

## Problem 1

The problem is to use importance sampling to estimate:

$$\theta = \int_0^\infty x \frac{e^{-(y-x)^2/2} e^{-3x}}{Z} dx$$

$$Z = \int_0^\infty e^{-(y-x)^2/2} e^{-3x} dx; \quad y = 0.5$$

Observe:

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &= \int_0^\infty x \frac{e^{-(y-x)^2/2} e^{-3x}}{Z} dx \\ &= \int_0^\infty x \frac{e^{-(y-x)^2/2} e^{-3x}}{\int_0^\infty e^{-(y-x)^2/2} e^{-3x} dx} dx \\ &= \int_0^\infty x \frac{e^{-(y-x)^2/2} 3 * e^{-3x}}{\int_0^\infty e^{-(y-x)^2/2} 3 * e^{-3x} dx} dx \end{aligned}$$

Recall that the pdf,  $f(x)$ , of an exponentially distributed random variable,  $x$ , with parameter  $\lambda = \frac{1}{\beta}$  is:

$$\beta * e^{-\beta x}$$

Thus  $3 * e^{-3x}$  is the pdf of an exponentially distributed r.v. with  $\lambda = \frac{1}{3}$ . Our problem thus becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &= \int_0^\infty x \frac{e^{-(y-x)^2/2} 3 * e^{-3x}}{\int_0^\infty e^{-(y-x)^2/2} 3 * e^{-3x} dx} dx \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{x * e^{-(y-x)^2/2} 3 * e^{-3x}}{\mathbb{E}[e^{-(y-x)^2/2}]} dx \\ \theta &= \frac{\mathbb{E}[x * e^{-(y-x)^2/2}]}{\mathbb{E}[e^{-(y-x)^2/2}]} \end{aligned}$$

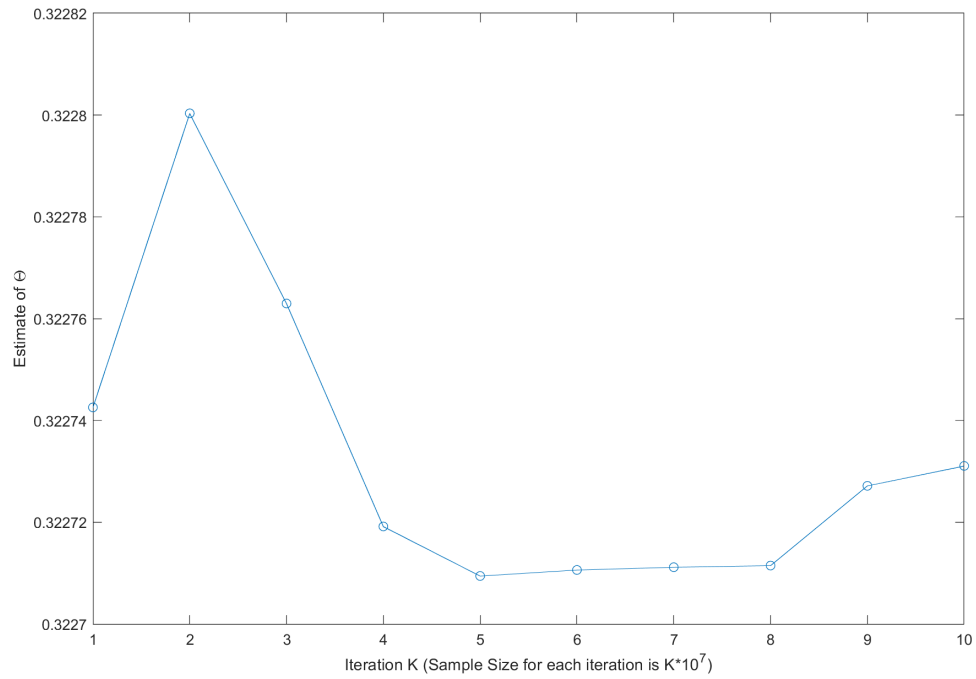
By the Weak Law of Large Numbers:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr \left( \left| \sum_{i=1}^n x_i * e^{-(y-x_i)^2/2} - \mathbb{E}[x * e^{-(y-x)^2/2}] \right| > \varepsilon \right) = 0$$

Thus, we can employ the estimator:

$$\hat{\theta} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n [x_i * e^{-(0.5-x_i)^2/2}]}{\sum_{i=1}^n [e^{-(0.5-x_i)^2/2}]}$$

Where  $x_i \stackrel{i.i.d}{\sim} \exp(\frac{1}{3})$ .



## Problem 2

The problem is to use tilted sampling to estimate the quantity  $\theta = \Pr(X > a)$  for  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ .

Recall that the tilted density is given by:

$$f_t(x) = \frac{\exp(tx)f(x)}{M(t)}$$

$$M(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(tx)f(x)dx$$

Focusing on  $M(t)$ , we note that this is simply the moment generating function of a standard normal distribution and is thus:

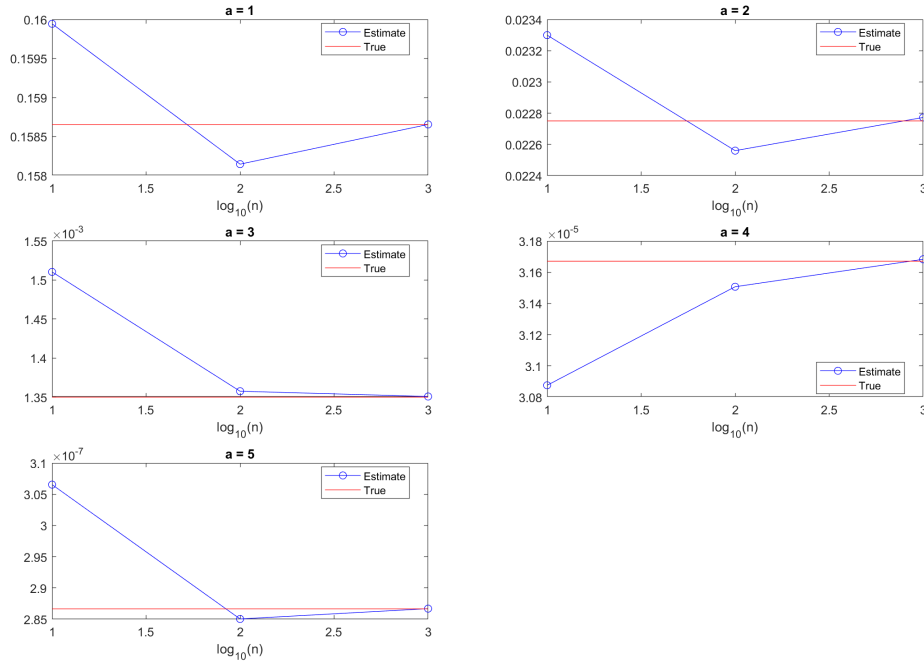
$$M(t) = \exp\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right)$$

Thus, the tilted density becomes:

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_t(x) &= \frac{\exp(tx)f(x)}{M(t)} \\
 &= \frac{\exp(tx) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right)}{\exp\left(\frac{t^2}{2}\right)} \\
 f_t(x) &= \frac{\exp\left(\frac{-(x-t)^2}{2}\right)}{\sqrt{2\pi}}
 \end{aligned}$$

The tilted density is thus normal with mean  $t$  and variance 1. Choosing  $t$  such that  $a$  is the mean of this tilted density implies that  $t = a$ . Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_t(x) &= \frac{\exp(tx)f(x)}{M(t)} \\
 \Leftrightarrow \frac{f(x)}{f_t(x)} &= \exp(-ax)M(a) \\
 &= \exp\left(\frac{a^2}{2} - ax\right) \\
 \xrightarrow{WLLN} \hat{\theta} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n I_{x_i \geq a} \exp\left(\frac{a^2}{2} - ax_i\right)
 \end{aligned}$$



### Problem 3

The problem is to use tilted sampling to estimate the quantity  $\theta = \Pr(X > a)$  for  $X \sim \exp(\frac{1}{\lambda})$ .

Recall that the tilted density is given by:

$$f_t(x) = \frac{\exp(tx)f(x)}{M(t)}$$

$$M(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(tx)f(x)dx$$

Focusing on  $M(t)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} M(t) &= \int_0^{\infty} \exp(tx)\lambda \exp(-\lambda x)dx \\ &= \lambda \int_0^{\infty} \exp((t - \lambda)x)dx \\ &= \lambda \left. \frac{\exp((t - \lambda)x)}{t - \lambda} \right|_0^{\infty} \\ &= \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t} \end{aligned}$$

Before proceeding further, it is important to note that for all of this to work, it must be the case that  $t < \lambda$ .

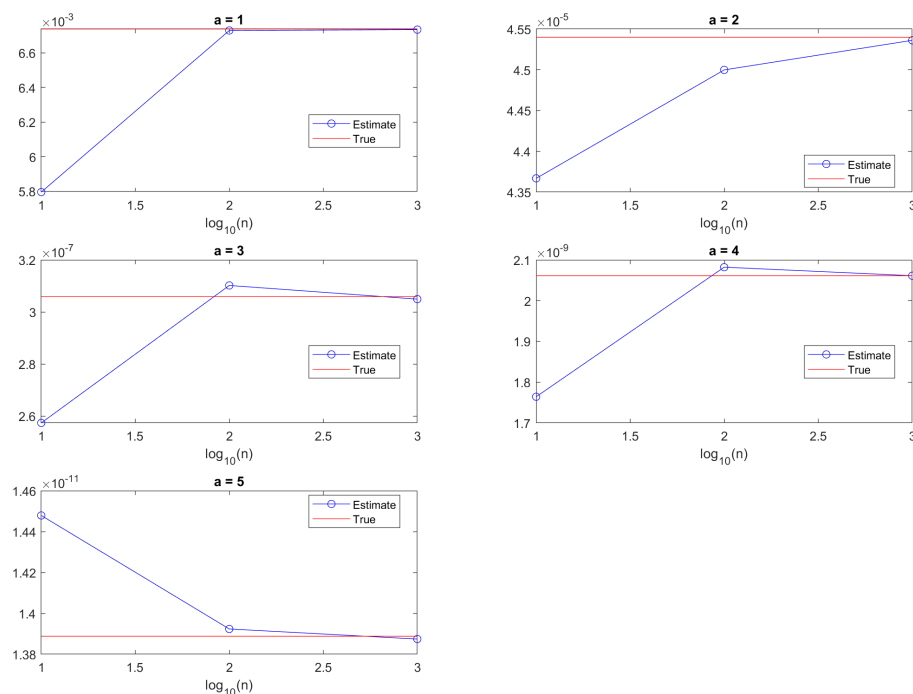
$$\begin{aligned} f_t(x) &= \frac{\exp(tx)f(x)}{M(t)} \\ &= \frac{\exp(tx)\lambda \exp(-\lambda x)}{\frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t}} \\ &= (\lambda - t) \exp(x(t - \lambda)) \\ &= (\lambda - t) \exp(-(\lambda - t)x) \end{aligned}$$

The tilted density is thus exponentially distributed with corresponding parameter  $\beta = \frac{1}{\lambda - t}$  (i.e.  $\exp(\frac{1}{\beta})$ ). Recall that the mean of an exponential distribution with parameter  $\frac{1}{\beta}$  is  $\beta$ . Choosing the optimal  $t$  to estimate  $\theta$  for a given  $a$  requires  $a$  to be the mean of the tilted density. Thus:

$$\frac{1}{\lambda - t} = a \Leftrightarrow t = \lambda - \frac{1}{a}$$

So our distribution is  $\exp(a)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_t(x) &= \frac{\exp(tx)f(x)}{M(t)} \\
 \Leftrightarrow \frac{f(x)}{f_t(x)} &= \exp(-t(a)x)M(t(a)) \\
 &= \exp\left(-\left(\lambda - \frac{1}{a}\right)x\right) * \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - \lambda + \frac{1}{a}} \\
 &= \exp\left(-\left(\lambda - \frac{1}{a}\right)x\right) * \lambda a \\
 \stackrel{WLLN}{\Rightarrow} \hat{\theta} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n I_{x_i \geq a} \exp\left(-\left(\lambda - \frac{1}{a}\right)x_i\right) * \lambda a
 \end{aligned}$$



## MATLAB Code for Problems 1, 2, 3:

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1 clc
2 clear
3 %Diary
4 dfile = 'MATLAB_Output_OM.txt';
5 if exist(dfile, 'file') ; delete(dfile); end
6 diary(dfile)

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7 diary on
8
9 %Introduction
10 fprintf('
    _____\n'
    );
11 fprintf('\t Oscar Martinez \t HW 10 \t STA 5106\n');
12 fprintf('
    _____\n'
    );
13
14 %-----Problem 1:-----
15 fprintf('-----Problem 1-----\n');
16
17 rng(17);
18 n=10^7;
19 K=10;
20
21 for k = 1:K
22     x(:,k) = exprnd(1/3,1,n); %Sampling distrbn is exp(1/3)
23     z = reshape(x(:,1:k),[],1);
24     num(k) = mean(z.*exp(-(0.5-z).^2/2)/3);
25     den(k) = mean(exp(-(0.5-z).^2/2)/3);
26     ratio(k) = num(k)/den(k);
27 end
28
29 figure(1)
30 plot(1:K,ratio,'-o')
31 xlabel('Iteration K (Sample Size for each iteration is K*10^7)'); %Sample
    Size for each iteration is K*10^7
32 ylabel('Estimate of \Theta');
33
34 %-----Problem 2:-----
35 fprintf('-----Problem 2-----\n');
36 clear
37
38 SM = [3 5 7]; %Sample Size Matrix
39 A = [1:5]; %Estimate MKatrix
40 for j = 1:3
41     n = 10^eval('SM(j)');
42     for a = 1:5
43         x = normrnd(a,1,1,n); %Sample from Norm(a,1)
44         mu(j,a) = mean((x>a).*exp(a^2/2-a*x));
45         TP(a)=1-normcdf(a); %True Prob
46         %Plot

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47     figure(2)
48     subplot(3,2,a);
49     plot(1:j, mu(:,a), '--bo', 1:j, ones(1,j)*TP(a), 'r');
50     title(['a = ', num2str(a)]);
51     xlabel('log_{10}(n)');
52     legend('Estimate', 'True', 'Location','best');
53 end
54 end
55
56 %-----Problem 3:-----
57 fprintf('-----Problem 3-----\n');
58 clear
59
60 SM = [3 5 7]; %Sample Size Matrix
61 A = [1:5]; %Estimate MKatrix
62 lm = 5;
63 for j = 1:3
64     n = 10^eval('SM(j)');
65     for a = 1:5
66         x = exprnd(a,1,n); %Sample from Exp(a)
67         mu(j,a) = mean(lm*a*(x>a).*exp(-(lm-(1/a))*x));
68         TP(a)=1-expcdf(a,1/lm); %True Prob
69         %Plot
70         figure(3)
71         subplot(3,2,a);
72         plot(1:j, mu(:,a), '--bo', 1:j, ones(1,j)*TP(a), 'r');
73         title(['a = ', num2str(a)]);
74         xlabel('log_{10}(n)');
75         legend('Estimate', 'True', 'Location','best');
76     end
77 end
78
79 diary off

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## Problem 4

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[1]: import numpy as np
      from matplotlib import pyplot
      import random

      #-----Problem 4-----
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      print('Problem 4')

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random.seed(1)
n = 10**7
K = 10
lm = 1/3
x = np.zeros((n,K))
theta = np.zeros((1,10))
num = np.zeros((1,10))
den = np.zeros((1,10))

for j in range(K):
    x[:,j] = np.array( [random.expovariate(1/lm) for x in range(n)]
    )

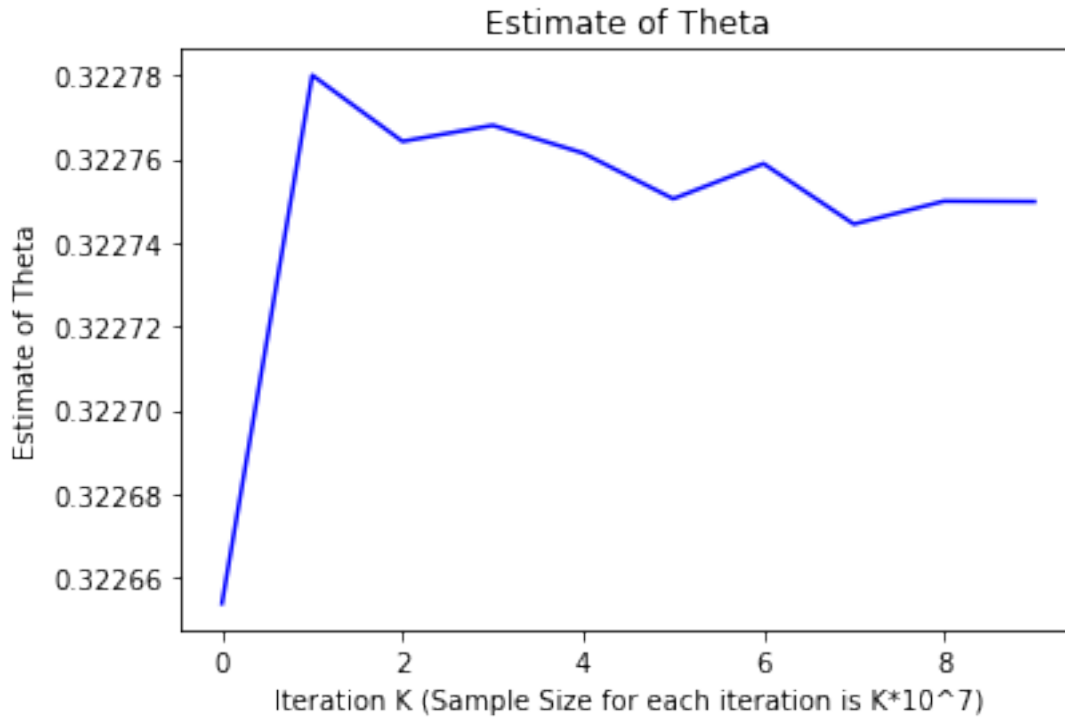
    if j == 0:
        num[0,j] = np.mean( x[:,0]*np.exp( -0.5*(0.5-x[:,0])**2 )/3 )
        den[0,j] = np.mean( np.exp( -0.5*(0.5-x[:,0])**2 )/3 )
        theta[0,j] = num[0,j]/den[0,j]
    else:
        num[0,0:j+1] = np.mean( x[:,0:j+1]*np.exp( -0.5*(0.5-x[:,0:
    j+1])**2 ) )
        den[0,j] = np.mean( np.exp( -0.5*(0.5-x[:,0:j+1])**2 ) )
        theta[0,j] = num[0,j]/den[0,j]

t = range(0,K)
#Plot
pyplot.plot(t, theta[0,:], 'b');
pyplot.title('Estimate of Theta');
pyplot.subplots_adjust(hspace=1, wspace=0.5);
pyplot.figure(num=1, figsize=(10, 10), dpi=140, facecolor='w',
    edgecolor='k');
pyplot.xlabel('Iteration K (Sample Size for each iteration is
    K*10^7)');
pyplot.ylabel('Estimate of Theta');
pyplot.show();

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## Problem 5

```
[2]: import numpy as np
      from matplotlib import pyplot
      import random

      #-----Problem 5
      ↪5-----

      print('Problem 5')
      random.seed(1)
      K = 5
      i = 0
      mu = np.zeros((3,5))

      for y in range(3,8,2):
          #print(y)
          n = 10**y
          if i == 3:
              i = 0
          for a in range(K):
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    #print(a)
    s = a+1
    x = np.array( [random.normalvariate(a+1,1) for x in range(n)] )
    mu[i,a] = np.mean( (x > s)*np.exp(0.5*s**2 - s*x ) )
    i = i+1

for a in range(K):
    #Plot
    t = range(0,3)
    s = a+1
    pyplot.plot(t, mu[:,a], 'o-');
    pyplot.title('a = %i' %s);
    pyplot.xlabel('log_10(n)');
    pyplot.show();

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