

Problem 1

- ③ The χ^2 value with parameters $[60, 0.02, 0.1, 0.05, 2 \times 10^9, 1]$ using Jon's script is ~ 15267 .

This seems quite high, meaning that the parameters don't seem like an acceptable fit. Better parameters yield a lower χ^2 .

- ④ When the parameters are $[69, 0.022, 0.12, 0.06, 2.1 \times 10^9, 0.95]$, the χ^2 value drops down to ~ 3272 .

This is around a factor of 5 smaller than using the previous parameters, meaning these parameters are promising. However, if we can find best fit parameters than can optimize χ^2 , then those would be better (hence, the next questions on the assignment).

Mean of $\chi^2 = n$

Variance of $\chi^2 = 2n$

$n = \#$ of degrees of freedom.

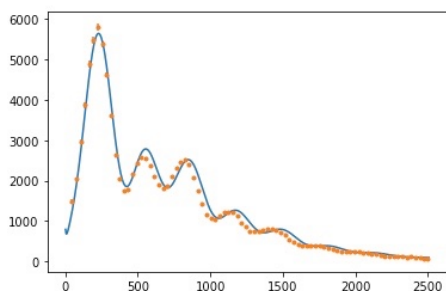
According to Jon's script, there are 2501 degrees of freedom, and the mean is also 2501.

$$15267 \gg 2501$$

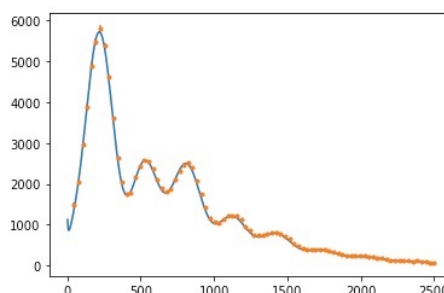
whereas 3272 is much closer to 2501, again confirming that the second set of parameters.

Graphically comparing both sets of parameters:

Graph 1: $\chi^2 = 15267$



Graph 2: $\chi^2 = 3272$



Visually, 2nd set of parameters yields a better model when plotting with data.