

Monte Carlo Simulation MA – 323 Lab – 6

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1. Use the following Monte Carlo estimator to approximate the expected value $I = E[\exp(\sqrt{U})]$ where, $U \sim U(0, 1)$:

$$I_M = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{i=1}^M Y_i, \text{ where } Y_i = \exp(\sqrt{U_i}) \text{ with } U_i \sim U(0, 1).$$

Take the values of M to be $10^2, 10^3, 10^4$ and 10^5 . Determine the 95% confidence interval for I for all the four values of M that you have taken. What is the exact value of I ? Compare the exact value of I with the estimated values of I for different values of M .

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

Exact Value of $I = 2.0000000000000004$ (Using scipy.integrate's numerical integration)

For $M = 100$,

Estimated Value of $I = 1.972233262076766$

95% Confidence Interval for $I = (1.891727203945577, 2.052739320207955)$

For $M = 1000$,

Estimated Value of $I = 1.9916605509837473$

95% Confidence Interval for $I = (1.963971252807752, 2.0193498491597426)$

For $M = 10000$,

Estimated Value of $I = 1.9955339717944796$

95% Confidence Interval for $I = (1.9868681633511696, 2.0041997802377898)$

For $M = 100000$,

Estimated Value of $I = 2.000954539253838$

95% confidence interval for $I = (1.998219964607142, 2.0036891139005344)$

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For M = 100:  
Estimated Value of I: 1.972233262076766  
95% Confidence Interval: (1.891727203945577,2.052739320207955)  
  
For M = 1000:  
Estimated Value of I: 1.9916605509837473  
95% Confidence Interval: (1.963971252807752,2.0193498491597426)  
  
For M = 10000:  
Estimated Value of I: 1.9955339717944796  
95% Confidence Interval: (1.9868681633511696,2.0041997802377898)  
  
For M = 100000:  
Estimated Value of I: 2.000954539253838  
95% Confidence Interval: (1.998219964607142,2.0036891139005344)  
  
Exact Value of I: 2.0000000000000004
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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.