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1 import numpy as np
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 4 def split r hat(samples):
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       We take in samples, without the warm-up iterations, expecting an array of m chains by n iterations by
       k estimands (parameters, variables, etc.). We then split each chain in the middle to arrive at 2m chains
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       of n/2 iterations each, on which we begin computing quantities. This all follows the logic detailed in
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       chapter 11 of Bayesian Data Analysis (Gelman et al., 2013).
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       :param samples: A numpy array of samples, as detailed above, m chains by n iterations by k parameters
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           (estimands)
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       :return: The split $\hat{R}$ statistic, an estimation of how much further scale reduction there might
       be if the sampling was let to run with n \to \infty optimally \hbar \{R\} \rightarrow 1
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       marginal_posterior_variance, within_chain_variance = _marginal_posterior_variance(samples)
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       return np.sqrt(marginal posterior variance / within chain variance)
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20 def marginal posterior variance(samples):
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       Compute the marginal posterior variance as detailed leading up to equation (11.3) in Gelman (2016)
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        :param samples: A numpy array of samples, as detailed above, m chains by n iterations by k parameters
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            (estimands)
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        :return: The marginal posterior variance $\hat{var} (\phi \mid y)$, as estimated by the within-chain
       and between chain variances
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       m, n, k = samples.shape
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       split_chain_samples = np.vstack((samples[:, :n // 2, :], samples[:, n // 2:, :]))
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       m_eff, n_eff, _ = split_chain_samples.shape
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       per_chain_mean = np.mean(split_chain_samples, axis=1)
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       overall mean = np.mean(per chain mean, axis=0)
       between_chain_variance = n_eff / (m_eff - 1) * np.sum(np.square(per_chain_mean - overall_mean), axis=0) per_chain_variance = 1 / (n_eff - 1) * np.sum(np.square(split_chain_samples - np.expand_dims(per_chain_mean, 1)),
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                                                        axis=1)
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       within_chain_variance = np.mean(per_chain_variance, axis=0)
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       marginal_posterior_variance = ((n_eff - 1) * within_chain_variance + between_chain_variance) / n_eff
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       return marginal_posterior_variance, within_chain_variance
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42 def effective_sample_size(samples):
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       Estimate the effective sample sizes using the variograms (square difference at lag $t$) to estimate
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       the autocorrelation at each lag $t$.
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       Interestingly, the code in PyStan looks substantially different than the algorithm descriptions
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       in the BDA textbook: https://github.com/stan-dev/pystan/blob/develop/pystan/_chains.pyx starting
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       from the fact that their implementation is based on the autocivariance, rather than the autocorrelation
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       I tried to implement the code from the book, but the description is wholly incomplete. It is also
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       unclear how should one handle chains with different numbers of samples due to rejections.
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       :param samples: A numpy array of samples, as detailed above, m chains by n iterations by k parameters
           (estimands)
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       :return: An estimate of the effective sample size, ideally approaching the true number of samples taken.
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       marginal_posterior_variance, _ = _marginal_posterior_variance(samples)
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       m, n, k = samples.shape
       split_chain_samples = np.vstack((samples[:, :n // 2, :], samples[:, n // 2:, :]))
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       m eff, n eff, = split chain samples.shape
       # TODO: try centering the samples in each chain, inspired by the PyStan code
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       # note: this does nothing, except perhaps introduce numeric stability
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       \verb|split_chain_samples = \verb|split_chain_samples - np.expand_dims(np.mean(split_chain_samples, axis=1), 1|)|
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       # the stopping point for different variables might be different, which we need to account for
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       stopping_points = {}
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       # TODO: unclear what to do if the correlation at lag one is negative - supposedly we would stop before it?
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       lag_correlations = [_estimate_lag_correlation(t, split_chain_samples, marginal_posterior_variance)]
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       while len(stopping_points) < k and t < (n_eff - 1):</pre>
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           rho_t_plus_1 = _estimate_lag_correlation(t + 1, split_chain_samples, marginal_posterior_variance)
rho_t_plus_2 = _estimate_lag_correlation(t + 2, split_chain_samples, marginal_posterior_variance)
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            lag_correlations.extend((rho_t_plus_1, rho_t_plus_2))
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            for i in range(k):
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                lag_correlation_sum = rho_t_plus_1[i] + rho_t_plus_2[i]
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                if i not in stopping_points and (lag_correlation_sum < 0):</pre>
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                    stopping_points[i] = t
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            t += 2
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       # verify we have a stopping point for every variable
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       # TODO: this might be where I deviate from Gelman - it's unclear if they set it to be
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       # TODO: the same for all variables, or independent for each one
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       for i in range(k):
            if i not in stopping_points:
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                stopping_points[i] = len(lag_correlations)
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        lag_correlations_array = np.asarray(lag_correlations).T
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        return np.asarray([m_eff * n_eff / (1 + 2 * np.sum(lag_correlations_array[i, :stopping_points[i]]))
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                           for i in range(k)])
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94 def _estimate_lag_correlation(t, split_chain_samples, marginal_posterior_variance):
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        Astimate the autocorrelation at lag t using the variogram
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        :param t: The lag to estaimte in
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        :param split_chain_samples: The samples for each chain, split in half, so double the actual
           sampled chains but each with half the number of samples
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        :param marginal_posterior_variance: The marginal posterior variance estimated using the function
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           implemented above
        :return: An estimate for the autocorrelation of the samples of each parameter (the third dimension
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        of the split_chain_samples parameter) using the variogram.
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        variogram = np.mean(np.square(split chain samples[:, t:, :] - split chain samples[:, :-1 * t, :]), axis=(0, 1))
       return 1 - (variogram / (2 * marginal_posterior_variance))
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