STAT 576 Bayesian Analysis

Lecture 9: Hybrid Monte Carlo

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- ▶ We use the MD to propose a new state of the system, and then use the Metropolis algorithm to accept or reject the proposed state.
- Benefits:
 - It can explore the state space more efficiently than the random walk Metropolis.
 - It can handle high-dimensional state space.

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If we define the **Lagrangian** of the system by

$$L(t, \boldsymbol{q}, \dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) = T(\dot{\boldsymbol{q}}) - U(\boldsymbol{q}),$$

then the equation above is equivalent to the **Euler-Lagrange equation**:

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{a}} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\mathbf{a}}} = 0$$



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▶ Combining the two equations above, we have the **Hamilton's equations**:

$$\dot{q} = rac{\partial H(q, p)}{\partial p},$$
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where $H(m{q},m{p})=T(m{p})+U(m{q})$ is the **Hamiltonian** of the system.

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Furthermore, we have

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We update the momentum by:

$$p(t + \Delta t) = m \frac{q(t + \Delta t) - q(t - \Delta t)}{2\Delta t}$$

or

$$p(t + \Delta t) = m \frac{q(t + \Delta t) - q(t)}{\Delta t}$$

Leap-frog algorithm:

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- ► We update the position by:

$$q(t + \Delta t) = q(t) + \Delta t \frac{p(t + \frac{1}{2}\Delta t)}{m}$$

We update the momentum at the half-time interval by:

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- The MD simulation is volume-preserving because the Jacobian of the transformation at each step is 1.
- ▶ The MD simulation is time reversable because we can simulate the system backward by reversing the momentum.
- Hamiltonian is not preserved because of the dicretization error.



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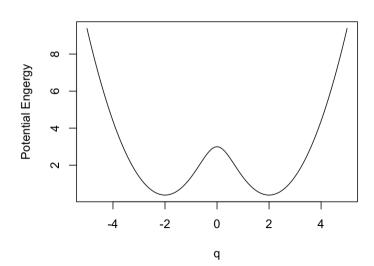
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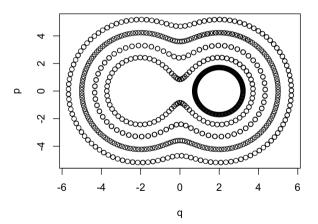
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We simulate the system using the leap-frog algorithm with $\Delta t=0.1$, starting position q(0)=1, and five different momentums p(0)=1,2,3,4,5.



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n = 200
dt = 0.1
phase_sample = array(dim=c(5, 2, n+1))
phase_sample[,1,1] = 1
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pdot = function(q) \{-2*q + 4*tanh(2*q)\}
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Trajectories in the phase space of the system with different initial momentums.



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- The Hamiltonian dynamics is reversable, meaning that if (x(t), p(t)) results in $(x(t + \Delta t), p(t + \Delta t))$, then $(x(t + \Delta t), -p(t + \Delta t))$ results in (x(t), -p(t)).



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Remark: The leap-frog step can be replaced by any deterministic time-reversible and volume-preserving dynamics.

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- The acceptance probability in a Metropolis-Hastings algorithm is

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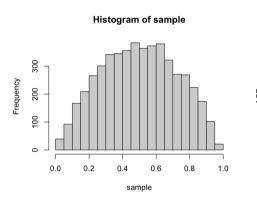
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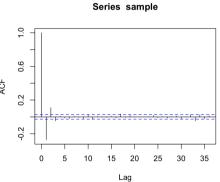
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h = function(x, p) {
    if(x*(1-x) <= 0) return(Inf)
    else return(-log(x*(1-x)) + p**2/2)}

eps = 0.05
L = 10
n = 5000
burnin = 500
sample = rep(0, n+1)
x = 0.5</pre>
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for(i in 1:(n+burnin)){
    p = \mathbf{rnorm}(1)
    h old = h(x, p)
    V = X
    for(j in 1:L) {
        p = p + 0.5 * pdot(y) * eps
        y = y + p \star eps
        p = p + 0.5 * pdot(v) * eps
    h_new = h(y, p)
    if(runif(1) \le exp(-h_new + h_old)) x = y
    if(i > burnin) sample[i-burnin] = x
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- ▶ In the Hamiltonian Monte Carlo, we use the leap-frog algorithm to simulate the dynamics:
 - ightharpoonup m=1
 - p is drawn from a standard multivariate normal.
 - $H = U(q) + ||p||^2.$

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- ► Time indices are relabelled to integers.
- $ightharpoonup Z_t$ is standard multivariate normal. (random sampling for p)
- ▶ h is the step size. $(\sqrt{dt} = h)$.

The corresponding stochastic differential equation is

$$d\boldsymbol{x}_t = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial \log \pi(\boldsymbol{x})}{\partial \boldsymbol{x}} dt + d\boldsymbol{W}_t.$$



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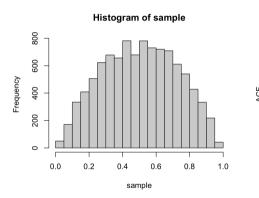
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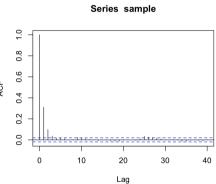
$$\alpha = \min \left\{ 1, \frac{\pi(\boldsymbol{x}')\mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{x} \mid \boldsymbol{x}' - \frac{h}{2}\nabla U(\boldsymbol{x}'), h\boldsymbol{I})}{\pi(\boldsymbol{x})\mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{x}' \mid \boldsymbol{x} - \frac{h}{2}\nabla U(\boldsymbol{x}), h\boldsymbol{I})} \right\}$$

Draw samples from the $\mathrm{Beta}(2,2)$ distribution using the Langevin dynamics. We have

$$U(x) = -\log x(1-x) \text{ and } dU/dx = -\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{1-x}$$

```
n = 10000
burnin = 1000
sample = rep(0, n)
x = 0.5
h = 0.1
hsqrt = sqrt(h)
for(i in 1:(n+burnin)){
    z = \mathbf{rnorm}(1)
    v = x - 0.5*(2*x-1)/x/(1-x)*h + hsqrt*z
    if (v*(1-v)>0) {
        logpy = log(y*(1-y)) - 0.5*(x-y+0.5*(2*y-1)/y/(1-y)*h)**2/h
        logpx = log(x*(1-x)) - 0.5*z**2
        if(runif(1) <= exp(logpy-logpx)) x = y</pre>
    if(i > burnin) sample[i - burnin] = x
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The posterior distribution is $\theta = (\mu, \tau, \alpha)$.

$$p(\theta \mid y) \propto p(\mu, \tau) \prod_{i=1}^{8} p(\alpha_j \mid \mu, \tau) p(y_j \mid \alpha_j, \sigma_j) \propto \frac{1}{\tau^J} e^{-\frac{\sum (\alpha_j - \mu)^2}{2\tau^2}} e^{-\sum \frac{(\alpha_j - y_j)^2}{2\sigma_j^2}}$$

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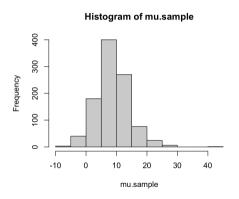
$$H(\mu, \tau, \boldsymbol{\alpha}, p_{\mu}, p_{\tau}, \boldsymbol{p}_{\alpha}) = -\log p(\theta \mid y) + \frac{1}{2\sigma_{\pi}^{2}} \left(p_{\mu}^{2} + p_{\tau}^{2} + \|\boldsymbol{p}_{\alpha}\|^{2}\right)$$

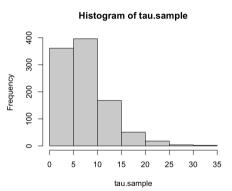
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n = 1000
burnin = 100
J = 8
mu.sample = rep(0, n)
tau.sample = rep(0, n)
alpha.sample = array(dim=c(J, n))
mu = 0
tau = 5
alpha = rep(0, J)
T_{\rm r} = 2.0
eps = 0.05
p.sigma = 0.1
```

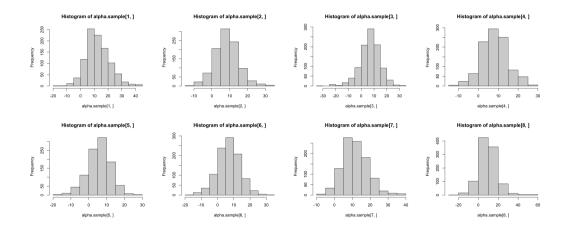
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ham = function(mu, tau, alpha, p.mu, p.tau, p.alpha) {
    if(tau <= 0)
        return(Inf)
    p1 = 0.5*sum((alpha-mu)**2)/tau**2
    p2 = 0.5*sum((alpha-y)**2/s**2)
    p3 = J*log(tau)
    p4 = p.mu**2/2/p.sigma**2
    p5 = p.tau**2/2/p.sigma**2
    p6 = sum(p.alpha**2)/2/p.sigma**2
    return(p1+p2+p3+p4+p5+p6)
}</pre>
```

```
for(i in 1:(n+burnin)){
    p.mu = rnorm(1) * p.sigma
    p.tau = rnorm(1) * p.sigma
    p.alpha = rnorm(J) * p.sigma
    h old = ham(mu, tau, alpha, p.mu, p.tau, p.alpha)
    n.mii = mii
    n.tau = tau
    n.alpha = alpha
    // leap-frog step here
    h_new = ham(n.mu, n.tau, n.alpha, p.mu, p.tau, p.alpha)
    if(runif(1) <= exp(h_old - h_new)){</pre>
        mii = n.mii
        tau = n.tau
        alpha = n.alpha
    if(i > burnin) {
        mu.sample[i-burnin] = mu
        tau.sample[i-burnin] = tau
        alpha.sample[,i-burnin] = alpha
```

```
// leap-frog step
for(j in 1:L){
    p.mu = p.mu + 0.5 \star eps \star (-J) \star (n.mu - mean(n.alpha)) / n.tau \star 2
    p.tau = p.tau+0.5*eps* (-J/n.tau+sum((n.alpha-n.mu)**2)/n.tau**3)
    p.alpha = p.alpha+0.5*eps*(-(n.alpha-n.mu)/n.tau**2-(n.alpha-y)/s**2)
    n.mu = n.mu + p.mu * eps / p.sigma ** 2
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We can also use the Langevin dynamics to sample from the posterior distribution.

```
h = 0.1
hsgrt = sgrt(h)
m_{11} = 0
tau = 5
alpha = rep(0, J)
logp = function(mu, tau, alpha) {
    if(tau <= 0) return(-Inf)</pre>
    p1 = 0.5 \times sum((alpha-mu) \times 2)/tau \times 2
    p2 = 0.5*sum((alpha-v)**2/s**2)
    p3 = J*log(tau)
    return (- (p1+p2+p3))
fun.dlogp = function(mu, tau, alpha) {
    dmu = -J*(mu - mean(alpha))/tau ** 2
    dtau = -J/tau+sum((alpha-mu)**2)/tau**3
    dalpha = -(alpha - mu)/tau**2 - (alpha-y)/s**2
    return(list(mu=dmu, tau=dtau, alpha=dalpha))
```

```
for(i in 1:(n+burnin)){
    z.mu = rnorm(1)
    z.tau = rnorm(1)
    z.alpha = rnorm(J)
    dlogp = fun.dlogp(mu, tau, alpha)
    n.mu = mu + 0.5 * h * dlogp * mu + h * grt * z.mu
    n.tau = tau + 0.5*h*dlogp$tau + hsgrt*z.tau
    n.alpha = alpha + 0.5*h*dlogp$alpha +hsqrt*z.alpha
    dlogp = fun.dlogp(n.mu, n.tau, n.alpha)
    loga = logp(n.mu, n.tau, n.alpha) - logp(mu, tau, alpha)
    loga = loga - 0.5 * (mu - n.mu - 0.5*h*dlogp$mu)**2/h
    loga = loga - 0.5 * (tau - n.tau - 0.5*h*dlogp$tau)**2/h
    \log a = \log a - 0.5 \star sum((alpha - n.alpha - 0.5 \star h \star dloop$alpha) \star \star 2/h)
    loga = loga + 0.5 * z.mu ** 2 + 0.5*z.tau**2 + 0.5 * sum(z.alpha**2)
    //Accept with prob exp(loga)
    //store the sample
```