

Probability Space

Sample Space Ω = set of all **outcomes** (mutually exclusive) of random experiment

Event $E \subseteq \Omega$ → any subset of sample space

Extremal Events → null event \emptyset & universal event S

Elementary Event → singleton subsets of S

If $s \in E$ is experiment outcome, then E occurred
Null event \emptyset never & universal event S always occurs

For events E_1, E_2, \dots

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E_1, E_2, \dots are **Mutually Exclusive** → $\forall i, j, E_i \cap E_j = \emptyset$ i.e. they're pairwise-disjoint

E_1, E_2, \dots are **Independent Events** →

$P(E_1 \cap \dots \cap E_j \cap \dots \cap E_n) = P(E_1) \dots P(E_n)$ for any finite subset

$\{E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n\}$

If events A, B are independent, then A, B are also independent

σ -algebra $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ = family of subsets of Ω s.t. nonempty, $\emptyset \in \mathcal{F}$

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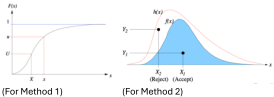
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Distribution sampling
For r.v. X with support $\text{supp}(X)$, the objective is to find a sampling function: $U(0,1) \rightarrow \text{supp}(X)$ in terms of X 's density/cdf (or pmf/cdf) function.

1. **The Inverse Transform method:** Suppose X is a continuous r.v. with cdf $F(x) = P(X \leq x)$ and that we are trying to sample X . Let $U \sim U(0,1)$. Because $F(x)$ increases monotonically, we have: $P(F^{-1}(U) \leq x) = P(U \leq F(x)) = F(x)$, so **set $U = F(x)$ and invert to give $X = F^{-1}(U)$** .



We can use the inverse transform method to sample a discrete r.v., X by inverting its cumulative distribution function, $F_X(x)$ (a "step function"). If $U \sim U(0,1)$, then the inverse transform methods returns $X = \min\{x : F(x) \geq U\}$.

2. **The Acceptance-Rejection (AR) Method:** If $f(x)$ cannot be explicitly inverted (e.g., normal cdf) we can sometimes work with the corresponding density function $f(x)$. We choose a density function $g(x)$ easy to sample from. Now we try to find a constant, c , so that $c g(x) = h(x)$ dominates $f(x)$ for all x (i.e. $c g(x) \geq f(x)$):

By construction, c is the area under $h(x)$: $c = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(x) dx$.

To find c : We need to maximize $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$. Differentiate $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$, let $\frac{d}{dx} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 0$ to find the maximum value of x , calculate c using the value of x ($c = \max_x \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$).

AR Algorithm:

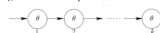
- Let X be a sample from the r.v. whose density function is $g(x)$.
- Generate a $U(0,1)$ sample, U , and let $Y = U h(X)$.
- If $Y \leq f(X)$, i.e. if $U \leq \frac{f(X)}{g(X)} = \frac{f(X)}{c g(X)}$, where $U \sim (0,1)$, then **accept X ; otherwise reject it and start again.**

It's a "dart throwing" exercise (Monte Carlo simulation). By construction, the samples X and Y define a point that lies under $h(x)$; if (X,Y) lies under $f(x)$ as well we accept X .

3. **The Convolution Method:** Some random variables are defined as the sum of two or more independent random variables.

We can sample the individual distributions and sum the results.

- Example:** An Erlang(k, θ) random variable, X say, is defined as the sum of k independent exponentially-distributed random variables X_i , each with rate parameter θ .



- Notice that $E[X] = E[X_1 + \dots + X_k] = \frac{1}{\theta} + \frac{1}{\theta} + \dots + \frac{1}{\theta} = \frac{k}{\theta}$.

- We can generate Erlang(k, θ) samples using the sampler for the exponential distribution: if $X_i \sim \exp(\theta)$ then

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^k X_i \sim \text{Erlang}(k, \theta)$$

- If $U_i \sim U(0,1)$ then X_i is sampled using $-\log U_i / \theta$.
- We can save the more expensive log calculations in the summation by turning the sum into a product:

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^k -\frac{\log U_i}{\theta} = -\frac{1}{\theta} \log \prod_{i=1}^k U_i$$

4. **The Composite Method:**

- The *Composition Method* applies to density functions that have the following structure (called a *mixture*):

$$f(x) = w_1 f_1(x) + w_2 f_2(x) + \dots + w_n f_n(x)$$

where the $f_i(x)$ are density (or mass) functions and where $0 < w_i < 1, 1 \leq i \leq n, n > 0$ and $\sum_{i=1}^n w_i = 1$.

- The sampling algorithm is straightforward:
 - Pick i w.p. w_i (discrete distribution sampling)
 - Sample the distribution whose density is f_i , e.g. using one of the above methods

This applies also to cdfs and mass functions with a similar algorithm.

Misc

Combination: order doesn't matter. Select item without regard to how they are arranged. $nCr = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!r!}$.

Permutation: order is important. Count number of ways you can arrange a set of items where the sequence or arrangement matters. $nPr = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$.

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \right)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n X_i X_j$$
$$\frac{\sum (x - \bar{x})^2}{n} = \frac{\sum x^2}{n} - \bar{x}^2$$

Taylor Series: $e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$
Summations: $\sum_{n=1}^n r = \frac{1}{2} n(n+1)$, $\sum_{n=1}^n r^2 = \frac{1}{6} n(n+1)(2n+1)$, $\sum_{n=1}^n r^3 = \frac{1}{4} n^2(n+1)^2$.

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$\frac{1}{x}$	$\ln x $
$\frac{1}{x^2}$	$-\frac{1}{x}$
$\frac{1}{x^2 + a^2}$	$\frac{1}{2a} \ln \left \frac{x-a}{x+a} \right $ ($x > a$)
$\frac{1}{a^2 - x^2}$	$\frac{1}{2a} \ln \left \frac{a+x}{a-x} \right $ ($ x < a$)

$$\int uv' dx = uv - \int u'v dx.$$

L(log)(algebra)T(trigonometry)E(exponent)

$$\int \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} dx = \ln|f(x)|$$

$$\int f^n(x) f'(x) dx = \frac{1}{n+1} f^{n+1}(x) + C$$

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$\ln x$	$\frac{1}{x}$
uv	$u'v + uv'$
$\frac{u}{v}$	$\frac{u'v - uv'}{v^2}$
$x = r \cos \theta, y = r \sin \theta$	