

## EXERCISE 1 - SOLUTION:

(a) Joint PDF (likelihood):

$$\begin{aligned} p(y_1, \dots, y_n | \theta) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \binom{r + y_i - 1}{y_i} \cdot \theta^r \cdot (1 - \theta)^{y_i} \\ &= \theta^{n \cdot r} \cdot (1 - \theta)^{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n \binom{r + y_i - 1}{y_i} \end{aligned}$$

For the posterior PDF we have:

$$\begin{aligned} p(\theta | y_1, \dots, y_n) &\propto p(y_1, \dots, y_n | \theta) \cdot p(\theta) \\ &\propto \theta^{n \cdot r} \cdot (1 - \theta)^{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n \binom{r + y_i - 1}{y_i} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(a + b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \cdot \theta^{a-1} \cdot (1 - \theta)^{b-1} \\ &\propto \theta^{n \cdot r} \cdot (1 - \theta)^{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i} \cdot \theta^{a-1} \cdot (1 - \theta)^{b-1} \\ &\propto \theta^{a+n \cdot r-1} \cdot (1 - \theta)^{b+(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i)-1}. \end{aligned}$$

The posterior PDF is proportional to the density of a  $Beta(a + n \cdot r, b + \sum_{i=1}^n y_i)$  distribution; i.e. the posterior distribution of  $\theta$  is a Beta distribution with parameters:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{a} &= a + n \cdot r \\ \tilde{b} &= b + \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \end{aligned}$$

(b) For  $r = 1$  we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{a} &= a + n \\ \tilde{b} &= b + \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \end{aligned}$$

In terms of pseudo counts: There are  $a$  pseudo observations, whose sum is  $b$ .

(c) Compute the marginal likelihood (using  $r = 1$ ,  $a = 1$  and  $b = 1$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} p(y_1, \dots, y_n) &= \int p(y_1, \dots, y_n | \theta) \cdot p(\theta) d\theta \\ &= \int \theta^{n \cdot r} \cdot (1 - \theta)^{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n \binom{r + y_i - 1}{y_i} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(a + b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \cdot \theta^{a-1} \cdot (1 - \theta)^{b-1} d\theta \\ &= \int \theta^{n \cdot 1} \cdot (1 - \theta)^{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n \binom{1 + y_i - 1}{y_i} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(2)}{\Gamma(1)\Gamma(1)} \cdot \theta^{1-1} \cdot (1 - \theta)^{1-1} d\theta \\ &= \int \theta^n \cdot (1 - \theta)^{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i} d\theta \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(n + 1) \cdot \Gamma(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i + 1)}{\Gamma(n + \sum_{i=1}^n y_i + 2)} \cdot \int \frac{\Gamma(n + \sum_{i=1}^n y_i + 2)}{\Gamma(n + 1) \cdot \Gamma(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i + 1)} \cdot \theta^n \cdot (1 - \theta)^{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i} d\theta \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(n + 1) \cdot \Gamma(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i + 1)}{\Gamma(n + \sum_{i=1}^n y_i + 2)} \end{aligned}$$

**EXERCISE 2 - SOLUTION:****(a)** For the full conditional PDF:

$$\begin{aligned}
p(b|y_1, \dots, y_n, a) &\propto p(y_1, \dots, y_n|a, b) \cdot p(a) \cdot p(b) \\
&\propto p(y_1, \dots, y_n|a, b) \cdot p(b) \\
&\propto \left( \prod_{i=1}^n p(y_i|a, b) \right) \cdot p(b) \\
&\propto \left( \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} \cdot y_i^{a-1} \cdot e^{-b \cdot y_i} \right) \cdot \delta \cdot e^{-\delta \cdot b} \\
&\propto \frac{b^{n \cdot a}}{\Gamma(a)^n} \cdot \left( \prod_{i=1}^n y_i \right)^{a-1} \cdot e^{-b \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n y_i} \cdot \delta \cdot e^{-\delta \cdot b} \\
&\propto b^{n \cdot a} \cdot e^{-b \cdot (\delta + \sum_{i=1}^n y_i)}
\end{aligned}$$

The full conditional PDF is proportional to the density of a  $GAM(a \cdot n + 1, \delta + \sum_{i=1}^n y_i)$  distribution; i.e. the posterior distribution of  $b$  is a Gamma distribution with parameters:

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{a} &= a \cdot n + 1 \\
\tilde{b} &= \delta + \sum_{i=1}^n y_i
\end{aligned}$$

**(b)** Marginal likelihood for  $a = 1$ ,  $\delta = 2$ ,  $n = 5$  and  $y_1 = 3$ ,  $y_2 = 2$ ,  $y_3 = 0.5$ ,  $y_4 = 2$ ,  $y_5 = 0.5$ . Note that we here have:  $\sum y_i = 8$  and  $\prod y_i = 3$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
p(y_1, \dots, y_n) &= \int p(y_1, \dots, y_n|b) \cdot p(b) db \\
&= \int \frac{b^{n \cdot a}}{\Gamma(a)^n} \cdot \left( \prod_{i=1}^n y_i \right)^{a-1} \cdot e^{-b \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n y_i} \cdot \delta \cdot e^{-\delta \cdot b} db \\
&= \int \frac{b^{5 \cdot 1}}{\Gamma(1)^5} \cdot (3)^{1-1} \cdot e^{-b \cdot 8} \cdot 2 \cdot e^{-2 \cdot b} db \\
&= 2 \cdot \int b^5 \cdot e^{-b \cdot 10} db \\
&= 2 \cdot \frac{\Gamma(6)}{10^6} \cdot \int \frac{10^6}{\Gamma(6)} \cdot b^5 \cdot e^{-b \cdot 10} db \\
&= 2 \cdot \frac{\Gamma(6)}{10^6} \\
&= \frac{240}{10^6} = 0.00024
\end{aligned}$$

(b) Predictive probability (for  $\tilde{y} = 2$ ). For the posterior parameters we now have:  $\tilde{a} = 6$  and  $\tilde{b} = 10$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(\tilde{y}|y_1, \dots, y_n) &= \int p(\tilde{y}|b) \cdot p(b|y_1, \dots, y_n) db \\
 &= \int \frac{b^1}{\Gamma(1)} \cdot 2^{1-1} \cdot e^{-b \cdot 2} \cdot \frac{10^6}{\Gamma(6)} \cdot b^{6-1} \cdot e^{-10 \cdot b} db \\
 &= \frac{10^6}{\Gamma(6)} \cdot \int b^6 \cdot e^{-b \cdot 12} db \\
 &= \frac{10^6}{\Gamma(6)} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(7)}{12^7} \cdot \int \frac{12^7}{\Gamma(7)} \cdot b^6 \cdot e^{-b \cdot 12} db \\
 &= \frac{6}{12} \cdot \left(\frac{10}{12}\right)^6 \approx 0.17
 \end{aligned}$$

### EXERCISE 3 - SOLUTION:

Initialisation: Set  $\theta^{(0)} = \theta$ , where  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Iterations For  $t = 1, \dots, T$

- Sample random number  $u$  from Uniform distribution over  $[-\epsilon, \epsilon]$ ,  $u \sim \text{UNI}([-\epsilon, \epsilon])$ .
- Propose new candidate:  $\theta^* = \theta^{(t-1)} + u$
- Compute the acceptance probability  $A(\theta^{(t-1)}, \theta^*) = \min\{1, R\}$ ,  
 where  $R = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n p(y_i|\theta^*)}{\prod_{i=1}^n p(y_i|\theta^{(t-1)})} \cdot \frac{p(\theta^*)}{p(\theta^{(t-1)})} \cdot 1$
- Sample random number  $v$  from Uniform distribution over  $[0, 1]$ ,  $v \sim \text{UNI}([0, 1])$ .
- IF  $v < A(\theta^{(t-1)}, \theta^*)$ , set  $\theta^{(t)} = \theta^*$ . ELSE Set  $\theta^{(t)} = \theta^{(t-1)}$ . ...

Output:  $\theta^{(0)}, \dots, \theta^{(T)}$

**EXERCISE 4 - SOLUTION:**

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}
p(\mathbf{x}) &= (2\pi)^{-n/2} \cdot \det(\Sigma)^{-1/2} \cdot \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})\right\} \\
&\propto \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \cdot (\mathbf{x}^T \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^T \Sigma^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu} - \boldsymbol{\mu}^T \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{x} + \boldsymbol{\mu}^T \Sigma^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu})\right\} \\
&\propto \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \cdot (\mathbf{x}^T \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{x} - 2\mathbf{x}^T \Sigma^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu} + \boldsymbol{\mu}^T \Sigma^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu})\right\} \\
&\propto \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \cdot \mathbf{x}^T \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}^T \Sigma^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu} - \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\mu}^T \Sigma^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}\right\} \\
&\propto \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \cdot \mathbf{x}^T \Sigma^{-1} \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{x}^T \Sigma^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}\right\}
\end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}
p(\mathbf{x}) &= (2\pi)^{-n/2} \cdot \det(\sigma^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1/2} \cdot \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mu \mathbf{1})^T (\sigma^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \mu \mathbf{1})\right\} \\
&= (2\pi)^{-n/2} \cdot \sigma^{-n} \det(\mathbf{I})^{-1/2} \cdot \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mu \mathbf{1})^T \sigma^{-2} \mathbf{I} (\mathbf{x} - \mu \mathbf{1})\right\} \\
&= (2\pi)^{-n/2} \cdot \sigma^{-n} \cdot \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \mu \mathbf{1})^T (\mathbf{x} - \mu \mathbf{1})\right\} \\
&= (2\pi)^{-n/2} \cdot \sigma^{-n} \cdot \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2\right\}
\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, we have for the joint PDF of an i.i.d sample from the  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
p(x_1, \dots, x_n) &= \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i) \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sigma} \cdot \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{\sigma^2}\right\} \\
&= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\right)^n \cdot \frac{1}{\sigma^n} \cdot \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{\sigma^2}\right\} \\
&= (2\pi)^{-n/2} \cdot \sigma^{-n} \cdot \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2\right\}
\end{aligned}$$

(c) First note that:

$$p(x) \propto e^{-2x^2 - 4x + 7} \propto e^{-2x^2 - 4x}$$

Part (a) implies for the one-dimensional Gaussian:

$$p(x) \propto \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \cdot x^2 \sigma^{-2} + x \cdot \sigma^{-2} \cdot \mu\right\}$$

Therefore  $X$  must have a Gaussian distribution. For the parameters we solve:

$$\begin{aligned}
-\frac{1}{2} \sigma^{-2} &= -2 \\
\sigma^{-2} \cdot \mu &= -4
\end{aligned}$$

Solution is  $\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{4}$  and  $\mu = -1$ , and it follows:  $X \sim N(-1, \frac{1}{4})$ .

(c) First note that:

$$p(x) \propto e^{-4x+7} \propto e^{-4x}$$

The density has thus the shape of the density of a Gamma distribution with parameters  $a = 1$  and  $b = 4$ . So:  $X \sim \text{GAM}(1, 4)$ . This, by the way, is the exponential distribution with parameter  $b$ .

(d) We have:

$$\begin{aligned} p(\lambda) &\propto (2\pi)^{-n/2} \cdot \det(\boldsymbol{\Sigma})^{-1/2} \cdot \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \cdot (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})\right\} \\ &\propto (2\pi)^{n/2} \cdot \det(\lambda^{-1} \mathbf{W})^{-1/2} \cdot \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \cdot \mathbf{x}^T (\lambda^{-1} \mathbf{W})^{-1} \mathbf{x}\right\} \\ &\propto \lambda^{n/2} \cdot \det(\mathbf{W})^{-1/2} \cdot \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \cdot \mathbf{x}^T \cdot \lambda \cdot \mathbf{W}^{-1} \mathbf{x}\right\} \\ &\propto \lambda^{n/2} \cdot \exp\left\{-\lambda \left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot \mathbf{x}^T \cdot \mathbf{W}^{-1} \mathbf{x}\right)\right\} \end{aligned}$$

This is the shape of the density of a Gamma distribution with parameters:

$$\begin{aligned} a &= \frac{n}{2} + 1 \\ b &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \mathbf{x}^T \cdot \mathbf{W}^{-1} \mathbf{x} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\lambda \sim \text{GAM}\left(\frac{n}{2} + 1, \frac{1}{2} \cdot \mathbf{x}^T \cdot \mathbf{W}^{-1} \mathbf{x}\right)$ .