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Figure 4: Twenty iterations of the random-walk Metropolis method (with 20 updates per iteration) and of the Hamiltonian Monte Carlo method (with 20 leapfrog steps per trajectory) for a 2D Gaussian distribution with marginal standard deviations of one and correlation 0.98. Only the two position coordinates are plotted, with ellipses drawn one standard deviation away from the mean.

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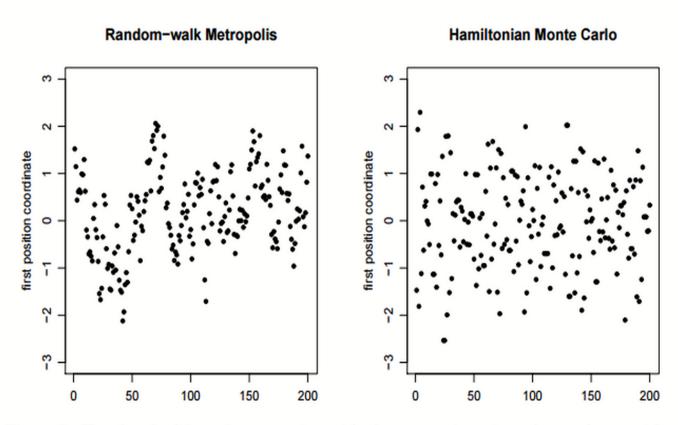


Figure 5: Two hundred iterations, starting with the twenty iterations shown above, with only the first position coordinate plotted.

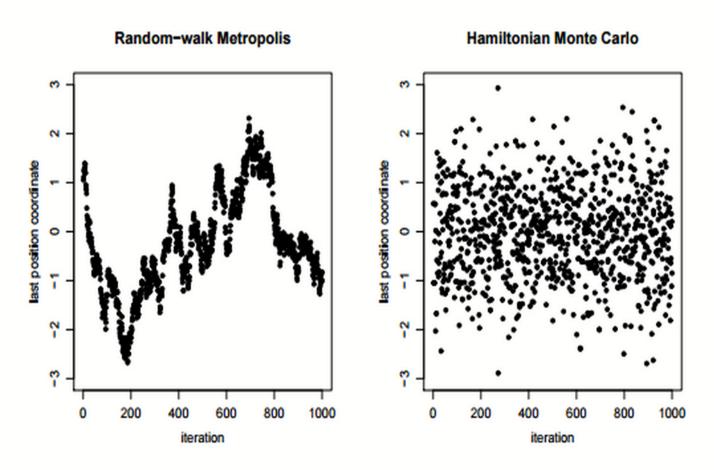


Figure 6: Values for the variable with largest standard deviation for the 100-dimensional example, from a random-walk Metropolis run and an HMC run with L=150. To match computation time, 150 updates were counted as one iteration for random-walk Metropolis.