

7.1.16 Suppose that $X_\tau \sim N(\mu_0, \tau^2)$. Then $P(X_\tau < x) = \Phi((x - \mu_0)/\tau) \rightarrow \Phi(0) = 1/2$ for every x and this is not a distribution function.

7.1.17 First, observe that the posterior density of θ given x_1, \dots, x_n is $\pi(\theta | x_1, \dots, x_n) \propto \pi(\theta) \prod_{i=1}^n f_\theta(x_i)$. Using this as the prior density to obtain the posterior density of θ given x_{n+1}, \dots, x_{n+m} , we get $\pi(\theta, x_1, \dots, x_n | x_{n+1}, \dots, x_{n+m}) \propto \pi(\theta) \prod_{i=1}^n f_\theta(x_i) \prod_{i=n+1}^{n+m} f_\theta(x_i)$, and this is the same as the posterior density of θ given $x_1, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}, \dots, x_{n+m}$.

7.2.17 From the equation $BF(A) = [\Pi(A|s)/(1 - \Pi(A|s))]/[\Pi(A)/(1 - \Pi(A))]$, we get $\Pi(A|s) = 1/[1 + BF(A)/[\Pi(A)/(1 - \Pi(A))]]$. Both statisticians' Bayes factor equals $BF(A) = 100$. The prior odds of Statistician I is $\Pi(H_0)/(1 - \Pi(H_0)) = (1/2)/(1/2) = 1$. Thus Statistician I's posterior probability is $\Pi(H_0|s) = 1/[1 + (1)100] = 1/101 = 0.0099$. The prior odds of Statistician II is $\Pi(H_0)/(1 - \Pi(H_0)) = (1/4)/(3/4) = 1/3$ and the posterior probability is $\Pi(H_0|s) = 1/[1 + (1/3)100] = 3/103 = 0.0292$. Hence, Statistician II has the bigger posterior belief in H_0 .

7.1.18 The joint density of $(\theta, x_1, \dots, x_n)$ is given by

$$\frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \theta^{n\bar{x} + \alpha - 1} (1 - \theta)^{n(1 - \bar{x}) + \beta - 1}$$

and integrating out θ gives the marginal probability function for (x_1, \dots, x_n) as $m(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \frac{\Gamma(n\bar{x} + \alpha)\Gamma(n(1 - \bar{x}) + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + n)}$ for $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \{0, 1\}^n$.

To generate from this distribution we can first generate $\theta \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta)$ and then generate x_1, \dots, x_n i.i.d. from the Bernoulli(θ) distribution.

7.2.18 Note that a credible set is an acceptance region and the compliment of γ -credible set is a $(1 - \gamma)$ rejection region. Since $\psi(\theta) = 0 \in (-3.3, 2.6)$, the P-value must be greater than $1 - 0.95 = 0.05$.

7.2.21 The likelihood function is given by $L(\theta | x_1, \dots, x_n) = \theta^{-n} I_{(x_{(n)}, \infty)}(\theta)$ and the prior is $I_{(0,1)}(\theta)$, so the posterior is

$$\frac{\theta^{-n} I_{(x_{(n)}, 1)}(\theta)}{\int_{x_{(n)}}^1 \theta^{-n} d\theta} = \frac{\theta^{-n} I_{(x_{(n)}, 1)}(\theta)}{(n-1) \left(x_{(n)}^{1-n} - 1 \right)}.$$

Since this density strictly increases in $(x_{(n)}, 1)$ and HPD interval is of the form $(c, 1)$, c is determined by

$$\gamma = \int_c^1 \frac{\theta^{-n} I_{(x_{(n)}, 1)}(\theta)}{(n-1) \left(x_{(n)}^{1-n} - 1 \right)} d\theta = \frac{c^{1-n} - 1}{x_{(n)}^{1-n} - 1},$$

so $c = \left\{ 1 + \gamma \left(x_{(n)}^{1-n} - 1 \right) \right\}^{1/(1-n)}$.

7.2.23 Let $\psi(\mu, \sigma^2) = \mu + \sigma z_{0.75} = \mu + (1/\sigma^2)^{-1/2} z_{0.75}$ and $\lambda = \lambda(\mu, \sigma^2) = 1/\sigma^2$, so

$$J(\theta(\psi, \lambda)) = \left| \det \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \mu} & \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial (\frac{1}{\sigma^2})} \\ \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial \mu} & \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial (\frac{1}{\sigma^2})} \end{pmatrix} \right| = \left| \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} z_{0.75} (\frac{1}{\sigma^2})^{-\frac{3}{2}} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right| = 1.$$

Therefore, the posterior density of ψ is given by

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left(n + \frac{1}{\tau_0^2} \right)^{1/2} \lambda^{1/2} \exp \left(-\frac{\lambda}{2} \left(n + \frac{1}{\tau_0^2} \right) \left((\psi_0 - \lambda^{-1/2} z_{0.75}) - \mu_x \right)^2 \right) \\ \times \frac{(\beta_x)^{\alpha_0 + n/2}}{\Gamma(\alpha_0 + n/2)} \lambda^{\alpha_0 + n/2 - 1} \exp(-\beta_x \lambda) d\lambda.$$

which is a difficult integral to evaluate.

7.2.28 Since the variance of a $t(\lambda)$ distribution is $\lambda/(\lambda - 2)$, the posterior variance of μ is given by

$$\text{Var} \left(\mu_x + \sqrt{\frac{1}{n + 2\alpha_0}} \sqrt{\frac{2\beta_x}{n + 1/\tau_0^2}} t(n + 2\alpha_0) \right) \\ = \left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{n + 2\alpha_0}} \sqrt{\frac{2\beta_x}{n + 1/\tau_0^2}} \right)^2 \frac{n + 2\alpha_0}{n + 2\alpha_0 - 2} = \left(\frac{2\beta_x}{n + 1/\tau_0^2} \right) \left(\frac{1}{n + 2\alpha_0 - 2} \right).$$

7.2.32 We can write $X_{n+1} = \mu + \sigma U$, where $U \sim N(0, 1)$ independent of $X_1, \dots, X_n, \mu, \sigma$. We also have that $\mu = \mu_x + (n + 1/\tau_0^2)^{-1/2} \sigma Z$, where $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ is independent of X_1, \dots, X_n, σ . Therefore, we can write

$$X_{n+1} = \mu_x + (n + 1/\tau_0^2)^{-1/2} \sigma Z + \sigma U \\ = \mu_x + \sigma \left\{ (n + 1/\tau_0^2)^{-1/2} Z + U \right\} = \mu_x + \left\{ (n + 1/\tau_0^2)^{-1} + 1 \right\}^{1/2} \sigma W$$

where

$$W = \left\{ (n + 1/\tau_0^2)^{-1} + 1 \right\}^{-1/2} \left\{ (n + 1/\tau_0^2)^{-1/2} Z + U \right\} \\ = \frac{X_{n+1} - \mu_x}{\left\{ (n + 1/\tau_0^2)^{-1} + 1 \right\}^{1/2} \sigma} \sim N(0, 1)$$

is independent of X_1, \dots, X_n, σ . Therefore, just as in Example 7.2.1,

$$T = \frac{W}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{2\beta_x}{\sigma^2} \right) / (2\alpha_0 + n)}} \\ = \frac{X_{n+1} - \mu_x}{\left\{ (n + 1/\tau_0^2)^{-1} + 1 \right\}^{1/2} \left((2\beta_x) / (2\alpha_0 + n) \right)^{1/2}} \sim t(2\alpha_0 + n).$$

7.2.34 The prior predictive probability measure for the data s with a mixture of Π_1 and Π_2 prior distributions is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
m(s) &= E_{\Pi}(f_{\theta}(s)) = \sum_{\theta} f_{\theta}(s) \Pi(\{\theta\}) \\
&= \sum_{\theta} f_{\theta}(s) (p\Pi_1(\{\theta\}) + (1-p)\Pi_2(\{\theta\})) \\
&= p \sum_{\theta} f_{\theta}(s) \Pi_1(\{\theta\}) + (1-p) \sum_{\theta} f_{\theta}(s) \Pi_2(\{\theta\}) \\
&= pf_{\theta_0}(s) + (1-p) \sum_{\theta} f_{\theta}(s) \Pi_2(\{\theta\}) = pm_1(s) + (1-p)m_2(s).
\end{aligned}$$

The posterior probability measure is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\Pi(A|s) &= \sum_{\theta \in A} \frac{f_{\theta}(s) \Pi(\{\theta\})}{m(s)} = \sum_{\theta \in A} \frac{f_{\theta}(s) (p\Pi_1(\{\theta\}) + (1-p)\Pi_2(\{\theta\}))}{pm_1(s) + (1-p)m_2(s)} \\
&= \frac{pm_1(s)}{pm_1(s) + (1-p)m_2(s)} \sum_{\theta \in A} \frac{f_{\theta}(s) \Pi_1(\{\theta\})}{m_1(s)} \\
&\quad + \frac{(1-p)m_2(s)}{pm_1(s) + (1-p)m_2(s)} \sum_{\theta \in A} \frac{f_{\theta}(s) \Pi_2(\{\theta\})}{m_2(s)} \\
&= \frac{pm_1(s)}{pm_1(s) + (1-p)m_2(s)} \Pi_1(A|s) + \frac{(1-p)m_2(s)}{pm_1(s) + (1-p)m_2(s)} \Pi_2(A|s).
\end{aligned}$$

7.3.11

(a) We have that $\frac{1}{n} \ln \left(L(\hat{\theta} | x_1, \dots, x_n) \pi(\hat{\theta}) \right) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \ln L(\hat{\theta} | x_i) +$

$\frac{1}{n} \ln \pi(\hat{\theta}) \xrightarrow{a.s.} E_{\theta}(\ln L(\theta | X)) = I(\theta)$ by the strong law of large numbers.

(b) Then from the results of part (a) we have that, denoting the true value of θ by θ_0 ,

$$\frac{\theta - \hat{\theta}(X_1, \dots, X_n)}{\hat{\sigma}(X_1, \dots, X_n) / \sqrt{n}} \xrightarrow{a.s.} \sqrt{nI(\theta_0)} (\theta - \theta_0)$$

when $\theta \sim \Pi(\cdot | X_1, \dots, X_n)$. This implies that when the sample size is large then inferences will be independent of the prior.

7.3.15 Suppose that the posterior expectation of ψ exists. Then by the theorem

of total expectation we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
E(\psi | x_1, \dots, x_n) &= E\left(\frac{\sigma}{\mu} | x_1, \dots, x_n\right) \\
&= E\left(\frac{\sigma}{\mu} (I_{(-\infty, 0)}(\mu) + I_{(0, \infty)}(\mu)) | x_1, \dots, x_n\right) \\
&= E\left(\frac{\sigma}{\mu} I_{(-\infty, 0)}(\mu) | x_1, \dots, x_n\right) + E\left(\frac{\sigma}{\mu} I_{(0, \infty)}(\mu) | x_1, \dots, x_n\right) \\
&= E\left(E\left(\frac{\sigma}{\mu} I_{(-\infty, 0)}(\mu) | \sigma, x_1, \dots, x_n\right) | x_1, \dots, x_n\right) \\
&\quad + E\left(E\left(\frac{\sigma}{\mu} I_{(0, \infty)}(\mu) | \sigma, x_1, \dots, x_n\right) | x_1, \dots, x_n\right)
\end{aligned}$$

and reasoning as in Problem 7.2.24, we have that $E\left(\frac{\sigma}{\mu} I_{(-\infty, 0)}(\mu) | \sigma, x_1, \dots, x_n\right) = -\infty$ and $E\left(\frac{\sigma}{\mu} I_{(0, \infty)}(\mu) | \sigma, x_1, \dots, x_n\right) = \infty$, so $E(\psi | x_1, \dots, x_n) = \infty - \infty$ which is undefined.

7.4.3

(a) First, we compute the prior predictive for the data as follows.

$$m_\tau(1, 1, 3) = \sum_{\theta=1}^2 \pi(\theta) f_\theta(1, 1, 3) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \frac{1}{8} = \frac{59}{1728} & \tau = 1 \\ \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 + \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \frac{1}{8} = \frac{43}{1296} & \tau = 2 \end{cases}$$

The maximum value of the prior predictive is obtained when $\tau = 1$, therefore we choose the first prior.

(b) The posterior of θ given $\tau = 1$ is

$$\pi_1(\theta | 1, 1, 3) = \begin{cases} \frac{\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3}{\frac{59}{1728}} = \frac{32}{59} & \theta = a \\ \frac{\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \frac{1}{8}}{\frac{59}{1728}} = \frac{27}{59} & \theta = b. \end{cases}$$

7.4.16 From Exercise 6.5.1 the Fisher information is $n/2\sigma^4$. Therefore, Jeffreys' prior is given by $1/\sigma^2$.

7.4.17 We use the prior $1/\sigma^2$. The posterior distribution is proportional to

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left(\frac{1}{\sigma^2}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{n}{2\sigma^2}(\bar{x} - \mu)^2\right) \exp\left(-\frac{(n-1)s^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \\
&= \left(\frac{1}{\sigma^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{n}{2\sigma^2}(\bar{x} - \mu)^2\right) \exp\left(-\frac{(n-1)s^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\sigma^2}\right)^{\frac{n+1}{2}}.
\end{aligned}$$

So the posterior distribution of (μ, σ^2) is given by $\mu | \sigma^2, x_1, \dots, x_n \sim N(\bar{x}, \sigma^2/n)$ and $1/\sigma^2 | x_1, \dots, x_n \sim \text{Gamma}\left(\frac{n+3}{2}, \frac{n-1}{2} s^2\right)$.