

48. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be independent and identically distributed according to a normal distribution with unknown mean  $\theta$  and known variance  $\sigma^2$ . Let the prior distribution of  $\theta$  be normal with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\tau^2$ , where both  $\mu$  and  $\tau^2$  are known. You may use without proof that the posterior distribution of  $\theta$  is normal with mean and variance given by

$$\frac{n\bar{x}\tau^2 + \mu\sigma^2}{n\tau^2 + \sigma^2} = \frac{n\tau^2}{\sigma^2 + n\tau^2}\bar{x} + \frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma^2 + n\tau^2}\mu \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\sigma^2\tau^2}{n\tau^2 + \sigma^2},$$

respectively. For the three questions below, provide as much detail as possible.

- (a) Find a Bayesian hypothesis test for

$$H_0 : \theta \leq \theta_0 \quad \text{versus} \quad H_1 : \theta > \theta_0.$$

- (b) Find the  $1 - \alpha$  highest posterior density (HPD) credible set for  $\theta$ .  
(c) What is the difference between the  $1 - \alpha$  equal-tail and  $1 - \alpha$  HPD credible sets? Explain.