

Q2 R code & Plot

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install.packages("MCMCpack")
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library(MCMCpack)
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## Specify the prior distribution
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```
m <- 365 # Prior mean
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```
v <- 1000 # Prior variance
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a <- (m*m + 2*v)/v
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b <- (m*m*m + m*v)/v
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## Plot the prior density
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x <- seq(200, 499, length = 300)
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```
prior <- dinvgamma(x, a, b) # the prior pdf
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plot(x, prior, type = "l", xlab = expression(lambda),  
      ylab = expression(f(lambda)), main = "Prior density")
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## The data
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```
load("~/Documents/STAT_201_B/Homework/HW4/BerkeleyEarthquakes.RData") # Load the data  
of EQs in Berkeley.
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```
head(earthquakes)
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```
y <- earthquakes$Lag[-1] # Extract the waiting time between each EQs.
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```
n <- length(y)
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## Update the parameters to get the posterior distribution
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```
a.star <- n + a
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```
b.star <- n*mean(y) + b
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```
posterior <- dinvgamma(x, a.star, b.star)
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## Plot the prior and posterior densities
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plot(x, posterior, type = "l", xlab = expression(lambda), ylab = expression(f(lambda)))
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```
lines(x, prior, col = 2)
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legend("topleft", lty = rep(1, 2), col = 1:2,  
      legend = c("Posterior", "Prior"), bty = "n")
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## Exercise: calculate the equal tail and HPD credible intervals
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(They will be close, since the posterior is nearly symmetric)

