AMS 206/132:
Classical and Bayesian Inference

Background survey

Name: ______________________________________

Please take a little while to think about the following questions and write a few sentences as an answer. Your comments will be used to plan the methodology and application areas emphasized in the examples and problems in the course. Please return this in class today or at the beginning of the next class meeting.

(1) What do you expect your final UCSC degree to be (B.A., B.S., M.S., Ph.D.), and in what subject(s) (statistics, economics, ...)?

(2) What is your previous academic experience in statistics (please list all courses)? If you’ve taken statistics classes at UCSC, you can just give the department name and number (e.g., AMS 131 or 203); if you’ve taken statistics classes elsewhere, please provide a short description of the content of each of those classes. If you’ve done project work or field study in which you used statistical methods, please briefly describe your experience(s) of this type.
(3) What is your previous experience in (a) likelihood and (b) Bayesian inferential, predictive and decision-making methods? You can summarize this by referring back to the relevant classes you listed in (2) or by describing analogous experience external to the classroom.

(4) Please list all time slots from 9am to 6pm (inclusive) Monday through Friday (inclusive) during which you’ll be UNAVAILABLE for office hours this quarter (I’ll choose slots that minimize scheduling conflicts).

Please feel free to add any other remarks that will help me design the course to best fit your needs (if necessary you can use an additional sheet of paper, stapled onto this one).

Thanks.