Geometric Variational Inference



RIEMANNIAN GEOMETRY FOR APPROXIMATE BAYESIAN IMAGING

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Imaging problems [HE20]







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Approximate distribution Q: $Q(y) = \mathcal{N}(y; 0, 1)$ Coordinate system $y = g_{\sigma}(\xi)$ such that the *posterior* is close to Normal.

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Variational approximation with transformed distribution \mathcal{Q}

$$\mathcal{Q}_{\bar{\xi}}(\xi) = \mathcal{N}(y|0,1)|_{y=g(\xi;\bar{\xi})} \left| \left| \frac{\partial g(\xi;\bar{\xi})}{\partial \xi} \right| \right|$$



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Numerical information field theory

https://gitlab.mpcdf.mpg.de/ift/nifty

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0.5

 $P(\xi_2)$

0.0

 $^{-1}$

0

 ξ_1

1



2

 Q_{geoVI} $Q_{\text{geoVI}}(\xi_1, \xi_2)$

0

ξ1

1

2







