

# Chapter 5

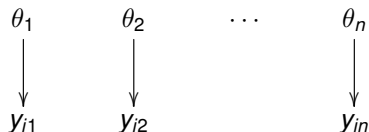
- 5.1 Lead-in to hierarchical models
- 5.2 Exchangeability (useful concept)
- 5.3 Bayesian analysis of hierarchical models (but we use Stan for computation)
- 5.4 Hierarchical normal model (but we use Stan for computation)
- 5.5 Example: parallel experiments in eight schools (uses hierarchical normal model, part of assignment, but we use Stan for computation)
- 5.6 Meta-analysis (can be skipped)
- 5.7 Weakly informative priors for hierarchical variance parameters

# Hierarchical model

- In simple model: posterior for the parameters
- In hierarchical model: posterior for the prior parameters

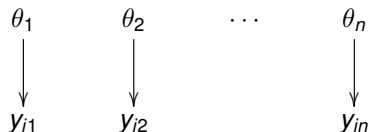
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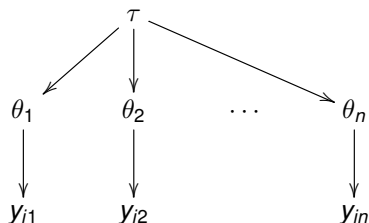


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- sensible to assume that  $\theta_j$  are similar



- natural to think that  $\theta_j$  have common population distribution
- $\theta_j$  is not directly observed and the population distribution is unknown

# Hierarchical model: terms

Level 1: observations given parameters  $p(y_{ij}|\theta_j)$



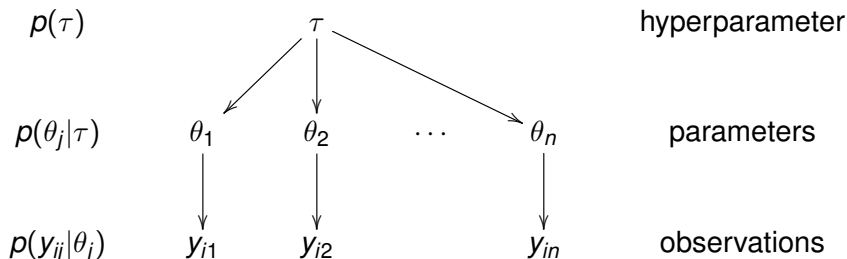
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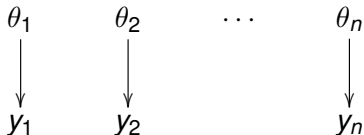


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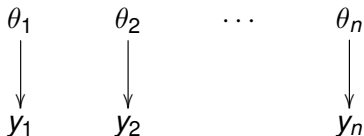
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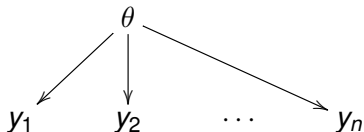


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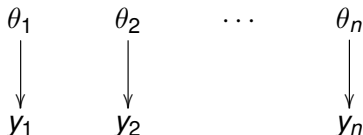
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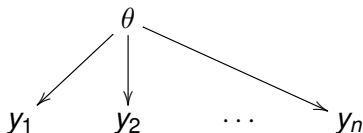


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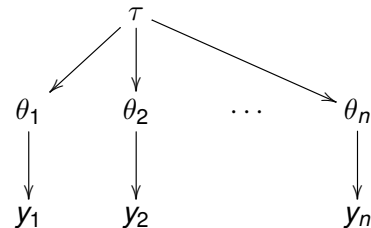
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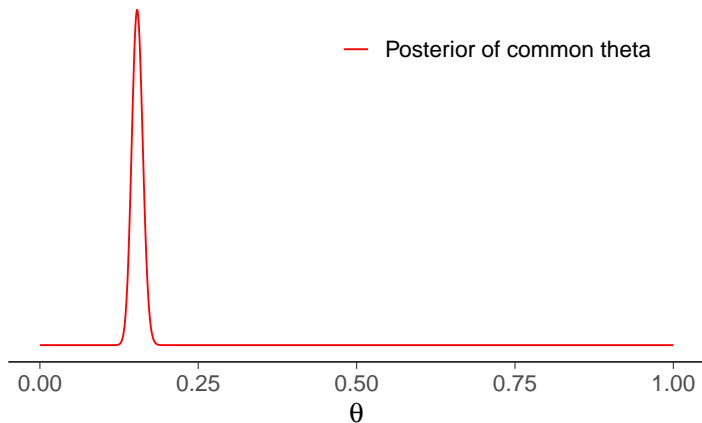
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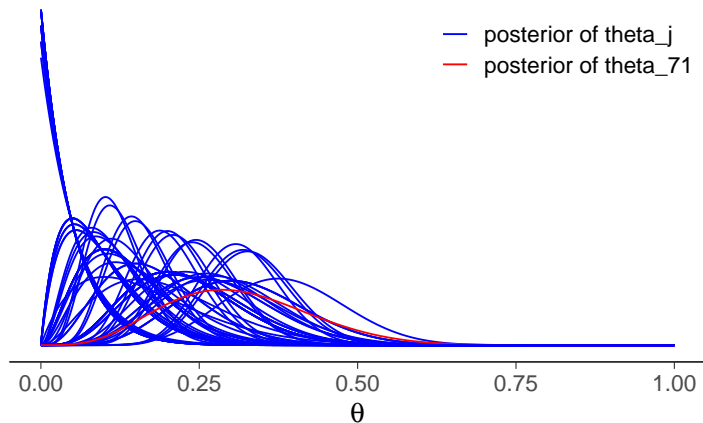
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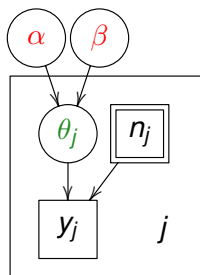
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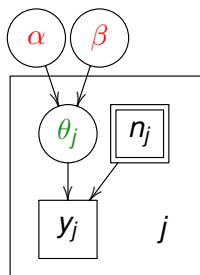


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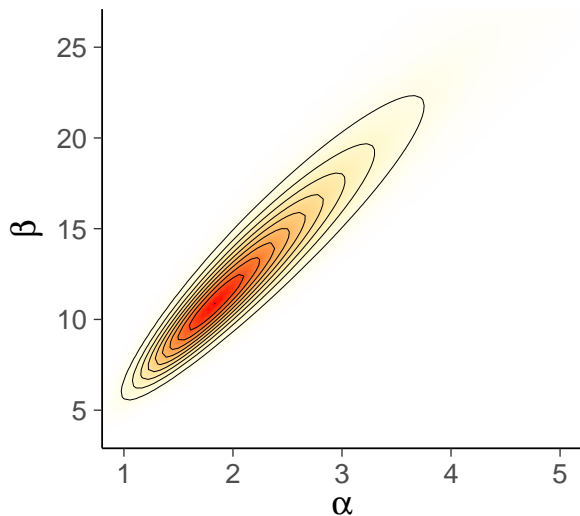
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- Population prior  $\text{Beta}(\theta_j | \alpha, \beta)$
- Hyperprior  $p(\alpha, \beta)$ ?
  - $\alpha, \beta$  both affect the location and scale
  - BDA3 has  $p(\alpha, \beta) \propto (\alpha + \beta)^{-5/2}$ 
    - diffuse prior for location and scale (BDA3 p. 110)
- demo5\_1



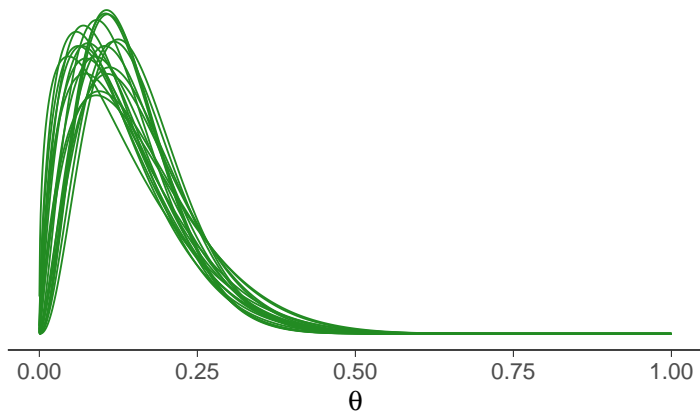
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The marginal of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$



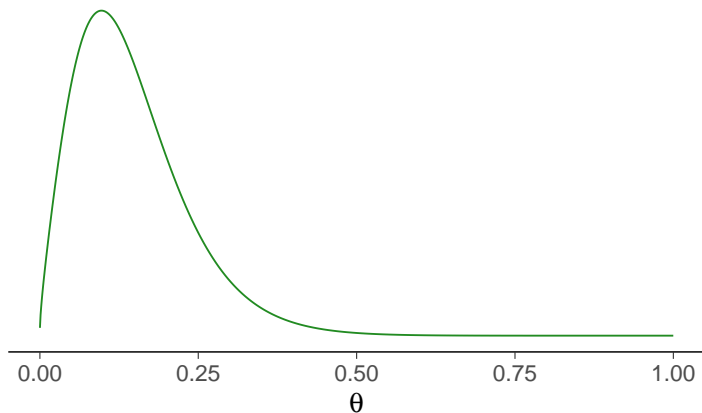
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Beta( $\alpha, \beta$ ) given posterior draws of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$



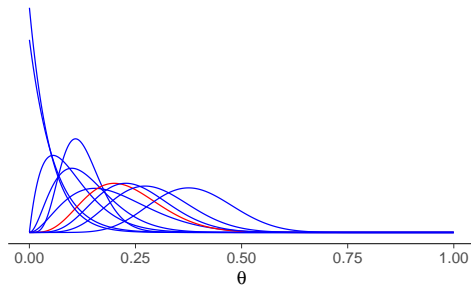
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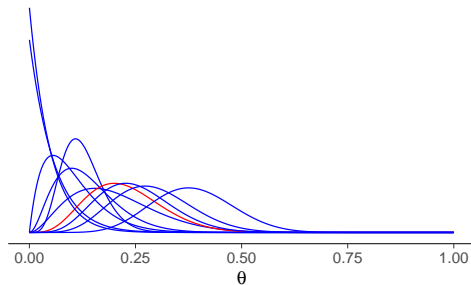
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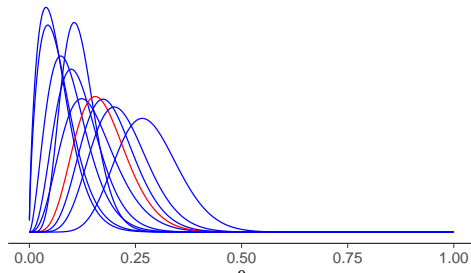


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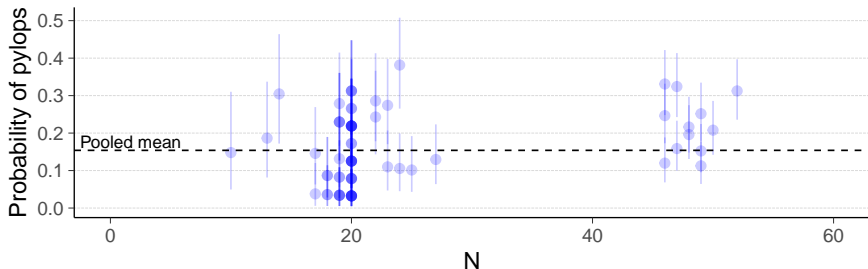


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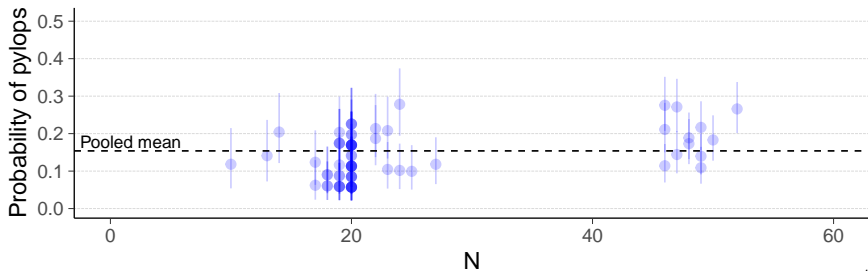


# Hierarchical model and group size: Rats

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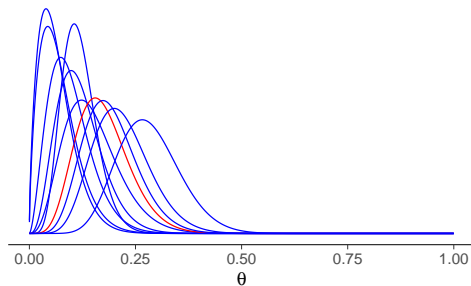


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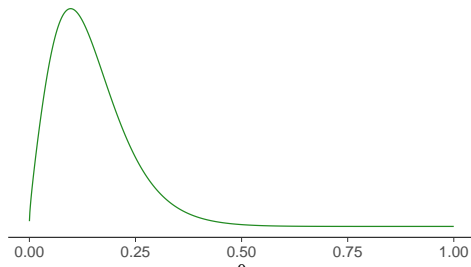


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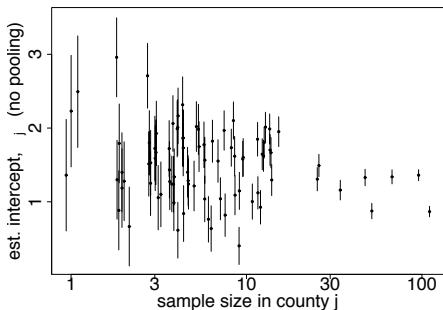
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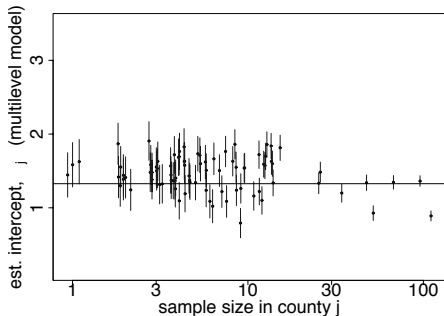
# Hierarchical model and group size: Radon

919 home radon levels in 85 counties in Minnesota:

Separate



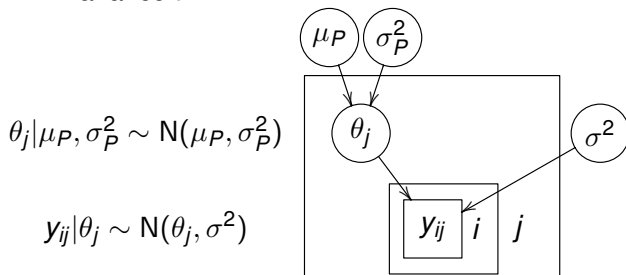
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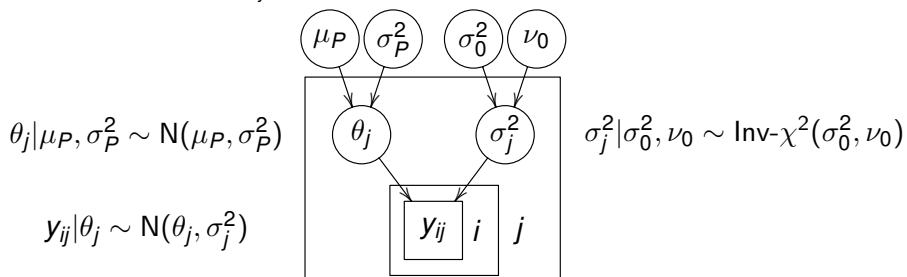
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  - standardized multiple choice test
  - mean about 500 and standard deviation about 100
  - most scores between 200 and 800
  - different topics, e.g., V=Verbal, M=Mathematics
  - pre-test PSAT

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• Data:	School	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	$y_j$	28	8	-3	7	-1	1	18	12
	$\sigma_j$	15	10	16	11	9	22	20	28

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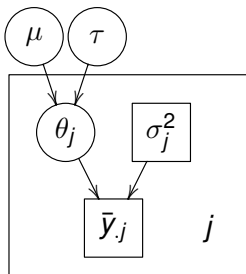
this model can be generalized so that,  $\sigma_j^2$  can be different from each other for other reasons than  $n_j$



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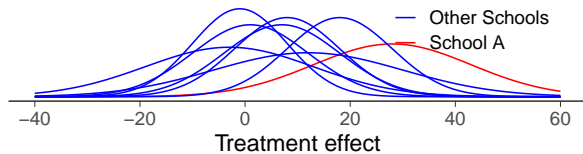
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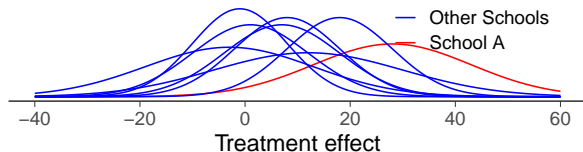
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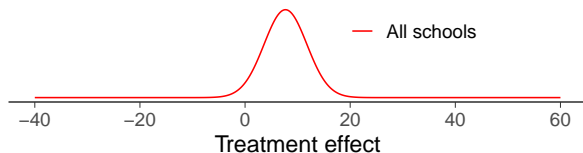


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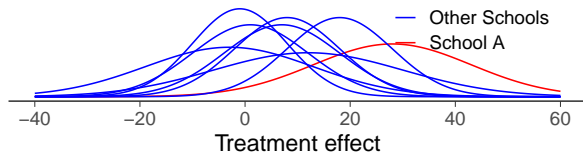


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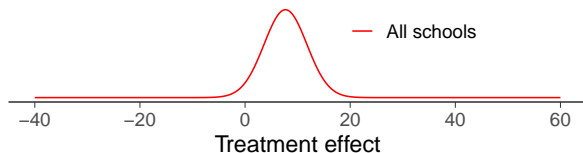


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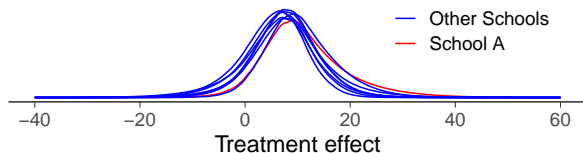
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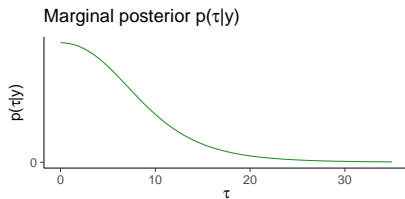
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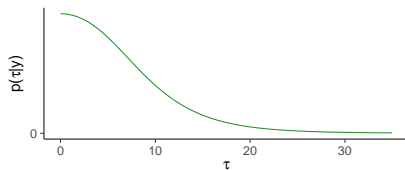


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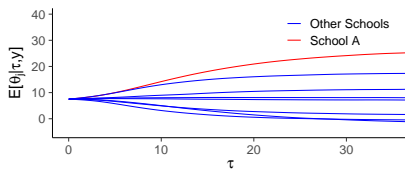


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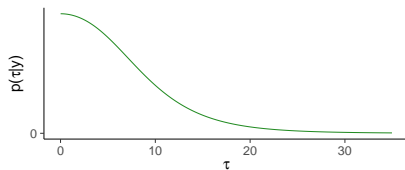


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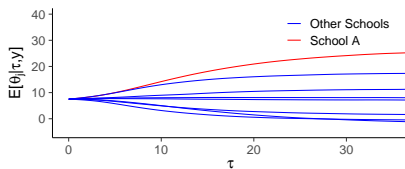


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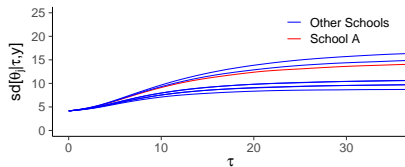
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Conditional standard deviations  $sd[\theta_j|\tau, y]$



# Exchangeability

- Justifies why we can use
  - a joint model for data
  - a joint prior for a set of parameters
- Less strict than independence



# Exchangeability

- *Exchangeability*: Parameters  $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_J$  (or observations  $y_1, \dots, y_J$ ) are exchangeable if the joint distribution  $p$  is invariant to the permutation of indices  $(1, \dots, J)$
- e.g.

$$p(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3) = p(\theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_1)$$

- Exchangeability implies symmetry: If there is no information which can be used *a priori* to separate  $\theta_j$  from each other, we can assume exchangeability. ("Ignorance implies exchangeability")

# Exchangeability

- Exchangeability does not mean that the results of the experiments could not be different
  - e.g. if we know that the experiments have been in two different laboratories, and we know that the other laboratory has better conditions for the rats, but we do not know which experiments have been made in which laboratory
  - a priori experiments are exchangeable
  - model could have unknown parameter for the laboratory with a conditional prior for rats assumed to come from the same place (clustering model)

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$$p(\alpha, \beta | y, n, x) \propto \prod_{i=1}^n p(y_i | \alpha, \beta, n_i, x_i) p(\alpha, \beta)$$

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- Partial exchangeability
  - if the observations can be grouped (a priori), then use hierarchical model

# Exchangeability

- The simplest form of the exchangeability (but not the only one) for the parameters  $\theta$  conditional independence

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_J | \theta) = \prod_{j=1}^J p(x_j | \theta)$$

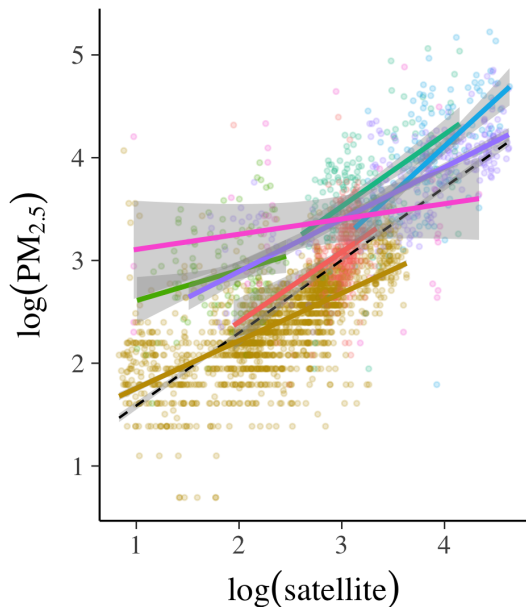
# Exchangeability - Counter example

- A six sided die with probabilities  $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_6$ 
  - without additional knowledge  $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_6$  exchangeable
  - due to the constraint  $\sum_{j=1}^6 \theta_j$ , parameters are not independent and thus joint distribution can not be presented as iid

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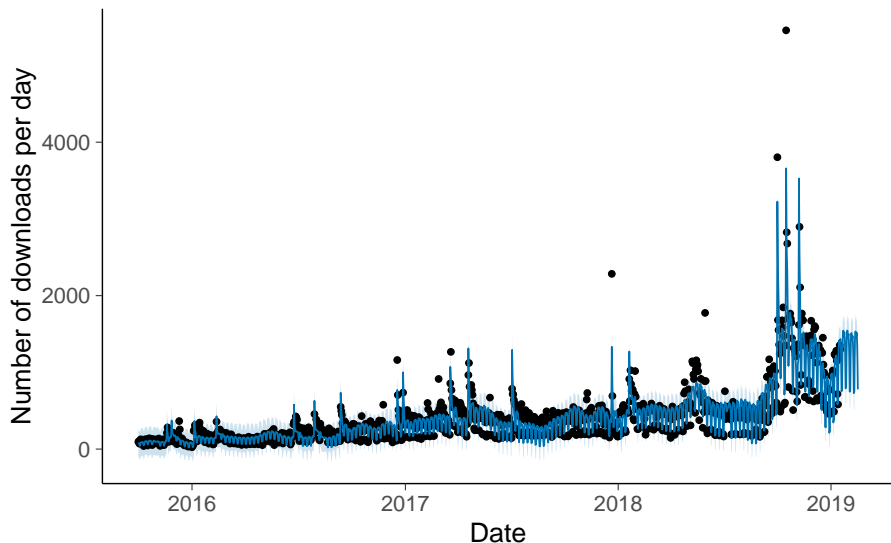
- See more examples in the BDA\_notes\_ch5.pdf

# Hierarchical linear model



# Hierarchical models and smooths

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