

Bayesian sampling algorithms

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Abstract

Bayesian approach is one general way to handle many problems in data science. Computationally its solution requires generating samples from a target distribution. How to design efficient sampling algorithm is an important question. This becomes particularly critical if the underlying model is high dimensional. In this talk, we will discuss the classical approach of MCMC and some new variational methods.

About the speaker

Professor Xin Tong is the assistant Professor at the NUS.

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