



## Statistical Analysis of Hourly Solar Radiation in Kumasi –Ghana: Bayesian Approach

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### ABSTRACT

The solar radiation has been known to have skewed distribution rather than normally distributed irrespective of how large the sample size. The Bayesian statistical analysis of the solar radiation sort to find out from the Bayesian perspective how solar radiation is distributed in Ghana. The paper assumed a beta distribution as the conjugate prior for the solar radiation. The posterior distribution for  $P$  where  $P$  is the probability of sunshine was determined using the Bernoulli probability distribution. In this paper the random variable  $X$  represents the event of having a high or low sunshine base on the threshold of  $120kWhm^{-2}$ . A randomly selected sample of size of 1500 from each month of the year was used in the analysis. Based on the threshold value the total number of sunshine hours was calculated to help in the computation of posterior beta distribution parameters. The Bayesian analysis from the month of January through December were found to converge both for the prior and posterior mean and variances at a tolerance level of 0.0001 and

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0.00001 respectively after twenty iterations. The paper confirms that there are two clusters of which the solar radiation can be placed and that these cluster all converges after twenty iteration. The prior means and posterior mean converges to 0.86000 and .76000 at the tolerance level of 0.0001 respectively while the prior and posterior variances for cluster one and two converged to 6.0E-06 and 4.0E-06 respectively at 0.000001 tolerance level. The papers finally conclude that the clusters have a greater possibility (.86000 and 0.76000) of sunshine. This is also an indication that Kumasi has higher possibility of sunshine.

**Keywords:** Solar radiation; Bayesian statistical analysis; beta distribution; Bernoulli probability distribution; prior and posterior mean and variances.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The prior knowledge of the solar radiation and its abundance in an area is of paramount importance in accessing the potential use in solar energy system Saunier et al. [1]. The solar energy received at the earth surface is subject to seasonal, daily monthly and annual variations. Arthur and Oduro, [2].

Some practical problem of statistical inference may require that decision is taken concerning the parameters of the population parameter instead of finding estimate for them. Arthur et al. [2]. Classical hypothesis has been used to study the significant differences in the various month of the years and has been shown to have significantly different with two major clusters in the year Arthur and Oduro, [2].

The normal probability distribution has been found not to describe the distribution of solar radiation in Ghana and other part of the tropics

Akuffo and Brew-Hammond, [3] Yilmaz et al. but various month of the year is described by different probability distribution. Arthur et al. [4].

## 2. REVIEW OF PROBABILITY THEORY

A Probability Space is a triple  $(\Omega, F, P)$  consisting of a set  $\Omega$  called the sample space, a  $\sigma$ -algebra  $F$  consisting of subsets of  $\Omega$  (these subsets are called events) and a measure  $P$  (called probability measure) on  $(\Omega, F)$  such that  $P(\Omega) = 1$  called the probability measure.

### 2.1 Random Variables

Let  $(\Omega, F, P)$  be a probability space and  $(Y, G)$  be a measurable space then the random variable  $X$  is defined as a measurable function  $X : \Omega \rightarrow Y$ .

Where  $Y \subseteq \mathfrak{N}$  and  $G$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra of  $Y$  consisting of subsets of  $Y$

A random variable  $X$  is said to be continuous if there exists a function  $f$ , called the probability density function or (probability distribution function (pdf)) of  $X$  and a function  $F$  called the cumulative distribution function (cdf), such that  $F(x_2) - F(x_1) = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} f(x) dx = P\{x_1 \leq X \leq x_2\}$

A random variable  $X$  will be called discrete if there exists a finite or countable set  $U$  of real numbers with  $U = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  such that  $P\{U\} = \sum_{x_i \in U} P(X = x_i) = 1$ . The probability distribution function (pdf) of a discrete random variable  $X$  and the cumulative distribution function (cdf),  $F$  are given by  $f(x_i) = P(X = x_i)$  and  $F(x_n) = \sum_{k=0}^n f(x_k)$

If  $X$  is a random variable such that  $f(x)$  is the probability distribution function then the expectation  $E$  and the variance  $Var$  of  $X$  are given as

$$E(H) = \begin{cases} \sum_x hf(h) & \text{if } H \text{ is discrete} \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} hf(h) dx & \text{if } H \text{ is continuous} \end{cases}$$

$$Var(H) = \begin{cases} \sum_h (h - E(H))^2 f(h) & \text{if } H \text{ is discrete} \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (h - E(H))^2 f(h) dh & \text{if } H \text{ is continuous} \end{cases}$$

## 2.2 Conditional Probability

Let  $H = \{H_1, H_2, \dots\}$  be a positive partition of the sample space  $\Omega$  and let  $A, B$  be two events with

$$P(B) > 0, \text{ then } P(A|B) = \sum_{j=1} P(A|B \cap H_j) P(H_j|B)$$

### Proof

Using the expression on the right hand side of the above equation it can be deduced that

$$\sum_{j=1} P(A|B \cap H_j) P(H_j|B) = \sum_{j=1} \frac{P(A \cap B \cap H_j)}{P(B \cap H_j)} \times \frac{P(B \cap H_j)}{P(B)}$$

$$\frac{1}{P(B)} \sum_{j=1} P(A \cap B \cap H_j) = \frac{1}{P(B)} P(A \cap B) \cap \bigcup_{j=1} H_j = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)} = P(A|B)$$

## 2.3 Bayes' Formula

We shall now consider a question opposite to the total probability formula. Given that the event occurred, what is the probability of the event in the partition? The answer is contained in the theorem below.

**Theorem (Bayes' formula).** Let  $H = \{H_1, H_2, \dots\}$  be a positive partition of  $\Omega$  and  $A$  be any event with  $P(A) > 0$ . Then for any event  $H_k$  of the partition  $H$  we have

$$P(H_k|A) = \frac{P(A|H_k)P(H_k)}{P(A|H_1)P(H_1) + P(A|H_2)P(H_2) + \dots + P(A|H_n)P(H_n)}$$

## 3. THE BAYESIAN APPROACH

The Bayesian approach to statistical inference is based upon Bayes' theorem (Bayes 1763). Let consider the problem of finding a point estimate of the parameter  $\theta$  for the population with distribution  $f(x|\theta)$  given  $\theta$ . Denote  $\pi(\theta)$  the prior distribution of  $\theta$ .

Suppose that a random sample of size  $n$ , denoted by  $X = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  is observed. For

continuous distribution the bayes' theorem is defined as follows  $\pi(\theta|x) \propto f(x|\theta)\pi(\theta)$

Definition: The distribution of  $\theta$ , given data  $x$ , which is called the posterior distribution is given by  $\pi(\theta|x) = \frac{f(x|\theta)\pi(\theta)}{g(x)}$  Where  $g(x)$  is the marginal distribution of  $x$ .

The marginal distribution in the above definition can be calculated using the following formula

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} \sum_{\theta} f(x|\theta)\pi(\theta), & \theta \text{ is discrete} \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x|\theta)\pi(\theta)d\theta, & \theta \text{ is continuous} \end{cases}$$

### 3.1 Principles of Bayesian Statistical Analysis

The Bayesian statistical analysis is focused on four basic principles.

The specification of an objective probability model of the trials in terms of some unknown parameters. Base on the subjective beliefs about the unknown parameters. These original beliefs are called the prior probabilities. The prior belief is then update in light of the information contained in the sample by applying Bayes rule. The updated beliefs are called the posterior probabilities. Decisions are based on the updated beliefs (i.e., the posterior probabilities).

It is important to remember that, the prior distribution shows your beliefs about different parameter values before seeing any data. The likelihood essentially shows what the observed data tells about how probable different parameter values are. The posterior probability combines the information in these two distributions, and shows your updated beliefs about parameter values after having seen the data. In frequentist statistics, the goal is to obtain good point estimates of parameter values.

In the world of Bayesian statistics, the goal is to obtain a probability distribution over all possible parameter values. This is the posterior probability distribution. It shows how uncertain we are about the parameter value, and can be used as the basis for asking many different questions.

### 3.2 Bayesian Prior, Posteriors and Estimators

If  $\Phi_1, \Phi_2, \dots, \Phi_N$  denote the random variables associated with a sample of size  $n$ . Let the notation  $L(\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n | \theta)$  denote the likelihood of the sample. In the discrete case, this function is defined to be the joint probability  $P(\Phi_1 = \phi_1, \Phi_2 = \phi_2, \dots, \Phi_n = \phi_n)$  and in the continuous case, it is the joint density of  $\Phi_1, \Phi_2, \dots, \Phi_N$  evaluated at  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n$ . The parameter  $\theta$  is included among the argument of

$L(\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n | \theta)$  to denote this function depends explicitly on the value of some parameter  $\theta$ .

In Bayesian approach, the unknown parameter  $\theta$  is viewed to be a random variable with a probability distribution called the prior distribution of  $\theta$ . This prior distribution of  $\theta$  is specified before any data are collected and provides a theoretical description of information about  $\theta$  that was available before any data were obtained Feuillard et al. [5]. In our initial discussion we will assume that the parameter  $\theta$  has a continuous distribution with density  $g(\theta)$  that has no unknown parameters. Ussher, [6]. Using the likelihood of the data and the prior on  $\theta$ , it follows that the joint likelihood  $\Phi_1, \Phi_2, \dots, \Phi_N, \theta$  is

$f(\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n, \theta) = L(\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n | \theta) \times g(\theta)$  And that the marginal density or mass function of  $\Phi_1, \Phi_2, \dots, \Phi_N$  is

$$m(\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n, \theta) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} L(\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n | \theta) \times g(\theta) d\theta$$

also the posterior density function of  $\theta | \phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n$  is  $g^*(\theta | \phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n) = \frac{L(\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n | \theta) \times g(\theta)}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} L(\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n | \theta) \times g(\theta) d\theta}$

Let  $\Phi_1, \Phi_2, \dots, \Phi_N$  denote a random sample from a Bernoulli distribution of  $n$  observed morning where  $P(\Phi_i = 1) = p$  and  $P(\Phi_i = 0) = 1 - p$  and assume that the prior distribution for  $p$  is  $\text{beta}(\alpha, \beta)$  Robert et al. [7].

## 4. BETA AS CONJUGATE PRIOR

The paper assumed a beta distribution as the conjugate prior for the solar radiation. The posterior distribution for  $p$  where  $p$  is the probability of sunshine is to be determined using the Bernoulli probability distribution Hollands and Huget [8]. The Bernoulli probability function can be written as

$$P(y_i | p) = p^{y_i} (1-p)^{1-y_i}, y_i = 0, 1, \quad \text{the likelihood } L(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n | p) \text{ is}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 L(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n | p) &= p(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n | p) \\
 &= p^{y_1} (1-p)^{1-y_1} \times p^{y_2} (1-p)^{1-y_2} \times \dots \times p^{y_n} (1-p)^{1-y_n} \\
 &= p^{\sum y_i} (1-p)^{n-\sum y_i}, \quad y_i = 0, 1 \text{ and } 0 < p < 1
 \end{aligned}$$

The joint probability distribution is

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n, p) &= L(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n | p) \times g(p) \\
 &= p^{\sum y_i} (1-p)^{n-\sum y_i} \times \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} p^{\alpha-1} (1-p)^{\beta-1} \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} p^{\sum y_i + \alpha - 1} (1-p)^{n - \sum y_i + \beta - 1}
 \end{aligned}$$

And the marginal density function is

$$\begin{aligned}
 m(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) &= \int_0^1 \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} p^{\sum y_i + \alpha - 1} (1-p)^{n - \sum y_i + \beta - 1} dp \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \times \frac{\Gamma(\sum y_i + \alpha)\Gamma(n - \sum y_i + \beta)}{\Gamma(n + \alpha + \beta)}
 \end{aligned}$$

The posterior density of  $p$  is given by

$$g^*(\theta | y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) = \frac{L(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n | \theta) \times g(\theta)}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} L(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n | \theta) \times g(\theta) d\theta}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
 g^*(p | y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) &= \frac{\frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} p^{\sum y_i + \alpha - 1} (1-p)^{n - \sum y_i + \beta - 1}}{\frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \times \frac{\Gamma(\sum y_i + \alpha)\Gamma(n - \sum y_i + \beta)}{\Gamma(n + \alpha + \beta)}} \\
 &= \frac{\Gamma(n + \alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\sum y_i + \alpha)\Gamma(n - \sum y_i + \beta)} \times p^{\sum y_i + \alpha - 1} (1-p)^{n - \sum y_i + \beta - 1}, \quad 0 < p < 1
 \end{aligned}$$

The posterior beta density function is with the parameters

$$\alpha^* = \sum y_i + \alpha \text{ and } \beta^* = n - \sum y_i + \beta$$

## 5. APPLICATION OF BAYESIAN ANALYSIS ON SOLAR RADIATION

In the Bayesian analysis we use the random variable  $X$  which represents the event of having a high or low sunshine.

$$\text{Thus } X = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{low sunshine} \\ 1 & \text{high sunshine} \end{cases}$$

The values of  $X$  are generated based on a given threshold below which we describe the sunshine

level as being low and as high otherwise. The threshold value used in this analysis is  $120\text{kWhm}^{-2}$ . A random sample of 1500 sunshine hours were selected and based on the above mentioned threshold the monthly average number of high and low sunshine levels was computed.

The beta distribution was used as prior distribution and the Bernoulli probability distribution as a likelihood function Ramakant Khazanie [9]. The posterior probability distribution is derived in section 2.46.

Bayesian analysis for the various months of the year was conducted to estimate the posterior expectation and variance of the beta distribution Olseth and Skartveit, [10] for number of iterations until these iterations are converging to a certain value given a tolerance level. The analysis started with initial parameter values of alpha and beta to compute the prior means and prior variance .The posterior parameters are then computed based on the sample size and the number of high sunshine hours. The posterior parameters were then used as the prior parameters to compute the mean and variance. The procedure is repeated for twenty iterations for all the months of the year.

### 5.1 Beta Distribution

A random variable  $X$  is said to have beta distribution with parameters  $\alpha > 0$   $\beta > 0$  if the density of  $X$  is

$$f(x) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} \text{ for } 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

and  $f(x) = 0$  outside the interval  $[0,1]$ .

The mean and the variance of the beta distribution is given below

$$\text{Mean denoted } E(X) = \mu = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta} \text{ and}$$

$$\text{variance denoted } \text{Var}(X) = \frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha + \beta)^2 (\alpha + \beta + 1)}$$

## 6. BAYESIAN METHODOLOGY

The prior beta distribution is used together with the likelihood function to obtain the posterior distribution Bowerman et al. [11]. The beta distribution being a conjugate prior always has a posterior beta distribution with parameters

$$\alpha^* = \sum x + \alpha$$

$$\beta^* = n - \sum x + \beta$$

Where  $n$  is the sample size and  $\sum x$  is the total number of sunshine hours in the sampled data under the threshold of  $120 \text{kwh/m}^2$ . The alpha and beta values were computed and used as the initial guess. The posterior parameters were computed using the formula above. The posterior alpha and beta values were used as the prior alpha and beta values to compute the posterior parameters for that iteration.

The posterior mean and variance for the posterior probability distribution was computed as below for the number of iterations.

$$E(X) = \frac{\alpha^*}{\alpha^* + \beta^*}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \frac{\alpha^* \beta^*}{(\alpha^* + \beta^*)^2 (\alpha^* + \beta^* + 1)}$$

## 7. RESULTS, FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

A sample of size of 1500 was selected from the various month of the year. Based on the threshold value the total number of sunshine hours is calculated to help in the computation of posterior beta distribution parameters.

### 7.1 Bayesian Results for January to December

The samples selected from the month of January to the month of December were analyzed using Bayesian approach. Twenty iterations were performed and the results are at the appendix. The results in the Table 1 indicates that the prior means and posterior mean converges to .87000 at a tolerance level of 0.0001 while the prior and posterior variances are converging to 4.0E-06 at 0.000001 tolerance level. The analysis shows

that the month of January has a greater possibility (.87000) of sunshine.

The results in Table 2 in the appendix indicates that, at a tolerance level of 0.0001 and 0.00001, the prior means and posterior mean as well as the prior and posterior variances for the month February converges to 0.83000 and 6.0E-06 respectively .

The results for March is presented in Table 3 in the appendix, the result shows that, prior means and posterior mean converges to 0.9000 tolerance level of 0.0001 while the prior and posterior variances are converging to 3.0E-06 at 0.000001 tolerance level.

The results in the Table 4 of the appendix for April reveals that, the prior means and posterior mean converges to 0.86000 tolerance level of 0.0001 while the prior and posterior variances are converging to 6.0E-06 at 0.000001 tolerance level.

The results in the Table 5 of the appendix for May reveals that, the prior means and posterior mean converges to 0.92000 tolerance level of 0.0001 while the prior and posterior variances are converging to 2.0E-06 at 0.000001 tolerance level.

The results in the Table 6 of the appendix for June reveals that, the prior means and posterior mean converges to 0.77000 tolerance level of 0.0001 while the prior and posterior variances are converging to 6.0E-06 at 0.000001 tolerance level.

The results in the Table 7 of the appendix for July reveals that, the prior means and posterior mean converges to 0.92000 tolerance level of 0.0001 while the prior and posterior variances are converging to 7.0E-06 at 0.000001 tolerance level.

The results in the Table 8 of the appendix for August reveals that, the prior means and posterior mean converges to 0.55000 tolerance level of 0.0001 while the prior and posterior variances are converging to 6.0E-06 at 0.000001 tolerance level.

The results in the Table 9 of the appendix for September reveals that, the prior means and posterior mean converges to 0.79000 tolerance level of 0.0001 while the prior and posterior variances are converging to 6.0E-06 at 0.000001 tolerance level.

The results in the Table 10 of the appendix for October reveals that, the prior means and posterior mean converges to 0.72000 tolerance level of 0.0001 while the prior and posterior variances are converging to 2.0E-06 at 0.000001 tolerance level.

The results in the Table 11 of the appendix for November reveals that, the prior means and posterior mean converges to 0.9000 tolerance level of 0.0001 while the prior and posterior variances are converging to 6.0E-06 at 0.000001 tolerance level.

The results in the Table 12 of the appendix for December reveals that, the prior means and posterior mean converges to 0.87000 tolerance level of 0.0001 while the prior and posterior variances are converging to 6.0E-06 at 0.000001 tolerance level.

## 7.2 Bayesian Estimation for Months

As indicated in Tables 1 to 12, the Bayesian analysis was conducted for the various months of the year. The summary of the results are given in Tables 1 to 12 in the appendix. The results presented are the means and the variance for twenty iterations for the various months of the year. The results in Table 1 to 12 indicate that the beta distribution which was used as the prior distribution converged to the mean and variance of the posterior distributions shown. The posterior means of various months indicates that, despite the rain fall patterns in Kumasi there is a higher potential sunshine region.

## 7.3 Bayesian Analysis for Clusters

The sample selected from the clusters was analyzed using Bayesian approach. Twenty iterations were performed and the results are shown on the Table 13 and Table 14 are for cluster one and cluster two respectively. The results in the Table 13 and Table 14 indicates that the prior means and posterior mean converges to 0.86000 and .76000 at the tolerance level of 0.0001 respectively while the prior and posterior variances for cluster one and two converged to 6.0E-06 and 4.0E-06 respectively at 0.000001 tolerance level. The analysis shows that the clusters have a greater possibility (.86000 and 0.76000) of sunshine. This is also an indication that Kumasi is has higher possibility of sunshine.

## 8. CONCLUSION

Bayesian analysis on high or low (i.e. respectively above or below a threshold of  $120kWhm^{-2}$  hourly solar irradiation) for each month with given prior beta distribution converged to posterior beta distribution after 20 iteration with average mean of 0.86. This shows that the on average the solar irradiation patterns in Kumasi tends to be high frequently. Also the prior variance of the various months of the year converged to the posterior tolerance level of 0.000001.

Comparing the sunshine output of the two clusters indicated that cluster one have the highest hourly solar irradiation output than that of cluster two. The Bayesian analysis of the clusters also confirms that the first cluster have a higher possibility (0.8600) of solar irradiation output as compared with the second cluster (0.76000). This results also confirm the earlier result of Arthur and et al that the month of the year can be put into two clusters and that the first cluster which has February has the highest potentiality of sunshine.

## COMPETING INTERESTS

Authors have declared that no competing interests exist.

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## APPENDIX

**Table 1. Bayesian analysis for January**

| ITERATION S | alpha | beta | prior mean  | prior variance | posterior alpha | posterior beta | posterior mean | posterior variance |
|-------------|-------|------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1           | 27    | 7    | 0.794117647 | 0.00467128     | 1332            | 202            | 0.868318123    | 7.44897E-05        |
| 2           | 1332  | 202  | 0.868318123 | 7.44897E-05    | 2637            | 397            | 0.869149637    | 3.74723E-05        |
| 3           | 2637  | 397  | 0.869149637 | 3.74723E-05    | 3942            | 592            | 0.869430966    | 2.50321E-05        |
| 4           | 3942  | 592  | 0.869430966 | 2.50321E-05    | 5247            | 787            | 0.869572423    | 1.87931E-05        |
| 5           | 5247  | 787  | 0.869572423 | 1.87931E-05    | 6552            | 982            | 0.869657552    | 1.50436E-05        |
| 6           | 6552  | 982  | 0.869657552 | 1.50436E-05    | 7857            | 1177           | 0.869714412    | 1.25414E-05        |
| 7           | 7857  | 1177 | 0.869714412 | 1.25414E-05    | 9162            | 1372           | 0.869755079    | 1.07528E-05        |
| 8           | 9162  | 1372 | 0.869755079 | 1.07528E-05    | 10467           | 1567           | 0.869785607    | 9.41077E-06        |
| 9           | 10467 | 1567 | 0.869785607 | 9.41077E-06    | 11772           | 1762           | 0.869809369    | 8.36653E-06        |
| 10          | 11772 | 1762 | 0.869809369 | 8.36653E-06    | 13077           | 1957           | 0.869828389    | 7.53089E-06        |
| 11          | 13077 | 1957 | 0.869828389 | 7.53089E-06    | 14382           | 2152           | 0.869843958    | 6.84702E-06        |
| 12          | 14382 | 2152 | 0.869843958 | 6.84702E-06    | 15687           | 2347           | 0.869856937    | 6.27701E-06        |
| 13          | 15687 | 2347 | 0.869856937 | 6.27701E-06    | 16992           | 2542           | 0.869867923    | 5.79461E-06        |
| 14          | 16992 | 2542 | 0.869867923 | 5.79461E-06    | 18297           | 2737           | 0.869877341    | 5.38107E-06        |
| 15          | 18297 | 2737 | 0.869877341 | 5.38107E-06    | 19602           | 2932           | 0.869885506    | 5.02262E-06        |
| 16          | 19602 | 2932 | 0.869885506 | 5.02262E-06    | 20907           | 3127           | 0.869892652    | 4.70894E-06        |
| 17          | 20907 | 3127 | 0.869892652 | 4.70894E-06    | 22212           | 3322           | 0.869898958    | 4.43214E-06        |
| 18          | 22212 | 3322 | 0.869898958 | 4.43214E-06    | 23517           | 3517           | 0.869904565    | 4.18608E-06        |
| 19          | 23517 | 3517 | 0.869904565 | 4.18608E-06    | 24822           | 3712           | 0.869909582    | 3.9659E-06         |
| 20          | 24822 | 3712 | 0.869909582 | 3.9659E-06     | 26127           | 3907           | 0.869914097    | 3.76772E-06        |

**Table 2. Bayesian analysis for February**

| Iterations | alpha | beta | prior mean  | prior variance | posterior alpha | posterior beta | posterior mean | posterior variance |
|------------|-------|------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1          | 1     | 6    | 0.142857143 | 0.015306122    | 1046            | 461            | 0.694094227    | 0.000140801        |
| 2          | 1046  | 461  | 0.694094227 | 0.000140801    | 2091            | 671            | 0.757060101    | 6.65654E-05        |
| 3          | 2091  | 671  | 0.757060101 | 6.65654E-05    | 3136            | 881            | 0.780682101    | 4.26126E-05        |
| 4          | 3136  | 881  | 0.780682101 | 4.26126E-05    | 4181            | 1091           | 0.793057663    | 3.11241E-05        |
| 5          | 4181  | 1091 | 0.793057663 | 3.11241E-05    | 5226            | 1301           | 0.800674123    | 2.44478E-05        |
| 6          | 5226  | 1301 | 0.800674123 | 2.44478E-05    | 6271            | 1511           | 0.805833976    | 2.01035E-05        |
| 7          | 6271  | 1511 | 0.805833976 | 2.01035E-05    | 7316            | 1721           | 0.809560695    | 1.70582E-05        |
| 8          | 7316  | 1721 | 0.809560695 | 1.70582E-05    | 8361            | 1931           | 0.812378546    | 1.48081E-05        |
| 9          | 8361  | 1931 | 0.812378546 | 1.48081E-05    | 9406            | 2141           | 0.814583875    | 1.30791E-05        |
| 10         | 9406  | 2141 | 0.814583875 | 1.30791E-05    | 10451           | 2351           | 0.816356819    | 1.17096E-05        |
| 11         | 10451 | 2351 | 0.816356819 | 1.17096E-05    | 11496           | 2561           | 0.817813189    | 1.05986E-05        |
| 12         | 11496 | 2561 | 0.817813189 | 1.05986E-05    | 12541           | 2771           | 0.819030825    | 9.67931E-06        |
| 13         | 12541 | 2771 | 0.819030825 | 9.67931E-06    | 13586           | 2981           | 0.820063983    | 8.90627E-06        |
| 14         | 13586 | 2981 | 0.820063983 | 8.90627E-06    | 14631           | 3191           | 0.820951633    | 8.24721E-06        |
| 15         | 14631 | 3191 | 0.820951633 | 8.24721E-06    | 15676           | 3401           | 0.821722493    | 7.67872E-06        |
| 16         | 15676 | 3401 | 0.821722493 | 7.67872E-06    | 16721           | 3611           | 0.82239819     | 7.18337E-06        |
| 17         | 16721 | 3611 | 0.82239819  | 7.18337E-06    | 17766           | 3821           | 0.822995321    | 6.74792E-06        |
| 18         | 17766 | 3821 | 0.822995321 | 6.74792E-06    | 18811           | 4031           | 0.823526837    | 6.36214E-06        |
| 19         | 18811 | 4031 | 0.823526837 | 6.36214E-06    | 19856           | 4241           | 0.824002988    | 6.01801E-06        |
| 20         | 19856 | 4241 | 0.824002988 | 6.01801E-06    | 20901           | 4451           | 0.824431997    | 5.70914E-06        |

**Table 3. Bayesian analysis for March**

| Iteration | alpha | beta | prior mean  | prior variance | posterior alpha | posterior beta | posterior mean | posterior variance |
|-----------|-------|------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1         | 13    | 1    | 0.928571429 | 0.004421769    | 1363            | 151            | 0.900264201    | 5.92664E-05        |
| 2         | 1363  | 151  | 0.900264201 | 5.92664E-05    | 2713            | 301            | 0.900132714    | 2.98155E-05        |
| 3         | 2713  | 301  | 0.900132714 | 2.98155E-05    | 4063            | 451            | 0.900088613    | 1.99179E-05        |
| 4         | 4063  | 451  | 0.900088613 | 1.99179E-05    | 5413            | 601            | 0.900066511    | 1.49537E-05        |
| 5         | 5413  | 601  | 0.900066511 | 1.49537E-05    | 6763            | 751            | 0.900053234    | 1.19704E-05        |
| 6         | 6763  | 751  | 0.900053234 | 1.19704E-05    | 8113            | 901            | 0.900044375    | 9.97942E-06        |
| 7         | 8113  | 901  | 0.900044375 | 9.97942E-06    | 9463            | 1051           | 0.900038045    | 8.55631E-06        |
| 8         | 9463  | 1051 | 0.900038045 | 8.55631E-06    | 10813           | 1201           | 0.900033294    | 7.48842E-06        |
| 9         | 10813 | 1201 | 0.900033294 | 7.48842E-06    | 12163           | 1351           | 0.900029599    | 6.65752E-06        |
| 10        | 12163 | 1351 | 0.900029599 | 6.65752E-06    | 13513           | 1501           | 0.900026642    | 5.99259E-06        |
| 11        | 13513 | 1501 | 0.900026642 | 5.99259E-06    | 14863           | 1651           | 0.900024222    | 5.44842E-06        |
| 12        | 14863 | 1651 | 0.900024222 | 5.44842E-06    | 16213           | 1801           | 0.900022205    | 4.99485E-06        |
| 13        | 16213 | 1801 | 0.900022205 | 4.99485E-06    | 17563           | 1951           | 0.900020498    | 4.611E-06          |
| 14        | 17563 | 1951 | 0.900020498 | 4.611E-06      | 18913           | 2101           | 0.900019035    | 4.28193E-06        |
| 15        | 18913 | 2101 | 0.900019035 | 4.28193E-06    | 20263           | 2251           | 0.900017767    | 3.9967E-06         |
| 16        | 20263 | 2251 | 0.900017767 | 3.9967E-06     | 21613           | 2401           | 0.900016657    | 3.7471E-06         |
| 17        | 21613 | 2401 | 0.900016657 | 3.7471E-06     | 22963           | 2551           | 0.900015678    | 3.52685E-06        |
| 18        | 22963 | 2551 | 0.900015678 | 3.52685E-06    | 24313           | 2701           | 0.900014807    | 3.33104E-06        |
| 19        | 24313 | 2701 | 0.900014807 | 3.33104E-06    | 25663           | 2851           | 0.900014028    | 3.15584E-06        |
| 20        | 25663 | 2851 | 0.900014028 | 3.15584E-06    | 27013           | 3001           | 0.900013327    | 2.99815E-06        |

**Table 4. Bayesian analysis for April**

| Iteration | alpha | beta | prior mean  | prior variance | posterior alpha | posterior beta | posterior mean | posterior variance |
|-----------|-------|------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1         | 26    | 16   | 0.619047619 | 0.005484364    | 1316            | 226            | 0.853437095    | 8.10643E-05        |
| 2         | 1316  | 226  | 0.853437095 | 8.10643E-05    | 2606            | 436            | 0.856673241    | 4.03497E-05        |
| 3         | 2606  | 436  | 0.856673241 | 4.03497E-05    | 3896            | 646            | 0.857771907    | 2.68543E-05        |
| 4         | 3896  | 646  | 0.857771907 | 2.68543E-05    | 5186            | 856            | 0.858325058    | 2.0123E-05         |
| 5         | 5186  | 856  | 0.858325058 | 2.0123E-05     | 6476            | 1066           | 0.858658181    | 1.60897E-05        |
| 6         | 6476  | 1066 | 0.858658181 | 1.60897E-05    | 7766            | 1276           | 0.858880779    | 1.34031E-05        |
| 7         | 7766  | 1276 | 0.858880779 | 1.34031E-05    | 9056            | 1486           | 0.85904003     | 1.14854E-05        |
| 8         | 9056  | 1486 | 0.85904003  | 1.14854E-05    | 10346           | 1696           | 0.859159608    | 1.00477E-05        |
| 9         | 10346 | 1696 | 0.859159608 | 1.00477E-05    | 11636           | 1906           | 0.859252695    | 8.92989E-06        |
| 10        | 11636 | 1906 | 0.859252695 | 8.92989E-06    | 12926           | 2116           | 0.859327217    | 8.03589E-06        |
| 11        | 12926 | 2116 | 0.859327217 | 8.03589E-06    | 14216           | 2326           | 0.859388224    | 7.30461E-06        |
| 12        | 14216 | 2326 | 0.859388224 | 7.30461E-06    | 15506           | 2536           | 0.859439087    | 6.69531E-06        |
| 13        | 15506 | 2536 | 0.859439087 | 6.69531E-06    | 16796           | 2746           | 0.859482141    | 6.17984E-06        |
| 14        | 16796 | 2746 | 0.859482141 | 6.17984E-06    | 18086           | 2956           | 0.859519057    | 5.73806E-06        |
| 15        | 18086 | 2956 | 0.859519057 | 5.73806E-06    | 19376           | 3166           | 0.85955106     | 5.35523E-06        |
| 16        | 19376 | 3166 | 0.85955106  | 5.35523E-06    | 20666           | 3376           | 0.85957907     | 5.02029E-06        |
| 17        | 20666 | 3376 | 0.85957907  | 5.02029E-06    | 21956           | 3586           | 0.85960379     | 4.72478E-06        |
| 18        | 21956 | 3586 | 0.85960379  | 4.72478E-06    | 23246           | 3796           | 0.859625767    | 4.46213E-06        |
| 19        | 23246 | 3796 | 0.859625767 | 4.46213E-06    | 24536           | 4006           | 0.859645435    | 4.22714E-06        |
| 20        | 24536 | 4006 | 0.859645435 | 4.22714E-06    | 25826           | 4216           | 0.859663138    | 4.01566E-06        |

**Table 5. Bayesian analysis for May**

| Iteration | alpha | beta | prior mean  | prior variance | posterior alpha | posterior beta | posterior mean | posterior variance |
|-----------|-------|------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1         | 15    | 1    | 0.9375      | 0.003446691    | 1400            | 116            | 0.92348285     | 4.65803E-05        |
| 2         | 1400  | 116  | 0.92348285  | 4.65803E-05    | 2785            | 231            | 0.923408488    | 2.34422E-05        |
| 3         | 2785  | 231  | 0.923408488 | 2.34422E-05    | 4170            | 346            | 0.923383525    | 1.56623E-05        |
| 4         | 4170  | 346  | 0.923383525 | 1.56623E-05    | 5555            | 461            | 0.923371011    | 1.17595E-05        |
| 5         | 5555  | 461  | 0.923371011 | 1.17595E-05    | 6940            | 576            | 0.923363491    | 9.41378E-06        |
| 6         | 6940  | 576  | 0.923363491 | 9.41378E-06    | 8325            | 691            | 0.923358474    | 7.84824E-06        |
| 7         | 8325  | 691  | 0.923358474 | 7.84824E-06    | 9710            | 806            | 0.923354888    | 6.72917E-06        |
| 8         | 9710  | 806  | 0.923354888 | 6.72917E-06    | 11095           | 921            | 0.923352197    | 5.8894E-06         |
| 9         | 11095 | 921  | 0.923352197 | 5.8894E-06     | 12480           | 1036           | 0.923350104    | 5.23598E-06        |
| 10        | 12480 | 1036 | 0.923350104 | 5.23598E-06    | 13865           | 1151           | 0.923348428    | 4.71307E-06        |
| 11        | 13865 | 1151 | 0.923348428 | 4.71307E-06    | 15250           | 1266           | 0.923347057    | 4.28512E-06        |
| 12        | 15250 | 1266 | 0.923347057 | 4.28512E-06    | 16635           | 1381           | 0.923345915    | 3.92841E-06        |
| 13        | 16635 | 1381 | 0.923345915 | 3.92841E-06    | 18020           | 1496           | 0.923344948    | 3.62653E-06        |
| 14        | 18020 | 1496 | 0.923344948 | 3.62653E-06    | 19405           | 1611           | 0.923344119    | 3.36774E-06        |
| 15        | 19405 | 1611 | 0.923344119 | 3.36774E-06    | 20790           | 1726           | 0.9233434      | 3.14342E-06        |
| 16        | 20790 | 1726 | 0.9233434   | 3.14342E-06    | 22175           | 1841           | 0.923342771    | 2.94712E-06        |
| 17        | 22175 | 1841 | 0.923342771 | 2.94712E-06    | 23560           | 1956           | 0.923342217    | 2.77389E-06        |
| 18        | 23560 | 1956 | 0.923342217 | 2.77389E-06    | 24945           | 2071           | 0.923341723    | 2.6199E-06         |
| 19        | 24945 | 2071 | 0.923341723 | 2.6199E-06     | 26330           | 2186           | 0.923341282    | 2.4821E-06         |
| 20        | 26330 | 2186 | 0.923341282 | 2.4821E-06     | 27715           | 2301           | 0.923340885    | 2.35808E-06        |

**Table 6. Bayesian analysis for June**

| Iteration | alpha | beta | prior mean  | prior variance | posterior alpha | posterior beta | posterior mean | posterior variance |
|-----------|-------|------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1         | 21    | 18   | 0.538461538 | 0.006213018    | 1075            | 464            | 0.698505523    | 0.00013675         |
| 2         | 1075  | 464  | 0.698505523 | 0.00013675     | 2129            | 910            | 0.700559395    | 6.90052E-05        |
| 3         | 2129  | 910  | 0.700559395 | 6.90052E-05    | 3183            | 1356           | 0.701255783    | 4.61445E-05        |
| 4         | 3183  | 1356 | 0.701255783 | 4.61445E-05    | 4237            | 1802           | 0.701606226    | 3.46614E-05        |
| 5         | 4237  | 1802 | 0.701606226 | 3.46614E-05    | 5291            | 2248           | 0.701817217    | 2.77546E-05        |
| 6         | 5291  | 2248 | 0.701817217 | 2.77546E-05    | 6345            | 2694           | 0.701958181    | 2.3143E-05         |
| 7         | 6345  | 2694 | 0.701958181 | 2.3143E-05     | 7399            | 3140           | 0.702059019    | 1.98456E-05        |
| 8         | 7399  | 3140 | 0.702059019 | 1.98456E-05    | 8453            | 3586           | 0.702134729    | 1.73706E-05        |
| 9         | 10346 | 1696 | 0.859159608 | 1.00477E-05    | 11400           | 2142           | 0.841825432    | 9.83204E-06        |
| 10        | 11400 | 2142 | 0.841825432 | 9.83204E-06    | 12454           | 2588           | 0.827948411    | 9.46951E-06        |
| 11        | 12454 | 2588 | 0.827948411 | 9.46951E-06    | 13508           | 3034           | 0.816588079    | 9.0535E-06         |
| 12        | 13508 | 3034 | 0.816588079 | 9.0535E-06     | 14562           | 3480           | 0.807116728    | 8.62824E-06        |
| 13        | 14562 | 3480 | 0.807116728 | 8.62824E-06    | 15616           | 3926           | 0.799099376    | 8.21468E-06        |
| 14        | 15616 | 3926 | 0.799099376 | 8.21468E-06    | 16670           | 4372           | 0.792225074    | 7.82229E-06        |
| 15        | 16670 | 4372 | 0.792225074 | 7.82229E-06    | 17724           | 4818           | 0.786265637    | 7.45473E-06        |
| 16        | 17724 | 4818 | 0.786265637 | 7.45473E-06    | 18778           | 5264           | 0.781049829    | 7.11271E-06        |
| 17        | 18778 | 5264 | 0.781049829 | 7.11271E-06    | 19832           | 5710           | 0.776446637    | 6.79549E-06        |
| 18        | 19832 | 5710 | 0.776446637 | 6.79549E-06    | 20886           | 6156           | 0.772354116    | 6.50162E-06        |
| 19        | 20886 | 6156 | 0.772354116 | 6.50162E-06    | 21940           | 6602           | 0.768691753    | 6.22936E-06        |
| 20        | 21940 | 6602 | 0.768691753 | 6.22936E-06    | 22994           | 7048           | 0.765395114    | 5.97695E-06        |

**Table 7. Bayesian analysis for July**

| Iteration | alpha | beta | prior mean   | prior variance | posterior alpha | posterior beta | posterior mean | posterior variance |
|-----------|-------|------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1         | 28    | 14   | 0.6666666667 | 0.005167959    | 1082            | 427            | 0.717031146    | 0.000134369        |
| 2         | 1082  | 427  | 0.717031146  | 0.000134369    | 2136            | 840            | 0.717741935    | 6.80512E-05        |
| 3         | 2136  | 840  | 0.717741935  | 6.80512E-05    | 3190            | 1253           | 0.717983345    | 4.55633E-05        |
| 4         | 3190  | 1253 | 0.717983345  | 4.55633E-05    | 4244            | 1666           | 0.718104907    | 3.42464E-05        |
| 5         | 4244  | 1666 | 0.718104907  | 3.42464E-05    | 5298            | 2079           | 0.718178121    | 2.74327E-05        |
| 6         | 5298  | 2079 | 0.718178121  | 2.74327E-05    | 6352            | 2492           | 0.718227047    | 2.28804E-05        |
| 7         | 6352  | 2492 | 0.718227047  | 2.28804E-05    | 7406            | 2905           | 0.71826205     | 1.96239E-05        |
| 8         | 7406  | 2905 | 0.71826205   | 1.96239E-05    | 8460            | 3318           | 0.718288334    | 1.71789E-05        |
| 9         | 8460  | 3318 | 0.718288334  | 1.71789E-05    | 9514            | 3731           | 0.718308796    | 1.52757E-05        |
| 10        | 9514  | 3731 | 0.718308796  | 1.52757E-05    | 10568           | 4144           | 0.718325177    | 1.37521E-05        |
| 11        | 10568 | 4144 | 0.718325177  | 1.37521E-05    | 11622           | 4557           | 0.718338587    | 1.25048E-05        |
| 12        | 11622 | 4557 | 0.718338587  | 1.25048E-05    | 12676           | 4970           | 0.718349768    | 1.1465E-05         |
| 13        | 12676 | 4970 | 0.718349768  | 1.1465E-05     | 13730           | 5383           | 0.718359232    | 1.05849E-05        |
| 14        | 13730 | 5383 | 0.718359232  | 1.05849E-05    | 14784           | 5796           | 0.718367347    | 9.83022E-06        |
| 15        | 14784 | 5796 | 0.718367347  | 9.83022E-06    | 15838           | 6209           | 0.718374382    | 9.17601E-06        |
| 16        | 15838 | 6209 | 0.718374382  | 9.17601E-06    | 16892           | 6622           | 0.718380539    | 8.60344E-06        |
| 17        | 16892 | 6622 | 0.718380539  | 8.60344E-06    | 17946           | 7035           | 0.718385973    | 8.09813E-06        |
| 18        | 17946 | 7035 | 0.718385973  | 8.09813E-06    | 19000           | 7448           | 0.718390805    | 7.64889E-06        |
| 19        | 19000 | 7448 | 0.718390805  | 7.64889E-06    | 20054           | 7861           | 0.718395128    | 7.24687E-06        |
| 20        | 20054 | 7861 | 0.718395128  | 7.24687E-06    | 21108           | 8274           | 0.71839902     | 6.885E-06          |

**Table 8. Bayesian analysis for August**

| Iteration | alpha | beta  | prior mean  | prior variance | posterior alpha | posterior beta | posterior mean | posterior variance |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1         | 26    | 16    | 0.619047619 | 0.005484364    | 1277            | 265            | 0.828145266    | 9.22363E-05        |
| 2         | 1277  | 265   | 0.828145266 | 9.22363E-05    | 2528            | 514            | 0.831032216    | 4.61445E-05        |
| 3         | 2528  | 514   | 0.831032216 | 4.61445E-05    | 3779            | 763            | 0.832012329    | 3.07655E-05        |
| 4         | 3779  | 763   | 0.832012329 | 3.07655E-05    | 5030            | 1012           | 0.832505793    | 2.30746E-05        |
| 5         | 5030  | 1012  | 0.832505793 | 2.30746E-05    | 6281            | 1261           | 0.83280297     | 1.84598E-05        |
| 6         | 6281  | 1261  | 0.83280297  | 1.84598E-05    | 7532            | 1510           | 0.833001548    | 1.53832E-05        |
| 7         | 7532  | 1510  | 0.833001548 | 1.53832E-05    | 8783            | 1759           | 0.833143616    | 1.31856E-05        |
| 8         | 8783  | 1759  | 0.833143616 | 1.31856E-05    | 10034           | 2008           | 0.833250291    | 1.15373E-05        |
| 9         | 10034 | 2008  | 0.833250291 | 1.15373E-05    | 11285           | 2257           | 0.833333333    | 1.02554E-05        |
| 10        | 11636 | 1906  | 0.859252695 | 8.92989E-06    | 12887           | 2155           | 0.856734477    | 8.15931E-06        |
| 11        | 12887 | 2155  | 0.856734477 | 8.15931E-06    | 14138           | 2404           | 0.854672954    | 7.50814E-06        |
| 12        | 14138 | 2404  | 0.854672954 | 7.50814E-06    | 15389           | 2653           | 0.852954218    | 6.95136E-06        |
| 13        | 15389 | 2653  | 0.852954218 | 6.95136E-06    | 16640           | 2902           | 0.851499335    | 6.47026E-06        |
| 14        | 16640 | 2902  | 0.851499335 | 6.47026E-06    | 17891           | 3151           | 0.850251877    | 6.05064E-06        |
| 15        | 17891 | 3151  | 0.850251877 | 6.05064E-06    | 19142           | 3400           | 0.849170437    | 5.68159E-06        |
| 16        | 19142 | 3400  | 0.849170437 | 5.68159E-06    | 20393           | 3649           | 0.848223941    | 5.35458E-06        |
| 17        | 20666 | 20393 | 3649        | 6.08838E-06    | 21917           | 20642          | 0.514979205    | 5.86879E-06        |
| 18        | 21917 | 20642 | 0.514979205 | 5.86879E-06    | 23168           | 20891          | 0.52584035     | 5.65893E-06        |
| 19        | 23168 | 20891 | 0.52584035  | 5.65893E-06    | 24419           | 21140          | 0.535986303    | 5.45885E-06        |
| 20        | 24419 | 21140 | 0.535986303 | 5.45885E-06    | 25670           | 21389          | 0.545485454    | 5.2684E-06         |

**Table 9. Bayesian analysis for September**

| Iteration | alpha | beta | prior mean | prior variance | posterior alpha | posterior beta | posterior mean | posterior variance |
|-----------|-------|------|------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1         | 29    | 13   | 0.690476   | 0.004970205    | 1207            | 335            | 0.782749676    | 0.000110209        |
| 2         | 1207  | 335  | 0.78275    | 0.000110209    | 2385            | 657            | 0.784023669    | 5.56459E-05        |
| 3         | 2385  | 657  | 0.784024   | 5.56459E-05    | 3563            | 979            | 0.784456187    | 3.72187E-05        |
| 4         | 3563  | 979  | 0.784456   | 3.72187E-05    | 4741            | 1301           | 0.784673949    | 2.79597E-05        |
| 5         | 4741  | 1301 | 0.784674   | 2.79597E-05    | 5919            | 1623           | 0.784805091    | 2.23898E-05        |
| 6         | 5919  | 1623 | 0.784805   | 2.23898E-05    | 7097            | 1945           | 0.784892723    | 1.86704E-05        |
| 7         | 7097  | 1945 | 0.784893   | 1.86704E-05    | 8275            | 2267           | 0.784955416    | 1.60107E-05        |
| 8         | 8275  | 2267 | 0.784955   | 1.60107E-05    | 9453            | 2589           | 0.785002491    | 1.40142E-05        |
| 9         | 9453  | 2589 | 0.785002   | 1.40142E-05    | 10631           | 2911           | 0.785039137    | 1.24605E-05        |
| 10        | 10631 | 2911 | 0.785039   | 1.24605E-05    | 11809           | 3233           | 0.785068475    | 1.12169E-05        |
| 11        | 11809 | 3233 | 0.785068   | 1.12169E-05    | 12987           | 3555           | 0.785092492    | 1.0199E-05         |
| 12        | 12987 | 3555 | 0.785092   | 1.0199E-05     | 14165           | 3877           | 0.785112515    | 9.35049E-06        |
| 13        | 14165 | 3877 | 0.785113   | 9.35049E-06    | 15343           | 4199           | 0.785129465    | 8.63231E-06        |
| 14        | 15343 | 4199 | 0.785129   | 8.63231E-06    | 16521           | 4521           | 0.785143998    | 8.01658E-06        |
| 15        | 16521 | 4521 | 0.785144   | 8.01658E-06    | 17699           | 4843           | 0.785156597    | 7.48284E-06        |
| 16        | 17699 | 4843 | 0.785157   | 7.48284E-06    | 18877           | 5165           | 0.785167623    | 7.01574E-06        |
| 17        | 18877 | 5165 | 0.785168   | 7.01574E-06    | 20055           | 5487           | 0.785177355    | 6.60353E-06        |
| 18        | 20055 | 5487 | 0.785177   | 6.60353E-06    | 21233           | 5809           | 0.785186007    | 6.23706E-06        |
| 19        | 21233 | 5809 | 0.785186   | 6.23706E-06    | 22411           | 6131           | 0.78519375     | 5.90914E-06        |
| 20        | 22411 | 6131 | 0.785194   | 5.90914E-06    | 23589           | 6453           | 0.785200719    | 5.61397E-06        |

**Table 10. Bayesian analysis for October**

| Iteration | alpha | beta | prior mean  | prior variance | posterior alpha | posterior beta | posterior mean | posterior variance |
|-----------|-------|------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1         | 29    | 9    | 0.763157895 | 0.004634562    | 1104            | 434            | 0.717815345    | 0.000131616        |
| 2         | 1104  | 434  | 0.717815345 | 0.000131616    | 2179            | 859            | 0.71724819     | 6.67335E-05        |
| 3         | 2179  | 859  | 0.71724819  | 6.67335E-05    | 3254            | 1284           | 0.717055972    | 4.46985E-05        |
| 4         | 3254  | 1284 | 0.717055972 | 4.46985E-05    | 4329            | 1709           | 0.716959258    | 3.3603E-05         |
| 5         | 4329  | 1709 | 0.716959258 | 3.3603E-05     | 5404            | 2134           | 0.716901035    | 2.69205E-05        |
| 6         | 5404  | 2134 | 0.716901035 | 2.69205E-05    | 6479            | 2559           | 0.716862138    | 2.2455E-05         |
| 7         | 6479  | 2559 | 0.716862138 | 2.2455E-05     | 7554            | 2984           | 0.716834314    | 1.92602E-05        |
| 8         | 7554  | 2984 | 0.716834314 | 1.92602E-05    | 8629            | 3409           | 0.716813424    | 1.68612E-05        |
| 9         | 8629  | 3409 | 0.716813424 | 1.68612E-05    | 9704            | 3834           | 0.716797164    | 1.49936E-05        |
| 10        | 9704  | 3834 | 0.716797164 | 1.49936E-05    | 10779           | 4259           | 0.716784147    | 1.34985E-05        |
| 11        | 10779 | 4259 | 0.716784147 | 1.34985E-05    | 11854           | 4684           | 0.716773491    | 1.22746E-05        |
| 12        | 11854 | 4684 | 0.716773491 | 1.22746E-05    | 12929           | 5109           | 0.716764608    | 1.12541E-05        |
| 13        | 12929 | 5109 | 0.716764608 | 1.12541E-05    | 14004           | 5534           | 0.716757089    | 1.03903E-05        |
| 14        | 14004 | 5534 | 0.716757089 | 1.03903E-05    | 15079           | 5959           | 0.716750642    | 9.64966E-06        |
| 15        | 15079 | 5959 | 0.716750642 | 9.64966E-06    | 16154           | 6384           | 0.716745053    | 9.00757E-06        |
| 16        | 16154 | 6384 | 0.716745053 | 9.00757E-06    | 17229           | 6809           | 0.716740161    | 8.4456E-06         |
| 17        | 17229 | 6809 | 0.716740161 | 8.4456E-06     | 18304           | 7234           | 0.716735845    | 7.94963E-06        |
| 18        | 18304 | 7234 | 0.716735845 | 7.94963E-06    | 19379           | 7659           | 0.716732007    | 7.50868E-06        |
| 19        | 19379 | 7659 | 0.716732007 | 7.50868E-06    | 20454           | 8084           | 0.716728572    | 7.11408E-06        |
| 20        | 20454 | 8084 | 0.716728572 | 7.11408E-06    | 21529           | 8509           | 0.716725481    | 6.75888E-06        |

**Table 11. Bayesian analysis for November**

| Iteration | alpha | beta | prior mean  | prior variance | posterior alpha | posterior beta | posterior mean | posterior variance |
|-----------|-------|------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1         | 28    | 6    | 0.823529412 | 0.004152249    | 1406            | 128            | 0.916558018    | 4.98237E-05        |
| 2         | 1406  | 128  | 0.916558018 | 4.98237E-05    | 2784            | 250            | 0.917600527    | 2.49126E-05        |
| 3         | 2784  | 250  | 0.917600527 | 2.49126E-05    | 4162            | 372            | 0.917953242    | 1.66075E-05        |
| 4         | 4162  | 372  | 0.917953242 | 1.66075E-05    | 5540            | 494            | 0.918130593    | 1.24551E-05        |
| 5         | 5540  | 494  | 0.918130593 | 1.24551E-05    | 6918            | 616            | 0.918237324    | 9.96384E-06        |
| 6         | 6918  | 616  | 0.918237324 | 9.96384E-06    | 8296            | 738            | 0.918308612    | 8.30303E-06        |
| 7         | 7766  | 1276 | 0.858880779 | 1.34031E-05    | 9144            | 1398           | 0.867387592    | 1.09102E-05        |
| 8         | 9144  | 1398 | 0.867387592 | 1.09102E-05    | 10522           | 1520           | 0.87377512     | 9.1582E-06         |
| 9         | 10522 | 1520 | 0.87377512  | 9.1582E-06     | 11900           | 1642           | 0.8787476      | 7.86755E-06        |
| 10        | 11900 | 1642 | 0.8787476   | 7.86755E-06    | 13278           | 1764           | 0.882728361    | 6.88154E-06        |
| 11        | 13278 | 1764 | 0.882728361 | 6.88154E-06    | 14656           | 1886           | 0.885987184    | 6.10614E-06        |
| 12        | 14656 | 1886 | 0.885987184 | 6.10614E-06    | 16034           | 2008           | 0.888704135    | 5.48185E-06        |
| 13        | 16034 | 2008 | 0.888704135 | 5.48185E-06    | 17412           | 2130           | 0.891003991    | 4.96934E-06        |
| 14        | 17412 | 2130 | 0.891003991 | 4.96934E-06    | 18790           | 2252           | 0.892975953    | 4.54165E-06        |
| 15        | 18790 | 2252 | 0.892975953 | 4.54165E-06    | 20168           | 2374           | 0.894685476    | 4.17972E-06        |
| 16        | 20168 | 2374 | 0.894685476 | 4.17972E-06    | 21546           | 2496           | 0.896181682    | 3.86974E-06        |
| 17        | 21546 | 2496 | 0.896181682 | 3.86974E-06    | 22924           | 2618           | 0.897502153    | 3.60146E-06        |
| 18        | 22924 | 2618 | 0.897502153 | 3.60146E-06    | 24302           | 2740           | 0.898676133    | 3.36713E-06        |
| 19        | 24302 | 2740 | 0.898676133 | 3.36713E-06    | 25680           | 2862           | 0.899726719    | 3.16079E-06        |
| 20        | 25680 | 2862 | 0.899726719 | 3.16079E-06    | 27058           | 2984           | 0.900672392    | 2.97779E-06        |

**Table 12. Bayesian analysis for December**

| Iteration | alpha | beta | prior mean  | prior variance | posterior alpha | posterior beta | posterior mean | posterior variance |
|-----------|-------|------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1         | 27    | 7    | 0.794117647 | 0.00467128     | 1332            | 202            | 0.868318123    | 7.44897E-05        |
| 2         | 1332  | 202  | 0.868318123 | 7.44897E-05    | 2637            | 397            | 0.869149637    | 3.74723E-05        |
| 3         | 2637  | 397  | 0.869149637 | 3.74723E-05    | 3942            | 592            | 0.869430966    | 2.50321E-05        |
| 4         | 3942  | 592  | 0.869430966 | 2.50321E-05    | 5247            | 787            | 0.869572423    | 1.87931E-05        |
| 5         | 5247  | 787  | 0.869572423 | 1.87931E-05    | 6552            | 982            | 0.869657552    | 1.50436E-05        |
| 6         | 6552  | 982  | 0.869657552 | 1.50436E-05    | 7857            | 1177           | 0.869714412    | 1.25414E-05        |
| 7         | 7857  | 1177 | 0.869714412 | 1.25414E-05    | 9162            | 1372           | 0.869755079    | 1.07528E-05        |
| 8         | 9162  | 1372 | 0.869755079 | 1.07528E-05    | 10467           | 1567           | 0.869785607    | 9.41077E-06        |
| 9         | 10467 | 1567 | 0.869785607 | 9.41077E-06    | 11772           | 1762           | 0.869809369    | 8.36653E-06        |
| 10        | 11772 | 1762 | 0.869809369 | 8.36653E-06    | 13077           | 1957           | 0.869828389    | 7.53089E-06        |
| 11        | 13077 | 1957 | 0.869828389 | 7.53089E-06    | 14382           | 2152           | 0.869843958    | 6.84702E-06        |
| 12        | 14382 | 2152 | 0.869843958 | 6.84702E-06    | 15687           | 2347           | 0.869856937    | 6.27701E-06        |
| 13        | 15687 | 2347 | 0.869856937 | 6.27701E-06    | 16992           | 2542           | 0.869867923    | 5.79461E-06        |
| 14        | 16992 | 2542 | 0.869867923 | 5.79461E-06    | 18297           | 2737           | 0.869877341    | 5.38107E-06        |
| 15        | 18297 | 2737 | 0.869877341 | 5.38107E-06    | 19602           | 2932           | 0.869885506    | 5.02262E-06        |
| 16        | 19602 | 2932 | 0.869885506 | 5.02262E-06    | 20907           | 3127           | 0.869892652    | 4.70894E-06        |
| 17        | 20907 | 3127 | 0.869892652 | 4.70894E-06    | 22212           | 3322           | 0.869898958    | 4.43214E-06        |
| 18        | 22212 | 3322 | 0.869898958 | 4.43214E-06    | 23517           | 3517           | 0.869904565    | 4.18608E-06        |
| 19        | 23517 | 3517 | 0.869904565 | 4.18608E-06    | 24822           | 3712           | 0.869909582    | 3.9659E-06         |
| 20        | 24822 | 3712 | 0.869909582 | 3.9659E-06     | 26127           | 3907           | 0.869914097    | 3.76772E-06        |

**Table 13. Bayesian analysis for cluster one**

| ITERATION S | alpha | beta | prior mean  | prior variance | posterior alpha | posterior beta | posterior mean | posterior variance |
|-------------|-------|------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1           | 23    | 9    | 0.71875     | 0.00612571     | 1103            | 429            | 0.71997389     | 0.000131514        |
| 2           | 1103  | 429  | 0.71997389  | 0.000131514    | 2183            | 624            | 0.777698611    | 6.15682E-05        |
| 3           | 2408  | 624  | 0.794195251 | 5.38903E-05    | 3488            | 819            | 0.809844439    | 3.57466E-05        |
| 4           | 3713  | 819  | 0.819285084 | 3.2662E-05     | 4793            | 1014           | 0.825383158    | 2.4815E-05         |
| 5           | 5018  | 1014 | 0.831896552 | 2.318E-05      | 6098            | 1209           | 0.83454222     | 1.88946E-05        |
| 6           | 6323  | 1209 | 0.839484865 | 1.7888E-05     | 7403            | 1404           | 0.840581356    | 1.52139E-05        |
| 7           | 7628  | 1404 | 0.844552702 | 1.45338E-05    | 8708            | 1599           | 0.844862715    | 1.27153E-05        |
| 8           | 8933  | 1599 | 0.848176984 | 1.22257E-05    | 10013           | 1794           | 0.848056238    | 1.09127E-05        |
| 9           | 10238 | 1794 | 0.850897606 | 1.05436E-05    | 11318           | 1989           | 0.850529796    | 9.55281E-06        |
| 10          | 11543 | 1989 | 0.853015075 | 9.26479E-06    | 12623           | 2184           | 0.852502195    | 8.4915E-06         |
| 11          | 12848 | 2184 | 0.854709952 | 8.26055E-06    | 13928           | 2379           | 0.854111731    | 7.64072E-06        |
| 12          | 14153 | 2379 | 0.856097266 | 7.45144E-06    | 15233           | 2574           | 0.855450104    | 6.9438E-06         |
| 13          | 15458 | 2574 | 0.857253771 | 6.78588E-06    | 16538           | 2769           | 0.856580515    | 6.36267E-06        |
| 14          | 16763 | 2769 | 0.858232644 | 6.22891E-06    | 17843           | 2964           | 0.857547941    | 5.87079E-06        |
| 15          | 18068 | 2964 | 0.85907189  | 5.75607E-06    | 19148           | 3159           | 0.85838526     | 5.44917E-06        |
| 16          | 19373 | 3159 | 0.859799396 | 5.34968E-06    | 20453           | 3354           | 0.859117066    | 5.08379E-06        |
| 17          | 20678 | 3354 | 0.860436085 | 4.99671E-06    | 21758           | 3549           | 0.859762121    | 4.76415E-06        |
| 18          | 21983 | 3549 | 0.860997963 | 4.68729E-06    | 23063           | 3744           | 0.860334987    | 4.4822E-06         |
| 19          | 23288 | 3744 | 0.861497484 | 4.41385E-06    | 24368           | 3939           | 0.86084714     | 4.23164E-06        |
| 20          | 24593 | 3939 | 0.861944483 | 4.17048E-06    | 25673           | 4134           | 0.861307747    | 4.00754E-06        |

**Table 14. Bayesian analysis for cluster two**

| ITERATION S | alpha | beta | prior mean  | prior variance | posterior alpha | posterior beta | posterior mean | posterior variance |
|-------------|-------|------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1           | 24    | 9    | 0.727272727 | 0.005833738    | 1171            | 362            | 0.763861709    | 0.000117586        |
| 2           | 1171  | 362  | 0.763861709 | 0.000117586    | 2318            | 715            | 0.764259809    | 5.93826E-05        |
| 3           | 2318  | 715  | 0.764259809 | 5.93826E-05    | 3465            | 1068           | 0.764394441    | 3.97211E-05        |
| 4           | 3465  | 1068 | 0.764394441 | 3.97211E-05    | 4612            | 1421           | 0.764462125    | 2.98409E-05        |
| 5           | 4612  | 1421 | 0.764462125 | 2.98409E-05    | 5759            | 1774           | 0.764502854    | 2.38968E-05        |
| 6           | 5759  | 1774 | 0.764502854 | 2.38968E-05    | 6906            | 2127           | 0.764530056    | 1.99274E-05        |
| 7           | 6906  | 2127 | 0.764530056 | 1.99274E-05    | 8053            | 2480           | 0.764549511    | 1.70888E-05        |
| 8           | 8053  | 2480 | 0.764549511 | 1.70888E-05    | 9200            | 2833           | 0.764564115    | 1.49581E-05        |
| 9           | 9200  | 2833 | 0.764564115 | 1.49581E-05    | 10347           | 3186           | 0.764575482    | 1.32998E-05        |
| 10          | 10347 | 3186 | 0.764575482 | 1.32998E-05    | 11494           | 3539           | 0.764584581    | 1.19725E-05        |
| 11          | 11494 | 3539 | 0.764584581 | 1.19725E-05    | 12641           | 3892           | 0.764592028    | 1.08861E-05        |
| 12          | 12641 | 3892 | 0.764592028 | 1.08861E-05    | 13788           | 4245           | 0.764598237    | 9.98047E-06        |
| 13          | 13788 | 4245 | 0.764598237 | 9.98047E-06    | 14935           | 4598           | 0.764603492    | 9.21393E-06        |
| 14          | 14935 | 4598 | 0.764603492 | 9.21393E-06    | 16082           | 4951           | 0.764607997    | 8.55675E-06        |
| 15          | 16082 | 4951 | 0.764607997 | 8.55675E-06    | 17229           | 5304           | 0.764611903    | 7.98707E-06        |
| 16          | 17229 | 5304 | 0.764611903 | 7.98707E-06    | 18376           | 5657           | 0.764615321    | 7.48851E-06        |
| 17          | 18376 | 5657 | 0.764615321 | 7.48851E-06    | 19523           | 6010           | 0.764618337    | 7.04853E-06        |
| 18          | 19523 | 6010 | 0.764618337 | 7.04853E-06    | 20670           | 6363           | 0.764621019    | 6.65738E-06        |
| 19          | 20670 | 6363 | 0.764621019 | 6.65738E-06    | 21817           | 6716           | 0.764623418    | 6.30737E-06        |
| 20          | 21817 | 6716 | 0.764623418 | 6.30737E-06    | 22964           | 7069           | 0.764625579    | 5.99232E-06        |

**Table 15. Final iterative values of the Bayesian analysis**

| MONTH                            | PRIOR MEAN | PRIOR VARIANCE | POSTERIOR MEAN | POSTERIOR VARIANCE |
|----------------------------------|------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| JANUARY                          | 0.869      | 3.97E-06       | 0.899          | 3.77E-06           |
| FEBRUARY                         | 0.824      | 6.02E-06       | 0.824          | 5.71E-06           |
| MARCH                            | 0.9        | 3.16E-06       | 0.9            | 2.99E-06           |
| APRIL                            | 0.859      | 4.22E-06       | 0.859          | 4.02E-06           |
| MAY                              | 0.923      | 2.48E-06       | 0.923          | 2.35E-06           |
| JUNE                             | 0.769      | 6.22E-06       | 0.769          | 5.96E-06           |
| JULY                             | 0.718      | 7.25E-06       | 0.718          | 6.88E-06           |
| AUGUST                           | 0.536      | 5.45E-06       | 0.536          | 5.27E-06           |
| SEPTEMBER                        | 0.785      | 5.91E-06       | 0.785          | 5.61E-06           |
| OCTOBER                          | 0.717      | 7.11E-06       | 0.717          | 6.76E-06           |
| NOVEMBER                         | 0.899      | 3.16E-06       | 0.899          | 2.98E-06           |
| DECEMBER                         | 0.869      | 3.97E-06       | 0.869          | 3.77E-06           |
| BAYESIAN SUMMARY OF THE CLUSTERS |            |                |                |                    |
| CLUSTER ONE                      | 0.86       | 4.17048E-06    | 0.86           | 4.00754E-06        |
| CUSTER TWO                       | 0.765      | 6.30737E-06    | 0.764          | 5.99232E-06        |

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