

# DPT Exercise 6

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We want to use inverse transform sampling to sample  $X$  for each class  $Y \in \{0, 1\}$ . We proceed step by step.

- (i) Work out the required inverse transformation formulas “on paper”.
- (ii) Implement a function `generate_data(N: int)` that, provided an integer  $N$ , generates  $N$  realizations of  $(X, Y)$  and returns these observations in an array of shape  $(N, 2)$ . Then plot the empirical cumulative distribution functions (for example, `scipy.stats.ecdf`) and demonstrate that it coincides with the theoretical result from (i).
- (iii) To classify  $Y = 0$  (trout) and  $Y = 1$  (salmon), consider the following threshold-based classifiers with threshold  $x_t \in [0, 1]$ .

- Classifier A: For a fish with given size  $x$ , we predict it belongs to class

$$\hat{y} := f_{x_t}^{(A)}(x) := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \leq x_t , \\ 1 & \text{if } x > x_t . \end{cases}$$

- Classifier B (“Reverse of A”): For a fish with given size  $x$ , we predict it belongs to class

$$\hat{y} := f_{x_t}^{(B)}(x) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \leq x_t , \\ 0 & \text{if } x > x_t . \end{cases}$$

- Classifier C (“Guessing”): For any fish, we simply flip a coin, that is,

$$\hat{y} := f_{x_t}^{(C)}(x) := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{with prob. } \frac{1}{2} , \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} . \end{cases}$$

In other words,  $\hat{y} \sim \text{Ber}(\frac{1}{2})$ .

- Classifier D (“Everything’s a salmon”): We’re lazy and simply throw all fish into the salmon bucket, that is,

$$\hat{y} := f_{x_t}^{(D)}(x) := 1.$$

Calculate the *average error rate* for each of the classifiers in terms of  $x_t \in [0, 1]$  given by

$$\mathbb{E}_{X,Y} \left[ \chi_{\{f_{x_t}(X) \neq Y\}} \right] = \iint \chi_{\{f_{x_t}(x) \neq y\}}(x, y) p(x | y) p(y) dx dy$$

manually “on paper”.

- (iv) Confirm experimentally for  $x_t \in \{0.05, 0.1, 0.15, \dots, 0.9, 0.95\}$  that the computed error rates match empirical values (using a large number of samples generated as in (ii)). Repeat each of these tests with 10 different test datasets of the same size  $N$  (using different random seeds) and compute the mean and standard deviation of the estimated average error rates. Use the sample sizes  $N \in \{1000, 10000\}$ . How does the standard deviation of the estimated error rate decrease with increasing  $N$ ?

**Exercise 5 (Bonus).** Use inverse transform sampling to sample from a 2-dimensional Gaussian with

$$\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

More precisely:

- Derive the transformation to sample from a one dimensional Gaussian  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ .
- Coding:** Use the previous calculated transformation to sample from  $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma)$ . You can use the fact that  $AZ + b \sim \mathcal{N}(A\mu + b, A\Sigma A^T)$  for  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$  and  $b \in \mathbb{R}^d$  where  $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma)$ . (You can assume that  $A\Sigma A^T \succ 0$ .)  
[Hint: Use the Cholesky decomposition.]

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$$A = \{(x, y) \mid 0 \leq x \leq y\}$$

$$A_x = \{y \in \mathbb{R} \mid y \geq x; x \geq 0 \text{ fixed } x \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}\}$$

$$A_y = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \leq y \text{ for fixed } y \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}\}$$

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» side computations:

$$p_{X|Y=y}(x) = \frac{p_{X,Y}(x,y)}{p_Y(y)} \quad \Rightarrow \quad p_Y(y) \gg \text{Marginal density}$$

$$= \frac{\cancel{e^{-y}} \cdot \chi_A(x,y)}{\cancel{e^{-y}} \cdot y} = \frac{1}{y} \cdot \chi_A(x,y)$$

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*the law of total probability*

$$\begin{aligned} p_Z(z) &= P(Z=z) = P(X+Y=z) \\ &= \int_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \underbrace{P(X+Y=z \mid X=x)}_{= P(Y=z-x \mid X=x)} \cdot \underbrace{P(X=x)}_{p_X(x)} dx \\ &= P(Y=z-x \mid X=x) \cdot \bullet \\ &= P_Y(z-x \mid X=x) \quad X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y \\ &= P_Y(z-x) \end{aligned}$$

by def;  $X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y$  (both cont. RV's)

$$p_{X,Y}(x,y) = p_X(x) \cdot p_Y(y)$$

$$\Rightarrow p_{X|Y}(x) = p_X(x), \quad p_{Y|X}(y) = p_Y(y)$$

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$$= \lambda^2 \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda(z-y+y)} \cdot \underbrace{\mathbb{1}\{z-y \geq 0\} \cdot \mathbb{1}\{y \geq 0\}}_{\substack{(*) = \mathbb{1}\{z \geq y \wedge y \geq 0\} = \mathbb{1}\{z \geq y \geq 0\} = \mathbb{1}\{y \in [0, z]\}}} dy$$

$$= \lambda^2 \cdot e^{-\lambda z} \cdot \chi_{\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}}(z) \cdot \int_0^z 1 dy = \lambda^2 \cdot e^{-\lambda z} \cdot z \cdot \chi_{\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}}(z) = \begin{cases} \lambda^2 z e^{-\lambda z} & \text{if } z \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^n P(X=n) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{1}_{\{1 \leq k \leq n\}} \cdot P(X=n)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{1}_{\{k \geq 1\}} \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} P(X=n)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P(X \geq k)$$

}  $P(X=0) = 0$  ?  
or  $\mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$  ?

(ii)  $P_{\text{Geo}(p)}(x) = p \cdot (1-p)^{x-1}$  ; Cheat sheet! GEOMETRIC SERIES ;  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} q^k = \frac{1-q^{n+1}}{1-q}$  ;  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} q^k = \frac{1}{1-q}$

(for  $x \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 1}$ ) (for  $q \in (0,1)$ )

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P(X \geq n) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \underline{1 - P(X \leq n-1)}$$

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$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-p)^{n-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1-p)^n$$

$$= \frac{1}{1-(1-p)} = 1/p$$

index shift +  $P(X=0)=0$

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index shift

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$u \sim \text{Unif}([0, 1])$   
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$$\Leftrightarrow -(x-1)^2 + 1 = u \Leftrightarrow x = 1 + \sqrt{1-u}$$

$Y = 1$ :  $F_{X|Y=1}(x) = x^2 \cdot \cancel{\chi_{[0,1]}(x)} := u \Leftrightarrow x =$

$$\begin{aligned} 2x - x^2 &= u \\ -(x^2 - 2x + 1) + 1 &= u \\ -(x-1)^2 + 1 &= u \\ (x-1)^2 &= 1-u \end{aligned}$$

- (i) Work out the required inverse transformation formulas “on paper”.
- (ii) Implement a function `generate_data(N: int)` that, provided an integer  $N$ , generates  $N$  realizations of  $(X, Y)$  and returns these observations in an array of shape  $(N, 2)$ . Then plot the empirical cumulative distribution functions (for example, `scipy.stats.ecdf`) and demonstrate that it coincides with the theoretical result from (i).

(iii) To classify  $Y = 0$  (trout) and  $Y = 1$  (salmon), consider the following threshold-based classifiers with threshold  $x_t \in [0, 1]$ .

- Classifier A: For a fish with given size  $x$ , we predict it belongs to class

$$\hat{y} := f_{x_t}^{(A)}(x) := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \leq x_t, \\ 1 & \text{if } x > x_t. \end{cases}$$

- Classifier B ("Reverse of A"): For a fish with given size  $x$ , we predict it belongs to class

$$\hat{y} := f_{x_t}^{(B)}(x) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \leq x_t, \\ 0 & \text{if } x > x_t. \end{cases}$$

- Classifier C ("Guessing"): For any fish, we simply flip a coin, that is,

$$\hat{y} := f_{x_t}^{(C)}(x) := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{with prob. } \frac{1}{2}, \\ 1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

In other words,  $\hat{y} \sim \text{Ber}(\frac{1}{2})$ .

- Classifier D ("Everything's a salmon"): We're lazy and simply throw all fish into the salmon bucket, that is,

$$\hat{y} := f_{x_t}^{(D)}(x) := 1.$$

Calculate the *average error rate* for each of the classifiers in terms of  $x_t \in [0, 1]$  given by

$$\mathbb{E}_{X,Y} [\chi_{\{f_{x_t}(X) \neq Y\}}] = \iint \chi_{\{f_{x_t}(x) \neq y\}}(x, y) p(x | y) p(y) dx dy$$

manually "on paper".

$$\begin{aligned} (*) \quad \mathbb{E}_{X,Y} [\chi_{\{f_{x_t}^{(A)}(X) \neq Y\}}] &= \iint \chi_{\{f_{x_t}^{(A)}(x) \neq y\}} \cdot p(x|y) \cdot p(y) dx dy \\ &= \int \sum_{y \in \{0,1\}} \chi_{\{f_{x_t}^{(A)}(x) \neq y\}} \cdot p(x|y) \cdot p(y) dx \\ &= \int_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \chi_{\{f_{x_t}^{(A)}(x) = 1\}} \cdot p(x|y=0) \cdot p(y=0) dx + \int_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \chi_{\{f_{x_t}^{(A)}(x) = 0\}} \cdot p(x|y=1) \cdot p(y=1) dx \\ &\quad \begin{array}{l} \text{red wavy line under } \chi_{\{f_{x_t}^{(A)}(x) = 1\}} \rightarrow x > x_t \quad \checkmark \quad \frac{1}{2} \\ \text{red wavy line under } \chi_{\{f_{x_t}^{(A)}(x) = 0\}} \rightarrow x \leq x_t \quad \checkmark \quad \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \\ &\quad \begin{array}{l} 2(1-x) \cdot \chi_{[0,1]}(x) \\ 2x \cdot \chi_{[0,1]}(x) \end{array} \\ &\gg x_t \in (0,1) \\ &= \int_{x_t}^1 1-x dx + \int_0^{x_t} x dx = \left[ x - \frac{1}{2} x^2 \right]_{x_t}^1 + \left[ \frac{1}{2} x^2 \right]_0^{x_t} \quad \text{⚡} \end{aligned}$$

- (iv) Confirm experimentally for  $x_t \in \{0.05, 0.1, 0.15, \dots, 0.9, 0.95\}$  that the computed error rates match empirical values (using a large number of samples generated as in (ii)). Repeat each of these tests with 10 different test datasets of the same size  $N$  (using different random seeds) and compute the mean and standard deviation of the estimated average error rates. Use the sample sizes  $N \in \{1000, 10000\}$ . How does the standard deviation of the estimated error rate decrease with increasing  $N$ ?