Advanced topics in Markov-chain Monte Carlo

Lecture 4:
Perfect sampling in Markov-chain Monte Carlo
Part 2/2: Coupling from the past in the Ising model

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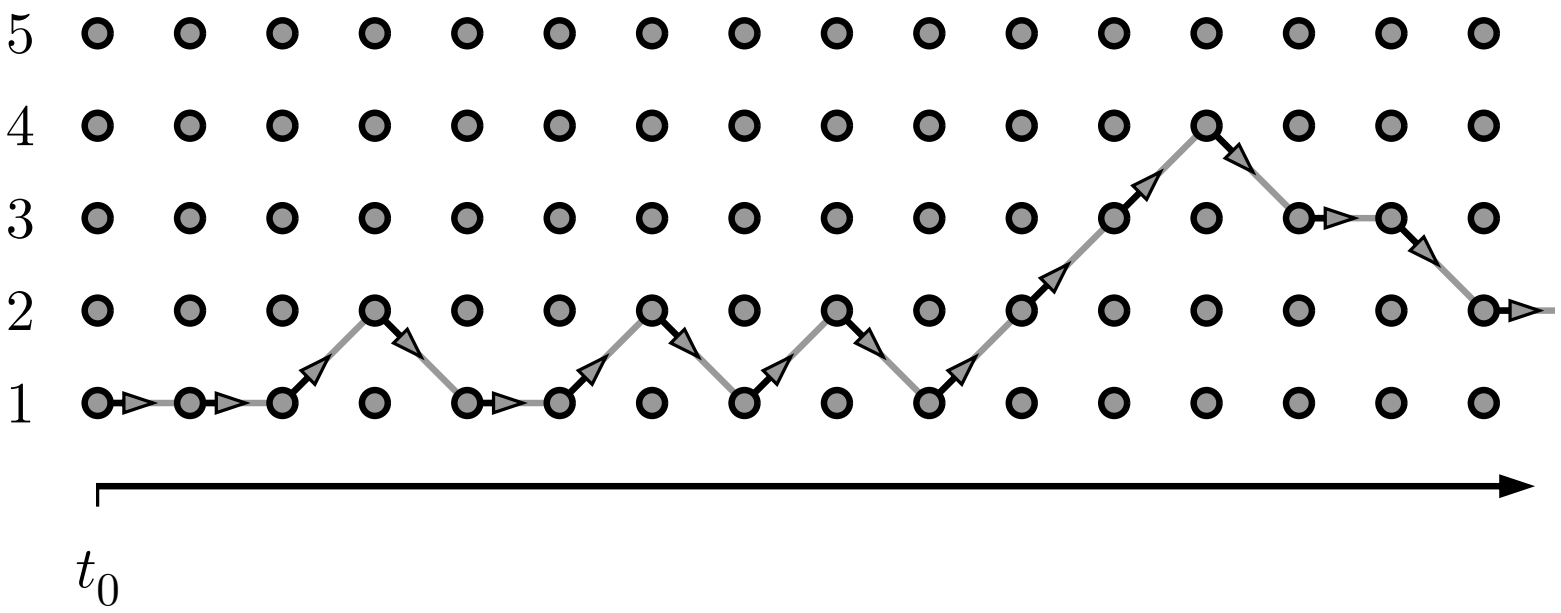
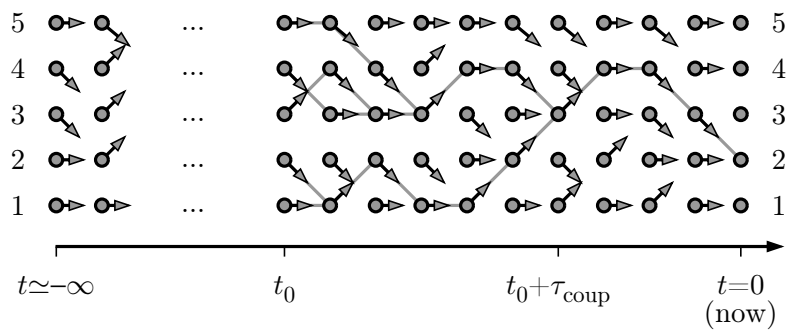
Markov chain (traditional view)



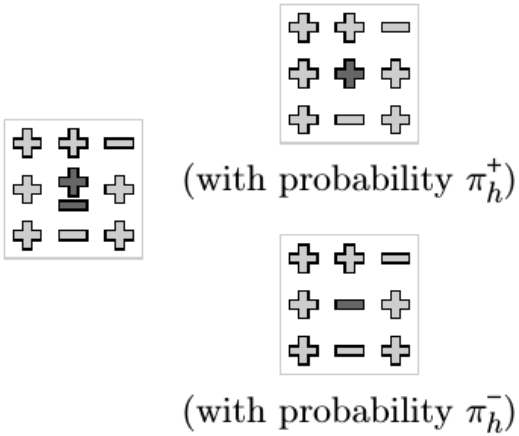
- Configuration c_t, move δ_t.
- Set $t_0 = 0$.
- Transition matrix easy to write down (TD)

Markov chain coupling



- Coupling (Doeblin, 1930s).
- Random maps, coupling from the past
- In the following: Perfect-sampling MCMC algorithm for the Ising model

Ising model - heat bath



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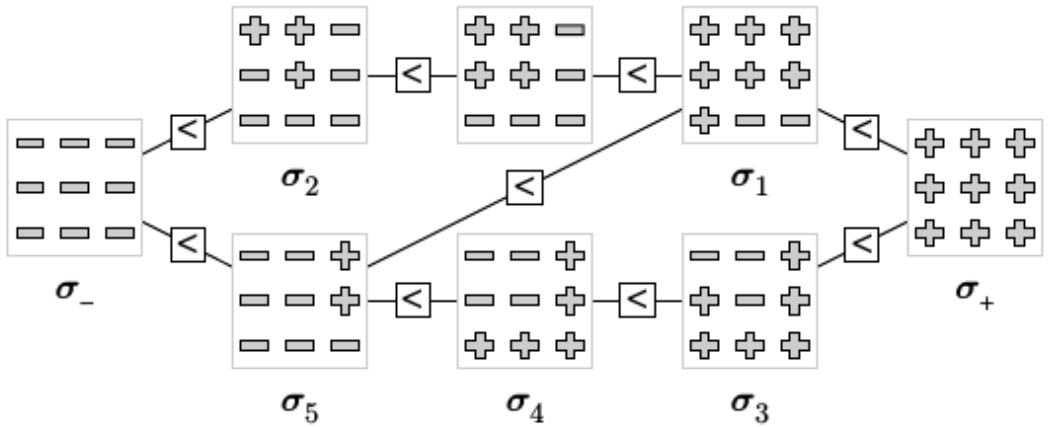
- Roughly equivalent to Metropolis algorithm.

Ising model - half order



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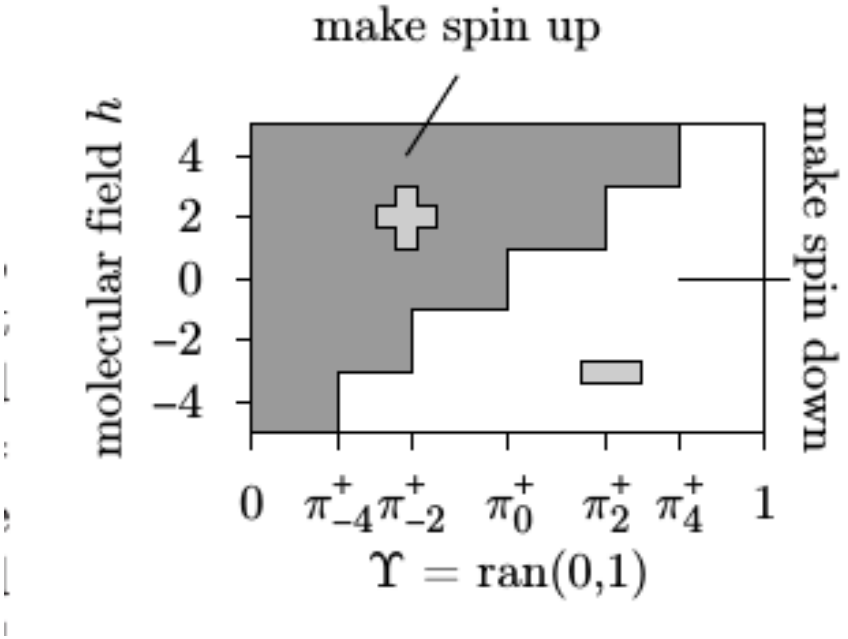

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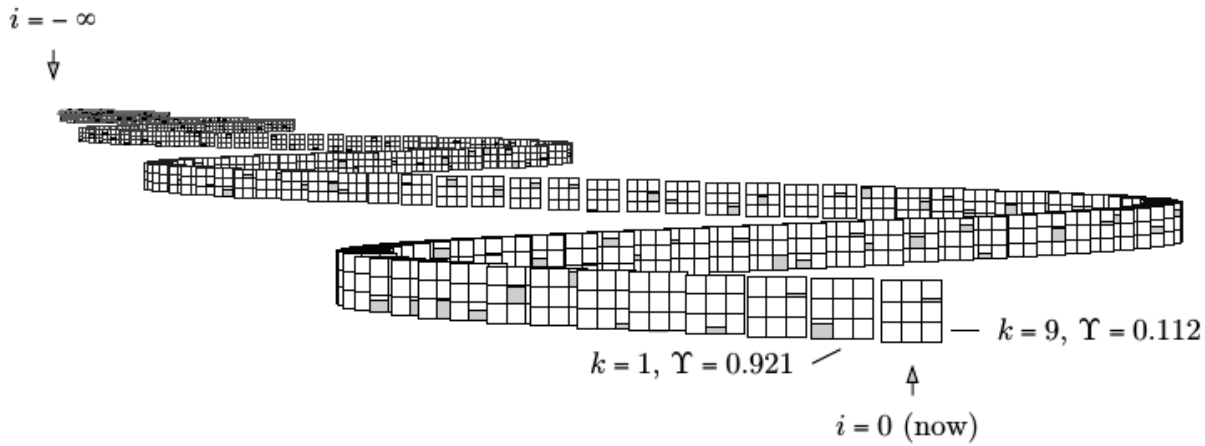
Ising model - coupling from the past



- Ising-model simulation that has run since time $i = -\infty$.
- Produces perfect samples in any dimension.