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**Exercise 9** *Confidence Intervals Short Questions*

4 p.

- Given is a confidence interval  $[x_1, x_2]$  of a parameter  $x$  at a confidence level  $\alpha$ . What is the frequentist, what is the Bayesian interpretation of this interval?
- What role does the prior in Bayesian statistics play?
- What freedom is there in choosing these intervals?
- What happens in the special case of symmetrical PDF?
- What is the difference between intervals and upper/lower limits?

**Exercise 10** *Confidence intervals*

6 p.

Given is the likelihood function for a measured value  $x$  at a given parameter  $a$

$$L(X; a) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{1 + (x - a)^2} \quad \text{mit } a > 0. \quad (1)$$

- (a) Using the Neyman construction, determine the central frequentist 90 % confidence interval for  $a$  when a value  $x = 10$  was measured.
- (b) Assuming a uniform prior distribution in  $a$ , determine the central Bayesian credibility interval. (Both sides outside the central confidence interval have the same probability content).
- (c) Consider the difference between the two methods for  $x \rightarrow \infty$ .

Hint:

$$\int \frac{1}{1 + x^2} dx = \arctan x \quad (2)$$