

## Exercise 1

### Problem A: Stochastic simulation by the probabilty integral transform and bi-variate techniques

1.

We are going to generate samples from an exponential distribution with rate parameter  $\lambda$ , and the number of samples is  $n$ . Let  $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$ . This gives pdf and cdf

$$f(x) = \lambda \exp(-\lambda x)$$

$$F(x) = 1 - \exp(-\lambda x)$$

The inversion method can be used for generate samples from the exponential distribution. First random variable  $U$  is generated from the standard uniform distribution in interval  $[0, 1]$ . Then  $X = F^{-1}(U)$ . The algorithm is then

$$u \sim U[0, 1]$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{\lambda} \log(u)$$

return  $x$

```
generate_exponential <- function(n, lambda)
{
  u <- runif(n)
  x <- -(1/lambda) * log(u)
  return(x)
}
```

Below the function is used with  $n = 10000$  and  $\lambda = 3$ . The result is plotted against the theoretical distribution.

```
library(ggplot2)

theoretical_f_1 <- function(x, lambda)
{
  return(lambda * exp(-lambda * x))
}

set.seed(2)
n=100000
lambda=3
generate_f_1=generate_exponential(n, lambda)

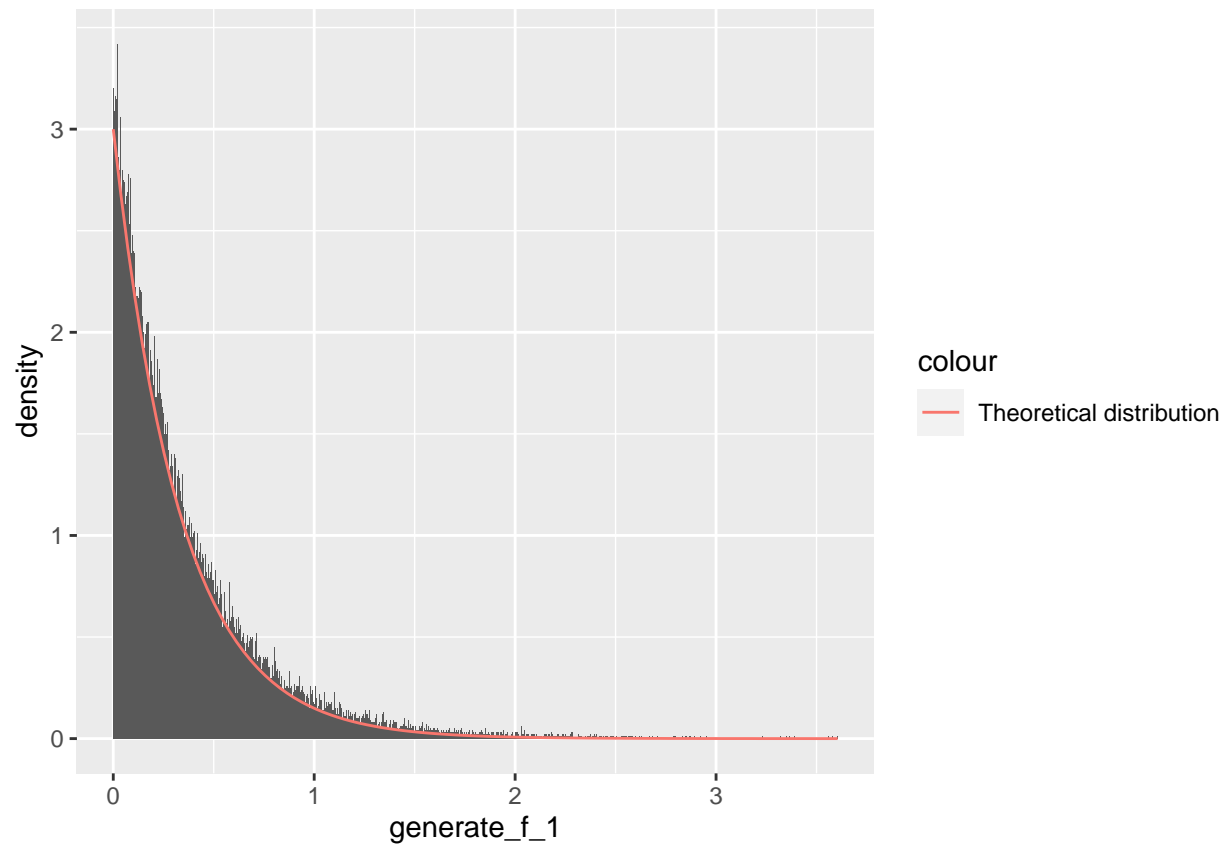
ggplot()+
  geom_histogram(
    data=as.data.frame(generate_f_1),
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mapping=aes(x=generate_f_1,y=..density..),
binwidth=0.001

)+
stat_function(
fun=theoretical_f_1,
args=list(lambda=lambda),
aes(col="Theoretical distribution")
)

```



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a)

We want to find the cumulative distribution function and the inverse of the cumulative distribution function when the probability density function is

$$g(x) =$$

The cumulative distribution  $G(x)$  is given by

$$G(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x g(t) dt$$

Thus, for  $0 < x < 1$ , the cdf becomes

$$G(x) = \int_0^x ct^{\alpha-1} = c \cdot \left[ \frac{1}{\alpha} t^\alpha \right]_0^x = \frac{c}{\alpha} x^\alpha.$$

For  $1 \leq x$ , the cdf is given by

$$G(x) = \int_0^1 ct^{\alpha-1} + \int_1^x ce^{-t} dt = c \cdot \left[ \frac{1}{\alpha} t^\alpha \right]_0^1 + c \cdot [-e^{-t}]_1^x = \frac{c}{\alpha} - ce^{-x} + e^{-1} = c \cdot \left( \frac{1}{\alpha} - e^{-x} + \frac{1}{e} \right)$$

The constant  $c$  can be found by solving the following equation for  $c$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 ct^{\alpha-1} + \int_1^\infty ce^{-t} dt &= 1 \\ \frac{c}{\alpha} + c \cdot [-e^{-t}]_1^\infty &= \frac{c}{\alpha} + \frac{c}{e} \\ \frac{c}{\alpha} + \frac{c}{e} &= 1 \implies c = \frac{\alpha e}{e + \alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

The inverse of this cumulative distribution function can be found by solving the following equation for  $x$ ,

$$y = G(x).$$

For  $0 < x < 1$ , we have

$$y = \frac{ex^\alpha}{e + \alpha} \implies y(e + \alpha) = ex^\alpha \implies x = \left( \frac{y(e + \alpha)}{e} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}$$

Thus, the inverse of the cumulative distribution function is

$$G^{-1}(y) = \left( \frac{y(e + \alpha)}{e} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}$$

for  $0 < G^{-1}(y) < 1 \implies 0 < y < \frac{e}{e + \alpha}$ . For  $1 \leq x$ , the following equation is solved for  $x$

$$\begin{aligned} y = 1 - \frac{\alpha e^{-x+1}}{e + \alpha} &\implies x = 1 - \ln \left( \frac{(1 - y)(e + \alpha)}{\alpha} \right) = \ln \left( \frac{\alpha e}{(1 - y)(e + \alpha)} \right) \\ &\implies G^{-1}(y) = \ln \left( \frac{\alpha e}{(1 - y)(e + \alpha)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

For  $x = 1$ , we have

$$1 = \ln \left( \frac{e\alpha}{(1 - y)(e + \alpha)} \right) \implies e = \frac{e\alpha}{(1 - y)(e + \alpha)} \implies y = 1 - \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + e}$$

When  $x = \infty$ ,  $y = 1$ . Therefore the inverse cumulative function is

**b**

The inversion method is used to generate samples from  $g$ .

```

generate_function <-function(n, alpha)
{
  u1<-runif(n/2,0,exp(1)/(alpha+exp(1)))
  u2<-runif(n/2,1-(exp(1)/(alpha+exp(1))),1)
  x1<-(u1*((alpha+exp(1))/exp(1))^(1/alpha)
  x2<-log((alpha+exp(1))/((1-u2)*(alpha+exp(1))))
  x<-append(x1,x2)
}

```

The result for  $\alpha = 2$  and  $n = 10000$  is plotted against the theoretical distribution.

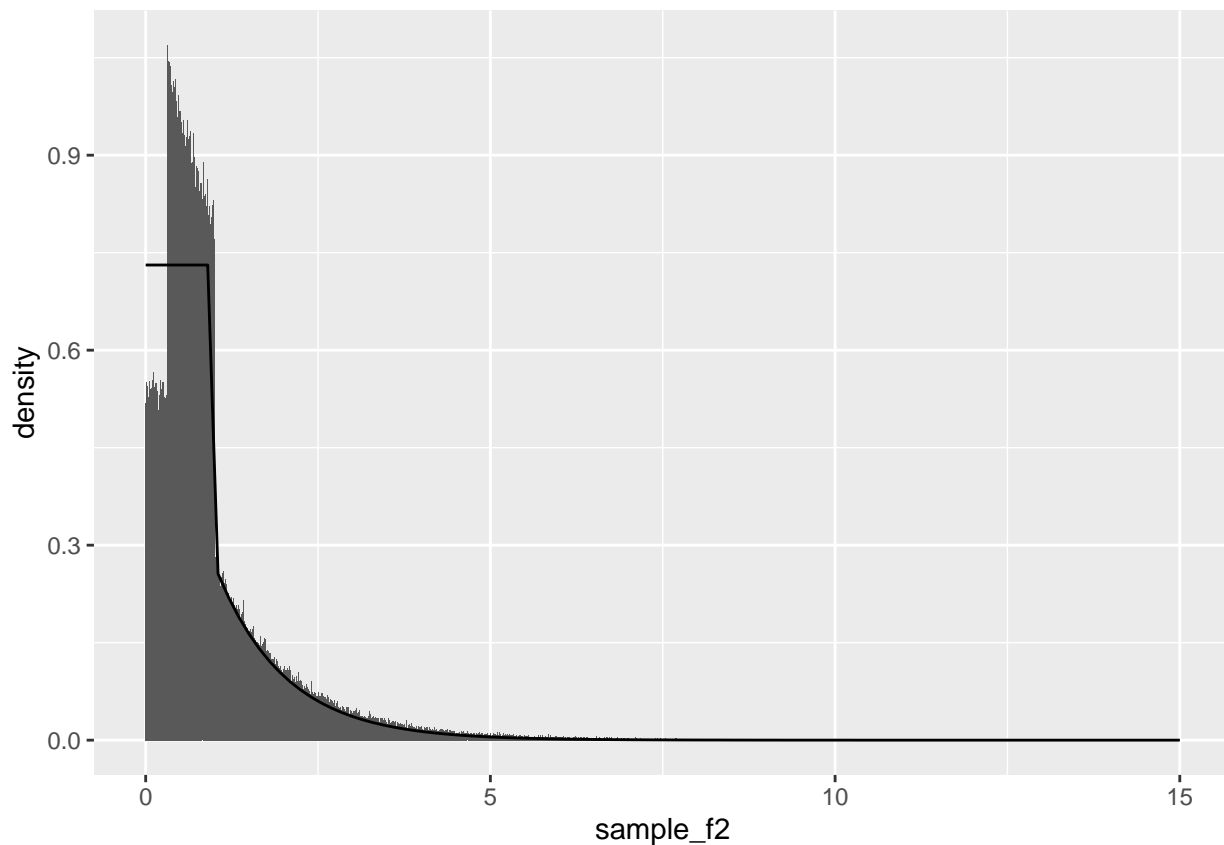
```

theo_gx <- function(x, alpha) {
  const <- alpha * exp(1) / (alpha + exp(1)) # Normalizing constant
  func <- rep(0, length(x)) # Vector of zeros of same length as x
  left <- x > 0 & x < 1 # The PDF has one value for 0 < x < 1
  right <- x >= 1 # ... and one value for x >= 1
  func[left] <- const * x[left]^(alpha - 1) # The value to the left
  func[right] <- const * exp(-x[right]) # The value to the right
  return(func)
}

n=1000000
alpha=1
sample_f2<-generate_function(n,alpha)
ggplot()+
  geom_histogram(
    data=as.data.frame(sample_f2),
    mapping=aes(x=sample_f2,y=..density..),
    binwidth=0.001

  )+
  stat_function(
    fun=theo_gx,
    args=list(alpha=alpha)
  )

```



3.)

We consider the probability density function

$$f(x) = \frac{ce^{\alpha x}}{(1 + e^{\alpha x})^2}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad \alpha > 0$$

a) To find the normalizing constant, we consider the integral  $I$  of the pdf over  $\mathbb{R}$

$$I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1 \implies \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{ce^{\alpha x}}{(1 + e^{\alpha x})^2} dx = 1$$

Let  $u = 1 + e^{\alpha x}$ . This means that  $\frac{du}{dx} = \alpha e^{\alpha x}$  and  $u(-\infty) = 1$  and  $u(\infty) = \infty$ . By using variable change the integral becomes

$$I = \int_1^{\infty} \frac{c}{\alpha} u^{-2} du = \frac{c}{\alpha} [-u^{-1}]_1^{\infty} = \frac{c}{\alpha}$$

$$I = 1 \implies \frac{c}{\alpha} = 1 \implies c = \alpha$$

The pdf is therefore

$$f(x) = \frac{\alpha e^{\alpha x}}{(1 + e^{\alpha x})^2}$$

The cumulative distribution function is given by

$$F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{\alpha e^{\alpha t}}{(1 + e^{\alpha t})^2} dt.$$

By using  $u = 1 + e^{\alpha t}$ , we get

$$F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{1+e^{\alpha x}} u^{-2} du = [-u^{-1}]_1^{1+e^{\alpha x}} = \frac{-1}{1+e^{\alpha x}} + 1 = \frac{e^{\alpha x}}{1+e^{\alpha x}}$$

The inverse cumulative distribution is found by solving  $y = F(x)$  for  $x$ .

$$y = \frac{e^{\alpha x}}{1 + e^{\alpha x}} \implies e^{\alpha x} = \frac{y}{1 - y} \implies x = \frac{1}{\alpha} \ln \left( \frac{y}{1 - y} \right)$$

This means that the inverse cumulative distribution function is

$$F^{-1}(y) = \frac{1}{\alpha} \ln \left( \frac{y}{1 - y} \right)$$

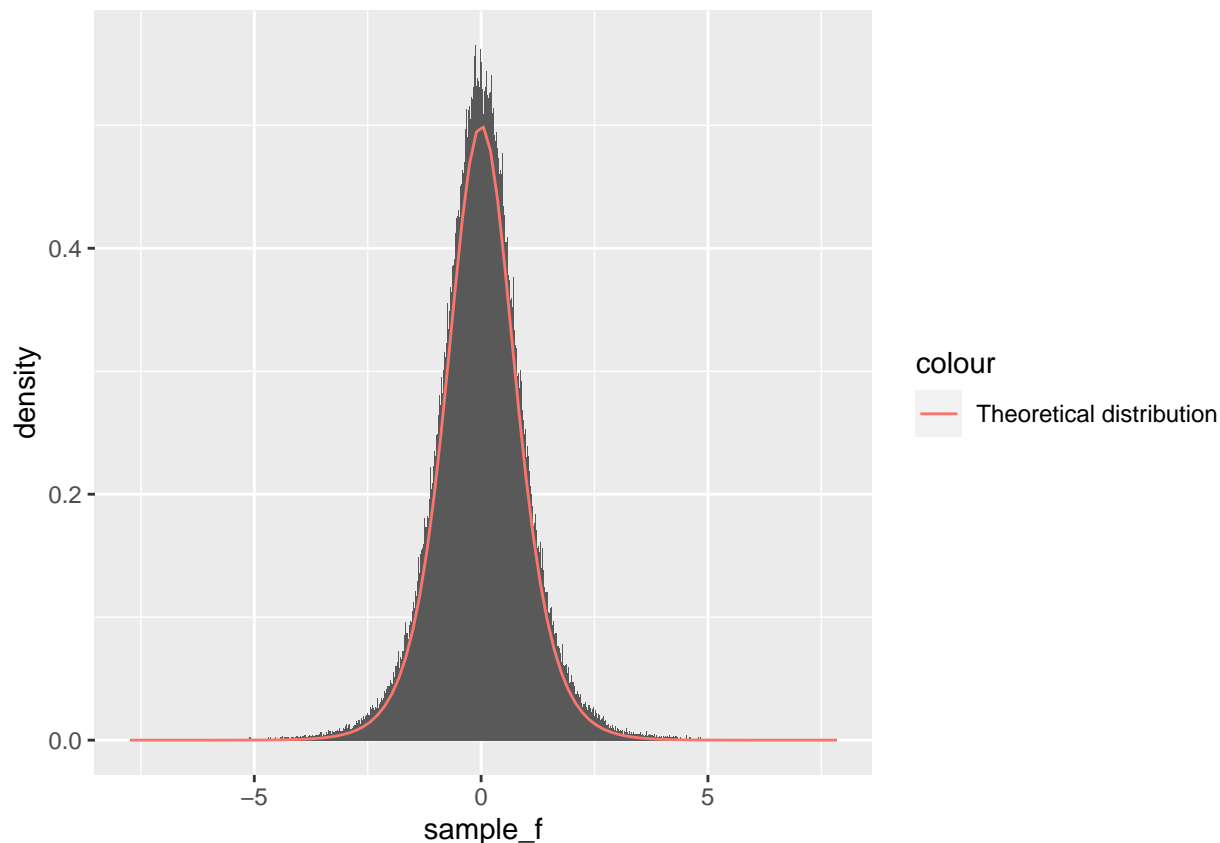
### c) In the following chunk there is code for a function generating samples from  $f$  by using the inversion method

```
generate_f <- function(n, alpha)
{
  u<-runif(n)
  x<-(1/alpha)*log(u/(1-u))
  return(x)
}
```

To check that the function works properly, an example with using the function  $\alpha = 2$  and  $n = 1000000$  is plotted against the theoretical distribution.

```
theoretical_f <- function(x, alpha) {
  return(alpha * exp(alpha * x) / (1 + exp(alpha * x))^2)
}
```

```
library(ggplot2)
n=1000000
alpha=2
sample_f <- generate_f(n,alpha)
ggplot()+
  geom_histogram(
    data=as.data.frame(sample_f),
    mapping=aes(x=sample_f,y=..density..),
    binwidth=0.001,
  ) +
  stat_function(
    fun=theoretical_f,
    args=list(alpha=alpha),
    aes(col="Theoretical distribution")
  )
```



4.

We use the Box-Muller algorithm to represent independent variables which are standard normal distributed. Let  $X \sim N(0, 1)$  and  $Y \sim N(0, 1)$  be independent. The joint distribution of these two variables is

$$f(x, y) = f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{2}}$$

By using polar coordinates where  $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$ , the joint distribution becomes

$$f(r) = \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{r^2}{2}}.$$

This is a joint distribution of  $r^2 \sim \exp(1/2)$  and  $X_1 \sim \text{Unif}(0, 2\pi)$ . This means that

$$X = r \cos(X_1)$$

$$Y = r \sin(X_1)$$

are normal distributed.  $r \sim \sqrt{-2 \log(\text{Unif}(0, 1))}$  and  $X_2 \sim 2\pi \text{Unif}(0, 1)$

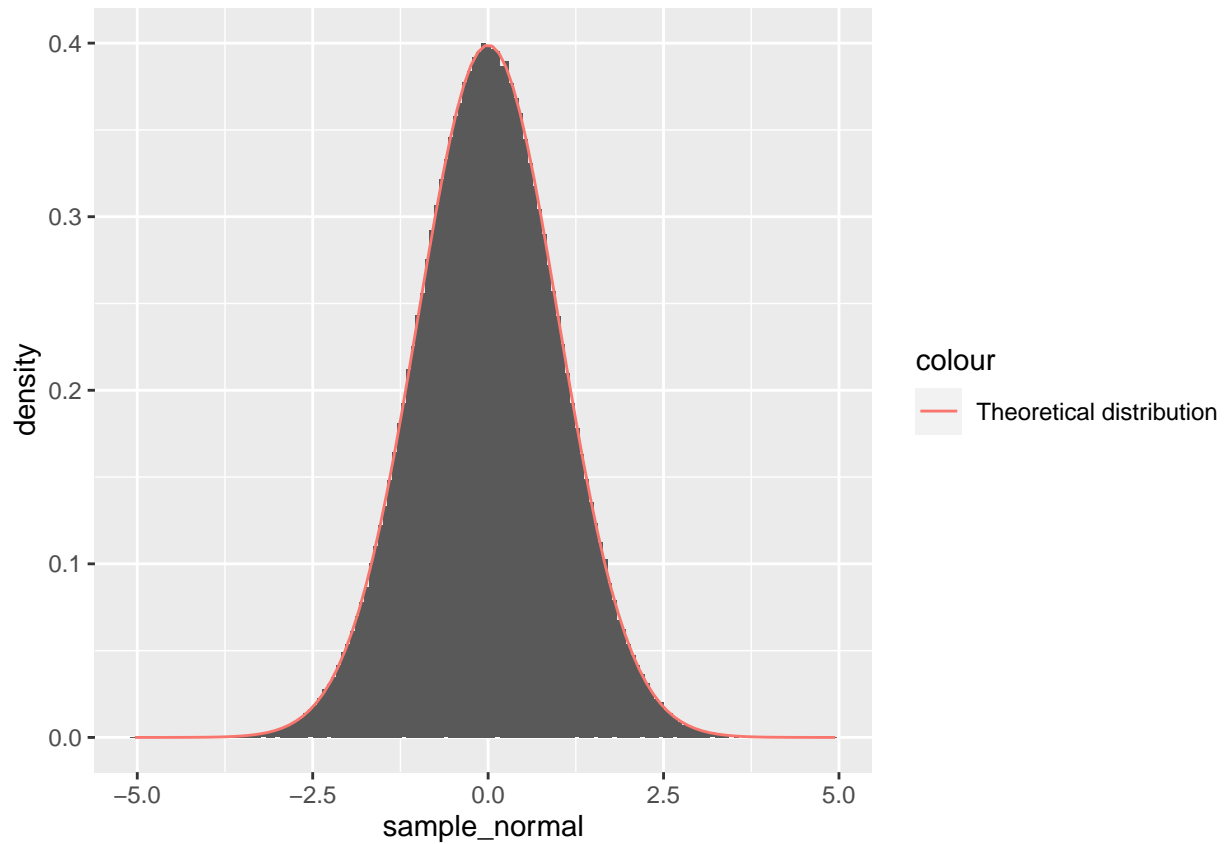
In the following chunk, the Box-Muller algorithm is implemented. We first draw two samples from  $\text{Unif}(0, 1)$ . We then calculate  $r$  and  $X_1$  and at last return  $X = r \cos(X_1)$  which is standard normal distributed.

```
generate_from_normal <- function(n)
{
  u1<-runif(n)
  u2<-runif(n)
```

```

r<-sqrt(-2*log(u1))
x_1<-2*pi*u2
x=r*cos(x_1)
return(x)
}
n=1000000
sample_normal<-generate_from_normal(n)
ggplot()+
  geom_histogram(
    data=as.data.frame(sample_normal),
    mapping=aes(x=sample_normal, y=..density..),
    binwidth=10/150
  )+
  stat_function(
    fun=dnorm,
    args=list(mean=0,sd=1),
    aes(col="Theoretical distribution")
  )

```



5. We want to simulate from a  $d$ -variate normal distribution with mean vector  $\mu$  and covariance matrix  $\Sigma$ . We use the function from the previous task to simulate from the standard normal distribution. Let  $Z \sim \text{Normal}(0, I_d)$ , where  $I_d$  is the identity matrix. Then

$$X = \mu + DZ \sim \text{Normal}(\mu, DD^T)$$



Have to find  $D$  such that  $\Sigma = DD^T$ .

```
generate_d_normal <-function(n,mu,cov,d)
{
  D<-t(chol(cov))
  z<-generate_from_normal(d*n)
  Z<-matrix(z,nrow=d,ncol=n)
  X<-mu+D %*% Z
  return(X)
}
```

To test wheter the function works, we use  $\mu = [1, 7, 2]^T$  and  $\Sigma$

```
n<-10000
mu<-c(3,4,5)
cov_mat<-cbind(c(1,2,3), c(2,3,4), c(3,4,5))
cov_mat
```

```
##      [,1] [,2] [,3]
## [1,]    1    2    3
## [2,]    2    3    4
## [3,]    3    4    5
```

```
# sample_normal_d<-generate_d_normal(n,mu,cov_mat,3)
```

## Problem B: The gamma distribution

1.

The gamma distribution with parameters  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  and  $\beta = 1$  has probability density function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x} & \text{if } 0 < x < 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

a) The acceptance probability  $\gamma$  in the rejection sampling algorithm is given by

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{c} \cdot \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}.$$

where  $g(x)$  is the proposal density. We use the density in problem A.2.

## Problem C: Monte Carlo integration and variance reduction

We want to use Monte Carlo integration to find  $\theta = P(X > 4)$  when  $X \sim N(0, 1)$ . The parameter  $\theta$  is estimated by using  $n = 100000$  samples from the standard normal distribution. The inverse cumulative distribution function for the standard normal distribution is

```
generate_from_normal<-function(n)
{
}

```