

In the name of God

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Normal-standard probability estimate with
Monte.Carlo method

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Issue : If we are interested in the tail probability $\Pr(X > 20)$ when $X \sim N(0, 1)$, simulating from a $N(0, 1)$ distribution does not work. Express the probability as an integral and use an obvious change of variable to rewrite this integral as an expectation under a $U(0, 1/20)$ distribution. Deduce a Monte Carlo approximation to $\Pr(X > 20)$ along with an error assessment.

Solve:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{if } X \sim \text{Normal}(0,1) &\Rightarrow f_X(x) = \frac{e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}}{\sqrt{2} * \pi} \\ P(x > 20) &= P(20 < x < \infty) = P\left(\frac{1}{20} > \frac{1}{x} > \frac{1}{\infty}\right) \\ &\Leftrightarrow P\left(0 < \frac{1}{x} < \frac{1}{20}\right) \xrightarrow{u=\frac{1}{x}} P\left(0 < u < \frac{1}{20}\right) \end{aligned}$$

So we know that the u value is between 0 and $1/20$, so we can say that:

$$U \sim \text{uniform}\left(0, \frac{1}{20}\right), g_U(u) = \frac{1}{0 - \frac{1}{20}} = 20$$

And we know that $u = \frac{1}{x}$, so $du = -\frac{1}{x^2} dx \xrightarrow{x=\frac{1}{u}} du = -u^2 dx \Leftrightarrow dx = \frac{du}{-u^2}$

So:

$$\begin{aligned} P(20 > x) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{20}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}}{\sqrt{2} * \pi} dx \xrightarrow{u=\frac{1}{x}} P\left(\frac{1}{20} < u\right) \\ &= \int_0^{\frac{1}{20}} \frac{1}{u^2 \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2u^2}} du \\ &= \frac{1}{20} \int_0^{\frac{1}{20}} \frac{1}{u^2 \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2u^2}} * 20 du = \frac{1}{20} \int_0^{\frac{1}{20}} h_X(x) * g_U(u) du \\ &\xRightarrow{M.C} \frac{1}{20} * E_g[h_X(u)] = \frac{1}{20} * \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n h_X(u_i)}{n} \end{aligned}$$

We know that if we want to calculate this probability we have:

$$P(x > 20) \xleftrightarrow[\text{in Normal distribution}]{\text{Property of symmetry}} P(x < -20)$$

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> pnorm(-20)
[1] 2.753624e-89
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And the Monte-Carlo estimate method for this probability is :

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> N=10^6
> u<-runif(N,min = 0 , max = 1/20)
> fx<-function(u){exp(20/(-2*u^2))/u^2 * sqrt(2*pi)}
> E<-c()
> for(i in 1:N){
+   E[i]<-fx(u[i])
+ }
> print(1/20*mean(E))
[1] 0
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Conclusion: we understand that our probability is very small and we can say it's 0.