

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



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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

☐ (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

☐ (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)

☒ (0.503, 0.531)



Correct

☐ (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

☐ 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



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7.

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



approximately 0.03



Correct



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



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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

☐ (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

☐ 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($a = 5$, $b = 1$)



Correct

☐ Gamma($a = 100$, $b = 500$)

☐ Gamma($a = 500$, $b = 100$)



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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

☐ 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

- ☐ (1.588, 1.659)
 - ☐ (1.592, 1.651)
 - ☐ (1.575, 1.668)
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14.

Based on this result, do Americans appear to follow the government guidelines which recommend consuming 5 servings of fruits per day?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No



Correct

