# Stan's ADVI

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## 1 Introduction

Variational inference (VI) is an approximate Bayesian inference technique that gained a lot of ground in the recent years. It differs from the MCMC techniques by posing the estimation of the conditional distribution as an optimization problem. VI is usually a lot faster than conventional MCMC methods, however it can be tedious to derive the algorithm for a new model.

In this project, we will explore how the Stan's ADVI algorithm compares to exact MCMC methods in term of performance accuracy and computation time. We will explore three types of model: logistic regression, Bayesian neural network, and Gaussian process on the Dorothea dataset.

# 2 Variational Inference

In Bayesian statistics, we are often interested in approximating the conditional distribution of hidden variables z given the observed variables x.

$$p(z|x) = \frac{p(z,x)}{p(x)}$$

Unfortunately, often  $p(x) = \int_z p(z,x)$  is intractable or very expensive to compute. VI is an optimization technique to approximate p(z|x).

#### 2.1 Evidence Lower Bound

In VI to approximate the conditional distribution, we minimize a notion of distance between p(z|x) and a simple distribution. We first need to specify a family of distributions Q over the latent variables z. Then, we optimize  $q(z) \in Q$  to minimize the KL divergence:

$$q^*(z) = \arg\min_{q(z) \in \mathcal{Q}} KL(q(z)||p(z|x))$$

where KL(q(z)|p(z|x)) is given by:

$$KL(q(z)||p(z|x)) = E[\log q(z)] - E[\log p(z|x)]$$
$$= E[\log q(z)] - E[\log p(z,x)] + \log p(x)$$

where p(x) is intractable in most cases, but is a constant wrt to q(z). Instead, we optimize the evidence lower bound (ELBO):

$$ELBO(q) = E[\log p(z,x)] - E[\log q(z)]$$
  
= 
$$E[\log p(x|z)] - KL(q(z)||p(z))$$

From the second equation, it is easy to see that maximizing the ELBO is the same as minimizing the KL divergence.

The ELBO also has a statistical intuitive interpretation. Specifically, writing it as:

$$ELBO(q) = E[\log p(z)] + E[\log p(x|z)] - E[\log q(z)]$$

The first term is the expected likelihood, thus it encourages the distribution to place the mass on configurations of the latent variables that explain the observed data[1]. While the second term is the negative divergence between the variational distribution and the prior, thus encouraging the distribution to be close to the prior. Those properties are aligned with the Bayesian framework.

The *ELBO* is that it lower-bounds the log evidence,  $\log p(x) \ge ELBO(q)$  for any q(z) [1], since:

$$\log p(x) = KL(q(z)||p(z|x)) + ELBO(q)$$

# 2.2 Mean-Field Variational Inference

To ease the computation, we usually make the assumption that the latent variables are mutually independent, specifically:

$$q(z) = \prod_{j=1}^{m} q_j(z_j)$$

Note that each latent variable  $z_j$  has its own distribution  $q_j \in \mathcal{Q}$ . The mean-field approximation can capture any marginal distribution of the latent variables, but not the correlation between them.

### 2.3 Coordinate Ascent Variational Inference

We usually maximize the ELBO using coordinate ascent variational inference (CAVI). It iteratively optimizes each distribution  $q_j$ , while holding  $q_{-j}$  fix. Taking advantage of using mean-field VI, we can write the optimal  $q *_j (z_j)$  as:

$$q *_j (z_j) \propto \exp\{E_{-j}[\log p(z_j|z_{-j},x)]\}$$
$$\propto \exp\{E_{-j}[\log p(z_j,z_{-j},x)]\}$$

The ELBO can be written as:

$$ELBO(q_j) = E_j[E_{-j}[\log p(z_j, z_{-j}, x)]] - E_j[\log q_j(z_j)] + c$$

where  $\log q_{-j}(z_{-j})$  is absorbed by the constant c, since it does not depend on  $z_i$ .

#### 2.4 Stochastic Variational Inference

Going through the entire large dataset to compute the ELBO is expensive. Instead, we can use batch of data to maximize the ELBO, a method call stochastic variational inference [3]. Specifically, we can use batch of data to obtain noisy, but unbias gradients, and to converge to a local minimum. The step-size must satisfy [7]:

$$\sum_{t} \epsilon_{t} = \infty \quad ; \quad \sum_{t} \epsilon_{t}^{2} < \infty$$

# 3 Automatic Differentiation Variational Inference

We now have the tools to explore Stan Automatic Differentiation Variational Inference (ADVI) algorithm.

## 3.1 Transformation of Constrained Variables

ADVI first transforms the latent variables to the real space. Doing so removed constraints such as the variance being positive. Let T be a one-to-one differentiable mapping from the constrained space to the real space and  $\zeta = T(\theta)$  [4]. The transformed joint density is given by:

$$g(X,\zeta) = p(X,T^{-1}(\zeta))|det J_{T^{-1}}|$$

where p is the original joint density of the latent variables, and  $J_{T^{-1}}$  is the jacobian of the inverse of the transformation T.

$$L(\phi) = E_{q(\zeta|\phi)}[\log p(y, T^{-1}(\zeta)) + \log |det J_{T^{-1}}(\zeta)|] - E_{q(\zeta|phi)}[\log q(\zeta|\phi)]$$

# 3.2 Variational Approximation

ADVI then approximates the variational distribution  $q(\zeta)$  with a mean-field Gaussian, such that:

$$q(\zeta|\phi) = N(\zeta|\mu, \sigma) = \prod_{k=1}^{K} N(\zeta_k|\mu_k, \sigma_k)$$

where the vector  $\phi = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_K, \sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_K)$ . The ELBO is thus given by:

$$\mathcal{L}(\mu, \sigma) = E_{q(\zeta)}[\log p(X, T^{-1}(\zeta)) + \log |\det J_{T^{-1}}(\zeta)|] + \frac{K}{2}(1 + \log 2\pi) + \sum_{k=1}^{K} \log \sigma_k$$

# 3.3 Stochastic Optimization

We could maximize the ELBO on the real space as:

$$\mu^*, \sigma^* = \arg \max_{\mu, \sigma} \mathcal{L}(\mu, \sigma)$$
  
such that  $\sigma > 0$ 

but the expectation is intractable. Instead, we transform  $\sigma$  to be unconstrained as  $\omega = \log \sigma$ . We can use the elliptical standardization, by defining  $\eta = S_{\mu,\omega}(\zeta) = \text{diag }(\exp(\omega)^{-1})(\zeta - \mu)$  The density is now given by:

$$q(\eta; 0, I) = N(\eta; 0, I)$$
$$= \prod_{k} N(\eta_k; 0, 1)$$

and the optimization problem is now given by:

$$\begin{split} \mu*, \omega* &= & \arg\max_{\mu,\omega} \mathcal{L}(\mu,\omega) \\ &= & \arg\max_{\mu,\omega} E \left[ \log p(X, T^{-1}(S_{\mu,\omega}^{-1}(\eta))) + \log \left| \det J_{T^{-1}}(S_{\mu,\omega}^{-1}(\eta)) \right| \right] + \sum_{k=1}^K \omega_k \end{split}$$

Where the gradients are given by:

$$\nabla_{\mu} \mathcal{L}(\mu, \omega) = E_{N(\eta)} [\nabla_{\theta} \log p(X, \theta) \nabla_{\zeta} T^{-1}(\zeta) + \nabla_{\zeta} \log |\det J_{T^{-1}}(\zeta)|]$$

$$\nabla_{\omega_{k}} \mathcal{L}(\mu, \omega) = E_{\eta_{k}} [(\nabla_{\theta_{k}} \log p(X, \theta) \nabla_{\zeta_{k}} T^{-1}(\zeta) + \nabla_{\zeta_{k}} \log |\det J_{T^{-1}}(\zeta)|) \eta_{k} \exp(\omega_{k})] + 1$$

We use MC integration to get an unbias estimate of the gradient that we can use in SVI.

ADVI has complexity O(BMK) per iteration, where B is the batch size, M the number of MC samples while CAVI has complexity O(NK). Note that the optimization of the ELBO stop when the change is under a certain threshold, 0.01 in our case.

# 4 Experiments on the Dorothea Dataset

In 2003, NIPS had a features selection challenge consisting of 5 datasets. The biggest of all was the Dorothea dataset with 100000 structural molecule features. The task require predicting whether a chemical compound is binding to thrombin or not. This is an important task related to drug discovery. Given that half the features were designed to be irrelevant, feature selection is at the center of the problem. We will explore three methods: logistic regression (LR), a Bayesian neural network (BNN), and a Gaussian process (GP). For every models, we experimented with a variant of automatic relevance determination (ARD). To make computations reasonable, we used PCA to reduce the dimension to 75 inputs.

We will use the balance error rate (BER) to measure the accuracy of our models:

$$BER = 0.5 \times \left( \frac{TP}{TP + FN} + \frac{TN}{TN + FP} \right)$$

where TP is true positive, FN is false negative, TN is true negative, and FP is false positive.

### 4.1 Logistic Regression

Logistic regression is one of the simplest classification tool, but is performing well on real world problems. It can divide correctly any linearly divisible dataset.

#### 4.1.1 LR Results

I used a normal prior bounded on [-0.5, 0.5] for the  $\beta$  to avoid some awkward convergence issues, and an unbounded normal prior for the bias term  $\alpha$ . Both normal priors have unknown mean.

LR Comparative Results			
Methods	Computation time		
HMC	0.223	41.87	
ADVI	0.230	4.73	

The accuracy and computation time are fairly similar in both cases, but we can note that ADVI is faster but does not reach the same accuracy level than HMC.

#### 4.1.2 LR-ARD Results

We now let each  $\beta_j$  come from  $N(0, \sigma_j)$ , where  $\sigma_j$  is unknown. As the posterior for  $\sigma_j \to 0$ ,  $\beta_j$  will be near 0 and the feature will have almost no impact on the prediction.

LR-ARD Comparative Results			
Methods	Computation time		
HMC	0.216	94.38	
ADVI	0.226	5.50	

In both the LR and the LR-ARD, the ADVI is a lot faster in proportion to HMC, but comparable in absolute term, and the balance error rate is comparable for the two methods.

#### 4.2 Bayesian Neural Network

Radford Neal used NewBayes, a Bayesian neural network, in the 2003 competition to attain the best average predictive performance over the 5 datasets. He used a Dirichlet Diffusion tree, to average different predictions, thus we won't be able to replicate his results here.

We build a neural network with one hidden layer and 25 neurons. The stan code for the neural network is inspired by Herra Huu's code available at: https://groups.google.com/forum/!topic/stan-users/3QBBpo11Lus . It has been modified to use ARD and tanh activation function [5].

#### 4.2.1 BNN Results

For every weights, I used a normal prior with mean 0 and unknown variance specific for each level.

BNN Comparative Results				
Methods BER Computation tire				
HMC	0.2704	36325.61		
ADVI	0.5	359.39		

The results clearly highlight the trade-off between accuracy and speed. Using the HMC sampling results in a much higher accuracy, but the computation are 10 times more expensive. For the next sections, the HMC sampling methods were not possible due to computation constraints. They are presented since they provide us with insight on the ADVI method.

#### 4.2.2 BNN-ARD Results

In addition to the normal prior used for the previous BNN, I used a different variance  $\sigma_i$  for every input weight  $\beta_i$  [2].

BNN-ARD Comparative Results				
Methods BER Computation time				
HMC	-	-		
ADVI	0.3542	7523.39		

Using ARD improved ADVI results, but is still not as accurate at the simple BNN using HMC.

### 4.3 Gaussian Process

Experimenting with the BNN, I noticed that as a grow the number of nodes the performance improve, however after a certain threshold it was not computationally sustainable. Given that infinitely wide NN tends to Gaussian processes (GPs), it was natural to include the later to our analysis. GPs can model any continuous function. Since the HMC computation were too expensive using Stan, I also included results using the GPy package [8].

### 4.3.1 GP Results

We modeled the probability p(y|x) = 1 using the GP, written as:

$$p(y_i|x_i) = \sigma(f(x_i))$$

where  $\sigma$  is the logistic function, and f is the GP posterior [6]. We will use the squared exponential kernel:

$$k(x, x') = \tau^2 \exp\left(-\sum_{d=1}^{D} \frac{(x_d - x'_d)}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

GP Comparative Results					
Methods BER Computation time					
HMC	-	-			
ADVI	0.4242	2354.45			
GPy	0.2595	34.48			

With the GPy's model, we are achieving a better result that the BNN using HMC, but surprisingly we are not achieving the accuracy results from the logistic regression. The ADVI results are nowhere as good as the one attained by GPy.

#### 4.3.2 GP-ARD Results

Finally for the GP-ARD, we will use the ARD kernel:

$$k(x, x') = \tau^2 \exp\left(-\sum_{d=1}^D \frac{(x_d - x'_d)}{2\sigma_d^2}\right)$$

Note that as  $\sigma_d^2 \to \infty$  the feature d will become irrelevant.

GP-ARD Comparative Results					
Methods BER Computation tim					
HMC	-	-			
ADVI	0.4835	8835.94			
GPy	0.1860	41.87			

Surprisingly, increasing the flexibility of the model decrease the prediction accuracy for the ADVI. It might be due to an increasing difficulty in approximating the posterior. Using GPy's classification GP, we are attaining our best results overall which is what we expected since the GP-ARD is the most flexible model we used, and can model any function.

# 5 Conclusion

We compared the ADVI method to the conventional MCMC method used by Stan on three bayesian models: logistic regression, bayesian neural network and Gaussian process. From our results, it is obvious that HMC is always reaching the best balance error rate on the test set, but for more complex models HMC is very expensive and might not be computationally feasible. I think the poor accuracy performance of the ADVI are due to complex posteriors. It would be interesting to tweak the learning rate or the optimization methods, to see if they actually improve the accuracy performance. On a different note, the good performance of the logistic regression, and computation speed from GPy are both impressive.

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# ADVI experiments

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```
In [1]: import rpy2
        import time
        %load_ext rpy2.ipython
In [2]: %%R
       library(rstan)
        library(loo)
        source("read_one_stan_csv.r")
/usr/local/lib/python2.7/site-packages/rpy2/robjects/functions.py:106: UserWarning: Loading required pa
  res = super(Function, self).__call__(*new_args, **new_kwargs)
/usr/local/lib/python2.7/site-packages/rpy2/robjects/functions.py:106: UserWarning: rstan (Version 2.9.
  res = super(Function, self).__call__(*new_args, **new_kwargs)
/usr/local/lib/python2.7/site-packages/rpy2/robjects/functions.py:106: UserWarning: For execution on a
rstan_options(auto_write = TRUE)
options(mc.cores = parallel::detectCores())
 res = super(Function, self).__call__(*new_args, **new_kwargs)
/usr/local/lib/python2.7/site-packages/rpy2/robjects/functions.py:106: UserWarning: This is loo version
 res = super(Function, self).__call__(*new_args, **new_kwargs)
```

# 1 Logistic Regression

Abstract: DOROTHEA is a drug discovery dataset. Chemical compounds represented by structural molecular features must be classified as active (binding to thrombin) or inactive. This is one of 5 datasets of the NIPS 2003 feature selection challenge.

http://pages.cs.wisc.edu/~dpage/kddcup2001/Cheng.pdf

```
In [3]: !cat examples/lr/lr.stan
functions {
  real BER(vector y, vector yhat, int Nt){
    real TN;
    real FN;
    real TP;
    real FP;
    real BER;
    real b1;
    TN = 0.0;
    FN = 0.0;
    TP = 0.0;
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FP = 0.0;
    for(i in 1:Nt){
      if(round(yhat[i]) == 0 && y[i] == 0) {
        TN = TN + 1.0;
      else if(round(yhat[i]) == 0 && y[i] == 1) {
        FN = FN + 1.0;
      else if(round(yhat[i]) == 1 && y[i] == 1) {
        TP = TP + 1.0;
      else if(round(yhat[i]) == 1 && y[i] == 0) {
        FP = FP + 1.0;
    BER = 0.5 * (FP/(FP+TN) + FN/(FN+TP));
    return BER;
}
data {
  int N;
  int Ntest;
  int D;
  int<lower=0,upper=1> y[N];
  matrix[N,D] x;
  vector<lower=0,upper=1>[Ntest] ytest;
  matrix[Ntest,D] xtest;
  real<lower=0> lambda;
parameters {
  //real<lower=-0.5,upper=0.5> alpha;
  vector<lower=-0.5,upper=0.5>[D] beta;
  real alpha;
  //vector[D] beta;
  real<lower=0> sigma;
transformed parameters {
  vector[D] zeros;
                          // zeros for mean of MVN
  for (i in 1:D)
    zeros[i] = 0.0;
model {
  alpha ~ normal(0,5);
  sigma ~ inv_gamma(1,2);
  beta ~ normal(0, sigma);
  //increment_log_prob(- lambda * dot_self(beta)); // Ridge to perform variable selection
  //for (d in 1:D){
    //increment_log_prob(- lambda * fabs(beta[d])); // Lasso to perform variable selection
  //}
  for(n in 1:N)
    y[n] ~ bernoulli(inv_logit(alpha + x[n]*beta)); //more efficient
```

```
generated quantities {
  real<lower=0> errors[Ntest];
  real<lower=0> average_error;
  vector[N] log_lik;
  vector[Ntest] predictions;
  for(n in 1:Ntest){
    predictions[n] = inv_logit(alpha + xtest[n]*beta);
    errors[n] = fabs(ytest[n] - round(predictions[n]));
  average_error = BER(ytest, predictions, Ntest);//sum(errors) / Nt;
  //average_error = sum(errors) / Ntest;
  for(n in 1:N)
    log_lik[n] = bernoulli_logit_log(y[n], alpha + x[n] * beta);
In [4]: !cat examples/dorothea/datadorothea.r
load("dorothea.rda")
pmatrix <- scale(x.train)</pre>
princ <- prcomp(x.train)</pre>
nComp <- 75
pca_x.train <- data.frame(predict(princ, newdata=x.train)[,1:nComp])</pre>
pca_x.valid <- data.frame(predict(princ, newdata=x.valid)[,1:nComp])</pre>
my.model <- glm(y.train~., data=pca_x.train)</pre>
yhat_valid <- predict(my.model, newdata = data.frame(pca_x.valid))</pre>
N <- 800
Ntest <- dim(pca_x.valid)[1]</pre>
D <- nComp
y <- y.train
x <- scale(pca_x.train)
ytest <- y.valid</pre>
xtest <- scale(pca_x.valid)</pre>
lambda <- 0.5
y <- plyr::mapvalues(y, -1, 0)
ytest <- plyr::mapvalues(ytest, -1, 0)</pre>
rstan::stan_rdump(c('N','Ntest','D','y','x','ytest', 'xtest', 'lambda'),
                   file="dorothea.data.R")
N <- 800
Nt <- dim(pca_x.valid)[1]</pre>
d <- nComp
num_nodes <- 25
num_middle_layers <- 1</pre>
y <- y.train
X <- scale(pca_x.train)</pre>
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yt <- y.valid
Xt <- scale(pca_x.valid)</pre>
y <- plyr::mapvalues(y, -1, 0)
yt <- plyr::mapvalues(yt, -1, 0)
rstan::stan_rdump(c('N','d', 'num_nodes', 'num_middle_layers',
                     'Nt', 'y', 'X', 'yt', 'Xt'), file="dorotheabnn.data.R")
N1 <- 800
N2 <- dim(pca_x.valid)[1]
D <- nComp
z1 <- y.train
x1 <- scale(pca_x.train)</pre>
z2 <- y.valid
x2 <- scale(pca_x.valid)</pre>
z1 <- plyr::mapvalues(z1, -1, 0)
z2 \leftarrow plyr::mapvalues(z2, -1, 0)
rstan::stan_rdump(c('D', 'N1', 'x1', 'z1', 'N2', 'x2', 'z2'),
                  file="dorotheagp.data.R")
In [15]: !make examples/lr/lr
--- Translating Stan model to C++ code ---
bin/stanc examples/lr/lr.stan --o=examples/lr/lr.hpp
Model name=lr_model
Input file=examples/lr/lr.stan
Output file=examples/lr/lr.hpp
--- Linking C++ model ---
g++ -I src -I stan/src -isystem stan/lib/stan_math/ -isystem stan/lib/stan_math/lib/eigen_3.2.8 -isystem
In [16]: start = time.time()
         !examples/lr/lr sample data file=examples/dorothea/dorothea.data.R output file=lr_nuts.csv
         end = time.time()
         print end-start
method = sample (Default)
  sample
    num_samples = 1000 (Default)
    num_warmup = 1000 (Default)
    save_warmup = 0 (Default)
    thin = 1 (Default)
    adapt
      engaged = 1 (Default)
      gamma = 0.05000000000000000 (Default)
      delta = 0.8000000000000004 (Default)
      kappa = 0.75 (Default)
      t0 = 10 (Default)
      init_buffer = 75 (Default)
      term_buffer = 50 (Default)
      window = 25 (Default)
    algorithm = hmc (Default)
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hmc
        engine = nuts (Default)
          nuts
            max_depth = 10 (Default)
        metric = diag_e (Default)
        stepsize = 1 (Default)
        stepsize_jitter = 0 (Default)
id = 0 (Default)
data
  file = examples/dorothea/dorothea.data.R
init = 2 (Default)
random
  seed = 1549913731
output
  file = lr_nuts.csv
  diagnostic_file = (Default)
  refresh = 100 (Default)
Gradient evaluation took 0.000862 seconds
1000 transitions using 10 leapfrog steps per transition would take 8.62 seconds.
Adjust your expectations accordingly!
Iteration:
              1 / 2000 [ 0%]
                               (Warmup)
Iteration: 100 / 2000 [ 5%]
                               (Warmup)
Iteration: 200 / 2000 [ 10%]
                               (Warmup)
Iteration: 300 / 2000 [ 15%]
                               (Warmup)
Iteration: 400 / 2000 [ 20%]
                               (Warmup)
Iteration: 500 / 2000 [ 25%]
                               (Warmup)
Iteration: 600 / 2000 [ 30%]
                               (Warmup)
Iteration: 700 / 2000 [ 35%]
                               (Warmup)
Iteration: 800 / 2000 [ 40%]
                               (Warmup)
Iteration: 900 / 2000 [ 45%]
                               (Warmup)
Iteration: 1000 / 2000 [ 50%]
                               (Warmup)
Iteration: 1001 / 2000 [ 50%]
                               (Sampling)
Iteration: 1100 / 2000 [ 55%]
                               (Sampling)
Iteration: 1200 / 2000 [ 60%]
                               (Sampling)
Iteration: 1300 / 2000 [ 65%]
                               (Sampling)
Iteration: 1400 / 2000 [ 70%]
                               (Sampling)
Iteration: 1500 / 2000 [ 75%]
                               (Sampling)
Iteration: 1600 / 2000 [ 80%]
                               (Sampling)
Iteration: 1700 / 2000 [ 85%]
                               (Sampling)
Iteration: 1800 / 2000 [ 90%]
                               (Sampling)
Iteration: 1900 / 2000 [ 95%]
                                (Sampling)
Iteration: 2000 / 2000 [100%]
                                (Sampling)
 Elapsed Time: 13.1903 seconds (Warm-up)
               11.4771 seconds (Sampling)
               24.6674 seconds (Total)
25.9431531429
In [17]: %%R
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output_nuts <- read_stan_csv("lr_nuts.csv")</pre>
         log_lik <- extract_log_lik(output_nuts) # see ?extract_log_lik</pre>
         print(loo(log_lik))
         print(waic(log_lik))
         print(summary(extract_log_lik(output_nuts, "average_error")))
Computed from 1000 by 800 log-likelihood matrix
         Estimate SE
elpd_loo
          -170.5 14.8
            34.7 4.6
p_loo
           341.0 29.5
looic
Computed from 1000 by 800 log-likelihood matrix
          Estimate SE
elpd_waic
          -159.6 14.3
              23.9 2.9
p_waic
            319.2 28.5
waic
       V1
Min.
       :0.1581
1st Qu.:0.2054
Median :0.2201
Mean :0.2238
3rd Qu.:0.2364
Max. :0.3084
In [8]: start = time.time()
        !examples/lr/lr variational data file=examples/dorothea/dorothea.data.R output file=lr_advi.csv
        end = time.time()
       print end-start
method = variational
  variational
   algorithm = meanfield (Default)
     meanfield
    iter = 10000 (Default)
   grad_samples = 1 (Default)
   elbo_samples = 100 (Default)
   eta = 1 (Default)
   adapt
      engaged = 1 (Default)
     iter = 50 (Default)
   tol_rel_obj = 0.01 (Default)
   eval_elbo = 100 (Default)
   output_samples = 1000 (Default)
id = 0 (Default)
data
```

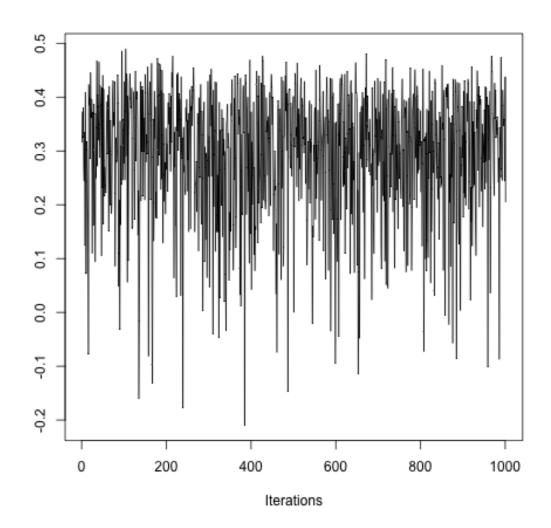
```
file = examples/dorothea/dorothea.data.R
init = 2 (Default)
random
  seed = 1526252890
output
  file = lr_advi.csv
 diagnostic_file = (Default)
  refresh = 100 (Default)
This is Automatic Differentiation Variational Inference.
(EXPERIMENTAL ALGORITHM: expect frequent updates to the procedure.)
Gradient evaluation took 0.001389 seconds
1000 iterations under these settings should take 1.389 seconds.
Adjust your expectations accordingly!
Begin eta adaptation.
Iteration: 1 / 250 [ 0%] (Adaptation)
Iteration: 50 / 250 [ 20%] (Adaptation)
Iteration: 100 / 250 [ 40%] (Adaptation)
Iteration: 150 / 250 [ 60%] (Adaptation)
Iteration: 200 / 250 [ 80%] (Adaptation)
Success! Found best value [eta = 1] earlier than expected.
Begin stochastic gradient ascent.
            ELBO delta_ELBO_mean delta_ELBO_med
  iter
                                                       notes
           -2e+02
  100
                              1.000
                                               1.000
   200
           -2e+02
                              0.508
                                               1.000
   300
           -2e+02
                              0.341
                                               0.016
   400
           -2e+02
                              0.258
                                               0.016
   500
           -2e+02
                              0.207
                                               0.011
   600
           -2e+02
                              0.173
                                               0.011
   700
           -2e+02
                              0.148
                                               0.008
                                                       MEDIAN ELBO CONVERGED
Drawing a sample of size 1000 from the approximate posterior...
COMPLETED.
4.73134207726
In [9]: %%R
        library(rstan)
        output_advi <- read_one_stan_csv("lr_advi.csv")</pre>
        #head(output_advi)
        print(summary(output_advi$average_error))
        #log_lik1 <- extract_log_lik(output_advi) # see ?extract_log_lik</pre>
        col_nb <- grep("log_lik", names(output_advi))</pre>
        log_lik <- as.matrix(output_advi[,col_nb])</pre>
        #head(as.matrix(log_lik))
        print(loo(log_lik))
       print(waic(log_lik))
  Min. 1st Qu. Median
                           Mean 3rd Qu.
                                           Max.
0.1566  0.2154  0.2301  0.2303  0.2464  0.3446
Computed from 1001 by 800 log-likelihood matrix
```

Estimate SE
elpd\_loo -224.2 19.4
p\_loo 86.6 12.4
looic 448.4 38.7
Computed from 1001 by 800 log-likelihood matrix

Estimate SE elpd\_waic -182.7 16.1 p\_waic 45.1 6.4 waic 365.4 32.1

In [10]: %%R

coda::traceplot(x=coda::as.mcmc(output\_advi\$beta.1))



### 1.1 LR-ARD

```
In [11]: !make examples/lr/lr-ard
--- Translating Stan model to C++ code ---
bin/stanc examples/lr/lr-ard.stan --o=examples/lr/lr-ard.hpp
Model name=lr_ard_model
Input file=examples/lr/lr-ard.stan
Output file=examples/lr/lr-ard.hpp
--- Linking C++ model ---
g++ -I src -I stan/src -isystem stan/lib/stan_math/ -isystem stan/lib/stan_math/lib/eigen_3.2.8 -isystem
In [12]: start = time.time()
         !examples/lr/lr-ard sample data file=examples/dorothea/dorothea.data.R output file=lr-ard_nuts
         end = time.time()
         print end-start
method = sample (Default)
  sample
   num_samples = 1000 (Default)
   num_warmup = 1000 (Default)
   save_warmup = 0 (Default)
   thin = 1 (Default)
   adapt
      engaged = 1 (Default)
      gamma = 0.05000000000000000 (Default)
      delta = 0.8000000000000004 (Default)
      kappa = 0.75 (Default)
      t0 = 10 (Default)
      init_buffer = 75 (Default)
      term_buffer = 50 (Default)
      window = 25 (Default)
    algorithm = hmc (Default)
      hmc
        engine = nuts (Default)
            max_depth = 10 (Default)
        metric = diag_e (Default)
        stepsize = 1 (Default)
        stepsize_jitter = 0 (Default)
id = 0 (Default)
data
  file = examples/dorothea/dorothea.data.R
init = 2 (Default)
random
  seed = 1526328210
output
 file = lr-ard_nuts.csv
 diagnostic_file = (Default)
 refresh = 100 (Default)
```

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Gradient evaluation took 0.001034 seconds

1000 transitions using 10 leapfrog steps per transition would take 10.34 seconds. Adjust your expectations accordingly!

```
Iteration:
             1 / 2000 [ 0%]
                              (Warmup)
Iteration: 100 / 2000 [ 5%]
                               (Warmup)
Iteration: 200 / 2000 [ 10%]
                               (Warmup)
Iteration: 300 / 2000 [ 15%]
                               (Warmup)
Iteration: 400 / 2000 [ 20%]
                               (Warmup)
Iteration: 500 / 2000 [ 25%]
                               (Warmup)
Iteration: 600 / 2000 [ 30%]
                               (Warmup)
Iteration: 700 / 2000 [ 35%]
                               (Warmup)
Iteration: 800 / 2000 [ 40%]
                               (Warmup)
Iteration: 900 / 2000 [ 45%]
                               (Warmup)
Iteration: 1000 / 2000 [ 50%]
                               (Warmup)
Iteration: 1001 / 2000 [ 50%]
                               (Sampling)
Iteration: 1100 / 2000 [ 55%]
                               (Sampling)
Iteration: 1200 / 2000 [ 60%]
                               (Sampling)
Iteration: 1300 / 2000 [ 65%]
                               (Sampling)
Iteration: 1400 / 2000 [ 70%]
                               (Sampling)
Iteration: 1500 / 2000 [ 75%]
                               (Sampling)
Iteration: 1600 / 2000 [ 80%]
                               (Sampling)
Iteration: 1700 / 2000 [ 85%]
                               (Sampling)
Iteration: 1800 / 2000 [ 90%]
                               (Sampling)
Iteration: 1900 / 2000 [ 95%]
                               (Sampling)
Iteration: 2000 / 2000 [100%]
                               (Sampling)
Elapsed Time: 42.1561 seconds (Warm-up)
               45.2249 seconds (Sampling)
               87.381 seconds (Total)
94.38083601
In [13]: %%R
         output_nuts <- read_stan_csv("lr-ard_nuts.csv")</pre>
         log_lik <- extract_log_lik(output_nuts) # see ?extract_log_lik</pre>
         print(loo(log_lik))
         print(waic(log_lik))
         print(summary(extract_log_lik(output_nuts, "average_error")))
Computed from 1000 by 800 log-likelihood matrix
         Estimate
                    SE
           -168.1 14.8
elpd_loo
             36.7 4.5
p_loo
            336.3 29.7
looic
Computed from 1000 by 800 log-likelihood matrix
          Estimate
                     SE
elpd_waic -156.3 14.4
```

```
p_waic
            24.9 3.0
            312.7 28.8
waic
       V1
       :0.1450
Min.
 1st Qu.:0.2023
Median :0.2170
Mean :0.2162
3rd Qu.:0.2317
Max. :0.2921
In [14]: start = time.time()
         !examples/lr/lr-ard variational data file=examples/dorothea/dorothea.data.R output file=lr-ard
         print end-start
method = variational
  variational
    algorithm = meanfield (Default)
      meanfield
    iter = 10000 (Default)
    grad_samples = 1 (Default)
    elbo_samples = 100 (Default)
    eta = 1 (Default)
    adapt
      engaged = 1 (Default)
      iter = 50 (Default)
    tol_rel_obj = 0.01 (Default)
    eval_elbo = 100 (Default)
    output_samples = 1000 (Default)
id = 0 (Default)
data
  file = examples/dorothea/dorothea.data.R
init = 2 (Default)
random
  seed = 1526429116
output
  file = lr-ard_advi.csv
  diagnostic_file = (Default)
  refresh = 100 (Default)
This is Automatic Differentiation Variational Inference.
(EXPERIMENTAL ALGORITHM: expect frequent updates to the procedure.)
Gradient evaluation took 0.001776 seconds
1000 iterations under these settings should take 1.776 seconds.
Adjust your expectations accordingly!
Begin eta adaptation.
Iteration: 1 / 250 [ 0%] (Adaptation)
Iteration: 50 / 250 [ 20%] (Adaptation)
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Iteration: 100 / 250 [ 40%] (Adaptation)
Iteration: 150 / 250 [ 60%]
                            (Adaptation)
Iteration: 200 / 250 [ 80%] (Adaptation)
Success! Found best value [eta = 1] earlier than expected.
Begin stochastic gradient ascent.
  iter
             ELBO delta_ELBO_mean
                                      delta_ELBO_med
                                                       notes
   100
           -2e+02
                              1.000
                                                1.000
   200
           -2e+02
                              0.509
                                                1.000
   300
           -2e+02
                                                0.019
                              0.340
   400
           -2e+02
                              0.256
                                                0.019
   500
           -2e+02
                              0.207
                                                0.011
   600
           -2e+02
                                                0.014
                              0.175
   700
           -2e+02
                                                0.011
                              0.151
   800
           -2e+02
                              0.133
                                                0.011
   900
           -2e+02
                              0.119
                                                0.009
                                                        MEDIAN ELBO CONVERGED
Drawing a sample of size 1000 from the approximate posterior...
COMPLETED.
5.50135421753
In [15]: %%R
         library(rstan)
         output_advi <- read_one_stan_csv("lr-ard_advi.csv")</pre>
         #head(output_advi)
         print(summary(output_advi$average_error))
         #log_lik1 <- extract_log_lik(output_advi) # see ?extract_log_lik</pre>
         col_nb <- grep("log_lik", names(output_advi))</pre>
         log_lik <- as.matrix(output_advi[,col_nb])</pre>
         #head(as.matrix(log_lik))
         print(loo(log_lik))
         print(waic(log_lik))
  Min. 1st Qu. Median
                           Mean 3rd Qu.
                                            Max.
0.1581 0.2023 0.2185 0.2206 0.2348 0.3246
Computed from 1001 by 800 log-likelihood matrix
         Estimate
                    SE
elpd_loo
           -259.9 23.0
p_loo
            127.3 17.6
looic
            519.8 46.1
Computed from 1001 by 800 log-likelihood matrix
          Estimate
                     SE
            -188.8 16.5
elpd_waic
              56.2 7.6
p_waic
             377.6 33.0
waic
```

### 2 BNN

In [16]: !cat examples/bnn/bnn.stan

```
In [17]: !make examples/bnn/bnn
--- Translating Stan model to C++ code ---
bin/stanc examples/bnn/bnn.stan --o=examples/bnn/bnn.hpp
Model name=bnn_model
Input file=examples/bnn/bnn.stan
Output file=examples/bnn/bnn.hpp
--- Linking C++ model ---
g++ -I src -I stan/src -isystem stan/lib/stan_math/ -isystem stan/lib/stan_math/lib/eigen_3.2.8 -isystem
In [28]: start = time.time()
         !examples/bnn/bnn sample data file=examples/dorothea/dorotheabnn.data.R output file=bnn_doroth
         end = time.time()
         print end-start
method = sample (Default)
  sample
   num_samples = 1000 (Default)
   num_warmup = 1000 (Default)
   save_warmup = 0 (Default)
   thin = 1 (Default)
   adapt
      engaged = 1 (Default)
      gamma = 0.05000000000000000 (Default)
      delta = 0.8000000000000004 (Default)
      kappa = 0.75 (Default)
      t0 = 10 (Default)
      init_buffer = 75 (Default)
      term_buffer = 50 (Default)
      window = 25 (Default)
    algorithm = hmc (Default)
      hmc
        engine = nuts (Default)
         nuts
            max_depth = 10 (Default)
       metric = diag_e (Default)
        stepsize = 1 (Default)
        stepsize_jitter = 0 (Default)
id = 0 (Default)
data
  file = examples/dorothea/dorotheabnn.data.R
init = 2 (Default)
random
  seed = 1572715375
output
  file = bnn_dorothea_nuts.csv
  diagnostic_file = (Default)
  refresh = 100 (Default)
Gradient evaluation took 0.021938 seconds
1000 transitions using 10 leapfrog steps per transition would take 219.38 seconds.
Adjust your expectations accordingly!
```

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Iteration:
             1 / 2000 [ 0%]
                               (Warmup)
Iteration: 100 / 2000 [ 5%]
                               (Warmup)
Iteration: 200 / 2000 [ 10%]
                               (Warmup)
Iteration: 300 / 2000 [ 15%]
                               (Warmup)
Iteration: 400 / 2000 [ 20%]
                               (Warmup)
Iteration: 500 / 2000 [ 25%]
                                (Warmup)
Iteration: 600 / 2000 [ 30%]
                                (Warmup)
Iteration: 700 / 2000 [ 35%]
                                (Warmup)
Iteration: 800 / 2000 [ 40%]
                               (Warmup)
Iteration: 900 / 2000 [ 45%]
                                (Warmup)
Iteration: 1000 / 2000 [ 50%]
                                (Warmup)
Iteration: 1001 / 2000 [ 50%]
                                (Sampling)
Iteration: 1100 / 2000 [ 55%]
                                (Sampling)
Iteration: 1200 / 2000 [ 60%]
                                (Sampling)
Iteration: 1300 / 2000 [ 65%]
                                (Sampling)
Iteration: 1400 / 2000 [ 70%]
                                (Sampling)
Iteration: 1500 / 2000 [ 75%]
                                (Sampling)
Iteration: 1600 / 2000 [ 80%]
                                (Sampling)
Iteration: 1700 / 2000 [ 85%]
                                (Sampling)
Iteration: 1800 / 2000 [ 90%]
                                (Sampling)
Iteration: 1900 / 2000 [ 95%]
                                (Sampling)
Iteration: 2000 / 2000 [100%]
                                (Sampling)
Elapsed Time: 16313.4 seconds (Warm-up)
               19877.8 seconds (Sampling)
               36191.2 seconds (Total)
36325.6097789
In [29]: %%R
         output_nuts <- read_stan_csv("bnn_dorothea_nuts.csv")</pre>
         log_lik <- extract_log_lik(output_nuts) # see ?extract_log_lik</pre>
         print(loo(log_lik))
         print(waic(log_lik))
         print(summary(extract_log_lik(output_nuts, "average_error")))
Computed from 1000 by 800 log-likelihood matrix
         Estimate
                    SE
           -971.6 26.3
elpd_loo
p_loo
            961.9 26.4
looic
           1943.3 52.7
Computed from 1000 by 800 log-likelihood matrix
          Estimate SE
elpd_waic
             -32.5 3.1
              22.7 2.5
p_waic
```

```
65.0 6.3
waic
      V1
Min. :0.1540
1st Qu.:0.2390
Median :0.2670
Mean :0.2704
3rd Qu.:0.2991
Max. :0.4203
In [3]: start = time.time()
        !examples/bnn/bnn variational data file=examples/dorothea/dorotheabnn.data.R output file=bnn_do
        end = time.time()
       print end-start
method = variational
  variational
   algorithm = meanfield (Default)
     meanfield
    iter = 10000 (Default)
   grad_samples = 1 (Default)
   elbo_samples = 100 (Default)
   eta = 1 (Default)
   adapt
      engaged = 1 (Default)
      iter = 50 (Default)
   tol_rel_obj = 0.01 (Default)
    eval_elbo = 100 (Default)
    output_samples = 1000 (Default)
id = 0 (Default)
  file = examples/dorothea/dorotheabnn.data.R
init = 2 (Default)
random
  seed = 1528744223
output
 file = bnn_dorothea_advi.csv
  diagnostic_file = (Default)
 refresh = 100 (Default)
This is Automatic Differentiation Variational Inference.
(EXPERIMENTAL ALGORITHM: expect frequent updates to the procedure.)
Gradient evaluation took 0.039648 seconds
1000 iterations under these settings should take 39.648 seconds.
Adjust your expectations accordingly!
Begin eta adaptation.
Iteration: 1 / 250 [ 0%] (Adaptation)
Iteration: 50 / 250 [ 20%] (Adaptation)
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Iteration: 100 / 250 [ 40%] (Adaptation)

Iteration: 150 / 250 [ 60%] (Adaptation)
Iteration: 200 / 250 [ 80%] (Adaptation)

Success! Found best value [eta = 1] earlier than expected.

Begin stochastic gradient ascent.						
iter	ELBO	delta_ELBO_mean	delta_ELBO_med	notes		
100	-6e+02	1.000	1.000	110000		
200	-4e+02	0.749	1.000			
300	-4e+02	0.526	0.498			
400	-3e+02	0.412	0.498			
500	-3e+02	0.331	0.081			
600	-3e+02	0.281	0.081			
700	-3e+02	0.247	0.031			
800	-3e+02	0.247	0.071			
900	-3e+02	0.196	0.071			
	-3e+02 -3e+02					
1000		0.178	0.041			
1100	-3e+02	0.080	0.033			
1200	-3e+02	0.033	0.023			
1300	-3e+02	0.025	0.023			
1400	-3e+02	0.019	0.019			
1500	-3e+02	0.019	0.019			
1600	-3e+02	0.018	0.019			
1700	-3e+02	0.017	0.019			
1800	-3e+02	0.016	0.019			
1900	-3e+02	0.015	0.016			
2000	-3e+02	0.015	0.017			
2100	-3e+02	0.016	0.017			
2200	-3e+02	0.015	0.012			
2300	-3e+02	0.018	0.017			
2400	-3e+02	0.018	0.017			
2500	-3e+02	0.019	0.020			
2600	-3e+02	0.019	0.017			
2700	-3e+02	0.018	0.017			
2800	-3e+02	0.021	0.019			
2900	-3e+02	0.021	0.021			
3000	-3e+02	0.021	0.021			
3100	-3e+02	0.018	0.019			
3200	-3e+02	0.020	0.021			
3300	-3e+02	0.017	0.019			
3400	-3e+02	0.017	0.019			
3500	-3e+02	0.016	0.012			
3600	-3e+02	0.018	0.019			
3700	-3e+02	0.018	0.021			
3800	-3e+02	0.016	0.012			
3900	-3e+02	0.015	0.012			
4000	-3e+02	0.015	0.012			
4100	-3e+02	0.017	0.015			
4200	-3e+02	0.016	0.012			
4300	-3e+02	0.016	0.012			
4400	-3e+02	0.016	0.014			
4500	-3e+02	0.017	0.015			
4600	-3e+02	0.018	0.015			
4700	-3e+02	0.016	0.014			
4800	-3e+02	0.016	0.014			

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-3e+02
                                                 0.014
  4900
                               0.017
  5000
           -3e+02
                               0.018
                                                 0.018
           -3e+02
                                                0.018
  5100
                               0.020
  5200
           -3e+02
                               0.024
                                                0.020
  5300
           -3e+02
                               0.027
                                                0.024
  5400
           -3e+02
                               0.027
                                                0.024
  5500
           -3e+02
                               0.026
                                                0.024
           -3e+02
                                                0.020
  5600
                               0.023
           -3e+02
  5700
                               0.023
                                                0.020
  5800
           -3e+02
                                                0.020
                               0.023
  5900
           -3e+02
                               0.021
                                                0.018
           -3e+02
  6000
                               0.022
                                                0.020
           -3e+02
  6100
                               0.019
                                                0.016
  6200
           -3e+02
                                                0.012
                               0.015
  6300
           -3e+02
                               0.013
                                                0.012
  6400
           -3e+02
                               0.012
                                                 0.012
  6500
           -3e+02
                               0.016
                                                0.012
  6600
           -3e+02
                               0.018
                                                 0.016
  6700
           -3e+02
                               0.019
                                                0.019
  6800
           -3e+02
                               0.018
                                                0.019
  6900
           -3e+02
                               0.020
                                                0.019
  7000
           -3e+02
                               0.018
                                                0.018
           -3e+02
                                                0.018
  7100
                               0.018
  7200
           -3e+02
                               0.018
                                                0.018
  7300
           -3e+02
                                                0.018
                               0.018
  7400
           -3e+02
                               0.020
                                                0.019
  7500
           -3e+02
                               0.020
                                                0.019
  7600
           -3e+02
                               0.020
                                                0.019
  7700
           -3e+02
                               0.020
                                                0.018
  7800
           -3e+02
                                                0.018
                               0.019
  7900
           -3e+02
                               0.018
                                                0.014
  8000
           -3e+02
                               0.016
                                                 0.014
  8100
           -3e+02
                               0.016
                                                 0.014
  8200
           -3e+02
                               0.015
                                                0.013
  8300
           -3e+02
                               0.014
                                                0.009
                                                         MEDIAN ELBO CONVERGED
Drawing a sample of size 1000 from the approximate posterior...
COMPLETED.
359.390032053
In [4]: %%R
        output_advi <- read_one_stan_csv("bnn_dorothea_advi.csv")</pre>
        #head(output_advi)
        col_nb <- grep("log_lik", names(output_advi))</pre>
        log_lik <- as.matrix(output_advi[,col_nb])</pre>
        #head(as.matrix(log_lik))
        print(loo(log_lik))
        print(waic(log_lik))
        print(summary(output_advi$average_error))
Computed from 1001 by 800 log-likelihood matrix
         Estimate
                    SE
elpd_loo
           -264.3 19.6
```

9.1 0.9

p\_loo

```
looic
          528.7 39.1
All Pareto k estimates OK (k < 0.5)
Computed from 1001 by 800 log-likelihood matrix
         Estimate
                   SE
          -264.4 19.6
elpd_waic
             9.1 0.9
p_waic
waic
           528.7 39.1
                       Mean 3rd Qu.
  Min. 1st Qu. Median
                                        Max.
   0.5 0.5 0.5
                        0.5 0.5
                                        0.5
```

### 2.1 BNN-ARD

```
In []: !make examples/bnn/bnn-ard
In [30]: start = time.time()
         !examples/bnn/bnn-ard sample data file=examples/dorothea/dorotheabnn.data.R output file=bnn-ard
         end = time.time()
         print end-start
method = sample (Default)
  sample
   num_samples = 1000 (Default)
   num_warmup = 1000 (Default)
    save_warmup = 0 (Default)
   thin = 1 (Default)
   adapt
      engaged = 1 (Default)
      gamma = 0.05000000000000000 (Default)
      delta = 0.8000000000000004 (Default)
      kappa = 0.75 (Default)
      t0 = 10 (Default)
      init_buffer = 75 (Default)
      term_buffer = 50 (Default)
      window = 25 (Default)
    algorithm = hmc (Default)
      hmc
        engine = nuts (Default)
         nuts
            max_depth = 10 (Default)
       metric = diag_e (Default)
        stepsize = 1 (Default)
        stepsize_jitter = 0 (Default)
id = 0 (Default)
data
  file = examples/dorothea/dorotheabnn.data.R
init = 2 (Default)
random
  seed = 1609051876
output
 file = bnn-ard_dorothea_nuts.csv
```

```
diagnostic_file = (Default)
refresh = 100 (Default)
```

Gradient evaluation took 2.06366 seconds 1000 transitions using 10 leapfrog steps per transition would take 20636.6 seconds. Adjust your expectations accordingly!

Informational Message: The current Metropolis proposal is about to be rejected because of the following Exception thrown at line 97: stan::math::multi\_normal\_log: LDLT\_Factor of covariance parameter is not po If this warning occurs sporadically, such as for highly constrained variable types like covariance matr

but if this warning occurs often then your model may be either severely ill-conditioned or misspecified

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but if this warning occurs often then your model may be either severely ill-conditioned or misspecified Iteration: 1 / 2000 [0%] (Warmup)

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but if this warning occurs often then your model may be either severely ill-conditioned or misspecified

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log_lik <- extract_log_lik(output_nuts) # see ?extract_log_lik</pre>
         print(loo(log_lik))
         print(waic(log_lik))
         print(summary(extract_log_lik(output_nuts, "average_error")))
Error in extract_log_lik(output_nuts) : Please load the 'rstan' package.
/usr/local/lib/python2.7/site-packages/rpy2/robjects/functions.py:106: UserWarning: Error in extract_log
 res = super(Function, self).__call__(*new_args, **new_kwargs)
/usr/local/lib/python2.7/site-packages/rpy2/robjects/functions.py:106: UserWarning: There were 11 warning
  res = super(Function, self).__call__(*new_args, **new_kwargs)
/usr/local/lib/python2.7/site-packages/rpy2/robjects/functions.py:106: UserWarning:
 res = super(Function, self).__call__(*new_args, **new_kwargs)
In [26]: start = time.time()
         !examples/bnn/bnn-ard variational data file=examples/dorothea/dorotheabnn.data.R output file=b
         end = time.time()
         print end-start
method = variational
  variational
   algorithm = meanfield (Default)
      meanfield
    iter = 10000 (Default)
   grad_samples = 1 (Default)
   elbo_samples = 100 (Default)
   eta = 1 (Default)
   adapt
      engaged = 1 (Default)
      iter = 50 (Default)
   tol_rel_obj = 0.01 (Default)
   eval_elbo = 100 (Default)
   output_samples = 1000 (Default)
id = 0 (Default)
 file = examples/dorothea/dorotheabnn.data.R
init = 2 (Default)
random
  seed = 1565181953
output
 file = bnn-ard_dorothea_advi.csv
  diagnostic_file = (Default)
  refresh = 100 (Default)
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(EXPERIMENTAL ALGORITHM: expect frequent updates to the procedure.)
```

Gradient evaluation took 2.04371 seconds 1000 iterations under these settings should take 2043.71 seconds. Adjust your expectations accordingly!

Begin eta adaptation.

Iteration: 1 / 250 [ 0%] (Adaptation)
Iteration: 50 / 250 [ 20%] (Adaptation)
Iteration: 100 / 250 [ 40%] (Adaptation)
Iteration: 150 / 250 [ 60%] (Adaptation)
Iteration: 200 / 250 [ 80%] (Adaptation)
Iteration: 250 / 250 [100%] (Adaptation)
Success! Found best value [eta = 0.1].

Begin stochastic gradient ascent.

iter	ELB0	delta_ELBO_mean	delta_ELBO_med	notes		
100	-3e+03	1.000	1.000			
200	-2e+03	0.948	1.000			
300	-1e+03	0.759	0.897			
400	-1e+03	0.618	0.897			
500	-9e+02	0.528	0.380			
600	-8e+02	0.457	0.380			
700	-8e+02	0.403	0.194			
800	-7e+02	0.361	0.194			
900	-7e+02	0.326	0.170			
1000	-7e+02	0.297	0.170			
1100	-7e+02	0.199	0.099			
1200	-6e+02	0.112	0.081			
1300	-6e+02	0.077	0.065			
1400	-6e+02	0.058	0.048			
1500	-6e+02	0.042	0.038			
1600	-6e+02	0.033	0.030			
1700	-6e+02	0.025	0.022			
1800	-6e+02	0.020	0.021			
1900	-6e+02	0.017	0.016			
2000	-6e+02	0.013	0.016			
2100	-6e+02	0.013	0.016			
2200	-6e+02	0.012	0.012			
2300	-6e+02	0.009	0.010	MEAN	ELB0	CONVERGED

Drawing a sample of size 1000 from the approximate posterior...  $\ensuremath{\mathtt{COMPLETED}}.$ 

7523.39317584

Computed from 1001 by 800 log-likelihood matrix

```
p_loo
           502.3 39.8
looic
Computed from 1001 by 800 log-likelihood matrix
         Estimate SE
elpd_waic
           -249.4 20.0
p_waic
              80.8 7.3
waic
             498.9 40.1
  Min. 1st Qu. Median
                        Mean 3rd Qu.
                                           Max.
0.1581 0.2995 0.3493 0.3542 0.4093 0.5201
    GP
3
In [23]: !make examples/gp/gp
--- Translating Stan model to C++ code ---
bin/stanc examples/gp/gp.stan --o=examples/gp/gp.hpp
Model name=gp_model
Input file=examples/gp/gp.stan
Output file=examples/gp/gp.hpp
DIAGNOSTIC(S) FROM PARSER:
Warning (non-fatal):
Left-hand side of sampling statement (~) may contain a non-linear transform of a parameter or local var
If so, you need to call increment_log_prob() with the log absolute determinant of the Jacobian of the tr
Left-hand-side of sampling statement:
   y ~ multi_normal(...)
--- Linking C++ model ---
g++ -I src -I stan/src -isystem stan/lib/stan_math/ -isystem stan/lib/stan_math/lib/eigen_3.2.8 -isystem
In [36]: start = time.time()
         !examples/gp/gp sample data file=examples/dorothea/dorotheagp.data.R output file=gp_dorothea_n
         end = time.time()
        print end-start
method = sample (Default)
  sample
   num_samples = 1000 (Default)
   num_warmup = 1000 (Default)
   save_warmup = 0 (Default)
   thin = 1 (Default)
```

Estimate SE -251.2 19.9

82.5 7.2

elpd\_loo

adapt

engaged = 1 (Default)

kappa = 0.75 (Default)t0 = 10 (Default)

init\_buffer = 75 (Default)

gamma = 0.05000000000000000 (Default) delta = 0.8000000000000004 (Default)

```
window = 25 (Default)
    algorithm = hmc (Default)
      hmc
        engine = nuts (Default)
         nuts
            max_depth = 10 (Default)
        metric = diag_e (Default)
        stepsize = 1 (Default)
        stepsize_jitter = 0 (Default)
id = 0 (Default)
data
  file = examples/dorothea/dorotheagp.data.R
init = 2 (Default)
random
  seed = 1627080563
output
 file = gp_dorothea_nuts.csv
 diagnostic_file = (Default)
  refresh = 100 (Default)
Gradient evaluation took 1.50259 seconds
1000 transitions using 10 leapfrog steps per transition would take 15025.9 seconds.
Adjust your expectations accordingly!
Iteration:
              1 / 2000 [ 0%] (Warmup)
Informational Message: The current Metropolis proposal is about to be rejected because of the following
Exception thrown at line 79: stan::math::multi_normal_log: Covariance matrix is not symmetric. Covariance
If this warning occurs sporadically, such as for highly constrained variable types like covariance matr
but if this warning occurs often then your model may be either severely ill-conditioned or misspecified
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but if this warning occurs often then your model may be either severely ill-conditioned or misspecified
16914.7633269
In [33]: %%R
         output_nuts <- read_stan_csv("gp_dorothea_nuts.csv")</pre>
         log_lik <- extract_log_lik(output_nuts) # see ?extract_log_lik</pre>
         print(loo(log_lik))
         print(waic(log_lik))
```

term\_buffer = 50 (Default)

```
print(summary(extract_log_lik(output_nuts, "average_error")))
Error in extract_log_lik(output_nuts) : Please load the 'rstan' package.
/usr/local/lib/python2.7/site-packages/rpy2/robjects/functions.py:106: UserWarning: 1:
  res = super(Function, self).__call__(*new_args, **new_kwargs)
/usr/local/lib/python2.7/site-packages/rpy2/robjects/functions.py:106: UserWarning: In FUN(X[[i]], ...)
  res = super(Function, self).__call__(*new_args, **new_kwargs)
/usr/local/lib/python2.7/site-packages/rpy2/robjects/functions.py:106: UserWarning: line with "Elapsed
  res = super(Function, self).__call__(*new_args, **new_kwargs)
/usr/local/lib/python2.7/site-packages/rpy2/robjects/functions.py:106: UserWarning: 2:
  res = super(Function, self).__call__(*new_args, **new_kwargs)
/usr/local/lib/python2.7/site-packages/rpy2/robjects/functions.py:106: UserWarning: In read_stan_csv("gp
  res = super(Function, self).__call__(*new_args, **new_kwargs)
/usr/local/lib/python2.7/site-packages/rpy2/robjects/functions.py:106: UserWarning:
 res = super(Function, self).__call__(*new_args, **new_kwargs)
/usr/local/lib/python2.7/site-packages/rpy2/robjects/functions.py:106: UserWarning: the number of iter
 res = super(Function, self).__call__(*new_args, **new_kwargs)
In [24]: start = time.time()
         !examples/gp/gp variational data file=examples/dorothea/dorotheagp.data.R output file=gp_dorot
         end = time.time()
         print end-start
method = variational
  variational
   algorithm = meanfield (Default)
     meanfield
    iter = 10000 (Default)
    grad_samples = 1 (Default)
    elbo_samples = 100 (Default)
   eta = 1 (Default)
      engaged = 1 (Default)
      iter = 50 (Default)
   tol_rel_obj = 0.01 (Default)
    eval_elbo = 100 (Default)
   output_samples = 1000 (Default)
id = 0 (Default)
  file = examples/dorothea/dorotheagp.data.R
init = 2 (Default)
random
  seed = 1562823704
output
  file = gp_dorothea_advi.csv
  diagnostic_file = (Default)
  refresh = 100 (Default)
```

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```
(EXPERIMENTAL ALGORITHM: expect frequent updates to the procedure.)
Gradient evaluation took 1.62711 seconds
1000 iterations under these settings should take 1627.11 seconds.
Adjust your expectations accordingly!
Begin eta adaptation.
Iteration:
           1 / 250 [ 0%] (Adaptation)
Iteration: 50 / 250 [ 20%] (Adaptation)
Iteration: 100 / 250 [ 40%] (Adaptation)
Iteration: 150 / 250 [ 60%] (Adaptation)
Iteration: 200 / 250 [ 80%] (Adaptation)
Success! Found best value [eta = 1] earlier than expected.
Begin stochastic gradient ascent.
  iter
            ELBO delta_ELBO_mean
                                     delta_ELBO_med
                                                      notes
          -4e+02
                           1.000
                                             1.000
  100
                                               1.000
   200
          -4e+02
                              0.563
          -3e+02
                                               0.127
   300
                              0.399
   400
          -3e+02
                             0.300
                                               0.127
   500
          -3e+02
                             0.244
                                               0.070
  600
          -3e+02
                                               0.070
                             0.211
  700
          -3e+02
                             0.182
                                               0.044
  800
          -3e+02
                             0.162
                                               0.044
  900
          -3e+02
                             0.145
                                               0.022
          -3e+02
  1000
                              0.131
                                               0.022
  1100
          -3e+02
                              0.031
                                               0.020
  1200
          -3e+02
                                               0.014
                              0.019
  1300
          -3e+02
                              0.012
                                               0.009
                                                       MEDIAN ELBO CONVERGED
Drawing a sample of size 1000 from the approximate posterior...
COMPLETED.
2354.44530821
In [25]: %%R
         output_advi <- read_one_stan_csv("gp_dorothea_advi.csv")</pre>
         #head(output_advi)
         col_nb <- grep("log_lik", names(output_advi))</pre>
         log_lik <- as.matrix(output_advi[,col_nb])</pre>
         #head(as.matrix(log_lik))
         print(loo(log_lik))
         print(waic(log_lik))
        print(summary(output_advi$average_error))
Computed from 1001 by 800 log-likelihood matrix
         Estimate SE
          -585.3 3.2
elpd_loo
p_loo
              8.0 0.2
          1170.7 6.3
Computed from 1001 by 800 log-likelihood matrix
         Estimate SE
elpd_waic -585.2 3.2
```

```
p_waic 7.9 0.2
waic 1170.4 6.3
   Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max.
0.2597 0.3951 0.4241 0.4242 0.4539 0.5670
```

### 3.1 GP-ARD

```
In [13]: !make examples/gp/gp-ard
--- Translating Stan model to C++ code ---
bin/stanc examples/gp/gp-ard.stan --o=examples/gp/gp-ard.hpp
Model name=gp_ard_model
Input file=examples/gp/gp-ard.stan
Output file=examples/gp/gp-ard.hpp
DIAGNOSTIC(S) FROM PARSER:
Warning (non-fatal):
Left-hand side of sampling statement (~) may contain a non-linear transform of a parameter or local var
If so, you need to call increment_log_prob() with the log absolute determinant of the Jacobian of the tr
Left-hand-side of sampling statement:
   y ~ multi_normal(...)
--- Linking C++ model ---
g++ -I src -I stan/src -isystem stan/lib/stan_math/ -isystem stan/lib/stan_math/lib/eigen_3.2.8 -isystem
In [ ]: start = time.time()
        !examples/gp/gp-ard sample data file=examples/dorothea/dorotheagp.data.R output file=gp-ard_dor
        end = time.time()
       print end-start
method = sample (Default)
  sample
   num_samples = 1000 (Default)
   num_warmup = 1000 (Default)
   save_warmup = 0 (Default)
   thin = 1 (Default)
    adapt
      engaged = 1 (Default)
      gamma = 0.05000000000000000 (Default)
      delta = 0.8000000000000004 (Default)
      kappa = 0.75 (Default)
      t0 = 10 (Default)
      init_buffer = 75 (Default)
      term_buffer = 50 (Default)
      window = 25 (Default)
    algorithm = hmc (Default)
        engine = nuts (Default)
          nuts
            max_depth = 10 (Default)
       metric = diag_e (Default)
        stepsize = 1 (Default)
```

```
stepsize_jitter = 0 (Default)
id = 0 (Default)
  file = examples/dorothea/dorotheagp.data.R
init = 2 (Default)
random
  seed = 1643995651
output
  file = gp-ard_dorothea_nuts.csv
  diagnostic_file = (Default)
 refresh = 100 (Default)
Gradient evaluation took 3.77519 seconds
1000 transitions using 10 leapfrog steps per transition would take 37751.8 seconds.
Adjust your expectations accordingly!
Iteration:
              1 / 2000 [ 0%] (Warmup)
Informational Message: The current Metropolis proposal is about to be rejected because of the following
Exception thrown at line 91: stan::math::multi_normal_log: Covariance matrix is not symmetric. Covariance
If this warning occurs sporadically, such as for highly constrained variable types like covariance matr
but if this warning occurs often then your model may be either severely ill-conditioned or misspecified
In [35]: %%R
         output_nuts <- read_stan_csv("gp-ard_dorothea_nuts.csv")</pre>
         log_lik <- extract_log_lik(output_nuts) # see ?extract_log_lik</pre>
         print(loo(log_lik))
         print(waic(log_lik))
         print(summary(extract_log_lik(output_nuts, "average_error")))
Error in strsplit(header, ",")[[1]] : subscript out of bounds
/usr/local/lib/python2.7/site-packages/rpy2/robjects/functions.py:106: UserWarning: Error in strsplit(h
  res = super(Function, self).__call__(*new_args, **new_kwargs)
/usr/local/lib/python2.7/site-packages/rpy2/robjects/functions.py:106: UserWarning: Warning message:
  res = super(Function, self).__call__(*new_args, **new_kwargs)
In [18]: start = time.time()
         !examples/gp/gp-ard variational data file=examples/dorothea/dorotheagp.data.R output file=gp-a
         end = time.time()
         print end-start
method = variational
  variational
```

```
algorithm = meanfield (Default)
     meanfield
    iter = 10000 (Default)
   grad_samples = 1 (Default)
    elbo_samples = 100 (Default)
   eta = 1 (Default)
   adapt
      engaged = 1 (Default)
      iter = 50 (Default)
   tol_rel_obj = 0.01 (Default)
    eval_elbo = 100 (Default)
   output_samples = 1000 (Default)
id = 0 (Default)
  file = examples/dorothea/dorotheagp.data.R
init = 2 (Default)
random
  seed = 1550027225
output
  file = gp_dorothea_advi.csv
  diagnostic_file = (Default)
  refresh = 100 (Default)
This is Automatic Differentiation Variational Inference.
(EXPERIMENTAL ALGORITHM: expect frequent updates to the procedure.)
Gradient evaluation took 4.16308 seconds
1000 iterations under these settings should take 4163.08 seconds.
Adjust your expectations accordingly!
Begin eta adaptation.
Iteration:
           1 / 250 [ 0%] (Adaptation)
Iteration: 50 / 250 [ 20%] (Adaptation)
Iteration: 100 / 250 [ 40%] (Adaptation)
Iteration: 150 / 250 [ 60%] (Adaptation)
Iteration: 200 / 250 [ 80%] (Adaptation)
Success! Found best value [eta = 1] earlier than expected.
Begin stochastic gradient ascent.
  iter
            ELBO delta_ELBO_mean delta_ELBO_med
                                                      notes
   100
           -4e+02
                              1.000
                                               1.000
   200
          -4e+02
                                               1.000
                              0.541
   300
           -4e+02
                                               0.081
                              0.371
   400
          -4e+02
                              0.288
                                               0.081
   500
           -4e+02
                              0.232
                                               0.037
   600
           -4e+02
                              0.195
                                               0.037
   700
           -4e+02
                              0.168
                                               0.033
   800
           -4e+02
                              0.147
                                               0.033
   900
           -4e+02
                              0.132
                                               0.012
  1000
           -4e+02
                              0.119
                                               0.012
  1100
           -4e+02
                              0.020
                                               0.010
```

0.013

1200

-4e+02

0.010

#head(output\_advi)
col\_nb <- grep("log\_lik", names(output\_advi))
log\_lik <- as.matrix(output\_advi[,col\_nb])
#head(as.matrix(log\_lik))
print(loo(log\_lik))
print(waic(log\_lik))
print(summary(output\_advi\$average\_error))</pre>

Computed from 1001 by 800 log-likelihood matrix

Estimate SE
elpd\_loo -592.2 3.3
p\_loo 9.9 0.2
looic 1184.3 6.6
Computed from 1001 by 800 log-likelihood matrix

Estimate SE
elpd\_waic -592.0 3.3
p\_waic 9.7 0.2
waic 1184.1 6.6
Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max.

Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. 0.3066 0.4536 0.4826 0.4835 0.5152 0.6430

## In []:

# GPy

# May 1, 2016

```
In [68]: import GPy
         from sklearn.decomposition import PCA
         import numpy as np
         import pandas as pd
         import time
         import pdb
In [103]: y = pd.read_csv('dorothea/y.csv')
         y = y.as_matrix()
          y = y.reshape((y.shape[0],1))
          yt = pd.read_csv('dorothea/ytest.csv')
          yt = yt.as_matrix()
          yt = yt.reshape((yt.shape[0],1))
          x = pd.read_csv('dorothea/x.csv')
          xt = pd.read_csv('dorothea/xtest.csv')
In [104]: def BER(y, yhat):
              TN=0
              FN=0
              TP=0
              FP=0
              for i in range(0, y.shape[0]):
                  if(np.round(yhat[0][i]) == 0 and y[i] == 0):
                      TN = TN + 1.0
                  elif(np.round(yhat[0][i]) == 0 and y[i] == 1):
                      FN = FN + 1.0
                  elif(np.round(yhat[0][i]) == 1 and y[i] == 1):
                      TP = TP + 1.0
                  elif(np.round(yhat[0][i]) == 1 and y[i] == 0):
                      FP = FP + 1.0
                  else:
                      pdb.set_trace()
              BER = 0.5 * (FP/(FP+TN) + FN/(FN+TP))
              print BER
In [105]: k = GPy.kern.RBF(X_train_pca.shape[1], ARD=False) + GPy.kern.White(X_train_pca.shape[1])
          m = GPy.models.GPClassification(x, y, kernel=k)
          start = time.time()
          m.optimize()
          end = time.time()
          print(end - start)
          y_test_pred = m.predict(xt.as_matrix())
          BER(yt, y_test_pred)
```

34.4837048054