

Assignment 1

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1 Simulation problem: RISIKO!

1.1 Point 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

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

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

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

In words, the probability of getting 3 tossing the first dice and any other number lower than three (1,2) for the second ($\frac{1}{6} \frac{2}{6}$), the same reasoning applies for the other dice ($\frac{2}{6} \frac{1}{6}$), then we consider the probability of both being equal ($\frac{1}{6} \frac{1}{6}$)

Finally, we consider the probability of interest: -

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

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

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

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
```

1.2 Point b)

```
War=function(att_units, def_units){ #First let's create a function that simulates
                                     # a single battle
  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)
}

```

1.3 Point c)

```

set.seed(123)

a=c(1:14)
outcomes=outer(a, a, Vectorize(Risiko)) # apply the function Risiko to all possible
                                         # combination of attackers and defender
                                         # units from 1 to 14

```

1.4 Point d)

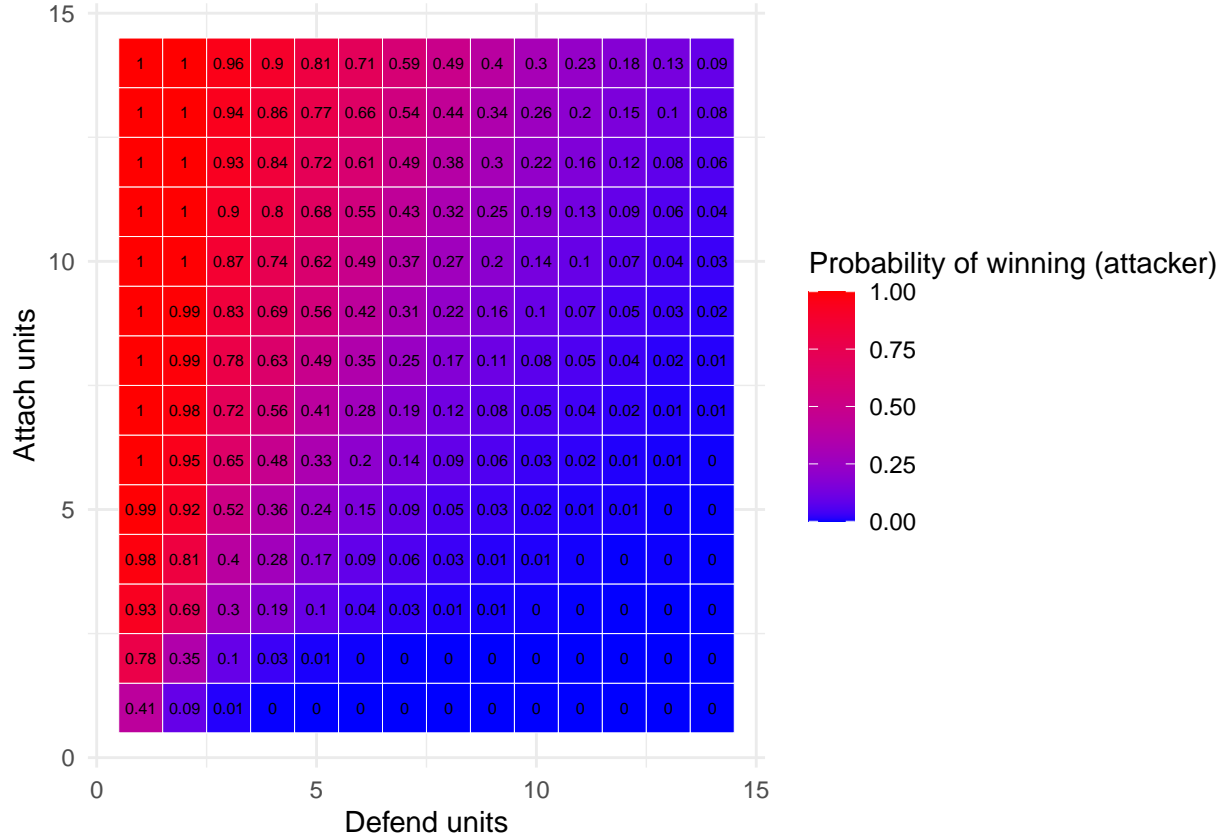
Before plotting we ought to point out the fact our table will surely be different from the one computed [on this paper](#) at table 3. The reason behind this is in the assumptions we are making about the game, the defender can use up to 3 dice in our version, not 2. It is easy to change this assumption in the function and the results will almost coincide. Also, we are assuming that the attacker can attack even when his army goes down to 1 unit.

```

heatmap <- ggplot(data = melt(outcomes)) + # melt() function from reshape2 library to go
                                           # from a matrix to a well-structured database
  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=2) +
  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 value tossed between

$$X_1, X_2$$

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 I denoted as “War” function. In other words, simulation includes another chance for the attacker to roll the dice, so it follows an higher probability of winning.

2 Montecarlo Simulations I

2.1 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 uniform 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.

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

Because the expected value of a Uniform random variable is $E(U_i) = \frac{a+b}{2}$ so it is zero in the case of a Uniform centered in the origin. More formally we can write:

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

Looking at the variance of Z :

$$\mathbb{V}(Z) = \mathbb{V}(U_1 + U_2 + \dots + U_{12}) = \mathbb{V}(U_1) + \mathbb{V}(U_2) + \dots + \mathbb{V}(U_{12}) + 2Cov(U_1, U_2) + 2Cov(U_1, U_3) + \dots + 2Cov(U_{11}, U_{12})$$

Where $Cov(U_i, U_j)$ denotes the covariance between U_i and U_j , $i \neq j$.

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

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

Therefore,

$$\mathbb{V}(Z) = \mathbb{V}(U_1) + \mathbb{V}(U_2) + \dots + \mathbb{V}(U_{12}) = 12 \cdot \mathbb{V}(U_1)$$

Because the variance of the Uniform random variable is

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

we have:

$$\mathbb{V}(U_1) = \left(\frac{\frac{1}{2} - (-\frac{1}{2})}{\sqrt{12}}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{12}$$

Therefore,

$$\mathbb{V}(Z) = 12 \cdot \frac{1}{12} = 1$$

So we proved that $E(Z) = 0$ e $Var(Z) = 1$.

2.2 Point b) and c)

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 $\mathbb{P}(Z \geq 3)$).

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

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

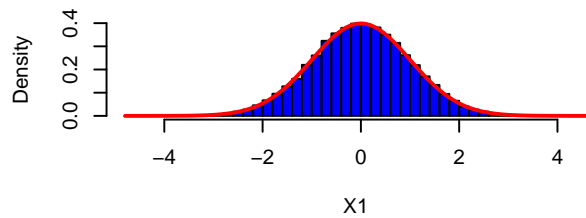
X1 = sqrt( - 2 * log(1-u1)) * cos(2*pi*u2)
X2 = sqrt( - 2 * log(1-u2)) * sin(2*pi*u1)

# 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)

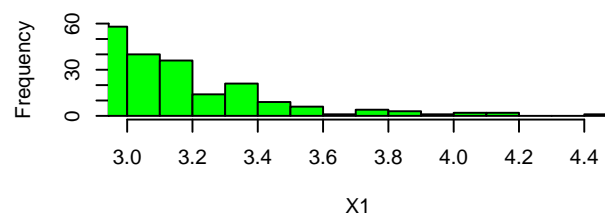
# R rnorm generator
set.seed(123)
N = rnorm(100000, 0, 1)

par(mfrow = c(4, 2))
hist(X1, breaks=50, col="blue", main="X1 distribution via Box Muller algorithm",
     freq = FALSE )
curve(dnorm(x, mean = 0, sd = 1), add = TRUE, col = "red", lwd = 2)
hist(X1, breaks=100, col="green", main="Tail", xlim=c(3, max(X1)), ylim=c(0, 60))
hist(X2, breaks=50, col="blue", main="X2 distribution via Box Muller algorithm",
     freq = FALSE)
curve(dnorm(x, mean = 0, sd = 1), add = TRUE, col = "red", lwd = 2)
hist(X2, breaks=100, col="green", main="Tail", xlim=c(3, max(X2)), ylim=c(0, 60))
hist(Z, breaks=50, col="blue", main="Z distribution via naive generator", freq = FALSE)
curve(dnorm(x, mean = 0, sd = 1), add = TRUE, col = "red", lwd = 2)
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", freq = FALSE)
curve(dnorm(x, mean = 0, sd = 1), add = TRUE, col = "red", lwd = 2)
hist(N, breaks=100, col="green", main="Tail", xlim=c(3, max(N)), ylim=c(0, 60))
```

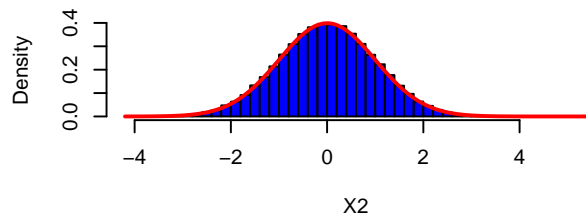
X1 distribution via Box Muller algorithm



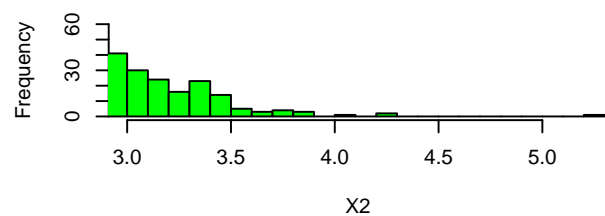
Tail



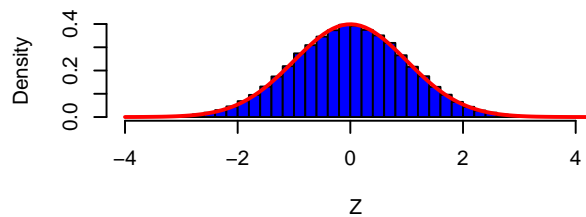
X2 distribution via Box Muller algorithm



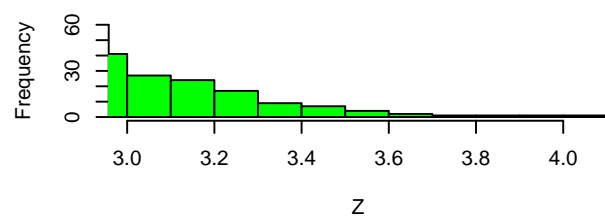
Tail



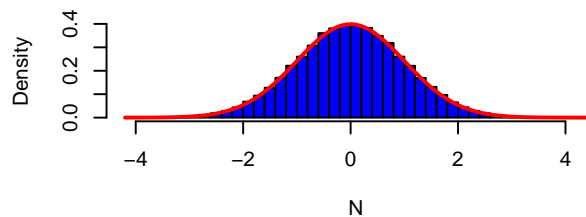
Z distribution via naive generator



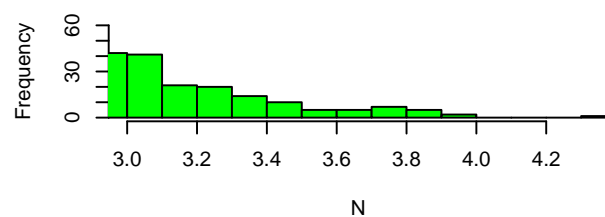
Tail



N distribution via R rnorm generator



Tail



```
X1_tail = mean(X1>3)
Z_tail = mean(Z>3)
N_tail = mean(N>3)
Norm = 1-pnorm(3, 0, 1)
cat("Box Muller = ", X1_tail, "\n" , "Uniform sum = ", Z_tail, "\n" , "rnorm = N_tail", N_tail, "\n" , "
```

```
## Box Muller = 0.0014
## Uniform sum = 0.00094
## rnorm = N_tail 0.00131
## Normal = 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 Muller 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 behavior of our generators drawing $S = 1000$ samples of size $n = 1000$ for each method and comparing the results stability.

```
set.seed(123)

# Box Muller
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)
}
i=1
# 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)
}

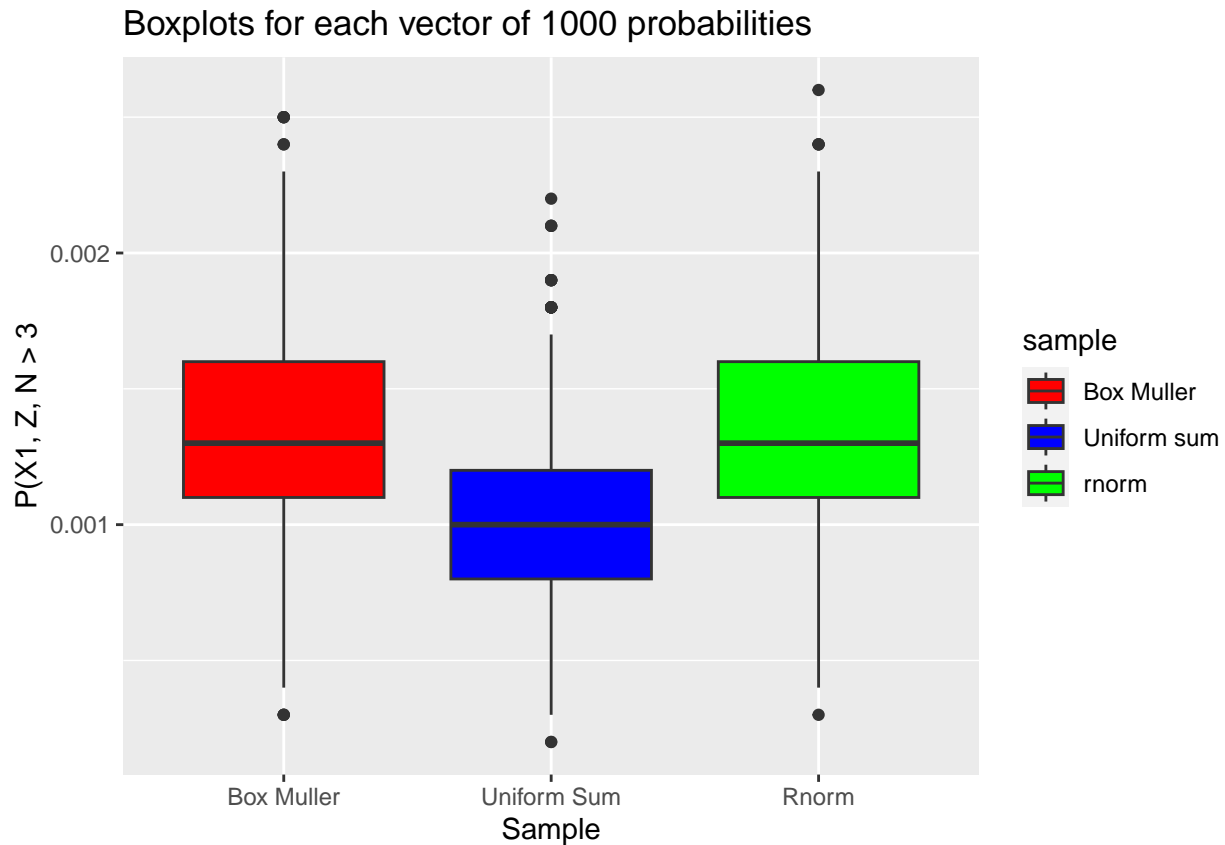
# rnorm
S3 <- matrix(rnorm(n*1000, 0, 1), nrow=n, ncol=1000)
```

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("Box Muller", "Uniform sum", "rnorm"), each = 1000),
  prob = c(prob_S1, prob_S2, prob_S3)
)
df$sample <- factor(df$sample, levels = c("Box Muller", "Uniform sum", "rnorm"))

# 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 Muller", "Uniform Sum", "Rnorm"))
```

This result confirm what was inferred before, the Box Muller algorithm “beats” the normal generator via summing 12 uniform random variables.

2.3 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)) {
```

```

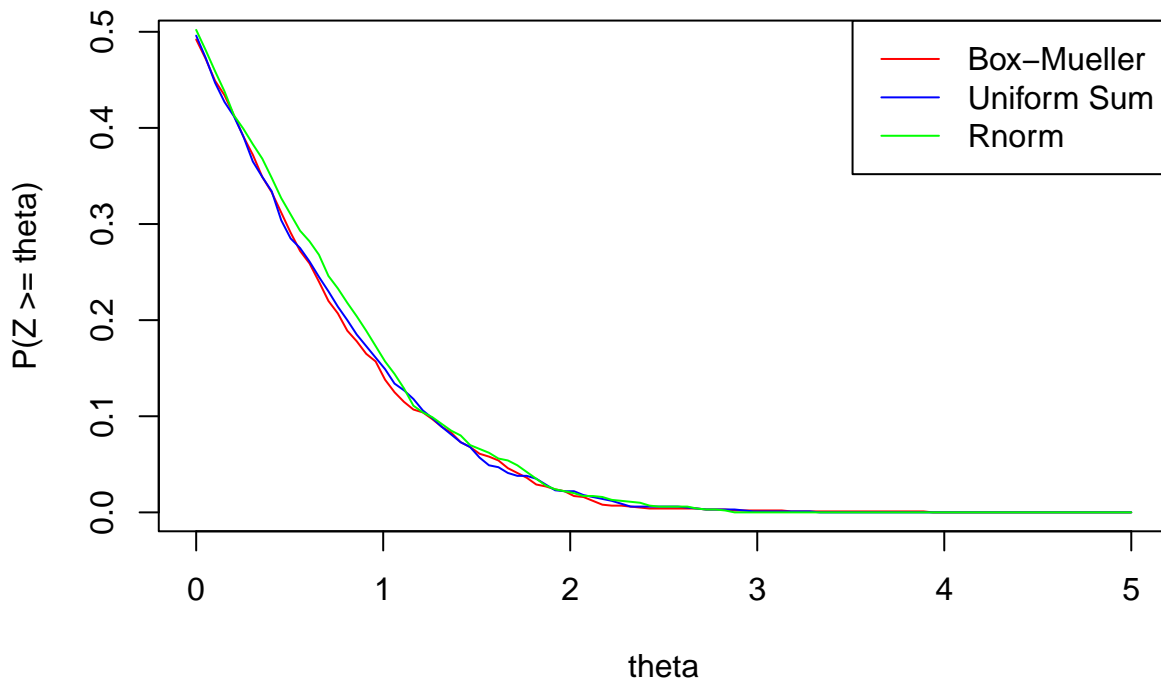
    prob_X1[i] <- sum(X1 >= theta[i])/sample_size
    prob_Z[i] <- sum(Z >= theta[i])/sample_size
    prob_N[i] <- sum(N >= theta[i])/sample_size
  }

  # 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"), lty = 1)
}

```

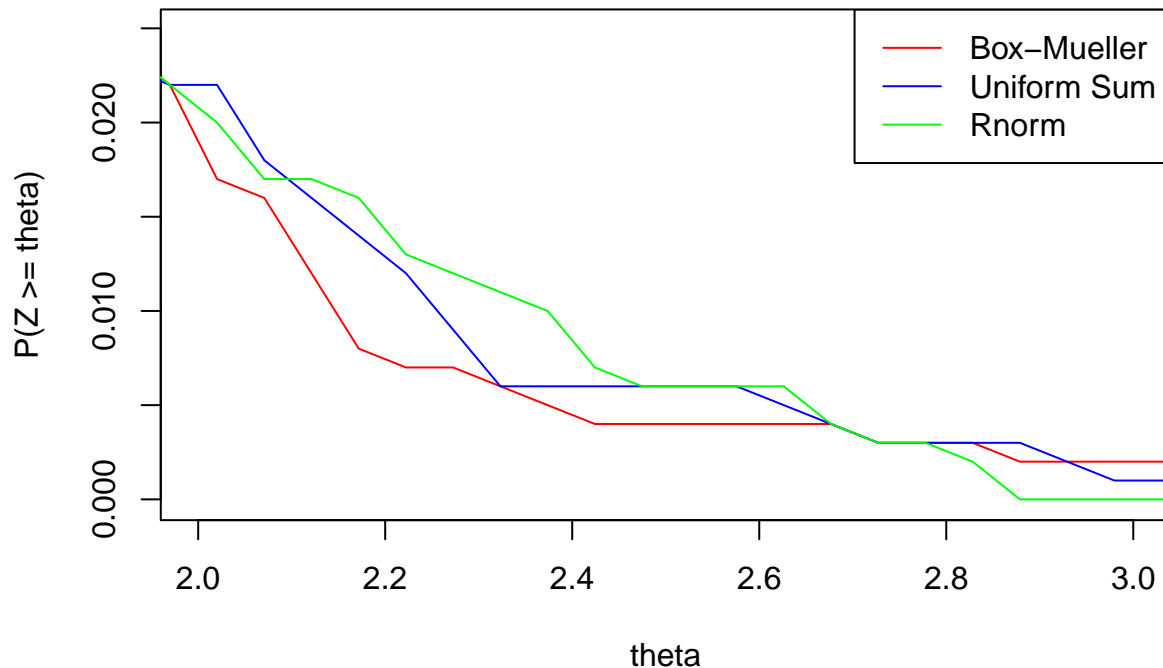
```
tail_prob_plot(1000)
```

Upper Tail Probability for Sample Size = 1000



Zoom:

Upper Tail Probability for Sample Size = 1000



2.4 Point e)

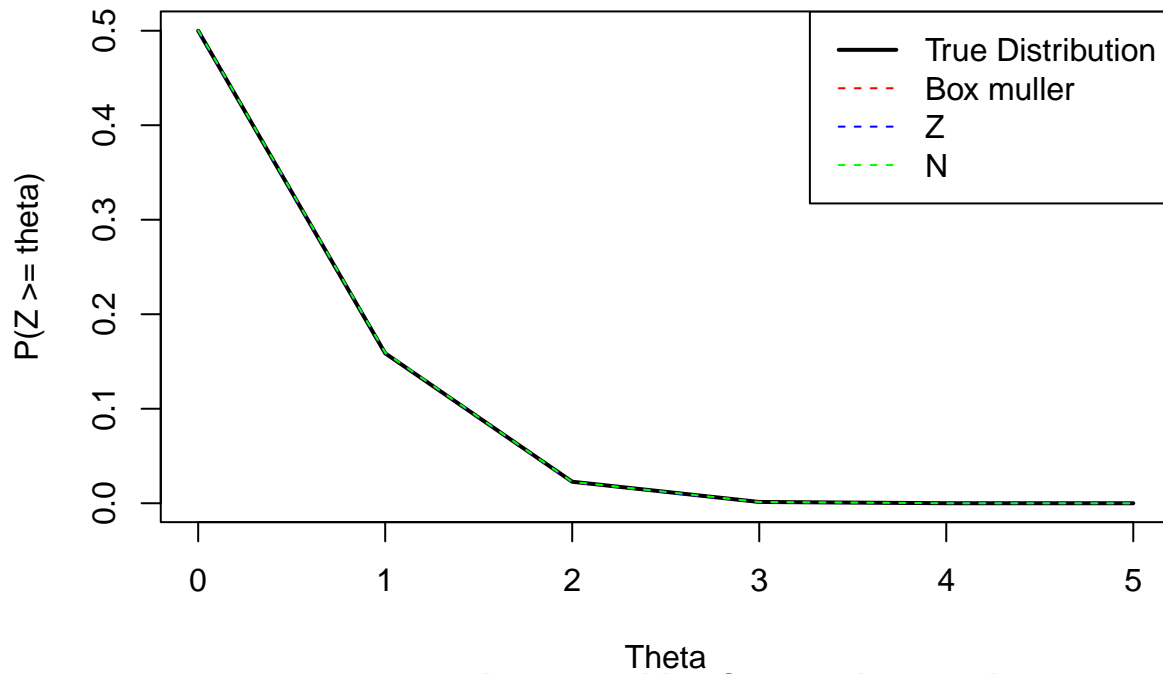
```
# define the function to compute the upper tail probability
tail_prob <- function(theta) {
  return(pnorm(-theta))
}

# 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))

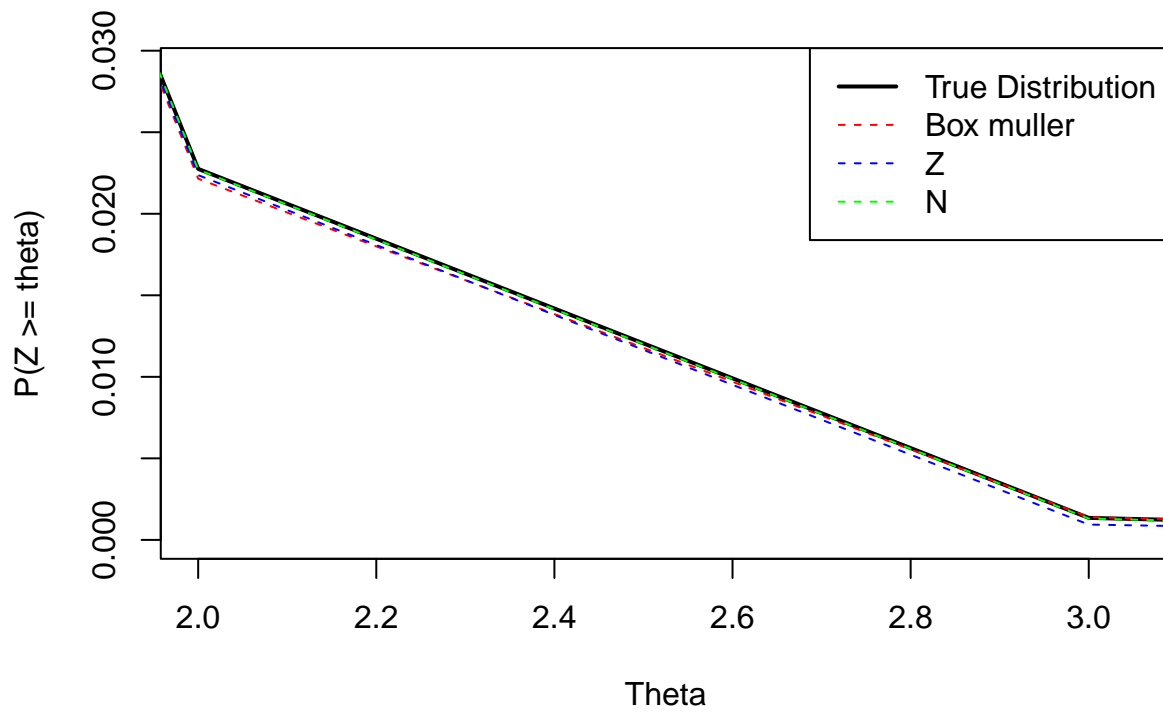
# plot using matplot
matplot(theta, cbind(true_prob, mc_prob_X1, mc_prob_Z, mc_prob_N),
  type = "l", lty = c(1,2,2,2), lwd = c(2,1,1,1),
  xlab = "Theta", ylab = "P(Z >= theta)",
  main = "Upper Tail Probability Comparison",
  col = c("black", "red", "blue", "green"))
legend("topright", c("True Distribution",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

Upper Tail Probability Comparison



Zoom:

Upper Tail Probability Comparison: tail



3 Montecarlo Simulation II

3.1 Point a)

We are showing that a random variable Y distributed as a Pareto distribution is only the transformation of a uniform U in particular: $Y = U^{-1/\gamma}$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(Y < y) &= \mathbb{P}(U^{-1/\gamma} < y) = \mathbb{P}(U > y^{-\gamma}) = \\ &= 1 - F_U(y^{-\gamma}) = 1 - \int_0^{y^{-\gamma}} 1 dt = 1 - y^{-\gamma}\end{aligned}$$

At the end of the day: $F_Y(y) = 1 - y^{-\gamma}$ deriving we obtain $f(x) = \gamma x^{-(\gamma+1)}$, the support is $I = (1, +\infty)$ because $f(x) \in (0, 1)$ only in I

3.2 point b)

We can find the distribution of $Y = \log(X)$ with $X \sim \text{Pareto}(\gamma)$ in a similar way.

$$\mathbb{P}(Y < y) = \mathbb{P}(X < e^y) = \int_1^{e^y} \gamma x^{-(\gamma+1)} dx = 1 - e^{-\gamma y}$$

It means that $F_Y(y) = 1 - e^{-\gamma y}$; deriving we obtain $f(y) = \gamma e^{-\gamma y}$, the support is $S = (0; +\infty)$ because $f(y)$ is in the support of the Pareto I only in that interval. With this PDF we will see that

$$Y \sim \mathcal{E}(\gamma)$$

3.3 Point c)

```
set.seed(123)

# Function to generate samples from a Pareto distribution
pareto_sampler <- function(n, gamma) {
  u <- runif(n) # Generate n samples from a uniform distribution
  x <- (1/u)^(1/gamma) # Transform the uniform samples to follow a Pareto distribution
  return(x)
}

# Function to generate samples from the exponential distribution
exponential_sampler <- function(n, gamma) {
  x <- pareto_sampler(n, gamma) # Generate n samples from a Pareto distribution
  y <- log(x) # Transform the Pareto samples to follow an exponential distribution
  return(y)
}

# Parameters
n <- 5000 # Number of samples
```

```

gammas <- c(2, 5, 7) # Different values of gamma to explore

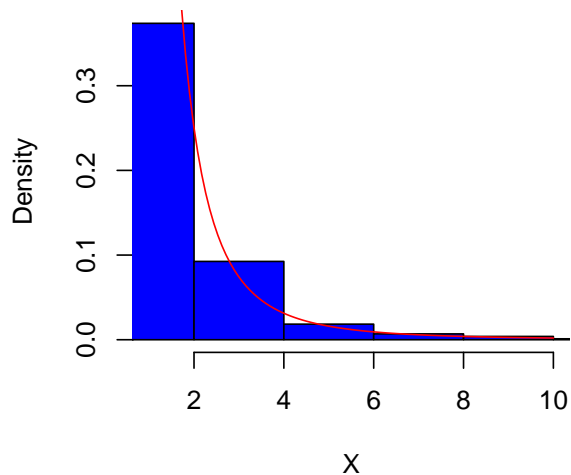
# Generate samples and plot for each value of gamma
for (gamma in gammas) {
  # Generate samples from the Pareto distribution
  x_samples <- pareto_sampler(n, gamma)

  # Generate samples from the exponential distribution
  y_samples <- exponential_sampler(n, gamma)

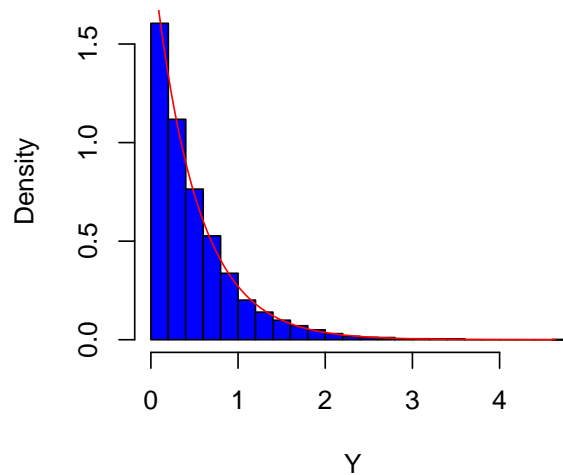
  # Plot histograms
  par(mfrow = c(1, 2))
  hist(x_samples, breaks = 70, main = paste("Pareto Distribution (gamma =", gamma, ")"),
       col="blue", xlab = "X", freq = FALSE, xlim = c(1, 10))
  curve(dpareto(x, scale = 1, shape = gamma), col="red", add = TRUE)
  hist(y_samples,
       breaks = 30, main = paste("Exponential Distribution (gamma =", gamma, ")"),
       col="blue", xlab = "Y", freq = FALSE, xlim = c(min(y_samples), max(y_samples)))
  curve(dexp(x, rate = gamma), col="red", add = TRUE,
       ylim = c(0, max(dexp(y_samples, rate = 1/gamma))))
}

```

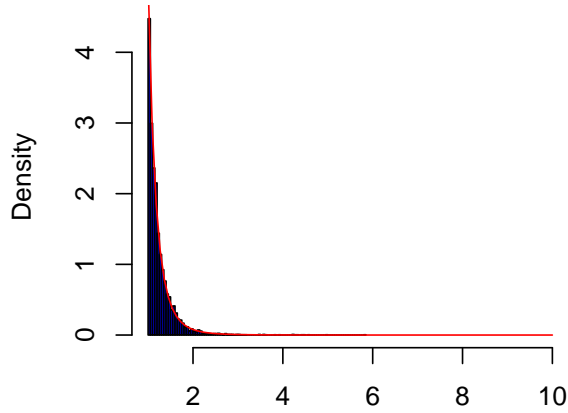
Pareto Distribution (gamma = 2)



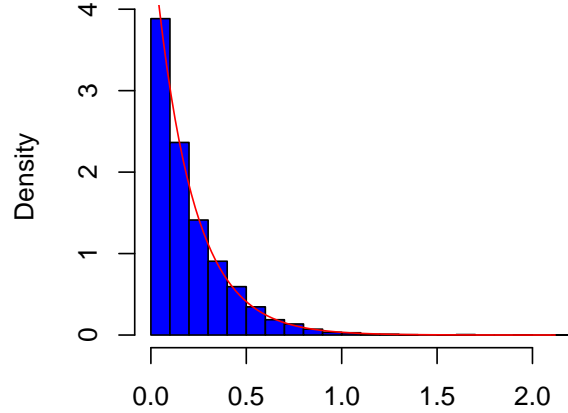
Exponential Distribution (gamma = 2)



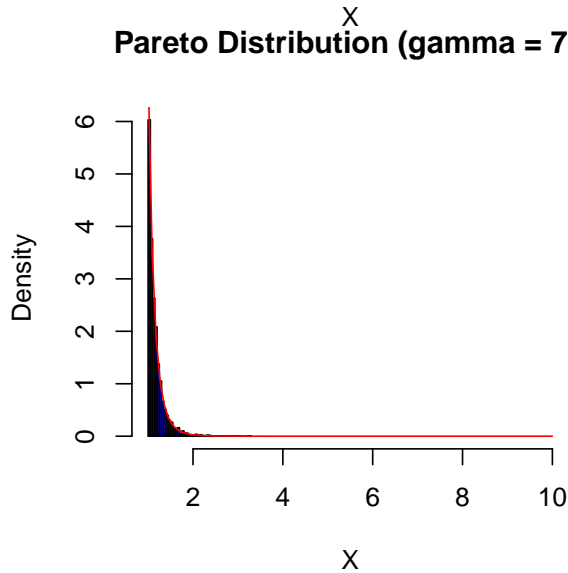
Pareto Distribution (gamma = 5)



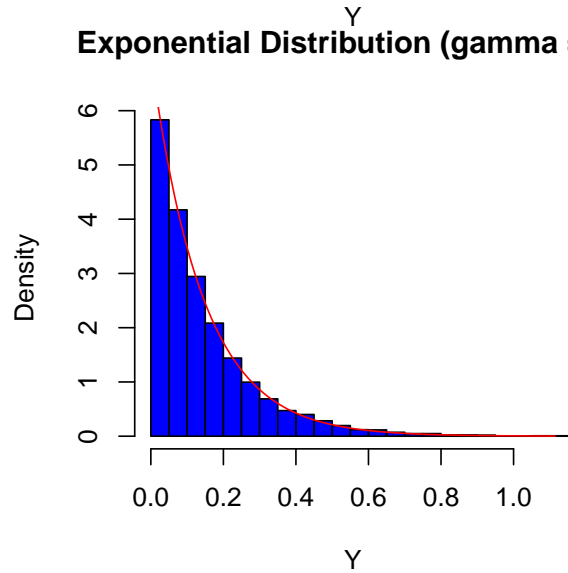
Exponential Distribution (gamma = 5)



Pareto Distribution (gamma = 7)



Exponential Distribution (gamma = 7)



Increasing Gamma leads to smaller tails in the Pareto distributions, meaning that the probability of observing larger values decreases a lot. The same story holds for the exponential distribution which presents a smaller right tail as gamma increases.

3.4 point d)

The Pareto cumulative distribution function is defined as:

$$F(x) = 1 - \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^\gamma, \quad x \geq 1$$

To compute $\mathbb{P}(X < 5)$ we have to define:

$$\mathbb{P}(X < 5) = F(5) = 1 - \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^\gamma$$

Now we just have to substitute a gamma value in this simple computation to find the value for $\mathbb{P}(X < 5)$.

Taking for example $\gamma = (2, 5, 7)$ we find:

$$\mathbb{P}(X < 5) = 1 - \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^2 = 1 - \frac{1}{25} = \frac{24}{25} = 0.96$$

$$\mathbb{P}(X < 5) = 1 - \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^5 = 1 - \frac{1}{3125} \approx 0.99968$$

$$\mathbb{P}(X < 5) = 1 - \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^7 = 1 - \frac{1}{78125} \approx 0.99998$$

These results can be checked via ppareto function:

```
ppareto(5, shape = gammas, scale=1)
```

```
## [1] 0.9600000 0.9996800 0.9999872
```

We now assess the precision of an MC estimate based on our Pareto Sampler, taking $\gamma = 2$.

```
# Monte Carlo estimate
gamma = 2
num = 100000 # Number of samples
samples = pareto_sampler(num, gamma)
p_mc = mean(samples < 5)
standard_error = sd(samples) / sqrt(num)
# Output results
p_mc
```

```
## [1] 0.95986
```

```
standard_error
```

```
## [1] 0.008581381
```

Running a big but still reasonable amount of samples (100.000) leads to a nice estimate. In particular the MC estimate based on our sampler underestimates the true value of the wanted probability by only a 0.004%, namely 0.95996 against 0.96. The standard error of our estimate is 0.0134.

4 Exercise 4: MC integration

Consider a standard Normal random variable X :

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

4.1 Point a)

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

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

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

The reason why the Monte Carlo crude method fail in this case, is because the Monte Carlo Method requires a finite interval where the uniform distribution used by this method can generate random samples. In this particular case of the probability density function of a standard normal distribution the support is infinity so we have not got the extreme value where we can generate value. A possible solution will be the change of variable (see point b)

Additionally, this function does not have an analytical solution and therefore integration would require the use of numerical techniques that would further increase computational complexity.

4.2 Point b)

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

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

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 variable change. We can do this because now we have finite support where we can generate value.

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

```

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

# Define the PDF of N(0,1)
f = function(x) 1/(sqrt(2*pi)*x^2)*exp(-(1/x)^2/2)

# Estimate the sd with a single run
cumsd_f = function(x){

  sapply(2:length(x), function(r) sd(f(x[1:r])))

}

# Plot the ergodic function and its uncertainty
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)

}

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

  x = runif(n_max,a,b)

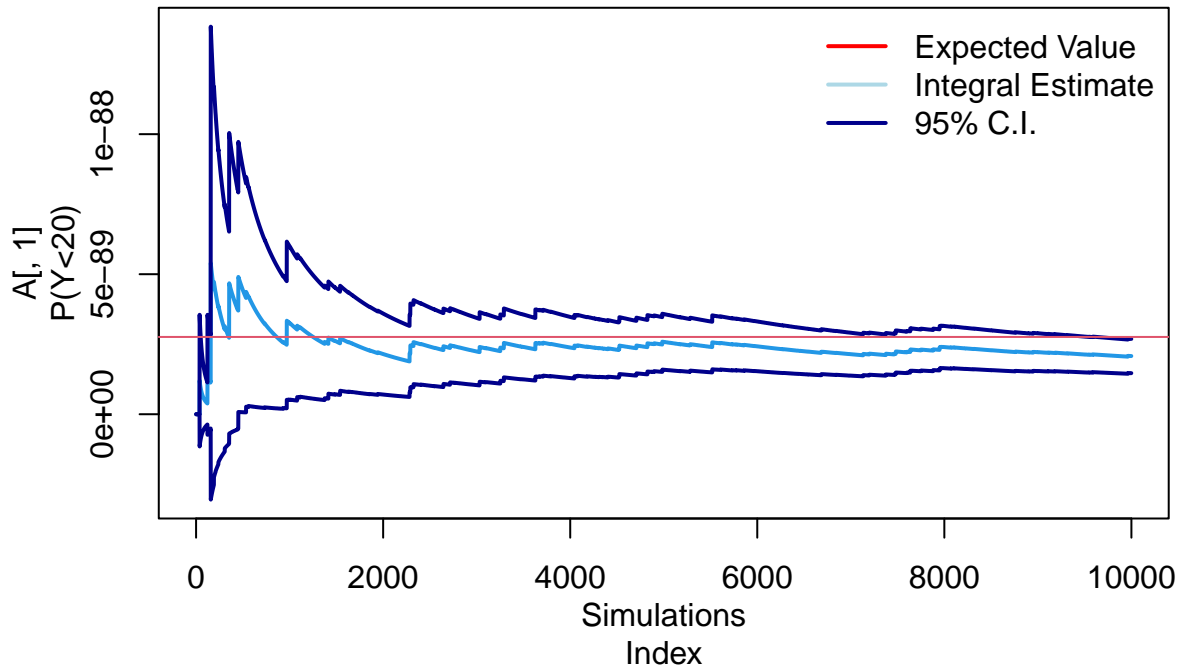
  thetahat = (b-a) * cumsum(f(x))/c(1:n_max)
  sdthetahat = (b-a)/sqrt(2:n_max) * cumsd_f(x)

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

}

# use the output of the integrate function as the real value
theta = integrate(f,0,1/20)
n = 10000
MC_res = MC_ergodic(n)
plot_ergodic(MC_res, theta[1])
legend("topright",
       legend = c("Expected Value", "Integral Estimate", "95% C.I."),
       lty = c(1, 1, 1),
       col = c("red", "lightblue", "darkblue"),
       lwd = c(2, 2, 2),
       bty = "n")
title(xlab = "Simulations", ylab = "P(Y<20)", line = 2, cex.axis = 5.2)

```



The ergodic plot is a tool used to assess the convergence of results obtained. Ergodicity is an important property of the Monte Carlo method, which states that the system reaches a statistically representative equilibrium state after a sufficient number of iterations and visualizes the convergence of results to the expected value or correct solution. In this case we can see in light blue the integral estimate on the number of generated values basis and in dark blue the confidence interval at level 95%. Compare to the red line, that represents the *real* value given by the `integrate` function of R, we can see that this value isn't in the confidence interval so we have to implement our method.

4.3 Point c) and d)

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.

```
# Repeat everything but using antithetic variables
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)

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

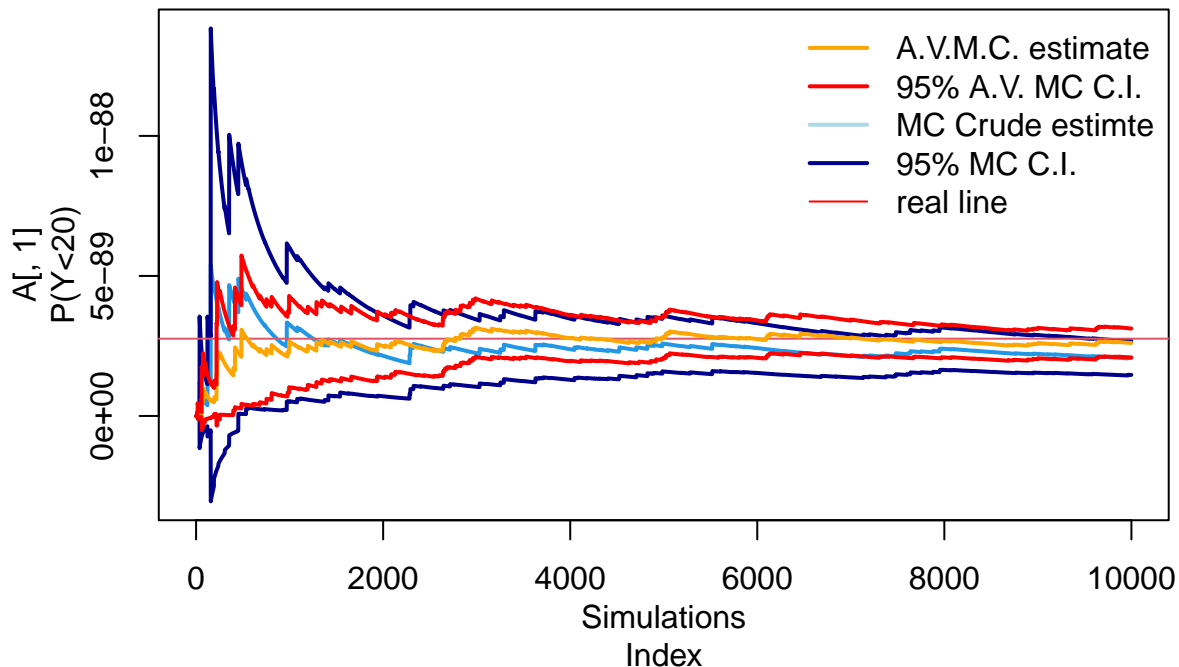
  return(cbind(thetahat = thetahat[-1], sd = sdthetahat))
}
```

```

plot_ergodic(MC_res, theta[1])
legend("topright",
      legend = c("A.V.M.C. estimate", "95% A.V. MC C.I.", "MC Crude estimate",
                  "95% MC C.I.", "real line"),
      lty = c(1, 1, 1, 1, 1),
      col = c("orange", "red", "lightblue", "darkblue", "red"),
      lwd = c(2, 2, 2, 2, 1),
      bty = "n")
title(xlab = "Simulations", ylab = "P(Y<20)", line = 2, cex.axis = 5.2)

AV_res = AV_ergodic(n_max = n)
A = AV_ergodic(n_max = n)
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. In yellow we can see the estimation and in red the corresponding interval. The yellow line is really near the *real* line and this value is in the center of the interval that is close than the blue one. We can see numerically too:

```

# Numerically
MC_res[n-1,]

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```

##      thetah      sd
## 2.07814e-89 3.11637e-90

```

```
AV_res[n-1,]
```

```
##          thetah          sd  
## 2.718734e-89 2.751581e-90
```

```
theta[1]
```

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

The first `thetah` is the estimation with MC very smaller than the last value that is the output of `integrate` function while the second approximation is closer than the *real* value and the second standard deviation is smaller than the first one too.

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.

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

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