

Week 2 Lab

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1.

Suppose the posterior distribution of μ follows a Normal distribution with mean 10 and variance 5. Which of the following are the bounds of a 95% credible interval for μ ? Answer this question using the app.

- ☐ (-1.96, 1.96)
- ☐ (0.419, 0.872)
- ☐ (0.959, 3.417)
- ☒ (5.618, 14.382)

Correct Response



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2.

Suppose the posterior distribution of p follows a Beta distribution with $\alpha = 2$ and $\beta = 5$. Which of the following are the bounds of a 90% credible interval for p ? Answer this question using the app.

- ☐ (-1.678, 5.678)
- ☐ (0.043, 0.641)
- ☒ (0.063, 0.582)



Correct Response

☐ (0.071, 0.949)



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3.

Suppose the posterior distribution of λ follows a Gamma distribution with $\alpha = 4$ and $\beta = 8$. Which of the following are the bounds of a 99% credible interval for λ ? Answer this question using the app.

☐ (-3.284, 11.284)

☐ (0.069, 0.693)

☒ (0.084, 1.372)



Correct Response

☐ (0.171, 0.969)



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4.

What is the 95% credible interval for p , the proportion of females in the population, based on the posterior distribution obtained with the updating rule shown above. Use the credible interval app to answer this question.

☐ (0.500, 0.536)

☒ (0.504, 0.532)



Correct Response

☐ (0.507, 0.530)

☐ (0.468, 0.496)



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5.

Which of the following is the correct Bayesian interpretation of this interval?

- ☐ The probability that the true proportion of females lies in this interval is either 0 or 1.
- ☒ The probability that the true proportion of females lies in this interval is 0.95.



Correct Response

- ☐ 95% of the time the true proportion of females is in this interval.
- ☐ 95% of true proportions of females are in this interval.



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6.

What is the 95% credible interval for p , the proportion of females in the population, based on a prior distribution of $Beta(a = 500, b = 500)$.

Hint: You need to determine the posterior distribution first, and then you can use the app to construct the credible interval.

- ☐ (0.498, 0.531)
- ☐ (0.500, 0.528)
- ☐ (0.504, 0.532)
- ☒ (0.502, 0.527)



Correct Response



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7.

Which of the following is the center of the $Beta(a = 5, b = 200)$ distribution?

☒ approximately 0.03



Correct Response

☐ approximately 0.15

☐ approximately 0.50

☐ approximately 0.97



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8.

What is the 95% credible interval for p , the proportion of females in the population, based on a prior distribution of $Beta(a = 5, b = 200)$. Hint: You need to determine the posterior distribution first, and then you can use the app to construct the credible interval.

☐ (0.503, 0.531)

☐ (0.499, 0.535)

☐ (0.486, 0.509)

☒ (0.484, 0.511)



Correct Response



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9.

What is the 90% credible interval for p , the proportion of Americans who exercise, based on a uniform prior distribution?

☐ (0.762, 0.785)

☒ (0.764, 0.783)



Correct Response

- ☐ (0.718, 0.737)
 - ☐ (0.758, 0.789)
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10.

Using the multi-observation updating rule, what should the posterior distribution be when the hyperparameters of a Gamma prior are $a = 4$ and $b = 1$ and we observe $x = \{2, 3, 4, 5, 4\}$.

- ☒ Gamma($a = 22, b = 6$)

Correct Response

- ☐ Gamma($a = 18, b = 5$)
 - ☐ Gamma($a = 18, b = 6$)
 - ☐ Gamma($a = 19, b = 8$)
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11.

The government recommends that Americans consume approximately 5 servings of fruits per day. Which of the following represents a weak prior that Americans on average follow this recommendation.

- ☐ Gamma($a = 1, b = 5$)
- ☐ Gamma($a = 5, b = 1$)
- ☐ Gamma($a = 100, b = 500$)
- ☒ Gamma($a = 500, b = 100$)

Incorrect Response



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12.

Using the correct prior distribution from the previous question, calculate the parameters of the posterior distribution.

- ☐ Gamma(a = 8114, b = 5000)
- ☐ Gamma(a = 8118, b = 5001)
- ☒ Gamma(a = 8119, b = 5001)



Correct Response

- ☐ Gamma(a = 8115, b = 5005)



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13.

Using the correct posterior distribution from the previous question, calculate the 90% credible interval for λ , the expected number of servings of fruit Americans consume per day.

- ☒ (1.594, 1.653)



Correct Response

- ☐ (1.588, 1.659)
- ☐ (1.592, 1.651)
- ☐ (1.575, 1.668)



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