcal{H}_1|D) = \frac{P(D|\mathcal{H}_1)P(\mathcal{H}_1)}{P(D)} \quad (6)$$

$$P(\mathcal{H}_0) = P(\mathcal{H}_1) = \frac{1}{2} \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{P(\mathcal{H}_1|D)}{P(\mathcal{H}_0|D)} = \frac{P(D|\mathcal{H}_1)}{P(D|\mathcal{H}_0)} \quad (8)$$

Done getting model comparison.

Getting $P(D|\mathcal{H}_1)$:

$$P(D|\mathcal{H}_1) = \int_0^1 dp_h P(D|p_h, \mathcal{H}_1) P(p_h|\mathcal{H}_1) \quad (9)$$

$$P(D|p_h, \mathcal{H}_1) = p_h^{F_h} (1 - p_h)^{F_t} \quad (10)$$

$$P(p_h|\mathcal{H}_1) = 1 \quad (11)$$

$$P(D|\mathcal{H}_1) = \int_0^1 dp_h p_h^{F_h} (1 - p_h)^{F_t} \quad (12)$$

$$B(x, y) = \int_0^1 dt t^{x-1} (1 - t)^{y-1} = \frac{\Gamma(x)\Gamma(y)}{\Gamma(x+y)} \quad (13)$$

$$P(D|\mathcal{H}_1) = B(F_h + 1, F_t + 1) = \frac{\Gamma(F_h + 1)\Gamma(F_t + 1)}{\Gamma(F_h + F_t + 2)} \quad (14)$$

$$\Gamma(x) = (x - 1)! \quad (15)$$

$$P(D|\mathcal{H}_1) = \frac{(F_h + 1)!(F_t + 1)!}{(F_h + F_t + 1)!} = \frac{F_h!F_t!}{(F + 1)!} \quad (16)$$

End of getting $P(D|\mathcal{H}_1)$.

Getting $P(D|\mathcal{H}_0)$:

$$p_f = \frac{1}{2} \quad (17)$$

$$P(D|\mathcal{H}_0) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{F_h} \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right)^{F_t} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^F \quad (18)$$

Done getting $P(D|\mathcal{H}_0)$.

Computing model comparison:

$$\frac{P(\mathcal{H}_1|D)}{P(\mathcal{H}_0|D)} = \frac{\frac{F_h!F_t!}{(F+1)!}}{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^F} = \frac{\frac{140!110!}{251!}}{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{250}} \simeq 0.48 \quad (19)$$

End computing model comparison.

Getting Beta prior:

$$P(p_h|\mathcal{H}_1, \alpha) = \frac{1}{Z(\alpha)} p_h^{\alpha-1} (1-p_h)^{\alpha-1} \quad (20)$$

$$Z(\alpha) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)^2}{\Gamma(2\alpha)} \quad (21)$$

$$P(D|\mathcal{H}_1) = \int_0^1 dp_h P(D|p_h, \mathcal{H}_1) P(p_h|\mathcal{H}_1) \quad (22)$$

$$P(D|\mathcal{H}_1) = \int_0^1 dp_h p_h^{F_h} (1-p_h)^{F_t} \frac{1}{Z(\alpha)} p_h^{\alpha-1} (1-p_h)^{\alpha-1} \quad (23)$$

$$P(D|\mathcal{H}_1) = \frac{1}{Z(\alpha)} \int_0^1 dp_h p_h^{F_h+\alpha-1} (1-p_h)^{F_t+\alpha-1} \quad (24)$$

$$B(F_h + \alpha - 1 + 1, F_t + \alpha - 1 + 1) = \frac{\Gamma(F_h + \alpha) \Gamma(F_t + \alpha)}{\Gamma(F + 2\alpha)} \quad (25)$$

$$P(D|\mathcal{H}_1) = \frac{1}{Z(\alpha)} \frac{\Gamma(F_h + \alpha) \Gamma(F_t + \alpha)}{\Gamma(F + 2\alpha)} \quad (26)$$

$$P(D|\mathcal{H}_1) = \frac{\Gamma(2\alpha) \Gamma(F_h + \alpha) \Gamma(F_t + \alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha)^2 \Gamma(F + 2\alpha)} \quad (27)$$

$$\frac{P(\mathcal{H}_1|D)}{P(\mathcal{H}_0|D)} = \frac{\Gamma(2\alpha) \Gamma(F_h + \alpha) \Gamma(F_t + \alpha) 2^{250}}{\Gamma(\alpha)^2 \Gamma(F + 2\alpha)} \quad (28)$$

End getting Beta prior.

Getting best possible prior:

$$\frac{P(\mathcal{H}_1|D)}{P(\mathcal{H}_0|D)} = f^{F_h} (1-f)^{F_t} 2^F \simeq 6.1 \quad (29)$$