non-conjugate priors



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the issue

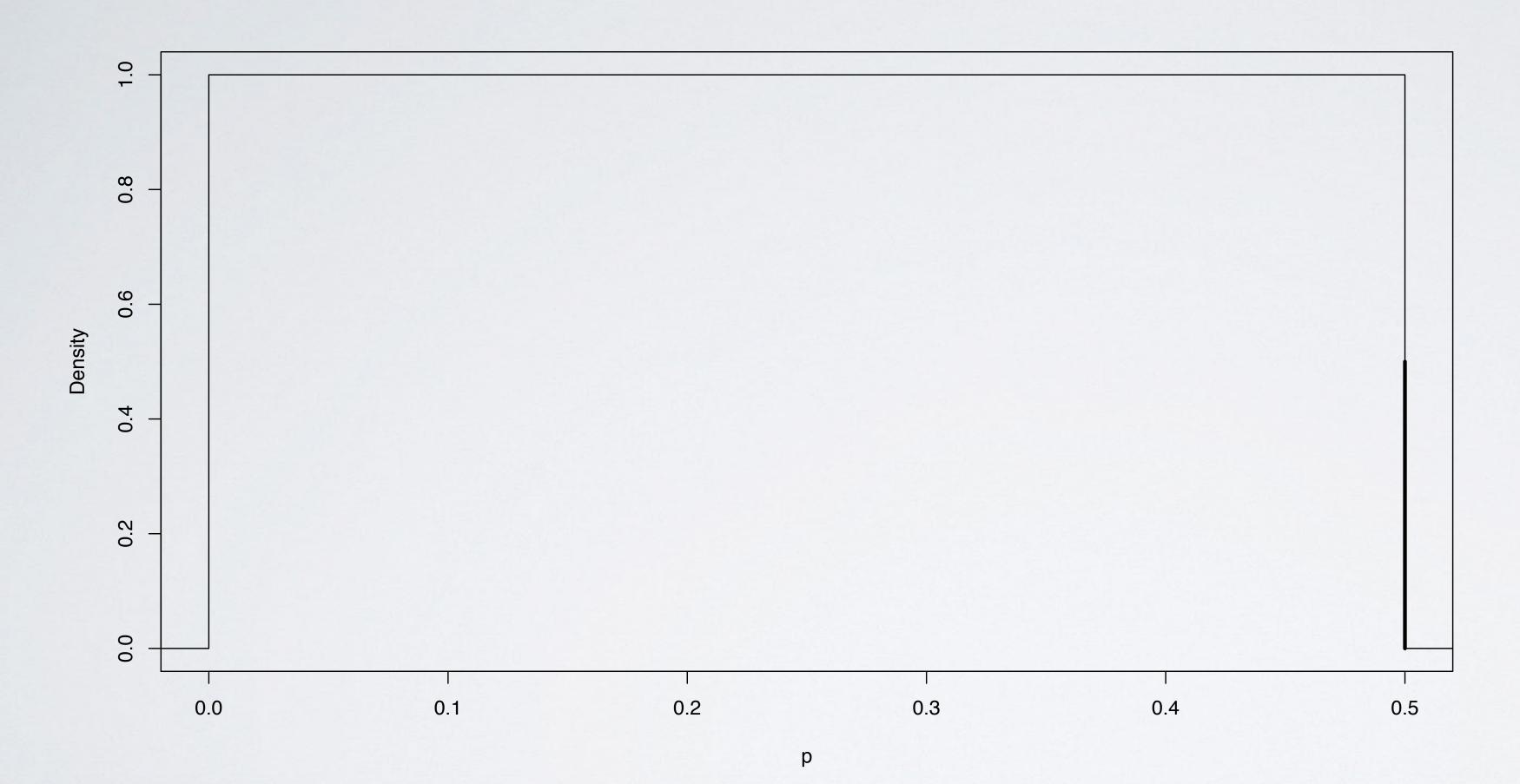
may not be able to use a conjugate prior...

- wants to use a reference prior
- has a personal belief incompatible with conjugacy

RU-486 application

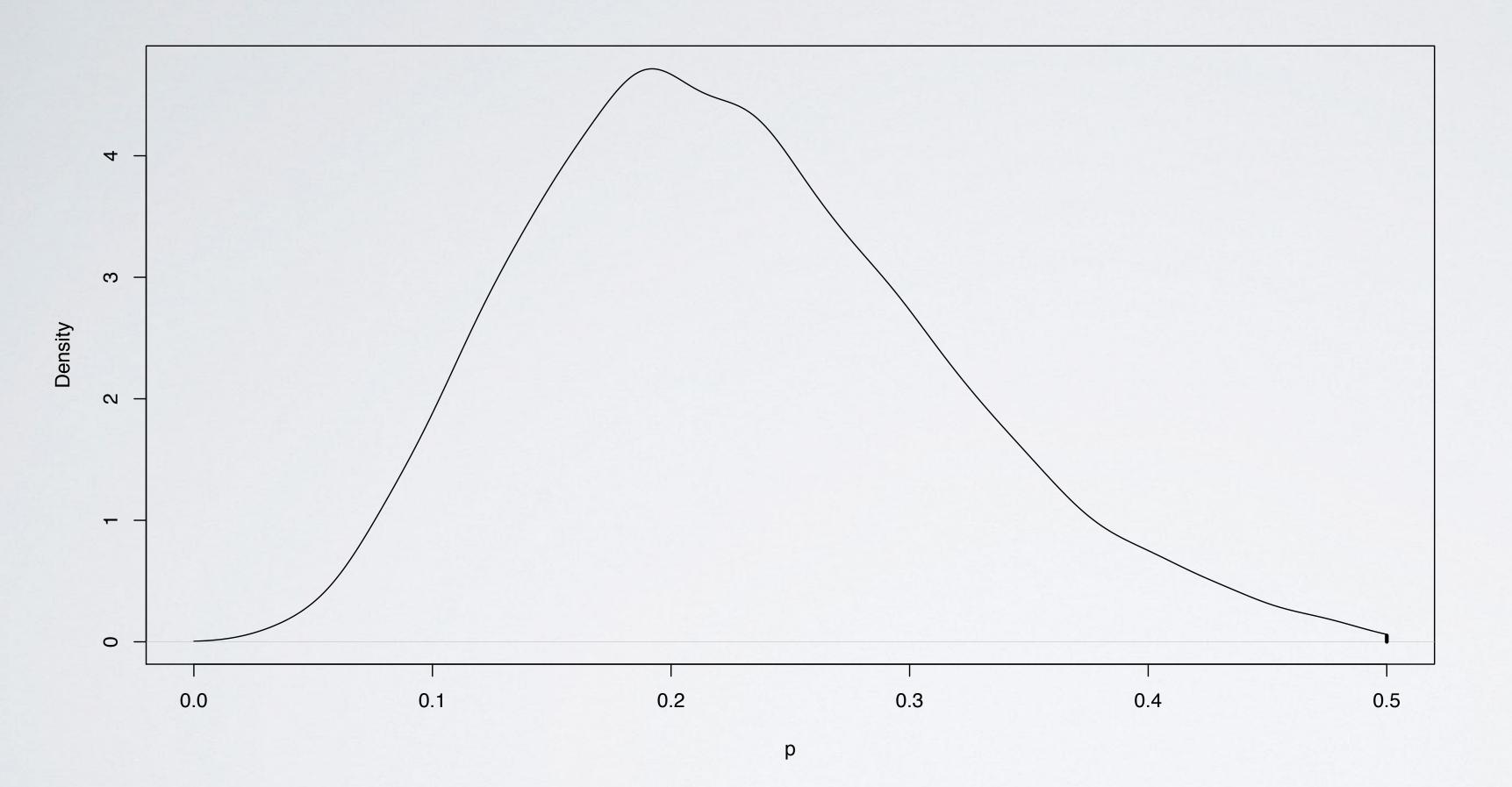
$$H_3C$$
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prior probability



Just Another Gibbs Sampler

posterior with JAGS



summary

- not everything is conjugate
- computation allows Bayesian
 inference when personal probability
 and data distribution are not
 conjugate