




Bayesian Statistics and Hierarchical Bayesian Modeling for Psychological Science

Lecture 05

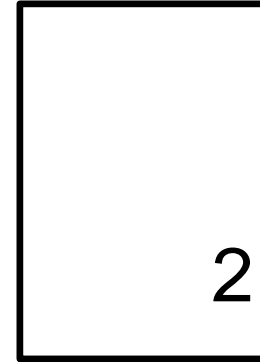
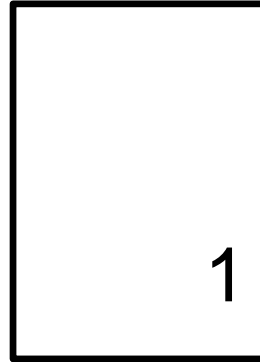
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Review of a paper?



- decision-making
- cognitive modeling
- no fMRI
- similar length/difficulty

After L05

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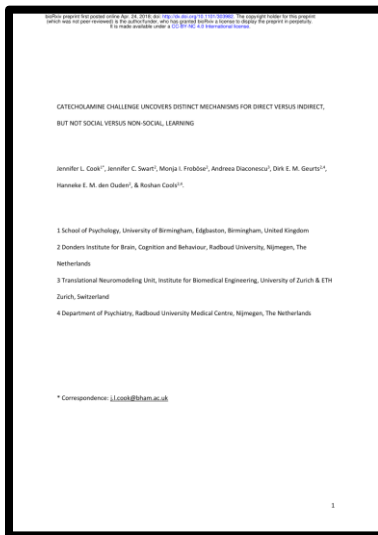
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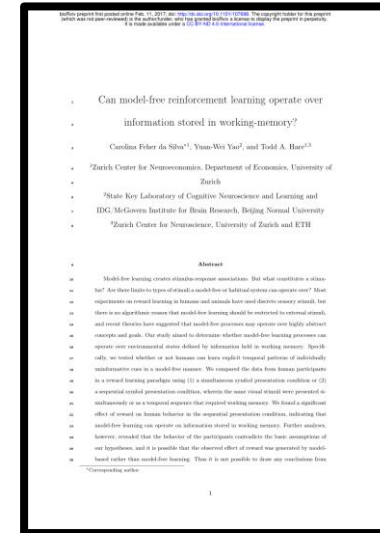
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Review of a paper?



- 1 Baliko
- 2 Eder
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- 4 Gianinazzi
- 5 Goltermann
- 6 Gyimesi
- 7 Hartmann
- 8 Kern
- 9 Kim
- 10 Kriegleder
- 11 Malik
- 12 Marschner



- 13 Pfeiffer
- 14 Renz
- 15 Riedl
- 16 Rosenow
- 17 Rother
- 18 Schmeckenbecher
- 19 Schmid
- 20 Vilsmeier
- 21 Xu
- 22 Song
- 23 Muth

How to review a paper?

- Suppose you are invited by a journal editor to review a paper
- Of course, you have to read it 😊, carefully and critically
- Then write a review report to the editor
 - (1) Make a summary. What is this paper about? What was done? What was the conclusion?
 - (2) List your concerns. Is the design appropriate? Are the analyses sound? Do their data support the conclusion? What can be done better?
- For this course:
 - be independent: okay to discuss HOW to review, but do NOT discuss WHAT to review

Where to learn to review a paper?

- Publicly available review reports:
 - [Nature Communications](#)
 - [eLife](#)
- Structured online course
 - [Publons Academy](#)



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Abstract

Introduction

Results

Discussion

Materials and methods

References

Decision letter

Author response

Modules

✓ 1. Welcome

> **2. Peer review**

3. Journals

4. Ethics

5. First glance

6. Introductions

7. Methodology

8. Data & results

9. Discussions

10. Structure

Review in action

“Title of the paper”

📄 paper#_lastname_matriculatenumber.docx

📄 paper1_Cook_etal_2018.pdf

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Summary of the paper

In this paper xx et al., investigated xxx...

Strength of the paper

[theoretical contribution, experimental design, methodological endeavor, etc.]

Major concerns

[lacking literatures, inappropriate analyses, conclusion cannot be directly supported by the results etc.]

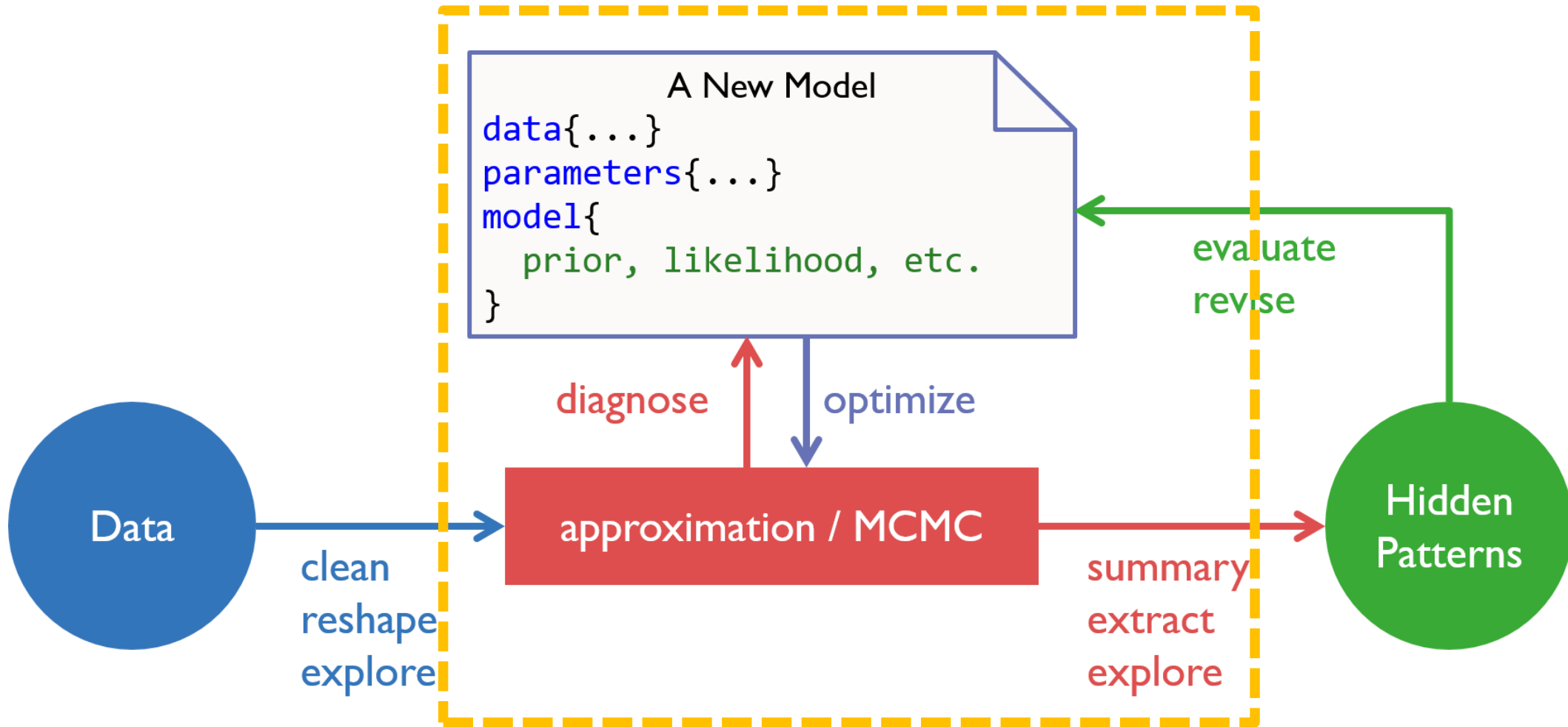
Minor concerns

[typo, imprecise statistics (e.g., missing degrees of freedom), grammar mistakes, etc.]

- up to 3 pages (12pt, 1.5 space)
- send it via email [to me](#)
- **New Due!: Sunday 05.05.2019**

STAN PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE I



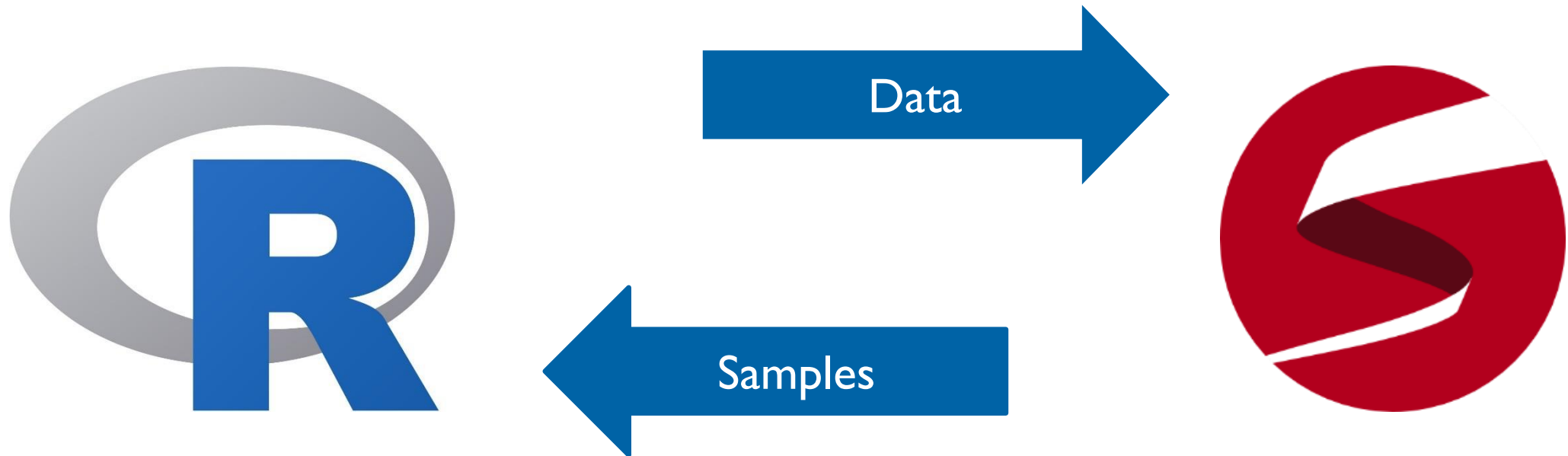


Stan and RStan

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Steps of Bayesian Modeling, with Stan

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A data story

Think about how the data might arise.
It can be *descriptive* or even *causal*.

Write a Stan program (*.stan).

Update

Educate your model by feeding it the data.

Bayesian Update:

update the prior, in light of data, to produce posterior.

Run Stan using RStan (PyStan, MatlabStan etc.)

Evaluate

Compare model with reality.

Revise your model.

Evaluate in RStan and ShinyStan.

Steps of Using Stan

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1. Stan program read into memory
2. Source-to-source transformation into C++
3. C++ compiled and linked (takes a while)
4. Run Stan program
5. Posterior analysis / interface

```
data {
  int<lower=0> N;
  int<lower=0, upper=1> y[N];
}

parameters {
  real<lower=0, upper=1> theta;
}

model {
  y ~ bernoulli(theta);
}
```

[illegible]

Stan Language

model blocks

```
data {  
  //... read in external data...  
}
```

```
transformed data {  
  //... pre-processing of data ...  
}
```

```
parameters {  
  //... parameters to be sampled by HMC ...  
}
```

```
transformed parameters {  
  //... pre-processing of parameters ...  
}
```

```
model {  
  //... statistical/cognitive model ...  
}
```

```
generated quantities {  
  //... post-processing of the model ...  
}
```

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REVISIT BINOMIAL MODEL



Binomial Model

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W L W W W L W L W

$$p(w \mid N, p) = \binom{N}{w} p^w (1 - p)^{N-w}$$

$w \sim \text{Binomial}(N, p)$

reads as:

w is distributed as a binomial distribution, with number of trials N , and success rate p .

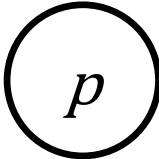

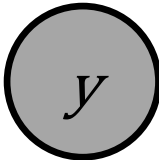



Graphical Model Notations

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	continuous	discrete
unobserved		
observed		

Binomial Model

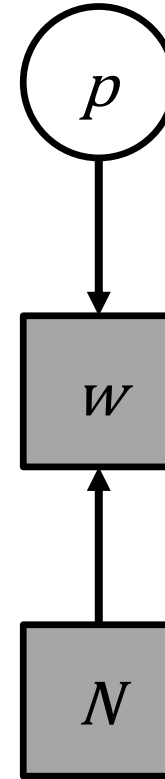
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W L W W W L W L W

$$p(w | N, p) = \binom{N}{w} p^w (1 - p)^{N-w}$$



$$p \sim \text{Uniform}(0, 1)$$

$$w \sim \text{Binomial}(N, p)$$

	continuous	discrete
unobserved	p	δ
observed	y	N

Binomial Model

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W L W W W L W L W

$$p(w | N, p) = \binom{N}{w} p^w (1 - p)^{N-w}$$



```
data {  
  int<lower=0> w;  
  int<lower=0> N;  
}  
  
parameters {  
  real<lower=0, upper=1> p;  
}  
  
model {  
  w ~ binomial(N, p);  
}
```

Running Binomial Model with Stan

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```
.../BayesCog/02.binomial_globe/_scripts/binomial_globe_main.R
```

```
> R.version  
R version 3.5.1 (2018-07-02)  
  
> stan_version()  
[1] "2.18.0"
```

Model Summary

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```
> print(fit_globe)
Inference for Stan model: binomial_globe_model.
4 chains, each with iter=2000; warmup=1000; thin=1;
post-warmup draws per chain=1000, total post-warmup draws=4000.
```

	mean	se_mean	sd	2.5%	25%	50%	75%	97.5%	n_eff	Rhat
p	0.64	0.00	0.14	0.35	0.54	0.65	0.74	0.87	1278	1
lp__	-7.72	0.02	0.69	-9.77	-7.89	-7.46	-7.27	-7.21	1824	1

Samples were drawn using NUTS(diag_e) at Tue Apr 09 12:44:04 2019.
For each parameter, n_eff is a crude measure of effective sample size,
and Rhat is the potential scale reduction factor on split chains (at
convergence, Rhat=1).



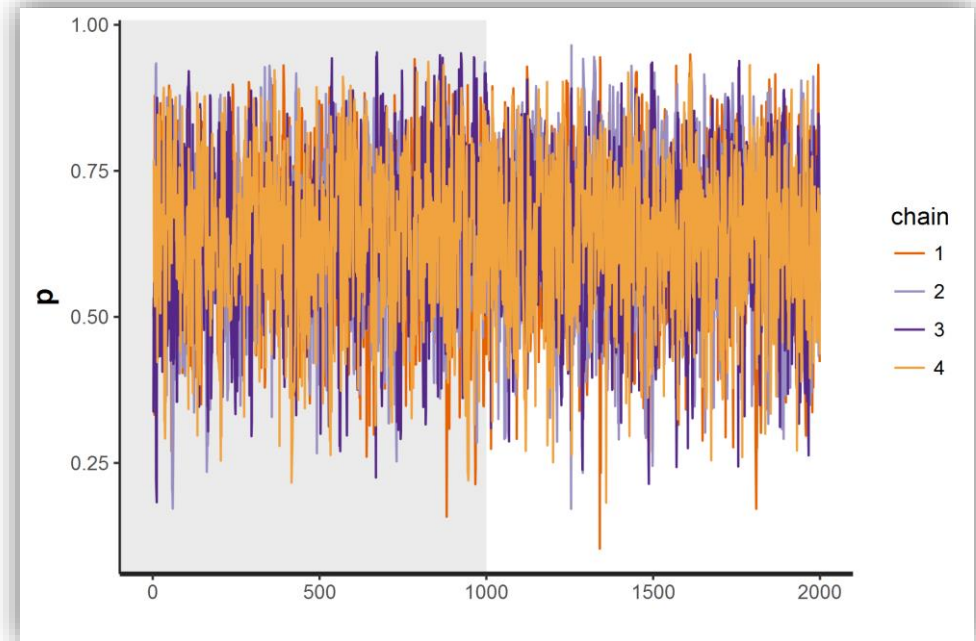
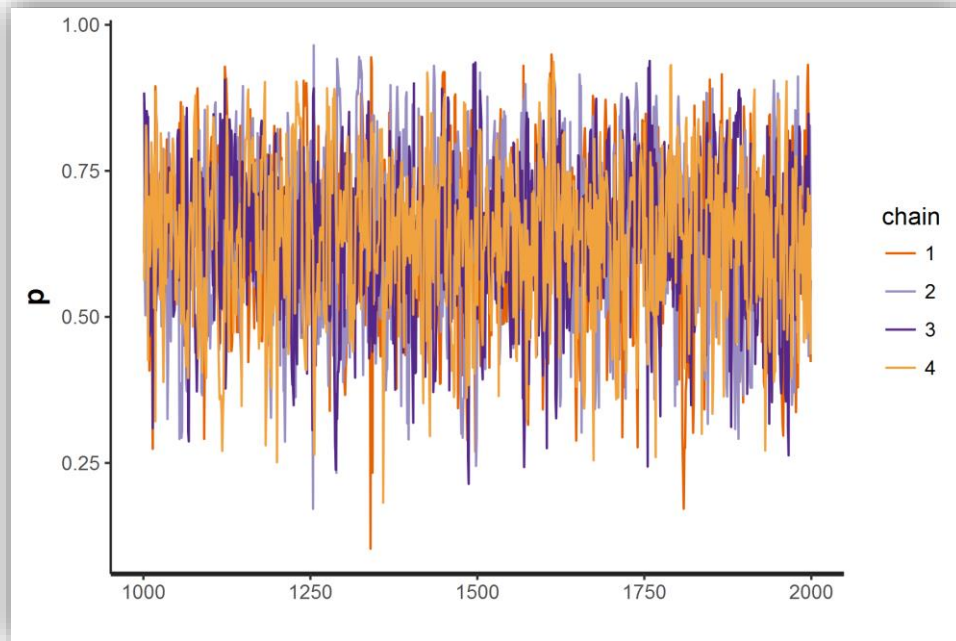
Gelman-Rubin convergence diagnostic
(Gelman & Rubin, 1992)

Diagnostics - traceplot

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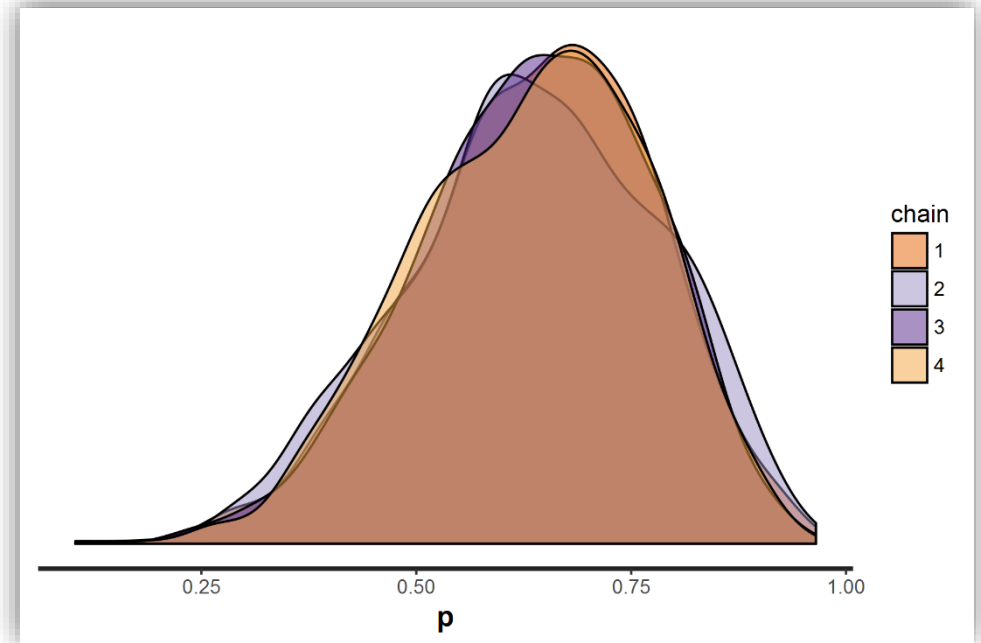
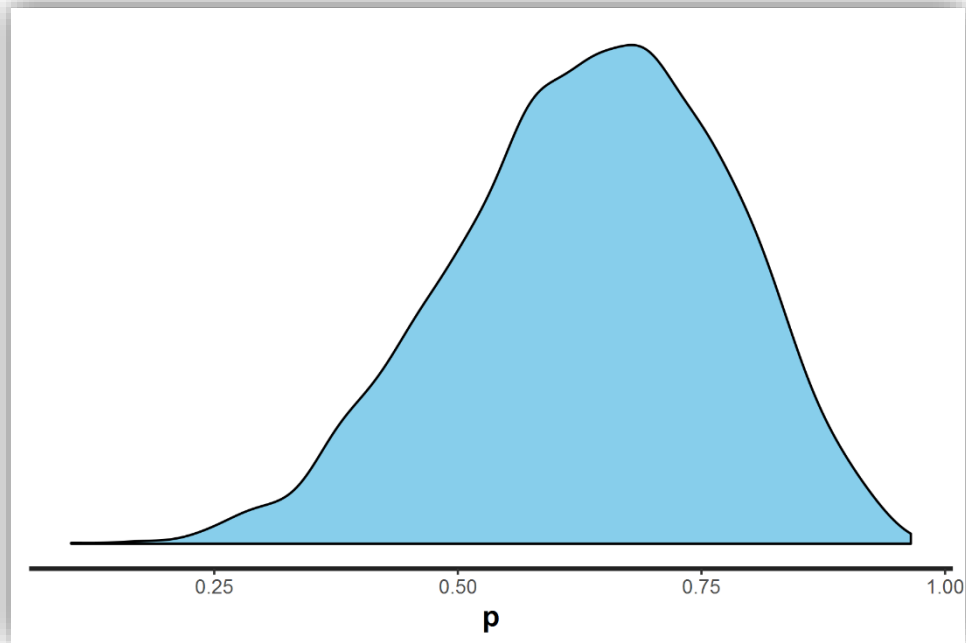


Diagnostics - density

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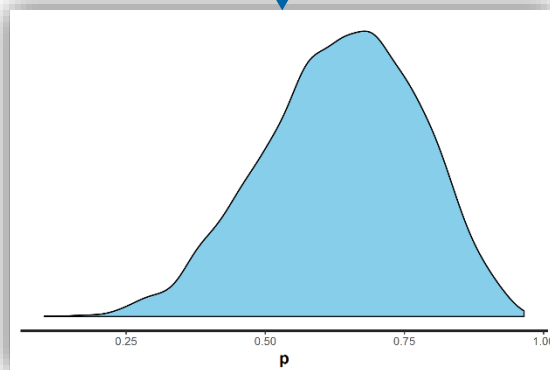
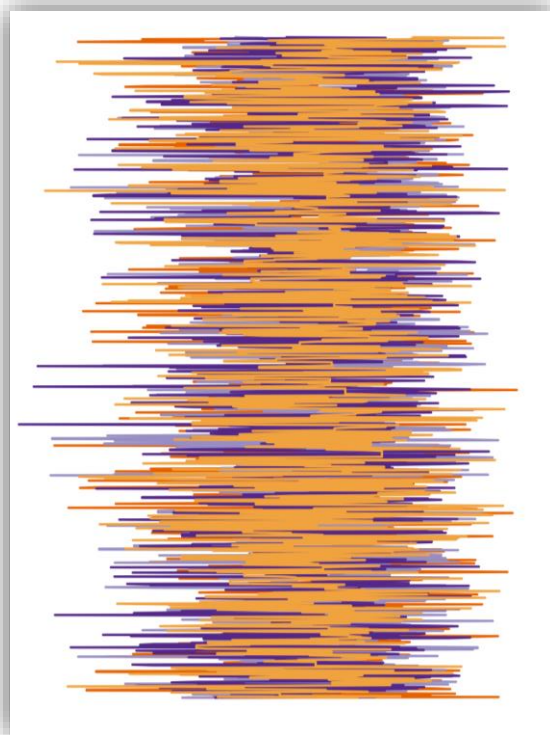
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Diagnostics

MCMC

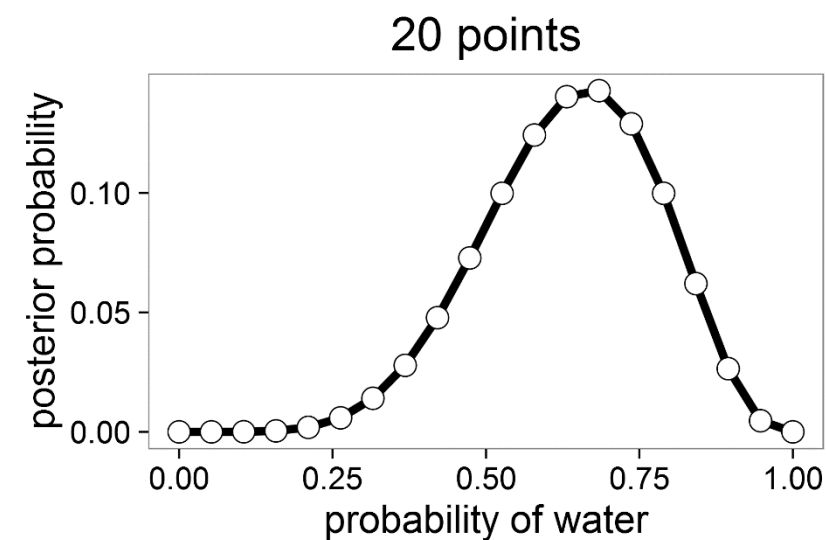


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Grid Approximation



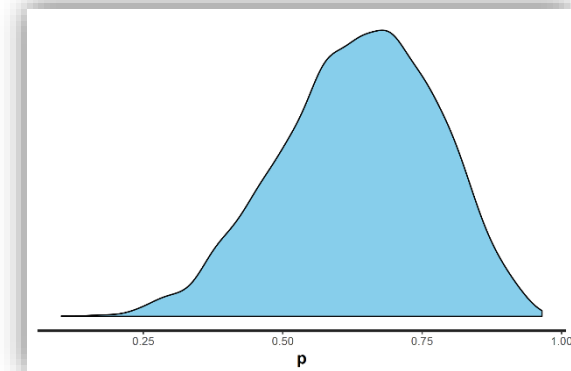
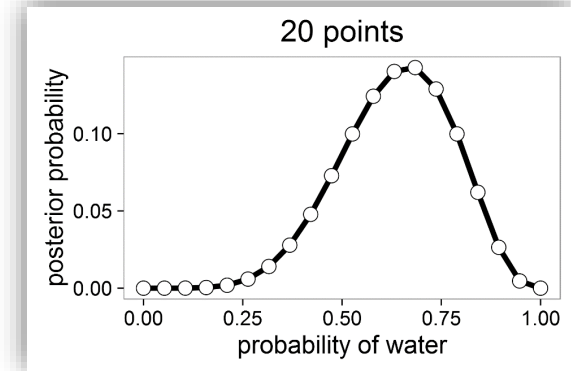
Draw a Conclusion?

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- $W = 6$ out of $N = 9$
- uncertainty (relative plausibility) of all p values
- the relative plausibility of $p = 0.63$ is the highest, but it never rules out the possibility of p being other values, e.g., 0.5, 0.75
- \rightarrow when $p = 0.5$, you may still observe $6W / 9$ trials



Is Anything Missing? – NO

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```
data {  
  int<lower=0> w;  
  int<lower=0> N;  
}  
  
parameters {  
  real<lower=0, upper=1> p;  
}  
  
model {  
  p ~ uniform(0, 1);  
  w ~ binomial(N, p);  
}
```

```
data {  
  int<lower=0> w;  
  int<lower=0> N;  
}  
  
parameters {  
  real<lower=0, upper=1> p;  
}  
  
model {  
  w ~ binomial(N, p);  
}
```


STAN PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE II



Why Use Stan?

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vs. BUGS and JAGS

- Time to converge and per effective sample size:
0.5 - ∞ times faster
- Memory usage: 1 - 10%
- Language features
 - variable overwrite: `a = 4`, then `a = 5`
 - formal control flow
 - full support of vectorizing



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I keep getting asked why people should use [@mcmc_stan](#) so I wrote an answer:



"Selling" Stan
discourse.mc-stan.org

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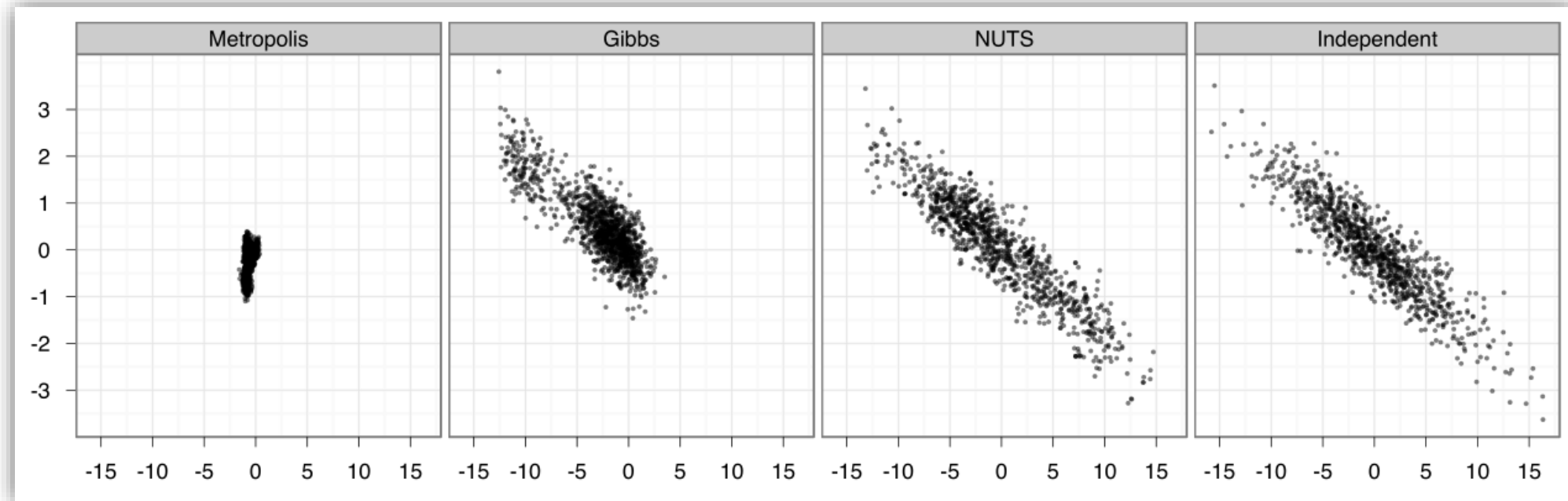
NUTS vs. Gibbs and Metropolis

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Hamilton MC (HMC) implements No-U-Turn Sampler (NUTS)



- Two dimensions of highly correlated 250-dim normal
- 1,000,000 draws from Metropolis and Gibbs (thin to 1000)
- **1,000** draws from NUTS; 1000 independent draws

General Properties of Stan Language

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- Whitespace does not matter
- Comments
 - `//`
 - `/* ... */`
- Must use semicolon (;)
- Variables are typed and scoped



Variable's Scope

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	data	transformed data	parameters	transformed parameters	model	generated quantities
Variable Declarations	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Variable Scope	Global	Global	Global	Global	Local	Local
Variables Saved?	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Modify Posterior?	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Random Variables	No	No	No	No	No	Yes

Variable Declaration

- Each variable has a type (static type; scalar, vector, matrix etc.)
- Only values of that type can be assigned to the variable
 - e.g. cannot assign `[1 2 3]` to `a` (declared as a scalar)
- Declaration of variables happen at the top of a block (including local blocks)



Scalar Variables

real

- scalar
- continuous

```
data {  
  real y;  
}
```

int

- scalar
- integer
- can't be used in parameters or transformed parameters blocks

```
data {  
  int n;  
}
```

Constraining Scalar Variables

```
data {  
  int<lower=1> m;  
  int<lower=0,upper=1> n;  
  real<lower=0> x;  
  real<upper=0> y;  
  real<lower=-1,upper=1> rho;  
}
```


Vector & Matrix

```
vector<double> a;  
// column vector
```

```
row_vector<double> b;  
// row vector
```

```
matrix<double> A;  
// A is a 3x4 matrix  
// A[1] returns a 4-element row vector
```

```
vector<double> rhos;  
row_vector<double> sigmas;  
matrix<double> Sigma;
```

Control Flow

- if-else

```
if (cond) {  
    ..statement..  
} else {  
    ..statement..  
}
```

```
if (cond) {  
    ..statement..  
} else if (cond) {  
    ..statement..  
} else {  
    ..statement..  
}
```

- for-loop

```
for ( j in 1:n) {  
    ..statement..  
}
```

```
for ( j in 1:J ) {  
    for ( k in 1:K ) {  
        ..statement..  
    }  
}
```

same as the R syntax, but
terminate each line with ;

BERNOULLI MODEL



Bernoulli Model

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- You are interested in if a coin is biased.
- You will flip the coin.
- You will record whether it comes up a head (h) or a tail (t).
- You might observe 15 heads out of 20 flips.
- What is your degree of belief about the biased parameter ϑ ?



Bernoulli Model

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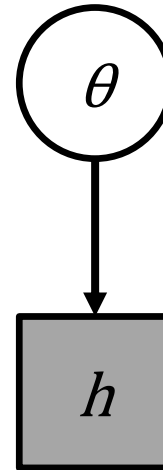
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$$p(w | N, p) = \binom{N}{w} p^w (1 - p)^{N-w}$$

$N = 1$

$$p(h | \theta) = \theta^h (1 - \theta)^{1-h}$$



$\theta \sim \text{Uniform}(0, 1)$

$h \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\theta)$

Exercise VIII

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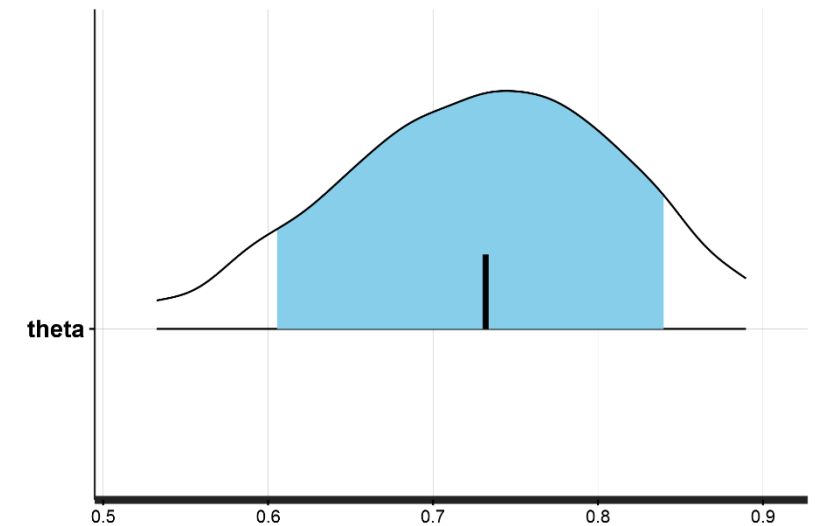
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```
.../BayesCog/03.bernoulli_coin/_scripts/bernoulli_coin_main.R
```

TASK: fit the Bernoulli model

```
> dataList  
$`flip`  
[1] 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 0 1  
  
$N  
[1] 20
```



Possible Optimization?

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```
model {  
  for (n in 1:N) {  
    flip[n] ~ bernoulli(theta);  
  }  
}
```

61.59 secs*

```
model {  
  flip ~ bernoulli(theta);  
}
```

53.25 secs*

Thinking before looping!