

Direct sampling & plots

Sample distribution

Every distribution in `m.dist` can be sampled **directly**, outside of a model, by passing `sample=True`. This is useful for prior predictive checks, simulating data, or quickly inspecting a distribution's shape.

```
from BayesForge import bf
m = bf()
# Draw 1000 samples from a standard normal
m.dist.normal(0, 1, shape=(4,), sample=True)
```

```
/home/sosa/work/3.12venv/lib/python3.13/site-packages/tqdm/auto.py:21: TqdmWarning: IPProgress
  from .autonotebook import tqdm as notebook_tqdm
An NVIDIA GPU may be present on this machine, but a CUDA-enabled jaxlib is not installed. Fa
```

```
bf v 0.0.58 package loaded
jax.local_device_count 32
```

```
Array([ 0.70881297, -0.61375044, -1.00774708, -2.02585777], dtype=float64)
```

By using (`to_jax=False`), a direct sample is returned as a **SampledData** object — a thin wrapper around a JAX array. It behaves like a JAX array everywhere (arithmetic, indexing, `jnp.*` functions, `jit/vmap/grad`, use as a distribution parameter), and its `repr` reports the `dtype` so you can see the kind and precision at a glance:

The extra thing a **SampledData** gives you over a raw array is a set of **built-in plotting methods** and **built-in helper functions**.

Plotting helpers

Each plotting method is called directly on the sampled object. Most accept `interactive=True` (the default, **Plotly**) or `interactive=False` (**matplotlib** / **seaborn**):

The available methods depend on the **shape** of the sampled array.

1D-(n_samples,)

histogram

```
m.dist.normal(0, 1, shape=(1000,), sample=True, to_jax=False).hist()
```

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kernel

```
m.dist.normal(0, 1, shape=(1000,), sample=True, to_jax=False).density()
```

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PPC

```
m.dist.normal(0,1,shape=(100,4),sample=True, to_jax=False).ppc_plot(m.dist.normal(0,1,shape=
```

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Time series — (n_samples, n_time)

Treat the second axis as time and summarise across draws.

```
m.dist.gaussian_random_walk(scale=0.5, num_steps=50, shape=(500,), sample=True, to_jax=False)
```

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2D-(n_samples, n_variables)

histogram

```
m.dist.normal(0, 1, shape=(1000,4), sample=True, to_jax=False).hist()
```

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kernel

```
m.dist.normal(0, 1, shape=(1000,4), sample=True, to_jax=False).density()
```

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boxplot

```
m.dist.normal(0, 1, shape=(1000,4), sample=True, to_jax=False).boxplot()
```

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violinplot

```
m.dist.normal(0, 1, shape=(1000,4), sample=True, to_jax=False).violinplot()
```

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pairplot

```
m.dist.normal(0, 1, shape=(1000,4), sample=True, to_jax=False).pairplot()
```

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corr_heatmap

```
m.dist.lkj_cholesky(4, 2, name = 'a', sample = True, to_jax=False).corr_heatmap()
```

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traceplot

```
m.dist.normal(0, 1, shape=(1000,4), sample=True, to_jax=False).traceplot()
```

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surface_3d

Computes a 2D Kernel Density Estimate (KDE) using the first two variables. It plots a 3D surface where the X and Y axes represent the variables and the Z axis represents the estimated probability density.

```
m.dist.normal(0, 1, shape=(1000,4), sample=True, to_jax=False).surface_3d()
```

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scatter3d

Takes the first three variables (columns) and plots them directly as points in a 3D space (X, Y, and Z axes). Requires the array to have at least 3 variables (columns).

```
m.dist.normal(0, 1, shape=(1000,4), sample=True, to_jax=False).scatter3d()
```

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Posterior predictive

Compare draws against observed data.

3D-(n_samples, n_groups, n_times)

3D scatter — (n_samples, >=3)

```
m.dist.normal(0,1, name = 'a', shape=(100,4, 5), sample = True, to_jax=False).hist()
```

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Non-plot helper

In addition to plot helper functions, there are several other helper functions that can be used to compute summaries or transform the sampled array. For reduction operations (like `mean`, `std`, `sum`), you can pass an `axis` argument to reduce along specific dimensions. For example, passing `axis=0` will reduce across the sample dimension.

mean

```
m.dist.normal(0,1, name = 'a', shape=(100,4), sample = True, to_jax=False).mean(axis=0)
```

```
SampledData([ 0.09930412,  0.08486471,  0.16269986, -0.04464273], dtype=float64)
```

std

```
m.dist.normal(0,1, name = 'a', shape=(100,4), sample = True, to_jax=False).std()
```

```
Array(0.99340247, dtype=float64)
```

variance

```
m.dist.normal(0,1, name = 'a', shape=(100,4), sample = True, to_jax=False).var()
```

```
Array(1.00690316, dtype=float64)
```

hdi

```
m.dist.normal(0,1, name = 'a', shape=(100,4), sample = True, to_jax=False).hdi(cred_mass=0.9)
```

```
(Array([0.06657551, 0.10564758, 0.12776344, 0.31720734], dtype=float64),  
 Array([-1.02996427, -0.8243636 , -0.72078736,  0.07104139], dtype=float64))
```

sum

```
m.dist.normal(0,1, name = 'a', shape=(100,4), sample = True, to_jax=False).sum()
```

```
Array(9.04652727, dtype=float64)
```

prod

```
m.dist.normal(0,1, name = 'a', shape=(100,4), sample = True, to_jax=False).prod()
```

```
Array(-3.56643713e-113, dtype=float64)
```

min

```
m.dist.normal(0,1, name = 'a', shape=(100,4), sample = True, to_jax=False).min()
```

```
Array(-3.64392909, dtype=float64)
```

max

```
m.dist.normal(0,1, name = 'a', shape=(100,4, 5), sample = True, to_jax=False).max()
```

```
Array(4.12758551, dtype=float64)
```

argmin

```
m.dist.normal(0,1, name = 'a', shape=(100,4), sample = True, to_jax=False).argmin()
```

```
Array(294, dtype=int64)
```

argmax

```
m.dist.normal(0,1, name = 'a', shape=(100,4), sample = True, to_jax=False).argmax()
```

```
Array(253, dtype=int64)
```

all

```
m.dist.normal(0,1, name = 'a', shape=(100,4, 5), sample = True, to_jax=False).all()
```

```
Array(True, dtype=bool)
```

any

```
m.dist.normal(0,1, name = 'a', shape=(100,4), sample = True, to_jax=False).any()
```

```
Array(True, dtype=bool)
```

cumsum

```
m.dist.normal(0,1, name = 'a', shape=(100,4), sample = True, to_jax=False).cumsum()
```

```
SampledData([-1.46002866, -0.04446573, -1.75294629, -2.36816525, -1.02214756,  
             -0.80975621, -1.63783133, -1.65558972, -2.05676285, -2.09916228,  
             -3.19452752, -3.7724002 , -2.95926821, -3.81926984, -2.71335542,  
             -2.53300772, -2.07195281, -1.29237334, -0.34173531,  0.64443439,  
             0.6092218 , -0.03548849,  0.11714811,  0.98955158,  0.92941958,  
             2.45116977,  4.04269793,  3.71886159,  4.40338225,  3.64111511,
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6.38874408, 6.96119092, 7.79526396, 7.10046767, 6.81463531], dtype=float64)

```

round

```
m.dist.normal(0,1, name = 'a', shape=(100,4, 5), sample = True, to_jax=False).round()
```

```

SampledData([[[ 2., -0., -0., -1., -1.],
               [-2., -1., -1., -1.,  2.],
               [-0.,  1.,  1., -1.,  1.],
               [-0.,  2., -1.,  0.,  0.]],

```

```

[[-0., -2., 1., 0., 2.],
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 [ 1., 1., -1., 2., -2.]],

[[-0., 1., -2., 0., -1.],
 [-1., 0., 2., 1., -1.],
 [ 1., -2., 1., 0., 1.],
 [ 1., 0., 1., -1., -0.]],

...,

[[-0., -1., 1., 1., 1.],
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[[-0., 0., 1., -0., -1.],
 [-0., 2., 0., 1., -0.],
 [-2., -1., -1., 0., 1.],
 [-0., -2., 1., 1., 1.]],

[[ 0., 1., 1., -0., -0.],
 [ 1., 2., 1., 1., 1.],
 [-2., 0., -1., 1., 1.],
 [ 2., -1., 2., 1., -1.]], dtype=float64)

```

clip

```
m.dist.normal(0,1, name = 'a', shape=(100,4), sample = True, to_jax=False).clip(0, 1)
```

```

SampledData([[0.          , 1.          , 0.          , 0.          ],
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 [0.17518829, 0.          , 0.          , 0.31703263],
 [0.          , 0.          , 0.          , 0.          ],
 [0.          , 0.88104597, 0.25327077, 0.04193629],
 [0.          , 0.          , 1.          , 0.          ],
 [0.          , 1.          , 0.          , 0.          ],
 [0.          , 0.          , 0.25025799, 0.          ]],

```

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 [1. , 0. , 1. , 1.],
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 [0. , 0. , 0.40443199, 0.],
 [0.91804061, 0. , 0. , 0.],
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 [0. , 0.02452011, 0.83718367, 0.10938338],
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```

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[0.15523086, 0.      , 0.78890371, 0.      ],
[0.26059659, 0.      , 0.      , 0.      ],
[0.63756407, 0.93647535, 0.08123414, 0.      ],
[1.      , 0.      , 0.82387463, 1.      ],
[0.65603279, 0.91734372, 0.4057906 , 1.      ],
[0.93576065, 0.66199442, 0.      , 0.18208871],
[0.      , 0.87610845, 0.17505323, 0.56311619],
[0.39511712, 0.81699978, 1.      , 0.87412812],
[0.62369844, 0.      , 0.94093873, 0.      ],
[0.      , 0.1323173 , 0.      , 0.      ],

```

```
[0.          , 0.          , 0.          , 1.          ],
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[1.          , 0.          , 0.36079418, 1.          ],
[0.          , 0.          , 0.          , 0.          ],
[0.          , 1.          , 0.          , 0.09782381],
[1.          , 0.26934573, 1.          , 0.          ]], dtype=float64)
```

ptp

```
m.dist.normal(0,1, name = 'a', shape=(100,4), sample = True, to_jax=False).ptp()
```

```
Array(5.89335262, dtype=float64)
```

sort

```
m.dist.normal(0,1, name = 'a', shape=(100,4), sample = True, to_jax=False).sort()
```

```
SampledData([[ -1.07345528e+00, -9.72115343e-01,  9.19362447e-01,
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.at[]

Since the sampled object wraps a JAX array, you can use JAX's `.at[]` syntax for in-place style updates (which return a new object):

```

s = m.dist.normal(0,1, name = 'a', shape=(100,4, 5), sample = True, to_jax=False)
s_new = s.at[0, 0, 0].set(0.0)

```

reshape

```

m.dist.normal(0,1, name = 'a', shape=(100,4, 5), sample = True, to_jax=False).reshape((100, 2, 10))

```

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```

And many other standard NumPy/JAX array methods like `.flatten()`, `.squeeze()`, `.astype()`, etc., are also available directly on the sampled object.

Notes

Note

- `density`, `surface_3d`, and `ppc_plot` are **Plotly-only** — passing `interactive=False` has no effect on them.
- The dimensional requirement is **enforced**: e.g. `corr_heatmap`, `boxplot`, `violinplot`, `pairplot`, `traceplot`, `scatter3d`, and `timeseries` raise a `ValueError` if the array is not the expected shape.
- Plotting methods live on the `SampledData` wrapper only. If you sampled with `to_jax=True` (or later called `.to_jax()`), convert back with `SampledData(arr)` to plot, or re-sample without `to_jax`.