Make brms silent

```
fit <- brm(..., silent=2, refresh=0)
```

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Introduce yourself

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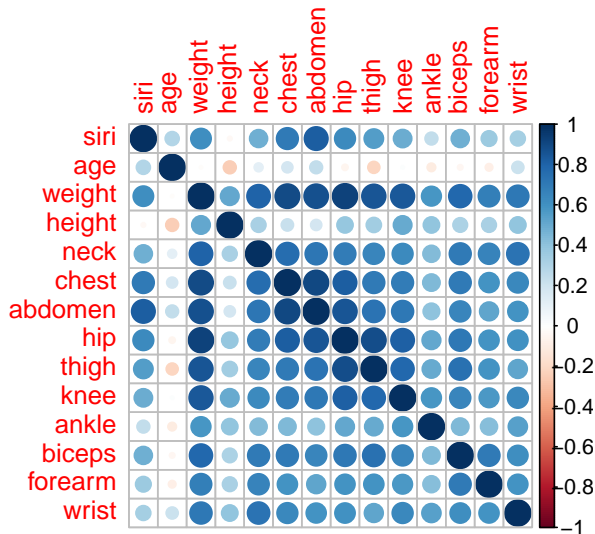
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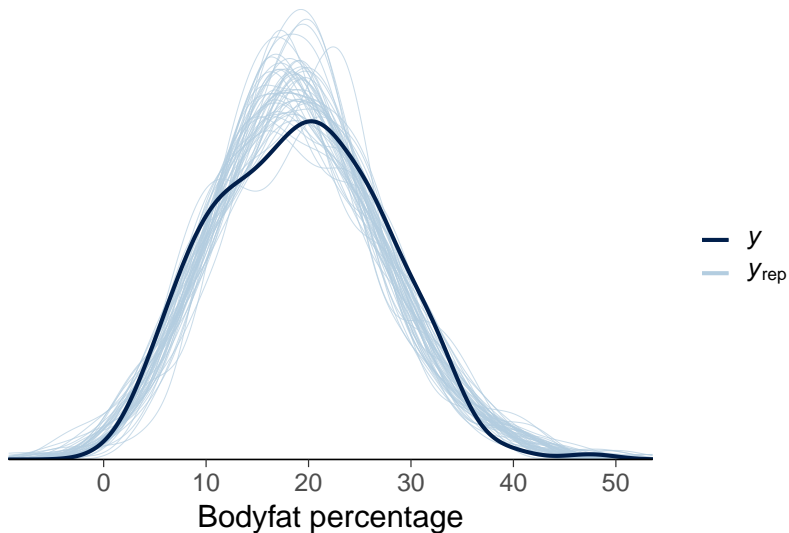
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Computed from 4000 by 250 log-likelihood matrix

          Estimate   SE
elpd_loo    -723.9   9.4
p_loo         13.4   1.2
looic       1447.9  18.8
------
MCSE of elpd_loo is 0.1.
MCSE and ESS estimates assume MCMC draws (r_eff in [0.6, 1

All Pareto k estimates are good (k < 0.7).
See help('pareto-k-diagnostic') for details.
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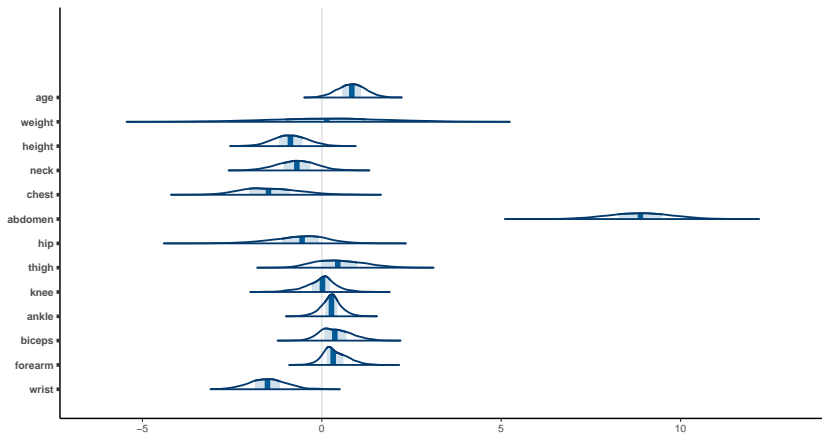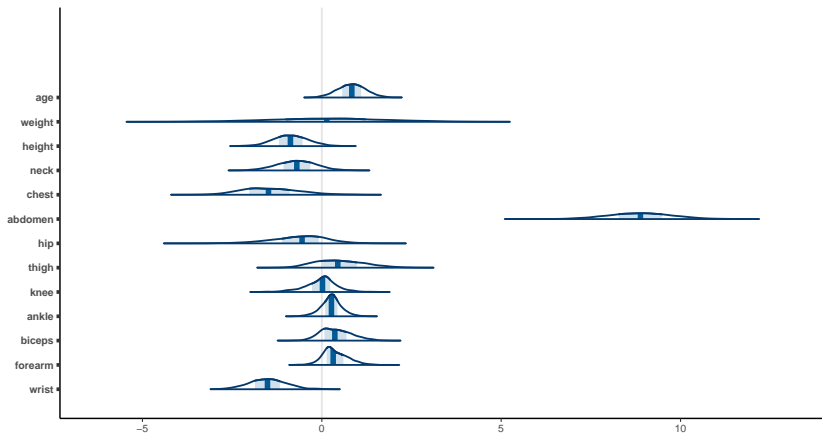
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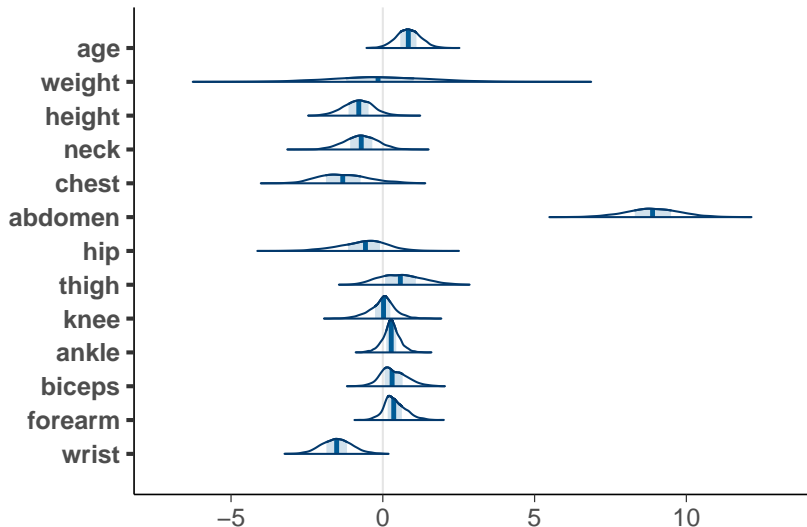Marginal posteriors of coefficients

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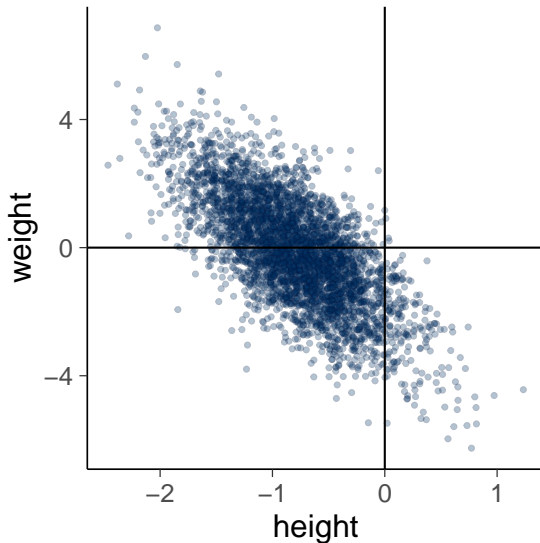
Figure font size

For example:

```
theme_set(bayesplot::theme_default(base_family = "sans",
                                   base_size=16))
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Bivariate marginal of weight and height

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For 10min presentation, too much information

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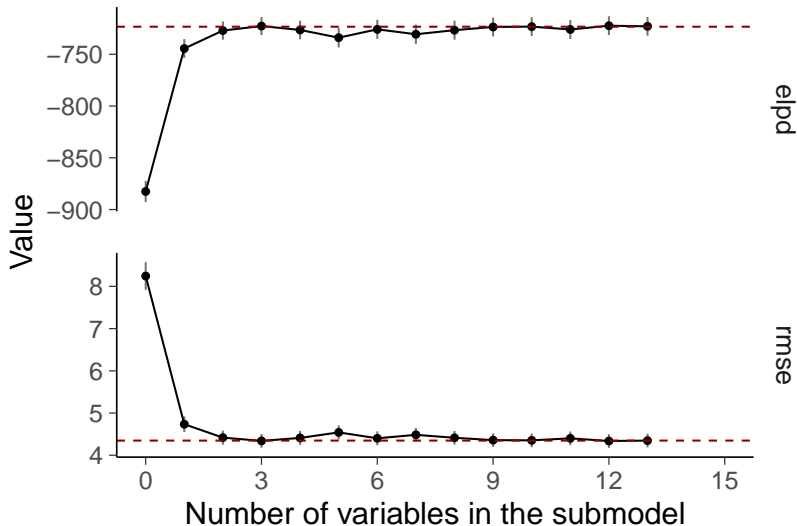
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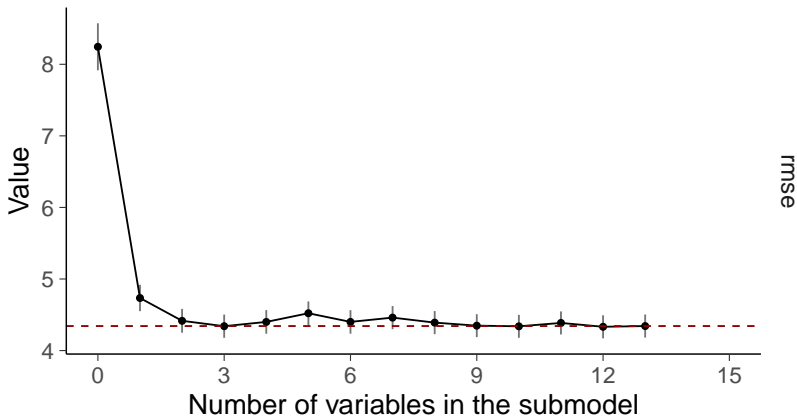
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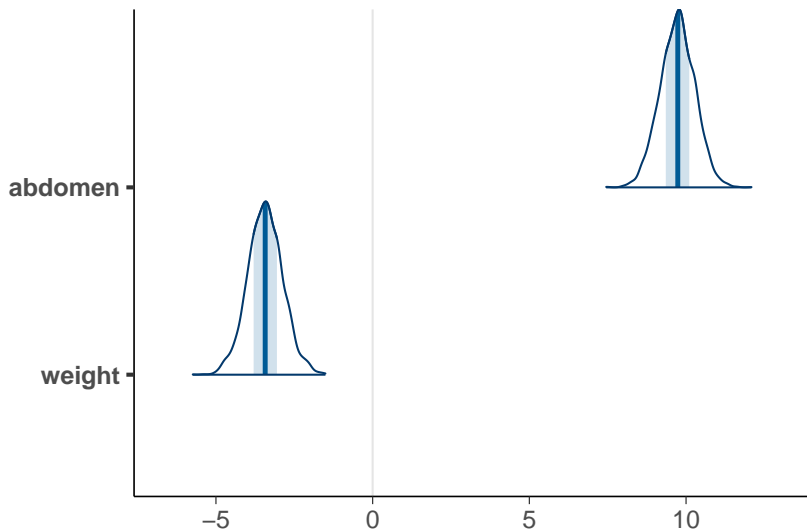The predictive performance of the full and submodels

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One of these plots is probably sufficient

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Marginals of projected posterior

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Additional information

- You can have additional slides after the conclusion for supporting material to answer questions
  - for example, in this course, include Stan code and additional convergence and model checking results

Gaussian linear model with regularized horseshoe prior

```
// generated with brms 2.14.4
functions {
  vector horseshoe(vector z, vector lambda, real tau, real c2) {
    int K = rows(z);
    vector[K] lambda2 = square(lambda);
    vector[K] lambda_tilde = sqrt(c2 * lambda2 ./ (c2 + tau^2 * lambda2));
    return z .* lambda_tilde * tau;
  }
}
data {
  int<lower=1> N;  // total number of observations
  vector[N] Y;  // response variable
  int<lower=1> K;  // number of population-level effects
  matrix[N, K] X;  // population-level design matrix
  // data for the horseshoe prior
  real<lower=0> hs_df;  // local degrees of freedom
  real<lower=0> hs_df_global;  // global degrees of freedom
  real<lower=0> hs_df_slab;  // slab degrees of freedom
  real<lower=0> hs_scale_global;  // global prior scale
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  int prior_only;  // should the likelihood be ignored?
}
```

Classification example: Pima Indians Diabetes

Predict diabetes based on

- Pregnancies
- Glucose
- Blood pressure
- Skin thickness
- Insulin
- BMI
- Diabetes Pedigree
- Age

768 observations

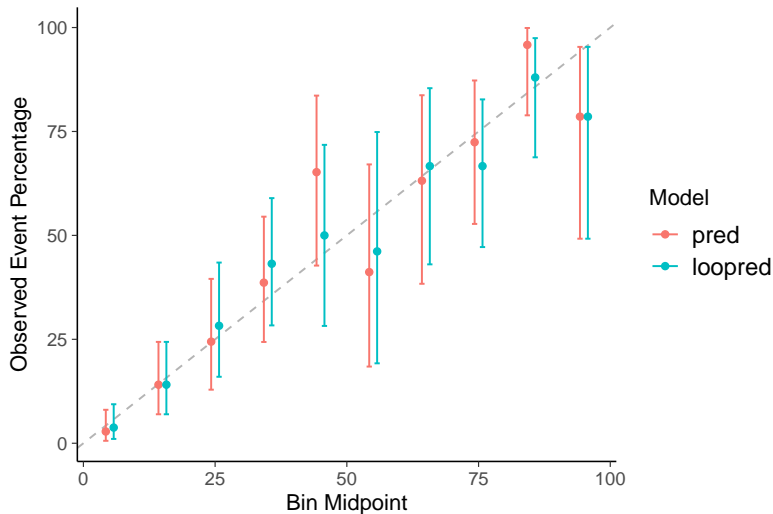https://avehtari.github.io/modelselection/diabetes.html

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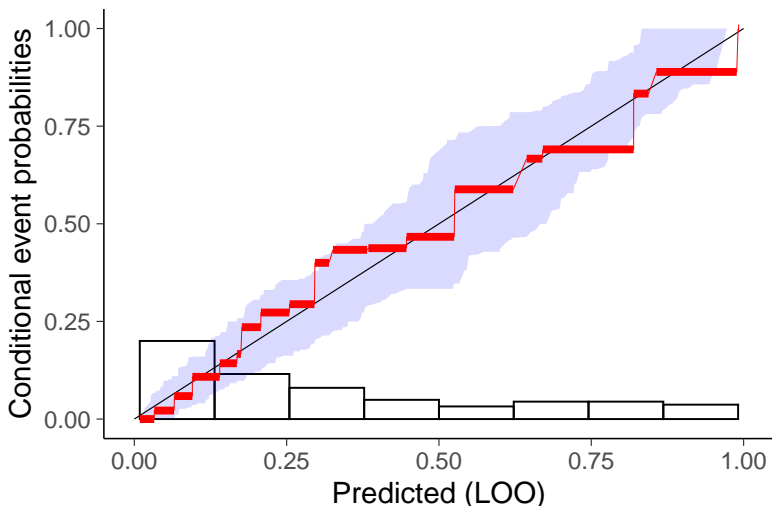Leave-one-out cross-validation classification accuracy 78%

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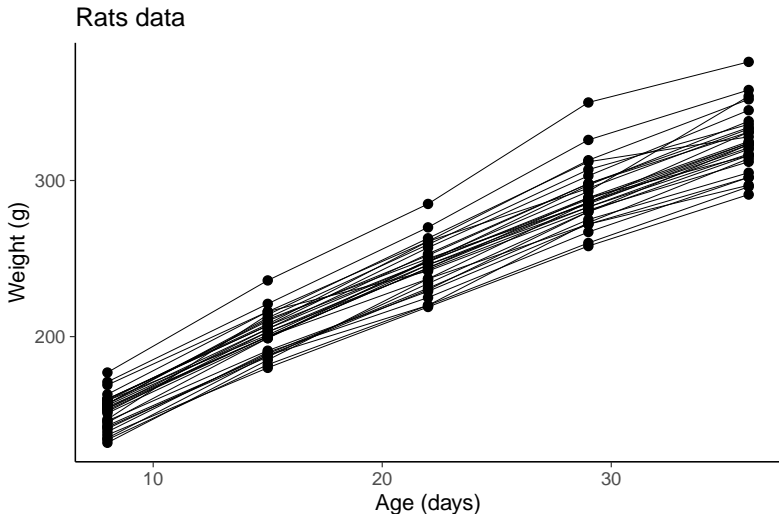
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Rats data

https://avehtari.github.io/modelselection/rats_kcv.html

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Simple linear model

```
fit_1 <- brm(weight ~ age, data=dfrats)
```

Linear model with hierarchical intercept

```
fit_2 <- brm(weight ~ age + (1 | rat), data=dfrats)
```

Linear model with hierarchical intercept and slope

```
fit_3 <- brm(weight ~ age + (age | rat), data=dfrats)
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Example analyses

- Time series with various ARMA models or Gaussian processes
- Spatial data with CAR or Gaussian processes
- Survival analyses with various hazard functions
- Linear vs non-linear regression
- Linear vs hierarchical model
- Ranking models