

For this algorithm we'll use the following DGEs:

$$\begin{aligned}
F_{n,p}(X_{(1)} - 1) &< U_{(1)} \leq F_{n,p}(X_{(1)}) \\
F_{n,p}(X_{(2)} - 1) &< U_{(2)} \leq F_{n,p}(X_{(2)}) \\
&\vdots \\
F_{n,p}(X_{(m)} - 1) &< U_{(m)} \leq F_{n,p}(X_{(m)}),
\end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where $F_{n,p}$ is the CDF of a $Bin(n, p)$ distribution,

$$\begin{aligned}
G_{n-X_{(1)}+1, X_{(1)}}(1-p) &< U_{(1)} \leq G_{n-X_{(1)}, X_{(1)}+1}(1-p) \\
G_{n-X_{(2)}+1, X_{(2)}}(1-p) &< U_{(2)} \leq G_{n-X_{(2)}, X_{(2)}+1}(1-p) \\
&\vdots \\
G_{n-X_{(m)}+1, X_{(m)}}(1-p) &< U_{(m)} \leq G_{n-X_{(m)}, X_{(m)}+1}(1-p),
\end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

where $G_{\alpha, \beta}$ is the CDF of a $Beta(\alpha, \beta)$ distribution, and

$$\begin{aligned}
G_{X_{(1)}, n-X_{(1)}+1}^{-1}(1-U_{(1)}) &< p \leq G_{X_{(1)}+1, n-X_{(1)}}^{-1}(1-U_{(1)}) \\
G_{X_{(2)}, n-X_{(2)}+1}^{-1}(1-U_{(2)}) &< p \leq G_{X_{(2)}+1, n-X_{(2)}}^{-1}(1-U_{(2)}) \\
&\vdots \\
G_{X_{(m)}, n-X_{(m)}+1}^{-1}(1-U_{(m)}) &< p \leq G_{X_{(m)}+1, n-X_{(m)}}^{-1}(1-U_{(m)})
\end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

Algorithm 1: Produce a posterior fiducial distribution for $\text{Bin}(n, p)$.

Input: iterations: how many particles to draw from the posterior
starting_method: method for choosing starting n
 $X = X_1 X_2 \dots X_m$: observed data values
user_n: optional param to choose first n
 σ : tuning param for the MH Logit step
Output: fiducial_dictionary: The set of fiducial posterior particles: each a set of n and associated μ values.
 $\hat{n} \leftarrow$ first starting n chosen using user_n method. If no starting n is provided, the DasGupta-Rubin estimator is used;
 $\hat{p} \leftarrow \text{mean}\{X\}/\hat{n}$;
first_uniforms \leftarrow output from **Algorithm 2**, a set of uniforms that work for our data \hat{n}, \hat{p} ;
 $X^* \leftarrow$ all unique data points (without repeats);
 $N^* \leftarrow$ number of occurrences in X of each value in X^* ;
 $U_{\min} \leftarrow$ minimum uniform associated with each element of X^* ;
 $U_{\max} \leftarrow$ maximum uniform associated with each element of X^* ;
all_data $\leftarrow X^*, N^*, U_{\min}, U_{\max}$;
fiducial_posterior $\leftarrow NULL$;
for iter $\leftarrow 1, \dots, \text{iterations}$ **do**
| updated_uniforms \leftarrow updated uniform values using **Algorithm 3**;
| posterior_draw \leftarrow fiducial posterior particles found using updated_uniforms with **Algorithm 4**;
| Add posterior_draw to fiducial_posterior;
end

Algorithm 2: Find a first set of working uniforms given our data.

Input: X : original data, ordered from least to greatest
 \hat{n} : starting value for n
 $\hat{\mu}$: starting value for μ (if given)
Output: first_uniforms: a set of uniforms that work for given inputs
U_upper: a set of uniforms that work for given inputs
U_lower: a set of uniforms that work for given inputs
if $\hat{\mu}$ is given **then**
| $\hat{p} \leftarrow \hat{\mu}/\hat{n}$;
else
| $\hat{p} \leftarrow \text{mean}(X)/\hat{n}$;
for $i \leftarrow 1, \dots, m$ **do**
| $U_{\text{upper}} = G_{\hat{n}-X, X+1}(1 - \hat{p})$;
| $U_{\text{lower}} = G_{\hat{n}-X+1, X}(1 - \hat{p})$;
| Add $(U_{\text{lower}} + U_{\text{upper}})/2$ to first_uniforms;
| Add (U_{lower}) to U_lower;
| Add (U_{upper}) to U_upper;
end

Algorithm 3: Draw a new uniform set given that a solution exists.

Input: all_data: see **Algorithm 1**

\hat{n} : starting value for n

\bar{n} : the largest value for n achieved by previous runs of this algorithm

σ : tuning parameter for the MH step

ϵ : how close to the limiting poisson we allow before we stop searching the n space

Output: all_data, updated

\bar{n} , updated

ϵ , updated

for index *in* $1 \dots nrow(\text{all_data})$ **do**

fix_max \leftarrow single draw from Bernoulli(0.5);

if $N^*[\text{index}] == 1$ **then**

temp_data \leftarrow all_data \ all_data[index];

p_lowers, p_uppers \leftarrow output of **Algorithm 4** using temp_data;

min_unif, max_unif \leftarrow $\min\{G_{N^* - X^*[\text{index}] + 1, X^*[\text{index}]}(1 - p_uppers)\}, \max\{G_{N^* - X^*[\text{index}], X^*[\text{index}] + 1}(1 - p_lowers)\}$;

new_unif \leftarrow single draw from Unif(min_unif, max_unif);

$U_{min}[\text{index}] \leftarrow$ new_unif ;

$U_{max}[\text{index}] \leftarrow$ new_unif ;

else if fix_max **then**

max_unif \leftarrow $U_{max}[\text{index}]$;

// Temporarily remove U_{min} from calculation.

$U_{min} \leftarrow U_{max}[\text{index}]$;

p_lowers, p_uppers \leftarrow output of **Algorithm 4**;

min_unif \leftarrow $\min\{G(1 - p_uppers)_{N^* - X^*[\text{index}] + 1, X^*[\text{index}]}\}$;

$U_{min}[\text{index}] \leftarrow$ single draw from minimum order statistic for these uniforms:

Beta(1, $N^*[\text{index}] - 1$) * (max_unif - min_unif) + min_unif;

else

min_unif \leftarrow $U_{min}[\text{index}]$;

// Temporarily remove U_{max} from calculation.

$U_{max} \leftarrow U_{min}[\text{index}]$;

p_lowers, p_uppers \leftarrow output of **Algorithm 4**;

max_unif \leftarrow $\max\{G(1 - p_lowers)_{N^* - X^*[\text{index}], X^*[\text{index}] + 1}\}$;

$U_{max}[\text{index}] \leftarrow$ single draw from maximum order statistic for these uniforms:

Beta($N^*[\text{index}] - 1, 1$) * (max_unif - min_unif) + min_unif;

end

Perform the MH-Logit updating step as outlined by **Algorithm 5**;

Let H^{-1} be the quantile function of a gamma distribution.

Algorithm 4: Given data and uniforms, find solution sets $n \times \{p_l, p_u\}$.

Input: all_data: see **Algorithm 1**

first_iteration: starting value for n

ϵ : how close to the limiting poisson we allow before we stop searching the n space

Output: p_lowers: lower bounds of p for the fiducial sets

p_uppers: upper bounds of p for the fiducial sets

n_hats: n values for the fiducial sets

if first_iteration **then**

| Increase ϵ until we no longer explore the sample space beyond $\hat{n} == 1000$.

end

$\hat{n} \leftarrow \max(X^*)$;

while TRUE **do**

| lower_ps $\leftarrow [G^{-1}(1 - U_{min})_{X^*, \hat{n}-X^*+1}, G^{-1}(1 - U_{max})_{X^*, \hat{n}-X^*+1}]$;

| upper_ps $\leftarrow [G^{-1}(1 - U_{min})_{X^*+1, \hat{n}-X^*}, G^{-1}(1 - U_{max})_{X^*+1, \hat{n}-X^*}]$;

| potential_soln $\leftarrow \max(\text{lower_ps}), \min(\text{upper_ps}), \hat{n}$;

| **if** max(lower_ps) \leq min(upper_ps) **then**

| | Add max(lower_ps), min(upper_ps), \hat{n} to fiducial_particle;

| lower_μ $\leftarrow \text{lower_ps} * \hat{n}$;

| upper_μ $\leftarrow \text{upper_ps} * \hat{n}$;

| poisson_upper $\leftarrow [H^{-1}(1 - U_{min})_{X^*+1, 1}, H^{-1}(1 - U_{max})_{X^*+1, 1}]$;

| poisson_lower $\leftarrow [H^{-1}(1 - U_{min})_{X^*, 1}, H^{-1}(1 - U_{max})_{X^*, 1}]$;

| **if** poisson_lower, poisson_upper are ϵ close to lower_μ, upper_μ **then**

| | **Break**;

| $\hat{n} += 1$;

end

Algorithm 5: Performs a MH updating step on the uniform values. Forces a further shift of the uniform values that allows for free movement in the n direction.

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Input: all_data: see Algorithm 1
Output: all_data, (potentially) updated.
all_uniforms  $\leftarrow NULL$ ;
for  $i \leftarrow 1 \dots nrow(all\_data)$  do
  | Add  $N^*[i]$  draws from  $Unif(U_{min}, U_{max})$  to all_uniforms;
end
 $m \leftarrow \text{length}(all\_uniforms)$ ;
p_lowers, p_uppers, n_estimates  $\leftarrow$  output of Algorithm 4 using all_data;
new_mu  $\leftarrow Unif(p\_lowers[1] * n\_estimates, p\_uppers[1] * n\_estimates)$ ;
coin_flip  $\leftarrow$  single draw from  $Bernoulli(0.5)$ ;
new_n  $\leftarrow n\_estimates[1] + (-1)^{coin\_flip}$ ;
if  $new\_n \geq \max\{X^*\}$  then
  | U_lowers, U_uppers  $\leftarrow$  output of Algorithm 2 using new_n, new_mu;
  | new_uniforms  $\leftarrow Unif(U\_lowers, U\_uppers)$ ;
  | new_p_lowers, new_p_uppers, new_n_estimates  $\leftarrow$  output of Algorithm 4 using all_data
    | with new_uniforms;
  | MH_denominator  $\leftarrow \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{p\_uppers[1]*n\_estimates - p\_lowers[1]*n\_estimates}\right) \prod_{i=1} \left(\frac{1}{U\_uppers - U\_lowers}\right)$ ;
  | U_lowers, U_uppers  $\leftarrow$  output of Algorithm 2 using n_estimates[1], new_mu;
  | MH_numerator  $\leftarrow$ 
    |  $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{new\_p\_uppers[1]*new\_n\_estimates - new\_p\_lowers[1]*new\_n\_estimates}\right) \prod_{i=1} \left(\frac{1}{U\_uppers - U\_lowers}\right)$ ;
  | random_draw  $\leftarrow$  a single draw from  $Unif(0, 1)$ ;
  | if random_draw < MH_numerator/MH_denominator then
    |  $U_{min} \leftarrow U\_lowers$ ;
    |  $U_{max} \leftarrow U\_uppers$ ;

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1 Appendix

The following covers how I derived the DGEs given at the beginning of this document. To derive our DGE, we are using the fact that for a $Unif(0, 1)$ distribution and a Binomial CDF F , we have $F^{-1}(U) \sim \text{Binomial}$. So, for an observed set of data X_1, \dots, X_m , the fiducial framework insists that there must have been a realization of uniforms U_1, \dots, U_m such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{n,p}(X_{(1)} - 1) &< U_{(1)} \leq F_{n,p}(X_{(1)}) \\
 F_{n,p}(X_{(2)} - 1) &< U_{(2)} \leq F_{n,p}(X_{(2)}) \\
 &\vdots \\
 F_{n,p}(X_{(m)} - 1) &< U_{(m)} \leq F_{n,p}(X_{(m)}).
 \end{aligned}$$

According to *Introduction to probability and random variables* by Wadsworth, the binomial CDF is equivalent to the CDF of a Beta distribution. Specifically, for $Bin(n, p)$, we have

$$F_{n,p}(x) = G_{n-x, x+1}(1-p),$$

where G is the CDF for a $Beta(\alpha, \beta)$. Here $\alpha = n - x$ and $\beta = x + 1$. Thus, our DGE can be rewritten to

$$\begin{aligned}
G_{n-X_{(1)}+1, X_{(1)}}(1-p) &< U_{(1)} \leq G_{n-X_{(1)}, X_{(1)}+1}(1-p) \\
G_{n-X_{(2)}+1, X_{(2)}}(1-p) &< U_{(2)} \leq G_{n-X_{(2)}, X_{(2)}+1}(1-p) \\
&\vdots \\
G_{n-X_{(m)}+1, X_{(m)}}(1-p) &< U_{(m)} \leq G_{n-X_{(m)}, X_{(m)}+1}(1-p).
\end{aligned}$$

A property of the beta distribution is that

$$G_{n-X_{(i)}+1, X_{(i)}}(1-p) = 1 - G_{X_{(i)}, n-X_{(i)}+1}(p).$$

Thus, the upper bounds of the above inequalities can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
U_{(i)} &\leq G_{n-X_{(i)}, X_{(i)}+1}(1-p), \\
U_{(i)} &\leq 1 - G_{X_{(i)}+1, n-X_{(i)}}(p), \\
G_{X_{(i)}+1, n-X_{(i)}}(p) &\leq 1 - U_{(i)}, \\
p &\leq G_{X_{(i)}+1, n-X_{(i)}}^{-1}(1 - U_{(i)}),
\end{aligned}$$

and similarly the lower bound can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
G_{n-X_{(i)}+1, X_{(i)}}(1-p) &< U_{(i)}, \\
1 - G_{X_{(i)}, n-X_{(i)}+1}(p) &< U_{(i)}, \\
1 - U_{(i)} &< G_{X_{(i)}, n-X_{(i)}+1}(p), \\
G_{X_{(i)}, n-X_{(i)}+1}^{-1}(1 - U_{(i)}) &< p.
\end{aligned}$$