

Sampling constrained probability distributions using Spherical Augmentation

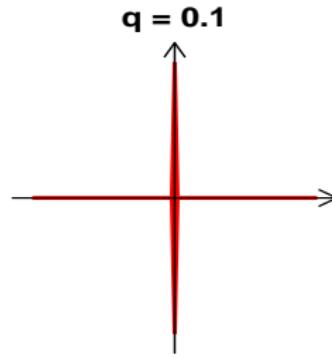
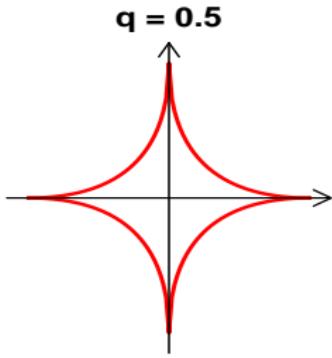
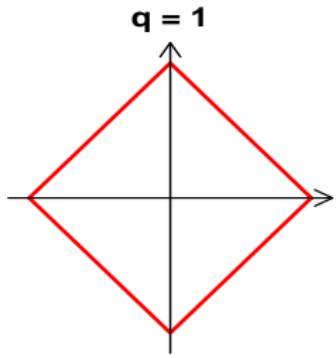
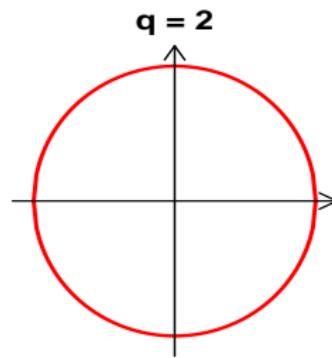
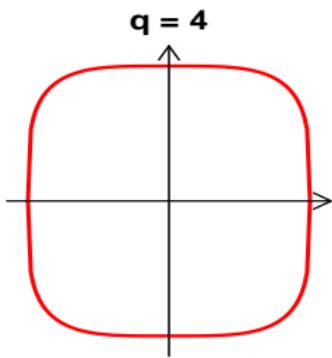
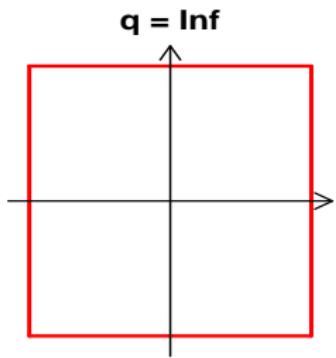
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Motivation



Background

- Sampling from probability distributions with constraints is common:
Lasso, Bridge, probit, copula, and Latent Dirichlet Allocation, etc.
- Direct truncation is easily doable but computationally wasteful.
- Neal (2010) discusses a modified HMC algorithm for which the sampler bounces off the boundary once hitting it (**Wall HMC**).
- Brubaker et al (2012, [constrained HMC on implicit manifolds](#)),
Pakman and Paninski (2012, [exact HMC for truncated Gaussian](#)),
Byrne and Girolami (2013, [Geodesic Monte Carlo on embedded manifolds](#)), etc.

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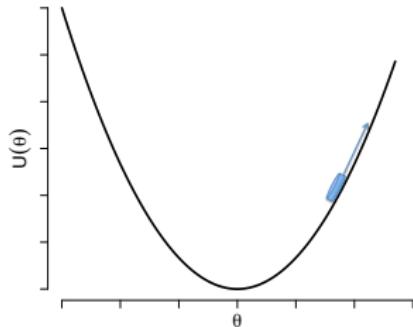
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Hamiltonian Monte Carlo



$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\theta} &= \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{p}} \\ \dot{\mathbf{p}} &= -\frac{\partial H}{\partial \theta}\end{aligned}$$

- Position $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^D \Leftarrow$ variable of interest
- Momentum $\mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^D \Leftarrow$ fictitious, usually $\sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{M})$
- Potential energy $U(\theta) \Leftarrow$ minus log of target density $f(\cdot)$
- Kinetic energy $K(\mathbf{p}) \Leftarrow$ minus log of momentum density
- Hamiltonian $H(\theta, \mathbf{p}) = U(\theta) + K(\mathbf{p}) \Leftarrow$ constant.

Hamiltonian Monte Carlo

Definition 1 (Hamiltonian dynamics)

$$\dot{\theta} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{p}} H(\theta, \mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{p}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{p}} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} H(\theta, \mathbf{p}) = -\nabla_{\theta} U(\theta)$$

Leapfrog: numerical integrator

$$\mathbf{p}(t + \varepsilon/2) = \mathbf{p}(t) - (\varepsilon/2) \nabla_{\theta} U(\theta(t))$$

$$\theta(t + \varepsilon) = \theta(t) + \varepsilon \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{p}(t + \varepsilon/2)$$

$$\mathbf{p}(t + \varepsilon) = \mathbf{p}(t + \varepsilon/2) - (\varepsilon/2) \nabla_{\theta} U(\theta(t + \varepsilon))$$

- Run for \mathbf{L} steps and accept the joint proposal of $\mathbf{z} := (\theta, \mathbf{p})$ with

$$\alpha = \min\{1, \exp(-H(\mathbf{z}^*) + H(\mathbf{z}))\}$$

Riemannian Hamiltonian Monte Carlo

On the manifold $\{f(\cdot; \theta)\}$ with metric $G(\theta) = -E_{\mathbf{x}|\theta}[\nabla_\theta^2 \log f(\mathbf{x}; \theta)]$:

$$\begin{aligned} H(\theta, \mathbf{p}) &= U(\theta) + K(\mathbf{p}, \theta) \\ &= -\log \pi(\theta) + \frac{1}{2} \log \det \mathbf{G}(\theta) + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{p}^\top \mathbf{G}(\theta)^{-1} \mathbf{p} \\ &\equiv \phi(\theta) + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{p}^\top \mathbf{G}(\theta)^{-1} \mathbf{p} \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathbf{p}|\theta \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{G}(\theta))$. Girolami and Calderhead (2011) propose:

Definition 2 (Riemannian Hamiltonian dynamics)

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\theta} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial p} H(\theta, \mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{G}(\theta)^{-1} \mathbf{p} \\ \dot{\mathbf{p}} &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} H(\theta, \mathbf{p}) = -\nabla_\theta \phi(\theta) + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{p}^\top \mathbf{G}(\theta)^{-1} \partial \mathbf{G}(\theta) \mathbf{G}(\theta)^{-1} \mathbf{p} \end{aligned}$$

Lagrangian Monte Carlo

To resolve the implicitness of RHMC, Lan et al. (2012) propose

Definition 3 (Lagrangian Dynamics)

$$\dot{\theta} = \mathbf{G}(\theta)^{-1} \mathbf{p}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{p}} = -\nabla_{\theta}\phi(\theta) + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{p}^T \mathbf{G}(\theta)^{-1} \partial \mathbf{G}(\theta) \mathbf{G}(\theta)^{-1} \mathbf{p}$$

$\mathbf{p} \rightarrow \mathbf{v}$

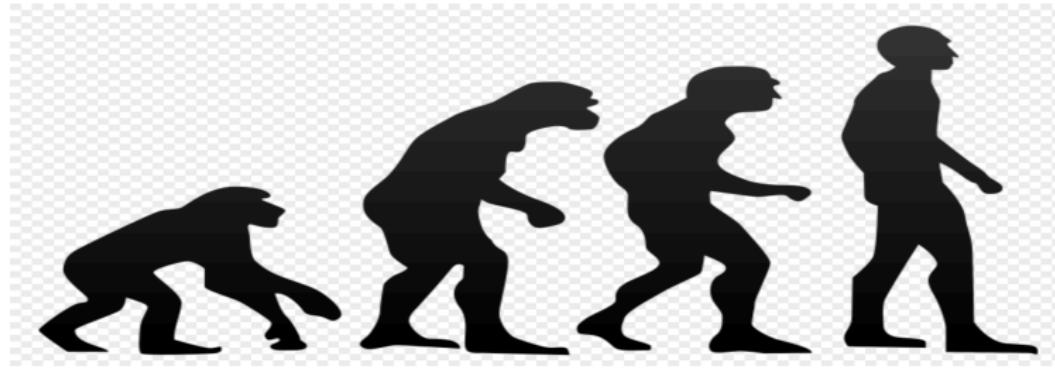
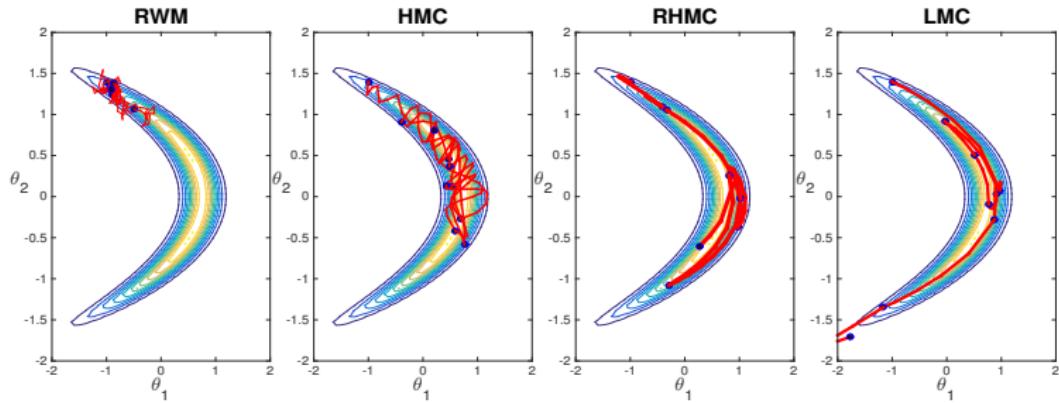

Lagrangian Dynamics

$$\dot{\theta} = \mathbf{v}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{v}} = -\mathbf{v}^T \boldsymbol{\Gamma}(\theta) \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{G}(\theta)^{-1} \nabla_{\theta}\phi(\theta)$$

- Not Hamiltonian dynamics of (θ, \mathbf{v}) !
- An *explicit* integrator can be found more efficient.

Geometry helps!



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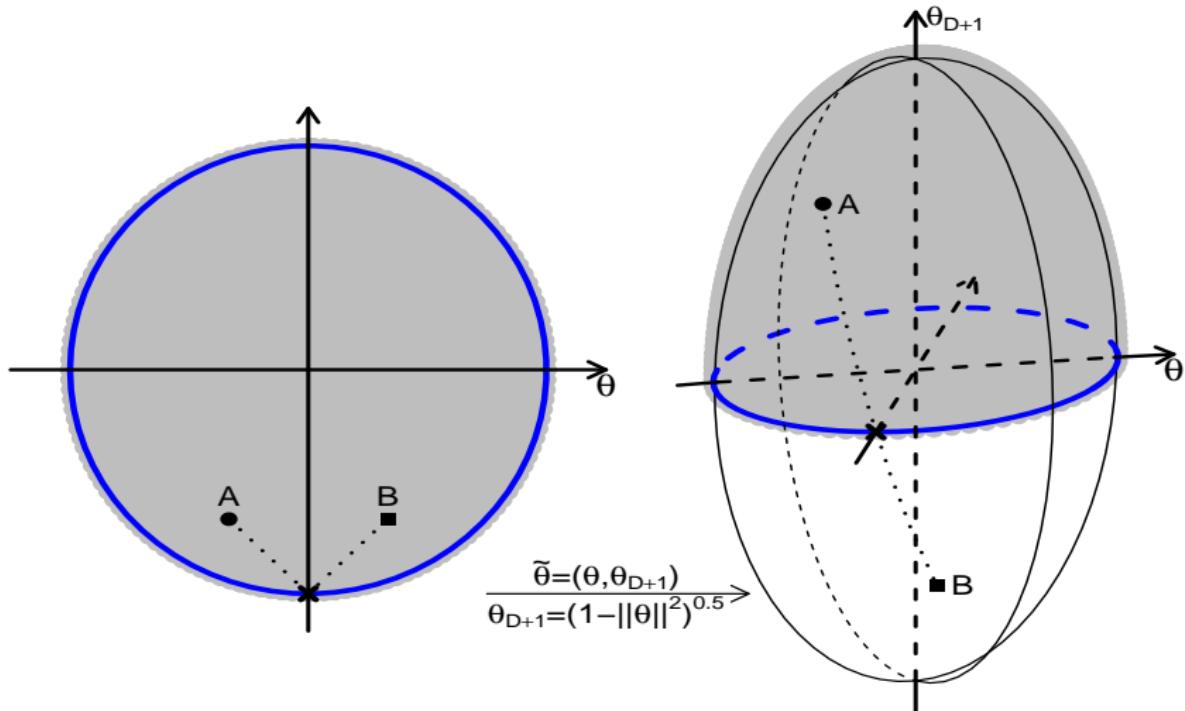
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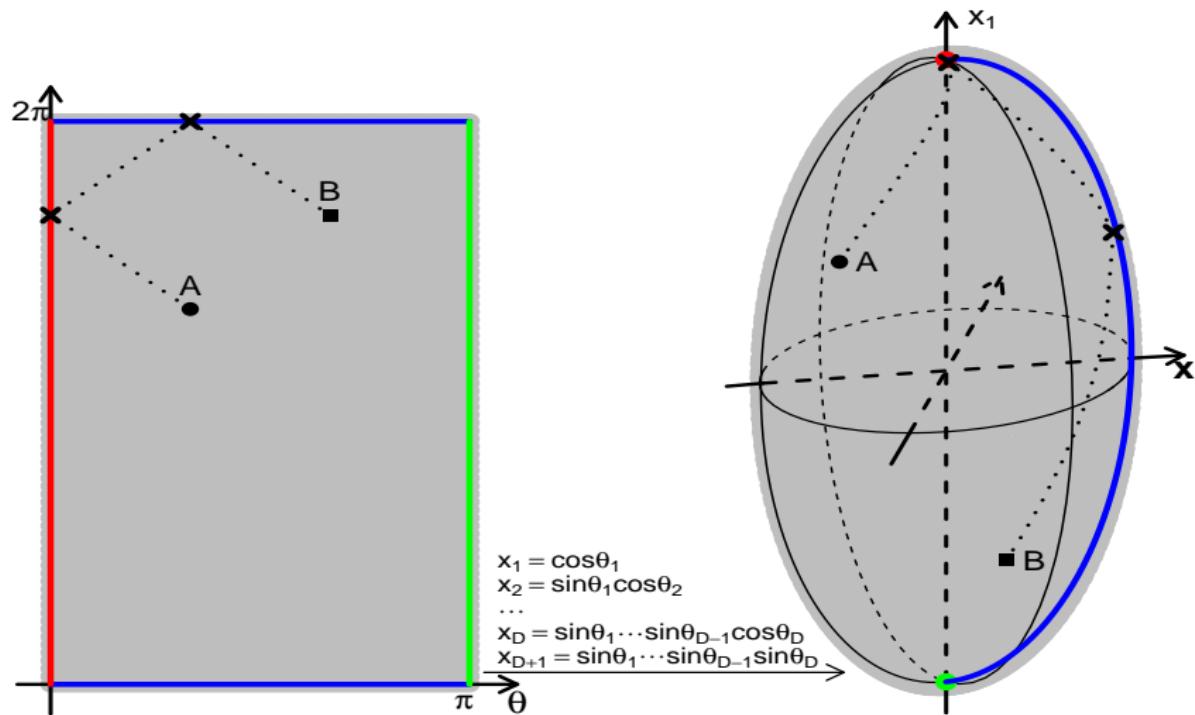
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Change of the domain: from unit ball $B_0^D(1)$ to sphere S^D

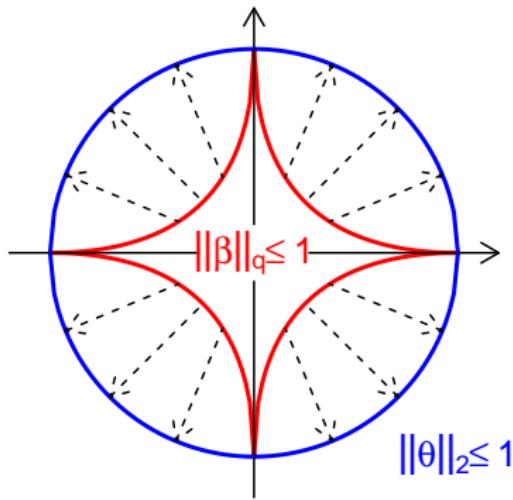


Change of the domain: from rectangle \mathcal{R}_0^D to sphere \mathcal{S}^D



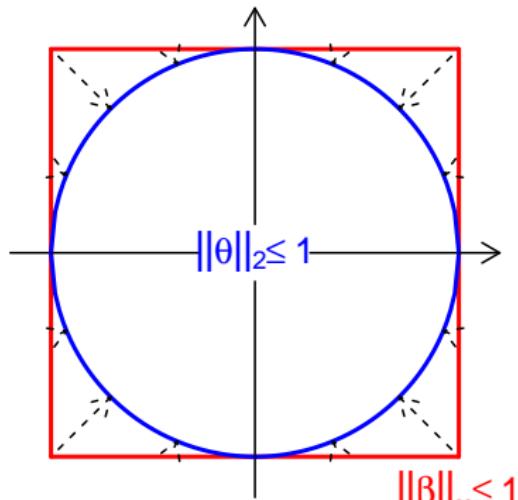
Mapping q -norm constrained domain to unit ball

$$0 < q < \infty$$



$$\theta = \text{sgn}(\beta) |\beta|^{(q/2)}$$

$$q = \infty$$



$$\theta = \beta \frac{\|\beta\|_\infty}{\|\beta\|_2}$$

Some functional constraints

linear M linear constraints $\mathbf{I} \leq \mathbf{A}\beta \leq \mathbf{u}$, with \mathbf{A} an $M \times D$ matrix, β a D -vector and \mathbf{I}, \mathbf{u} both M -vectors.

- Assume $M = D$ and $\mathbf{A}_{D \times D}$ invertible. $\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{I} \leq \beta \leq \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{u}$ not true.
- Sample $\eta := \mathbf{X}\beta$ with $\mathbf{I} \leq \eta \leq \mathbf{u}$ and transform back to $\beta = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\eta$.

Quadratic Quadratic constraints $I \leq \beta^T \mathbf{A} \beta + \mathbf{b}^T \beta \leq u$ with $I, u > 0$ scalars.

- Assume $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{Q}\Sigma\mathbf{Q}^T > 0$. Use $\beta \mapsto \beta^* = \sqrt{\Sigma}\mathbf{Q}^T(\beta + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{b})$:

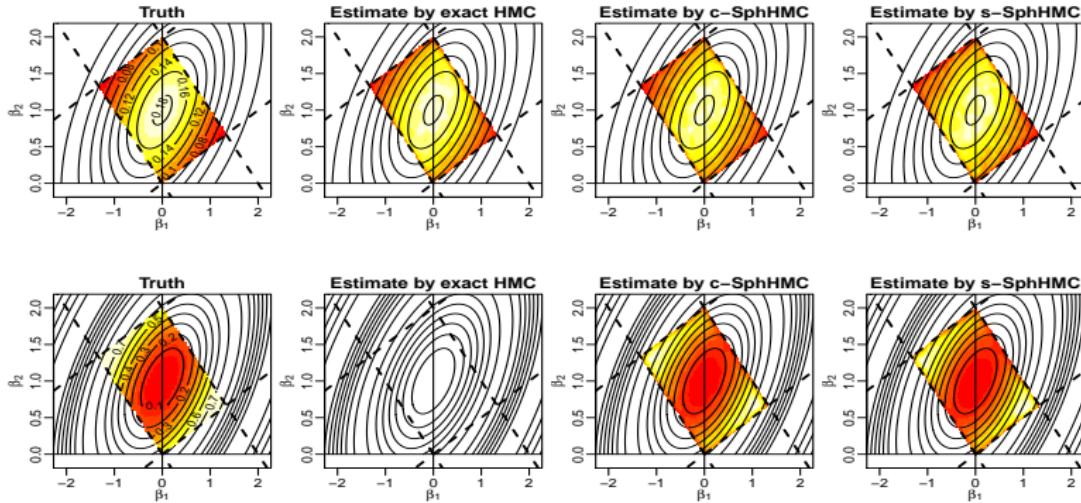
$$\circledcirc : I^* \leq \|\beta^*\|_2^2 = (\beta^*)^T \beta^* \leq u^*, \quad I^* = I + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{b}, \quad u^* = u + \frac{1}{4} \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{b}$$

- It can further be mapped to unit ball:

$$T_{\circledcirc \rightarrow \mathcal{B}} : \mathcal{B}_0^D(\sqrt{u^*}) \setminus \mathcal{B}_0^D(\sqrt{I^*}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{B}_0^D(1), \quad \beta^* \mapsto \theta = \frac{\beta^*}{\|\beta^*\|_2} \frac{\|\beta^*\|_2 - \sqrt{I^*}}{\sqrt{u^*} - \sqrt{I^*}}$$

An example of linear constraints

$$0 \leq -0.5\beta_1 + \beta_2 \leq 2 \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \leq \beta_1 + \beta_2 \leq 2$$



- upper row: $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma)$ with $\mu = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- lower row: $f(\beta) \propto \frac{\sin^2 Q(\beta)}{Q(\beta)}$, $Q(\beta) = \frac{1}{2}(\beta - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (\beta - \mu)$

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- Denote the original parameter as β and the constrained domain as \mathcal{D} .
We use θ to denote the coordinate of sphere \mathcal{S}^D . Change variables

Change of variables

$$\int_{\mathcal{D}} f(\beta) d\beta_{\mathcal{D}} = \int_{\mathcal{S}} f(\theta) \left| \frac{d\beta_{\mathcal{D}}}{d\theta_{\mathcal{S}}} \right| d\theta_{\mathcal{S}} \quad (3.1)$$

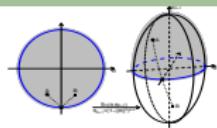
- The energy functions will be changed to

$$\phi(\theta) = -\log f(\theta) - \log \left| \frac{d\beta_{\mathcal{D}}}{d\theta_{\mathcal{S}}} \right| = U(\beta(\theta)) - \log \left| \frac{d\beta_{\mathcal{D}}}{d\theta_{\mathcal{S}}} \right|$$

$$H(\theta, v) = \phi(\theta) + \frac{1}{2} \langle v, v \rangle_{G_{S_c}(\theta)}$$

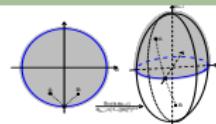
- The Jacobian determinant $\left| \frac{d\beta_{\mathcal{D}}}{d\theta_{\mathcal{S}}} \right|$ can be used as weight afterwards.

We then consider *partial* Hamiltonian $H^*(\theta, v) = U(\theta) + \frac{1}{2} \langle v, v \rangle_{G_{S_c}(\theta)}$



Spherical HMC in the Cartesian coordinate

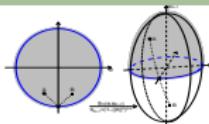
Spherical HMC for ball type constraints



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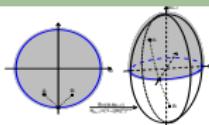
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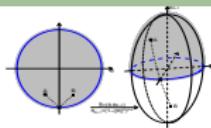
What We Want:

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} \sim f(\boldsymbol{\theta}) d\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\mathcal{B}}$$

$\xleftarrow[\text{weigh it by } |\theta_{D+1}|]{\text{drop } \theta_{D+1}}$

What We Sample:

$$\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \sim f(\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}) d\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\mathcal{S}_c}$$



Canonical spherical metric

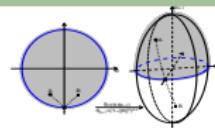
- Here, the proper metric on S^D is called *canonical spherical metric*:

Definition 4 (canonical spherical metric)

$$\mathbf{G}_{S_c}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbf{I}_D + \frac{\boldsymbol{\theta}\boldsymbol{\theta}^\top}{\theta_{D+1}^2} = \mathbf{I}_D + \frac{\boldsymbol{\theta}\boldsymbol{\theta}^\top}{1 - \|\boldsymbol{\theta}\|_2^2} \quad (3.2)$$

- For any vector $\tilde{\mathbf{v}} = (\mathbf{v}, v_{D+1}) \in T_{\tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}} S^D := \{\tilde{\mathbf{v}} \in \mathbb{R}^{D+1} : \tilde{\boldsymbol{\theta}}^\top \tilde{\mathbf{v}} = 0\}$, $\mathbf{G}_{S_c}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ can be viewed as a way to express the length of $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}$ in \mathbf{v} :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{G}_{S_c}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \mathbf{v} &= \|\mathbf{v}\|_2^2 + \frac{\mathbf{v}^\top \boldsymbol{\theta} \boldsymbol{\theta}^\top \mathbf{v}}{\theta_{D+1}^2} = \|\mathbf{v}\|_2^2 + \frac{(-\theta_{D+1} v_{D+1})^2}{\theta_{D+1}^2} \\ &= \|\mathbf{v}\|_2^2 + v_{D+1}^2 = \|\tilde{\mathbf{v}}\|_2^2 \end{aligned}$$



Hamiltonian (Lagrangian) dynamics on sphere

On $\mathcal{B}_\mathbf{0}^D(1)$

$$\begin{aligned} H(\theta, \mathbf{v}) &= U(\theta) + K(\mathbf{v}) \\ &= -\log f(\theta) + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{I} \mathbf{v} \end{aligned}$$

On \mathcal{S}^D

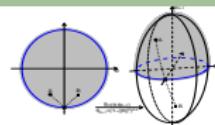
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$$\mathbf{v} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}_D)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\theta \mapsto \tilde{\theta}}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\mathbf{v} \mapsto \tilde{\mathbf{v}}}$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{v}} \sim (\mathbf{I}_{D+1} - \tilde{\theta} \tilde{\theta}^\top) \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}_{D+1})$$



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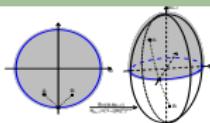
$$\dot{\theta} = \mathbf{v}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{v}} = -\nabla_\theta U(\theta)$$

$$\|\theta\|_2 \leq 1$$

\longrightarrow

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\theta} &= \mathbf{v} \\ \dot{\mathbf{v}} &= -\mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{G}_{\mathcal{S}_c}(\theta) \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{G}_{\mathcal{S}_c}(\theta)^{-1} \nabla_\theta U(\theta) \\ \theta_{D+1} &= \sqrt{1 - \|\theta\|_2^2}, \quad \mathbf{v}_{D+1} = -\theta^\top \mathbf{v} / \theta_{D+1} \end{aligned}$$

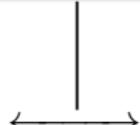


Split Lagrangian dynamics on sphere

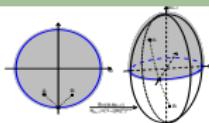
$$\dot{\theta} = \mathbf{v} \quad (3.3)$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{v}} = -\mathbf{v}^T \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_{\mathcal{S}_c}(\theta) \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{G}_{\mathcal{S}_c}(\theta)^{-1} \nabla_{\theta} U(\theta)$$

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$$\tilde{\mathbf{v}}(t) = \tilde{\mathbf{v}}(0)$$

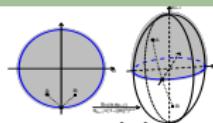
$$-\frac{t}{2} \left[\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_D \\ \mathbf{0}^T \end{bmatrix} - \tilde{\theta}(0) \theta(0)^T \right] \nabla_{\theta} U(\theta(0))$$



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$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\theta}(t) &= \tilde{\theta}(0) \cos(\|\tilde{\mathbf{v}}(0)\|_2 t) \\ &\quad + \frac{\tilde{\mathbf{v}}(0)}{\|\tilde{\mathbf{v}}(0)\|_2} \sin(\|\tilde{\mathbf{v}}(0)\|_2 t) \\ \tilde{\mathbf{v}}(t) &= -\tilde{\theta}(0) \|\tilde{\mathbf{v}}(0)\|_2 \sin(\|\tilde{\mathbf{v}}(0)\|_2 t) \\ &\quad + \tilde{\mathbf{v}}(0) \cos(\|\tilde{\mathbf{v}}(0)\|_2 t)\end{aligned}$$



Error analysis

Denote $\mathbf{z} := (\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{v})$, $\mathbf{z}(t_n)$ as the true solution to (3.3) at time t_n and $\mathbf{z}^{(n)}$ the numerical solution at n -th step. We have the following bound of the error $e_n = \|\mathbf{z}(t_n) - \mathbf{z}^{(n)}\|$:

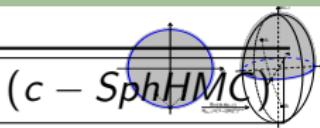
Proposition 1

Assume $\mathbf{f}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \mathbf{v}) := \mathbf{v}^T \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_S(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{G}_S(\boldsymbol{\theta})^{-1} \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} U(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ is smooth. Then

$$e_{n+1} \leq (1 + M_1 \varepsilon + M_2 \varepsilon^2) e_n + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^3)$$

where $M_k = c_k \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \|\nabla^k \mathbf{f}(\boldsymbol{\theta}(t), \mathbf{v}(t))\|$, $k = 1, 2$ for some constants $c_k > 0$. $\varepsilon = t_{n+1} - t_n$ is the discretization step size. Further accumulating the local errors for $L = T/\varepsilon$ steps yields the global error

$$e_{L+1} \leq (e^{M_1 T} + T) \varepsilon^2$$

Algorithm 1 Spherical HMC in the Cartesian coordinate

Initialize $\tilde{\theta}^{(1)}$ at current $\tilde{\theta}$ after transformation $T_{\mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}}$

Sample a new velocity value $\tilde{v}^{(1)} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}_{D+1})$

Set $\tilde{v}^{(1)} \leftarrow \tilde{v}^{(1)} - \tilde{\theta}^{(1)} (\tilde{\theta}^{(1)})^T \tilde{v}^{(1)}$

Calculate $H(\tilde{\theta}^{(1)}, \tilde{v}^{(1)}) = U(\theta^{(1)}) + K(\tilde{v}^{(1)})$

for $\ell = 1$ to L **do**

$$\tilde{v}^{(\ell+\frac{1}{2})} = \tilde{v}^{(\ell)} - \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_D \\ \mathbf{0}^T \end{bmatrix} - \tilde{\theta}^{(\ell)} (\theta^{(\ell)})^T \right) \nabla_{\theta} U(\theta^{(\ell)})$$

$$\tilde{\theta}^{(\ell+1)} = \tilde{\theta}^{(\ell)} \cos(\|\tilde{v}^{(\ell+\frac{1}{2})}\| \varepsilon) + \frac{\tilde{v}^{(\ell+\frac{1}{2})}}{\|\tilde{v}^{(\ell+\frac{1}{2})}\|} \sin(\|\tilde{v}^{(\ell+\frac{1}{2})}\| \varepsilon)$$

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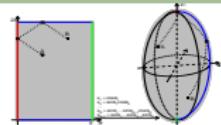
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Accept or reject the proposal according to α for the next state $\tilde{\theta}'$

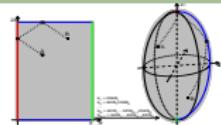
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Spherical HMC

in the spherical coordinate

Spherical HMC for box type constraints

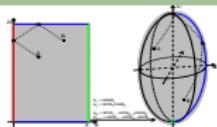


$$\mathcal{R}_0^D := [0, \pi]^{D-1} \times [0, 2\pi)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\theta \mapsto \mathbf{x}}$$

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$$\mathcal{S}^D := \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{D+1} : \|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = 1\}$$



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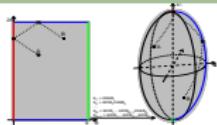
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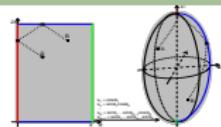
What We Want:

$$\theta \sim f(\theta) d\theta_{\mathcal{R}_0}$$

$$\xleftarrow{\text{by } \prod_{d=1}^{D-1} \sin^{d-D} \theta_d} \text{weigh sample } \theta$$

What We Sample:

$$\theta \sim f(\theta) d\theta_{\mathcal{S}_r}$$



Round spherical metric

- Here, the natural metric on \mathcal{S}^D is called *round spherical metric*:

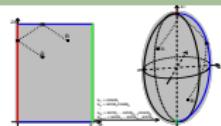
Definition 5 (round spherical metric)

$$\mathbf{G}_{\mathcal{S}_r}(\theta) = \text{diag} \left[1, \sin^2 \theta_1, \dots, \prod_{d=1}^{D-1} \sin^2 \theta_d \right] \quad (3.4)$$

- For any vector $\mathbf{v} \in T_\theta \mathcal{R}_0^D$, we have

$$\mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{G}_{\mathcal{S}_r}(\theta) \mathbf{v} \leq \|\mathbf{v}\|_2^2 \leq \|\tilde{\mathbf{v}}\|_2^2 = \mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{G}_{\mathcal{S}_c}(\theta) \mathbf{v}$$

Hamiltonian (Lagrangian) dynamics on sphere



On \mathcal{R}_0^D

$$\begin{aligned} H(\theta, \mathbf{v}) &= U(\theta) + K(\mathbf{v}) \\ &= -\log f(\theta) + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{I} \mathbf{v} \end{aligned}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\theta \mapsto \mathbf{x}}$$

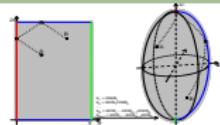
On \mathcal{S}^D

$$\begin{aligned} H^*(\mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}) &= U(\mathbf{x}) + K(\dot{\mathbf{x}}) \\ &= -\log f(\theta) + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{G}_{\mathcal{S}_r}(\theta) \mathbf{v} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{v} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}_D)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\mathbf{v} \mapsto \dot{\mathbf{x}}}$$

$$\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}) \sim \mathbf{G}_{\mathcal{S}_r}(\theta)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}_D)$$



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$$\dot{\theta} = \mathbf{v}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{v}} = -\nabla_{\theta} U(\theta)$$

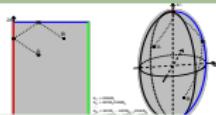
$$\mathbf{I} \leq \theta \leq \mathbf{u}$$

\longrightarrow

$$\dot{\theta} = \mathbf{v}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{v}} = -\mathbf{v}^\top \boldsymbol{\Gamma}_{\mathcal{S}_r}(\theta) \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{G}_{\mathcal{S}_r}(\theta)^{-1} \nabla_{\theta} U(\theta)$$

$$\theta = \theta(\mathbf{x}), \quad \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}})$$



Split Lagrangian dynamics on sphere

$$\dot{\theta} = v$$

$$\dot{v} = -v^T \Gamma_{S_r}(\theta)v - \mathbf{G}_{S_r}(\theta)^{-1} \nabla_{\theta} U(\theta)$$

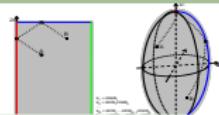
$$\dot{\theta} = 0$$

$$\dot{v} = -\frac{1}{2} \mathbf{G}_{S_r}(\theta)^{-1} \nabla_{\theta} U(\theta)$$



$$\dot{\theta} = v$$

$$\dot{v} = -v^T \Gamma_{S_r}(\theta)v$$



Split Lagrangian dynamics on sphere

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$$\dot{\theta} = 0$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{v}} = -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{G}_{S_r}(\theta)^{-1}\nabla_{\theta}U(\theta)$$

↓

$$\dot{\theta} = \mathbf{v}$$

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↓

$$\theta(t) = \theta(0)$$

$$\mathbf{v}(t) = \mathbf{v}(0) - \frac{t}{2}.$$

$$\text{diag} \left[1, \dots, \prod_{d=1}^{D-1} \sin^{-2} \theta_d \right] \nabla_{\boldsymbol{\theta}} U(\boldsymbol{\theta}(0))$$

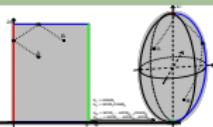
$$(\theta(0), \mathbf{v}(0)) \longrightarrow (\mathbf{x}(0), \dot{\mathbf{x}}(0))$$

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$$(\mathbf{x}(t), \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t)) = g_r(\mathbf{x}(0), \dot{\mathbf{x}}(0))$$

↓

$$(\theta(0), \mathbf{v}(0)) \leftarrow (\mathbf{x}(0), \dot{\mathbf{x}}(0))$$



Algorithm 2 Spherical HMC in the spherical coordinate (s-SphHMC)

Initialize $\theta^{(1)}$ at current θ after transformation $T_{\mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}}$

Sample a new velocity value $\mathbf{v}^{(1)} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}_D)$

Set $v_d^{(1)} \leftarrow v_d^{(1)} \prod_{i=1}^{d-1} \sin^{-1}(\theta_i^{(1)})$, $d = 1, \dots, D$

Calculate $H(\theta^{(1)}, \mathbf{v}^{(1)}) = U(\theta^{(1)}) + K(\mathbf{v}^{(1)})$

for $\ell = 1$ to L **do**

$$v_d^{(\ell+\frac{1}{2})} = v_d^{(\ell)} - \frac{\varepsilon^d}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_d} U(\theta^{(\ell)}) \prod_{i=1}^{d-1} \sin^{-2}(\theta_i^{(\ell)}), d = 1, \dots, D$$

$$(\theta^{(\ell+1)}, \mathbf{v}^{(\ell+\frac{1}{2})}) \leftarrow \tilde{T}_{\mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}_0} \circ g_\varepsilon \circ \tilde{T}_{\mathcal{R}_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{S}}(\theta^{(\ell)}, \mathbf{v}^{(\ell+\frac{1}{2})})$$

$$v_d^{(\ell+1)} = v_d^{(\ell+\frac{1}{2})} - \frac{\varepsilon^d}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_d} U(\theta^{(\ell+1)}) \prod_{i=1}^{d-1} \sin^{-2}(\theta_i^{(\ell+1)}), d = 1, \dots, D$$

end for

Calculate $H(\theta^{(L+1)}, \mathbf{v}^{(L+1)}) = U(\theta^{(L+1)}) + K(\mathbf{v}^{(L+1)})$

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Accept or reject the proposal according to α for the next state θ'

Calculate $T_{\mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}}(\theta')$ and the corresponding weight $|dT_{\mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}}|$



Spherical LMC

on the probability simplex



Spherical LMC on the probability simplex

- A class of models having probability distributions defined on *simplex*

$$\Delta^K := \{\boldsymbol{\pi} \in \mathbb{R}^D \mid \pi_k \geq 0, \sum_{k=1}^K \pi_k = 1\}$$

- *Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA)* (Blei et al., 2003) is a hierarchical Bayesian model frequently used to model document topics.
- 1-norm constraint: identify the first (all positive) orthant with others.
- $T_{\Delta \rightarrow \sqrt{\Delta}} : \boldsymbol{\pi} \mapsto \boldsymbol{\theta} = \sqrt{\boldsymbol{\pi}}$ maps the simplex to the sphere

$$\sqrt{\Delta}^K := \{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \mathcal{S}^{K-1} \mid \theta_k \geq 0, \forall k = 1, \dots, K\} \subset \mathcal{S}^{K-1}$$



Spherical LMC on the probability simplex

- Prototype example: Dirichlet-Multinomial distribution

$$p(x_i = k | \boldsymbol{\pi}) = \pi_k, \quad k = 1, \dots, K$$

$$p(\boldsymbol{\pi}) \propto \prod_{k=1}^K \pi_k^{\alpha_k - 1}$$

$$p(\boldsymbol{\pi} | \mathbf{x}) \propto \prod_{k=1}^K \pi_k^{n_k + \alpha_k - 1}, \quad n_k = \sum_{i=1}^N I(x_i = k), \quad n = \sum_{k=1}^K n_k$$

- Fisher metric on $\sqrt{\Delta}$ coincides $\mathbf{G}_{\mathcal{S}_c}(\theta)$ on \mathcal{S}^{K-1} up to a constant.

$$\mathbf{G}_\Delta(\boldsymbol{\pi}_{-K}) = n[\text{diag}(1/\boldsymbol{\pi}_{-K}) + \mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}^\top/\pi_K]$$

$$\mathbf{G}_{\sqrt{\Delta}}(\theta) = \frac{d\boldsymbol{\pi}_{-K}^\top}{d\theta_{-K}} \mathbf{G}_\Delta(\boldsymbol{\pi}_{-K}) \frac{d\boldsymbol{\pi}_{-K}}{d\theta_{-K}^\top} = 4n \mathbf{G}_{\mathcal{S}_c}(\theta)$$



Spherical LMC on the probability simplex

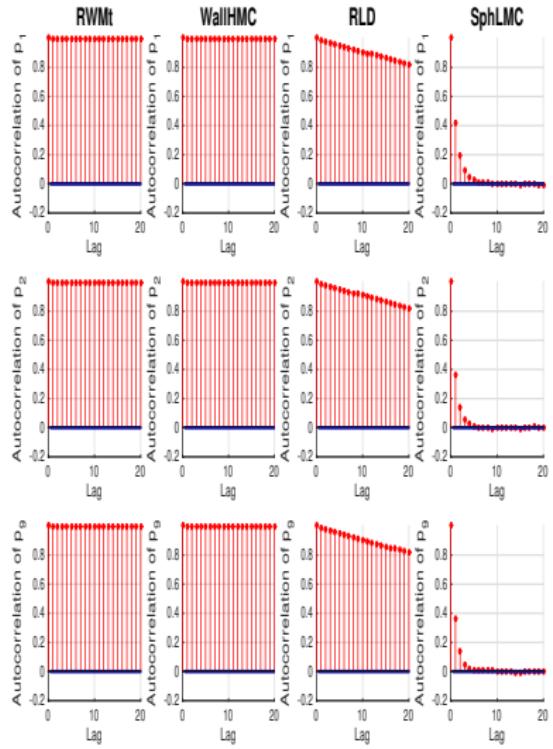
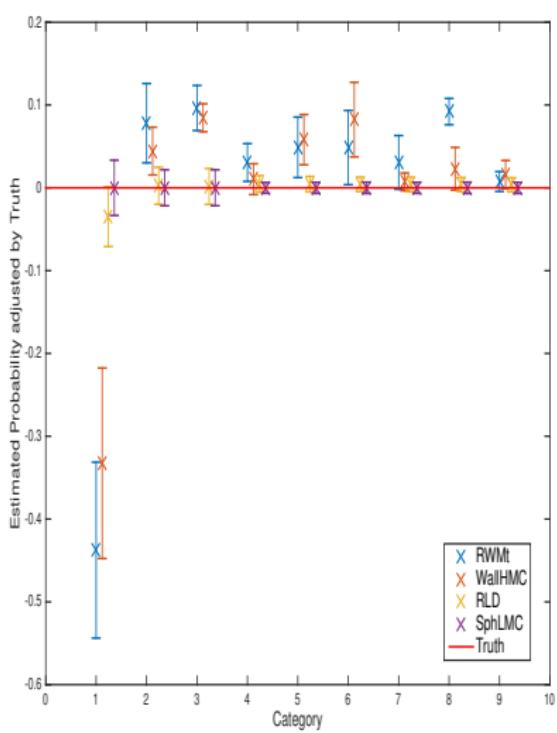
- Use $\mathbf{G}_{\sqrt{\Delta}}(\theta)$ instead of $\mathbf{G}_{S_c}(\theta)$ in c-SphHMC.
- Include the volume adjustment term, $\left| \frac{d\beta_{\mathcal{D}}}{d\theta_S} \right|$ in the Hamiltonian

$$H(\theta, \mathbf{v}) = \phi(\theta) + \frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle_{\mathbf{G}_{\sqrt{\Delta}}(\theta)}, \quad \phi(\theta) = U(\theta) - \log \left| \frac{d\beta_{\mathcal{D}}}{d\theta_S} \right|$$

- No afterward re-weight: online learning
- c-SphHMC $\xrightarrow{\text{above modifications}}$ Spherical Lagrangian Monte Carlo.
- SphLMC: stems from the Fisher metric on the simplex.



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Definition 6 (Effective Sample Size)

For N samples, effective sample size is calculated as follows:

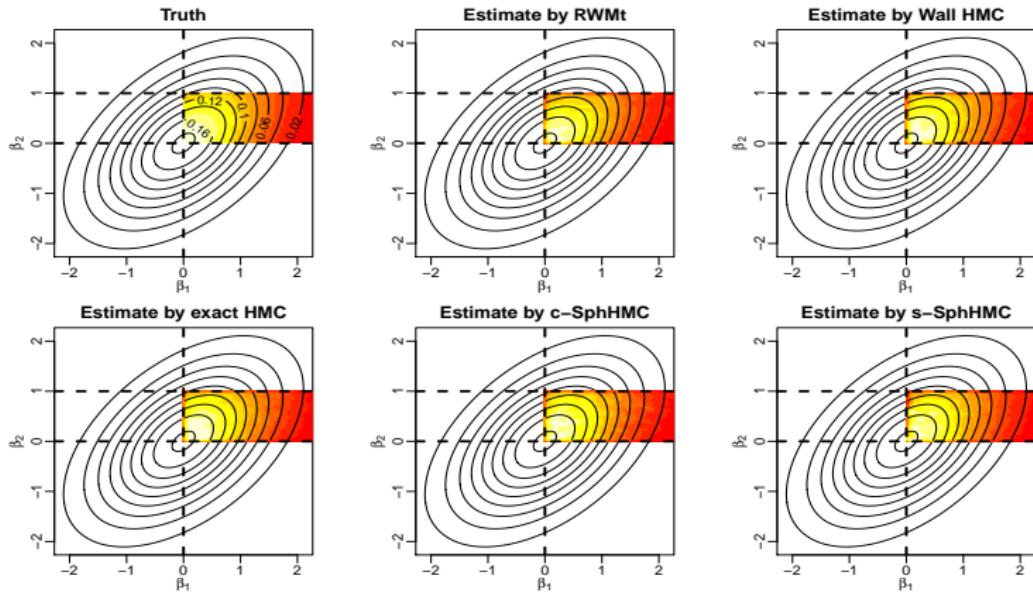
$$ESS = N[1 + 2\sum_{k=1}^K \rho(k)]^{-1}$$

where $\rho(k)$ is the autocorrelation function with lag k , and $K \gg 1$.

- Performance measured by time-normalized ESS.
- Interpreted as number of nearly independent samples.
- Use the minimum ESS normalized by CPU time: $\min(\text{ESS})/\text{s}$.
- Compare RWMt, Wall HMC, exact HMC, [c-SphHMC](#), [s-SphHMC](#), RLD and [SphLMC](#).

Truncated Multivariate Gaussian

$$\begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \end{pmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mathbf{0}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & .5 \\ .5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}\right), \quad 0 \leq \beta_1 \leq 5, \quad 0 \leq \beta_2 \leq 1$$

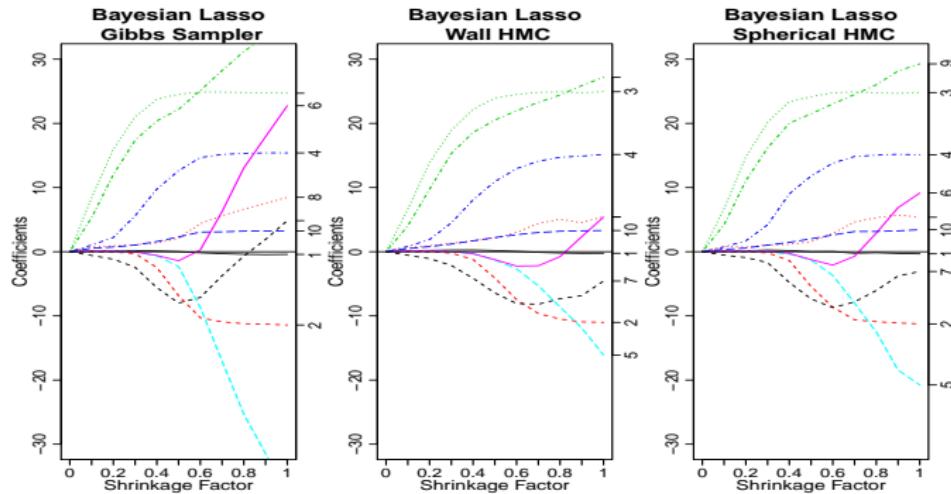


Truncated Multivariate Gaussian

- To evaluate efficiency, we increase the dimensionality for $D = 10, 100$
- $\beta \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma)$, $\Sigma_{ij} = 1/(1+|i-j|)$; $0 \leq \beta_1 \leq 5$, $0 \leq \beta_i \leq 0.5$, $i \neq 1$.
- RWM: > 95% of times proposals rejected due to constraint violation.
- Wall HMC: average wall hits 3.81 (L=2, D=10), 6.19 (L=5, D=100).

Dim	Method	AP	s/iter	ESS(min,med,max)	Min(ESS)/s	spdup
D=10	RWMt	0.62	5.72E-05	(48,691,736)	7.58	1.00
	Wall HMC	0.83	1.19E-04	(31904,86275,87311)	2441.72	322.33
	exact HMC	1.00	7.60E-05	(1e+05,1e+05,1e+05)	11960.29	1578.87
	c-SphHMC	0.82	2.53E-04	(62658,85570,86295)	2253.32	297.46
	s-SphHMC	0.79	2.02E-04	(76088,1e+05,1e+05)	3429.56	452.73
D=100	RWMt	0.81	5.45E-04	(1,4,54)	0.01	1.00
	Wall HMC	0.74	2.23E-03	(17777,52909,55713)	72.45	5130.21
	exact HMC	1.00	4.65E-02	(97963,1e+05,1e+05)	19.16	1356.64
	c-SphHMC	0.73	3.45E-03	(55667,68585,72850)	146.75	10390.94
	s-SphHMC	0.87	2.30E-03	(74476,99670,1e+05)	294.31	20839.43

Bayesian Lasso: regularized regression

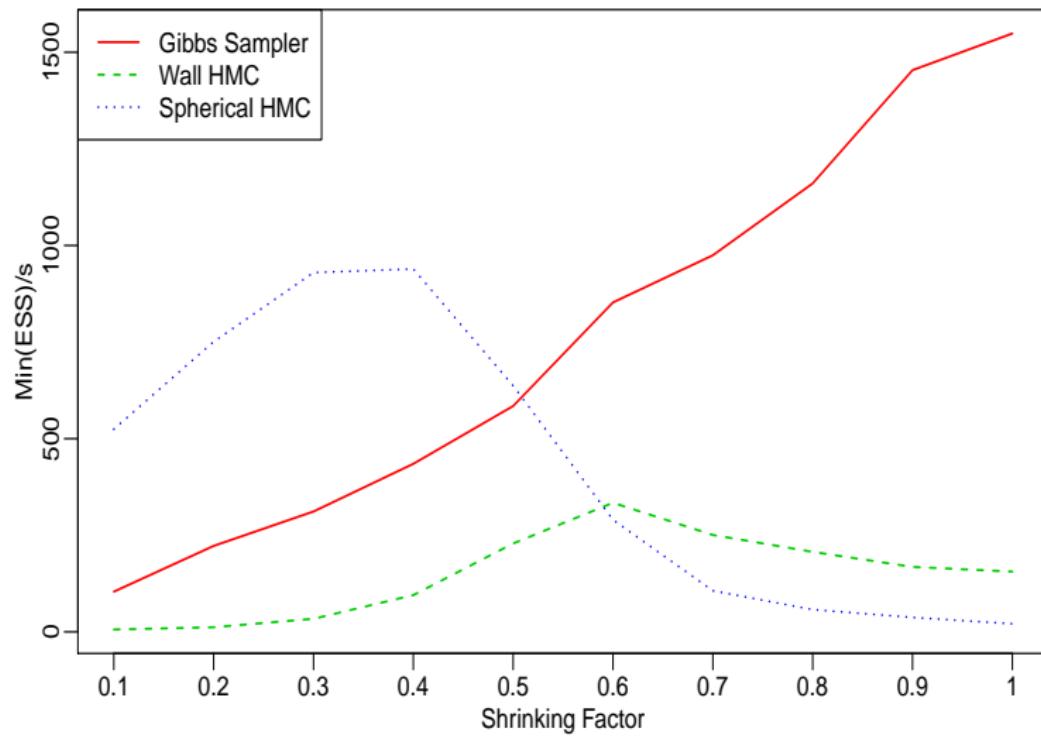


- Obtain the coefficients β by minimizing the residual sum of squares (RSS) subject to a constraint on the magnitude of β

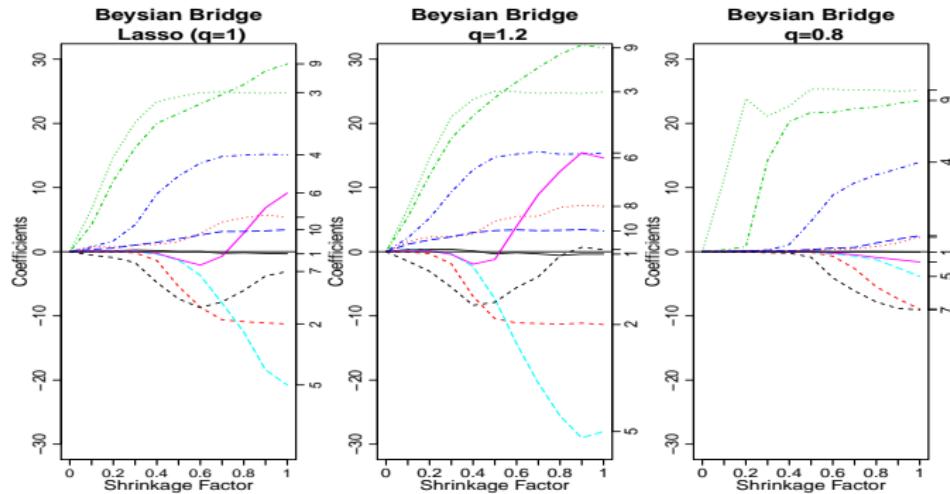
$$\min_{\|\beta\|_1 \leq t} \text{RSS}(\beta), \quad \text{RSS}(\beta) := \sum_i (y_i - \beta_0 - x_i^T \beta)^2$$

- Park and Casella (2008) use a Laplace prior: $P(\beta) \propto \exp(-\lambda|\beta|)$

Bayesian Lasso



Bayesian Bridge: regularized regression

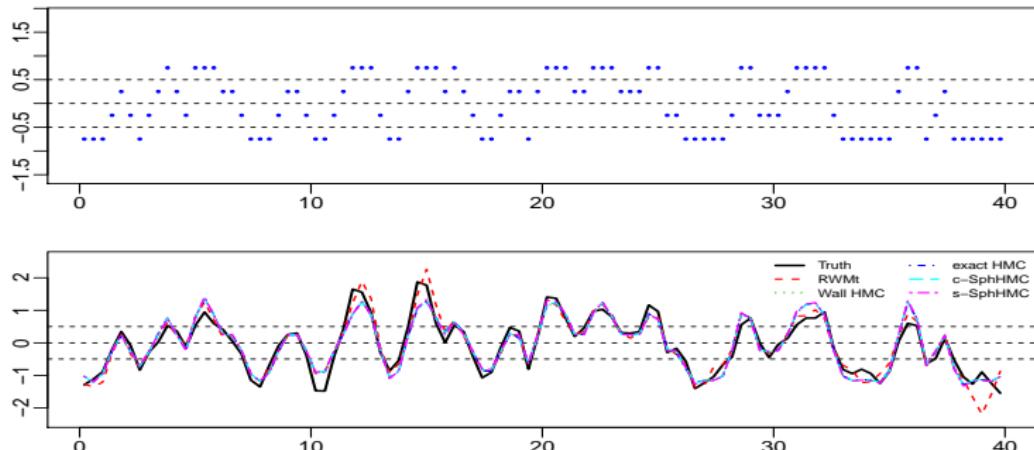


- Obtain the coefficients β by minimizing the residual sum of squares (RSS) subject to a constraint on the magnitude of β

$$\min_{\|\beta\|_q \leq t} \text{RSS}(\beta), \quad \text{RSS}(\beta) := \sum_i (y_i - \beta_0 - x_i^T \beta)^2$$

- Polson et al (2013) have Bayesian Bridge with complicated priors

Reconstruction of quantized stationary Gaussian process



- Given N values of a function $\{f(x_i)\}_{i=1}^N$, taken values in a set $\{q_k\}_{k=1}^K$
- Assume this is a quantized projection of $y(x_i)$ from a stationary GP

$$f(x_i) = q_k, \quad \text{if } z_k \leq y(x_i) < z_{k+1}$$

- The objective is to sample from the posterior distribution

$$p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{f}) \sim \mathcal{T}\mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma), \quad \Sigma_{ij} = \sigma^2 \exp \left\{ -\frac{|x_i - x_j|^2}{2\eta^2} \right\}, \quad \sigma^2 = 0.6, \quad \eta^2 = 0.2$$

Reconstruction of quantized stationary Gaussian process

Method	AP	s/iter	ESS(min,med,max)	Min(ESS)/s	spdup
RWMt	0.70	7.11E-05	(2,9,35)	0.22	1.00
Wall HMC	0.69	9.94E-04	(12564,24317,43876)	114.92	534.48
exact HMC	1.00	1.00E-02	(72074,1e+05,1e+05)	65.31	303.76
c-SphHMC	0.72	1.73E-03	(13029,26021,56445)	68.44	318.32
s-SphHMC	0.80	1.09E-03	(14422,31182,81948)	120.59	560.86

Table: Comparing efficiency of RWMt, Wall HMC, exact HMC, c-SphHMC and s-SphHMC in reconstructing a quantized stationary Gaussian process. AP is acceptance probability, s/iter is seconds per iteration, ESS(min,med,max) is the (minimal,median,maximal) effective sample size, and Min(ESS)/s is the minimal ESS per second.

LDA on Wikipedia corpus

- LDA(Blei et al. 2003) is a popular Bayesian model for topic modeling.
- The model consists of K topics π_k , which are distributions over the words in the collection, drawn from a Dirichlet prior $\text{Dir}(\beta)$.
- A document d is modeled by a mixture of topics, with mixing proportion $\eta_d \sim \text{Dir}(\alpha)$.
- Documents are produced by drawing a topic assignment z_{di} i.i.d from η_d for each word w_{di} in document d , and then drawing the word w_{di} from the assigned topic $\pi_{z_{di}}$.

LDA on Wikipedia corpus

- Conditioned on π , the documents are i.i.d, and the joint distribution can be factorized (Patterson and Teh, 2013)

$$p(w, z, \pi | \alpha, \beta) = p(\pi | \beta) \prod_{d=1}^D p(w_d, z_d | \alpha, \pi)$$

$$p(w_d, z_d | \alpha, \pi) = \prod_{k=1}^K \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + n_{dk.})}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \prod_{w=1}^W \pi_{kw}^{n_{dkw}}$$

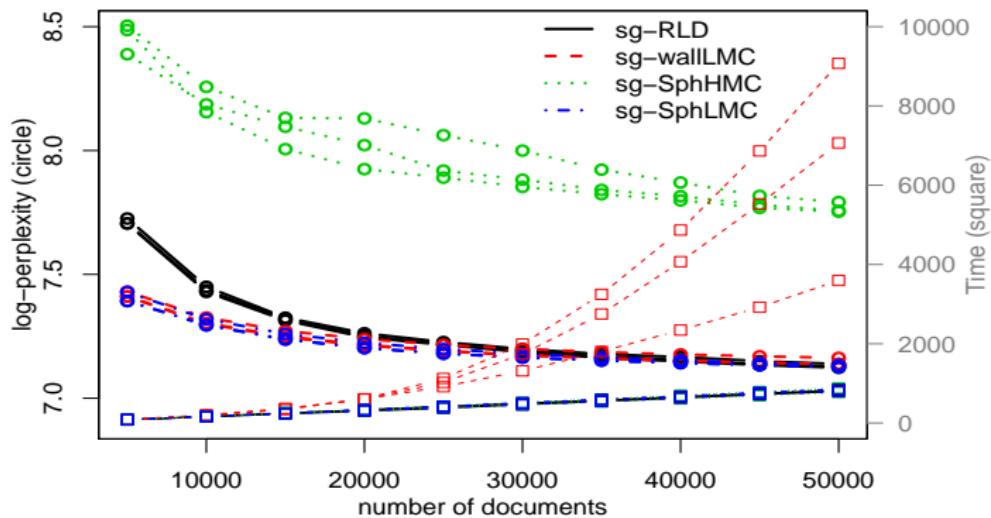
- To compare with sg-RLD (Patterson and Teh, 2013), apply SphLMC to update $\theta = \sqrt{\pi}$ with stochastic gradient for $L = 1$ decreasing ε

$$g_{kw} = [(n_{kw}^* + \beta - 1/2)/\theta_{kw} + \theta_{kw}(n_{k.}^* + W(\beta - 1/2))]/(2 * n_{k.}^*)$$

where $n_{kw}^* = \frac{|D|}{|D_t|} \sum_{d \in D_t} E_{z_d | w_d, \theta, \alpha} [n_{dkw}]$, and $|D_t| = 50$.

LDA on Wikipedia corpus

- Online learn 50000 documents randomly downloaded from Wikipedia.
- Vocabulary consists of approx. 8000 words from Project Gutenberg.
- Evaluate the performance in perplexity on 1000 held-out documents.



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- *Spherical Augmentation (SA)* is a **natural and efficient** framework to handle norm related constraints in statistical inference.
- Spherical HMC and Spherical LMC demonstrate substantial **advantage** over existing methods. SA can have more **extensions**.
- Based on change of variables, SA defines the dynamics on sphere in 1 higher dimension by slack variable or embedding map. The resulting sampler moves on sphere freely while implicitly handling constraints.
- To account for the change of geometry, volume adjustment is needed to re-weight samples (SphHMC) or added to Hamiltonian (SphLMC).

Future work

- Instead of Euclidean metric \mathbf{I} on $\mathcal{B}_0^D(1)$, we can start from Fisher metric $\mathbf{G}_F(\theta)$, and consider metric like $\mathbf{G}_F(\theta) + \theta\theta^T/\theta_{D+1}^2$ for augmented space to facilitate exploring complicated structures.
- Derive an acceptance rule that does not drop quickly as dimension increases (Beskos et al., 2011).
- Develop tune-free algorithms for spherical HMC (Hoffman and Gelman, 2011).

Thank you !

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