

## Exercise 1: Introduction To Simulation Methods

1. Let  $X \sim \mathcal{U}(0, 1)$ . Show graphically that the sample mean  $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i$  converges to a normal distribution  $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ . What is  $(\mu, \sigma^2)$  as a function of  $N$ ?
2. Let  $X \sim \mathcal{E}(1)$  and  $Y \sim \mathcal{G}(3, 2)$ . Let  $(\bar{X}, \hat{\sigma}_X^2)$  and  $(\bar{Y}, \hat{\sigma}_Y^2)$  be the sample mean and variance of  $X$  and  $Y$  respectively. Show graphically that

$$Z = \frac{\bar{X} - \bar{Y}}{\sqrt{\frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{N_X}}}$$

converges to the standard normal distribution as  $N_X \rightarrow \infty$  and  $N_Y \rightarrow \infty$ .

3. Let  $X \sim \mathcal{C}$ , where  $\mathcal{C}$  denotes the standard Cauchy distribution. Show graphically that the sample mean  $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i$  does not converge to a normal distribution as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .