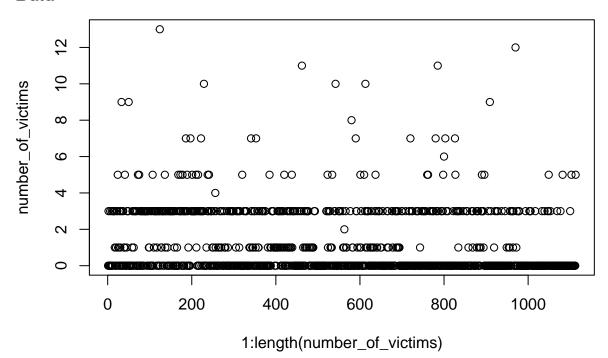
Bayes Project (Casey's Part)

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Data



We first attempt a simple Poisson regression.

 $Y_t = \text{number of victims of the t'th school shooting}$

$$X_{1:4} = \text{gun type encoded as}$$

$$0 = \text{handgun}$$

$$1 = \text{rifle}$$

$$2 = \text{shotgun}$$

$$3 = \text{unknown/other}$$

$$Y_t \sim Poisson(\lambda)$$

$$log(\lambda) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta 3 x_3$$

Poisson

```
library(rjags)
library(R2jags)
model <- "model {
    ## Likelihood</pre>
```

```
for(i in 1:N){
      y[i] ~ dpois(lambda[i])
      log(lambda[i]) <- mu[i]</pre>
      mu[i] <- beta4 + beta1*x1[i] +beta2*x2[i] + beta3*x3[i]</pre>
      }
    ## Priors
   beta1 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
    beta2 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
   beta3 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
    beta4 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
}"
dat <- data.frame(x=type_of_gun,y=number_of_victims)</pre>
forJags <- list(x1=dat$x.1,</pre>
                x2=dat$x.2,
                x3=dat$x.3,# predictors
                y=dat\$y, # DV
                N=1113, # sample size
                mu.beta=0, # priors centered on 0
                tau.beta=1) # diffuse priors
parnames <- c( "beta1", "beta2", "beta3", "beta4")</pre>
mod <- jags(data = forJags,</pre>
                     parameters.to.save=parnames,
                    n.chains = 3, n.burnin = 1500, n.iter =1500 + 1000, n.thin = 10, model.file = textC
## module glm loaded
## Compiling model graph
##
      Resolving undeclared variables
##
      Allocating nodes
## Graph information:
##
      Observed stochastic nodes: 1113
##
      Unobserved stochastic nodes: 4
##
      Total graph size: 4473
## Initializing model
mcmc.array <- mod$BUGSoutput$sims.array</pre>
\#hist(c(mcmc.array[,,"beta[1]"]), freq = F, main = "", xlab = "Intercept")
#hist(c(mcmc.array[,,"beta[2]"]), freq = F, main = "", xlab ="Slope")
print ("Effect of Handgun")
## [1] "Effect of Handgun"
print (quantile(mcmc.array[,,"beta1"],c(.025,.975)))
          2.5%
                      97.5%
## -0.19809933 0.01082843
print ("Effect of Rifle")
## [1] "Effect of Rifle"
```

```
print (quantile(mcmc.array[,,"beta2"],c(.025,.975)))
## 2.5% 97.5%
## -0.05769636 0.40522952
```

We see that neither handgun nor rifle has a significant effect on the number of victims.

What if we control for race and age?

$$log(\lambda) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_3 + \beta_5 r + \beta_6 a$$

Poisson w Covariates

Compiling model graph

Allocating nodes

Resolving undeclared variables

##

##

```
library(rjags)
library(R2jags)
model <- "model {</pre>
    ## Likelihood
for(i in 1:N){
      y[i] ~ dpois(lambda[i])
      log(lambda[i]) <- mu[i]</pre>
      mu[i] <- beta1*x1[i] +beta2*x2[i] + beta3*x3[i] + beta4 + beta5*race[i] + beta6*age[i]
      }
    ## Priors
    beta1 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
    beta2 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
    beta3 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
    beta4 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
    beta5 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
    beta6 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
٦n
dat <- data.frame(x=type_of_gun,y=number_of_victims)</pre>
forJags <- list(x1=dat$x.1,</pre>
                x2=dat$x.2.
                x3=dat$x.3,
                x4=dat$x.4,
                age = age,
                race = race,# predictors
                y=dat\$y, # DV
                N=1113, # sample size
                 mu.beta=0, # priors centered on 0
                 tau.beta=1) # diffuse priors
parnames <- c( "beta1", "beta2", "beta3", "beta4", "beta5", "beta6")</pre>
mod <- jags(data = forJags,</pre>
                     parameters.to.save=parnames,
                     n.chains = 3, n.burnin = 1500, n.iter =1500 + 1000, n.thin = 10, model.file = textC
## Warning in jags.model(model.file, data = data, inits = init.values,
## n.chains = n.chains, : Unused variable "x4" in data
```

```
## Graph information:
##
      Observed stochastic nodes: 1113
##
      Unobserved stochastic nodes: 6
##
      Total graph size: 7746
## Initializing model
mcmc.array <- mod$BUGSoutput$sims.array</pre>
#hist(c(mcmc.array[,,"beta[1]"]), freq = F, main = "", xlab ="Intercept")
#hist(c(mcmc.array[,,"beta[2]"]), freq = F, main = "", xlab ="Slope")
print ("Effect of Handgun")
## [1] "Effect of Handgun"
print (quantile(mcmc.array[,,"beta1"],c(.025,.975)))
                     97.5%
          2.5%
## -0.30988900 -0.05279285
print ("Effect of Rifle")
## [1] "Effect of Rifle"
print (quantile(mcmc.array[,,"beta2"],c(.025,.975)))
                   97.5%
##
         2.5%
## -0.2430298 0.2728036
```

We still don't see any effect of rifle on number of victims, but we see a negative effect of a handgun. That is, we can't say that rifles kill more people than other weapons categories (what I hoped we would find), but we can say that handguns kill fewer people than other weapons. From a policy perspective it makes sense to limit weapons to handguns.

What happens if we control for the large number of zeros present in the data?

$$Y_{t} \sim \begin{cases} \pi_{t} + (1 - \pi_{t}) \cdot e^{\mu_{t}} & \text{if } y_{t} = 0\\ (1 - \pi_{t}) \cdot Poisson(\mu_{t}) & \text{if } y_{t} > 0 \end{cases}$$
$$logit(\pi_{t}) = \alpha_{0} + \alpha_{1}x_{1} + \alpha_{2}x_{2} + \alpha_{3}x_{3} + \alpha_{5}r + \alpha_{6}a$$
$$log(\lambda_{t}) = \beta_{0} + \beta_{1}x_{1} + \beta_{2}x_{2} + \beta_{3}x_{3} + \beta_{5}r + \beta_{6}a$$

Zero Inflated Poisson w Covariates

```
library(rjags)
library(R2jags)
model <- "model {
    ## Likelihood
    for(i in 1:N){
        y[i] ~ dpois(lambda.hacked[i])
            lambda.hacked[i] <- lambda[i] *(1-zero[i]) + 1e-10*zero[i]
            lambda[i] <- exp(mu.count[i])
            mu.count[i] <- beta1*x1[i] +beta2*x2[i] + beta3*x3[i] + beta4 + beta5*race[i] + beta6*age[i]

        ## Zero-Inflation
        zero[i] ~ dbern(pi[i])
        pi[i] <- ilogit(mu.binary[i])
        mu.binary[i] <- alpha1*x1[i] +alpha2*x2[i] + alpha3*x3[i] + alpha4 + alpha5*race[i] + alpha6*age
        }</pre>
```

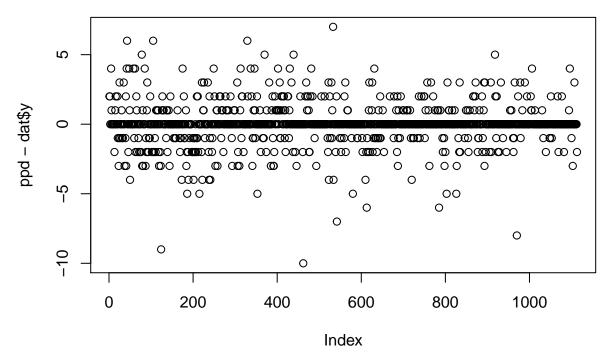
```
for(i in 1:N){
              pp[i] ~ dpois(plambda.hacked[i])
              plambda.hacked[i] <- plambda[i]*(1-zero[i]) + 1e-10*zero[i]</pre>
             plambda[i] <- exp(pmu.count[i])</pre>
             pmu.count[i] <- beta1*x1[i] +beta2*x2[i] + beta3*x3[i] + beta4 + beta5*race[i] + beta6*age[i]</pre>
              ## Zero-Inflation
             pzero[i] ~ dbern(ppi[i])
             ppi[i] <- ilogit(pmu.binary[i])</pre>
             pmu.binary[i] <- alpha1*x1[i] +alpha2*x2[i] + alpha3*x3[i] + alpha4 + alpha5*race[i] + alpha6*ag
         }
         ## Priors
         beta1 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
         beta2 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
         beta3 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
         beta4 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
         beta5 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
         beta6 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
         alpha1 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
         alpha2 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
         alpha3 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
         alpha4 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
         alpha5 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
         alpha6 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
}"
dat <- data.frame(x=type_of_gun,y=number_of_victims)</pre>
forJags <- list(x1=dat$x.1,</pre>
                                     x2=dat$x.2,
                                     x3=dat$x.3,
                                     x4=dat$x.4,
                                     age = age,
                                    race = race,# predictors
                                     y=dat$y,
                                     N=1113, # sample size
                                     mu.beta=0, # priors centered on 0
                                     tau.beta=1) # diffuse priors
parnames <- c( "beta1", "beta2", "beta3", "beta4", "beta5", "beta6", "alpha1", "alpha2", "alpha3", "alpha4", "alpha4", "alpha5", "beta6", "alpha5", "alpha5"
mod <- jags(data = forJags,</pre>
                                              parameters.to.save=parnames,
                                              n.chains = 3, n.burnin = 1500, n.iter =1500 + 1000, n.thin = 10, model.file = textC
## Warning in jags.model(model.file, data = data, inits = init.values,
## n.chains = n.chains, : Unused variable "x4" in data
## Compiling model graph
##
              Resolving undeclared variables
              Allocating nodes
## Graph information:
```

```
##
      Observed stochastic nodes: 1113
##
      Unobserved stochastic nodes: 3351
      Total graph size: 16604
##
##
## Initializing model
mcmc.array <- mod$BUGSoutput$sims.array</pre>
#hist(c(mcmc.array[,,"beta[1]"]), freq = F, main = "", xlab ="Intercept")
\#hist(c(mcmc.array[,,"beta[2]"]), freq = F, main = "", xlab = "Slope")
print ("Effect of Handgun")
## [1] "Effect of Handgun"
print (quantile(mcmc.array[,,"beta1"],c(.025,.975)))
##
         2.5%
                   97.5%
## -0.1165494 0.1501299
print ("Effect of Rifle")
## [1] "Effect of Rifle"
print (quantile(mcmc.array[,,"beta2"],c(.025,.975)))
         2.5%
                   97.5%
## 0.05525036 0.52807064
```

Ah-ha! if we use the Zero-inflated model we see that rifles do have a positive association with a higher number of victims. This makes sense because the effect of the weapon only matters if the shooter is able to use it (which we use 0 victims as a proxy).

Because we are handling time-series data, errors may be correlated across time. In order to check this, we examine the residuals of the ZIP model fit.

```
ppd <- c()
for (i in 1:length(dat$x.1)){
    ppd <- c(ppd,mcmc.array[,,paste(paste("pp[",i,sep=""),"]",sep="")][1])
}
plot(ppd-dat$y)</pre>
```



The residuals do look nice and centered around 0, so I'm not sure it is really necessary to to use an AR error? We can fit an AR(1) process to the residuals and see if it gives a reasonable fit.

Poisson + Ar with Covariates

```
library(rjags)
library(R2jags)
model <- "model {</pre>
    ## Likelihood
mu.count[1] <- beta1*x1[1] +beta2*x2[1] + beta3*x3[1] + beta4 + beta5*race[1] + beta6*age[1]</pre>
for(i in 2:N){
      y[i] ~ dpois(lambda[i])
      lambda[i] <- exp(mu[i])</pre>
      mu[i] <- mu.count[i] + ar1 * ( y[i-1] - mu.count[i-1] )</pre>
      mu.count[i] <- beta1*x1[i] +beta2*x2[i] + beta3*x3[i] + beta4 + beta5*race[i] + beta6*age[i]
    }
    ## Priors
    ar1 ~ dunif(-1.1,1.1)
    beta1 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
    beta2 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
    beta3 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
    beta4 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
    beta5 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
    beta6 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
}"
```

```
dat <- data.frame(x=type_of_gun,y=number_of_victims)</pre>
forJags <- list(x1=dat$x.1,</pre>
                                x2=dat$x.2,
                                x3=dat$x.3,
                                x4=dat$x.4,
                                age = age,
                               race = race,# predictors
                                y=dat\$y, # DV
                                N=1113, # sample size
                                mu.beta=0, # priors centered on 0
                                tau.beta=1) # diffuse priors
parnames <- c( "beta1", "beta2", "beta3", "beta4", "beta5", "beta6", "alpha1", "alpha2", "alpha3", "alpha4", "alpha4", "alpha4", "alpha5", "beta6", "alpha5", "alpha5"
mod <- jags(data = forJags,
                                        parameters.to.save=parnames,
                                        n.chains = 3, n.burnin = 1500, n.iter = 1500 + 1000, n.thin = 10, model.file = textC
## Warning in jags.model(model.file, data = data, inits = init.values,
## n.chains = n.chains, : Unused variable "x4" in data
## Compiling model graph
##
           Resolving undeclared variables
            Allocating nodes
##
## Graph information:
##
           Observed stochastic nodes: 1112
##
            Unobserved stochastic nodes: 7
##
            Total graph size: 10556
##
## Initializing model
## Warning in jags.samples(model, variable.names, n.iter, thin, type = "trace", : Failed to set trace m
## Variable alpha1 not found
## Warning in jags.samples(model, variable.names, n.iter, thin, type = "trace", : Failed to set trace m
## Variable alpha2 not found
## Warning in jags.samples(model, variable.names, n.iter, thin, type = "trace", : Failed to set trace m
## Variable alpha3 not found
## Warning in jags.samples(model, variable.names, n.iter, thin, type = "trace", : Failed to set trace m
## Variable alpha4 not found
## Warning in jags.samples(model, variable.names, n.iter, thin, type = "trace", : Failed to set trace m
## Variable alpha5 not found
## Warning in jags.samples(model, variable.names, n.iter, thin, type = "trace", : Failed to set trace m
## Variable alpha6 not found
mcmc.array <- mod$BUGSoutput$sims.array</pre>
\#hist(c(mcmc.array[,,"beta[1]"]), freq = F, main = "", xlab = "Intercept")
\#hist(c(mcmc.array[,,"beta[2]"]), freq = F, main = "", xlab = "Slope")
print ("Effect of Handgun")
## [1] "Effect of Handgun"
print (quantile(mcmc.array[,,"beta1"],c(.025,.975)))
##
                  2.5%
                                      97.5%
```

```
## -0.3049837 -0.1046866
print ("Effect of Rifle")

## [1] "Effect of Rifle"
print (quantile(mcmc.array[,,"beta2"],c(.025,.975)))

## 2.5% 97.5%
## -0.2511648 0.1939645
```

Hierarchical Extension

In order to take the hierarchical data structure into account, we can cluster by region

```
allshootings$region[allshootings$State == "CT" |
                allshootings$State == "ME"|
                allshootings$State == "MA"|
                allshootings$State == "NH"
                allshootings$State == "RI"|
                allshootings$State == "VT"
                allshootings$State == "NJ"|
                allshootings$State == "NY"|
                allshootings$State == "PA"
                allshootings$State == "NY "] <- 1
allshootings$region[allshootings$State == "IL" |
                allshootings$State == "IN"|
                allshootings$State == "MI"|
                allshootings$State == "OH"|
                allshootings$State == "WI"|
                allshootings$State == "IA"|
                allshootings$State == "KS"|
                allshootings$State == "MN"|
                allshootings$State == "MO"|
                allshootings$State == "NE"
                allshootings$State == "ND"|
                allshootings$State == "SD"] <- 2
allshootings$region[allshootings$State == "DE" |
                allshootings$State == "FL"|
                allshootings$State == "GA"|
                allshootings$State == "MD"|
                allshootings$State == "NC"|
                allshootings$State == "SC"|
                allshootings$State == "VA"|
                allshootings$State == "Wash D.C"|
                allshootings$State == "WV"|
                allshootings$State == "AL"|
                allshootings$State == "KY"|
                allshootings$State == "MS"|
                allshootings$State == "TN"|
                allshootings$State == "AR"
                allshootings$State == "LA"|
                allshootings$State == "OK"|
```

We first include a random intercept term.

$$log(\lambda_i) = \alpha_{j[i]} + same above$$

```
library(rjags)
library(R2jags)
model <- "model {</pre>
    ## Likelihood
    for(i in 1:N){
      y[i] ~ dpois(lambda.hacked[i])
      lambda.hacked[i] <- lambda[i]*(1-zero[i]) + 1e-10*zero[i]</pre>
      lambda[i] <- exp(mu.count[i])</pre>
      mu.count[i] \leftarrow beta.j[region[i]] + beta1*x1[i] + beta2*x2[i] + beta3*x3[i] + beta5*race[i] + beta6
      ## Zero-Inflation
      zero[i] ~ dbern(pi[i])
      pi[i] <- ilogit(mu.binary[i])</pre>
      mu.binary[i] <- alpha.j[region[i]] + alpha1*x1[i] +alpha2*x2[i] + alpha3*x3[i] + alpha5*race[i]
    }
    for(i in 1:N){
      pp[i] ~ dpois(plambda.hacked[i])
      plambda.hacked[i] <- plambda[i]*(1-zero[i]) + 1e-10*zero[i]</pre>
      plambda[i] <- exp(pmu.count[i])</pre>
                         beta1*x1[i] +beta2*x2[i] + beta3*x3[i] + beta5*race[i] + beta6*age[i]
      pmu.count[i] <-</pre>
      ## Zero-Inflation
      pzero[i] ~ dbern(ppi[i])
      ppi[i] <- ilogit(pmu.binary[i])</pre>
      pmu.binary[i] <- alpha1*x1[i] +alpha2*x2[i] + alpha3*x3[i] + alpha5*race[i] + alpha6*age[i]</pre>
    }
    for (j in 1:J){
     alpha.j[j] ~ dnorm(mu.beta, tau.beta)
   for (j in 1:J){
```

```
beta.j[j] ~ dnorm(mu.beta, tau.beta)
         }
         ## Priors
         beta1 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
         beta2 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
         beta3 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
         beta5 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
         beta6 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
         alpha1 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
         alpha2 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
         alpha3 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
         alpha5 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
         alpha6 ~ dnorm(mu.beta,tau.beta)
}"
dat <- data.frame(x=type_of_gun,y=number_of_victims,region = allshootings$region)</pre>
forJags <- list(x1=dat$x.1,</pre>
                                     x2=dat$x.2,
                                     x3=dat$x.3,
                                     x4=dat$x.4,
                                     age = age,
                                     race = race,# predictors
                                     region = dat$region,
                                     y=dat$y,
                                     J = 4,
                                     N=1113, # sample size
                                     mu.beta=0, # priors centered on 0
                                     tau.beta=1) # diffuse priors
parnames <- c( "beta1", "beta2", "beta3", "beta4", "beta5", "beta6", "alpha1", "alpha2", "alpha3", "alpha4", "alpha4", "alpha5", "beta6", "alpha5", "alpha5"
mod <- jags(data = forJags,</pre>
                                              parameters.to.save=parnames,
                                              n.chains = 3, n.burnin = 1500, n.iter =1500 + 1000, n.thin = 10, model.file = textC
## Warning in jags.model(model.file, data = data, inits = init.values,
## n.chains = n.chains, : Unused variable "x4" in data
## Compiling model graph
##
              Resolving undeclared variables
##
              Allocating nodes
## Graph information:
              Observed stochastic nodes: 1113
##
##
              Unobserved stochastic nodes: 3357
##
              Total graph size: 22374
##
## Initializing model
## Warning in jags.samples(model, variable.names, n.iter, thin, type = "trace", : Failed to set trace m
## Variable beta4 not found
## Warning in jags.samples(model, variable.names, n.iter, thin, type = "trace", : Failed to set trace m
```

Variable alpha4 not found

```
mcmc.array <- mod$BUGSoutput$sims.array</pre>
\#hist(c(mcmc.array[,,"beta[1]"]), freq = F, main = "", xlab = "Intercept")
\#hist(c(mcmc.array[,,"beta[2]"]), freq = F, main = "", xlab = "Slope")
print ("Effect of Handgun")
## [1] "Effect of Handgun"
print (quantile(mcmc.array[,,"beta1"],c(.025,.975)))
         2.5%
                   97.5%
## -0.1041713 0.1643652
print ("Effect of Rifle")
## [1] "Effect of Rifle"
print (quantile(mcmc.array[,,"beta2"],c(.025,.975)))
##
        2.5%
                 97.5%
## 0.0619888 0.6201655
```

When we cluster by region, we maintain the relationship of rifle to number of victims, which is good because it means the observed relationship is not an artifact of the aggregated data.