

# Week 1

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## Chapter 2

### E1

Probability of rain on Monday would be written as  $\Pr(\text{Rain} \mid \text{Monday})$

### E2

$\Pr(\text{Monday} \mid \text{Rain})$  means the probability of Monday given that it is raining

### E3

The probability that it is Monday given that it is raining would be written  $\Pr(\text{Monday} \mid \text{Rain})$

### E4

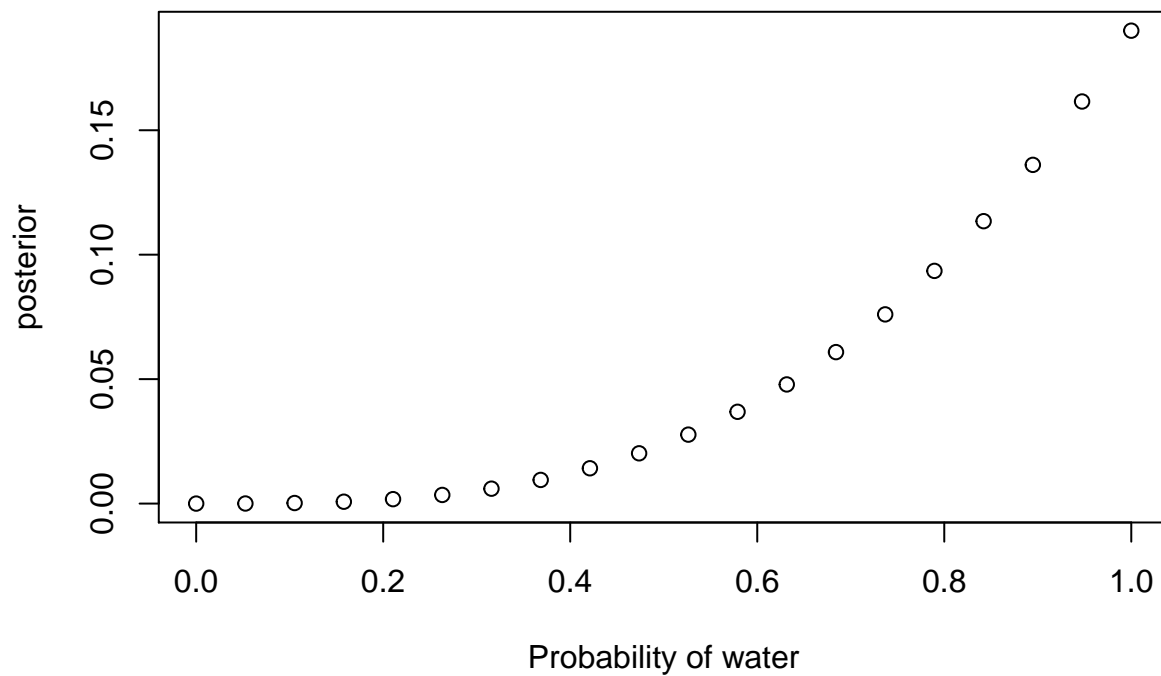
Bruno de Finetti wrote PROBABILITY DOES NOT EXIST which is of course quite true. Everything that happened, happened, and everything that didn't happen, didn't happen. However probability expresses a truth about reality in the sense that if you spin a globe and point to a random part of it, and repeat this observation, the average frequency of water will approach 0.7 at infinity. A similar process describes radioactive decay. So probability is false when it is used to describe events, but true when it describes processes, especially processes that are repeated.

### M1

Compute and plot the grid approximation for the globe tossing experiment (randomly sampling water and land)

Plot- W, W, W

```
p_grid <- seq(0, 1, length.out = 20)
prior <- rep(1, 20)
likelihood <- dbinom(3, size = 3, prob = p_grid)
unstd.posterior <- likelihood * prior
posterior <- unstd.posterior / sum(unstd.posterior)
plot(p_grid, posterior, xlab = "Probability of water")
```



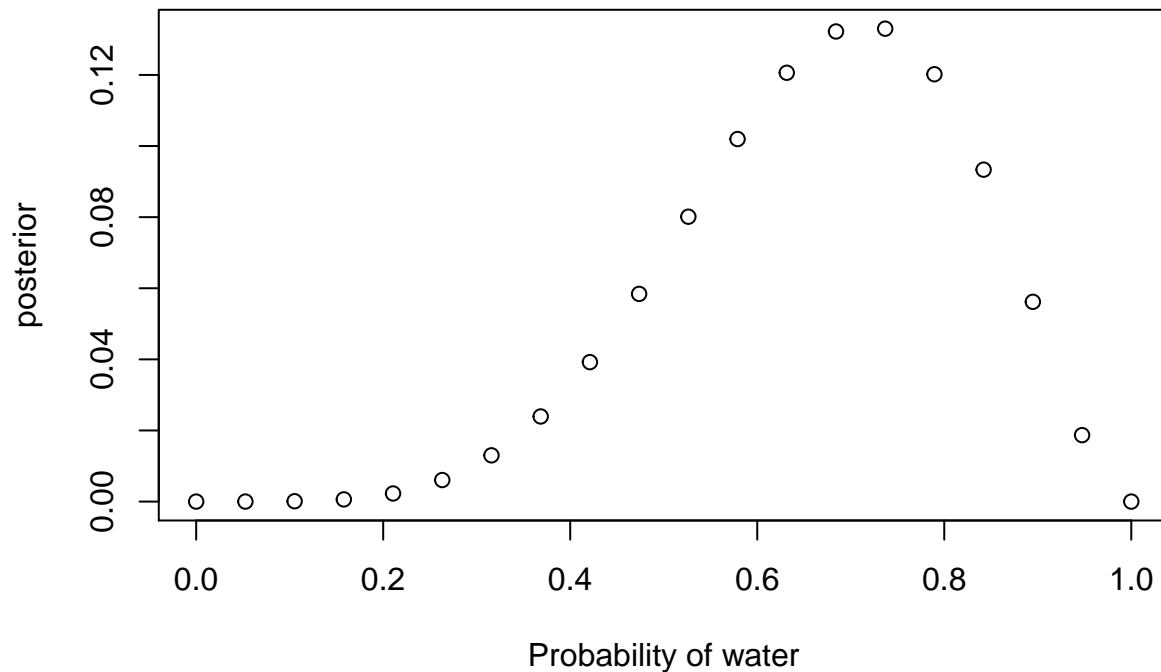
Plot- W, W, W, L

*# produce a function*

```
grid_approximation <- function(water, trials){
  p_grid <- seq(0, 1, length.out = 20)
  prior <- rep(1, 20)
  likelihood <- dbinom(water, size = trials, prob = p_grid)
  unstd.posterior <- likelihood * prior
  posterior <- unstd.posterior / sum(unstd.posterior)
  plot(p_grid, posterior, xlab = "Probability of water")
}
```

Plot L, W, W, L, W, W, W

```
grid_approximation(5, 7)
```



## M2

Now assume a prior of zero when  $p < .5$  and a constant when  $p \geq 0.5$ , and compute the above again.

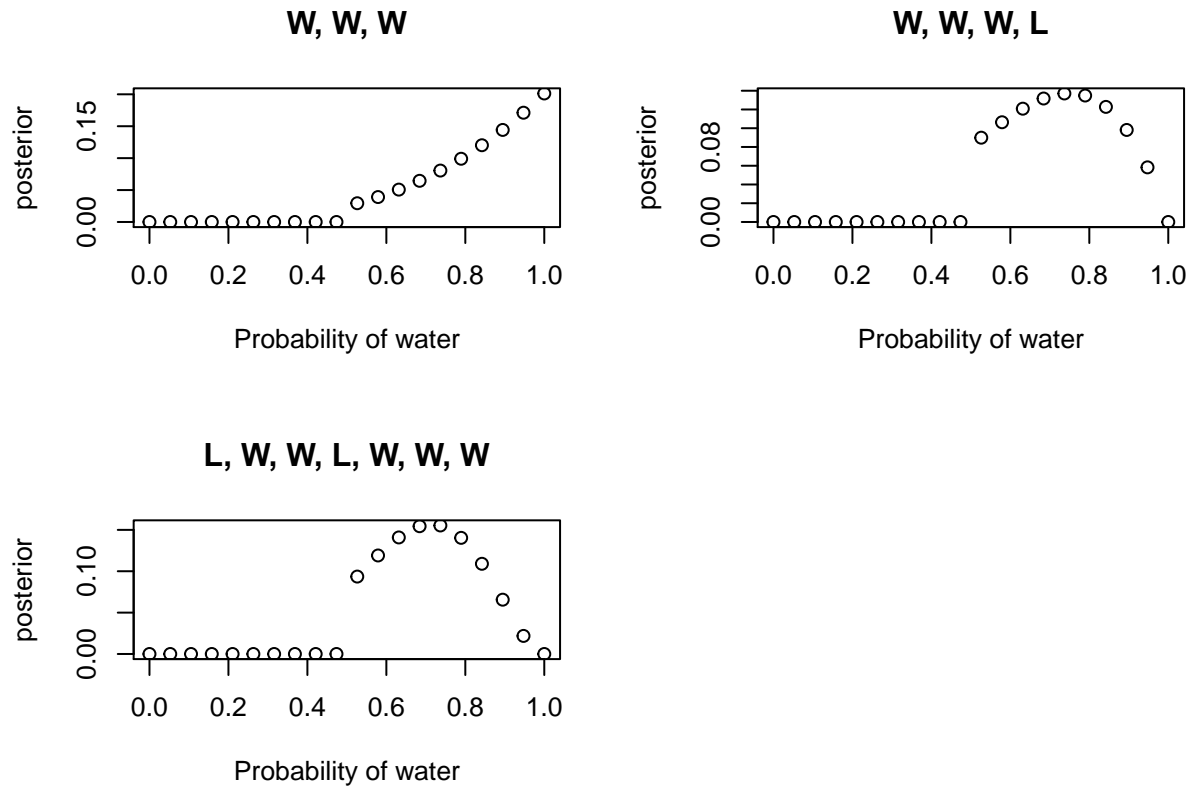
*# produce a function*

```
grid_approximation_prior <- function(water, trials, title){
  p_grid <- seq(0, 1, length.out = 20)
  prior_f <- ifelse(p_grid < .5, 0, 1)
  likelihood <- dbinom(water, size = trials, prob = p_grid)
  unstd.posterior <- likelihood * prior_f
  posterior <- unstd.posterior / sum(unstd.posterior)
  plot(p_grid, posterior, xlab = "Probability of water",
       main = title)
}

par(mfrow = c(2, 2))

grid_approximation_prior(3, 3, "W, W, W")
grid_approximation_prior(3, 4, "W, W, W, L")
grid_approximation_prior(5, 7, "L, W, W, L, W, W, W")

par(mfrow = c(1, 1))
```



### M3

Assume there are two globes. Mars is 100% land, Earth is 70% land. One is sampled and produces a “land” observation. Assume they are equally likely to be sampled. Show that  $\Pr(\text{Earth} \mid \text{Land})$  is 0.23.

$$p(A|B) = \frac{p(B|A).p(A)}{p(B)}$$

$$p(\text{Earth}|\text{Land}) = \frac{p(\text{Land}|\text{Earth}).p(\text{Earth})}{p(\text{Land})}$$

$$p(\text{Earth}|\text{Land}) = \frac{0.7 * 0.5}{0.85}$$

$$p(\text{Earth}|\text{Land}) = .411$$

This is clearly not the right answer

### M4

Suppose you have 3 cards. One is black on one side and white on the other, one is WW, and one is BB. If you turn over a card and one side is black show that  $p(\text{other side is black}) = \frac{2}{3}$

Counting method:

W1W2 - No W2W1 - No

B1W2 - No

|    |          |    |          |
|----|----------|----|----------|
| WW | W        |    |          |
|    | W        |    |          |
| BW | <u>B</u> | -> | W        |
|    | W        |    |          |
| BB | <u>B</u> | -> | <u>B</u> |
|    | <u>B</u> | -> | <u>B</u> |

In the second column we see the possibilities that exist for a black side- there are 3. In the third column we see of these two possibilities only 2 lead to black on the other side. Therefore, the probability is  $\frac{2}{3}$

**H1**

$$p(A|B) = \frac{p(B|A).p(A)}{p(B)}$$

$$p(\text{SpeciesA}|\text{Twins}) = \frac{p(\text{Twins}|\text{SpeciesA}).p(\text{SpeciesA})}{p(\text{Twins})}$$

$$p(\text{SpeciesA}|\text{Twins}) = \frac{p(.2).p(.5)}{p(.15)}$$

$$p(\text{SpeciesA}|\text{Twins}) = \frac{2}{3}$$

This is also clearly wrong! I'm not getting this I don't think!

## Chapter 3

### E 1-6

This is using the globe tossing example again, the code below is in the book to help

```
p_grid <- seq(0, 1, length.out = 1000)
prior <- rep(1, 1000)
likelihood <- dbinom(6, 9, prob = p_grid)

posterior <- likelihood * prior
posterior <- posterior / sum(posterior)

set.seed(100)
samples <- sample(p_grid, prob = posterior, size = 1e4, replace = TRUE)
```

E1. How much posterior probability lies below .2?

```
mean(samples < .2)
```

```
## [1] 4e-04
```

E2. How much posterior probability lies above .8?

```
mean(samples > .8)
```

```
## [1] 0.1116
```

E4. 20% of the posterior probability lies below what value of p?

```
sort(samples)[length(samples) * .2]
```

```
## [1] 0.5185185
```

**E6. Which values of  $p$  contain the narrowest interval equal to 66% of the posterior probability?**

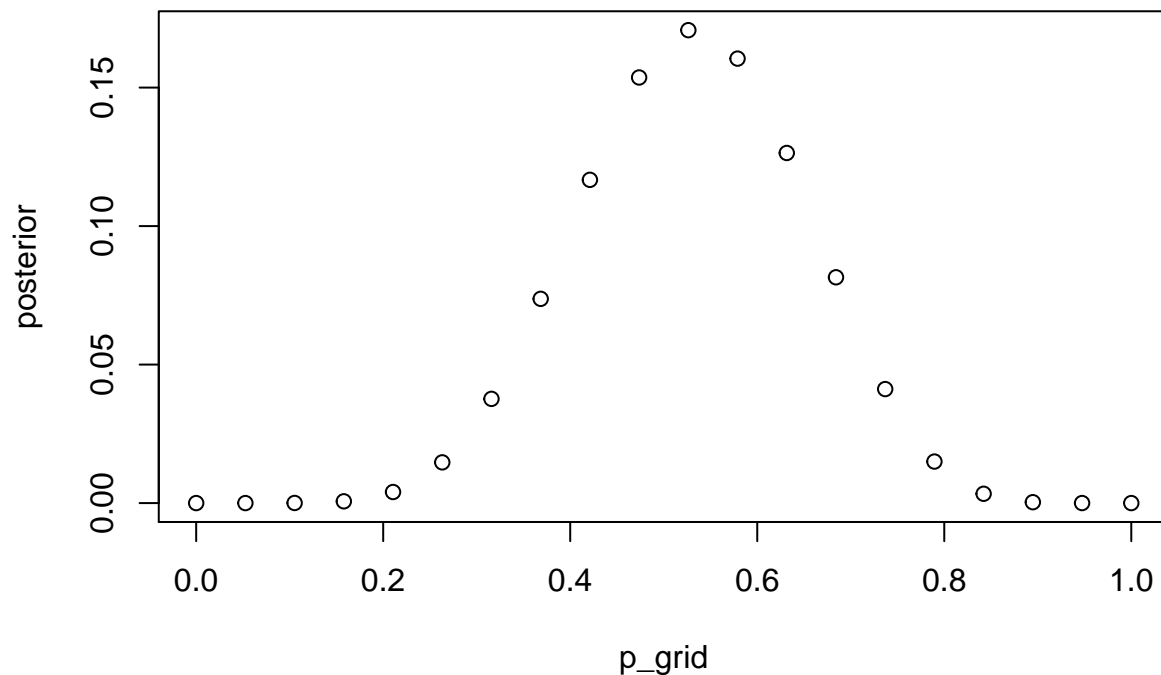
```
rethinking::HPDI(samples, prob = .66)
```

```
##      |0.66      0.66|  
## 0.5085085 0.7737738
```

### M1

Construct the globe tossing example again, with 8 water in 15 tosses. Construct the posterior distribution with a grid approximation.

```
p_grid <- seq(0, 1, length.out = 20)  
prior <- rep(1, 20)  
likelihood <- dbinom(8, size = 15, prob = p_grid)  
unstd.posterior <- likelihood * prior  
posterior <- unstd.posterior / sum(unstd.posterior)  
plot(p_grid, posterior)
```



### M2

Draw  $1e4$  samples from the grid approximation. Then calculate the 90% Highest Posterior Density Interval (HPDI).

```
set.seed(100)
samples <- sample(p_grid, prob = posterior, size = 1e4, replace = TRUE)

rethinking::HPDI(samples, .9)
```

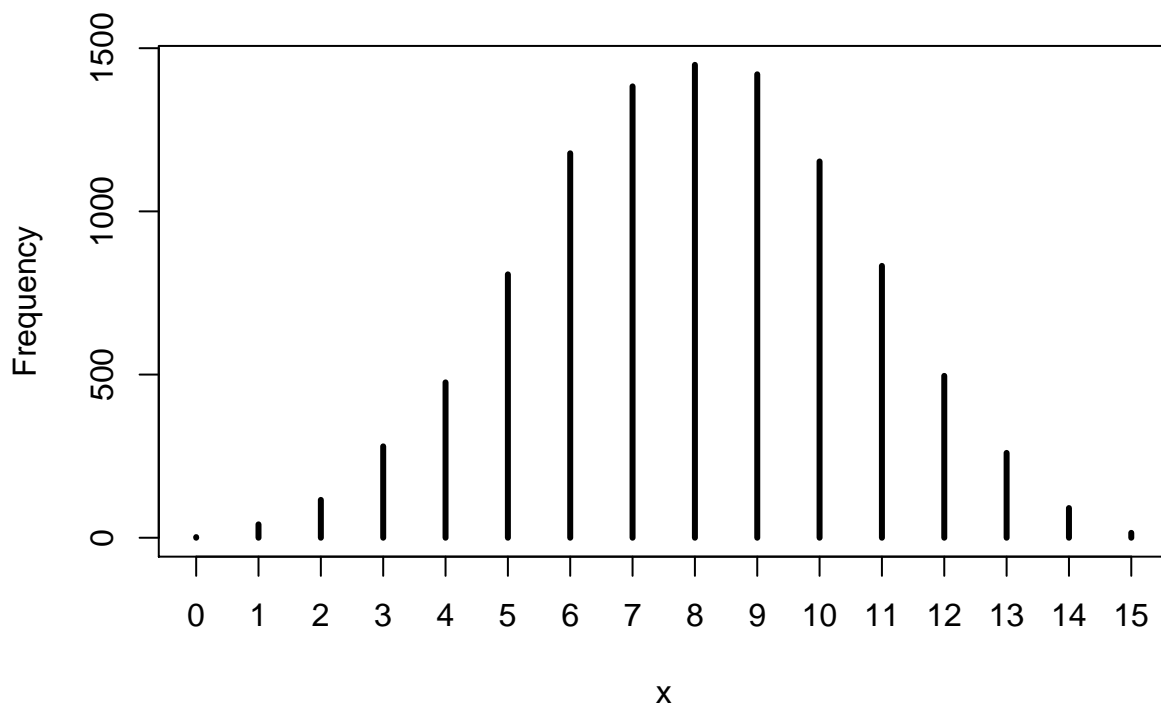
```
##      |0.9      0.9|
## 0.3157895 0.6842105
```

### M3

Construct a posterior predictive check for this model and data. This means simulate the distribution of samples, averaging over the posterior uncertainty in  $p$ . What is probability of observing 8 water in 15 tosses?

```
ppc <- rbinom(1e4, size = 15, prob = samples)

rethinking::simplehist(ppc)
```



```
sum(ppc == 8) / sum(ppc %in% c(0 : 7, 9 : 15))
```

```
## [1] 0.1694539
```