

ORIE 4580/5580/5581 Assignment 3

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Github link: https://github.com/Althealam/ORIE-5580-Simulation-Modeling-Analysis/blob/main/HW3/ORIE_5580_hw3.ipynb

(Please replace this with your own link!)

Instructions

- Due Thursday September 25, at 11.59pm on Gradescope.
- Assignment .ipynb files available for download on [Canvas](#).
- Do all your work in provided notebook (text answers typeset in markdown; show all required code and generate plots inline), and then generate and submit a pdf.
- Ideally do assignments in groups of 2, and submit a single pdf with both names
- Please show your work and clearly mark your answers.
- You can use any code fragments given in class, found online (for example, on StackOverflow), or generated via Gemini/Claude/ChatGPT (you are encouraged to use these for first drafts) **with proper referencing**.
- You can also discuss with others (again, please reference them if you do so); but you must write your final answers on your own as a team.

Suggested reading

Chapters 7 (you can skim through this), and chapters 8 and 9 of [Introduction to Probability](#) by Grinstead and Snell.

Chapter 3 and chapter 4 (up to section 4.5) of [Simulation by Ross](#).

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In [ ]: #importing necessary packages
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import scipy.stats
%matplotlib inline
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Question 1: Combining LCGs (20 points)

In order to avoid biases, simulations should not use anywhere near the full period of an LCG (otherwise, the random sequence repeats\dots). For example, a typical traffic simulator may have 10,000 vehicles, each experiencing thousands of random disturbances, thus needing around 10^7 random samples per replication -- for this, an LCG using $m = 2^{31} - 1 \approx 2 \times 10^9$ is insufficient, as after 100 replications the sequences get correlated.

One method to combine multiple LCGs to obtain a generator with a longer period is to add a smaller period LCG to it. For example, suppose we have two generators $X_{n+1} = (a_1 X_n) \bmod m_1$ and $Y_{n+1} = (a_2 Y_n) \bmod m_2$, with $m_1 > m_2$. We can derive a combined generator by setting $Z_n = (X_n + Y_n) \bmod m_1$. If properly designed, the resulting period can be on the order of $m_1 m_2$. We will now study a small example to see how this works.

(a) Consider two LCGs, $x_{n+1} = (5x_n) \bmod 16$ and $y_{n+1} = (2y_n) \bmod 7$. Starting both with seed $x_0 = y_0 = 1$, plot the sequences x_n, y_n using the clock visualization introduced in class (separate plot for each sequence; you can use and modify the code in Demo-PRNGs.ipynb on Canvas).

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In [ ]: # Functions to visualize LCG sequence on clock (see demo notebook)
def plot_clock_face(m, fig, annotate=False):
    """
    Plot points on a unit circle representing the LCG sequence on a clock face.
    Parameters:
    m (int): The modulus value for the LCG sequence.
    fig (matplotlib.figure.Figure): The figure object to draw on.
    annotate (bool): Whether to annotate points with their index.

    Returns:
    None
    """
    # Plot m points on the unit circle
    for i in range(m):
        theta = 2.0 * np.pi * i / m
        plt.plot(np.sin(theta), np.cos(theta), 'rs', markersize = 10)
        if annotate:
            plt.annotate(str(i), (np.pi/2 - theta, 1.05), xycoords='polar')

def plot_clock_path(m, x, fig, color='y'):
    """
    Plot the path of an LCG sequence on a clock face.
    Parameters:
    m (int): The modulus value for the LCG sequence.
    x (numpy.ndarray): The LCG sequence.
    fig (matplotlib.figure.Figure): The figure object to draw on.
    color (str): The color for the path.

    Returns:
    None
    """
    # Plot the seed node
    theta_0 = 2.0 * np.pi * (x[0] * (m + 1) - 1) / m
    plt.plot(np.sin(theta_0), np.cos(theta_0), 'gs', markersize = 10)

    # Plot the path of the LCG sequence
    for i in range(len(x) - 1):
        theta_start = 2.0 * np.pi * (x[i] * (m + 1) - 1) / m
        theta_end = 2.0 * np.pi * (x[i + 1] * (m + 1) - 1) / m

        x_start = np.sin(theta_start)
        y_start = np.cos(theta_start)
        del_x = np.sin(theta_end) - np.sin(theta_start)
        del_y = np.cos(theta_end) - np.cos(theta_start)

        if abs(del_x) > 0 or abs(del_y) > 0:
            plt.arrow(x_start, y_start, del_x, del_y,
                      length_includes_head=True, head_width=0.05, head_length=0.1, fc=color, ec=
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In [ ]: # Function to generate pseudorandom sequence using LCG
# Set default parameters to glibc specifications (see demo notebook)

def LCG(n, m=2**31-1, a=1103515245, c=12345, seed=1):
    """
    Generate a pseudorandom sequence using a Linear Congruential Generator (LCG).

    Parameters:
    n (int): The number of pseudorandom numbers to generate.
    m (int): The modulus value (default is 2^31-1, following glibc specifications).
    a (int): The multiplier value (default is 1103515245, following glibc specifications).
    c (int): The increment value (default is 12345, following glibc specifications).
    seed (int): The initial seed value (default is 1).

    Returns:
    numpy.ndarray: An array of pseudorandom numbers in the range [0, 1).
    """
    # Initialize an array to store the generated pseudorandom numbers
    output = np.zeros(n)

    x = seed
    for i in range(n):
        # Calculate the pseudorandom number and normalize it to [0, 1)
        output[i] = (x + 1.0) / (m + 1.0)
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    # Update the LCG state using the specified parameters
    x = (a * x + c) % m

    return output

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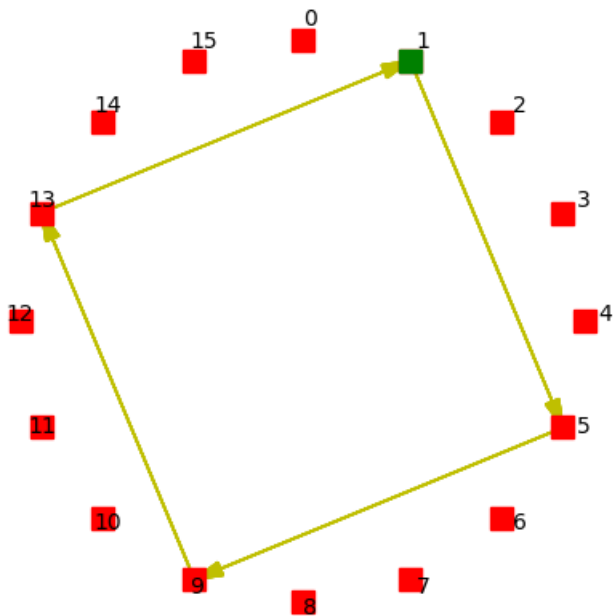
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In [ ]: # Ans
n = 20 # number of samples

## 1.  $X(n+1) = (5*X(n)) \bmod 16$ 
m1 = 16
a1 = 5
c1 = 0
seed1 = 1
fig = plt.figure(figsize = (5, 5))
x_seq = LCG(n=n, m=m1, a=a1, c=c1, seed=seed1)

plot_clock_face(m1, fig, annotate=True)
plot_clock_path(m1, x_seq, fig)
plt.axis('off')
plt.show()

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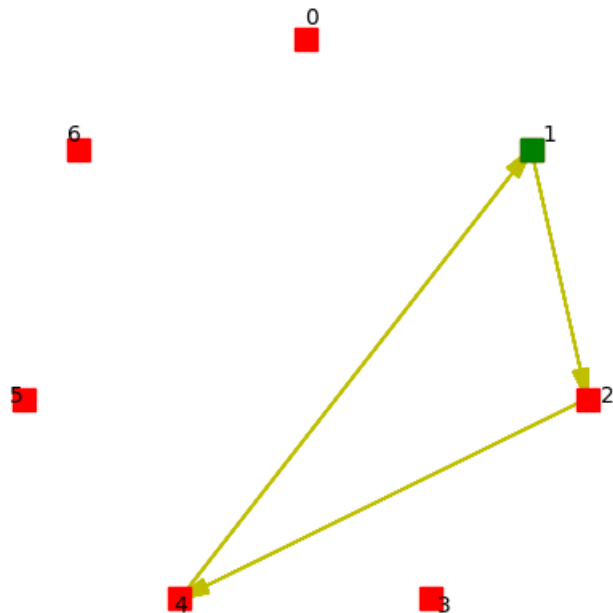


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In [ ]: # Ans
## 2.  $Y(n+1) = (2*Y(n)) \bmod 7$ 
m2 = 7
a2 = 2
c2 = 0
seed2 = 1
fig = plt.figure(figsize = (5, 5))
y_seq = LCG(n=n, m=m2, a=a2, c=c2, seed=seed2)

plot_clock_face(m2, fig, annotate=True)
plot_clock_path(m2, y_seq, fig)
plt.axis('off')
plt.show()

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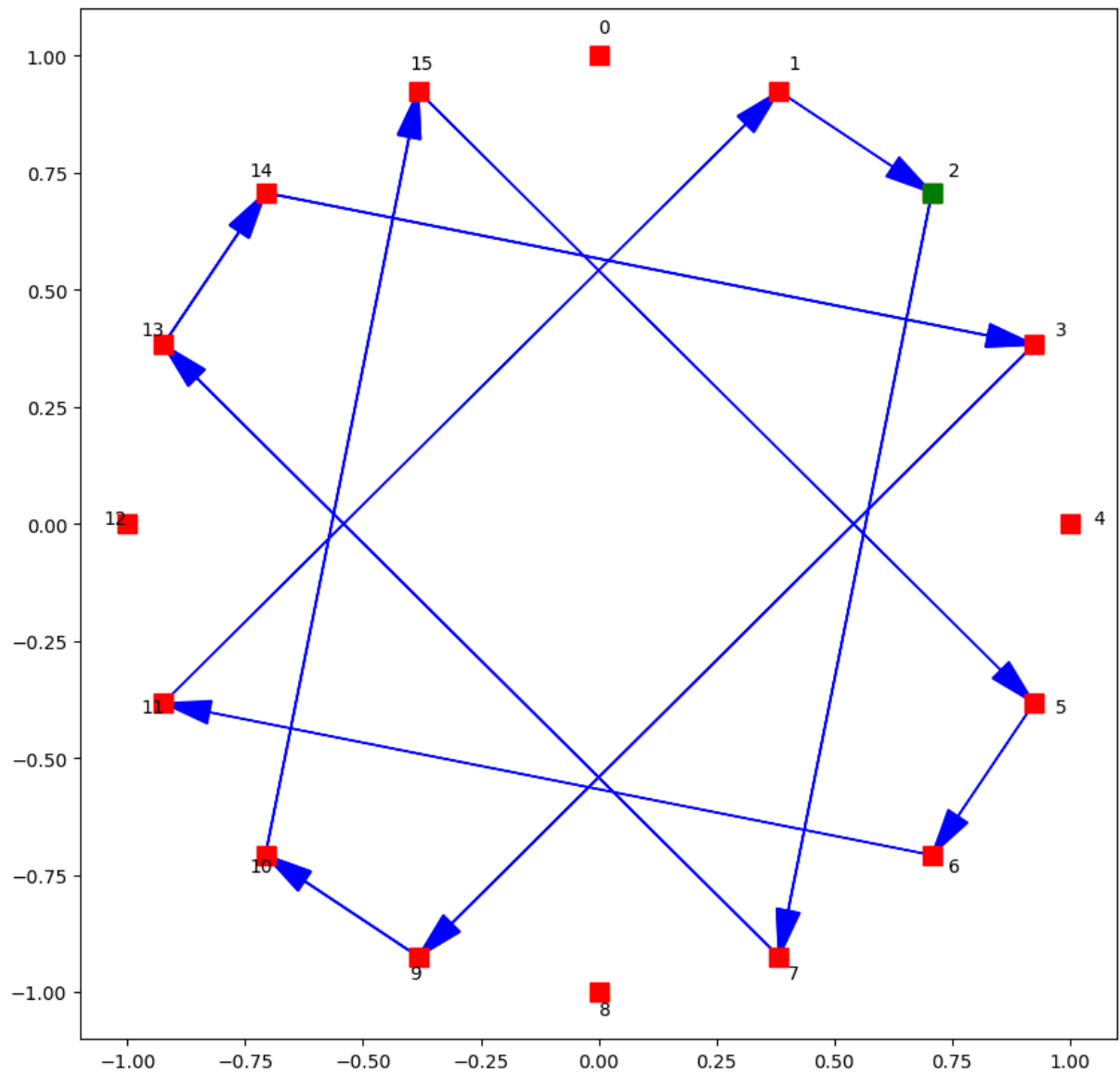


(b) Next, define a combined LCG as $z_n = (x_n + y_n) \bmod 16$. Starting both the base LCGs with seed $x_0 = y_0 = 1$, plot the sequence z_n using the clock visualization given in class.

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In [ ]: x_prime = np.round(x_seq*(m1+1)-1).astype(int)
y_prime = np.round(y_seq*(m2+1)-1).astype(int)

z_prime = (x_prime+y_prime) % 16
z_seq = (z_prime+1.0)/(16+1.0)

fig = plt.figure(figsize=(10, 10))
plot_clock_face(m=16, fig=fig, annotate=True)
plot_clock_path(m=16, x=z_seq, fig=fig, color='b')
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(c) What are the periods of the pseudo-random sequences x_n , y_n and z_n ?

Ans.

1. The period of x_n

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_0 &= 1 \\
 x_1 &= (5 \times 1) \bmod 16 = 5 \\
 x_2 &= (5 \times 5) \bmod 16 = 9 \\
 x_3 &= 13 \\
 x_4 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

We can know that $x_4 = x_0 = 1$, so the sequence start repeating and the period of x_n is 4

2. The period of y_n

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_0 &= 1 \\
 y_1 &= (2 \times 1) \bmod 7 = 2 \\
 y_2 &= 4 \\
 y_3 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

The period of y_n is 3

3. The period of z_n

We know that the period of x_n is 4 and the period of y_n is 3. So the period of z_n is $\text{lcm}(4, 3) = 12$

Question 2: inverting cdfs (25 pts)

In class, we defined $F^{-1}(y)$ for a continuous increasing cdf $F(x)$ as the unique x such that $F(x) = y$ (for $y \in [0, 1]$). More generally, for any cdf F we can use the inversion method based on its generalized inverse or *pseudoinverse*:

$$F^{-1}(y) = \inf\{x | F(x) \geq y\}$$

(where \inf denotes the [infimum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Infimum_and_supremum); if you have not seen this before, treat it as minimum).

(a) Find the pseudoinverse $F^{-1}(y)$ for the following mixed (discrete/continuous) cdf

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x < 0 \\ x & \text{for } 0 \leq x < \frac{1}{2}, \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{for } \frac{1}{2} \leq x < 1, \\ 1 & \text{for } x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Ans.

Case 1: $y \in (0, \frac{1}{2}]$

We need the smallest x with $F(x) \geq y$.

- For $x < 0$: $F(x) = 0$. Since $y \geq 0$, $0 \geq y$ only holds when $y = 0$; for $y \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$, $0 < y$, so $x < 0$ fails.
- For $0 \leq x < \frac{1}{2}$: $F(x) = x$. Solve $x \geq y$. The smallest x is y (as $F(x)$ increases here, and $y < \frac{1}{2}$ keeps $x = y$ in $[0, \frac{1}{2})$).

Thus, $F^{-1}(y) = y$ for $y \in [0, \frac{1}{2})$.

Case 2: $y = \frac{1}{2}$

We need the smallest x with $F(x) \geq \frac{1}{2}$.

- For $x < \frac{1}{2}$: $F(x) < \frac{1}{2}$, so no solution.
- For $x \geq \frac{1}{2}$: $F(x) \geq \frac{1}{2}$ (since $F(x) = \frac{1}{2}$ when $\frac{1}{2} \leq x < 1$, and $F(x) = 1$ when $x \geq 1$). The smallest x is $\frac{1}{2}$.

Thus, $F^{-1}(\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{2}$.

Case 3: $y \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1]$

We need the smallest x with $F(x) \geq y$.

- For $x < 1$: $F(x) \leq \frac{1}{2} < y$, so no solution.
- For $x \geq 1$: $F(x) = 1 \geq y$ (since $y \leq 1$). The smallest x is 1.

Thus, $F^{-1}(y) = 1$ for $y \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1]$.

Final Pseudoinverse

$$F^{-1}(y) = \begin{cases} y & \text{if } y \in [0, \frac{1}{2}), \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } y = \frac{1}{2}, \\ 1 & \text{if } y \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1]. \end{cases}$$

(b) Use the above definition to get an inversion algorithm for the *Geometric*(p) distribution (with pmf $p(k) = p(1-p)^{k-1} \forall k \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$). Implement this, and generate and plot the histogram of 1000 samples from a *Geometric*(0.42) distribution. (For this, it may be useful for you to first understand how the [scipy.stats](#) library works, and in particular, how it provides methods to compute various statistics for many different random variables, including the [geometric r.v.](#))

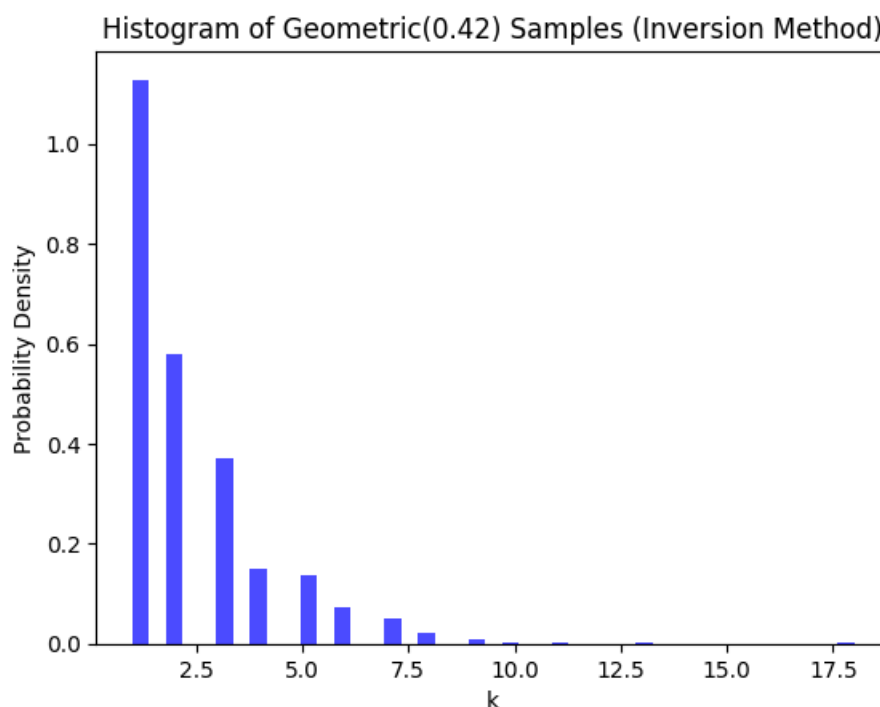
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In [ ]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

# implement the inversion algorithm
def geometric_inversion(n, p):
    """
    Generate n samples from Geometric(p) using the inversion method.
    """
    # Generate uniform random variables
    u = np.random.uniform(0, 1, n)
    # Apply the inverse CDF
    samples = np.ceil(np.log(1 - u) / np.log(1 - p)).astype(int)
    return samples

# Parameters
n = 1000 # Number of samples
p = 0.42 # Success probability

# Generate samples
samples = geometric_inversion(n, p)

# Plot histogram
plt.hist(samples, bins='auto', density=True, alpha=0.7, color='blue')
plt.title('Histogram of Geometric(0.42) Samples (Inversion Method)')
plt.xlabel('k')
plt.ylabel('Probability Density')
plt.show()
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In [ ]: # verification with scipy.stats
from scipy.stats import geom

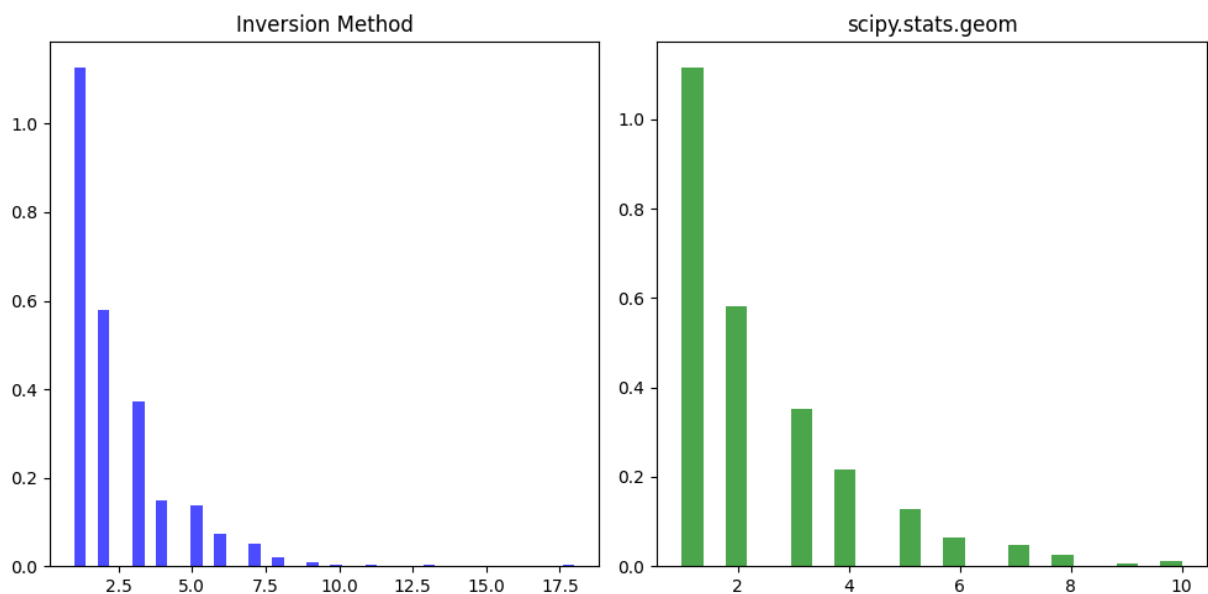
# Generate samples using scipy
scipy_samples = geom.rvs(p, size=n)

# Plot both histograms
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 5))

plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)
plt.hist(samples, bins='auto', density=True, alpha=0.7, color='blue')
plt.title('Inversion Method')

plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)
plt.hist(scipy_samples, bins='auto', density=True, alpha=0.7, color='green')
plt.title('scipy.stats.geom')

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
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(c) The p.d.f. of the random variable X is given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{x-2} & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 2, \\ e^{-x} & \text{for } x > 2, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

Describe and implement an inversion algorithm to generate samples of X . Generate 1,000 samples and plot a histogram. Compare the histogram and the p.d.f.

Ans.

1. Piecewise Probability Density Function (PDF)

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{x-2} & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 2, \\ e^{-x} & \text{if } x > 2, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

2. Derivation of Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF)

$$F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt$$

- For $x < 0$:

$$F(x) = 0$$

- For $0 \leq x \leq 2$:

$$F(x) = \int_0^x e^{t-2} dt = [e^{t-2}]_0^x = e^{x-2} - e^{-2}$$

- For $x > 2$:

$$\begin{aligned} F(x) &= \int_0^2 e^{t-2} dt + \int_2^x e^{-t} dt \\ &= (1 - e^{-2}) + (e^{-2} - e^{-x}) = 1 - e^{-x} \end{aligned}$$

3. Derivation of Inverse CDF ($F^{-1}(u)$)

$F^{-1}(u)$ = the value of x satisfying $F(x) = u$

- For $0 \leq u \leq 1 - e^{-2}$:

$$e^{x-2} - e^{-2} = u \implies x = \ln(u + e^{-2}) + 2$$

- For $u > 1 - e^{-2}$:

$$1 - e^{-x} = u \implies x = -\ln(1 - u)$$

4. Final Inverse Transformation Formula

$$F^{-1}(u) = \begin{cases} \ln(u + e^{-2}) + 2 & \text{if } 0 \leq u \leq 1 - e^{-2}, \\ -\ln(1 - u) & \text{if } u > 1 - e^{-2}. \end{cases}$$

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In [ ]: # implement the inversion algorithm

import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

def inverse_transform_sampling(n):
    """Generate n samples from the given PDF using inversion."""
    u = np.random.uniform(0, 1, n)
    x = np.zeros(n)

    # Case 1: 0 <= u <= 1 - exp(-2)
    mask = u <= (1 - np.exp(-2))
    x[mask] = np.log(u[mask] + np.exp(-2)) + 2

    # Case 2: u > 1 - exp(-2)
    x[~mask] = -np.log(1 - u[~mask])

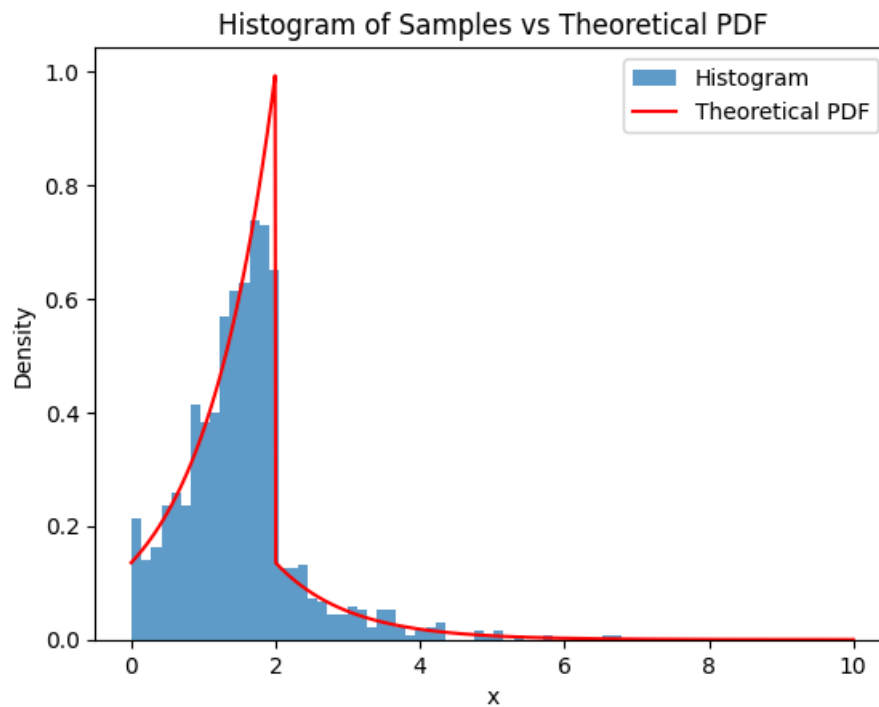
    return x

# Generate 1000 samples
n = 1000
samples = inverse_transform_sampling(n)

# Plot histogram of samples
plt.hist(samples, bins=50, density=True, alpha=0.7, label='Histogram')

# Plot the theoretical PDF
x_vals = np.linspace(0, 10, 1000)
pdf = np.zeros_like(x_vals)
# PDF for 0 <= x <= 2
mask_pdf1 = (x_vals >= 0) & (x_vals <= 2)
pdf[mask_pdf1] = np.exp(x_vals[mask_pdf1] - 2)
# PDF for x > 2
mask_pdf2 = x_vals > 2
pdf[mask_pdf2] = np.exp(-x_vals[mask_pdf2])
plt.plot(x_vals, pdf, 'r-', label='Theoretical PDF')

plt.title('Histogram of Samples vs Theoretical PDF')
plt.xlabel('x')
plt.ylabel('Density')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
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Question 3: Acceptance-Rejection (25 pts)

Let the random variable X have density

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} (5x^4 + 4x^3 + 3x^2 + 1)/4 & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(a) Give an acceptance-rejection algorithm to generate samples of X .

Ans.

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In [1]: import numpy as np

def f(x):
    return (5*x**4 + 4*x**3 + 3*x**2 + 1) / 4

c = 13/4 # c is maximum when plug in x=1 in to f(x)

def sample_X(n_samples=1):
    samples = []
    while len(samples) < n_samples:
        x = np.random.uniform(0, 1)
        u = np.random.uniform(0, 1)
        if u <= f(x)/c:
            samples.append(x)
    return np.array(samples)

samples = sample_X(1000)
samples
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(b) On average, how many samples from the uniform distribution over $[0, 1]$ would your acceptance-rejection algorithm need in order to generate one sample of X ?

Ans.

$$p_{\text{accept}} = \frac{1}{c},$$

$$\mathbb{E}[N] = \frac{1}{p_{\text{accept}}} = c.$$

For the given density function

$$f(x) = \frac{5x^4 + 4x^3 + 3x^2 + 1}{4}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1,$$

the maximum occurs at $x = 1$:

$$f(1) = \frac{13}{4} = 3.25.$$

Therefore,

$$p_{\text{accept}} = \frac{1}{3.25}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[N] = 3.25$$

(c) Use your algorithm in (a) to generate 2,500 samples of X . Note that this will require more than 2500 uniform random variables.

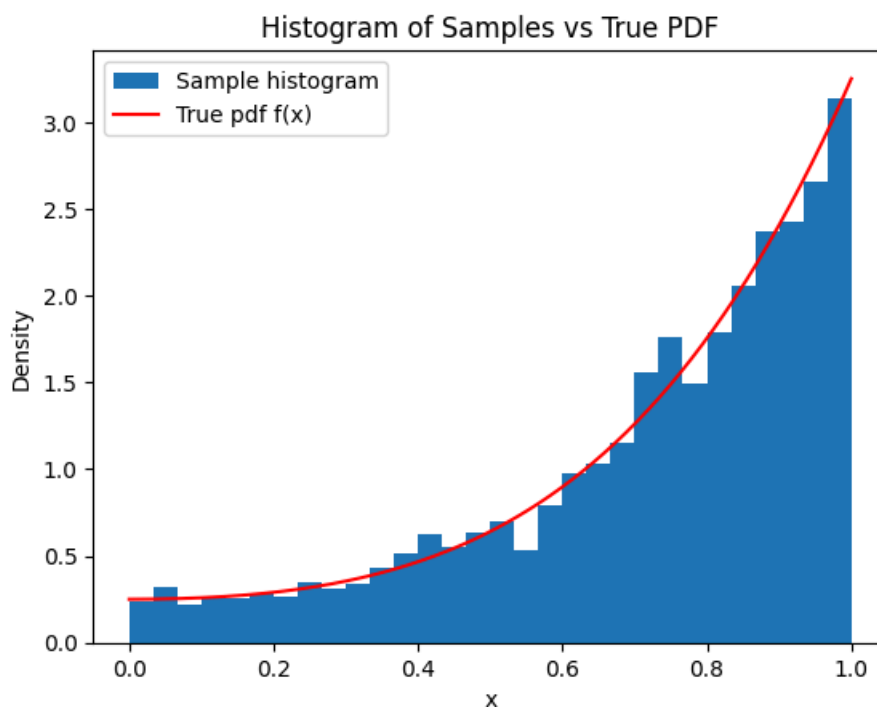
Plot a histogram of your sample and compare it against the true pdf.

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In [2]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

np.random.seed(111)
samples = sample_X(2500)

x_vals = np.linspace(0,1,200)
pdf_vals = f(x_vals)

plt.hist(samples, bins=30, density=True, label="Sample histogram")
plt.plot(x_vals, pdf_vals, 'r-', label="True pdf f(x)")
plt.xlabel("x")
plt.ylabel("Density")
plt.title("Histogram of Samples vs True PDF")
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```



Question 4: Generalized Acceptance-Rejection (30 pts)

We want to generate a $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ rv X , with pdf $f(x) = \frac{e^{-x^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$, using generalized acceptance-rejection.

(a) First, suppose we choose the proposal distribution to be a `\emph{Laplace}` (i.e., two-sided Exponential) distribution, which has pdf $g(x) = e^{-|x|}/2$. Describe (and implement) an inversion algorithm to get samples from this distribution.

The CDF is

$$G(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x g(t) dt.$$

For $x < 0$: $|x| = -x$, so

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{2}e^x, \quad x < 0.$$

Hence

$$G(x) = \frac{1}{2}e^x.$$

For $x \geq 0$: $|x| = x$, so

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{2}e^{-x}.$$

The CDF is the sum of the probability mass on $(-\infty, 0]$ and the integral from 0 to x :

$$G(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}e^{-x} \right) = 1 - \frac{1}{2}e^{-x}.$$

Let $U \sim \text{Uniform}(0, 1)$. Set $G(x) = U$ and solve for x :

If $0 < U < 0.5$:

$$U = \frac{1}{2}e^x \Rightarrow x = \ln(2U).$$

If $0.5 \leq U < 1$:

$$U = 1 - \frac{1}{2}e^{-x} \Rightarrow x = -\ln(2(1 - U)).$$

```
In [3]: def sample_laplace(n_samples=1):
        U = np.random.rand(n_samples)
        X = np.where(U < 0.5,
                     np.log(2*U),
                     -np.log(2*(1-U)))
        return X

samples = sample_laplace(10)
samples
```

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Out[3]: array([ 1.74284943, -1.8709212 ,  0.01563474,  1.3820094 ,  4.03449315,
                3.31980923, -0.99662524, -0.11495978,  0.06469833,  0.05960708])
```

(b) Determine the smallest k such that $kg(x) \geq f(x) \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$. Using this, propose (and implement) an acceptance-rejection algorithm for sampling $X \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$, and compute the expected number of samples needed for generating each sample.

Ans.

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In [4]: def f(x):
        return (1/np.sqrt(2*np.pi)) * np.exp(-x**2/2)

        def g(x):
            return 0.5 * np.exp(-np.abs(x))

        def ratio(x):
            return f(x) / g(x)

        # function to find minimal k which is also the max of f/g
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def find_k(xmin=-10, xmax=10, num_points=200000):
    x_vals = np.linspace(xmin, xmax, num_points)
    ratios = ratio(x_vals)
    return np.max(ratios)

k = find_k()

def sample_laplace(n_samples=1):
    U = np.random.rand(n_samples)
    return np.where(U < 0.5, np.log(2*U), -np.log(2*(1-U)))

def sample_normal(n_samples=1):
    samples = []
    while len(samples) < n_samples:
        y = sample_laplace(1)[0]
        u = np.random.rand()
        if u <= f(y)/(k*g(y)):
            samples.append(y)
    return np.array(samples)

print('Smallest k:', k)
print("Expected uniform draws per accepted sample ≈", k)

```

Smallest k: 1.3154892456269678

Expected uniform draws per accepted sample ≈ 1.3154892456269678

(c) Generate 1000 samples from your method in part (b), and plot the histogram of the samples. Also report the average and 95% CI for the number of $U[0, 1]$ samples needed to generate the 1000 samples.

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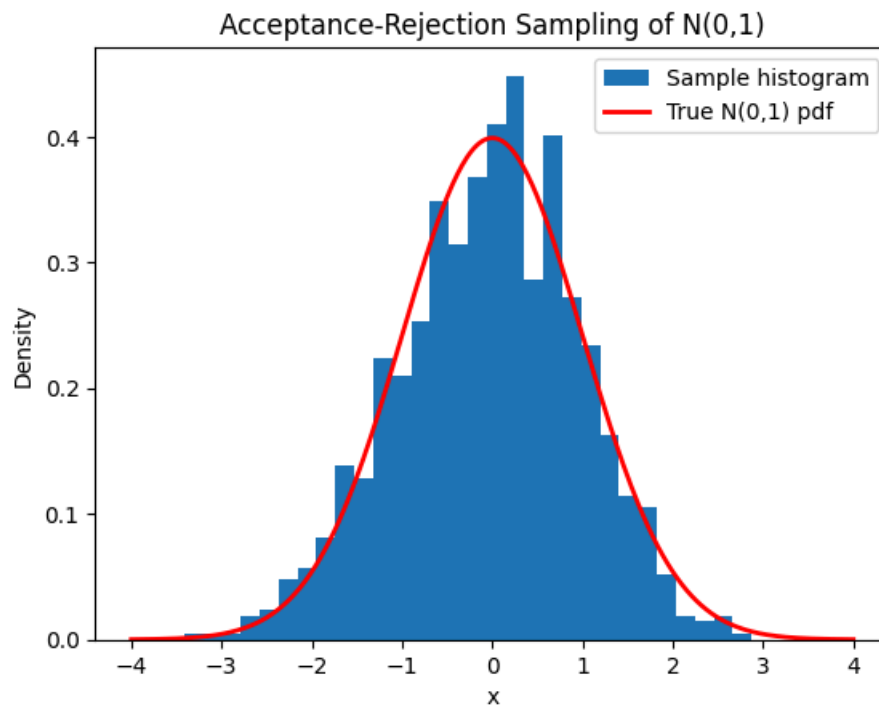
In [5]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import scipy.stats as st

np.random.seed(111)
samples = sample_normal(1000)

x_vals = np.linspace(-4, 4, 300)
pdf_vals = f(x_vals)

plt.hist(samples, bins=30, density=True, label="Sample histogram")
plt.plot(x_vals, pdf_vals, 'r-', linewidth=2, label="True N(0,1) pdf")
plt.xlabel("x")
plt.ylabel("Density")
plt.title("Acceptance-Rejection Sampling of N(0,1)")
plt.legend()
plt.show()

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In [6]: def sample_normal_ar(n_samples=1):
    samples = []
    U_count = 0
    while len(samples) < n_samples:
        y = sample_laplace(1)[0]
        U_count += 1
        u = np.random.rand()
        U_count += 1

        if u <= f(y)/(k*g(y)):
            samples.append(y)
    return np.array(samples), U_count

np.random.seed(111)
samples, U_used = sample_normal_ar(1000)

avg_U_per_sample = U_used / 1000

trials = []
for _ in range(200):
    _, U_count = sample_normal_ar(200)
    trials.append(U_count/200)
mean_val = np.mean(trials)
se_val = np.std(trials, ddof=1)/np.sqrt(len(trials))
ci_low, ci_high = st.norm.interval(0.95, loc=mean_val, scale=se_val)

print('Average uniforms per accepted sample: ', avg_U_per_sample)
print("95% CI ≈", ci_low, ci_high)
```

Average uniforms per accepted sample: 2.68
 95% CI ≈ 2.625716449069319 2.649783550930682

(d) Now, suppose instead we choose the proposal distribution to be a Cauchy distribution with pdf $g(x) = \frac{1}{\pi(1+x^2)}$. Describe and implement an inversion algorithm to get samples from this distribution, and plot the histogram of 1000 samples from this distribution.

The standard Cauchy has pdf

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{\pi(1+x^2)}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

$$G(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \arctan(x) + \frac{1}{2}.$$

$$G^{-1}(u) = \tan(\pi(u - 0.5)).$$

To generate a Cauchy random variable:

Generate $U \sim \text{Uniform}(0, 1)$

Set $X = \tan(\pi(U - 0.5))$

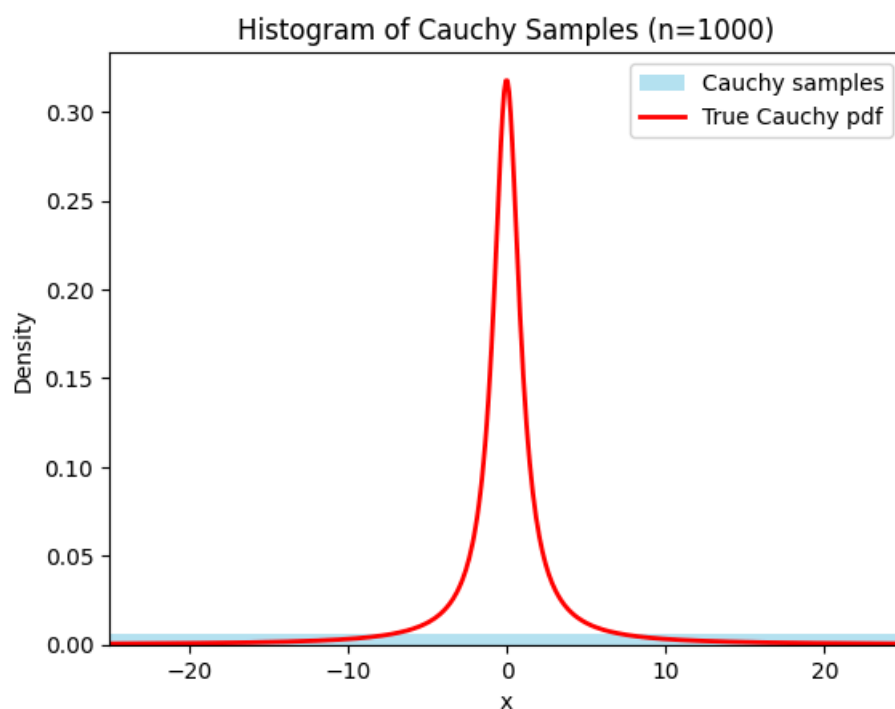
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In [7]: def sample_cauchy(n_samples=1):
        U = np.random.rand(n_samples)
        X = np.tan(np.pi * (U - 0.5))
        return X

        np.random.seed(111)
        samples_cauchy = sample_cauchy(1000)

        plt.hist(samples_cauchy, bins=50, density=True, alpha=0.6, color='skyblue', label="Cauchy samples")

        x_vals = np.linspace(-25, 25, 500)
        pdf_vals = 1/(np.pi*(1+x_vals**2))
        plt.plot(x_vals, pdf_vals, 'r-', linewidth=2, label="True Cauchy pdf")

        plt.xlim(-25, 25)
        plt.xlabel("x")
        plt.ylabel("Density")
        plt.title("Histogram of Cauchy Samples (n=1000)")
        plt.legend()
        plt.show()
```



(e) Repeat parts (b) and (c) for this proposal distribution.

Ans.

```
In [8]: import numpy as np

        def compute_k_and_expected_unifoms(f, g, search_range=(-10, 10), num_points=200000):
            x_vals = np.linspace(search_range[0], search_range[1], num_points)
            ratios = f(x_vals) / g(x_vals)
            k_min = np.max(ratios)

            expected_unifoms = 2 * k_min
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        return k_min, expected_uniforms

def f(x):
    return (1/np.sqrt(2*np.pi)) * np.exp(-x**2/2)

def g(x):
    return 1/(np.pi*(1+x**2))

k_val, exp_uniforms = compute_k_and_expected_uniforms(f, g)
print("Least k =", k_val)
print("Expected uniforms per sample =", exp_uniforms)
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Least k = 1.5203468995269371

Expected uniforms per sample = 3.0406937990538743