

Geodesic slice sampling on Riemannian manifolds

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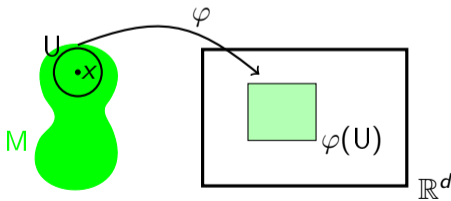
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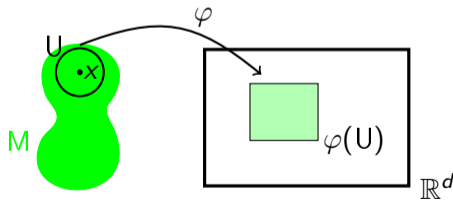
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Examples: (open subsets of) \mathbb{R}^d , Euclidean unit sphere \mathbb{S}^{d-1} , Stiefel manifold $\text{Stiefel}(d, k)$

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Aim: Generate samples from a distribution on a manifold.

Distributions on manifolds

We can incorporate constraints or dependencies directly into a model via manifold state spaces.

Example (Mantoux et al. 2021)

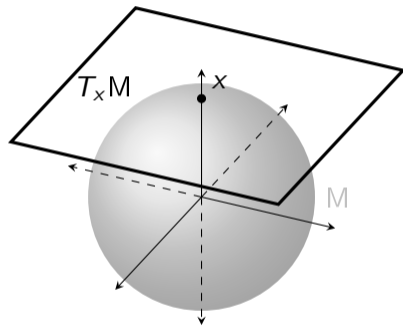
Model adjacency matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ of an undirected graph through its eigendecomposition:

$$A = X \text{diag}(\mathbf{a}) X^T + \text{noise}, \quad \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^k, X \in \text{Stiefel}(d, k).$$

- ▶ Applying e.g. Bayesian inference or MCMC-SAEM requires sampling from distributions on manifolds.

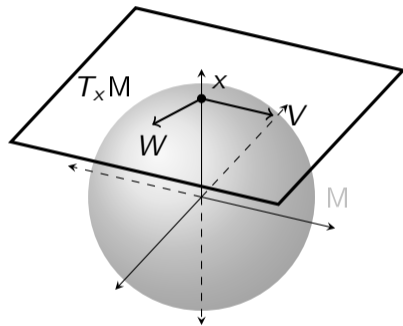
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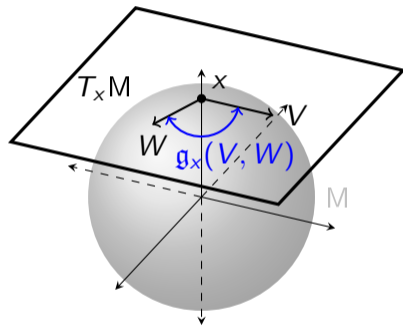
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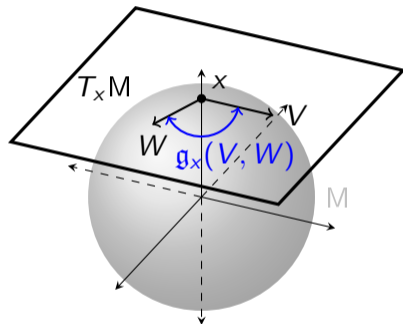
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- ▶ A Riemannian manifold M can be equipped with a generalisation of the Lebesgue measure, called the Riemannian measure ν_g .



Problem description

Let M be a Riemannian manifold with Borel- σ -algebra $\mathcal{B}(M)$ and Riemannian measure ν_g .

Consider a lower semi-continuous function

$$p : M \rightarrow (0, \infty) \quad \text{with} \quad Z := \int_M p(x) \nu_g(dx) \in (0, \infty).$$

Goal: Sample from

$$\pi(dx) := \frac{1}{Z} p(x) \nu_g(dx).$$

Approach: Simulate a Markov chain that has invariant distribution π .

Ideal Slice Sampling

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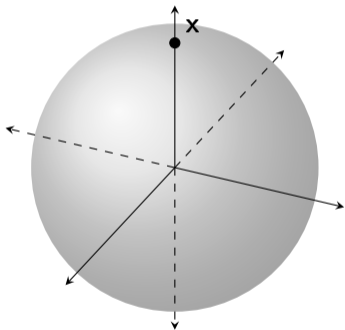
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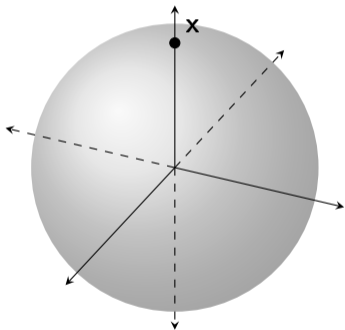
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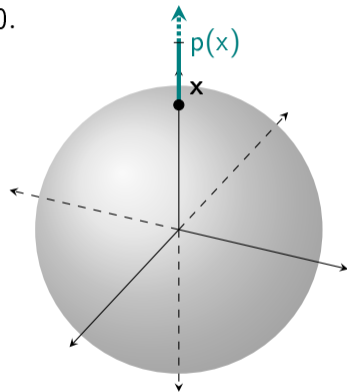
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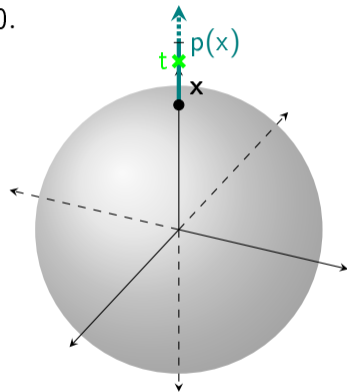
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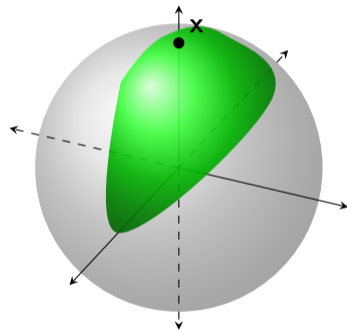
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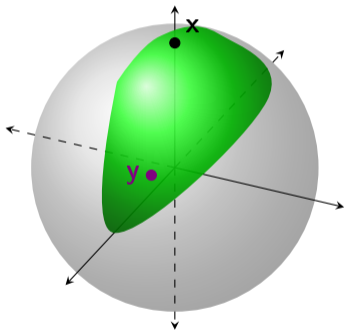
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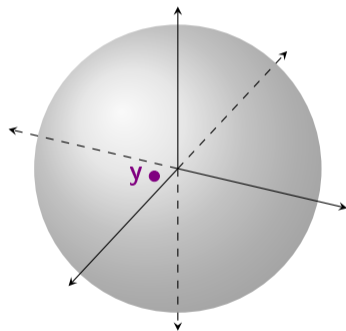
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► “Spectral gap of the slice sampler only depends on level set function $t \mapsto \nu_{\mathfrak{g}}(L(t))$.”¹

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Approach: Replace step 2 by Markov kernel with inv. distribution $\nu_g(L(t))^{-1}\nu_g|_{L(t)}$.

Special case: The sphere

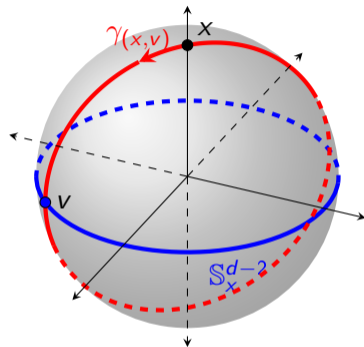
Define $(d - 2)$ -dimensional great subsphere with pole $x \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}$ as

$$\mathbb{S}_x^{d-2} := \{y \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1} \mid y^T x = 0\}.$$

For each $x \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}$ and $v \in \mathbb{S}_x^{d-2}$ there exists a unique great circle with $\gamma_{(x,v)}(0) = x$ and velocity vector v :

$$\gamma_{(x,v)} : [0, 2\pi) \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^{d-1}, \quad \gamma_{(x,v)}(\theta) = \cos(\theta)x + \sin(\theta)v.$$

- Apply techniques² from 1-dim. slice sampling to intersection of level set and great circle.



²Neal 2003.

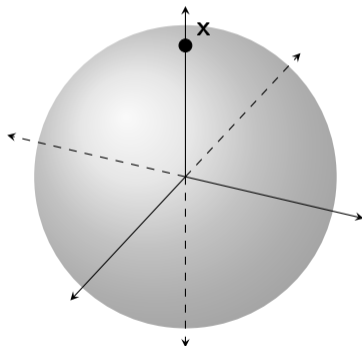
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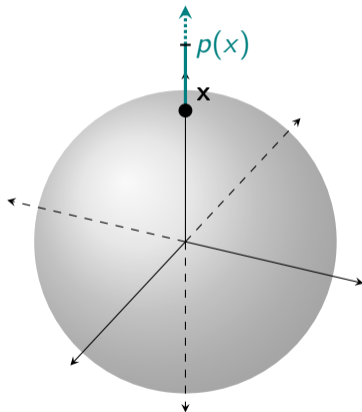
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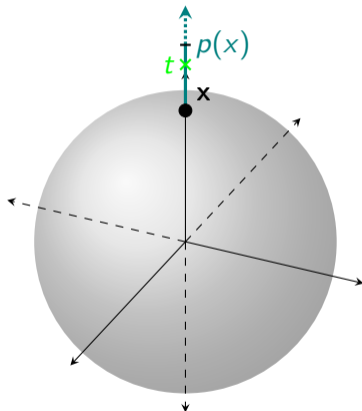
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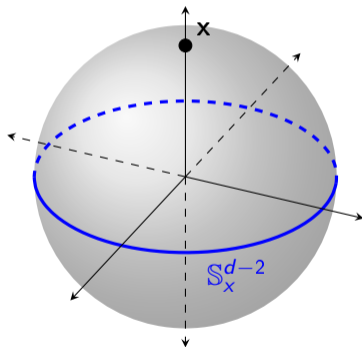
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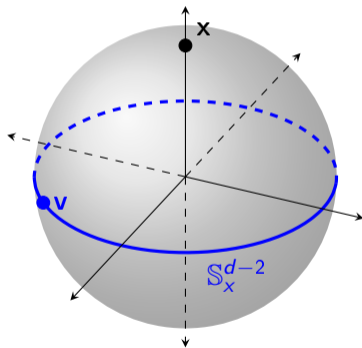
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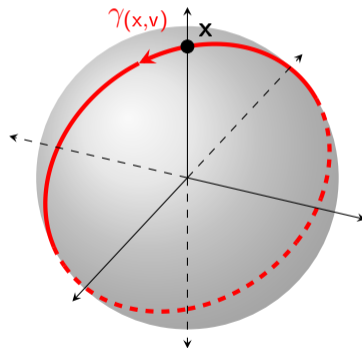
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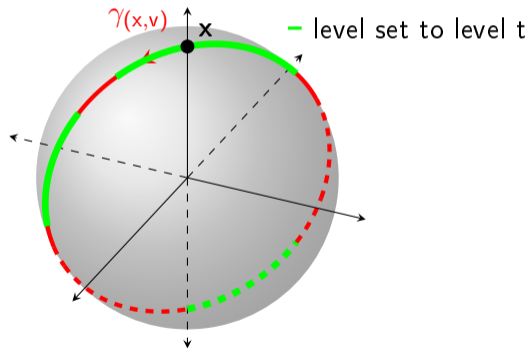
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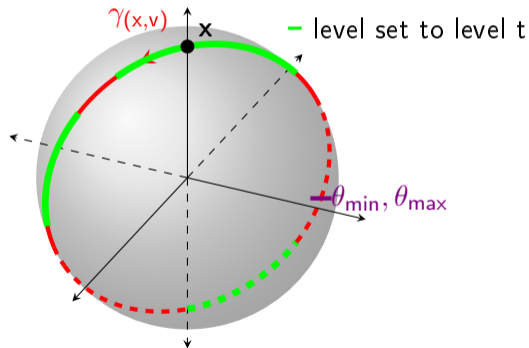
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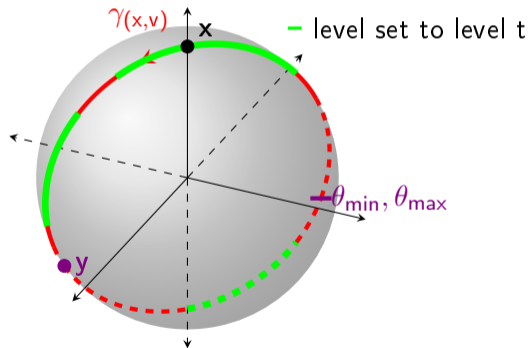
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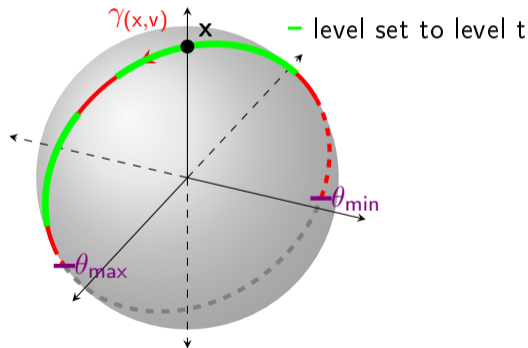
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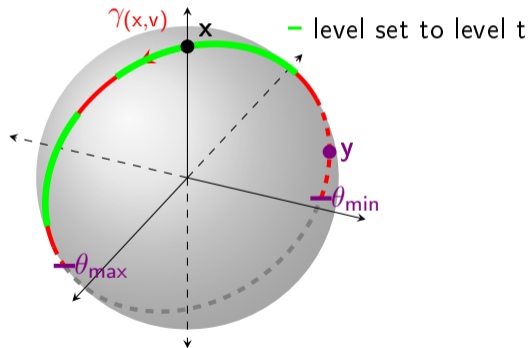
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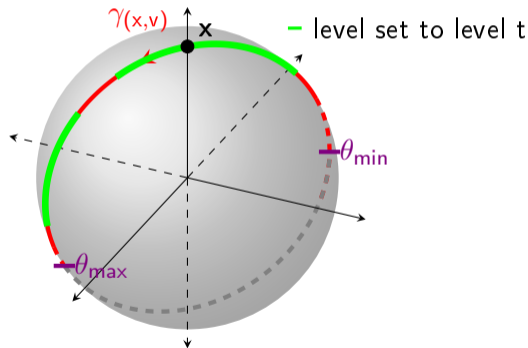
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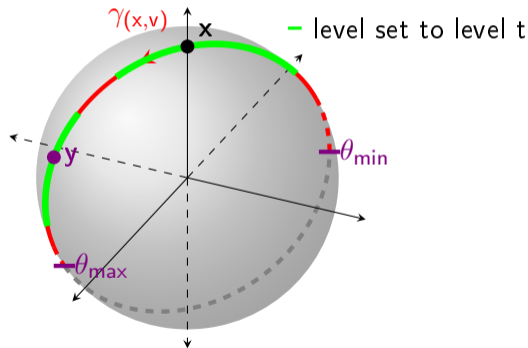
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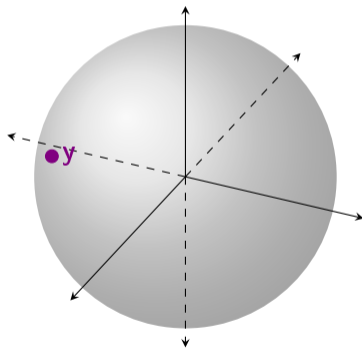
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Validity of the geodesic slice sampler on the sphere

Call the resulting kernel H .

Theorem (Habeck, H., Kodgirwar, and Rudolf 2023)

The kernel H is reversible w.r.t. π . Moreover, assume

$$\alpha := \sup_{x \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}} p(x) < \infty.$$

Then for $\rho = 1 - \frac{\beta}{2\pi \alpha} \frac{\text{vol}(C)}{\text{vol}(\mathbb{S}^{d-2})} \in (0, 1)$ holds

$$\sup_{x \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}} \|H^n(x, \cdot) - \pi\|_{tv} \leq \rho^n, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N},$$

for some $C \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})$ with $\text{vol}(C) > 0$ and $\beta := \inf_{x \in C} p(x) > 0$.

Geodesics

Definition

A curve $\gamma : \mathbb{R} \supseteq I \rightarrow M$ is called *geodesic* if the covariant derivative of the velocity vector field is zero everywhere.

- ▶ The great circles are the geodesics of the sphere.

We call a Riemannian manifold *geodesically complete* if for all $x \in M$, $v \in T_x M$ there exists a unique geodesic

$$\gamma_{(x,v)} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow M \quad \text{such that} \quad \gamma_{(x,v)}(0) = x, \quad \left. \frac{d\gamma_{(x,v)}}{dt} \right|_0 = v.$$

Choosing a random geodesic

We can turn the unit tangent spheres of a Riemannian manifold (M, \mathfrak{g})

$$U_x M := \{v \in T_x M \mid \mathfrak{g}_x(v, v) = 1\}$$

into Riemannian manifolds isometric to \mathbb{S}^{d-1} .

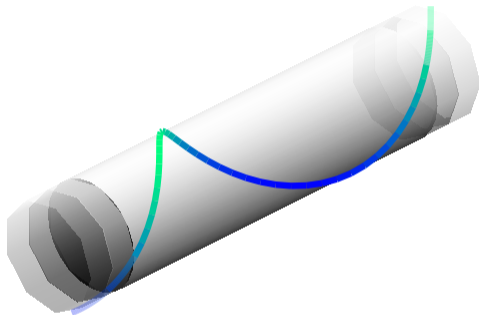
Let $\nu_{\mathfrak{g},x}$ the corresponding Riemannian measure and define the probability measure on $U_x M$

$$\mu_x := \text{vol}(\mathbb{S}^{d-1})^{-1} \nu_{\mathfrak{g},x}.$$

- ▶ We can sample μ_x using any isometry between the inner product spaces $(T_x M, \mathfrak{g}_x)$ and $(\mathbb{R}^d, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$.

An additional complication

Problem: The geodesics of a Riemannian manifold are in general not closed.



- ▶ Determine “approximation” of the intersection of the level set and the geodesic with techniques³ from 1-dim. slice sampling.

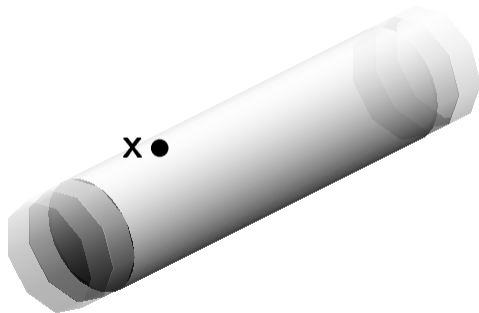
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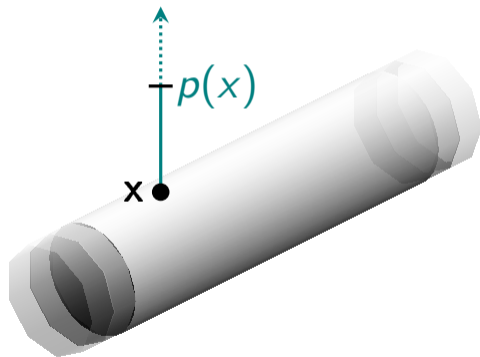
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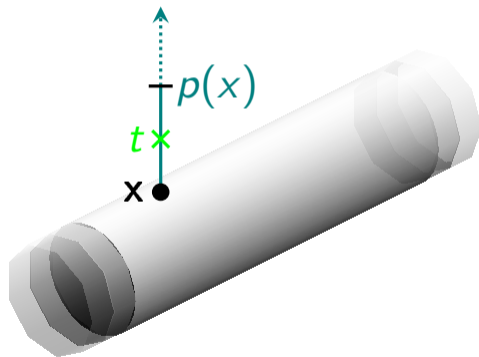
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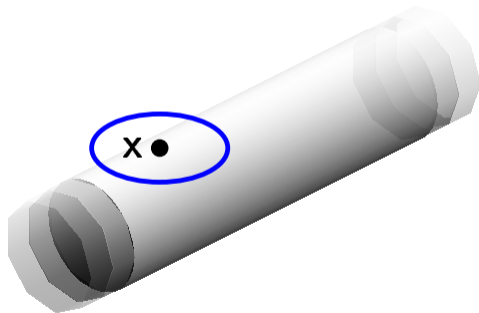
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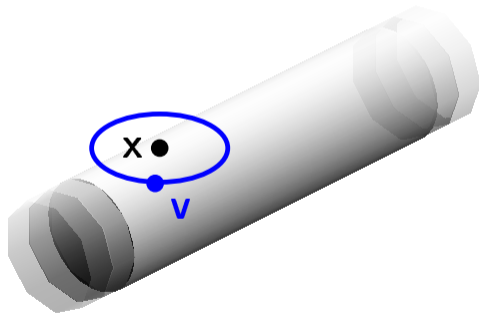
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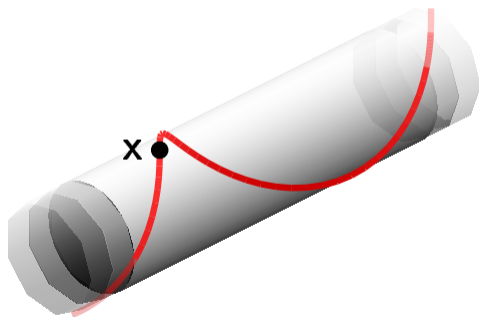
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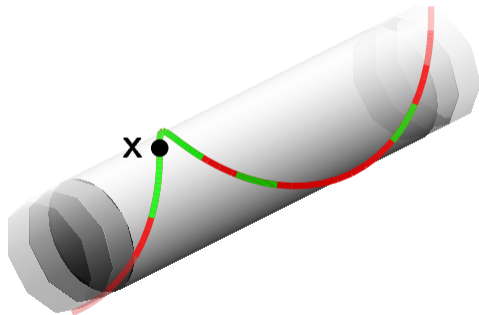
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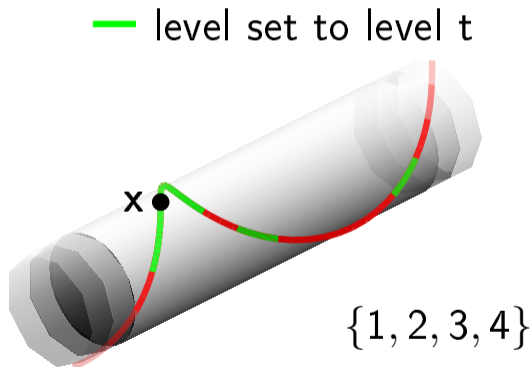
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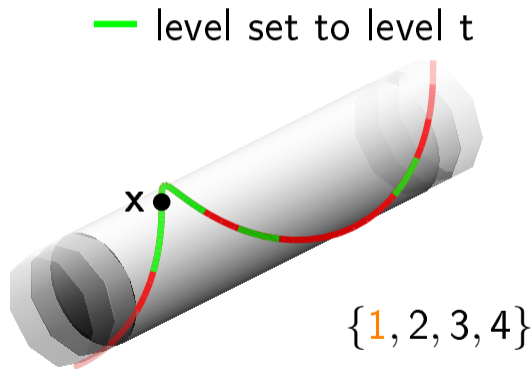
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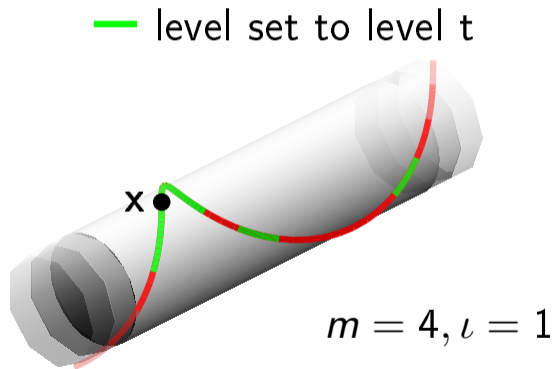
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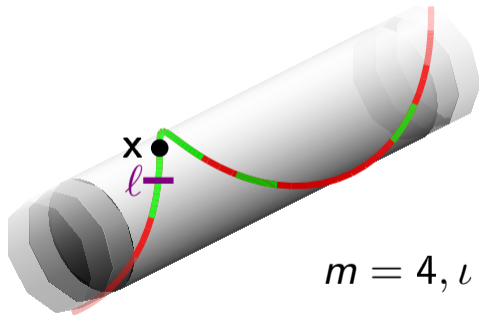
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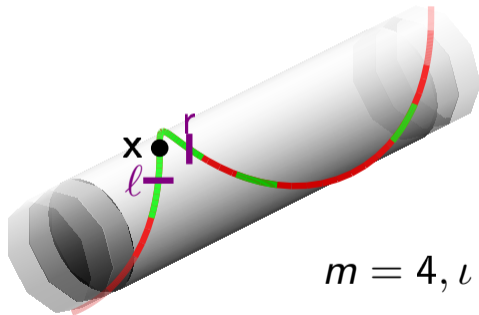
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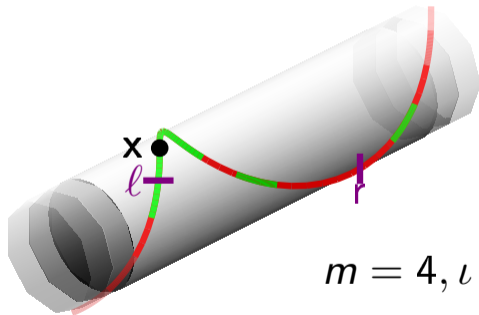
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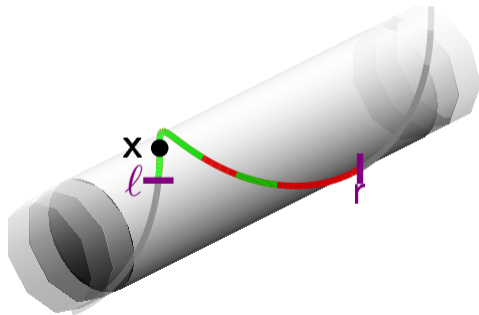
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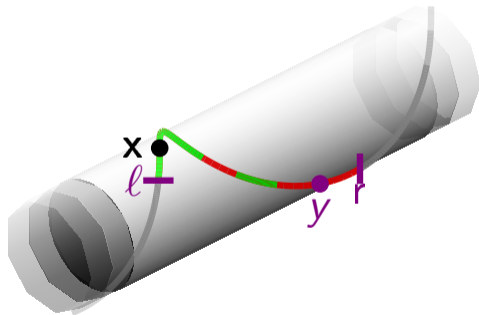
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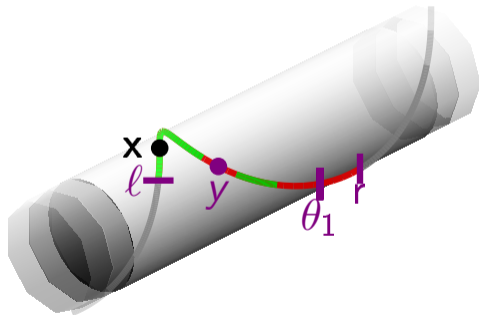
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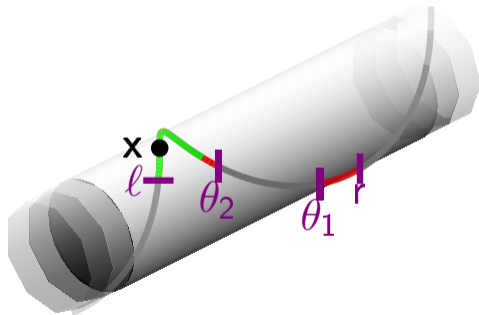
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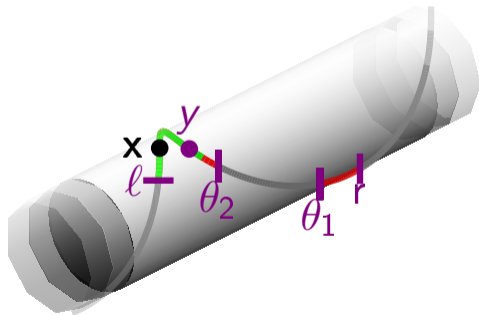
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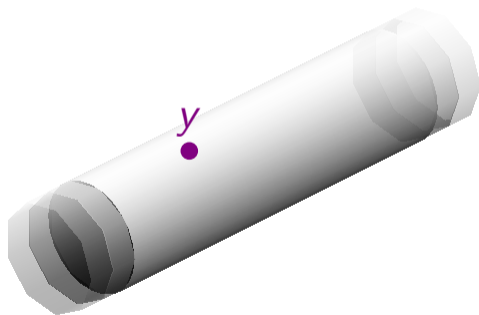
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stopping times, where $J \sim \text{Unif}(\{1, \dots, m\})$,

$$\tau_{L(x,v,t)} := \min\{i \in \mathbb{N} \mid L_i \notin L(x, v, t)\} \wedge J,$$

$$\mathfrak{T}_{L(x,v,t)} := \min\{j \in \mathbb{N} \mid R_j \notin L(x, v, t)\} \wedge (m+1-J),$$

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$$\Upsilon \sim \text{Unif}(0, w) \quad L_i := -\Upsilon - w(i-1) \quad R_j := -\Upsilon + jw, \quad i, j \in \mathbb{N},$$

stopping times, where $J \sim \text{Unif}(\{1, \dots, m\})$,

$$\tau_{L(x,v,t)} := \min\{i \in \mathbb{N} \mid L_i \notin L(x, v, t)\} \wedge J,$$

$$\mathfrak{T}_{L(x,v,t)} := \min\{j \in \mathbb{N} \mid R_j \notin L(x, v, t)\} \wedge (m+1-J),$$

distribution on \mathbb{R}^2 of the stepping-out procedure approximating $L(x, v, t)$

$$\xi_{L(x,v,t)} := \text{Law} \left(L_{\tau_{L(x,v,t)}}, R_{\mathfrak{T}_{L(x,v,t)}} \right).$$

- ▶ Let $Q_{L(x,v,t)}^{\ell,r}$ the distribution⁴ of the shrinkage procedure drawing from $L(x, v, t) \cap (\ell, r)$.

⁴H., Natarovskii, and Rudolf 2023.

Validity of the geodesic slice sampler

Kernel of the geodesic slice sampler for $x \in M$, $A \in \mathcal{B}(M)$:

$$K(x, A) = \frac{1}{p(x)} \int_0^{p(x)} \int_{U_x M} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \int_{L(x, v, t) \cap (\ell, r)} \mathbb{1}_A(\gamma_{(x, v)}(\theta)) Q_{L(x, v, t)}^{\ell, r}(d\theta) \xi_{L(x, v, t)}(d(\ell, r)) \mu_x(dv) dt$$

Theorem (Durmus, Gruffaz, H., and Rudolf 2023)

The kernel K is reversible with respect to π .

Numerical experiments: von Mises-Fisher distribution

Stiefel manifold:

$$\text{Stiefel}(d, k) := \{\Gamma \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times k} \mid \Gamma^\top \Gamma = \text{Id}_k\}$$

Unnormalised density of the von Mises-Fisher distribution with parameter $F \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times k}$

$$p_{\text{vMF}}(\Gamma) = \exp\left(\text{Tr}(F^\top \Gamma)\right), \quad \Gamma \in \text{Stiefel}(d, k)$$

Choose

$$d = 30, \quad k = 2, \quad \text{and} \quad F = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \\ 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda \in \{1, 10, 100\}.$$

Numerical experiments: von Mises-Fisher distribution

Effective sample size of $\ln(p_{\text{vMF}})$ averaged over 10 repetitions:

λ	1	10	100
GSS $w = 5, m = 1$	[28375, 34262, 37405]	[4901, 5283, 5477]	[1153, 1328, 1453]
RMH	[50772 , 54243, 59906]	[1492, 2314, 3214]	[669, 878, 998]
GeoRMH	[49007, 57195 , 68948]	[1978, 2336, 3217]	[682, 870, 1075]

Numerical experiments: Functional connectivity network of the brain

(Mantoux et al. 2021)

Model functional connectivity network of the brain:

$$A_j = X_j \text{diag}(a_j) X_j^\top + \varepsilon_j, \quad j \in \{1, \dots, N\}$$

where

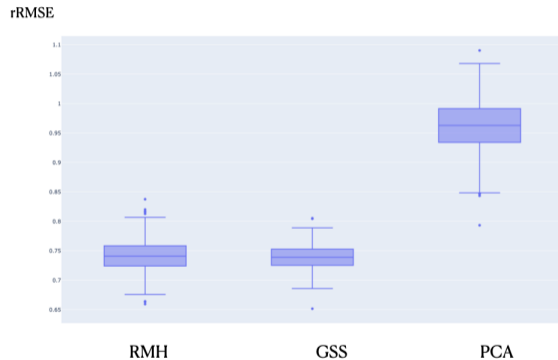
$$X_j \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{vMF}(F), \quad a_j \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma_a^2 \text{Id}_k), \quad \varepsilon_j \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_\varepsilon^2 \text{Id}_{(d+1)/2}).$$

- ▶ Use data from 812 subjects from Human Connectome Project⁵.
- ▶ Estimate the parameters $F, \mu, \sigma_a, \sigma_\varepsilon$ with 1000 MCMC-SAEM.
- ▶ Use either 20 geodesic slice sampling or 80 RMH iterations within MCMC-SAEM.

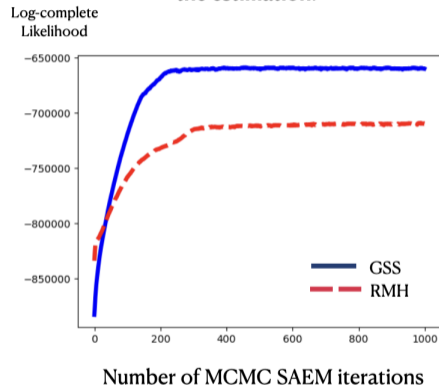
⁵<https://www.humanconnectome.org/study/hcp-young-adult/document/extensively-processed-fmri-data-documentation>

Numerical experiments: von Mises-Fisher distribution








Boxplots of the reconstruction errors



Evolution of the complete likelihood during the estimation.



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Distributions on manifolds

We can incorporate constraints or dependencies directly into a model via manifold state spaces.

Example (Mantoux et al. 2021)

Model adjacency matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ of an undirected graph through its eigendecomposition:

$$A = X \text{diag}(\mathbf{a}) X^T + \text{noise}, \quad \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^k, X \in \text{Stiefel}(d, k).$$

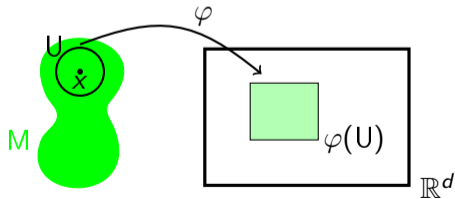
- ▶ Applying e.g. Bayesian inference or MCMC-SAEM requires sampling from distributions on manifolds.

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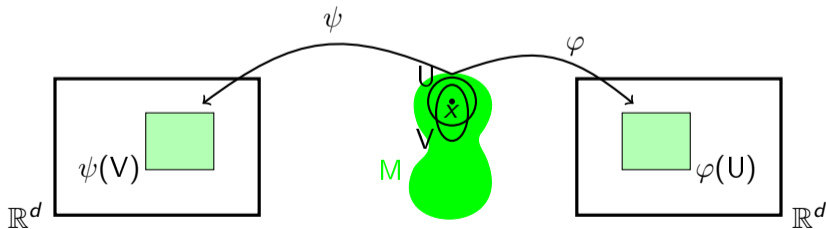


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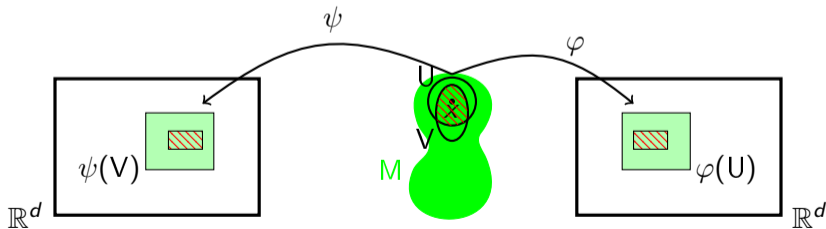


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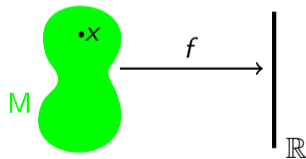


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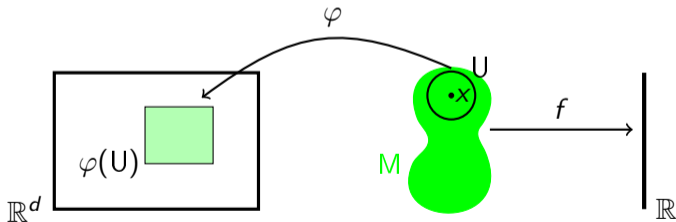


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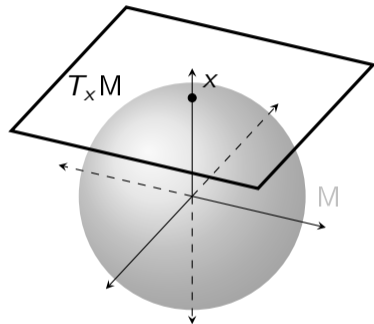
An operator $X : C_M^\infty(x) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called *tangent vector* to M at $x \in M$ if

$$X(\alpha f + \beta g) = \alpha X(f) + \beta X(g),$$

$$X(fg) = X(f)g(x) + f(x)X(g)$$

for all $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$, $f, g \in C_M^\infty(x)$.

The \mathbb{R} -vector space $T_x M := \{X \text{ tangent vector to } M \text{ at } x\}$ is called *tangent space*.

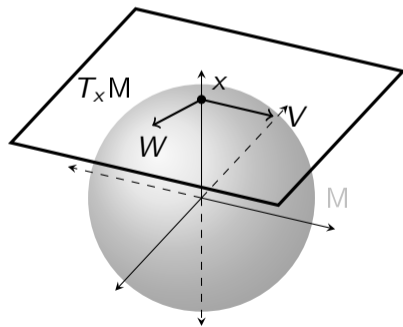


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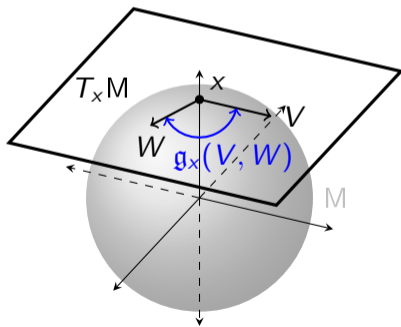


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- (U, φ) coordinate neighbourhood,
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$$\nu_{\mathbf{g}}(A) := \int_{\varphi(U)} \left(\mathbb{1}_A \cdot \sqrt{\det(\mathbf{g}, \varphi)} \right) \circ \varphi^{-1}(z) \, dz, \quad A \subseteq U, A \in \mathcal{B}(M).$$

Some differential geometry

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- $\{(U_i, \varphi_i)\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ countable atlas of M ,
- $\sqrt{\det(\mathbf{g}, \varphi_i)}(x)$ square root of determinant of Gram matrix of coordinate frames associated to (U_i, φ_i) with respect to \mathbf{g}_x ,
- $\{\rho_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ partition of unity subordinate to $\{U_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$, (i.a. $\text{supp} \rho_i \subseteq U_i$, $\sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \rho_i \equiv 1$).

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