

Example

(a) $Y \sim \text{Bin}(n=116, p)$ p unknown

(b) $\hat{p} = \frac{Y}{n} = \frac{17}{116} = .146$ 95% CI: $\left[\hat{p} \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}} \right] = [.0821, .2109]$
 $sd(\hat{p}) = se = .032$

(c) $\pi(p) \equiv \text{Beta}(a, b) \propto p^{a-1} (1-p)^{b-1}$

For $a=.5$ $b=.5$ (non-informative prior)

$$L(Y|p) = \binom{n}{Y} p^Y (1-p)^{n-Y}$$

$$\text{Posterior mean} = \frac{a_1}{a_1 + b_1} = .1495$$

$$\pi(p|Y) \propto L(Y|p) \pi(p) \quad p \in (0,1)$$

$$\propto \binom{n}{Y} p^Y (1-p)^{n-Y} p^{a-1} (1-p)^{b-1} \quad p \in (0,1)$$
$$\propto p^{a+Y-1} (1-p)^{b+n-Y-1}$$

95% Credible Interval: $[.09, .219]$

(d) $a=1$ $b=4$

$$\text{Posterior mean} = .148$$

$$95\% \text{ Credible Interval} = [.09, .217]$$

$$\pi(p|Y) \equiv \text{Beta}\left(\underset{a+Y}{a_1}, \underset{b+n-Y}{b_1}\right)$$

If $a=100$ $b=400$ 95% CI: $[.159, .221]$