Project 1_3

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0.1 3: Importance sampling for random walks

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[2]: import numpy as np import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
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0.1.1 3.1 1-D Bernoulli random walk

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[3]: x = 0.5
N = 100
length = 1
# left or right: 0 or 1
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0.1.2 2.1 (a) Below:

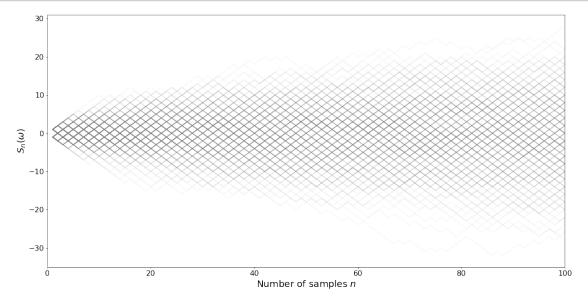
• define random walk sampler to pass to random walk simulation

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[4]: def random_walk_sampler(num_steps):
    """ Generate a set of steps for a random walk"""
    X = np.random.rand(num_steps) # samples from a uniform
    # Inverse CDF Trick
    X[X > 0.5] = 1.0
    X[X < 0.5] = -1.0
    return X</pre>
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[5]: def random_walk(num_samples, sample_generator, cumsum=False):
    samples = sample_generator(num_samples)
    if cumsum is False:
        estimate = np.sum(samples, axis=0)
    else:
        estimate = np.cumsum(samples, axis=0)
    return estimate, samples
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Generating random walk paths

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[6]: g = lambda x: x # identity function
num_trials = 500
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0.1.3 2.1(b)

- define Monte carlo function below
- then define another function that computes cases when S>10

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[8]: num_trials = 10**5
    def monte_carlo_probability(sample_paths_vs_n, threshold):
        N_paths, _ = sample_paths_vs_n.shape
        s_estimates_satisfy_condition = np.any( sample_paths_vs_n[:,-1:] >
        threshold, axis = 1 ) # Choose last element which corresponds to N = 100
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s_estimate = np.sum(s_estimates_satisfy_condition) / float(N_paths)
return s_estimate
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[9]: estimator_vals = np.zeros((num_trials, num_samples))
for trial in range(num_trials):
    estimator_vals[trial, :], _ = random_walk(num_samples, random_walk_sampler,u_cumsum=True)

threshold = 10
print("P(S>10) = ", monte_carlo_probability(estimator_vals, threshold))

threshold = 55
print("P(S>55) = ", monte_carlo_probability(estimator_vals, threshold))

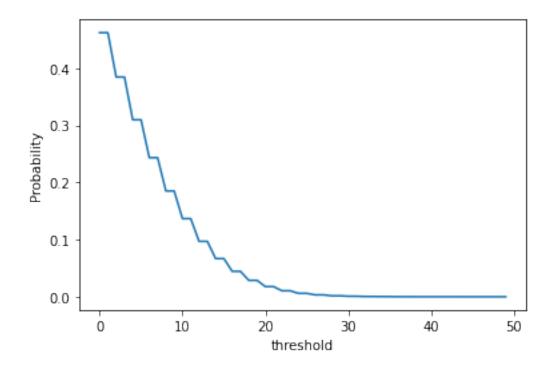
probs = []
for threshold in range(50):
    probs.append(monte_carlo_probability(estimator_vals, threshold))

plt.plot(probs)
plt.xlabel('threshold')
plt.ylabel('Probability')

P(S>10) = 0.13676
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P(S>50) = 0.13676P(S>55) = 0.0

[9]: Text(0, 0.5, 'Probability')



Therefore, probability for steps > about 25 is too low and cannot be computed with standard monte carlo easily. We need importance sampling.

0.1.4 Actual probability can be calculated as follows:

$$P(S>10) = 1 - P(S<=10)$$

Suppose +1 is chosen k times and -1 is chosen 100-k times. Then position at end = $k(1) + (100 - k)(-1) = 2k - 100 \le 10$. Therefore, $k \le 55$.

$$P(S \le 10) = \sum_{k=0}^{55} \binom{n}{k} (0.5)^k (0.5)^{100-k} \tag{1}$$

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[10]: # Actual Probability
from math import factorial
def comb(n, k):
    return factorial(n) / factorial(k) / factorial(n - k)

prob = 0
for k in range(56):
    prob = prob + comb(100,k)
print(prob)
prob = prob * 0.5**100
print("Actual P(S>10) = ", 1 - prob)
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1.09572357083777e+30

Actual P(S>10) = 0.13562651203691733

0.1.5 2.1 (c)

- Importance sampling with 10^5 trials for P(S>55)
- Next we try importance sampling with a proposal DISCRETE distribution that puts more probability on getting $X_i = 1$.

$$P(1) = 0.8, P(-1) = 0.2$$

This is because, we want to use importance sampling on X_i and therefore the only way we can do this is by shidting probability towards 1.0

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[11]: shift = 0.1

def shifted_random_walk_sampler(num_steps):
    """ Generate a set of steps for a random walk"""

X = np.random.rand(num_steps) # samples from a uniform
# Inverse CDF Trick

X[X > shift] = 1.0

X[X < shift] = -1.0</pre>
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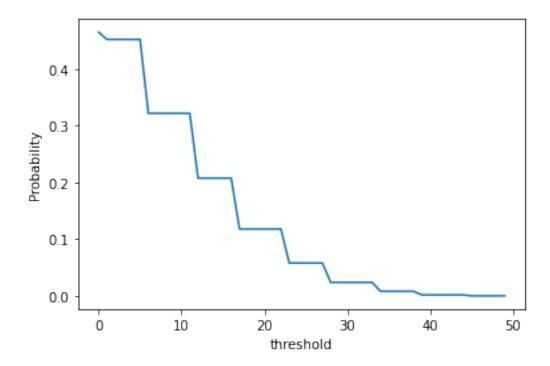
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return X

def prob_normal_walk(sample):
    return 0.5

def prob_shifted_walk(sample):
    if sample>0:
        return 1 - shift
    else:
        return shift
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P(S>55) = 5e-05

[13]: Text(0, 0.5, 'Probability')



Actual probability can be calculated as follows: P(S>55) = 1 - P(S<=55)

Suppose +1 is chosen k times and -1 is chosen 100-k times. Then position at end = $k(1) + (100 - k)(-1) = 2k - 100 \le 55$. Therefore, $k \le 77.5$.

$$P(S \le 55) = \sum_{k=0}^{77} \binom{n}{k} (0.5)^k (0.5)^{100-k}$$
 (2)

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[14]: # Actual Probability
from math import factorial
def comb(n, k):
    return factorial(n) / factorial(k) / factorial(n - k)

prob = 0
for k in range(78):
    prob = prob + comb(100,k)
print(prob)
prob = prob * 0.5**100
print("Actual P(S>55) = ", 1 - prob)
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1.26765059014703e+30
Actual P(S>55) = 7.952664082822025e-09
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0.1.6 2.1 (e) (i) Monte Carlo errors

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[15]: def mc_estimate_of_probability(num_trials, num_samples, threshold=10):
          estimator_vals = np.zeros((num_trials, num_samples))
          for trial in range(num_trials):
              estimator_vals[trial, :], _ = random_walk(num_samples,_
       →random_walk_sampler, cumsum=True)
          return monte_carlo_probability(estimator_vals, threshold)
      def replicates(num_replicate, num_samples, true_value, threshold=10):
          # One replicate
          probability_estimates = np.zeros(num_replicate)
          for run in range(num replicate):
              probability_estimates[run] = mc_estimate_of_probability(100000,__
       →num_samples, threshold)
          print(probability_estimates)
          std error =np.std(probability estimates) #/np.sqrt(num replicate) sigma/
       \rightarrowsqrt(n) is the std deviation of Sn. Therefore no need to divide by sqrt(n)
          print("std error", z*std_error)
          success = 0
          for run in range(num_replicate):
              Sn = probability_estimates[run]
              bound_lower = Sn - z*std_error
              bound_upper = Sn + z*std_error
              if true_value<=bound_upper and true_value>=bound_lower:
                  success = success + 1
          return success/num replicate
      replicates(100, num_samples, 0.135626, threshold=10)
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[0.13598 0.13477 0.13452 0.13491 0.1336 0.13649 0.13559 0.1361 0.13313 0.13535 0.13596 0.13527 0.13486 0.13466 0.13426 0.13501 0.13645 0.13719 0.13551 0.13588 0.13477 0.13633 0.13546 0.13496 0.13495 0.13589 0.13564 0.1377 0.13507 0.13565 0.1364 0.13749 0.13763 0.13528 0.13582 0.13562 0.13514 0.13512 0.13609 0.13777 0.1339 0.13546 0.13396 0.13404 0.13496 0.13661 0.13458 0.13584 0.13555 0.1365 0.1365 0.13624 0.1366 0.13745 0.13442 0.13601 0.13623 0.13391 0.1351 0.13464 0.13334 0.13458 0.13615
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0.13449 0.13491 0.13586 0.13686 0.13809 0.13721 0.13521 0.1352 0.13522
      0.13545 0.13684 0.13497 0.13573 0.13709 0.13572 0.13508 0.1348 0.13637
            0.1341 0.13814 0.13536 0.13784 0.13764 0.13433 0.13411 0.13517
      0.134277
     std error 0.002182282648971026
[15]: 0.95
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[51]: def monte_carlo_probability_running_mean(sample_paths_vs_n, threshold):
         N_paths, _ = sample_paths_vs_n.shape
         s_estimate = []
         for i in range(np.shape(sample paths vs n)[0]):
             s_estimates_satisfy_condition = np.any( sample_paths_vs_n[0:i,-1:] > __
      \hookrightarrowthreshold, axis = 1 ) # Choose last element which corresponds to N = 100
             s_estimate.append(np.sum(s_estimates_satisfy_condition) /__
      →float(N_paths))
         return s_estimate
     def mc_estimate_of_probability_running_mean(num_trials, num_samples,_
      →threshold=10):
         estimator_vals = np.zeros((num_trials, num_samples))
         for trial in range(num_trials):
             estimator_vals[trial, :], _ = random_walk(num_samples,_
      →random_walk_sampler, cumsum=True)
         return monte_carlo_probability_running_mean(estimator_vals, threshold)
     def replicates_running_mean(num_replicate, num_samples, true_value,_
      →threshold=10):
         # One replicate
         probability_estimates = np.zeros((num_replicate, 100000))
         for run in range(num_replicate):
             probability estimates[run,:] =
      →mc_estimate_of_probability_running_mean(100000, num_samples, threshold)
         print("estimator shape", np.shape(probability_estimates))
         return probability_estimates
     num_replicate = 2
     probability_estimates = replicates_running_mean(num_replicate,num_samples, 0.
       \hookrightarrow 135626, threshold=10)
     estimator shape (2, 100000)
[57]: # plt.plot(probability estimates)
     np.sum(probability_estimates>0.13)
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[57]: 6179
 []: def calculate success rates(probability_estimates, num_replicate)
          std_error =np.std(probability_estimates, axis=0) #/np.sqrt(num_replicate)_
       \hookrightarrow sigma/sqrt(n) is the std deviation of Sn. Therefore no need to divide by
       \rightarrow sqrt(n)
          print("std error", z*std_error)
          success = np.zeros(100000)
          for run in range(100000):
              Sn = probability_estimates[:, run]
              for i in range(num_replicate):
                  bound_lower = Sn[i] - z*std_error[i]
                  bound_upper = Sn[i] + z*std_error[i]
                  if true_value<=bound_upper and true_value>=bound_lower:
                      success[run] = success[run] + 1
          return success/num_replicate
      success_rates = calculate_success_rates(probability_estimates, num_replicate)
[50]: np.shape(success_rates)
      success_rates
[50]: array([0., 0., 0., ..., 0., 0., 0.])
     0.2 2.2 3-D Gaussian Random Walk
     2.2(a)
[21]: def Gaussian_random_walk_sampler(num_steps):
          """ Generate a set of steps for a random walk"""
          num_dim = 3
          X = np.random.normal(size = (num_dim,num_steps)) # samples from a uniform
          return X
      def gaussian_random_walk(num_samples, sample_generator, cumsum=False):
          samples = sample_generator(num_samples)
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if cumsum is False:

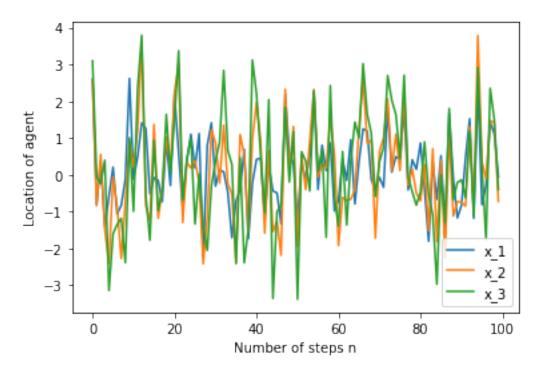
return estimate, samples

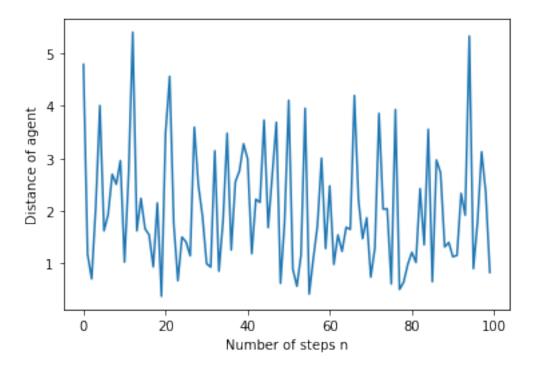
else:

estimate = np.sum(samples, axis=0)

estimate = np.cumsum(samples, axis=0)

[22]: Text(0, 0.5, 'Distance of agent')





$0.2.1 \quad 2.2(b)$

(100000, 100)

0.2.2 Calculating probabilities

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[27]: threshold = 10

print("P(|S|>10) = ", monte_carlo_probability(estimator_gaussian_vals, u

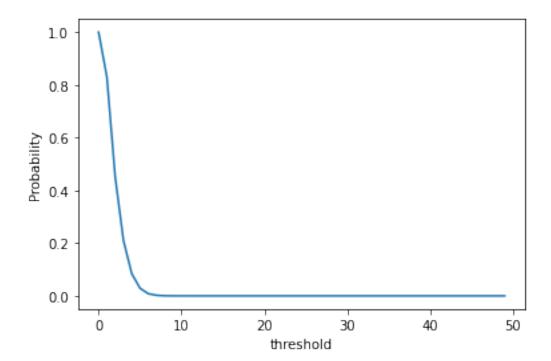
→threshold))

probs = []

for threshold in range(50):

    probs.append(monte_carlo_probability(estimator_gaussian_vals, threshold))
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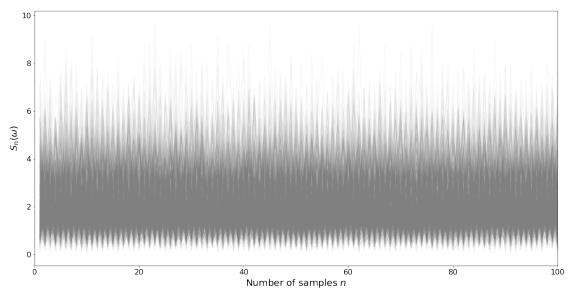
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P(|S|>10) = 1e-05
P(|S|>55) = 0.0
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Note here that the above probability variance is very high even with num_trials = 10^5 . Most of the times, the probability will come out to be 0. Other times it is 10^{-5}

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[159]: # plt.figure(figsize=(20,10))
# plt.plot(np.arange(1, num_samples+1), estimator_gaussian_vals.T,

color='grey', alpha=0.05)
# plt.ylabel(r'$S_n(\omega)$', fontsize=20)
# plt.xlabel(r'Number of samples $n$', fontsize=20)
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0.2.3 2.2 (c)

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return 1/np.sqrt(2*np.pi)*np.exp(-(sample-shift_gaussian)**2/2)
      def gaussian random walk weighted(num samples, sample generator, cumsum=False):
          samples = sample_generator(num_samples)
          weighted_samples = np.asarray([ sample * prob_normal_gaussian_walk(sample) /
       → prob_shifted_gaussian_walk(sample) for sample in samples])
          if cumsum is False:
              estimate = np.sum(weighted_samples, axis=0)
          else:
              estimate = np.cumsum(weighted_samples, axis=0)
          return estimate, samples
[29]: num trials = 10**5
      estimator_vals_importance = np.zeros((num_trials, num_samples))
      for trial in range(num trials):
          path, _ = gaussian_random_walk_weighted(num_samples,_
       ⇒shifted_Gaussian_random_walk_sampler, cumsum=True)
          estimator_vals_importance[trial, :] = np.linalg.norm(path, axis=0)
      threshold = 55
      print("P(S>55) = ", monte_carlo_importance(estimator_vals_importance,_
      →threshold))
      probs = []
      for threshold in range(50):
          probs.append(monte_carlo_importance(estimator_vals_importance, threshold))
      plt.plot(probs)
      plt.xlabel('threshold')
      plt.ylabel('Probability')
     P(S>55) = 0.00272
[29]: Text(0, 0.5, 'Probability')
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