

# Quiz #5

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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

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Consider the problem of estimating  $\theta = \int_0^1 e^x dx$ . Please write R code with the following methods to estimate  $\theta$ .

- (a) Use the simple Monte Carlo method and denote the estimator as  $\hat{\theta}_{mc}$ .
- (b) Use the antithetic variate approach and denote the estimator as  $\hat{\theta}_{av}$ .
- (c) Use the control variate approach and denote the estimator as  $\hat{\theta}_c$ .
- (d) Under what conditions can we expect  $\hat{\theta}_c$  to be more efficient than  $\hat{\theta}_{mc}$ ?

c)

```
control_variate <- function(n) {
  u <- runif(n)
  f <- function(x) exp(x^2)
  g <- function(x) exp(x)
  c <- cov(f(u), g(u)) / var(g(u))
  theta_hat_c <- mean(f(u)) - c * (mean(g(u)) - (exp(1) - 1))
  return(theta_hat_c)
}
```

d)

The control variate approach is more efficient when the control variate is highly correlated with the function being integrated, and its integral is known or can

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## Question 2

Suppose  $\hat{\theta}_1$  and  $\hat{\theta}_2$  are both unbiased estimators of  $\theta$ . Then for any constant  $C$ .

(a) Please show  $\hat{\theta} = (1 - C)\hat{\theta}_1 + C\hat{\theta}_2$  is an unbiased estimator of  $\theta$

(b) Assume the correlation of  $\hat{\theta}_1$  and  $\hat{\theta}_2$  is -1. Please find  $C$  such that  $Var(\hat{\theta})$  achieves the minimum.

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$$E(\hat{\theta}) = (1 - C)\theta + C\theta = \theta$$

b)

$$\text{Var}(\theta) = \text{Var}((1 - C)\hat{\theta}_1 + C\hat{\theta}_2)$$

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) = (1 - C)2\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_1) + C2\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_2) - 2C(1 - C)\text{Cov}(\hat{\theta}_1, \hat{\theta}_2)$$

$$\frac{d}{dC} = 2C\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_2) - 2(1 - C)\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_1) + 2(1 - 2C)(-\sigma\hat{\theta}_1\sigma\hat{\theta}_2)$$

$$C = \frac{\sigma(\hat{\theta}_1)\sigma(\hat{\theta}_2)}{2\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_1) - \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_2)}$$

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**Question 3****2 pts**

Consider the problem of estimating  $\theta = \int_0^2 \frac{e^{-x}}{1+x} dx$ . Please write an algorithm (or R code) to obtain the stratified estimator  $\hat{\theta}_k$  with k strata.

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stratified_estimator <- function(k, n_per_stratum) {  
  theta_hat <- 0  
  for (i in 1:k) {  
    a <- (i - 1) * 2 / k  
    b <- i * 2 / k  
  
    u <- runif(n_per_stratum, min = a, max = b)  
  
    f_u <- exp(-u) / (1 + u^2)  
  
    theta_hat <- theta_hat + (b - a) * mean(f_u)  
  }  
}
```

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