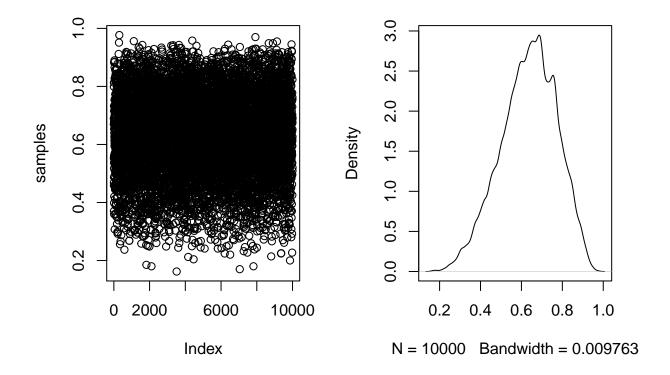
## Chapter 3 – Practice

```
p_grid = seq(from=0, to=1, length.out=1000)
prior <- rep(1, 1000)
likelihood <- dbinom(6, size=9, prob=p_grid)
posterior <- likelihood * prior
posterior <- posterior / sum(posterior)
set.seed(100)
samples <- sample(p_grid, prob=posterior, size=1e4, replace=T)

par(mfrow=c(1, 2))
plot(samples)
plot(density(samples, adjust = 0.5), main="")</pre>
```



3E1. How much posterior probability lies below p = 0.2?

```
sum(posterior[p_grid < 0.2])
## [1] 0.0008560951
sum(samples < 0.2) / length(samples)
## [1] 5e-04</pre>
```

```
3E2. How much posterior probability lies above p = 0.8?
```

```
sum(posterior[p_grid > 0.8])
## [1] 0.1203449
sum(samples > 0.8) / length(samples)
## [1] 0.1117
3E3. How much posterior probability lies between p = 0.2 and p = 0.8?
sum(posterior[p_grid > 0.2 & p_grid < 0.8])</pre>
## [1] 0.878799
sum(samples > 0.2 & samples < 0.8) / length(samples)</pre>
## [1] 0.8878
3E4. 20% of the posterior probability lies below which value of p?
quantile(samples, 0.2)
##
## 0.5195195
3E5. 20% of the posterior probability lies above which value of p?
quantile(samples, 0.8)
##
         80%
## 0.7567568
3E6. Which values of p contain the narrowest interval equal to 66% of the posterior probabil-
ity?
samples_for_hpdi <- coda::as.mcmc(samples)</pre>
\# x \leftarrow sapply(0.66, function(p) coda::HPDinterval(samples_for_hpdi, prob = p))
x <- coda::HPDinterval(samples_for_hpdi, prob=0.66)</pre>
c(x[1], x[2])
## [1] 0.5205205 0.7847848
HPDI(samples, prob=0.66)
##
       10.66
                  0.661
## 0.5205205 0.7847848
```

3E7. Which values of p contain 66% of the posterior probability, assuming equal posterior probability both below and above the interval?

```
low = (1 - 0.66) / 2
up = low + 0.66
interval = c(low, up)
c(interval, interval[2] - interval[1])

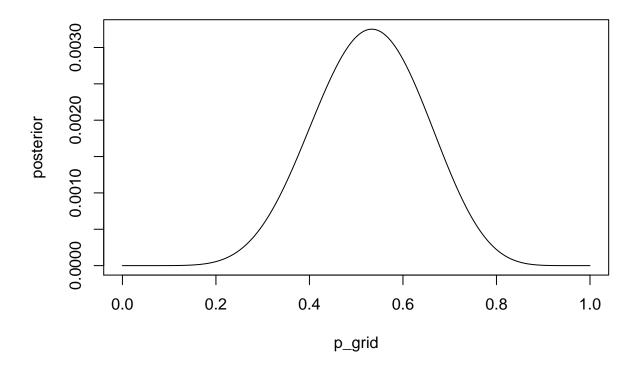
## [1] 0.17 0.83 0.66
quantile(samples, interval)

## 17% 83%
## 0.5005005 0.7687688
```

If the distribution is not too skewed then the Percentile Interval (PI) will approximately equal to the Highest Posterior Density Interval (HPDI):

- PI: (0.501, 0.769)HPDI: (0.521, 0.785)
- 3M1. Suppose the globe tossing data had turned out to be 8 water in 15 tosses. Construct the posterior distribution, using grid approximation. Use the same flat prior as before.

```
N = 1000
p_grid <- seq(0, 1, length.out = N)
prior <- rep(1, N)
likelihood <- dbinom(8, size=15, prob=p_grid)
unstd_posterior <- likelihood * prior
posterior <- unstd_posterior / sum(unstd_posterior)
plot(posterior ~ p_grid, type="l")</pre>
```



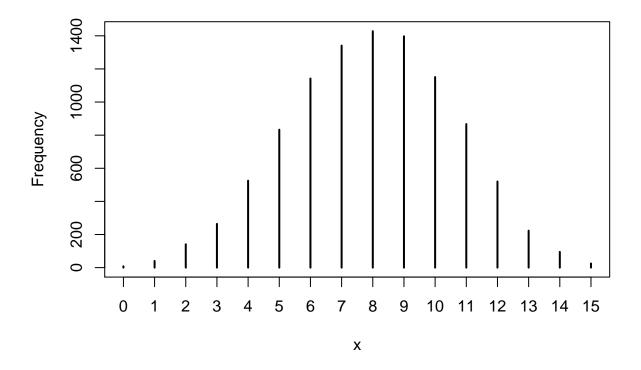
3M2. Draw 10,000 samples from the grid approximation from above. Then use the samples to calculate the 90% HPDI for p.

```
samples <- sample(p_grid, size=1e4, replace = T, prob=posterior)
samples_for_hpdi <- coda::as.mcmc(samples)
x <- coda::HPDinterval(samples_for_hpdi, prob=0.90)
c(x[1], x[2])</pre>
```

## [1] 0.3383383 0.7317317

3M3. Construct a posterior predictive check for this model and data. Simulate the distribution of samples, averaging over the posterior uncertainty in p. What is the probability of observing 8 water in 15 tosses.

```
w <- rbinom(1e4, size=15, prob=samples)
simplehist(w)</pre>
```



Probability of observing 8 water in 15 tosses:

```
sum(w == 8) / length(w)

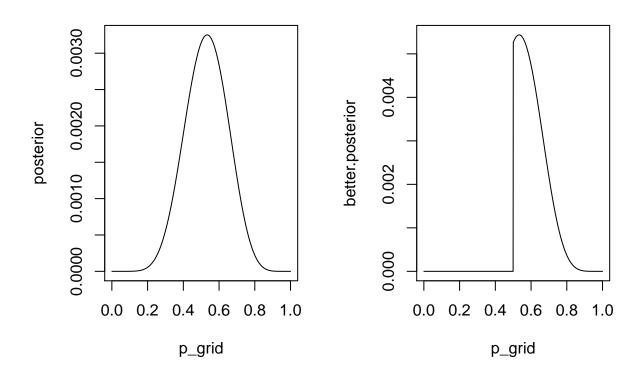
## [1] 0.1428
mean(w == 8)
## [1] 0.1428
```

3M4. Using the posterior distribution constructed from the new (8/15) data, now calculate the probability of observing 6 water in 9 tosses.

```
w6 <- rbinom(1e4, size=9, prob=samples)
mean(w6 == 6)
## [1] 0.1695
sum(w6 == 6) / length(w6)
## [1] 0.1695</pre>
```

3M5. Start over at 3M1, but now use a prior that is zero below p = 0.5 and a constant above p = 0.5. This corresponds to prior information that a majority of the Earth's surface is water. Repeat each problem above and compare inferences. What difference does the better prior make? If it helps, compare inferences (using both priors) to the true value p = 0.7.

```
better.prior <- rep(1, N)
better.prior[p_grid < 0.5] = 0
better.unstd_posterior = likelihood * better.prior
better.posterior = better.unstd_posterior / sum(better.unstd_posterior)
par(mfrow=c(1, 2))
plot(posterior ~ p_grid, type="l")
plot(better.posterior ~ p_grid, type="l")</pre>
```



Repeat 3M2. Draw 10,000 samples; calculate the 90% HPDI for p:

```
better.samples <- sample(p_grid, size=1e4, replace = T, prob=better.posterior)
better.samples_for_hpdi <- coda::as.mcmc(better.samples)
better.x <- coda::HPDinterval(better.samples_for_hpdi, prob=0.90)

Previous posterior:
x

## lower upper
## var1 0.3383383 0.7317317
## attr(,"Probability")
## [1] 0.9</pre>
```

## Better posterior:

```
better.x

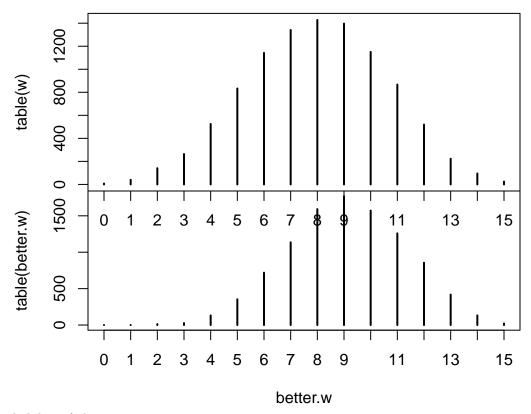
## lower upper
## var1 0.5005005 0.7097097

## attr(,"Probability")
## [1] 0.9
```

Better posterior has a much narrower 90% HPDI that's centered around true value of p = 0.7.

## Repeat 3M3.

```
better.w <- rbinom(1e4, size=15, prob=better.samples)</pre>
layout(rbind(1, 2))
par(mar=c(0,5,2,5))
table(w)
## w
##
               2
                              5
     0
                    3
                         4
                                   6
                                     7
                                             8
                                                 9 10
                                                         11
                                                               12
                                                                    13
                                                                         14
          1
         40 141 264 525 833 1142 1341 1428 1397 1151 867 520 223
##
     8
                                                                         95
##
     15
##
     25
plot(table(w))
par(mar=c(4,5,0,5))
better.w[1] <- 0 # to add one zero value to align graphs
table(better.w)
## better.w
##
     0
          1
               2
                    3
                         4
                              5
                                   6
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                                                               12
                   27 131 353 719 1136 1592 1770 1572 1259 856 418
##
     1
             13
                                                                       132
##
     15
     20
##
plot(table(better.w))
```



Probability of observing 8 water in 15 tosses:

```
mean(w == 8)
## [1] 0.1428
mean(better.w == 8)
## [1] 0.1592

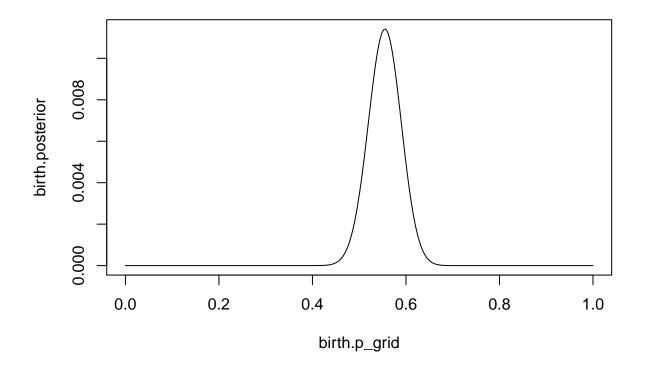
Repeat 3M4.
better.w6 <- rbinom(1e4, size=9, prob=better.samples)
mean(w6 == 6)
## [1] 0.1695
mean(better.w6 == 6)
## [1] 0.2357</pre>
```

## Hard

3H1. Using grid approximation, compute the posterior distribution for the probability of a birth being a boy. Assume a uniform prior. Which parameter value maximizes the posterior probability?

```
birth.N = 1000
birth.p_grid = seq(0, 1, length.out = N)
birth.all = c(birth1, birth2)
length(birth.all)

## [1] 200
birth.prior = rep(1, birth.N)
birth.likelihood = dbinom(sum(birth.all), size=length(birth.all), prob=birth.p_grid)
birth.posterior = birth.likelihood * birth.prior / sum(birth.likelihood * birth.prior)
plot(birth.posterior ~ birth.p_grid, type="l")
```



birth.p\_grid[which.max(birth.posterior)]

## [1] 0.5545546

3H2. Using the sample function, draw  $10,\!000$  random parameter values from the posterior distribution. Use this samples to estimate the 50%, 89%, 97% highest posterior density intervals.

```
birth.samples <- sample(birth.p_grid, size=1e4, replace = T, prob = birth.posterior)
birth.samples_for_hpdi <- coda::as.mcmc(birth.samples)</pre>
```

• 50% HPDI:

coda::HPDinterval(birth.samples\_for\_hpdi, prob=0.50)[1:2]

## [1] 0.5255255 0.5725726

• 89% HPDI:

coda::HPDinterval(birth.samples\_for\_hpdi, prob=0.89)[1:2]

## [1] 0.5015015 0.6116116

• 97% HPDI:

coda::HPDinterval(birth.samples\_for\_hpdi, prob=0.97)[1:2]

## [1] 0.4764765 0.6286286