

# Highest Posterior Density Interval (HPDI)

## Binomial proportion

Suppose that we flip a biased coin 10 times and obtain 7 heads.

Likelihood:  $P(x_i | \pi) = \binom{10}{7} \pi^7 (1-\pi)^3$

prior: non informative  $\text{Beta}(1, 1)$

posterior:  $P(\pi | x_i) = \text{Beta}(\alpha=8, \beta=4)$

HPD Interval (see code):

$$\text{HPDI}_{95} = [0,44 ; 0,91]$$

Given the observed data  $x_i$ , a 95% HPD Interval for  $\pi$  is  $[0,44 ; 0,91]$ . With a 95% probability, the true proportion of heads lies within this interval, which contains the most credible value of  $\pi$  based on the posterior distribution