

Your Turn

We want to use the following distribution for inference, where we know the shape, but not the full distributional form.

$$f(x) = c \frac{\log(x)}{1+x^2}, \quad x \in [1, \pi]$$

What do we need for this to be a valid pdf?

We need $\int_1^\pi f(x) dx = \int_1^\pi c \frac{\log(x)}{1+x^2} dx = 1$

$\int_1^\pi \frac{\log(x)}{1+x^2} dx = \frac{1}{c}$

① estimate c using MC integration.

using $f \sim \text{Unif}(1, \pi)$, $m = 10000$.

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① find g (write integral as an expected value)

② make plan (write pseudo code)

③ do it! (write code)

→ easy to also estimate $\text{Var}(\hat{\theta})$.

$f(x) = \text{pdf Unif}(1, \pi)$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^\pi \frac{\log(x)}{1+x^2} dx &= \int_1^\pi \frac{\log(x)}{1+x^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\pi-1} dx \\ &= \int_1^\pi \underbrace{\frac{\log(x)}{1+x^2}}_{g(x)} \cdot \underbrace{(\pi-1) \cdot \frac{1}{\pi-1}}_{f(x)} dx \\ &\Rightarrow g(x) = \frac{\log(x)}{1+x^2} \cdot (\pi-1) \end{aligned}$$

② Importance sampling using

$$\phi \sim N(1, 1)$$

→ ① write our integral as expected value wrt ϕ . → write out integral incorporating importance weights.

② make plan (write pseudo code)

③ do it!

③ $f(x) = \frac{\log(x)}{1+x^2}$ for $x \in [1, \pi]$.

$\hat{\theta} = \frac{\int_1^\pi \frac{\log(x)}{1+x^2} dx}{\int_1^\pi \frac{\log(x)}{1+x^2} dx}$ have $\hat{\theta}$

How to sample?
Accept-reject!

need to choose $e(x)$ envelope!

let $e(x) = d \cdot \underbrace{g(x)}^{\frac{1}{\pi-1}}$, let $g(x) \sim \text{Unif}[1, \pi]$.
 $x \in [1, \pi]$

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find d based on $\max f(x)$ between $[1, \pi]$

need $e(x) \geq f(x) \quad \forall x$

① Find $e(x)$

② get $n=1000$ samples from $f(x)$ using Accept-reject method.