There are three types of (unfair) three-sided dice, each with face values 1, 2, and 3. A type-i die rolls face value i with probability 1/2 and each of the other two face values with probability 1/4. An unknown die is rolled twice and you observe the outcome 12. Assuming an equally likely prior, what is the posterior type of the die that was rolled?

Solution: Let Θ be the prior type and X_1, X_2, X_3 be the rolls. By Bayes's rule,

$$f_{\Theta|X_1X_2}(\theta|12) \propto f_{X_1|\Theta}(1|\theta) \cdot f_{X_2|\Theta}(2|\theta) \cdot f_{\Theta}(\theta)$$

which evaluates to (1/2)(1/4)(1/3) when $\theta = 1$, (1/4)(1/2)(1/3) when $\theta = 2$, and (1/4)(1/4)(1/3) when $\theta = 3$. In words, types 1 and 2 are equally likely and each is twice as likely as type 3. Therefore the posterior PMF must be

$$\begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}\hline \theta & 1 & 2 & 3\\ \hline f_{\Theta|X_1X_2}(\theta|12) & 2/5 & 2/5 & 1/5. \end{array}$$