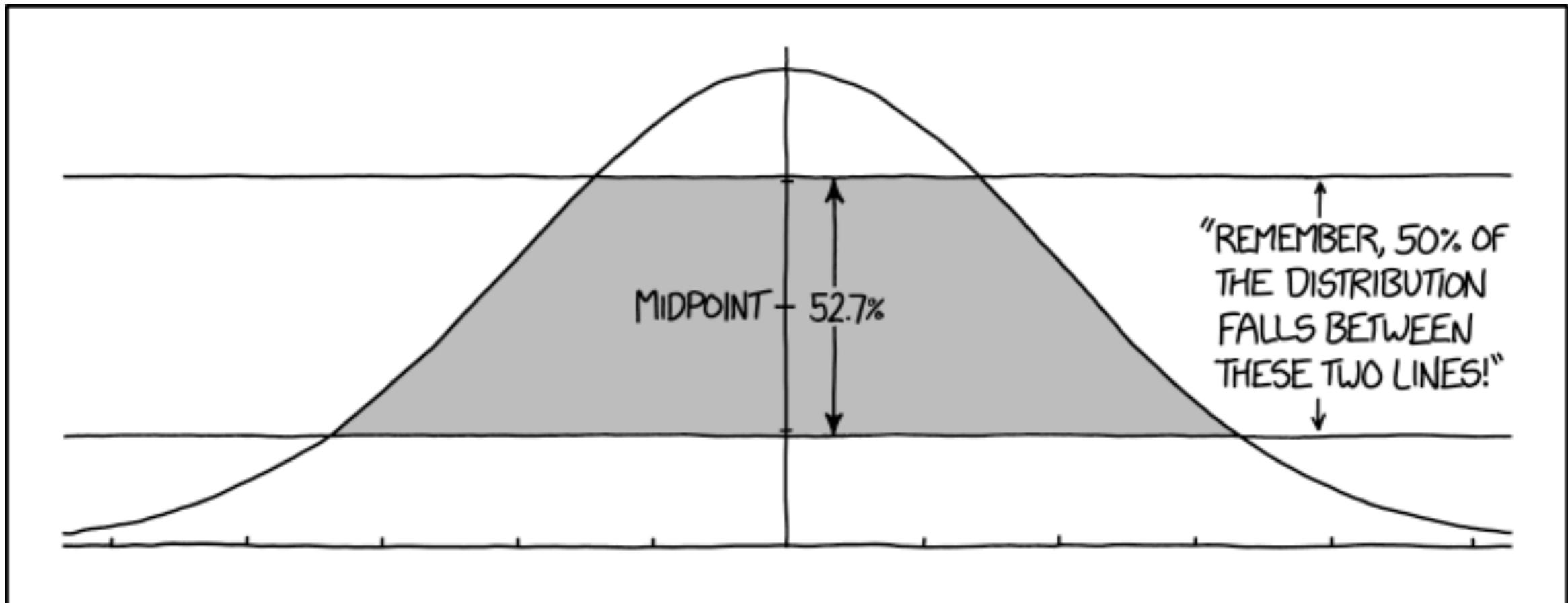


# Bayesian data analysis 2



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# **Logistics**

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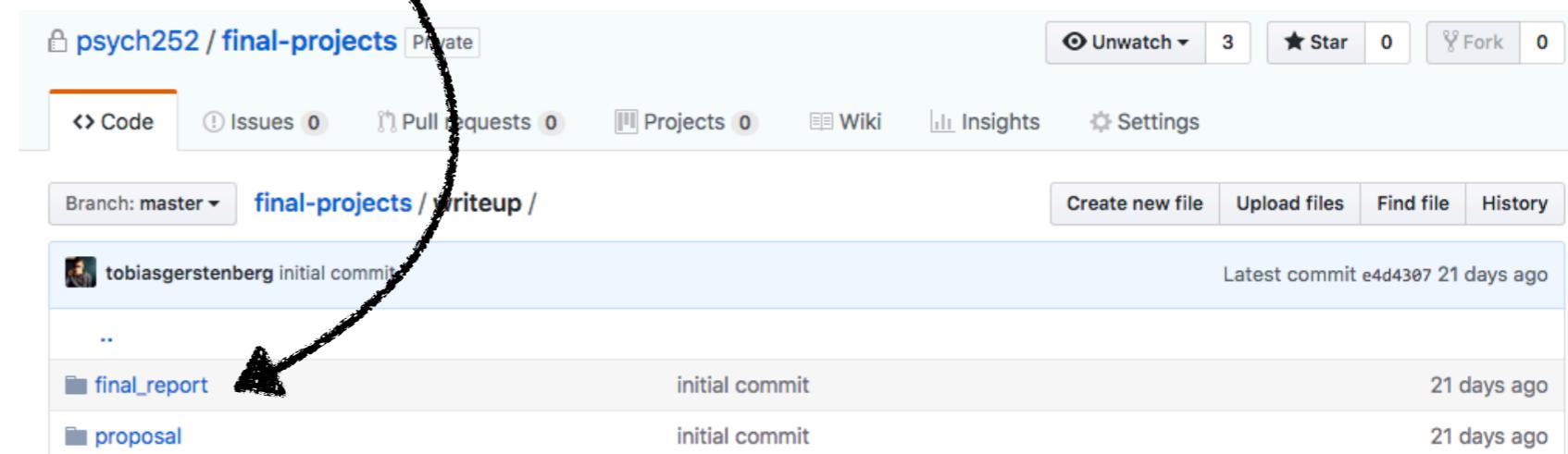
# **Project writeup**

# Project writeup

- Should have the form of a research report:
  1. Introduction / Background
    - a) Research question / Hypotheses
  2. Methods
  3. Results
    - a) Confirmatory analysis
    - b) Exploratory analysis
  4. Discussion
- ~1000 - 2000 words long
- We expect more from teams compared to individuals (but need not be *more text*; more sophisticated analysis, visualizations, wrangling, ...)

# Project writeup

- written as an RMarkdown document
- including all the code for wrangling, visualization, statistical analysis, and reporting
- save your writeup here



# **Project presentations**

# Project presentations

When/how will you present? \*

didn't mention  
this option initially

- On March 21st (Final presentations day)
- On March 15th (Final class)
- On March 19th at 2pm (Stats instructors meeting)
- I will record the presentation and submit a video.

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survey  
link

<https://tinyurl.com/psych252presentation>

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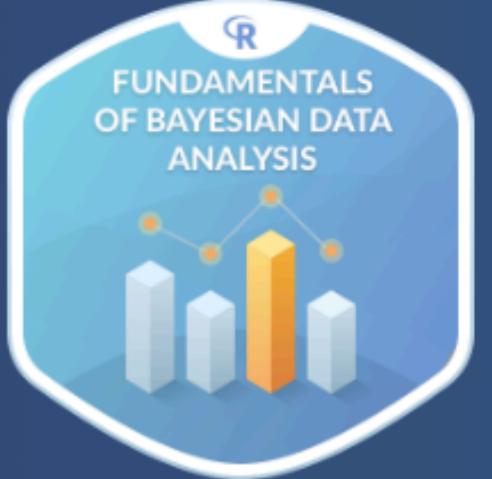
# Datacamp course

INTERACTIVE COURSE

## Fundamentals of Bayesian Data Analysis in R

[Replay Course](#)

⌚ 4 hours | ► 23 Videos | ↕ 58 Exercises | 🚩 6,177 Participants | 💼 4,450 XP



### Course Description

Bayesian data analysis is an approach to statistical modeling and machine learning that is becoming more and more popular. It provides a uniform framework to build problem specific models that can be used for both statistical inference and for prediction. This course will introduce you to Bayesian data analysis: What it is, how it works, and why it is a useful tool to have in your data science toolbox.



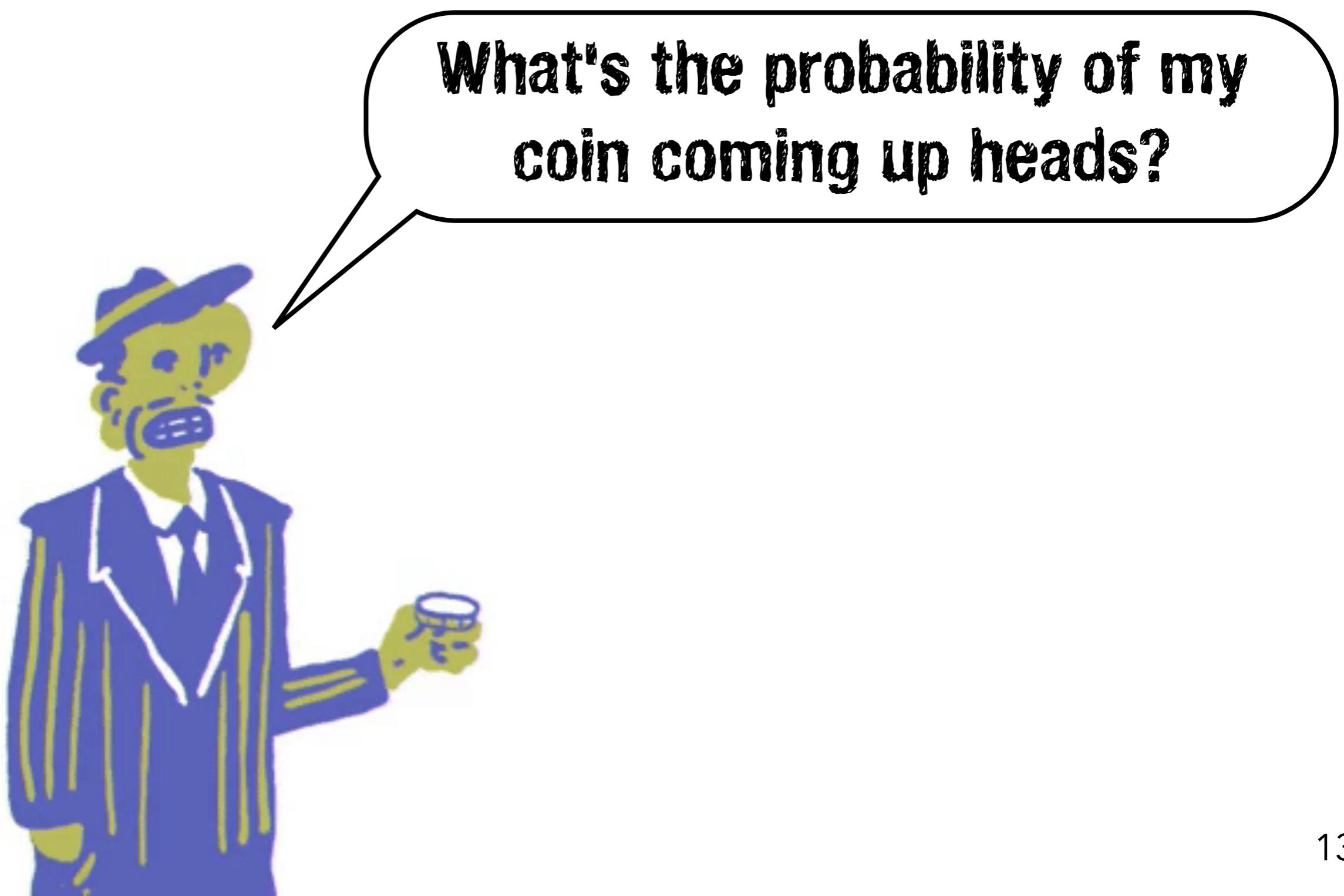
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# Plan for today

- Flipping coins: Simple Bayesian inference
- Bayes' rule
  - Weighting of prior knowledge and evidence
  - Ingredients:
    - likelihood
    - prior
    - inference
- Doing Bayesian data analysis
  - A simple linear regression
  - Making comparisons

# Flipping coins

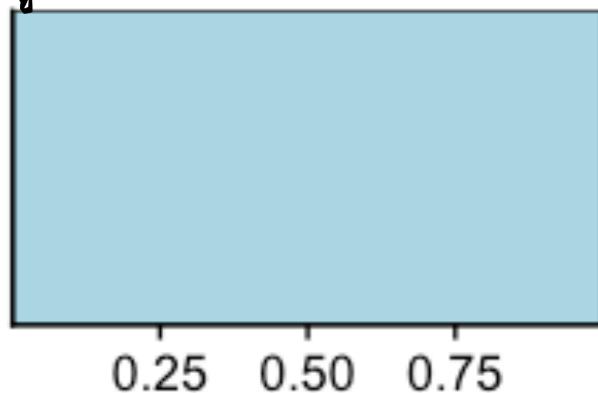
# Flipping coins



# Learning from data

How does/should our belief change as evidence comes in?

prior



Today's  
posterior is  
tomorrow's  
prior.



$$p(\theta | \text{n}_{\text{success}} = 6, \text{n}_{\text{trials}} = 8)$$

# Coin flip example

Which coin did I flip?

## Hypotheses

$$p = 0.1$$



$$p = 0.5$$



$$p = 0.9$$



## Data



#8 tails, #2 heads

# Bayesian Recipe

- Hypotheses
- Prior over hypotheses
- Data
- Likelihood of the data given the hypotheses
- Posterior over hypotheses given the data

**+ a healthy dose  
of Bayes' rule**

$$p(H|D) = \frac{p(D|H) \cdot p(H)}{p(D)}$$

# Coin flip example

```
1 # data  
2 data = rep(0:1, c(8, 2)) ← 8 tails and 2 heads  
3  
4 # parameters  
5 theta = c(0.1, 0.5, 0.9) ← hypotheses  
6  
7 # prior  
8 prior = c(0.25, 0.5, 0.25) ← prior over the hypotheses  
9  
10 # likelihood  
11 likelihood = dbinom(sum(data == 1), size = length(data), prob = theta)  
12 ← binomial distribution  
13 # posterior  
14 posterior = likelihood * prior / sum(likelihood * prior)  
← posterior
```

$$p(H|D) = \frac{p(D|H) \cdot p(H)}{p(D)}$$

law of total probability:

$$p(D) = \sum_{i=1}^n p(D|H_i) \cdot p(H_i)$$

# Coin flip example

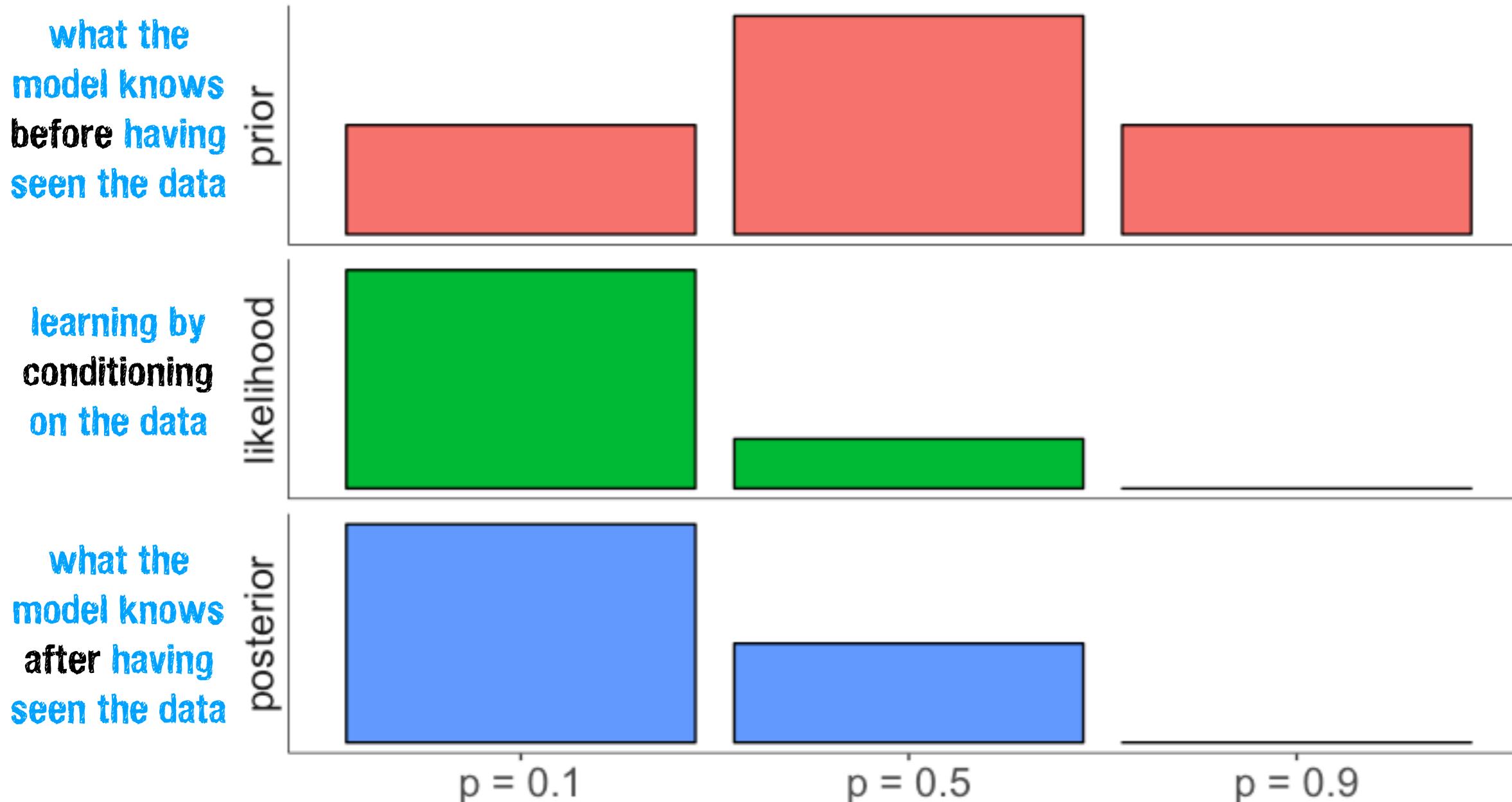
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theta	prior	likelihood	posterior
0.1	0.25	0.19	0.69
0.5	0.50	0.04	0.31
0.9	0.25	0.00	0.00

# Coin flip example

data: #8 tails, #2 heads

## Which coin was flipped?

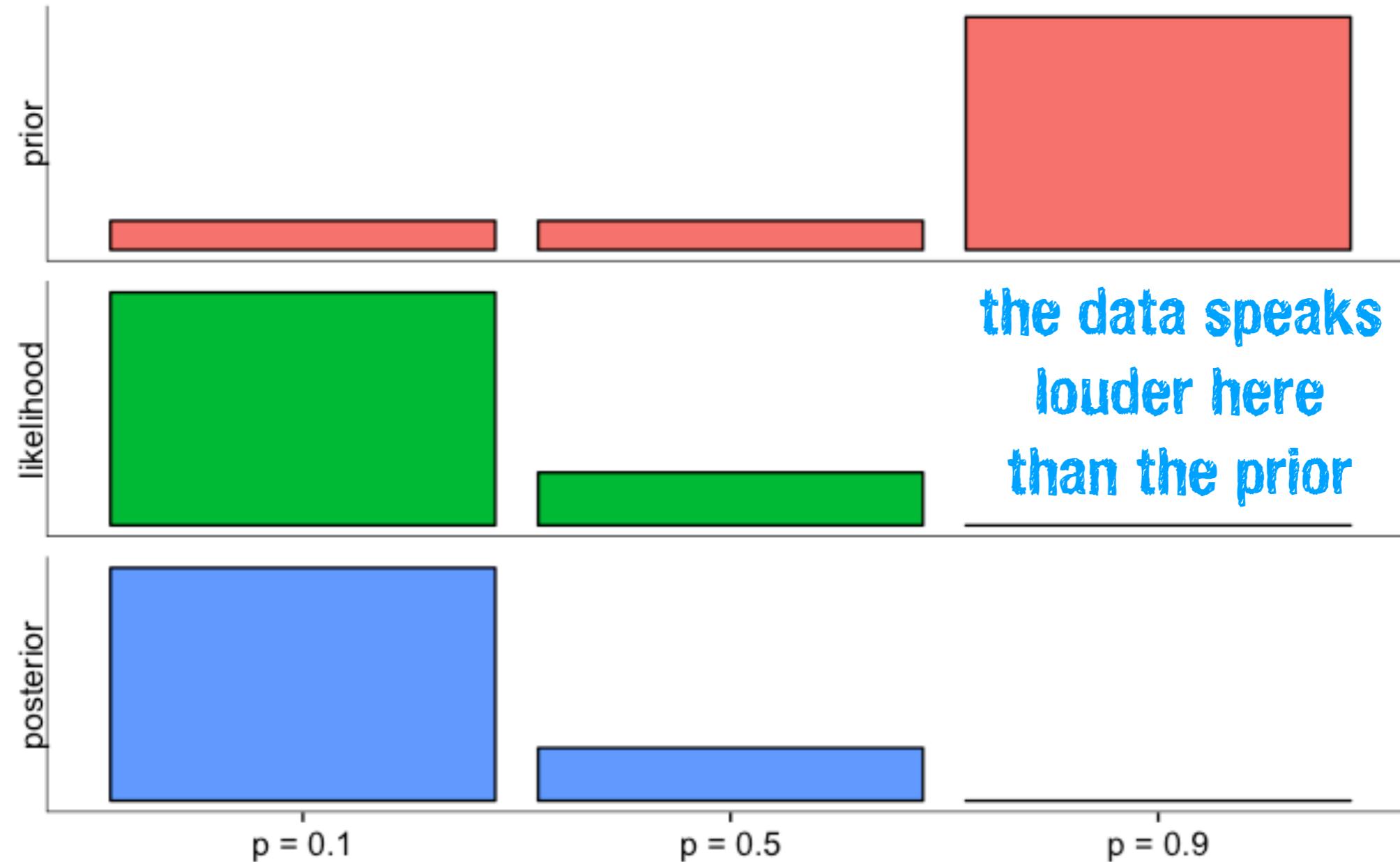


posterior = multiplicative weighting of prior and likelihood

# Coin flip example

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Which coin was flipped?

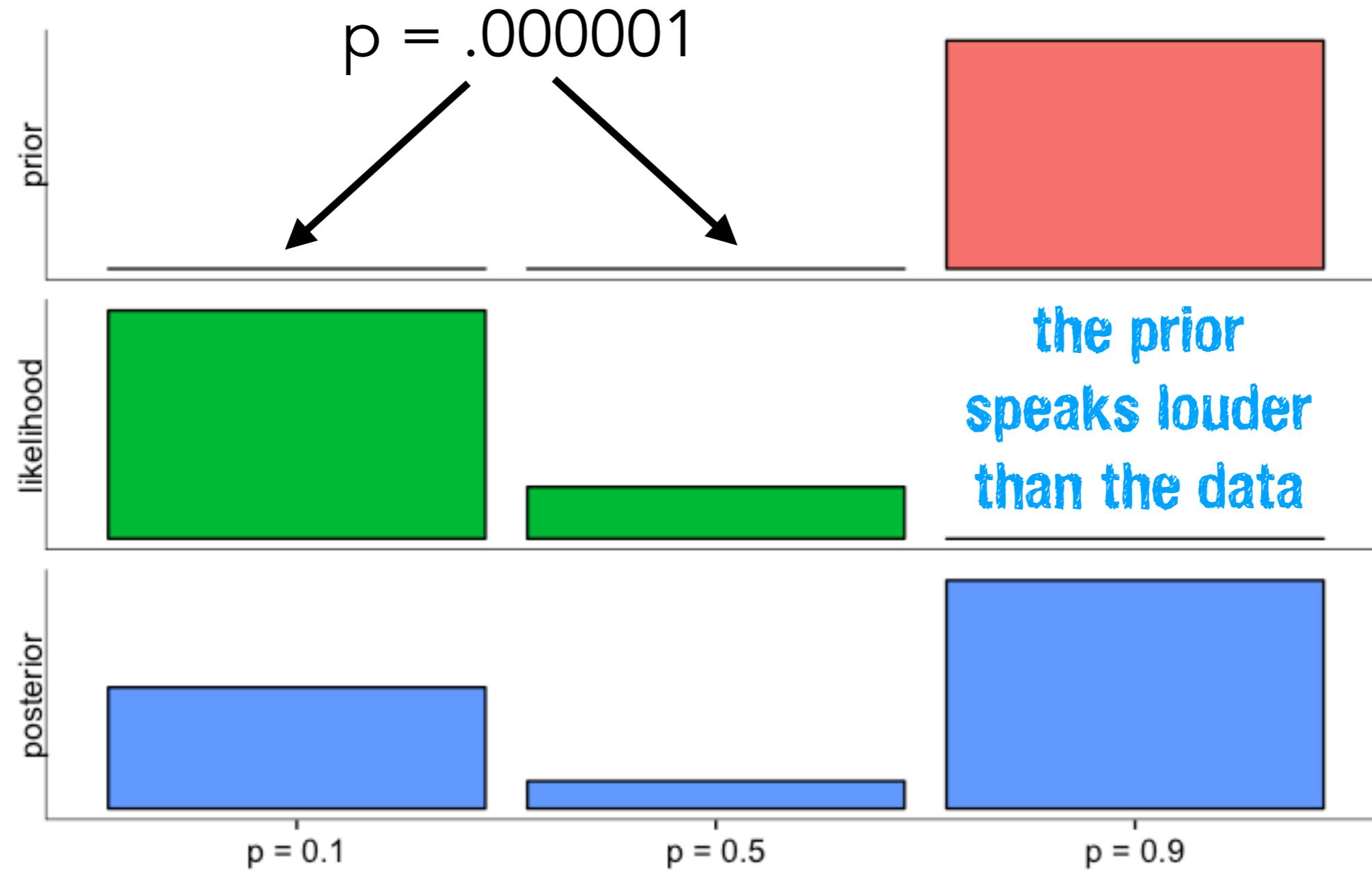


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# Coin flip example

data: #8 tails, #2 heads

Which coin was flipped?



posterior = multiplicative weighting of prior and likelihood

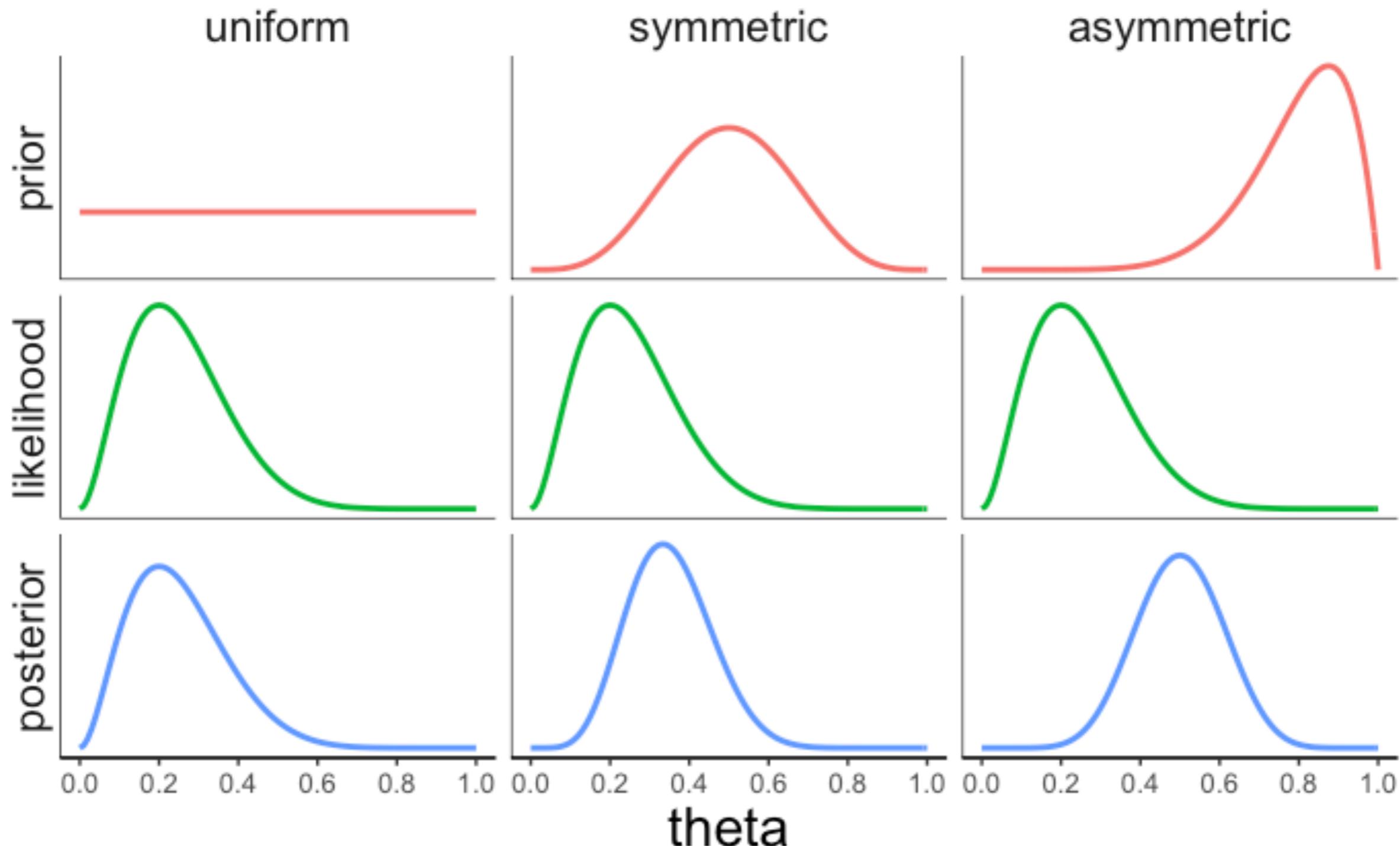
# **What affects the posterior?**

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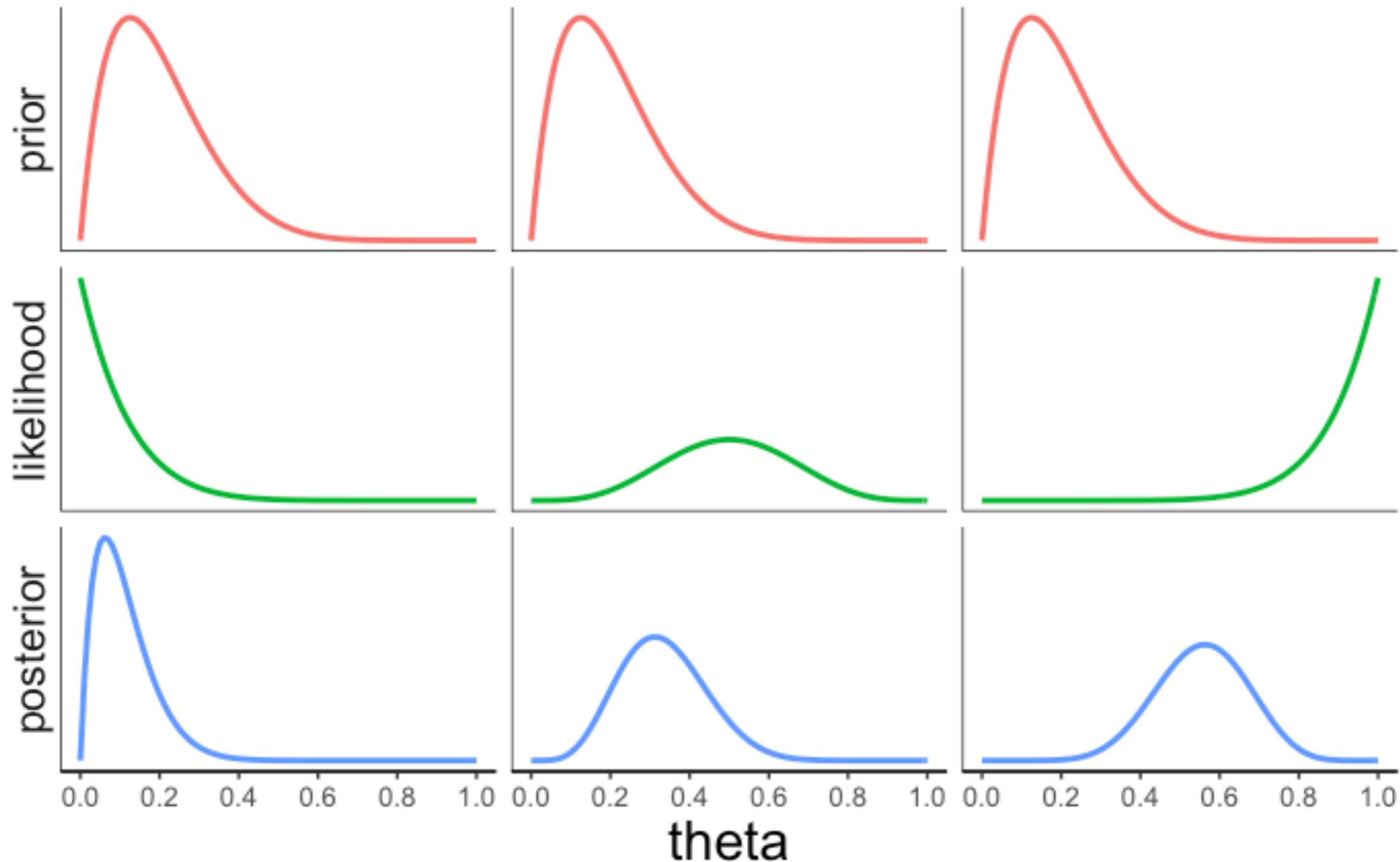
1. the prior over hypotheses
2. the likelihood of the data given each hypothesis

$$p(H | D) = \frac{\text{Likelihood} \cdot \text{Prior}}{\text{Normalizing constant}}$$
$$p(H | D) = \frac{p(D | H) \cdot p(H)}{p(D)}$$

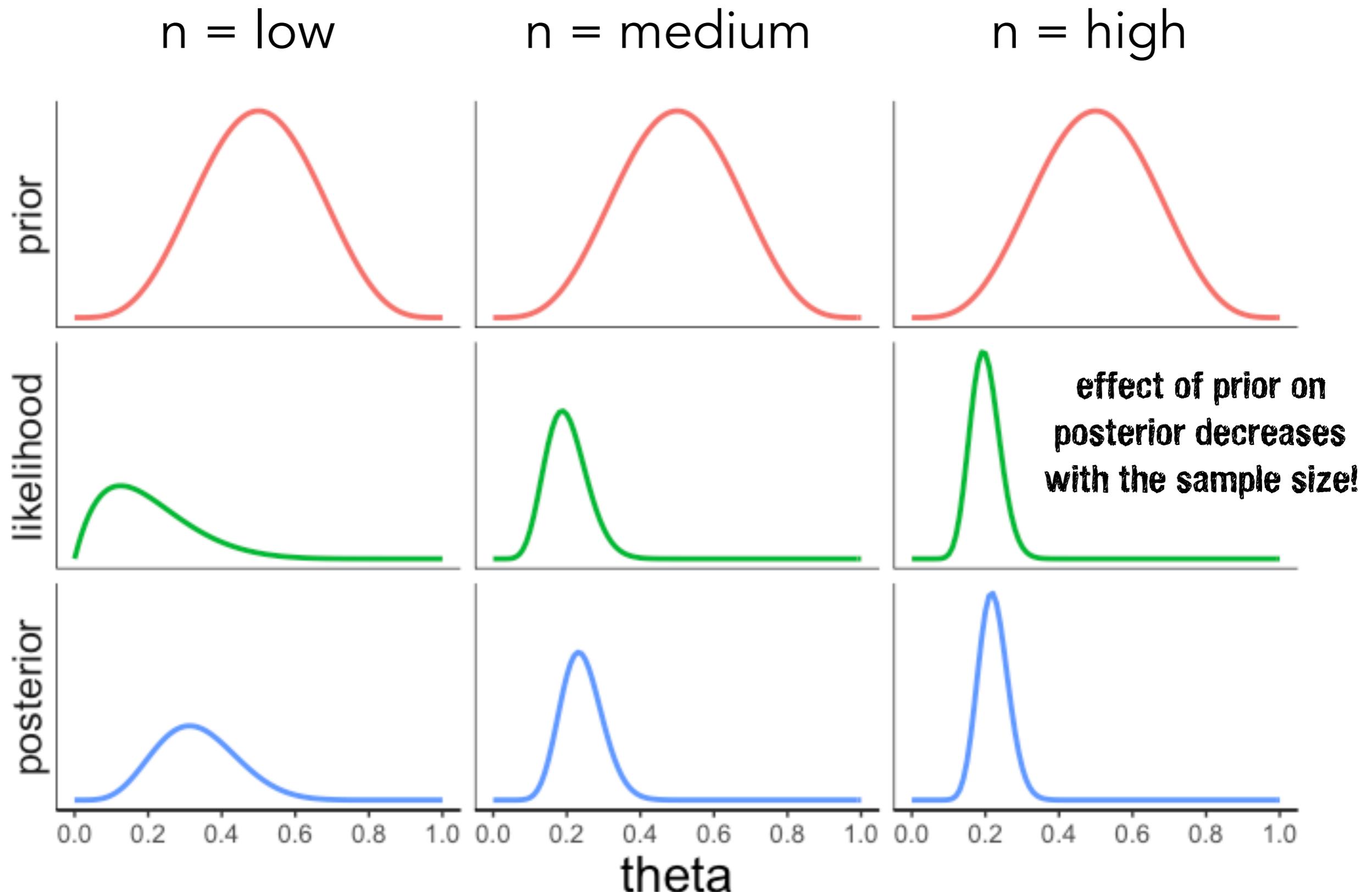
# The effect of the prior



# The effect of the likelihood



# The effect of sample size



# Ingredients

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$$p(H | D) = \frac{\text{Likelihood} \quad \text{Prior}}{p(D)}$$

Posterior

Normalizing constant

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**Posterior**

**Likelihood**      **Prior**

$p(D | H) \cdot p(H)$

$p(D)$

# Likelihood

- **What probabilistic model describes best how the data were generated?**
- How to build a (Bayesian) model?
  - What real-life behavior should the model explain?
  - What assumptions can you make about the behavior?
  - What's the nature of your dependent variable (e.g. binary, ordered, continuous)?
  - Does the model re-create the behavior of interest?

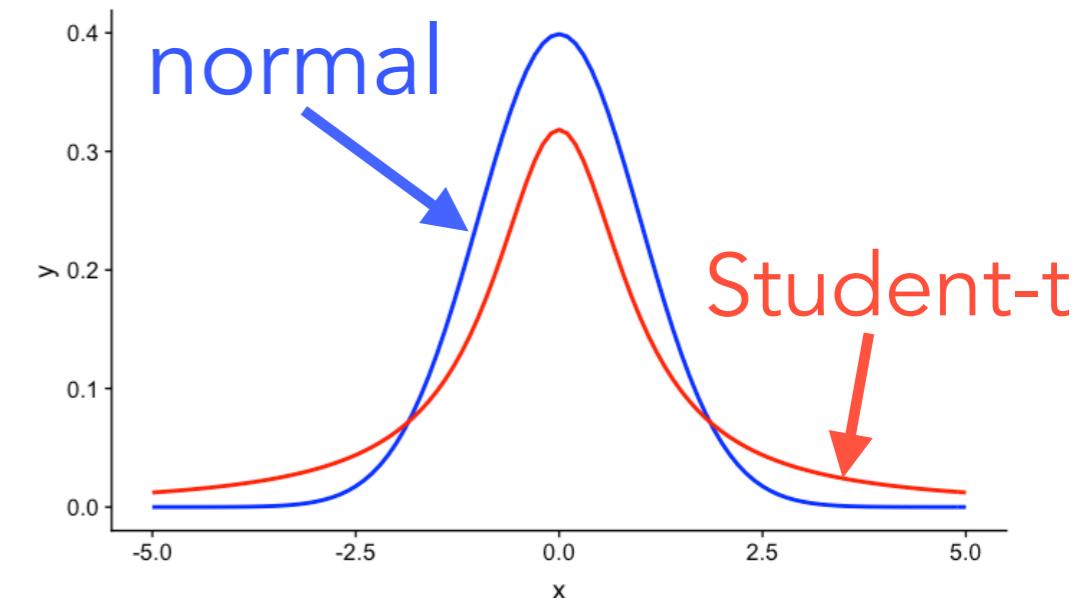


# Likelihood

- **Bernoulli:**
  - binary data
  - a single trial
- **Binomial:**
  - binary data
  - fixed number of total trials
  - trial outcomes are independent
  - probability of success is the same in each trial
- **Poisson:** count of discrete events
- **Beta-binomial:** like binomial but probability of success may change across trials
- ...

# Likelihood

- **Normal:**
  - continuous data
  - unbounded outcomes
  - outcome is the result of a large number of additive factors
- **Student-t:**
  - same as Normal
  - handles greater variability in the data (distribution has **fat tails**)



# Prior

$$p(H | D) = \frac{\text{Likelihood} \cdot \text{Prior}}{\text{Normalizing constant}}$$

Posterior

$p(H | D)$

Likelihood      Prior

$p(D | H) \cdot p(H)$

$p(D)$

Normalizing constant

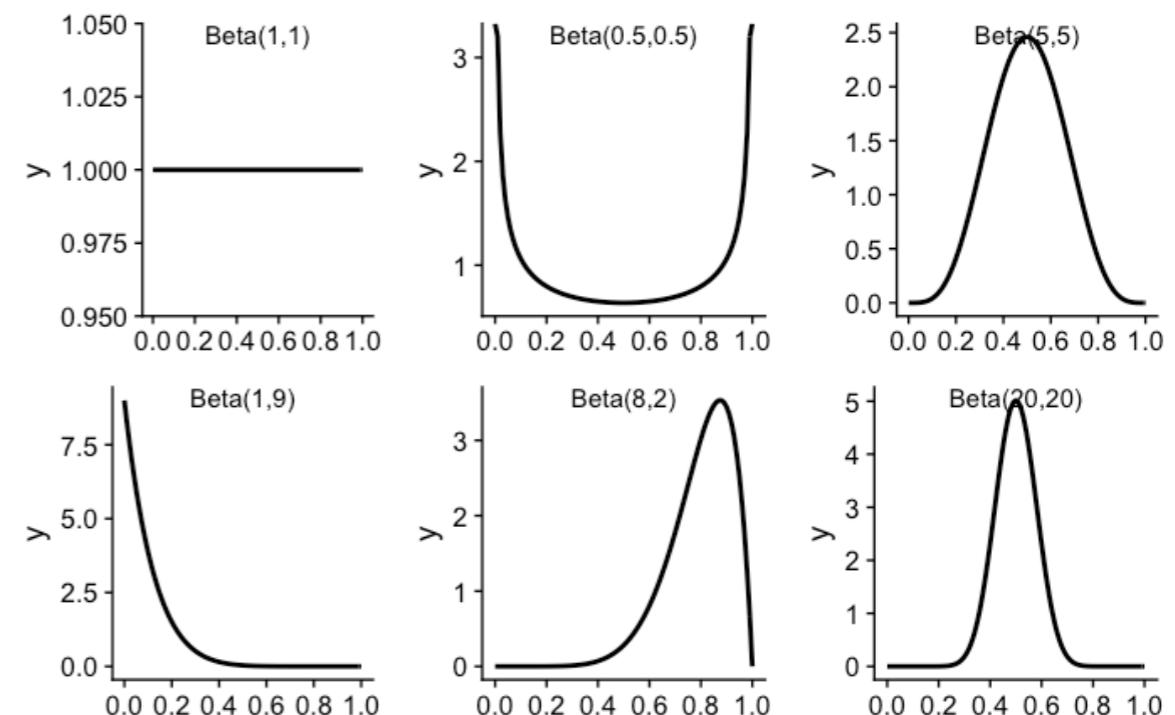
# Prior

- **uniform:**

- continuous or discrete
- bounded between minimum and maximum

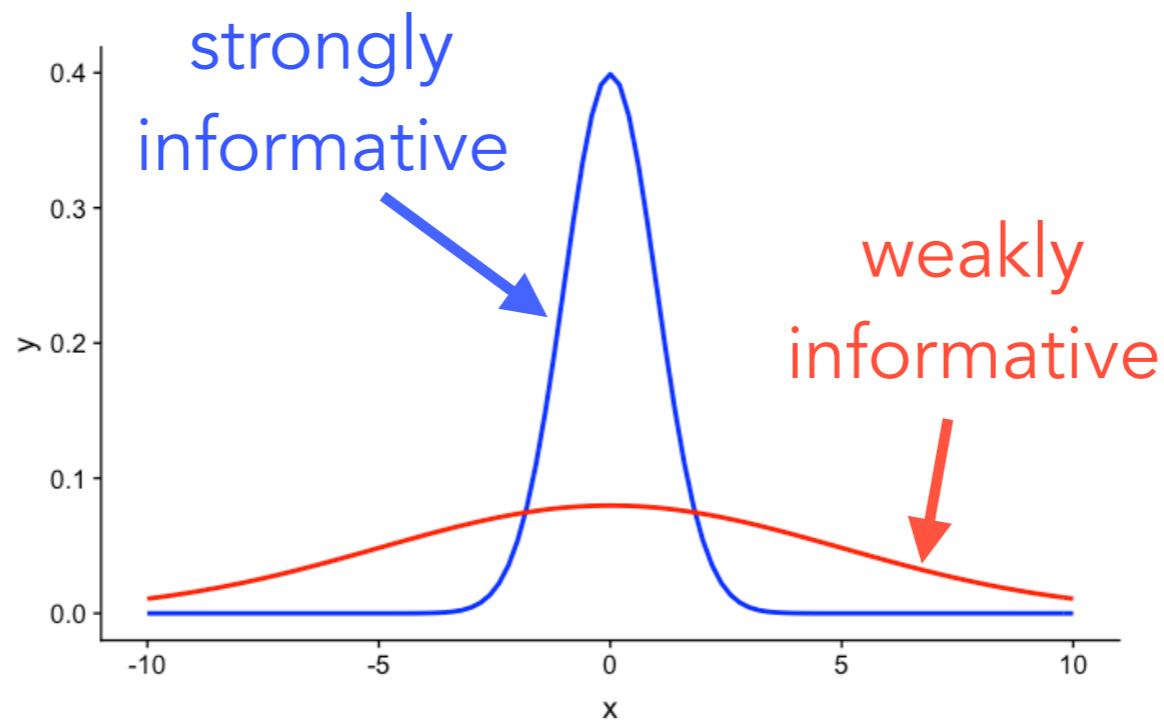
- **beta:**

- continuous parameters
- bounded between 0 and 1
- can model a wide range of priors



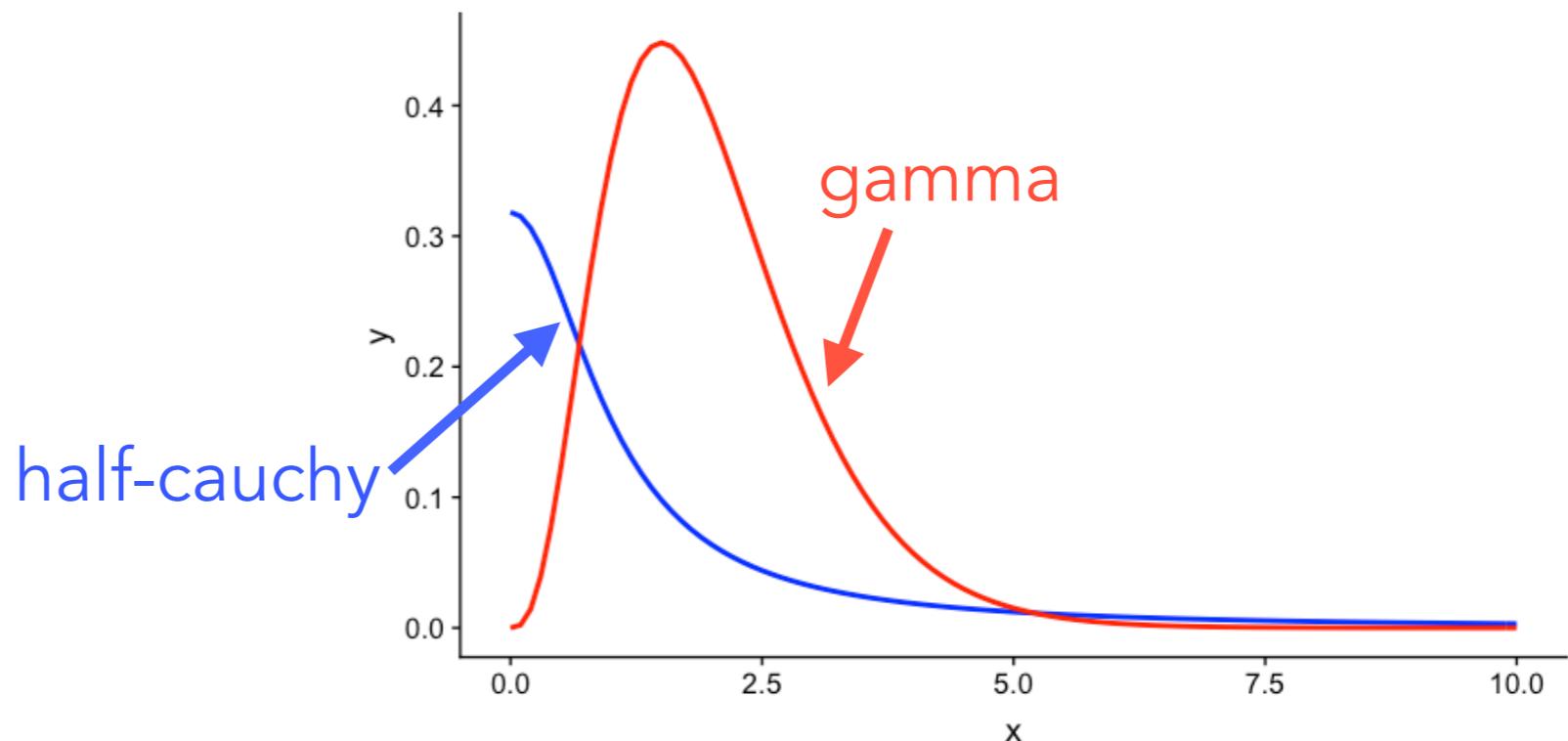
# Prior

- **normal:**
  - continuous
  - unbounded outcomes
  - can range from weakly informative to strongly informative



# Prior

- What prior should we use for inferring the standard deviation?
  - **uniform** (positive)
    - but: large values might be less plausible a priori than smaller values
  - **cauchy** (truncated)
  - **gamma**



# Inference

$$p(H | D) = \frac{\text{Likelihood} \cdot \text{Prior}}{p(D)}$$

**Normalizing constant**

the devil is in the denominator ...

# Doing Bayesian inference

## Discrete hypothesis space

$$p(H|D) = \frac{p(D|H) \cdot p(H)}{\sum_{i=1}^n p(D|H_i) \cdot p(H_i)}$$

sum over all possibilities

## Continuous hypothesis space

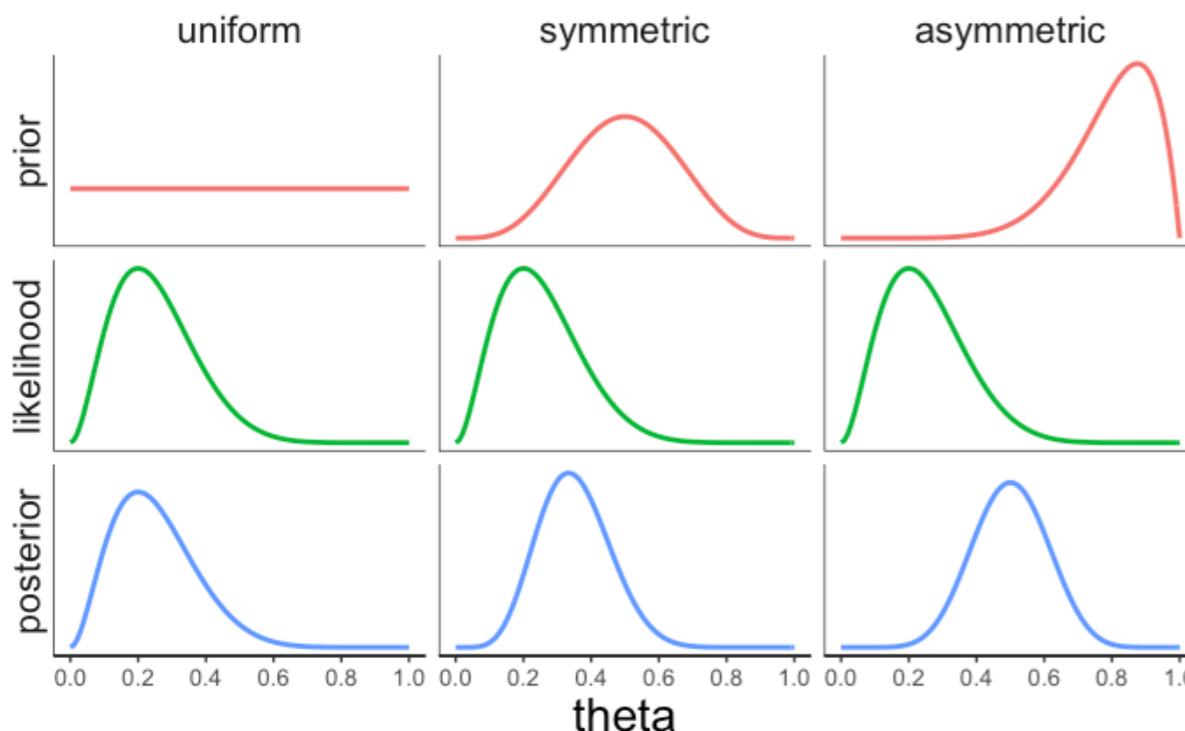
$$p(H|D) = \frac{p(D|H) \cdot p(H)}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} p(D|H_i) \cdot p(H_i) dH_i}$$

integral over all possibilities

# Discretizing the parameters

```
1 # grid
2 theta = seq(0, 1, 0.01) ← 100 discrete values
3
4 # data
5 data = rep(0:1, c(8, 2))
6
7 # calculate posterior
8 df.prior = tibble(theta = theta,
9                     prior_uniform = dbeta(grid, shape1 = 1, shape2 = 1),
10                    prior_normal = dbeta(grid, shape1 = 5, shape2 = 5),
11                   prior_biased = dbeta(grid, shape1 = 8, shape2 = 2)) %>%
12   gather("prior_index", "prior", -theta) %>%
13   mutate(likelihood = dbinom(sum(data == 1),
14                             size = length(data),
15                             prob = theta)) %>%
16   group_by(prior_index) %>%
17   mutate(posterior = likelihood * prior / sum(likelihood * prior)) %>%
18   ungroup() %>%
19   gather("index", "value", -c(theta, prior_index))
```

for 3 variables, we would already  
need 1 Mio combinations



The CURSE of  
dimensionality

# Inference via sampling

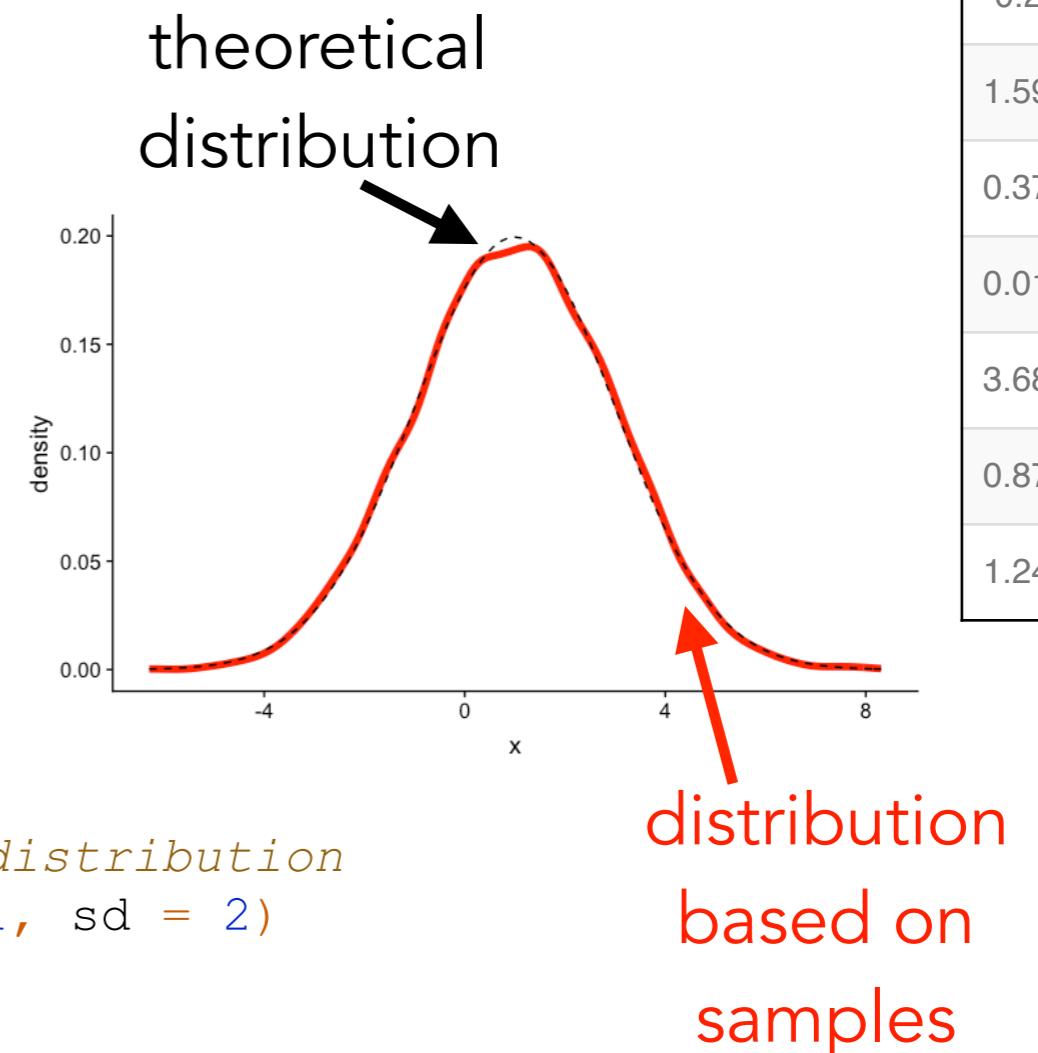
- we cannot directly calculate the probability of the posterior (because it might have a pretty weird shape)
- **but:** we can draw random samples from the posterior
- we can then use our data wrangling and visualization skills to make inferences based on these samples

# Inference via sampling

- imagine that we don't have a **dnorm()** function in R but we want to compute probabilities
- luckily, we do have the **rnorm()** function, so we can create random samples

# Inference via sampling

```
1 # generate samples
2 df.samples = tibble(x = rnorm(n = 10000, mean = 1, sd = 2))
3
4 # visualize distribution
5 ggplot(data = df.samples,
6         mapping = aes(x = x)) +
7         stat_density(geom = "line",
8                      color = "red",
8                      size = 2) +
9         stat_function(fun = "dnorm",
10                     args = list(mean = 1, sd = 2),
11                     color = "black",
12                     linetype = 2)
13
14
15 # calculate probability based on samples
16 df.samples %>%
17   summarize(prob = sum(x >= 0 & x < 4) / n())
18
19 # calculate probability based on theoretical distribution
20 pnorm(4, mean = 1, sd = 2) - pnorm(0, mean = 1, sd = 2)
```

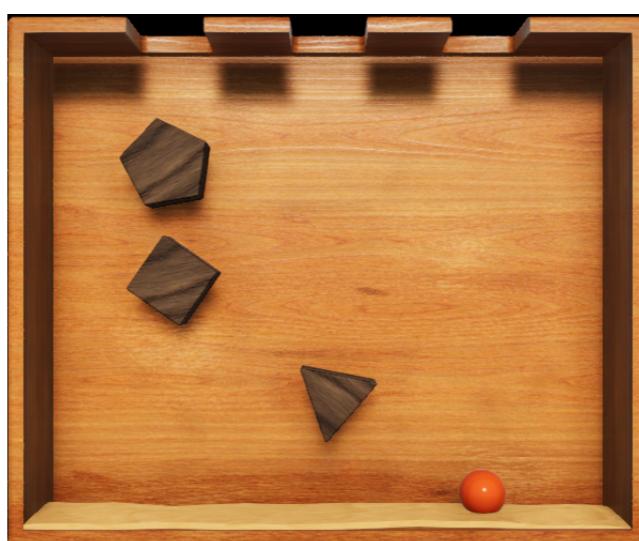
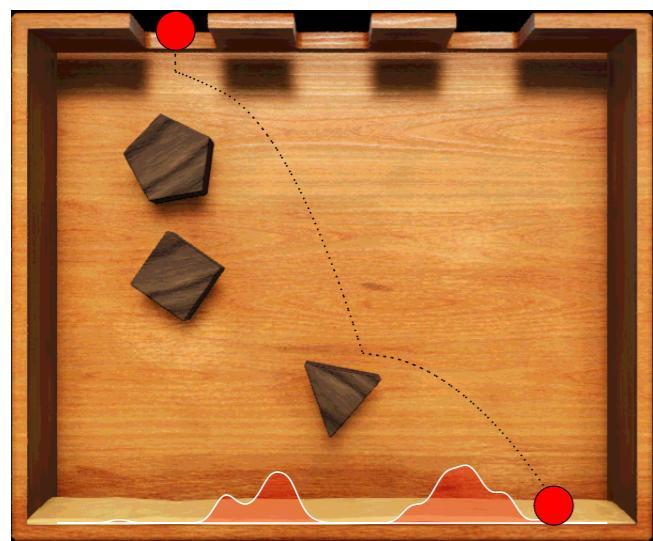
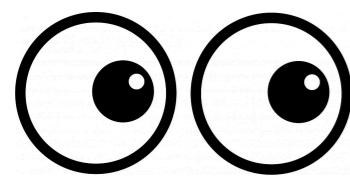


both methods yield  $\approx 63\%$

# Inference via sampling

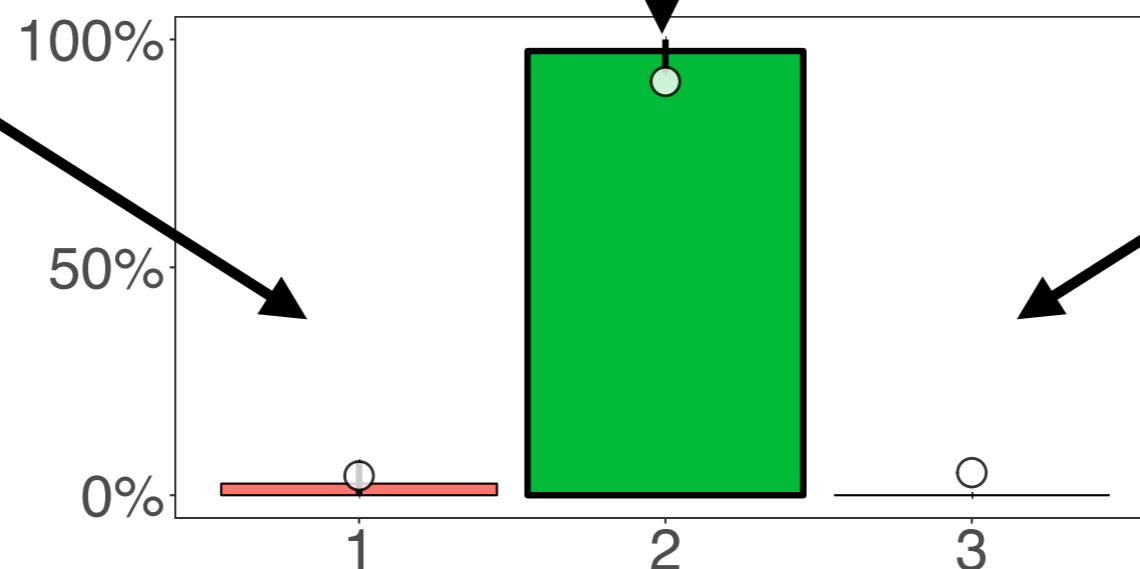
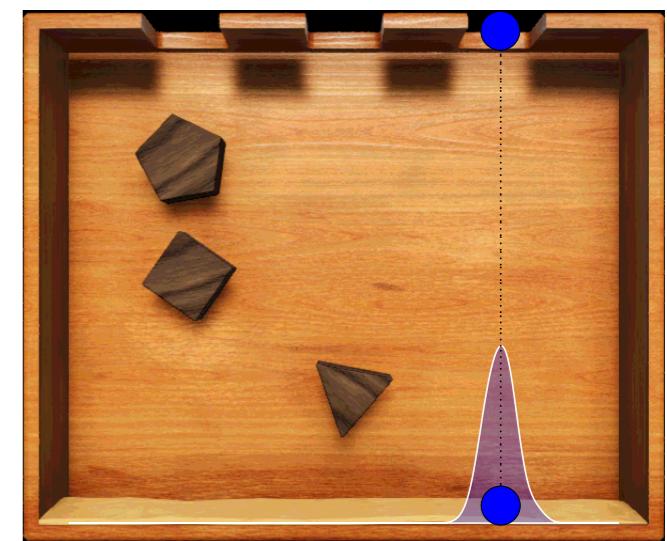
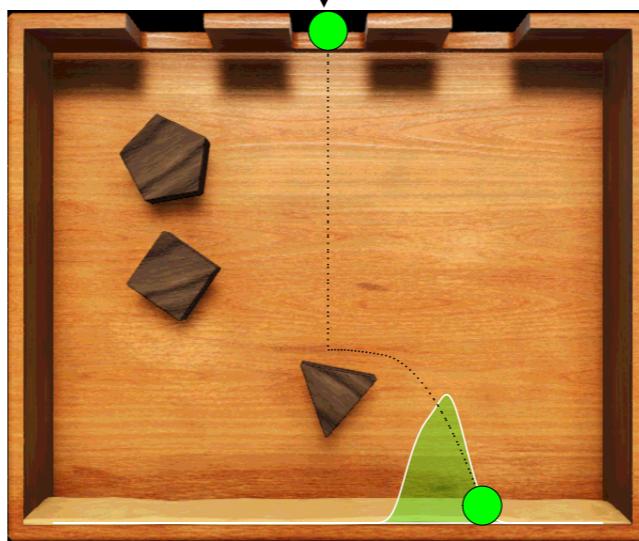
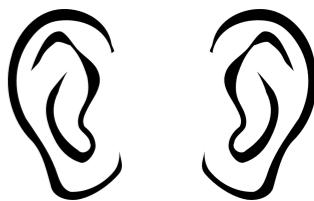
distance between ball's true x position and x position in sample

$$\exp\left(-\frac{d(\text{ball\_x}_{\text{final}}, \text{ball\_x}_{\text{hole}})}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

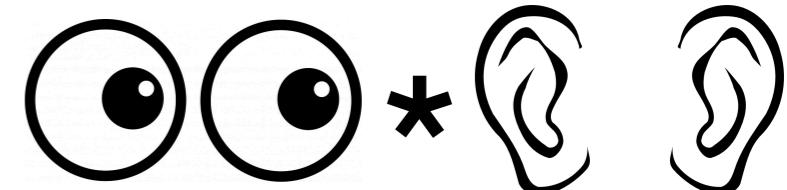


average temporal distance between time points

$$\frac{\sum_i^N \exp\left(-\frac{d(\text{sound}_{\text{true}_i}, \text{sound}_{\text{simulation}_i})}{2\sigma^2}\right)}{N}$$

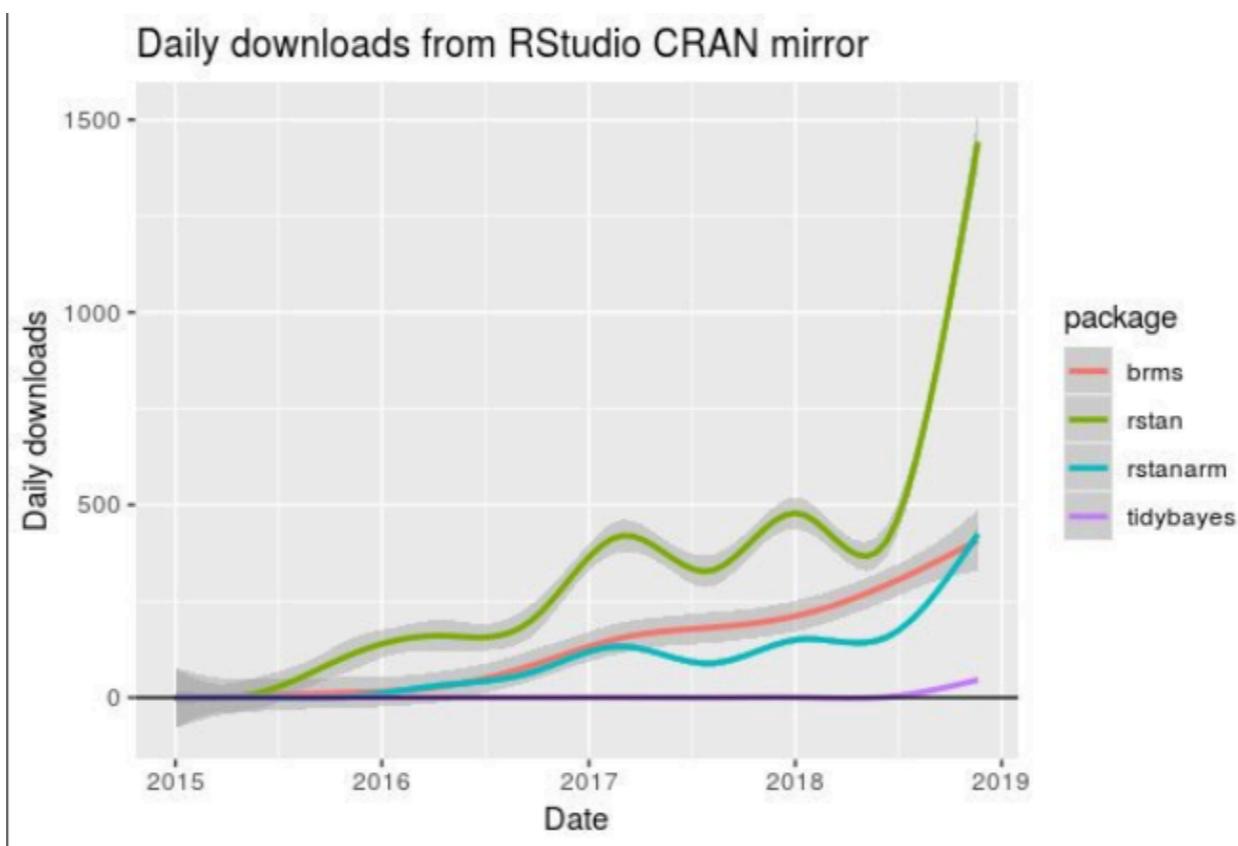


multiplicative integration



# Inference via sampling

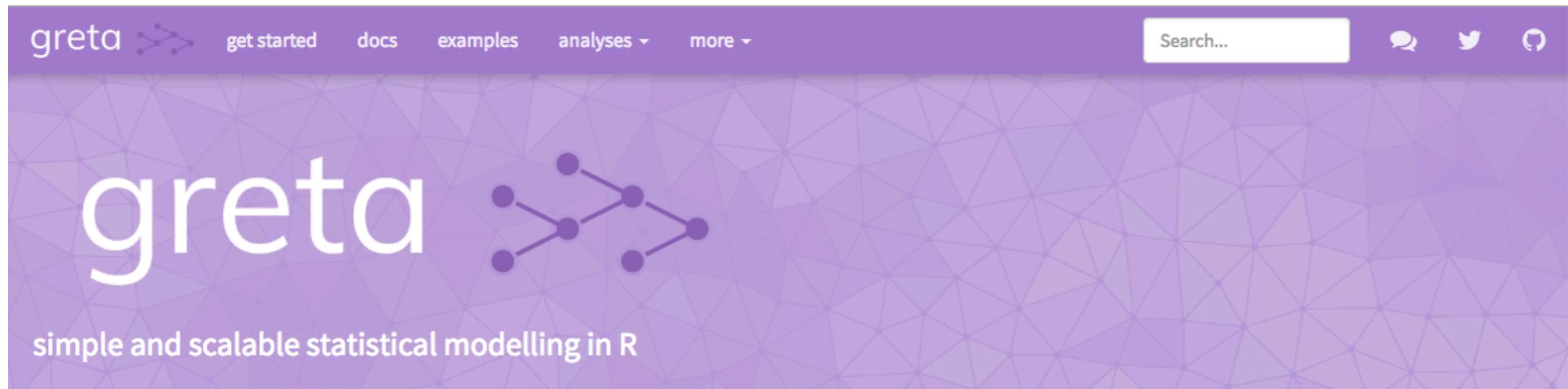
- Bayesian data analysis is becoming more popular because:
  - computers are getting more powerful
  - inference techniques are getting better
  - software packages become easier to use



# **Doing Bayesian data analysis**

# Software packages

```
library("greta")
```



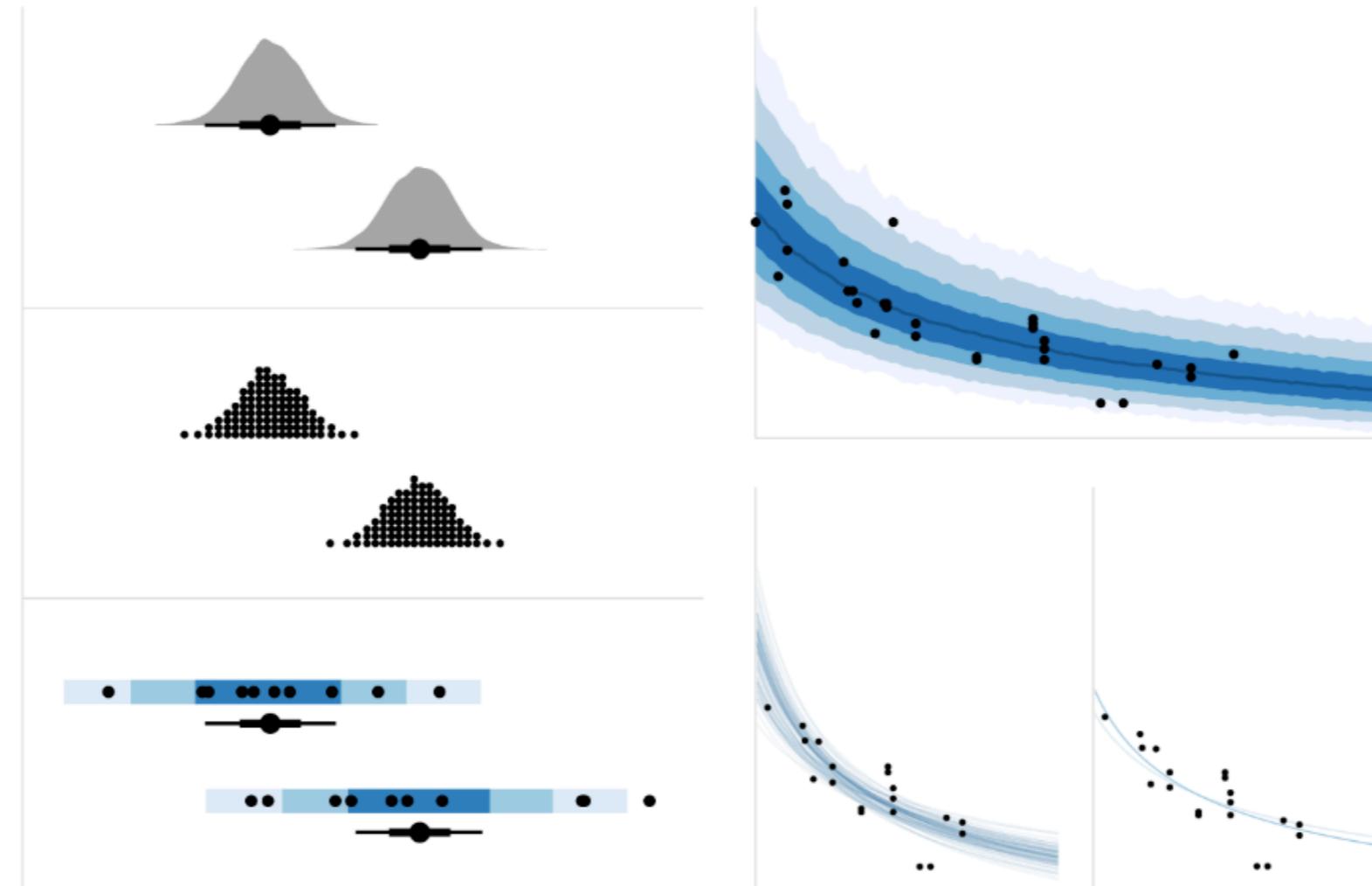
- let's us write Bayesian models directly in R with a simple syntax
- uses Tensorflow to implement Hamiltonian Monte Carlo sampling (a fast inference algorithm ...)

# Software packages

```
library("tidybayes")
```

## tidybayes: Bayesian analysis + tidy data + geoms

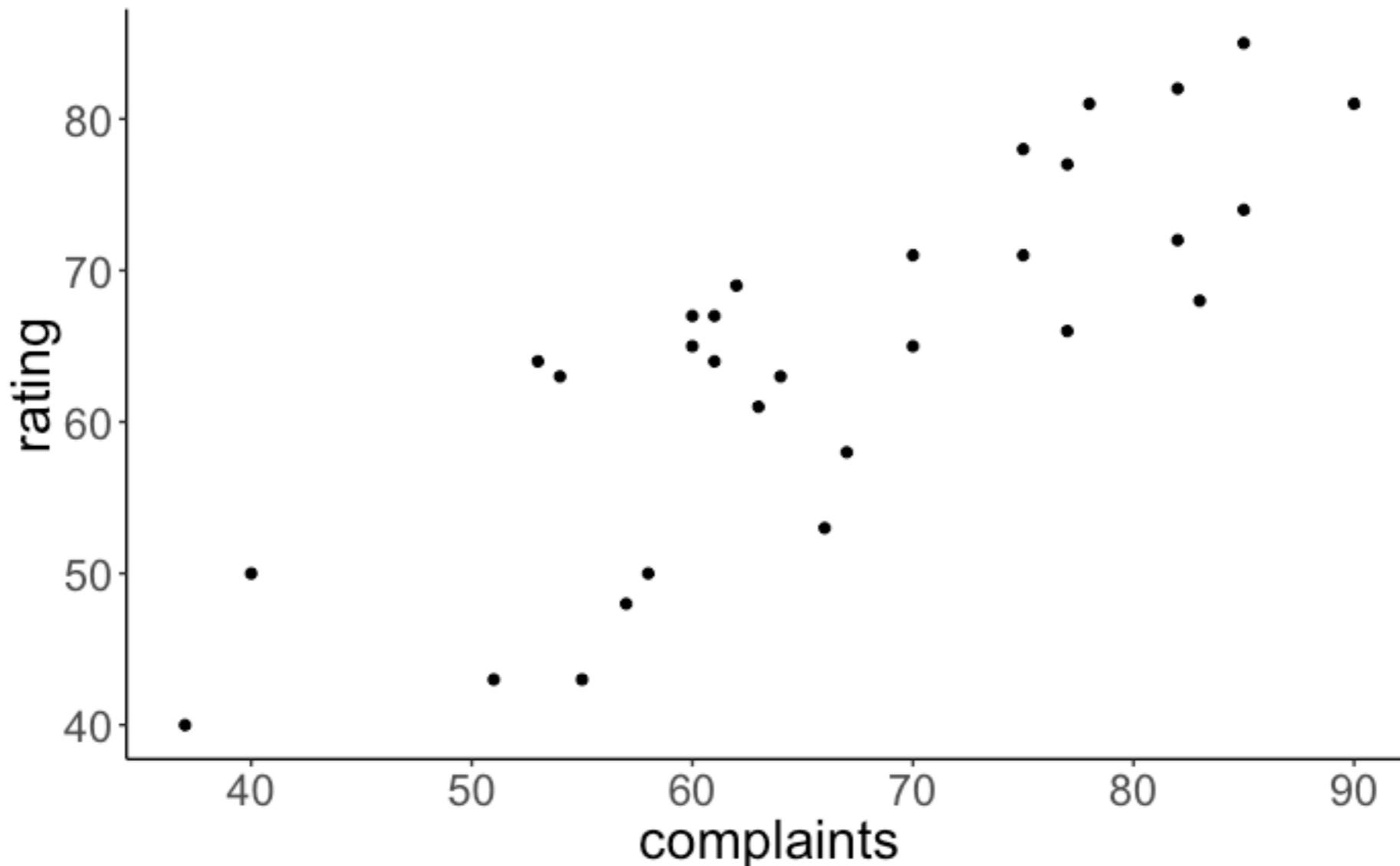
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- great tool for wrangling and visualizing the results of Bayesian data analysis

# Attitude data set

**What's the relationship between how well an employee handles complaints and their overall rating?**



# Frequentist analysis

# Frequentist analysis

```
1 # fit model
2 fit = lm(formula = rating ~ 1 + complaints,
3           data = df.attitude)
4
5 # print summary
6 fit %>% summary()
```

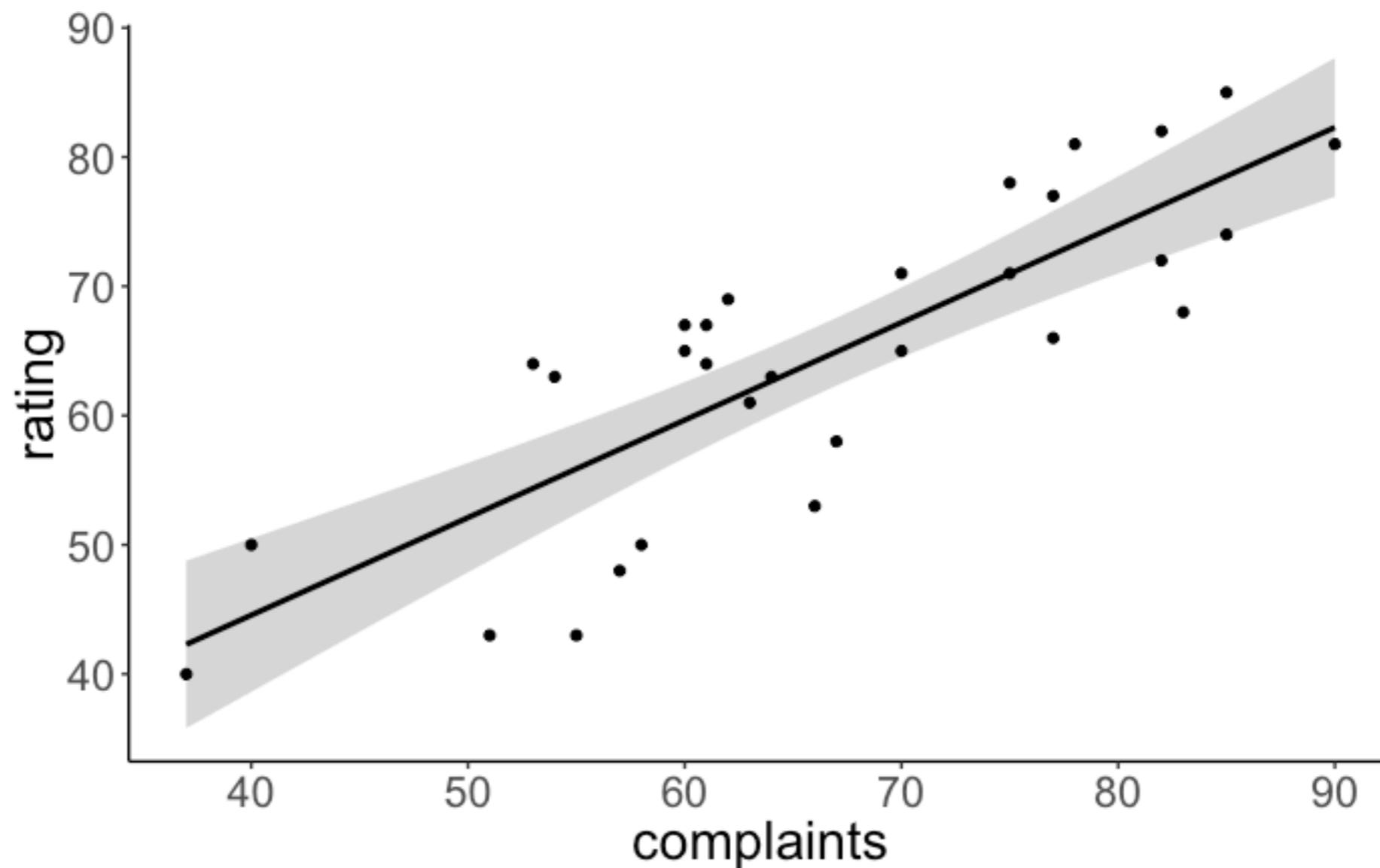
```
Call:
lm(formula = rating ~ 1 + complaints, data = df.attitude)

Residuals:
    Min      1Q  Median      3Q     Max 
-12.8799 -5.9905  0.1783  6.2978  9.6294 

Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)    
(Intercept) 14.37632   6.61999   2.172   0.0385 *  
complaints   0.75461   0.09753   7.737 1.99e-08 *** 
---
Signif. codes:  0 '****' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Residual standard error: 6.993 on 28 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared:  0.6813, Adjusted R-squared:  0.6699 
F-statistic: 59.86 on 1 and 28 DF,  p-value: 1.988e-08
```

# Visualize model predictions



Best-fitting regression line with confidence interval

# **Bayesian analysis**

# Model specification

```
1 library("greta")
2 library("tidybayes")
3
4 # variables & priors
5 b0 = normal(0, 10) ← priors
6 b1 = normal(0, 10)
7 sd = cauchy(0, 3, truncation = c(0, Inf))
8
9 # linear predictor
10 mu = b0 + b1 * attitude$complaints ← linear combination
11
12 # observation model (likelihood)
13 distribution(attitude$rating) = normal(mu, sd)
14
15 # define the model
16 m = model(b0, b1, sd)
```

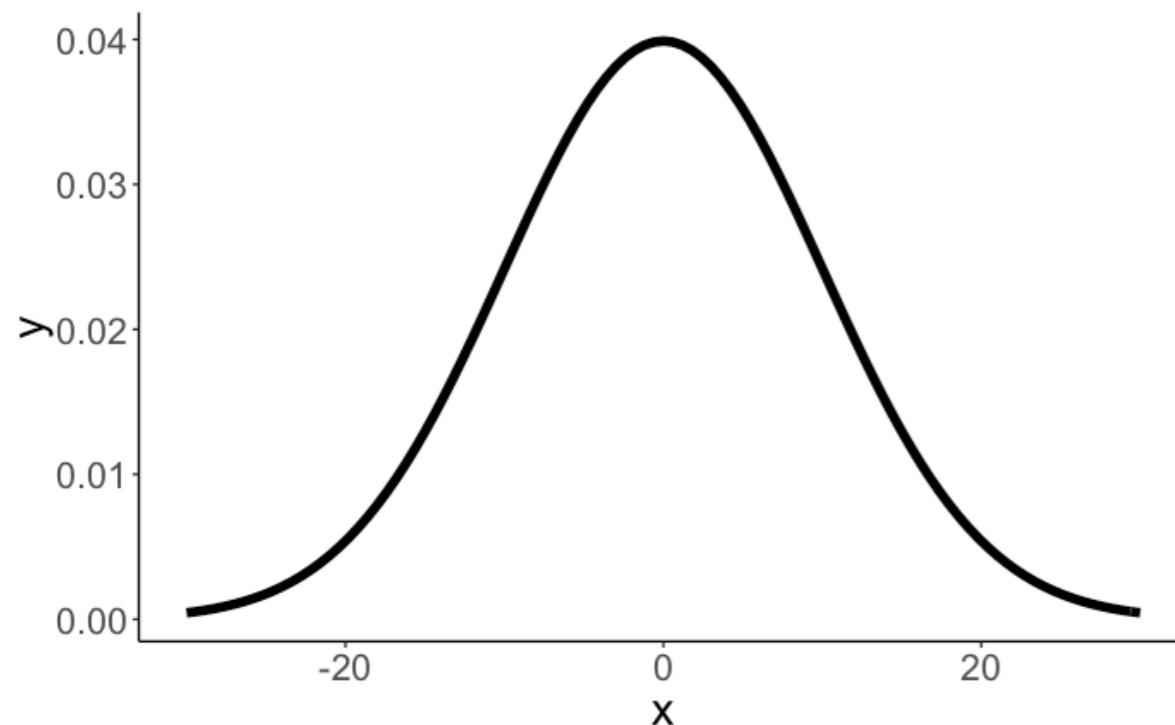
← **build the model**

← **Gaussian likelihood**

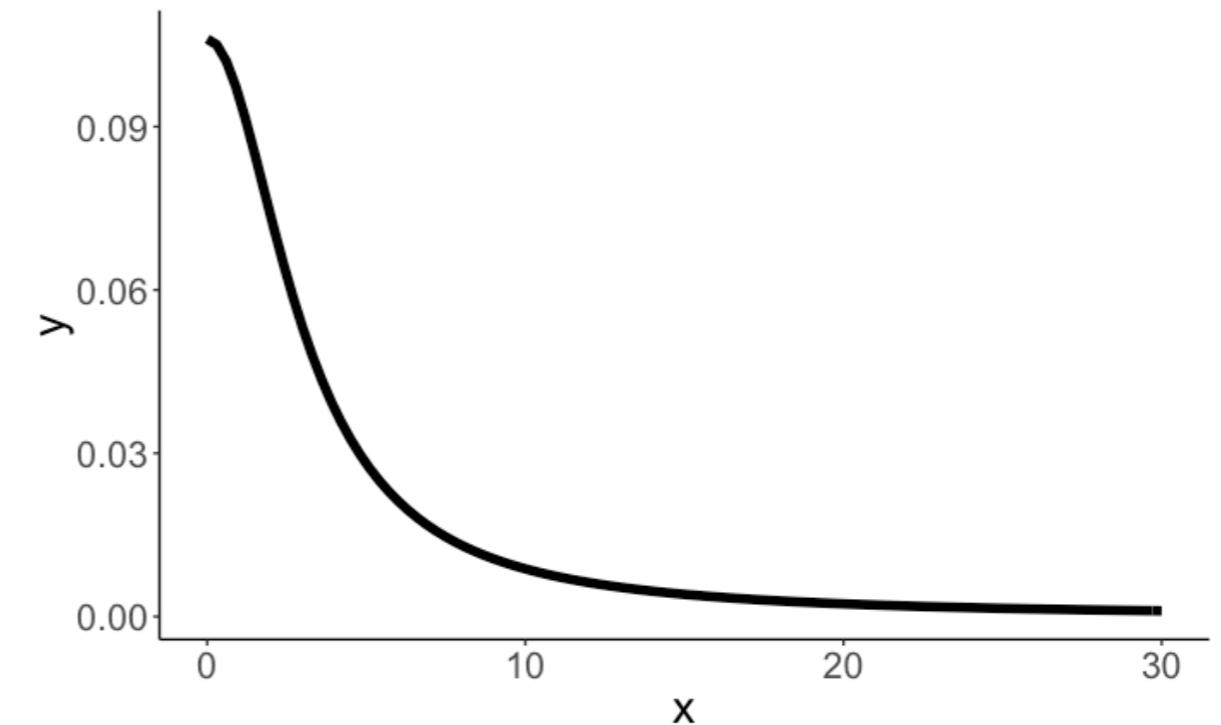
← **linear combination**

← **priors**

# Priors



**Gaussian prior on  
intercept and coefficient**

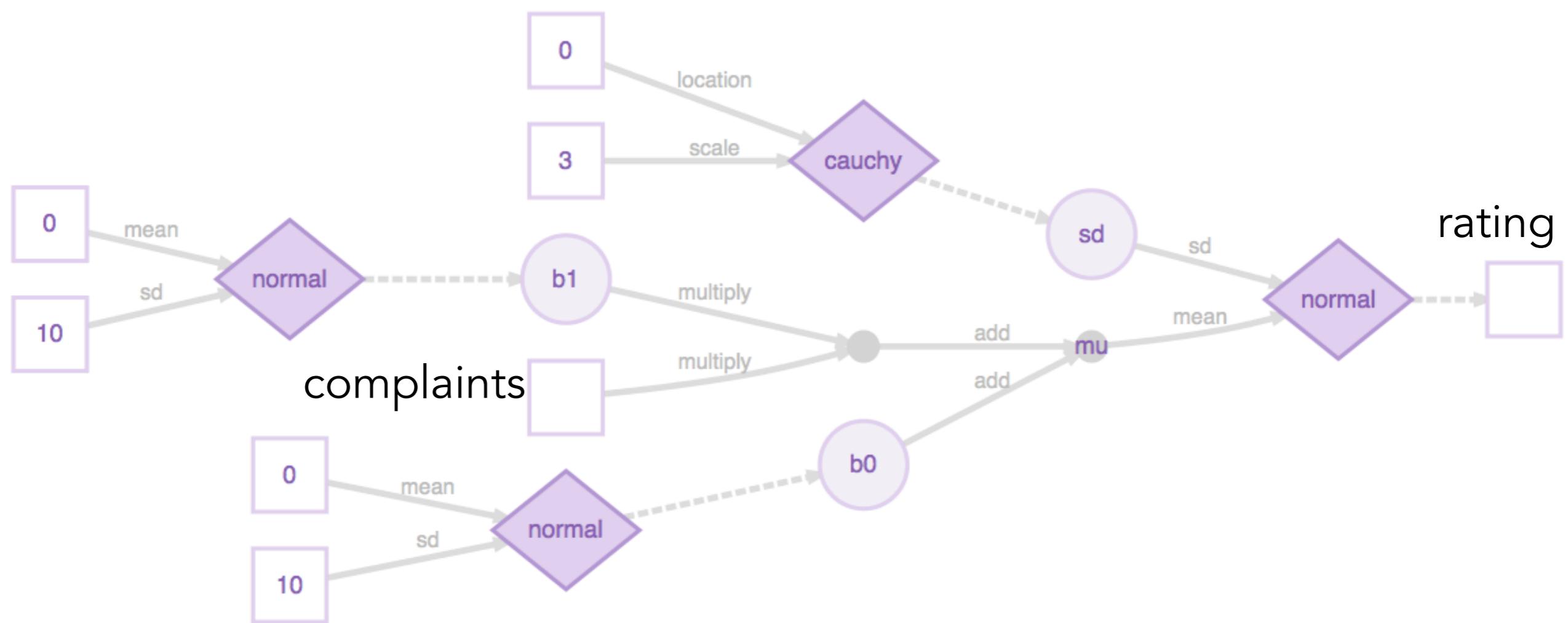


**Truncated Cauchy prior on  
the standard deviation**

weakly informative priors (allow for a wide range of possible values)

# Graphical representation of the model

```
1 # plotting  
2 plot(m)
```



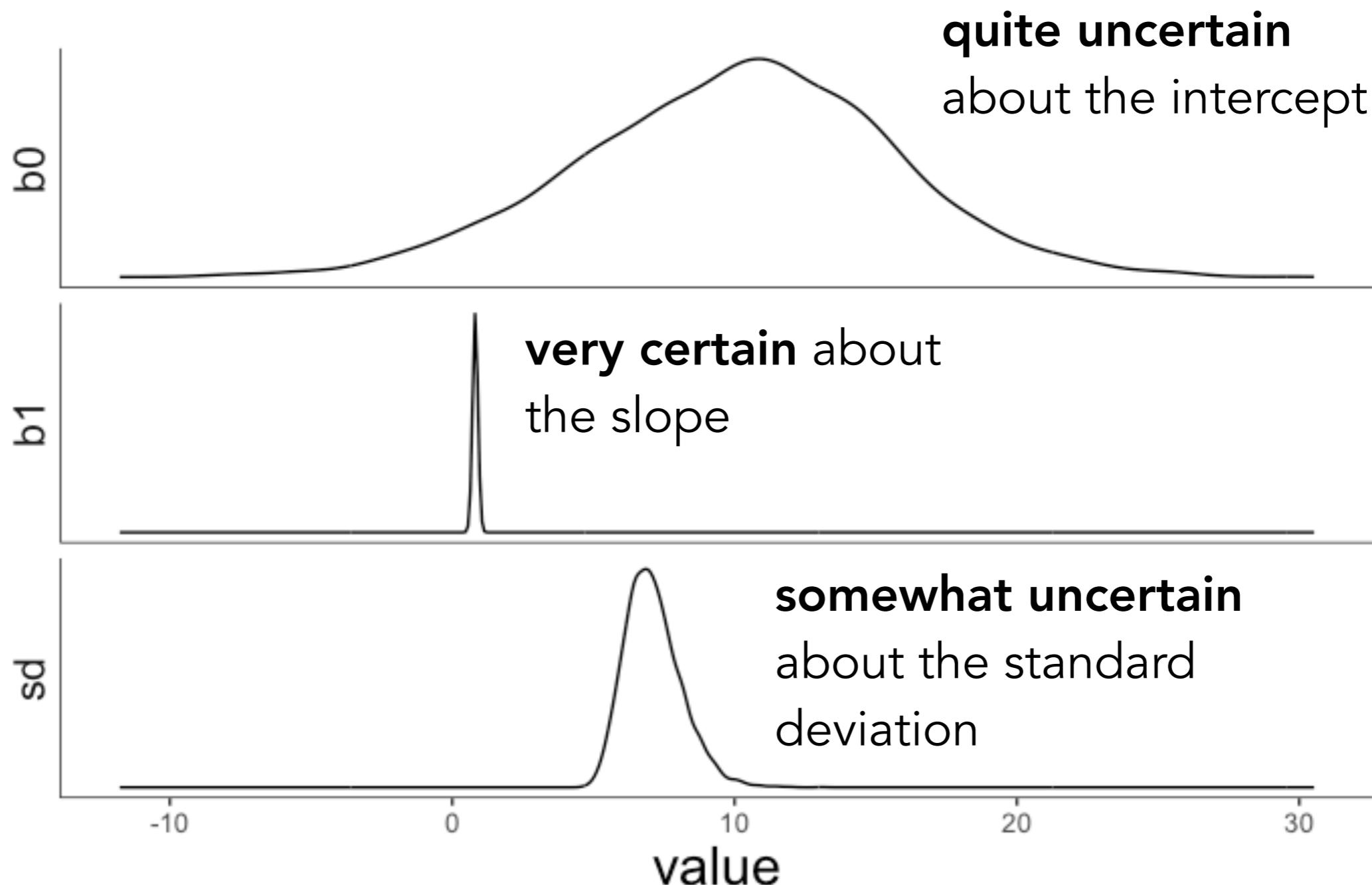
# Inference via sampling

Markov Chain  
Monte Carlo  
inference

```
1 # sampling
2 draws = mcmc(m, n_samples = 1000)
3
4 # tidy up the draws
5 df.draws = tidy_draws(draws) %>%
6   clean_names()
```

chain	iteration	draw	b0	b1	sd
1	1	1	6.08	0.87	7.60
1	2	2	1.12	0.95	7.66
1	3	3	-1.83	0.99	7.01
1	4	4	-4.23	1.02	6.64
1	5	5	3.26	0.87	7.96
1	6	6	-1.04	0.98	7.67
1	7	7	-0.83	0.97	10.12
1	8	8	-1.41	0.97	8.02
1	9	9	9.46	0.81	6.30
1	10	10	10.02	0.84	6.57

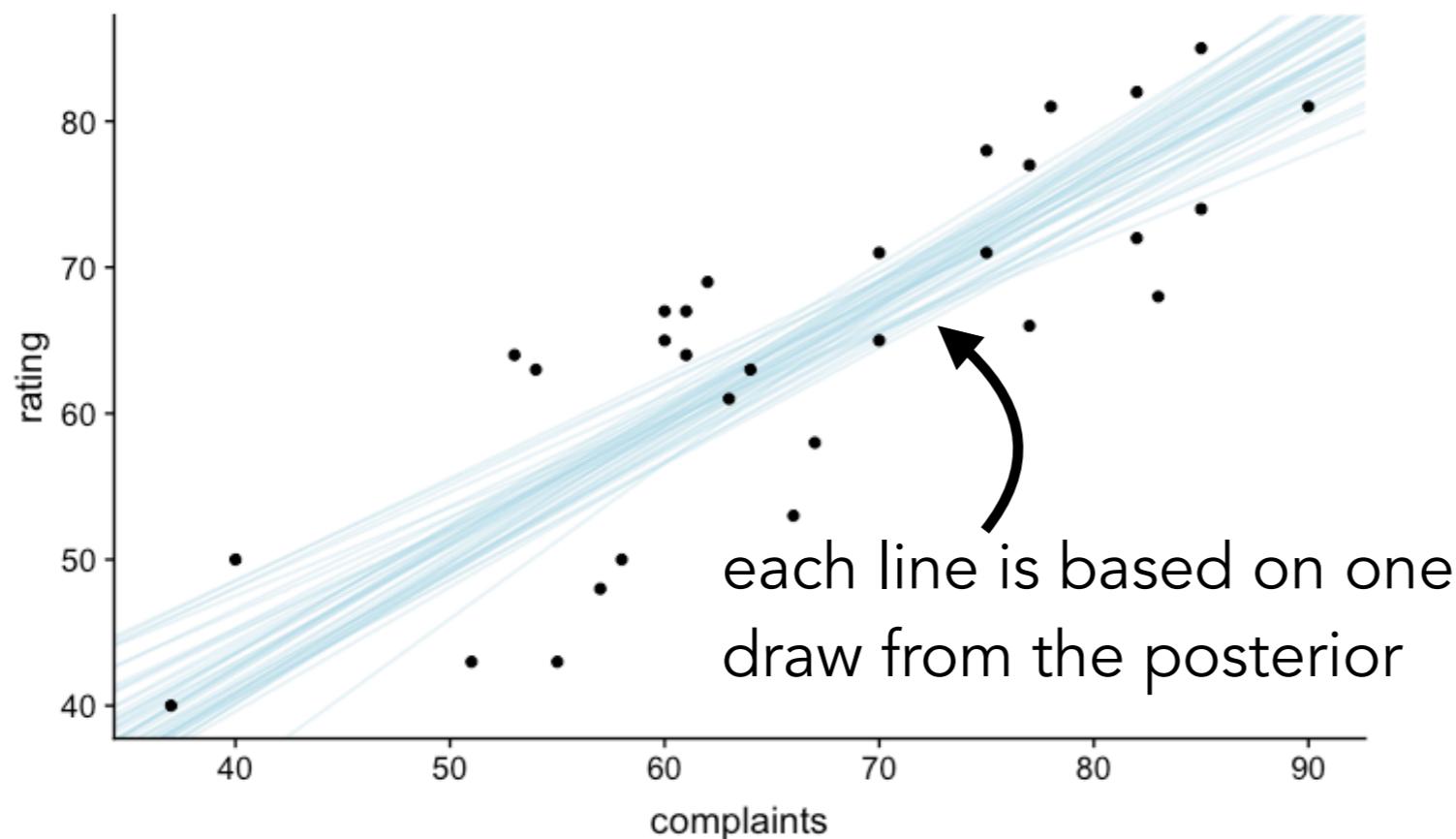
# Visualize the posterior



**Posterior distribution over the three  
parameters in the model**

# Visualize the model predictions

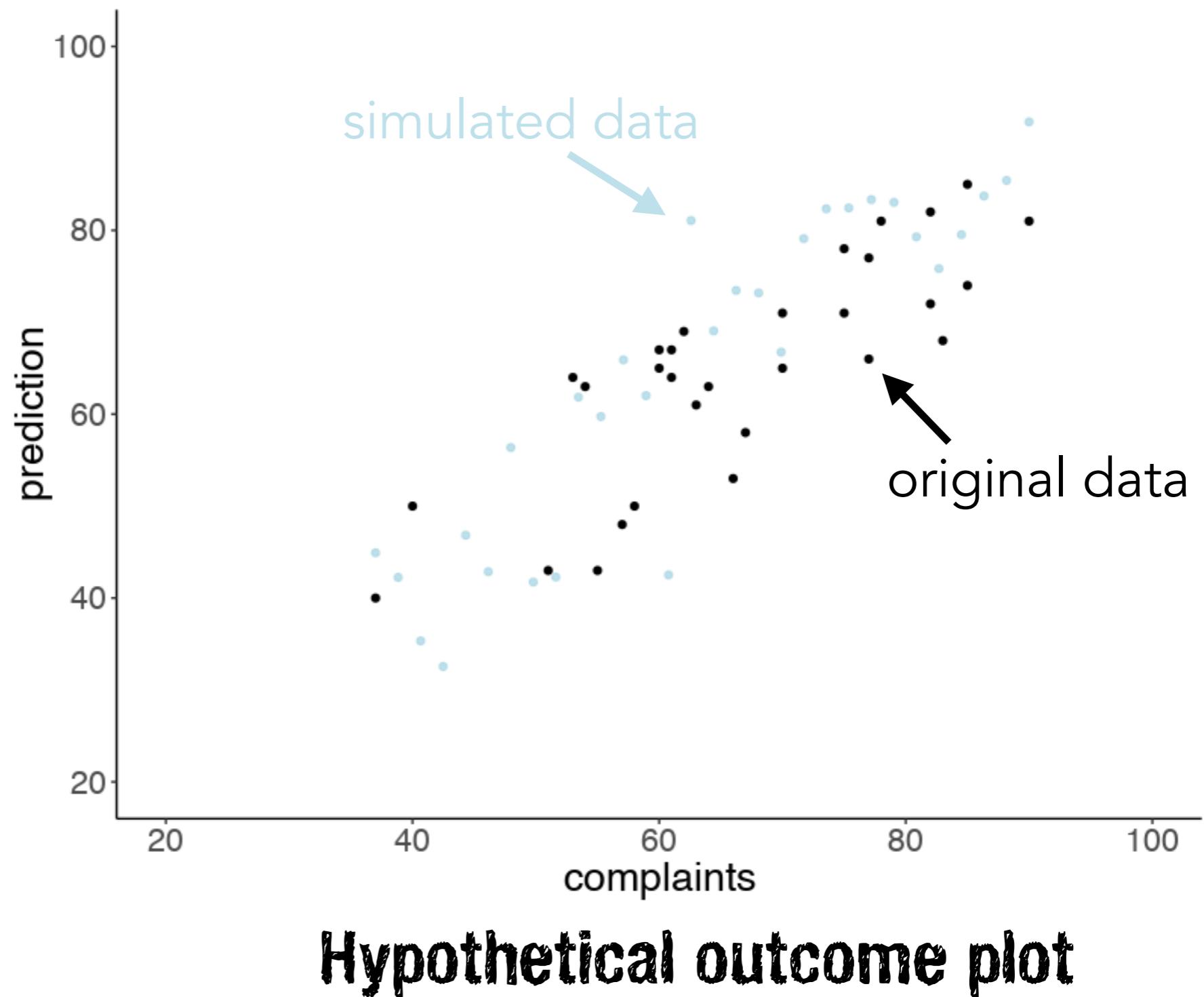
```
1 ggplot(data = df.attitude,
2         mapping = aes(x = complaints,
3                         y = rating)) +
4   geom_abline(data = df.draws %>%
5               sample_n(size = 50),
6               aes(intercept = b0,
7                   slope = b1),
8               alpha = 0.3,
9               color = "lightblue") +
10  geom_point()
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# Posterior predictive check

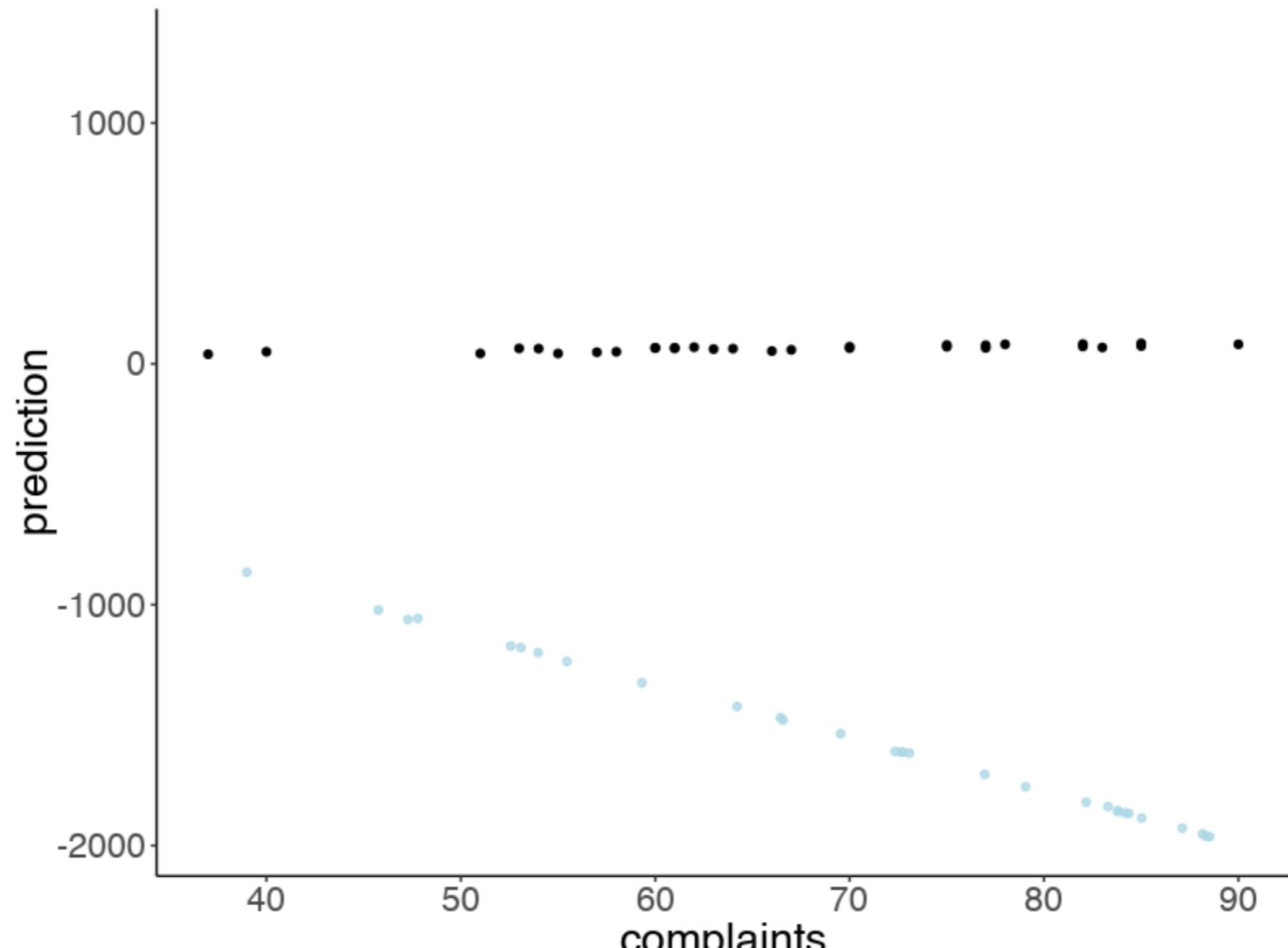
1. sample parameters from the posterior distribution
2. generate data using these parameters (using the likelihood function)



**Hypothetical outcome plot**

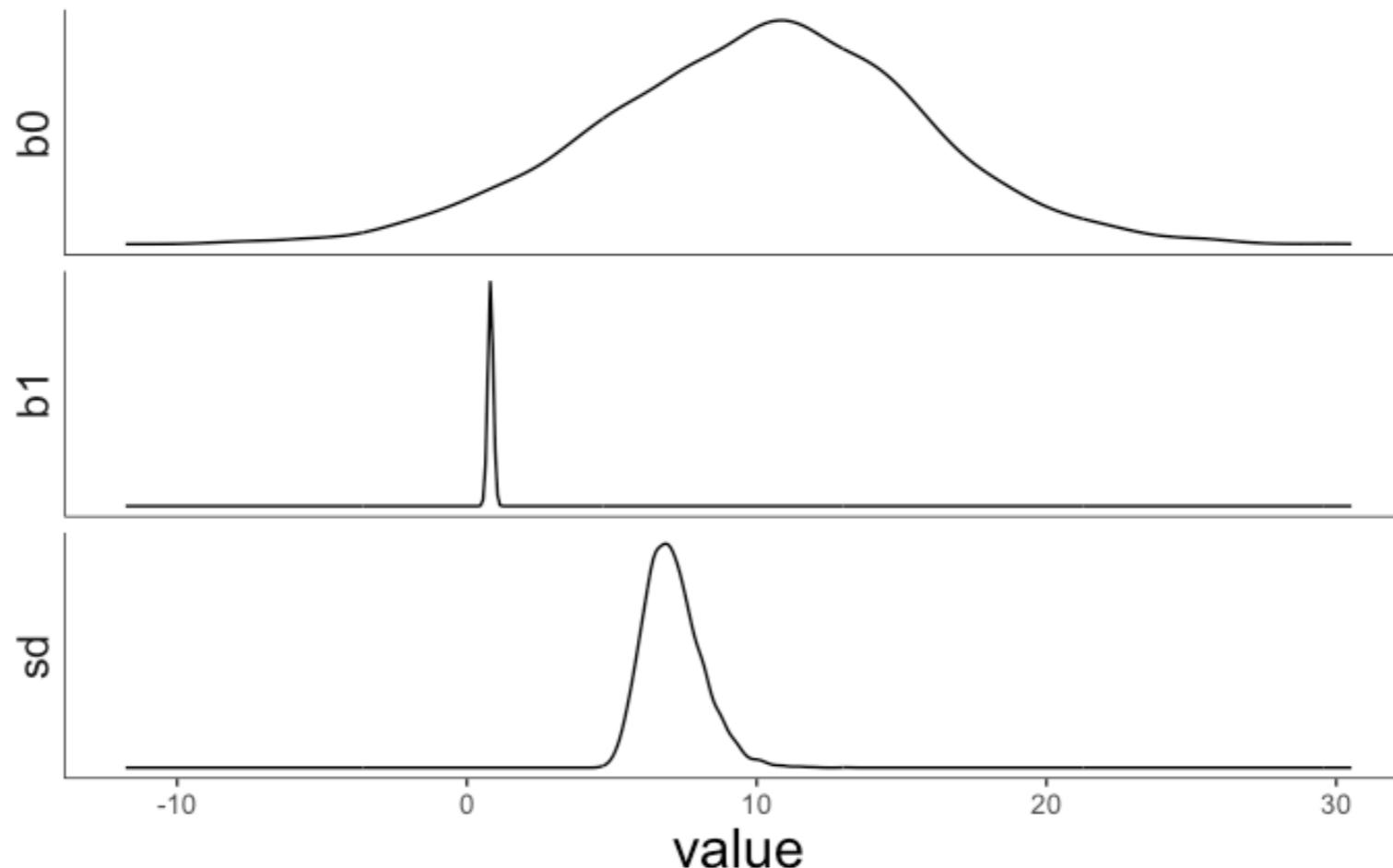
# Prior predictive check

1. sample parameters from the **prior distribution**
2. generate data using these parameters (using the likelihood function)



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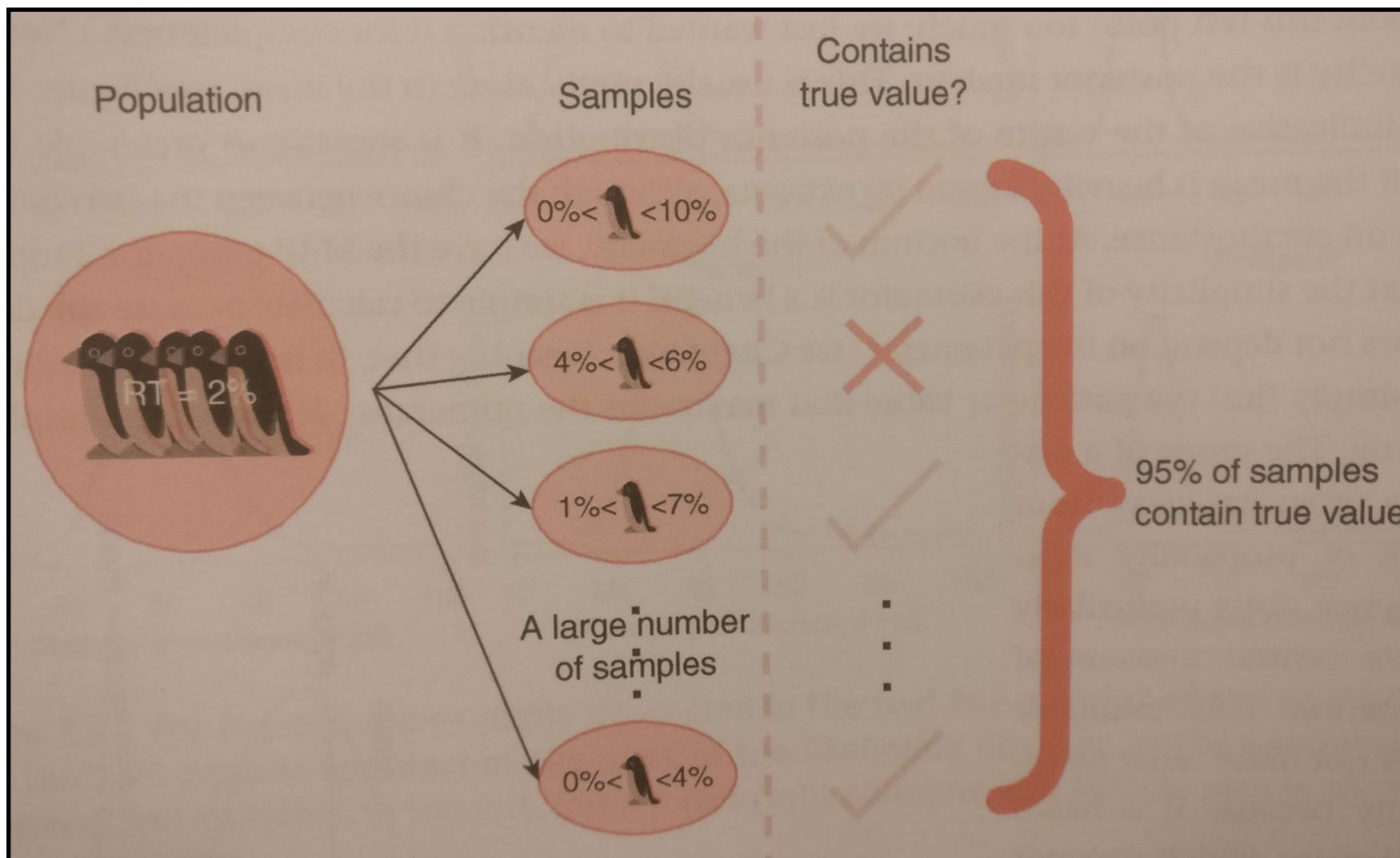
# Summarizing results



- Posterior over each parameter is the result of the Bayesian data analysis.
- no p-values
- no confidence intervals

# Confidence interval vs. credible interval

"From our research, we concluded that the percentage of penguins with red tails, RT, has a 95% **confidence interval** of  $1\% < RT < 5\%$ ."



For 95% of the (hypothetical) samples, the confidence interval contains the true value.

# Confidence interval vs. credible interval

"From our research, we concluded that the percentage of penguins with red tails, RT, has a 95% **credible interval** of  $0\% < RT < 4\%$ ."

## Straightforward interpretation

There is a 95% probability that the percentage of penguins with red tails lies in the range of  $0\% < RT < 4\%$ .

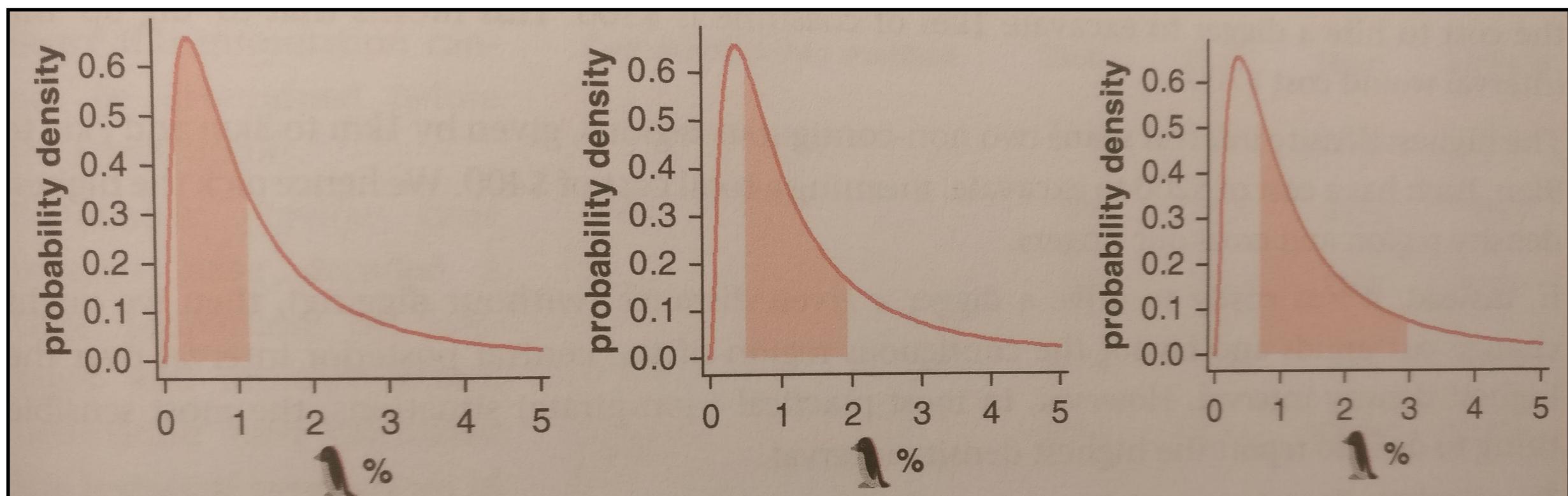
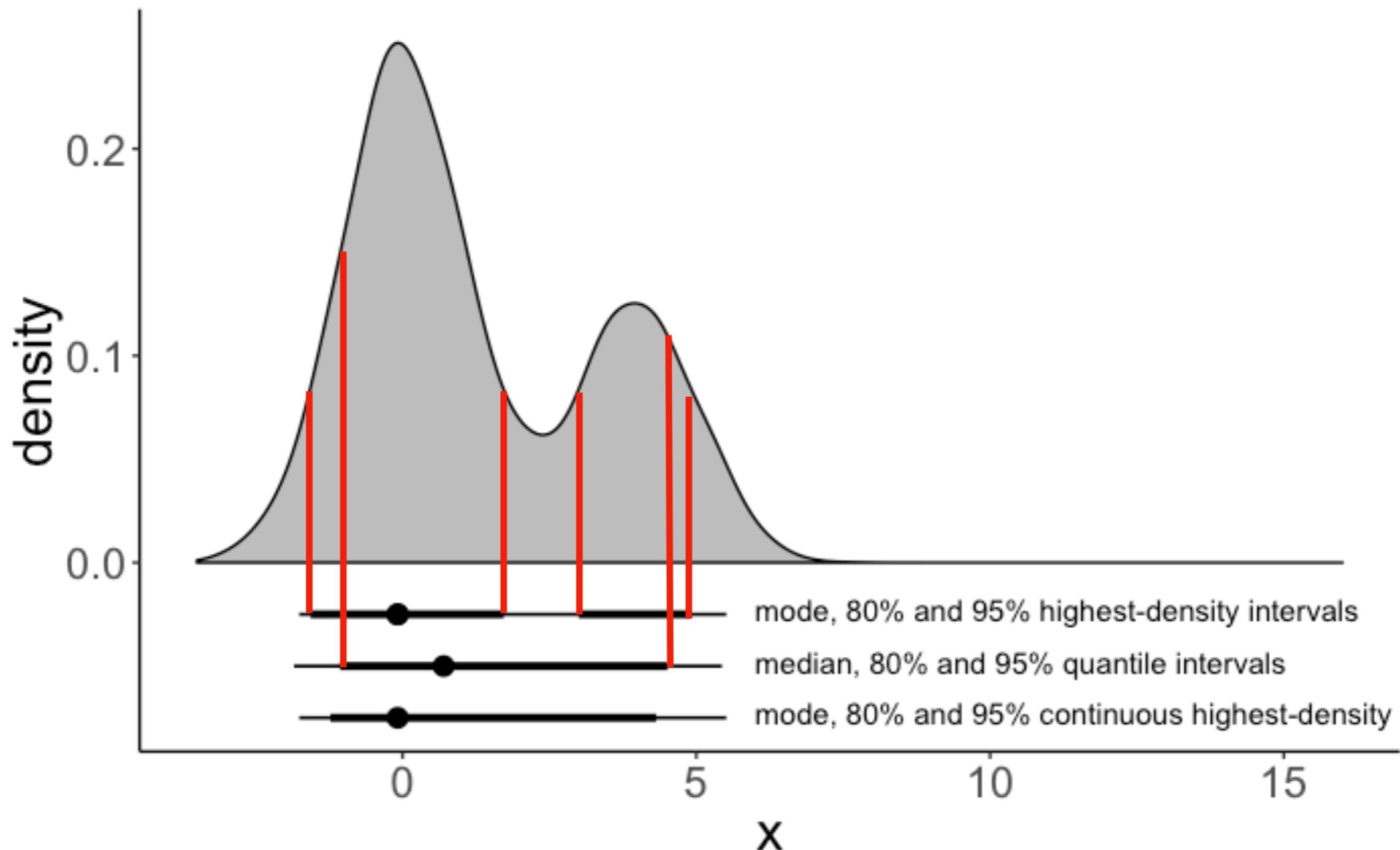


Figure 7.8 Three examples of 50% credible intervals for a parameter representing the proportion of penguins with red tails.

# Different kinds of credible intervals

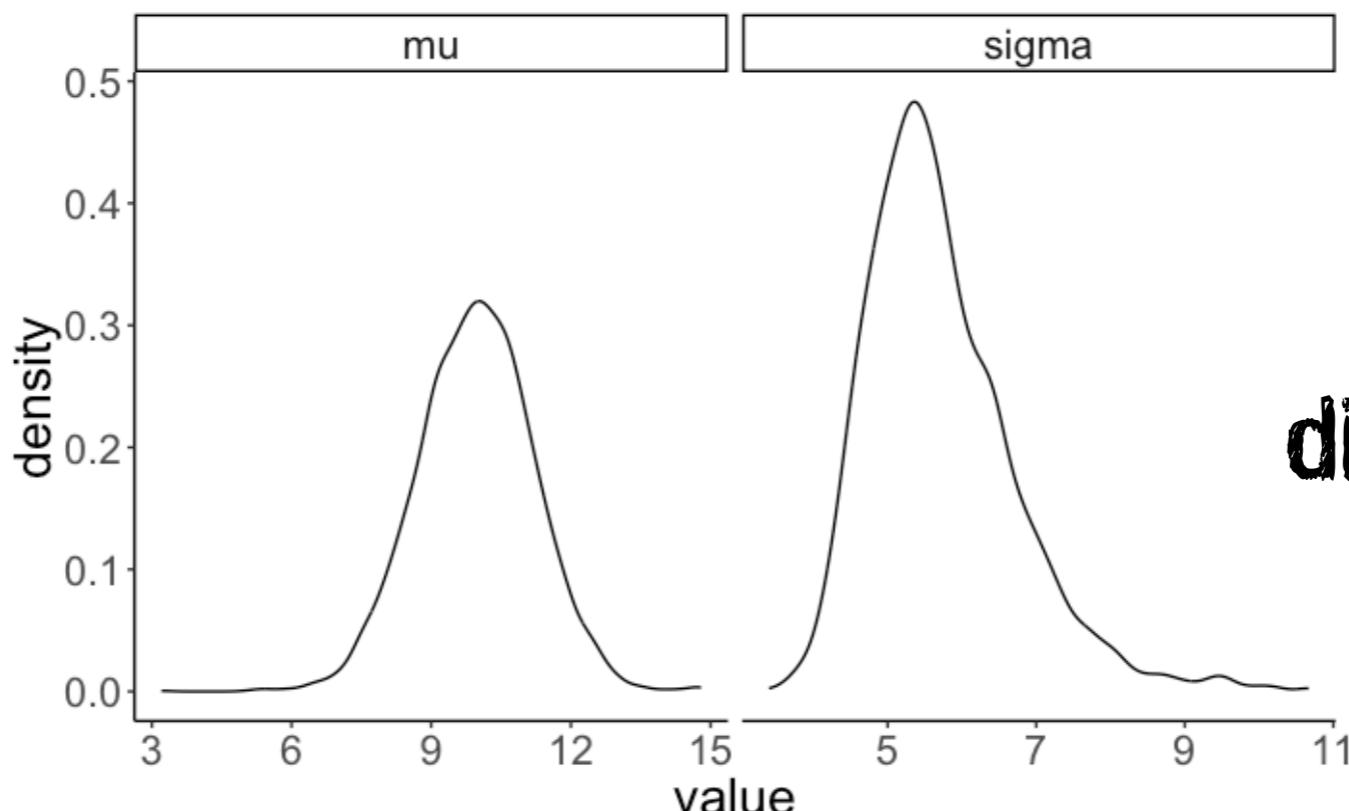


# Sensitivity analysis

- How much does the result depend on the choice of priors?
- (I won't do this here, but you will do so in the homework)

# Making comparisons

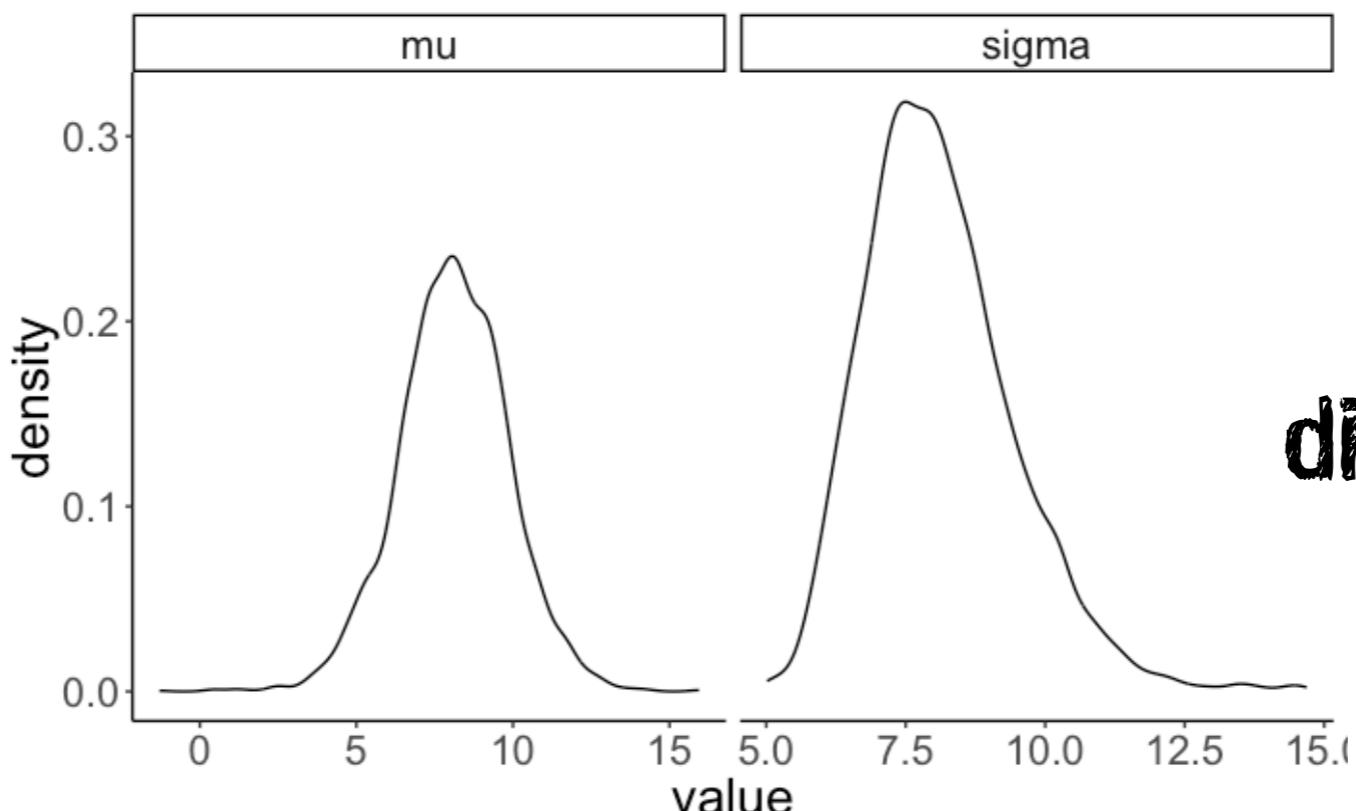
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1 # prior
2 mu = normal(mean = 0, sd = 10)
3 sigma = cauchy(location = 0, scale = 3, truncation = c(0, Inf))
4
5 # data
6 data = rnorm(n = 20, mean = 10, sd = 5)
7
8 # likelihood
9 distribution(data) = normal(mu, sigma)
10
11 # fit model
12 m1 = model(mu, sigma)
13
14 # sample from the model
15 draws = mcmc(m1, n_samples = 1000)
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# Making comparisons

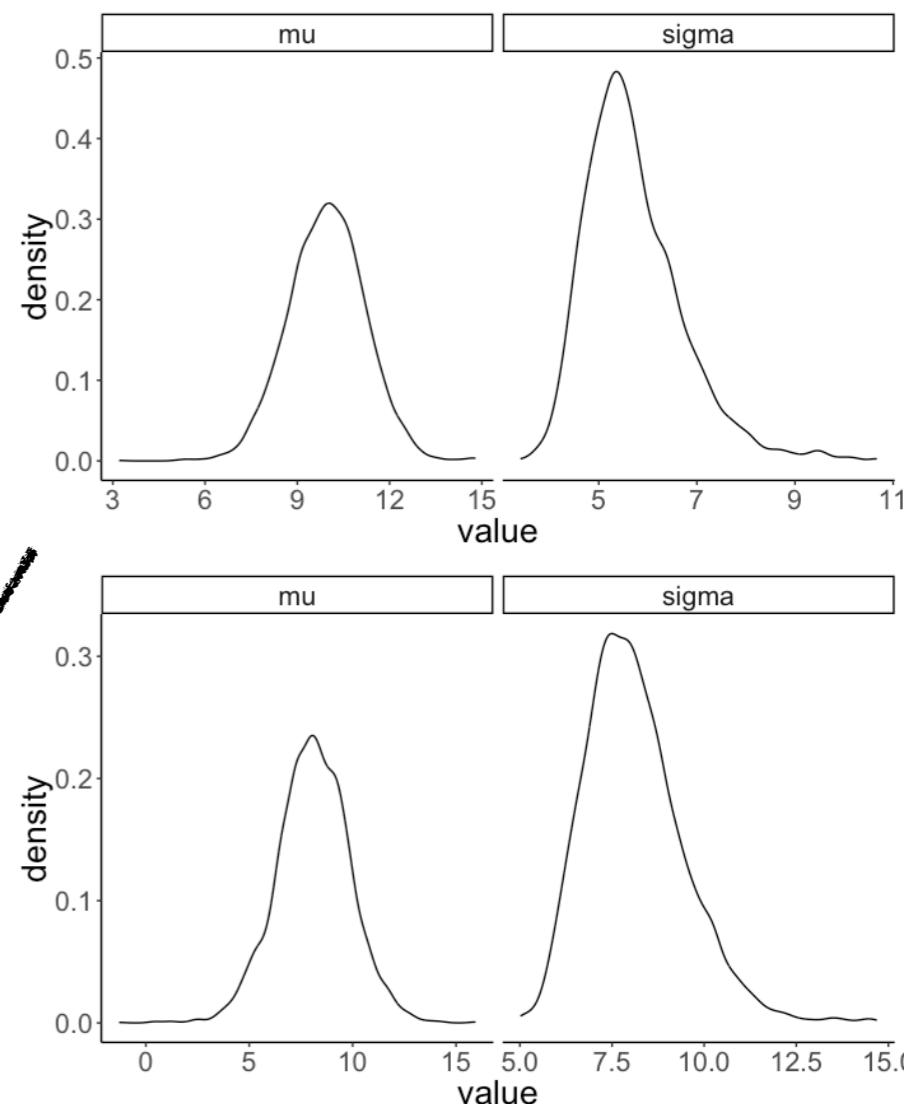
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1 # prior
2 mu = normal(mean = 0, sd = 10)
3 sigma = cauchy(location = 0, scale = 3, truncation = c(0, Inf))
4
5 # data
6 data = rnorm(n = 20, mean = 6, sd = 8) ← different data set
7
8 # likelihood
9 distribution(data) = normal(mu, sigma)
10
11 # fit model
12 m2 = model(mu, sigma)
13
14 # sample from the model
15 draws = mcmc(m2, n_samples = 1000)
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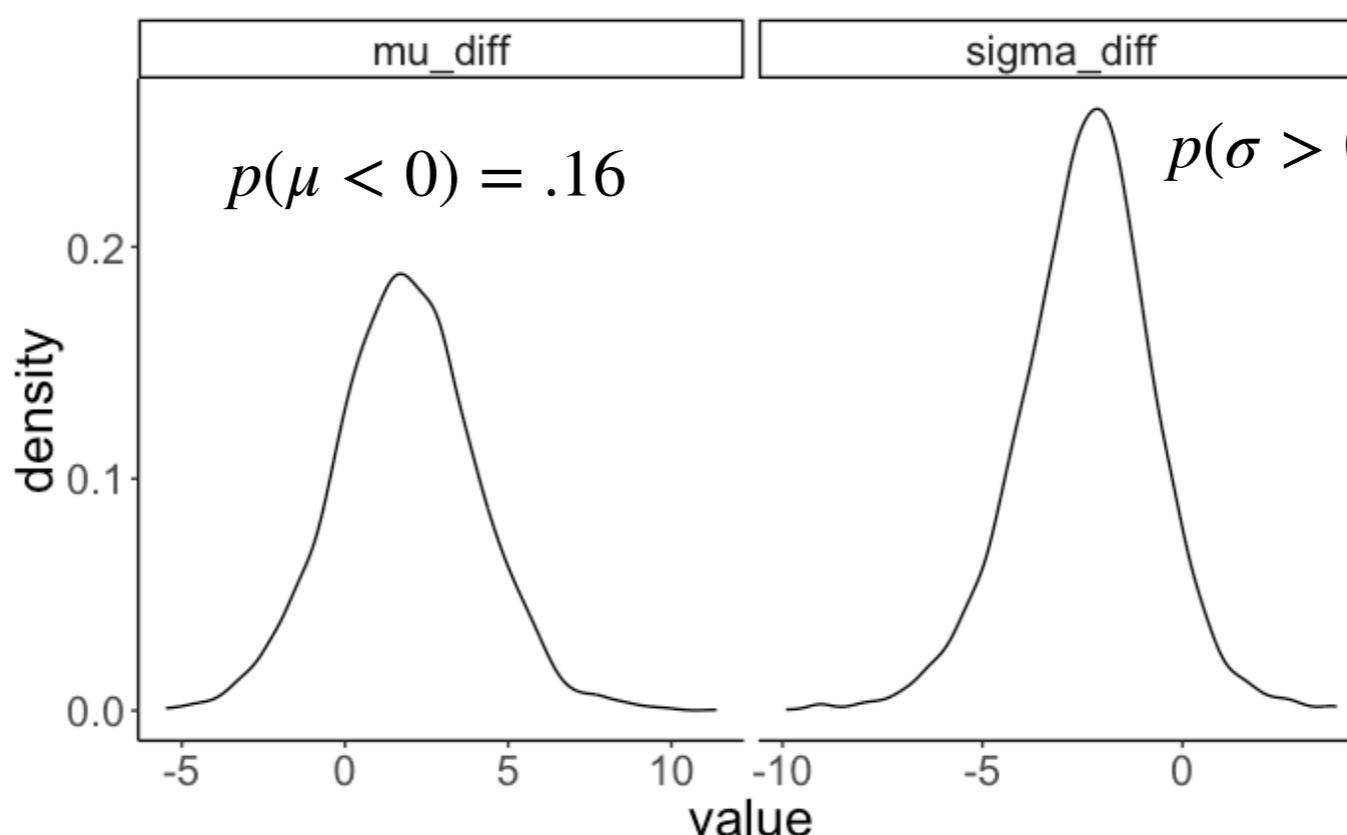
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# Making comparisons

draw	mu_1	sigma_1	mu_2	sigma_2	mu_diff	sigma_diff
1	8.28	7.64	5.59	8.13	2.69	-0.48
2	11.34	6.97	6.17	7.05	5.17	-0.08
3	10.93	6.63	6.40	6.92	4.52	-0.30
4	9.87	6.14	7.96	6.35	1.90	-0.20
5	9.90	6.38	9.86	9.44	0.04	-3.06
6	8.88	6.66	9.04	9.33	-0.16	-2.67
7	9.01	6.12	6.54	8.72	2.47	-2.60
8	8.75	5.93	10.55	8.19	-1.81	-2.26
9	9.69	5.62	4.99	8.56	4.71	-2.94
10	11.39	6.76	9.36	8.23	2.03	-1.47



**posterior of  
the difference  
in mean and  
variance**



# Summary

- Flipping coins: Simple Bayesian inference
- Bayes' rule
  - Weighting of prior knowledge and evidence
  - Ingredients:
    - likelihood
    - prior
    - inference
- Doing Bayesian data analysis
  - A simple linear regression
  - Making comparisons

# **Feedback**

# How was the pace of today's class?

much      a little      just      a little      much  
too      too      right      too      too  
slow      slow

# How happy were you with today's class overall?



**What did you like about today's class? What could be improved next time?**

**Thank you!**