

Consider the data 'data.npy'. Assume X is distributed according to a normal,

$$f_X(x|\mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x-\mu)^2}{\sigma^2}}$$

where

$$f_{prior}(\mu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(\mu_i - m)^2}{s^2}}$$

with

$$m = 4 \quad s = 2$$

and

$$f_{prior}(\sigma) = \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} (1/x)^{\alpha+1} e^{-\beta/x}$$

with

$$\alpha = 2, \beta = 1$$

Estimate μ, σ as posterior averages (with errors given by posterior standard deviations) from the data, using Metropolis algorithm to sample. In other words, sample

$$f(\mu, \sigma|x) \propto f_X(x|\mu, \sigma) f_{prior}(\mu) f_{prior}(\sigma)$$

using Metropolis algorithm. The proposal step $T(\mu', \sigma'|\mu, \sigma)$ can be any random move

$$\begin{aligned} \mu &\rightarrow \mu' \\ \sigma &\rightarrow \sigma' \end{aligned}$$

For instance, (μ', σ') are sampled normally around (μ, σ) with std. τ , $(\mu', \sigma') \sim \mathcal{N}((\mu, \sigma), \tau^2 \mathbb{I})$.