

Lecture 27: Physics-informed deep neural networks

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Introduction to probabilistic programming

Problem definition

Model parameters : x

Data : y



Prior : $x \sim p(x)$

Likelihood : $y|x \sim p(y|x)$

Posterior :

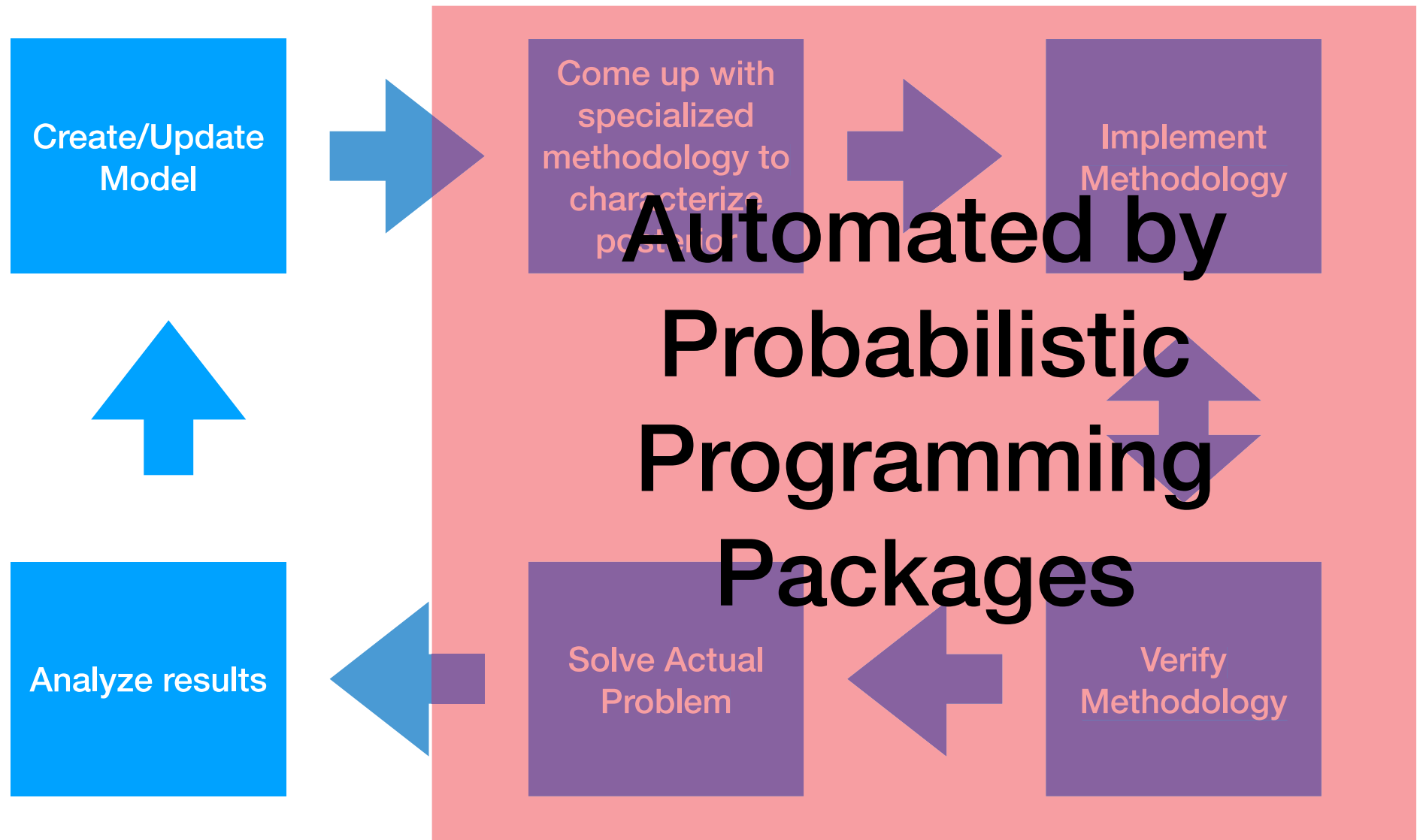
$$? \quad p(x|y) = \frac{p(y|x) p(x)}{Z} \quad ?$$

$$? \quad Z = \int p(y|x) p(x) dx \quad ?$$

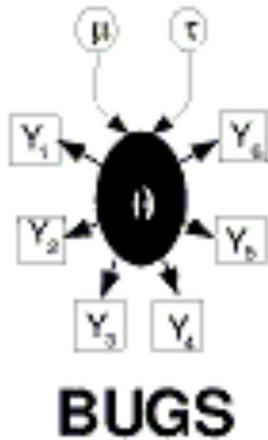
How do we characterize the posterior?

- Analytical
- Perturbation methods
- Sampling methods
- Variational inference
- Approximate Bayesian computation
- ...

Probabilistic programming automates Bayesian inference



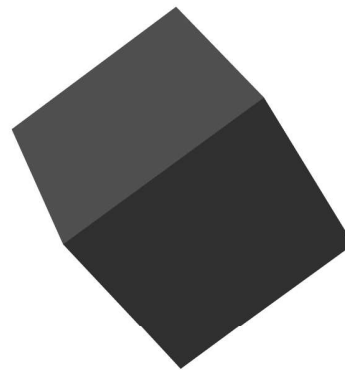
Probabilistic programming packages



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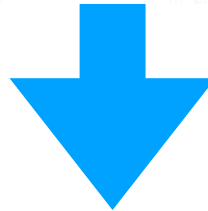
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Example: Hierarchical model to code



$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_1 &\sim \text{Exp}(\lambda_1 | \alpha), \\ \lambda_2 &\sim \text{Exp}(\lambda_2 | \alpha), \\ \tau &\sim \text{DiscreteUniform}([1851, 1852, \dots, 1961]), \\ \lambda &= \begin{cases} \lambda_1 & \text{if } t < \tau \\ \lambda_2 & \text{if } t \geq \tau \end{cases} \\ \text{obs}_i &\sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_i)\end{aligned}$$



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disaster_model = pm.Model()
lower_year, upper_year = years.min(), years.max()
alpha = 1.

with disaster_model:
    # define the prior
    lambda_1 = pm.Exponential("lambda_1", lam=alpha)
    lambda_2 = pm.Exponential("lambda_2", lam=alpha)
    tau = pm.DiscreteUniform('tau', lower=lower_year, upper=upper_year)
    lmbda = pm.Deterministic('lambda', tt.switch(tau >= years, lambda_1, lambda_2))

    # define the likelihood
    x = pm.Poisson('x', lmbda, observed=disasters)
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with disaster_model:
    trace = pm.sample(draws=40000, progressbar=True)
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