Manifold Monte Carlo Methods

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- Success of MCMC reliant upon appropriate proposal design

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How to set M systematically? Tuning in transient & stationary phases

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mMALA	634	(26, 84, 174)	24.1	×440
RMHMC	2936	(1951, 4545, 5000)	1.5	×7070

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