

Bayesian calculus

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Binomial example

- Data model :

$$Y \sim \mathcal{B}(n, p), \quad n \text{ known}$$

- Prior uniform

$$p \sim \mathcal{U}(0, 1)$$

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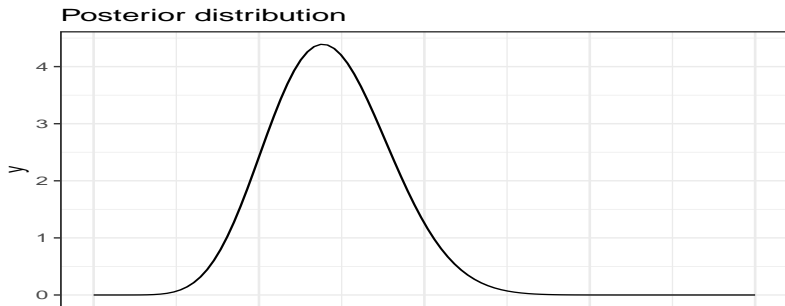
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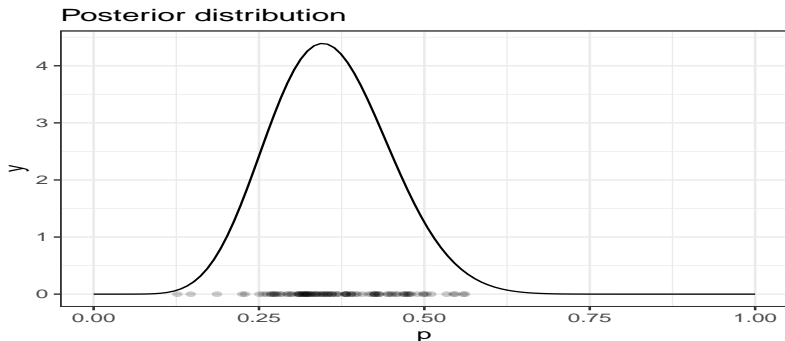
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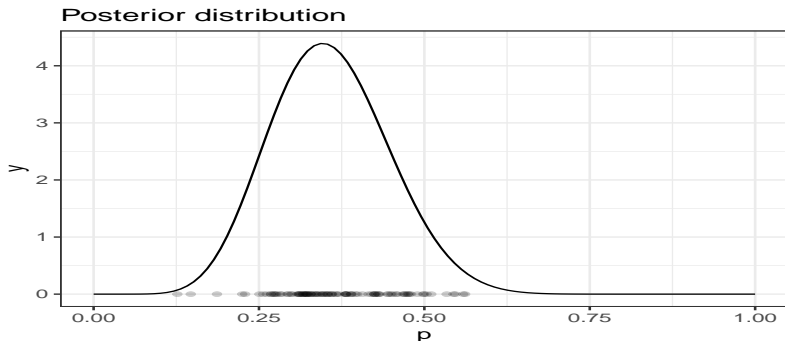


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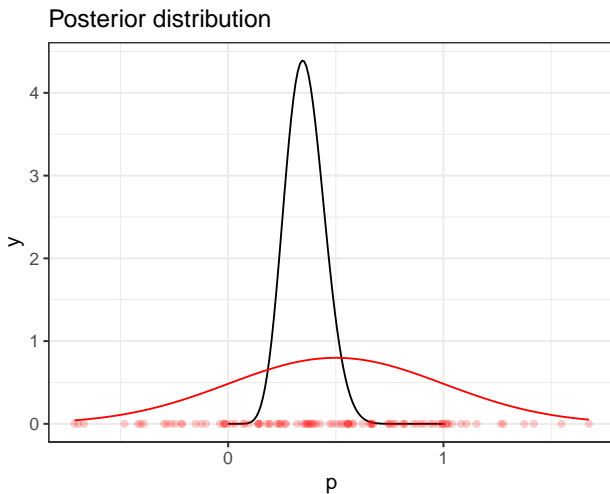
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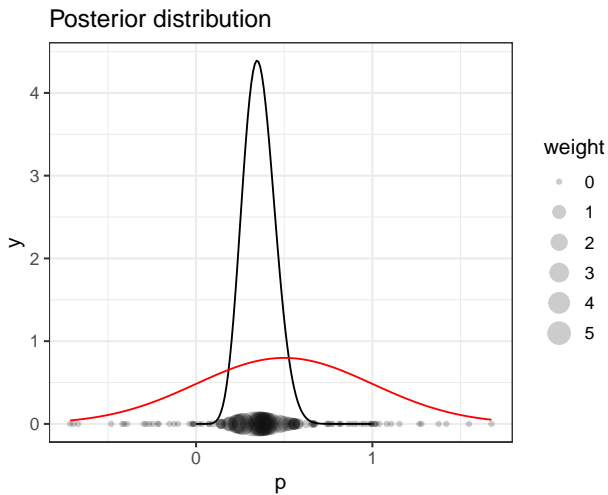
IS algorithm : graphical point of view

- Step 1 : sample from proposal ($N = 100$)



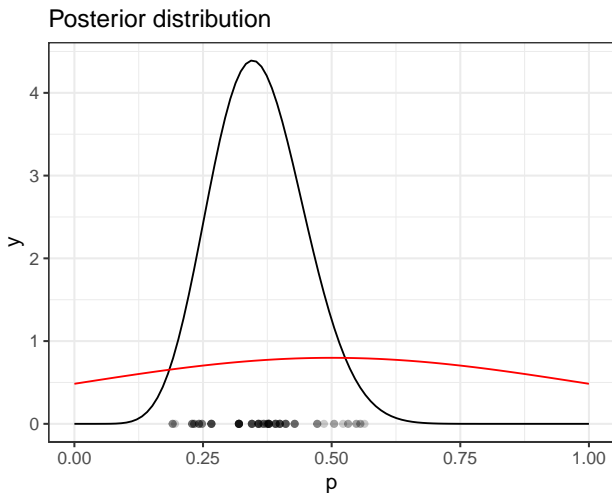
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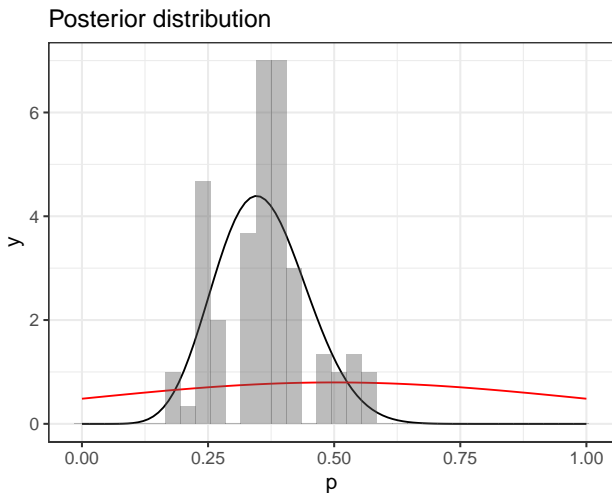
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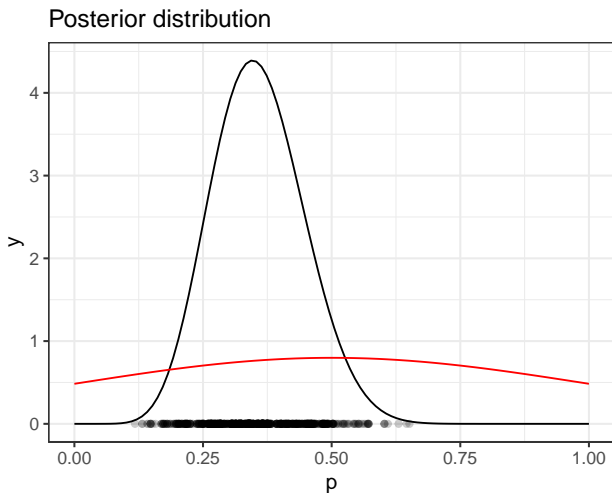
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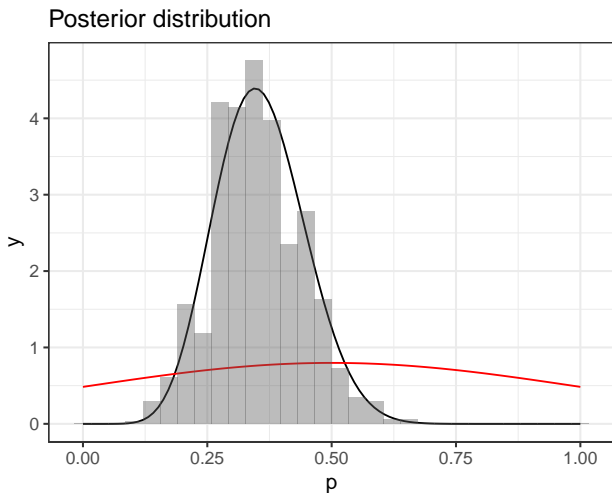
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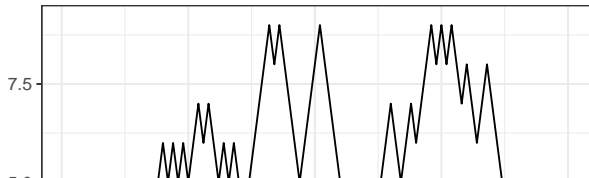
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X <- cumsum(E)
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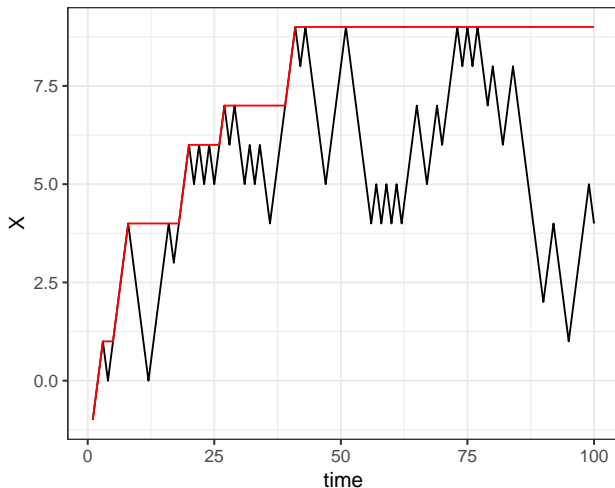
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Z <- sapply(1:n, function(i_){max(X[1:i_])})
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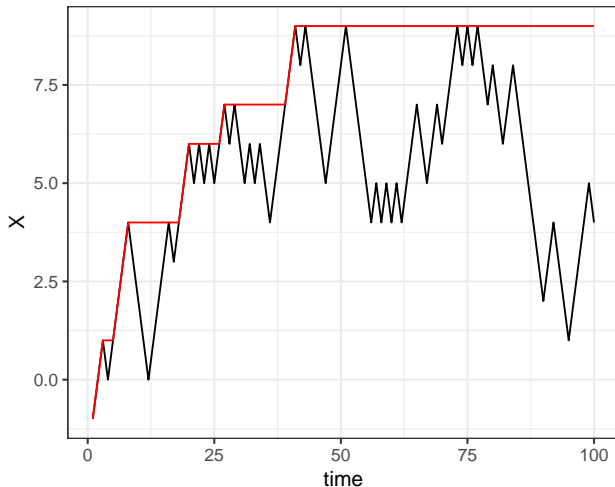
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Ergodic property :

If a Markov chain (X_i) is irreducible, aperiodic and recurrent then there exists a unique stationary distribution π and

$$[X_n] \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \pi.$$

If a Markov chain (X_i) is reversible ($[X_i][X_{i+1}|X_i] = [X_{i+1}][X_i|X_{i+1}]$) then this Markov chain has a stationary distribution.

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