

Final_Assignment

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1 Always set SEED!!!!

2 Risiko

2.0.1 Rules:

Goal of the game -> You (the attacker) want to conquer your opponent's territory (the defender), and you do so by using your army, made of units. You decide how many units to use in the attack, while the defender uses their available units in the territory.

Battle algorithm 1. both players toss some dice (with six equiprobable faces). In particular, the attacker will throw three dice if the number of units at their disposal exceeds three. The same holds for the defender (we consider the European version, where the defender can toss up to three dice).

2. they sort their outcomes and compare the maximum values they scored. If the attacker's highest value is strictly greater than the defender's, the attacker **LOSES** a unit. Otherwise, the defender loses one.
3. they remove these dice and repeat the operation (comparing the second-highest values and so on). The first player that loses all their units is the loser of the battle.

a)

Given two i.i.d variables

$$X_1, X_2, Y$$

with sample space

$$\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

. We define

$$M = \max(X_1, X_2)$$

, our aim is to obtain

$$P(M > y)$$

. In other words, the probability that an attacker with two units of defeating a defender with one unit. First of all define the probability density function of

$$M$$

-

$$P(M = m) = 2 \frac{(m-1) + 1}{36}$$

It is easy to see just by looking at some instances. The probability of 3 being the maximum is: -

$$P(m = 3) = \frac{1}{6} \frac{2}{6} + \frac{2}{6} \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} \frac{1}{6}$$

In words, the probability of getting 3 with the first dice and any other number lower than three (1,2) for the second (

$$\frac{1}{6} \frac{2}{6}$$

) and viceversa (

$$\frac{2}{6} \frac{1}{6}$$

), then we consider the probability of both being equal (

$$\frac{1}{6} \frac{1}{6}$$

)

Finally, we consider the probability of interest: -

$$P(M > y) = 1 - P(M \leq y)$$

Thus we should consider each possible combination of y and m and compute it: -

$$P(M \leq y) = 6 \frac{1}{36} \frac{1}{6} + 5 \frac{3}{36} \frac{1}{6} + 4 \frac{5}{36} \frac{1}{6} + 3 \frac{7}{36} \frac{1}{6} + 2 \frac{9}{36} \frac{1}{6} + \frac{11}{36} \frac{1}{6}$$

Which I have computed using R:

```
X_i=sapply(1:6, function(i) (2*(i-1)+1)/36) # P(Z=z)

a=(6:1)
X_lessthanorequalto_Y=sapply(1:6, function(i) a[i]*X_i[i]*1/6)

1-sum(X_lessthanorequalto_Y)

## [1] 0.5787037

b)
```

```

War=function(att_units, def_units){
  while((att_units>0 & def_units>0)){

    dices_att=min(att_units,3)
    dices_def=min(def_units,3)
    dices=min(dices_att, dices_def)

    att_rand=sort(sample(1:6, dices_att), decreasing=T)[1:dices]
    def_rand=sort(sample(1:6, dices_def), decreasing=T)[1:dices]

    att_units=att_units-sum(def_rand>=att_rand)
    def_units= def_units- sum(att_rand>def_rand)

  }
  if(def_units<=0){
    return(1)
  }else{
    return(0)
  }
}

```

```

Risiko=function(att_units, def_units, sim=10000){

  count=sapply(1:sim, function(i) War(att_units=att_units, def_units=def_units))

  return(sum(count)/sim)
}

```

c)

```

a=c(1:14)
outcomes=outer(a, a, Vectorize(Risiko)) # apply the function Risiko to all possible combination of atta

```

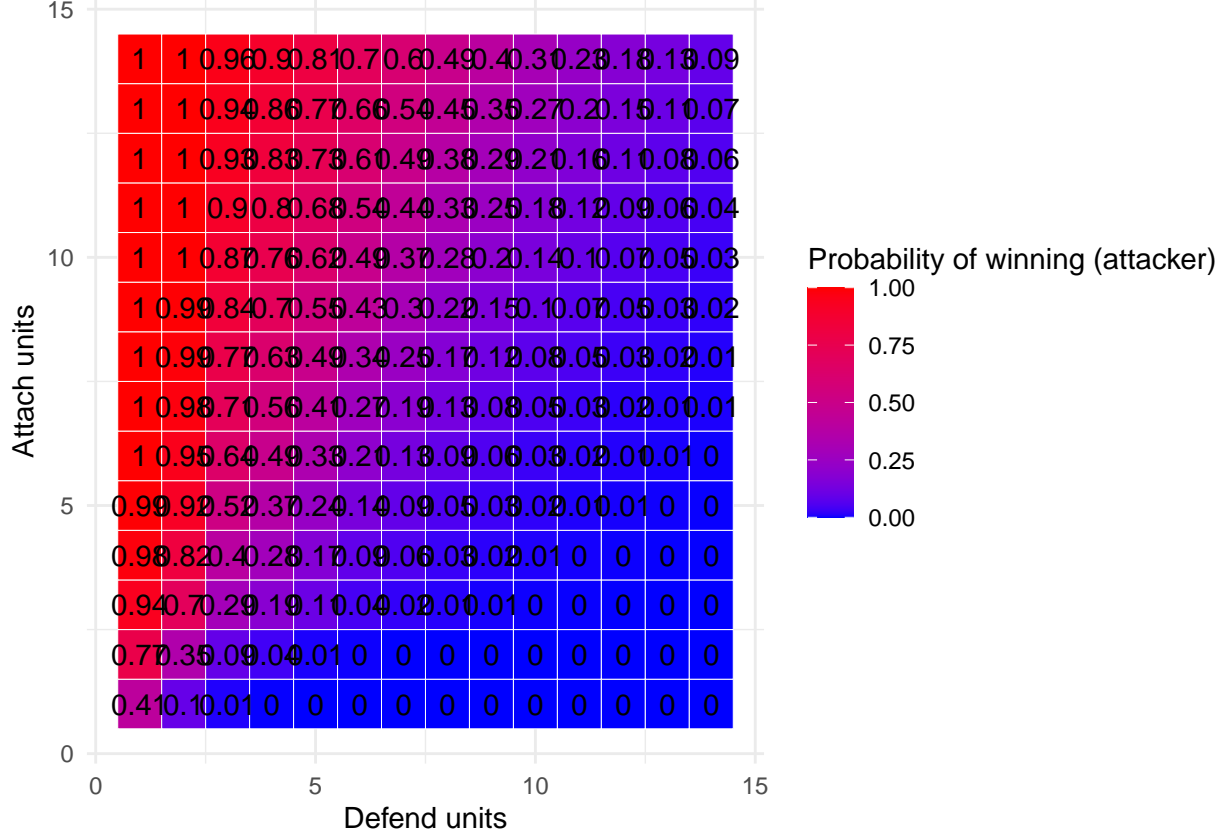
d)

```

heatmap <- ggplot(data = melt(outcomes)) + # melt() function from reshape2 library to go from a matrix
  geom_tile(aes(x = Var2, y = Var1, fill = value), color = "white") +
  scale_fill_gradient(low = "blue", high = "red") +
  geom_text(aes(x = Var2 , y = Var1, label = round(value, 2)), color = "black", size=4) +
  labs(x = "Defend units", y = "Attach units", fill = "Probability of winning (attacker)") +
  theme_minimal() # to make the plot look better

```

heatmap



The probability obtained using simulations is higher from the one computed analically in point a. The intuition behind could be the fact that in the first scenario we are computing only one battle (the maximum of

$$X_1, X_2$$

against Y). Instead, simulation also includes the possibility for the attacker of losing one unit in the first battle, but then winning the second battle, thus winning what the “war”. In other words, simulation includes another chance for the attacker to roll the dice, so it follows an higher probability of winning.

3 Montecarlo Simulations I

3.1 Point a)

An old and naive algorithm for the generation of Normally distributed random numbers is the following:

$$U_1, \dots, U_{12} \sim U\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right); \quad Z = \sum_{i=1}^{12} U_i$$

The algorithm generates twelve independent unimoform variables between

$$(-1/2, 1/2)$$

and then sets Z as the sum of them. The rationale here is that 12 realizations are usually enough to exploit the CLT. Let’s firstly consider the expected value of Z: since our variables are independent and uniformly distributed between $[-1/2, 1/2]$ the expected value of the sum is the sum of the expected value by linearity of the operator.

$$E(Z) = E(U_1 + U_2 + \dots + U_{12}) = E(U_1) + E(U_2) + \dots + E(U_{12}) = 0 + 0 + \dots + 0 = 0$$

Beacuse the expected value of a Uniform random variable is

$$E(U) = (a + b)/2$$

so it is zero in the case of a Uniform centered in the origin. More formally we can write:

$$E\left(\sum_{i=1}^{12} U_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{12} E(U_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{12} 0 = 0$$

Looking at the variance of Z:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(Z) &= \text{Var}(U_1 + U_2 + \dots + U_{12}) \\ &= \text{Var}(U_1) + \text{Var}(U_2) + \dots + \text{Var}(U_{12}) \\ &\quad + 2\text{Cov}(U_1, U_2) + 2\text{Cov}(U_1, U_3) + \dots + 2\text{Cov}(U_{11}, U_{12})\end{aligned}$$

Where $\text{Cov}(U_i, U_j)$ denotes the covariance between U_i and U_j .

Since U_1, U_2, \dots, U_{12} are again independent we have:

$$\text{Cov}(U_i, U_j) = 0 \quad \forall i \neq j$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(Z) &= \text{Var}(U_1) + \text{Var}(U_2) + \dots + \text{Var}(U_{12}) \\ &= 12 \cdot \text{Var}(U_1)\end{aligned}$$

Because the variance of the Uniform random variable is

$$V(U) = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$$

, we have::

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(U_1) &= \left(\frac{\frac{1}{2} - (-\frac{1}{2})}{\sqrt{12}}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{12}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(Z) &= 12 \cdot \frac{1}{12} \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$

So we proved that $E(Z) = 0$ e $\text{Var}(Z) = 1$.

**** Point b)**

Using histograms, compare the above Normal generator with the Box-Mueller algorithm. Comment on the results, and pay particular attention to tail probabilities (e.g., what happens to the estimate of

$$P(Z >= 3)$$

).

```

# Box-Mueller
set.seed(123)
u1 = runif(100000)
u2 = runif(100000)

unif.0.2pi = 2*pi*u2
exp.1over2 = - 2 * log(1-u1)

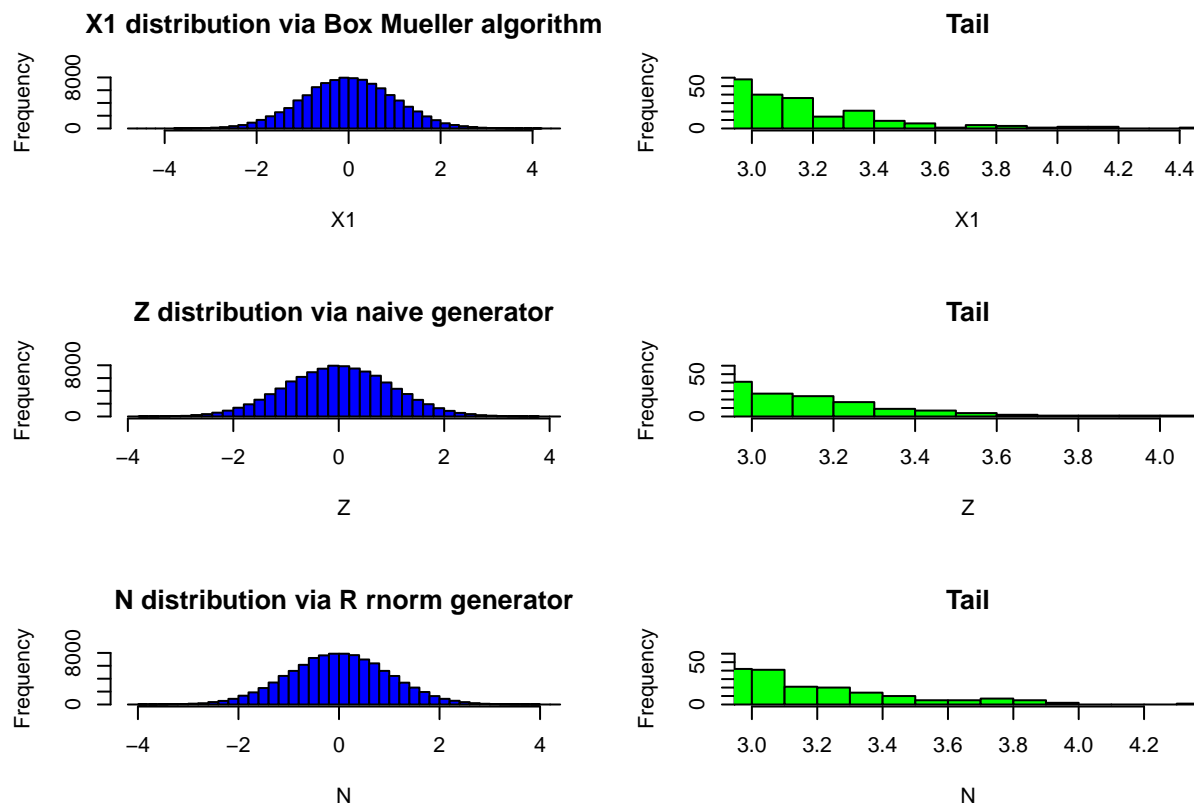
X1 = sqrt(- 2 * log(1-u1)) * cos(2*pi*u2)
X2 = sqrt(- 2 * log(1-u1)) * sin(2*pi*u2)

# Uniform sum generator
set.seed(123)
n = 100000
U_i = matrix(runif(n*12, min=-1/2, max=1/2), nrow=n)
Z = rowSums(U_i)

# R rnorm generator
set.seed(123)
N = rnorm(100000, 0, 1)

par(mfrow = c(3, 2))
hist(X1, breaks=50, col="blue", main="X1 distribution via Box Mueller algorithm")
hist(X1, breaks=100, col="green", main="Tail", xlim=c(3, max(X1)), ylim=c(0, 60))
hist(Z, breaks=50, col="blue", main="Z distribution via naive generator")
hist(Z, breaks=100, col="green", main="Tail", xlim=c(3, max(Z)), ylim=c(0, 60))
hist(N, breaks=50, col="blue", main="N distribution via R rnorm generator")
hist(N, breaks=100, col="green", main="Tail", xlim=c(3, max(N)), ylim=c(0, 60))

```



```

X1_tail = mean(X1>3)
Z_tail = mean(Z>3)
N_tail = mean(N>3)
Norm = 1-pnorm(3, 0, 1)
X1_tail; Z_tail; N_tail; Norm

```

```

## [1] 0.0014
## [1] 0.00094
## [1] 0.00131
## [1] 0.001349898

```

It can be concluded that the Box Muller algorithm and our generator built by a sum of Uniform distributed random variables are both able to properly approximate a sample drawn from a Normal distribution, but for large numbers ($n = 100.000$) the Box Mueller Algorithm can better approximate the tails. The R built-in random sampling algorithm “rnorm” is even more precise though.

Let’s now try to see the behaviour of our generators drawing $S = 1000$ samples of size $n = 1000$ for each method and comparing the results stability.

```

set.seed(123)

# Box Mueller
n <- 10000
S1 <- matrix(0, nrow=n, ncol=1000)
for (i in 1:1000) {
  u1 <- runif(n)
  u2 <- runif(n)
  S1[, i] <- sqrt(-2*log(u1))*cos(2*pi*u2)
}

# Uniform Sum
S2 <- matrix(0, nrow=n, ncol=1000)
for (i in 1:1000) {
  U_i <- matrix(runif(n*12, min=-1/2, max=1/2), nrow=n)
  S2[, i] <- rowSums(U_i)
}

# rnorm
S3 <- matrix(rnorm(n*1000, 0, 1), nrow=n, ncol=1000)

```

Now we can compute the tail probability for each sample of each method.

```

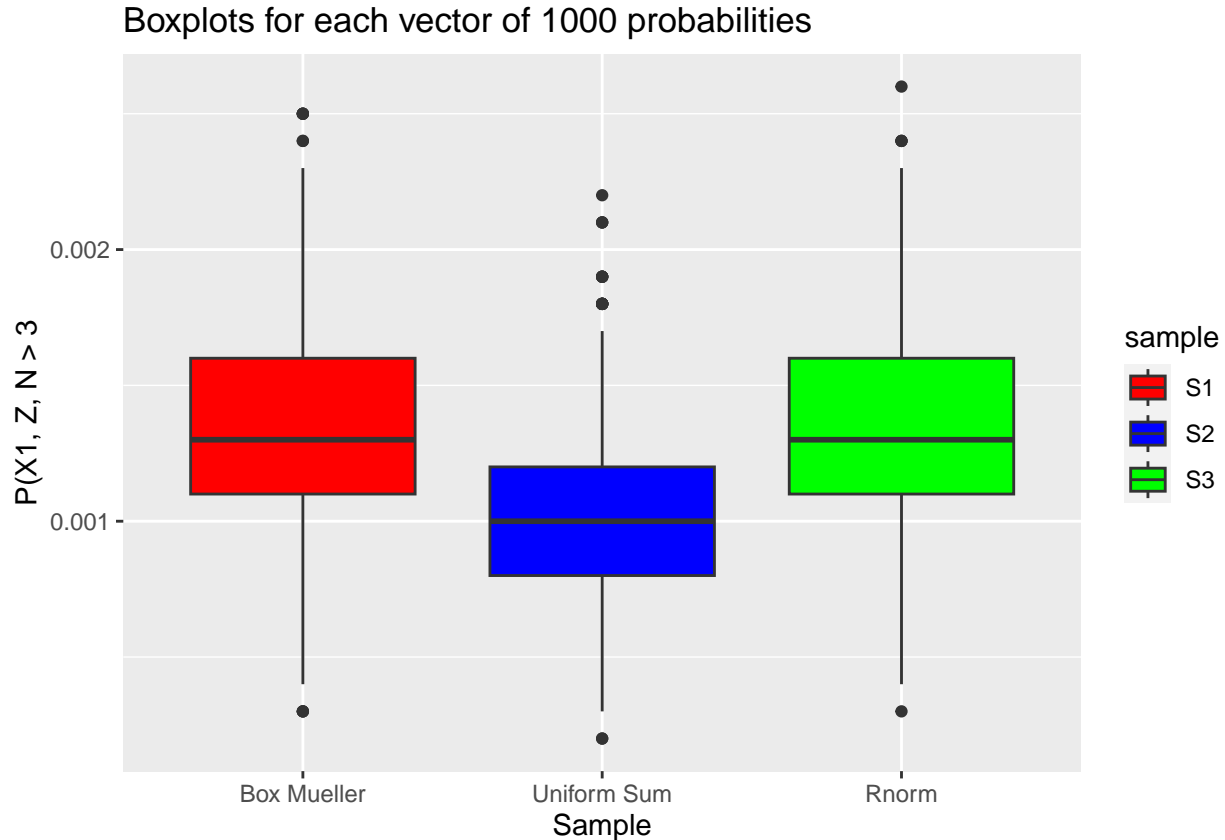
prob_S1 <- apply(S1, 2, function(x) mean(x > 3))
prob_S2 <- apply(S2, 2, function(x) mean(x > 3))
prob_S3 <- apply(S3, 2, function(x) mean(x > 3))

# dataframe with the sampled distributions for each method
df <- data.frame(
  sample = rep(c("S1", "S2", "S3"), each = 1000),
  prob = c(prob_S1, prob_S2, prob_S3)
)
df$sample <- factor(df$sample, levels = c("S1", "S2", "S3"))

# plot
ggplot(df, aes(x=sample, y=prob, fill=sample)) +

```

```
geom_boxplot() +
scale_fill_manual(values = c("red", "blue", "green")) +
labs(x="Sample", y="P(X1, Z, N > 3)") +
ggtitle("Boxplots for each vector of 1000 probabilities") +
scale_x_discrete(labels = c("Box Mueller", "Uniform Sum", "Rnorm"))
```



** Point d)

```
tail_prob_plot <- function(sample_size) {

  # generate samples
  set.seed(123)
  u1 = runif(sample_size)
  u2 = runif(sample_size)
  X1 = sqrt(-2*log(u1))*cos(2*pi*u2)
  Z = rowSums(matrix(runif(sample_size*12, min=-1/2, max=1/2), nrow=sample_size))
  N = rnorm(sample_size, 0, 1)

  # define range of theta values
  theta <- seq(0, 5, length.out = 100)

  # initialize vector for storing probabilities
  prob_X1 <- rep(0, length(theta))
  prob_Z <- rep(0, length(theta))
  prob_N <- rep(0, length(theta))

  # compute probabilities for each value of theta
```



```

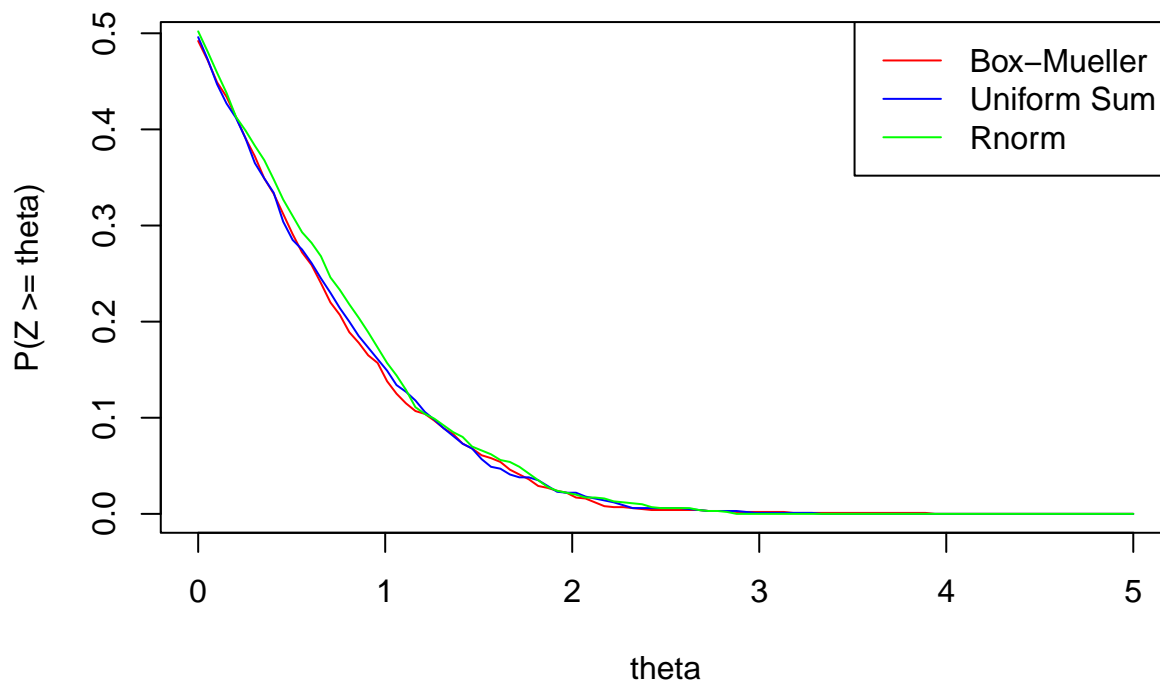
for (i in 1:length(theta)) {
  prob_X1[i] <- sum(X1 >= theta[i])/sample_size
  prob_Z[i] <- sum(Z >= theta[i])/sample_size
  prob_N[i] <- sum(N >= theta[i])/sample_size
}

# plot results
plot(theta, prob_X1, type="l", col="red", xlab = "theta", ylab = "P(Z >= theta)",
      main = paste("Upper Tail Probability for Sample Size =", sample_size))
lines(theta, prob_Z, type="l", col="blue")
lines(theta, prob_N, type="l", col="green")
legend("topright", legend = c("Box-Mueller", "Uniform Sum", "Rnorm"), col = c("red", "blue", "green"))
}

tail_prob_plot(1000)

```

Upper Tail Probability for Sample Size = 1000



** Point e)

```

# define the function to compute the upper tail probability
tail_prob <- function(theta) {
  return(pnorm(-theta))
}

# range for theta
theta <- seq(0, 5, length.out = 6)

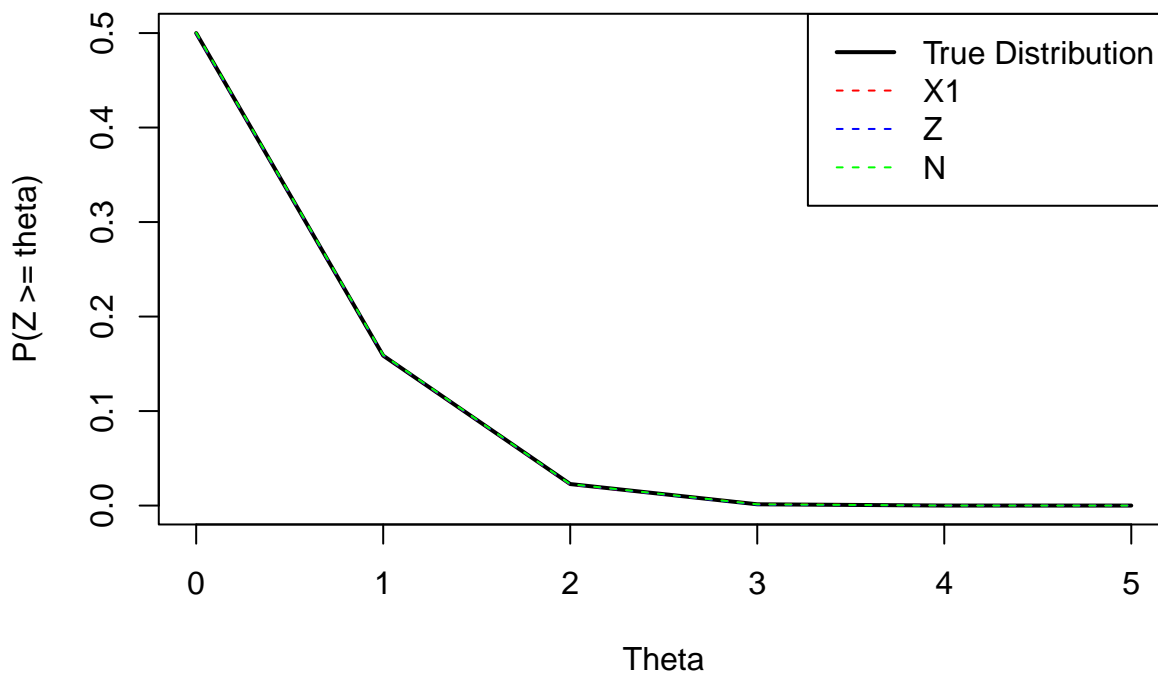
# compute the upper tail probabilities for each theta
true_prob <- tail_prob(theta)
mc_prob_X1 <- sapply(theta, function(t) sum(X1 >= t) / length(X1))
mc_prob_Z <- sapply(theta, function(t) sum(Z >= t) / length(Z))

```

```
mc_prob_N <- sapply(theta, function(t) sum(N >= t) / length(N))

# plot using matplot
matplot(theta, cbind(true_prob, mc_prob_X1, mc_prob_Z, mc_prob_N),
        type = "l", lty = c(1,2,2,2), lwd = c(2,1,1,1),
        xlab = "Theta", ylab = "P(Z >= theta)",
        main = "Upper Tail Probability Comparison",
        col = c("black", "red", "blue", "green"))
legend("topright", c("True Distribution", "X1", "Z", "N"),
      lty = c(1,2,2,2), lwd = c(2,1,1,1),
      col = c("black", "red", "blue", "green"))
```

Upper Tail Probability Comparison



MC integration

A potential solution might be the following... I know that $\mathbb{E}[X] = \int x f_X(x) dx$ and that $\text{Var}(X) \geq 0$.

3.2 Point a

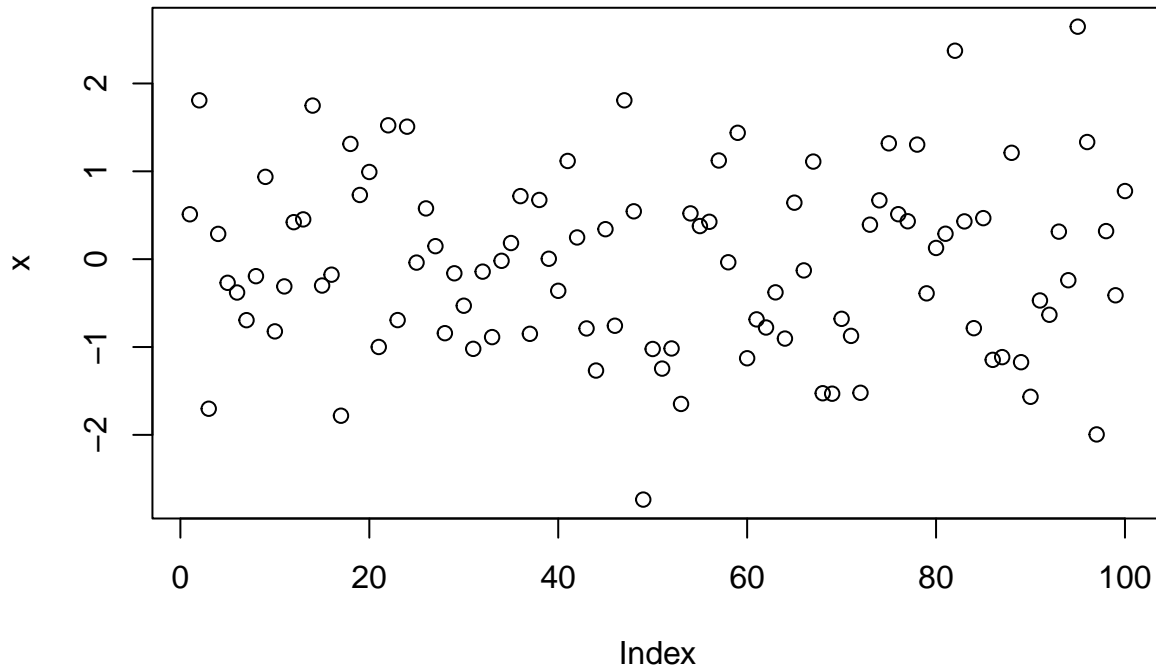
Therefore, we can say that

$$\text{Var}(X) = \int (x - \mu)^2 f_X(x) dx.$$

3.3 Point b

We can implement also some code:

```
x <- rnorm(100)
plot(x)
```



Comment of my results

4 Exercise 2

The other solutions

5 Exercise 4: MC integration

5.1 Point a

Consider a standard Normal random variable X :

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu = 0, \sigma^2 = 1) \quad (1)$$

5.2

If we want to calculate $\mathbb{P}(X > 20)$ we could try to integrate the PDF of X in this way:

$$\mathbb{P}(X > 20) = 1 - \int_{-\infty}^{20} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx = \int_{20}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx \quad (2)$$

We immediately see that that function is not so easy to be integrated because that is the son of the Gaussian function e^{x^2} . But if we try to estimate this with the Monte Carlo method but although this is extremely powerful and flexible, there are some situations in which it can fail.

The reason why the Monte Carlo crude method can fail in the case of a standard normal distributed random variable X , in particular in the estimation of the quantity $\mathbb{P}(X > 20)$ is the structure of this distribution. The standard normal is continuous long-tailed distribution (extended to infinity and decreasing very slowly), and the probability of getting a value (in this case, 20) very far from the mean (0 for definition) is extremely low, but not exactly zero. This means that to obtain an accurate estimate of the probability that this random variable is greater than 20, this method requires a large number of random numbers, which would require a significant amount of computation time and the approximation error could be very large.

Additionally, the Monte Carlo method requires the functions to be evaluated to be integrated or summed over the entire sampled space. The probability density function of a standard normal distribution does not have an analytical solution and therefore integration would require the use of numerical techniques that would further increase computational complexity.

Furthermore, the Crude Monte Carlo method uses a uniform distribution to generate random samples, which means that the samples are generated evenly spaced in the specified interval. However, the standard normal distribution has a particular shape this particular shape of the distribution makes it difficult to generate random samples sufficiently far from the mean to estimate the probability of very rare events.

5.3 Point b

Considering the change of variable $Y = \frac{1}{X}$ the integral will become:

$$\mathbb{P}(X > 20) = \mathbb{P}(Y < 20) = \int_0^{1/20} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} * y^2} e^{-\frac{(1/y)^2}{2}} dy \quad (3)$$

because $f_Y(y) = f_X(g(y)) \left| \frac{\delta g(y)}{\delta y} \right|$ where:

- $g(y) = \frac{1}{y}$
- $\frac{\delta g(y)}{\delta y} = -\frac{1}{y^2}$
- $f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$

As the first one, this integral has not have an analytic solution so we use the Monte Carlo method to estimate. The idea is to generate N random numbers from a uniform distribution between 0 and 1/20 that we obtain from the change of variable.

$$\mathbb{P}(X > 20) \approx \frac{0.05 - 0}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} y_i^2} \cdot e^{-\frac{(1/y_i)^2}{2}} \quad (4)$$

```
rm(list = ls())
set.seed(1234)

f = function(x) 1/(sqrt(2*pi)*x^2)*exp(-(1/x)^2/2)
a = integrate(f,0,1/20)
n = 100

mc = function(n, a=0, b=1/20){

  if(a>b){stop("reconsider your interval")}

  x = runif(n,a,b)

  mean(f(x)) * (b-a)

}

mc(1000)

## [1] 3.258382e-89

ergodic = function(n_max, a=0, b=1/20){
```

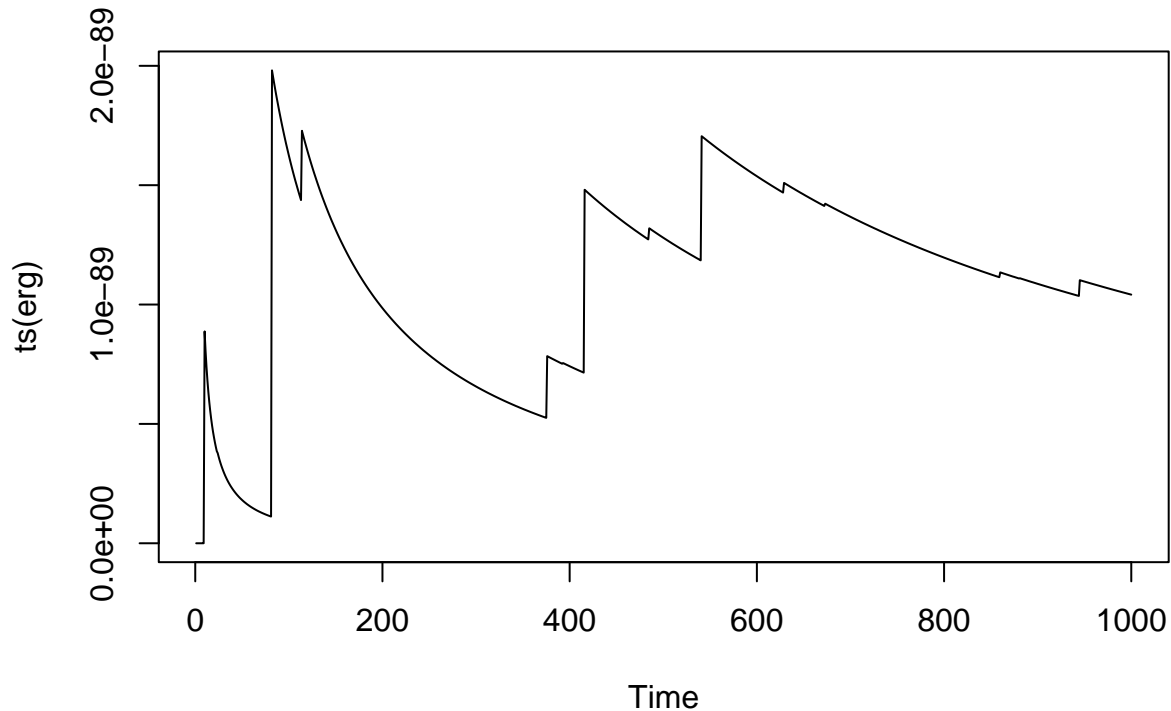
```

x = runif(n_max,a,b)

(b-a) * cumsum(f(x))/c(1:n_max)#seq(1,n_max,by=1)
#dplyr::cummean()
}

erg = ergodic(1000)
plot(ts(erg))

```



##Point c Now we try to construct a more efficient estimator using antithetic variables it will be more efficient because it reduces the variance of the estimator because we are using 2 unbiased estimators identically distributed but negatively correlated and for definition the variance decreases.

```

cumsd_f = function(x){
  sapply(2:length(x), function(r) sd(f(x[1:r]))))
}

ergodic2 = function(n_max, a=0, b=1/20){
  x = runif(n_max,a,b)

  thetahat = (b-a) * cumsum(f(x))/c(1:n_max)#seq(1,n_max,by=1)
  #dplyr::cummean()

  sdthetahat = (b-a)/sqrt(2:n_max) * cumsd_f(x)

  return(cbind(thetah = thetahat[-1], sd = sdthetahat))
}

```

```

plot_ergodic = function(output,theta){

  A = output
  x_top = max(A[,1]+ 1.96 * A[,2])
  x_bottom = min(A[,1]- 1.96 * A[,2])

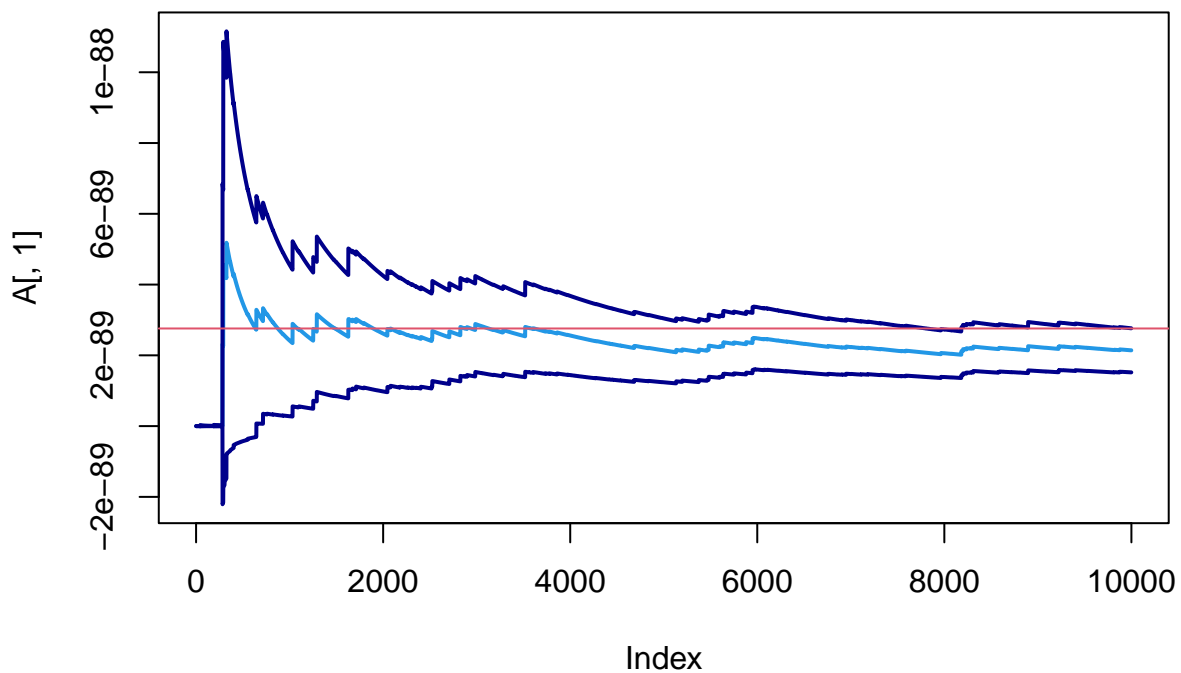
  plot(A[,1],type="l",col=4,lwd=2,ylim = c(x_bottom,x_top))
  lines(A[,1] + 1.96 * A[,2],
        type="l",col="darkblue",lwd=2)
  lines(A[,1] - 1.96 * A[,2],
        type="l",col="darkblue",lwd=2)

  abline(h=theta,col=2)

}

output = ergodic2(10000)
plot_ergodic(output,theta = a[1])

```



```

MC_ergodic = function(n_max, a=0, b=1/20){

  x = runif(n_max,a,b)

  thetahat = (b-a) * cumsum(f(x))/c(1:n_max)#seq(1,n_max,by=1)
  #dplyr::cummean()
  sdthetahat = (b-a)/sqrt(2:n_max) * cumsd_f(x)

  return(cbind(thetah = thetahat[-1], sd = sdthetahat))
}

```

```

cumsd_AV = function(x,xprime){
  sapply(2:length(x), function(r)
    sd( (f(x[1:r])+f(xprime[1:r])) /2 ) )
}

AV_ergodic = function(n_max, a=0, b=1/20){

  x      = runif(n_max,a,b)
  xprime = a+b-x
  h = (f(x) + f(xprime))/2
  thetahat = (b-a) * cumsum(h)/c(1:n_max)#seq(1,n_max,by=1)
  #dplyr::cummean()

  sdthetahat = (b-a)/sqrt(2:n_max) * cumsd_AV(x,xprime)

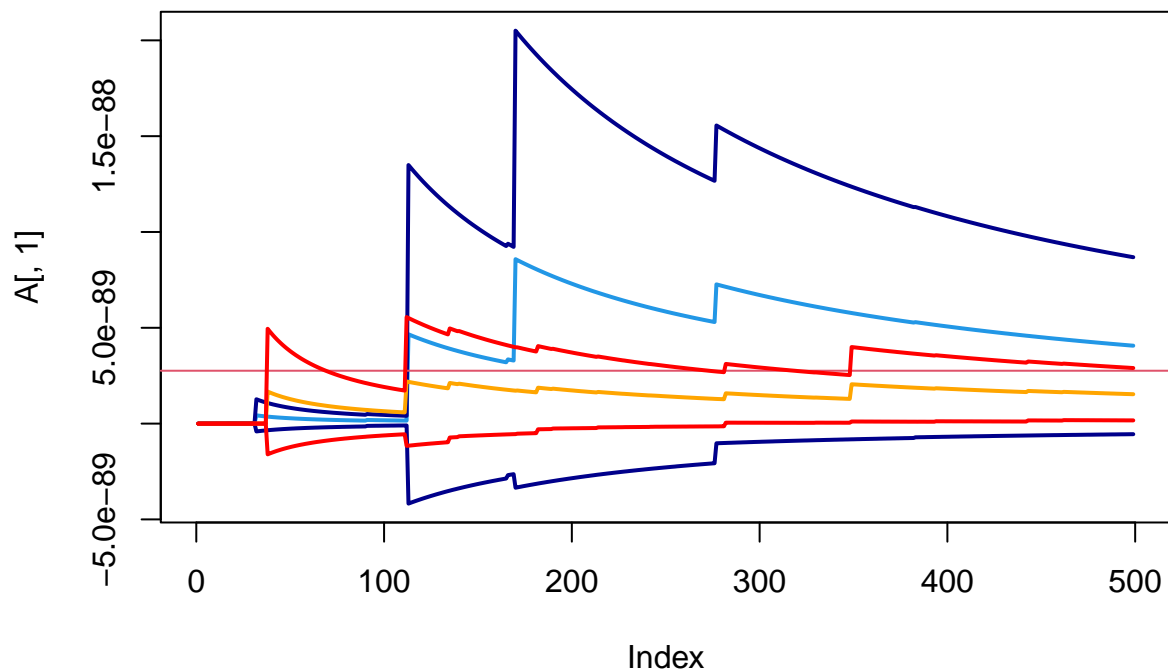
  # same as
  # sapply(2:n_max, function(q) sd(f(x[1:q])+f(xprime[1:q])))/2

  return(cbind(thetah = thetahat[-1], sd = sdthetahat))
}

a = integrate(f,0,1/20)
MC_res = MC_ergodic(500)
plot_ergodic(MC_res,a[1])

AV_res = AV_ergodic(n_max = 500)
A = AV_ergodic(n_max = 500)
lines(A[,1],type="l",lwd=2,col="orange")
lines(A[,1] + 1.96 * A[,2],
      type="l",col="red",lwd=2)
lines(A[,1] - 1.96 * A[,2],
      type="l",col="red",lwd=2)

```



We obtain a more efficient point and interval estimation with a smaller standard deviation and nearest estimation of the integral to the *real* value given by the `integrate` function of R

```
MC_res[499,]
```

```
##      thetah      sd
## 4.065196e-89 2.356068e-89
```

```
AV_res[499,]
```

```
##      thetah      sd
## 3.674989e-89 1.546452e-89
```

```
a[1]
```

```
## $value
## [1] 2.759158e-89
```

##Point d Finally, we can compare our results to the output of R function that should give the probability that we are looking for, `pnorm` but it gives the asymptotic result 0. Our method gives a more accurate result.

```
a[1]
```

```
## $value
## [1] 2.759158e-89
```

```
1-pnorm(20,0,1)
```

```
## [1] 0
```