

Monte Carlo Simulation MA – 323 Lab – 7

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Question 1:

1. Consider the expectation $I = E[\exp(\sqrt{U})]$ where, $U \sim U(0, 1)$. Use the following antithetic method to approximate I :

$$\hat{I}_M = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^{M/2} \hat{Y}_i \text{ where } \hat{Y}_i = \exp(\sqrt{U_i}) + \exp(\sqrt{1 - U_i}) \text{ with } U_i \sim U(0, 1).$$

Take the values of M to be $10^2, 10^3, 10^4$ and 10^5 . Determine the 95% confidence interval for I_M for all the four values of M that you have taken.

$I = E[\exp(\sqrt{U})]$ where, $U \sim U(0, 1)$

Actual Value of $I = 2$ $(\int_0^1 \exp(\sqrt{x}) dx = 2)$

It is calculated by taking the integral of $\exp(\sqrt{x})$ with limits from 0 to 1.

For $M = 100$,

Estimated Value of $I = 1.9930161300230471$

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For $M = 1000$,

Estimated Value of $I = 1.9980843243353144$

95% Confidence Interval for $I = (1.9951848623546362, 2.0009837863159925)$

For $M = 10000$,

Estimated Value of $I = 1.999877417024356$

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For $M = 100000$,

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Actual Value of $I = 2$

Observations:

1. As the value of M increases, that is, when we take a greater number of samples, the estimated value of I approaches to the exact value of I , that is, the error in the estimation of the value of I decreases as M increases.
2. As the value of M increases, that is, when we take a greater number of samples, the lower bound of the 95% confidence interval increases and approaches towards the actual value of I , that is, 2 and the upper bound of the 95% confidence interval decreases and approaches towards the actual value of I , that is, 2.

Question 2:

2. Present the results that you have obtained in Question 1 of Lab 06 and Question 1 of Lab 07 in a tabular form. Your table must consist of the values of \hat{I}_M (using two methods), 95% confidence intervals for I (from two methods), and the ratio of widths of both the intervals. How do the values of I_M and \hat{I}_M compare with the actual value of I ?

Actual Value of I = 2

$$\left(\int_0^1 \exp(\sqrt{x}) dx = 2 \right)$$

It is calculated by taking the integral of exp(sqrt(x)) with limits from 0 to 1.

Comparison of the results of Question 1 of Lab 6 and Question 1 of Lab 7 in a tabular form:

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      M      I_M  I_M using Antithetic Method \
0      100    1.960903                        2.002870
1      1000   1.988475                        2.000169
2      10000  2.005029                        1.999793
3      100000 2.001313                        1.999829

      95% Confidence Interval for I \
0      (1.874969408782346, 2.0468372483732935)
1      (1.9619602860598633, 2.0149889510933785)
2      (1.9964424354588663, 2.013616026655882)
3      (1.998584624620874, 2.00404159465956)

      95% Confidence Interval for I using Antithetic Method  Ratio of the Widths
0      (1.995348588266023, 2.01039060431981)                11.425851
1      (1.997369909260367, 2.002967478042018)                9.473517
2      (1.9988864280096155, 2.000699635644898)                9.471387
3      (1.999540452485819, 2.0001178512663493)                9.450955

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Actual value of I = 2

M	I _M (Lab 6)	I _M (Lab 7)	95% Confidence Interval (Lab 6)	95% Confidence Interval (Lab 7)	Ratio of Widths of the 95% Confidence Intervals (Lab 6 width / Lab 7 width values)
100	1.960903	2.002870	(1.874969408782346, 2.0468372483732935)	(1.995348588266023, 2.01039060431981)	11.425851
1000	1.988475	2.000169	(1.9619602860598633, 2.0149889510933785)	(1.997369909260367, 2.002967478042018)	9.473517
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If width of 95% Confidence Interval of Lab 6/width of 95% Confidence Interval of Lab 7 = x, then the ratio of the widths = x : 1.

Observations:

1. The Antithetic method is better than the other simple Monte Carlo estimator method used in Lab 6 assignment because it improves the width of the 95% confidence interval approximately by a factor of 10 since the ratio of the widths of the 95% confidence intervals of Lab 6 and Lab 7 is approximately 10 : 1, so the Antithetic method reduces the Variance.
2. Also, in the Antithetic method, we are calculating uniform random variable only $M/2$ times compared to M times in the method that was used in Assignment 6. So, the Antithetic method used in Lab 7 assignment is better than the method used in Lab 6 assignment.
3. As the value of M increases, that is, when we take a greater number of samples, the estimated value of I approaches to the exact value of I , that is, the error in the estimation of the value of I decreases as M increases. For most of the values of M , the value of $I_{\hat{M}}$ is closer to 2 (the actual value of I) than the value of I_M .