Posterior samples of source galaxies in strong gravitational lenses with score-based priors

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Solving the Linear Inverse Problem Traditional method



Credit: Morningstar et al. (2019)

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Posterior

Prior

Sampling \times

Closed form \times



Target distribution













Sampling: follow the score

Score-Based Modeling Posterior

The score of the likelihood is all you need to sample from the posterior.

$$\underbrace{\mathbf{\nabla}_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{x} \mid \mathbf{y})}_{\text{posterior}} = \underbrace{\mathbf{\nabla}_{\mathbf{x}} \log p(\mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{x})}_{\text{likelihood}} + \underbrace{\mathbf{\nabla}_{\mathbf{x}} \log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})}_{\text{prior}}$$









Ground Truth



Posterior samples



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Ground Truth Posterior samples























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Learning the likelihood



Posterior Samples



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