

Riemanniann Manifold Hamiltonian Monte Carlo

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HMC and RHMC : a better exploration!

Geodesic flows

- Hamiltonian equations : modeling motion dynamics
- Hamiltonian = kinetic energy + potential energy
- RHMC: generalization with non-constant curvature



FIGURE 1: HMC from Chi Feng demo



Girolami and Calderhead's paper areas of improvements [7]

- A better integration scheme ?
- A better metric ?
- A numerical estimation of the curvature?

Theorem: two theoretical results

- Verlet's leapfrog is sympletic and assures time reversibility which implies detailed balance [4]
- The geodesic flow for negatively curved compact Riemannian manifolds is ergodic [1]



Three interesting papers

- Autodifferentiation for Bayesian neural network[6]
- No-U-Turn (NUTS) : The No-U-Turn Sampler [8]
- Softabs metrics[3] : " maintain the desirable behavior of the Hessian in convex neighborhood"



FIGURE 2: NUTS from 'A Conceptual Introduction to Hamiltonian Monte Carlo' [2]



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Experiments

A trade-off between speed and precision

- Autodifferentiation makes RHMC slower and needs explicit solutions (x50 to x1000).
- Autocorrelations are far better for RHMC (no small oscillations).
- \blacksquare RHMC sampling has smaller KL divergence (0.3 < 1670)

HMC vs RHMC 200D Gaussian distribution





Experiments

Softabs

More stable but needs better implementation

- Too slow to be used with implicite integration.
- Assure SDP stability.
- Should use a specialised framework, STAN ?

HMC vs RHMC Softabs





Hyperparameter influences



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Multimodal distributions for RHMC



HMC





Adding the likelihood to the potential

 $\blacksquare \ \mathcal{L}(\theta) \to \mathcal{L}(\theta, Y) = \mathcal{L}(\theta) + \mathcal{L}(Y|\theta)$



Does not help explore other modes in this case ...





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Conclusion & extensions

- Easily implemented and can work really well, but hyperparameter tuning is not simple, done manually in the paper
- Derivation of the (expected) Rao metric is intractable in some cases (e.g. mixture models)
 - Approximation must be used or other metrics chosen
 - The problem of the right choice of matrix is not entirely solved although it gives very good directives
- Could be coupled with parallel tempering methods to better handle the multimodal case
- Alternative geometries could be investigated, for instance with MMD [5] or Wasserstein [9] distances





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The curse of dimensionality

Measure concentration

- Motivates Bayesian inference
 - Integration instead of Optimization
 - Monte Carlo estimation
- Motivates manifold hypothesis



FIGURE 3: Gaussian sampling projections from Jean Feydy course



NUTS HMC using STAN

STAN a hard but powerful framework

- Good performance but bad documentation
- Autograd and RHMC are not upgraded in python yet.
- Needs to create the cython script by yourself for now.



FIGURE 4: NUTS HMC for funnel's distribution



What is an efficient sampling ?

Sampling techniques

- Use of dependencies : MCMC
- Exploration-exploitation dilemma
 - Exploration to have all the "typical" states
 - Exploitation to obtain the right proportions

Exploration Exploitation Metropolis Hastings TP4





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Appendix

Toy problem

- $Y|\theta \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{1}{2}\theta^{\odot 2}, \Sigma_0\right)$ (\odot : Hadamard product)
- Prior $\theta \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma)$
- \blacksquare Fisher-Rao metric tensor $G(\theta)={\rm diag}(\theta)\Sigma_0^{-1}{\rm diag}(\theta)+\Sigma^{-1}$





Experiments using our own implementation





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Appendix

Multimodal distributions for HMC

 \mathbf{HMC}

■ HMC can be computed but doesn't explore enough.

 ${\bf HMC}$ 2D Gaussian Mixture and Banana-shape





Appendix