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HOW TO GET POSTERIOR SAMPLES?

- There is no general method to find high probability regions in arbitrary probability distributions.
- This mean most models are fit using purely computational methods.
- For simple parameters spaces, we can do grid search or some brute force method to find high probability regions

 This breaks down quickly as the number of parameters increases

