

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(x_{1:n} | a, b) &= \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i | a, b) \\
 &= \prod_{i=1}^n [ab \exp(-abx_i)] \quad \text{dist. the } \Pi \\
 &= (ab)^n \exp \left\{ -ab \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Remark / obs: likelik. is symm about a, b so if I find

$p(a | x, b)$ then I will know $p(b | x, a)$ by symmetry.

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(\underbrace{a}_{\substack{\text{r.v.} \\ \nearrow}} | \underbrace{x_{1:n}}_{\text{constant}}) &\propto_a p(a, b, x_{1:n}) \\
 &= \underbrace{p(x_{1:n} | a, b)}_{\text{Likelik.}} p(a, b) \\
 &= (ab)^n \exp \left\{ -ab \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right\} \times \exp \{-a-b\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$I(x_1 > 0) \dots I(x_n > 0) I(a, b > 0)$$

$$= a^n \boxed{b^n} \exp \left\{ -ab \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right\} \times e^{-a} \times \boxed{e^{-b}}$$

$$\propto_a a^n \exp \left\{ -ab \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - a \right\}$$

so symm!

Due to
we can
immed write $b|x_{1:n}, a$

$$= a^{\underline{n+1-1}} \exp \left\{ -a \left(\underline{b \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + 1} \right) \right\}$$

$$a | x_{1:n}, b \sim \text{Gamma}(n+1, b \sum x_i + 1)$$

by
symm.

$$b | x_{1:n}, a \sim \text{Gamma}(n+1, a \sum x_i + 1).$$

For practice you could
derive $b | x_{1:n}, a$.