

# Chapter 2 Single-parameter Models

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Let's import ggplot2 for plotting.

```
library(ggplot2)
theme_set(theme_minimal())
```

## Probability of a girl birth given placenta previa

437 girls and 543 boys have been observed. Calculate and plot the posterior distribution of the proportion of girls  $\theta$ , using uniform prior on  $\theta$ .

### Analysis using a uniform prior distribution

Under a uniform prior distribution for the probability of a girl birth, the posterior distribution is Beta(438, 544).

seq creates evenly spaced values as follows:

```
df1 <- data.frame(theta = seq(0.375, 0.525, 0.001))
a <- 438
b <- 544
head(df1)
```

```
##   theta
## 1 0.375
## 2 0.376
## 3 0.377
## 4 0.378
## 5 0.379
## 6 0.380
```

dbeta computes the posterior density.

```
df1$p <- dbeta(df1$theta, a, b)
head(df1)
```

```
##   theta          p
## 1 0.375 0.0008507679
## 2 0.376 0.0011418738
## 3 0.377 0.0015257278
## 4 0.378 0.0020295190
## 5 0.379 0.0026876416
## 6 0.380 0.0035433725
```