

# Hamiltonian Monte Carlo on Ising Model

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# Ising Model Depiction

- Let  $s = \{s_1, s_2 \cdots s_n\}$ ,  $s_i \in \{0, 1\}^n$  be the binary random vector representing the spin configurations of the ferromagnet
- $s$  is distributed as followed:

$$p(s) \propto \frac{1}{Z} \exp(a^T s + \frac{1}{2} s^T W s)$$

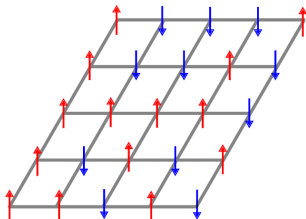


Figure 1: Ising Model on a Lattice

- $W$  is a real-symmetric matrix representing the interactions between different electrons

# Continuous Relaxation on Ising Model

- Conditioning on  $s$ , the continuous random vector  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is normally distributed as:

$$x|s \sim N(A(W + D)s, A^T(W + D)A)$$

- $D$  is a diagonal matrix ensuring that  $W + D$  is positive-definite
- $A$  is an arbitrary non-singular matrix

# Continuous Relaxation on Ising Model

- Let  $d = \text{diag}(D)$  and  $\alpha_X = A^{-1}x$

- The joint distribution of  $(x, s)$  is:

$$p(x, s) \propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}x^T(A^{-1})^T(W + D)^{-1}A^{-1}x + s^T A^{-1}x + \left(a - \frac{1}{2}d\right)^T s\right)$$

- The marginal distribution for  $x$  is:

$$p(x) \propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}x^T(A^{-1})^T(W + D)^{-1}A^{-1}x\right) \prod_{i=1}^n \left(1 + \exp(\alpha_{X;i} + a_i - \frac{d_i}{2})\right)$$

- The conditional distribution of  $s$  given  $x$  is Bernoulli whose parameter is given by:

$$p(s_i|x) = \sigma(-\alpha_{X;i} - a_i + \frac{d_i}{2})^{1-s_i} \sigma(\alpha_{X;i} + a_i - \frac{d_i}{2})^{s_i}$$

where  $\sigma(z) = 1/(1 + \exp(-z))$

# Continuous Relaxation on Ising Model

- $s_i$  are conditionally independent given  $x$
- If  $A$  is chosen as  $(W + D)^{-1/2}$ ,  $x_i$  are also conditionally independent given  $s$
- If  $A = I$ ,  $s_i$  is conditionally dependent only on  $x_i$

# Hamiltonian Monte Carlo for Discrete Random Vector

- Sampling from  $s$  would be easy if we could sample the marginal distribution of  $x$  since the conditional distribution of  $s$  given  $x$  are independent Bernoullis.
- $x$  has a continuous and differentiable probability density function, which guarantees that it could be sampled using Hamiltonian dynamics.
- Let the potential energy function  $U(x)$  be:

$$\begin{aligned} U(x) &= -\log(p(x)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}x^\tau(A^{-1})^\tau(W + D)A^{-1}x - \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1 + \exp(\alpha_{X;i} + a_i - \frac{d_i}{2})) \end{aligned}$$

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- The corresponding kinetic energy function  $K(p)$  is:

$$K(p) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{p_i^2}{2m_i}$$

- The Hamiltonian is therefore:

$$H(x, p) = U(x) + K(p)$$

# Hamiltonian Monte Carlo for Discrete Random Vector

- Let  $l_X \in \mathbb{R}^n$  whose  $i$ th entry is:

$$l_{X;i} = \frac{\exp(\alpha_{X;i} + a_i - \frac{d_i}{2})}{1 + \exp(\alpha_{X;i} + a_i - \frac{d_i}{2})}$$

- The gradient of the potential energy function would therefore be:

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial x} = (A^{-1})^T (W + D)^{-1} A^{-1} x - A^{-1} l_X$$



# Hamiltonian Monte Carlo for Discrete Random Vector

- The Hamiltonian Dynamics for sampling  $s$  is

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**Algorithm 1:** Hamiltonian MCMC for Ising Model

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Initialisation: Choose step-size  $\epsilon$ , iteration times  $N$  and starting point  $(x^0, p^0)$ ;

**for**  $0 \leq n \leq N - 1$  **do**

$$\tilde{p}_i^{n+1} = p_i^n - \frac{\epsilon}{2} \frac{\partial U}{\partial x_i}(x^n);$$

$$x_i^{n+1} = x_i^n + \epsilon \frac{\tilde{p}_i^{n+1}}{m_i};$$

$$p_i^{n+1} = \tilde{p}_i^{n+1} - \frac{\epsilon}{2} \frac{\partial U}{\partial x_i}(x^{n+1});$$

Accept the new state  $(x^{n+1}, p^{n+1})$  with probability:

$$\min[1, \exp(-U(x^{n+1}) + U(x^n) - K(p^{n+1}) + K(p^n))]$$

Otherwise set  $(x^{n+1}, p^{n+1})$  as  $(x^n, p^n)$

Compute  $\alpha_X^{n+1} = A^{-1}x^{n+1}$

$$\text{Sample } p(s_i^{n+1}|x) = \sigma(-\alpha_{X;i}^{n+1} - a_i + \frac{d_i}{2})^{1-s_i^{n+1}} \sigma(\alpha_{X;i}^{n+1} + a_i - \frac{d_i}{2})^{s_i^{n+1}}$$

**end**

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# References I