

# 02 Small Worlds and Large Worlds

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 listening

In the analogy, models are “Small”, self-contained worlds.

Within the small world, all possibilities are nominated.

## Garden of forking paths.

I was thinking of working out the probabilities by doing random sampling...

```
library(tidyverse)
library(gt)
library(patchwork)
library(here)
source(here("_defaults.R"))
```

Generating the marble dataframe

```
tibble(
  blue_marbs = 0:4,
  white_marbs = 4 - blue_marbs
) |>
  rowwise() |>
  mutate(
    marbles = list(c(rep("blue", blue_marbs), rep("white", white_marbs)))
  ) ->
  marbles
```

```
marbles |>
  gt()
```

Table 1: The marble sampling distributions

blue_marbs	white_marbs	marbles
0	4	white, white, white, white
1	3	blue, white, white, white
2	2	blue, blue, white, white
3	1	blue, blue, blue, white
4	0	blue, blue, blue, blue

In retrospect, I'm glad I did this, because I thought we were sampling *without* replacement.

Here's a function that will repeatedly sample from a set of marbles, and compare the result to a reference group.

```
sampling_df <- function(marbles, n = 1000, size = 3, pattern = c("blue", "white", "blue")) {
  sampling_tibble <- tibble(samp = 1:n) ①
  sampling_tibble |>
    mutate(
      chosen = map(samp, ~sample(marbles, size = 3, replace = T)), ②
      match = map_lgl(chosen, ~all(.x == pattern)) ③
    ) |>
    summarise(prop_match = mean(match)) ④
  sampling_tibble
  return(sampling_tibble)
}
```

- ① I'll capture everything within a tibble.
- ② Rowwise, sample from `marbles` with replacement.
- ③ Return T or F if the sequence matches the pattern exactly.
- ④ The `mean()` of the T, F column to get the proportion that match.

```
sampling_df(
  marbles = marbles$marbles[[4]],
  n = 5000
)
```

```
# A tibble: 1 x 1
  prop_match
```

```
      <dbl>
1      0.133
```

```
marbles |>
  ungroup() |>
  mutate(
    prob = map(marbles, ~sampling_df(.x, n = 10000))
  ) |>
  unnest(prob) |>
  mutate(norm_probs = prop_match/sum(prop_match))->
  marble_probs
```

```
marble_probs |>
  ggplot(aes(blue_marbs, norm_probs))+
  geom_col(fill = "steelblue4")+
  labs(
    title = "blue, white, blue",
    x = "# of blue marbles",
    y = "probability"
  ) +
  ylim(0,1)->probs1
probs1
```

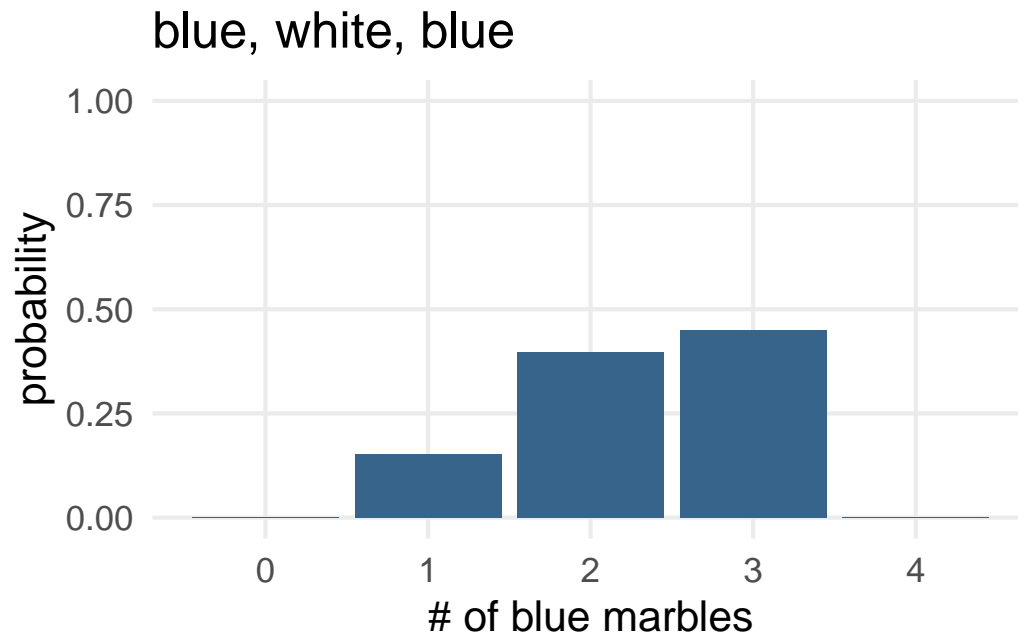


Figure 1: Probability of each composition of marbles

## Updating probabilities

What if we draw one more blue

```
marble_probs |>
  mutate(new_obs_prob = blue_marbs / sum(blue_marbs),
         posterior_prob = norm_probs * new_obs_prob,
         posterior_norm = posterior_prob/sum(posterior_prob))->
  marble_probs
```

```
marble_probs |>
  ggplot(aes(blue_marbs, posterior_norm))+
  geom_col(fill = "steelblue4")+
  ylim(0,1)+
  labs(
    title = "probability update after blue",
    x = "# of blue marbles",
    y = "probability"
  ) ->
```

```
probs2
```

```
probs1 | probs2
```

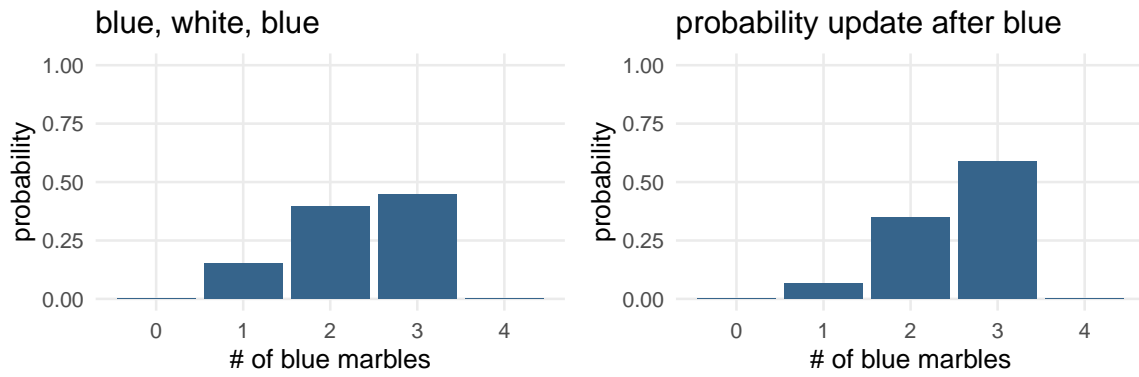


Figure 2: Bayesian update