

MONTE CARLO SIMULATION

FOR THE AREA UNDER THE CURVE

»» Group4 (AMS_B)

Lim KimHoung
Kry SengHort
Lay Chhay
Leat Seanglong



TABLE OF CONTENTS

- 1** Introduction
- 2** Theoretical Foundations
- 3** Important Key of Monte Carlo Simulation
- 4** Applications of Monte Carlo Algorithm
- 5** Drawback of Monte Carlo Algorithm
- 6** Monte carlo algorithm

1. INTRODUCTION

Monte Carlo Integration is a powerful computational technique widely used in various fields such as physics, finance, engineering, and computer science. It provides an effective approach to estimate complex integrals by employing random sampling and statistical methods. This literature review aims to explore the fundamental concepts, applications, and advancements in Monte Carlo Integration.

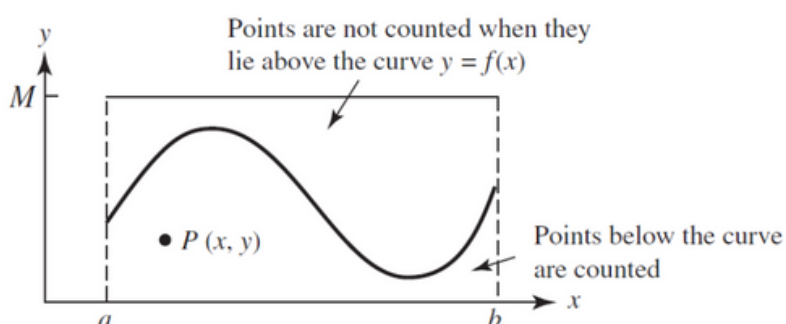
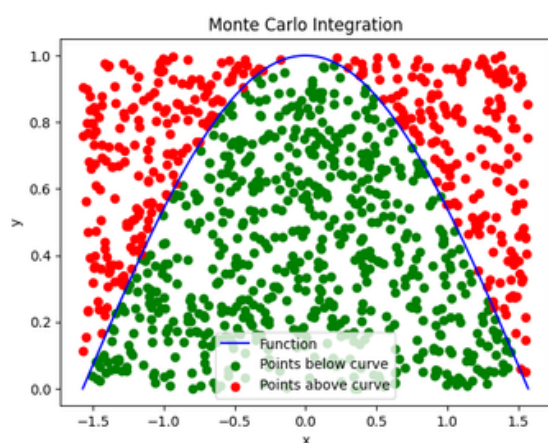
Risk and forecast analysis is part of every decision you make where we constantly face with uncertainty. Although we have a lot of informations, we still can't accurately forecast the future or calculate risk and monte carlo method lets us see all the possible outcome of your decision including the impact of risk in quantitatively, more accurate forecasting and better decision.

2. THEORETICAL FOUNDATIONS

The foundation of Monte Carlo Integration lies in the law of large numbers and the central limit theorem. By generating random samples from the target distribution, Monte Carlo methods estimate the integral by averaging the function evaluations over these samples. The accuracy of the estimation increases with the number of samples, as the average converges to the true integral value.

Furthermore, Various sampling techniques are employed in Monte Carlo Integration to generate the necessary random samples. The most commonly used method is simple random sampling, where points are uniformly sampled from the integration domain. Other techniques include stratified sampling, importance sampling, and Latin hypercube sampling, each offering advantages in specific scenarios to reduce variance and improve convergence rates.

On the other hand, Monte Carlo Integration is known for its potential high variance. To address this issue, researchers have developed numerous variance reduction techniques. These techniques aim to modify the sampling process or the function being integrated to achieve more efficient estimations. Some popular approaches include control variates, antithetic variates, and quasi-Monte Carlo methods, which reduce the variance by exploiting the underlying structure of the problem.



3. IMPORTANT KEY OF MONTE CARLO SIMULATION

Monte Carlo Simulation` is a model used to predict the probability of a variety of outcome from random value of uncertain variable.

- * It help to explain the impact of risk and uncertainty in prediction and forecasting models.
- * It a way to use random samples to parameters to explore behavior of a complex system
- * It `requires assigning different values to an uncertainty variable to archieve different result outcome and then averaging the results to obtain an estimate.

4. APPLICATIONS OF MONTE CARLO ALGORITHM

Physics and Engineering`: Monte Carlo Integration finds extensive applications in physics and engineering. It has been employed in computational physics simulations, such as the modeling of particle interactions, Monte Carlo radiation transport, and fluid dynamics. In engineering, Monte Carlo Integration is used for uncertainty quantification, reliability analysis, and optimization problems where complex integrals arise.

- **`Financial and Computational Applications`** : In the realm of finance, Monte Carlo Integration plays a crucial role in option pricing, risk assessment, and portfolio optimization. By simulating thousands or millions of potential market scenarios, Monte Carlo methods provide reliable estimates for pricing derivatives and evaluating investment strategies. Additionally, in computational science, Monte Carlo Integration is utilized in areas like image reconstruction, numerical integration, and stochastic optimization.

- **`Advancements and Hybrid Approaches`**: Researchers continue to advance Monte Carlo Integration techniques to overcome computational challenges and improve accuracy. Hybrid approaches that combine Monte Carlo methods with other numerical integration techniques, such as deterministic quadrature methods or Markov chain Monte Carlo methods, have gained attention. These approaches aim to capitalize on the strengths of different methods to achieve more efficient and accurate integration results.

5. DRAWBACK OF MONTE CARLO ALGORITHM

- **'Slow Convergence'**: Monte Carlo methods typically rely on generating a large number of random samples to obtain accurate results. As a result, the convergence rate can be slow, especially for high-dimensional problems. The computational time required to achieve a desired level of precision can be significant, making Monte Carlo methods inefficient in certain scenarios.
- **'High Variance'**: Monte Carlo methods are known for their potential high variance, particularly when the integrand function exhibits large fluctuations or has a complex behavior. This high variance can lead to imprecise estimations and the need for a larger number of samples to reduce the uncertainty.
- **'Difficulties in Rare Event Estimation'**: Monte Carlo methods can encounter challenges when estimating rare events with extremely low probabilities. Due to the random nature of the sampling process, it may take an extensive number of samples to capture such rare events accurately. This issue is often referred to as the "rare event problem."
- **'Dependence on Randomness'**: Monte Carlo methods heavily rely on the generation of random numbers to produce the samples for estimation. The quality of the random number generator used can impact the accuracy and reliability of the results. Moreover, the randomness introduced can make the Monte Carlo estimates less reproducible.
- **'Curse of Dimensionality'**: Monte Carlo methods can suffer from the curse of dimensionality, especially when dealing with high-dimensional integration problems. As the dimensionality increases, the number of samples required to achieve a certain level of accuracy grows exponentially, which poses a computational challenge.
- **'Need for Special Techniques'**: In some cases, Monte Carlo methods may require additional techniques to improve efficiency or accuracy. Variance reduction techniques such as importance sampling, control variates, or stratified sampling may need to be applied to mitigate high variance issues. Implementing and optimizing these techniques can add complexity to the Monte Carlo process.

Despite these drawbacks, Monte Carlo methods remain valuable and widely used due to their versatility, applicability to complex problems, and ability to handle problems with limited analytical solutions. Researchers continue to develop and refine Monte Carlo techniques, as well as hybrid approaches, to address these limitations and enhance the efficiency and accuracy of Monte Carlo simulations.

6. MONTE CARLO ALGORITHM

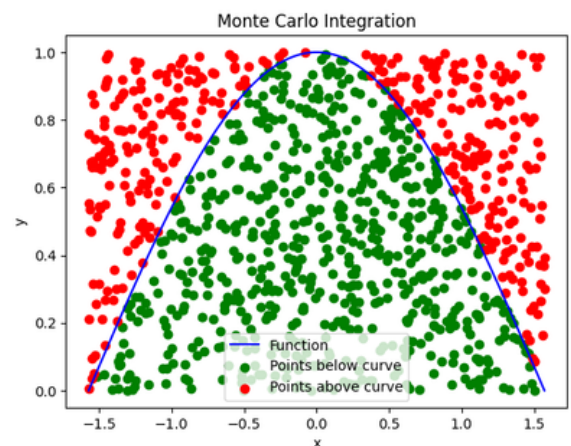
Step of Algorithm performance

- Input : total number n of random points to be generated in the simulation
- Output : Area = approximate area under specified curve $y = f(x)$ over the given interval $a \leq x \leq b$ where $0 \leq f(x) \leq M$
- Step1 : Initialize : counter = 0
- Step2 : For $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$
- Step3 : Calculate random coordinates x_i and y_i that satisfied $a \leq x_i \leq b$ and $0 \leq y_i \leq M$.
- Step4 : Calculate $f(x_i)$ for the random x_i coordinate.
- Step5 : If $y_i \leq f(x_i)$, then increment the counter by 1. Otherwise, leave counter as is,
- Step6 : Calculate Area

$$\text{Area} = \frac{M(b-a)\text{counter}}{n}$$

CODE IMPLEMENTATION

```
1 import numpy as np
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3
4 a = -(np.pi)/2
5 b = (np.pi)/2
6 M = 1
7 N = 1000
8
9 def f(x):
10     return np.cos(x)
11
12 # Generate random points
13 x = np.random.uniform(a, b, N)
14 y = np.random.uniform(0, M, N)
15
16 # Compute the mask of points below the curve
17 mask = y <= f(x)
18
19 # Compute the estimated area
20 counter = np.sum(mask)
21 area = (M - 0) * (b - a) * counter / N
22
23 # Plot the function and the random points
24 fig, ax = plt.subplots()
25 x_vals = np.linspace(a, b, 1000)
26 y_vals = f(x_vals)
27 ax.plot(x_vals, y_vals, 'b-', label='Function')
28 ax.scatter(x[mask], y[mask], c='g', label='Points below curve')
29 ax.scatter(x[~mask], y[~mask], c='r', label='Points above curve')
30 ax.set_xlabel('x')
31 ax.set_ylabel('y')
32 ax.set_title('Monte Carlo Integration')
33 ax.legend()
34 plt.show()
35
36 print(f'The estimated area is: {area}')
```

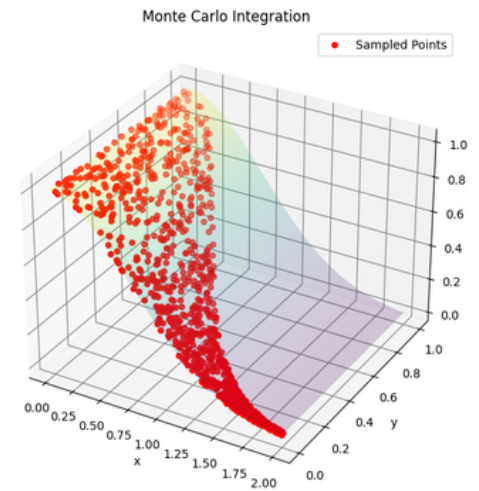


The estimated area is: 2.038893632179776

CODE IMPLEMENTATION IN OTHER WAY



```
1 import numpy as np
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3 from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D
4
5 def simple_monte_carlo_integration3D(f, a, b, n):
6     x_values = []
7     y_values = []
8     integral_values = []
9
10    for _ in range(n):
11        x = np.random.uniform(a, b) # Randomly sample x
12        x_values.append(x)
13
14        integral = f(x)
15        integral_values.append(integral)
16
17        y = np.random.uniform(0, integral) # Randomly sample y within the integral range
18        y_values.append(y)
19
20    average = np.mean(integral_values)
21    integral = (b - a) * average
22
23    # print(f'Approximation area by integral = {integral}')
24
25    return x_values, y_values, integral_values
26
27
28
29 if __name__ == '__main__':
30
31     def f(x):
32         return np.exp(-x**2)
33
34     a = 0.0 # Lower limit
35     b = 2.0 # Upper limit
36     n = 1000 # Number of samples
37
38     x_vals, y_vals, integral_vals = simple_monte_carlo_integration3D(f=f, a=a, b=b, n=n)
39
40     # Generate a grid of x and y values for the function plot
41     x_grid = np.linspace(a, b, 1000)
42     y_grid = np.linspace(0, max(integral_vals), 1000)
43     X, Y = np.meshgrid(x_grid, y_grid)
44     Z = f(X)
45
46     # Create a 3D plot
47     fig = plt.figure(figsize=(7,8))
48     ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
49
50     # Plot the function surface
51     ax.plot_surface(X, Y, Z, cmap='viridis', alpha=0.2)
52
53     # Plot the sampled points
54     ax.scatter(x_vals, y_vals, integral_vals, color='red', label='Sampled Points')
55
56     # Set plot labels and title
57     ax.set_xlabel('x')
58     ax.set_ylabel('y')
59     ax.set_zlabel('z')
60     ax.set_title('Monte Carlo Integration')
61
62     # Set the rotation angle of the z-axis label
63     ax.zaxis.set_rotate_label(True) # Disable automatic rotation
64     ax.zaxis.set_label_coords(0.5, 0.1) # Set the coordinates of the label
65
66     # Customize gridlines
67     ax.xaxis._axinfo["grid"]['color'] = 'gray'
68     ax.yaxis._axinfo["grid"]['color'] = 'gray'
69     ax.zaxis._axinfo["grid"]['color'] = 'gray'
70
71     # Display a legend
72     ax.legend()
73     plt.show()
```



MONTE CARLO VOLUMN ALGORITHM

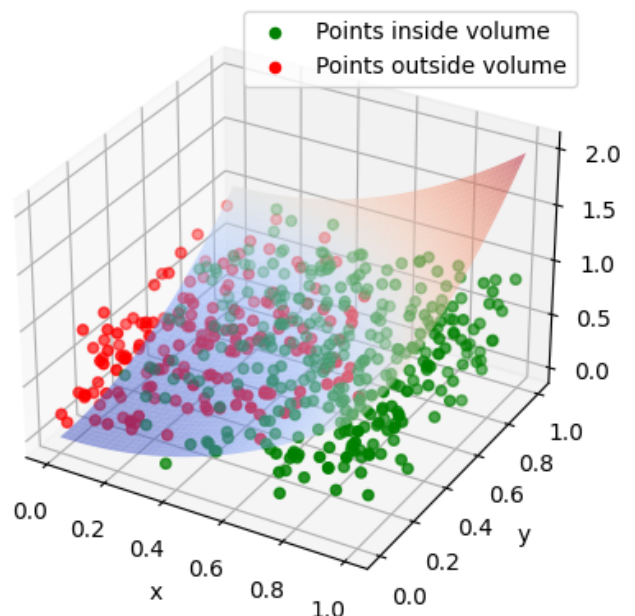
Monte Carlo Volume Algorithm

- Input** Total number n of random points to be generated in the simulation.
- Output** VOLUME = approximate volume enclosed by the specified function, $z = f(x, y)$ in the first octant, $x > 0, y > 0, z > 0$.
- Step 1** Initialize: COUNTER = 0.
- Step 2** For $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, do Steps 3–5.
- Step 3** Calculate random coordinates x_i, y_i, z_i that satisfy $0 \leq x_i \leq 1, 0 \leq y_i \leq 1, 0 \leq z_i \leq 1$.
(In general, $a \leq x_i \leq b, c \leq y_i \leq d, 0 \leq z_i \leq M$.)
- Step 4** Calculate $f(x_i, y_i)$ for the random coordinate (x_i, y_i) .
- Step 5** If random $z_i \leq f(x_i, y_i)$, then increment the COUNTER by 1. Otherwise, leave COUNTER as is.
- Step 6** Calculate VOLUME = $M(d - c)(b - a)\text{COUNTER}/n$.
- Step 7** OUTPUT (VOLUME)
STOP

CODE IMPLEMENTATION

```
1 import numpy as np
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3 from mpl_toolkits.mplot3d import Axes3D
4
5 def f(x, y):
6     return (x**2 + y**2)
7
8 a = 0
9 b = 1
10 c = 0
11 d = 1
12 M = 1
13 N = np.array([500, 1000, 5000, 10000])
14
15 for k in range(len(N)):
16     # Generate random points
17     x = np.random.uniform(a, b, N[k])
18     y = np.random.uniform(c, d, N[k])
19     z = np.random.uniform(0, M, N[k])
20
21     # Compute the mask of points inside the volume
22     mask = z <= f(x, y)
23
24     # Compute the estimated volume
25     counter = np.sum(mask)
26     volume = M * (d - c) * (b - a) * counter / N[k]
27
28     # Plot the function and the random points
29     fig = plt.figure()
30     ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='3d')
31
32     x_vals = np.linspace(a, b, 100)
33     y_vals = np.linspace(c, d, 100)
34     X, Y = np.meshgrid(x_vals, y_vals)
35     Z = f(X, Y)
36
37     ax.plot_surface(X, Y, Z, cmap='coolwarm', alpha=0.5)
38     ax.scatter(x[mask], y[mask], z[mask], c='g', marker='o', label='Points inside volume')
39     ax.scatter(x[~mask], y[~mask], z[~mask], c='r', marker='o', label='Points outside volume')
40     ax.set_xlabel('x')
41     ax.set_ylabel('y')
42     ax.set_zlabel('z')
43     ax.set_title('Monte Carlo Integration in 3D')
44     ax.legend()
45     plt.show()
46
47     print(f'The estimated volume with {N[k]} points is: {volume}')
```

Monte Carlo Integration in 3D



The estimated volume is: 0.646