

Lecture Six

DATA 102

Overview of Bayesian Statistics

Question: What is Bayesian Statistics?

Bayesian Statistics = PROBABILITY THEORY

Example

I want to buy a MICROWAVE.

There are two options: Microwave A

Microwave B

A : 3 positive reviews, 0 negative reviews

B : 19 positive reviews, 1 negative review

Qn: Which should I buy?

$P [B \text{ is better than } A \mid \text{observed data on reviews}]$

θ_A = quality of Microwave A

θ_B = quality of Microwave B

Posterior Probability

$P [\theta_B > \theta_A \mid \begin{matrix} +_A = 3, -_A = 0 \\ +_B = 19, -_B = 1 \end{matrix}]$

θ_A, θ_B : parameters.

Simpler Question: Infer θ_A from reviews on A

(b) Infer θ_B from reviews on B.

Posterior of θ_A given $t_A = 3, r_A = 0$

For this calculation, we need

(1) Prior: Distribution of θ_A before observing any review data.

$$\theta_A \in [0, 1]$$

0: lowest possible quality

1: highest possible quality

$$\theta_A \in \{0, 0.01, 0.02, 0.03, \dots, 0.98, 0.99, 1\}$$

$\theta_A \sim \text{Uniform} \{0, 0.01, \dots, 0.99, 1\}$

$$\mathbb{P}\{\theta_A = u\} = \frac{1}{101}$$

(2) Likelihood:

$$\mathbb{P}\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{observed data} \\ t_A = 3, r_A = 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\left| \theta_A = u \right\}$$

$$= u^3$$

Interpretations for θ_A

- ① θ_A : probability of a positive review.
- ② θ_A : Population proportion of positive reviews
- ③ θ_A : Proportion of usage instances where the user is satisfied

Posterior for θ_A

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{P} \left\{ \theta_A = u \mid \begin{array}{l} \text{observed} \\ \text{review data} \end{array} \right\} \\ &= \mathbb{P} [\theta_A = u] \times \mathbb{P} \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{observed} \\ \text{review data} \\ \text{for } A \end{array} \mid \theta_A = u \right] \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad \mathbb{P}(\text{observed review} \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{data for } A) \end{aligned}$$

Denominator: marginal probability of the observed data

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{P}(\text{observed} \\ & \text{review data} \\ & \text{for } A) \\ &= \sum_v \mathbb{P}(\text{observed} \\ & \text{review data} \\ & \text{for } A \mid \theta_A = v) \mathbb{P}(\theta_A = v) \\ & \mathbb{P}(\theta_A = u \mid \text{observed} \\ & \text{review data}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{P(\theta_A = u) \times P(\text{observed data for A} \mid \theta_A = u)}{\sum_v P(\theta_A = v) \times P(\text{observed data for A} \mid \theta_A = v)} \\
&= \frac{\frac{1}{101} \times u^3}{\sum_v \frac{1}{101} \times v^3}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&P(\theta_B = u \mid \text{review data for B}) \\
&= \frac{P(\theta_B = u) \times P(\text{observed reviews for B} \mid \theta_B = u)}{\sum_v P(\theta_B = v) \times P(\text{observed reviews for B} \mid \theta_B = v)} \\
&= \frac{\frac{1}{101} \times u^{19} (1-u)}{\sum_v \frac{1}{101} \times v^{19} (1-v)}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&P(\theta_A < \theta_B \mid \text{observed data for both}) \\
&= \sum_{\substack{u_A, u_B : u_A < u_B \\ u_A, u_B \in \{0, 0.01, 0.02, \dots, 1\}}} P(\theta_A = u_A, \theta_B = u_B \mid \text{observed data for both})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{u_A, u_B: u_A \leq u_B} \underbrace{P(\theta_A = u_A \mid \text{reviews for A})}_{\text{reviews for A}} \underbrace{P(\theta_B = u_B \mid \text{reviews for B})}_{\text{reviews for B}} \\
 &= \sum_{u_A, u_B: u_A \leq u_B} \left(\frac{\frac{1}{101} \times u_A^3}{\sum_{u_A} \frac{1}{101} \times u_A^3} \right) \times \left(\frac{\frac{1}{101} \times u_B^{19} \times (1-u_B)}{\sum_{u_B} \frac{1}{101} \times u_B^{19} \times (1-u_B)} \right) \\
 &= 0.69
 \end{aligned}$$

Continuous Priors

Prior:

$\theta_A \sim \text{Unif} \{0, 0.01, 0.02, \dots, 0.98, 0.99, 1\}$

$\theta_B \sim \text{Unif} [0, 1]$



$$P\{\theta_A = u\} = \frac{1}{101}$$

$$f_{\theta_A}(u) = \mathbb{I}\{0 \leq u \leq 1\}$$

Likelihood:

$$P(\text{observed reviews for A} \mid \theta_A = u) = u^3$$

Posterior

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathbb{P}(\theta_A = u \mid \text{observed data}) \\
 &= \frac{\mathbb{P}(\theta_A = u) \times \mathbb{P}(\text{observed} \mid \theta_A = u)}{\sum_v \mathbb{P}(\theta_A = v) \times \mathbb{P}(\text{observed} \mid \theta_A = v)} \\
 & \boxed{f_{\theta_A \mid \text{observed data}}(u) = \frac{f_{\theta_A}(u) \times \mathbb{P}(\text{observed} \mid \theta_A = u)}{\int_{\theta_A} f(v) \times \mathbb{P}(\text{observed} \mid \theta_A = v) dv}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\mathbb{I}\{0 \leq u \leq 1\} \times u^3}{\int \mathbb{I}\{0 \leq v \leq 1\} \times v^3 dv}$$

$$= 4u^3 \mathbb{I}\{0 \leq u \leq 1\} \quad \text{Beta}(4, 1) \text{ density}$$

Recall: Beta densities

$$\frac{\mathbb{I}\{0 \leq u \leq 1\} u^{a-1} (1-u)^{b-1}}{\int_0^1 v^{a-1} (1-v)^{b-1} dv}$$

$$\theta_B \quad f_{\theta_B \mid \text{data}}(u) = \frac{f_{\theta_B}(u) \mathbb{P}(\text{data} \mid \theta_B = u)}{\int_{\theta_B} f(v) \mathbb{P}(\text{data} \mid \theta_B = v) dv}$$

$$= \frac{1 \times u^{19} (1-u) \mathbb{I}\{0 \leq u \leq 1\}}{\int_0^1 v^{19} (1-v) dv}$$

$$= \frac{u^{19} (1-u) \mathbb{I}\{0 \leq u \leq 1\}}{\frac{1}{20} - \frac{1}{21}}$$

$$= 420 u^{19} (1-u) \mathbb{I}\{0 \leq u \leq 1\}$$

Beta(20, 2)

Home: $\mathbb{P}(\theta_A < \theta_B | \text{data}) = 0.7$