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PyMC user guide submission to JSS

Mr. de Leeuw,

On behalf of the developers of PyMC, I am glad to submit the user guide of PyMC 2.0 to the Journal of Statistical Software for review and eventual publication. PyMC is a Python package designed to code Bayesian statistical problems and solve them using MCMC algorithms. It is flexible and extensible, and users generally report that it makes sampling *amazingly simple*. We hope that the publication of the user guide in JSS will attract new users and elicit feedback from the statistical community.

The document submitted for evaluation is a slightly modified version of the guide included with the second release candidate of PyMC 2.0. The official release of PyMC 2.0 is planned for the week of January 5th 2009, and suggestions by the reviewers will be included in a later point release. Instructions to download and install the code are included in the user guide.

Sincerely,

David Huard
PyMC release manager