

Exercise 1

TMA4300 Computer Intensive Statistical Models

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Problem A: Stochastic simulation by the probability integral transform and bivariate techniques

Subproblem 1.

Let $X \sim \text{Exponential}(\lambda)$, with the cumulative density function

$$F_X(x) = 1 - e^{-\lambda x}, \quad x \geq 0.$$

Then the random variable $Y := F_X(X)$ has a $\text{Uniform}(0, 1)$ distribution. The probability integral transform becomes

$$Y = 1 - e^{-\lambda X} \Leftrightarrow X = -\frac{1}{\lambda} \ln(1 - Y).$$

It is clear that if $U \sim \text{Uniform}(0, 1)$, then $1 - U \sim \text{Uniform}(0, 1)$, and therefore we may as well say that

$$X = -\frac{1}{\lambda} \ln(Y). \tag{1}$$

Thus, we sample Y from `runif()` and transform it using Equation (1), to sample from the exponential distribution. Figure 1 shows one million samples drawn from the `generate_from_exp()` function defined in the code chunk below. It also shows the theoretical PDF of the exponential distribution with rate parameter $\lambda = 2$.

```
#set.seed(123)

generate_from_exp <- function(n, rate = 1) {
  Y <- runif(n)
  X <- -(1 / rate) * log(Y)
  return(X)
}

# sample
n <- 1000000 # One million samples
lambda <- 2
exp_samp <- generate_from_exp(n, rate = lambda)

# plot
ggplot() +
  geom_histogram(
```

```

data = as.data.frame(exp_samp),
mapping = aes(x = exp_samp, y = ..density..),
binwidth = 0.05,
boundary = 0
) +
stat_function(
  fun = dexp,
  args = list(rate = lambda),
  aes(col = "Theoretical density")
) +
ylim(0, lambda) +
xlim(0, 2) +
ggtitle("Simulating from an exponential distribution") +
xlab("x") +
ylab("Density") +
theme_minimal() +
theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5))

```

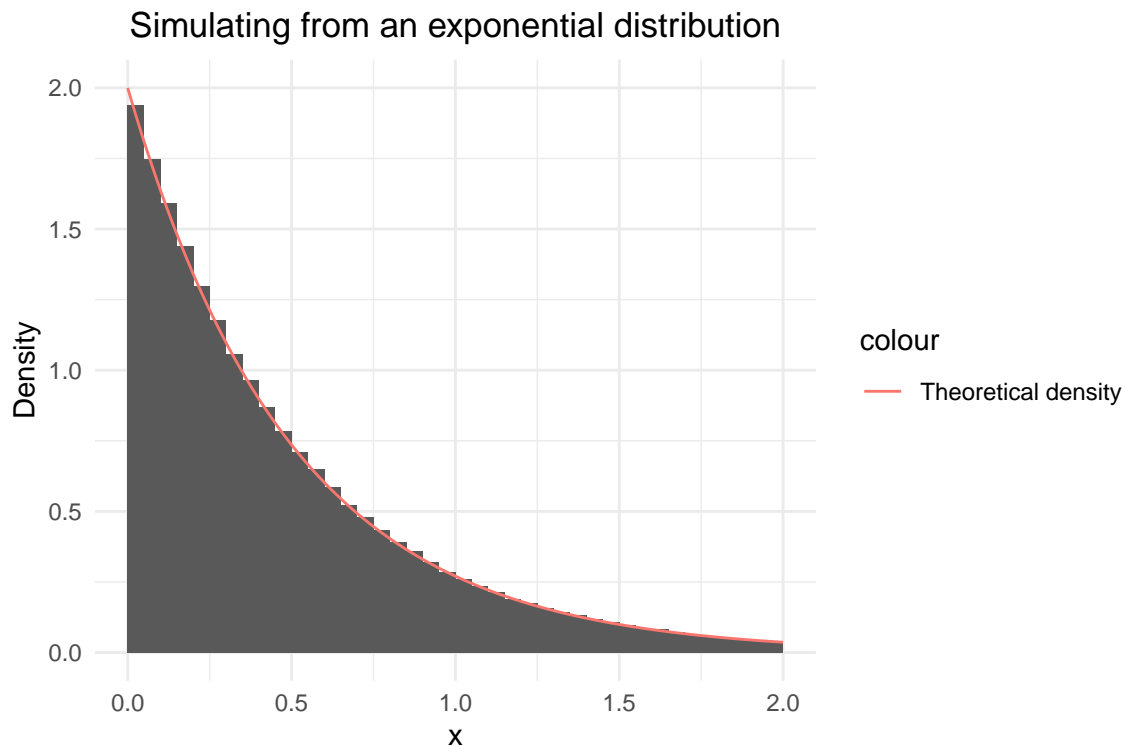


Figure 1: Normalized histogram of one million samples drawn from the exponential distribution, together with the theoretical PDF, with $\lambda = 2$.

Theoretically, the mean and variance of $X \sim \text{Exponential}(\lambda)$ is $E(X) = \lambda^{-1}$ and $\text{Var}(X) = \lambda^{-2}$. So for $\lambda = 2$ we would expect $E(X) = 1/2$ and $\text{Var}(X) = 1/4$. For the simulation we get the mean and variance as calculated in the code block below, showing what we would expect.

```

mean(exp_samp)

## [1] 0.5001832

```

```
var(exp_samp)
```

```
## [1] 0.2503854
```

Subproblem 2.

Subsubproblem (a)

We are considering the probability density function

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} cx^{\alpha-1} & \text{if } 0 < x < 1, \\ ce^{-x} & \text{if } x \geq 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where c is a normalizing constant and $\alpha \in (0, 1)$. If $x \leq 0$ the cumulative distribution function is zero. In the interval $0 < x < 1$ it becomes

$$G(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x g(\xi) d\xi = \int_0^x c\xi^{\alpha-1} d\xi = \frac{c}{\alpha} [\xi^\alpha]_0^x = \frac{c}{\alpha} x^\alpha,$$

and finally for $x \geq 1$ we have

$$G(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x g(\xi) d\xi = \int_0^1 c\xi^{\alpha-1} d\xi + \int_1^x ce^{-\xi} d\xi = \left[\frac{c}{\alpha} \xi^\alpha \right]_0^1 - [ce^{-\xi}]_1^x = c \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} - e^{-x} + \frac{1}{e} \right),$$

for $\alpha \in (0, 1)$. That is, the cumulative density function is

$$G(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \leq 0, \\ \frac{c}{\alpha} x^\alpha & \text{if } 0 < x < 1, \\ c \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} - e^{-x} + \frac{1}{e} \right) & \text{if } x \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

In this case it is trivial to find c . We solve

$$1 = \int_{\mathbb{R}} g(x) dx = \int_0^1 cx^{\alpha-1} dx + \int_1^\infty ce^{-x} dx = \frac{c}{\alpha} + \frac{c}{e},$$

which gives that

$$c = \frac{\alpha e}{\alpha + e}.$$

Writing the cumulative density function using this as c we obtain

$$G(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \leq 0, \\ \frac{e}{\alpha+e} x^\alpha & \text{if } 0 < x < 1, \\ 1 - \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+e} e^{1-x} & \text{if } x \geq 1, \end{cases}$$

for $\alpha \in (0, 1)$.

We may then find the inverse cumulative function. For $x \leq 0$ this is just zero, and for $0 < x < 1$, that is $0 < G(x) < \frac{e}{\alpha+e}$, we solve $x = \frac{e}{\alpha+e} y^\alpha$ for y giving $G^{-1}(x) = \left(\frac{\alpha+e}{e} x \right)^{1/\alpha}$. Similarly for $x \geq 1$, that is $G(x) \geq 1 - \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+e} = \frac{e}{\alpha+e}$, we solve $x = 1 - \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+e} e^{1-y}$ for y , such that

$$G^{-1}(x) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{\alpha+e}{e} x \right)^{1/\alpha} & \text{if } 0 \leq x < \frac{e}{\alpha+e}, \\ \ln \left[\frac{\alpha e}{(1-x)(\alpha+e)} \right] & \text{if } \frac{e}{\alpha+e} \leq x \leq 1, \end{cases}$$

for $\alpha \in (0, 1)$.

Subsubproblem (b)

Using what we found in (a) we may use the inversion method to sample from $g(x)$ given in Equation (2), as shown in the code block beneath. Figure 2 shows one million samples drawn from `generate_from_gx()` and also the theoretical PDF.

```
generate_from_gx <- function(n, alpha) {
  U <- runif(n) # Generate n Uniform(0, 1) variables
  bound <- exp(1) / (alpha + exp(1)) # Boundary where G^(-1) changes
  left <- U < bound # The left of the boundary
  U[left] <- (U[left] / bound)^(1 / alpha) # Left CDF
  U[!left] <- 1 + log(alpha) - log(1 - U[!left]) - log(alpha + exp(1)) # Right CDF
  return(U)
}

# Sample
n <- 1000000 # One million samples
alpha <- 0.75
gx_samp <- generate_from_gx(n, alpha) # Generating n samples from g(x)

# The theoretically correct PDF
theo_gx <- function(x, alpha) {
  const <- alpha * exp(1) / (alpha + exp(1)) # Normalizing constant
  func <- rep(0, length(x)) # Vector of zeros of same length as x
  left <- x > 0 & x < 1 # The PDF has one value for 0 < x < 1
  right <- x >= 1 # ... and one value for x >= 1
  func[left] <- const * x[left]^(alpha - 1) # The value to the left
  func[right] <- const * exp(-x[right]) # The value to the right
  return(func)
}

# Plot
ggplot() +
  geom_histogram(
    data = as.data.frame(gx_samp),
    mapping = aes(x = gx_samp, y = ..density..),
    binwidth = 0.05,
    boundary = 0
  ) +
  stat_function(
    fun = theo_gx,
    args = list(alpha = alpha),
    aes(col = "Theoretical density")
  ) +
  xlim(0, 5) +
  ggtitle("Simulating from g(x) given in Equation (2)") +
  xlab("x") +
  ylab("Density") +
  theme_minimal() +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5))
```

Assuming $X \sim g(x)$ we may find the expectation to be

$$E(X) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} xg(x) dx = \int_0^1 cx^\alpha dx + \int_1^\infty cxe^{-x} dx = \frac{\alpha e}{(\alpha + 1)(\alpha + e)} + \frac{2\alpha}{\alpha + e} \approx 0.768,$$

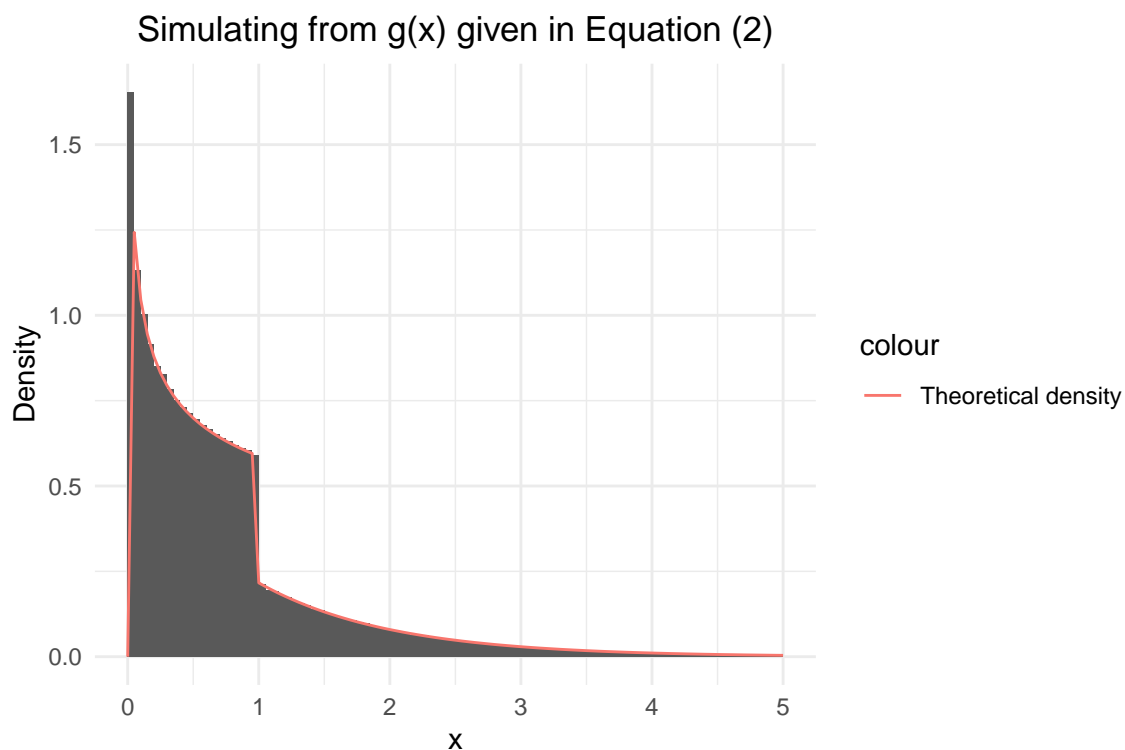


Figure 2: Normalized histogram of one million samples drawn from $g(x)$ given in Equation (2), together with the theoretical PDF, with $\alpha = 0.75$.

when $\alpha = 0.75$. This corresponds approximately to the sample mean shown in the following code block.

```
mean(gx_samp)
```

```
## [1] 0.76749
```

Similarly we may find the theoretical variance to be

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - E(X)^2 \approx 0.705,$$

also for $\alpha = 0.75$, corresponding approximately to the sample variance given in the code block below.

```
var(gx_samp)
```

```
## [1] 0.703663
```

Subproblem 3.

Subsubproblem (a)

We consider the probability density function

$$f(x) = \frac{ce^{\alpha x}}{(1 + e^{\alpha x})^2},$$

for $-\infty < x < \infty$ and $\alpha > 0$. To find the normalizing constant c we make sure that the integral over \mathbb{R} of $f(x)$ is one. That is

$$1 = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) dx = c \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{e^{\alpha x}}{(1 + e^{\alpha x})^2} dx,$$

and letting $u = 1 + e^{\alpha x}$, it follows that

$$1 = \frac{c}{\alpha} \int_1^\infty \frac{du}{u^2} = \frac{c}{\alpha} \left[-\frac{1}{u} \right]_1^\infty = \frac{c}{\alpha}.$$

That is, the normalizing constant is $c = \alpha$, for $\alpha > 0$. We may then write the probability density function as

$$f(x) = \frac{\alpha e^{\alpha x}}{(1 + e^{\alpha x})^2}, \quad (3)$$

for $-\infty < x < \infty$ and $\alpha > 0$.

Subsubproblem (b)

The cumulative distribution function is given as

$$F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(\xi) d\xi = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{\alpha e^{\alpha \xi}}{(1 + e^{\alpha \xi})^2} d\xi.$$

Again letting $u = 1 + e^{\alpha \xi}$ it follows that

$$F(x) = \int_1^{1+e^{\alpha x}} \frac{\alpha e^{\alpha \xi}}{u^2} \frac{du}{\alpha e^{\alpha \xi}} = \int_1^{1+e^{\alpha x}} \frac{du}{u^2} = \left[-\frac{1}{u} \right]_1^{1+e^{\alpha x}} = 1 - \frac{1}{1 + e^{\alpha x}} = \frac{e^{\alpha x}}{1 + e^{\alpha x}},$$

which holds for $-\infty < x < \infty$ and $\alpha > 0$.

Solving $x = e^{\alpha y} / (1 + e^{\alpha y})$ for y then gives us the inverse cumulative distribution function. Some algebra then gives that

$$F^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{\alpha} \ln \left(\frac{x}{1-x} \right) = \frac{1}{\alpha} [\ln(x) - \ln(1-x)],$$

for $0 < x < 1$ and $\alpha > 0$.

Subsubproblem (c)

Simulating from $f(x)$ given in Equation (3) is shown in the code block below, and the result is shown in Figure 3. The sampling is done by letting $U \sim \text{Uniform}(0, 1)$ and using inversion sampling.

```
generate_from_fx <- function(n, alpha) {
  U <- runif(n) # Generate n Uniform(0, 1) variables
  X <- 1 / alpha * (log(U) - log(1 - U)) # Using the inverse CDF
  return(X)
}

# Sample
n <- 1000000 # One million samples
alpha <- 100 # Letting alpha be 100
fx_samp <- generate_from_fx(n, alpha) # Generating n samples from f(x)

# The theoretically correct PDF
theo_fx <- function(x, alpha) {
  return(alpha * exp(alpha * x) / (1 + exp(alpha * x))^2)
}

# Plot
ggplot() +
  geom_histogram(
    data = as.data.frame(fx_samp),
```

```

mapping = aes(x = fx_samp, y = ..density..),
binwidth = 0.001,
boundary = 0
) +
stat_function(
  fun = theo_fx,
  args = list(alpha = alpha),
  aes(col = "Theoretical density")
) +
ggtitle("Simulating from f(x) given in Equation (3)") +
xlab("x") +
ylab("Density") +
theme_minimal() +
theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5))

```

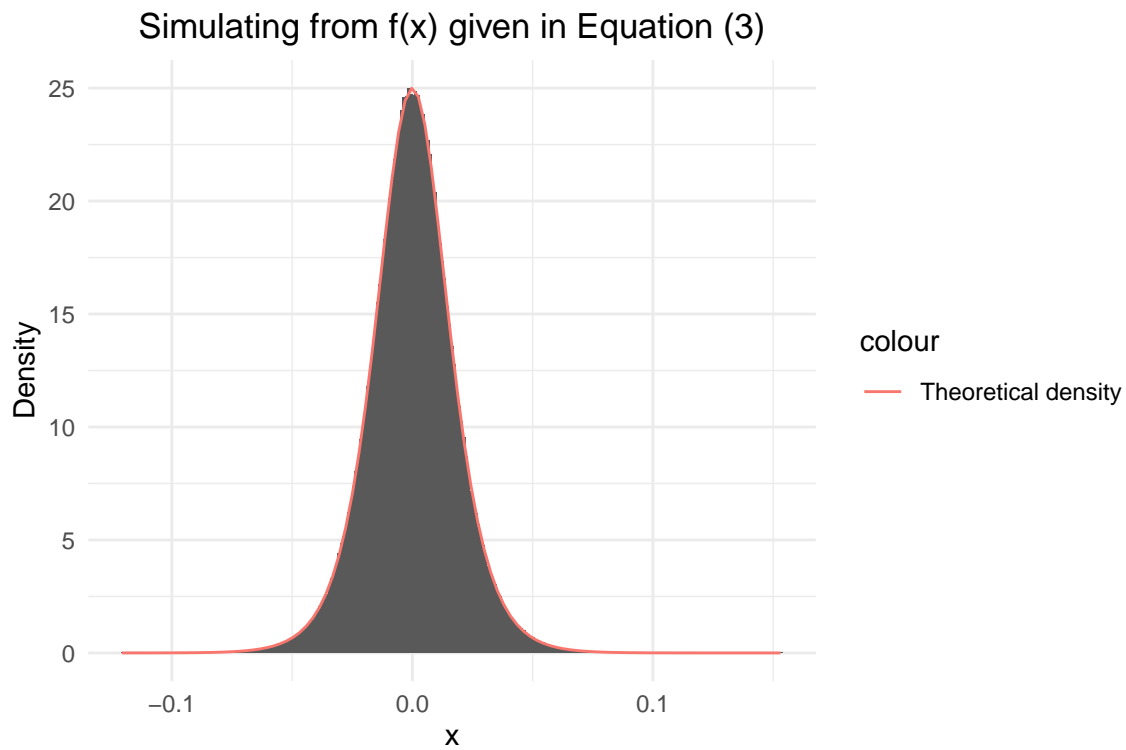


Figure 3: Normalized histogram of one million samples drawn from $f(x)$ given in Equation (3), together with the theoretical PDF, with $\alpha = 100$.

Letting $X \sim f(x)$ we may find the expected value to be

$$E(X) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} x f(x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\alpha x e^{\alpha x}}{(1 + e^{\alpha x})^2} dx = 0,$$

because of symmetry. This is confirmed in the following code block where we see that the sample mean is approximately zero. This also holds for all $\alpha > 0$.

```
mean(fx_samp)
```

```
## [1] 2.957973e-05
```

We may also find the variance of X to be

$$\text{Var}(X) = \text{E}(X^2) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\alpha x^2 e^{\alpha x}}{(1 + e^{\alpha x})^2} dx \approx 0.000329,$$

for $\alpha = 100$. This also corresponds to the sample variance as shown in the code block below.

```
var(fx_samp)
```

```
## [1] 0.0003288562
```


Subproblem 4.

Subproblem 5.

Problem B: The gamma distribution

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2.

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3.

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4.

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Problem C: Monte Carlo integration and variance reduction

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(a)

(b)

Problem D: Rejection sampling and importance sampling

1.

2.

3.

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