

Quiz #6

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Quiz instructions

General Quiz Information

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You will answer the quiz questions with sensible answers to gain full credit. Any blank, non-sense, unfinished answers will not be counted. You may upload pdf or png files to answer the questions.

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- You must complete and submit your answers for each quiz by the due date
- For a timed quiz, **you can't stop the clock once you begin**. If time runs out, your quiz will close.
- When you are done answering the questions and are ready to submit your answers for grading, click **Submit Quiz**.
- If you experience a technical problem that interferes with your ability to complete a quiz during the specified time, contact your instructor as soon as possible—you don't have to wait until the quiz has closed.

Question 1

3 pts

We showed that the variance of importance sampling estimator

$$\text{Var}_f(\hat{\theta}) = \frac{1}{m} \text{Var}_\phi\left(\frac{g(X)f(X)}{\phi(X)}\right), \text{ where}$$

$$\hat{\theta} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{g(x_i)f(x_i)}{\phi(x_i)} \text{ and } x_i \sim \phi(x).$$

equal to $\mathbb{E}_\phi\left[\frac{(g(X)f(X)-\theta\phi(X))^2}{\phi^2(X)}\right]$. Here $f(x)$

importance sampling function.

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$$\hat{\theta} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{g(x_i)f(x_i)}{\phi(x_i)}$$

$$\text{Var}_{\phi}(\hat{\theta}) = \frac{1}{m} \text{Var}_{\phi} \left(\frac{g(X)f(X)}{\phi(X)} \right)$$

$$\mathbb{E}_{\phi} \left[\left(\frac{g(X)f(X)}{\phi(X)} - \hat{\theta} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$\text{Var}_{\phi}(\hat{\theta}) = \mathbb{E}_{\phi} \left[\left(\frac{g(X)f(X)}{\phi(X)} - \mathbb{E}_{\phi} \left[\frac{g(X)f(X)}{\phi(X)} \right] \right)^2 \right]$$

$$\text{Var}_{\phi}(\hat{\theta}) = \mathbb{E}_{\phi} \left[\left(\frac{g(X)f(X)}{\phi(X)} - \hat{\theta} \right)^2 \right]$$

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Question 2

2 pts

Suppose we want to estimate $\theta = \int_{-1}^1 5e^{-2|x|} dx$. Please write an algorithm (or R code) using Importance sampling to estimate θ . You may use a normal density as the importance sampling function for your algorithm.

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f <- function(x) {
  5 * exp(-2 * abs(x))
} phi <- function(x) {
  dnorm(x, mean = 0, sd = 0.5)
} n <- 10000
samples <- rnorm(n, mean = 0, sd = 0.5)
theta_hat <- mean(f(samples) / phi(samples))
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**Question 3****3 pts**

Please find the normalizing constants for the following unnormalized densities.

(a) $q_a(x) = 3e^{-x^2/2}$ for $x > 0$

(b) $q_a(x) = e^{-5x}$ for $x > 0$

(c) $q_a(x) = x^3(1 - x)^2$ for $x \in [0, 1]$

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$$C_a = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3\sqrt{\pi}}$$

$$C_b = 5$$

$$C_c = 60$$

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**Question 4****2 pts**

Suppose we sample X_1, \dots, X_m from an importance sampling function $\phi(x)$. Please show that $E(\sum_i^m w_i) = E(f(x_i)/\phi(x_i)) = m$, where f is target density.

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$$\mathbf{E} \left[\sum_{i=1}^m w_i \right] = \mathbf{E} \left[\sum_{i=1}^m \frac{f(x_i)}{\phi(x_i)} \right]$$

$$\mathbf{E} \left[\frac{f(x_i)}{\phi(x_i)} \right] = \int \frac{f(x)}{\phi(x)} \phi(x) dx$$

$$\mathbf{E} \left[\frac{f(x_i)}{\phi(x_i)} \right] = \int f(x) dx$$

$$\mathbf{E} \left[\frac{f(x_i)}{\phi(x_i)} \right] = 1$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{E} \left[\frac{f(x_i)}{\phi(x_i)} \right] = m \times 1 = m$$

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