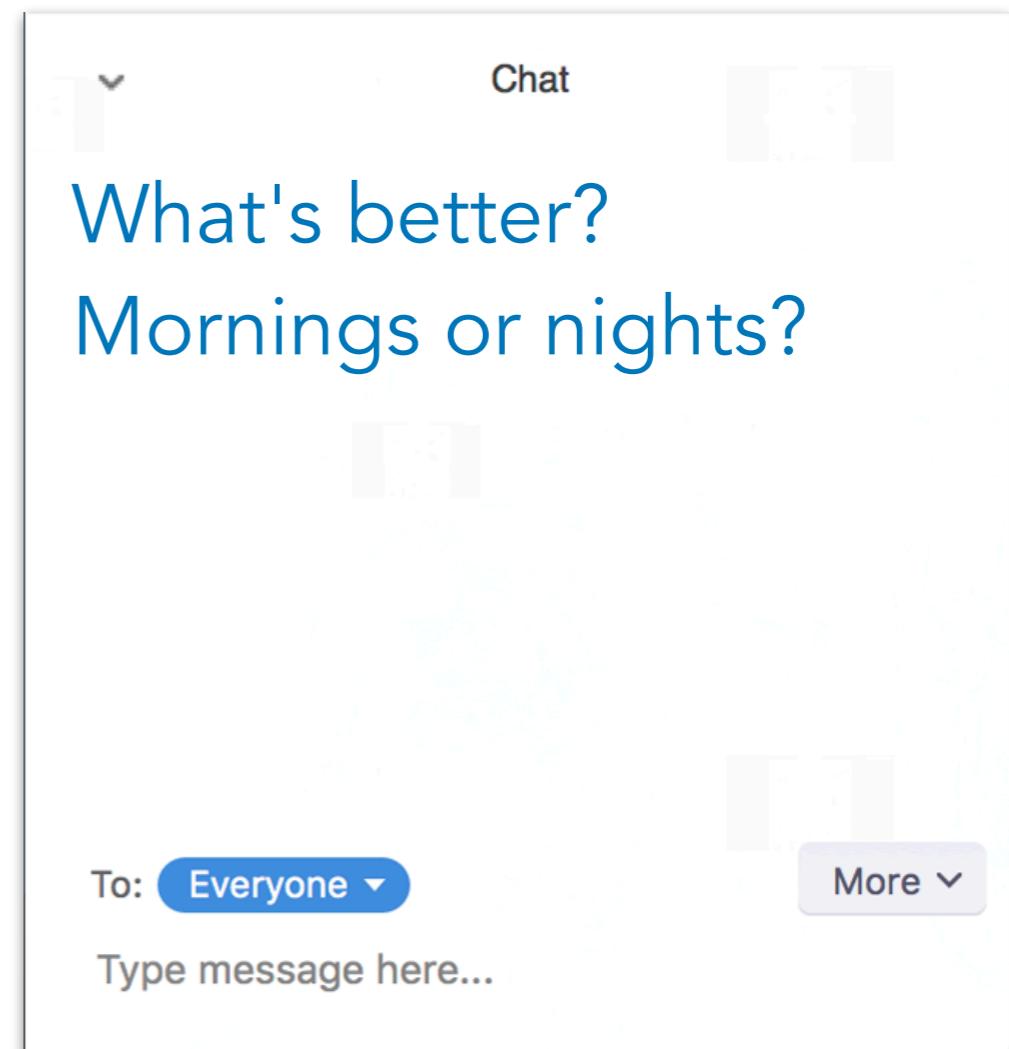
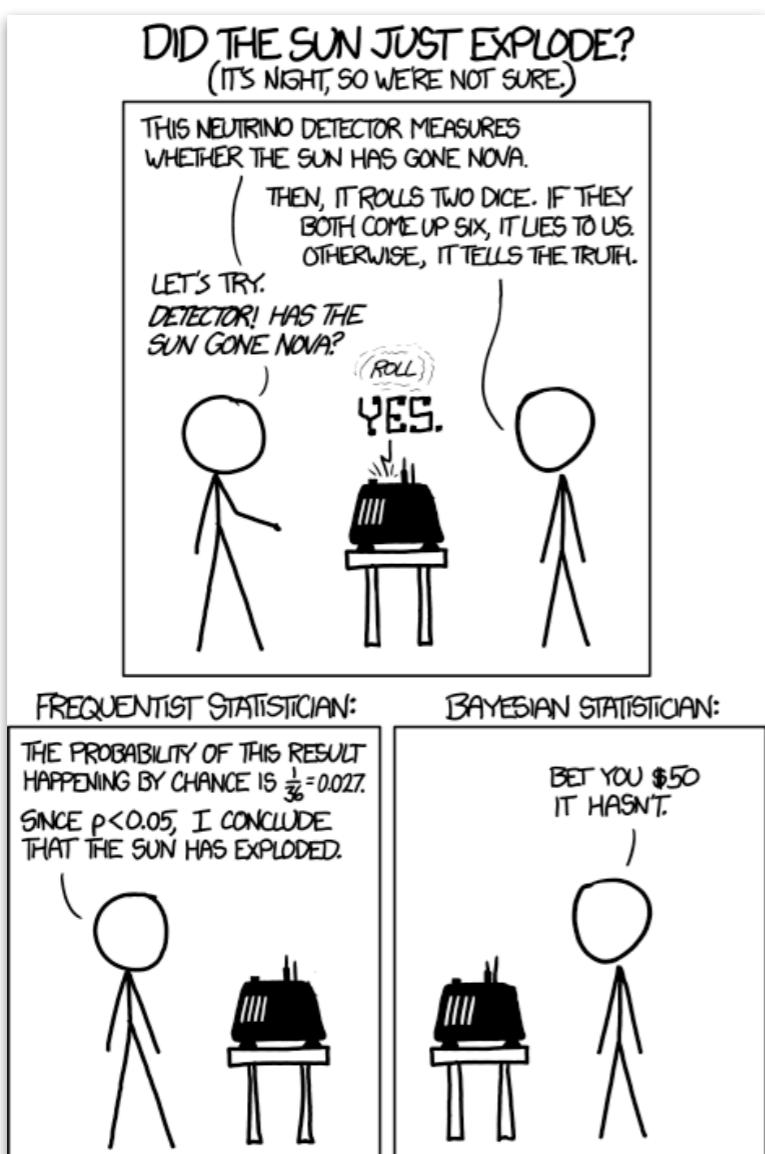
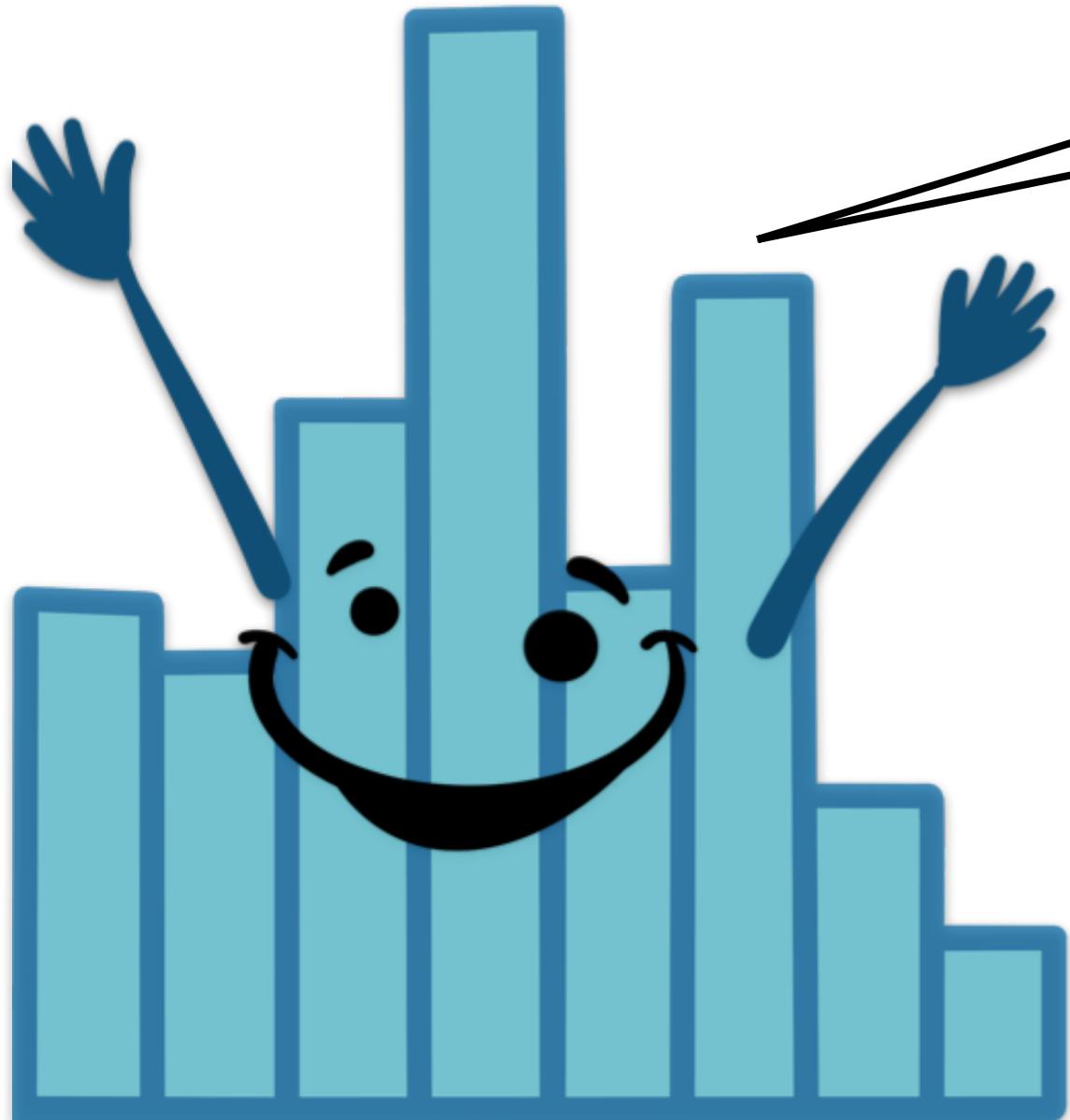


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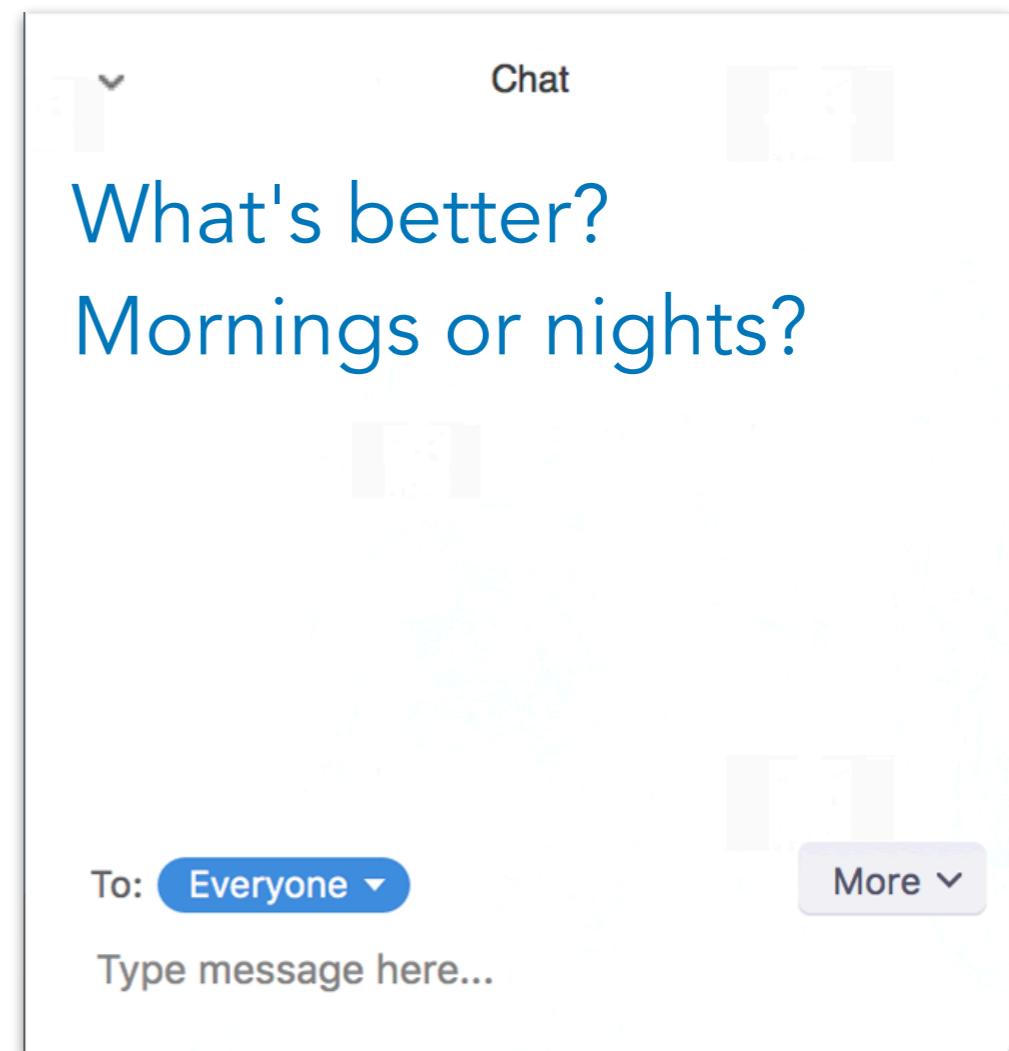
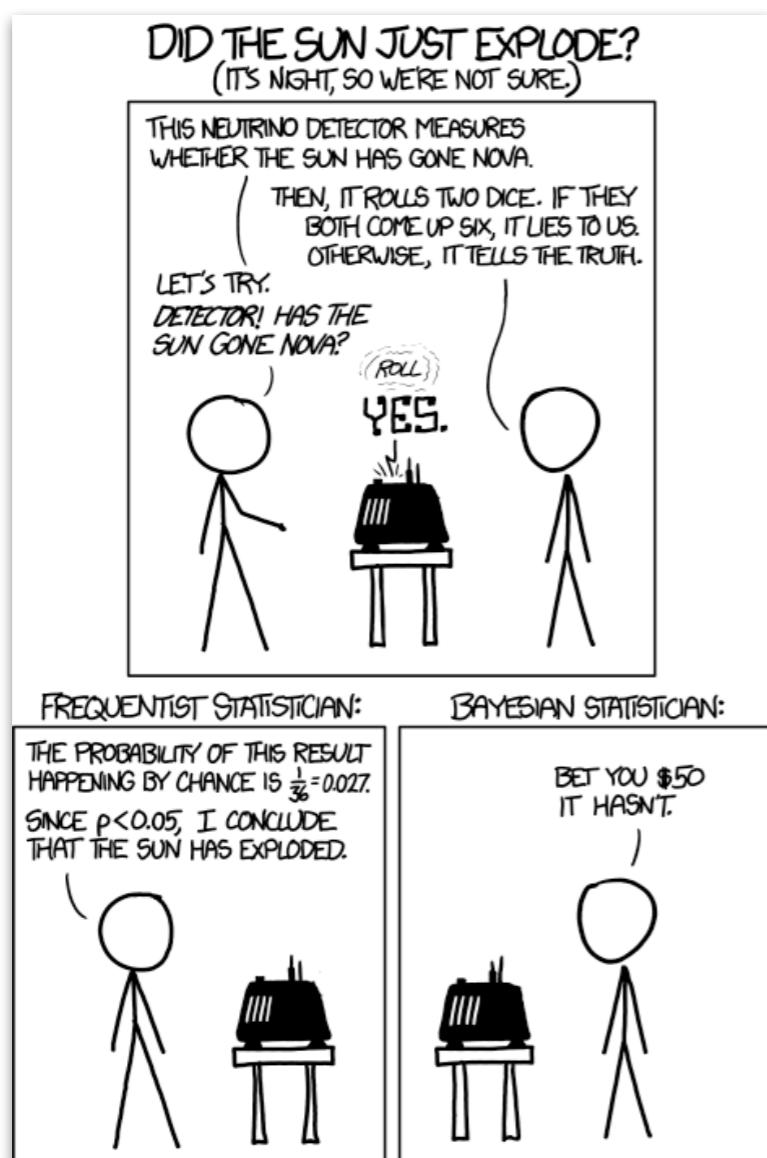


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Remember to  
record the  
lecture!



# Bayesian data analysis 1



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# DID THE SUN JUST EXPLODE?

(IT'S NIGHT, SO WE'RE NOT SURE.)

THIS NEUTRINO DETECTOR MEASURES WHETHER THE SUN HAS GONE NOVA.

THEN, IT ROLLS TWO DICE. IF THEY BOTH COME UP SIX, IT LIES TO US. OTHERWISE, IT TELLS THE TRUTH.

LET'S TRY.

DETECTOR! HAS THE SUN GONE NOVA?

ROLL

YES.



FREQUENTIST STATISTICIAN:

THE PROBABILITY OF THIS RESULT HAPPENING BY CHANCE IS  $\frac{1}{36} = 0.027$ . SINCE  $p < 0.05$ , I CONCLUDE THAT THE SUN HAS EXPLODED.



BAYESIAN STATISTICIAN:

BET YOU \$50 IT HASN'T.



# Things that came up



**Rohan Alexander**  
@RohanAlexander

...

When grad students want to learn something they take a course on it. When professors want to learn something they teach a course on it.

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# Bias in conference admission?

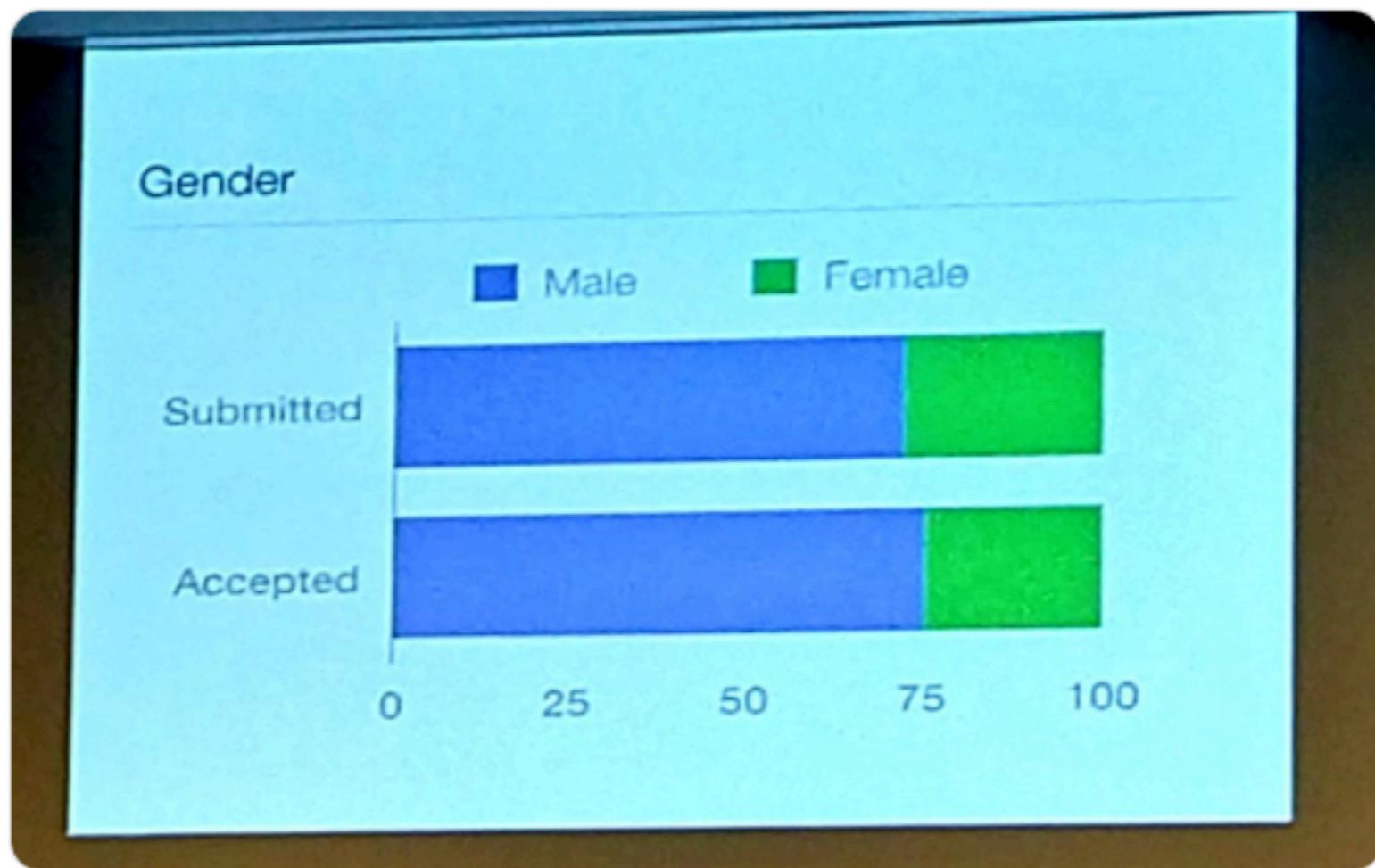


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@neuroecology

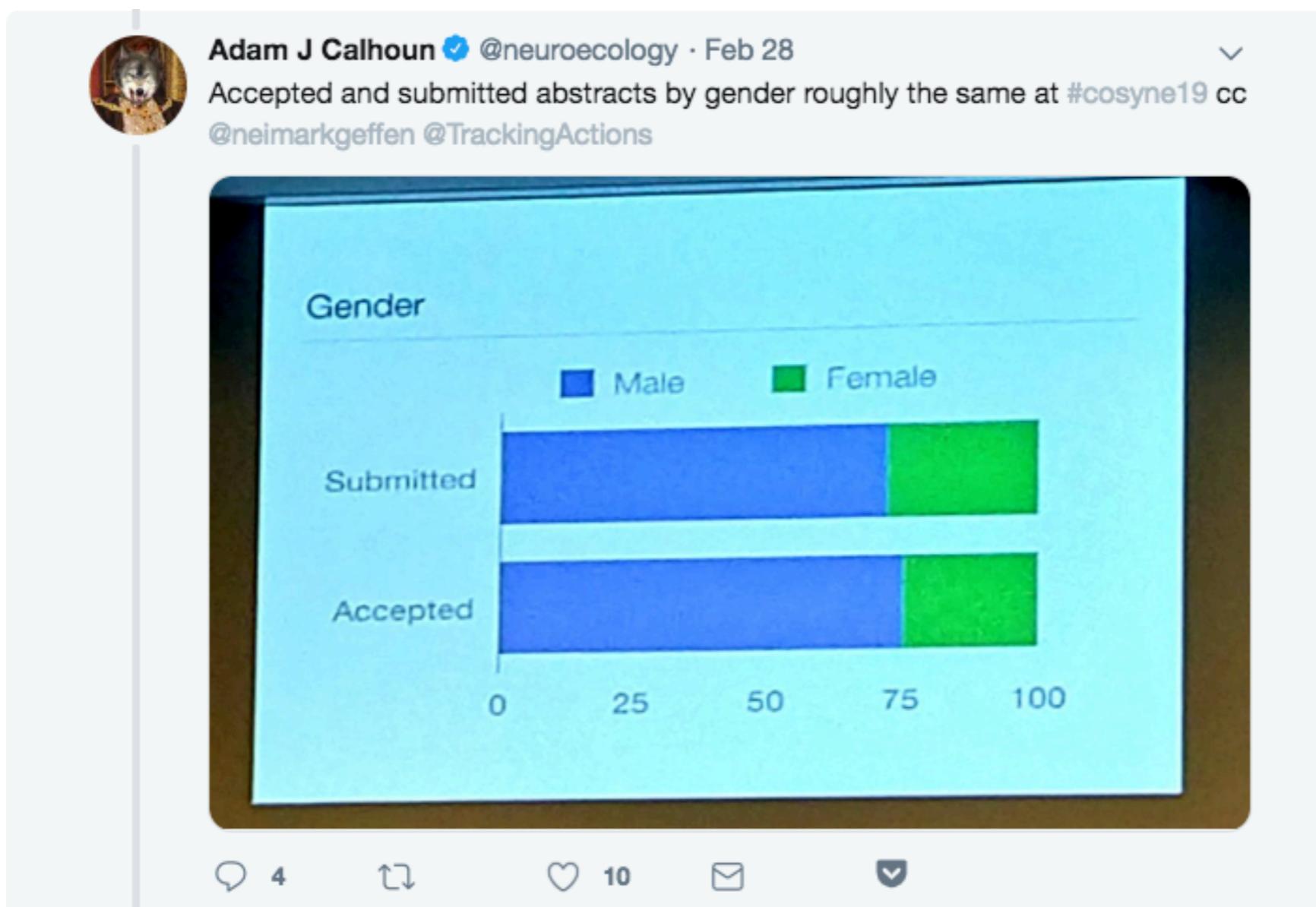
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Accepted and submitted abstracts by gender roughly the same at #cosyne19  
cc @neimarkgeffen @TrackingActions



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# Bias in conference admission?



**Yael Niv**  
@yael\_niv

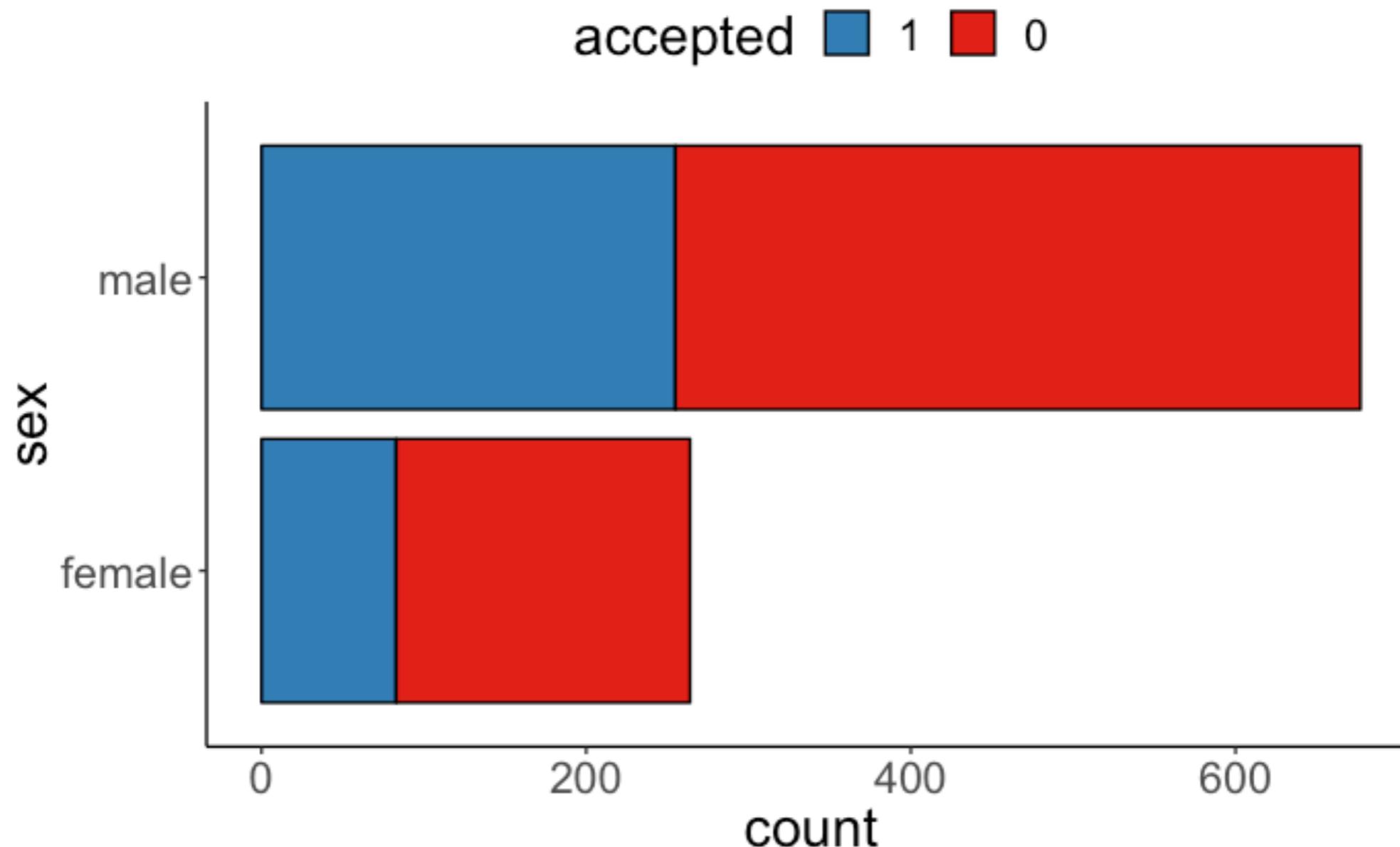
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Doesn't look the same to me...

10:55 AM - 2 Mar 2019

# Bias in conference admission?



**different representation of the data**

# Bias in conference admission?

```
1 # logistic regression
2 fit.glm = glm(formula = accepted ~ 1 + sex,
3                      family = "binomial",
4                      data = df.conference)
5
6 # model summary
7 fit.glm %>%
8   summary()
```

```
Call:
glm(formula = accepted ~ 1 + sex, family = "binomial", data = df.conference)

Deviance Residuals:
    Min      1Q  Median      3Q      Max 
-0.9723 -0.9723 -0.8689  1.3974  1.5213 

Coefficients:
            Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)    
(Intercept) -0.7797    0.1326  -5.881 4.07e-09 *** 
sexmale       0.2759    0.1545   1.786  0.0741 .    
---
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)

Null deviance: 1228.9 on 940 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 1225.6 on 939 degrees of freedom
AIC: 1229.6

Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 4
```

# Bias in conference admission?



Megan Carey @meganinlisbon · Mar 2

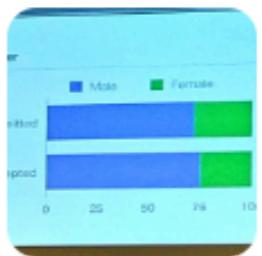
I presented the math for this at the #cosyne19 diversity lunch today.

Success rates for first authors with known gender:

Female: 83/264 accepted = 31.4%

Male: 255/677 accepted = 37.7%

$37.7/31.4 =$  a 20% higher success rate for men



Adam J Calhoun ✅ @neuroecology

Accepted and submitted abstracts by gender roughly the same at #cosyne19 cc @neimarkgeffen @TrackingActions

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✉

▼



Mehrdad Jazayeri

@mjaztwit

Following

Replying to @meganinlisbon

That's a really large difference. It's seems like this year we really messed up as a community. What's the distribution of difference under the null (if you do the same analysis but shuffle the gender labels)?

8:06 AM - 2 Mar 2019

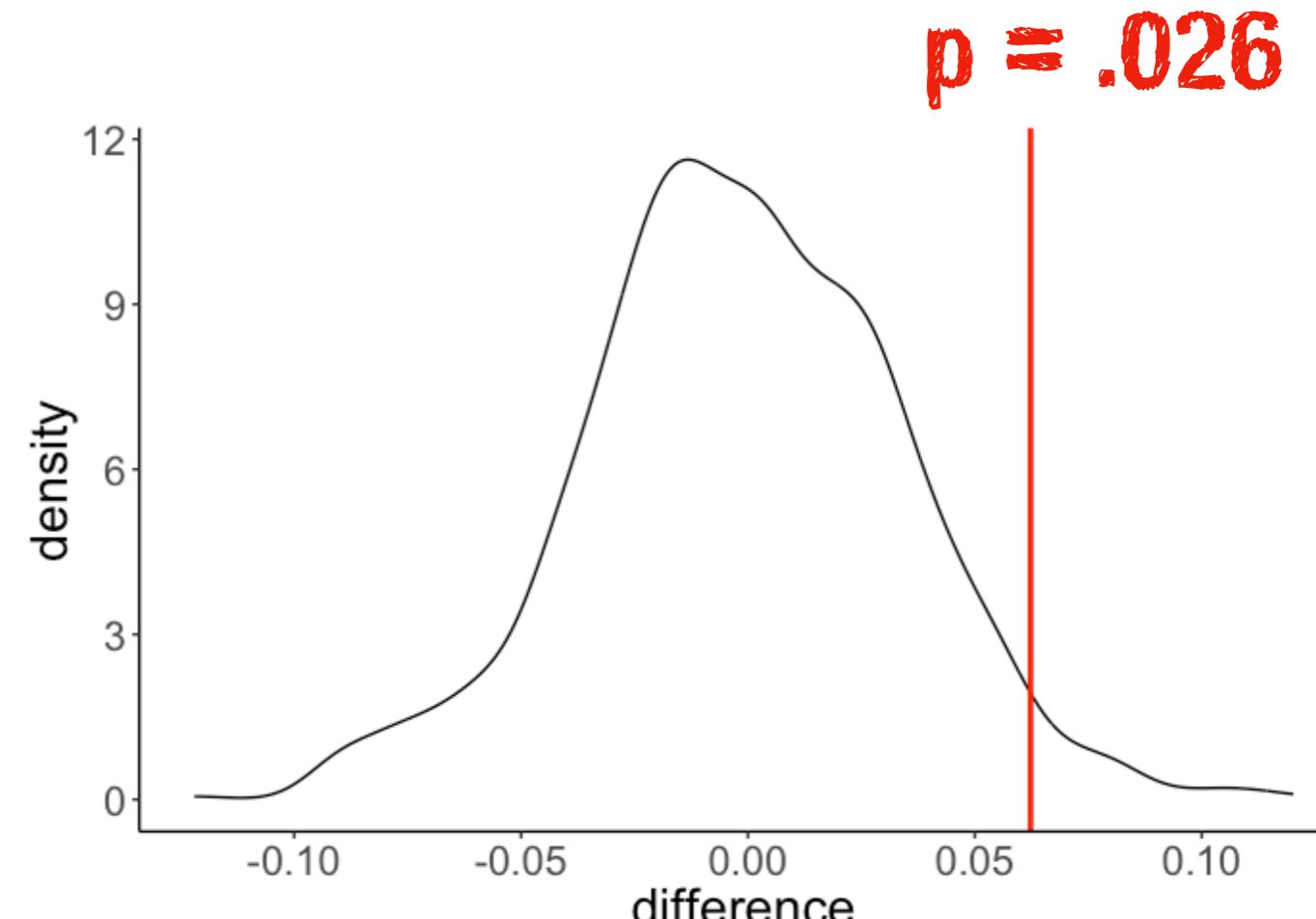
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permutation  
test!

# Bias in conference admission?

```
1 # difference in proportion
2 fun.difference = function(df) {
3   df %>%
4     as_tibble() %>%
5     count(sex, accepted) %>%
6     group_by(sex) %>%
7     mutate(proportion = n / sum(n)) %>%
8     filter(accepted == 1) %>%
9     select(sex, proportion) %>%
10    pivot_wider(names_from = sex,
11                  values_from = proportion) %>%
12    mutate(difference = male - female) %>%
13    pull(difference)
14
15 # actual difference
16 difference = df.conference %>%
17   fun.difference()
18
19 # permutation test
20 df.permutation = df.conference %>%
21   permute(n = 1000, sex) %>%
22   mutate(difference = map_dbl(perm, ~ fun.difference(.)))
```



**significant association between  
sex and acceptance rate**

# **Feedback**

# Your feedback

On a more general note (not this class specific), I really like Tobi's teaching style, and have found his explanations and lessons to make this one of the most useful stats classes I've ever taken. **I was wondering if at some point this quarter, Tobi could take a few minutes to highlight additional stats courses that would either build off the material we've been introduced to, or would be good follow-up courses for students interested in more stats classes?** I'm not sure if Tobi himself will teach other classes, or has other course recommendations. Thanks!

**thanks! and yes, I will do that**

# **Logistics**

# Homework 6

- Topic: **Linear mixed effects models**
- will be released later today
- will be due **Thursday, March 11th, at 8pm**

My name goes here

The names of the people I have worked with go here

2021-03-04 17:21:49

## Instructions

This homework is due by **Thursday, March 11th, 8:00pm**.

As per usual, please upload your rendered pdf on Canvas, and note that late submissions will receive 0 points.

### Note:

- When asked to report results, please do so like you would in a scientific article (see examples from lectures, as well as in ‘Reporting Results.pdf’ on Canvas under Files > papers).
- Some code chunks contain some skeleton code. The code chunk option for these chunks is set to `eval=F` so that knitting the RMarkdown document doesn’t throw any errors. Make sure to set these chunks to `eval=T` when you knit your homework, so that your calculations are shown in the pdf.
- Make sure to show the results of your calculations in the knitted pdf, for example, by using the `print()` function at the end of a code chunk.
- Some questions ask for a short written response as indicated by this prompt: **Your answer:**

# Reporting results

- When we ask you to report results in the homework, try and do this like you would do in a scientific paper (reporting the statistical test, test-statistic, p-value, effect size)

The screenshot shows a course page from Stanford University's website. The title bar indicates the course is 'W21-PSYCH-252-01'. The main content is a PDF titled 'Reporting Results.pdf' from the University of Washington Psychology Writing Center. The PDF is page 1 of 3. It contains information about reporting statistical results in APA format, including a section on the goal of the results section and instructions for reporting multiple numerical results.

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**Reporting Results of Common Statistical Tests in APA Format**

The goal of the results section in an empirical paper is to report the results of the data analysis used to test a hypothesis. The results section should be in condensed format and lacking interpretation. Avoid discussing why or how the experiment was performed or alluding to whether your results are good or bad, expected or unexpected, interesting or uninteresting. This document is specifically about how to report statistical results. Refer to our handout "Writing an APA Empirical (lab) Report" for details on writing a results section.

Every statistical test that you report should relate directly to a hypothesis. Begin the results section by restating each hypothesis, then state whether your results supported it, then give the data and statistics that allowed you to draw this conclusion.

If you have multiple numerical results to report, it's often a good idea to present them in a figure (graph) or a table (see our handout on APA table guidelines).

Files > papers > Reporting results.pdf

# Final project



```
project_report.Rmd x
[Knit] [Run] [A]
50 - ALL the code should be contained in this RMarkdown file (from reading in the messy data file, to making beautiful plots).
51 - Feel free to make the final report look like an actual paper. So you can hide all the code chunks that do data wrangling etc. from the output (by setting the
code chunk option to `echo=F`), and only show the figures and tables that you need to explain your work.
52 - Show us what you've learned :) We're excited to read it!
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54 For more information on how to do stuff in RMarkdown, check out:
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56 - [bookdown documentation](https://bookdown.org/yihui/bookdown/)
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59 - [Citations](https://rmarkdown.rstudio.com/authoring_bibliographies_and_citations.html)
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61 RMarkdown nicely handles citations, too. Here is an example citation without parentheses @gerstenberg2017tracking and with parentheses [@gerstenberg2017tracking].
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63 Make sure to delete or comment out this text (and above) before submitting your final report.
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65 # Introduction
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67 ## Research questions
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69 ## Hypotheses
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71 # Methods
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73 # Results
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75 ## Confirmatory analysis
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77 - analyses that you planned to carry out before taking a look at the data go here
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79 ## Exploratory analysis
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81 - analyses that you carried out after taking a look at the data go here
82 - don't use null-hypothesis statistical significance testing in this section, you can still report parameter estimates, model fits, etc. (just no significance
tests)
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84 # Discussion
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86 # References
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```

# Final project

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The screenshot shows a file list from a Canvas course page. The path in the top navigation bar is W21-PSYCH-252-01 > Files > final\_project > final\_report. A blue oval highlights this path. Below the path, there is a search bar, a folder icon, and a '0 items selected' message. On the right, there are buttons for '+ Folder', 'Upload', and three dots. The main area displays a table of files under the heading 'final\_report'. The table has columns for Name, Date Created, Date Modified, Modified By, Size, and three small circular icons with checkmarks. The files listed are:

Name	Date Created	Date Modified	Modified By	Size	
exams_project_report.pdf	Jan 9, 2020	Jan 9, 2020		3.8 MB	✓
meditation_project_report.pdf	Jan 9, 2020	Jan 9, 2020		2.7 MB	✓
sleep_project_report.pdf	Jan 9, 2020	Jan 9, 2020		8.6 MB	✓
tunes_project_report.pdf	Jan 9, 2020	Jan 9, 2020		7.6 MB	✓

The sidebar on the left shows a tree view of the course structure, with 'final\_project' expanded to show 'final\_presentations', 'proposal', 'homework', 'midterm', 'papers', 'section', and 'slides'.

## some examples are on Canvas

The final project is due on **Friday, March 20th at 8pm**.

Here are some guidelines:

- The length of the final report should be around 2000 words per person in the group.
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# Datacamp course

recommended!!

The screenshot shows a DataCamp course page. At the top left, it says "INTERACTIVE COURSE". The main title is "Fundamentals of Bayesian Data Analysis in R". Below the title is a button labeled "Replay Course". To the right is a circular icon containing a bar chart and the text "FUNDAMENTALS OF BAYESIAN DATA ANALYSIS". Below the title, course details are listed: "4 hours", "23 Videos", "58 Exercises", "6,177 Participants", and "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.



<https://www.datacamp.com/courses/fundamentals-of-bayesian-data-analysis-in-r>

# Great online book

## An Introduction to Data Analysis

Michael Franke

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### II Data

3 Data, variables & experimental desi...

4 Data Wrangling

5 Summary statistics

6 Data Visualization

### III Bayesian Data Analysis

7 Basics of Probability Theory

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9 Bayesian parameter estimation

10 Model Comparison

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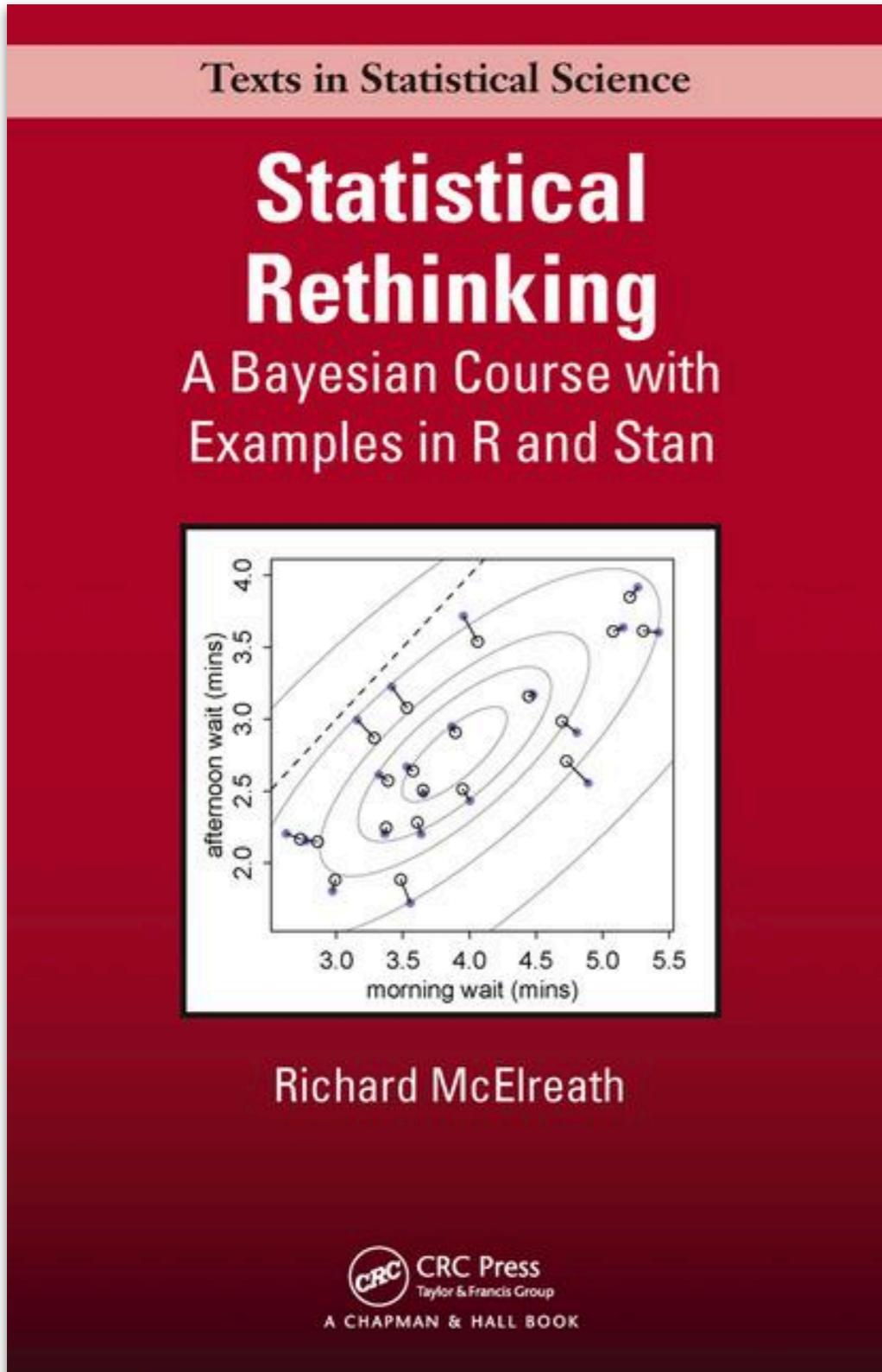
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16 Null Hypothesis Significance Testing

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# Great book on Bayesian data analysis

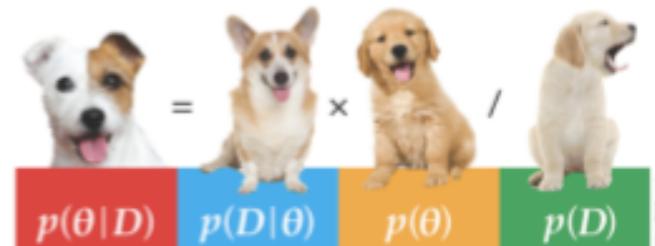


- nice hands-on book (which uses R throughout)
- rewrite of all the code with "tidyverse" and "BRMS" is here: <https://bookdown.org/content/4857/>
- video lectures are available here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4WVeICswXo4&list=PLDcUM9US4XdNM4Edgs7weiylguLSToZRI&ab\\_channel=RichardMcElreath](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4WVeICswXo4&list=PLDcUM9US4XdNM4Edgs7weiylguLSToZRI&ab_channel=RichardMcElreath)

# Plan for today

- Bayesian data analysis
  - Comparison between frequentist and Bayesian data analysis
  - Quick flash from the past
  - Flipping coins
  - What affects the posterior?
  - Ingredients: likelihood, prior, inference
  - Doing Bayesian data analysis

# What comes to mind when you hear Bayesian Data Analysis?

Bayes' Theorem	<b>Conditional probabilities and an interesting formula</b>	A preacher screaming at files of data, proselytizing to masses of data
In econ	People on Twitter like it	Challenge to standard approach - disruptive
Conditionality		Mike Frank
Constraining space of possibility	Cool kids' game	Prior, posterior, inference,
BRMS	Handle the maximal effects +1 models that Jmer chokes on	<b>Doing Bayesian Data Analysis</b>  $p(\theta D) = \frac{p(D \theta) p(\theta)}{p(D)}$

# **Comparison between frequentist and Bayesian data analysis**

# Goal of data analysis: Inference about the world

## Frequentist statistics

- generate a sampling distribution of the test statistic assuming  $H_0$
- compare observed value of the test statistic with the sampling distribution
- reject the  $H_0$  if probability of observed value (or more extreme values) is less than  $\alpha$

## Bayesian statistics

- directly test hypotheses of interest
- define prior over hypotheses  $p(H)$
- compute likelihood of the data for each hypothesis  $p(D|H)$
- use Bayes' rule to infer the posterior over hypotheses given the data  $p(H|D)$

# Objections to frequentist NHST



null hypothesis  
significance testing

- p-value is not a measure of evidential support
  - becomes smaller as  $N$  increases
- results are often misinterpreted (both p-values and confidence intervals are not particularly intuitive)
- what we want to know:  $p(\text{Hypothesis} \mid \text{Data})$
- what we calculate:  $p(\text{Data} \mid \text{Null Hypothesis})$

# Frequentists vs. Bayesian

- both want to evaluate the evidence for a hypothesis using a sample of data  $p(H|D)$
- it's often easier to calculate the inverse: the probability of the data given a hypothesis  $p(D|H)$
- frequentists use a rule of thumb (p-value) to make a decision
- Bayesians use Bayes' rule

# Why don't more people use Bayesian Statistics?

- supposedly more difficult
  - relies on the logic of probability theory
- reliance on a *prior*
- reliance on computing and simulation
  - we can't just use SPSS
  - but we can use JASP (Just Another Statistics Program)

and we've already learned  
how to simulate and  
visualize data in this class!



# What are (some of) the benefits of Bayesian data analysis?

- intuitive model testing and comparison
  - compare simulated data with the real data
- straightforward interpretation of results
  - Bayesian credible intervals vs. Confidence intervals
- more model flexibility
  - adequately express assumptions about the data-generating process
- better predictions!

# **Flash from the past**

# Clue guide to probability

$$p(B|A) = \frac{p(A|B) \cdot p(B)}{p(A)}$$

we derived this using the definition of conditional probability

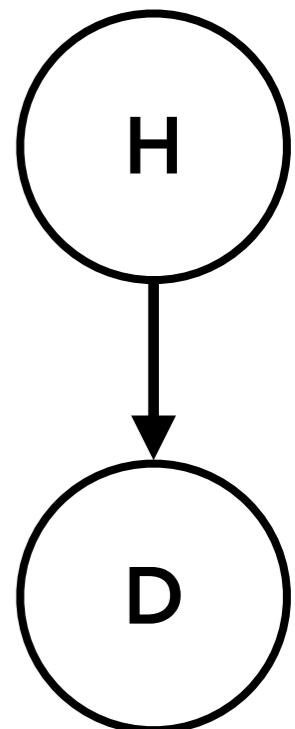
**posterior**

$$p(H|D) = \frac{\text{likelihood} \quad \text{prior}}{p(D)} \quad \frac{p(D|H) \cdot p(H)}{p(D)}$$

subjective probability interpretation

$H$  = Hypothesis

$D$  = Data



## formal framework for learning from data

updating our prior belief  $p(H)$ , to a posterior belief  $p(H|D)$  given some data

# Clue guide to probability

A patient named Fred is tested for a disease called *conditionitis*, a medical condition that afflicts **1% of the population**. The test result is positive, i.e., the test claims that Fred has the disease. Let **D** be the event that Fred has the disease and **T** be the event that he tests positive.

Suppose that the test is “95% accurate”; there are different measures of the accuracy of a test, but in this problem it is assumed to mean that **P(T|D) = 0.95** and **P(¬T|¬D) = 0.95**. The quantity  $P(T|D)$  is known as the *sensitivity* (= true positive rate) of the test, and  $P(\neg T|\neg D)$  is known as the *specificity* (= true negative rate).

Find the conditional probability that Fred has *conditionitis*, given the evidence provided by the positive test result.

# Clue guide to probability

## what we know

$$P(D) = 0.01$$

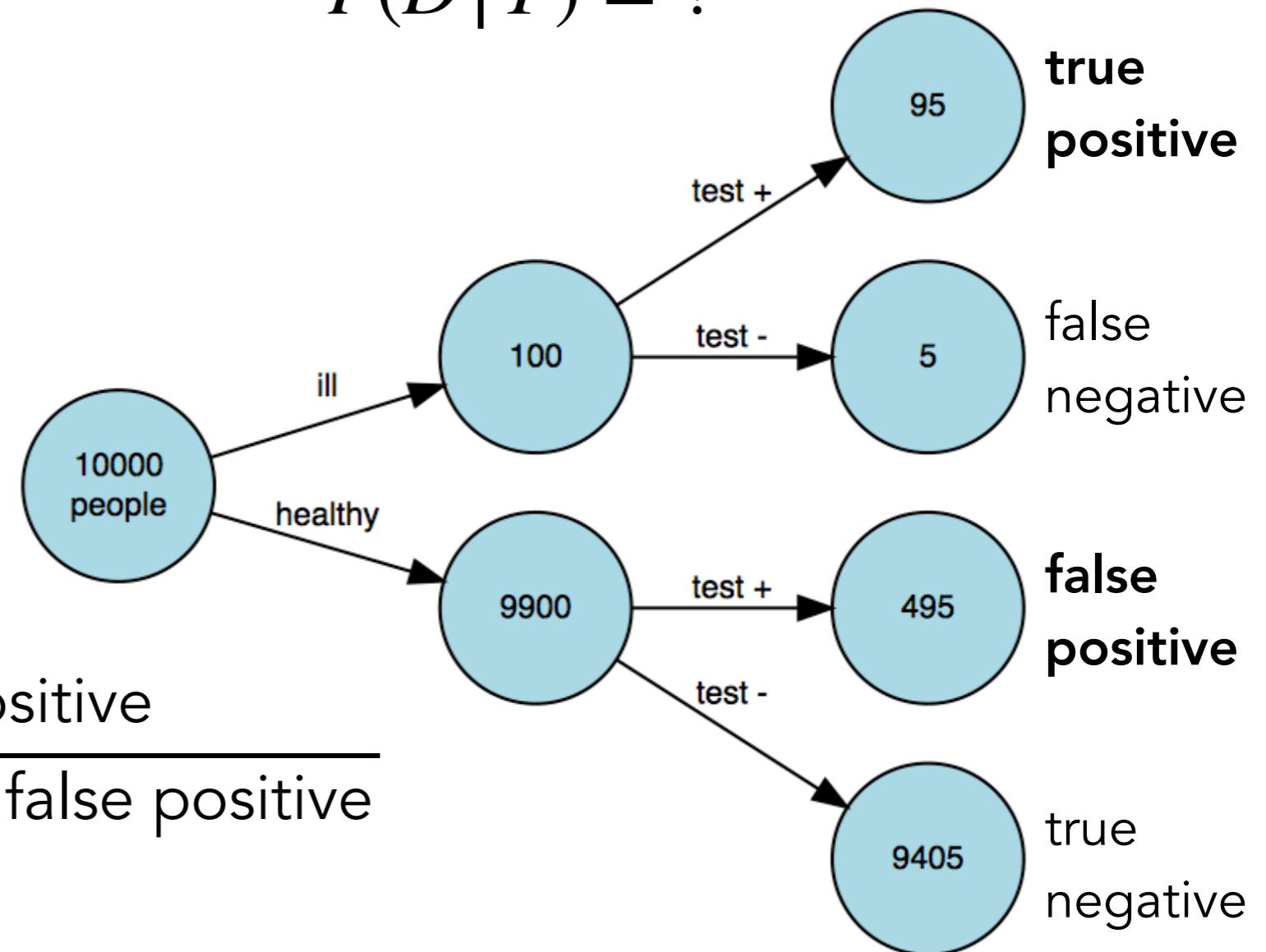
$$P(T|D) = 0.95$$

$$P(T|\neg D) = 0.05$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(D|T) &= \frac{\text{true positive}}{\text{true positive} + \text{false positive}} \\ &= \frac{95}{95 + 495} \\ &\approx 0.16 \end{aligned}$$

## what we want to know

$$P(D|T) = ?$$



# Summer camp

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twice as many kids go to the basketball camp

$X \sim \text{Normal}(\mu = 170, \sigma = 8)$

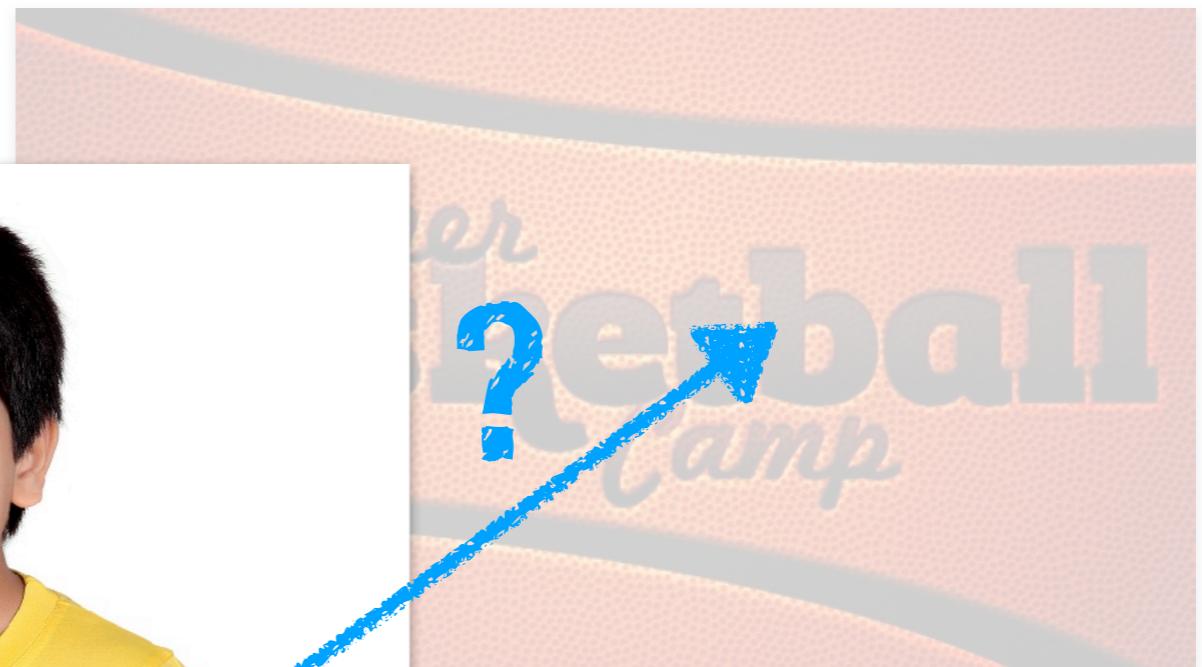
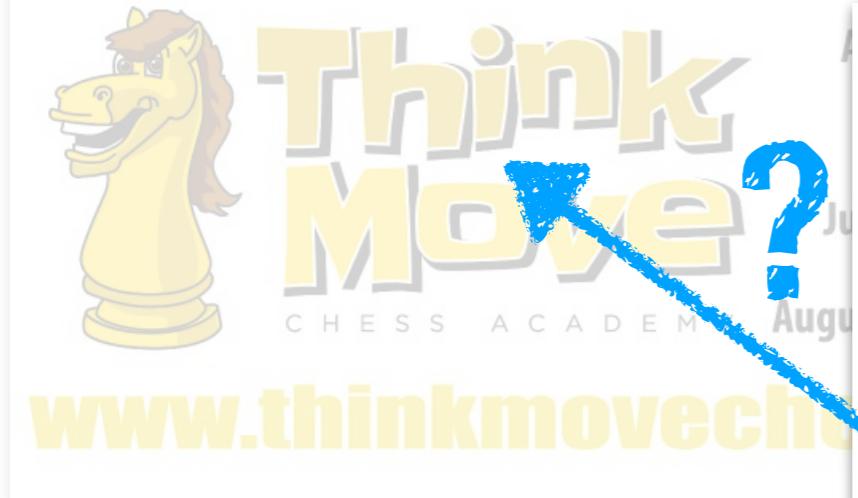


$X \sim \text{Normal}(\mu = 180, \sigma = 10)$



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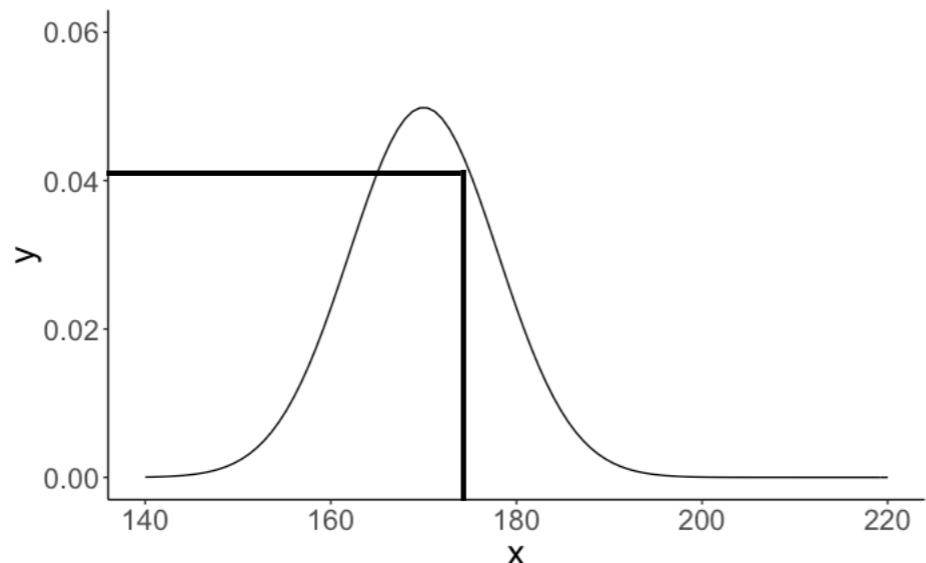
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**prior**

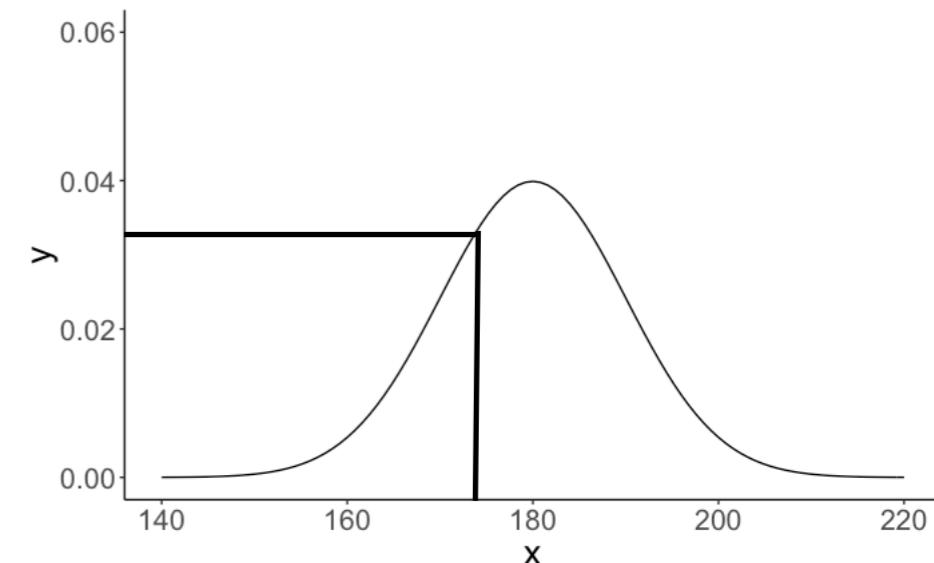
$$p(\text{chess}) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$p(\text{basketball}) = \frac{2}{3}$$

**likelihood**



$$\begin{aligned} \text{dnorm}(175, \text{mean} = 170, \text{sd} = 8) \\ = 0.041 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \text{dnorm}(175, \text{mean} = 180, \text{sd} = 10) \\ = 0.035 \end{aligned}$$

**posterior**

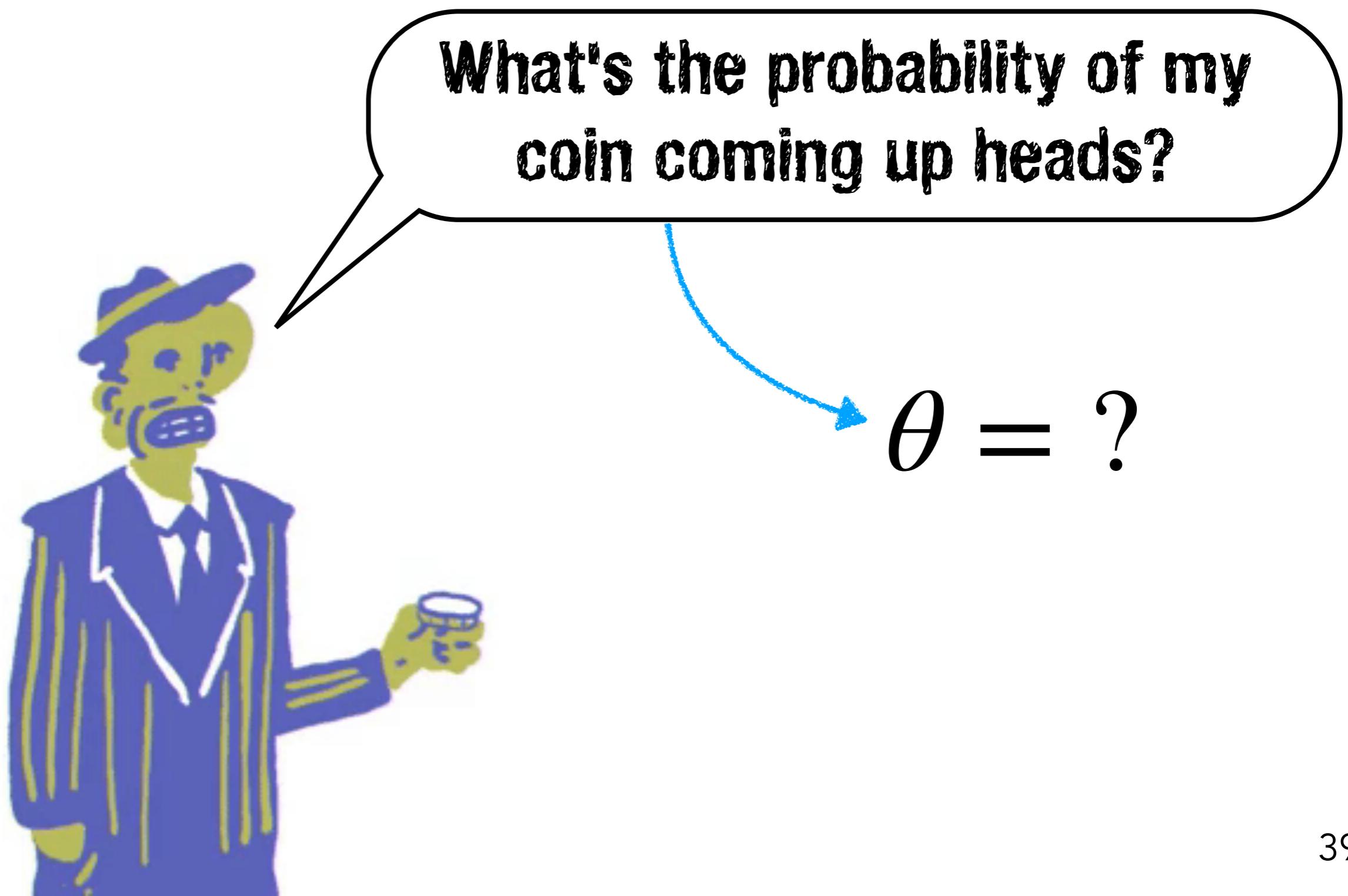
$$p(\text{basketball} | 175) = \frac{p(175 | \text{basketball}) \cdot p(\text{basketball})}{p(175 | \text{basketball}) \cdot p(\text{basketball}) + p(175 | \text{chess}) \cdot p(\text{chess})}$$

$$p(\text{basketball} | 175) = \frac{0.035 \cdot 2/3}{0.035 \cdot 2/3 + 0.041 \cdot 1/3} \approx 0.63$$

send the kid to  
the basketball  
gym!

# Flipping coins

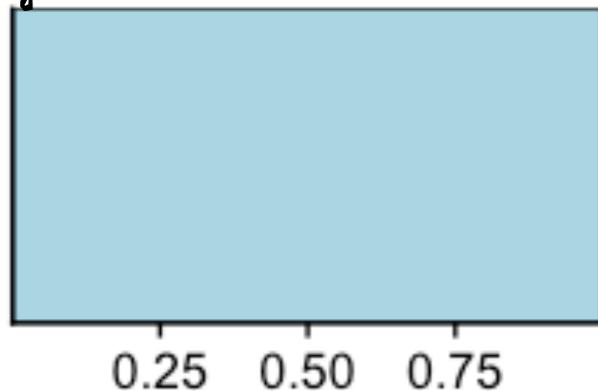
# Flipping coins



# 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

$$\theta = 0.3$$



$$\theta = 0.5$$



$$\theta = 0.9$$



## Data



#8 tails, #2 heads

# Bayesian Recipe

- Hypotheses
- Prior over hypotheses
- Data
- Likelihood of the data given each hypothesis
- 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)
```

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

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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```

multiply                      re-normalize

theta	prior	likelihood	prior_x_like	posterior
0.1	0.25	0.19	0.0475	0.69
0.5	0.50	0.04	0.02	0.31
0.9	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.00

# Binomial distribution

$$P(X = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-k}$$

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n - k)!}$$

out of  $n$  trials  $k$  successes occur with probability  $p^k$ , and  $n-k$  failures occur with probability  $(1-p)^{n-k}$

all the possible ways to get  $k$  successes out of  $n$  trials

**What's the probability of getting 2 heads, when flipping a fair coin 10 times?**

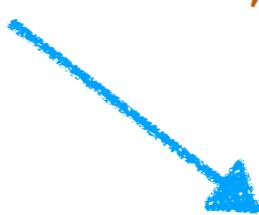
$$n = 10$$

$$k = 2$$

$$p = 0.5$$

$$P(X = 2) = \binom{10}{2} 0.5^2 (1 - 0.5)^{10-2} = 0.044$$

`dbinom(x = 2, size = 10, prob = 0.5)`



# Coin flip example

data: #8 tails, #2 heads

## Which coin was flipped?

what the  
model knows  
before having  
seen the data



learning by  
conditioning  
on the data

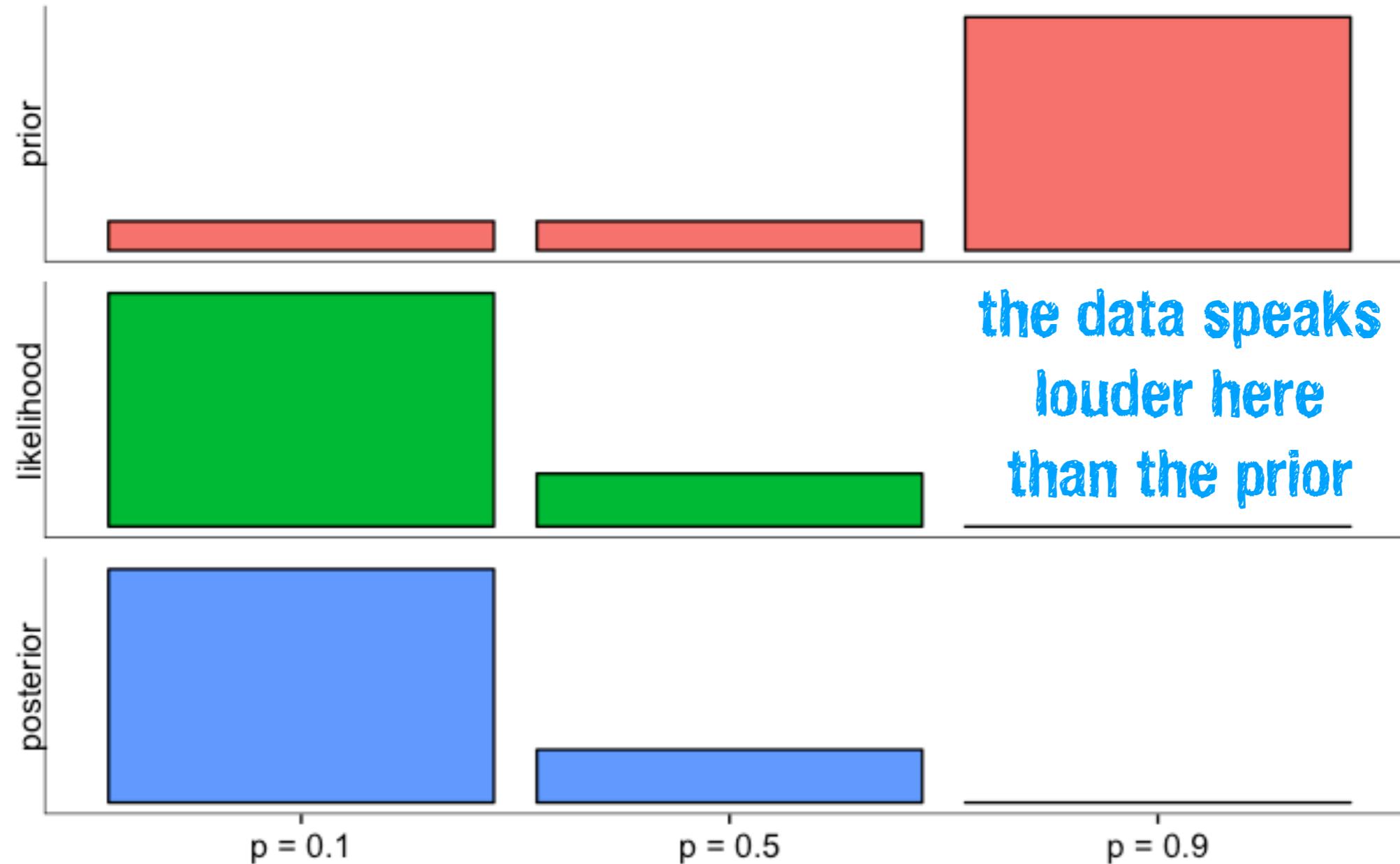
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posterior = multiplicative weighting of prior and likelihood

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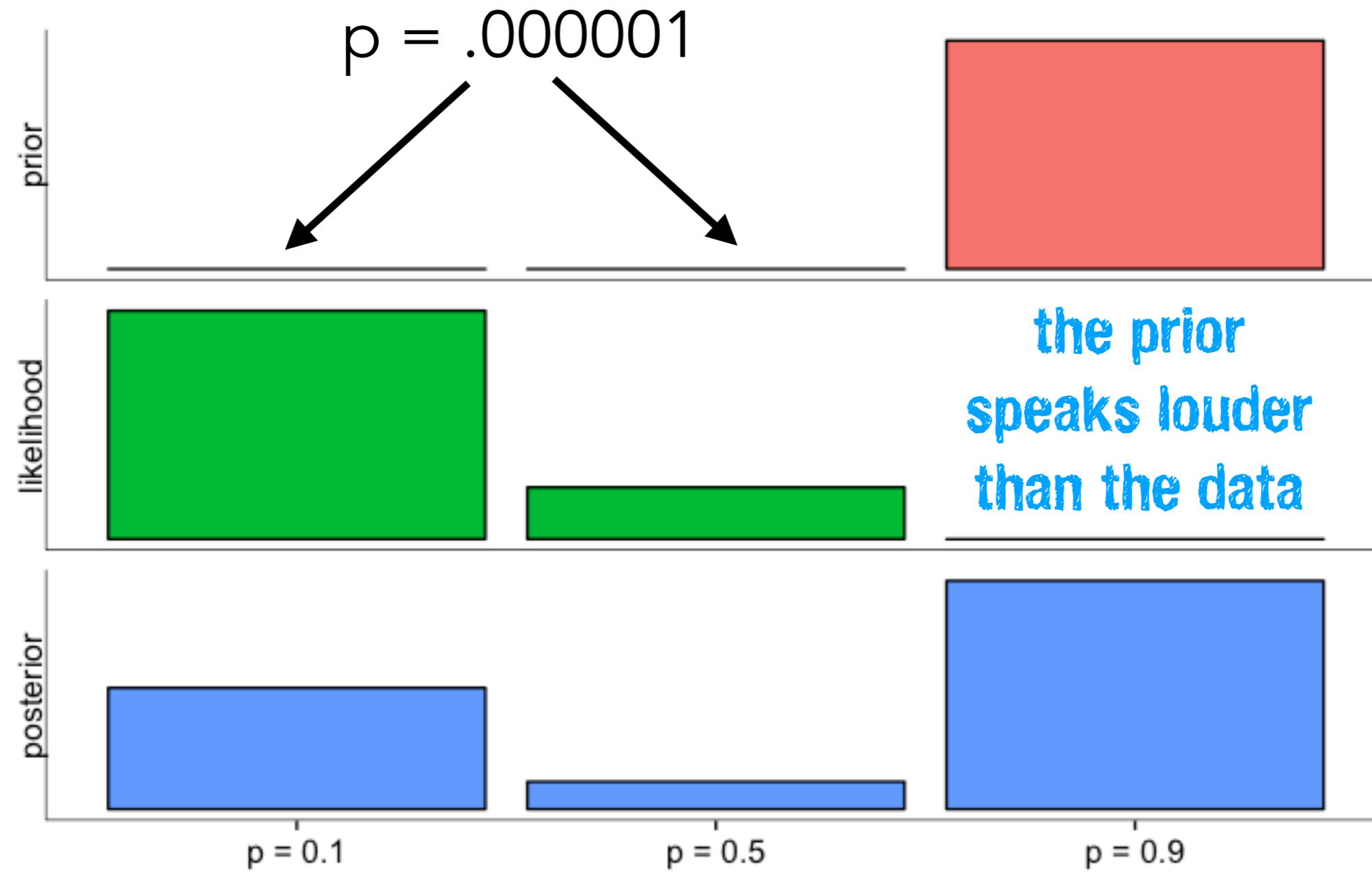


posterior = multiplicative weighting of prior and likelihood

# Coin flip example

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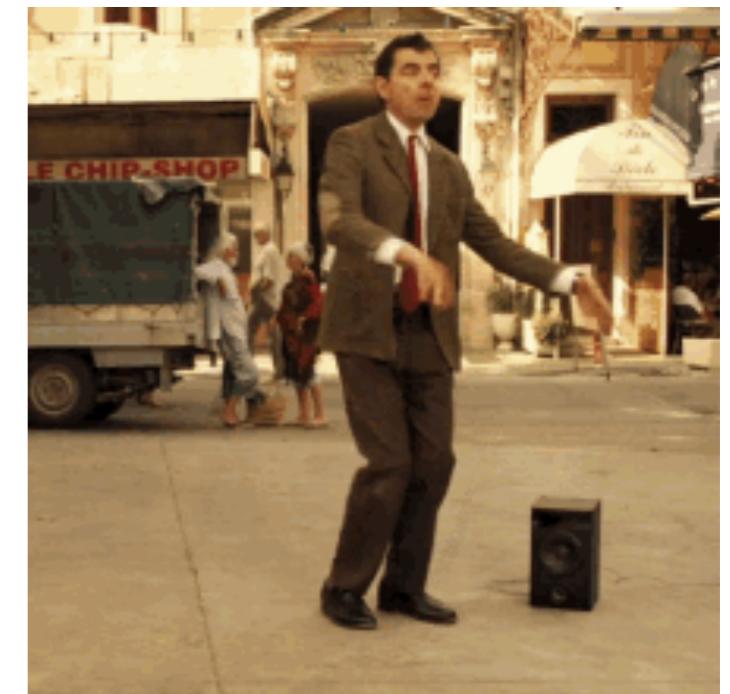
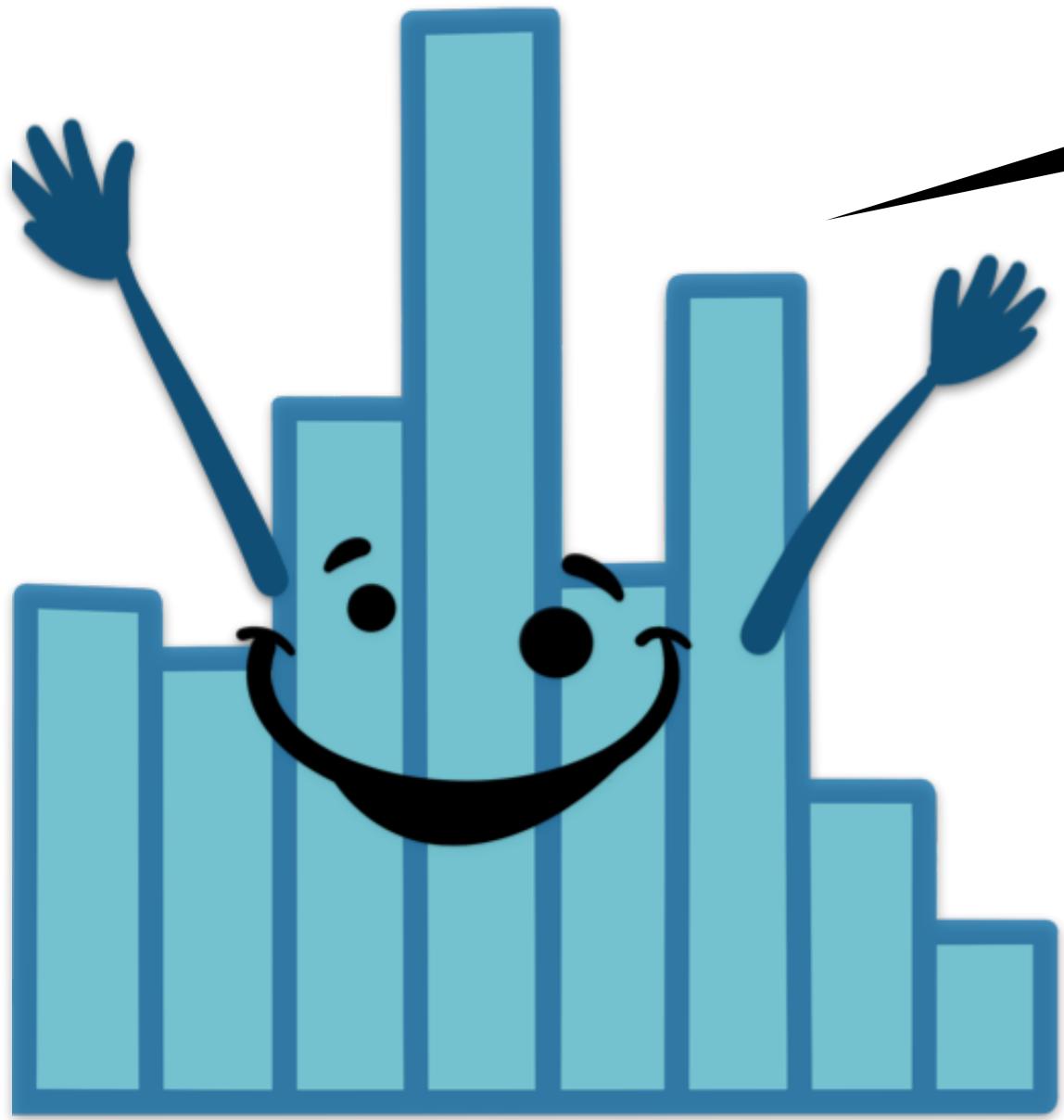
Which coin was flipped?



posterior = multiplicative weighting of prior and likelihood

01:00

stretch break!



# **What affects the posterior?**

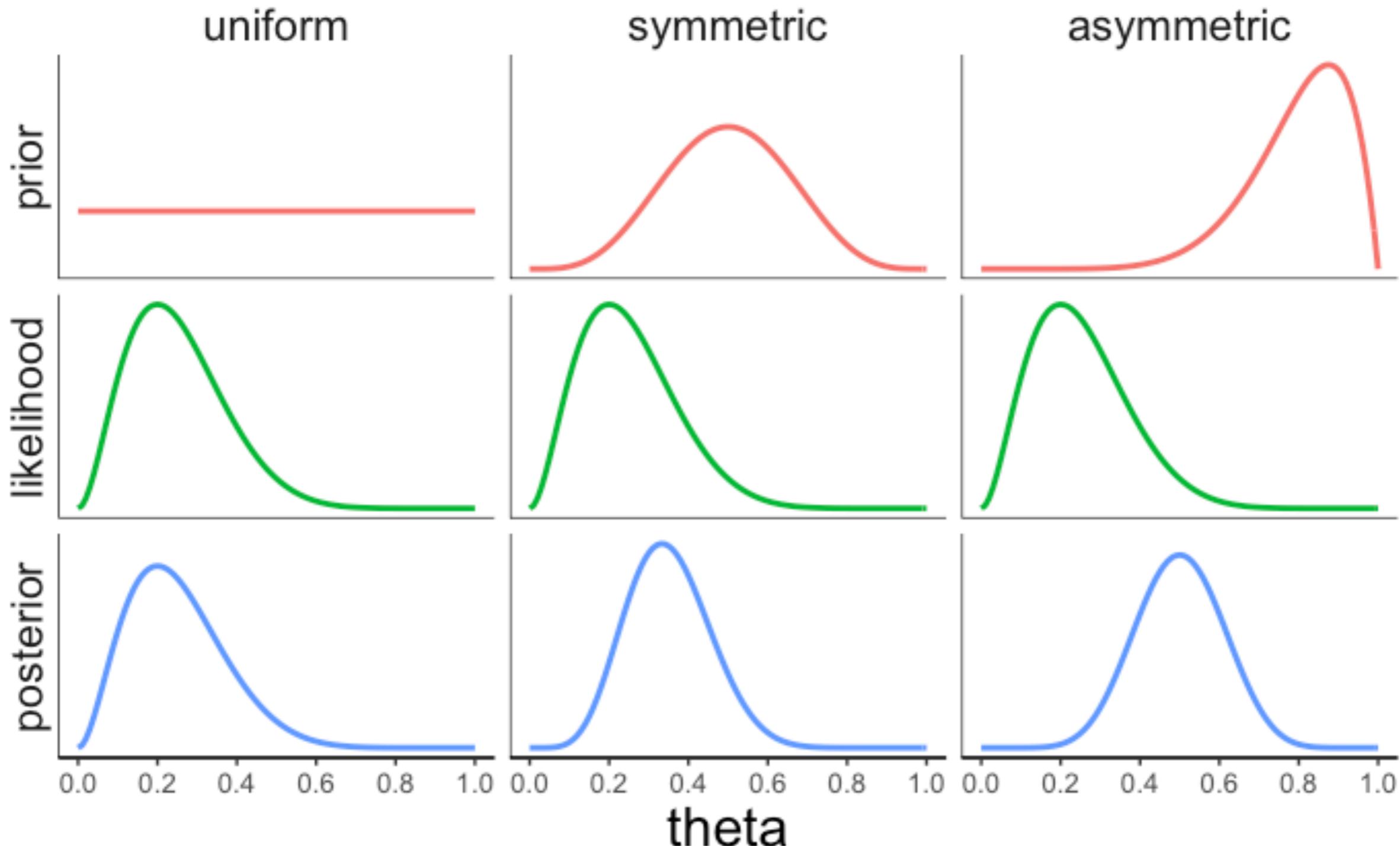
# What affects the posterior?

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

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

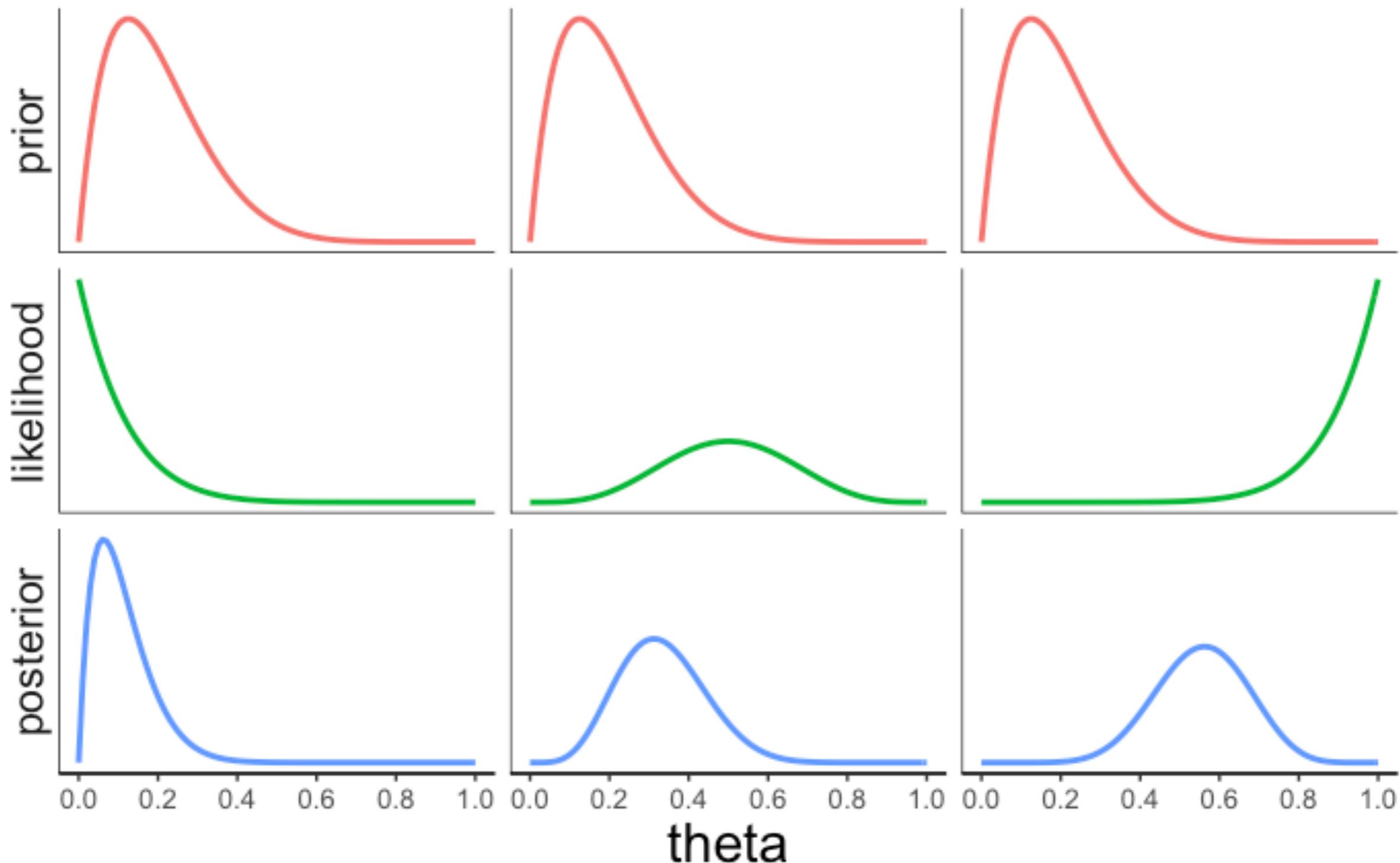
# The effect of the prior

same data, different priors

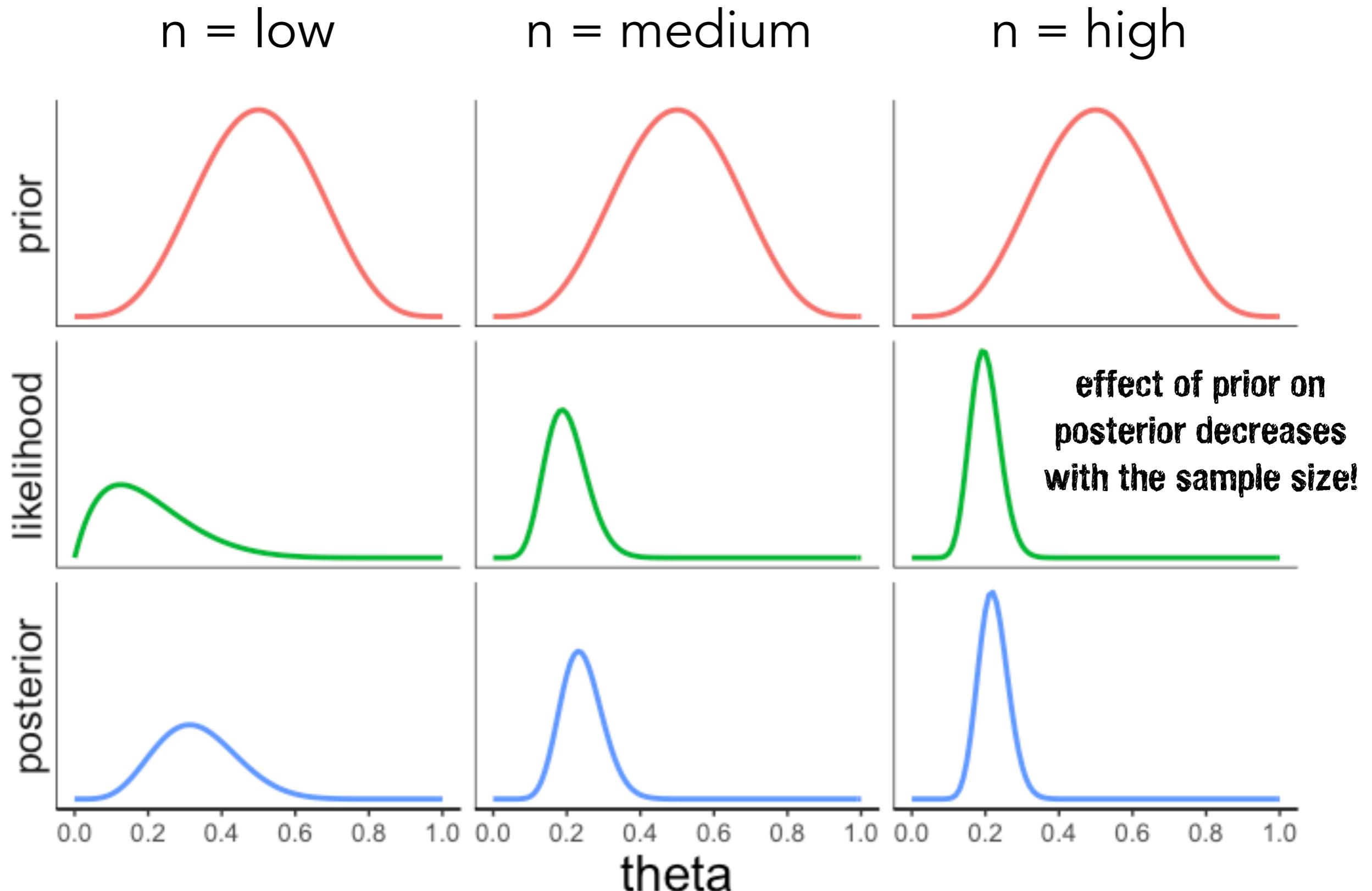


# The effect of the likelihood

same prior, different data



# The effect of sample size



**Ingredients:** likelihood, prior, inference

# Ingredients

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

Posterior

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

$p(D)$

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

**Posterior**

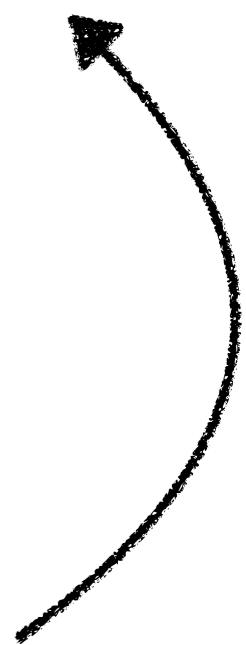
**Likelihood**      **Prior**

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

$p(D)$

# Likelihood

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



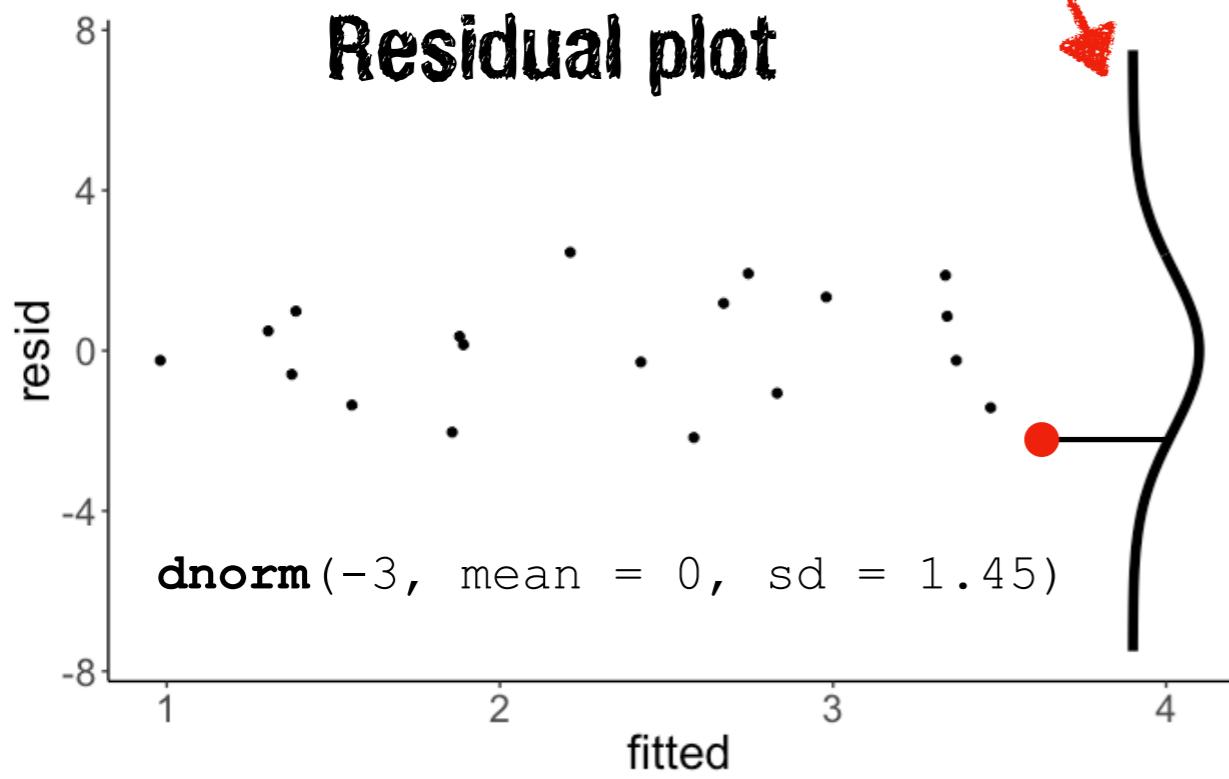
# Likelihood

## Gaussian distribution

$$Y_i = b_0 + b_1 \cdot x_i + e_i$$

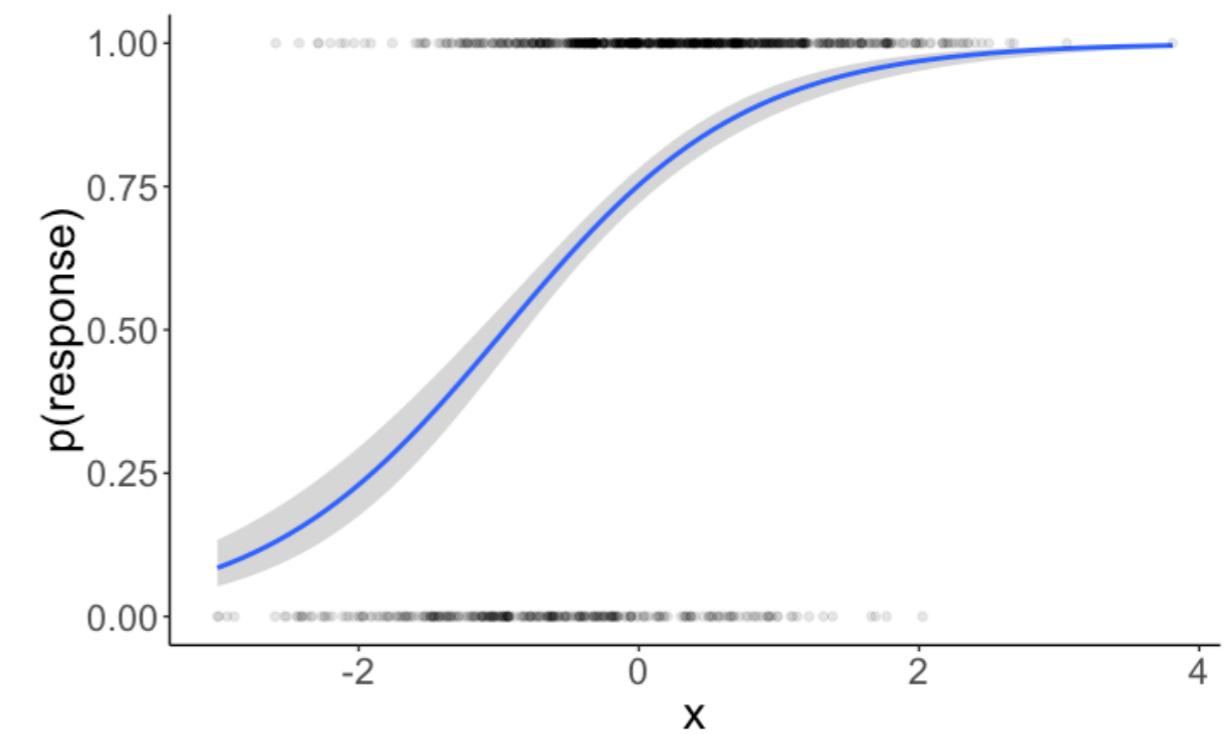
$$e_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma)$$

Residual plot



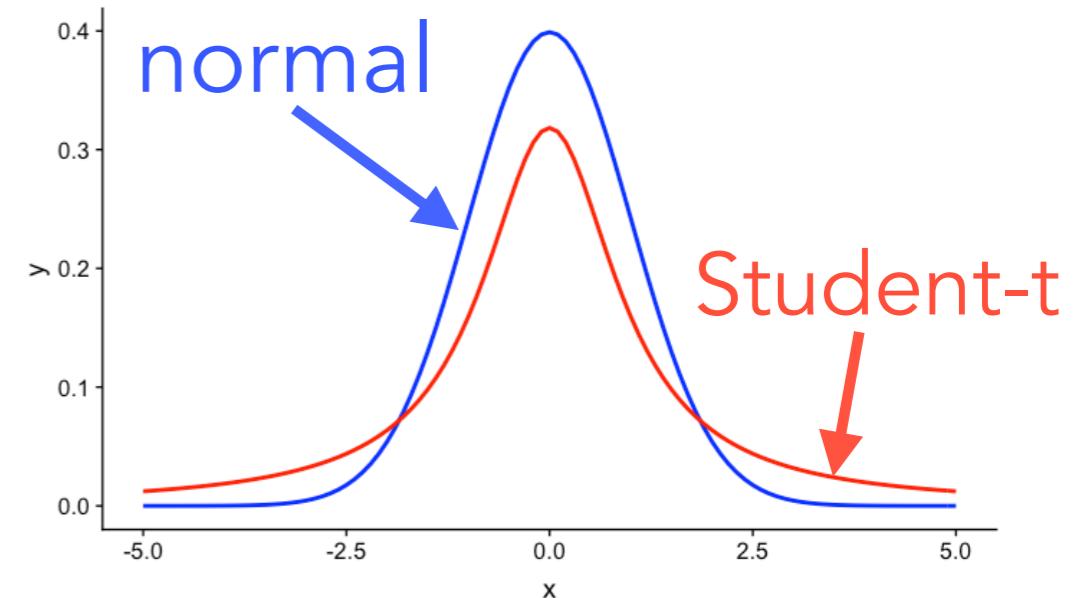
## Binomial distribution

```
1 fit.glm = glm(formula = survived ~ 1 + fare,  
2                   family = "binomial",  
3                   data = df.titanic)
```



# Likelihood

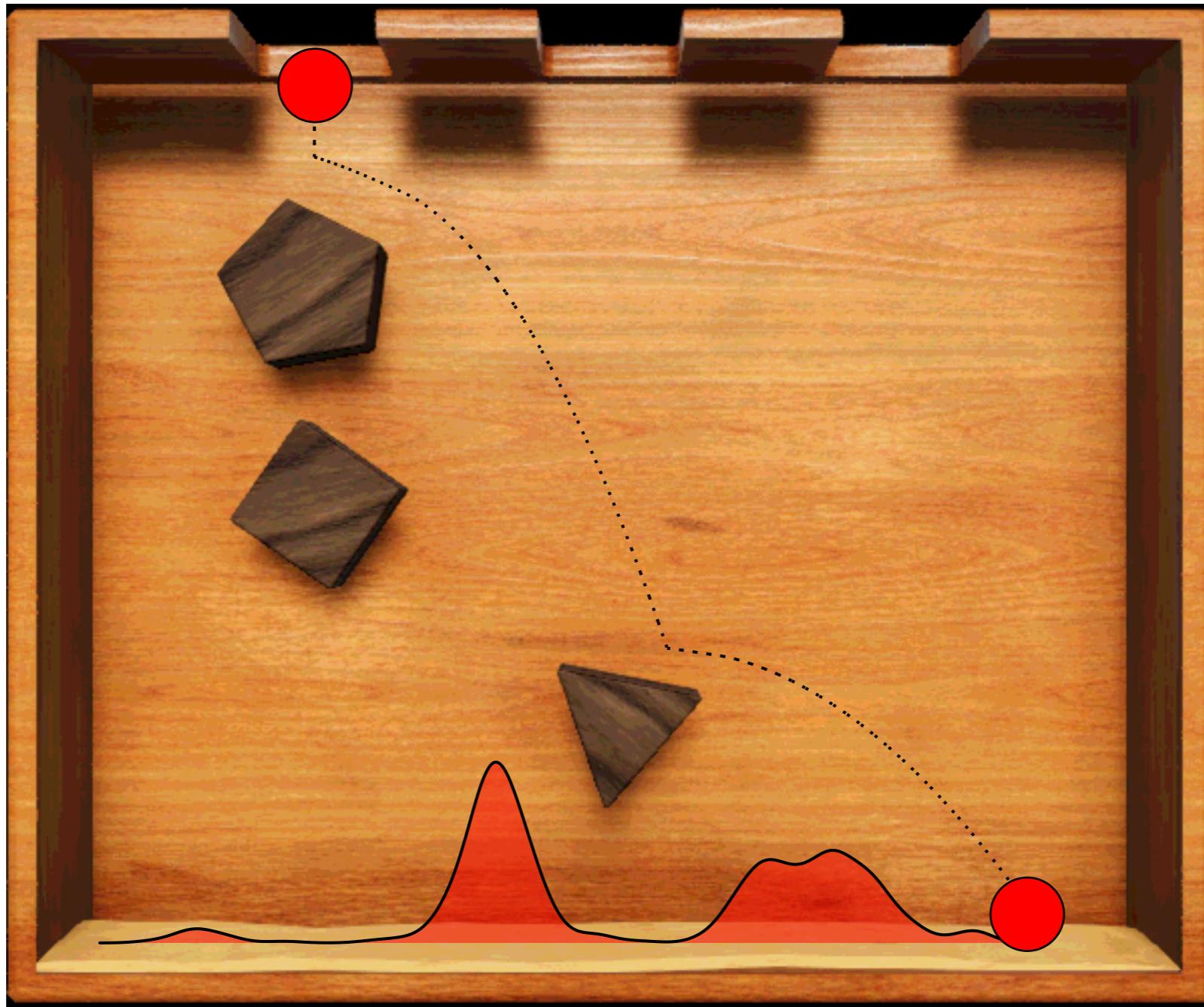
- **Bernoulli:**
  - binary data
  - a single trial
- **Poisson:** count of discrete events
- **Beta-binomial:** like binomial but probability of success may change across trials
- **Student-t:**
  - same as Normal
  - handles greater variability in the data  
(distribution has **fat tails**)
- ...







# Prediction: Where will the ball land?

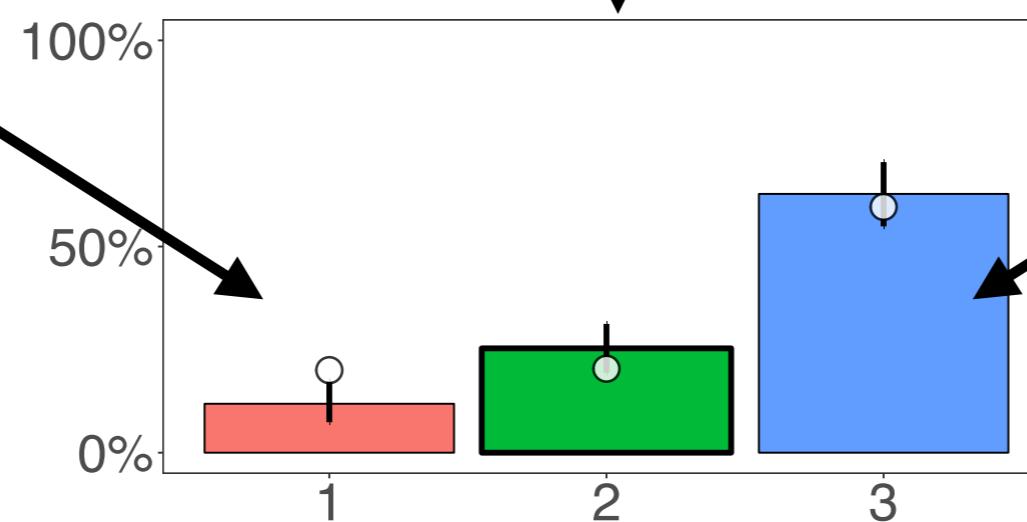
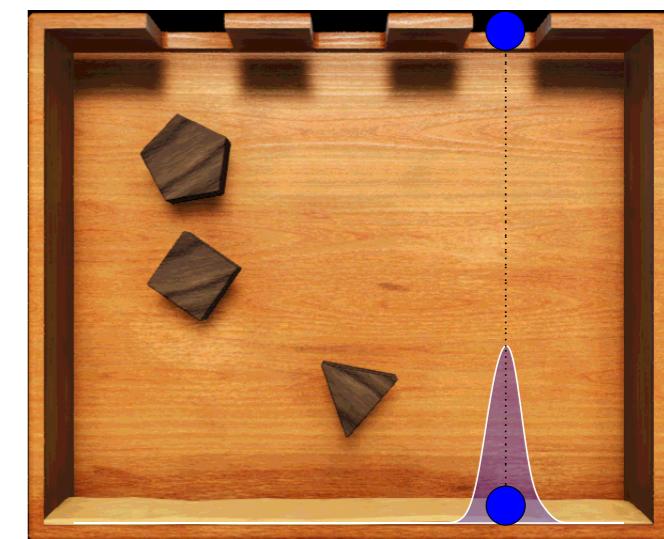
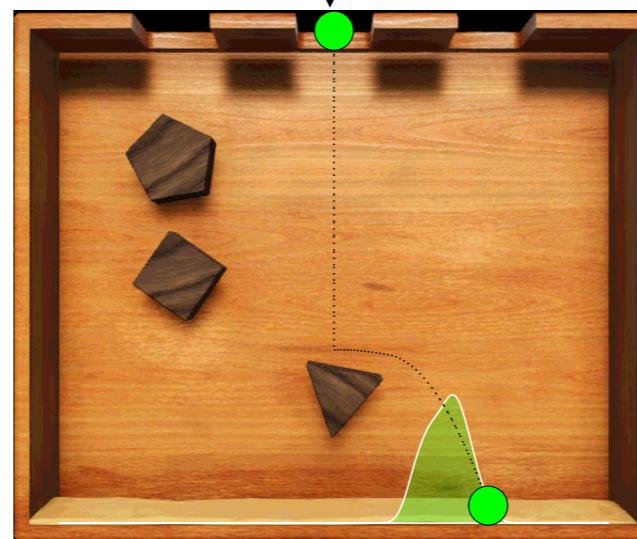
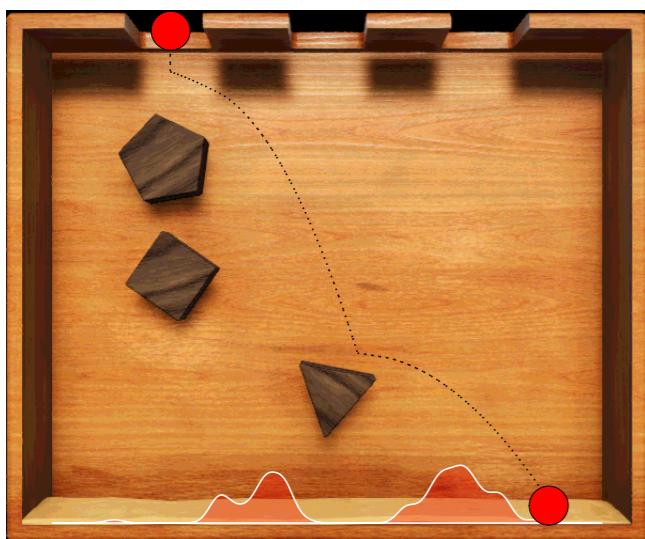
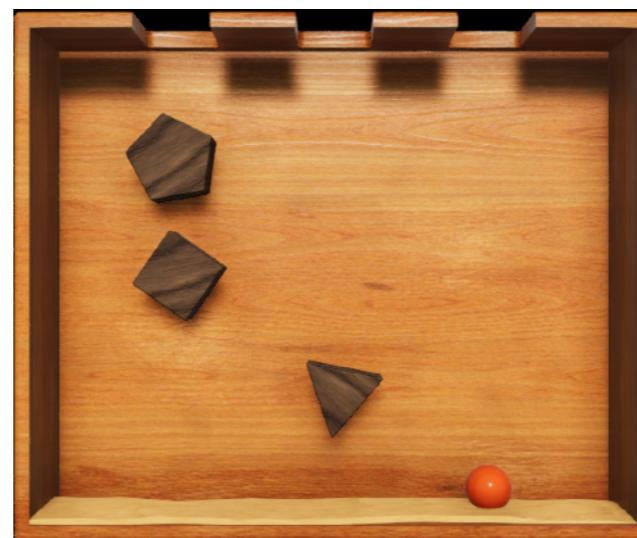


Aggregated responses

# Inference: In which hole was the ball dropped?

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

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



□ data  
○ model prediction

# Prior

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

Posterior

$p(H | D)$

Likelihood      Prior

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

$p(D)$

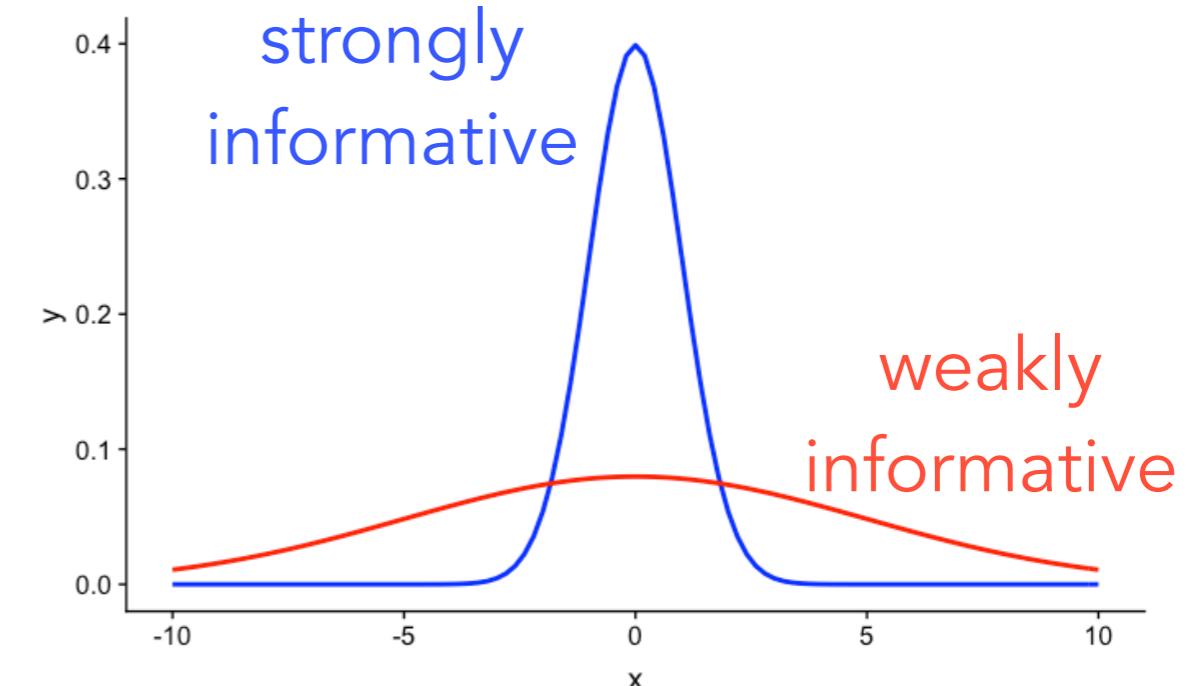
Normalizing constant

# Prior

for **beta coefficients** in a regression

- **uniform:**

- continuous or discrete
- bounded between minimum and maximum



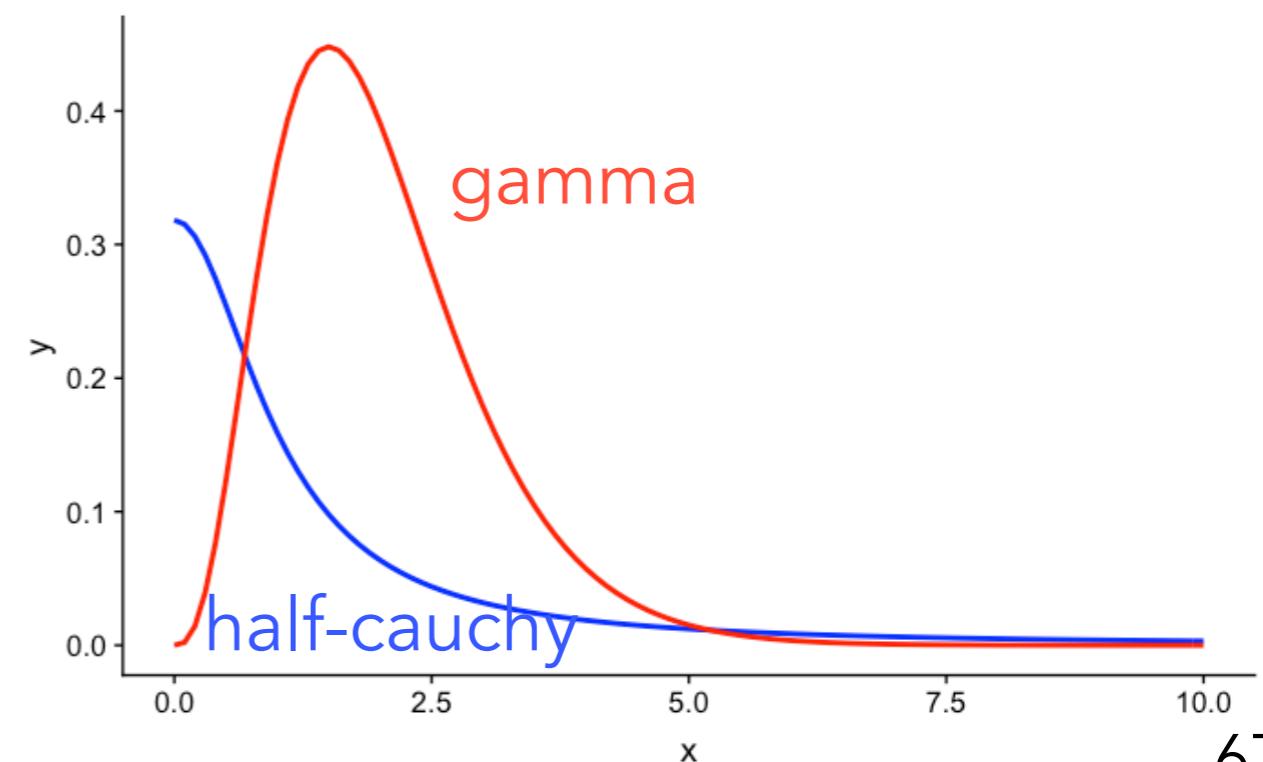
- **gaussian:**

- sd determines how informative the prior is

- **gamma, half-cauchy:**

- for parameters we know are positive

for **standard deviation** of the Gaussian



# 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

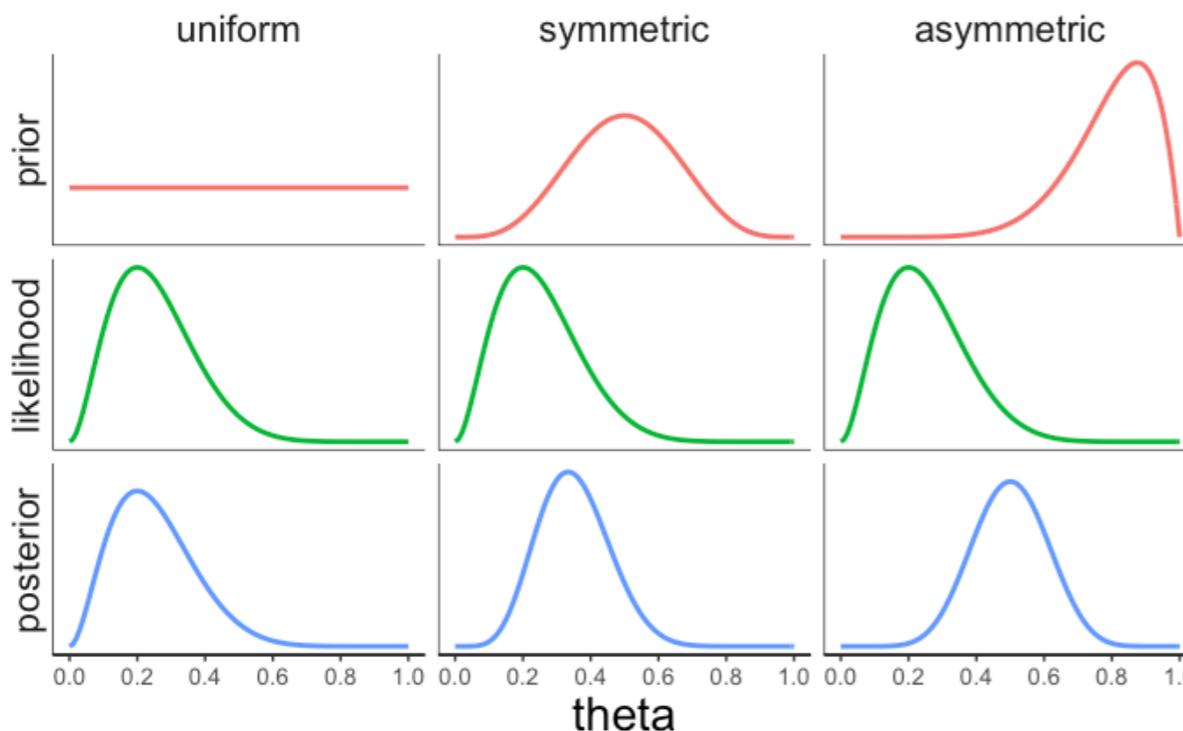
## Continuous hypothesis space

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

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 pivot_longer(cols = -theta,  
13                names_to = "prior_index",  
14                values_to = "prior") %>%  
15 mutate(likelihood = dbinom(sum(data == 1),  
16                             size = length(data),  
17                             prob = theta)) %>%  
18 group_by(prior_index) %>%  
19 mutate(posterior = likelihood * prior / sum(likelihood * prior)) %>%  
ungroup() %>%  
pivot_longer(cols = -c(theta, prior_index),  
names_to = "index",  
values_to = "value")
```



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

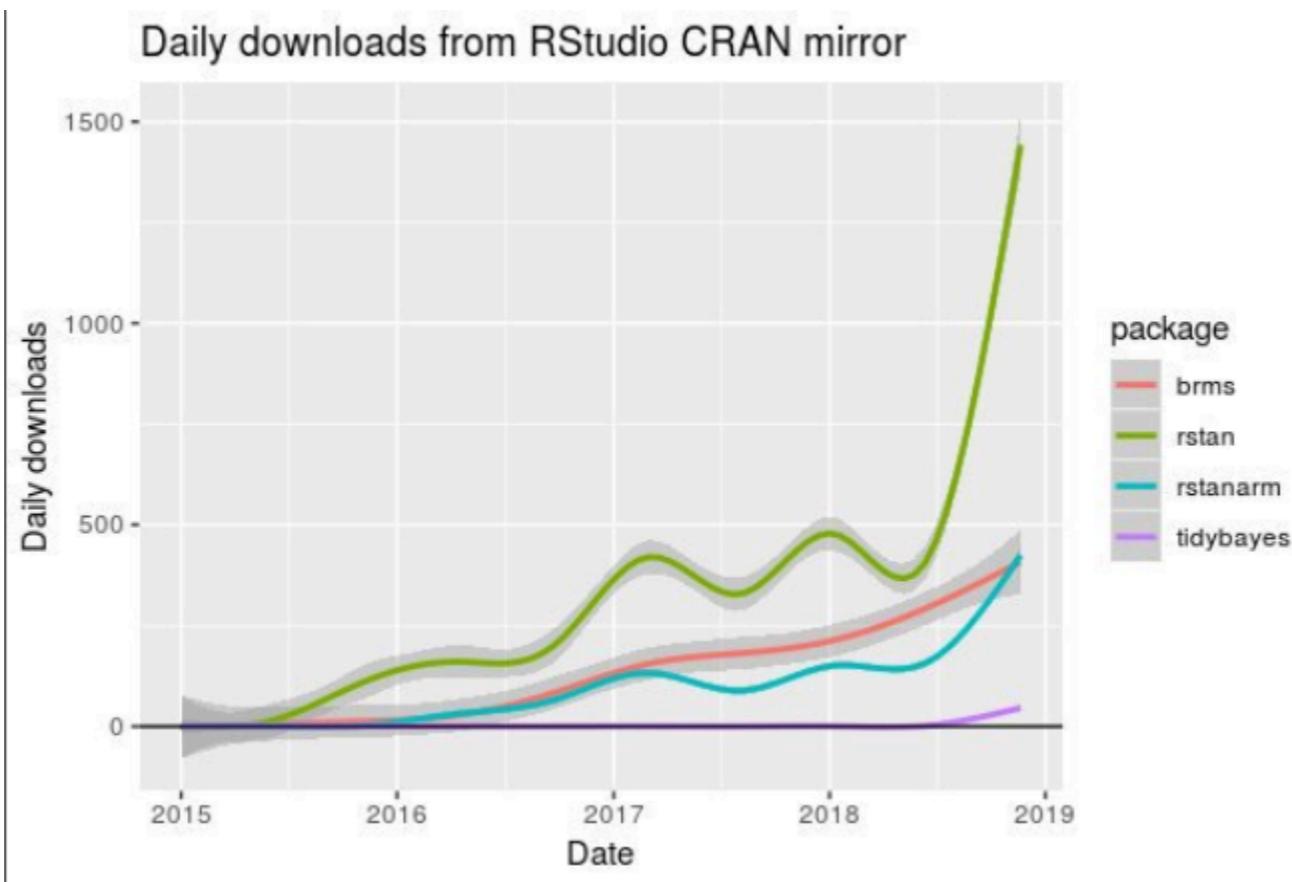
**It's as if ...**

we don't have **pnorm()**

but we do have **rnorm()**

# Inference via sampling

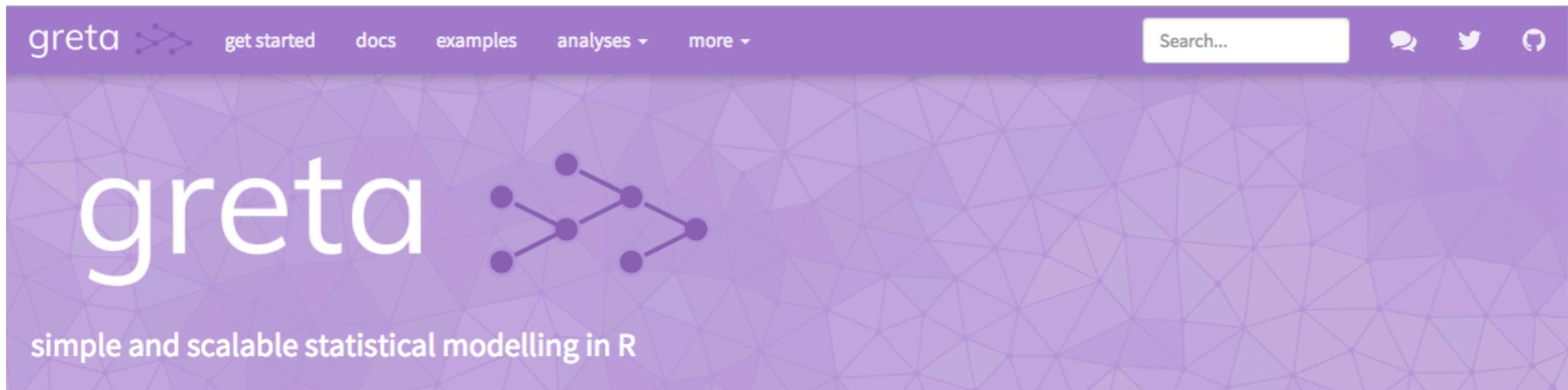
- Bayesian data analysis is becoming more popular because:
  - computers are getting more powerful
  - inference techniques are getting better
  - software packages become easier to use



# **Doing Bayesian data analysis**

# Software packages

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



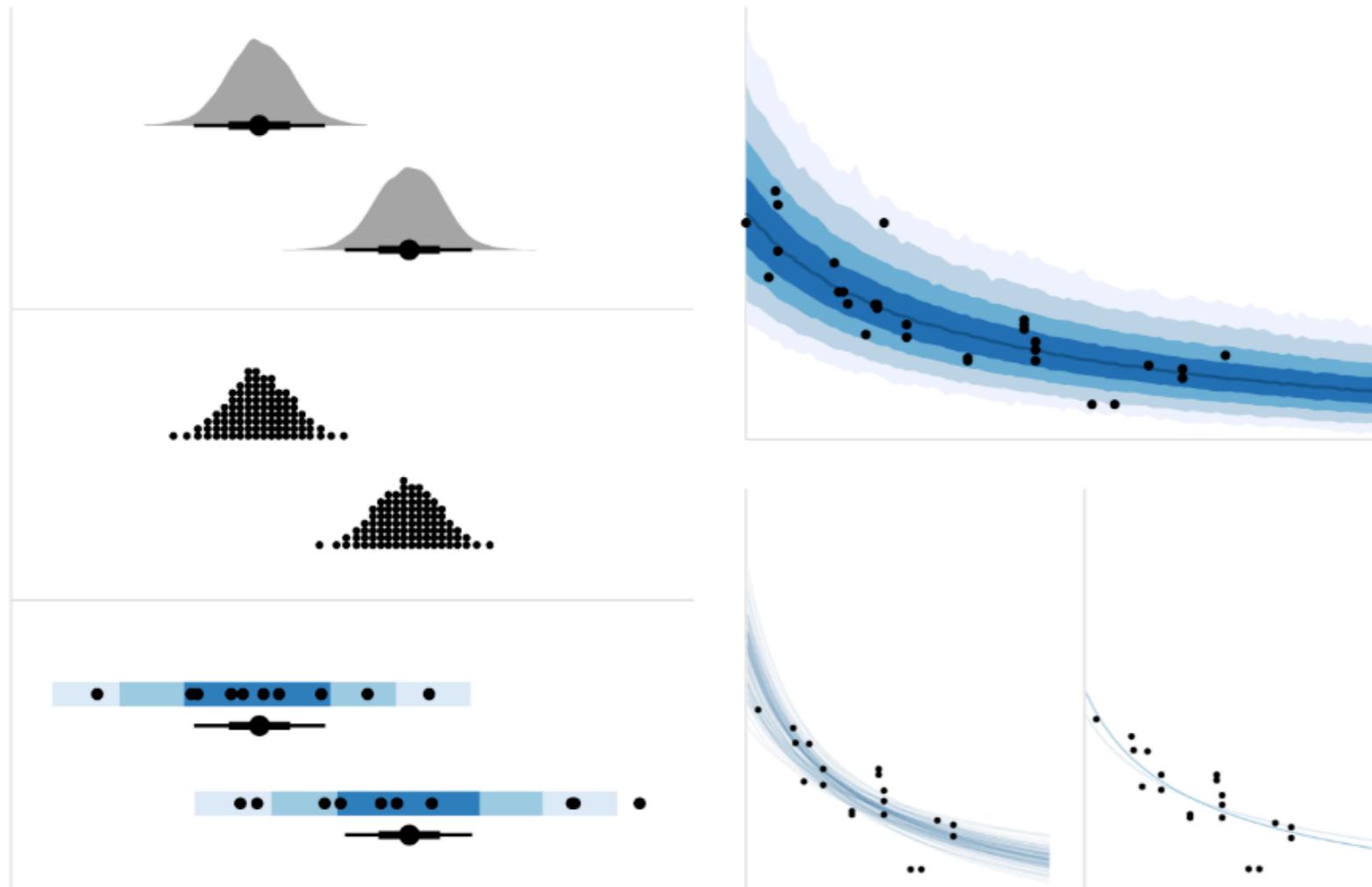
- let's us write Bayesian models directly in R with a simple syntax
- uses Tensorflow to implement Hamiltonian Monte Carlo sampling (a fast inference algorithm ...)

# Software packages

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

## tidybayes: Bayesian analysis + tidy data + geoms

build passing codecov 92% CRAN 1.0.4 downloads 1373/month DOI 10.5281/zenodo.1468151

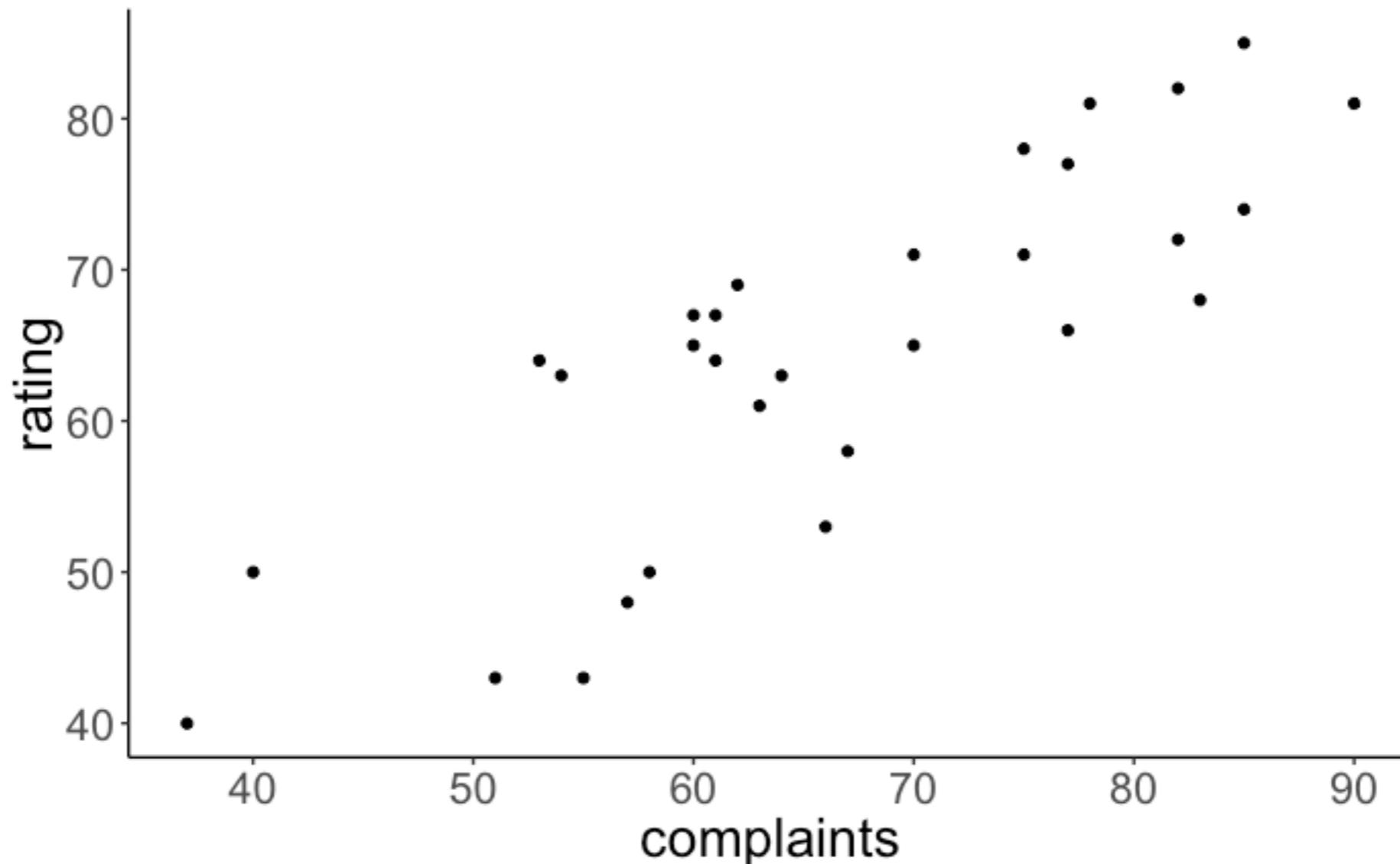


Matthew Kay

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()
```

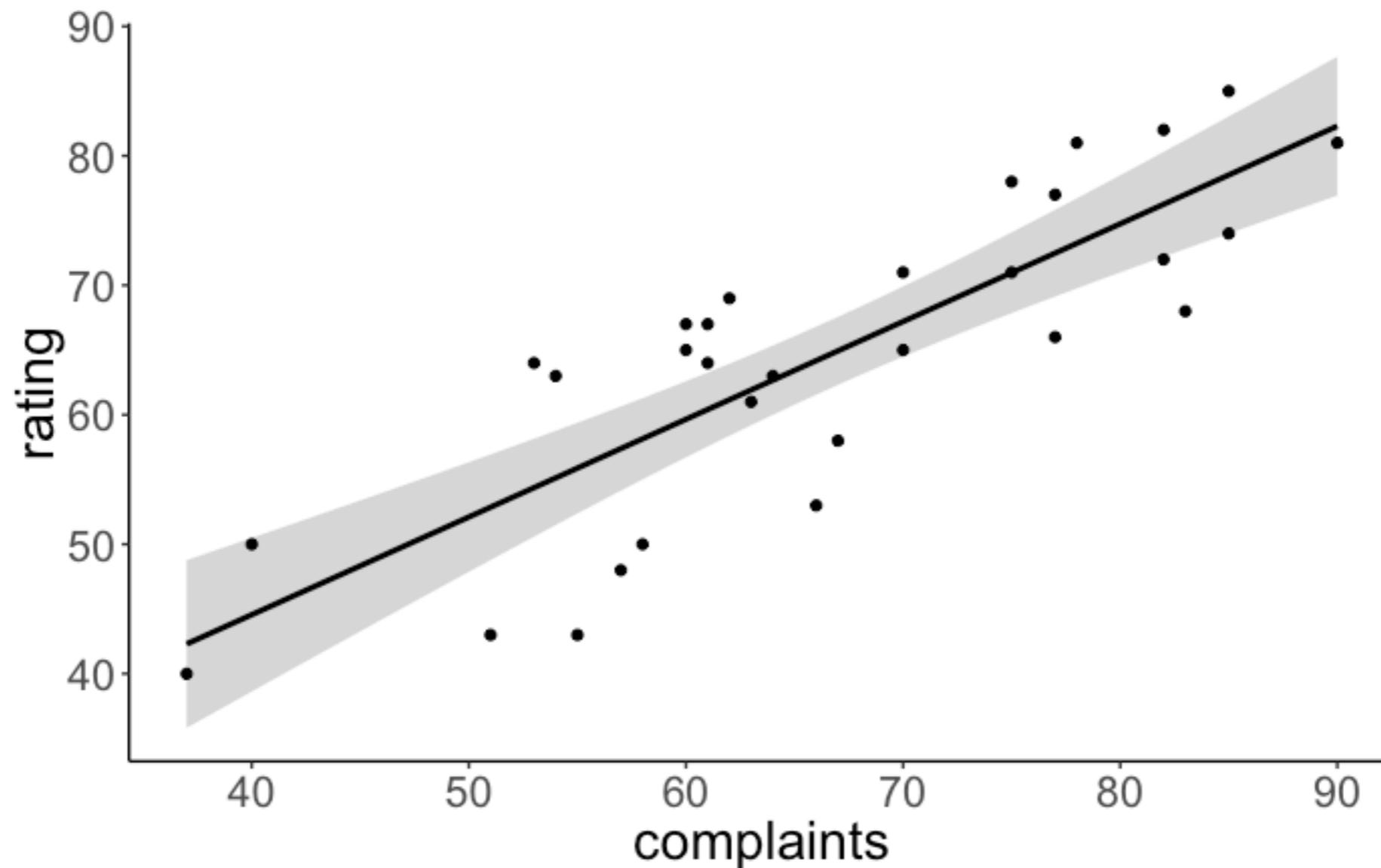
```
Call:
lm(formula = rating ~ 1 + complaints, data = df.attitude)

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)
```

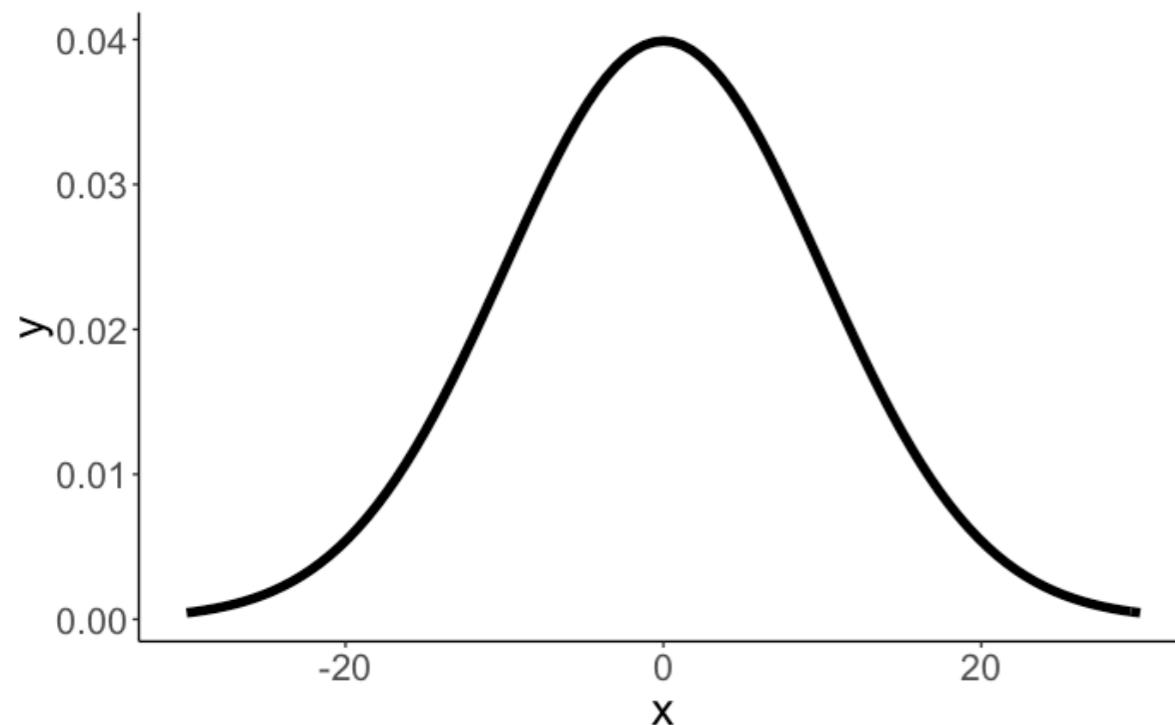
← **build the model**

← **Gaussian likelihood**

← **linear combination**

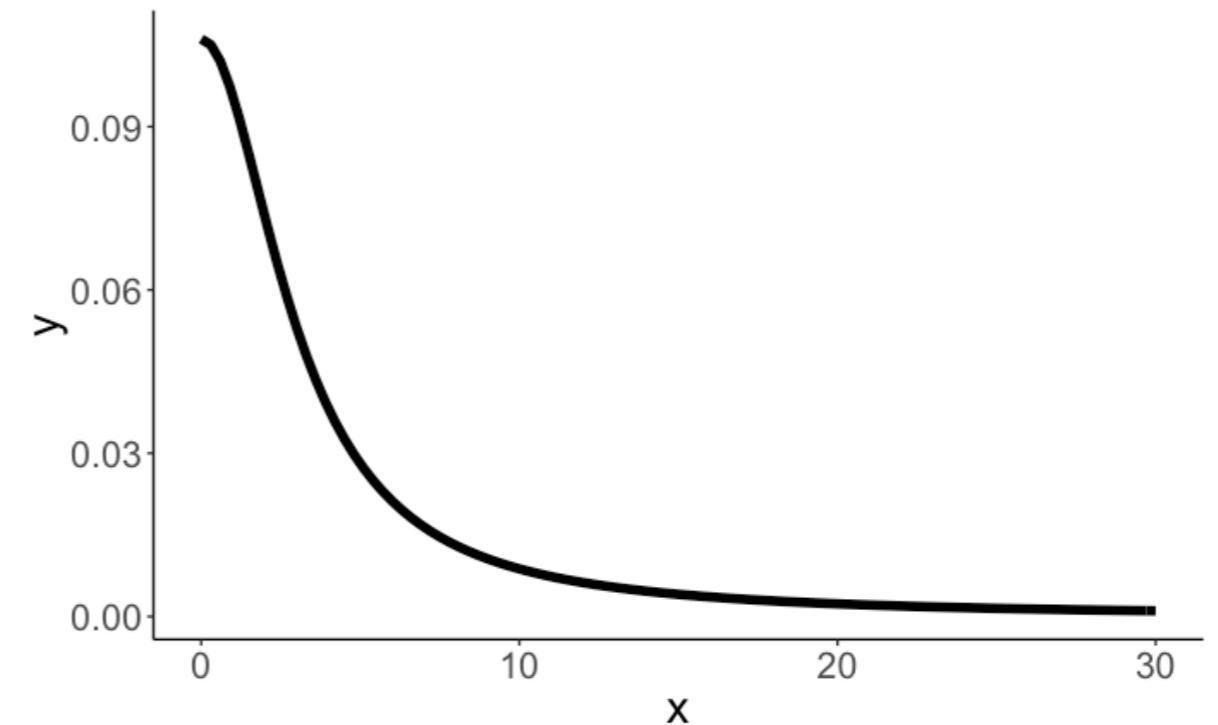
← **priors**

# Priors



**Gaussian prior on  
intercept and coefficient**

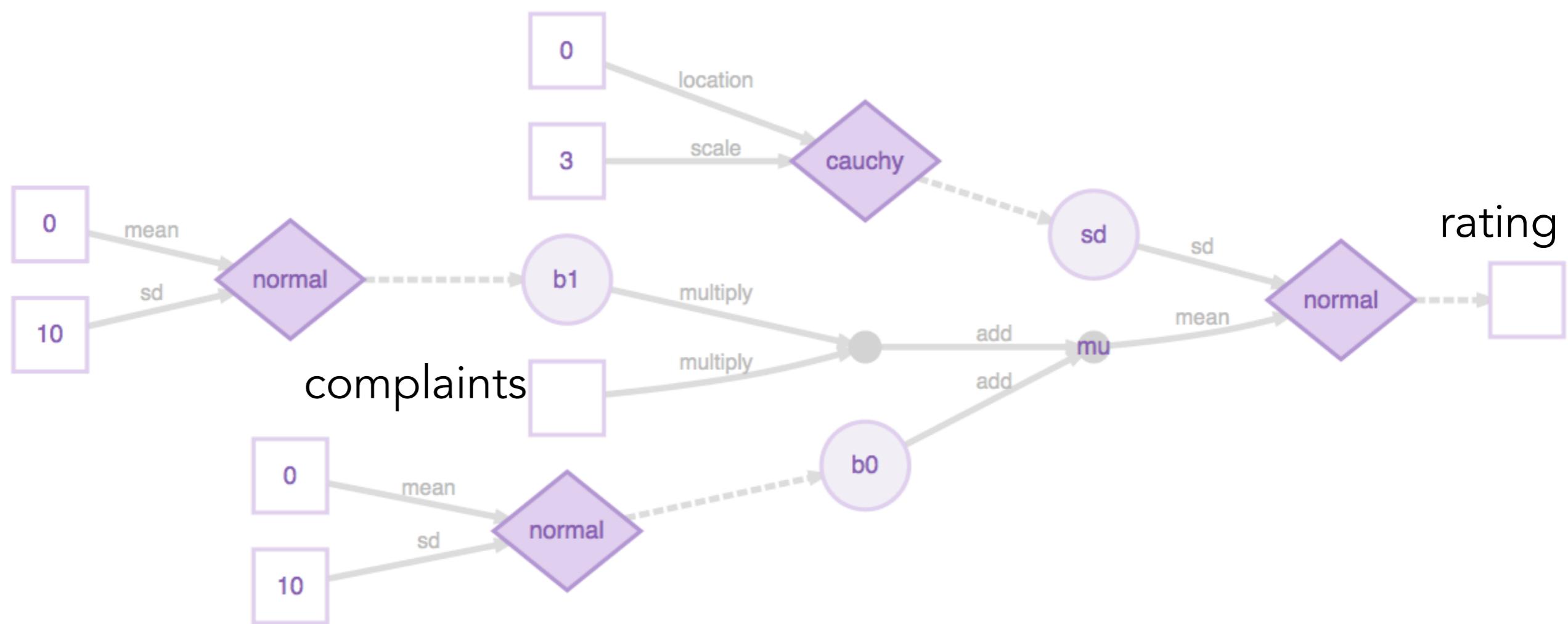
weakly informative priors (allow for a wide range of possible values)



**Truncated Cauchy prior on  
the standard deviation**

# Graphical representation of the model

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



# Inference via sampling

Markov Chain

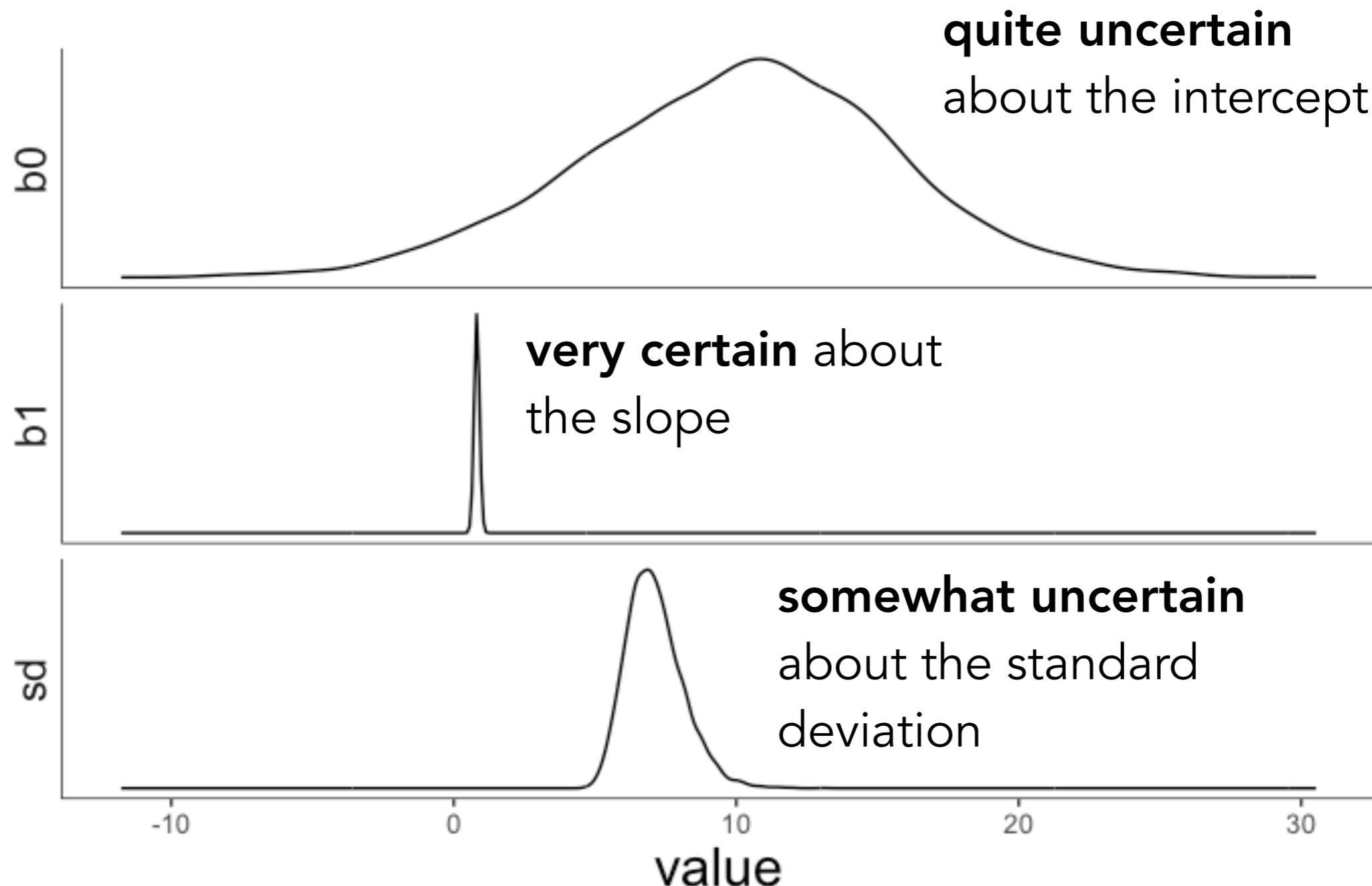
Monte Carlo  
inference

```
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

each of these is a solution  
for explaining the data

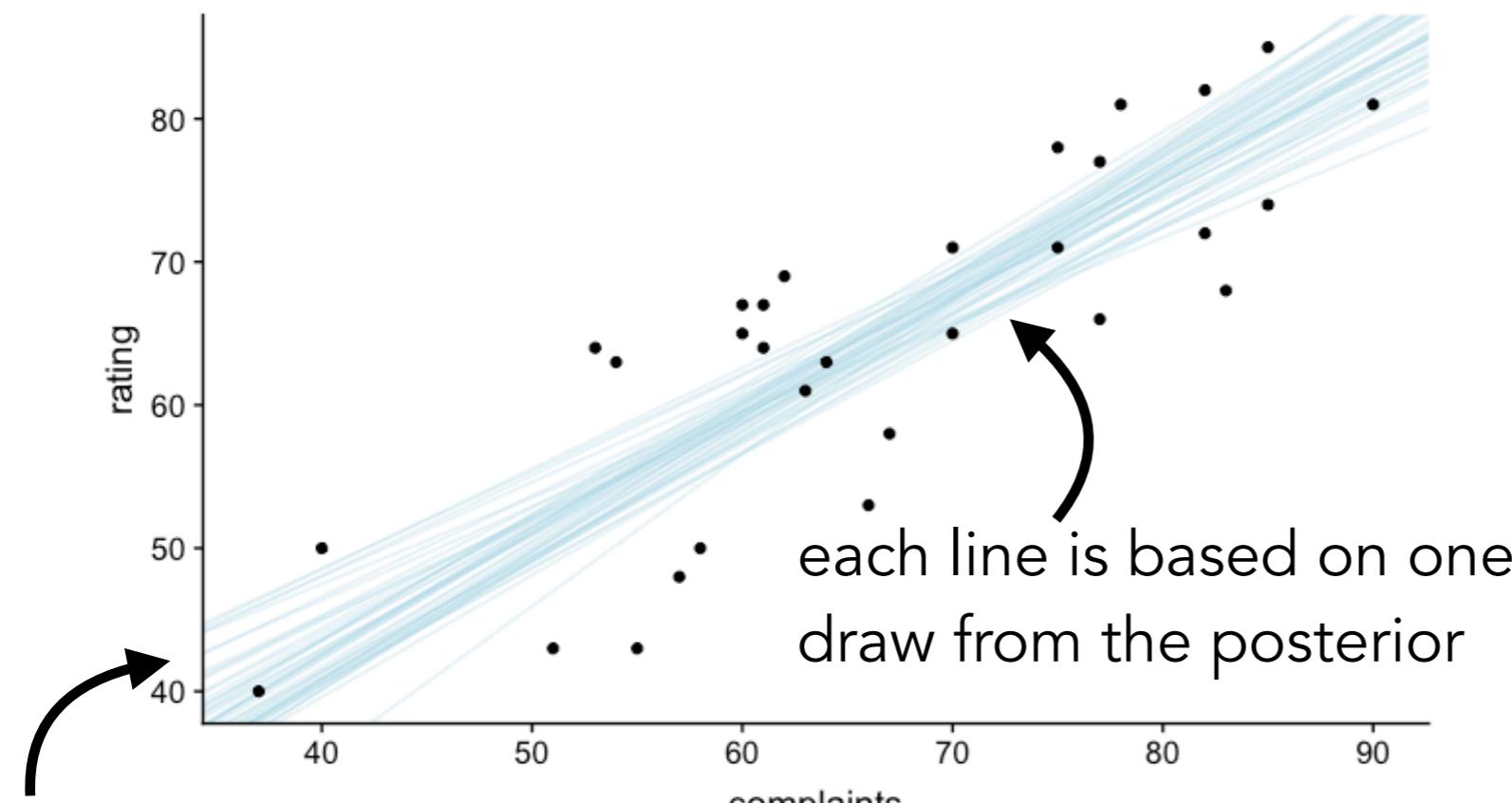
# Visualize the posterior



**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()
```

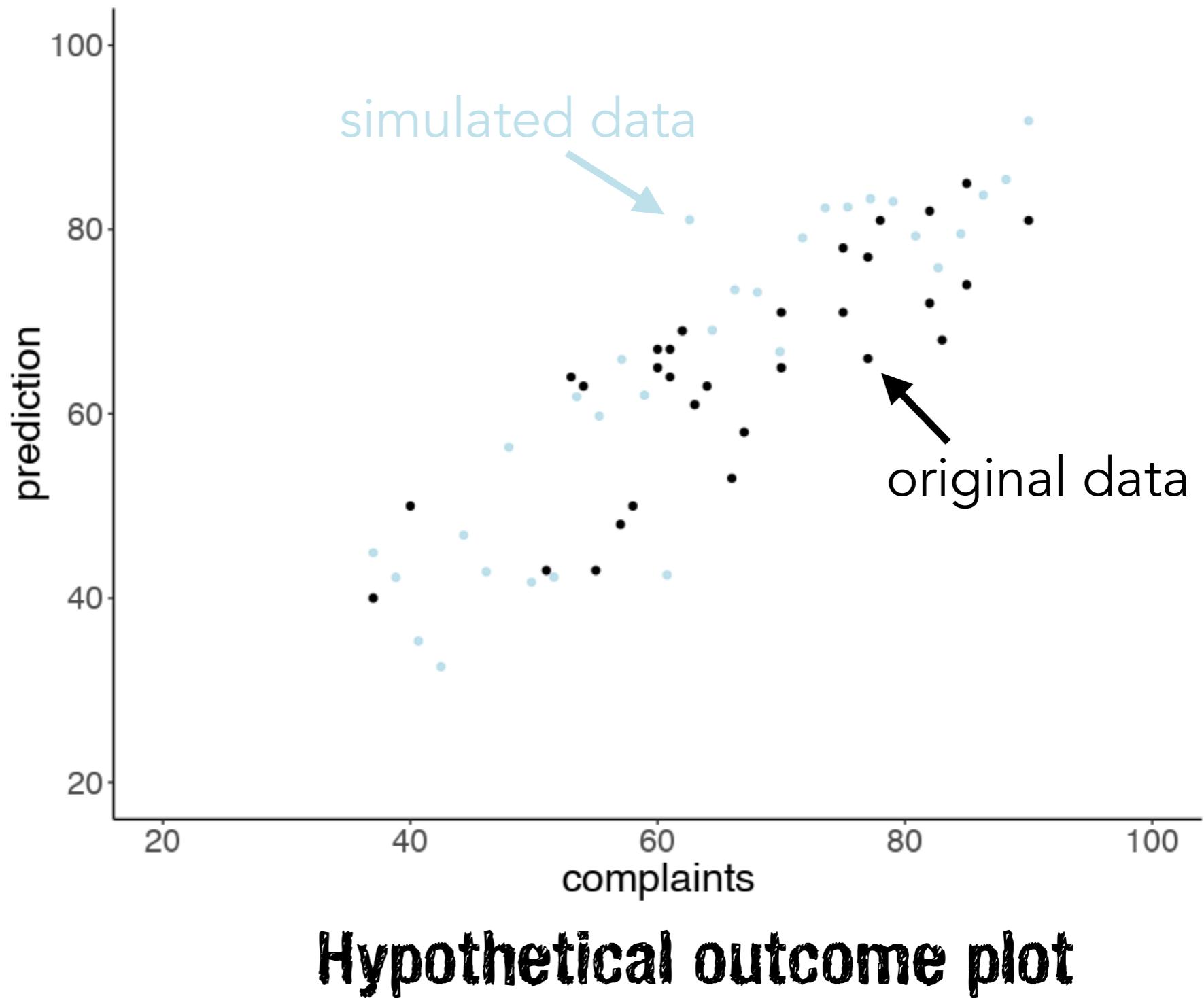


explains the "high" uncertainty about the intercept

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# Posterior predictive check

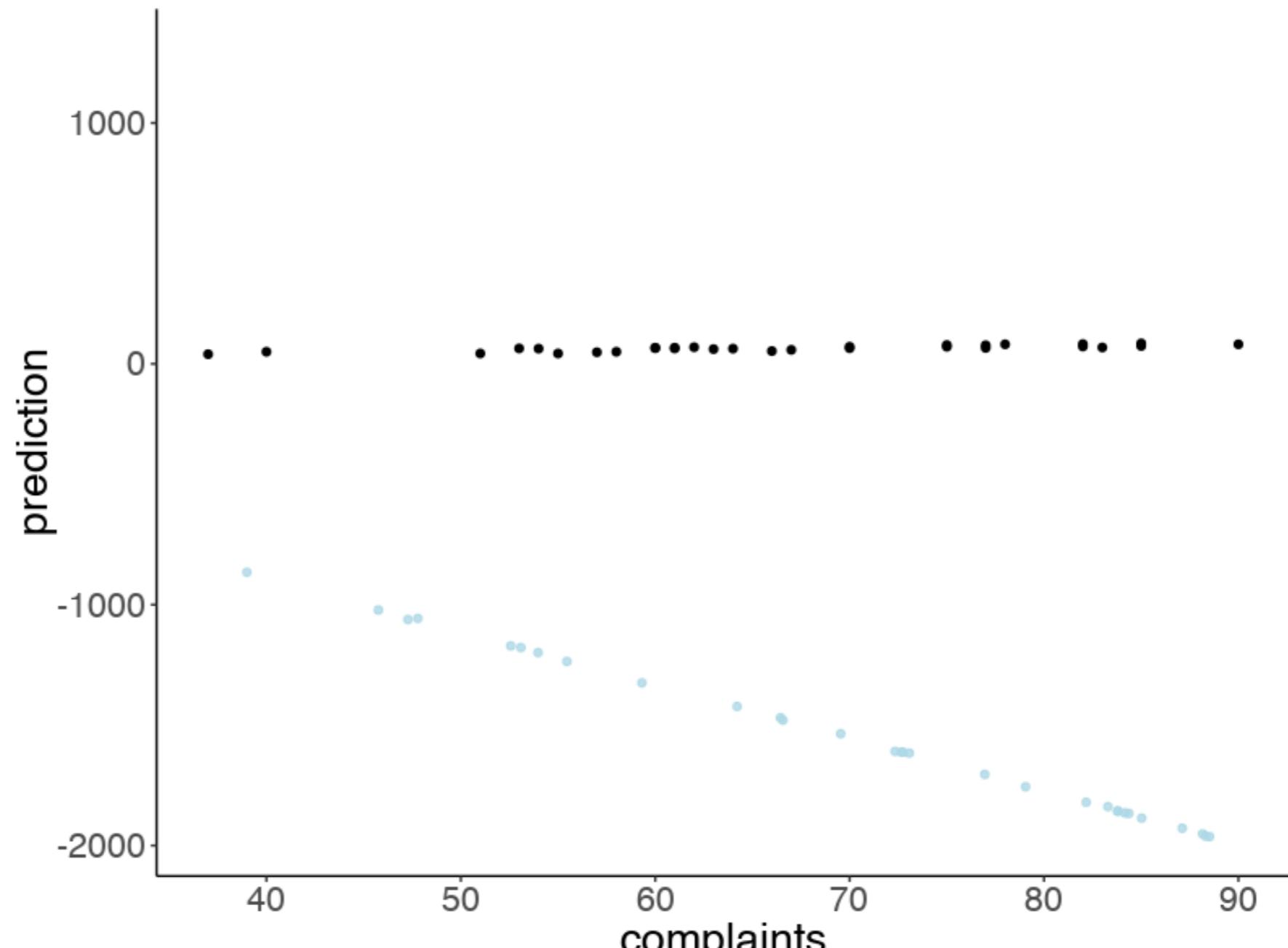
1. sample parameters from the **posterior distribution**
2. generate data using these parameters (using the likelihood function)



Hypothetical outcome plot

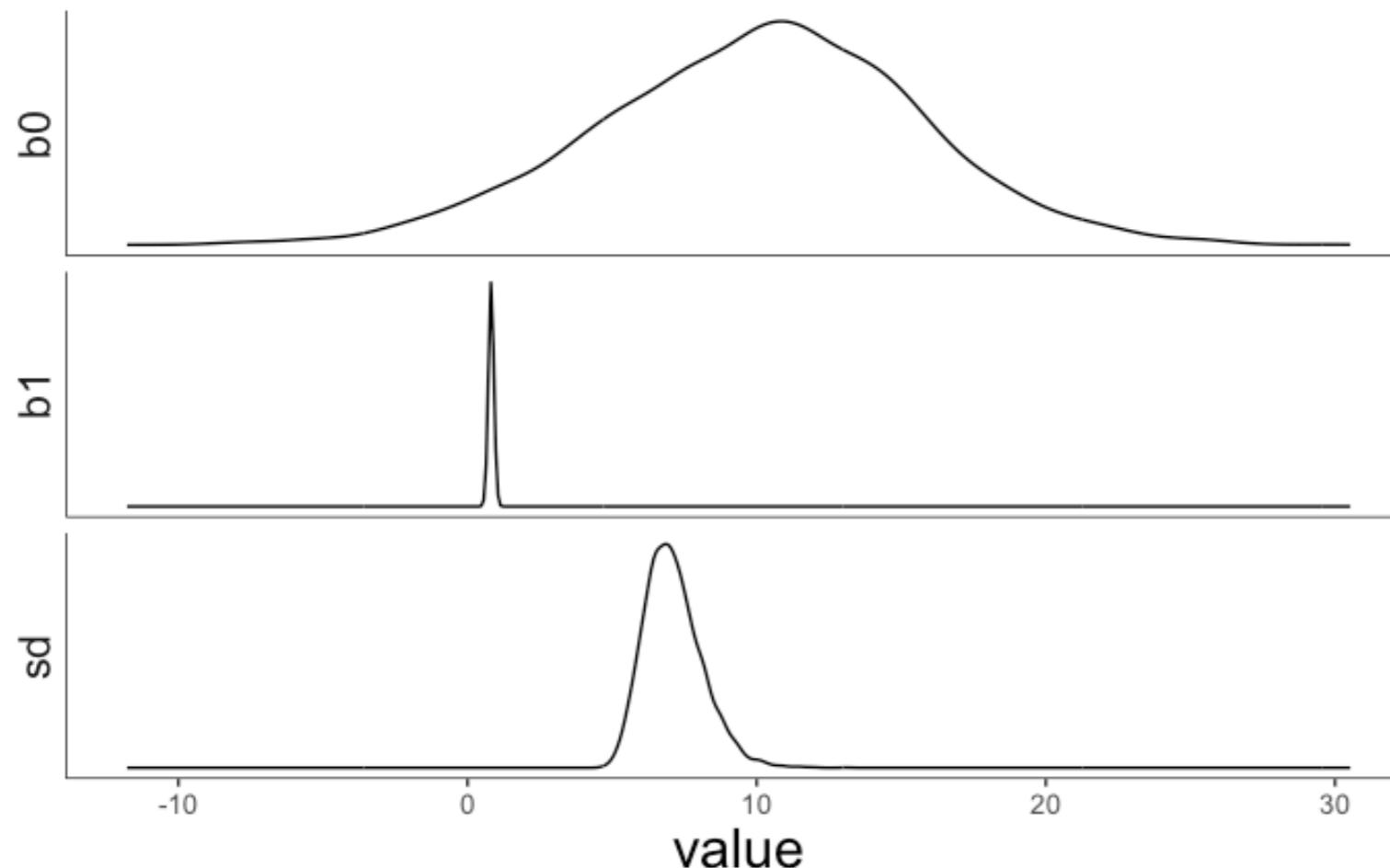
# Prior predictive check

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



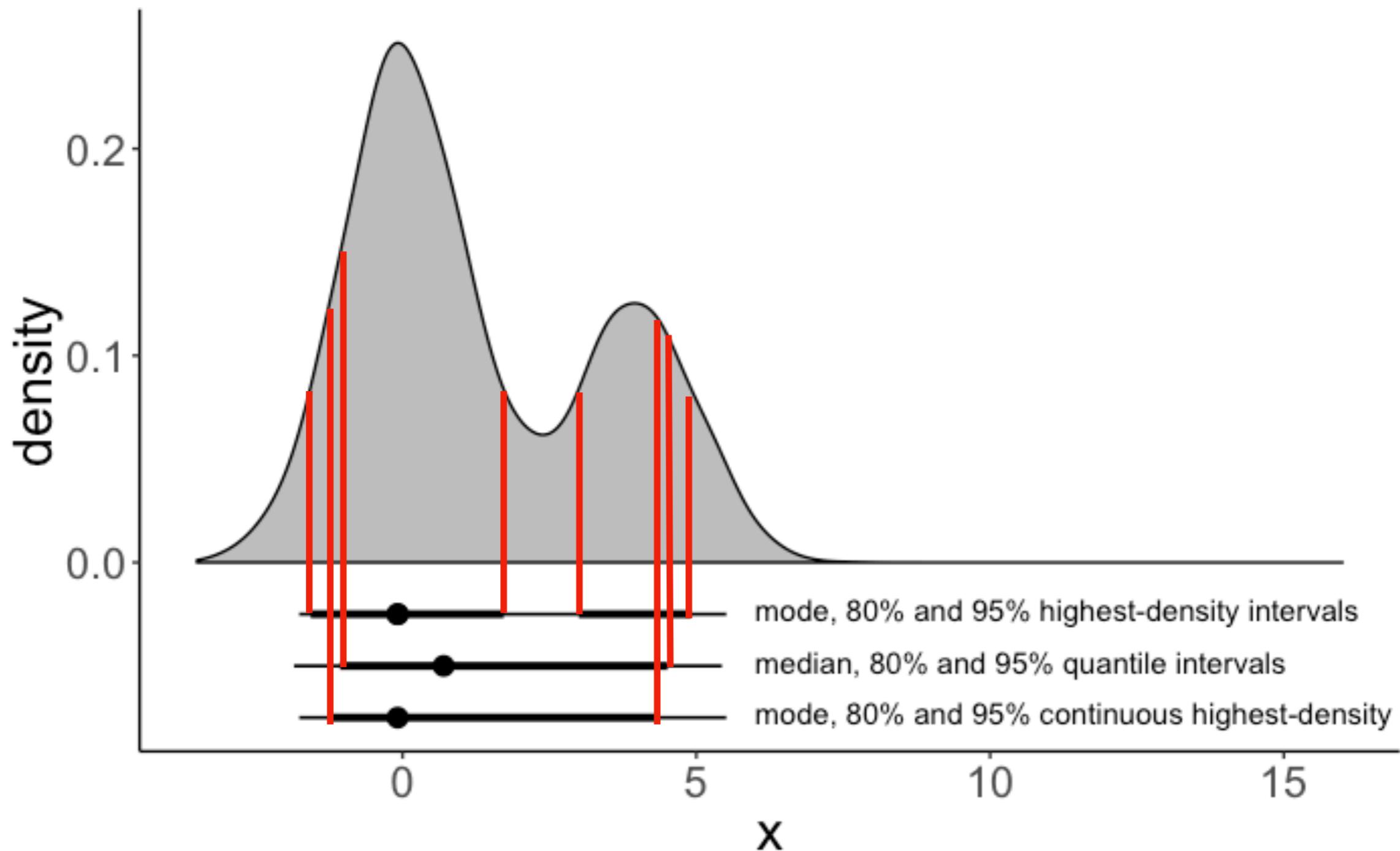
Hypothetical outcome plot

# Summarizing results



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

# Different kinds of credible intervals



# Summary

- Bayesian data analysis
  - Comparison between frequentist and Bayesian data analysis
  - Quick flash from the past
  - Flipping coins
  - What affects the posterior?
  - Ingredients: likelihood, prior, inference
  - Doing Bayesian data analysis

# Feedback

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

**Thank you!**