

1) We consider a non-negative function V on some finite set E ,
 $\beta > 0$ - some finite constant,
 $M(x,y) = M(y,x)$ - some reversible Markov transition from E into itself.

We denote by $\pi(x)$ the Boltzmann-Gibbs probability measure

$$\pi_\beta(x) = \frac{1}{Z_\beta} e^{-\beta V(x)} \quad \text{with } Z_\beta = \sum_{y \in E} e^{-\beta V(y)}$$

We also consider an increasing sequence of parameters $\beta_n < \beta_{n+1}$ indexed by the discrete time index $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

2) Describe the Metropolis-Hastings algorithm with target measure π_β .

We are given target measure π_β , and we want to design a Markov chain, that will have π_β as its stationary distribution.

This Markov chain will have the transition matrix $K(x,z)$, in other words, if we now ~~have~~ are in the state x , the next state of the chain will be z , obtained by the following rule:

(*)

- 1) Take x , and generate y from x , according to $M(x,y)$
- 2) Now we have our current state x , and proposed state y , and we need to decide, if we accept proposal. (that is, decide, if $z = x$ or $z = y$).

We decide in the following way:

$$z = \begin{cases} y, & \text{with probability } a(x,y) \\ x, & \text{with probability } 1 - a(x,y) \end{cases}, \quad \text{where } a(x,y) = \min\left(1, \frac{\pi(y)M(y,x)}{\pi(x)M(x,y)}\right)$$

What does this mean?

$$\text{We have } \pi_\beta(x) = \frac{1}{Z_\beta} e^{-\beta V(x)}$$

$$\Rightarrow a(x,y) = \min\left(1, \frac{\pi_\beta(y)M(y,x)}{\pi_\beta(x)M(x,y)}\right) = \min\left(1, \frac{\frac{1}{Z_\beta} e^{-\beta V(y)} M(y,x)}{\frac{1}{Z_\beta} e^{-\beta V(x)} M(x,y)}\right) = \min\left(1, e^{-\beta(V(y)-V(x))}\right) = e^{-\beta(V(y)-V(x))_+}$$

$$\text{So, } z = \begin{cases} y, & \text{if } V(y) \leq V(x) \\ x, & \text{if } V(y) > V(x), \text{ then } z = \begin{cases} y, & \text{with probability } e^{-\beta(V(y)-V(x))} \\ x, & \text{with probability } 1 - e^{-\beta(V(y)-V(x))} \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

Now, we have just made one step: from x to z .

Then make another step: take z as "current" state and rule (*) to give you "next" state.

And then go ahead in that way. After some amount of steps, when the chain converges, when you ask the chain to give another state - you will obtain elements from E according to the desired distribution π_β on E .

3) Describe a simulated annealing algorithm associated with the sequence of probability measures $(\pi_{\beta_n})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$.

First take π_{p_1} as a target measure.

And run some amount of iterations of MCMC-algorithm (it is explained in a)) with target measure π_{p_1} . Stop when you feel that the chain has reached its stationary distribution (and it is π_{p_1} according to our construction of MCMC)

And now change your target measure from π_{p_1} to π_{p_2} .

Then again run some MCMC with target measure π_{p_2} .

Then change ^{target} measure from π_{p_2} to π_{p_3} and run some iterations of MCMC with π_{p_3} .

Then change target measure to the next π_{p_i} , and run some MCMC — and so on.

3) Describe a genetic type algorithm based on a sequence of interacting simulated annealing moves.

First take π_{p_1} as target measure and simulate N independent MCMC chains with target measure π_{p_1} .

Then from each of N chains take the last element, let's call them $(\xi_1^i)_{i=1 \dots N}$.

And replace each ξ_1^i by $\tilde{\xi}_1^i := \begin{cases} \xi_1^i, & \text{with probability } e^{-(\pi_{p_2} - \pi_{p_1})V(\xi_1^i)} \\ \tilde{\xi}_1^i \text{ chosen from distribution } \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{e^{-(\pi_{p_2} - \pi_{p_1})V(\xi_1^k)}}{\sum_{l=1}^N e^{-(\pi_{p_2} - \pi_{p_1})V(\xi_1^l)}} \delta_{\xi_1^k}, & \text{with probability } 1 - e^{-(\pi_{p_2} - \pi_{p_1})V(\xi_1^i)} \end{cases}$

~~After you~~

Now you have "renewed" $(\xi_1^i)_{i=1 \dots N}$, and "next" target measure π_{p_2} , and you ~~start from each of~~ run MCMC with target measure π_{p_2} , starting from each of $(\xi_1^i)_{i=1 \dots N}$. So you receive N chains. Take from each of them the last point. So you have N elements $(\xi_2^i)_{i=1 \dots N}$.

After the n -th step, you receive N chains with last elements $(\xi_n^i)_{i=1 \dots N}$.

So you take $(\xi_n^i)_{i=1 \dots N}$, replace each ξ_n^i by $\tilde{\xi}_n^i = \begin{cases} \xi_n^i, & \text{with probab } e^{-(\pi_{p_{n+1}} - \pi_{p_n})V(\xi_n^i)} \\ \tilde{\xi}_n^i, & \text{with probab } 1 - e^{-(\pi_{p_{n+1}} - \pi_{p_n})V(\xi_n^i)} \end{cases}$

Where $\tilde{\xi}_n^i$ is chosen from distribution $\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{e^{-(\pi_{p_{n+1}} - \pi_{p_n})V(\xi_n^k)}}{\sum_{l=1}^N e^{-(\pi_{p_{n+1}} - \pi_{p_n})V(\xi_n^l)}} \delta_{\xi_n^k}$.

Then you take "renewed" $(\xi_n^i)_{i=1 \dots N}$, "next" target measure $\pi_{p_{n+1}}$, and again run N MCMC-chains, take N last elements, renew them, take next target measure, and so on.

(2) Let λ be the probability measure of a random variable $X \sim N(0,1)$

$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$, we let $N(x, dy)$ be the probability distribution of random variable $Y = \sqrt{1-x}x + \sqrt{x}w$.

We consider an interval $A = [a, b] \in \mathbb{R}$ with $a < b$, and we denote by $\pi(x)$ the probability measure

$$\pi(dx) = \frac{1}{Z_A} 1_A(x) \lambda(dx), \text{ with } Z_A = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} 1_A(y) \lambda(dy)$$

1) Check that $\pi(dx) \pi(y, dx) = \pi(dy) \pi(x, dy)$

$\pi(dx)$ has the density of $N(0, 1)$ random variable

$$\Rightarrow \pi(dx) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx$$

$\pi(x, dy)$ has the density of random variable $Y = \sqrt{1-e}x + \sqrt{e}W$,
 where x is fixed, and e is some preliminarily chosen constant, that doesn't change.
 hence, $Y \sim N(\sqrt{1-e}x, e)$.

$\Rightarrow \pi(x, dy)$ has the density of $N(\sqrt{1-e}x, e)$ random variable

$$\Rightarrow \pi(x, dy) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi e}} e^{-\frac{(y - \sqrt{1-e}x)^2}{2e}} dy$$

Similarly, $\pi(dy) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} dy$

$$\pi(y, dx) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi e}} e^{-\frac{(x - \sqrt{1-e}y)^2}{2e}} dx$$

So $\pi(dx) \pi(x, dy) = \pi(dy) \pi(y, dx)$ takes the form:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi e}} e^{-\frac{(y - \sqrt{1-e}x)^2}{2e}} dy &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} dy \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi e}} e^{-\frac{(x - \sqrt{1-e}y)^2}{2e}} dx \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi e}} dx dy \cdot e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2e}} e^{-\frac{xy\sqrt{1-e}}{e}} e^{-\frac{(1-e)x^2}{2e}} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi e}} dx dy \cdot e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2e}} e^{-\frac{xy\sqrt{1-e}}{e}} e^{-\frac{(1-e)y^2}{2e}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi e}} dx dy \cdot e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2e}} e^{-\frac{xy\sqrt{1-e}}{e}} e^{-\frac{(1-e)x^2}{2e}} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi e}} dx dy \cdot e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2e}} e^{-\frac{xy\sqrt{1-e}}{e}} e^{-\frac{(1-e)y^2}{2e}} \end{aligned}$$

So they are equal!

2) Describe the Metropolis-Hastings algorithm with target measure π .

When we run this algorithm, we will obtain the distribution $N(0, 1) | [0, 8]$.
 What we do to obtain it?

We take any $x \in [0, 8]$, and fix e .

Then generate random $w \sim N(0, 1)$,
 and calculate $y := \sqrt{1-e}x + \sqrt{e}w$.

We have just made one step, from x to y .

Then take y as "current" state and generate w , and get next $y_{new} = \sqrt{1-e}y + \sqrt{e}w$.

Then ~~run~~ make steps for some time, and soon you will obtain new points according to the distribution $N(0, 1) | [0, 8]$.

3) We consider a signal-observation filtering problem defined by

$$\begin{cases} X_n = A_n(X_{n-1}, U_n) \in \mathbb{R} \\ Y_n = h_n(X_n) + V_n \in \mathbb{R} \end{cases}$$
 where $X_0, (U_n)_{n \geq 0}, (V_n)_{n \geq 0} \sim N(0, 1)$, independent.

Functions $a_n: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
 $h_n: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ - regular.

1) Describe the particle filter algorithm to estimate the conditional distributions of X_n given the observations Y_0, \dots, Y_n .

First take the distribution of $X_0 \sim N(0, I)$ and generate N samples x_0^1, \dots, x_0^N from it

~~These~~ ~~constructed~~

These x_0^1, \dots, x_0^N stand for $p(x_0)$.

Then construct new distribution, that will approximate $p(x_0/y_0)$, in that way:

the distribution takes point x_0^i with height $\frac{p(y_0/x_0^i)}{\sum_{j=1}^N p(y_0/x_0^j)}$ = density of $N(h_0(x_0^i), I)$ random variable at point y_0

In other words, $p(x_0/y_0) dx_0 \approx \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{p(y_0/x_0^i)}{\sum_{j=1}^N p(y_0/x_0^j)} \right) \delta_{x_0^i}(dx_0)$

Now you have "renewed" distribution, and generate N samples $\hat{x}_0^1, \dots, \hat{x}_0^N$ from it

Then take each of $\hat{x}_0^i, i=1, \dots, N$, and calculate the corresponding x_1^i by the formula $x_n = a_n(x_{n-1}, h_n)$ (Of course, you need to generate $X_n \sim N(0, I)$ for each x_0^i)

Now you have $(x_1^i)_{i=1, \dots, N}$ - they stand for $p(x_1/y_0)$

For them you now construct a new distribution $\sim p(x_1/y_0, y_1)$, weighting the existing points $(x_1^i)_{i=1, \dots, N}$ with weights

$p(y_1/x_1^i) =$ density of $N(h_1(x_1^i), I)$ random variable at point y_1 , because $y_1 = h_1(x_1) + v_1$

Then you generate N "renewed" points $(\hat{x}_1^i)_{i=1, \dots, N}$ from this distribution.

Then you make transition $(\hat{x}_1^i)_{i=1, \dots, N} \rightarrow (x_2^i)_{i=1, \dots, N}$ according to formula $x_n = a_n(x_{n-1}, h_n)$.

And so on.

That means, at the beginning of the n -th step, you have $(x_n^i)_{i=1, \dots, N}$ - they $\sim p(x_n/y_0, \dots, y_{n-1})$.

You ~~weight~~ ~~transform~~ obtain the approximation to distribution $p(x_n/y_0, \dots, y_n)$ by weighting $(x_n^i)_{i=1, \dots, N}$ with weights $\frac{p(y_n/x_n^i)}{\sum_{j=1}^N p(y_n/x_n^j)}$

Then you sample $(\hat{x}_n^i)_{i=1, \dots, N}$ from that distribution, and ~~then~~ calculate $(x_{n+1}^i)_{i=1, \dots, N}$ by the formula $x_{n+1} = a(x_n, h_{n+1})$. And so on

2) Describe the particle filter algorithm to estimate the conditional distributions of the trajectories (x_0, \dots, x_n) given the observations Y_0, \dots, Y_n .

We do almost the same algorithm, as in 1a, but the "state" is ~~not~~ ~~x_n~~ the tuple (x_0, \dots, x_n) instead of x_n , on the n -th step.

It means, that at the beginning of the n -th step, we have N tuples of length n . (p3)

They are $(x_0 \dots x_n)^i, i=1 \dots N$. They stand for distribution of $(x_0 \dots x_n) / y_0 \dots y_{n-1}$.

Then we create new distribution, approximating $(x_0 \dots x_n) / y_0 \dots y_n$, by weighting tuples $(x_0 \dots x_n)^i, i=1 \dots N$ with weights $p(y_n | (x_0 \dots x_n)^i) = p(y_n | x_n^i) =$ density of $N(h_n(x_n), \Sigma_n)$ at point y_n .

Then generate $(x_0 \dots x_n)^i, i=1 \dots N$ - N tuples according to this distribution on tuples. It means, that each sample is a tuple of length n .

Then calculate $x_{n+1}^i = a_n(x_n^i; h_{n+1})$ for each x_n^i , and add x_{n+1}^i to the corresponding tuple. ~~These are next step~~ These tuples $((x_0 \dots x_n x_{n+1})^i), i=1 \dots N$ are inputs for $(n+1)$ th step.

3) Describe an estimate of the density $p(y_0 \dots y_n)$ of the random variable $(Y_0 \dots Y_n)$.

Let's denote $\delta_n(x_n) := E(p_n(x_n) \cdot \prod_{0 \leq k < n} G_k(x_k))$, where $G_k(x_k) = p(y_k | x_k)$ - see algorithm in 3a.

Then $\prod_{0 \leq k < n} G_k(x_k) = \prod_{0 \leq k < n} p(y_k | x_k) = p(y_0 \dots y_{n-1} | x_0 \dots x_{n-1})$.

y_k are independent when x_k are fixed

Then $\delta_n(x) = E(\prod_{0 \leq k < n} G_k(x_k)) = E(p(y_0 \dots y_{n-1} | x_0 \dots x_{n-1})) = \int \dots \int p(y_0 \dots y_{n-1} | x_0 \dots x_{n-1}) dx_0 \dots dx_{n-1} = p(y_0 \dots y_{n-1})$.

So $\delta_n(x) = p(y_0 \dots y_{n-1})$,

and $\delta_{n+1}(x) = p(y_0 \dots y_n)$ - is what we need!

How to calculate $\delta_n(x)$ sequentially, if we know $\delta_{n-1}(x)$?

Obviously, $\delta_n(x) = E(p(y_0 \dots y_{n-1} | x_0 \dots x_{n-1})) = E(p(y_{n-1} | x_{n-1}) \cdot \underbrace{p(y_0 \dots y_{n-2} | x_0 \dots x_{n-2} x_{n-1})}_{\prod_{0 \leq k < n-1} G_k(x_k)}) = \delta_{n-1}(p(y_{n-1} | x_{n-1}))$.

So, $\delta_n(x) = \delta_{n-1}(p(y_{n-1} | x_{n-1})) = \frac{\delta_{n-1}(p(y_{n-1} | x_{n-1}))}{\delta_{n-1}(x)}$.

How can we approximate $\frac{\delta_{n-1}(p(y_{n-1} | x_{n-1}))}{\delta_{n-1}(x)}$?

It is equal to $\frac{\int p(y_{n-1} | x_{n-1}) \prod_{0 \leq k < n-1} G_k(x_k) dx_0 \dots dx_{n-1}}{\int \prod_{0 \leq k < n-1} G_k(x_k) dx_0 \dots dx_{n-1}} \approx \frac{\int p(y_{n-1} | x_{n-1}) \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{N} \delta_{x_{n-1}}^i(dx_0 \dots dx_{n-1})}{\int \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{N} \delta_{x_{n-1}}^i(dx_0 \dots dx_{n-1})} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N p(y_{n-1} | x_{n-1}^i) \cdot \frac{1}{N}}{\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{N}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N p(y_{n-1} | x_{n-1}^i)$.

$$\text{So } \frac{\delta_{n-1}(p(y_{n-1}/x_{n-1}))}{\delta_{n-1}(1)} \approx \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N p(y_{n-1}/x_{n-1}^i)}{N}$$

But this sum - is the sum of weights we calculate on the n -th step of algorithm 3a, when we construct a "renewed" weighted distribution.

$$\text{Hence, } p(y_0, \dots, y_n) = \prod_{k=1}^n \delta_{k+1}(1) = \prod_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N p(y_k/x_k^i)}{N} \right)$$

(4) We consider a simple random walk $(x_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ on \mathbb{Z} starting at the origin. We fix some parameter $L > 0$ and we set $A = [-L, L]$.

1) Describe a particle algorithm to sample the conditional distribution of the random walk restricted to the set A .

We have the same algorithm, as in 3a, but $G_k(x_k) = \mathbb{1}_A(x_k^i)$, instead of $p(y_k/x_k^i)$. So, at the beginning of the n -th step, we have $(x_n^i)_{i=1, \dots, N}$.

We construct a new distribution, weighting x_n^i with weight $\mathbb{1}_A(x_n^i)$.

Then we sample $(\hat{x}_n^i)_{i=1, \dots, N}$ from that distribution.

And for each $(\hat{x}_n^i)_{i=1, \dots, N}$, we calculate the corresponding $(x_{n+1}^i)_{i=1, \dots, N}$.

Then $(x_{n+1}^i)_{i=1, \dots, N}$ are the inputs for the $(n+1)$ -th step.

2) Propose a sequential way to estimate of the probabilities $p_{n+1} = P(x_0 \in A, \dots, x_n \in A)$.

We have the same algorithm as in 3c, but $G_k(x_k) = \mathbb{1}_A(x_k^i)$ instead of $p(y_k/x_k^i)$.

$$\text{So } \delta_n(1) = E \left(\prod_{0 \leq k < n} G_k(x_k) \right) = E \left(\prod_{0 \leq k < n} \mathbb{1}_A(x_k^i) \right) = P(x_0 \in A, \dots, x_n \in A)$$

~~And $\delta_n(1) = \delta_{n-1}(G_{n-1}(x_{n-1}))$~~

$$\text{And } \delta_n(1) = \delta_{n-1}(G_{n-1}(x_{n-1})) = \frac{\delta_{n-1}(G_{n-1}(x_{n-1}))}{\delta_{n-1}(1)} \cdot \delta_{n-1}(1) \approx \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N G_{n-1}(x_{n-1}^i) \cdot \delta_{n-1}(1)}{\sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{1}_A(x_{n-1}^i)}$$

$$\text{Hence, } P(x_0 \in A, \dots, x_n \in A) = \delta_{n+1}(1) = \prod_{k=1}^n \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{1}_A(x_k^i)}{N} \right)$$