

MA323 – Monte-Carlo Simulation

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Question - 1

Here, $f(x) = 20x(1-x)^3$ for all $0 < x < 1$.

I am choosing $g(x) = 1$ for all $0 < x < 1$, so the smallest value of c such that $f(x) \leq cg(x)$ is: -
2.109375

- a) The probability of acceptance of a generated sample is ratio of area under $f(x)$ to the area under $cg(x)$ which is $p = 1/c$. Now the expected number of iterations needed to get an accepted sample will be $1/p$ which is c . So, the average number of iterations required to generate a random number is $c = 2.109375$

- b) The Expectation of PDF $f(x)$ is $E[f(x)] = 1/3 = 0.33333\dots$

For $c = 2.109375$, The sample mean = 0.33589041733507474

For $c = 6$, The sample mean = 0.33092525374904125

For $c = 9$, The sample mean = 0.33527137939004537

We observe that the sample mean for $c = 2.109375$ and two values greater than this smallest value are approximately equal to the Expectation of PDF $f(x)$.

- c) The exact value of $P(0.25 \leq X \leq 0.75) = 0.617188$

For $c = 2.109375$, the approximate value of $P(0.25 \leq X \leq 0.75) = 0.6020748382880654$

For $c = 6$, the approximate value of $P(0.25 \leq X \leq 0.75) = 0.5935764466123804$

For $c = 9$, the approximate value of $P(0.25 \leq X \leq 0.75) = 0.6016487373568857$

On comparing these 3 values with the exact probability, we see that all 3 values are close to the exact value which shows that our generated sample is close to the PDF f for all the three values of c .

- d) For a good upper bound, the average number of iterations should be around the value obtained should be close to the value obtained in (a) i.e., 2.109375.

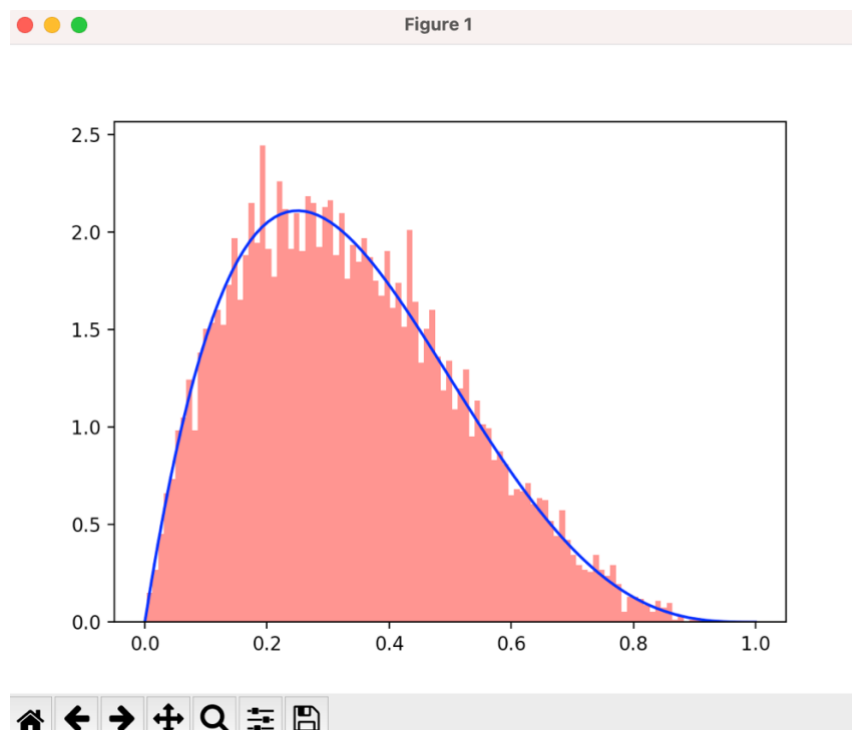
For $c = 2.109375$, the average number of iterations needed = 2.0986

For $c = 6$, the average number of iterations needed = 5.9941

For $c = 9$, the average number of iterations needed = 8.866

We observe that, the tighter the upper bound is, the closer is the value. Hence, the more we deviate from the smallest value of c , the more is the number of iterations we will require to generate each of the random number.

- e) The histogram of the sample generated and the PDF f can be generated as: -



On comparing the histogram and the actual PDF f , we observe that the distribution of the generated sample is almost close to the actual PDF f .

Question 2

We take $f(x)$ as Gamma distribution with β (scale parameter) = 1 and α (shape parameter) = 0.5.

So, $f(x) = (x^{\alpha-1}e^{-x}) / \Gamma(\alpha)$.

Since $0 < \alpha < 1$, we take the **dominating function** $g(x) = x^{\alpha-1}/A$ for $0 < x < 1$ and $g(x) = e^{-x}/A$ for $x \geq 1$, where $A = 1/\alpha + 1/e$. By this, we get that $f(x) \leq cg(x)$ for all $x > 0$ and $c = A/\Gamma(\alpha)$.

So, the **rejection constant** = c which is stated above.

\Rightarrow For $\alpha = 0.5$, the calculated rejection constant is 1.33593291580581.

On generating 10000 random numbers from the above PDF $f(x)$, we get the distribution of generated sample as follows:-

