

# Group Work 03

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library(bayesrules) # R package for our textbook
library(tidyverse) # Collection of packages for tidying and plotting data
library(janitor) # Helper functions like tidy and tabyl
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## Note

No group problems from Friday

## 1 BR Exercise 7.6: Proposing a new location

In each situation below, complete Step 1 of the Metropolis-Hastings algorithm. That is, starting from the given current chain value  $\lambda^{(i)} = \lambda$  and with `set.seed(84735)`, use the given proposal model to draw a  $\lambda'$  proposal value for the next value in the chain  $\lambda^{(i+1)}$

- (a)  $\lambda = 4.6, \lambda' | \lambda \sim N(\lambda, 2^2)$
- (b)  $\lambda = 2.1, \lambda' | \lambda \sim N(\lambda, 7^2)$
- (c)  $\lambda = 8.9, \lambda' | \lambda \sim Unif(\lambda - 2, \lambda + 2)$
- (d)  $\lambda = 1.2, \lambda' | \lambda \sim Unif(\lambda - 0.5, \lambda + 0.5)$
- (e)  $\lambda = 7.7, \lambda' | \lambda \sim Unif(\lambda - 3, \lambda + 3)$
- (f) Discuss why these proposal models “make sense”

## 2 BR Exercise 7.7: Calculate the acceptance probability

Suppose that a Markov chain is currently at  $\lambda^{(i)} = 2$  and the proposal for  $\lambda^{(i+1)}$  is  $\lambda' = 2.1$ . For each pair of unnormalized pdf  $f(\lambda)L(\lambda|y)$  and proposal  $q(\lambda'|\lambda)$ , calculate the acceptance probability  $\alpha$  used in Step 2 of the Metropolis-Hastings algorithm.

- (a)  $f(\lambda)L(\lambda|y) = \lambda^{-1}, \lambda' | \lambda \sim N(\lambda, 2^2)$  with pdf  $q(\lambda'|\lambda)$
- (b)  $f(\lambda)L(\lambda|y) = e^{3\lambda}, \lambda' | \lambda \sim N(\lambda, .5^2)$  with pdf  $q(\lambda'|\lambda)$
- (c)  $f(\lambda)L(\lambda|y) = e^{-1.9\lambda}, \lambda' | \lambda \sim Unif(\lambda - .3, \lambda + .3)$  with pdf  $q(\lambda'|\lambda)$

- (d)  $f(\lambda)L(\lambda|y) = e^{-\lambda^4}$ ,  $\lambda'|\lambda \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$  with pdf  $q(\lambda'|\lambda)$
- (e) For which of these scenarios is there a 100% acceptance probability? Explain why we'd certainly want to accept  $\lambda$  in these scenarios

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