Simulation-based Inference

Inverting Simulators

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Overview

- o What?
- o Why?
- o ABC
- o SBI
- o Outlook

What

is Simulation-based Inference?

- o If we know generating factors, we can build a simulator
- But we want to constrain simulator output on observations from real world
- o Thus we need realistic values for simulator parameters
- o -> inverse problem
- o SBI solvers this inverse problem using Bayesian inference

Why

do we need Simulation-based Inference?

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How

Approximate Bayesian Computation

- o Finding parameters/posterior over parameters with
 - Rejection ABC
 - Markov Chain Monte Carlo ABC
 - Sequential Monte Carlo ABC
 - ..
- o Problems

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How

does Simulation-based Inference work?