

R code for posteriors: Poisson-gamma and normal-normal case

First install the *Bolstad* package from CRAN and load it in R

For a *Poisson model with parameter mu and with a gamma prior*, use the command *poisgamp*.

```
## one observation of 4 and a gamma(1,1), i.e. an exponential prior on mu
```

```
poisgamp(4,1,1)
```

The output gives

```
Summary statistics for posterior
```

```
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```

```
Shape parameter r:    5
```

```
Rate parameter v:    2
```

```
99% credible interval for mu: [0.54 , 6.3 ]
```

```
## Same as the previous example but a gamma(10,1) prior
```

```
poisgamp(4,10,1)
```

The output gives

```
Summary statistics for posterior
```

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```

```
Shape parameter r:   14
```

```
Rate parameter v:    2
```

```
99% credible interval for mu: [ 3.12 , 12.75 ]
```

```
## Same as the previous example but an improper gamma(1,0) prior
```

```
poisgamp(4,1,0)
```

The output gives

```
Summary statistics for posterior
```

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```

```
Shape parameter r:    5
```

```
Rate parameter v:    1
```

```
99% credible interval : [ 1.08 , 12.59 ]
```

```
## A random sample of 50 observations from a Poisson distribution with
## mu = 3 and gamma(6,3) prior
```

```
y<-rpois(50,3)
poisgamp(y,6,3)
```

The output gives

Summary statistics for data

```
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Number of observations: 50
Sum of observations: 162
```

Summary statistics for posterior

```
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Shape parameter r: 168
Rate parameter v: 53
99% credible interval for mu: [ 2.58 , 3.84 ]
```

```
## In this example we have a random sample from a Poisson distribution
## with an unknown mean. We will use a gamma(6,3) prior to obtain the
## posterior gamma distribution, and use the R function qgamma to get a
## 95% credible interval for mu
```

```
y<-c(3,4,4,3,3,4,2,3,1,7)
retval<-poisgamp(y,6,3,ret=TRUE)
c.i.<-qgamma(c(0.025,0.975),retval$r, retval$v)
cat(paste("95% credible interval for mu: [",round(c.i.[1],3), ", ",
round(c.i.[2],3)),"]\n")
```

For a *Normal model with known variance 1 and with a normal prior*, use the command *normnp*.

```
## generate a sample of 20 observations from a N(-0.5,1) population
```

```
x<-rnorm(20,-0.5,1)
```

```
## find the posterior density with a N(0,1) prior on mu
```

```
normnp(x,sigma=1)
```

The output gives

```
Posterior mean      : -0.5493965  
Posterior std. deviation : 0.2182179
```

```
## find the posterior density with N(0.5,3) prior on mu
```

```
normnp(x,0.5,3,1)
```

The output gives

```
Posterior mean      : -0.5709168  
Posterior std. deviation : 0.2229882
```

```
## Find the posterior density for mu, given a random sample of 4  
## observations from  $N(\mu, \sigma^2=1)$ ,  $y = [2.99, 5.56, 2.83, 3.47]$ ,  
## and a  $N(3, \text{sd}=2)$  prior for mu
```

```
y<-c(2.99,5.56,2.83,3.47)  
normnp(y,3,2,1)
```

The output gives

```
Posterior mean      : 3.6705882  
Posterior std. deviation : 0.4850713
```