# Bayesian Multiple Comparison of Binomial Populations based on Fractional Bayes Factor 

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#### Abstract

In this paper, we develop the Bayesian multiple comparisons procedure for the binomial distribution. We suggest the Bayesian procedure based on fractional Bayes factor when noninformative priors are applied for the parameters. An example is illustrated for the proposed method. For this example, the suggested method is straightforward for specifying distributionally and to implement computationally, with output readily adapted for required comparison. Also, some simulation was performed.


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## 1. Introduction

The primary objective of this paper is to provide a Bayesian multiple comparison procedure (MCP) based on the fractional Bayes factor for binomial populations when noninformative priors are used. It is well known that binomial distribution is widely used parametric distribution in many areas.
Related with testing equality of two independent binomial proportions, classical tests such as exact test or approximate $Z$-test are widely used. But the test of equality of proportions more than three populations relies on likelihood ratio test statistic which is distributed as approximately $\chi^{2}$ distribution. And classical tests

[^0]only decide whether the null hypothesis, commonly the equality of proportions, will be rejected or not. When the null hypothesis is rejected, there remains a problem which hypothesis is best for describing the equality of parameters. And the researches for multiple comparison more than three binomial populations are rare. So, we want to propose a Bayesian MCP for this problem.

Bayesian MCP selects the model with the highest posterior probability. The posterior probabilities are calculated using the Bayes factors. And we can compute all the posterior probabilities of the hypotheses under consideration.
It is well known that the Bayes factor under proper priors or informative priors have been very successful. However, limited information and time constrains often forces the use of noninformative priors. Since noninformative priors such as Jeffrey's priors or reference priors are typically improper so that such priors are only up to arbitrary constants which affects the values of Bayes factors.

Many people have made efforts to compensate for that arbitrariness (O'Hagan 1995, Berger and Pericchi 1996).

Among the many people, Berger and Pericchi (1996) introduced the intrinsic Bayes factor (IBF) using a data-splitting idea, which would eliminate the arbitrariness of improper priors. O'Hagan (1995) proposed the fractional Bayes factor ( FBF ). For removing the arbitrariness he used to a portion of the likelihood with a so-called the fraction $b$. These approaches have shown to be quite useful in several statistical areas.
In developing the Bayesian MCP , we will suggest a method based on FBF rather than IBF. In MCP for a reasonable number of populations, the use of IBF encountered some of difficulties as follows. Firstly, there is a difficulty in recognizing which is the more complex model, and some models having the same level of complexity. This fact concerns with the stability problem. Secondly, the IBF does not have multiple model coherence. Finally, it takes much time to compute the IBF because it averages out all possible outcomes of the minimal training sample.
The outline of the remaining sections is as follows. In Section 2, we review the concept of the FBF methodology and develop the Bayesian MCP. In Section 3, we derive expressions of the Bayesian MCP for several binomial populations. And we give some real examples to illustrate our procedure. Finally, we give some numerical examples. From these results, our Bayesian MCP based on FBF very well select the target model.

## 2. The Bayesian Multiple Comparisons Procedure Using Fractional Bayes Factor

Models (or Hypotheses) $M_{1}, M_{2}, \cdots, M_{q}$ are under consideration, with the data
$\boldsymbol{X}=\left(X_{1}, X_{2}, \cdots, X_{n}\right)$ having probability density function (pdf) $f_{i}\left(\boldsymbol{x} \mid \theta_{i}\right)$ under model $M_{i}, i=1,2, \cdots, q$. The parameter vectors $\theta_{i}$ are unknown. Let $\pi_{i}\left(\theta_{i}\right)$ be the prior distribution of model $M_{i}$, and let $p_{i}$ be the prior probabilities of model $M_{i}, i=1,2, \cdots, q$. Then the posterior probability that the model $M_{i}$ is true is

$$
P\left(M_{i} \mid \boldsymbol{x}\right)=\left(\sum_{j=1}^{q} \frac{p_{j}}{p_{i}} \cdot B_{j i}\right)^{-1}
$$

where $B_{j i}$ is the Bayes factor of model $M_{j}$ to model $M_{i}$ defined by

$$
\begin{equation*}
B_{j i}=\frac{m_{j}(\boldsymbol{x})}{m_{i}(\boldsymbol{x})}=\frac{\int f_{j}\left(\boldsymbol{x} \mid \theta_{j}\right) \pi_{j}\left(\theta_{j}\right) d \theta_{j}}{\int f_{i}\left(\boldsymbol{x} \mid \theta_{i}\right) \pi_{i}\left(\theta_{i}\right) d \theta_{i}} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

The $B_{j i}$ interpreted as the comparative support of the data for the model $j$ to $i$. The computation of $B_{j i}$ needs specification of the prior distribution $\pi_{i}\left(\theta_{i}\right)$ and $\pi_{j}\left(\theta_{j}\right)$. Usually, one can use the noninformative prior, often improper, for parameters such as uniform prior, Jeffreys prior, reference prior or probability matching prior. Denote it as $\pi_{i}^{N}$. The use of improper priors $\pi_{i}^{N}(\cdot)$ in (1) causes the $B_{j i}$ to contain arbitrary constants.

To solve this problem, O'Hagan (1995) proposed the fractional Bayes factor for Bayesian testing and model selection problem as follow.

When the $\pi_{i}^{N}\left(\theta_{i}\right)$ is noninformative prior under $M_{i}$, equation (1) becomes

$$
B_{j i}^{N}(\boldsymbol{x})=\frac{\int f_{j}\left(\boldsymbol{x} \mid \theta_{j}\right) \pi_{j}^{N}\left(\theta_{j}\right) d \theta_{j}}{\int f_{i}\left(\boldsymbol{x} \mid \theta_{i}\right) \pi_{i}^{N}\left(\theta_{i}\right) d \theta_{i}} .
$$

Then the fraction Bayes factor ( FBF ) of model $M_{j}$ versus model $M_{i}$ is

$$
B_{j i}^{F}=\frac{q_{j}(b, \boldsymbol{x})}{q_{i}(b, \boldsymbol{x})}
$$

where

$$
q_{i}(b, \boldsymbol{x})=\frac{\int f_{i}\left(\boldsymbol{x} \mid \theta_{i)} \pi_{i}^{N}\left(\theta_{i}\right) d \theta_{i}\right.}{\int f_{i}^{b}\left(\boldsymbol{x} \mid \theta_{i}\right) \pi_{i}^{N}\left(\theta_{i}\right) d \theta_{i}}
$$

and $f_{i}\left(\boldsymbol{x} \mid \theta_{i}\right)$ is the likelihood function and $b$ specifies a fraction of the likelihood which is to be used as a prior density. He proposed three ways for the choice of the fraction $b$. That is, (a) $b=m / n$, when robustness is no concern, (b) $b=n^{-1} \max \{m, \sqrt{n}\}$ when robustness is a serious concern, and (c) $b=n^{-1} \max \{$ $n, \log n\}$, as an intermediate option. One frequently suggested choice is $b=m / n$, where $m$ is the size of the minimal training sample (MTS), assuming this is well defined. (see O'Hagan, 1995 and the discussion by Berger and Mortera of O'Hagan, 1995).

Consider $k$ populations with parameters $\theta=\left(\theta_{1}, \cdots, \theta_{k}\right)^{T}$. Let $\boldsymbol{X}_{i}=\left(x_{i 1}, \cdots, x_{i n_{i}}\right)^{T}$ be a $n_{i} \times 1$ vector of independent observations on $\theta_{i}$ with density $f\left(x_{i j} \mid \theta_{i}\right), i=1, \cdots, k, j=1, \cdots, n_{i}$. Then the likelihood function for $\theta$ given $\boldsymbol{X}=\left(\boldsymbol{X}_{1}, \cdots, \boldsymbol{X}_{k}\right)$ is

$$
L(\theta \mid \boldsymbol{x})=\prod_{i=1}^{k} \prod_{j=1}^{n_{i}} f\left(x_{i j} \mid \theta_{i}\right)
$$

The MCP of $k$ populations is to make inferences concerning relationships among the $\theta_{i}$ 's based on $\boldsymbol{X}$.

Let $\Omega=\left\{\theta=\left(\theta_{1}, \cdots, \theta_{k}\right) \mid \theta_{i} \in R, i=1,2, \cdots, k\right\}$ be the $k$-dimensional parameter space. Equality and inequality relationships among the $\theta_{i}{ }^{\prime}$ s induce statistical hypotheses that subsets of $\Omega$. Say, $M_{0}: \Omega_{0}=\left\{\theta_{i} \mid \theta_{1}=\cdots=\theta_{k}\right\}, M_{1}: \Omega_{1}=\left\{\theta_{i} \mid \theta_{1} \neq \theta_{2}\right.$ $\left.=\cdots=\theta_{k}\right\}$, and so on up to $M_{Q}: \Omega_{Q=\{ }\left\{\theta_{i} \mid \theta_{1} \neq \cdots \neq \theta_{k}\right\}$. The hypotheses $\left(M_{r}: \Omega_{r}\right.$; $r=1, \cdots, Q)$, are disjoint, and $\Omega=\cup_{r=1}^{Q} \Omega_{r}$.
Each hypothesis can classified $r(r=1, \cdots, k)$ distinct groups. Let $\left(\theta_{1}^{*}, \cdots, \theta_{r}^{*}\right)$ denote the set of distinct $\theta_{i}{ }^{\prime}$ s, where $r$ is the number of distinct elements in the vector $\Omega$. We define the configuration notation.

Definition 1 (Configuration). The configuration $S=\left\{S_{1}, \cdots, S_{k}\right\}$ determines a classification of $\theta$ into $r$ distinct groups. Write $I_{j}$ for the set of indices of parameters in group $j, I_{j}=\left\{i \mid S_{i}=j\right\}$. Let $n_{I_{j}}=\left\{n_{i} \mid i \in I_{j}\right\}$ be the index set of observations and $\theta_{j}^{*}$ be the common parameter value for $I_{j}$.

There is a one-to-one correspondence between hypotheses and configurations. Therefore the Bayes factor for MCP can easily compute by this configuration. As
an illustration, let $k=5$ and $S=\{1,2,1,2,3\}$. Then $r=3, I_{1}=\{1,3\}, \theta_{1}^{*}, n_{I_{1}}=\left\{n_{1}\right.$ ,$\left.n_{3}\right\}, \quad I_{2}=\{2,4\}, \quad \theta_{2}^{*}, \quad n_{I_{2}}=\left\{n_{2}, n_{4}\right\}, \quad I_{3}=\{5\}, \quad \theta_{3}^{*} \quad$ and $\quad n_{I_{3}}=\left\{n_{5}\right\}$. And the noninformative prior for a model with $r$ distinct groups denoted by $\pi_{r}^{N}\left(\theta_{1}^{*}, \cdots, \theta_{r}^{*}\right)$.
Now we will develop Bayesian multiple comparisons procedure using fractional Bayes factor. Suppose that a model classified $r$ distinct groups. Then the likelihood function is given by

$$
L\left(\theta_{1}^{*}, \cdots, \theta_{r}^{*} \mid \boldsymbol{x}\right)=\prod_{t=1}^{r} \prod_{\left\{i: i \in I_{t}\right\rangle j \in n_{t_{i}}} \prod_{i j}\left(x_{i j} \mid \theta_{t}\right)
$$

And the noninformative prior for the model is $\pi_{r}^{N}\left(\theta_{1}^{*}, \cdots, \theta_{r}^{*}\right)$. Thus the element of the FBF is given by

$$
q(b, \boldsymbol{x})=\frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} L\left(\theta_{1}^{*}, \cdots, \theta_{r}^{*} \mid \boldsymbol{x}\right) \pi_{r}^{N}\left(\theta_{1}^{*}, \cdots, \theta_{r}^{*}\right) d \theta_{1}^{*} \cdots d \theta_{r}^{*}}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} L^{b}\left(\theta_{1}^{*}, \cdots, \theta_{r}^{*} \mid \boldsymbol{x}\right) \pi_{r}^{N}\left(\theta_{1}^{*}, \cdots, \theta_{r}^{*}\right) d \theta_{1}^{*} \cdots d \theta_{r}^{*}}
$$

Thus if a model $M_{i}$ classified $r_{i}$ distinct groups and a model $M_{j}$ classified $r_{j}$ distinct groups then the FBF of $M_{j}$ versus $M_{i}$ is given by

$$
B_{j i}^{F}(\boldsymbol{x})=\frac{q_{j}(b, \boldsymbol{x})}{q_{i}(b, \boldsymbol{x})}
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
q_{i}(b, \boldsymbol{x})=\frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} L\left(\theta_{1}^{*}, \cdots, \theta_{r_{1}}^{*} \mid \boldsymbol{x}\right) \pi_{r_{1}}^{N}\left(\theta_{1}^{*}, \cdots, \theta_{r_{1}}^{*}\right) d \theta_{1}^{*} \cdots d \theta_{r_{1}}^{*}}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} L^{b}\left(\theta_{1}^{*}, \cdots, \theta_{r_{1}}^{*} \mid \boldsymbol{x}\right) \pi_{r_{1}}^{N}\left(\theta_{1}^{*}, \cdots, \theta_{r_{1}}^{*}\right) d \theta_{1}^{*} \cdots d \theta_{r_{1}}^{*}} \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Hence the FBF for all comparisons can computed by equation (2). Using these FBF, we calculate the posterior probability for model $M_{i}, i=1, \cdots Q$. Thus for MCP, we select the hypothesis with highest posterior probability. Note that as the number $k$ of populations increase, the number of hypotheses increases exponentially. The number of hypotheses is given by the Bell exponential number $B_{m}$ (see Berge 1971). The sequence $B_{m}$ can be generated by the recursion

$$
B_{m+1}=\sum_{i=0}^{m}\binom{m}{i} B_{i}, m=0,1, \ldots
$$

where $B_{0}=1$. When the number of populations under consideration is $k$, then
$Q=B_{k}$ for $k \geq 2$.
For a reasonably moderate number of treatments, such as 8 and 9 , the number of hypotheses to be considered is 4,140 and 21,147 , respectively. These numbers are very large. But our developed procedure in this section runs quickly and given a correct results. However, for a large number of treatments $k \geq 10$, the proposed procedure needs much time on our computer with Pentium IV processor.

## 3. The Binomial Sampling

Let $\boldsymbol{X}_{i}$ be an independent sample from a binomial with parameters $n_{i}$ and $\theta_{i}$. Suppose that a model $M_{i}$ classified $r$ distinct groups. Then the noninformative prior for $\theta_{i}^{*}, \cdots, \theta_{r}^{*}$ is

$$
\pi_{r}\left(\theta_{1}^{*}, \cdots, \theta_{r}^{*}\right)=\frac{1}{\sqrt{\theta_{1}^{*}\left(1-\theta_{1}^{*}\right) \cdots \theta_{r}^{*}\left(1-\theta_{r}^{*}\right)}}, 0 \leq \theta_{1}^{*} \leq 1, \cdots, 0 \leq \theta_{r}^{*} \leq 1
$$

The likelihood function is

$$
L\left(\theta_{1}^{*}, \cdots, \theta_{r}^{*} \mid \boldsymbol{x}\right)=S_{1} \cdots S_{k} \prod_{t=1}^{r}\left(\theta_{t}^{*}\right)^{\sum_{k_{i}} x_{i}}\left(1-\theta_{t}^{*}\right)^{\sum_{k_{t}}\left(n_{i}-x_{i}\right)}
$$

where $S_{i=}\binom{n_{i}}{x_{i}}, i=1, \cdots, k$.
Then the elements of FBF are given by

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \int_{0}^{1} \cdots \int_{0}^{1} L\left(\theta_{1}^{*}, \cdots, \theta_{r}^{*} \mid \boldsymbol{x}\right) \pi_{r}\left(\theta_{1}^{*}, \cdots, \theta_{r}^{*}\right) d \theta_{1}^{* \cdots d} d \theta_{r}^{*} \\
& =S_{1} \cdots S_{k} \prod_{t=1}^{r} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}+\sum_{i \in I_{t}} x_{i}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}+\sum_{i \in I_{t}}\left(n_{i}-x_{i}\right)\right)}{\Gamma\left(1+\sum_{i=I_{t}} n_{i}\right)}
\end{aligned}
$$

and

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \int_{0}^{1} \cdots \int_{0}^{1} L^{b}\left(\theta_{1}^{*}, \cdots, \theta_{r}^{*} \mid \boldsymbol{x}\right) \pi_{r}\left(\theta_{1}^{*}, \cdots, \theta_{r}^{*}\right) d \theta_{1}^{*} \cdots d \theta_{r}^{*} \\
& =\left(S_{1} \cdots S_{k}\right)^{b} \prod_{t=1}^{r} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}+\sum_{i \in I_{t}} b x_{i}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}+\sum_{i \in I_{t}} b\left(n_{i}-x_{i}\right)\right)}{\Gamma\left(1+\sum_{i \in I_{t}} b n_{i}\right)} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Thus

$$
\begin{aligned}
q(b, \boldsymbol{x}) & =\frac{S_{1} \cdots S_{k}}{\left(S_{1} \cdots S_{k}\right)^{b}} \\
& \times \prod_{t=1}^{r} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}+\sum_{i \in I_{t}} x_{i}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}+\sum_{i \in I_{t}}\left(n_{i}-x_{i}\right)\right) \Gamma\left(1+\sum_{i \in I_{t}} b n_{i}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}+\sum_{i \in I_{t}} b x_{i}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}+\sum_{i \in I_{t}} b\left(n_{i}-x_{i}\right)\right) \Gamma\left(1+\sum_{i \in I_{t}} n_{i}\right)} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Therefore if a model $M_{i}$ classified $r_{i}$ distinct groups and a model $M_{j}$ classified $r_{j}$ distinct groups then the FBF of $M_{j}$ versus $M_{i}$ is given by

$$
\begin{gathered}
B_{j i}^{F}(\boldsymbol{x})=\prod_{t=1}^{r_{j}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}+\sum_{i \in I_{t}} x_{i}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}+\sum_{i \in I_{t}}\left(n_{i}-x_{i}\right)\right) \Gamma\left(1+\sum_{i \in I_{t}} b n_{i}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}+\sum_{i \in I_{t}} b x_{i}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}+\sum_{i \in I_{t}} b\left(n_{i}-x_{i}\right)\right) \Gamma\left(1+\sum_{i \in I_{t}} n_{i}\right)} \\
\times \prod_{t=1}^{r_{i}} \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}+\sum_{i \in I_{t}} b x_{i}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}+\sum_{i \in I_{t}} b\left(n_{i}-x_{i}\right)\right) \Gamma\left(1+\sum_{i \in I_{t}} n_{i}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}+\sum_{i \in I_{t}} x_{i}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}+\sum_{i \in I_{t}}\left(n_{i}-x_{i}\right)\right) \Gamma\left(1+\sum_{i \in I_{t}} b n_{i}\right)} .
\end{gathered}
$$

Example. To investigate the effect of planting longleaf and slash pine seedlings $1 / 2$ inch too high or too deep in winter on their mortality in following fall, an experiment was conducted involving 200 pine seedlings of both types, 100 of which were planted too high and 100 too deep. Because the number of plants for each combination of Seeding Type ( LS=Longleaf Seedling, SS=Slash Seedling) and Depth of Planting ( $\mathrm{DH}=$ Depth too High, DL=Depth too Low) was fixed by design, we have four binomial experiments each of size $n_{i}=100, i=1,2,3,4$, corresponding to the four combinations (LS, DH), (LS, DL), (SS, DH) and (SS, DL). The data are reported in the Table 1. ( For more details on this experiment and analysis of the data, see Fienberg 1980, Consonni and Veronese 1995).
<Table $1>$ Mortality of Pine Seedlings Data

|  | LS DH | LS DL | SS DH | SS DL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Experiment | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| $x_{i}$ | 59 | 89 | 88 | 95 |
| $\hat{\theta}_{i}$ | 0.59 | 0.89 | 0.88 | 0.95 |

We assume that the prior probabilities are equal. Then Table 2 gives the posterior probabilities for hypotheses.
<Table 2> Posterior Probabilities for Hypotheses

| Hypothesis | Posterior Probability | Hypothesis | Posterior Probability |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 111 | 0.0000 |  |  |
| $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 1 & 1 & 2\end{array}$ | 0.0000 | $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 2\end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 0.0000 \\ & 0.4015 \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{array}{lllll}1 & 1 & 2 & 1\end{array}$ | 0.0000 | $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 3\end{array}$ | 0.3639 |
| $\begin{array}{lllll}1 & 1 & 2\end{array}$ | 0.0000 | $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 2 & 2 & \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 1\end{array}$ | 0.0000 |
| $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 1 & 2 & 3\end{array}$ | 0.0000 | $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3\end{array}$ | 0.1051 |
| $1 \begin{array}{llll}1 & 2 & 1\end{array}$ | 0.0000 | $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 3\end{array}$ | 0.1051 0.0731 |
| $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 2 & 1 & 2\end{array}$ | 0.0000 | $\begin{array}{ll}1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2\end{array}$ |  |
| 1213 | 0.0000 |  | 0.0564 |

The number of possible hypotheses for the MCP is 15 . The hypothesis 1222 $\left(\theta_{1} \neq \theta_{2}=\theta_{3}=\theta_{4}\right)$ has the largest posterior probability. Next the hypothesis $\left(\theta_{1} \neq \theta_{2}=\theta_{3} \neq \theta_{4}\right)$ has the second largest posterior probability.
For the problem of combining information related to $k$ binomial experiments, Consonni and Veronese (1995) considered a partition of the experiments and take the $\theta_{i}$ 's belonging to the same partition subset to be exchangeable (partial exchangeability) and the $\theta_{i}$ 's belonging to distinct subsets to be independent. They revealed the hypothesis $\left(\theta_{1} \neq \theta_{2}=\theta_{3}=\theta_{4}\right)$ has the highest posterior probability for the above data. But they analyzed the posterior probability of a selected collection of partitions that are most supported by data.

## 4. Monte Carlo Simulation Studies

We examine whether the our procedure for MCP work well. Although all configurations for $k \geq 3$ populations are considered, we examine our procedure for the MCP under some population and configuration to save the space. We consider $k=5$ populations. And, for simplicity, we only assume two configurations, $\theta_{1}=\theta_{2}=\theta_{3}=\theta_{4}=\theta_{5}$ and $\theta_{1}=\theta_{2}=\theta_{3} \neq \theta_{4}=\theta_{5}$ for 5 binomial populations. We consider that $\boldsymbol{X}=\left(\boldsymbol{X}_{1}, \cdots, \boldsymbol{X}_{5}\right)$ be a set of independent sample, where $\boldsymbol{X}_{i}$ is a sample from a binomial distribution with parameter $\theta_{i}$. Let the first true configuration $\theta_{1}=\theta_{2}=\theta_{3}=\theta_{4}=\theta_{5}=0.1$ and the second true configuration $\theta_{1}=\theta_{2}$ $=\theta_{3}=0.1, \theta_{4}=\theta_{5}=0.2$ with the sample sizes $n_{1}=\cdots=n_{5}=n=30,50,100$. And we assume that the prior probabilities are equal. Under 1,000 replications, Table 3 and 4 give the posterior probabilities for hypotheses.

From the results, our procedure work well for small and moderate sample sizes. From the all simulation results for the considered models, our procedure for MCP always select the true hypothesis from small sample size to moderate sample size. Though we do not report simulation results for the other configurations, the number of populations, and sample sizes, we verified that our proposed procedure worked very well.

## 5. Conclusions

We have considered the problem of developing a Bayesian MCP for binomial populations. We proposed the Bayesian MCP based on fraction Bayes factor when the noninformative prior is used.

The suggested Bayesian MCP allows for probability calculations of hypotheses of equality and inequality under the moderate number of populations and gives a correct results.
As some application of our procedure, we can apply our method to calculating the posterior probabilities related with the Bayesian model averaging, variable selection of regression and Bayesian analysis of mixtures with an unknown number of components under parametric models.

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<Table 3> Posterior Probabilities for Hypotheses

| $n_{i}$ | Hypothesis Post. Prob. |  | Hypothesis | Post. Prob. | Hypothesis | Post. Prob. | Hypothesis | Post. Prob. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30 | 11111 | 0.0802 | 11233 | 0.0135 | 12212 | 0.0306 | 12321 | 0.0147 |
|  | 11112 | 0.0334 | 11234 | 0.0063 | 12213 | 0.0132 | 12322 | 0.0151 |
|  | 11121 | 0.0340 | 12111 | 0.0358 | 12221 | 0.0331 | 12323 | 0.0144 |
|  | 11122 | 0.0306 | 12112 | 0.0319 | 12222 | 0.0353 | 12324 | 0.0066 |
|  | 11123 | 0.0141 | 12113 | 0.0150 | 12223 | 0.0152 | 12331 | 0.0148 |
|  | 11211 | 0.0348 | 12121 | 0.0329 | 12231 | 0.0144 | 12332 | 0.0145 |
|  | 11212 | 0.0316 | 12122 | 0.0318 | 12232 | 0.0146 | 12333 | 0.0153 |
|  | 11213 | 0.0145 | 12123 | 0.0140 | 12233 | 0.0140 | 12334 | 0.0067 |
|  | 11221 | 0.0330 | 12131 | 0.0152 | 12234 | 0.0064 | 12341 | 0.0068 |
|  | 11222 | 0.0310 | 12132 | 0.0138 | 12311 | 0.0153 | 12342 | 0.0065 |
|  | 11223 | 0.0140 | 12133 | 0.0141 | 12312 | 0.0138 | 12343 | 0.0065 |
|  | 11231 | 0.0152 | 12134 | 0.0064 | 12313 | 0.0139 | 12344 | 0.0065 |
|  | 11232 | 0.0135 | 12211 | 0.0317 | 12314 | 0.0064 | 12345 | 0.0030 |
| 50 | 11111 | 0.1117 | 11233 | 0.0116 | 12212 | 0.0332 | 12321 | 0.0125 |
|  | 11112 | 0.0361 | 11234 | 0.0042 | 12213 | 0.0112 | 12322 | 0.0130 |
|  | 11121 | 0.0372 | 12111 | 0.0394 | 12221 | 0.0364 | 12323 | 0.0121 |
|  | 11122 | 0.0337 | 12112 | 0.0344 | 12222 | 0.0389 | 12324 | 0.0044 |
|  | 11123 | 0.0121 | 12113 | 0.0127 | 12223 | 0.0130 | 12331 | 0.0129 |
|  | 11211 | 0.0378 | 12121 | 0.0352 | 12231 | 0.0122 | 12332 | 0.0124 |
|  | 11212 | 0.0339 | 12122 | 0.0348 | 12232 | 0.0126 | 12333 | 0.0134 |
|  | 11213 | 0.0123 | 12123 | 0.0118 | 12233 | 0.0122 | 12334 | 0.0045 |
|  | 11221 | 0.0360 | 12131 | 0.0129 | 12234 | 0.0043 | 12341 | 0.0045 |
|  | 11222 | 0.0339 | 12132 | 0.0117 | 12311 | 0.0132 | 12342 | 0.0043 |
|  | 11223 | 0.0118 | 12133 | 0.0122 | 12312 | 0.0116 | 12343 | 0.0043 |
|  | 11231 | 0.0129 | 12134 | 0.0043 | 12313 | 0.0117 | 12344 | 0.0045 |
|  | 11232 | 0.0115 | 12211 | 0.0347 | 12314 | 0.0042 | 12345 | 0.0016 |
| 100 | 11111 | 0.1642 | 11233 | 0.0090 | 12212 | 0.0360 | 12321 | 0.0096 |
|  | 11112 | 0.0379 | 11234 | 0.0023 | 12213 | 0.0087 | 12322 | 0.0101 |
|  | 11121 | 0.0396 | 12111 | 0.0418 | 12221 | 0.0386 | 12323 | 0.0094 |
|  | 11122 | 0.0359 | 12112 | 0.0371 | 12222 | 0.0416 | 12324 | 0.0024 |
|  | 11123 | 0.0091 | 12113 | 0.0097 | 12223 | 0.0099 | 12331 | 0.0098 |
|  | 11211 | 0.0408 | 12121 | 0.0376 | 12231 | 0.0094 | 12332 | 0.0097 |
|  | 11212 | 0.0368 | 12122 | 0.0369 | 12232 | 0.0098 | 12333 | 0.0103 |
|  | 11213 | 0.0095 | 12123 | 0.0089 | 12233 | 0.0094 | 12334 | 0.0025 |
|  | 11221 | 0.0389 | 12131 | 0.0099 | 12234 | 0.0024 | 12341 | 0.0025 |
|  | 11222 | 0.0364 | 12132 | 0.0090 | 12311 | 0.0103 | 12342 | 0.0024 |
|  | 11223 | 0.0091 | 12133 | 0.0093 | 12312 | 0.0092 | 12343 | 0.0024 |
|  | 11231 | 0.0101 | 12134 | 0.0023 | 12313 | 0.0092 | 12344 | 0.0025 |
|  | 11232 | 0.0090 | 12211 | 0.0375 | 12314 | 0.0024 | 12345 | 0.0006 |

<Table 4> Posterior Probabilities for Hypotheses

| $n_{i}$ | Hypothesis | Post. Prob. | Hypothesis | Post. Prob. | Hypothesis | Post. Prob. | Hypothesis | Post. Prob. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30 | 11111 | 0.0528 | 11233 | 0.0267 | 12212 | 0.0197 | 12321 | 0.0104 |
|  | 11112 | 0.0318 | 11234 | 0.0108 | 12213 | 0.0159 | 12322 | 0.0158 |
|  | 11121 | 0.0325 | 12111 | 0.0311 | 12221 | 0.0214 | 12323 | 0.0106 |
|  | 11122 | 0.0621 | 12112 | 0.0202 | 12222 | 0.0279 | 12324 | 0.0073 |
|  | 11123 | 0.0248 | 12113 | 0.0157 | 12223 | 0.0150 | 12331 | 0.0116 |
|  | 11211 | 0.0275 | 12121 | 0.0201 | 12231 | 0.0166 | 12332 | 0.0107 |
|  | 11212 | 0.0208 | 12122 | 0.0341 | 12232 | 0.0151 | 12333 | 0.0174 |
|  | 11213 | 0.0151 | 12123 | 0.0154 | 12233 | 0.0270 | 12334 | 0.0078 |
|  | 11221 | 0.0209 | 12131 | 0.0157 | 12234 | 0.0108 | 12341 | 0.0076 |
|  | 11222 | 0.0362 | 12132 | 0.0158 | 12311 | 0.0173 | 12342 | 0.0073 |
|  | 11223 | 0.0163 | 12133 | 0.0275 | 12312 | 0.0101 | 12343 | 0.0077 |
|  | 11231 | 0.0148 | 12134 | 0.0109 | 12313 | 0.0112 | 12344 | 0.0123 |
|  | 11232 | 0.0164 | 12211 | 0.0369 | 12314 | 0.0076 | 12345 | 0.0049 |
| 50 | 11111 | 0.0533 | 11233 | 0.0332 | 12212 | 0.0158 | 12321 | 0.0072 |
|  | 11112 | 0.0346 | 11234 | 0.0105 | 12213 | 0.0158 | 12322 | 0.0136 |
|  | 11121 | 0.0353 | 12111 | 0.0287 | 12221 | 0.0173 | 12323 | 0.0075 |
|  | 11122 | 0.1005 | 12112 | 0.0162 | 12222 | 0.0256 | 12324 | 0.0055 |
|  | 11123 | 0.0312 | 12113 | 0.0138 | 12223 | 0.0131 | 12331 | 0.0083 |
|  | 11211 | 0.0245 | 12121 | 0.0160 | 12231 | 0.0159 | 12332 | 0.0076 |
|  | 11212 | 0.0168 | 12122 | 0.0388 | 12232 | 0.0137 | 12333 | 0.0154 |
|  | 11213 | 0.0136 | 12123 | 0.0151 | 12233 | 0.0340 | 12334 | 0.0058 |
|  | 11221 | 0.0169 | 12131 | 0.0137 | 12234 | 0.0106 | 12341 | 0.0055 |
|  | 11222 | 0.0410 | 12132 | 0.0152 | 12311 | 0.0152 | 12342 | 0.0053 |
|  | 11223 | 0.0160 | 12133 | 0.0338 | 12312 | 0.0069 | 12343 | 0.0059 |
|  | 11231 | 0.0124 | 12134 | 0.0104 | 12313 | 0.0080 | 12344 | 0.0119 |
|  | 11232 | 0.0159 | 12211 | 0.0417 | 12314 | 0.0058 | 12345 | 0.0037 |
| 100 | 11111 | 0.0358 | 11233 | 0.0514 | 12212 | 0.0080 | 12321 | 0.0034 |
|  | 11112 | 0.0308 | 11234 | 0.0112 | 12213 | 0.0131 | 12322 | 0.0107 |
|  | 11121 | 0.0313 | 12111 | 0.0166 | 12221 | 0.0084 | 12323 | 0.0033 |
|  | 11122 | 0.2118 | 12112 | 0.0092 | 12222 | 0.0172 | 12324 | 0.0035 |
|  | 11123 | 0.0465 | 12113 | 0.0093 | 12223 | 0.0097 | 12331 | 0.0034 |
|  | 11211 | 0.0171 | 12121 | 0.0077 | 12231 | 0.0142 | 12332 | 0.0037 |
|  | 11212 | 0.0084 | 12122 | 0.0417 | 12232 | 0.0087 | 12333 | 0.0107 |
|  | 11213 | 0.0098 | 12123 | 0.0139 | 12233 | 0.0500 | 12334 | 0.0035 |
|  | 11221 | 0.0084 | 12131 | 0.0099 | 12234 | 0.0108 | 12341 | 0.0036 |
|  | 11222 | 0.0444 | 12132 | 0.0134 | 12311 | 0.0109 | 12342 | 0.0033 |
|  | 11223 | 0.0138 | 12133 | 0.0497 | 12312 | 0.0039 | 12343 | 0.0035 |
|  | 11231 | 0.0091 | 12134 | 0.0110 | 12313 | 0.0034 | 12344 | 0.0126 |
|  | 11232 | 0.0146 | 12211 | 0.0436 | 12314 | 0.0035 | 12345 | 0.0027 |

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