

# Bayesian Statistics

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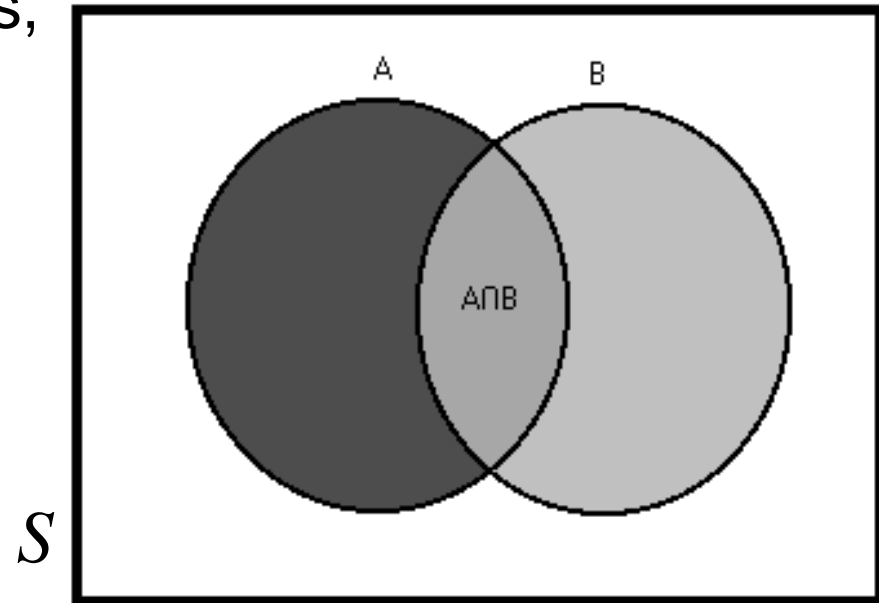
# Bayesian Statistics - Background

We learned about the conditional probability of  $B$  given  $A$ .

If  $A$  and  $B$  are events in  $S$ , and  $P(A) > 0$ , then the *conditional probability of  $B$  given  $A$*  written is,

$$P(B | A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)}$$

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# Bayesian Statistics - Background

We extended to more  $A$  events,  $A_1, A_2, \dots$

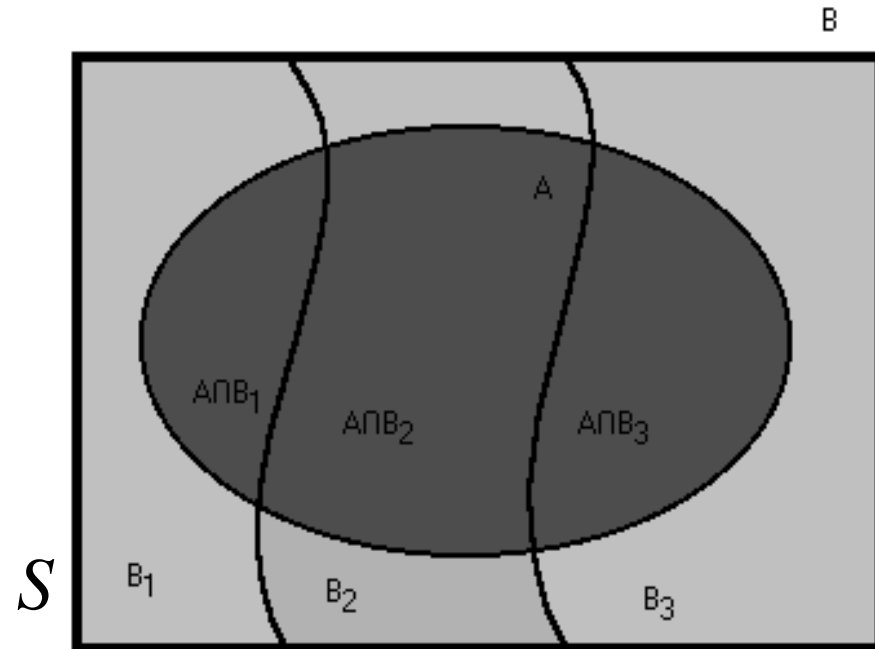
Let  $B_1, B_2, \dots$  be a partition of the sample space, and

let  $B$  be any set.

Then for each  $i=1,2,\dots$ ,

$$P(B_i | A) = \frac{P(A | B_i)P(B_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A | B_i)P(B_i)}$$

$$P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A | B_i)P(B_i)$$



# Bayesian Statistics - Background

**Example:** Medical Test.  $P(\text{have disease}|\text{test positive})$ .

$T_+$ : The event that the test is positive.

$T_-$ : The event that the test is negative.

$D_+$ : The event that the person truly has disease.

$D_-$ : The event that the person truly does not has disease.

The sensitivity of test is  $P(T_+ | D_+) = .99$ .

The specificity of test is  $P(T_- | D_-) = .99$ .

If the proportion of population that truly has disease is  $10^{-6}$ .

$$P(D_- | T_+) = \frac{P(T_+ | D_-)P(D_-)}{P(T_+)} = 0.999990101$$

$$P(T_+) = P(T_+ | D_+)P(D_+) + P(T_+ | D_-)P(D_-)$$

# Bayesian Statistics - Likelihood

Assume that we have  $y_i = \mu + \varepsilon_i$ , where  $\varepsilon_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

This means that given  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$ , the PDF of  $y_i$  is

$$f(y_i | \mu, \sigma^2) = (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-1/2} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(y_i - \mu)^2\right]$$

and since these are independent observations, we wrote

$$f(y_1, \dots, y_n | \mu, \sigma^2) = (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-n/2} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)^2\right].$$

# Bayesian Statistics - Prior

In MLE, we sort of heuristically turned things around.

We took  $f(y_1, \dots, y_n | \mu, \sigma^2)$  which was a (probability)

function of the data  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  given  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  and changed

it into a function  $L(\mu, \sigma^2)$  of  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  (given the data  $y_1, \dots, y_n$ ).

Why and how did this happen?

Truthfully  $L$  is the probability of getting data  $y_1, \dots, y_n$

given  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  and not probability of  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  given data!

# Bayesian Statistics - Prior

What happened to the rules of probability? i.e. Bayes' Rule

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marginal  
distribution  
of  $y$ 's

# Bayesian Statistics - Prior

We have  $f(y_1, \dots, y_n | \mu, \sigma^2)$ . The dist of RVs given  $(\mu, \sigma^2)$ .

We need  $f(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , the dist of the parameters.

Given  $f(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , we can get  $f(y_1, \dots, y_n)$  by integration

$$f(y_1, \dots, y_n) = \int_{\sigma^2=0}^{\infty} \int_{\mu=-\infty}^{\infty} f(y_1, \dots, y_n | \mu, \sigma^2) f(\mu, \sigma^2) d\mu d\sigma^2$$

(but it is just a proportionality constant often neglected).

# Bayesian Statistics - Prior

The distribution  $f(\mu, \sigma^2)$  is called the prior distribution.

It is arrived at by quantifying expert opinion or using previous data.

There is a way of generating a distributional form for a prior distribution then all we need are its parameters.

# Bayesian Statistics - Prior

Although any distribution that depends on certain parameters  $\theta$  can be used as a prior distribution, we can obtain a “nice” one called a natural conjugate prior distribution. Then all we need to do is assess the parameters  $\theta$  for this distribution either by expert opinion or from previous data.

# Bayesian Statistics - Prior

A common joint distribution for the mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$  when data is normal is the natural conjugate

prior distribution,  $f(\mu, \sigma^2) = f(\mu | \sigma^2) f(\sigma^2)$

$$f(\mu | \sigma^2) = (2\pi\sigma^2 / \alpha)^{-1/2} e^{-\frac{(\mu - \mu_0)^2}{2\sigma^2 / \alpha}}$$

$\mu_0, \alpha, \nu, \kappa$

Need to be assessed.

$$f(\sigma^2) = \frac{\kappa^{\frac{\nu-2}{2}} (\sigma^2)^{-\frac{\nu}{2}}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{\nu-2}{2}\right) 2^{(\nu-2)/2}} e^{-\frac{\kappa}{2\sigma^2}}$$



inverse gamma distribution

# Bayesian Statistics - Prior

Parameters of prior are called hyperparameters.

The hyperparameters  $(\mu_0, \alpha, \nu, \kappa)$  need to be assessed.

One way is from previous similar study data:

i.e.  $n_0$  observations with sample mean  $\bar{y}_0$  and

sample variance  $s_0^2$  use

$$\mu_0 = \bar{y}_0 \qquad \nu = n_0 + 1$$

$$\alpha = n_0 \qquad \kappa = (n_0 - 1)s_0^2$$

# Bayesian Statistics - Prior

The likelihood of the observations is

$$f(y_1, \dots, y_{n_0} \mid \mu, \sigma^2) = (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-n_0/2} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n_0} (y_i - \mu)^2}$$

$$f(\bar{y}_0, s_0^2 \mid \mu, \sigma^2) = \left( \frac{n_0}{2\pi\sigma^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{n_0}{2\sigma^2} (\mu - \bar{y}_0)^2} \cdot \frac{n_0^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{(n_0-1)/2}} e^{-\frac{(n_0-1)}{2\sigma^2} s_0^2}$$

$$f(\mu \mid \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2/\alpha)^{\frac{1}{2}}} e^{-\frac{\alpha(\mu - \mu_0)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad f(\sigma^2) = \frac{\kappa^{\frac{\nu-2}{2}} (\sigma^2)^{-\frac{\nu}{2}}}{\Gamma(\frac{\nu-2}{2}) 2^{(\nu-2)/2}} e^{-\frac{\kappa}{2\sigma^2}}$$

# Bayesian Statistics - Posterior

We can now form the posterior distribution

$$f(\mu, \sigma^2 | y_1, \dots, y_n) = \frac{f(y_1, \dots, y_n | \mu, \sigma^2) f(\mu, \sigma^2)}{f(y_1, \dots, y_n)}$$

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$$f(y_1, \dots, y_n | \mu, \sigma^2) = (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-n/2} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)^2}$$

$$f(\mu, \sigma^2) = (2\pi\sigma^2/\alpha)^{-1/2} e^{-\frac{(\mu - \mu_0)^2}{2\sigma^2/\alpha}} \frac{\kappa^{\frac{\nu-2}{2}} (\sigma^2)^{-\frac{\nu}{2}}}{\Gamma(\frac{\nu-2}{2}) 2^{(\nu-2)/2}} e^{-\frac{\kappa}{2\sigma^2}}$$

# Bayesian Statistics - Posterior

We can neglect  $f(y_1, \dots, y_n)$  since doesn't have  $(\mu, \sigma^2)$  and other constants

$$f(\mu, \sigma^2 | y_1, \dots, y_n) = \frac{f(y_1, \dots, y_n | \mu, \sigma^2) f(\mu, \sigma^2)}{f(y_1, \dots, y_n)}$$

$$f(\mu, \sigma^2 | y_1, \dots, y_n) \propto f(y_1, \dots, y_n | \mu, \sigma^2) f(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

$$f(\mu, \sigma^2 | y_1, \dots, y_n) \propto (\sigma^2)^{-\frac{n}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)^2} (\sigma^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{(\mu - \mu_0)^2}{2\sigma^2/\alpha}} (\sigma^2)^{-\frac{\nu}{2}} e^{-\frac{\kappa}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$f(\mu, \sigma^2 | y_1, \dots, y_n) \propto (\sigma^2)^{-\frac{(n+\nu+1)}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)^2 + \alpha(\mu - \mu_0)^2 + \kappa \right]}$$

# Bayesian Statistics - Posterior

Now that we have a distribution  $f(\mu, \sigma^2 | y's)$ , we need to estimate the  $(\mu, \sigma^2)$  parameters from it..

We can obtain (marginal) means

$$E(\mu | y's) = \int_{\mu} \mu \int_{\sigma^2} f(\mu, \sigma^2 | y's) d\sigma^2 d\mu$$

$$E(\sigma^2 | y's) = \int_{\sigma^2} \sigma^2 \int_{\mu} f(\mu, \sigma^2 | y's) d\mu d\sigma^2$$

or modes

$$\left. \frac{\partial f(\mu, \sigma^2 | y's)}{\partial \mu} \right|_{\hat{\mu}, \hat{\sigma}^2} = 0 \quad \left. \frac{\partial f(\mu, \sigma^2 | y's)}{\partial \sigma^2} \right|_{\hat{\mu}, \hat{\sigma}^2} = 0$$

# Bayesian Statistics - Estimation

The  $(\mu, \sigma^2)$  that maximize the posterior distribution are maximum *a posteriori* (MAP) estimates

$$f(\mu, \sigma^2 \mid y's, \mu_0, \alpha, \nu, \kappa) = C(\sigma^2)^{-\frac{(\nu+n+1)}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)^2 + \alpha(\mu - \mu_0)^2 + \kappa \right]}$$

$$\ln(f(\mu, \sigma^2 \mid y's, \mu_0, \alpha, \nu, \kappa)) = -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)^2 + \alpha(\mu - \mu_0)^2 + \kappa \right] - \frac{(\nu+n+1)}{2} \ln(\sigma^2) + C$$

$$LP = \ln(f(\mu, \sigma^2 \mid y's, \mu_0, \alpha, \nu, \kappa))$$

# Bayesian Statistics - Estimation

Maximum *a posteriori* (MAP) estimates

$$LP(\mu, \sigma^2) = -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)^2 + (\mu - \mu_0)^2 + \kappa \right] - \frac{(v+n+1)}{2} \ln(\sigma^2) + C$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial LP(\mu, \sigma^2)}{\partial \mu} \right|_{\hat{\mu}, \hat{\sigma}^2} = -\frac{1}{2\hat{\sigma}^2} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n 2(y_i - \hat{\mu})(-1) + 2\alpha(\hat{\mu} - \mu_0) \right] = 0$$

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# Bayesian Statistics - Estimation

Solving for  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  yields MAP estimates

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$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{n}{\alpha + n} \bar{y} + \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + n} \mu_0$$

Can simplify  
with algebra

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{\nu + n + 1} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ (y_i - \hat{\mu})^2 + \alpha(\hat{\mu} - \mu_0)^2 + \kappa \right]$$

# Bayesian Statistics - Additional Models

Bayesian Regression

Bayesian Time Series

Bayesian ANOVA

Bayesian Classification

Bayesian Multivariate Regression

Bayesian Image Reconstruction

# Homework:

- 1) NONE