

Monte Carlo Methods (2h)

Core Concepts

Samples
distribution
eg Bayes $P(\theta|D)$
MCMC element

sampling
vs MCMC

no optimisation
integration

$$x \sim P(x) \text{ obs}$$
$$f(x) \sim P(f|x)$$

$$\langle f(x) \rangle \neq f(\langle x \rangle)$$



Drawing directly

why do sampling?

integration is hard. (discretisation)

golden rule
"stay in samples"
"forward modelling coupled to distributions"
→ just do it n times

KDE

① 15-20m
(setup & concepts)

② 20-30m
theory

Metropolis

write your own

Hastings

where does it break

parallelisation

List of examples of these in literature.

Example Distributions

implementation

Jupyter notebook

• profile

gitub repo

bonus questions / open ended investigation

③ 15-20m
integration

simulated annealing

ptmcmc

Importance Sampling

Hamiltonian Monte Carlo

④ 30-40m
nested sampling

Rejection

SMC

chain based

anesthetic