Tempered Adaptive Multiple Importance Sampling for Galaxy parameter estimation

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Spectral Energy Distribution (SED)



Spectroscopy



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Modeling galaxies SED



Figure: The numerical code implementing the physical model

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Example



M. Boquien et al.: CIGALE: a python Code Investigating GALaxy Emission

Objective

The goal is to do Bayesian SED fitting for parameter inference: We want to compute $p(\theta|x) \propto \pi(\theta) f(x|\theta)$ with

- x the observed data
- θ the galaxy parameters
- f(θ|x) the likelihood is multivariate Gaussian, centered around the theoretical SED(θ):

$$f(x|\theta) = \varphi(x|\text{mean}=SED(\theta), \text{var}=\Sigma_x)$$

• $\pi(\theta)$ the prior distribution (usually uniform over hypercubes)

Weighting the measurements

Introduction of a spatially dependant covariance matrix

$$\Sigma_{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{1}(x) & K_{1,2} & \dots & K_{1,N} \\ K_{2,1} & \sigma_{2}(x) & \dots & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ K_{N,1} & \dots & \sigma_{N}(x) \end{bmatrix}$$

where $\sigma_i(x)$ the estimated error on each flux and $K_{i,j} = k(\lambda_i, \lambda_j)$ an autocorrelation function

Takes care of :

- Instrument dependant noise correlations
- Systematic discrepancies between the model and the data
- Balancing weights between densely probed areas (spectroscopy) and scarce areas (photometry)

The problem

The MOONS spectrograph should be installed on the Very Large Telescope in the coming years (2021).

It will provide medium and high resolution spectrospic measurements for hundreds of thousands of galaxies

A few difficulties appear :

- SED modeling doesn't allow for an analytic solution
- The likelihood computation requires is a relatively expensive black box → the CIGALE software
- Non-linearities and dependencies between parameters due to the physical model → complex posterior
- A large number of observed datasets \rightarrow No informative prior in general



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Approximating the likelihood

Splitting the problem in " $f(x|\theta) \rightarrow f(x|SED(\theta))$ " we can move the approximation from the statistical model to the physical model. Since $f(x|\theta)$ depends on both $SED(\theta)$ and x, we chose to only approximate $SED(\theta)$ Simple strategies (PCA + small Neural Network) work !

- Make a training set
- Use a PCA on the spectra
- Learn a Dense Neural Network to predict the PCA coordinates from the model parameters
- compute the real likelihood with the approximated spectra

Example for MOONS-like data : DeepCIGALE This approximation is 1000 times faster !



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Resulting : DeepCIGALE

Deep-CIGALE



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Monte Carlo

No analytic solution \rightarrow Numerical integration Several usual schemes :

- HMC/ NUTS : No gradient because of the blackbox
- Gibbs

No conditionals readily available

- Metropolis-Hastings : Too sequential and too expensive
- Variational inference : Complex posterior
- Importance Sampling : (kind of) the current method, poor prior but great potential for heavy parallelization

Importance Sampling

Assume we want to compute the integral $E_p[x] = \int xp(x)dx$. We can introduce q(x) such that q(x) > 0 wherever p(x) > 0,and rewrite

$$\mathbb{E}_p[x] = \int xp(x) \, dx$$
$$= \int x \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} q(x) \, dx$$
$$= E_q \Big[X \frac{p(X)}{q(X)} \Big]$$

denoting $\omega_i = \frac{p(x_i)}{q(x_i)}$ this yields the unbiased estimator

$$\widehat{\mathbb{E}}_{\mathsf{I}}[X]_{N}^{IS} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_{i} \omega_{i}$$

and for a function \boldsymbol{h}

$$\widehat{\mathbb{E}}_{I}[h(x)]_{N}^{IS} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} h(x_{i}) \omega_{i}$$

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Self-Normalised Importance Sampling

In most cases we know the target $p\ {\rm up}$ to a normalising constant Z. We can estimate

$$\hat{Z} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \omega_i$$

and

$$\widehat{\mathbb{E}}_{\mathsf{I}}[\widehat{h(x)}]_N^{SNIS} = \sum_{i=1}^N h(x_i)\widetilde{\omega}_i$$

with $\tilde{\omega}_i = \frac{\omega_i}{\sum_{i=1}^N \omega_i}$.

Algorithm :

- Sampling step : Draw N samples $x_i, i = 1, \dots, N$ from q
- weighting step : compute the weights $\omega_i = \frac{p(x_i)}{q(x_i)}$
- return the weighted sample to compute $\widehat{\mathbb{E}}_{\iota}[\widehat{h(x)}]_N^{SNIS}$ and/or \hat{Z} The usual diagnostic is $\widehat{ESS} = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^N \tilde{\omega}_i^2}$

Role of the proposal

The big problem : How to choose q ?

- Must be easy to sample from
- Optimally is proportional to the target
- should have heavier tails than the target, otherwise $\frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$ might explode



Adaptive Importance Sampling

General form of AIS :

- Choose a first proposal q_0, T and a sequence of sample sizes N_t
- for t = 0, ..., T 1
 - Draw N_t samples $x_i, i = 1, \ldots, N_t$ from q_t
 - Compute the weights $\omega_{t,i} = \frac{p(x_i)}{q_t(x_i)} = 1, \dots, N_t$
 - update the proposal to get q_{t+1} according to w_i^t

Adative Multiple Importance Sampling

• Initialisation : Choose T, N_t and take q_0 to be a Gaussian Mixture

$$q_0(\boldsymbol{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^K \pi_i \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{x}; \boldsymbol{\mu}_i, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i)$$

• Iterations : for $t = 0, \dots, T-1$

- Draw N_t samples $x_i, i = 1, \dots, N_t$ from q_t
- Compute the weights $\omega_{t,i} = \frac{p(x_i)}{q_t(x_i)} = 1, \dots, N_t$
- update π_i, μ_i and $\Sigma_i, i = 1, ..., K$ using EM on the weighted sample (θ_i^t, w_i^t)

Recycling

• set
$$\Omega_T = N_0 + \dots + N_t$$

• update
$$\omega_{t,i} = \frac{p(x_i^t)}{\Omega_T^{-1} \sum_{k=0}^T q_k(x_i^t)}$$

Significant improvement over simple IS

Drawbacks

Still relying heavily on the initial proposal : "what you see is what you get", "these adaptive methods are typically unstable."



Solutions

Proposed solutions :

- Optimizing a scale parameter in every dimension with the Nelder-Mead algorithm[Cornuet 2012] :
 - extremely expensive in high dimension ("as long as all the iterations")
 - doesn't really adress a bad center intialisation
- Metropolis-Hastings to initialise PMC [Beaujean 2013]
- Nonlinear weight transformation [Koblents 2013]
- covariance updates modification for stability [El-Laham 2018]

Tempering

Mostly seen in the MCMC / SMC litterature Choose a sequence $0 = \beta_0 < \beta_1 < \cdots < \beta_T = 1$ and target sequentially

$$p_t(x) = p(x)^{\beta_t}$$
 [Kirkpatrick 83]

or

$$p_t(x) = p(x)^{\beta_t} q_0(x)^{(1-\beta_t)}$$
 [Neal 98]

Can we do the same for AMIS ?

$$p_t(x) = p(x)^{\beta_t} q_{t-1}(x)^{(1-\beta_t)}$$

Yes ! But it doesn't really work

The right auxiliary target :

$$p_t(x) = p(x)^{\beta_t} q_t(x)^{(1-\beta_t)}$$

The corresponding weights :

$$\omega_{t,i}(\beta_t) = \frac{p_t(x)}{q_t(x)}$$
$$= \frac{p(x)^{\beta_t} q_t(x)^{(1-\beta_t)}}{q_t(x_i)}$$
$$= \left(\frac{p(x)}{q_t(x)}\right)^{\beta_t}$$

(An other useful one is $p_t(x) = p(x) + \epsilon_t q_t(x)$)



Figure: Our adaptive algorithm.

$$\omega_{t,i} = \frac{p(x_i)}{q_t(x_i)}$$
(1)

$$\widehat{\text{ESS}}(\beta) = \frac{\left(\sum_{i=1}^{N_t} \omega_{t,i}(\beta)\right)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{N_t} \omega_{t,i}^2(\beta)}$$

$$\beta_t = \sup\left\{\beta : \widehat{\text{ESS}}(\beta) > \gamma\right\}$$
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Why those targets ?

The auxiliary target is always closer than the proposal to the true target

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{D}_{\mathrm{KL}}(p||p^{\beta}q_{t}^{1-\beta}) &= \int p(x) \log\left(\frac{p(x)}{p(x)\beta q_{t}(x)^{1-\beta}}\right) dx \\ &= (1-\beta)\mathbf{D}_{\mathrm{KL}}(p||q_{t}) \end{aligned}$$

• The function $\beta \to \widehat{ESS}(\beta)$ is continuously decreasing from N to the untempered \widehat{ESS}

 \rightarrow We can always find a β to get the desired $\widehat{\mathrm{ESS}}$

• mixing with the current proposal ensures non-zero weights

Toy examples

- 3 Examples :
 - Multivariate gaussian : $\mathcal{N}([10, \dots]^T, 5 \times \mathbf{I_D})$
 - banana likelihood :

let $\sigma^2 \Sigma = \operatorname{diag}(\sigma^2, 1, \dots, 1)$ and b = 0.2

$$p(x) = f_{\mathcal{N}(0_D, \Sigma)}(x_1, x_2 + b(x_1^2 - \sigma^2), x_3, \dots, x_D)$$



Gaussian-LogGamma model :

$$p(x) = \prod_{i=1}^{D} p(x_i)$$

 $p(x_1) = 0.5 \text{LogGamma}(x_1|10, 1, 1) + 0.5 \text{LogGamma}(x_1|-10, 1, 1)$ $p(x_2) = 0.5 \mathcal{N}(x_2|10, 1) + 0.5 \mathcal{N}(x_2|-10, 1)$

and
$$p(x_i) = \begin{cases} \text{LogGamma}(x_i|-10,1,1) & \text{if } 3 \le i \le (D+2)/2\\ \mathcal{N}(x_i|10,1) & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

TAMIS : Numerical results Banana



Figure: 200.000 draws over 20 iterations. The real mean is 0^d , the variance diag(10.9, 1..., 1)



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TAMIS : Numerical results Gaussian



Figure: 200,000 draws over 20 iterations. The real mean is $[50, \ldots, 50]^T$, the covariance I_d



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TAMIS : Numerical results LogGamma



Figure: 200.000 draws over 20 iterations on the Gaussian Log gamma problem



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TAMIS : Numerical result synthetic Galaxy



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Figure: target $\mathcal{N}([10, \dots]^T, 5 \times \mathbf{I_{50}})$ initialization with $\mu_0 = 0$ and $\Sigma_0 = 200 \times \mathbf{I_{50}}$

Conclusion

We propose an easy modification of the AMIS algorithm to mitigate the initialization difficulty with almost no additional cost.

It is easy to tune, heavily parallelisable and suffers less from the curse of dimensionality. It also drastically decreases the required number of likelihood evaluation.

It is effective on the galaxy parameter inference problem and provides a clear speed up.

Next :

- Studying TAMIS
- Transfert learning to initialize the proposal

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