### Problem 1

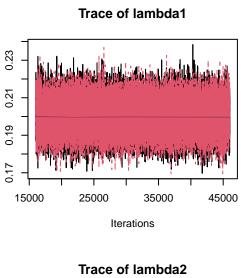
We compared Reggie Jackson's home run rate in the regular season and World Series. He hit 563 home runs in 2820 regular-season games and 10 home runs in 27 World Series games (a player can hit 0, 1, 2, ... home runs in a game). Assuming Uniform(0,10) priors for both home run rates, use JAGS to summarize the posterior distribution of (i) his home run rate in the regular season, (ii) his home run rate in the World Series, and (iii) the ratio of these rates. Provide trace plots for all three parameters and discuss convergence of the MCMC sampler including appropriate convergence diagnostics.

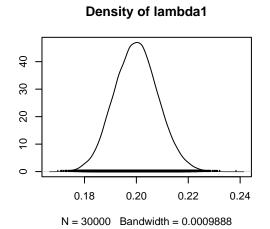
#### Solution:

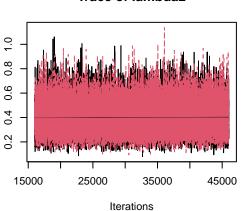
We have Poisson likelihood and uniform prior:

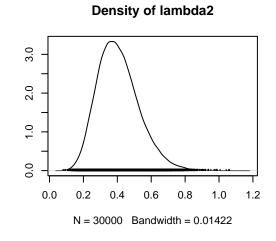
```
library(rjags)
## Loading required package: coda
## Linked to JAGS 4.3.1
## Loaded modules: basemod, bugs
# Given parameters
N1 = 2820; Y1 = 563; N2 = 27; Y2 = 10
# Define string model
model_string = textConnection("model{
   # Likelihood
   Y1 ~ dpois(N1*lambda1)
   Y2 ~ dpois(N2*lambda2)
   # Priors
   lambda1 ~ dunif(0, 10)
   lambda2 ~ dunif(0, 10)
   r =lambda2/lambda1
}")
# Initialize the parameters
         = list(lambda1= Y1/N1,lambda2 = Y2/N2)
inits
# Load the data and compile the MCMC code
           = list(N1 = N1, Y1 = Y1, N2 = N2, Y2 = Y2)
data
model
           = jags.model(model_string,data = data, inits=inits, n.chains=2)
## Compiling model graph
##
      Resolving undeclared variables
##
      Allocating nodes
## Graph information:
##
      Observed stochastic nodes: 2
##
      Unobserved stochastic nodes: 2
##
      Total graph size: 11
##
## Initializing model
#Burn-in for 15000 samples
update(model, 15000, progress.bar="none")
          = c("lambda1","lambda2","r")
params
samples
           = coda.samples(model,
             variable.names=params,
             n.iter=30000, progress.bar="none")
```

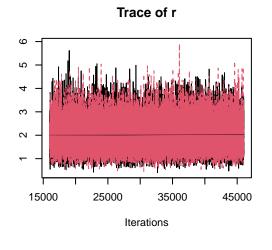
# plot(samples)

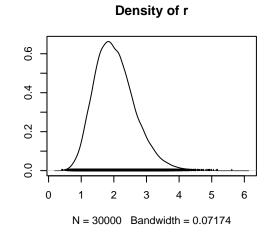












summary(samples)

```
##
## Iterations = 16001:46000
## Thinning interval = 1
## Number of chains = 2
## Sample size per chain = 30000
##
## 1. Empirical mean and standard deviation for each variable,
##
      plus standard error of the mean:
##
##
             Mean
                        SD Naive SE Time-series SE
## lambda1 0.2000 0.008422 3.438e-05
                                           4.383e-05
## lambda2 0.4064 0.122188 4.988e-04
                                           6.851e-04
           2.0360 0.618846 2.526e-03
                                           3.457e-03
##
## 2. Quantiles for each variable:
##
##
             2.5%
                     25%
                            50%
                                    75% 97.5%
## lambda1 0.1838 0.1942 0.1999 0.2056 0.2168
## lambda2 0.2025 0.3183 0.3944 0.4806 0.6787
           1.0144 1.5903 1.9738 2.4092 3.4191
effectiveSize(samples)
## lambda1 lambda2
## 36948.23 31817.29 32066.32
gelman.diag(samples)
## Potential scale reduction factors:
##
           Point est. Upper C.I.
##
## lambda1
                    1
## lambda2
                    1
                               1
                               1
## r
##
## Multivariate psrf
##
## 1
```

Since ESS is over 1000 and gelman gives a values less than 1.1 indicates convergence, we conclude we should get convergent trace which can also be seen from the plots.

#### Problem 2

A clinical trial gave six subjects a placebo and six subjects a new weight loss medication. The response variable is the change in weight (pounds) from baseline (so -2.0 means the subject lost 2 pounds). The data for the 12 subjects are:

Placebo	Treatment
2.0	-3.5
-3.1	-1.6
-1.0	-4.6

Placebo	Treatment
0.2	-0.9
0.3	-5.1
0.4	0.1

We conduct a Bayesian analysis to compare the means of these two groups. Would you say the treatment is effective? Is your conclusion sensitive to the prior?

### Solution:

Assume two cases: i) two groups have the same variance and ii) two groups have the different variance.

In first case, let the placebo group is  $Y_i \sim^{iid} \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$  for  $i = 1, 2, ..., n_1$  and treatment group is  $Y_i \sim^{iid} \mathcal{N}(\mu + \delta, \sigma^2)$  for  $i = n_1 + 1, n_1 + 2, ..., n_1 + n_2 = n$ . The objective is to test whether  $\delta = 0$  and thus the two groups have the same population mean. Since, the true variance of the groups are unknown we would like to use Jeffrey's prior  $\pi(\mu, \delta, \sigma^2)$  the marginal posterior distribution of  $\delta$  integrating over both  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  is

$$\delta|rest \sim t_n \left[ \bar{Y}_2 - \bar{Y}_1, \hat{\sigma}^2 \left( \frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2} \right) \right].$$

where  $\bar{Y}_1$  and  $\bar{Y}_2$  are the mean of Placebo and Treatment group, respectively.

In second case we assume  $Y_i \sim^{iid} \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma_1^2)$  for  $i = 1, 2, ..., n_1$  and  $Y_i \sim^{iid} \mathcal{N}(\mu + \delta, \sigma_2^2)$  for  $i = n_1 + 1, n_1 + 2, ..., n_1 + n_2 = n$ . Then the posterior can be approximated MCMC.

```
set.seed(100)
Y1 = c(2.0, -3.1, -1.0, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4)
Y2 = c(-3.5, -1.6, -4.6, -0.9, -5.1, 0.1)
Ybar1 = mean(Y1)
s21
      = mean((Y1-Ybar1)^2)
      = length(Y1)
n1
Ybar2 = mean(Y2)
      = mean((Y2-Ybar2)^2)
s22
n2
      =length(Y2)
# Posterior of the difference assuming equal variance
delta hat =Ybar2-Ybar1
          =(n1*s21 + n2*s22)/(n1+n2)
s2
scale
          =sqrt(s2)*sqrt(1/n1+1/n2)
          =n1+n2
df
cred_int =delta_hat + scale*qt(c(0.025,0.975),df=df)
delta_hat
```

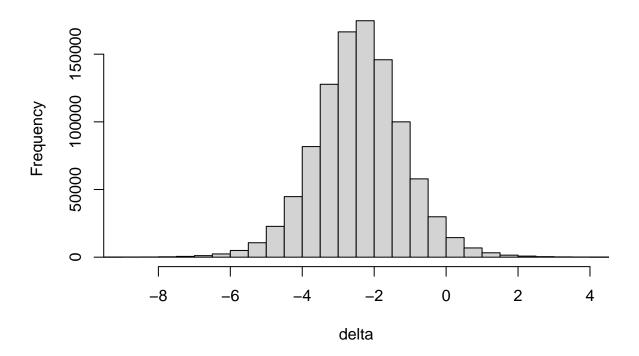
## [1] -2.4

```
cred_int
```

## [1] -4.6058799 -0.1941201

```
# Posterior of delta assuming unequal variance using MC sampling
mu1 = Ybar1 + sqrt(s21/n1)*rt(1000000,df=n1)
mu2 = Ybar2 + sqrt(s22/n2)*rt(1000000,df=n2)
delta = mu2-mu1
hist(delta,main="Posterior distribution of the difference in means",xlim = c(-9,4), breaks = 100)
```

# Posterior distribution of the difference in means



```
quantile(delta,c(0.025,0.975)) # 95% credible set
## 2.5% 97.5%
```

## -4.86590449 0.06850877

The credible set excludes zero and so there is some evidence that the mean differs by treatment group for the first case. For the second case, 0 is included in credible interval so the mean is not different for treatment group. In order to test sensitivity to the prior, we use vague but proper priors to fit the model.

```
library(rjags)
data = list(n=6,Y1=Y1,Y2=Y2)

model_string = textConnection("model{
    # Likelihood
    for(i in 1:n){
        Y1[i] ~ dnorm(mu,tau)
```

```
Y2[i] ~ dnorm(mu+delta,tau)
}
 # Priors
mu ~ dnorm(0, 0.0001)
delta ~ dnorm(0, 0.0001)
tau ~ dgamma(0.1, 0.1)
sigma = 1/sqrt(tau)
}")
        = jags.model(model_string,data = data, n.chains=2,quiet=TRUE)
model
update(model, 10000, progress.bar="none")
params = c("delta")
samples = coda.samples(model,
         variable.names=params,
         n.iter=50000, progress.bar="none")
summary(samples)
```

```
##
## Iterations = 10001:60000
## Thinning interval = 1
## Number of chains = 2
## Sample size per chain = 50000
##
##
  1. Empirical mean and standard deviation for each variable,
##
      plus standard error of the mean:
##
##
                               SD
                                        Naive SE Time-series SE
             Mean
##
        -2.396197
                         1.228921
                                        0.003886
                                                       0.006798
##
## 2. Quantiles for each variable:
##
               25%
##
      2.5%
                       50%
                                75%
                                      97.5%
## -4.8512 -3.1681 -2.3960 -1.6348 0.0599
```

We observe that the results are slightly different as zero is included in the interval.

### Problem 3

The response variable is medv, the median value of owner-occupied homes (in \$1,000s), and the other 13 variables are covariates that describe the neighborhood.

(a) Fit a Bayesian linear regression model with uninformative Gaussian priors for the regression coefficients. Verify the MCMC sampler has converged, and summarize the posterior distribution of all regression coefficients.

Firstly, we analyze the data if some values are missed.

```
##
## Attaching package: 'MASS'
```

```
## The following object is masked from 'package:dplyr':
##
## select

data(Boston)
summary(Boston)
```

```
##
                                             indus
         crim
                                                               chas
                              zn
    Min.
           : 0.00632
                               : 0.00
                                                : 0.46
                                                                  :0.00000
##
                       Min.
                                         Min.
                                                          Min.
    1st Qu.: 0.08205
                       1st Qu.: 0.00
                                         1st Qu.: 5.19
                                                          1st Qu.:0.00000
    Median: 0.25651
                       Median: 0.00
                                         Median: 9.69
                                                          Median :0.00000
          : 3.61352
                              : 11.36
                                               :11.14
##
    Mean
                       Mean
                                         Mean
                                                          Mean
                                                                 :0.06917
    3rd Qu.: 3.67708
##
                        3rd Qu.: 12.50
                                         3rd Qu.:18.10
                                                          3rd Qu.:0.00000
##
    Max.
           :88.97620
                               :100.00
                                                 :27.74
                                                          Max.
                                                                  :1.00000
                       Max.
                                         Max.
##
         nox
                            rm
                                           age
                                                             dis
##
    Min.
           :0.3850
                     Min.
                             :3.561
                                      Min.
                                             : 2.90
                                                        Min.
                                                               : 1.130
##
    1st Qu.:0.4490
                     1st Qu.:5.886
                                      1st Qu.: 45.02
                                                        1st Qu.: 2.100
##
   Median :0.5380
                     Median :6.208
                                      Median : 77.50
                                                        Median : 3.207
                                                              : 3.795
##
   Mean
           :0.5547
                     Mean
                            :6.285
                                      Mean
                                            : 68.57
                                                        Mean
##
    3rd Qu.:0.6240
                     3rd Qu.:6.623
                                      3rd Qu.: 94.08
                                                        3rd Qu.: 5.188
           :0.8710
                                             :100.00
                                                               :12.127
##
    Max.
                             :8.780
                                      Max.
                                                        Max.
                     Max.
##
         rad
                           tax
                                         ptratio
                                                           black
##
   Min.
          : 1.000
                             :187.0
                                             :12.60
                                                              : 0.32
                     Min.
                                      Min.
                                                       Min.
##
    1st Qu.: 4.000
                     1st Qu.:279.0
                                      1st Qu.:17.40
                                                       1st Qu.:375.38
                     Median :330.0
##
    Median : 5.000
                                      Median :19.05
                                                       Median :391.44
          : 9.549
                             :408.2
                                                              :356.67
   Mean
                     Mean
                                      Mean
                                             :18.46
                                                       Mean
##
    3rd Qu.:24.000
                     3rd Qu.:666.0
                                      3rd Qu.:20.20
                                                       3rd Qu.:396.23
##
    Max.
           :24.000
                     Max.
                             :711.0
                                      Max.
                                             :22.00
                                                       Max.
                                                              :396.90
##
        lstat
                         medv
##
   Min.
           : 1.73
                    Min.
                            : 5.00
##
   1st Qu.: 6.95
                    1st Qu.:17.02
## Median :11.36
                    Median :21.20
## Mean
           :12.65
                    Mean
                           :22.53
   3rd Qu.:16.95
                    3rd Qu.:25.00
  {\tt Max.}
           :37.97
                    Max.
                            :50.00
```

So, it seems good. Next we construct Bayesian model with uninformative Gaussian prior.

```
Y = Boston%>%
  dplyr::select(medv)
Y = as.matrix(Y)
X = Boston%>%
  dplyr::select(-medv)
#Standardize covariates
X = scale(X)
X = cbind(1,X)
colnames(X)[1]="Intercept"
names=colnames(X)
#Load the data.
data = list(n=length(Y),p=ncol(X),Y=Y,X=X)
#define model string
model_string = textConnection("model{
# Likelihood
```

```
for(i in 1:n){
Y[i,] ~ dnorm(inprod(X[i,],beta[]),tau)
}
# Priors
beta[1]~dnorm(0, 0.0001)
for(j in 2:p){beta[j] ~ dnorm(0,taub*tau)}
tau ~ dgamma(0.1,0.1)
taub ~ dgamma(0.1, 0.1)
}")
model = jags.model(model_string, data = data, n.chains=2,quiet=TRUE)
update(model, 10000, progress.bar="none")
params = c("beta")
samples = coda.samples(model, variable.names=params, n.iter=10000,progress.bar="none")
effectiveSize(samples)
    beta[1] beta[2] beta[3]
##
                                 beta[4]
                                           beta[5]
                                                     beta[6]
                                                               beta[7]
                                                                         beta[8]
## 19764.516 7248.796 5234.238 3170.714 15211.759
                                                    3859.738
                                                              5411.376 4322.829
   beta[9] beta[10] beta[11] beta[12] beta[13]
                                                    beta[14]
## 4015.823 1529.352 1316.833 6785.301 13018.792 4838.178
gelman.diag(samples)
## Potential scale reduction factors:
##
           Point est. Upper C.I.
##
## beta[1]
                          1.00
                  1
## beta[2]
                    1
                            1.00
## beta[3]
                    1
                            1.00
## beta[4]
                    1
                            1.00
## beta[5]
                   1
                          1.00
## beta[6]
                          1.00
                   1
## beta[7]
                    1
                          1.00
## beta[8]
                          1.00
                   1
## beta[9]
                   1
                          1.00
## beta[10]
                          1.01
                   1
## beta[11]
                    1
                          1.01
## beta[12]
                          1.00
                   1
## beta[13]
                          1.00
                   1
## beta[14]
                          1.00
                    1
## Multivariate psrf
##
## 1
                        = summary(samples)
sum
rownames(sum$statistics) = names
rownames(sum$quantiles) = names
                       = round(sum$statistics,4)
sum$statistics
sum$quantiles
                        = round(sum$quantiles,4)
sum
```

```
##
## Iterations = 10001:20000
## Thinning interval = 1
## Number of chains = 2
## Sample size per chain = 10000
##
  1. Empirical mean and standard deviation for each variable,
##
      plus standard error of the mean:
##
##
                Mean
                          SD Naive SE Time-series SE
## Intercept 22.5331 0.2122
                               0.0015
                                              0.0015
## crim
             -0.8881 0.2775
                               0.0020
                                              0.0033
              1.0154 0.3172
                               0.0022
                                              0.0044
## zn
## indus
                               0.0029
              0.0338 0.4078
                                              0.0072
## chas
              0.6974 0.2157
                               0.0015
                                              0.0018
             -1.9165 0.4271
                               0.0030
                                              0.0069
## nox
## rm
              2.7161 0.2889
                               0.0020
                                              0.0039
             -0.0044 0.3625
                               0.0026
                                              0.0055
## age
## dis
             -2.9655 0.4093
                               0.0029
                                              0.0065
## rad
              2.3253 0.5551
                               0.0039
                                              0.0142
## tax
             -1.7701 0.6000
                               0.0042
                                              0.0165
             -2.0185 0.2797
## ptratio
                               0.0020
                                              0.0034
## black
              0.8491 0.2429
                                              0.0021
                               0.0017
## 1stat
             -3.6834 0.3568
                               0.0025
                                              0.0051
##
## 2. Quantiles for each variable:
##
##
                2.5%
                          25%
                                  50%
                                          75%
                                                 97.5%
## Intercept 22.1205 22.3883 22.5318 22.6759 22.9512
             -1.4296 -1.0765 -0.8877 -0.7002 -0.3439
## crim
## zn
              0.3949 0.8049
                               1.0116
                                       1.2295
                                               1.6490
## indus
             -0.7785 -0.2393
                               0.0366
                                       0.3099
                                               0.8193
## chas
              0.2706 0.5524
                               0.6981
                                       0.8447
                                               1.1175
## nox
             -2.7631 -2.1991 -1.9131 -1.6294 -1.0875
              2.1462 2.5238
                              2.7147
                                       2.9094
## rm
                                               3.2811
## age
             -0.7151 -0.2496 -0.0054 0.2425
                                               0.7008
## dis
             -3.7549 -3.2442 -2.9665 -2.6891 -2.1652
              1.2464 1.9481 2.3251 2.6987
## rad
                                               3.4132
             -2.9518 -2.1686 -1.7701 -1.3685 -0.5952
## tax
             -2.5706 -2.2048 -2.0170 -1.8285 -1.4724
## ptratio
## black
              0.3700 0.6868 0.8499 1.0114 1.3259
             -4.3906 -3.9225 -3.6835 -3.4443 -2.9830
## lstat
```

Since the effective size is more than 1000 and and the Gelman-Rubin statistics are 1.0, the chains have clearly converged. Also, credible intervals include zero for the predictors indus and age so they are not significant.

(b) Perform a classic least squares analysis (e.g., using the lm function in R). Compare the results numerically and conceptually with the Bayesian results.

```
ols_data = cbind(Y,X[,2:14])
ols_data = data.frame(ols_data)
ols_model = lm(medv~.-medv, data = ols_data)
#ols_model$coefficients
tidy(ols_model)
```

```
## # A tibble: 14 x 5
##
                  estimate std.error statistic p.value
      term
      <chr>
                     <dbl>
                               <dbl>
##
                                          <dbl>
                                                   <dbl>
                               0.211 107.
                                                0
##
   1 (Intercept)
                   22.5
##
   2 crim
                   -0.929
                               0.283
                                       -3.29
                                                1.09e- 3
##
   3 zn
                    1.08
                               0.320
                                        3.38
                                                7.78e- 4
   4 indus
                    0.141
                               0.422
                                        0.334 7.38e- 1
##
                                                1.93e- 3
                               0.219
##
  5 chas
                    0.682
                                        3.12
##
   6 nox
                   -2.06
                               0.443
                                       -4.65
                                                4.25e- 6
                                                1.98e-18
##
  7 rm
                    2.68
                               0.294
                                        9.12
##
   8 age
                    0.0195
                               0.372
                                        0.0524 9.58e- 1
## 9 dis
                   -3.11
                               0.420
                                       -7.40
                                                6.01e-13
## 10 rad
                    2.66
                               0.578
                                        4.61
                                                5.07e- 6
                               0.634
                                       -3.28
                                               1.11e- 3
## 11 tax
                   -2.08
## 12 ptratio
                   -2.06
                               0.283
                                       -7.28
                                                1.31e-12
## 13 black
                    0.850
                               0.245
                                        3.47
                                                5.73e- 4
## 14 lstat
                   -3.75
                               0.362 -10.3
                                                7.78e-23
```

They are numerically almost equivalent. However, in Bayesian approach this is parameter rather than fixed number. Hence, all coefficients have distributions. Even though, their representation are same, their interpretations are completely different. We again see that indus and age are not significant since their intervals have zero.

(c) Refit the Bayesian model with double exponential priors for the regression coefficients, and discuss how the results differ from the analysis with uninformative priors.

```
model_string = textConnection("model{
 # Likelihood
 for(i in 1:n){
    Y[i,] ~ dnorm(inprod(X[i,],beta[]),taue)
 }
 # Priors
beta[1] ~ dnorm(0,0.001)
 for(j in 2:p){
   beta[j] ~ ddexp(0,taue*taub)
  taue ~ dgamma(0.1, 0.1)
  taub ~ dgamma(0.1, 0.1)
}")
model = jags.model(model_string,data = data, n.chains = 2,quiet=TRUE)
params = c("beta")
update(model, 10000, progress.bar="none")
samples2 = coda.samples(model, variable.names=params, n.iter=20000,progress.bar="none")
```

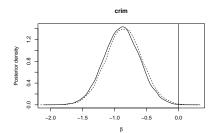
```
##
     beta[1]
              beta[2]
                        beta[3]
                                  beta[4]
                                            beta[5]
                                                       beta[6]
                                                                beta[7]
                                                                           beta[8]
             9883.721
                                                     4275.957
                                                                         6476.765
## 40000.000
                       6716.648 4579.054 20945.183
                                                                7148.601
##
    beta[9]
             beta[10]
                       beta[11]
                                 beta[12]
                                          beta[13]
                                                     beta[14]
##
   4534.781 1870.881 1792.615 8621.853 15931.105 6424.295
```

effectiveSize(samples2)

# gelman.diag(samples2)

```
## Potential scale reduction factors:
##
##
            Point est. Upper C.I.
## beta[1]
                    1
## beta[2]
                     1
                                1
## beta[3]
                     1
                                1
## beta[4]
                     1
                                1
## beta[5]
                     1
                                1
## beta[6]
                     1
                                1
## beta[7]
                     1
                                1
## beta[8]
                     1
                                1
## beta[9]
                     1
                                1
## beta[10]
                     1
                                1
## beta[11]
                     1
                                1
## beta[12]
                     1
                                1
## beta[13]
                                1
## beta[14]
                                1
## Multivariate psrf
##
## 1
                         = summary(samples2)
rownames(sum$statistics) = names
rownames(sum$quantiles) = names
sum$statistics
                        = round(sum$statistics,4)
sum$quantiles
                        = round(sum$quantiles,4)
\operatorname{\mathtt{sum}}
##
## Iterations = 11001:31000
## Thinning interval = 1
## Number of chains = 2
## Sample size per chain = 20000
## 1. Empirical mean and standard deviation for each variable,
      plus standard error of the mean:
##
##
                Mean
                         SD Naive SE Time-series SE
## Intercept 22.5314 0.2119
                              0.0011
                                              0.0011
## crim
          -0.8537 0.2824
                              0.0014
                                              0.0028
                              0.0016
## zn
             0.9694 0.3215
                                              0.0039
## indus
            0.0114 0.3913
                              0.0020
                                              0.0058
## chas
             0.6847 0.2195
                              0.0011
                                              0.0015
            -1.9015 0.4385
                              0.0022
## nox
                                              0.0067
## rm
            2.7148 0.2925
                              0.0015
                                              0.0035
           -0.0147 0.3398
                              0.0017
                                              0.0042
## age
## dis
           -2.9539 0.4185
                              0.0021
                                              0.0062
## rad
                              0.0029
            2.2553 0.5809
                                              0.0134
## tax
            -1.7016 0.6273
                              0.0031
                                             0.0148
## ptratio -2.0212 0.2844
                              0.0014
                                             0.0031
```

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0.0012
                                            0.0019
## black
             0.8299 0.2428
## 1stat
            -3.7231 0.3604
                             0.0018
                                            0.0045
##
## 2. Quantiles for each variable:
##
##
               2.5%
                        25%
                                50%
                                        75%
                                              97.5%
## Intercept 22.1177 22.3886 22.5309 22.6742 22.9481
            -1.4064 -1.0433 -0.8546 -0.6649 -0.2967
## crim
## zn
             0.3411 0.7517 0.9703 1.1844
                                             1.6013
            -0.7648 -0.2456 0.0088 0.2672 0.7908
## indus
## chas
             0.2544 0.5380 0.6843 0.8320 1.1154
            -2.7582 -2.2004 -1.9002 -1.6071 -1.0363
## nox
## rm
             2.1386 2.5181 2.7163 2.9120 3.2894
            -0.6898 -0.2363 -0.0140 0.2082 0.6579
## age
## dis
            -3.7704 -3.2357 -2.9534 -2.6698 -2.1389
             1.1090 1.8623 2.2567 2.6498 3.3941
## rad
            -2.9248 -2.1200 -1.7120 -1.2807 -0.4466
## tax
## ptratio
            -2.5766 -2.2140 -2.0212 -1.8300 -1.4629
## black
             0.3526 0.6670 0.8297 0.9909 1.3111
## lstat
            -4.4268 -3.9671 -3.7233 -3.4772 -3.0208
for(j in 2:14){
# Collect the MCMC iteration from both chains for the two priors
s1 = c(samples[[1]][,j],samples[[2]][,j])
s2 = c(samples2[[1]][,j],samples2[[2]][,j])
# Get smooth density estimate for each prior
d1 = density(s1)
```



# Plot the density estimates

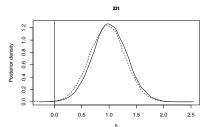
 $mx = \max(c(d1\$y, d2\$y))$ 

lines(d2\$x,d2\$y,lty=2)

d2 = density(s2)

abline(v=0)

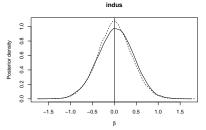
}

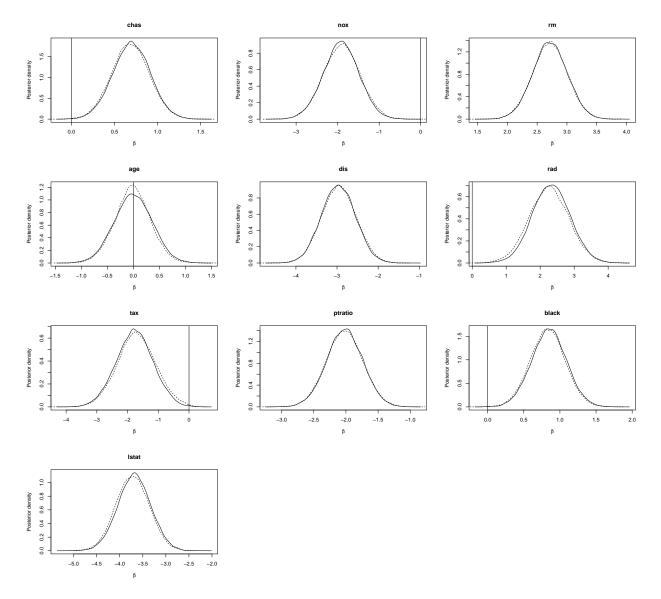


legend(1, 95, legend=c("Uninformative Gaussian", "Bayesian LASSO"),

col=c("red", "blue"), lty=1:2, cex=0.8)

plot(d1\$x,d1\$y,type="l",ylim=c(0,mx),xlab=expression(beta),ylab="Posterior density",main=names[j])





Since we have enough data points the choice of prior have only minor affect. It also shown in figures.

(d) Fit a Bayesian linear regression model in (a) using only the first 500 observations and compute the posterior predictive distribution for the final 6 observations. Plot the posterior predictive distribution versus the actual value for these 6 observations and comment on whether the predictions are reasonable.

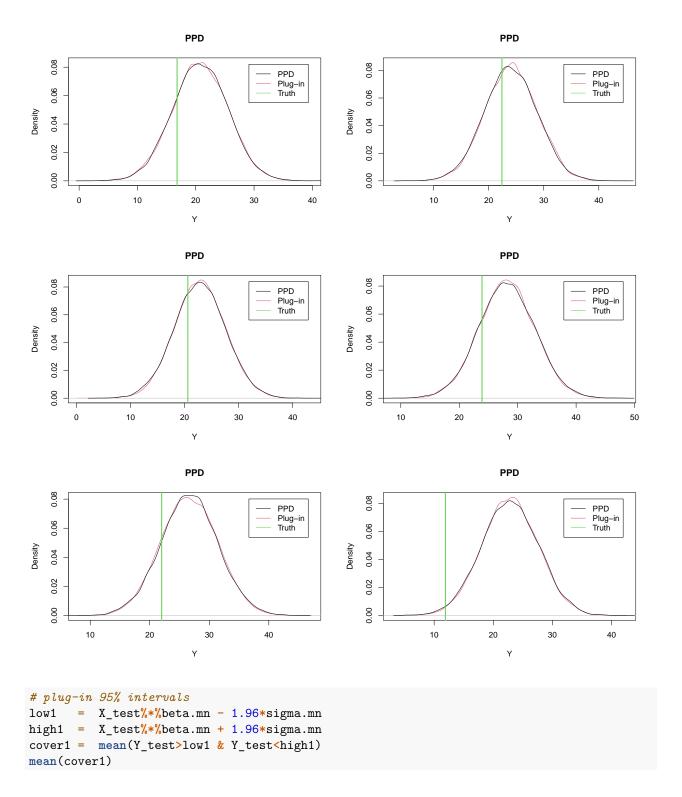
```
Y_train = Y[1:500,]
Y_test = Y[501:506,]
X_train = X[1:500,]
X_test = X[501:506,]
n_train = length(Y_train)
n_test = length(Y_test)
p = ncol(X_train)

model_string <- textConnection("model{
    # Likelihood
    for(i in 1:no){</pre>
```

```
Yo[i] ~ dnorm(muo[i],inv.var)
   muo[i] = inprod(Xo[i,],beta[])
  # Prediction
  for(i in 1:np){
   Y_test[i] ~ dnorm(mup[i],inv.var)
   mup[i] = inprod(Xp[i,],beta[])
  }
 # Priors
beta[1] ~ dnorm(0,0.001)
for(j in 2:p){beta[j] ~ dnorm(0,taub*inv.var)}
taub ~ dgamma(0.1, 0.1)
inv.var
         ~ dgamma(0.01, 0.01)
sigma
         = 1/sqrt(inv.var)
}")
data = list(Yo=Y_train,no=n_train,np=n_test,p=p,Xo=X_train,Xp=X_test)
model = jags.model(model_string, data = data)
## Compiling model graph
##
      Resolving undeclared variables
##
      Allocating nodes
## Graph information:
      Observed stochastic nodes: 500
##
      Unobserved stochastic nodes: 22
##
##
      Total graph size: 8630
##
## Initializing model
update(model, 10000, progress.bar="none")
samp = coda.samples(model,
        variable.names=c("beta","sigma","Y_test"),
       n.iter=20000, progress.bar="none")
summary(samp[,-c(1:n_test)])
##
## Iterations = 10001:30000
## Thinning interval = 1
## Number of chains = 1
## Sample size per chain = 20000
##
## 1. Empirical mean and standard deviation for each variable,
##
     plus standard error of the mean:
##
                Mean
                         SD Naive SE Time-series SE
## beta[1] 22.58579 0.2141 0.001514
                                           0.001514
## beta[2] -0.86881 0.2792 0.001974
                                           0.003083
## beta[3] 1.05588 0.3125 0.002210
                                           0.004272
## beta[4] 0.01935 0.4140 0.002927
                                           0.006905
```

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0.68016 0.2164 0.001530
## beta[5]
                                          0.001764
## beta[6] -1.84645 0.4249 0.003004
                                          0.007333
## beta[7]
           2.71645 0.2862 0.002024
                                          0.003766
           0.02889 0.3632 0.002569
## beta[8]
                                          0.005683
## beta[9] -3.04706 0.4103 0.002901
                                          0.006493
## beta[10] 2.19156 0.5619 0.003973
                                          0.014332
## beta[11] -1.80001 0.6068 0.004291
                                          0.015363
## beta[12] -1.88065 0.2849 0.002015
                                          0.003527
## beta[13] 0.84576 0.2439 0.001725
                                          0.002248
## beta[14] -3.76986 0.3585 0.002535
                                          0.005259
## sigma
            4.74280 0.1507 0.001066
                                          0.001144
##
## 2. Quantiles for each variable:
##
##
               2.5%
                        25%
                                 50%
                                        75%
                                              97.5%
## beta[1] 22.1671 22.4419 22.58564 22.7299 23.0044
## beta[2] -1.4198 -1.0550 -0.86847 -0.6787 -0.3250
## beta[3]
           0.4356 0.8463 1.05693 1.2707 1.6614
## beta[4] -0.7915 -0.2582 0.01808 0.3006 0.8292
## beta[5]
           0.2554 0.5324 0.68000 0.8278 1.1044
## beta[6] -2.6689 -2.1357 -1.84501 -1.5603 -0.9991
## beta[7] 2.1538 2.5226 2.71809 2.9091 3.2747
## beta[8] -0.6866 -0.2143 0.02653 0.2760 0.7404
## beta[9] -3.8588 -3.3236 -3.04861 -2.7671 -2.2462
## beta[10] 1.1206 1.8091 2.18737 2.5650 3.3191
## beta[11] -2.9732 -2.2094 -1.80758 -1.3921 -0.6174
## beta[12] -2.4344 -2.0730 -1.88101 -1.6883 -1.3213
## beta[13] 0.3721 0.6813 0.84512 1.0114 1.3264
## beta[14] -4.4718 -4.0136 -3.77104 -3.5242 -3.0690
## sigma
            4.4568 4.6392 4.73969 4.8416 5.0504
                = samp[[1]]
samps
Y_test.samps
               = samps[,1:n_test]
beta.samps
               = samps[,n_test+1:p]
sigma.samps
               = samps[,ncol(samps)]
# Compute the posterior mean for the plug-in predictions
beta.mn
                = colMeans(beta.samps)
sigma.mn
               = mean(sigma.samps)
# Plot the PPD and plug-in
for(j in 1:6){
    # Plug-in
    mu <- sum(X_test[j,]*beta.mn)</pre>
   y <- rnorm(20000, mu, sigma.mn)
    plot(density(y),col=2,xlab="Y",main="PPD")
   lines(density(Y_test.samps[,j]))
    # Truth
    abline(v=Y test[j],col=3,lwd=2)
    legend("topright",c("PPD","Plug-in","Truth"),col=1:3,lty=1,inset=0.05)
```





## [1] 0.8333333

```
# PPD 95% intervals
low2 = apply(Y_test.samps,2,quantile,0.025)
high2 = apply(Y_test.samps,2,quantile,0.975)
cover2 = mean(Y_test>low2 & Y_test<high2)
mean(cover2)</pre>
```

```
## [1] 0.8333333
```

From plots we observe that both plug-in prediction and PPD give reasonable predictions.