

# STA410 Assignment #2

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## Question 1

(a)

Since  $X = V/U$ , so  $V = XU$ , then, we can get the Jacobian:

$$J = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial v}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ x & u \end{vmatrix} = u$$

Thus, the joint density of  $(U, X)$  is

$$g(u, x) = f(u, v) \cdot |u| = \frac{u}{|C_h|} \quad \text{for } 0 \leq u \leq \sqrt{h(x)}, \quad \text{since } h(x) = h(v/u)$$

Then we have the marginal density of  $X$  is:

$$f_X(x) = \int_0^{\sqrt{h(x)}} \frac{u}{|C_h|} du = \frac{h(x)}{2|C_h|}$$

Thus, the density of  $X$  is  $\gamma h(x)$  for  $\gamma = \frac{1}{2|C_h|} > 0$

(b)

Since  $C_h = \{(u, v) : 0 \leq u \leq \sqrt{h(x)}\}$ , so if  $(u, v) \in C_h$  then  $0 \leq u \leq \max_x \sqrt{h(x)} = u_+$   
And since  $u$  is positive, so we have:

$$\frac{1}{u} \sqrt{h(x)} \geq 1$$

Then we have two cases:

when  $v > 0$ , we have:

$$v \leq \frac{v}{u} \sqrt{h(x)} \leq \max_x x \sqrt{h(x)} = v_+$$

when  $v < 0$ , we have:

$$v \geq \frac{v}{u} \sqrt{h(x)} \geq \min_x x \sqrt{h(x)} = v_-$$

Thus, if  $(u, v) \in C_h$ , then  $0 \leq u \leq u_+$  and  $v_- \leq v \leq v_+$ , that is  $(u, v) \in D_h$

(c)

Since  $h(x) = \exp(-x^2/2)$ , so  $0 \leq u \leq \sqrt{h(x)} = \exp(-x^2/4) = \exp(-(v/u)^2/4)$ , since  $x = v/u$

Then, we have the accept condition:  $u \leq \exp(-(v/u)^2/4)$ , so we can implement the rejection sampling method and calculate proposal acceptance rate as follows:

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generator <- function(n) {  
  x <- NULL #initial vector containing random variates  
  rejections <- 0 #set the initial number of rejections  
  bound <- sqrt(2/exp(1)) #the absolute value of the vbound  
  for (i in 1:n) {  
    reject <- T  
    while(reject){  
      u <- runif(1,0,1)  
      v <- runif(1,-bound,bound)  
      if (u<=exp(-(v/u)^2/4)){ #accept condition  
        x <- c(x, v/u) #accept  
        reject <- F  
      }  
      else rejections <- rejections + 1  
    }  
  }  
  # x now contains n rvs  
  # calculate proposal acceptance rate  
  accept.rate <- n/(n+rejections)  
  r <- list(x=x,accept.rate=accept.rate)  
  r  
}  
r <- generator(10000) # generate 10000 rvs using the function  
r$accept.rate # fraction of accepted proposals
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## [1] 0.7290755
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## Question 2

(a)

Suppose that if  $\{y_i\}$  are exactly linear, i.e.  $y_i = a \times i + b$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$   
Then for  $\theta_i = y_i$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned}\theta_{i+1} - 2\theta_i + \theta_{i-1} &= a(i+1) + b - 2(ai + b) + a(i-1) + b \\ &= ai + a + b - 2ai - 2b + ai - a + b \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Then, we have our objective function as follows:

$$0 + \lambda \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} (\theta_{i+1} - 2\theta_i + \theta_{i-1})^2 = 0$$

Since the objective function is exactly 0, so  $\hat{\theta}_i = y_i$  for all i.

(c)

Firstly, initialize  $\hat{\theta}$  and we build a linear equation  $y_i = \theta_i + \epsilon_i$ , where  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . We choose a randomized modification of the Gauss-Seidel algorithm. Randomly sample a subset  $w$  of size  $p$  from the integers  $1, 2, \dots, n$ . Define  $X_w$  to be the submatrix of  $X$  with column indices  $w$  and  $X_{\bar{w}}$  to be the submatrix of  $X$  with column indices in the complement of  $w$ ; define  $\theta_w$  and  $\theta_{\bar{w}}$  analogously so that  $X\theta = X_w\theta_w + X_{\bar{w}}\theta_{\bar{w}}$ . Let  $A$  be the variables of  $X_w$  and  $B$  be the variables of  $X_{\bar{w}}$ . Then we can set a function as follows:

$$g(x_i) = g(A_i, B_i) = ||y - A_i - B_i||$$

After we ran  $k$  iterations,  $B_k$  became nearly fixed, then we can only minimize over the selected variables (i.e.  $A_k$ ), then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} g(x_{k+1}) &= g(A_{k+1}, B_k) = ||y - A_{k+1} - B_k|| \\ &\leq ||y - A_k - B_k|| \\ &= g(A_k, B_k) \\ &= g(x_k) \end{aligned}$$

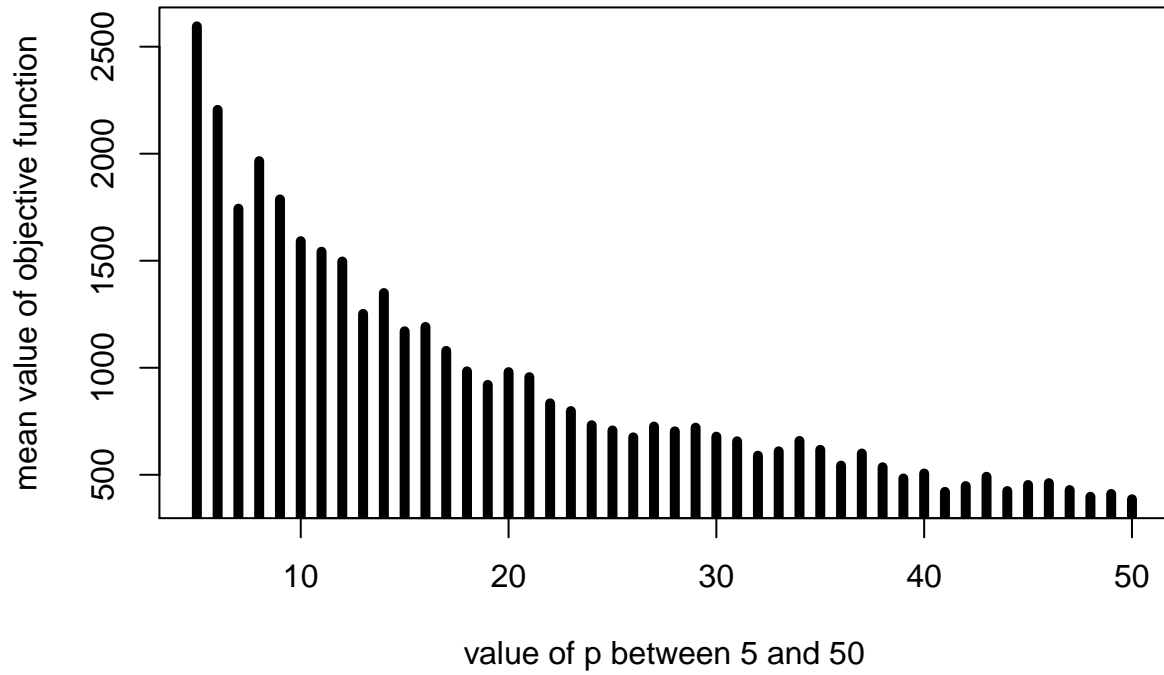
Thus, the value of objective function after  $(k+1)$ th iteration is less or equal to that after  $k$ th iteration. Therefore, the objective function is non-increasing from one iteration to the next.

(d)

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yield <- scan("yield.txt") #load the 'yield.txt'
HP <- function(x,lambda,p,niter) {
  n <- length(x)
  a <- c(1,-2,1)
  aa <- c(a,rep(0,n-2))
  aaa <- c(rep(aa,n-3),a)
  mat <- matrix(aaa,ncol=n,byrow=T)
  mat <- rbind(diag(rep(1,n)),sqrt(lambda)*mat)
  xhat <- x
  x <- c(x,rep(0,n-2))
  sumofsquares <- NULL
  for (i in 1:niter) {
    w <- sort(sample(c(1:n),size=p))
    xx <- mat[,w]
    y <- x - mat[,-w]%*%xhat[-w]
    r <- lsfit(xx,y,intercept=F)
    xhat[w] <- r$coef
    sumofsquares <- c(sumofsquares,sum(r$residuals^2))
  }
  r <- list(xhat=xhat,ss=sumofsquares)
  r
}

values <- NULL
for (i in 5:50){ #various values of p between 5 and 50
  r <- HP(yield,lambda=2000,p=i,niter=1000)
  values <- c(values, mean(r$ss)) #save the mean of r$ss for each p
}
result <- list(p=c(5:50),obj=values)
#generate the plot of p and value of objective function
plot(result$p,result$obj,type="h",lwd=5,main="p & mean objective function values plot", xlab="value of p")
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**p & mean objective function values plot**



From the plot above, we can conclude that as the p increases between 5 and 50, the value of objective function tends to decrease.