

Stochastic Convergence Rates and Applications of Adaptive Quadrature in Bayesian Inference

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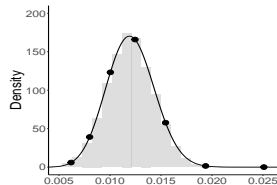
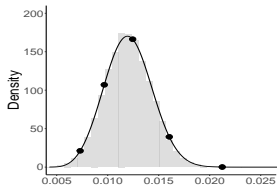
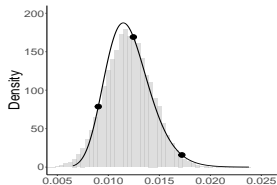
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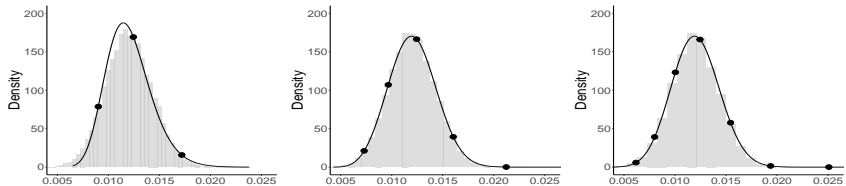
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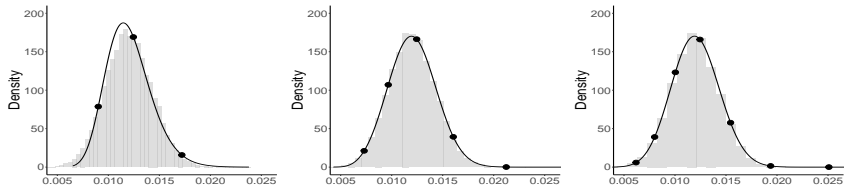


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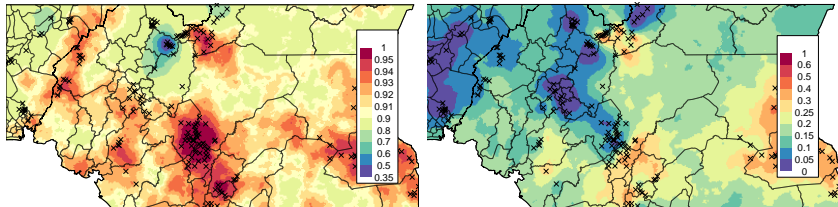
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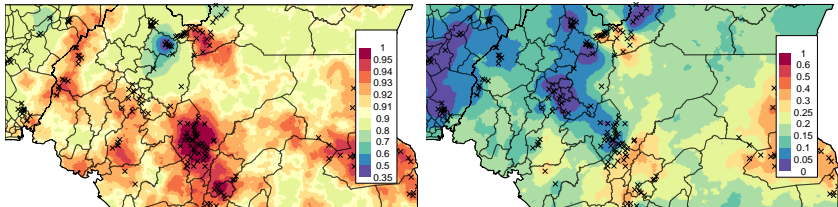
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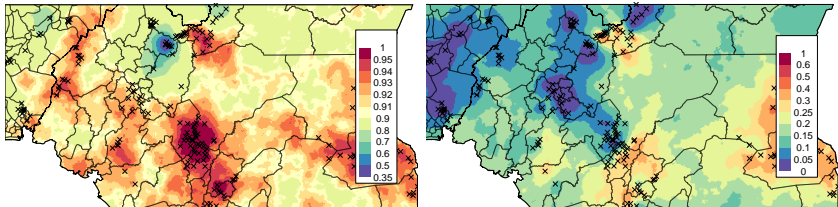
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 - Initially proposed by Tierney and Kadane (1986) to obtain $\pi(\theta | \mathbf{Y}^{(n)})$
 - They ignore renormalization; we use another application of AGHQ
- Apply a Gaussian approximation to $\pi(\mathbf{W} | \theta, \mathbf{Y}^{(n)})$.
 - Proposed by Stringer et al. (2021); builds on Rue et al. (2009)

Example: Zero-inflated binomial regression for loa loa spread (Giorgi et al., 2018).



AGHQ posterior mean (a) suitability probabilities and (b) incidence rates.

Open problem to develop theoretical guarantees for this procedure!

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