

Q1.

a) The ~~the~~ Metropolis Monte Carlo method uses the Metropolis algorithm to generate a random walk of random variables ~~that~~ according to a distribution function $p(x)$. The random variables ~~are~~ over a particular interval are then used to estimate the mean value of a function, which in turn approximates the value of a definite integral.

To generate a random sequence according to $p(x)$, an ^{arbitrary} initial value is first chosen. Then ~~at~~ each ~~of~~ step, is governed by a transition probability T which follows the principle of detailed balance (i) :

$$p(x_n) T(x_n \rightarrow x_{n+1}) = p(x_{n+1}) T(x_{n+1} \rightarrow x_n)$$

(ii) the choice of T is defined by :

$$T(x_n \rightarrow x_{n+1}) = \min \left(1, \frac{p(x_{n+1})}{p(x_n)} \right)$$

which is consistent with the principle of detailed balance.

(iii) Steps of implementing the method.

- a) Generation of random numbers following $p(x)$.
- 1) choose initial position x_0 (arbitrary).
- 2) choose δ (arbitrary)
- 3) generate a random number δ_i in the interval $[-\delta, \delta]$
- 4) Calculate trial position $x_{\text{trial}} = x_0 + \delta_i$
- 5) Calculate transition probability

$$w = \frac{p(x_{\text{trial}})}{p(x_0)}$$

- 6) if $w \geq 1$, accept x_{trial} as a valid position
 $x_1 = x_{\text{trial}}$.
- 7) if $w < 1$, generate a random number v
- 8) if $v \leq w$, $x_1 = x_{\text{trial}}$
- 9) if $v > w$, reject x_{trial} and
 $x_1 = x_0$
- 10) Repeat steps 3 to 9 to get successive positions.

This generates n random numbers following $p(x)$.

b) Calculation of definite integral.

- 1) for every x_i generated, calculate $f(x_i)$
- 2) Sum $f(x_i)$
- 3) Calculate mean $\langle f \rangle = \frac{\sum_i f(x_i)}{n}$
- 4) Calculate definite integral:
 $I = (b-a) \langle f \rangle$

b)

~~$f(x) = 1$~~

~~$\int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b 1 dx = b-a$~~

Let $f(x) = 2\pi x$, $x \in [0, 1]$

$x_0 = 1$, $x_1 = 0.02$, $x_2 = 0.58$, $x_3 = 0.22$,

$x_4 = 0.12$, $x_5 = 0.54$, $x_6 = 0.81$, $x_7 = 0.07$

$\therefore x_i$ s are the random numbers $\in [0, 1]$ (given)

$$\therefore \langle t \rangle = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^7 t(x_i) \quad \text{Calculated (mean of } \{x_i\})$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} \cdot 2\pi (1 + 0.02 + 0.58 + 0.22 + 0.12 + 0.54 + 0.61 + 0.07)$$

$$= 2.64$$

$$\therefore \int_0^1 2\pi x dx \approx 2.64 \quad (b=1, a=0)$$

c)

$$p(x) = \begin{cases} c & \text{if } x \in [a, b] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, c > 0$$

$$\text{Mean} = \frac{\int_a^b x p(x) dx}{\int_a^b p(x) dx}$$

$$= \frac{\int_a^b c x dx}{\int_a^b c dx} = \frac{c \frac{(b^2 - a^2)}{2}}{c(b - a)} = \frac{b + a}{2}$$

Variance .

$$= \langle x^2 \rangle - \langle x \rangle^2$$

$$= \frac{\int_a^b x^2 p(x) dx}{\int_a^b p(x) dx} - \left(\frac{\int_a^b x p(x) dx}{\int_a^b p(x) dx} \right)^2$$

$$= \frac{\frac{c}{3} (b^3 - a^3)}{c(b - a)} - \left(\frac{b + a}{2} \right)^2$$

$$= \frac{b^2 + ab + a^2}{3} - \frac{b^2 + 2ab + a^2}{4}$$

~~$$= b^2 + ab$$~~

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$$= \frac{b^2 + ab + a^2}{3} - \frac{b^2 + 2ab + a^2}{4}$$

$$= \frac{4b^2 + 4ab + 4a^2 - 3b^2 - 6ab - 3a^2}{12}$$

$$= \frac{b^2 - 2ab + a^2}{12}$$

$$= \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$$