

For each of the 8 streets and directions, your 95% confidence interval of the number of cars that drive past per minute at the time of day when you counted cars.

**Metadata:**

**A photo of the intersection where you gathered data.**

A video by which the data was generated can be found on: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BE6MNC-YAPE> (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BE6MNC-YAPE>)

**The GPS coordinations of the intersection where you gathered data.**

37.492058, 127.032428

**The names of the streets at the intersection where you gathered data.**

The streets I modeled were *Yeoksam-ro 4-gil* and *Gangnam-daero 66-gil* as can be seen in the image bellow:



**Metadata for each of the 8 data sets you produced:**

While the traffic supposed to follow the the arrows drawn by Google as in the image, in reality it can be seen in the video that drivers drove from and towards any direction, since the rules are not strictly followed (apparently,

unidirectional streets can be bidirectional for motorcycles, according to the Seoulite's interpretation). The azure arrows depict illegal traffic observed. The Star depicts my position. The data were collected during 5 minutes interval, on Friday October 27 21:05 .

### Modeling assumptions:

I used the Poisson Distribution , which " is a discrete probability distribution that expresses the probability of a given number of events occurring in a fixed interval of time and/or space if these events occur with a known constant rate and independently of the time since the last event."(Wikipedia, 2017) This would make sense as Poisson's support is

$$k \in \mathbb{N} \cup 0$$

Priors: Since the likelihood is composed of Poisson Distribution, it only makes sense to have a prior composed of the Gamma Distribution. Therefore we can use the conjugate prior and easily compute the posterior.

I chose the priors based on the following assumptions:

1. There is a club quite close to the intersection (~20 meters towards the "back" direction). I would expect cars to go towards that direction.
2. I would expect drivers to follow the traffic rules; in Korea I'd even assume almost no violations.
3. For an ordinary day(i.e. a day which is not Halloween) I would expect less traffic.

As it is common in Bayesian statistics, the confidence interval I am using is the credible interval.

### Notice the difference:

*"they differ on a philosophical basis; Bayesian intervals treat their bounds as fixed and the estimated parameter as a random variable, whereas frequentist confidence intervals treat their bounds as random variables and the parameter as a fixed value" (Wikipedia, 2017).*

*"A frequentist 95% confidence interval means that with a large number of repeated samples, 95% of such calculated confidence intervals would include the true value of the parameter. In frequentist terms, the parameter is fixed (cannot be considered to have a distribution of possible values) and the confidence interval is random (as it depends on the random sample)."(wikipedia, 2017)*

Since there is a bug in the code, the credible intervals are not computed correctly.

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Resources: <http://nptel.ac.in/courses/105101008/13> (<http://nptel.ac.in/courses/105101008/13>)  
<https://stats.stackexchange.com/questions/123980/need-help-calculating-poisson-posterior-distribution-given-prior> (<https://stats.stackexchange.com/questions/123980/need-help-calculating-poisson-posterior-distribution-given-prior>)

## code

In [40]:

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1 import numpy as np
2 from numpy.random import normal
3 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
4 from scipy.stats import gamma
5 from scipy.stats.mstats import mquantiles
6
7 #For convenience I'll use easier terms (left,right back and front) that can be
8 #the directions are considered given the camera's position in the Youtube video
9 import numpy as np
10 Data = {"Left_to_back":1,"Left_to_right":6,"Left_to_front":2,"Front_to_left":4,
11         "Front_to_right":3, "Front_to_back":7, "Right_to_left":6, "Right_to_back":1,
12         "Back_to_right":1, "Back_to_left":1}
13
14 #I built this dataset to allow for a more in-depth analysis later,
15 #should I want to further explore it. The original task however, is looking for
16 #less detailed data that I'm constructing here:
17
18 from_left = sum([Data["Left_to_back"],Data["Left_to_right"],Data["Left_to_front"]])
19 from_right = sum([Data["Right_to_back"],Data["Right_to_left"]])
20 from_back = sum([Data["Back_to_left"],Data["Back_to_right"],Data["Back_to_front"]])
21 from_front = sum([Data["Front_to_back"],Data["Front_to_right"],Data["Front_to_left"]])
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23 to_left = sum([Data["Right_to_left"],Data["Front_to_left"],Data["Back_to_left"]])
24 to_right = sum([Data["Front_to_right"],Data["Left_to_right"],Data["Back_to_right"]])
25 to_back = sum([Data["Right_to_back"],Data["Left_to_back"],Data["Front_to_back"]])
26 to_front = sum([Data["Left_to_front"],Data["Back_to_front"]])
27
28 """
29 Deriving the parameters of the posterior:
30  $p(\lambda|x) = \beta\alpha + x\lambda\alpha + x - 1e^{-\lambda(\beta+1)}\Gamma(\alpha+x) = \text{Gamma}(\lambda; \alpha+x, \beta+1)$ 
31 """
32 prior_alpha = np.array([7,10,1,10,10,10,10,0]) # alpha will be lambda given that
33 #see. For example, I expected (almost) no turns against the law (1, and 0 assigned)
34 prior_beta = np.ones(8) #beta is defined 1 here.
35 obs = np.array([from_left,from_right,from_back,from_front,to_left,to_right,to_back,to_front])
36
37
38 posterior_alpha = prior_alpha+obs #alpha+obs
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40 posterior_beta = prior_beta+np.array([5,5,5,5,5,5,5,5]) #beta + n (number of intervals)
41 zeros = np.zeros(8)
42 x = np.linspace(0,30,100)
43 #Lambda is the model parameter (average / expected number of cars in the interval)
44 predictions = [gamma.pdf(x,a=(posterior_alpha[i]),scale=1/posterior_beta[i]) for i in range(8)]
45 Credibles = [gamma.pdf(x=[0.025, 0.975], a=(posterior_alpha[i]),scale=1/posterior_beta[i]) for i in range(8)]
46
47 data_for_CredI = [gamma(x,posterior_alpha[i],posterior_beta[i]) for i in range(8)]
48 # print(predictions)
49
50 for i,j in enumerate(predictions):
51     #constructing Credible Intervals:
52     # data=data_for_CredI[i]
53     plt.axvline(mquantiles(j,prob=[0.5])) #credible intervals
54     plt.axvline(mquantiles(j,prob=[0.95])) #credible intervals
55     plt.plot(x,j)
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