

# Bayesian multiple regression

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# cognitive scores

$$\text{model } kid\ score_i = \beta_{intercept} + \beta_{hs}hs_i + \beta_{iq}iq_i + \beta_{work}work_i + \beta_{age}age_i + \varepsilon_i$$
$$\varepsilon_i \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{N}(0, \sigma^2)$$

- ▶ prior distribution for  $\beta_{intercept}$ ,  $\beta_{hs}$ ,  $\beta_{iq}$ ,  $\beta_{work}$ ,  $\beta_{age}$  and  $\sigma^2$
- ▶ conjugate family multivariate normal-gamma
- ▶ mean, variance and covariance of all regression coefficients
- ▶ prior parameters of the gamma distribution of  $1/\sigma^2$

reference prior



# reference analysis

- ▶ prior distributions: uniform for  $\beta_j$  and  $p(\sigma^2) \propto 1/\sigma^2$

- ▶ posterior distribution

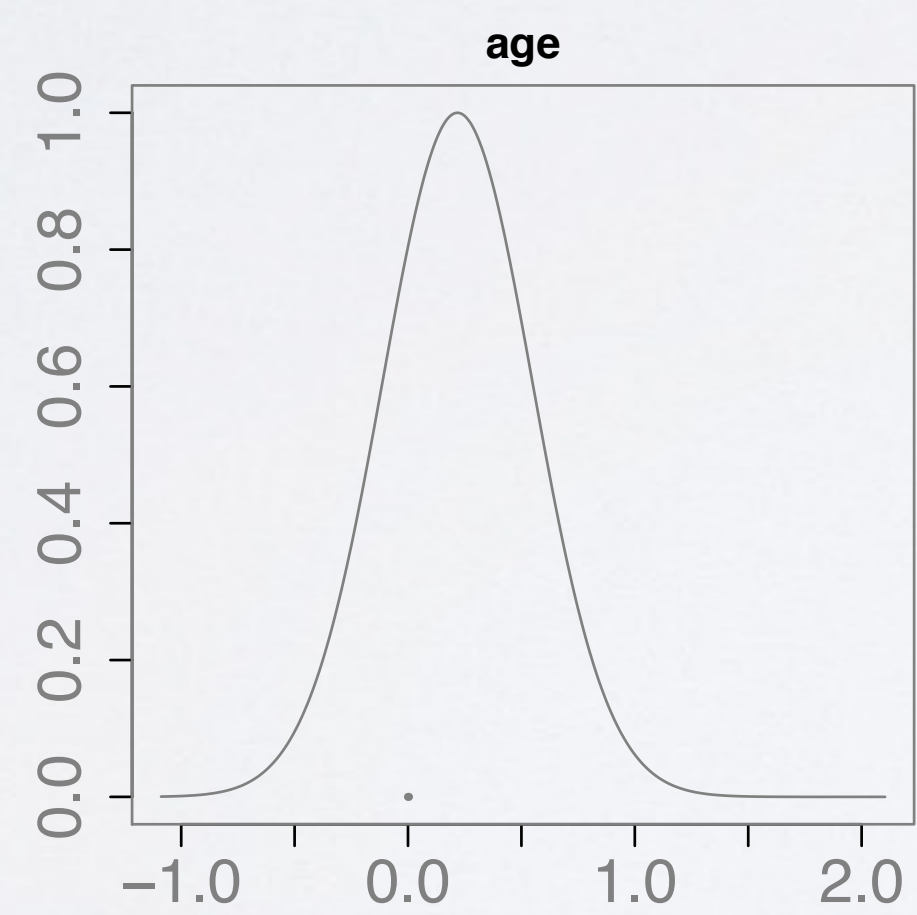
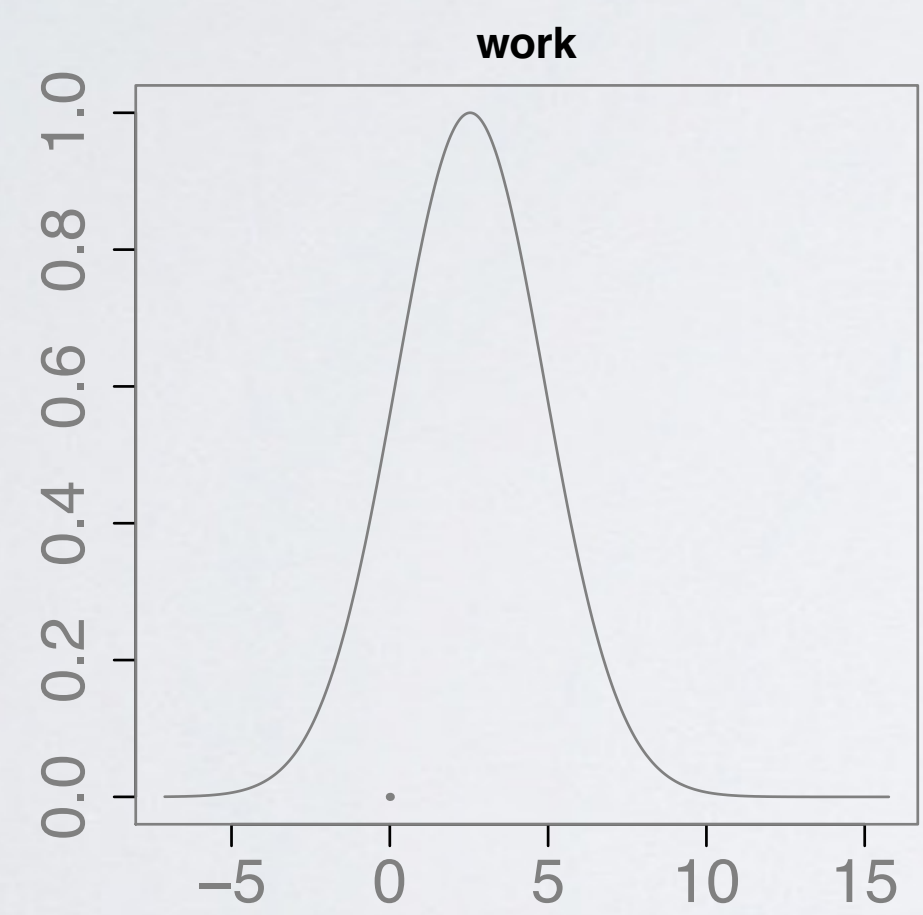
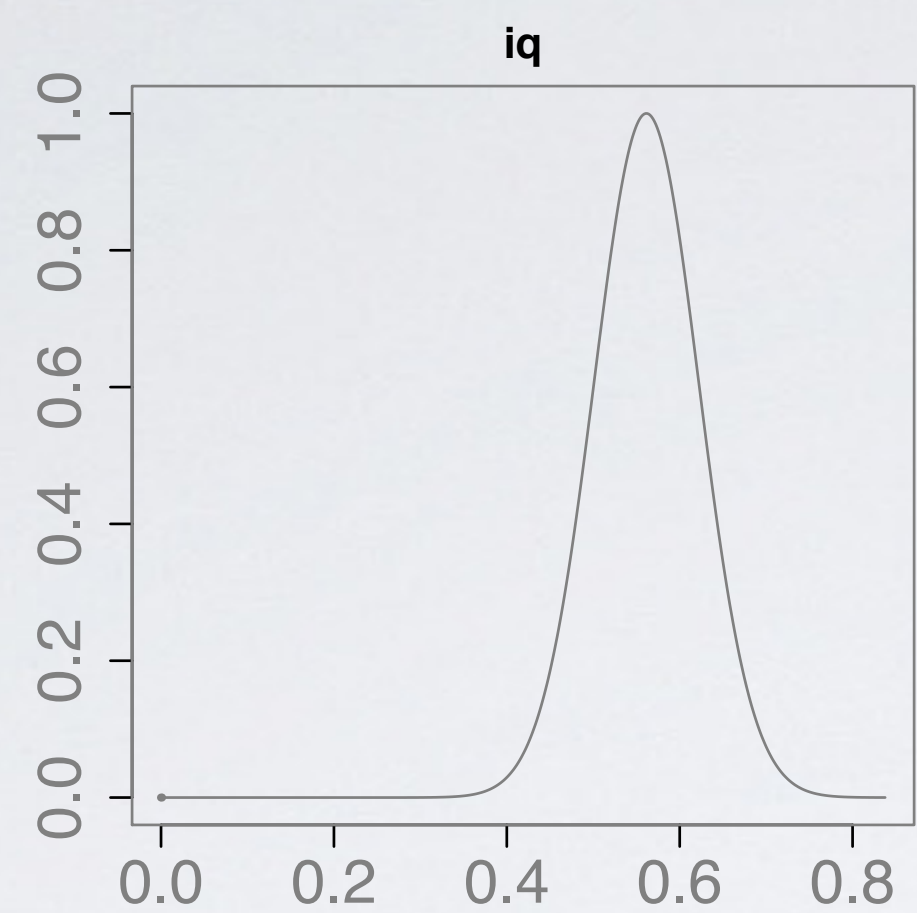
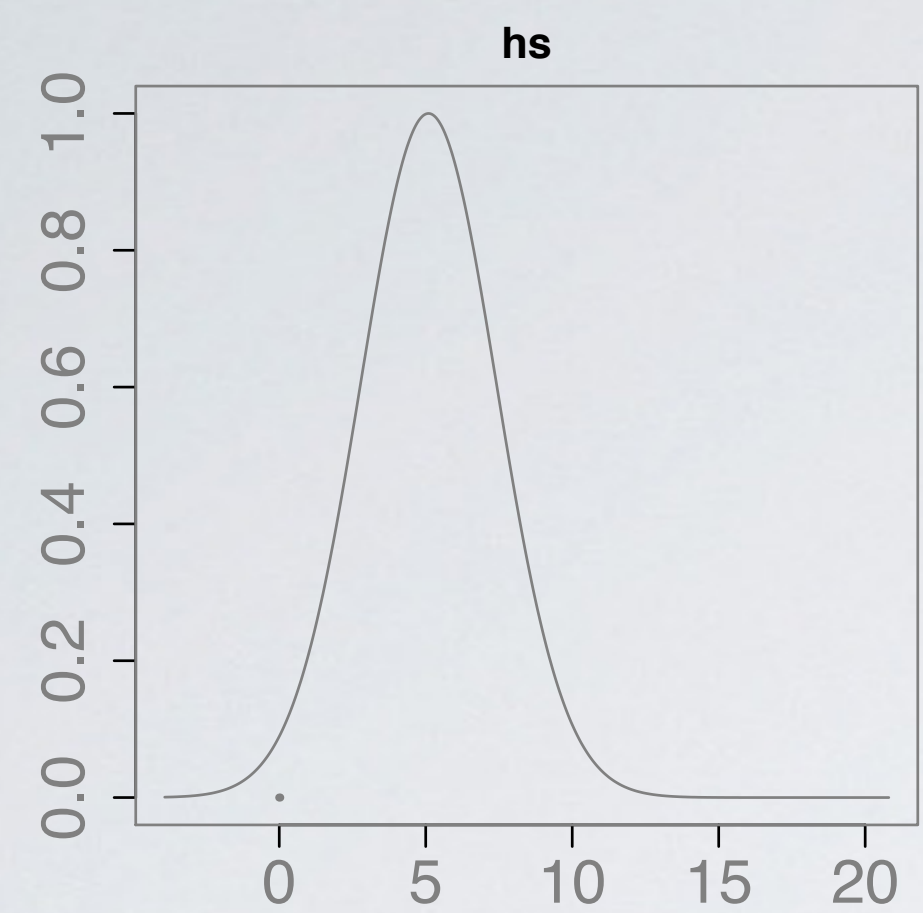
$$\beta_j \mid y_1, \dots, y_n \sim t_{n-p-1} \left( \hat{\beta}_j, \text{SE}(\beta_j)^2 \right)$$

- ▶ degrees of freedom  $n - p - 1$

- ▶ posterior mean  $\hat{\beta}_j$

- ▶ posterior standard deviation  $\text{SE}(\beta_j)$

# example





# highest posterior density intervals

	post. mean	post. sd	2.5%	97.5%
hs	5.09	2.31	0.55	9.64
iq	0.56	0.06	0.44	0.68
work	2.54	2.35	-2.08	7.16
age	0.22	0.33	-0.43	0.87

posterior mean  $\beta_j \pm t_{1-\alpha/2, n-p-1} \text{ sd}(\beta_j)$

## summary

- ▶ reference analysis
- ▶ use standard software to obtain
- ▶ interpretation of credible intervals

## next video

- ▶ model selection



