Lecture 11: Bayesian Hypothesis Testing: Priors

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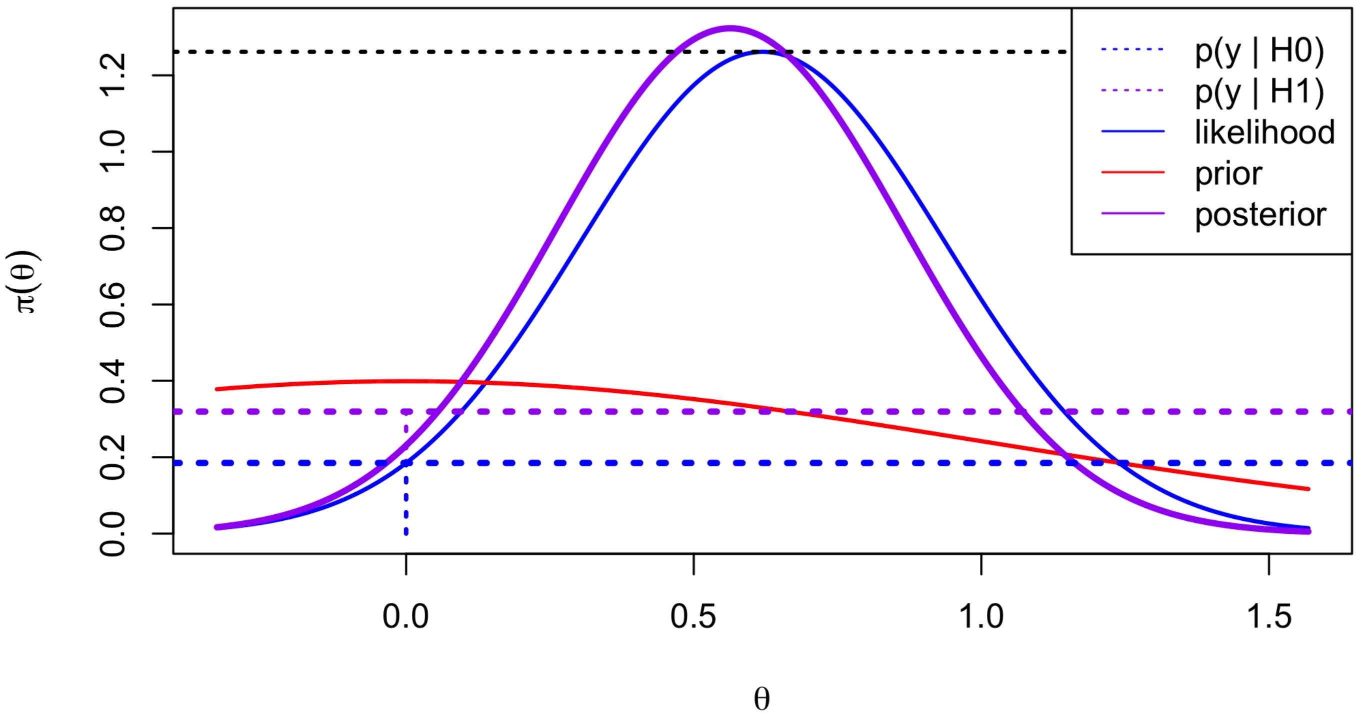
Marginal Likelihoods & Evidence



$\mathcal{BF}_{10}$ = 1.73 Posterior Probability of $\mathcal{H}_0$ = 0.3665 versus p-value of 0.05

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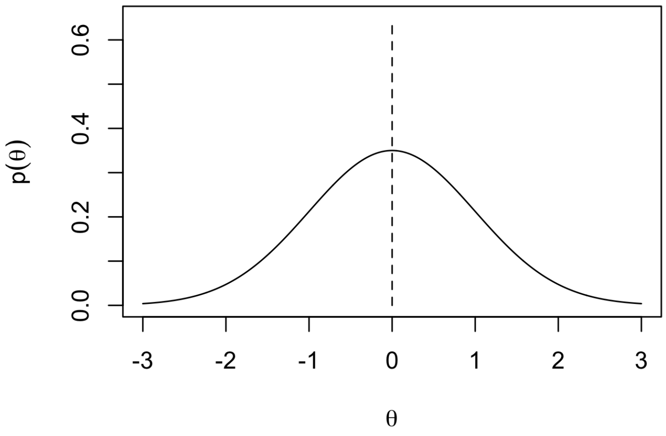

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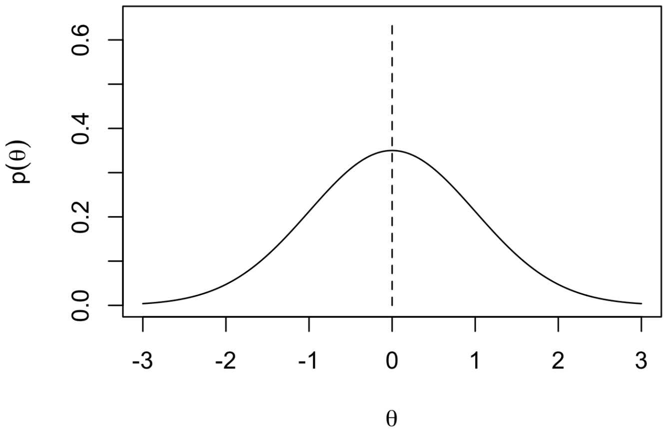

- how to sample from prior?

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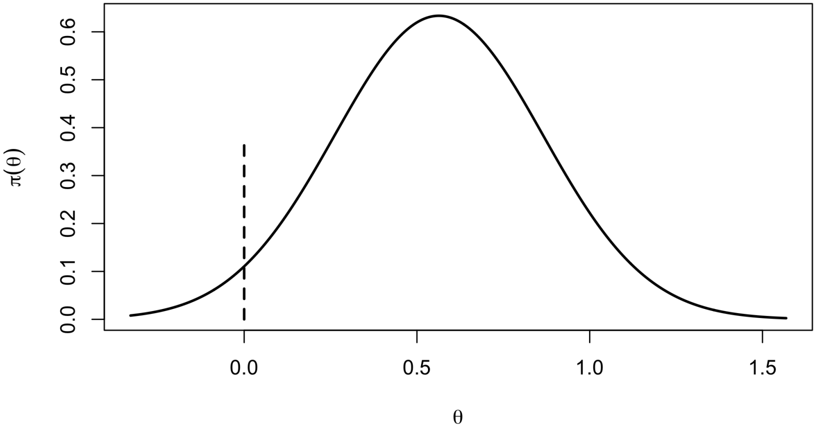

Posterior Means and Other Summaries

Use Iterated Expectations to find

$$\mathsf{E}[\theta \mid y^{(n)}]$$

Posterior Variance?

Credible Intervals ?

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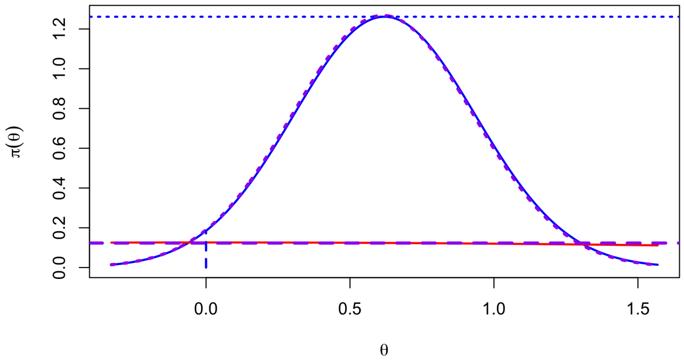

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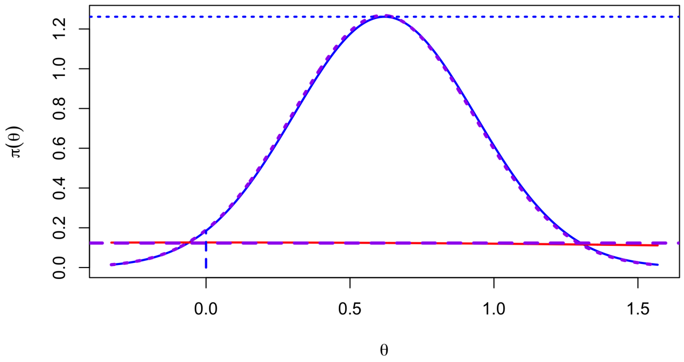

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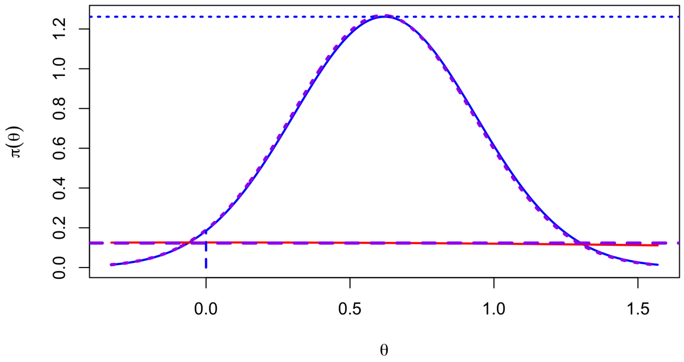

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