## Continous version of the binomial likelihood

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- Non-integer counts in df\$y due to the use of survey weights
- Currently using round(df\$y) but this is an unsatisfying solution
- In stan and TMB a custom continous version of the binomial likelihood could be implemented
- In R-INLA there is the xbinomial function for non-integer counts
  - Be warned that this may make the marginal likelihood not interpretable as it is not clear what to do with the normalising constant
- Keywords to investigate
  - Bayesian pseudo likelihood
- $\bullet \ \, \text{https://stats.stackexchange.com/questions/} 310676/continuous\text{-generalization-of-the-negative-binomial-distribution} \\$
- INLA google group links
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