

9 Stochastic simulation

- Maybe talk about number generation
- Define cdf
- List requirements for inverse cdf
- Prove the below proposition
- Prove the Inverse Transformation Method

Det ønskes at simulere $U \sim \text{unif}[0, 1]$.

- Approximér $[0, 1]$ ved $\{0, \frac{1}{m}, \dots, \frac{m-1}{m}, 1\}$ for store m
- Ønskes at simulere $U = \frac{Y}{m}$, $Y \sim \text{unif}\{0, 1, \dots, m\}$
- Lad Y_0 være givet ved et seed
Lad $Y_{n+1} = aY_n + b$
- Så er sekvensen Y_1, Y_2, \dots en sekvens af i.i.d. RVer $\sim \text{unif}\{0, 1, \dots, m\}$

Any discrete distribution X which assumes values x_1, x_2, \dots with probability p_1, p_2, \dots can be simulated by parting $U \sim \text{unif}[0, 1]$ into subintervals of the p 's and assigning $X = x_k$ if U lands in the interval $[p_{k-1}, p_k]$.

Proposition 5.1 Consider the pmf p on the range $\{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$ and let

$$F_0 = 0, \quad F_k = \sum_{j=1}^k p(x_j), \quad k = 1, 2, \dots \quad (1)$$

Let $U \sim \text{unif}[0, 1]$ and let $X = x_k$ if $F_{k-1} < U \leq F_k$. Then X has pmf p .

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Note that $X = x_k$ if and only if $U \in (F_{k-1}, F_k]$, which has probability

$$P(X = x_k) = P(F_{k-1} < U \leq F_k) = F_k - F_{k-1} = p(x_k), \quad k = 1, 2, \dots \quad (2)$$

If the range is finite $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ we get $F_n = 1$.

Proposition 5.2 (The Inverse Transformation Method) Let F be a distribution function that is continuous and strictly increasing. Further, let $U \sim \text{unif}[0, 1]$ and define then random variable $Y = F^{-1}(U)$. Then Y has distribution function F .

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Let F_Y be distribution function of Y and let x be in range of Y :

$$\begin{aligned} F_Y(x) &= P(F^{-1}(U) \leq x) \\ &= P(U \leq F(x)) = F_U(F(x)) = F(x) \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 5.3 (The Rejection Method)

1. Generate Y and $U \sim \text{unif}[0, 1]$ independent of each other.
2. If $U \leq \frac{f(Y)}{cg(Y)}$, set $X = Y$. Otherwise return to step 1.

The random variable X generated by the algorithm has pdf f .

Bevis

Make sure the algorithm terminates. Calculate the probability of succes:

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(U \leq \frac{f(Y)}{cg(Y)}\right) &= \int_R P\left(U \leq \frac{f(Y)}{cg(Y)}\right) g(y) dy \\ &= \int_R \frac{f(y)}{cg(y)} g(y) dy = \frac{1}{c} \int_R f(y) dy = \frac{1}{c} \end{aligned}$$

where we used the independence of U and Y and the fact that $U \sim \text{unif}[0, 1]$. The probability of succes is $1/c$. Now we want to show that the conditional distribution of Y is the same as the distribution of X . Use conditional probabily:

$$P\left(Y \leq x | U \leq \frac{f(Y)}{cg(Y)}\right) = cP\left(Y \leq x, U \leq \frac{f(Y)}{cg(Y)}\right) \quad (3)$$

With independence we get joint pdf $f(u, y) = g(y)$.

$$\begin{aligned} cP\left(Y \leq x, U \leq \frac{f(Y)}{cg(Y)}\right) &= c \int_{-\infty}^x \int_0^{f(y)/cg(y)} g(y) dy \\ &= c \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{f(y)}{cg(y)} g(y) dy = P(X \leq x) \end{aligned}$$