

Today

- Questions from homework?
- Coding an MCMC algorithm
- An example to work on

Rosenbluth algorithm

aka Metropolis-Hastings

Algorithm (original)

for many iterations

 propose new value for parameter:

 draw $\text{Unif}(-\text{max_d}, \text{max_d})$

 proposal = current parameter + draw

 calculate the probability of accepting the proposal:

$P_{\text{accept}} = \min(\text{Pr}(\text{proposal}) / \text{Pr}(\text{current}), 1)$

 accept proposal randomly with $\text{Bern}(P_{\text{accept}})$

plot posterior distribution (histogram) of parameter values

With your
linear data

where $\text{Pr}() = \text{prior} \times \text{likelihood}$