

Assignment IX: Monte Carlo Applications

Due 11/2/2015

1. Multi-Dimensional Integration

Evaluate the 10-dimensional integral

$$I = \int_0^1 dx_1 \int_0^1 dx_2 \cdots \int_0^1 dx_{10} (x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_{10})^2. \quad (1)$$

Check your numerical answer against the analytic result 155/6.

- (a) Conduct 16 trials and take the average as your answer.
- (b) Try sample sizes of $N = 2, 4, 8, \dots, 8192$.
- (c) Plot the absolute value of the error versus $1/\sqrt{N}$ and try to identify linear behavior.

2. 3D Integration with Importance Sampling

Consider the integral defined in a box with length 1

$$\int dx x \rho(\mathbf{x}) \equiv \int_0^1 dx \int_0^1 dy \int_0^1 dz \rho(x, y, z) \quad (2)$$

with

$$\rho(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{1+x^2} y e^{-y^2} \frac{e^{-z}}{\sqrt{z}} \quad (3)$$

- (a) Evaluate this integral in a similar fashion as in Problem 2, i.e. use the built in random number generator. Conduct at least 8 runs and plot your answer as function of $1/\sqrt{N}$. Estimate the correct answer.
- (b) Employ importance sampling and use the built in random number generator to evaluate the integral. Use logarithmic maps in y and z direction and a tangent map in x direction. Use that

$$\int dx \frac{1}{1+x^2} = \arctan x \quad (4)$$

$$\int dy e^{-y} = e^{-y} \quad (5)$$

Proceed analogously as demonstrated in the code *log_car_sob.f90*. Conduct at least 8 runs and plot your answer as function of $1/\sqrt{N}$. Assess how much the importance sampling improves your calculation, i.e. determine if a smaller number N is sufficient to reach the same results as (a). Plot your answer as function of $1/\sqrt{N}$.

- (c) Employ importance sampling and use the quasi-random numbers generated by the Sobol sequence to obtain the result (code *log_car_sob.f90*). Plot your answer as function of $1/N$. Assess the difference in computational effort between the Sobol sequence and the built in random number generator.
- (d) Calculate the same integral using Gaussian quadrature. Estimate the error as function of x , y , and z , and find your optimum set of points. Compare with the Monte Carlo integration.
- (e) Compare the cpu-time needed to obtain the results for (a), (b), (c), and (d) for an accuracy of your choice, but at least 2 significant figures.