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Problem Set 2, Due: Mar. 18, 2025

(1) Use the probability integral transformation method to simulate from the distribution

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{a^2}x, & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq a \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where $a > 0$. Set a value for a , simulate various sample sizes, and compare results to the true distribution.

Question 1: Probability Integral Transformation

Given the probability density function:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{a^2}x, & 0 \leq x \leq a \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

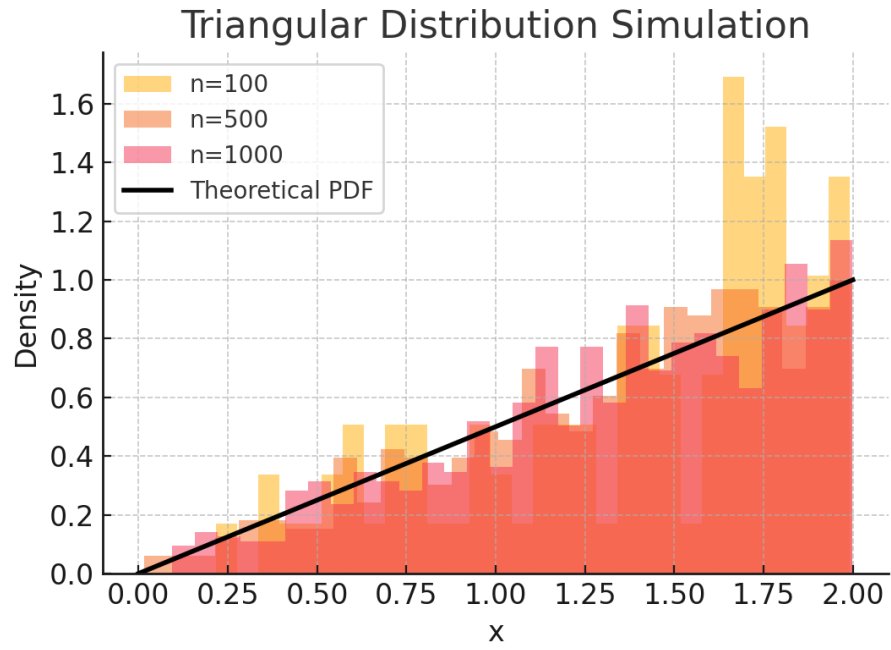
We use the inverse transform method:

$$F(x) = \int_0^x \frac{2}{a^2}t dt = \frac{x^2}{a^2}. \quad (3)$$

Solving for x in terms of $U \sim U(0,1)$:

$$x = a\sqrt{U}. \quad (4)$$

We simulate samples for different sizes and compare them with the theoretical distribution.



(2) Generate samples from the distribution

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{3}e^{-2x} + 2e^{-3x} \quad (5)$$

using the finite mixture approach.

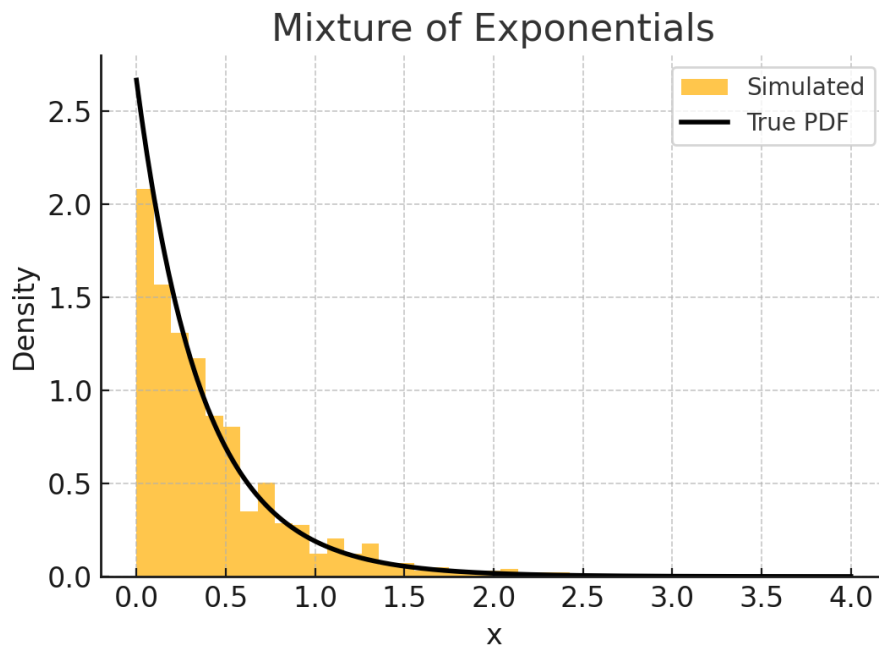
Question 2: Mixture of Exponentials

The given density function is:

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{3}e^{-2x} + 2e^{-3x}. \quad (6)$$

We use the finite mixture approach where each component is selected with equal probability. The sampling method follows:

- Generate $U \sim U(0, 1)$.
- If $U < 0.5$, sample $X \sim \text{Exp}(2)$, else sample $X \sim \text{Exp}(3)$.



(3) Draw 500 observations from $\text{Beta}(3,3)$ using the accept-reject algorithm. Compute the mean and variance of the sample and compare them to the true values.

Question 3: Beta(3,3) using Accept-Reject

Using $g(x) = U(0,1)$ as the proposal distribution, we have:

$$f(x) = \frac{\Gamma(6)}{\Gamma(3)\Gamma(3)} x^2(1-x)^2. \quad (7)$$

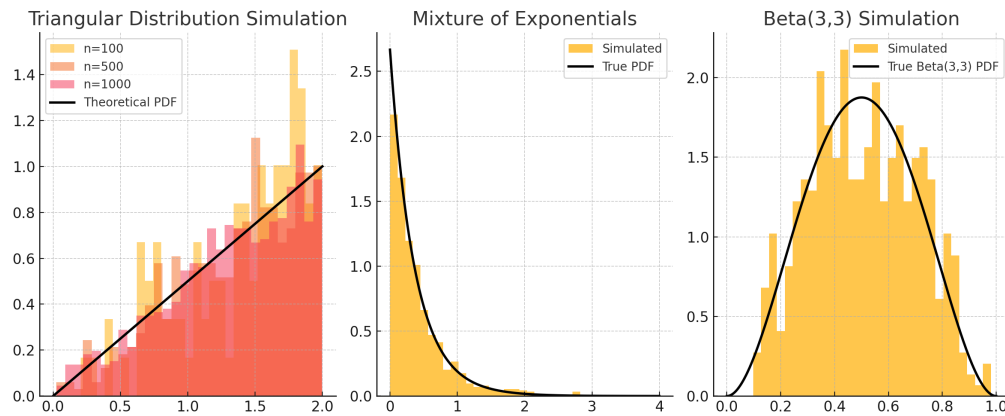
The constant c is chosen such that:

$$c \geq \sup_x \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 1.5. \quad (8)$$

The accept-reject algorithm follows:

- Generate $Y \sim U(0,1)$.
- Generate $U \sim U(0,1)$.
- Accept Y if $U \leq \frac{f(Y)}{cg(Y)}$.

The empirical mean and variance are compared with theoretical values.



Empirical Mean: 0.508045063498666, Theoretical Mean: 0.5

Empirical Variance: 0.03895205175094688, Theoretical Variance: 0.0278