

Bayesian Statistics with Gaussian distribution

This is used for statistical data which follow normal distribution.

- The prior probability:

$$\pi(\mu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left[-\frac{(\mu - \{\text{expected mean}\})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right]$$

- The likelihood:

$$f(D|\mu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left[\sum_i -\frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right]$$

- The posterior probability:

$$\pi(\mu|D) = f(D|\mu)\pi(\mu)$$

Derivation of the mean and variance with the likelihood

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(\mu) &\propto \exp\left[\sum_i^n -\frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] \quad (\text{The number of data is } n.) \\ &= \exp\left[-\frac{(x_1 - \mu)^2 + (x_2 - \mu)^2 + (x_3 - \mu)^2 + \dots + (x_n - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] \\ &= \exp\left[-\frac{(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + \dots + x_n^2) - 2\mu(x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \dots + x_n) + n\mu^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] \\ &= \exp\left[-\frac{\frac{1}{n}(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + \dots + x_n^2) - 2\mu\frac{1}{n}(x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \dots + x_n) + \mu^2}{\frac{1}{n}2\sigma^2}\right] \\ &= \exp\left[-\frac{\bar{x}^2 - 2\mu\bar{x} + \mu^2}{2\frac{\sigma^2}{n}}\right] \quad (\text{where } \bar{x}^2 \text{ and } \bar{x} \text{ are the average values.}) \\ &= \exp\left[-\frac{(\bar{x} - \mu)^2}{2\frac{\sigma^2}{n}}\right] \end{aligned}$$