# Homework 3 (STAT 5860)

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#### **Instructions:**

- 1. Download the Homework3.Rmd file from the course Elearning.
- 2. Open Homework3.Rmd in RStudio.
- 3. Replace the "Your Name Here" text in the author with your own name.
- 4. Write your answer to each problem by editing Homework3.Rmd.
- 5. After you finish all the problems, click Knit to PDF to create a pdf file. Upload your pdf file to Homework 1 Dropbox in the course Elearning.

### Set the seed number

```
set.seed(224)
```

Problem 1. The Rayleigh distribution is used to model lifetime subject to rapid aging, because the hazard rate is linearly increasing. The Rayleigh density is

$$f(x) = \frac{x}{\sigma^2} e^{-x^2/(2\sigma^2)}, \quad x \ge 0, \sigma > 0.$$

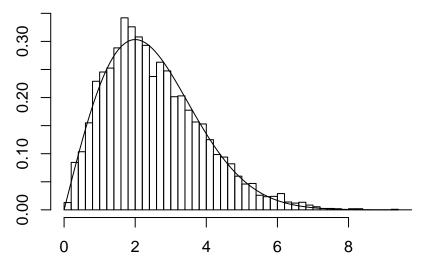
(a) Use the Metropolis-Hastings algorithm to generate a random sample of size 10000 from the Rayleigh  $(\sigma = 2)$  distribution. Use the proposal distribution  $Gamma(X_t, 1)$  (shape parameter  $X_t$  and rate parameter 1). (Hint: Use rgamma() and dgamma())

```
x[i+1] <- xp
}
else{
    x[i+1] <- x[i]
}</pre>
```

(b) Plot the density histogram of the sample and add the theoretical density curve f(x) to the density histogram.

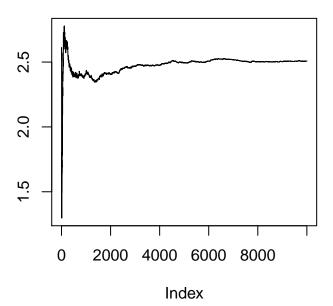
```
hist(x, prob = TRUE, xlab = "", ylab = "", breaks = 50)
lines(seq(0,10,.01), rayliegh(seq(0,10,.01)))
```

# Histogram of x



(c) Find the Monte Carlo estimate of  $\mathrm{E}_f(X)$  and draw a plot to show the convergence of the MCMC approximation.

```
mean(x)
```



Problem 2. The Cauchy distribution has density function

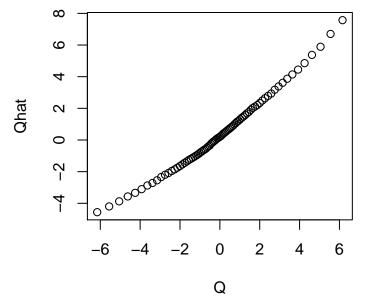
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\theta \pi \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{x - \eta}{\theta} \right)^2 \right]}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \theta > 0.$$

(a) Use the Metropolis algorithm to generate a random sample of size 10000 from the Cauchy distribution  $(\theta = 2, \eta = 0)$ . Here  $\theta$  is scale parameter and  $\eta$  is location parameter.

```
n <- 10000
x \leftarrow rep(0,n)
cauch <- function(x) {</pre>
  1/(2*pi*(1+(x^2/4)))
q <- function(x) {</pre>
  rnorm(1, mean = x, sd = 4)
x[1] < 0
for (i in 1:n) {
  xp \leftarrow q(x[i])
  alpha <- min(1, cauch(xp)/(cauch(x[i])))</pre>
  if (runif(1) < alpha){</pre>
          x[i+1] \leftarrow xp
     }
     else{
         x[i+1] \leftarrow x[i]
     }
}
```

(b) Compute the sample percentiles and compare with the Cauchy distribution  $(\theta = 2, \eta = 0)$  percentiles. (Hint: Use qcauchy())

```
p <- seq(0.1,0.9, 0.01)
Qhat <- quantile(x,p)
Q <- qcauchy(p, scale = 2, location = 0)
plot(Q,Qhat)</pre>
```



Problem 3. Let X = the number of heads obtained from flipping a fair coin four times. Here, we have that there are 4 trials, "success" is defined as getting a head face-up with probability of 0.5 for each trial, and the outcome of one trial doesn't affect another.

(a) Use the Metropolis algorithm to simulate X, 50000 times.

```
n <- 50000
x \leftarrow rep(0,n)
mass <- dbinom(0:4, 4, .5)
S \leftarrow c(1:5)
Q \leftarrow matrix(rep(.2, 25), nrow = 5, ncol = 5)
x[1] <- 2
for(i in 1:n){
     xp \leftarrow sample(S, 1, prob = Q[x[i], ])
     alpha <- min(1, mass[xp]/mass[x[i]])</pre>
     if (runif(1) < alpha){</pre>
          x[i+1] \leftarrow xp
     }
     else{
          x[i+1] \leftarrow x[i]
     }
}
table(x)/(n+1)
```

## x

## 1 2 3 4 5 ## 0.06107878 0.25535489 0.37363253 0.24685506 0.06307874

(b) Find the Monte Carlo estimate of E(X).

$$E(X) = np = 4(.5) = 2$$

```
n <- 50000
u <- runif(n)
z <- rbinom(u, 4, .5)
mean(z)</pre>
```

## [1] 2.00118

(c) Find the Monte Carlo estimate of Var(X). (Hint:  $Var(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2$ )

$$Var(X) = np(1-p) = 4(.5)(.5) = 1$$

```
n <- 50000
u <- runif(n)
z <- rbinom(u, 4, .5)
mean((z - mean(z))^2)</pre>
```

## [1] 1.003099