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- Stan is the most popular probabilistic programming framework
  - many recent probprog frameworks use dynamic HMC samplers
  - this lecture introduces Stan language and main features
  - later you can also use higher level packages built on top of Stan

## BDA Chapter 12

- 12.1 Efficient Gibbs samplers (not part of the course)
- 12.2 Efficient Metropolis jump rules (not part of the course)
- 12.3 Further extensions to Gibbs and Metropolis (not part of the course)
- 12.4 Hamiltonian Monte Carlo (important)
- 12.5 Hamiltonian dynamics for a simple hierarchical model (useful example)
- 12.6 Stan: developing a computing environment (useful intro)

## Extra material for HMC / NUTS

- An introduction for applied users with good visualizations:  
Monnahan, Thorson, and Branch (2016) Faster estimation of Bayesian models in ecology using Hamiltonian Monte Carlo.  
<https://dx.doi.org/10.1111/2041-210X.12681>
- A technical review of why HMC works:  
Neal (2012). MCMC using Hamiltonian dynamics.  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/1206.1901>
- The No-U-Turn Sampler:  
Hoffman and Gelman (2014). The No-U-Turn Sampler: Adaptively Setting Path Lengths in Hamiltonian Monte Carlo.  
<https://jmlr.csail.mit.edu/papers/v15/hoffman14a.html>
- Multinomial variant of NUTS:  
Betancourt (2018). A Conceptual Introduction to Hamiltonian Monte Carlo. <https://arxiv.org/abs/1701.02434>

## Extra material for Stan

- Gelman, Lee, and Guo (2015) Stan: A probabilistic programming language for Bayesian inference and optimization.  
[http://www.stat.columbia.edu/~gelman/research/published/stan\\_jebbs\\_2.pdf](http://www.stat.columbia.edu/~gelman/research/published/stan_jebbs_2.pdf)
- Carpenter et al (2017). Stan: A probabilistic programming language. Journal of Statistical Software 76(1).  
<https://doi.org/10.18637/jss.v076.i01>
- Stan User's Guide, Language Reference Manual, and Language Function Reference (in html and pdf)  
<https://mc-stan.org/users/documentation/>
  - easiest to start from Example Models in User's guide
- Basics of Bayesian inference and Stan, part 1 Jonah Gabry & Lauren Kennedy (StanCon 2019 Helsinki tutorial)
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZRpo41I02KQ&index=6&list=PLuwyh42iHquU4hUBQs20hkBsKSMrp6H0J>
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6cc4N1vT8pk&index=7&list=PLuwyh42iHquU4hUBQs20hkBsKSMrp6H0J>

## Chapter 12 demos

- demo12\_1: HMC
- <https://chi-feng.github.io/mcmc-demo/>
- <http://elevanth.org/blog/2017/11/28/build-a-better-markov-chain/>
- cmdstanr\_demo, rstan\_demo
- <http://sumsar.net/blog/2017/01/bayesian-computation-with-stan-and-farmer-jons/>
- <http://mc-stan.org/documentation/case-studies.html>
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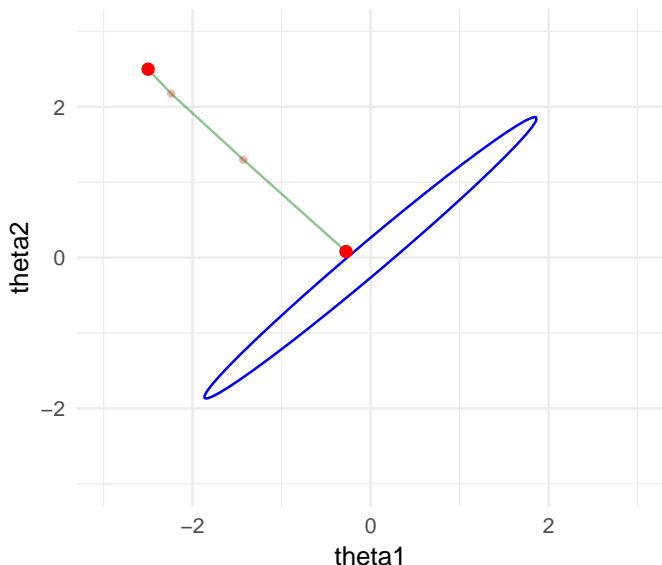
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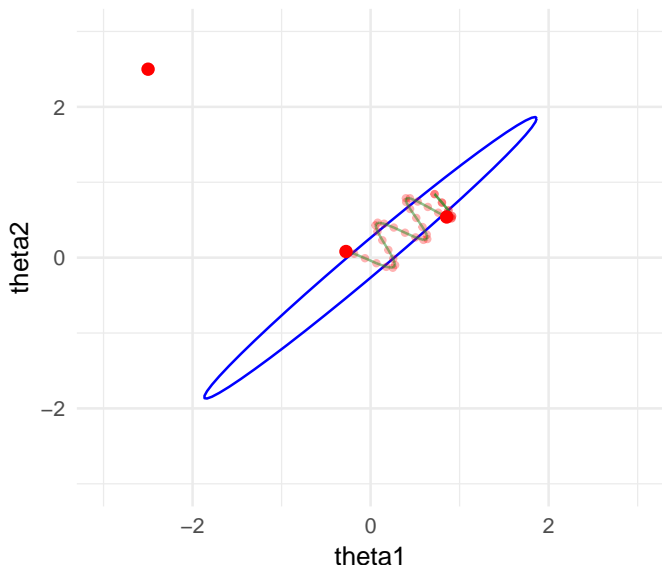
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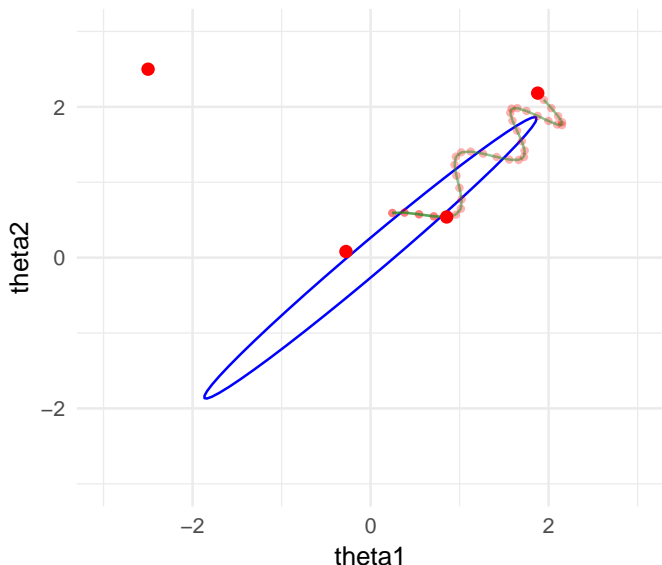
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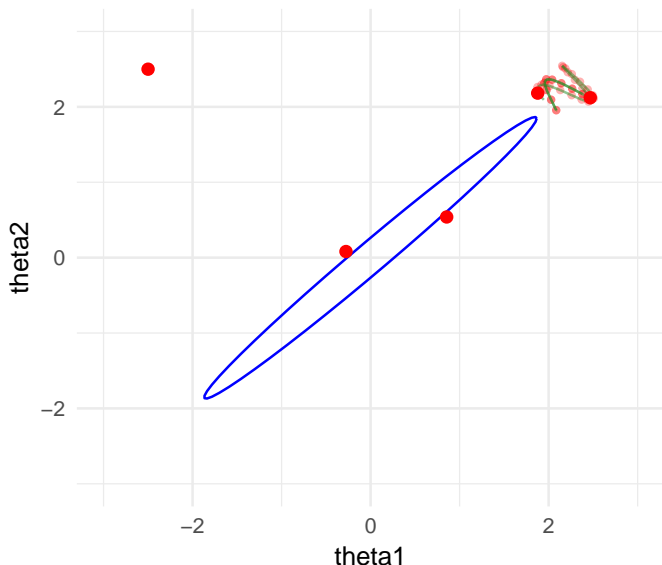
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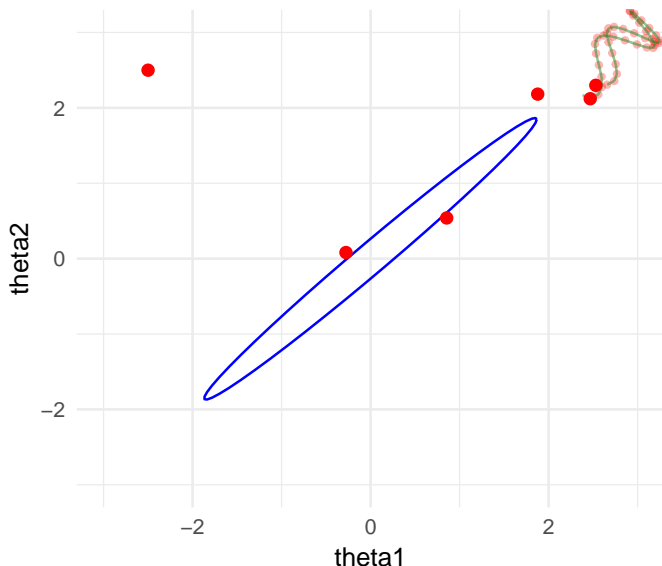
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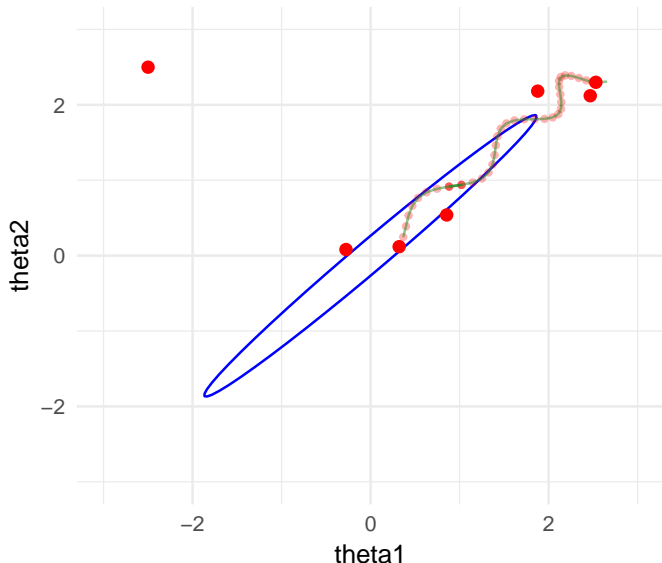
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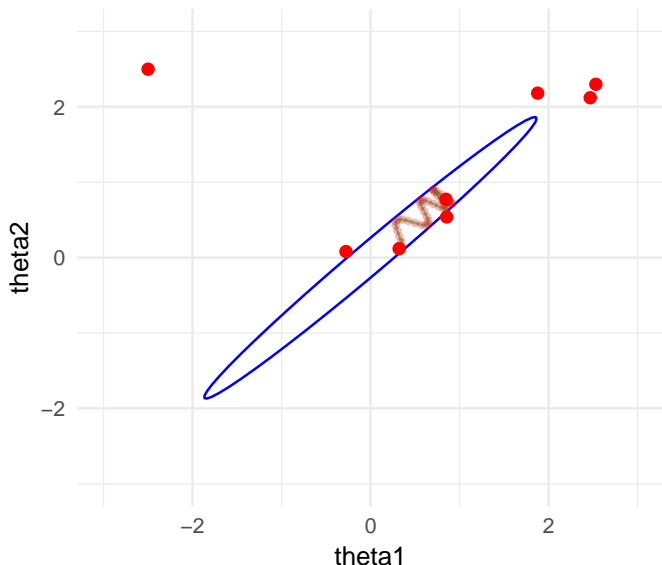
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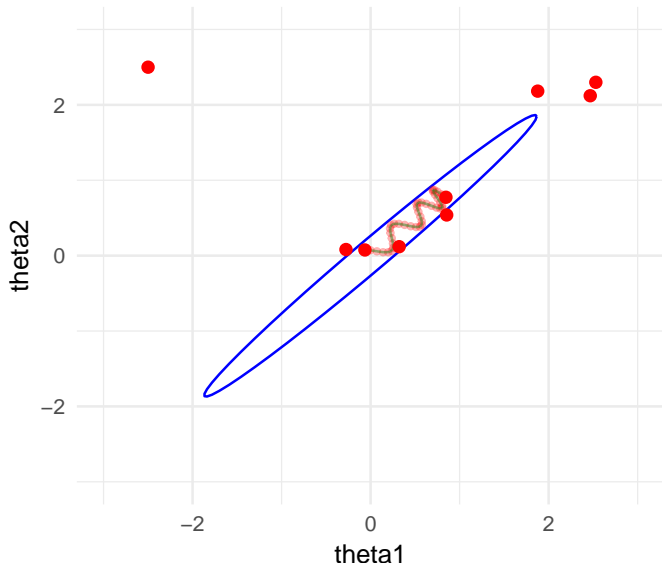
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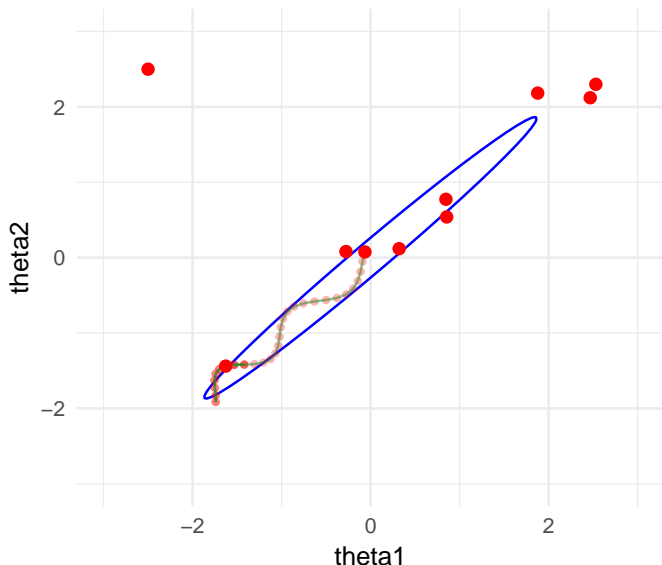
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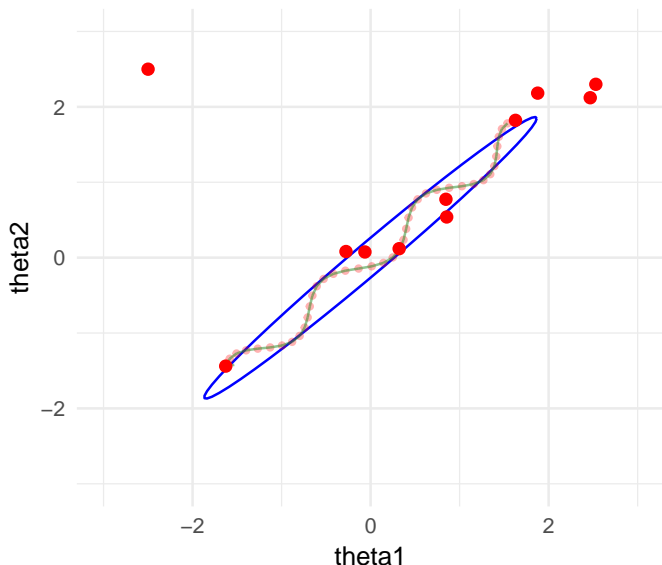
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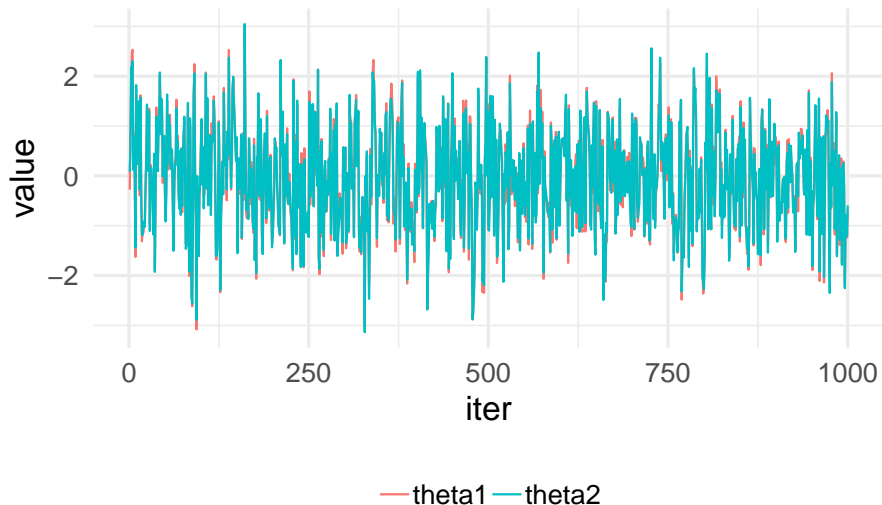
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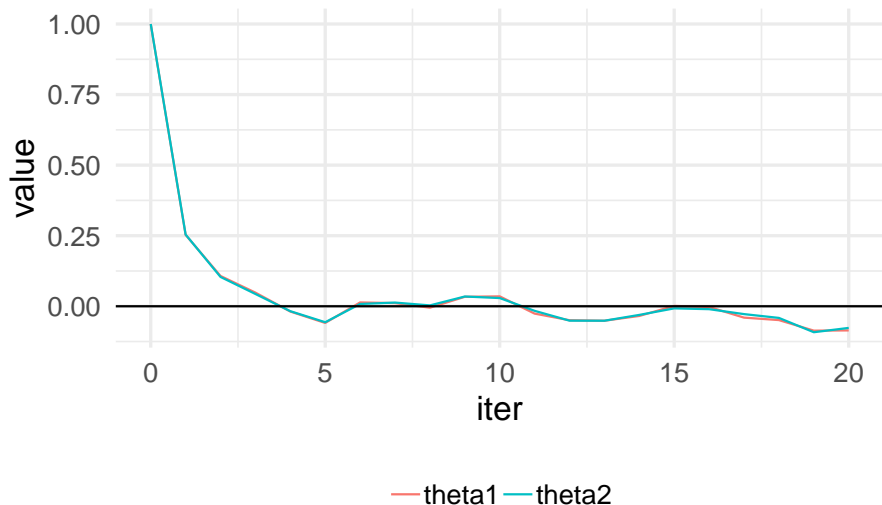




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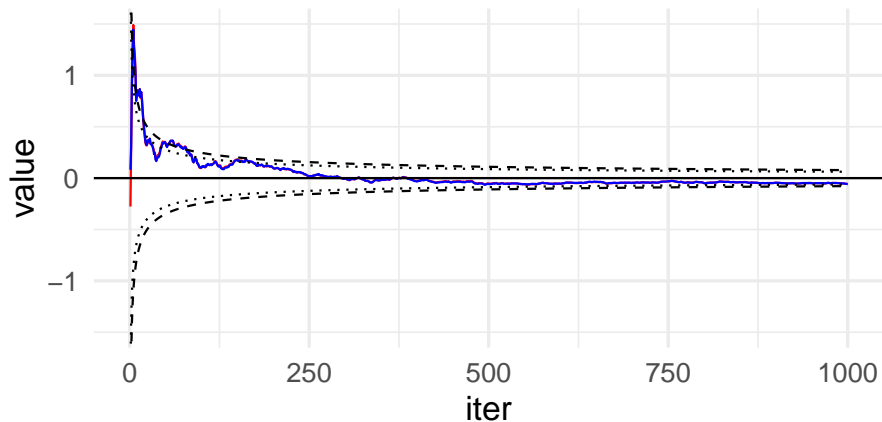
## Autocorrelation function



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## Cumulative averages



-  $\theta_1$  —  $\theta_2$  - - 95% interval for MCMC error ··· 95% interval for indeper

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  - Augment with  $\phi$  (the same dimensionality as  $\theta$ )
  - - 1) sample directly from  $p(\phi)$ ,
    - 2) make a special joint Metropolis step for  $p(\theta, \phi) = p(\theta)p(\phi)$

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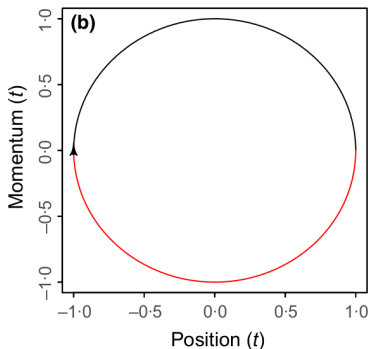
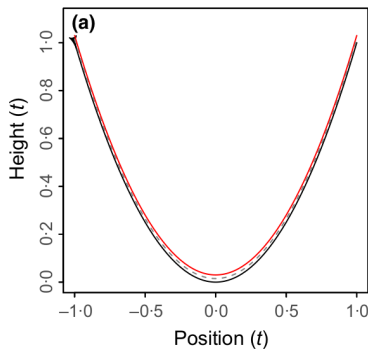
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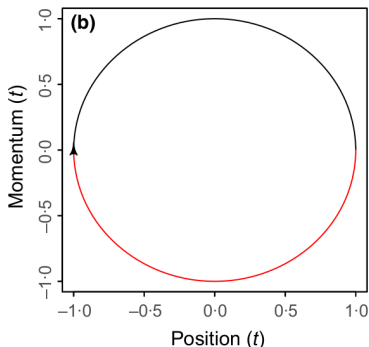
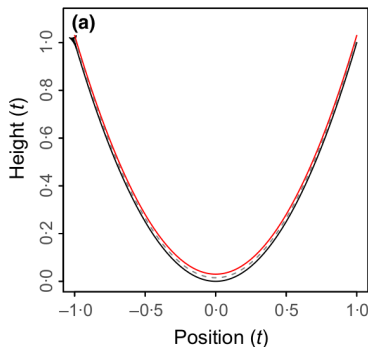
Equations of motion, use also the gradient

$$\frac{d\theta_i}{dt} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial \phi_i}$$
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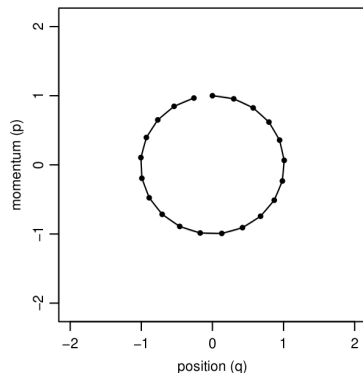
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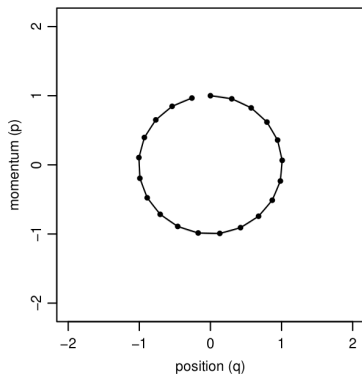


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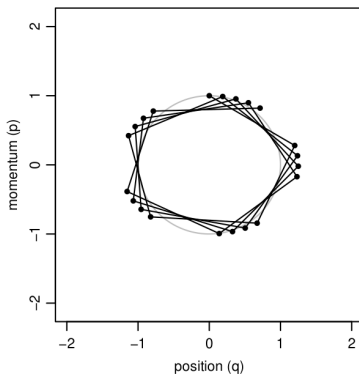
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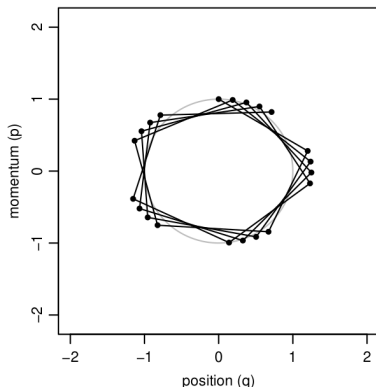
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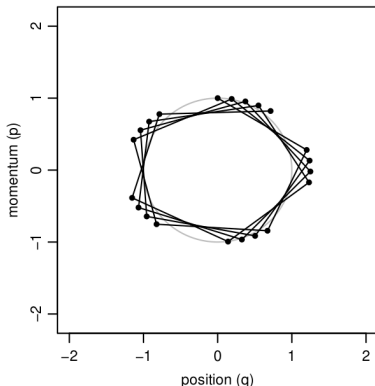
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  - accept if the Hamiltonian energy in the end is higher
  - accept with some probability if the Hamiltonian energy in the end is lower

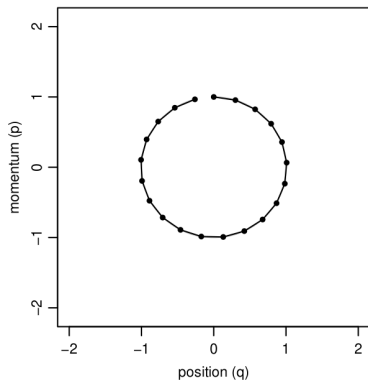


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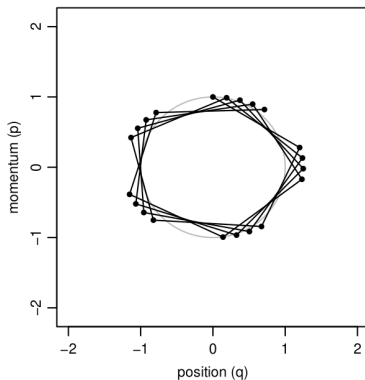
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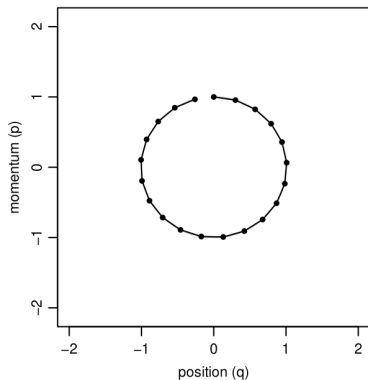
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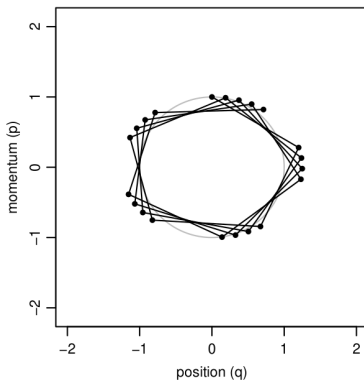
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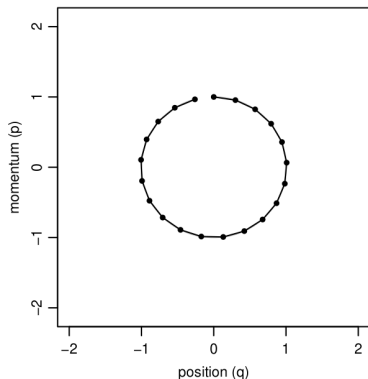
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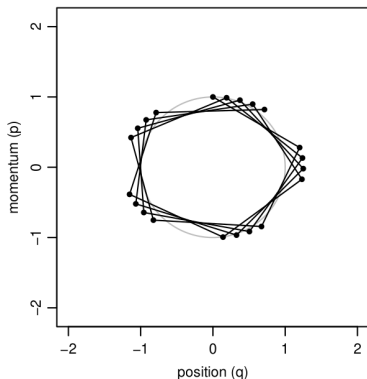
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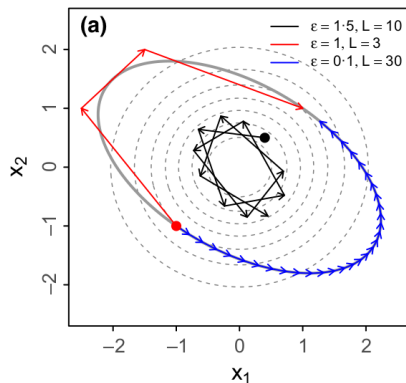


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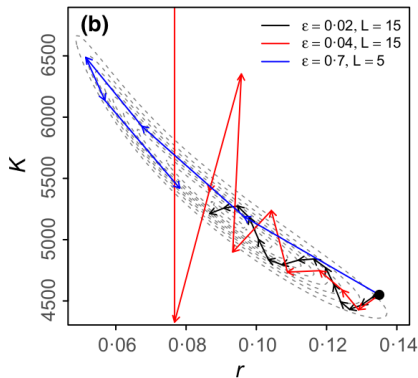
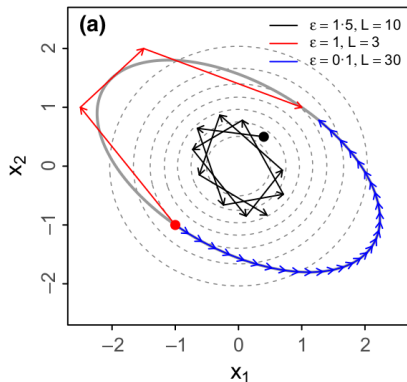
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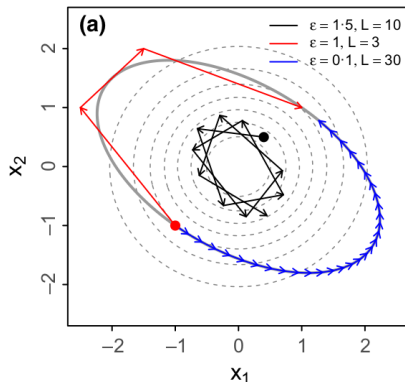
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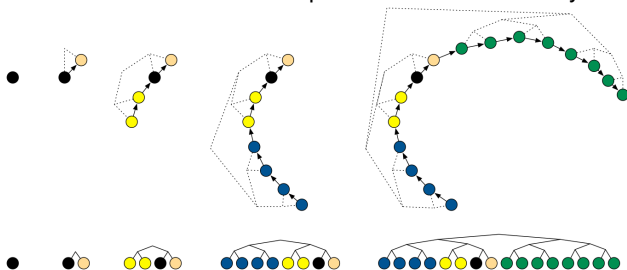
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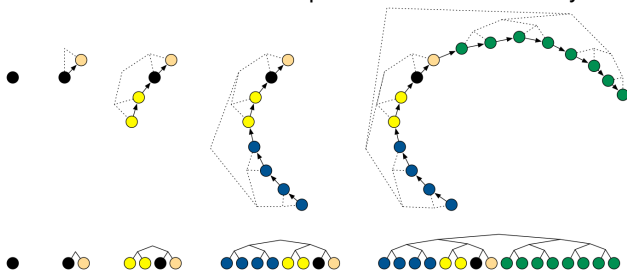
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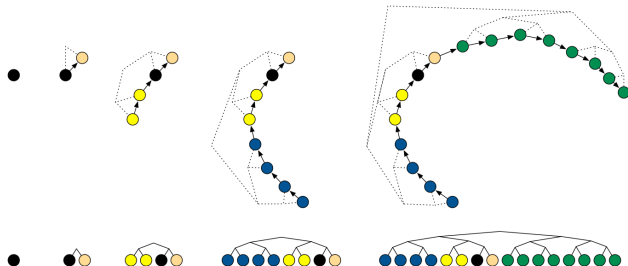
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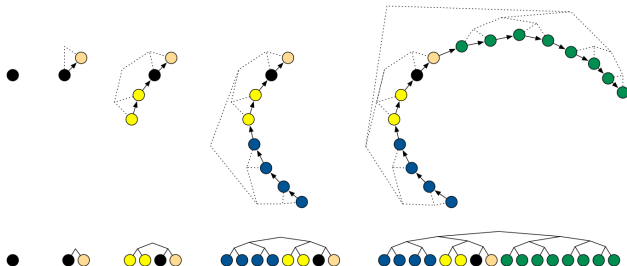


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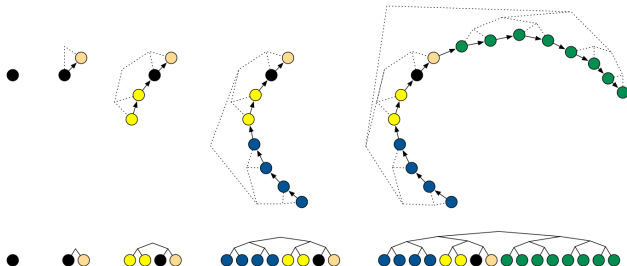


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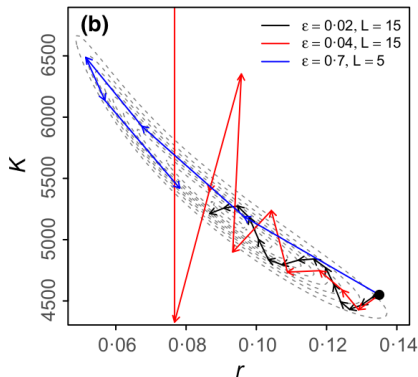
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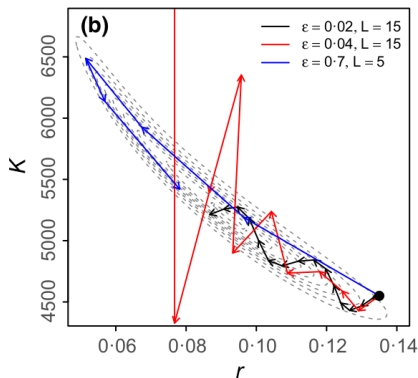
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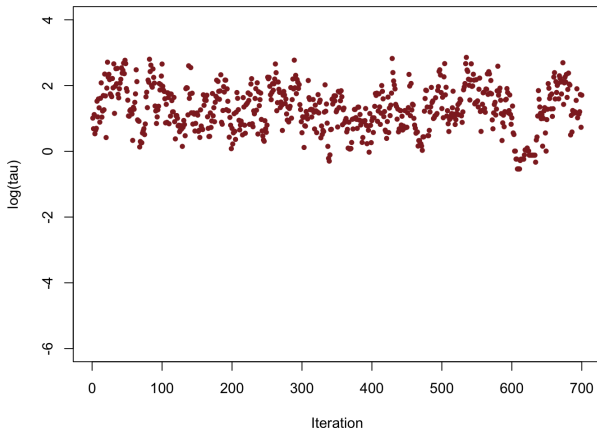
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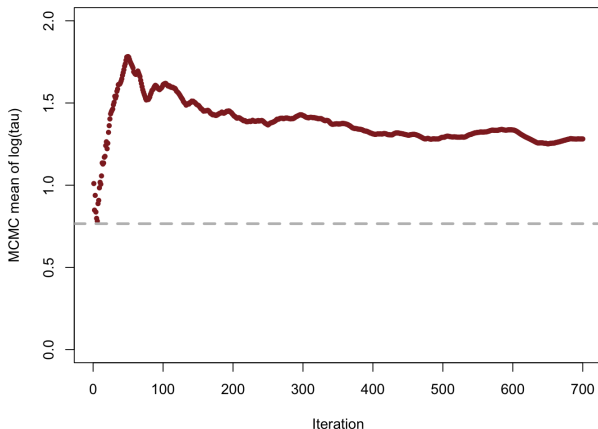
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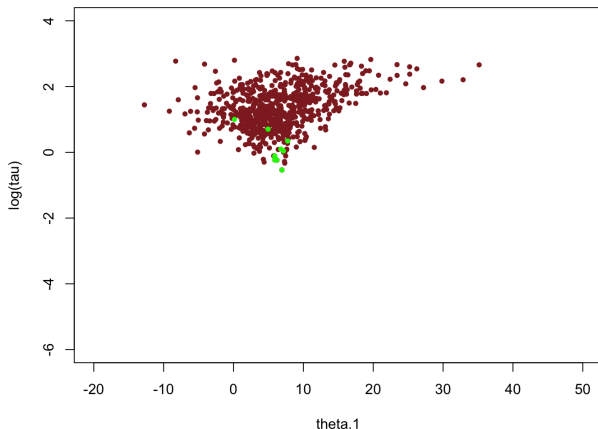
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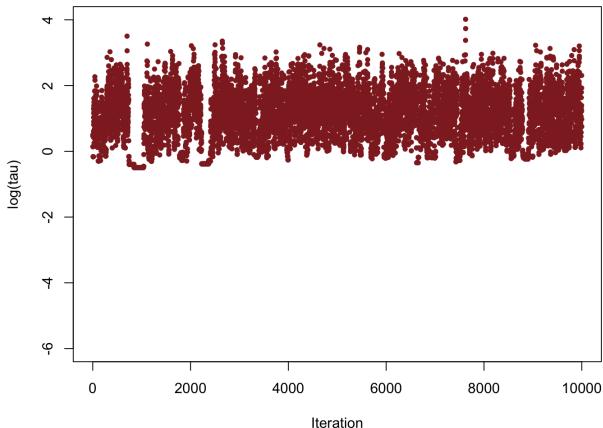
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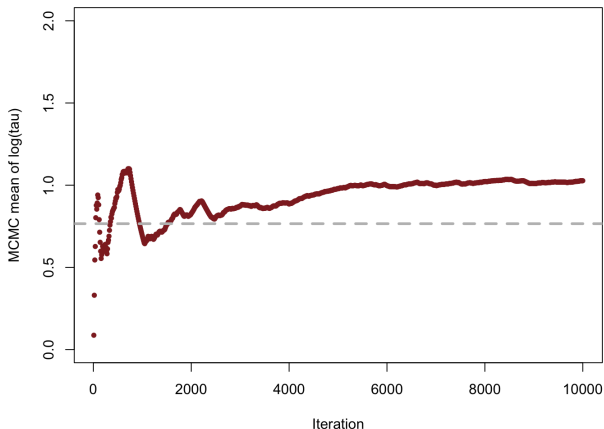
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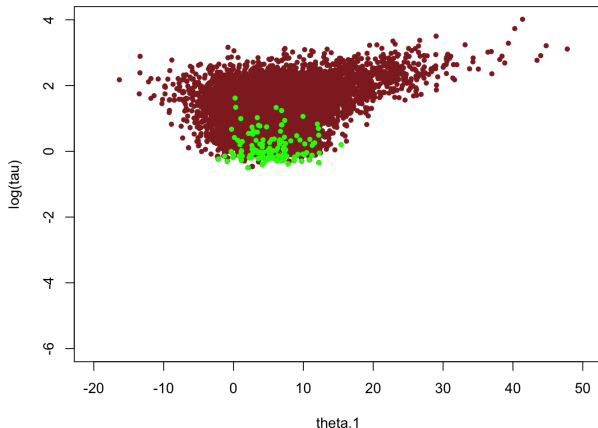
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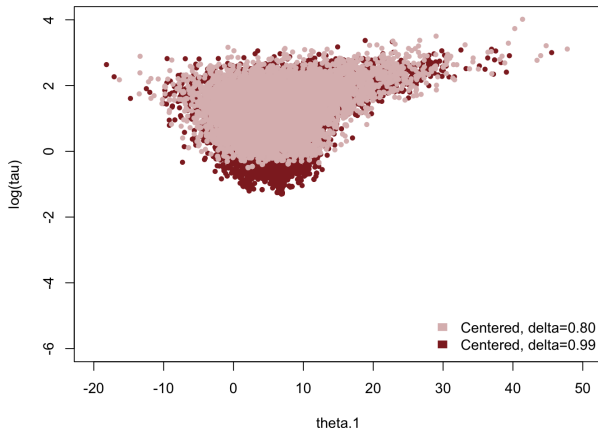
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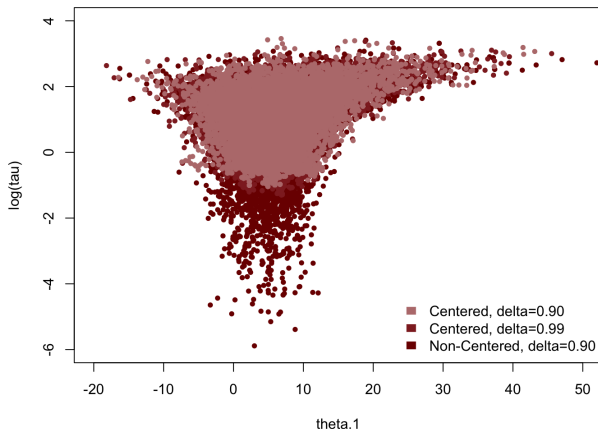
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  - static after adaptation
- MEADS (Hoffman & Sountsov, 2022)
  - a GPU friendly multi-chain adaptation for generalized HMC (Horowitz, 1991) in which the momentum is partially updated frequently
  - instead of simulation length, need to choose the partial update rate
- MALT (Riou-Durand and Vogrinc, 2022; Riou-Durand et al., 2022)
  - a GPU friendly method related to GHMC
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```

```
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```

```
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- Compilation (unless previously compiled model available)
- Warm-up including adaptation
- Sampling
- Generated quantities
- Save posterior draws
- Report divergences,  $n_{\text{eff}}$ ,  $\hat{R}$

## Difference between proportions

- An experiment was performed to estimate the effect of beta-blockers on mortality of cardiac patients
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- generated quantities is run after the sampling

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mod_bin2 <- cmdstan_model(stan_file = 'binom2.stan')
fit_bin2 <- mod_bin2$sample(data = d_bin2, refresh=1000)
```

```
> Running MCMC with 4 parallel chains...
```

```
Chain 1 Iteration:    1 / 2000 [  0%] (Warmup)
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Chain 1 Iteration: 2000 / 2000 [100%] (Sampling)
```

```
...
```

```
All 4 chains finished successfully.
```

```
Mean chain execution time: 0.0 seconds.
```

```
Total execution time: 0.2 seconds.
```



## Difference between proportions

```
options (posterior.num_args=list (sigfig=2))  
fit_bin2$summary ()
```

	variable	mean	median	sd	mad	q5	q95	rhat	ess_bulk	ess_tail
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- `lp__` is the log density, ie, same as target

## HMC specific diagnostics

```
fit_bin2$diagnostic_summary(diagnostics = c("divergences",  
                                             "treedepth"))
```

```
$num_divergent
```

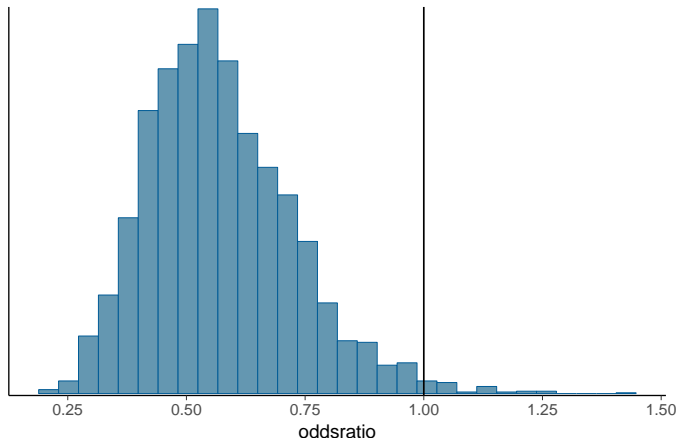
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```

```
$num_max_treedepth
```

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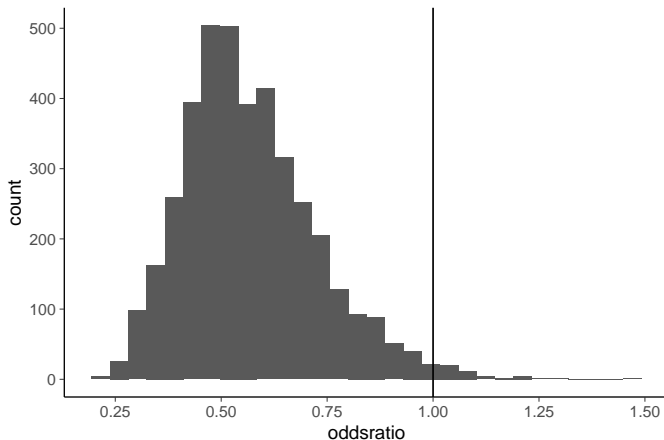
## Difference between proportions (bayesplot)

```
draws <- fit_bin2$draws(format = "df")  
mcmc_hist(draws, pars = 'oddsratio') +  
  geom_vline(xintercept = 1) +  
  scale_x_continuous(breaks = c(seq(0.25, 1.5, by = 0.25)))
```



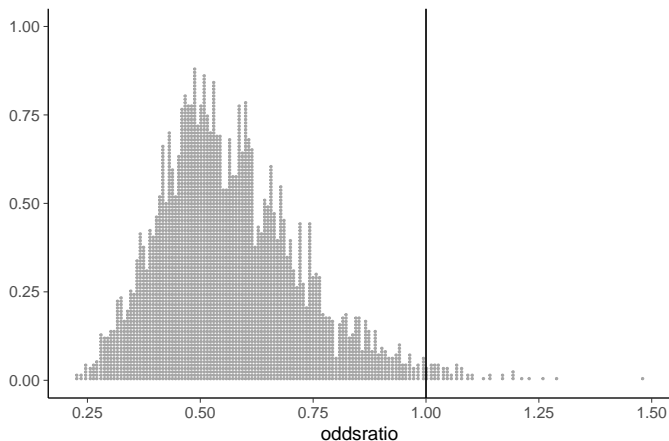
## Difference between proportions (ggplot2)

```
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draws |> ggplot(aes(x=oddsratio)) +  
  geom_histogram() +  
  geom_vline(xintercept = 1) +  
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```



## Difference between proportions (ggdist dot plot)

```
draws <- fit_bin2$draws(format = "df")  
draws |> ggplot(aes(x=oddsratio)) +  
  geom_dotsinterval() +  
  geom_vline(xintercept = 1) +  
  scale_x_continuous(breaks = c(seq(0.25,1.5,by=0.25)))
```



# Difference between proportions (probability and MCSE)

Probability (and corresponding MCSE) that  $\text{oddsratio} < 1$

```
> draws |>
  mutate_variables(p_oddsratio_lt_1 =
                    as.numeric(oddsratio < 1)) |>
  subset_draws("p_oddsratio_lt_1") |>
  summarise_draws(prob=mean, MCSE=mcse_mean)
```

variable	prob	MCSE
p_oddsratio_lt_1	0.99	0.0023

## posterior object formats

Default is draws\_array

```
> fit_bin2$draws()  
# A draws_array: 1000 iterations , 4 chains , and 4 variables  
, , variable = lp__
```

	chain			
iteration	1	2	3	4
1	-253	-253	-254	-253
2	-253	-253	-255	-252
3	-254	-252	-254	-253
4	-255	-253	-254	-254
5	-253	-253	-253	-253

```
, , variable = theta1
```

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iteration	1	2	3	4
1	0.054	0.052	0.045	0.049
2	0.062	0.060	0.070	0.058

```
...
```



## posterior object formats

draws\_df looks prettier and works with ggplot()

```
> fit_bin2$draws(format = "df")  
# A draws_df: 1000 iterations , 4 chains , and 4 variables  
  lp__  theta1  theta2  oddsratio  
1  -253  0.054  0.033      0.59  
2  -253  0.062  0.035      0.55  
3  -254  0.047  0.026      0.54  
4  -255  0.049  0.049      0.99  
5  -253  0.068  0.035      0.50  
6  -253  0.056  0.027      0.47  
7  -253  0.071  0.031      0.43  
8  -253  0.049  0.036      0.72  
9  -253  0.049  0.036      0.72  
10 -253  0.063  0.026      0.39  
# ... with 3990 more draws  
# ... hidden reserved variables {'.chain', '.iteration', '.draw'}
```

## posterior object formats

draws\_rvar makes it easy to compute derived quantities

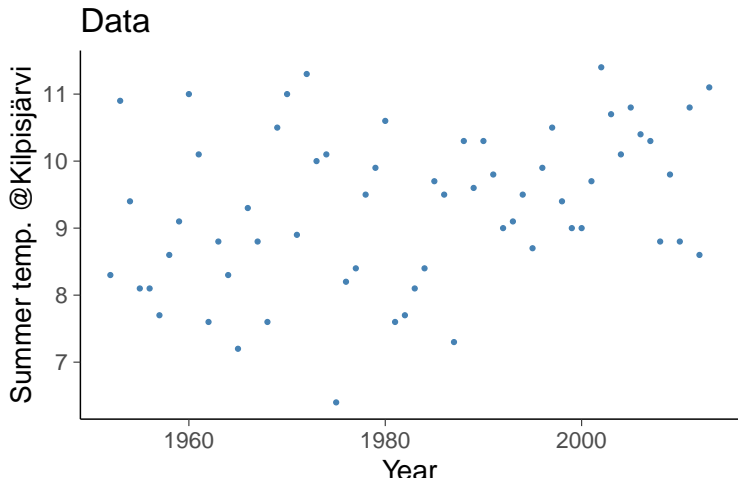
```
> as_draws_rvars(fit_bin2$draws())  
# A draws_rvars: 1000 iterations, 4 chains, and 4 variables  
$lp__: rvar<1000,4>[1] mean ± sd:  
[1] -253 ± 1  
  
$theta1: rvar<1000,4>[1] mean ± sd:  
[1] 0.059 ± 0.0093  
  
$theta2: rvar<1000,4>[1] mean ± sd:  
[1] 0.034 ± 0.0069  
  
$oddsratio: rvar<1000,4>[1] mean ± sd:  
[1] 0.57 ± 0.16  
  
> with(draws, (theta2/(1 - theta2))/(theta1/(1 - theta1)))  
rvar<1000,4>[1] mean ± sd:  
[1] 0.5689 ± 0.1577  
  
> draws$oddsratio<1  
rvar<1000,4>[1] mean ± sd:  
[1] 0.9865 ± 0.1154
```

# Shinystan

- Graphical user interface for analysing MCMC results

# Kilpisjärvi summer temperature

- Temperature at Kilpisjärvi in June, July and August from 1952 to 2013
- Is there change in the temperature?



# Gaussian linear model

```
data {  
  int<lower=0> N; // number of data points  
  vector[N] x; //  
  vector[N] y; //  
}  
parameters {  
  real alpha;  
  real beta;  
  real<lower=0> sigma;  
}  
transformed parameters {  
  vector[N] mu;  
  mu <- alpha + beta*x;  
}  
model {  
  y ~ normal(mu, sigma);  
}
```

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```

- difference between `vector[N] x` and `array[N] real x`

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}
```

- difference between `vector[N] x` and `array[N] real x`
- only integer arrays: `array[N] int x`

# Gaussian linear model

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  real alpha;  
  real beta;  
  real<lower=0> sigma;  
}  
transformed parameters {  
  vector[N] mu;  
  mu <- alpha + beta*x;  
}
```

- transformed parameters are deterministic transformations of parameters and data



## Priors for Gaussian linear model

```
data {  
  int <lower=0> N; // number of data points  
  vector[N] x; //  
  vector[N] y; //  
  real pmualpha; // prior mean for alpha  
  real psalpha; // prior std for alpha  
  real pmubeta; // prior mean for beta  
  real psbeta; // prior std for beta  
}  
...  
transformed parameters {  
  vector[N] mu;  
  mu <- alpha + beta*x;  
}  
model {  
  alpha ~ normal(pmualpha, psalpha);  
  beta ~ normal(pmubeta, psbeta);  
  y ~ normal(mu, sigma);  
}
```

## Student- $t$ linear model

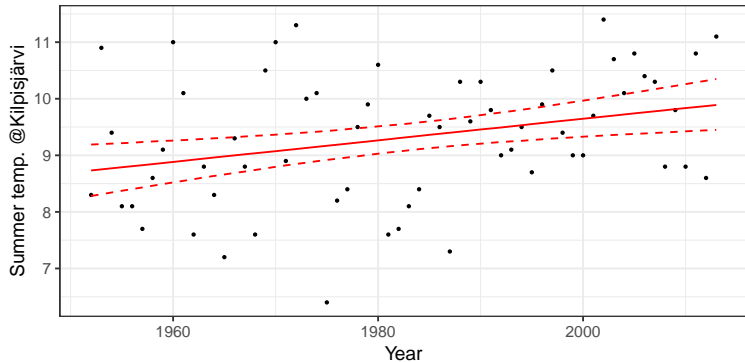
```
...  
parameters {  
  real alpha;  
  real beta;  
  real<lower=0> sigma;  
  real<lower=1,upper=80> nu;  
}  
transformed parameters {  
  vector[N] mu;  
  mu <- alpha + beta*x;  
}  
model {  
  nu ~ gamma(2,0.1);  
  y ~ student_t(nu, mu, sigma);  
}
```

# Priors

- Prior for temperature increase?

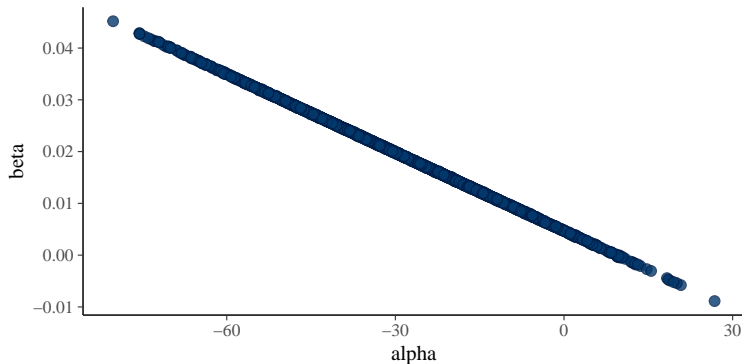
# Kilpisjärvi summer temperature

Posterior fit



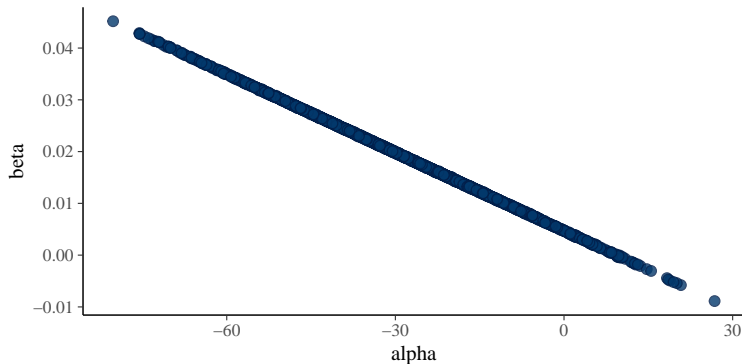
# Kilpisjärvi summer temperature

Posterior draws of alpha and beta



# Kilpisjärvi summer temperature

Posterior draws of alpha and beta



Warning: 1 of 4000 (0.0%) transitions hit the maximum treedepth limit of 10.  
See <https://mc-stan.org/misc/warnings> for details.

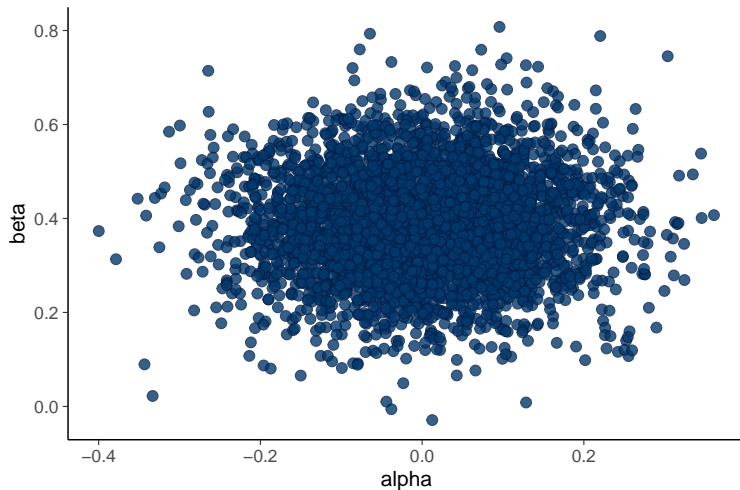
# Linear regression model in Stan

Center the data inside the model code

```
data {  
  int<lower=0> N; // number of data points  
  vector[N] x; //  
  vector[N] y; //  
  real xpred; // input location for prediction  
}  
transformed data {  
  vector[N] x_std;  
  vector[N] y_std;  
  real xpred_std;  
  x_std = (x - mean(x)) / sd(x);  
  y_std = (y - mean(y)) / sd(y);  
  xpred_std = (xpred - mean(x)) / sd(x);  
}
```

# Kilpisjärvi summer temperature

Posterior draws of alpha and beta when data is centered





# Kilpisjärvi summer temperature

## Without centering

```
> fit_lin$summary(variables=c("alpha","beta"),
                  default_convergence_measures())
```

variable	rhat	ess_bulk	ess_tail
alpha	1.0	919.	897.
beta	1.0	919.	895.

## With centering

```
> fit_lin_std$summary(variables=c("alpha","beta"),
                      default_convergence_measures())
```

variable	rhat	ess_bulk	ess_tail
alpha	1.0	3872.	2616.
beta	1.0	3770.	2396.

# RStanARM

- RStanARM provides simplified model description with pre-compiled models
  - no need to wait for compilation
  - a restricted set of models

Two group Binomial model:

```
d_bin2 <- data.frame(N = c(674, 680), y = c(39,22), grp2 = c(0,1))  
fit_bin2 <- stan_glm(y/N ~ grp2, family = binomial(), data = d_bin2,  
                    weights = N)
```

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                    weights = N)
```

## Gaussian linear model

```
fit_lin <- stan_glm(temp ~ year, data = d_lin)
```

# brms

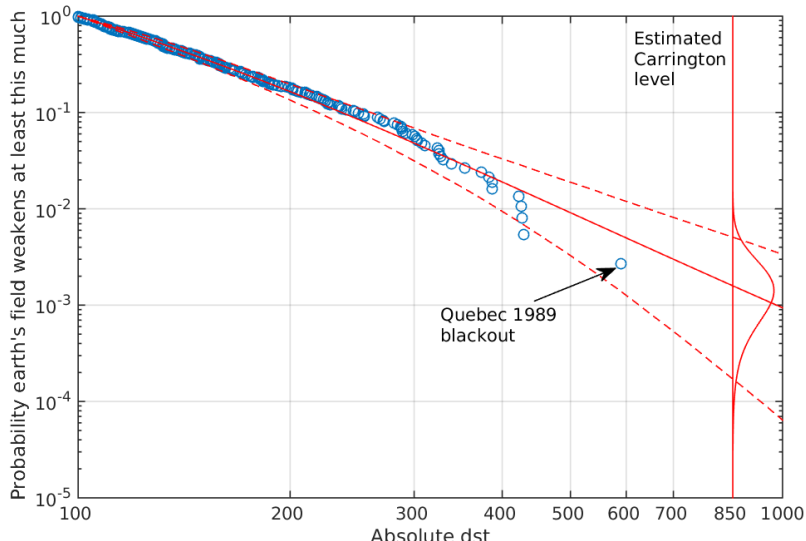
- brms provides simplified model description
  - + a larger set of models than RStanARM, but still restricted
  - need to wait for the compilation

```
fit_bin2 <- brm(y/N ~ grp2, family = binomial(), data = d_bin2,  
               weights = N)
```

```
fit_lin_t <- brm(temp ~ year, data = d_lin, family = student())
```

# Extreme value analysis

## Geomagnetic storms



# Extreme value analysis

```
data {  
  int<lower=0> N;  
  vector<lower=0>[N] y;  
  int<lower=0> Nt;  
  vector<lower=0>[Nt] yt;  
}  
transformed data {  
  real ymax;  
  ymax <- max(y);  
}  
parameters {  
  real<lower=0> sigma;  
  real<lower=-sigma/ymax> k;  
}  
model {  
  y ~ gpareto(k, sigma);  
}  
generated quantities {  
  vector[Nt] predccdf;  
  predccdf<-gpareto_ccdf(yt ,k, sigma);  
}
```

## User defined functions

```
functions {  
  real gpareto_lpdf(vector y, real k, real sigma) {  
    // generalised Pareto log pdf with mu=0  
    // should check and give error if k<0  
    // and max(y)/sigma > -1/k  
    int N;  
    N <- dims(y)[1];  
    if (abs(k) > 1e-15)  
      return -(1+1/k)*sum(log1pv(y*k/sigma)) -N*log(sigma);  
    else  
      return -sum(y/sigma) -N*log(sigma); // limit k->0  
  }  
  vector gpareto_ccdf(vector y, real k, real sigma) {  
    // generalised Pareto log ccdf with mu=0  
    // should check and give error if k<0  
    // and max(y)/sigma < -1/k  
    if (abs(k) > 1e-15)  
      return exp((-1/k)*log1pv(y/sigma*k));  
    else  
      return exp(-y/sigma); // limit k->0  
  }  
}
```

# Different interfaces

- CmdStanR / CmdStanPy
  - Interface on top of command-line program CmdStan
- RStan / PyStan
  - C++ functions of Stan are called directly from R / Python
  - Higher integration between R/Python and Stan, but maybe more difficult to install due to more requirements of compatible C++ compilers and libraries



# Other packages

- R
  - posterior — posterior handling and diagnostics (Lecture 5 and 6)
  - shinystan — interactive diagnostics
  - bayesplot — visualization and model checking (Lectures 5, 6, and 8)
  - tidybayes and ggdist — more posterior and prediction visualization (Lecture 6)
  - loo — cross-validation model assessment and comparison (Lecture 9)
  - projpred — projection predictive variable selection (Lecture 12)
  - priorsense — prior and likelihood sensitivity diagnostics (Lecture 12)
- Python
  - ArviZ — visualization, and model checking and assessment