

In the name of God

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Subject:
The acceptance-rejection methods in R
For Generating the standard normal random variable.

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Issue:

Generate a random number with a standard normal distribution and use the rejection and acceptance algorithm method.

Solve:

First we write the algorithm in theory, then we run the algorithm in the software.

For generate a standard normal random variable such as $Z \sim N(0,1)$

We know that the standard normal distribution probability density function is:

$$f_Z(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{z^2}{2}} \quad \text{for } 0 < z < \infty$$

because:

If we desire an $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, then we can express it as $X = \sigma Z + \mu$, where Z denotes a random variable with the $N(0,1)$ distribution. Thus it suffices to find an algorithm for generating $Z \sim N(0,1)$. Moreover, if we can generate from the absolute value, $|Z|$ is non-negative and has density.

If we set this

$$g(z) = e^{-z} \quad \text{for } 0 < z < \infty$$

According to the rejection and acceptance algorithm, we make the following fraction and have:

$$\frac{f(z)}{g(z)} = \sqrt{2/\pi} e^{\frac{z-z^2}{2}}$$

We know that the best value for the a is Maximum value of the above relationship:

$$a = \text{Max} \left(\frac{f(z)}{g(z)} \right)$$

According to the exponential in the above relationship we can see that the maximizes of $\frac{z-z^2}{2}$ occurs in $z=1$.

if we calculate it and put the values in above relationship we have:

$$a = \text{Max} \left(\frac{f(z)}{g(z)} \right) = \frac{f(1)}{g(1)} = \sqrt{2e/\pi} \approx 1.32$$

so:

$$\frac{f(z)}{cg(z)} = \frac{\sqrt{2/\pi} e^{\frac{z-z^2}{2}}}{\sqrt{2e/\pi}} = \exp \left\{ z - \frac{z^2}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \right\} = \exp \left\{ -\frac{(z-1)^2}{2} \right\}$$

Step 1: Generate Y , an exponential random variable with rate 1.

Step 2: Generate a random number U .

Step 3: If $U \leq \exp \left\{ -\frac{(Z-1)^2}{2} \right\}$, then set $X=Z$; else Go to step 1.

We know that:

$$U \leq \exp\left\{-\frac{(Z-1)^2}{2}\right\} \Leftrightarrow -\log(U) \geq \left(\frac{(Z-1)^2}{2}\right)$$

That: $-\log(U) \sim \exp(1)$

It means that we Have two Step:

Step 1:Generate Z1 and Z2 I.I.D exponetional with rate 1.

Step 2:If $Z2 \geq \left(\frac{(Z1-1)^2}{2}\right)$, set $X = Z1$,else return to Step 1.

We know that :

by computing $Z2 - \frac{(Z1-1)^2}{2} > 0$

we can also generate an exponential random variable (independent of X) having rate 1.

Step 1: Generate Z1,Z2 ,two exponential random variable with rate 1.

Step 2:If $Z2 - \frac{(Z1-1)^2}{2} > 0$, set $y = Z2 - \frac{(Z1-1)^2}{2} > 0$,else go to step 1.

Step 3 Generate U a random number then: $Z = \begin{cases} Z1 & \text{if } U > 1/2 \\ -Z1 & \text{if } U \leq 1/2 \end{cases}$

then $Z \sim N(0,1)$.

Now we will show this solve in R program:

We repeat this alg 10^6 and we can see the mean and variance of the $Z_i \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, 10^6$

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> rm(list = ls())
> Z<-c()
> for(i in 1:10^6){
+   y1<-rexp(1,rate = 1)
+   y2<-rexp(1,rate = 1)
+   while(y2-((y1-1)^2)/2<=0){
+     y1<-rexp(1,rate = 1)
+     y2<-rexp(1,rate = 1)
+   }
+   y<-y2-((y1-1)^2)/2
+   u<-runif(1)
+   if(u>1/2){
+     z<- -y1
+   }else{
+     z<- y1
+   }
+   Z[i]<-z}
> mean(Z)
[1] -0.001371392
> var(Z)
[1] 0.9989004
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So we can see that our Z have standard normal distrubtion with mean=0 and variance=1.

End.