

Exercises for Bayesian factors

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Consider again the reading time data come from Experiment 1 of Grodner and Gibson (2005). We'll try to quantify the evidence against the null model (no difference between SRC and ORC) relative to the following alternative models:

- a. $\beta \sim \text{Normal}(0, 1)$
- b. $\beta \sim \text{Normal}(0, .1)$
- c. $\beta \sim \text{Normal}(0, .01)$
- d. $\beta \sim \text{Normal}_+(0, 1)$
- e. $\beta \sim \text{Normal}_+(0, .1)$
- f. $\beta \sim \text{Normal}_+(0, .01)$

(A $\text{Normal}_+(\cdot)$ prior can be set in brms by defining a lower boundary as 0, with the argument `lb = 0`.)

What is the Bayes factor against the null and in favor of the alternative models a-f?

References

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