

**Statistics 211**  
**In-Class Assessments**  
Topic: Chapter 6  
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Consider doing inference on a population mean  $\mu$  based on a random sample  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ .

1. From a Bayesian perspective, we could estimate  $\mu$  with a credible interval. What is the definition of a 95% credible interval for  $\mu$ ?
  - (a) The interval between the 2.5th and 97.5th percentiles of the posterior distribution for  $\mu$ .
  - (b) The interval between the 2.5th and 97.5th percentiles of the sampling distribution of  $\bar{x}$ .

answer: a

2. Suppose we compute a 95% credible interval for  $\mu$  of  $[a, b]$ . Is the following statement true or false: The probability that  $a < \mu < b$  equals 0.95.
  - (a) True
  - (b) False

answer: a

3. Suppose we compute a 95% confidence interval for  $\mu$  of  $[c, d]$ . Is the following statement true or false: The probability that  $c < \mu < d$  equals 0.95.
  - (a) True
  - (b) False

answer: b