

Homework 5

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Description

- Course: STAT638, 2022 Fall

Read Chapter 5 in the Hoff book.

Then, do the following exercises in Hoff: 5.1, 5.2, 5.5.

For 5.2, \bar{y}_A denotes the mean exam score for students assigned to method A, and \bar{y}_B denotes the mean exam score for students assigned to method B.

Be careful: Some of the notation differs between the lecture slides and the Hoff book.

- Deadline: Oct 12 by 12:01pm
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Computational Environment Setup

Third-party libraries

```
%matplotlib inline
import sys # system information
import matplotlib # plotting
import scipy # scientific computing
import random
import pandas as pd # data managing
from scipy.special import comb
from scipy import stats as st
from scipy.special import gamma
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from itertools import permutations
# Matplotlib setting
plt.rcParams['text.usetex'] = True
matplotlib.rcParams['figure.dpi']= 300
np.random.seed(20220928) # Consistent random effect
```

Version

```
print(sys.version)
print(matplotlib.__version__)
print(scipy.__version__)
print(np.__version__)
print(pd.__version__)
```

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3.8.14 (default, Sep  6 2022, 23:26:50)
[Clang 13.1.6 (clang-1316.0.21.2.5)]
3.3.1
1.5.2
1.19.1
1.1.1
```

Problem 5.1

Studying: The files `school1.dat`, `school2.dat` and `school3.dat` contain data on the amount of time students from 3 high schools spent on studying or homework during an exam period. Analyze data from each of these schools separately, using the normal model with a conjugate prior distribution, in which $\{\mu_0 = 5, \sigma_0^2 = 4, \kappa_0 = 1, \nu_0 = 2\}$ and compute or approximate following:

```
schs = [np.loadtxt("data/school{}.dat".format(i)) for i in range(1,4)]
```

(a)

Posterior means and 95% confidence intervals for the mean θ and standard deviation σ from each school;

```
class NormalModel:
    def __init__(self, data, mu0, var0, k0, v0):
        # Prior
        self.mu0 = mu0 # prior mean
        self.var0 = var0 # prior variance
        self.k0 = k0 # prior observation
        self.v0 = v0
        # Data
        self.data = data
        self.mean = np.mean(data) # sample mean
        self.n = len(data) # sample counts
        self.kn = self.n + self.k0
        self.s2 = np.sum( (self.data - self.mean)**2 ) / (self.n - 1)

        # Posterior parameters
        self.vn = self.get_vn(self.v0, self.n) # Posterior v
        self.varn = self.get_varn(self.vn, self.v0, self.var0, self.k0, self.n, self.kn, self.s2)
        self.mun = self.get_mun(self.k0, self.mu0, self.n, self.mean, self.kn) # Posterior mean

    def get_vn(self, v0, n):
        return v0 + n
```

```

def get_varn(self, vn, v0, var0, k0, n, kn, mean, mu0):
    varn = (1/vn)*(v0*var0 + (n-1)*self.s2 + (k0*n/kn)*(mean - mu0)**2)
    return varn

def get_mun(self, k0, mu0, n, mean, kn):
    return (k0*mu0 + n*mean)/kn

def rv_theta_post(self):
    mu0 = self.mu0; k0 = self.k0;
    return st.norm(loc=self.mun, scale= np.sqrt(self.varn/self.kn))

def rv_pred(self):
    mun = self.mun
    varn = self.varn
    return st.norm(loc=self.mun, scale= np.sqrt(self.varn))

setting = {"mu0": 5, "var0":4, "k0":1, "v0":2}
nms = [NormalModel(sch, **setting) for sch in schs]
rv_thps = [nm.rv_theta_post() for nm in nms]

# Display data
pd.DataFrame({"School":[i+1 for i in range(0, len(nms))], "Mean": [rv_thp.mean() for rv_thp

```

	School	Mean	95% confidence interval (left, right)
0	1	9.292308	(7.832422909482735, 10.752192475132652)
1	2	6.948750	(5.242990325564609, 8.654509674435392)
2	3	7.812381	(6.26475553664974, 9.360006368112167)

(b)

The posterior probability that $\theta_i < \theta_j < \theta_k$ for all size permutataions $\{i, j, k\}$ of $\{1, 2, 3\}$;

```

n_mc = 10000
samps_thp = [rv_thp.rvs(size=n_mc) for rv_thp in rv_thps]
perm = list(permutations([0,1,2]))
text = [""] * len(perm)
probs = [int] * len(perm)
for (a, i) in enumerate(perm):
    text[a] = "theta_{i} < theta_{j} < theta_{k}".format(i[i[0]+1], i[i[1]+1], i[i[2]+1])

```

```

probs[a] = np.sum(np.logical_and(samps_thp[i[0]] < samps_thp[i[1]], samps_thp[i[1]] < sa

pd.DataFrame({"Permuatations": text, "Probabilities": probs})

```

	Permuatations	Probabilities
0	theta_1 < theta_2 < theta_3	0.0058
1	theta_1 < theta_3 < theta_2	0.0030
2	theta_2 < theta_1 < theta_3	0.0788
3	theta_2 < theta_3 < theta_1	0.6929
4	theta_3 < theta_1 < theta_2	0.0123
5	theta_3 < theta_2 < theta_1	0.2072

(c)

The posterior probability that $\tilde{Y}_i < \tilde{Y}_j < \tilde{Y}_k$ for all six permutations $\{i, j, k\}$ of $\{1, 2, 3\}$, where \tilde{Y}_i is a sample from the posterior predictive distribution of school i .

```

rv_posts = [nm.rv_pred() for nm in nms]

samps_post = [rv_post.rvs(size=n_mc) for rv_post in rv_posts]
perm = list(permutations([0,1,2]))
text = [""] * len(perm)
probs = [int] * len(perm)
for (a, i) in enumerate(perm):
    text[a] = "Y_tilde_{i[0]} < Y_tilde_{i[1]} < Y_tilde_{i[2]}".format(i[0]+1, i[1]+1, i[2]+1)
    probs[a] = np.sum(np.logical_and(samps_post[i[0]] < samps_post[i[1]], samps_post[i[1]] <

pd.DataFrame({"Permuatations": text, "Probabilities": probs})

```

	Permuatations	Probabilities
0	Y_tilde_1 < Y_tilde_2 < Y_tilde_3	0.1020
1	Y_tilde_1 < Y_tilde_3 < Y_tilde_2	0.1029
2	Y_tilde_2 < Y_tilde_1 < Y_tilde_3	0.1857
3	Y_tilde_2 < Y_tilde_3 < Y_tilde_1	0.2686
4	Y_tilde_3 < Y_tilde_1 < Y_tilde_2	0.1361
5	Y_tilde_3 < Y_tilde_2 < Y_tilde_1	0.2047

(d)

Compute the posterior probability that θ_1 is bigger than both θ_2 and θ_3 , and the posterior probability that \tilde{Y}_1 is bigger than both \tilde{Y}_2 and \tilde{Y}_3 .

```
th_biggest = np.sum(np.logical_and(samps_thp[0]>samps_thp[1], samps_thp[0]>samps_thp[2]))/  
post_biggest = np.sum(np.logical_and(samps_post[0]>samps_post[1], samps_post[0]>samps_post[2]))/  
pd.DataFrame({"Properties": ["Theta_1 is the biggest", "Tilde_1 is the biggest"], "Probabilities": [th_biggest, post_biggest]})
```

	Properties	Probabilities
0	Theta_1 is the biggest	0.9001
1	Tilde_1 is the biggest	0.4733

Problem 5.2

Sensitivity analysis: 32 students in a science classroom were randomly assigned to one of two study methods, A and B , so that $n_A = n_B = 16$ students were assigned to each method. After several weeks of study, students were examined on the course material with an exam designed to give an average score of 75 with a standard deviation of 10. The scores for the two groups are summarized by $\{\bar{y}_A = 75.2, s_A = 7.3\}$ and $\{\bar{y}_B = 77.5, s_B = 8.1\}$. Consider independent, conjugate normal prior distributions for each of θ_A and θ_B , with $\mu_0 = 75$ and $\sigma_0^2 = 100$ for both groups. For each $(\kappa_0, \nu_0) \in \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (4, 4), (8, 8), (16, 16), (32, 32)\}$ (or more values), obtain $Pr(\theta_A < \theta_B | y_A, y_B)$ via Monte Carlo Sampling. Plot this probability as a function of $\kappa_0 = \nu_0$. Describe how you might use this plot to convey the evidence that $\theta_A < \theta_B$ to people of a variety of prior opinions.

- Increase (κ_0, ν_0) can decrease the probability of B bigger than A . But, the probability of B larger than A can hardly lower than 0.5.

```
class NormalModel:  
    def __init__(self, sample_size, sample_mean, sample_var, mu0, var0, k0, v0):  
        # Prior  
        self.mu0 = mu0 # prior mean  
        self.var0 = var0 # prior variance  
        self.k0 = k0 # prior observation  
        self.v0 = v0  
        # Data  
        self.mean = sample_mean # sample mean
```

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self.n = sample_size # sample counts
self.kn = self.n + self.k0
self.s2 = sample_var

# Posterior parameters
self.vn = self.get_vn(self.v0, self.n) # Posterior v
self.varn = self.get_varn(self.vn, self.v0, self.var0, self.k0, self.n, self.kn, self.s2)
self.mun = self.get_mun(self.k0, self.mu0, self.n, self.mean, self.kn) # Posterior mean

def get_vn(self, v0, n):
    return v0 + n

def get_varn(self, vn, v0, var0, k0, n, kn, mean, mu0):
    varn = (1/vn)*(v0*var0 + (n-1)*self.s2 + (k0*n/kn)*(mean - mu0)**2)
    return varn

def get_mun(self, k0, mu0, n, mean, kn):
    return (k0*mu0 + n*mean)/kn

def rv_theta_post(self):
    mu0 = self.mu0; k0 = self.k0;
    return st.norm(loc=self.mun, scale= np.sqrt(self.varn/self.kn))

def rv_pred(self):
    mun = self.mun
    varn = self.varn
    return st.norm(loc=self.mun, scale= np.sqrt(self.varn))

def expAB(k0,v0,size=1000):
    setting = {"sample_size":16, "mu0": 75, "var0": 100, "k0":k0, "v0":v0}
    rvtA = NormalModel(sample_mean=75.2,\
        sample_var=7.3, **setting).rv_theta_post()
    rvtB = NormalModel(sample_mean=77.5,\
        sample_var=8.1, **setting).rv_theta_post()

    spA, spB = rvtA.rvs(size=size), rvtB.rvs(size=size)
    return np.sum(spA < spB)/size

pars = [i**2 for i in range(0, 7)]
vals = [float]*len(pars)

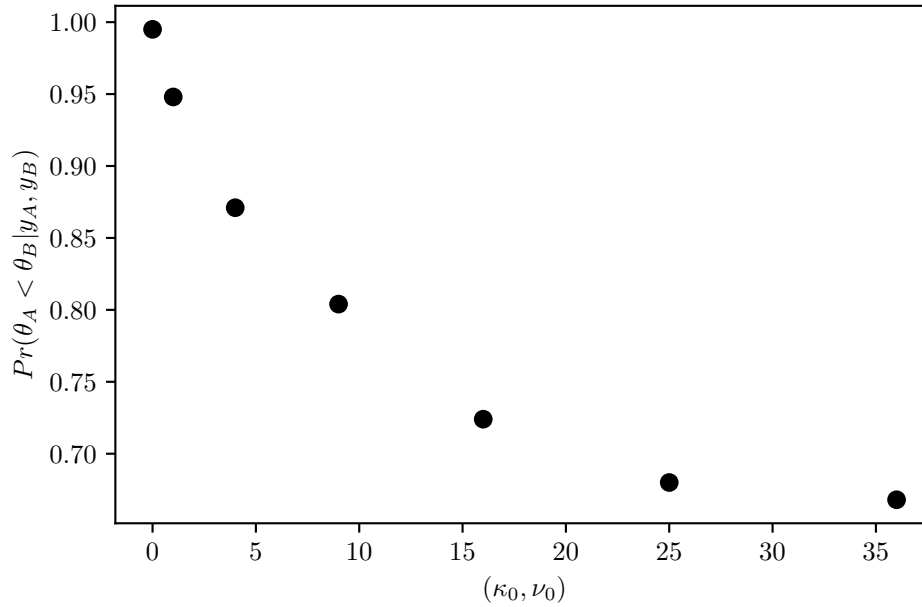
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for (i, p) in enumerate(pars):
    vals[i] = expAB(p,p)

# Plotting
figV, axV = plt.subplots()
axV.plot(pars,vals, 'o', color="k")
axV.set_xlabel("$\\kappa_0, \\nu_0$")
axV.set_ylabel("$Pr(\\theta_A < \\theta_B | y_A, y_B)$");

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Problem 5.5

Unit information prior: Obtain a unit information prior for the normal model as follows:

(a)

Reparameterize the normal model as $p(y|\theta, \psi)$, where $\psi = \frac{1}{\sigma^2}$. Write out the log likelihood $l(\theta, \psi|y) = \sum \log p(y_i|\theta, \psi)$ in terms of θ and ψ .

$$p(y|\theta, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{y-\theta}{\sigma}\right)^2}$$

$$p(y|\theta, \psi) = \frac{\sqrt{\psi}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(y-\theta)^2\psi}$$

$$\log p(y_i|\theta, \psi) = \log \left(\sqrt{\frac{\psi}{2\pi}} \right) - \frac{1}{2}(y_i - \theta)^2\psi$$

$$l(\theta, \psi|y) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log(y_i|\theta, \psi) = \log \left(\frac{\psi}{2\pi} \right)^{n/2} - \frac{1}{2}\psi \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \theta)^2 \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} \log \left(\frac{\psi}{2\pi} \right) - \frac{\psi}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \theta)^2 \quad (2)$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} \log \left(\frac{\psi}{2\pi} \right) - \frac{\psi}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i^2 - 2\theta y_i + \theta^2) \quad (3)$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} \log \left(\frac{\psi}{2\pi} \right) - \frac{\psi}{2} (\sum y_i^2 - 2\theta \sum y_i + n\theta^2) \quad (4)$$

$$= \frac{-\psi}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 + \psi\theta \sum_{i=1}^n y_i - \frac{n\psi\theta^2}{2} + \frac{n}{2} \log \left(\frac{\psi}{2\pi} \right) \quad (5)$$

(b)

Find a probability density $P_U(\theta, \psi)$ so that $\log p_U(\theta, \psi) = \frac{l(\theta, \psi|y)}{n} + c$, where c is a constant that does not depend on θ or ψ .

Hint: Write $\sum (y_i - \theta)^2$ as $\sum (y_i - \bar{y} + \bar{y} - \theta)^2 = \sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2 + n(\theta - \bar{y})^2$, and recall that $\log p_U(\theta, \psi) = \log p_U(\theta|\psi) + \log p_U(\psi)$.

$$l(\theta, \psi|y) = \frac{n}{2} \log \left(\frac{\psi}{2\pi} \right) - \frac{\psi}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \theta)^2 \quad (6)$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} \log \left(\frac{\psi}{2\pi} \right) - \frac{\psi}{2} [\sum (y_i - \bar{y})^2 + n(\theta - \bar{y})^2] \quad (7)$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} \log \left(\frac{\psi}{2\pi} \right) - \frac{\psi}{2} [(n-1)s^2 + n(\theta - \bar{y})^2] \quad (8)$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} \log \left(\frac{\psi}{2\pi} \right) - \frac{\psi}{2} ((n-1)s^2 + n\theta^2 - 2n\theta\bar{y} + n\bar{y}^2) \quad (9)$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} \log \left(\frac{\psi}{2\pi} \right) - \frac{\psi}{2} (n-1)s^2 - \frac{\psi n\theta^2}{2} + n\psi\theta\bar{y} - \frac{\psi n\bar{y}^2}{2} \quad (10)$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} \log \left(\frac{\psi}{2\pi} \right) - \frac{\psi}{2} (n-1)s^2 - \frac{\psi n\bar{y}^2}{2} + n\psi\theta\bar{y} - \frac{\psi n\theta^2}{2} \quad (11)$$

$$\frac{l(\theta, \psi|y)}{n} + c = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{\psi}{2\pi} \right) - \frac{\psi}{2n} (n-1)s^2 - \frac{\psi \bar{y}^2}{2}}_{=h(\psi|y)} + \underbrace{\psi \theta \bar{y} - \frac{\psi \theta^2}{2}}_{=g(\theta|\psi, y)} + c \quad (12)$$

$$p_U(\theta, \psi) = \exp \left(\frac{l(\theta, \psi|y)}{n} + c \right) \quad (13)$$

$$\propto \exp \left(\frac{l(\theta, \psi|y)}{n} \right) \quad (14)$$

$$= \exp(h(\psi|y)) \exp(g(\theta|\psi, y)) \quad (15)$$

$$\exp(h(\psi|y)) = \left(\frac{\psi}{2\pi} \right)^{1/2} \exp \left(- \left(\frac{(n-1)s^2}{2n} + \frac{\bar{y}^2}{2} \right) \psi \right) \quad (16)$$

$$\propto \psi^{1/2} \exp \left(- \frac{\psi}{\left(\frac{(n-1)s^2}{2n} + \frac{\bar{y}^2}{2} \right)^{-1}} \right) \quad (17)$$

$$\sim \text{Gamma}(\psi, \frac{3}{2}, \left(\frac{(n-1)s^2}{2n} + \frac{\bar{y}^2}{2} \right)^{-1}) \quad (18)$$

$$\exp(g(\theta|\psi, y)) = \exp \left(\psi \theta \bar{y} - \frac{\psi \theta^2}{2} \right) \quad (19)$$

$$= \exp \left(-\frac{\psi}{2} \theta^2 + \psi \bar{y} \theta - \frac{\psi \bar{y}^2}{2} + \frac{\psi \bar{y}^2}{2} \right) \quad (20)$$

$$= \exp \left(-\frac{\psi}{2} (\theta^2 - 2\bar{y}\theta + \bar{y}^2) + \frac{\psi \bar{y}^2}{2} \right) \quad (21)$$

$$= \exp \left(-\frac{\psi}{2} (\theta - \bar{y})^2 + \frac{\psi \bar{y}^2}{2} \right) \quad (22)$$

$$\propto \exp \left(-\frac{\psi}{2} (\theta - \bar{y})^2 \right) \quad (23)$$

$$= \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\theta - \bar{y}}{\psi^{-1/2}} \right)^2 \right) \quad (24)$$

$$\propto \text{Normal}(\theta, \bar{y}, \psi^{-1/2}) \quad (25)$$

Thus¹,

¹Use the PDF formula on [Wiki](#)

$$P_U(\theta, \psi) = P_U(\theta|\psi)P_U(\psi) \propto \text{Gamma}(\psi, \frac{3}{2}, (\frac{(n-1)s^2}{2n} + \frac{\bar{y}^2}{2})^{-1}) \quad (26)$$

$$\times \text{Normal}(\theta, \bar{y}, \psi^{-1/2}) \quad (27)$$

$$(28)$$

(c)

Find a probability density $p_U(\theta, \psi|y)$ that is proportional to $p_U(\theta, \psi) \times p(y_1, \dots, y_n|\theta, \psi)$. It may be convenient to write this joint density as $p_U(\theta|\psi, y) \times p_U(\psi|y)$. Can this joint density be considered a posterior density?

$$P_U(\theta, \psi|y) = P_U(\psi|y) \times p_U(\theta|\psi, y) \quad (29)$$

$$= \text{Gamma}(\psi, \frac{3}{2}, (\frac{(n-1)s^2}{2n} + \frac{\bar{y}^2}{2})^{-1}) \quad (30)$$

$$\times \text{Normal}(\theta, \bar{y}, \psi^{-1/2}) \quad (31)$$

$$\propto \psi^{1/2} \exp\left(-(\frac{(n-1)s^2}{2n} + \frac{\bar{y}^2}{2})\psi\right) \times \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\theta - \bar{y}}{\psi^{-1/2}}\right)^2\right) \quad (32)$$

$$\propto \psi^{1/2} \exp\left(-(\frac{(n-1)s^2}{2n} + \frac{\bar{y}^2}{2})\psi\right) \times \exp\left(-\frac{\psi}{2}(\theta - \bar{y})^2\right) \quad (33)$$

$$\propto \psi^{1/2} \exp\left(-(\frac{(n-1)s^2}{2n} + \frac{\bar{y}^2}{2})\psi\right) \times \exp\left(-\frac{\psi}{2}(\theta^2 - 2\theta\bar{y} + \bar{y}^2)\right) \quad (34)$$

$$\psi^{1/2} \exp\left(-\left(\frac{(n-1)s^2}{2n} + \frac{\bar{y}^2}{2} + \frac{\bar{y}^2}{2}\right)\psi\right) \times \exp\left(-\frac{\psi}{2}(\theta^2 - 2\theta\bar{y})\right) \quad (35)$$

- $p_U(\theta|\psi, y) \propto \text{Normal}(\theta, \bar{y}, \psi^{-1/2})$
- $p_U(\psi|y) \sim \text{Gamma}(\frac{3}{2}, (\frac{(n-1)s^2}{2n} + \frac{\bar{y}^2}{2})^{-1})$
- Yes, it can be considered as a posterior density because the unit information prior is the product of two proper distribution.

References