

EP 4130/PH 6130 Assignment 7

Deadline **16 March 2021 before 20:00 hrs**

Please show the source code.

1. Download the SPT f_{gas} data from http://iith.ac.in/~shantanud/fgas_spt.txt. Fit the data to $f_0(1 + f_1z)$ where f_0 and f_1 are unknown constants. Determine the best fit values of f_0 and f_1 including 68% and 90% credible intervals using `emcee` and `corner.py`. The priors on f_0 and f_1 should be $0 < f_0 < 0.5$ and $-0.5 < f_1 < 0.5$. (30 pts)
2. Calculate the Bayesian evidence for the linear and quadratic model for the example given on fifth blog article of the Pythonic Perambulations Series using `dynesty` or `Nestle`. Do the values agree with what's on the blog (obtained by integrating the emcee samples).? (30 points)
3. Download the SDSS quasar dataset from http://astrostatistics.psu.edu/datasets/SDSS_quasar.dat. Plot the KDE estimate of the quasar redshift distribution (the column with the title z) using a Gaussian and also an exponential kernel (with bandwidth=0.2) from -0.5 to 5.5. (20 points)
(Hint: Look at the KDE help page in scikit-learn or use the corresponding functions in astroML module by looking at source code of astroML figures 6.3 and 6.4)