# inknest

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## **Generated code description**

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### 1.1 model.py

class model.Model(log\_prior, log\_likelihood, space\_bounds)

Class to describe models

#### log\_prior

the logarithm of the prior pdf

Type function

#### log likelihood

the logarithm of the likelihood function

Type function

#### space\_bounds

the coordinate of the two vertices of the hyperrectangle defining the bounds of the parameters

Type 2-tuple of np.ndarray

Note: The log\_prior and logg\_likelihood functions are user defined and must have one argument only.

They also must be capable of managing  $(*,*, ..., space_dimension)$ -shaped arrays, so make sure every operation is done on the **-1 axis of input**.

If input is a single point of shape (space\_dimension,) both the functions must return a float ( not a (1,)-shaped array )

\_\_init\_\_(log\_prior, log\_likelihood, space\_bounds)
Initialise the sampler.

By default the starting point of the markov chain are uniformly distributed over all space.

#### is inside bounds (points)

Checks if a point is inside the space bounds.

**Parameters points** (np.ndarray) – point to be checked. Must have shape (\*,space\_dim,).

#### Returns

True if all the coordinates lie between bounds

False if at least one is outside.

The returned array has shape (\*,) = utils.pointshape(point)

#### Return type np.ndarray

#### log chi(points)

Logarithm of the characteristic function of the domain. Is equivalent to

```
>>> np.log(model.is_inside_bounds(point).astype(float))
```

**Parameters points** (np.ndarray) – point to be checked. Must have shape (\*,space\_dim,).

#### **Returns**

0 if all the coordinates lie between bounds

-np.inf if at least one is outside

The returned array has shape (\*,) = utils.pointshape(point)

Return type np.ndarray

#### new\_is\_inside\_bounds(points)

Same as is inside bounds.

Shorter but slower (allegedly due to high processing time of numpy broadcasting).

#### pointshape(x)

self shorthand for utils.pointshape(x, dim = self.space dim)

#### model.unpack\_variables(x)

Helper function that performs values shapecasting.

Given a np.ndarray of shape  $(n1,n2,--, space\_dim)$  returns an unpackable array of shape  $(space\_dim, n1,n2, --)$ .

**Note:** if any of the n1, n2, – other dimension is equal to one, it gets squeezed as it is an unnecessary nesting.

**Parameters x** (np.ndarray) – the array to be casted

Returns an unpackable array

Return type tuple

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#### **Example**

It can be used to define models:

```
>>> def log_prior(x):
>>> x1,x2,x3 = unpack_variables(x)
>>> return x1/x2*x3
```

Warning: It may be computationally expensive. Check for improvements.

### 1.2 samplers.py

Module containing the samplers used in main calculations.

Since almost every sampler is defined by a markov chain, basic attributes are the model and the length of the chain.

Each sampler shoud be capable of tackling with discontinuous functions.

Since is intended to be used in nested sampling, each sampler should support likelihood constrained prior sampling (LCPS).

**class** samplers.**AIESampler**(*model*, *mcmc\_length*, *nwalkers=10*, *space\_scale=4*, *verbosity=0*) The Affine-Invariant Ensemble sampler (Goodman, Weare, 2010).

After a uniform initialisation step, for each particle k selects a pivot particle an then proposes

$$j = k + random(0 \rightarrow n)$$
$$z \sim g(z)$$
$$y = x_j + z(x_k - x_j)$$

and then executes a MH-acceptance over y (more information at <a href="https://msp.org/camcos/2010/5-1/camcos-v5-n1-p04-p.pdf">https://msp.org/camcos/2010/5-1/camcos-v5-n1-p04-p.pdf</a>).

\_\_init\_\_ (model, mcmc\_length, nwalkers=10, space\_scale=4, verbosity=0)
Initialise the chain uniformly over the space bounds.

```
get_stretch(size=1)
```

Generates the stretch values given the scale\_parameter a.

Output is distibuted as  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{z}}$  in [1/a, a]. Uses inverse transform sampling

```
join chains(burn in=0.02)
```

Joins the chains for the ensemble after removing burn in % of each single\_particle chain.

 $\label{parameters} \textbf{Parameters} \ \ \textbf{burn\_in} \ (\texttt{float}, \ \ \texttt{optional}) - \texttt{the} \ \texttt{burn\_in} \ \texttt{percentage}.$ 

Must be burn\_in > 0 and burn\_in < 1.

#### sample\_prior()

Samples prior.

Returns the chain obtained

Return type np.ndarray

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#### class samplers.Sampler(model, mcmc\_length, nwalkers, verbosity=0)

Produces samples from model.

It is intended as a base class that has to be further defined. For generality the attribute *nwalkers* is present, but it can be one for not ensamble-based samplers.

#### model

Model defined as the set of (log\_prior, log\_likelihood, bounds)

Type model.Model

#### mcmc\_lenght

the lenght of the single markov chain

Type int

#### nwalkers

the number of walkers the ensamble is made of

Type int

\_\_init\_\_(model, mcmc\_length, nwalkers, verbosity=0)

Initialise the chain uniformly over the space bounds.

## 1.3 utils.py

#### utils.logsubexp(x1, x2)

Helper function to execute  $\log (e^{x_1} - e^{x_2})$ 

#### **Parameters**

- **x1** (float) -
- x2 (float) -

#### utils.logsumexp(arg)

Utility to sum over log\_values. Given a vector [a1,a2,a3, ...] returns log  $(e^{a1} + e^{a2} + ...)$ 

**Parameters arg** (np.ndarray) – the array of values to be log-sum-exponentiated

**Returns**  $\log (e^{a1} + e^{a2} + ...)$ 

Return type float

#### utils.pointshape(x, dim=None)

Gives the shape of an array of points of dimension Space\_dim. Basically pops the last item of X. Shape and checks whether it's fine.

#### **Parameters**

- x (np.ndarray) -
- **dim** (int, optional) the space dimension

**Returns** the shape of x considering last axis made of ()-shaped items.

Return type tuple

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