4 Model selection

Because the probabilities of each model are very small we will use the exponential form to present it. It's also convenient to use scipy.special.betaln function in Python to calculate the results.

(a) For the first model the evidence is simply:

$$P(\mathcal{D}|\mathcal{M}_a) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{ND} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{6400} \approx \exp(-4436)$$
 (4.1)

$$P(\mathcal{M}_a|\mathcal{D}) \propto P(\mathcal{D}|\mathcal{M}_a)P(\mathcal{M}_a)$$
 (4.2)

(b) For the second model we only have to integrate over the single parameter with uniform prior:

$$P(\mathcal{D}|\mathcal{M}_b) = \int_0^1 P(\mathcal{D}|p_d, \mathcal{M}_b) P(p_d|\mathcal{M}_b) dp_d$$
(4.3)

$$= \int_{0}^{1} \prod_{n=1}^{N} \prod_{i=1}^{D} p_{d}^{x_{i}^{(n)}} (1 - p_{d})^{1 - x_{i}^{(n)}} 1 dp_{d}$$

$$\tag{4.4}$$

$$= \int_{0}^{1} p_{d}^{\sum_{n=1}^{N} \sum_{i=1}^{D} x_{i}^{(n)}} (1 - p_{d})^{ND - \sum_{n=1}^{N} \sum_{i=1}^{D} x_{i}^{(n)}} dp_{d}$$

$$(4.5)$$

$$= B\left(\sum_{n=1}^{N} \sum_{i=1}^{D} x_i^{(n)} + 1, ND - \sum_{n=1}^{N} \sum_{i=1}^{D} x_i^{(n)} + 1\right)$$

$$(4.6)$$

$$= \exp\left(\log B\left(\sum_{n=1}^{N} \sum_{i=1}^{D} x_i^{(n)} + 1, ND - \sum_{n=1}^{N} \sum_{i=1}^{D} x_i^{(n)} + 1\right)\right)$$
(4.7)

We can calculate the value of the exponent for our dataset with the following code:

from scipy.special import betaln

$$log_{-}P = betaln(Y.sum() + 1, N*D - Y.sum() + 1)$$

This gives us:

$$P(\mathcal{D}|\mathcal{M}_b) \approx \exp(-4284)$$
 (4.8)

$$P(\mathcal{M}_b|\mathcal{D}) \propto P(\mathcal{D}|\mathcal{M}_b)P(\mathcal{M}_b)$$
 (4.9)

(c) Finally we can calculate the evidence for the last model:

$$P(\mathcal{D}|\mathcal{M}_c) = \int_{[0,1]^D} P(\mathcal{D}|\boldsymbol{p}, \mathcal{M}_c) P(\boldsymbol{p}|\mathcal{M}_c) d\boldsymbol{p}$$
(4.10)

$$= \int_{[0,1]^D} \prod_{n=1}^N \prod_{d=1}^D p_d^{x_d^{(n)}} (1 - p_d)^{1 - x_d^{(n)}} 1 d\mathbf{p}$$
(4.11)

$$= \prod_{d=1}^{D} \int_{0}^{1} \prod_{n=1}^{N} p_{d}^{x_{d}^{(n)}} (1 - p_{d})^{1 - x_{d}^{(n)}} dp_{d}$$

$$(4.12)$$

$$= \prod_{d=1}^{D} B\left(\sum_{n=1}^{N} x_d^{(n)} + 1, N - \sum_{n=1}^{N} x_d^{(n)} + 1\right)$$
(4.13)

$$= \exp\left(\sum_{d=1}^{D} \log B\left(\sum_{n=1}^{N} x_d^{(n)} + 1, N - \sum_{n=1}^{N} x_d^{(n)} + 1\right)\right)$$
(4.14)

Code:

from scipy.special import betaln

$$log_P = sum(\,betaln\,(Y[:\,,\,\,d\,]\,.sum(\,)\,\,+\,\,1\,,\,\,N\,-\,Y[:\,,\,\,d\,]\,.sum(\,)\,\,+\,\,1) \quad for\ d\ in\ range(D))$$

This gives us:

$$P(\mathcal{D}|\mathcal{M}_c) \approx \exp(-3851)$$
 (4.15)

$$P(\mathcal{M}_c|\mathcal{D}) \propto P(\mathcal{D}|\mathcal{M}_c)P(\mathcal{M}_c)$$
 (4.16)

We observe that since we have a uniform prior on model probability it holds that $P(\mathcal{M}_i|\mathcal{D}) \propto P(\mathcal{D}|\mathcal{M}_i)$. We can calculate relative posterior probability of each model:

$$P(\mathcal{M}_a|\mathcal{D}) \propto \exp(-4436)$$
 (4.17)

$$P(\mathcal{M}_b|\mathcal{D}) \propto \exp(-4284)$$
 (4.18)

$$P(\mathcal{M}_c|\mathcal{D}) \propto \exp(-3851)$$
 (4.19)

From this we can calculate (assuming we don't consider other models) that since $P(\mathcal{M}_i|\mathcal{D}) = \frac{P(\mathcal{M}_i|\mathcal{D})}{\sum_k P(\mathcal{M}_k|\mathcal{D})}$:

$$P(\mathcal{M}_a|\mathcal{D}) \approx 0 \tag{4.20}$$

$$P(\mathcal{M}_b|\mathcal{D}) \approx 0 \tag{4.21}$$

$$P(\mathcal{M}_c|\mathcal{D}) \approx 1$$
 (4.22)