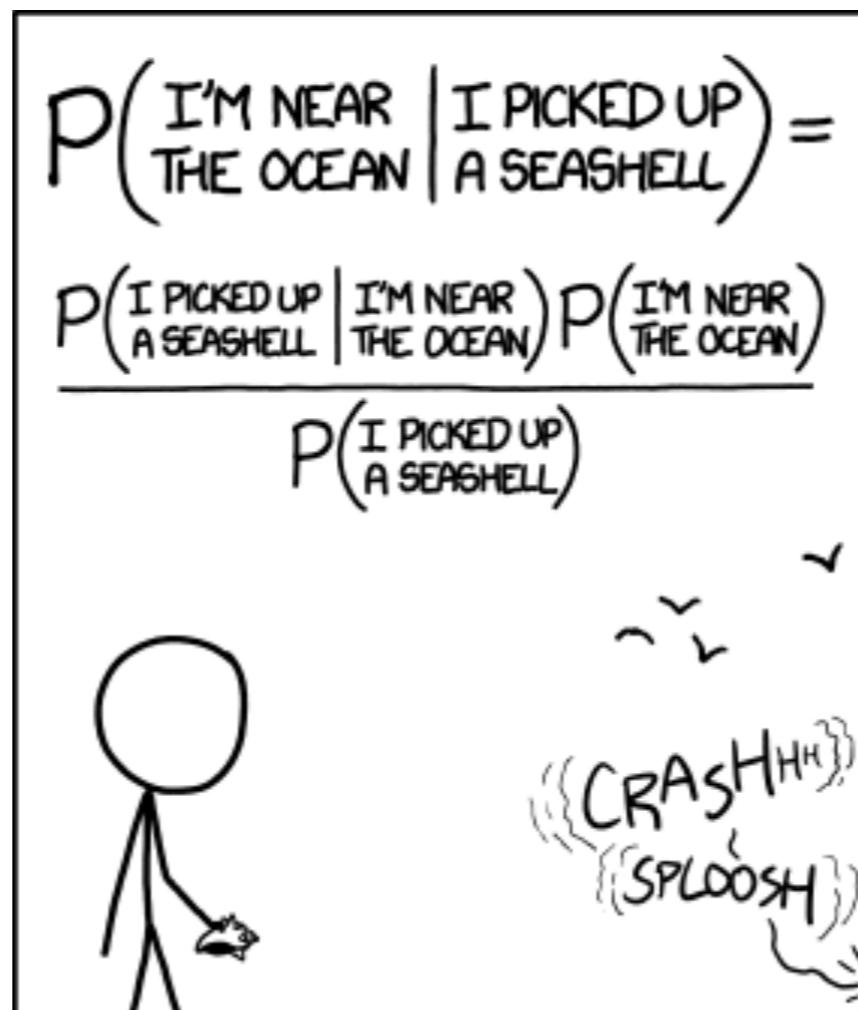


# Bayesian data analysis 4



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"Michael Kiwanuka"

03/07/2022

# **Logistics**

# Homework 7 is optional

My name goes here

The names of the people I have worked w

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## 1 Instructions

This homework is due by Thursday, March 10th, 8:00pm.

As per usual, please upload your rendered pdf on Canvas.

### Note:

- Some code chunks contain some skeleton code. The code chunk option eval=T when you knit your homework, so that your calculations are interpretable, and describe these results from the model.
- Make sure to show the results of your calculations in the knitted pdf function at the end of a code chunk.
- Some questions ask for a short written response as indicated by the question.

Good luck with the homework! If you have any questions, make sure to Thursday and/or post your questions on Edstem.

### 1.1 Load data

For the logistic regression question, we will use a data set which has info transplant patients.

```
data(heart_transplant, package = "openintro")
df.heart = heart_transplant %>%
  mutate(survived = ifelse(survived == "dead", 0, 1))
```

Here is a description of the data set:

The Stanford University Heart Transplant Study was conducted experimental heart transplant program increased lifespan. Each patient designated officially a heart transplant candidate, meaning that would most likely benefit from a new heart. Then the actual heart few weeks to several months depending on the availability of a donor this waiting period show improvement and get deselected as a heart the purposes of this experiment those patients were kept in the de

### 1.2 Part 1: Logistic regression (3 points)

#### Question 1.1: (1 point)

Fit a logistic regression where you predict whether or not a person survived based on the model summary.

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### YOUR CODE HERE ##

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Question 1.2: (1 point)

Use inverse logit to transform the log odds of the model coefficients into a probability of survival. Make sure the result is interpretable, and describe these results from the model.

### YOUR CODE HERE ##

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Your answer:

Question 1.3: (1 point)

Visualize the results of the logistic regression model that you've fitted in Question 2. This describes the relationship between age and the probability of survival.

### YOUR CODE HERE ##

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Your answer:

### 1.3 Part 2: Bayesian inference “by hand” (8 points)

This homework is from “PSYCH 10: Introduction to Statistical Methods” which is taught You may find taking a look at this online chapter useful: [Doing Bayesian Estimation](#)

#### Question 2.1: (2 points)

Let's say that we are interested in the probability that a new drug called Bayesium will cure a patient of frequentitis. For our purposes we are happy to estimate this variable (which we will call theta) to the nearest of 0.1.

Create a data frame called bayesium that includes the following variables:

- theta: a vector containing values of theta ranging from 0.0 to 1.0 in steps of 0.1
- flat\_prior: a vector representing a flat, uniform prior across all possible values of theta. This should be a probability distribution sum to one.
- bayes\_prior: a vector containing a prior based on a binomial distribution with n=10 and p=0.5 reflecting the prior of a Bayesian who strongly believes that the treatment will have been obtained using the command: dbinom(seq(0,10), 10, p = 0.5)
- freq\_prior: a vector containing a prior based on a binomial distribution with n=10 and p=0.5 reflecting the prior of a frequentist who strongly believes that the treatment will have been obtained using the command: dbinom(seq(0,10), 10, p = 0.5)
- dogmatic\_prior: a vector containing a prior with all of its density on theta = 0.5, reflecting the prior of an very dogmatic Bayesian with very strong beliefs about the drug's effectiveness.

### YOUR CODE HERE ##

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Question 2.2: (2 points)

Let's say that we perform a clinical trial of the new drug in 20 people and we find that 10 are saved by the drug. Create a variable within the bayesium data frame called likelihood that contains the binomial likelihood for these data given each value of theta. (Hint: use an R function

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function of the binomial distribution to calculate the number of ‘successes’ or saved lives in a certain number of trials or participants).

Then compute the posterior probabilities for each different prior and add them to the bayesium data frame within the following variables:

- posterior\_flat: posterior given flat\_prior
- posterior\_bayes: posterior given bayes\_prior
- posterior\_freq: posterior given freq\_prior
- posterior\_dogmatic: posterior given dogmatic\_prior

Each of these should be normalized so that they are probabilities (i.e. they sum to one).

```
df.bayesium = df.bayesium %>%
  ### YOUR CODE HERE ##
  mutate(likelihood = ) %>%
  # compute posterior probabilities for each type of prior, and add to df
  #####
```

Question 2.3: (4 points)

For each of the four priors, make a separate figure in which you plot the prior across all values of theta, and include the following: the prior with a black dotted line, the likelihood as a red dashed line, and the posterior with a solid line in blue. Add a title to the plot that includes the name of the prior. You can combine the figures into one using the “patchwork” or “cowplot” library (take a look at notes from the class 03\_visualization2). Alternatively, you can also just create one figure and make figure panels using the facet\_wrap() or facet\_grid() function.

### YOUR CODE HERE ##

# plot priors, likelihood, and posteriors

#####

Then, in your own words, describe how the different priors affect the respective maximum posterior estimates.

Your answer:

### 1.4 Part 3: Bayesian data analysis (4 points)

Question 3.1: (1 point)

Build a bayesian model from the df.heart data similar to the frequentist model in Question 1.1. Call this model fit.brn

```
### YOUR CODE HERE ##
fit.brn = brm(formula =
  family =
  data =
  file = "cache/brn",
  seed = 1)
#####
```

Question 3.2: (1 point)

Print the summary of this model and interpret its coefficients. Compare these to the coefficients from the frequentist model you built in Question 1.1.

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# Final presentation survey

goal: 28

Questions Responses 23 Settings

## Final presentation

Thanks for filling out this survey to help us with planning!

How are you planning to present? \*

- In class (preferred option if possible)
- Remotely (live)
- I will record the presentation and submit a video before March 16th.
- Other...

What's your name (e.g. Tobias Gerstenberg)? \*

Short answer text

What's the name of your team's github repository (e.g. final-project-tobi)? \*

Short answer text

How many people are in your team (e.g. 1, 2, or 3)?

Short answer text

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# Course evaluations

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Course Evaluations <course-evaluations@stanford.edu>  
to Tobias ▾

8:00 AM (4 minutes ago)



Dear Tobias,

End-term course evaluations are now open for students to provide feedback until **Monday, March 21 at 11:59PM**. Please direct your students to complete their feedback through any of the following options:

- in Canvas, students will see a pop-up notification on their Canvas dashboard page any time they log into Canvas during the evaluation period.
- direct link: <http://course-evaluations.stanford.edu>.
- in Axess > Student > Course and Section Evaluations > Link to the evaluation system near the top of the page.

Students who complete all of their feedback will see their grades as soon as they have been submitted. Students who do not complete all of their feedback will not be able to see their grades in Axess until the day after the grade release deadline.

Here are some tips to encourage students to complete their feedback:

- Take a few minutes of class time to allow students to complete feedback;
- Explain that you, the instructor, will only see aggregated, anonymous responses; and,
- Tell students that their feedback is very important and helps you to make improvements to the course for future students.

The student evaluation period closes on **Monday, March 21 at 11:59PM**.

Please visit our website at <https://evals.stanford.edu/end-term-feedback/key-dates-end-term-feedback> for a summary of key dates.

For more information about course evaluations and feedback, or if you have any questions or troubles with your course evaluations, please contact us at [course-evaluations@stanford.edu](mailto:course-evaluations@stanford.edu)

Regards,

Course Evaluations Team

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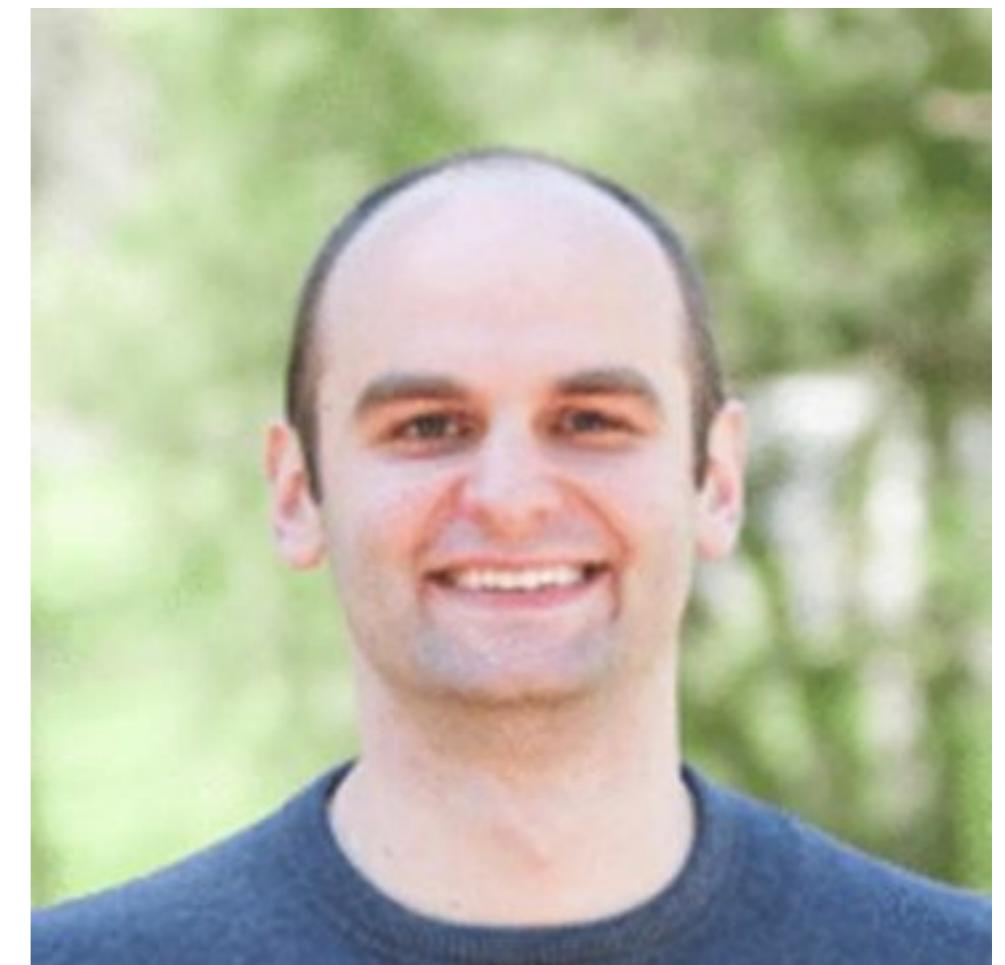
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# Guest lecture: Wednesday



Patrick Bissett

I am a Research Scientist at Stanford University. I am interested in **cognitive control, response inhibition, and decision making**. I use convergent methodologies including **experimental tasks, computational modeling, and functional brain imaging** to understand these processes. I received my Ph. D in Cognition and Cognitive Neuroscience from a University in 2014 and my B. S in Brain, Behavior, and Cognitive Science from University of Michigan in 2008.

# Guest lecture: Friday



Ari



Sarah



Chengxu

# Plan for today

- What we've learned
- What shall I do now?
- Quick recap
- Going beyond with Bayes
  - Evidence for the null hypothesis
  - I only want positive coefficients!
  - Dealing with unequal variance
  - Better modeling slider data
  - Better modeling Likert scale data
- Thanks!

# **What we've learned**

# Learning goals

## What you will learn

You will learn how to **use R** to ...

- read, wrangle, and analyze data
- make publication-ready plots

Understand the philosophy behind null **hypothesis significance testing (NHST)** and **Bayesian statistics** through ...

- running computer simulations and visualizing the results

Formulate **research questions as statistical models** and ...

- determine which models work for different situations

Communicate what you have learned about your data ...

- in short presentations in class, showcasing your visualization and analysis
- in written reports

Contribute to open and **reproducible science** through ...

- adopting good coding practices
- sharing your data and research reports online

# What we've covered

visualization and data wrangling

probability, simulation, causality

linear model

power analysis

model comparison

linear mixed effects models

logistic regression

Bayesian data analysis

Date	Topic
January 3rd	Introduction
January 5th	Visualization I
January 7th	Visualization II
January 10th	Data wrangling I
January 12th	Data wrangling II
January 14th	Probability
January 17th	No class (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
January 19th	Simulation I
January 21st	Simulation II
January 24th	Modeling data
January 26th	Linear model I
January 28th	Linear model II
January 31st	Linear model III
February 2nd	Linear model IV
February 4th	Power analysis
February 7th	Model comparison
February 9th	No class (Midterm)
February 11th	Causality
	Midterm due
February 14th	Linear mixed effects models I
February 16th	Linear mixed effects models II
February 17th	Project proposal due
February 18th	Linear mixed effects models III
February 21st	No class (Presidents' Day)
February 23rd	Linear mixed effects models IV
February 25th	Generalized linear model
February 28th	Bayesian data analysis I
March 2nd	Bayesian data analysis II
March 4th	Bayesian data analysis III
March 7th	Bayesian data analysis IV
March 9th	Guest lecture
March 11th	Guest lecture
March 16th	Final project presentations
March 18th	Final project report due

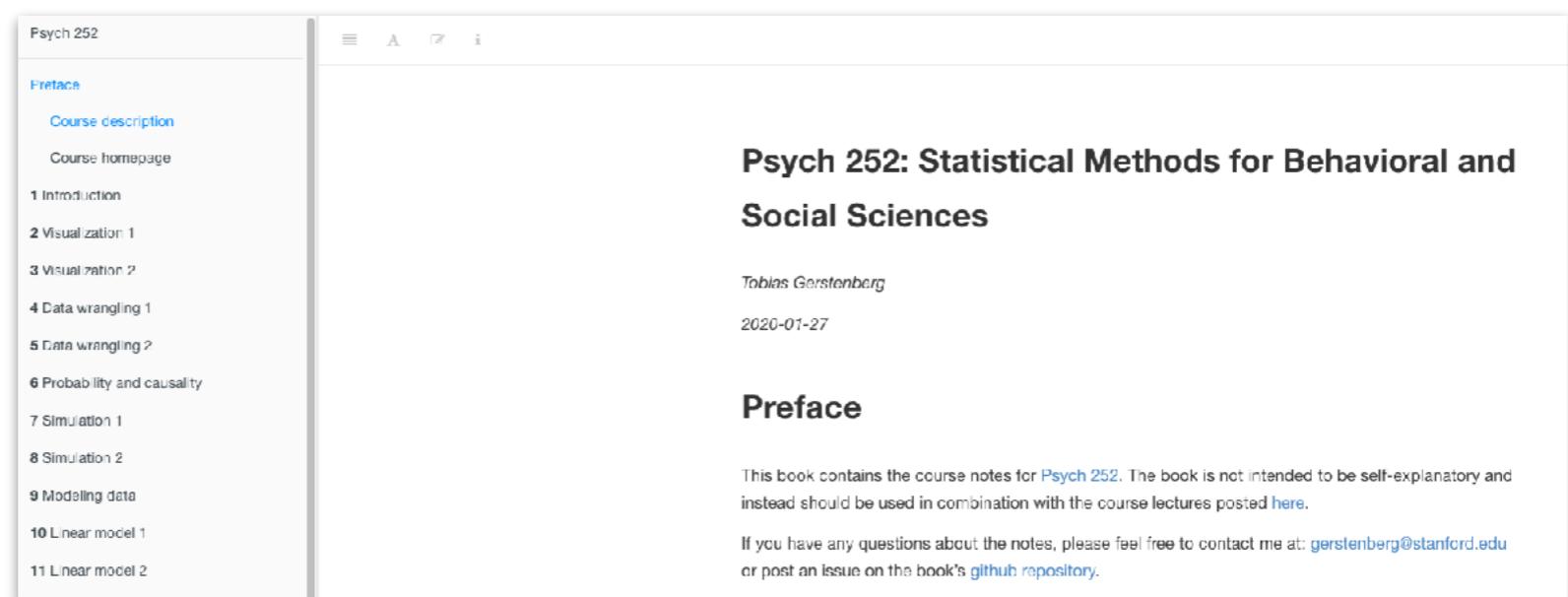
# I'll keep updating the course notes!

**PSYCH 252: STATISTICAL METHODS**

Home Schedule Getting ready Information **Book**

This course offers an introduction to advanced topics in statistics with the focus of understanding data in the behavioral and social sciences. It is a practical course in which learning statistical concepts and building models in R go hand in hand. The course is organized into three parts: In the first part, we will learn how to visualize, wrangle, and simulate data in R. In the second part, we will cover topics in frequentist statistics (such as multiple regression, logistic regression, and mixed effects models) using the general linear model as an organizing framework. We will learn how to compare models using simulation methods such as bootstrapping and cross-validation. In the third part, we will focus on Bayesian data analysis as an alternative framework for answering statistical questions.

**Requirement:** Psych 10, Stats 60, or equivalent.



<https://psych252.github.io/>

you'll have access to the lecture recordings (for at least until the summer)

**including the super accurate captions!**



**Tobi Gerstenberg**

00:00:01

hi I am totally guest  
America i'm an  
assistant professor at  
Stanford university



**take a hint zoom!**

Datacamp (available until ~ mid june)



# **What shall I do now?**

# PSYCH 262



Nilam Ram

## PSYCH 262: Measurement and the Study of Change in Social Science Research (COMM 369)

This course is a survey of methodological issues associated with the measurement of psychological constructs and processes of change. General areas to be covered include use of latent variable models (structural equation modeling), classical test theory, generalizability theory, principal component analysis, factor analysis, item response theory and how these models facilitate and/or constrain the study of change processes. Students will work through application/implementation of the models through hands-on analysis of simulated and empirical data, acquire experiences in the formulation of research questions and study designs that are appropriately tethered to the different theoretical perspectives invoked by the different models.

**Terms:** Spr | **Units:** 3

**Instructors:** Ram, N. (PI)

[Schedule for PSYCH 262](#)

### 2021-2022 Spring

PSYCH 262 | 3 units | UG Reqs: None | Class # 29881 | Section 01 | Grading: Letter or Credit/No Credit | SEM | Session: 2021-2022 Spring 1 | In Person | Students enrolled: 10

03/28/2022 - 06/01/2022 Wed, Fri 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM at [120-452](#) with Ram, N. (PI)

**Instructors:** Ram, N. (PI)

**Notes:** Exception Granted.

# PSYCH 204A



Brian Wandell

## PSYCH 204A: Human Neuroimaging Methods

This course introduces the student to human neuroimaging using magnetic resonance scanners. The course is a mixture of lectures and hands-on software tutorials. The course begins by introducing basic MR principles. Then various MR measurement modalities are described, including several types of structural and functional imaging methods. Finally algorithms for analyzing and visualizing the various types of neuroimaging data are explained, including anatomical images, functional data, diffusion imaging (e.g., DTI) and magnetization transfer. Emphasis is on explaining software methods used for interpreting these types of data.

**Terms:** Win | **Units:** 3

**Instructors:** Wandell, B. (PI) ; Kim, I. (TA)

[Schedule for PSYCH 204A](#)

### 2021-2022 Winter

PSYCH 204A | 3 units | UG Reqs: None | Class # 14950 | Section 01 | Grading: Letter or Credit/No Credit | SEM |

Session: 2021-2022 Winter 1 | In Person | Students enrolled: 16 / 30

01/03/2022 - 03/11/2022 Tue, Thu 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM at [300-300](#) with Wandell, B. (PI); Kim, I. (TA)

Exam Date/Time: 2022-03-15 3:30pm - 6:30pm ([Exam Schedule](#))

**Instructors:** Wandell, B. (PI); Kim, I. (TA)

**Additional Resources:** [Syllabus](#)

<https://syllabus.stanford.edu/syllabus/#/viewSyllabus/W22-PSYCH-204A-01/W22-PSYCH-204A-01/fromExploreCourse>

# ECON 293: Machine Learning and Causal Inference

Susan Athey



## ECON 293: Machine Learning and Causal Inference

This course will cover statistical methods based on the machine learning literature that can be used for causal inference. In economics and the social sciences more broadly, empirical analyses typically estimate the effects of counterfactual policies, such as the effect of implementing a government policy, changing a price, showing advertisements, or introducing new products. This course will review when and how machine learning methods can be used for causal inference, and it will also review recent modifications and extensions to standard methods to adapt them to causal inference and provide statistical theory for hypothesis testing. We consider causal inference methods based on randomized experiments as well as observational studies, including methods such as instrumental variables and those based on longitudinal data. We consider the estimation of average treatment effects as well as personalized policies. Lectures will focus on theoretical developments, while classwork will consist [more >](#)

**Terms:** Spr | **Units:** 3

**Instructors:** Athey, S. (PI) ; Wager, S. (PI) ; Wager, S. (SI)

[Schedule for ECON 293](#)

### 2020-2021 Spring

ECON 293 | 3 units | Class # 20461 | Section 01 | Grading: Letter or Credit/No Credit Exception | CAS | Remote:

Asynchronous | Students enrolled: 26

03/29/2021 - 06/02/2021 - at [Remote](#) with Athey, S. (PI); Wager, S. (SI)

**Instructors:** Athey, S. (PI); Wager, S. (SI)

# ECON 293: Machine Learning and Causal Inference



*Annual Review of Economics*

## Machine Learning Methods That Economists Should Know About

Susan Athey<sup>1,2,3</sup> and Guido W. Imbens<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

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### Keywords

machine learning, causal inference, econometrics

### Abstract

We discuss the relevance of the recent machine learning (ML) literature for economics and econometrics. First we discuss the differences in goals, methods, and settings between the ML literature and the traditional econometrics and statistics literatures. Then we discuss some specific methods from the ML literature that we view as important for empirical researchers in economics. These include supervised learning methods for regression and classification, unsupervised learning methods, and matrix completion methods. Finally, we highlight newly developed methods at the intersection of ML and econometrics that typically perform better than either off-the-shelf ML or more traditional econometric methods when applied to particular classes of problems, including causal inference for average treatment effects, optimal policy estimation, and estimation of the counterfactual effect of price changes in consumer choice models.

Susan Athey



# CS109: Probability for Computer Scientists

**CS109: Probability for Computer Scientists** starts by providing a fundamental grounding in combinatorics, and then quickly moves into the basics of probability theory. We will then cover many essential concepts in probability theory, including particular probability distributions, properties of probabilities, and mathematical tools for analyzing probabilities. Finally, the last third of the class will focus on data analysis and machine learning as a means for seeing direct applications of probability in this exciting and quickly growing subfield of computer science. [Read more here to learn what CS109 is all about.](#) This is going to be a great quarter and we are looking forward to the chance to teach you.

## Teaching Team



**Lecturer:** Chris Piech

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🏡 OH Online

⌚ M 2:00pm-3:00pm



**Lecturer:** Jerry Cain

✉ jerry @ cs

🏡 OH Online

⌚ TBD

- learn more about probability theory through programming
- gain a deeper understanding of the fundamental underlying concepts

<http://web.stanford.edu/class/cs109/schedule.html>

## Advanced Statistical Modeling Spring 2021, Stanford University

Introduction to high-dimensional data analysis and machine learning methods for use in the behavioral and neurosciences, including: supervised methods such as linear regression and classification, linear mixed-effects and hierarchical models, structural equation modeling, and regularization techniques; statistical methods such as bootstrapping, signal detection, and reliability theory; metrics for model/data comparison such as representational similarity analysis; and unsupervised methods such as clustering, PCA, and exploratory factor analysis. Students will learn how to both use existing statistical data analysis packages (such as scikit-learn) as well as build and estimate simple custom models in Python. Requirement: Psych 251, and familiarity with Python programming and introductory linear algebra.

**Time:** Mondays & Wednesdays 13:00 - 14:20 PDT.

- focus on high-dimensional data
- classification
- representational similarity analysis
- clustering ...
- learn Python!

Dan Yamins Russ Poldrack



<https://web.stanford.edu/class/psych253/>

PSYCH 204

offered again next year



Noah Goodman

### **PSYCH 204: Computation and Cognition: The Probabilistic Approach (CS 428)**

This course will introduce the probabilistic approach to cognitive science, in which learning and reasoning are understood as inference in complex probabilistic models. Examples will be drawn from areas including concept learning, causal reasoning, social cognition, and language understanding. Formal modeling ideas and techniques will be discussed in concert with relevant empirical phenomena.

**Terms:** Spr | **Units:** 3

**Instructors:** Goodman, N. (PI) ; Nam, A. (TA)

[Schedule for PSYCH 204](#)

#### **2020-2021 Spring**

PSYCH 204 | 3 units | Class # 31428 | Section 01 | Grading: Letter or Credit/No Credit Exception | LEC | Remote:

Synchronous | Students enrolled: 14

03/29/2021 - 06/04/2021 Tue, Thu 12:30 PM - 1:50 PM at [Remote](#) with Goodman, N. (PI); Nam, A. (TA)

**Instructors:** Goodman, N. (PI); Nam, A. (TA)

# Advanced regression analysis



**last offered 2021**

Sanne Smith

## **EDUC 326: Advanced Regression Analysis**

Social science researchers often deal with complex data and research questions that traditional statistics models like linear regression cannot adequately address. This course offers the opportunity to understand and apply two widely used types of advanced regression analysis that allow the examination of 1) multilevel data structures (multilevel models) and 2) multivariate research questions (structural equation models).

**Terms:** Spr | **Units:** 3-5

**Instructors:** Smith, S. (PI)

[Schedule for EDUC 326](#)

### **2020-2021 Spring**

EDUC 326 | 3-5 units | Class # 27329 | Section 01 | Grading: Letter or Credit/No Credit Exception | LEC | Remote:  
Synchronous | Students enrolled: 5

03/29/2021 - 06/04/2021 Fri 1:00 PM - 3:50 PM at [Remote with Smith, S. \(PI\)](#)

**Instructors:** Smith, S. (PI)

**Additional Resources:** (Login to view additional resources)

# STATS 271: Applied Bayesian Statistics

**last offered 2021**

Scott Linderman



## STATS 271: Applied Bayesian Statistics (STATS 371)

This course is a modern treatment of applied Bayesian statistics with a focus on high-dimensional problems. We will study a collection of canonical methods that see heavy use in applications, including high-dimensional linear and generalized linear models, hierarchical/random effects models, Gaussian processes, variable-dimension and Dirichlet process mixtures, graphical models, and methods used in Bayesian inverse problems. Each method will be accompanied by one or more motivating datasets. Through these examples the course will cover: (1) Bayesian hypothesis testing, multiplicity correction, selection, shrinkage, and model averaging; (2) prior choice; (3) Frequentist properties of Bayesian procedures in high dimensions; and (4) computation by Markov chain Monte Carlo, including constructing efficient Gibbs, Metropolis, and more exotic samplers, empirical convergence analysis, strategies for scaling computation to high dimensions (approximations, divide-and-conquer, minibatching, et cetera), and the theory of convergence rates.

**Terms:** Spr | **Units:** 3

**Instructors:** Linderman, S. (PI)

[Schedule for STATS 271](#)

### 2020-2021 Spring

STATS 271 | 3 units | Class # 19123 | Section 01 | Grading: Letter or Credit/No Credit Exception | LEC | Remote:

Asynchronous | Students enrolled: 14 / 20

03/29/2021 - 06/04/2021 - at [Remote](#) with Linderman, S. (PI)

**Instructors:** Linderman, S. (PI)

and many more ...

- **EDUC 423B:** Introduction to Data Science II: Machine learning (SOC 302B) (overview of machine learning techniques)
- **EDUC 430A:** Experimental Research Design and Analysis (learn how to do field experiments and causal inference)
- **EDUC 430B:** Quasi-Experimental Research Design & Analysis (SOC 258B) ((seeking to) get causal inference without doing experiments)
- **MS&E 226:** Fundamentals of Data Science: Prediction, Inference, Causality (a bit redundant with this class but great if you want to reinforce this knowledge and get an intro to ML)
- **MS&E 231:** Introduction to Computational Social Science (SOC 278) (I heard this was very good. it hasn't been offered for a couple years though)
- **STATS 209A:** Topics in Causal Inference (MS&E 327) (haven't taken but seems like a good intro to causal inference)
- **STATS 216:** Introduction to Statistical Learning
- **CS 228:** Probabilistic Graphical Models: Principles and Techniques

**What shall I not do?**

Email Tobi, Ari, Sarah, Chengxu for stats questions I have in the future



We'd love to hear from you, but we can't help with stats questions.

# Getting help with stats for psych grads

## for anyone

### Consulting Services

The Department of Statistics offers a free online consulting service to members of the broader research community during each Stanford academic quarter.

Under the supervision of a senior faculty member, Statistics graduate students arrange Zoom meetings with clients to help with statistical research questions in areas such as:

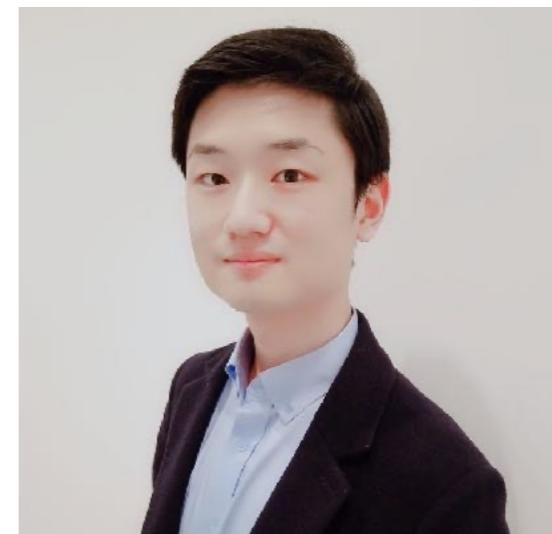
- Experimental design and data acquisition
- Data exploration, analysis, and interpretation
- Modeling data and model fitting
- Statistical inference for estimation, testing, and prediction

Students taking statistics courses should understand that **this is not a tutoring service**.

<https://statistics.stanford.edu/resources/consulting>



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# Quick recap

# Quick recap: Testing hypotheses

## Results

posterior samples			
b_Intercept	b_handneutral	b_handgood	sigma
5.97	4.27	7.49	3.94
5.11	5.25	7.40	3.91
7.03	3.78	5.80	4.48
5.72	4.18	7.25	4.00
6.01	4.44	6.15	4.57
5.94	4.69	6.72	4.36
6.39	3.84	6.40	3.92
5.24	5.15	7.69	4.16
6.12	4.51	7.20	4.14
6.43	3.71	6.37	4.13
5.85	5.01	7.32	4.00
6.51	3.58	6.62	3.95
5.85	4.45	7.62	4.17
5.80	5.45	6.36	4.10
5.48	5.51	7.22	3.99
⋮			

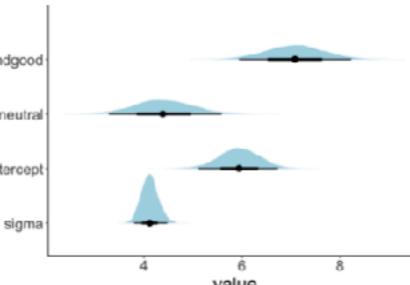
## summary of posterior

parameter	lower	mode	upper
b_handgood	5.97	7.07	8.27
b_handneutral	3.21	4.43	5.51
b_intercept	5.17	5.95	6.77
sigma	3.81	4.12	4.47

maximum  
a posteriori

MAP estimate and 95%  
highest density interval

## visualization



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## Testing hypothesis

```
1 df.hypothesis = fit_brm %>%
2   posterior_samples() %>%
3   clean_names() %>%
4   select(starts_with("b_")) %>%
5   mutate(neutral = b_intercept + b_handneutral,
6         bad_good_average = (b_intercept + b_intercept + b_handgood)/2,
7         hypothesis = neutral < bad_good_average)
```

samples  
from the  
posterior

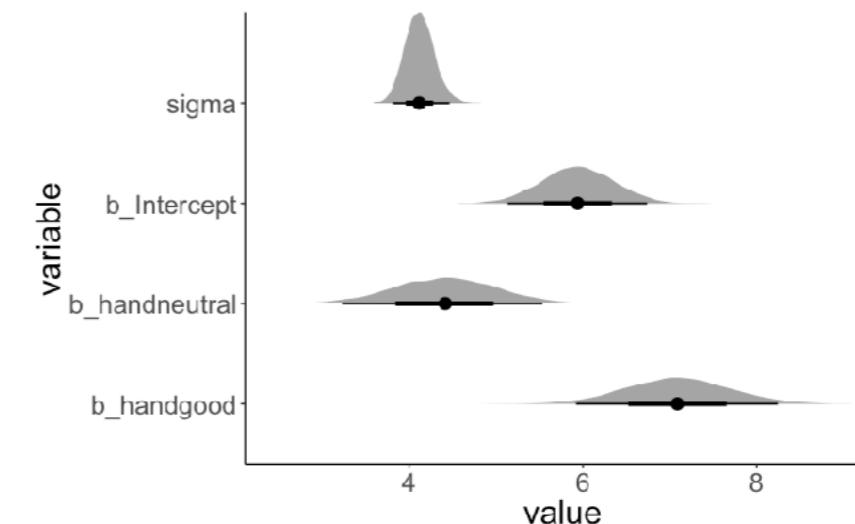
b_intercept	b_handneutral	b_handgood	neutral	bad_good_average	hypothesis
6.07	4.10	7.20	10.17	9.67	FALSE
6.06	4.44	6.95	10.19	9.53	FALSE
5.88	5.00	8.73	10.87	9.24	FALSE
5.85	4.78	6.18	10.63	8.94	FALSE
5.86	4.46	7.68	10.32	9.70	FALSE

```
1 df.hypothesis %>%
2   summarize(p = sum(hypothesis)/n())
```

p = 0.04

Asking questions based on the posterior

Do good hands make twice as much as bad hands?



```
1 hypothesis(fit_brm,
2   hypothesis = "handgood + Intercept > 2 * Intercept")
```

p = 0.89

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The "emmeans" package is your friend!

```
1 fit_brm_poker %>%
2   emmeans(specs = consec ~ hand)
```

estimated  
mean for  
each group

contrasts →

```
$emmeans
hand    emmean lower.HPD upper.HPD
bad      5.94    5.16    6.78
neutral 10.34   9.55   11.15
good    13.02   12.22   13.82

Point estimate displayed: median
HPD interval probability: 0.95
```

```
$contrasts
contrast      estimate lower.HPD upper.HPD
neutral - bad     4.38    3.24    5.52
good - neutral    2.69    1.51    3.78

Point estimate displayed: median
HPD interval probability: 0.95
```

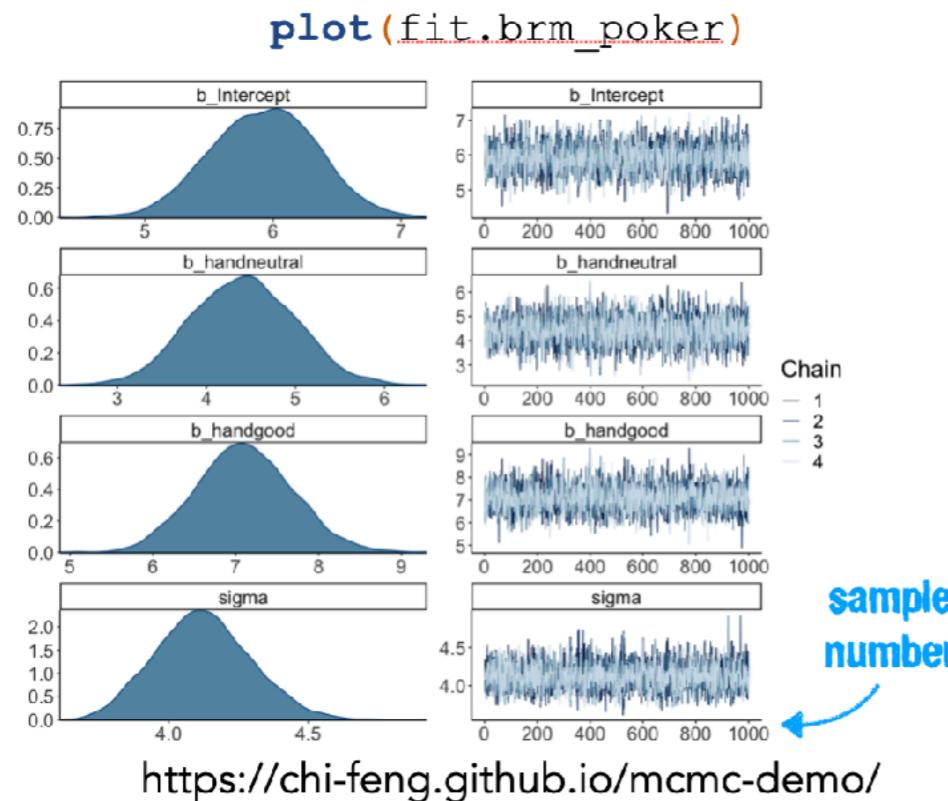
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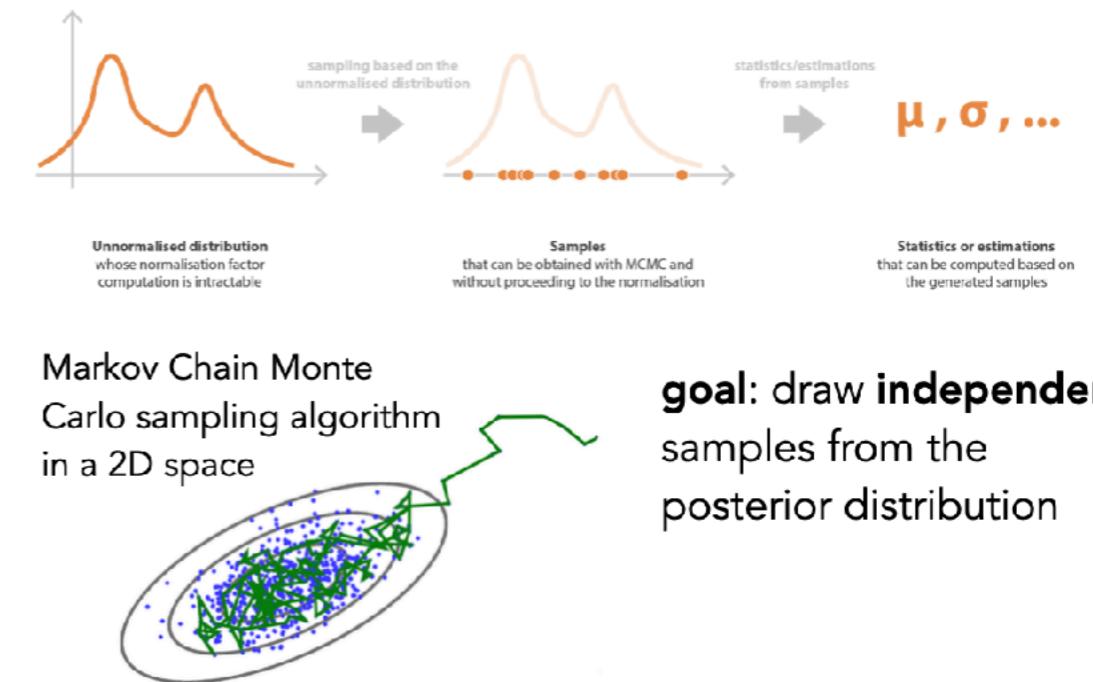
# Quick recap: Model evaluation

Can we trust the model results?



Can we trust the model results?

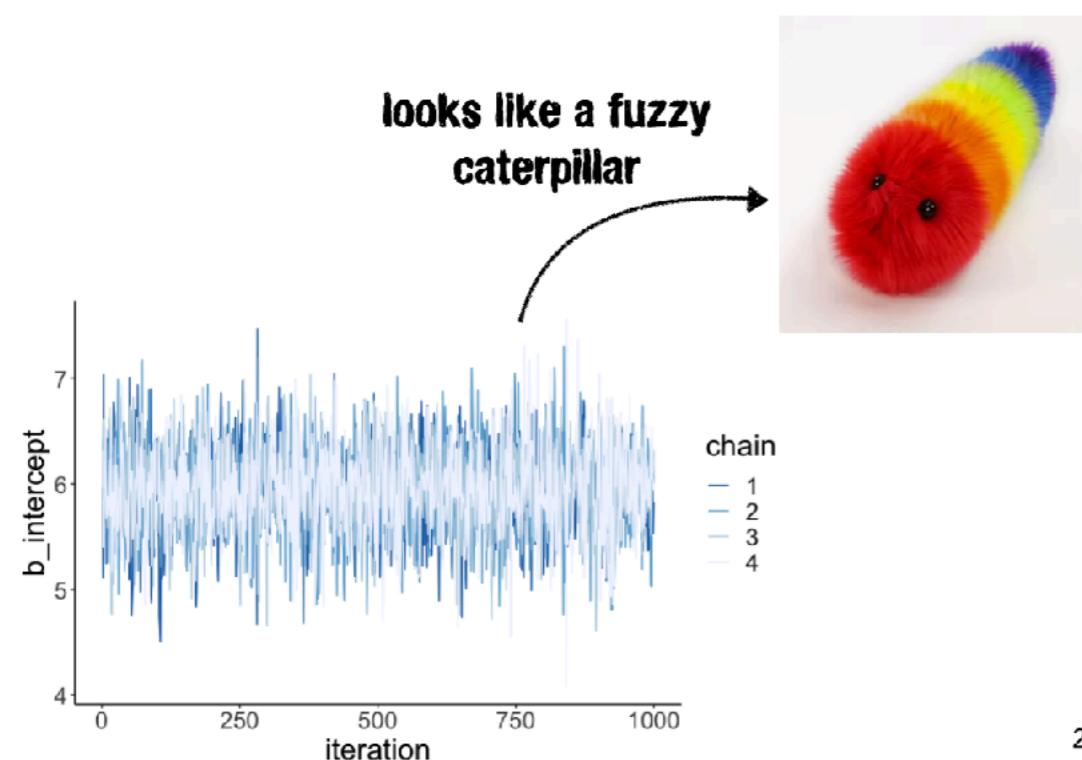
Inference via Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC)



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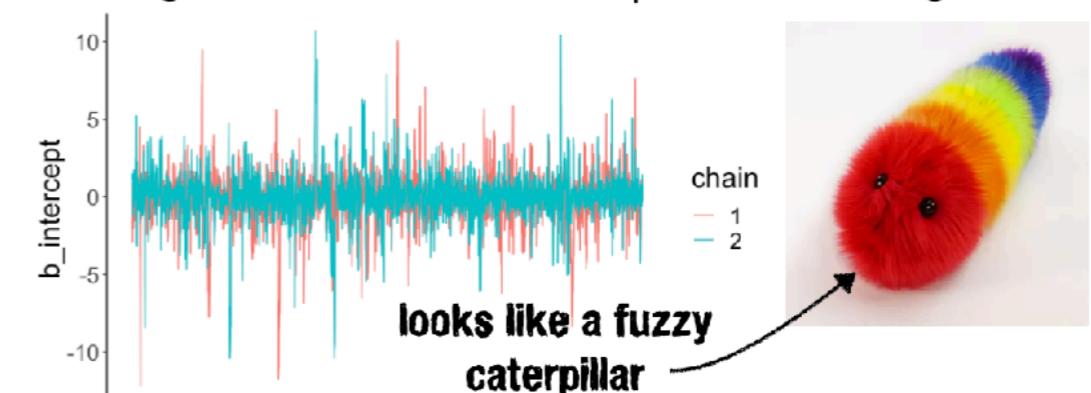
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Can we trust the model results?



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Having somewhat informative priors fixes things



if things go wrong:

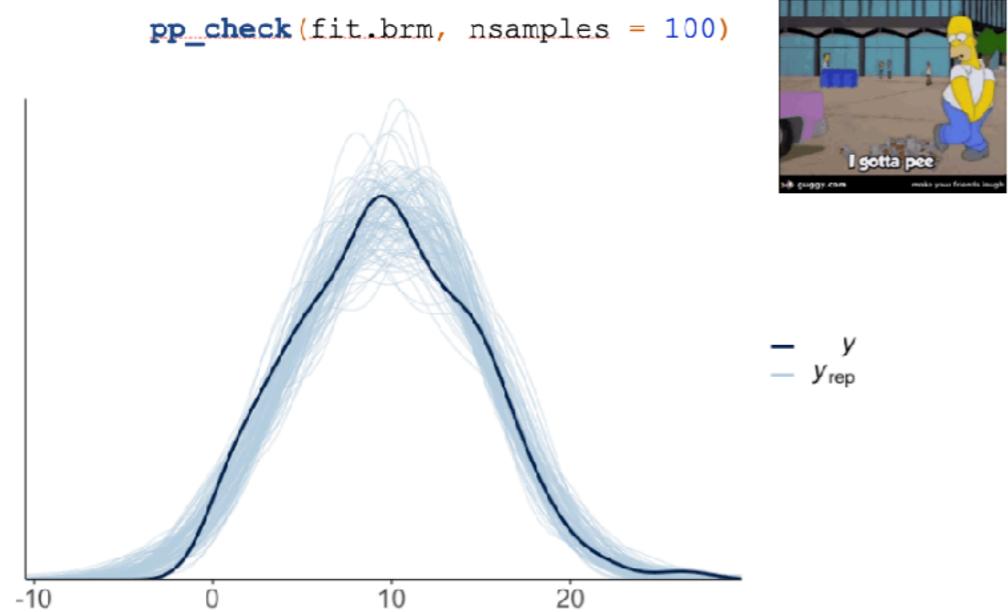
- set more informative priors
- run more warm-up samples
- adjust the sampling algorithm as suggested via the control argument

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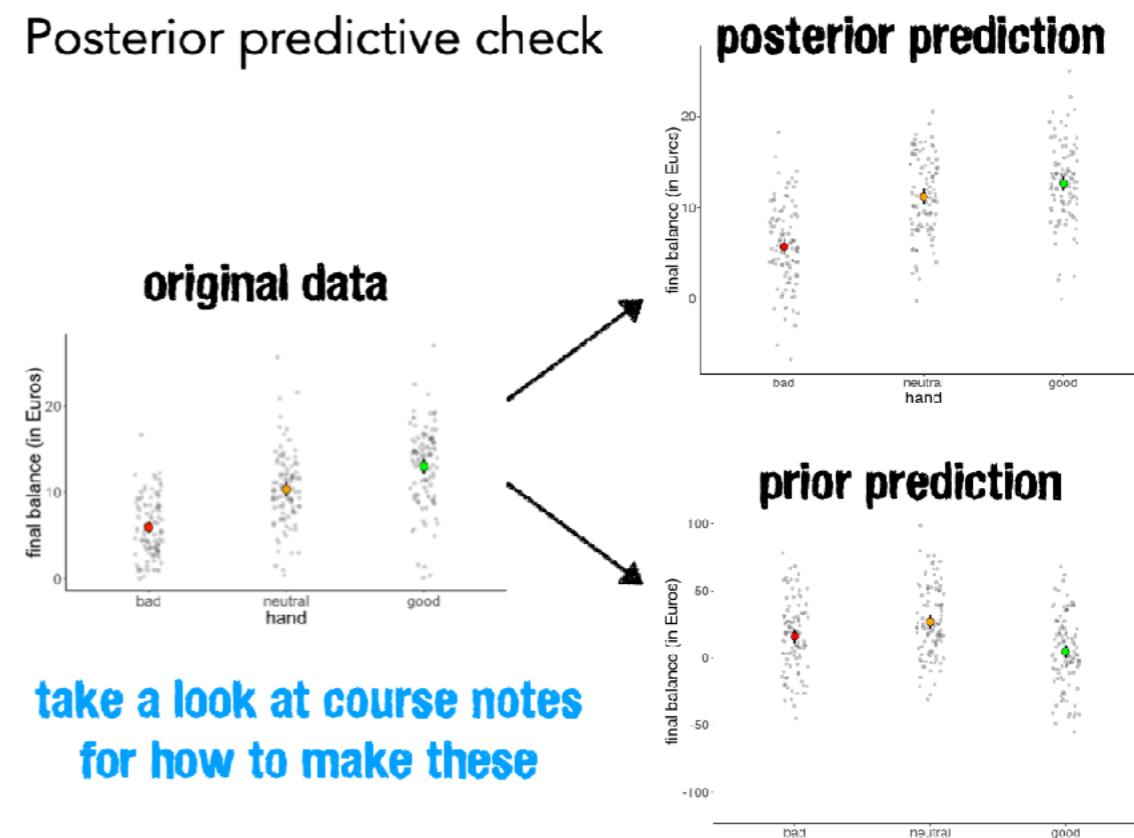
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# Quick recap: Posterior predictive check & reporting

## Posterior predictive check



## Posterior predictive check

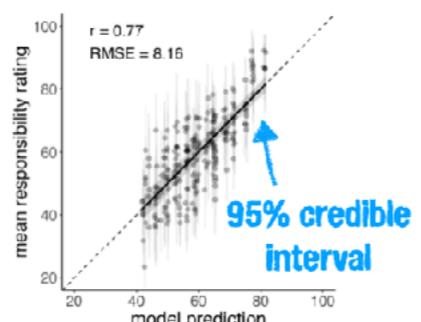


The model accurately captures the distribution of the response variable

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## Reporting results

### Plots



### Text

We computed a Bayesian mixed effects model with random intercepts and slopes to predict participants' responsibility judgments (see Table 1). Figure 6b shows a scatter plot of the model predictions and participants' responsibility judgments for the full set of 170 scenarios (with 250 judgments). Overall, the model predicts participants' responsibility judgments well with  $r = .77$  and  $RMSE = 8.16$ . Table 1 shows the estimates of the different predictors. As can be seen, none of the predictors' 95% HDIs overlap with 0.<sup>1</sup>

### Tables

Table 1 Estimates of the mean, standard error, and 95% HDIs of the different predictors in the Bayesian mixed effects model. Note: n_causes = number of causes.				
term	estimate	std.error	lower 95% HDI	upper 95% HDI
intercept	59.94	3.25	54.70	65.22
surprise	21.08	4.57	14.17	29.23
pivotality	13.52	1.82	10.47	16.55
n_causes	5.72	0.50	6.55	4.90

model formula

parameter estimates

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<sup>1</sup>For any statistical claim, we report the mean of the posterior distribution together with the 95% highest-density interval (HDI). All Bayesian models were written in Stan (Carpenter et al., 2017) and accessed with the brms package (Bürkner, 2017) in R (R Core Team, 2019).

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# Quick recap: Sleep data

## 1. Specify and fit the model

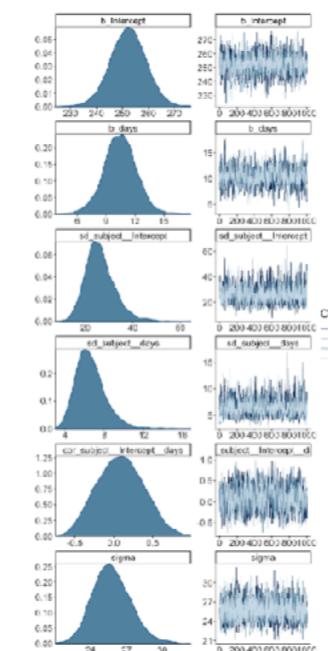
```
1 fit.brmsleep = brm(formula = reaction ~ 1 + days + (1 + days | subject),
2   data = df.sleep,
3   seed = 1,
4   file = "cache/brmsleep")
```



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## a) Did the inference work?

```
1 fit.brmsleep %>%
2   plot(N = 6)
```

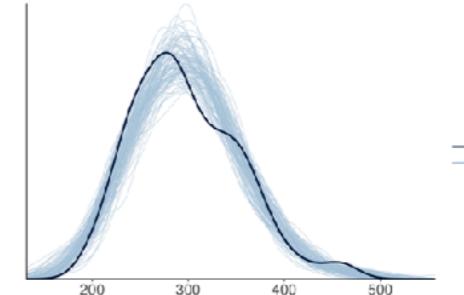


**these look good!**



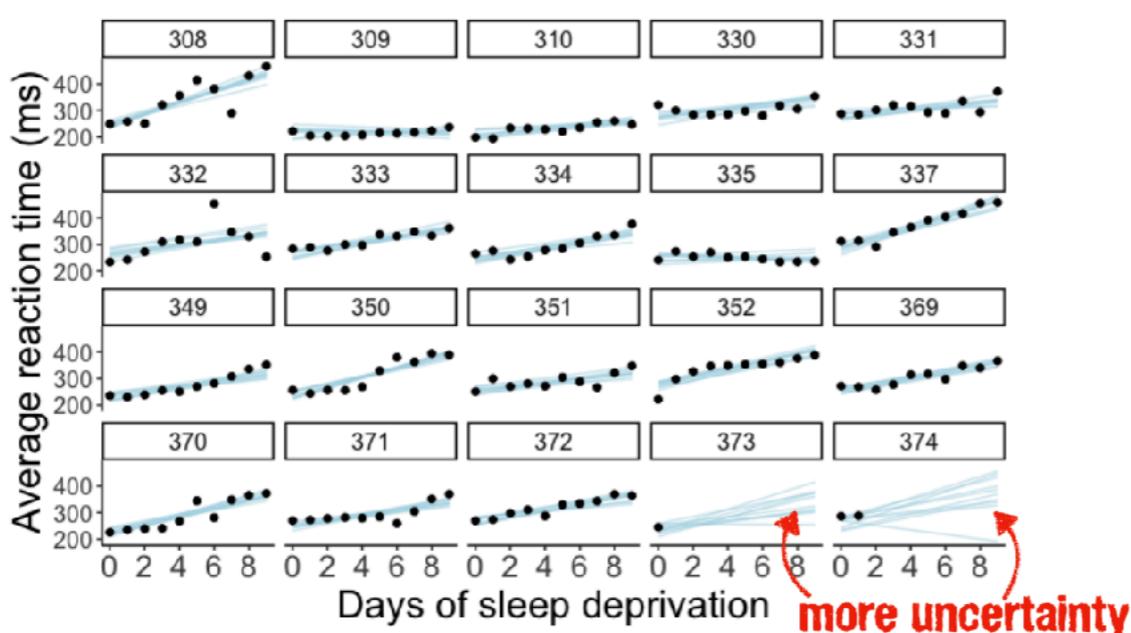
**also looks good!**

```
1 pp_check(fit.brmsleep,
2   nsamples = 100)
```



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## b) Visualize the model predictions



**10 random samples from the posterior distribution**

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## 5. Test specific hypotheses

**Did reaction times increase with the number of days of sleep deprivation?**

```
1 fit.brmsleep %>%
2   summary()
```

```
Family: gaussian
Links: mu = identity; sigma = identity
Formula: reaction ~ 1 + days + (1 + days | subject)
Data: df.sleep (Number of observations: 183)
Samples: 4 chains, each with iter = 2000; warmup = 1000; thin = 1;
total post-warmup samples = 4000

Group-Level Effects:
~subject (Number of levels: 20)
Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI 2.5-95% CI Rhat Bulk ESS Tail ESS
sd(Intercept) 26.16 6.25 15.65 40.54 1.00 1079 2463
sd(days) 5.55 1.52 4.14 10.13 1.00 1145 1625
cor(Intercept, days) 0.00 0.25 0.46 0.67 1.00 993 1526

Population-Level Effects:
Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI 2.5-95% CI Rhat Bulk ESS Tail ESS
Intercept 252.18 6.86 238.47 265.42 1.00 1826 3766
days 10.46 1.84 7.13 13.78 1.00 1203 1782

Family Specific Parameters:
Estimate Est.Error 1-95% CI 2.5-95% CI Rhat Bulk ESS Tail ESS
sigma 25.77 1.57 22.93 29.14 1.00 5864 2773

Samples were drawn using sampling(NUTS). For each parameter, R_eff is a crude measure of effective sample size, and Rhat is the potential scale reduction factor on split chains (at convergence, Rhat = 1).
```



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# Quick recap: Titanic data

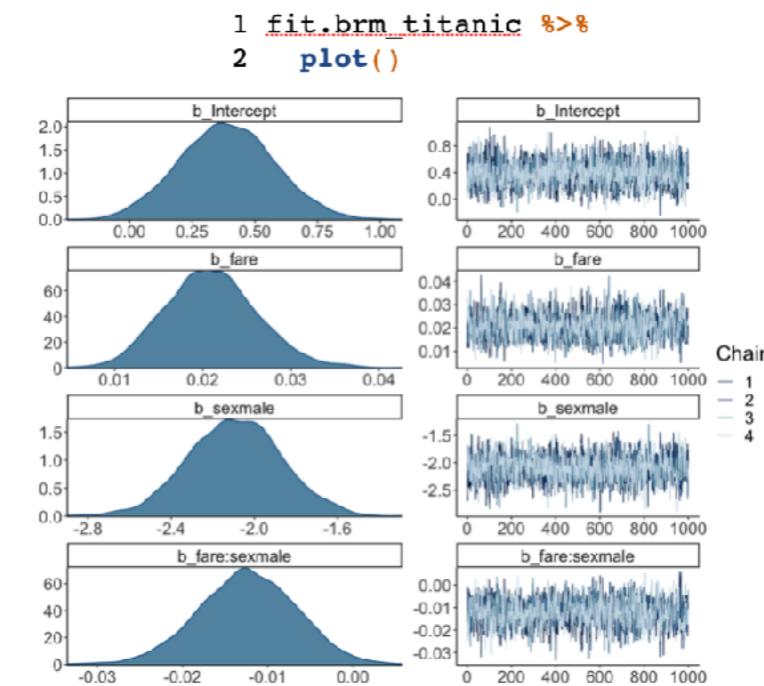
## 1. Specify and fit the model

```
1 fit.brm_titanic = brm(formula = survived ~ 1 + fare * sex,
2   family = "bernoulli",
3   data = df.titanic,
4   file = "cache/brm_titanic",
5   seed = 1)
```

just need to  
change the family

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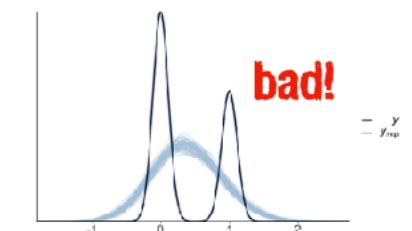
## a) Did the inference work?



```
1 pp_check(fit.brm_titanic,
2 nsamples = 100)
```



model with Gaussian family



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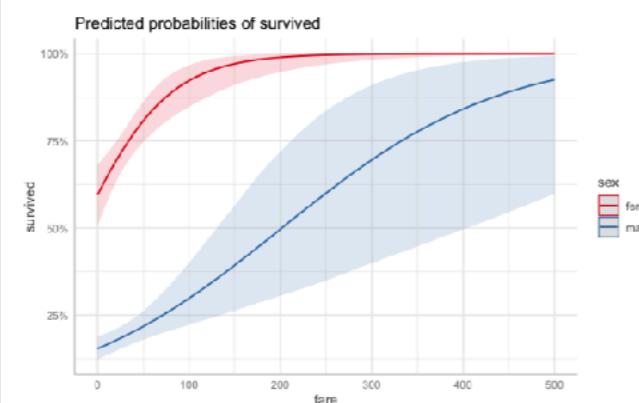
## 4. Interpret the model parameters



```
1 fit.brm_titanic %>%
2 ggpredict(terms = c("fare [0:500]", "sex"))
```

```
# Predicted probabilities of survived
# x = fare
# sex = female
x | Predicted | 95% CI
---|---|---
0 | 0.60 | [0.51, 0.68]
83 | 0.89 | [0.82, 0.95]
167 | 0.98 | [0.93, 1.00]
250 | 1.00 | [0.97, 1.00]
333 | 1.00 | [0.99, 1.00]
500 | 1.00 | [1.00, 1.00]

# sex = male
x | Predicted | 95% CI
---|---|---
0 | 0.15 | [0.12, 0.19]
83 | 0.27 | [0.21, 0.35]
167 | 0.43 | [0.28, 0.62]
250 | 0.60 | [0.35, 0.84]
333 | 0.75 | [0.43, 0.94]
500 | 0.93 | [0.60, 0.99]
```



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## 5. Test specific hypotheses

Was the effect of fare on survival different for men vs women?

```
1 fit.brm_titanic %>%
2 emtrends(specs = pairwise ~ sex,
3           var = "fare")
```

```
$emtrends
sex      fare.trend lower.HPD upper.HPD
female    0.02083   0.01129   0.0316
male     0.00845   0.00385   0.0135

Point estimate displayed: median
HPD interval probability: 0.95

$contrasts
contrast      estimate lower.HPD upper.HPD
female - male  0.0124  0.000884  0.0232

Point estimate displayed: median
HPD interval probability: 0.95
```

the chance of survival  
increased more with fare  
for female than male  
passengers

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# **Going beyond**

# **Evidence for the null hypothesis**

# Evidence for the null hypothesis



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## Using Bayes to get the most out of non-significant results

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### [HTML] Using Bayes to get the most out of non-significant results

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No scientific conclusion follows automatically from a statistically non-significant result, yet people routinely use non-significant results to guide conclusions about the status of theories (or the effectiveness of practices). To know whether a non-significant result counts against a theory, or if it just indicates data insensitivity, researchers must use one of: power, intervals (such as confidence or credibility intervals), or else an indicator of the relative evidence for one theory over another, such as a Bayes factor. I argue Bayes factors allow theory to be ...

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- There is nothing special about  $H_0$  compared to  $H_1$  in Bayesian inference
- We can get evidence of  $H_0$  over  $H_1$  (e.g. using the Bayes factor approach)

# Rolling the dice



Four sided



Six sided

both dice are equally likely to be picked  
 $p(\text{blue die}) = p(\text{white die}) = 0.5$

both dice are equal sided  
(uniform probability over the different numbers)

**Which die do you think was rolled?**

$$4 \quad p(\text{blue die} | \text{data}) = ?$$

$$4, 2, 1 \quad p(\text{blue die} | \text{data}) = 0.77$$

$$4, 2, 1, 3, 1 \quad p(\text{blue die} | \text{data}) = 0.88$$

$$4, 2, 1, 3, 1, 5 \quad p(\text{blue die} | \text{data}) = 0$$

# Bayes factor

$$BF_{01} = \frac{p(D | H_0)}{p(D | H_1)}$$

probability of the data  
given  $H_0$

probability of the data  
given  $H_1$

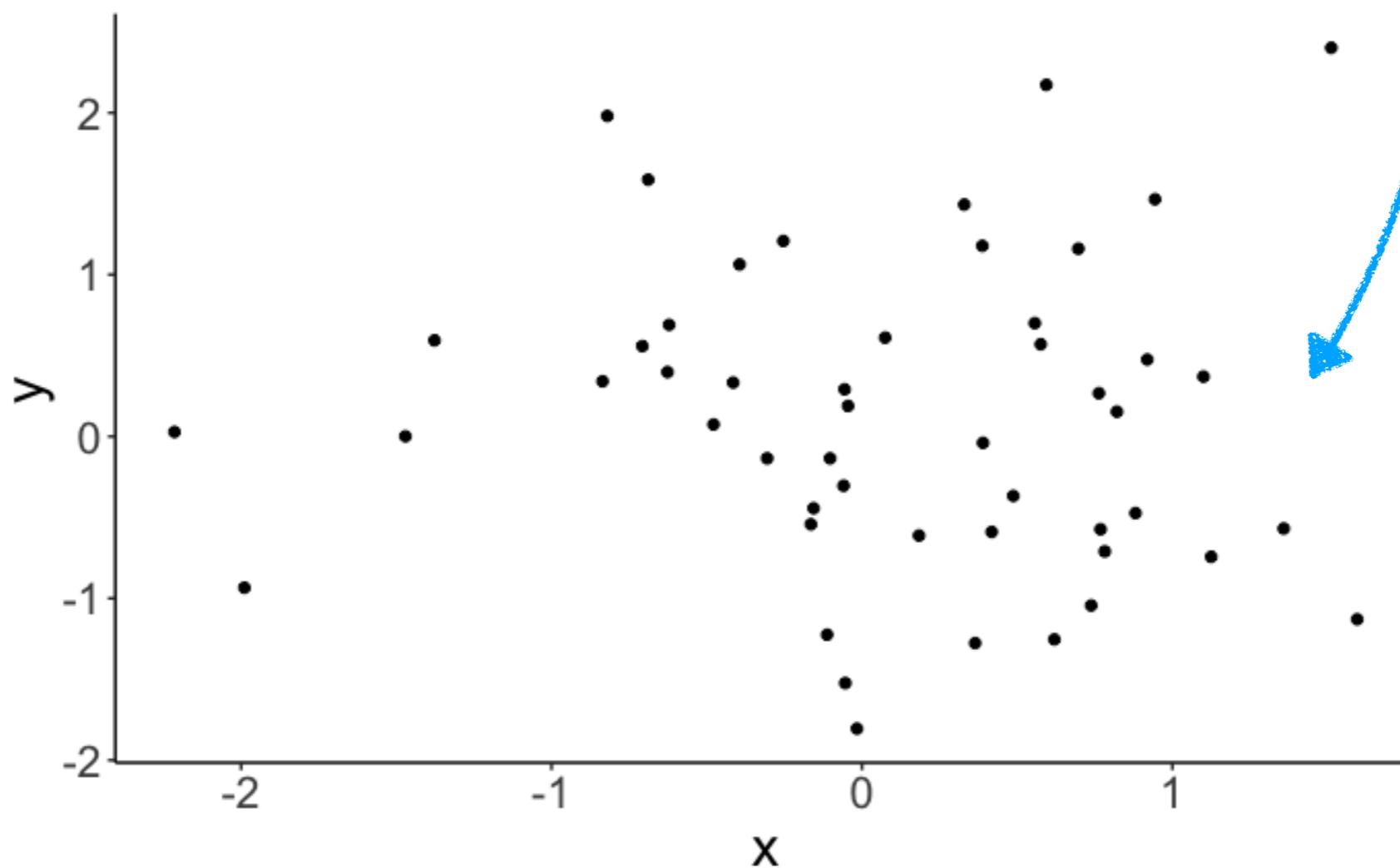
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 <https://vuorre.netlify.com/post/2017/03/21/bayes-factors-with-brms/>

# Approximate LOO

# Evidence for the null hypothesis

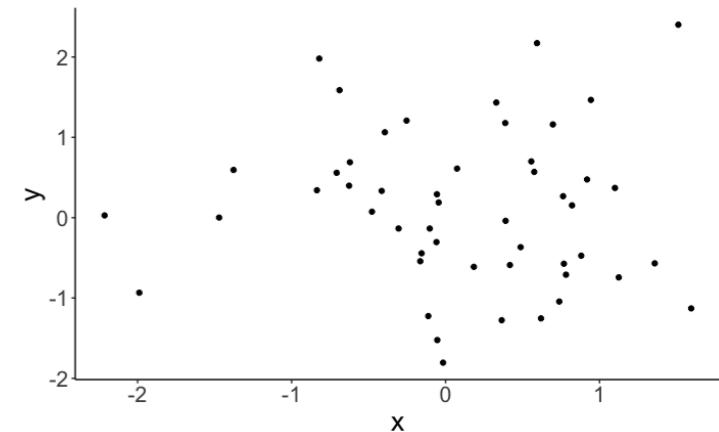
```
1 set.seed(1)
2 df.loo = tibble(x = rnorm(n = 50),
3                  y = rnorm(n = 50))
4
5 ggplot(data = df.loo,
6         mapping = aes(x = x,
7                         y = y)) +
8 geom_point()
```



no relationship  
between x and y

# Evidence for the null hypothesis

```
1 fit.lm_loo = lm(formula = y ~ 1 + x,  
2                   data = df.loo)  
3  
4 fit.lm_loo %>%  
5   summary()
```



```
Call:  
lm(formula = y ~ 1 + x, data = df.loo)  
  
Residuals:  
    Min      1Q  Median      3Q     Max  
-4.2185 -0.6735  0.0018  0.6734  4.2428  
  
Coefficients:  
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)  
(Intercept)  0.0006437  0.0031639   0.203   0.839  
x            -0.0019184  0.0031541  -0.608   0.543  
  
Residual standard error: 1.001 on 99998 degrees of freedom  
Multiple R-squared:  3.7e-06, Adjusted R-squared:  -6.301e-06  
F-statistic: 0.37 on 1 and 99998 DF, p-value: 0.543
```

cannot reject the  $H_0$  that the reduction in error due to  $x$  is what one would have expected by chance

# Evidence for the null hypothesis

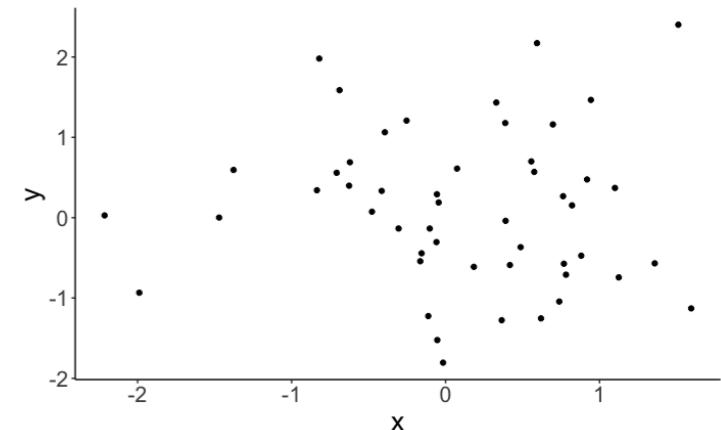
```
1 fit.brm_loo1 = brm(formula = y ~ 1, data = df.loo)
2
3 fit.brm_loo2 = brm(formula = y ~ 1 + x, data = df.loo)
4
5 fit.brm_loo1 = add_criterion(fit.brm_loo1, criterion = "loo")
6
7 fit.brm_loo2 = add_criterion(fit.brm_loo2, criterion = "loo")
```

**loo\_compare(fit.brm\_loo1, fit.brm\_loo2)**

	elpd_diff	se_diff
fit.brm_loo1	0.0	0.0
fit.brm_loo2	-1.1	0.5

**model\_weights(fit.brm\_loo1, fit.brm\_loo2)**

fit.brm_loo1	fit.brm_loo2
99.99999	0.00001



approximate  
leave-one-out  
cross-validation

**I want only positive coefficients!**

# I only want positive coefficients!

```
1 brm(formula = how_much_i_love_stats ~ 1 + tobi + ari + sarah + chengxu,  
2       data = df.stats_love)
```

coefficients in the model

```
1 # priors  
2 priors = c(set_prior("normal(0,10)", class = "b", lb = 0))
```

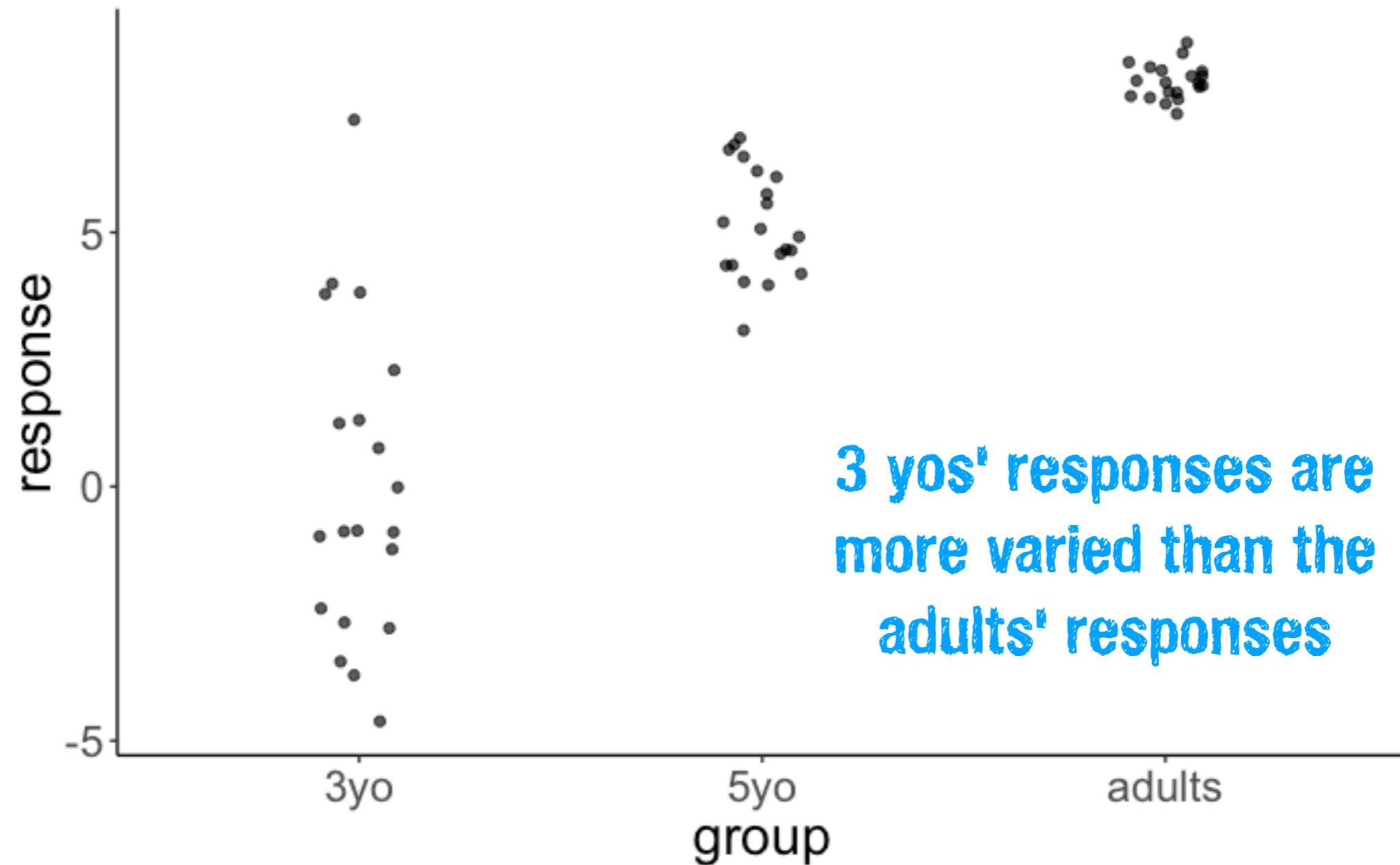
lower bound = 0

```
1 brm(formula = how_much_i_love_stats ~ 1 + tobi + ari + sarah + chengxu,  
2       prior = priors,  
3       data = df.stats_love)
```

# **Dealing with unequal variance**

# Unequal variance aka heteroscedasticity

```
1 df.variance = tibble(group = rep(c("3yo", "5yo", "adults"), each = 20),  
2                         response = rnorm(n = 60,  
3                                         mean = rep(c(0, 5, 8), each = 20),  
4                                         sd = rep(c(3, 1.5, 0.3), each = 20)))
```



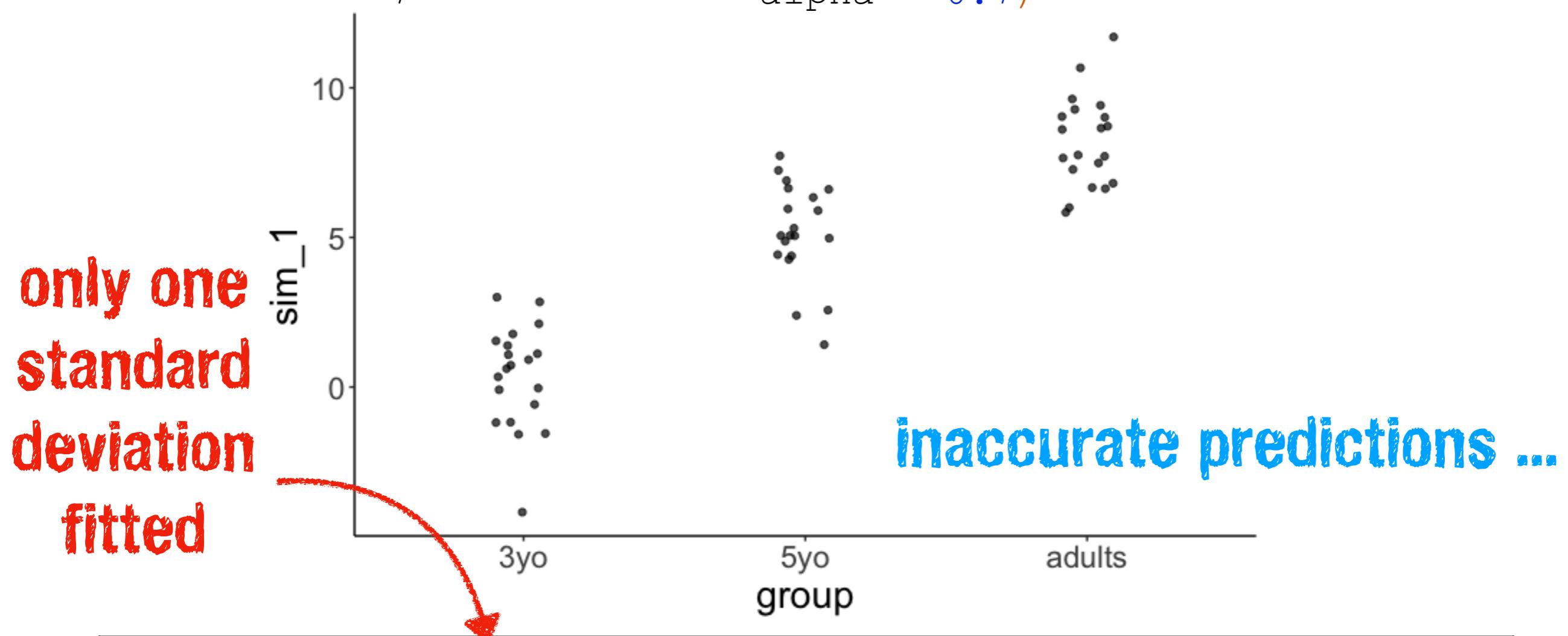
# Unequal variance aka heteroscedasticity

```
1 fit.lm1 = lm(formula = response ~ 1 + group,  
2                         data = df.variance)  
3  
4 fit.lm1 %>%  
5   summary()
```

```
Call:  
lm(formula = response ~ 1 + group, data = df.variance)  
  
Residuals:  
    Min      1Q  Median      3Q     Max  
-4.6145 -0.8288 -0.0879  0.6315  7.2193  
  
Coefficients:  
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)  
(Intercept) -0.005336  0.421618 -0.013    0.99  
group5yo      5.172810  0.596258  8.675 5.25e-12 ***  
groupadults   7.970655  0.596258 13.368 < 2e-16 ***  
---  
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1  
  
Residual standard error: 1.886 on 57 degrees of freedom  
Multiple R-squared:  0.7635, Adjusted R-squared:  0.7552  
F-statistic: 91.99 on 2 and 57 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

# Unequal variance aka heteroscedasticity

```
1 fit.lm1 %>%
2   simulate() %>%
3   bind_cols(df.variance) %>%
4   ggplot(aes(x = group, y = sim_1)) +
5   geom_jitter(height = 0,
6                 width = 0.1,
7                 alpha = 0.7)
```



r.squared	adj.r.squared	sigma	statistic	p.value	df	logLik	AIC	BIC	deviance	df.residual
0.76	0.76	1.89	91.99	0	3	-121.65	251.3	259.68	202.65	57

# Unequal variance aka heteroscedasticity

```
1 fit.brml = brm(formula = bf(response ~ group,  
2                   sigma ~ group),  
3                   data = df.variance,  
4                   file = "cache/brml",  
5                   seed = 1)
```

modeling both the  
means and variances

```
Family: gaussian  
Links: mu = identity; sigma = log  
Formula: response ~ group  
         sigma ~ group  
Data: df.variance (Number of observations: 60)  
Samples: 4 chains, each with iter = 2000; warmup = 1000; thin = 1;  
         total post-warmup samples = 4000
```

Population-Level Effects:

	Estimate	Est.Error	l-95% CI	u-95% CI	Rhat	Bulk_ESS	Tail_ESS
Intercept	-0.01	0.73	-1.41	1.51	1.01	1107	1072
sigma_Intercept	1.15	0.17	0.85	1.51	1.00	1991	1922
group5yo	5.18	0.77	3.60	6.65	1.00	1252	1327
groupadults	7.98	0.74	6.47	9.37	1.01	1110	1079
sigma_group5yo	-1.05	0.24	-1.51	-0.57	1.00	2249	2420
sigma_groupadults	-2.19	0.24	-2.66	-1.74	1.00	2171	2427

Samples were drawn using sampling(NUTS). For each parameter, Bulk\_ESS and Tail\_ESS are effective sample size measures, and Rhat is the potential scale reduction factor on split chains (at convergence, Rhat = 1).

# Unequal variance aka heteroscedasticity

```
Family: gaussian  
Links: mu = identity; sigma = log ← on a log scale!  
Formula: response ~ group  
         sigma ~ group  
Data: df.variance (Number of observations: 60)  
Samples: 4 chains, each with iter = 2000; warmup = 1000; thin = 1;  
         total post-warmup samples = 4000
```

Population-Level Effects:

	Estimate	Est.Error	1-95% CI	u-95% CI	Rhat	Bulk_ESS	Tail_ESS
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sigma_Intercept	1.15	0.17	0.85	1.51	1.00	1991	1922
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groupadults	7.98	0.74	6.47	9.37	1.01	1110	1079
sigma_group5yo	-1.05	0.24	-1.51	-0.57	1.00	2249	2420
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Samples were drawn using sampling(NUTS). For each parameter, Bulk\_ESS and Tail\_ESS are effective sample size measures, and Rhat is the potential scale reduction factor on split chains (at convergence, Rhat = 1).

mean = **c(0, 5, 8)**

sd = **c(3, 1.5, 0.3)**

**3 year olds**  $e^{1.15} = 3.16$

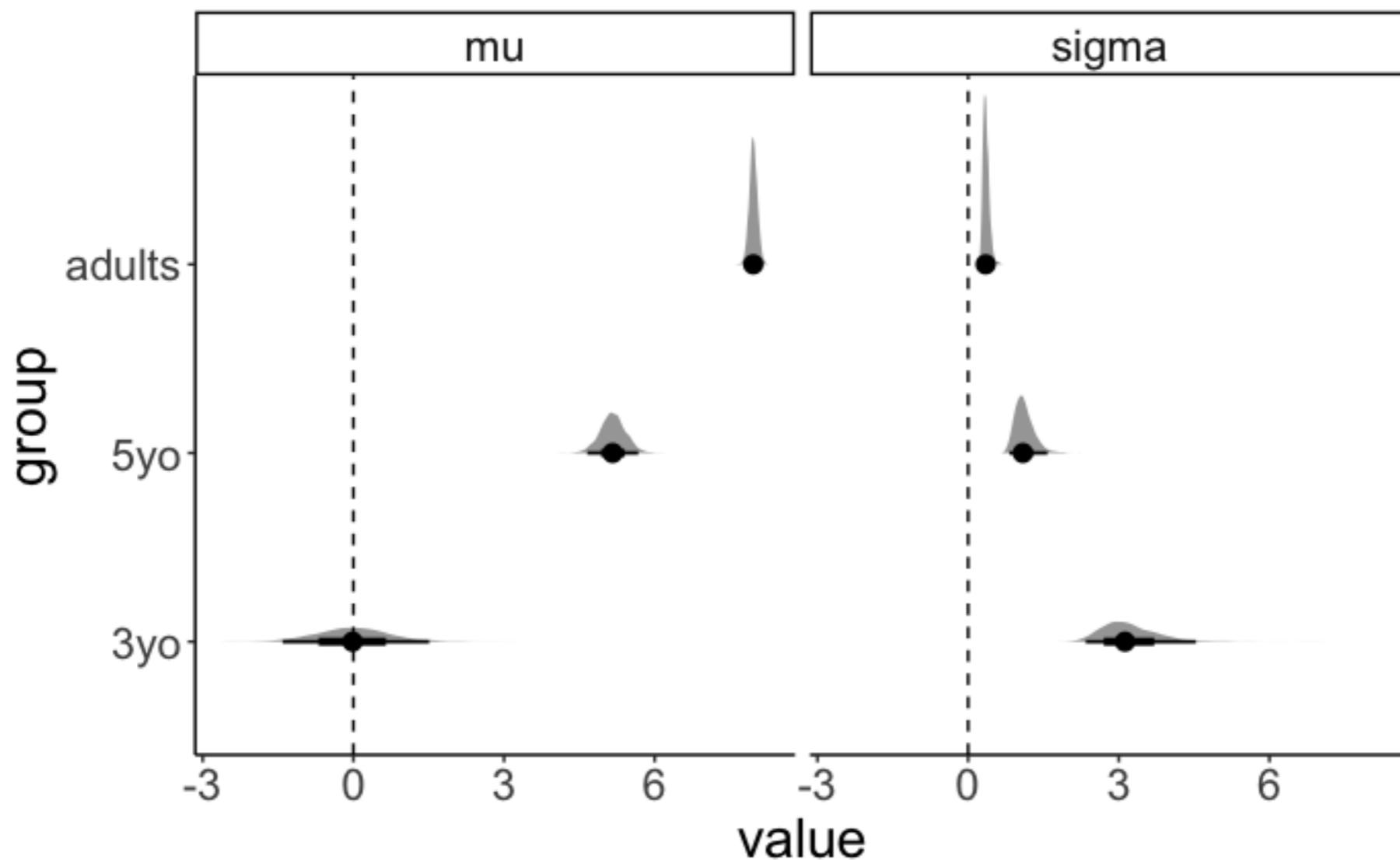


**5 year olds**  $e^{1.15+(-1.05)} = 1.10$

**adults**  $e^{1.15+(-2.19)} = 0.35$

# Unequal variance aka heteroscedasticity

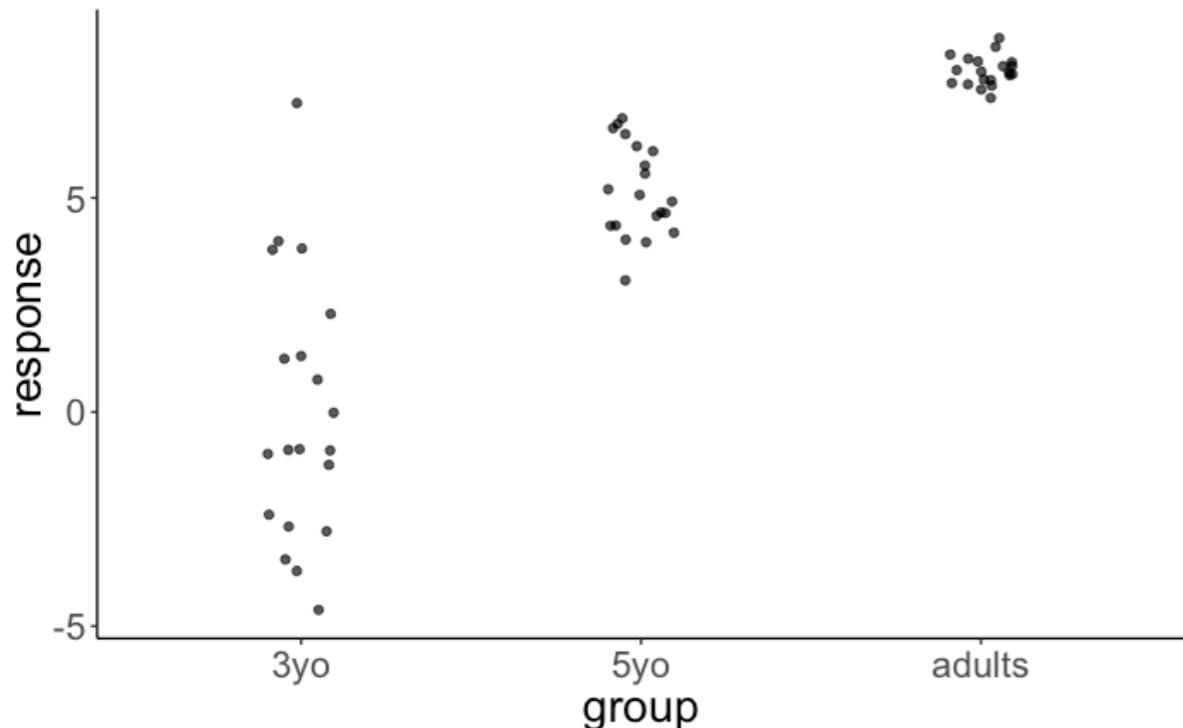
```
1 df.variance %>%
2   expand(group) %>%
3   add_fitted_draws(fit.brml, dpar = TRUE) %>%
4   select(group, .row, .draw, posterior = .value, mu, sigma) %>%
5   pivot_longer(cols = c(mu, sigma),
6                 names_to = "index",
7                 values_to = "value") %>%
8   ggplot(aes(x = value, y = group)) +
9   geom_halfeyeh() +
10  geom_vline(xintercept = 0, linetype = "dashed") +
11  facet_grid(cols = vars(index))
```



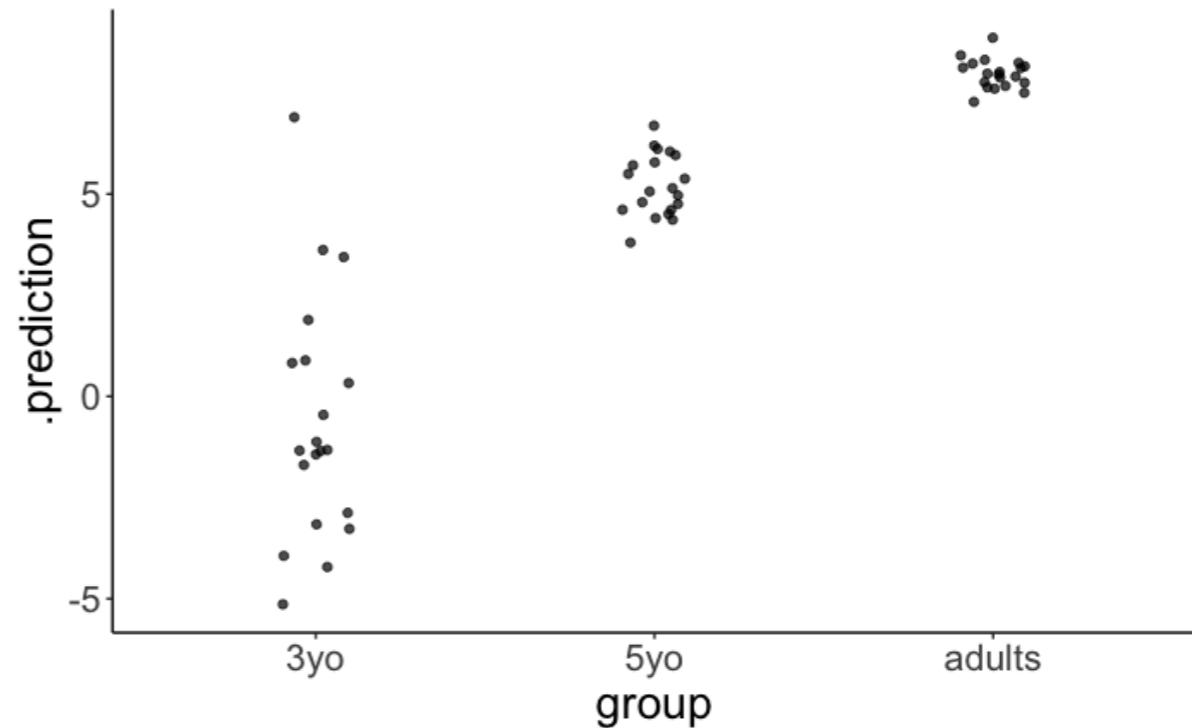
# Unequal variance aka heteroscedasticity

```
1 df.variance %>%
2   add_predicted_draws(model = fit.brml,
3                         n = 1) %>%
4   ggplot(aes(x = group, y = .prediction)) +
5   geom_jitter(height = 0,
6                 width = 0.1,
7                 alpha = 0.7)
```

original data



predicted data

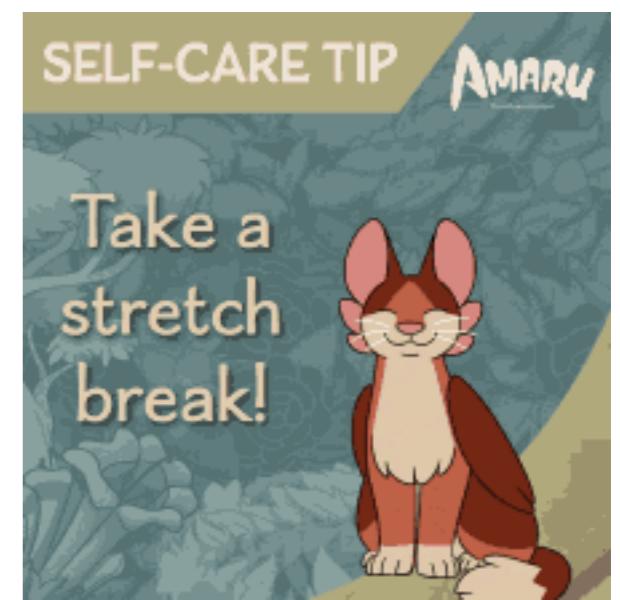
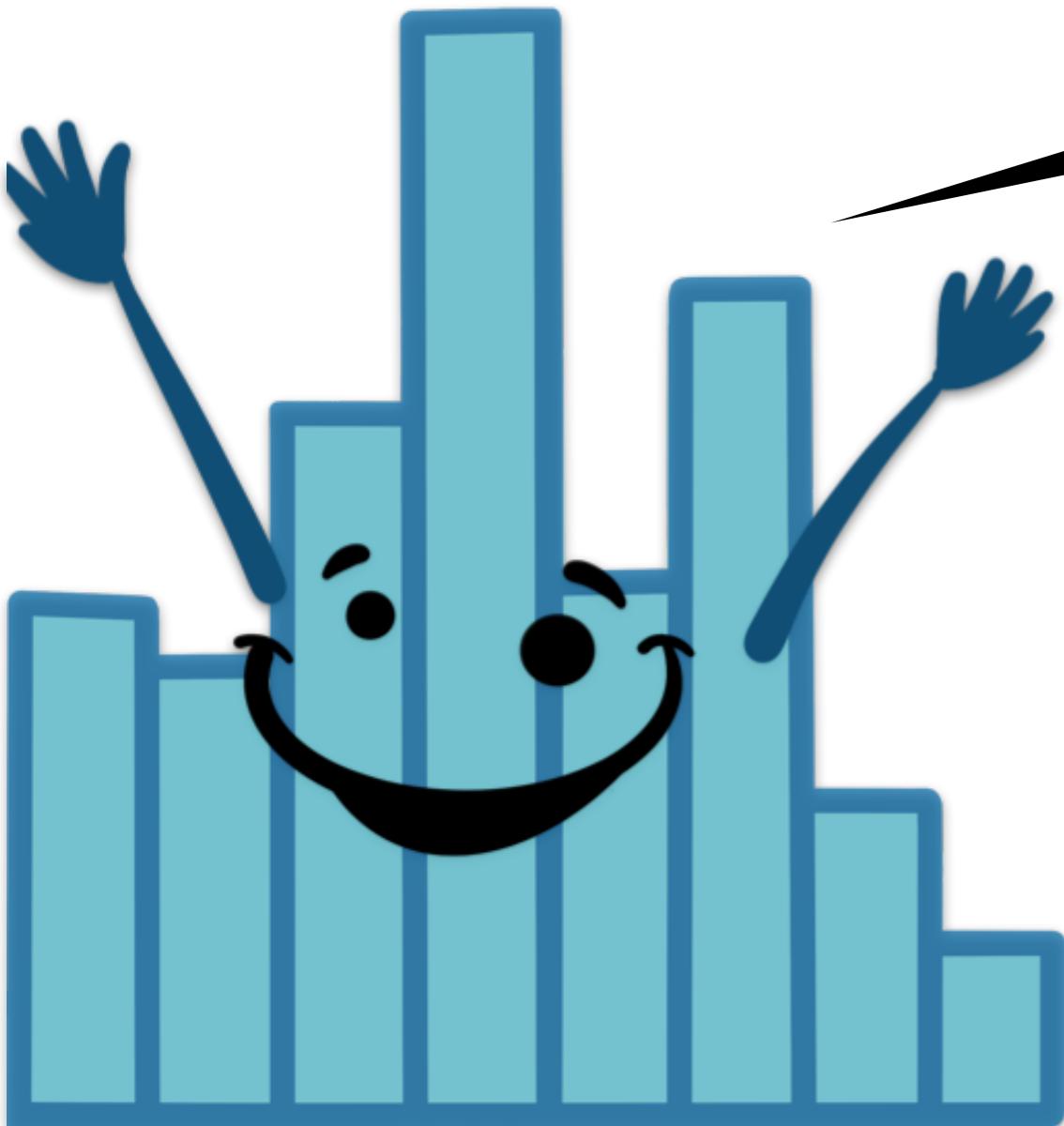


these predictions look good!

We're listening to  
"Big Bad Trumpet  
Player" by "Kormac"

02:00

stretch break!



# Better modeling slider data

# Example taken from ...

## How to analyze visual analog (slider) scale data?

A reasonable choice might be the zero-one-inflated beta model

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### Introduction

In psychological experiments, subjective responses are often collected using two types of response scales: ordinal and visual analog scales. These scales are unlikely to provide normally distributed data. However, researchers often analyze responses from these scales with models that assume normality of the data.<sup>1</sup>

Ordinal scales, of which binary ratings are a special case, provide ordinal data and are thus better analyzed using ordinal models (Bürkner and Vuorre 2018; Liddell and Kruschke 2018).

<https://vuorre.netlify.com/post/2019/02/18/analyze-analog-scale-ratings-with-zero-one-inflated-beta-models/#zoib-regression>

**In general, what is more important to you?**

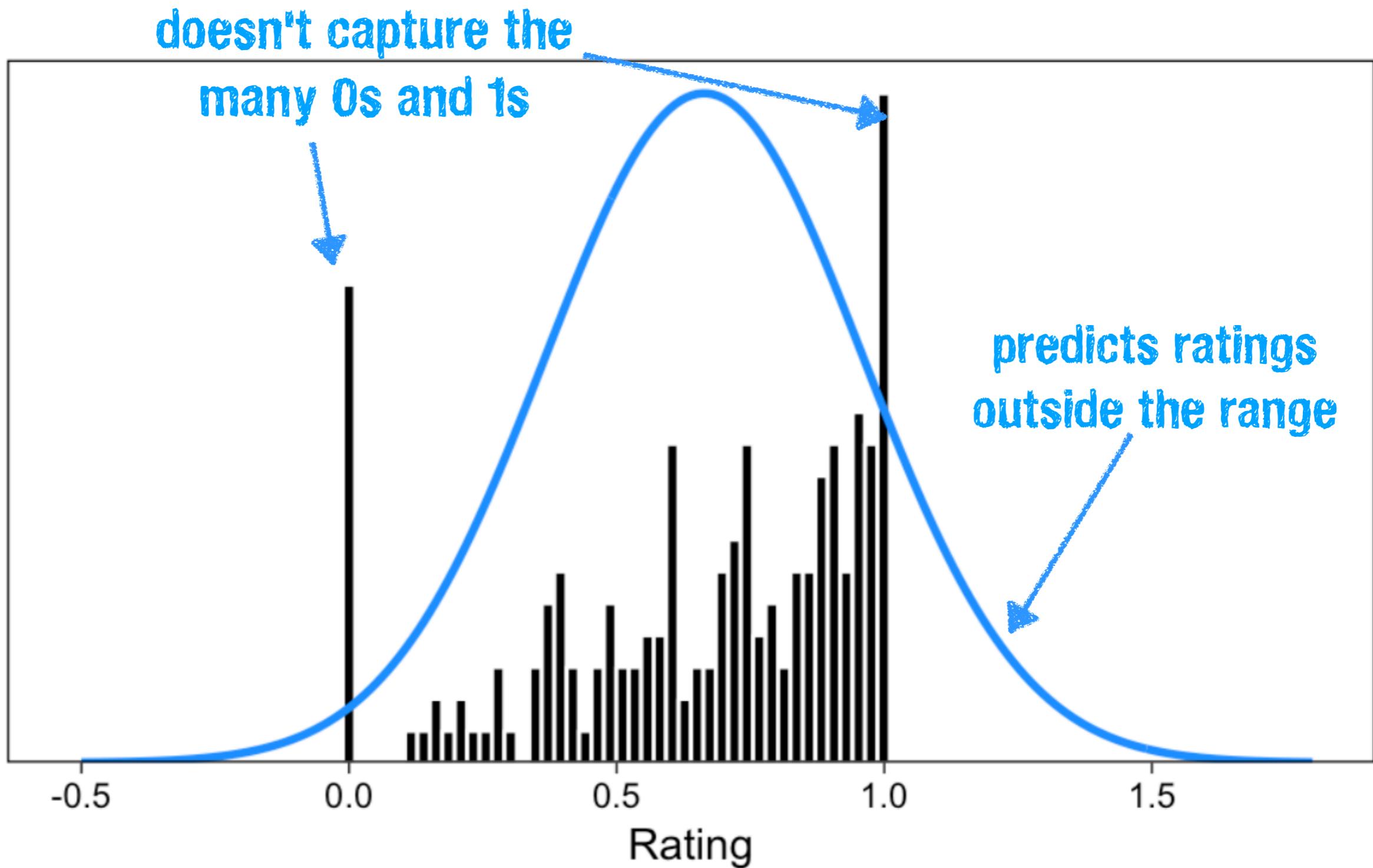
Leisure

Money



Next

# Normality assumption is (almost always) violated



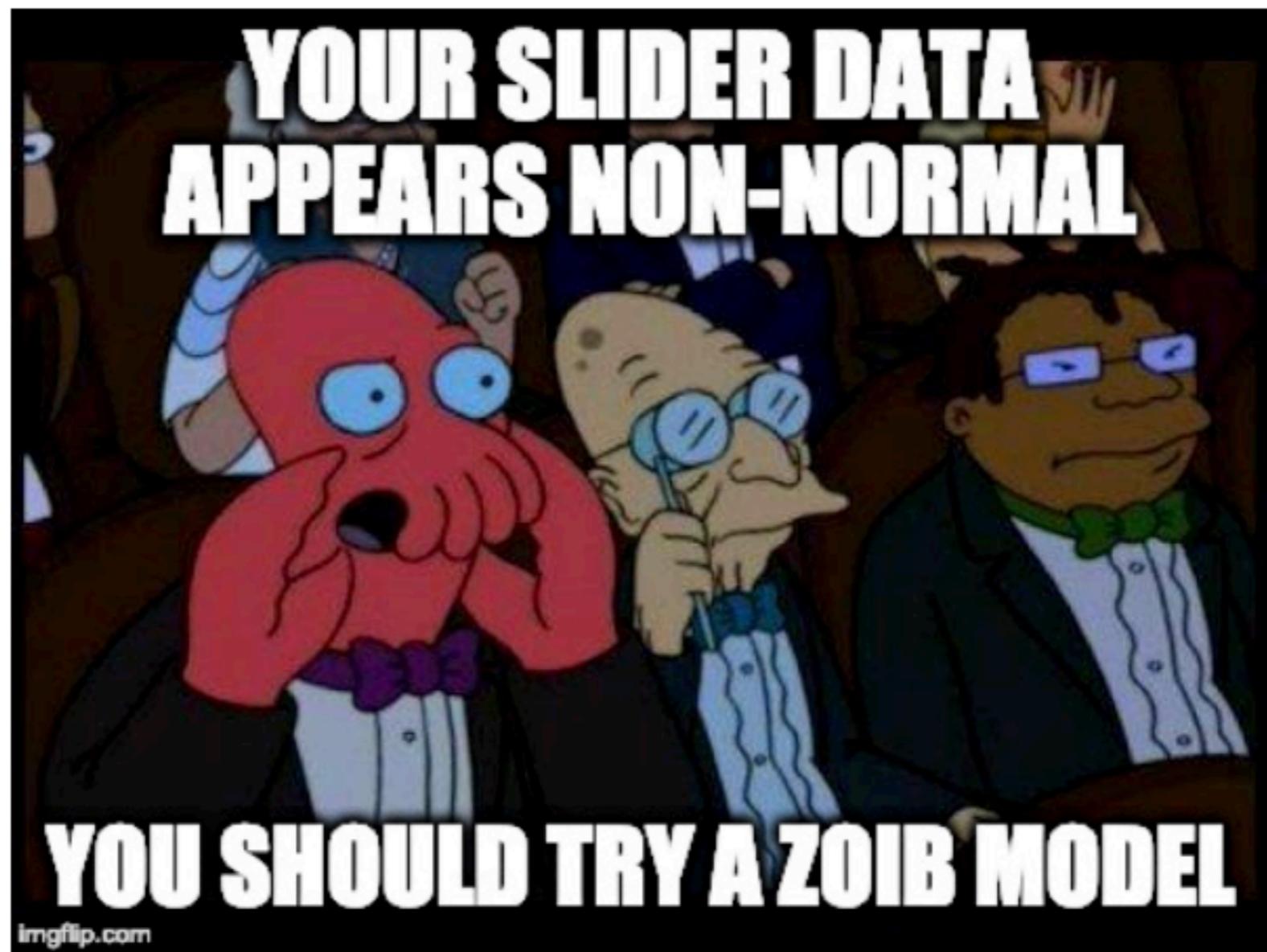
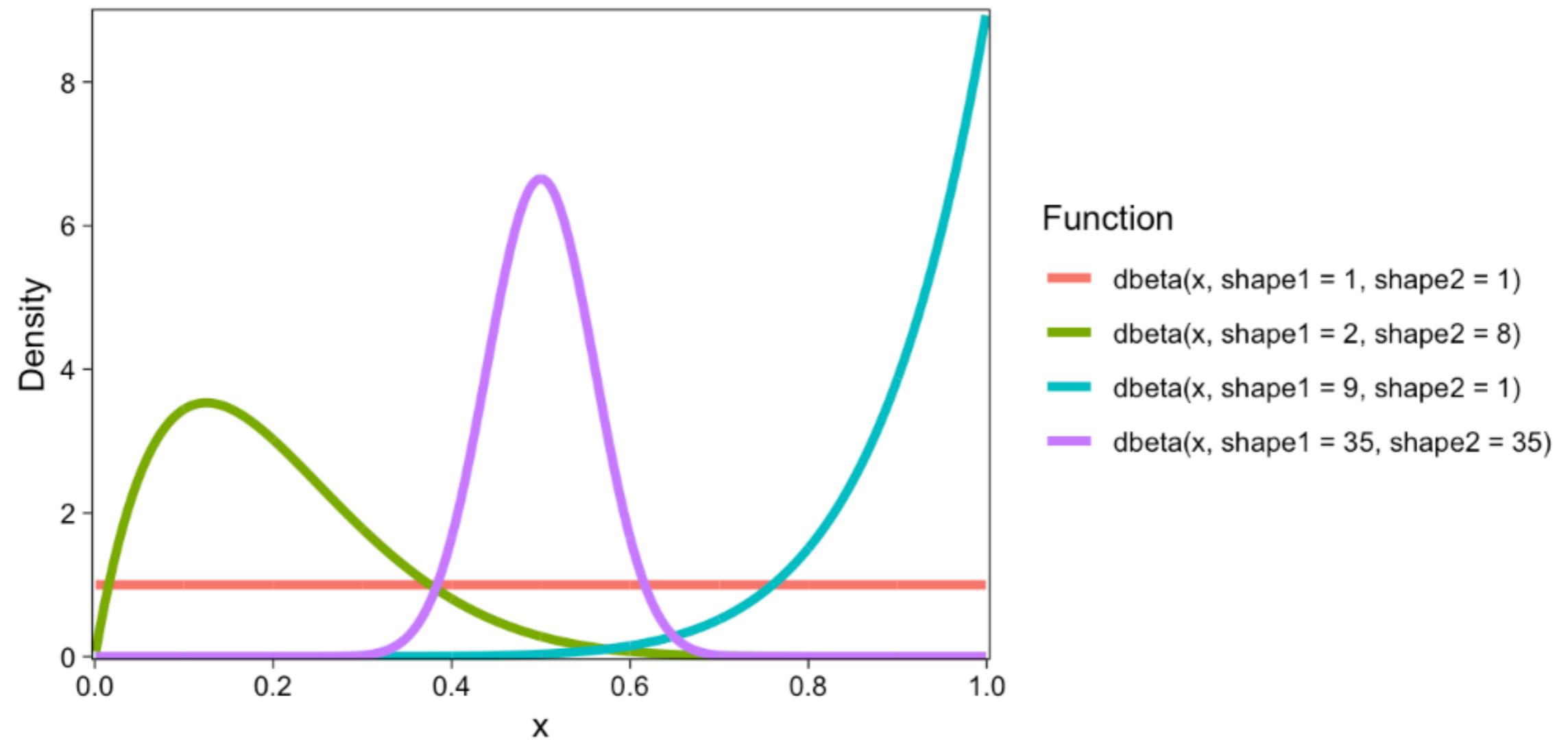


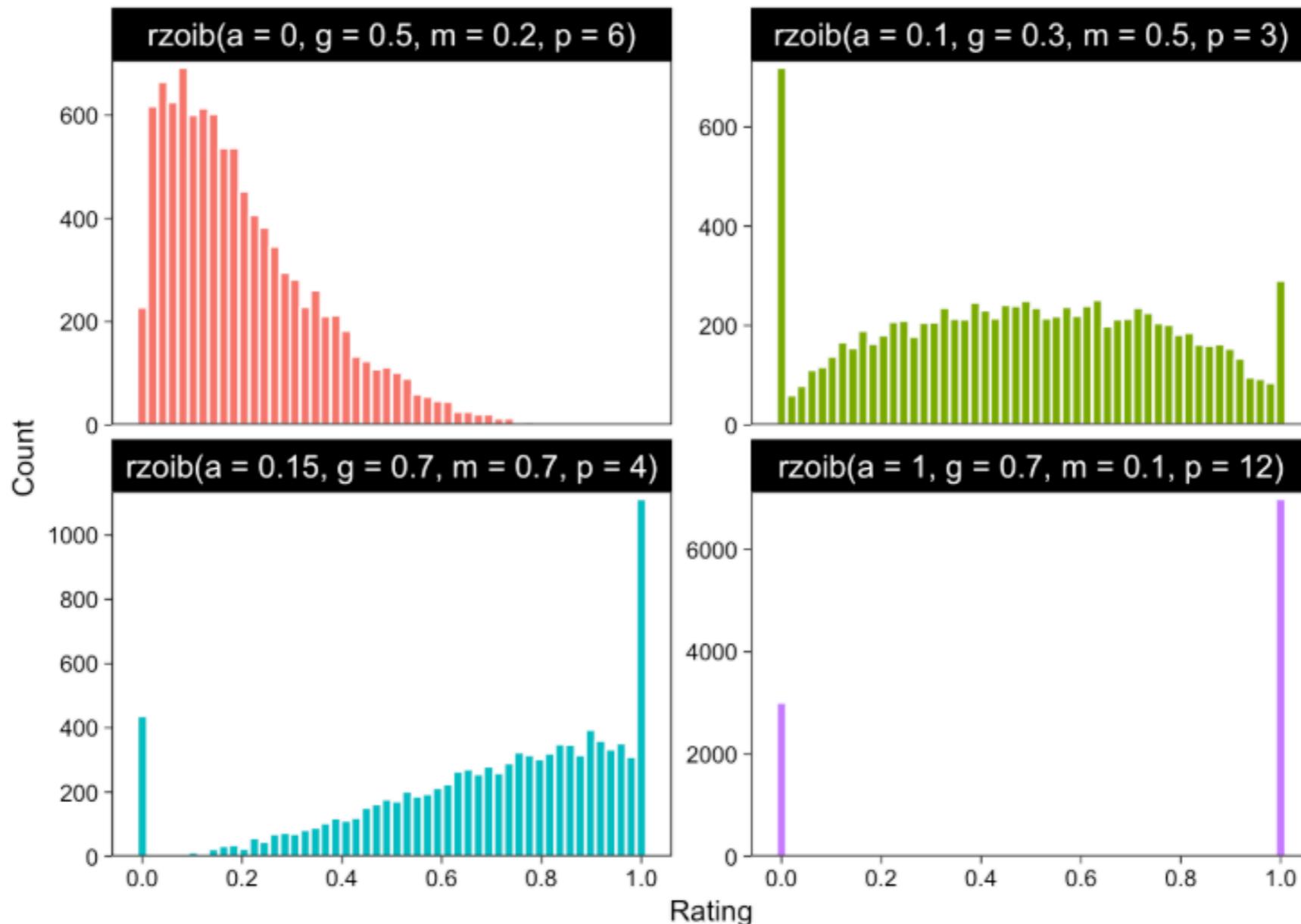
Figure 3: Dr. John A. Zoidberg thinks you should try a ZOIB model on your slider scale data.

# Beta distribution



Zero-one inflated **beta** binomial model

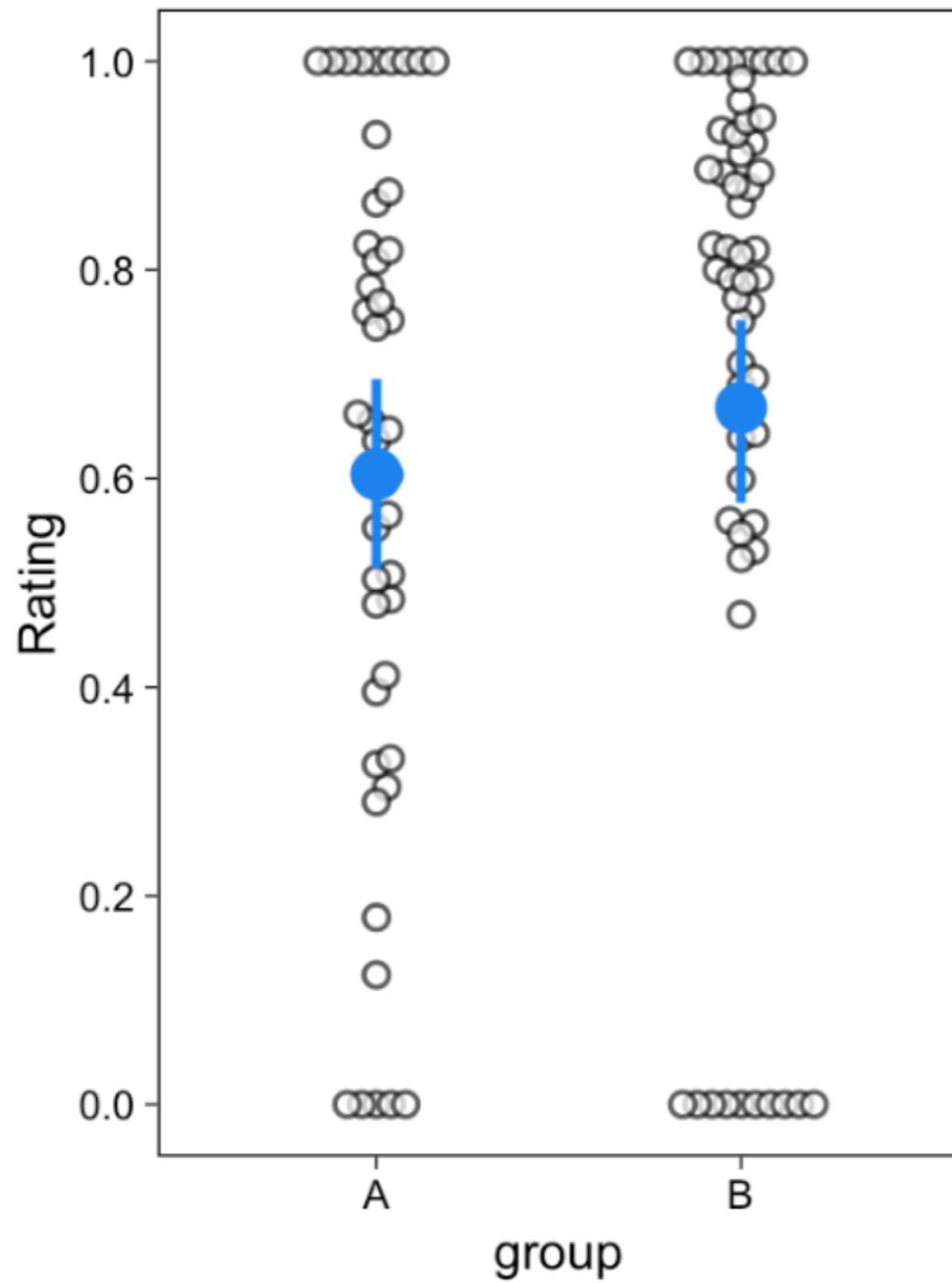
# Zero-one inflated beta binomial model



## Generative process

Some chance the a person will pick a 0 or 1, if not then response is determined by the beta distribution.

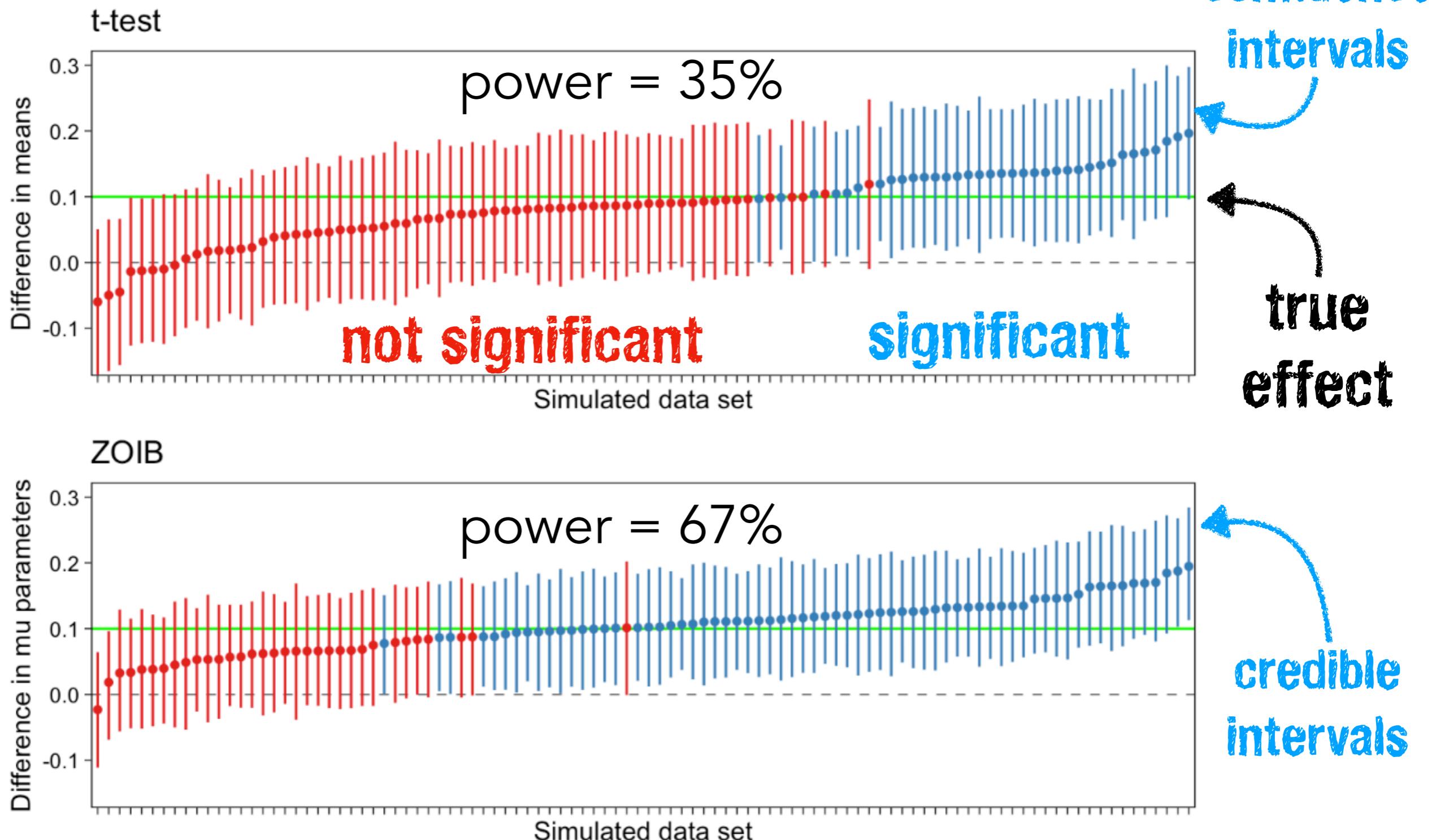
# Example data



Fit the ZOIB

```
zoib_model = bf(  
  Rating ~ group,  
  phi ~ group,  
  zoi ~ group,  
  coi ~ group,  
  family = zero_one_inflated_beta()  
)  
  
fit = brm(  
  formula = zoib_model,  
  data = dat  
)
```

# Capturing the data-generating process gives you power



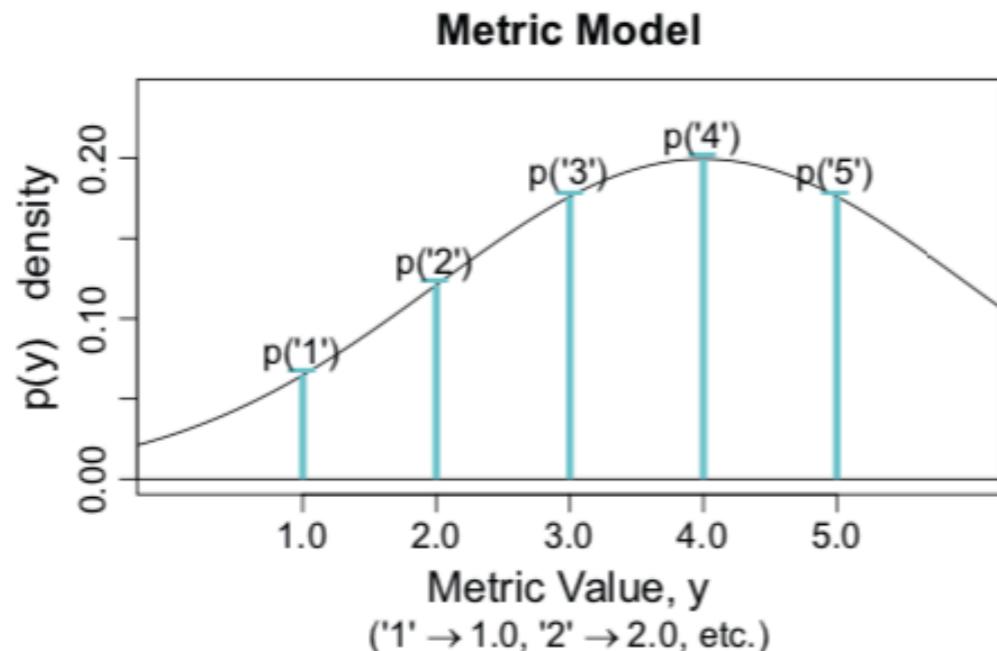
# Better modeling Likert scale

We surveyed all articles in the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology* (*JPSP*), *Psychological Science* (*PS*), and the *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General* (*JEP:G*) that mentioned the term “Likert,” and found that **100% of the articles** that analyzed ordinal data did so using a metric model.

great paper!

Liddell & Kruschke (2018) Analyzing ordinal data with metric models: What could possibly go wrong?. *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*

# Ordinal regression



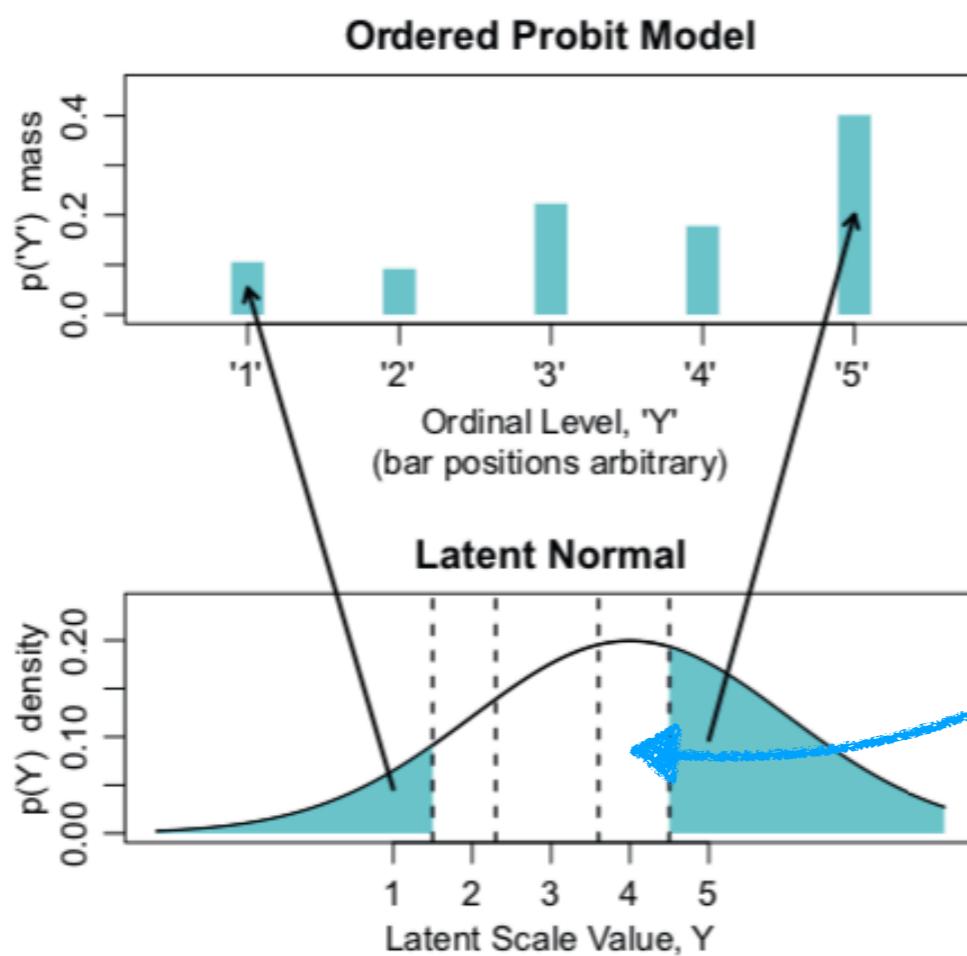
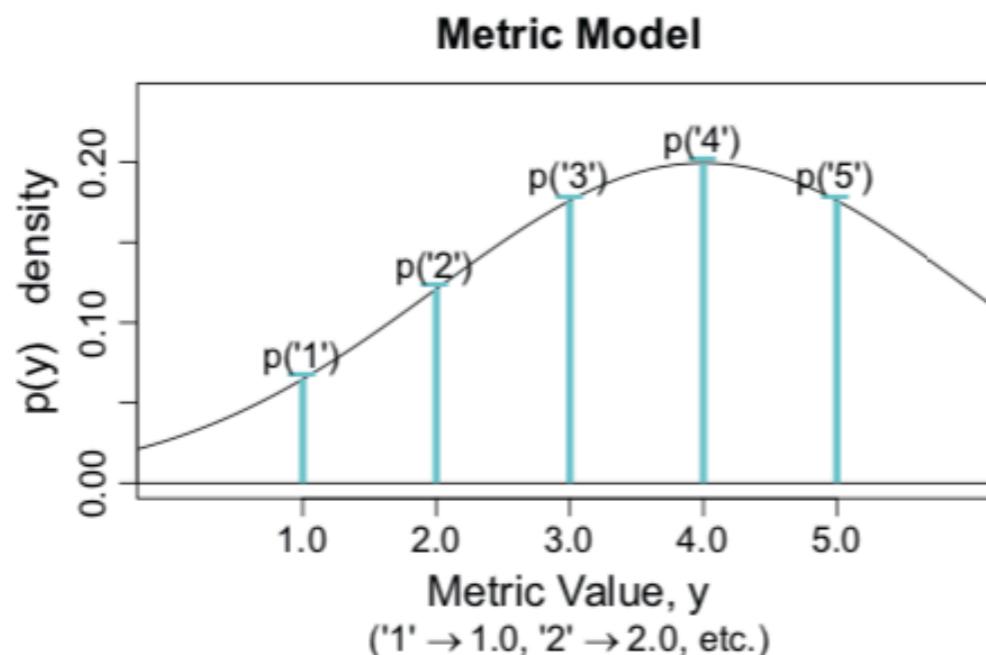
## metric model

- fits a Gaussian distribution with mean and standard deviation
- makes the assumption that categories are **equidistant**

I loooove Bayesian statistics!

- completely disagree (1)
- moderately disagree (2)
- neither disagree nor agree (3)
- moderately agree (4)
- completely agree (5)

# Ordinal regression



## ordered probit model

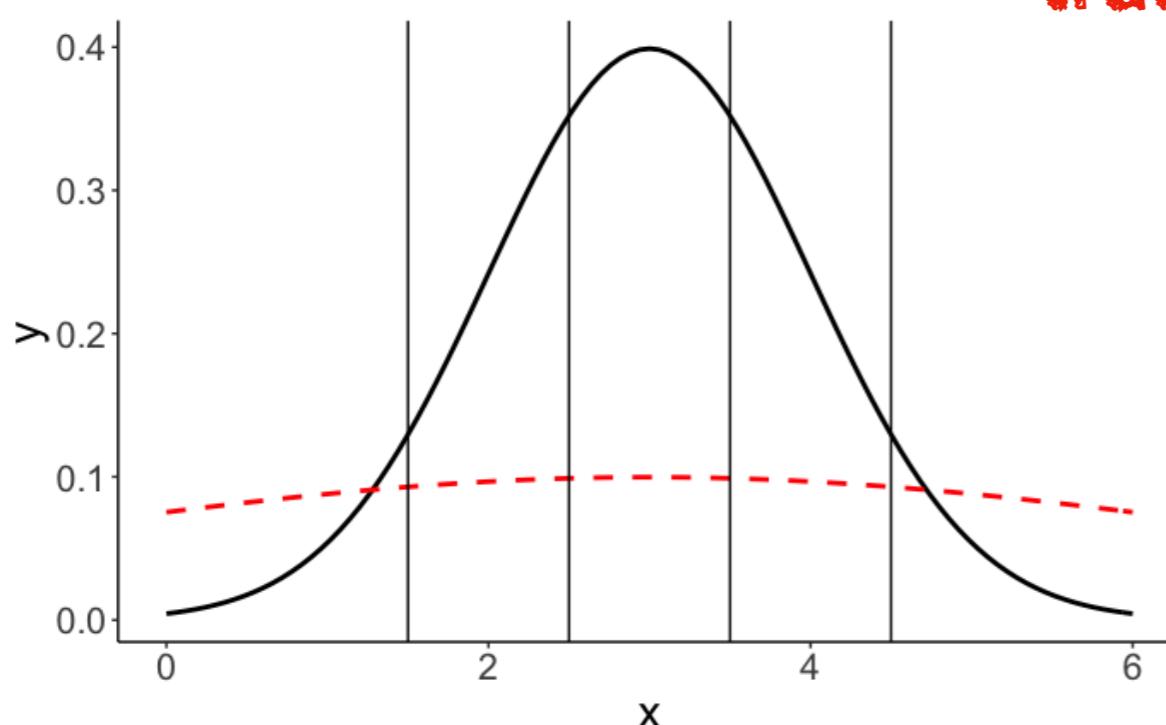
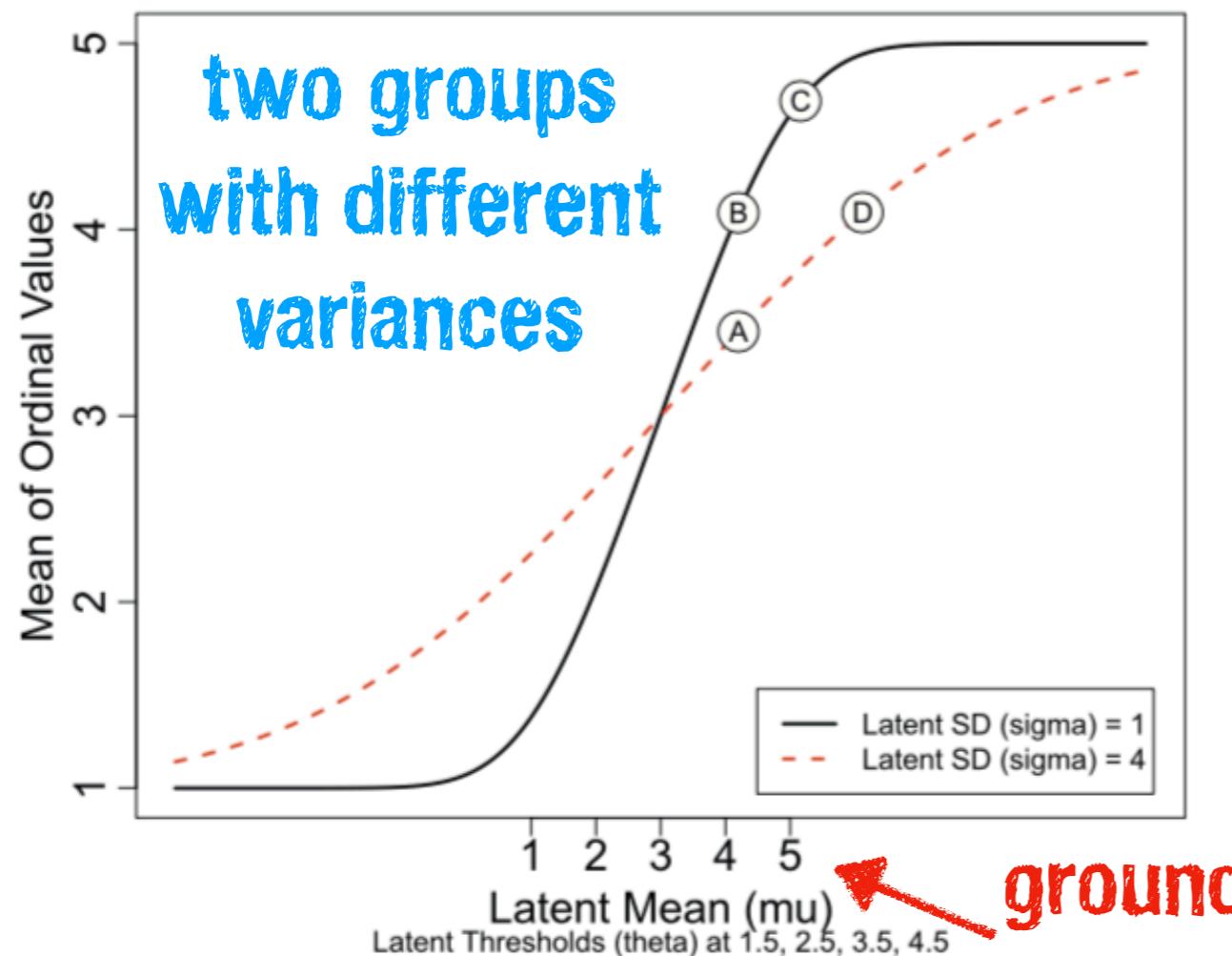
- assumes an ordering of the categories
- assumes a normal distribution in latent space
- finds a good mapping from that normal distribution in latent space to the ordered responses

finds thresholds that separate the categories

# Does it matter?

- treating ordinal data as metric can lead to:
  - low rates of correct detection (Type II error)
  - distorted effect size estimates
  - inflated false alarms (Type I error)
  - inversions of differences between groups
- main reasons for why this happens:
  - response categories may not be equidistant
  - response distribution may be non-normal
  - variances of unobserved variables may differ between groups, conditions, time points, ...

# What could possibly go wrong?



- A vs. B: false positive  
(Type I error)  
→ no difference in latent space
- B vs. D: false negative  
(Type II error)  
→ difference in latent space
- C vs. D: reversal  
→ C is greater than D in metric space, but D is greater than C in latent space

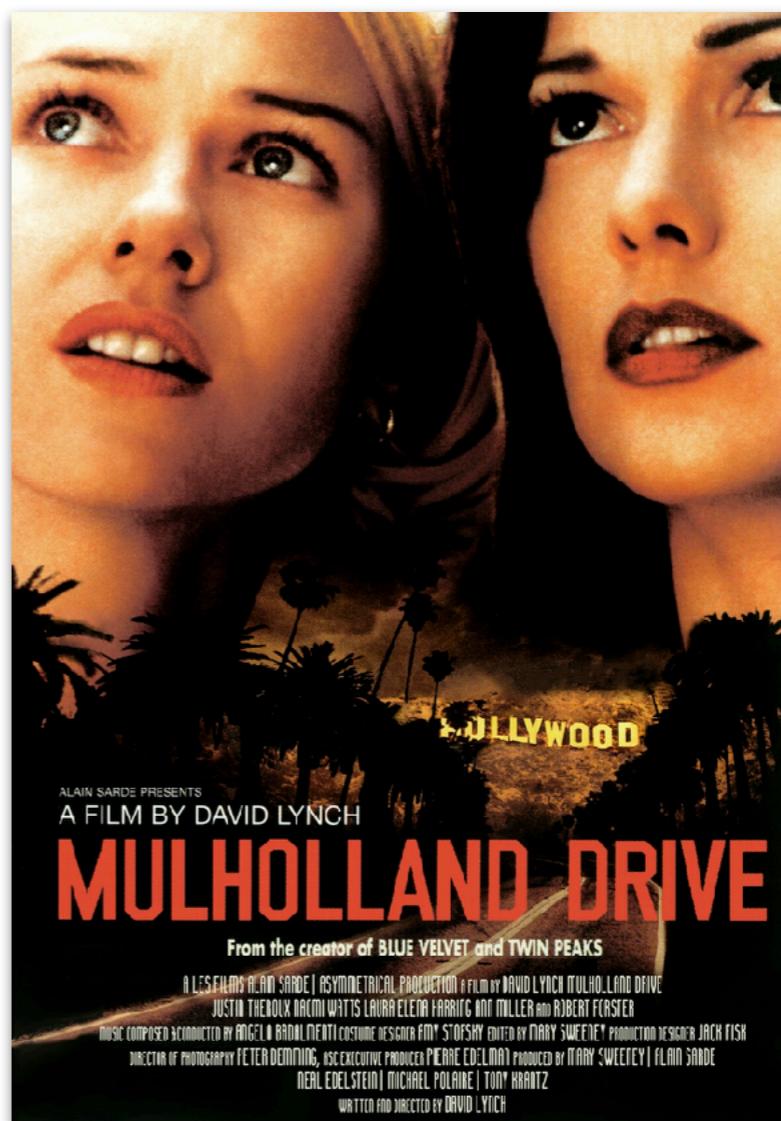
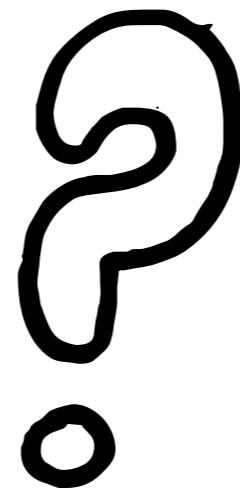
# Which movie shall I watch?



## Customer reviews

★★★★★ 4.5 out of 5

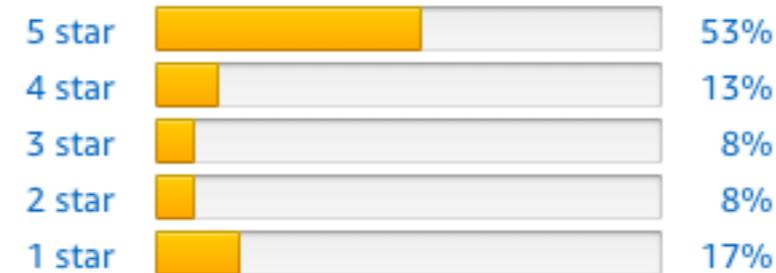
2,029 customer ratings



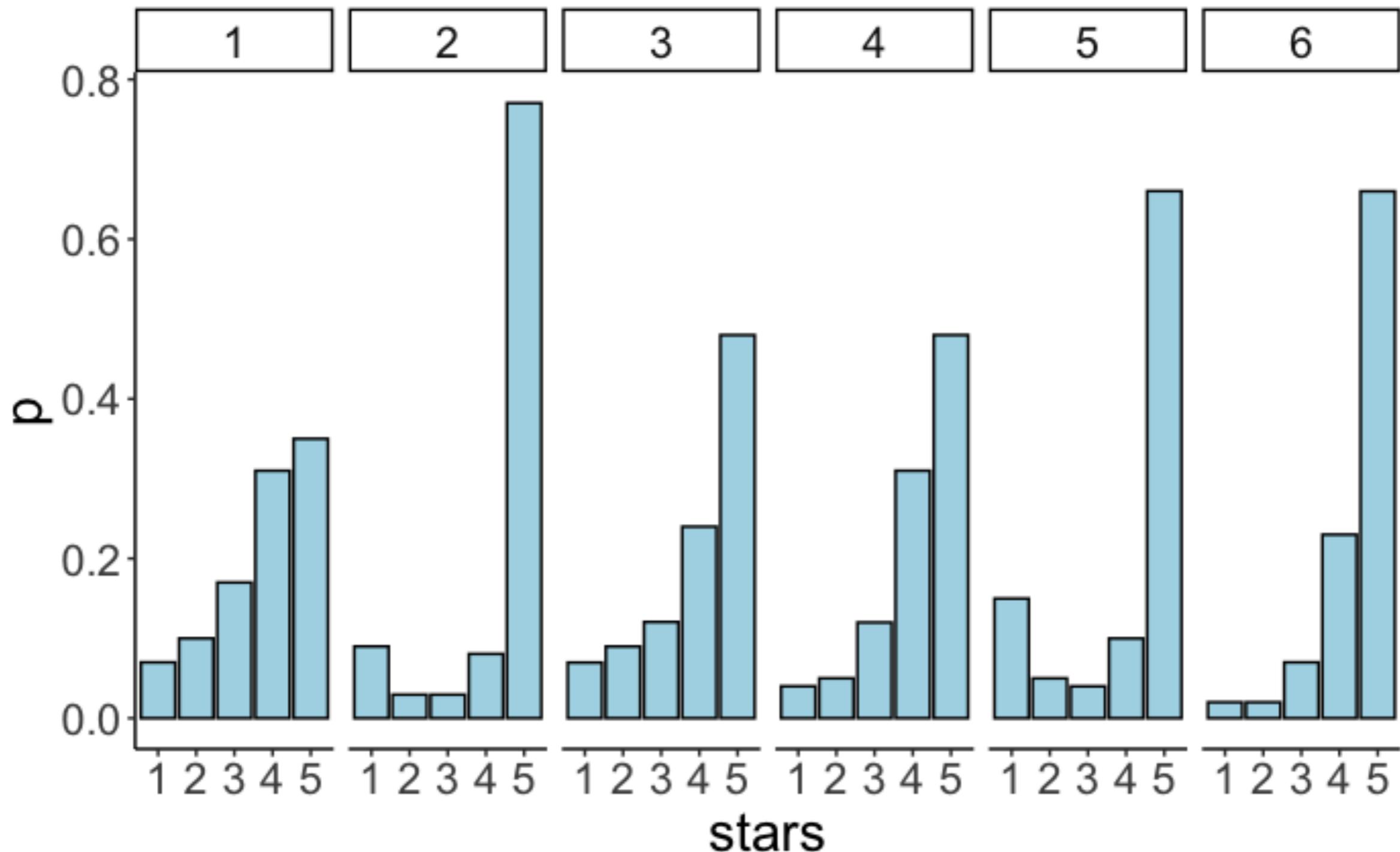
## Customer reviews

★★★★☆ 3.8 out of 5

1,558 customer ratings



# Amazon movie ratings



these aren't normally distributed ..

# Fit the ordinal regression model

```
1 fit.brm5 = brm(formula = stars ~ 1 + id,  
2                   family = cumulative(link = "probit"),  
3                   data = df.movies,  
4                   file = "cache/brm5",  
5                   seed = 1)
```

linking function

```
Family: cumulative  
Links: mu = probit; disc = identity  
Formula: stars ~ 1 + id  
Data: df.movies (Number of observations: 21708)  
Samples: 4 chains, each with iter = 2000; warmup = 1000; thin = 1;  
         total post-warmup samples = 4000
```

thresholds

	Estimate	Est.Error	1-95% CI	u-95% CI	Rhat	Bulk_ESS	Tail_ESS
Intercept[1]	-1.22	0.04	-1.31	-1.14	1.00	1877	2488
Intercept[2]	-0.90	0.04	-0.98	-0.82	1.00	1787	2419
Intercept[3]	-0.44	0.04	-0.52	-0.36	1.00	1692	2185
Intercept[4]	0.32	0.04	0.24	0.40	1.00	1634	2101
id2	0.84	0.06	0.71	0.96	1.00	2354	2553
id3	0.22	0.05	0.11	0.32	1.00	2146	2516
id4	0.33	0.04	0.24	0.41	1.00	1647	2315
id5	0.44	0.05	0.34	0.54	1.00	1982	2608
id6	0.75	0.04	0.67	0.83	1.00	1659	2158

Samples were drawn using sampling(NUTS). For each parameter, Bulk\_ESS and Tail\_ESS are effective sample size measures, and Rhat is the potential scale reduction factor on split chains (at convergence, Rhat = 1).

difference in  
mean to  
reference  
category

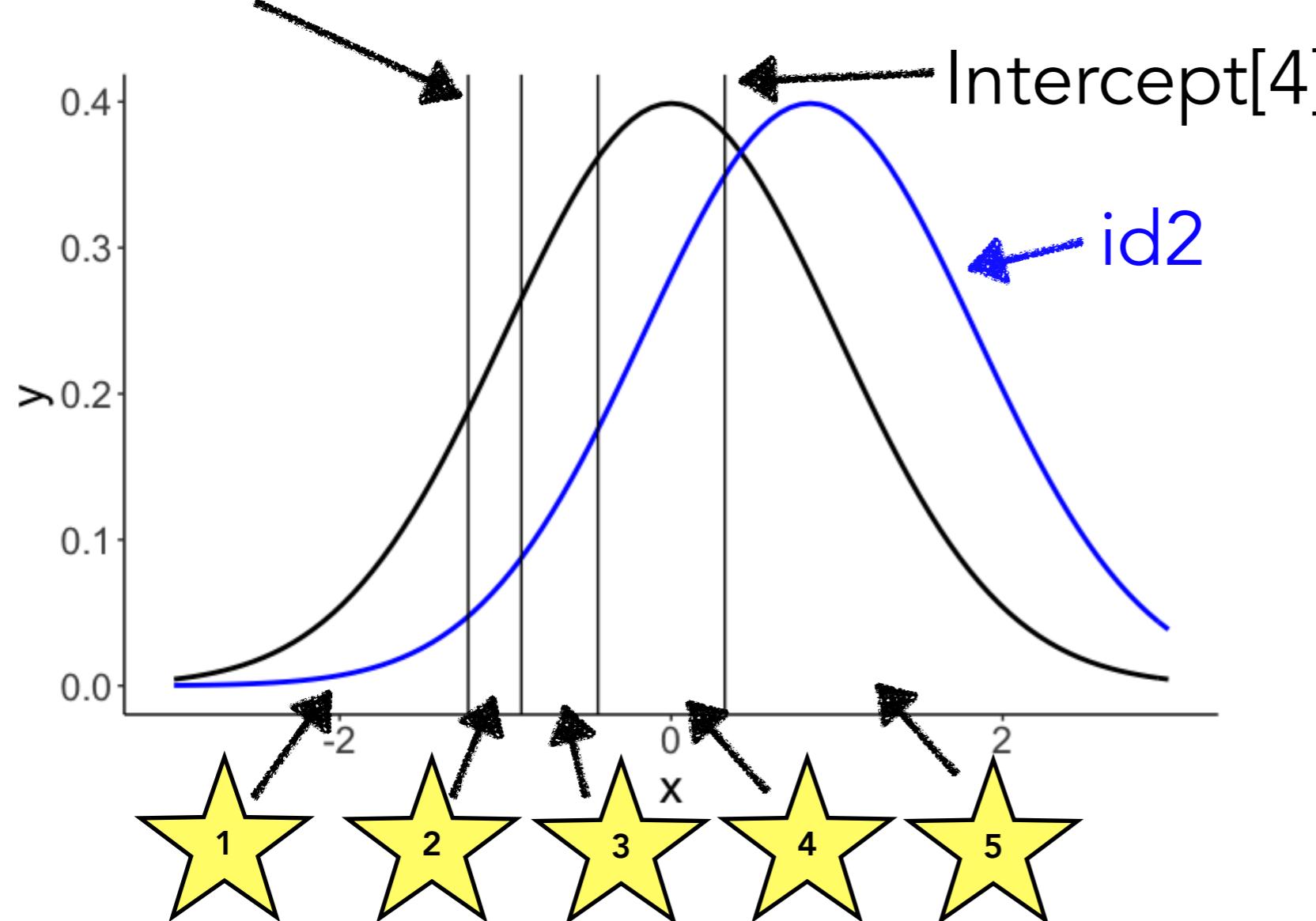
# Interpretation

```
Family: cumulative  
Links: mu = probit; disc = identity  
Formula: stars ~ 1 + id  
Data: df.movies (Number of observations: 21708)  
Samples: 4 chains, each with iter = 2000; warmup = 1000; thin = 1;  
total post-warmup samples = 4000
```

## Population-Level Effects:

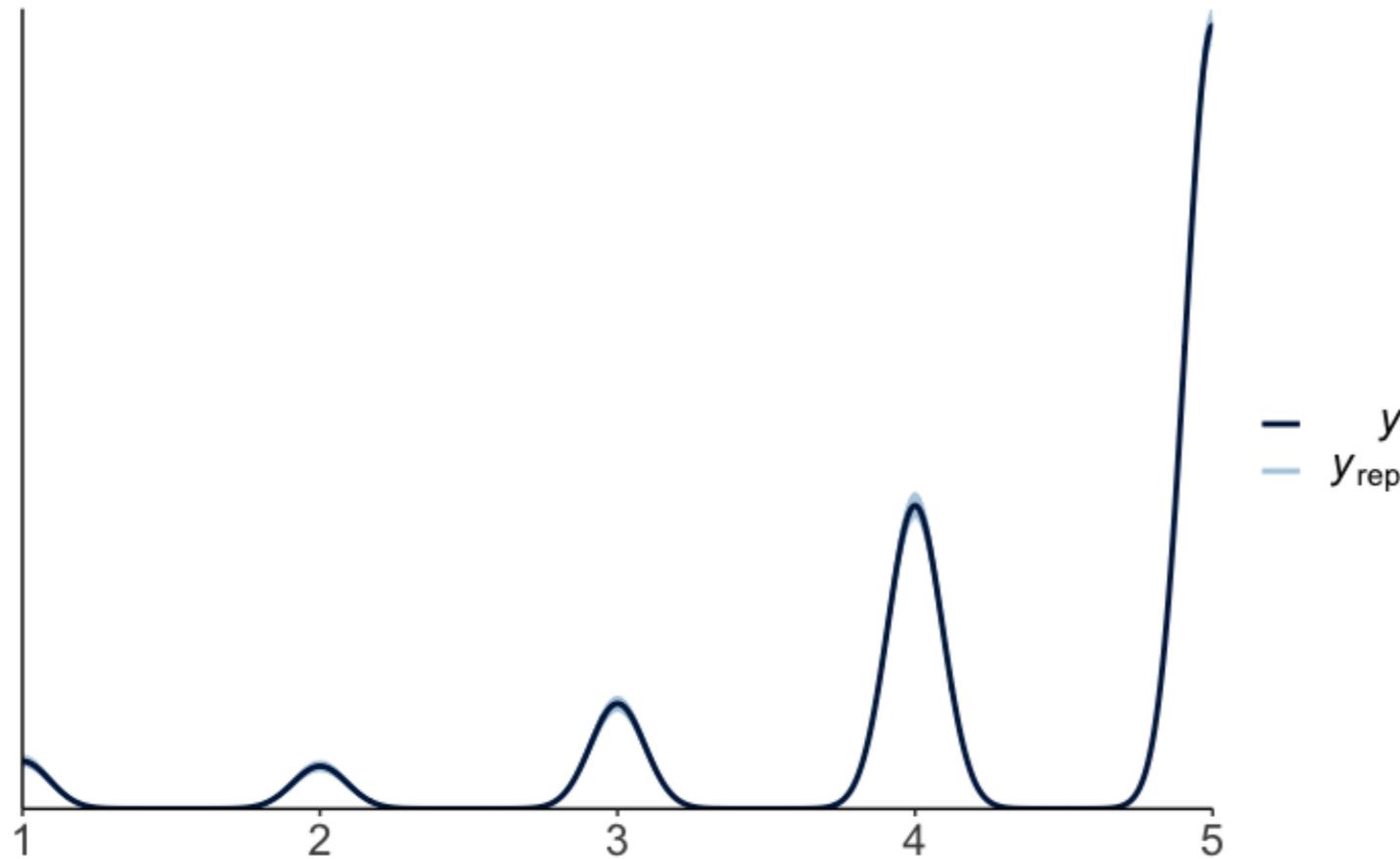
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Intercept[1]



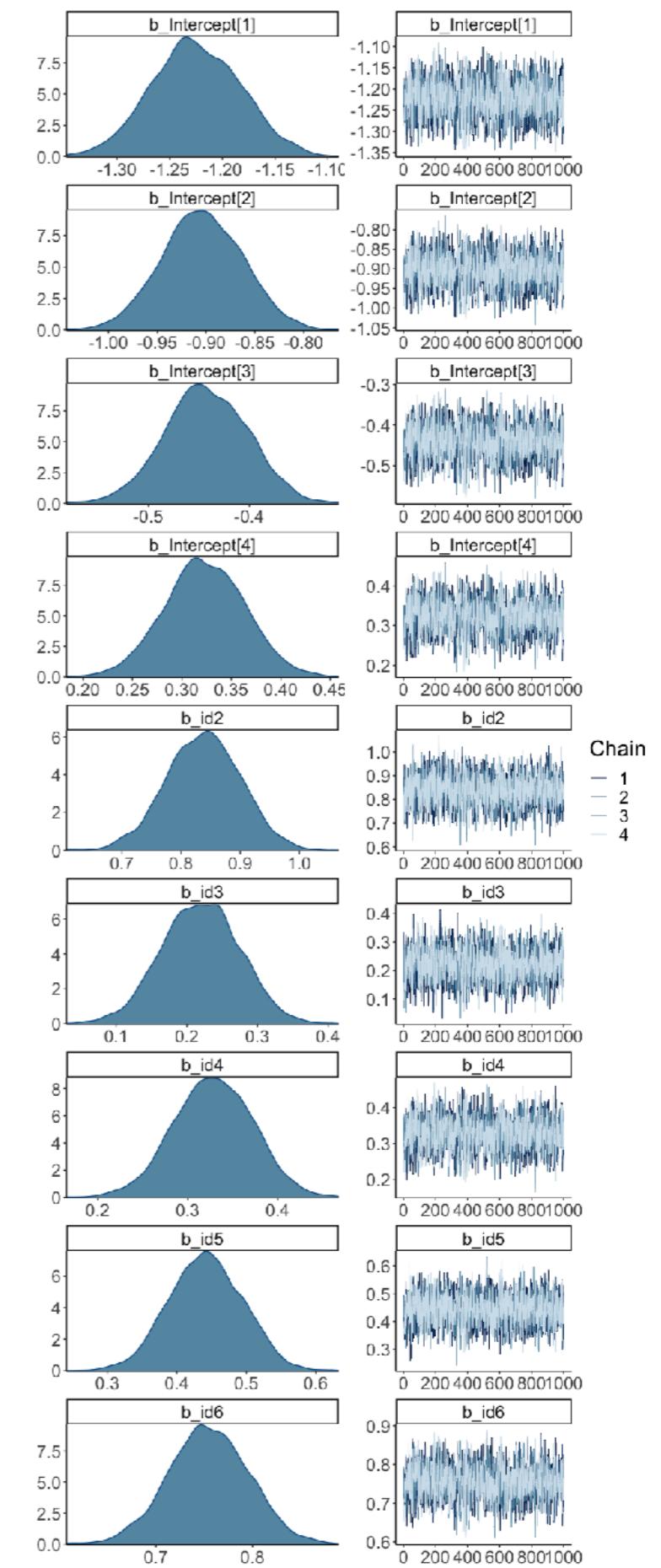
# Check the model

```
1 fit.brms %>%  
2   plot(N = 9)
```

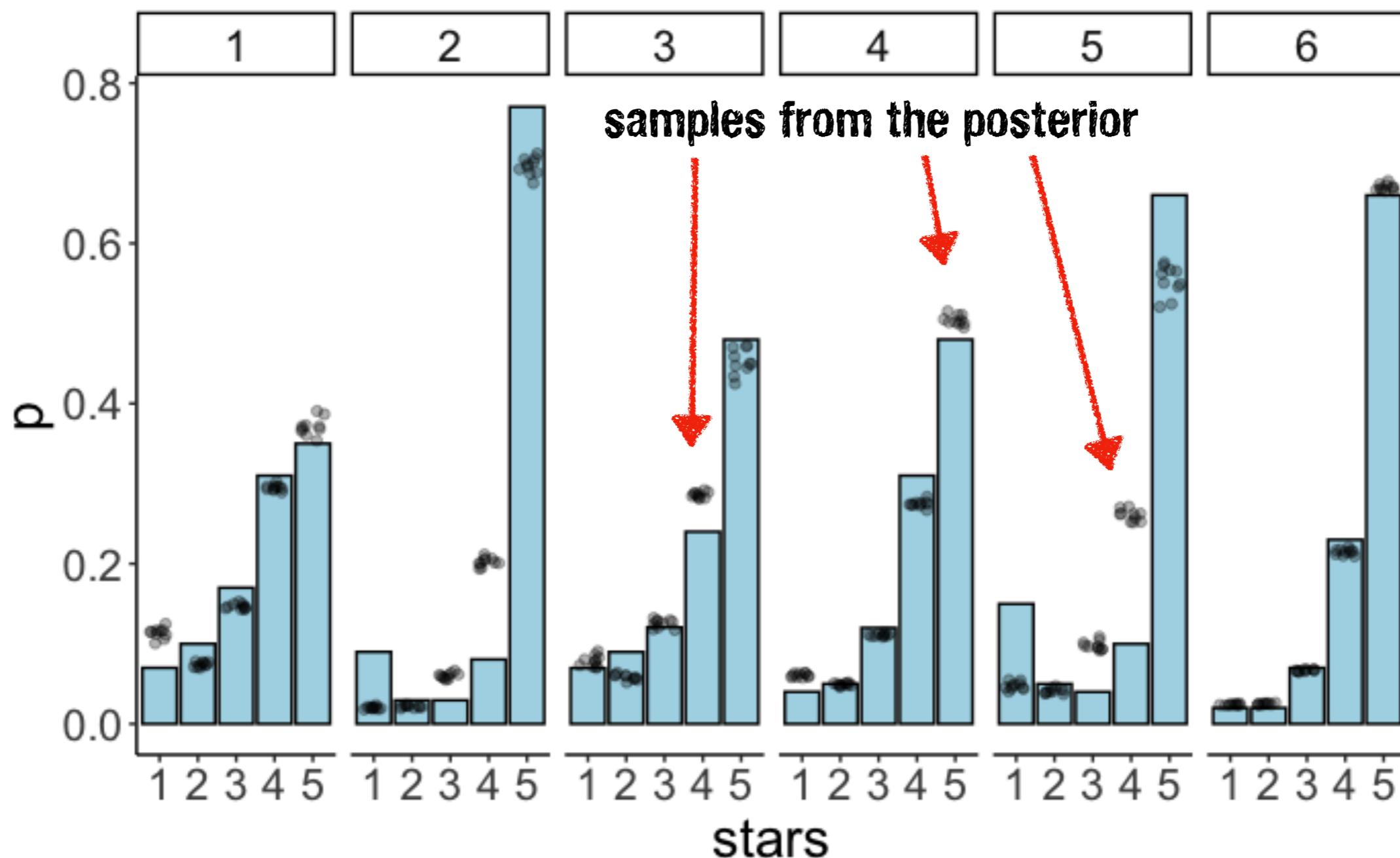


looking good!

```
1 fit.brms %>%  
2   plot(N = 9)
```



# Illustrate the predictions



predictions look pretty good but  
maybe we can do better?

# Before doing better, let's do worse!

```
1 fit.brm6 = brm(formula = stars ~ 1 + id,  
2                   data = df.movies,  
3                   file = "cache/brm6",  
4                   seed = 1)
```

Family: gaussian  
Links: mu = identity; sigma = identity  
Formula: stars ~ 1 + id  
Data: df.movies (Number of observations: 21708)  
Samples: 4 chains, each with iter = 2000; warmup = 1000; thin = 1;  
total post-warmup samples = 4000

Population-Level Effects:

	Estimate	Est.Error	1-95% CI	u-95% CI	Rhat	Bulk_ESS	Tail_ESS
Intercept	3.77	0.04	3.70	3.84	1.00	1203	1621
id2	0.64	0.05	0.54	0.75	1.00	1605	2335
id3	0.20	0.05	0.10	0.30	1.00	1558	2147
id4	0.37	0.04	0.29	0.45	1.00	1267	1862
id5	0.30	0.05	0.21	0.40	1.00	1441	2154
id6	0.72	0.04	0.65	0.79	1.00	1205	1720

Family Specific Parameters:

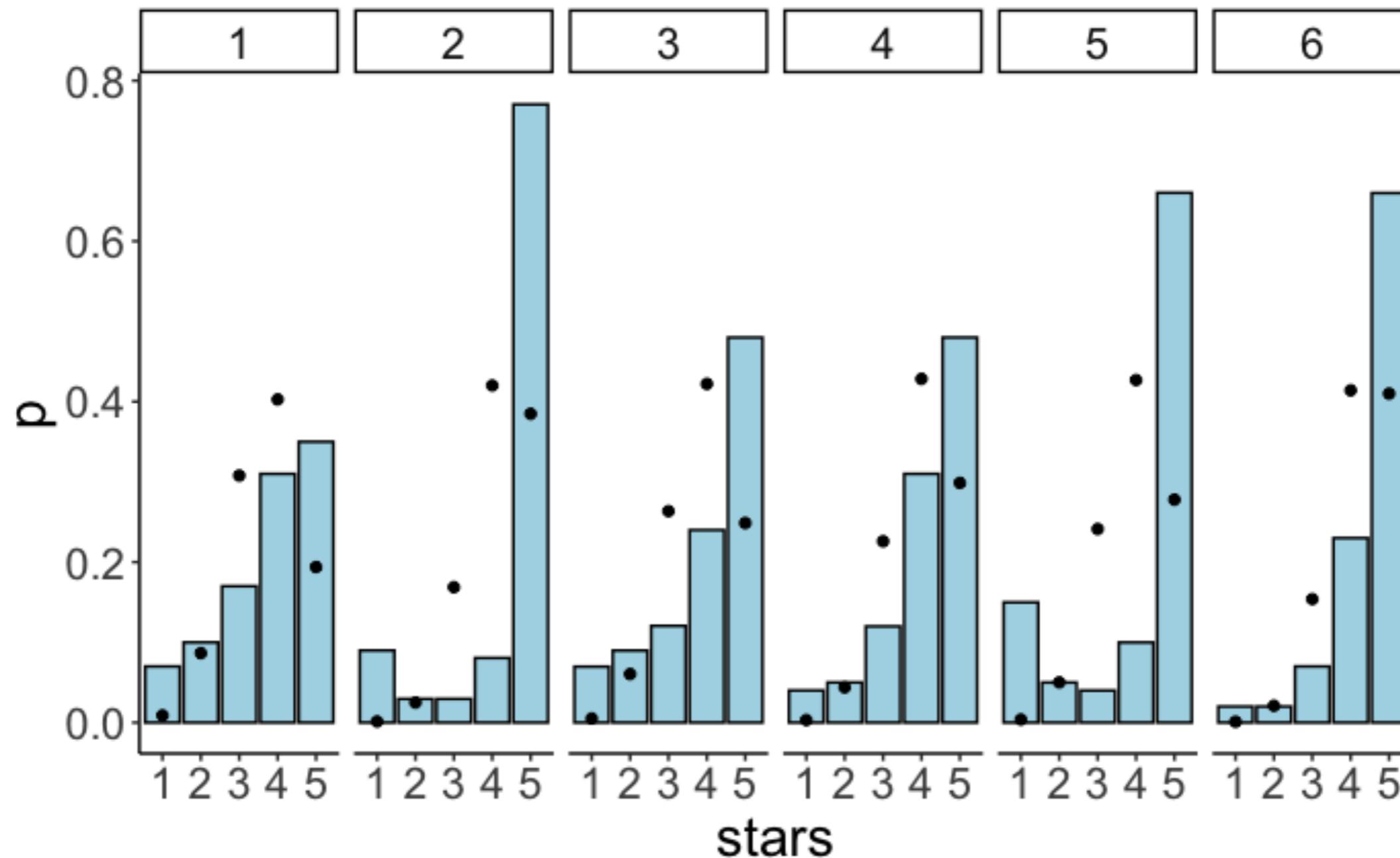
	Estimate	Est.Error	1-95% CI	u-95% CI	Rhat	Bulk_ESS	Tail_ESS
sigma	1.00	0.00	0.99	1.01	1.00	3300	2723

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mean for the reference category

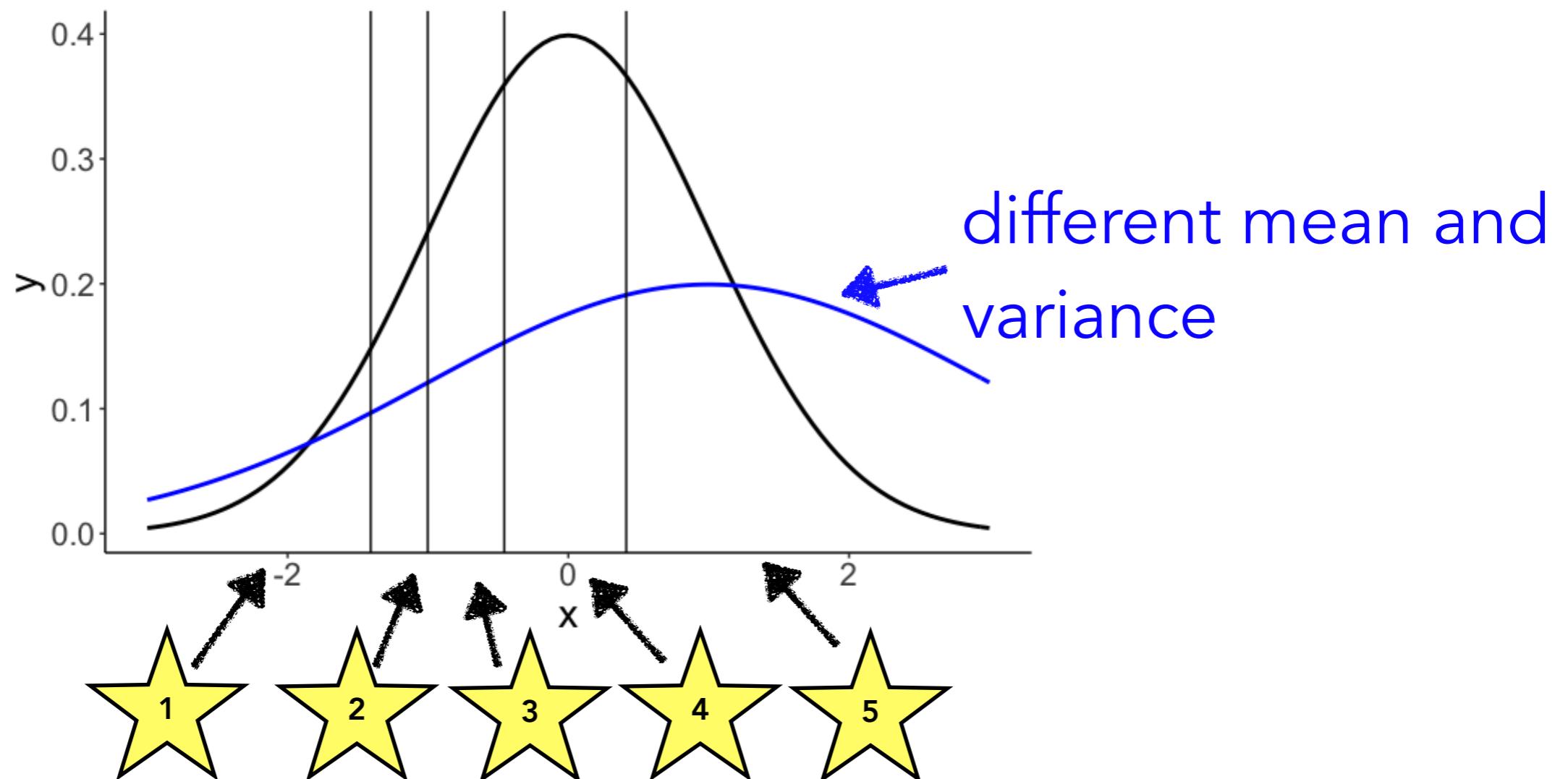
difference in mean to reference category

# Predictions from the metric model



that's not looking good ...

# Let's relax the assumption of equal variances



# Fit a model that doesn't assume equal variance

```
1 fit.brm7 = brm(formula = bf(stars ~ 1 + id) + lf(disc ~ 0 + id, cmc = FALSE),  
2 family = cumulative(link = "probit"),  
3 data = df.movies,  
4 file = "cache/brm7",  
5 seed = 1)
```

tricky formula

thresholds

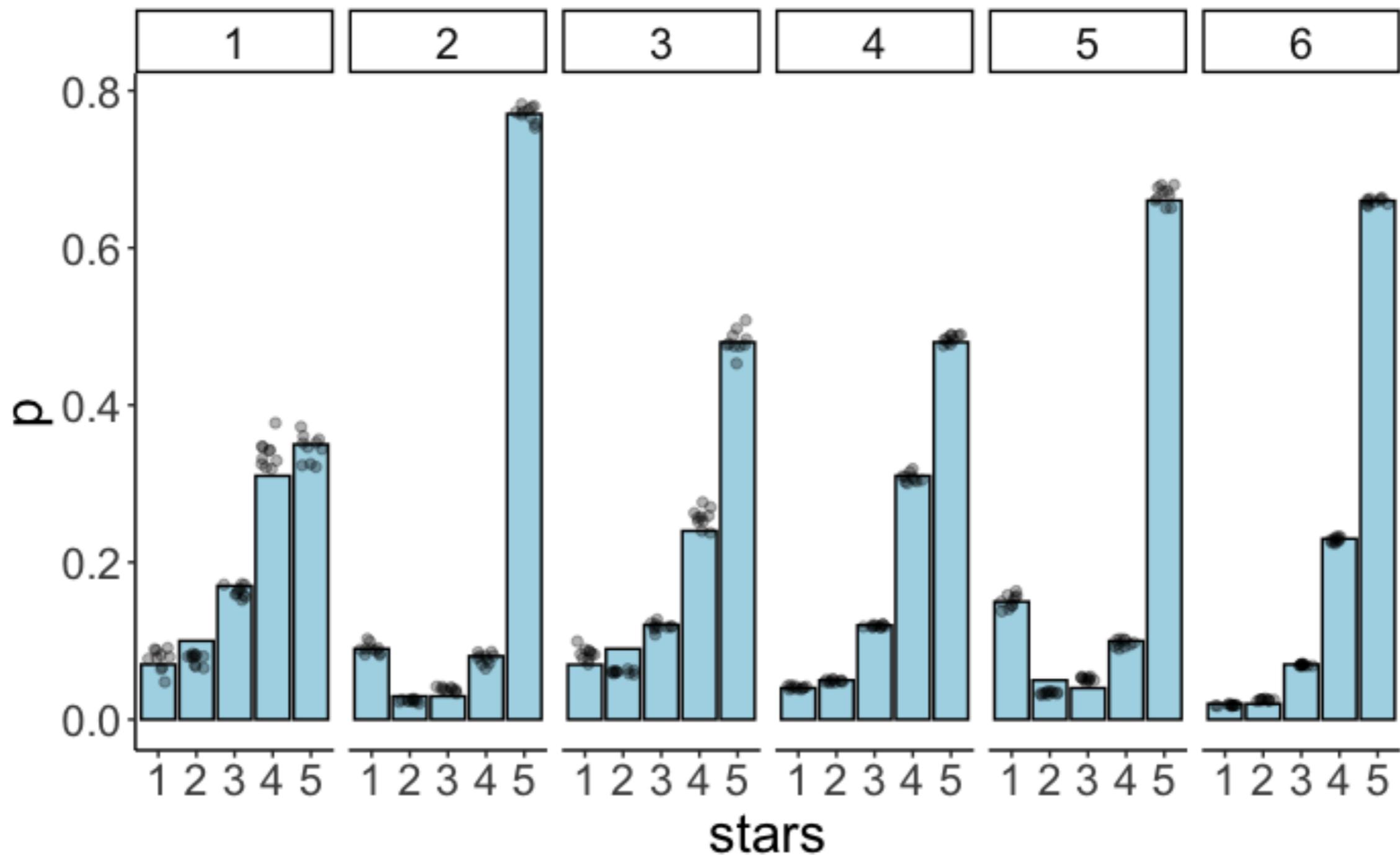
difference in  
mean

difference in  
variance

	Estimate	Est.Error	1-95% CI	u-95% CI	Rhat	Bulk_ESS	Tail_ESS
Intercept[1]	-1.41	0.06	-1.53	-1.29	1.00	1484	2421
Intercept[2]	-1.00	0.05	-1.10	-0.90	1.00	1852	2561
Intercept[3]	-0.46	0.04	-0.54	-0.37	1.00	2405	2684
Intercept[4]	0.41	0.05	0.32	0.51	1.00	1336	2161
id2	2.71	0.33	2.14	3.44	1.00	1681	1865
id3	0.33	0.07	0.20	0.47	1.00	1961	2618
id4	0.36	0.05	0.26	0.46	1.00	1525	2753
id5	1.65	0.17	1.34	2.00	1.00	1929	2281
id6	0.86	0.06	0.74	0.98	1.00	1112	1769
disc_id2	-1.12	0.10	-1.33	-0.94	1.00	1672	1943
disc_id3	-0.23	0.06	-0.34	-0.11	1.00	1342	1955
disc_id4	-0.01	0.04	-0.09	0.07	1.00	1043	1747
disc_id5	-1.09	0.07	-1.23	-0.95	1.00	1681	1996
disc_id6	-0.08	0.04	-0.15	0.00	1.00	941	1489

see for  
details

# Illustrate the predictions

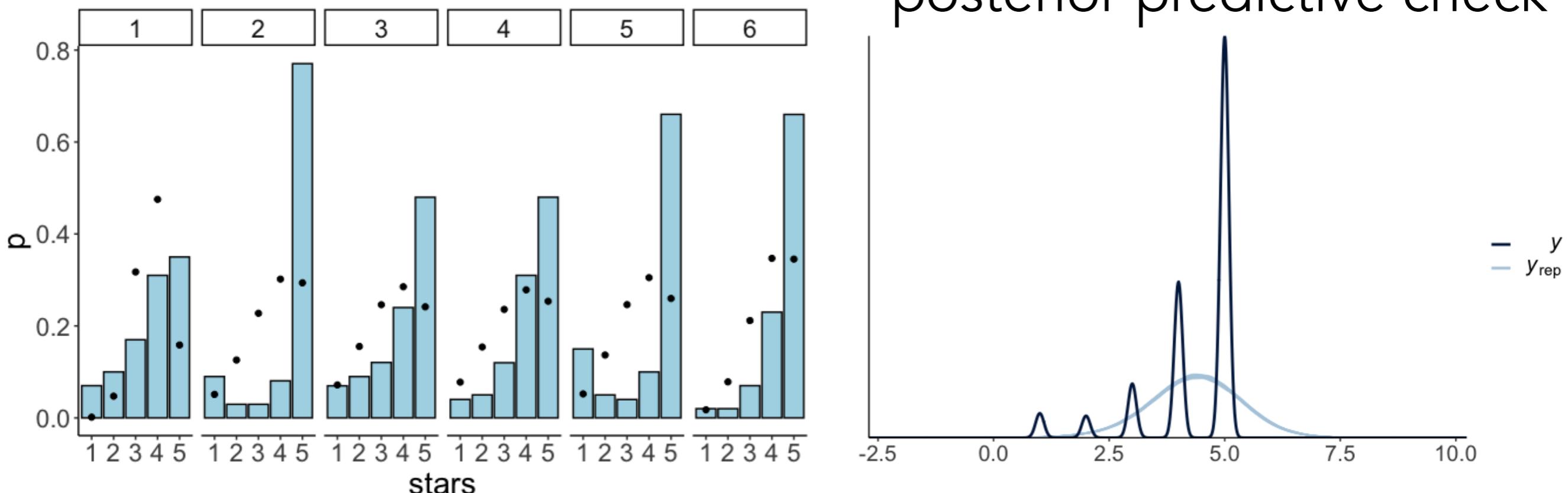


this looks excellent!

# Metric model with different variances still doesn't work well ...

```
1 fit.brms = brm(formula = bf(stars ~ 1 + id,  
2                               sigma ~ 1 + id),  
3                               data = df.movies,  
4                               file = "cache/brms",  
5                               seed = 1)
```

posterior predictive check



still no good ...

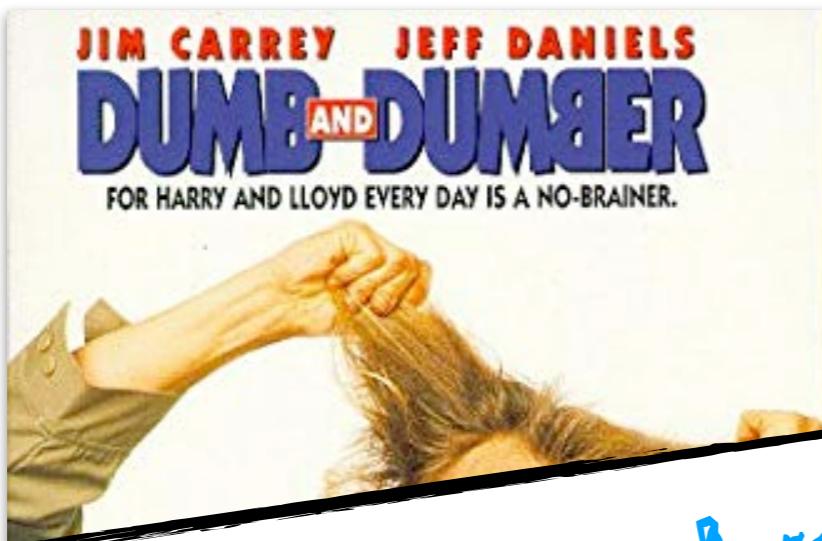
# Model comparison

```
1 fit.brm5 = add_criterion(fit.brm5,  
2                           criterion = "loo")  
3  
4 fit.brm6 = add_criterion(fit.brm6,  
5                           criterion = "loo")  
6  
7 loo_compare(fit.brm5, fit.brm6)
```

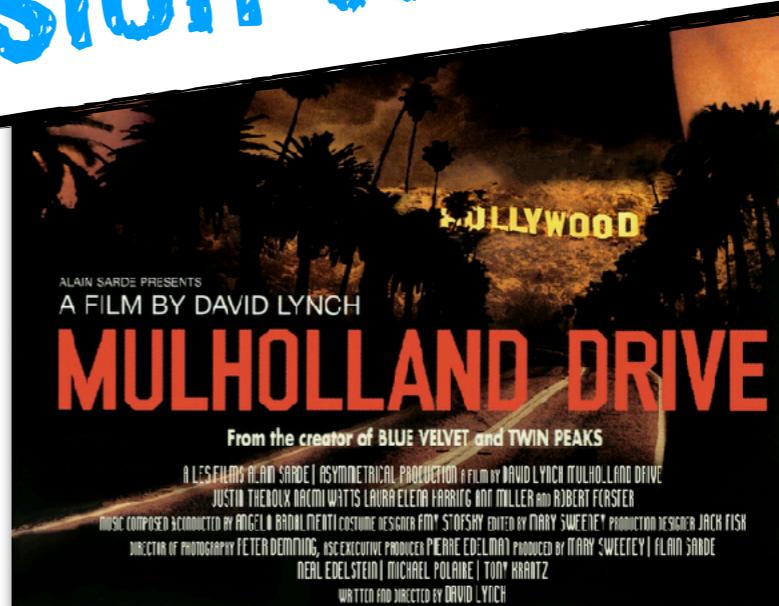
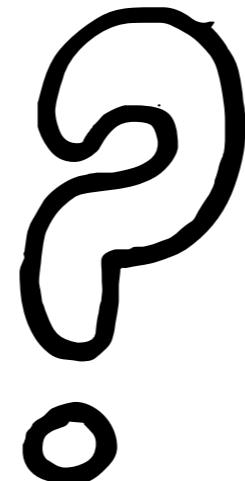
	elpd_diff	se_diff
fit.brm5	0.0	0.0
fit.brm6	-7657.1	109.2

the ordinal regression model is muuuuuuch better!

# Which movie shall I watch?



run an ordinal regression to find out!



## Customer reviews

★★★★★ 4.5 out of 5

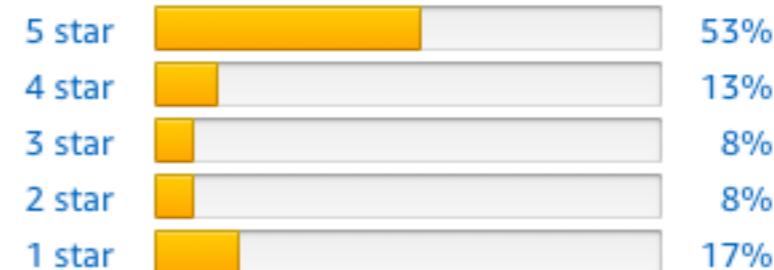
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Thanks!

