

# Posterior Predictive Distribution on Coin Toss

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After an experiment, posterior distribution for the prediction of  $y_2$  depends on the knowledge of  $\theta$  and the outcome of the first toss experiment

$$f(y_2|y_1) = \int f(y_2|\theta, y_1)f(\theta|y_1)d\theta$$

The experiment follows an IID, therefore  $y_2$  is not dependent on  $y_1$ . The integral can be simplified to

$$f(y_2|y_1) = \int f(y_2|\theta)f(\theta|y_1)d\theta$$

Probability of  $y_2$ , given that we got a head in the first experiment:

$$\begin{aligned}\implies P(y_2|y_1 = 1) &= \int_0^1 \theta^{y_2}(1 - \theta)^{1-y_2}2\theta d\theta \\ &= \int_0^1 2\theta^{y_2+1}(1 - \theta)^{(1-y_2)}d\theta\end{aligned}$$

Probability of  $y_2=1$  given  $y_1=1$

$$P(y_2 = 1|y_1 = 1) = \int_0^1 2\theta^2 d\theta = \frac{2}{3}$$

Probability of  $y_2=0$  (tails) given  $y_1=1$  (heads)

$$P(y_2 = 0|y_1 = 1) = \frac{1}{3}$$