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– **1. Exchangeability with known model parameters**

- (a)  $p(y_1 = \mathbf{b}, y_2 = \mathbf{w}) = p(y_1 = \mathbf{w}, y_2 = \mathbf{b}) = 1/4$ . Observations  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are exchangeable. We put the balls back, ergo  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are independent.
- (b)  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are exchangeable, but not independent.
- (c)  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are exchangeable, but not independent. However, there are 1 million balls for each color, and we only take twice. Hence, we can act as if two observations are independent.

– **5. Mixtures of independent distributions**

W.L.O.G, let's compute the covariance of  $\theta_i$  and  $\theta_j$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{cov}(\theta_i, \theta_j) &= \int_{\theta_i} \int_{\theta_j} p(\theta_i, \theta_j) (\theta_i - \mu_i) (\theta_j - \mu_j) d\theta_i d\theta_j \\
 &= \int_{\alpha} \int_{\theta_i} \int_{\theta_j} p(\theta_i, \theta_j | \alpha) p(\alpha) (\theta_i - \mu_i) (\theta_j - \mu_j) d\alpha d\theta_i d\theta_j \\
 &= \int_{\alpha} \int_{\theta_i} \int_{\theta_j} p(\theta_i | \alpha) (\theta_i - \mu_i) d\theta_i p(\theta_j | \alpha) (\theta_j - \mu_j) d\theta_j p(\alpha) d\alpha \\
 &= \int_{\alpha} \left( \int_{\theta} p(\theta | \alpha) (\theta - \mu) d\theta \right)^2 p(\alpha) d\alpha \\
 &\geq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

– **7. Continuous mixture models**

(a) We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 y | \theta &\sim \frac{1}{y!} \theta^y e^{-\theta} \\
 \theta | \alpha, \beta &\sim \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \theta^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta\theta}
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the prior predictive distribution of  $y$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(y | \alpha, \beta) &= \int_{\theta} p(y, \theta | \alpha, \beta) d\theta \\
 &= \int_{\theta} p(y | \theta) p(\theta | \alpha, \beta) d\theta \\
 &= \frac{\beta^\alpha}{y! \Gamma(\alpha)} \int \theta^{\alpha+y-1} e^{-(\beta+1)\theta} d\theta \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+y)}{y! \Gamma(\alpha)} \frac{\beta^\alpha}{(\beta+1)^{\alpha+y}} \int \frac{(\beta+1)^{\alpha+y}}{\Gamma(\alpha+y)} \theta^{\alpha+y-1} e^{-(\beta+1)\theta} d\theta \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+y)}{y! \Gamma(\alpha)} \left( \frac{\beta}{\beta+1} \right)^\alpha \left( \frac{1}{\beta+1} \right)^y
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the negative binomial.

To calculate the mean and variance of  $y|\alpha, \beta$ , we have

$$\mathbb{E}(y) = \mathbb{E}(\mathbb{E}(y|\theta)) = \mathbb{E}(\theta) = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$$

and

$$\mathbb{V}(y) = \mathbb{E}(\mathbb{V}(y|\theta)) + \mathbb{V}(\mathbb{E}(y|\theta)) = \mathbb{E}(\theta) + \mathbb{V}(\theta) = \frac{\alpha}{\beta^2}(\beta + 1)$$

(b) From Eq.(3.3), we have  $\mu|\sigma^2, y \sim N(\bar{y}, \sigma^2/n)$ . Therefore,

$$\mathbb{E}(\sqrt{n}(\mu - \bar{y})/s) = \mathbb{E}(\mathbb{E}(\sqrt{n}(\mu - \bar{y})/s|\sigma^2)) = \mathbb{E}(\sqrt{n}\mathbb{E}(\mu - \bar{y}|\sigma^2, y)/s^2) = 0$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{V}(\sqrt{n}(\mu - \bar{y})/s) &= \mathbb{E}(\mathbb{V}(\sqrt{n}(\mu - \bar{y})/s|\sigma^2)) + \mathbb{V}(\mathbb{E}(\sqrt{n}(\mu - \bar{y})/s|\sigma^2)) \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left(\frac{n}{s^2}\mathbb{V}(\mu|\sigma^2, y)\right) + 0 \\ &= \mathbb{E}\left(\frac{n}{s^2}\frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right) \quad \sigma^2|y \sim \text{Inv-}\chi^2(n-1, s^2) \\ &= \frac{n-1}{n-3} \end{aligned}$$

## – 9. Noninformative hyperprior distribution

(a)

(b) We have uniform distribution on  $\left(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}, (\alpha+\beta)^{-1/2}\right)$ . Denote  $u = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}$  and  $v = (\alpha+\beta)^{-1/2}$ , then

$$p(\alpha, \beta) = p(u, v) \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial \alpha} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial \beta} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial \alpha} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial \beta} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \beta/(\alpha+\beta)^2 & -\alpha/(\alpha+\beta)^2 \\ -\frac{1}{2}(\alpha+\beta)^{-3/2} & -\frac{1}{2}(\alpha+\beta)^{-3/2} \end{vmatrix} = -\frac{1}{2}(\alpha+\beta)^{-5/2}$$