

Rayleigh Model

This model describes continuous nonnegative variable. Its pdf is

$$f(y|r) = \frac{y}{r} \exp\left(-\frac{y^2}{2r}\right), r > 0$$

Posterior

$$f(r|y(t)) = P_t r^{-\kappa_t} \exp\left(-\frac{S_t}{2r}\right)$$

where $P = \prod_{i=1}^t y_i$ and $S_t = \sum_{i=1}^t y_i^2$

Update (P is not needed for point estimation)

$$S_t = S_{t-1} + y_t^2$$

$$\kappa_t = \kappa_{t-1} + 1$$

Point estimate

$$\hat{r}_t = \frac{S_t}{2\kappa_t}$$

Generation¹

$$y = \sqrt{-2r \ln(u)}$$

where u is $U(0,1)$.

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¹From Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rayleigh_distribution

Derivation

Product

$$\frac{y_1}{r} \exp\left(-\frac{y_1^2}{2r}\right) \frac{y_2}{r} \exp\left(-\frac{y_2^2}{2r}\right) = y_1 y_2 r^{-2} \exp\left(-\frac{y_1^2 + y_2^2}{2r}\right)$$

→ posterior

Derivative

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dr} \frac{P_t}{r^{\kappa_t}} r^{-\kappa_t} \exp\left(-\frac{S_t}{2r}\right) = \\ & = -P_t \kappa_t r^{-\kappa_t-1} \exp\left(-\frac{S_t}{2r}\right) + P_t r^{-\kappa_t} \exp\left(-\frac{S_t}{2r}\right) \frac{S_t}{2r^2} = 0 \\ & \kappa_t = r \frac{S_t}{2r^2} \rightarrow \hat{r}_t = \frac{S_t}{2\kappa_t} \end{aligned}$$