

# Solution exercise 1-1b

Bayesian inference in the Gaussian  
using the conjugate normal gamma prior

# Prior

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mu, \tau | m_0, s_0^2, \alpha, \beta) &= N\left(\mu \middle| m_0, \frac{s_0^2}{\tau}\right) Ga(\tau | \alpha_0, \beta_0) \\ &= \left(\frac{2\pi s_0^2}{\tau}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp\left[-\frac{\tau}{2s_0^2}(\mu - m_0)^2\right] \frac{\beta_0^{\alpha_0}}{\Gamma(\alpha_0)} \tau^{\alpha_0-1} \exp[-\beta_0 \tau] \\ &= \frac{\beta_0^{\alpha_0}}{(2\pi s_0^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \Gamma(\alpha_0)} \tau^{\alpha_0-\frac{1}{2}} \exp[-\beta_0 \tau] \exp\left[-\frac{\tau}{2s_0^2}(\mu - m_0)^2\right] \end{aligned}$$

# Posterior

$$\frac{\beta_0^{\alpha_0}}{(2\pi s_0^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \Gamma(\alpha_0)} \tau^{\alpha_0 - \frac{1}{2}} \exp[-\beta_0 \tau] \exp\left[-\frac{\tau}{2s_0^2} (\mu - m_0)^2\right] \prod_{n=1}^N \frac{\tau^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(2\pi)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left[-\frac{\tau}{2s_0^2} (y_n - \mu)^2\right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\beta_0^{\alpha_0}}{(2\pi s_0^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \Gamma(\alpha_0)} \tau^{\alpha_0 - \frac{1}{2}} \exp[-\beta_0 \tau] \exp\left[-\frac{\tau}{2s_0^2} (\mu - m_0)^2\right] \prod_{n=1}^N \frac{\tau^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(2\pi)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left[-\frac{\tau}{2} (y_n - \mu)^2\right] \\ & = C \tau^{\frac{N}{2} + \alpha_0 - \frac{1}{2}} \exp\left[-\tau \left(\beta_0 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N y_n^2\right) - \frac{1}{2} \mu^2 \tau \left(\frac{1}{s_0^2} + N\right) + \mu \tau \left(\frac{1}{s_0^2} m_0 + \sum_{n=1}^N y_n\right)\right] \end{aligned}$$

Can read off  $s_N = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{s_0^2} + N\right)}$ ,  $\alpha_N = \frac{N}{2} + \alpha_0$

- Next, find  $m_N$  given  $s_N$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu \tau \left(\frac{1}{s_0^2} m_0 + \sum_{n=1}^N y_n\right) &= \mu \tau \left(\frac{1}{s_0^2} + N\right) \frac{\left(\frac{1}{s_0^2} m_0 + \sum_{n=1}^N y_n\right)}{\left(\frac{1}{s_0^2} + N\right)} \\ m_N &= \frac{\left(\frac{1}{s_0^2} m_0 + \sum_{n=1}^N y_n\right)}{\left(\frac{1}{s_0^2} + N\right)} = \frac{m_0}{1 + s_0^2 N} + \frac{s_0^2 \sum_{n=1}^N y_n}{1 + s_0^2 N} = \frac{m_0 + s_0^2 \sum_{n=1}^N y_n}{1 + s_0^2 N} \end{aligned}$$

Plug in:

$$C \tau^{\frac{N}{2} + \alpha_0 - \frac{1}{2}} \exp \left[ -\tau \left( \beta_0 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N y_n^2 \right) + \frac{\tau}{2s_N} m_N^2 \right] \exp \left[ -\frac{\tau}{2s_N} (\mu - m_N)^2 \right]$$

$$C \tau^{\alpha_N - \frac{1}{2}} \exp \left[ -\tau \left( \beta_0 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N y_n^2 \right) + \frac{\tau \left( \frac{1}{s_0^2} + N \right)}{2} \left( \frac{\left( \frac{1}{s_0^2} m_0 + \sum_{n=1}^N y_n \right)}{\left( \frac{1}{s_0^2} + N \right)} \right)^2 \right] \exp \left[ -\frac{\tau}{2s_N} (\mu - m_N)^2 \right]$$

$$C \tau^{\alpha_N - \frac{1}{2}} \exp \left[ -\tau \left( \beta_0 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N y_n^2 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\left( \frac{1}{s_0^2} m_0 + \sum_{n=1}^N y_n \right)^2}{\left( \frac{1}{s_0^2} + N \right)} \right) \right] \exp \left[ -\frac{\tau}{2s_N} (\mu - m_N)^2 \right]$$

$$\beta_N = \beta_0 + \frac{1}{2} \left( \sum_{n=1}^N y_n^2 - \frac{\left( \frac{1}{s_0^2} m_0 + \sum_{n=1}^N y_n \right)^2}{\left( \frac{1}{s_0^2} + N \right)} \right)$$