

## Comments on hwk4

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# Theory Problem

- A sequence of Bernoulli trial with success prob  $\theta$ , stop until 13 zeros appeared.
- Likelihood principle, inference about  $\theta$  unchanged.
- Posterior Prediction changes

# Theory Problem Cont'd

- Most of people got this problem right. The distn is more spread out.
- But graphs can improve.

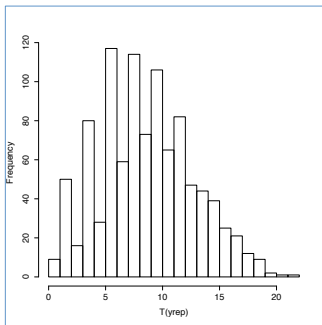


Figure 1:  $y^{rep}$  from the alternative measurement protocol.

# Computation Problem

- Simulate data from true model  $y = 3 + 0.1x_1 + 0.5x_2 + \epsilon$ , where  $\epsilon$  follows a  $t$ -distribution. Fit a normal error model and a  $t$ -error model, and find coverage probabilities of the regression coefficients.
- Some people didn't calculate coverage probs, but give average estimates and 50% interval...
- Some people got extremely low coverage, most likely due to bugs in their code.

# Applied Problem

- NAES 2004 data set, how knowing gay people is related to age, gender and race.
- How to parametrize categorical variables  $\text{logit}(\theta) = \alpha + \beta_{\text{age}} * \text{age} + \beta_{\text{male}} * I_{\text{male}} + \beta_{\text{black}} * I_{\text{race}} + \beta_{\text{hisp}} * I_{\text{hisp}} + \beta_{\text{other}} * I_{\text{other}}$

# Applied Problem Cont'd

- No pooling: fitting a linear model on age for each combination of gender and race.

$$\text{logit}(\theta) = \alpha + \beta_{\text{age}}^{g,r} * \text{age} + \text{all gender and all race and all interaction}$$

- Complete pooling

$$\text{logit}(\theta) = \alpha + \beta_{\text{age}} * \text{age} + \text{main effects}$$

- Partial pooling

$$\text{logit}(\theta) = \alpha + \beta_{\text{age}}^{g,r} * \text{age} + \text{main effects} + \text{interactions}$$

$$\beta_{\text{age}}^{g,r} \sim \text{prior distributions}$$

$$\text{interactions} \sim \text{prior distributions}$$

# Applied Problem Cont'd

