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MCMC

Markov Chain Monte Carlo methods create samples with *probability* density proportional to a known function.

These samples can be used to evaluate an integral over that variable, as its expected value or variance.

MCMC address multi-dimensional problems better than simple Monte Carlo algorithms.

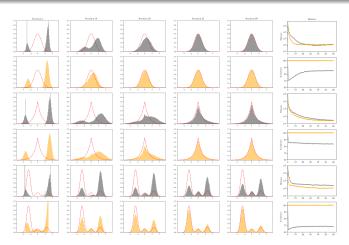
Metropolis-Hastings algorithm.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Markov_chain_Monte_Carlo

(H)MC

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Goal: Find the density proportional to \mathfrak{f}:\mathbb{Q}\to\mathbb{R}.
      double the dimension of \mathbb{Q} introducing an (isomorphic) \mathbb{P},
      chose a density g acting on \mathbb{P}, can be \mathfrak{g}(p) or \mathfrak{g}(p|q),
Choose an initial density. Procedure, one step:
      from a density h(q) take a sample q,
      from \mathfrak{g}(p) take a sample p,
      move the (sampled) point (q, p) to (Q, P)
      according to a motion H: \mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{P} \circlearrowleft, depending on f and g,
      collect Q, this will represent a sample from \hat{h} = \mathcal{T}h.
Rinse and repeat until satisfied.
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HMC vs MC



Plots of iterate distributions for the MHMC method (grey) and HMC method (orange). Top two rows target $\mathfrak f$ is normal, the next two (symmetric) exponential and last two are a multimodal

(H)MC, abstracted

Given \mathfrak{f} choose \mathfrak{g} and H with **invariance properties** and define an action \mathcal{T} on the densities h:

Spread:
$$\mathfrak{h}(q,p) = h(q) \cdot \mathfrak{g}(p)$$
 on $\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{P}$,

Move:
$$\hat{\mathfrak{h}}(q,p) = (\mathfrak{h} \circ H)(q,p) = \mathfrak{h}(Q,P)$$
 on $\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{P}$,

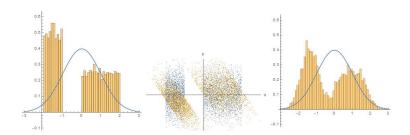
Collect:
$$\mathcal{T}h(q) = \hat{h}(q) = \int_{\mathbb{P}} \hat{\mathfrak{h}}(q,p)\mathfrak{g}(P(q,p))$$

Iterate T until satisfied.

Invariance properties:

$$f \cdot \mathfrak{g} = (\mathfrak{f} \cdot \mathfrak{g}) \circ H
\iint_{\mathbb{O} \times \mathbb{P}} A \circ H = \iint_{\mathbb{O} \times \mathbb{P}} A.$$

HMC, how it works



(H)MC, the definition

Let $\mathfrak{f}:\mathbb{Q}\to\mathbb{R}$, $\mathfrak{g}:\mathbb{P}\to\mathbb{R}$ and $H:\mathbb{Q}\times\mathbb{P}\to\mathbb{Q}\times\mathbb{P}$, H(q,p)=(Q,P) satisfy:

Invariance properties:

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathfrak{f} \cdot \mathfrak{g} = (\mathfrak{f} \cdot \mathfrak{g}) \circ H \\ \iint_{\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{P}} A \circ H = \iint_{\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{P}} A. \end{array}$$

Define a function $\mathcal{T}h:\mathbb{Q}\to\mathbb{R}$:

(H)MC

$$\mathcal{T}h = \int_{\mathbb{P}} (h \cdot \mathfrak{g}) \circ H$$

$$(\mathcal{T}h)(q) = \int_{\mathbb{P}} (h \cdot \mathfrak{g}) \circ H(q, p) dp = \int_{\mathbb{P}} h(Q(q, p)) \cdot \mathfrak{g}(P(q, p)) dp .$$

An additional assumption

Coverage condition

For any q the function $p\mapsto Q(q,p)=\mathcal{Q}_q(p)$ maps $\mathbb P$ onto $\mathbb Q$

This condition can be weakened.

It corresponds to the irreducibility or ergodicity (of sorts) of the movement.

Hamiltionian MC

set
$$\mathcal{U}(q) = -\log \mathfrak{f}(q)$$
, $\mathcal{V}(p) = -\log \mathfrak{g}(p)$, $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{U} + \mathcal{V}$

$$\dot{Q} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial p}(Q, P), \quad \dot{P} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial q}(Q, P).$$

pick t, set $H(q, p) = (Q_t, P_t)$ a solution after time t starting at (q, p).

Due to the properites of the Hamiltionian motion

Both invariance properties are satisfied,

 $f \cdot g$ equals $exp(-\mathcal{H})$ up to a constant

Hamiltonian flows preserve the Lebesgue measure.

The normalizing constant of f is irrelevant for H.

Example,

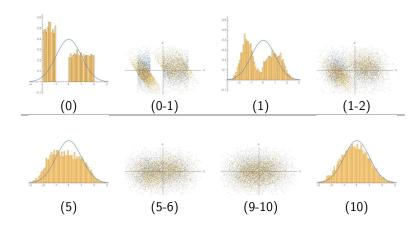
$$\mathcal{T}h = \int_{\mathbb{P}} (h \cdot \mathfrak{g}) \circ H, \quad (Q, P) = H(q, p)$$

$$f(q) = \exp(-q^2/2), \ g(p) = \exp(-p^2/2)/\sqrt{2\pi}.$$
 $\mathcal{H}(q,p) = q^2/2 + p^2/2$
 $Q_t(p,q) = q\cos t + p\sin t, \ P_t(q,p) = -q\sin t + p\cos t.$

$$\mathcal{T}h(q) = \int_{\mathbb{P}} h(q\cos t + p\sin t)\mathfrak{g}(-q\sin t + p\cos t) dp$$

Consider $t=0,\,\pi/2,\,\pi.$ Usually t>0 is small.

$t = \pi/8$



Suppose $\mathfrak{f}>0$ and $\int_{\mathbb{O}}\mathfrak{f}<\infty.$

Inner product for the functions on Q

$$\langle a,b\rangle = \langle a,b\rangle_{\mathfrak{f}} = \int_{\mathbb{Q}} \frac{a\cdot b}{\mathfrak{f}}.$$

Let
$$V(h) = \langle h, h \rangle$$
 and $\mathcal{L}^2 = \mathcal{L}^2_{\mathrm{f}}(\mathbb{Q}) = \{h : \mathbb{Q} \to \mathbb{R} : V(h) < \infty\}.$

Clearly $\mathfrak{f}\in\mathcal{L}^2_\mathfrak{f}$.

Alternative space

Instead of h one can consider "likelihoods" $\tilde{h}=h/\mathfrak{f}$, then

$$\langle \tilde{a}, \tilde{b} \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{Q}} \tilde{a} \tilde{b} \cdot \mathfrak{f}.$$

$$\tilde{T}\tilde{h} = \int_{\mathbb{P}} \tilde{h} \circ H \cdot \mathfrak{g}.$$

Properties of \mathcal{T} ,

$$\mathcal{T}h = \int_{\mathbb{P}} (h \cdot \mathfrak{g}) \circ H$$

Invariance

$$\int_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathcal{T}h = \int_{\mathbb{Q}} h$$
$$\mathcal{T}\mathfrak{f} = \mathfrak{f}.$$

$$\begin{split} &\int_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathcal{T} h = \int_{\mathbb{Q}} \int_{\mathbb{P}} (h \cdot \mathfrak{g}) \circ H = \int_{\mathbb{Q}} \int_{\mathbb{P}} (h \cdot \mathfrak{g}) = \int_{\mathbb{Q}} h \cdot \int_{\mathbb{P}} \mathfrak{g} = \int_{\mathbb{Q}} h. \\ &\int_{\mathbb{P}} (\mathfrak{f} \cdot \mathfrak{g}) \circ H = \int_{\mathbb{P}} \mathfrak{f} \cdot \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{f} \cdot \int_{\mathbb{P}} \mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{f}. \end{split}$$

Adjoint Operator, $\mathcal{T}_{\mu}^* = \mathcal{T}_{\mu-1}$

$$\mathcal{T}_H^* = \mathcal{T}_{H^{-1}}$$

Suppose that H is invertible. If we denote by $\mathcal{T}^{\#}$ the operator $\int_{\mathbb{D}} (h \cdot \mathfrak{g}) \circ H^{-1}$ then $\mathcal{T}^* = \mathcal{T}^\#$.

$$\begin{array}{l} \langle \mathcal{T}a,b\rangle = \int_{\mathbb{Q}} (\int_{\mathbb{P}} (a \cdot \mathfrak{g}) \circ H) \cdot \frac{b}{\mathfrak{f}} = \iint_{\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{P}} (a \cdot \mathfrak{g}) \cdot \frac{b}{\mathfrak{f}} \circ H^{-1} = \iint_{\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{P}} a \cdot \frac{\mathfrak{g}\mathfrak{f}}{\mathfrak{f}} \cdot \frac{b}{\mathfrak{f}} \circ H^{-1} = \iint_{\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{P}} a \cdot \frac{(\mathfrak{g}\mathfrak{f}) \circ H^{-1}}{\mathfrak{f}} \cdot \frac{b}{\mathfrak{f}} \circ H^{-1} = \int_{\mathbb{Q}} \frac{a}{\mathfrak{f}} \cdot \int_{\mathbb{P}} (b \cdot \mathfrak{g}) \circ H^{-1} = \int_{\mathbb{Q}} \frac{a}{\mathfrak{f}} \cdot \mathcal{T}^{\#}b = \langle a, \mathcal{T}^{\#}b \rangle \end{array}$$

The self-adjoint operator

For an involution σ on \mathbb{P} , $(\sigma \circ \sigma = \mathrm{Id})$ define an involution Σ on $\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{P}$ by $\Sigma(q,p) = (q,\sigma(p))$.

Symmetric g

If
$$\mathfrak{g} \circ \sigma = \sigma \circ \mathfrak{g}$$
 and $\Sigma \circ H = H^{-1} \circ \Sigma$ and $\left| \frac{\partial \sigma(p)}{\partial p} \right| = 1$ then $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{T}^*$.

$$\mathcal{T} h = \int_{\mathbb{P}} (h\mathfrak{g}) \circ H = \int_{\mathbb{P}} h(Q)\mathfrak{g}(P) = \int_{\mathbb{P}} h(Q)\mathfrak{g}(\sigma P) = \int_{\mathbb{P}} (h\mathfrak{g}) \circ (\Sigma \circ H) = \int_{\mathbb{P}} (h\mathfrak{g}) \circ H^{-1} \circ \Sigma = \int_{\mathbb{P}} (h\mathfrak{g}) \circ H^{-1} = \mathcal{T}^* h$$

Hamiltonian with even \mathfrak{g}

HMC with even g

If
$$\mathfrak{g}(p) = \mathfrak{g}(-p)$$
 then $\mathcal{T}^* = \mathcal{T}^\# = \mathcal{T}$.

The HMC operator derived from the Hamiltionan motion is self-adjoint.

Going back in time

By changing the sign of time and the sign of the variables p and P_t we obtain exactly the same equations. For the projection on \mathbb{Q} the signs of p and P are irrelevant.

$$\dot{Q} = \frac{\partial Q}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial \rho}(Q, P), \quad \dot{P} = \frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{H}}{\partial q}(Q, P).$$

The norm in $\mathcal{L}^2_{\mathrm{f}}$, under \mathcal{T}

Define $\mathcal{D}^2:\mathcal{L}^2_{\mathfrak{f}}\circlearrowleft$ to be (the variance of $(h/\mathfrak{f})\circ H$ w.r.t. $\mathfrak{g}(p)$):

$$\mathcal{D}h = \mathfrak{f} \cdot \left(\int_{\mathbb{P}} \left(\frac{h}{\mathfrak{f}} \circ H - \frac{\mathcal{T}h}{\mathfrak{f}} \right)^2 \mathfrak{g} \right)^{1/2}.$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{P}} \tfrac{h}{\mathfrak{f}} \circ H \cdot \mathfrak{g} = \tfrac{\mathcal{T}h}{\mathfrak{f}} \qquad \text{ for } \tfrac{h}{\mathfrak{f}} \circ H \cdot \tfrac{\mathfrak{f}}{\mathfrak{f}} \mathfrak{g} = \int_{\mathbb{P}} h \circ H \cdot \tfrac{\mathfrak{g} \circ H}{\mathfrak{f}}.$$

If $\mathcal{D}h(q)=0$ then $\frac{h}{\mathfrak{f}}\circ H$ is equal to $\frac{\mathcal{T}h}{\mathfrak{f}}(q)$, $\mathfrak{g}(p)$ -a.e. by the coverage condition.

If $V(\mathcal{D}h)=0$ then $\frac{h}{\mathfrak{f}}$ is constant $(\mathfrak{f}\cdot\mathfrak{g})(q,p)$ a.e.

$V(\mathcal{D}h) = V(h) - V(\mathcal{T}h)$

$$V(\mathcal{D}h) = \int_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathfrak{f} \cdot \left(\frac{\mathcal{D}h}{\mathfrak{f}}\right)^2 = V(h) - V(\mathcal{T}h)$$

$$\mathcal{D}h = \mathfrak{f} \cdot \left(\int_{\mathbb{P}} \left((h/\mathfrak{f}) \circ H - (\mathcal{T}h/\mathfrak{f}) \right)^2 \mathfrak{g} \right)^{1/2}$$

With
$$X_q(p) = \frac{h}{\mathfrak{f}} \circ H(q,p)$$

$$\overline{V(\mathcal{D}h) = V(h) - V(\mathcal{T}h)}$$

$$V(\mathcal{D}h) = \int_{\mathbb{O}} \mathfrak{f} \cdot \left(\frac{\mathcal{D}h}{\mathfrak{f}}\right)^2 = \int_{\mathbb{O}} \mathfrak{f} \cdot \mathbb{D}_{\mathfrak{g}}^2(X_q) = \int_{\mathbb{O}} \mathfrak{f} \cdot \left(\mathbb{E}_{\mathfrak{g}}(X_q^2) - \mathbb{E}_{\mathfrak{g}}^2(X_q)\right)$$

Monotonicity of V

Then norm V decreases and converges under iterations

$$V(\mathcal{T}h) = V(h) - V(\mathcal{D}h)$$

 $V(\mathcal{T}^n h) \searrow V_{\infty}(h).$

$$\begin{split} V(\mathcal{D}h) &= \int_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathfrak{f} \int_{\mathbb{P}} \left(\frac{h}{\mathfrak{f}} \circ H - \frac{\mathcal{T}_h}{f}\right)^2 \mathfrak{g} \\ &= \iint_{\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{P}} \left(\frac{h}{\mathfrak{f}} \circ H - \frac{\mathcal{T}_h}{f}\right)^2 \mathfrak{f} \mathfrak{g} \\ &= \iint_{\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{P}} \left(\left(\frac{h}{\mathfrak{f}} \circ H\right)^2 \mathfrak{f} \mathfrak{g} - 2 \left(\frac{h}{f} \circ H \cdot \frac{\mathcal{T}_h}{\mathfrak{f}}\right) \mathfrak{f} \mathfrak{g} + \left(\frac{\mathcal{T}_h}{f}\right)^2 \mathfrak{f} \mathfrak{g} \right) \\ &= \iint_{\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{P}} \left(\frac{h}{\mathfrak{f}}\right)^2 \mathfrak{f} \mathfrak{g} - 2 \int_{\mathbb{Q}} \frac{\mathcal{T}_h}{f} \int_{\mathbb{P}} \frac{h}{\mathfrak{f}} \circ H \cdot \mathfrak{f} \mathfrak{g} + \int_{\mathbb{Q}} \frac{(\mathcal{T}_h)^2}{\mathfrak{f}} \int_{\mathbb{P}} \mathfrak{g} \\ &= V(h) - 2V(\mathcal{T}_h) + V(\mathcal{T}_h) \end{split}$$

By invariance properties

$$\iint\limits_{\mathbb{P}} A \circ H \cdot \mathfrak{f} \mathfrak{g} = \iint\limits_{\mathbb{P}} A \circ H \cdot (\mathfrak{f} \mathfrak{g}) \circ H = \iint\limits_{\mathbb{P}} A \cdot \mathfrak{f} \mathfrak{g} \quad \text{and} \\ \int_{\mathbb{P}} (h/\mathfrak{f}) \circ H \cdot \mathfrak{f} \mathfrak{g} = \int_{\mathbb{P}} (h/\mathfrak{f}) \circ H \cdot (\mathfrak{f} \mathfrak{g}) \circ H = \int_{\mathbb{P}} h \circ H \cdot \mathfrak{g} \circ H = \mathcal{T} h$$

Convergence

Convergence Theorem

If \mathfrak{f} , \mathfrak{g} and H have invariance properties and satisfy the coverage condition and \mathcal{T} is self adjoint then the iterates of any initial density will align with \mathfrak{f} :

$$\mathcal{T}^n h \to \alpha \cdot \mathfrak{f},$$

where $\alpha = \int h/\int f$ is the normalizing constant.

Assumptions

$$\mathcal{T}h = \int_{\mathbb{P}} (h \cdot \mathfrak{g}) \circ H$$

$$(\mathcal{T}h)(q) = \int_{\mathbb{P}} (h \cdot \mathfrak{g}) \circ H(q, p) \, dp = \int_{\mathbb{P}} h(Q(q, p)) \cdot \mathfrak{g}(P(q, p)) \, dp$$
For (almost) any q the function $p \mapsto Q(q, p)$ maps \mathbb{P} onto \mathbb{O} .

But convergence in what sense, one might ask...

In case of not self adjoint operator

Without the self adjoint property use the operator $S = T^* \circ T$.

Convergence Theorem

If \mathfrak{f} , \mathfrak{g} and H have invariance properties and either H or H^{-1} satisfies the coverage condition then the iterates of any initial density will align with \mathfrak{f} :

$$S^n h \to \alpha \cdot \mathfrak{f},$$

where $\alpha = \int h/\int f$ is the normalizing constant.

Remark that the limit is invariant under both \mathcal{T} and \mathcal{T}^* .

Assumptions

$$\mathcal{T}h = \int_{\mathbb{P}} (h \cdot \mathfrak{g}) \circ H$$

$$(\mathcal{T}h)(q) = \int_{\mathbb{P}} (h \cdot \mathfrak{g}) \circ H(q, \rho) \, d\rho = \int_{\mathbb{P}} h(Q(q, \rho)) \cdot \mathfrak{g}(P(q, \rho)) \, d\rho$$
 For (almost) any q the function $\rho \mapsto Q(q, \rho)$ maps \mathbb{P} onto \mathbb{Q} .

$V(\mathcal{T}^n h) \searrow V_{\infty}(h)$ then $h_{\infty} = \alpha \mathfrak{f}$ (a.e.), with $\alpha = \int h/\int \mathfrak{f}$.

If
$$V(\mathcal{T}^n h - h_\infty) \to 0$$

then
$$\mathcal{T}h_{\infty}=h_{\infty}$$
, $V(\mathcal{D}h_{\infty})=0$, $\mathcal{D}h_{\infty}=0$.

The **coverage condition** implies $h_{\infty}/\mathfrak{f} = \alpha$

When a (sub) sequence $\mathcal{T}^n h$ converges weakly to h_w

then there is an m large enough and a subsequence n_k such that $\mathcal{T}^{2n_k}(\mathcal{T}^m h) \rightharpoonup h_w$. Abuse notation and denote $\mathcal{T}^m h$ by h and n_k by n.

$$V(h_w) \le V_\infty$$
 as (usual)
 $V(h_w) = \langle h_w, h_w \rangle \leftarrow \langle h_w, \mathcal{T}^{2n} h \rangle < \sqrt{V(h_w)(V_\infty + \epsilon)}$.

$$V(h_{W}) = \langle h_{W}, h_{W} \rangle \leftarrow \langle h_{W}, \mathcal{T}^{2n} h \rangle \leq \sqrt{V(h_{W})(V_{\infty} + \epsilon)}$$

$$V(h_w) \geq V_\infty$$
 as (usual for self-adjoint)

$$V_{\infty} - \epsilon \leq \langle \mathcal{T}^n h, \mathcal{T}^n h \rangle = \langle h, \mathcal{T}^{2n} h \rangle \rightarrow \langle h, h_w \rangle \leq \sqrt{(V_{\infty} + \epsilon)V(h_w)}$$

$$V(h_w) = V_{\infty}$$
 implies $V(\mathcal{T}^{2n}h - h_w) \to 0$, as (usual)

If
$$a_m \rightarrow a$$
 and $||a_m|| \rightarrow ||a||$ then $||a_m - a||^2 = ||a_m||^2 - 2\langle a_m, a \rangle + ||a||^2 \rightarrow 0$

Each sequence

has a subsequence converging to the same limit, i.e. the sequence converges to this limit.

Rate of convergence

Kernel operator approach (same as dominant convergence), Curvature approach.

Both seem to provide exponential convergence in case of bounded, strongly positive U''(q) and fail if the extra assumption is skipped.

Kernel approach

Recall **coverage assumption**: for (almost) every q the map $p \mapsto Q(q, p)$, denoted by $Q_q(p)$ covers \mathbb{Q} . Suppose it is smoothly invertible.

$$\begin{split} & (\mathcal{T}h)(q) = \int_{\mathbb{P}} h \circ H \cdot \mathfrak{g} \circ H = \int_{\mathbb{Q}} \frac{h(Q)K(q,Q)}{f(Q)} \, dQ \\ & = \int_{\mathbb{P}} \frac{h \circ H \mathfrak{g} \circ H \mathfrak{f} \circ H}{\mathfrak{f} \circ H} = \int_{\mathbb{P}} \frac{h(Q) \cdot \mathfrak{g}(p) \cdot \mathfrak{f}(q)}{\mathfrak{f}(Q)} \, dp = \int_{\mathbb{Q}} \frac{h(Q) \cdot (\mathfrak{g}(Q_q^{-1}(Q)) \mathfrak{f}(q)| \frac{\partial Q}{\partial p}|^{-1})}{\mathfrak{f}(Q)} \, dQ \end{split}$$

Kernel $K(q,Q) = \mathfrak{g}(\mathcal{Q}_q^{-1}(Q))\mathfrak{f}(q)|\frac{\partial \mathcal{Q}}{\partial p}|^{-1}$.

If $\mathcal{K}(q,Q) \in \mathcal{L}_{\mathfrak{f}}^{2^2}$ then the operator \mathcal{T} is compact.

$$||K(q,Q)||_{\mathfrak{f}}^{2} = \int_{q} \frac{\int_{Q} \frac{K(q,Q)^{2}}{\mathfrak{f}(Q)} dQ}{\mathfrak{f}(q)} dq$$

$$||K(q,Q)||_{\mathfrak{f}}^2 = \iint_{q,p} |\frac{\partial \mathcal{Q}_q}{\partial p}|^{-1} \mathfrak{g}(p) \mathfrak{g}(P) dp dq$$

How to deal with $Q_q(p)$

with initial condition.

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial q}(0) = I, \ \frac{\partial Q}{\partial p} = 0, \ \frac{\partial P}{\partial q}(0) = 0, \ \frac{\partial P}{\partial q}(0) = I.$$

The solution bears the form,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial Q}{\partial g} \\ \frac{\partial Q}{\partial p} \\ \frac{\partial P}{\partial p} \\ \frac{\partial P}{\partial p} \\ \frac{\partial P}{\partial p} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\sqrt{UV}) \\ \sin(\sqrt{UV})\sqrt{UV}^{-1}V^{-1} \\ -\sin(\sqrt{VU})\sqrt{VU}^{-1}U^{-1} \\ \cos(\sqrt{VU}) \end{pmatrix}$$
(1)

with $U = \int_0^t \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{H}}{\partial P^2} ds$ and $V = \int_0^t \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{H}}{\partial Q^2} ds$, $sinA = (e^{iA} - e^{-iA})/(2i)$ and $cosA = (e^{iA} + e^{-iA})/2$ and the exponential and square root functions of (positive) matrices are well defined.

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