

# Gibbs Sampling

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Because  $p(x|y) \propto ye^{-yx}$ ,  $0 < x < B < \infty$ , we can write  $p(x|y) = a \times ye^{-yx}$ .

We know  $0 < x < B$ , we get  $a = \frac{1}{\int_0^B f(x) dx} = \frac{1}{1-e^{-By}}$ .

Now we can write  $p(x|y) = ye^{-yx} \frac{1}{1-e^{-By}}$ ; similarly,  $p(y|x) = \frac{xe^{-yx}}{1-e^{-Bx}}$ .

To use the inversion sampling, we need to first draw a random variable  $u \sim U(0,1)$  and then inverting this draw using  $F^{-1}$ .

Therefore, we calculate  $F(x|y) = \int_0^x f(x|y) dx = \frac{1-e^{-yx}}{1-e^{-By}}$ .

Let  $u = F(z)$

$$z = F^{-1}(u) = \frac{\log(1-u \times (1-e^{-yB}))}{-y}$$

Given a draw of  $u$  and  $y$ ,  $z$  is a draw from  $p(x|y)$ . The same can be done for  $p(y|x)$  and we obtain that the function is  $\log(1-u \times (1-e^{-xB})) \frac{-x}{1-e^{-Bx}}$  for drawing from the  $p(y|x)$ .

We first choose an initial value for  $x$  and  $y$  as  $x_0, y_0$  respectively within the range of 0 to  $B$ . Then, we generate a  $u$  from the Uniform distribution  $[0,1]$ , plug the value of  $u$  and  $y_0$  into the inversed function and get an updated  $x$ . Similarly, we will update  $y$  accordingly. Repeating the steps will generate a series of  $x$  and  $y$ 's which forms our new distribution.

See the code below:

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In [5]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
def gibbs(x0,y0,B,n):
    #setting empty arrays for storing values later
    x = np.empty(n)
    y = np.empty(n)
    #a is simply a matrix form of x,y
    a = np.empty([n,2])
    #take x0, y0 as initial values for x, y
    x[0] = x0
    y[0] = y0
    a[0] = (x0,y0)
    for i in range(1,n):
        #sample from f(x|y) using inversion method
        #u1 is a random number generated from the uniform distribution
        u1 = np.random.uniform(0,1)
        x[i] = np.log(1-u1*(1-np.exp(-y[i-1]*B)))/(-y[i-1])
        #sample from f(y|x) using inversion method
        #u2 is a random number generated from the uniform distribution
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u2 = np.random.uniform(0,1)
y[i] = np.log(1-u2*(1-np.exp(-x[i]*B)))/(-x[i])
#output the matrix formed by x and y
a[i] = (x[i],y[i])
return a

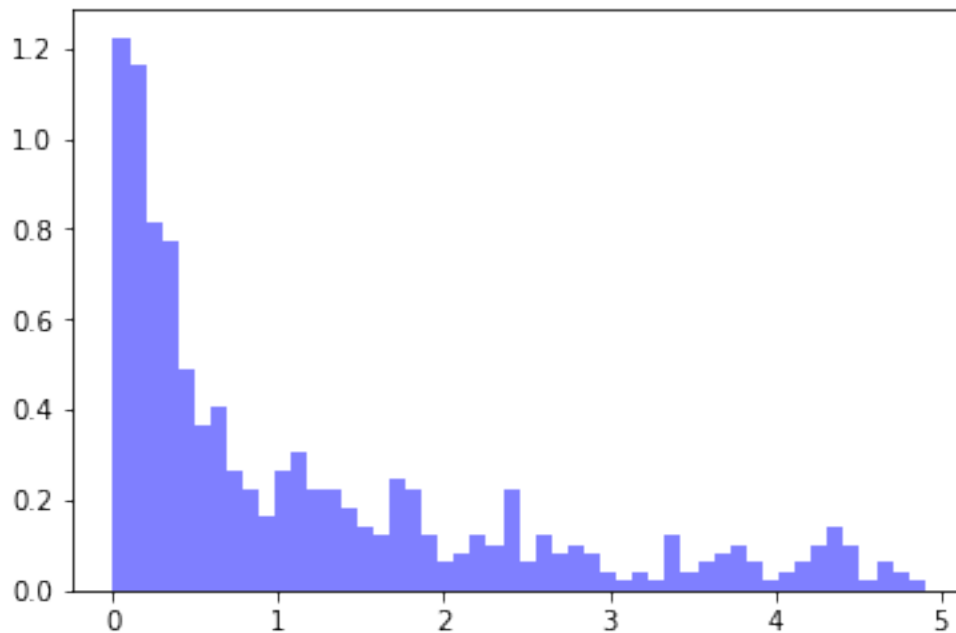
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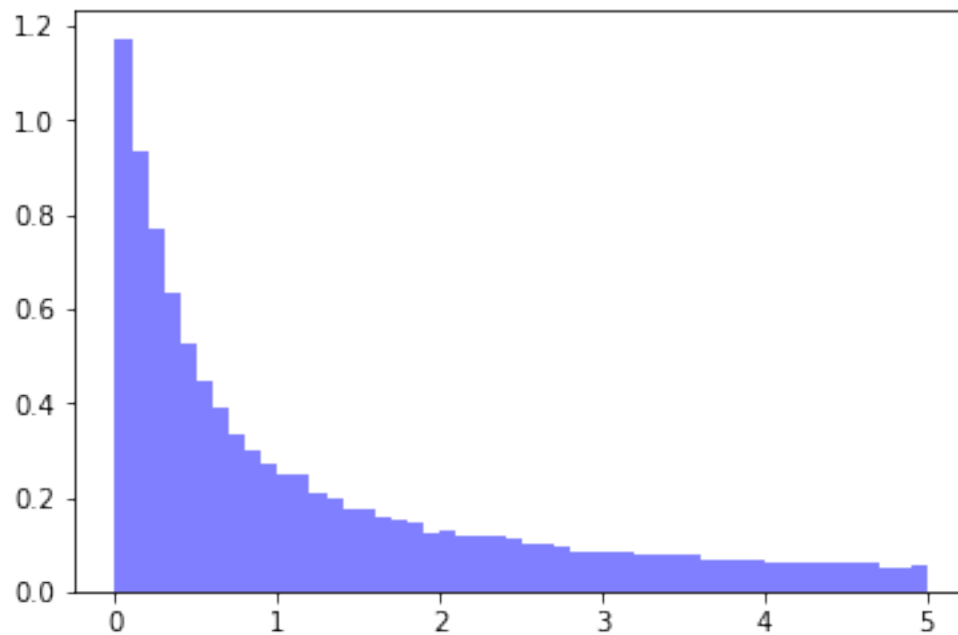
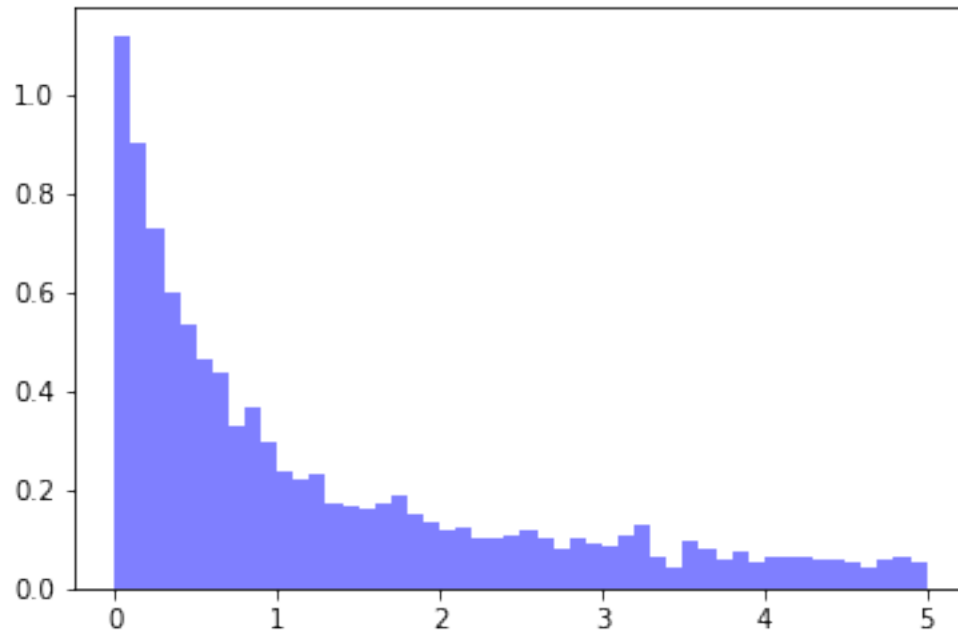
Now, by choosing  $x=1$ ,  $y=1$  as starting point,  $B=5$ , and 500, 5000, 50000 as the number of iterations, we obtain matrices  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$ ,  $a_3$  which stored all values of  $x$  and  $y$ 's we generated from each condition. Use matplotlib.pyplot package to plot the histograms below. As we can see, the more iterations we have done, the smoother the histogram. I think the values of  $x$ ,  $y$  fluctuates the most at the beginning of the processes, but stabilizes after it runs repeatedly. Therefore, if I have thrown out the first  $n$   $x, y$  pairs we got, the estimation may even be better (built a burnIn part which throw out 0.1n numbers of the beginning iterations for example). But I choose not to do it here, to just maintain the full distribution of all 500 iterations.

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In [6]: #histogram of X
#Since B is 5, choose a number from 0 to 5 as a starting point
a1 = gibbs(1,1,5,500)
a2 = gibbs(1,1,5,5000)
a3 = gibbs(1,1,5,50000)
plt.hist(a1[:,[1]], 50, normed=1, facecolor='blue', alpha=0.5)
plt.show()
plt.hist(a2[:,[1]], 50, normed=1, facecolor='blue', alpha=0.5)
plt.show()
plt.hist(a3[:,[1]], 50, normed=1, facecolor='blue', alpha=0.5)
plt.show()

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As we can see below, the means the  $x$ 's generated by different sample sizes are close together but much closer between 500 and 5000 iterations. I use the mean for 50000 samples to estimate  $E(x) = 1.26$

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In [7]: np.mean(a1[:,[1]])
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Out[7]: 1.1905003657315947
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In [8]: np.mean(a2[:,[1]])
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Out[8]: 1.2721319566586644
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In [9]: np.mean(a3[:,[1]])
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Out[9]: 1.2562601478846753
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