

Error Analysis

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[1]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import sympy as sy
from IPython.display import Math, display

plt.rcParams['figure.figsize'] = (12,7)
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0.1 (i) Error Propagation

0.1.1 (a) Suppose your first attempt is the simple mean $\bar{z} = (z_1 + z_2)/2$. Find \bar{z} and the corresponding error $\sigma_{\bar{z}}$ using the standard propagation of error formula.

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 &= 6 \pm 2 \\ z_2 &= 4 \pm 1 \\ \sigma_{\bar{z}} &= \pm \sqrt{\sigma_{z_1}^2 + \sigma_{z_2}^2} = \pm \sqrt{2^2 + 1^2} = \pm \sqrt{5} \\ \bar{z} &= 5 \pm \sqrt{5} \end{aligned}$$

0.1.2 (b) Consider the weighted mean $\bar{z}_w = wz_1 + (1 - w)z_2$. Find the corresponding error $\sigma_{\bar{z}_w}$ using the standard propagation of error formula, as a function of w .

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{\bar{z}_w}^2 &= w^2 \sigma_{z_1}^2 + (1 - w)^2 \sigma_{z_2}^2 \\ \sigma_{\bar{z}_w} &= \pm \sqrt{w^2 \sigma_{z_1}^2 + (1 - w)^2 \sigma_{z_2}^2} = \pm w \sqrt{\sigma_{z_1}^2 + \left(\frac{1-w}{w}\right)^2 \sigma_{z_2}^2} \end{aligned}$$

0.1.3 (c) Find the value of w that minimizes the error $\sigma_{\bar{z}_w}$. For this example, show the weights $w_1 = w$ and $w_2 = (1 - w)$ associated with z_1 and z_2 are inversely proportional to $\sigma_{z_1}^2$ and $\sigma_{z_2}^2$, respectively.

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[2]: w, sigma_z1, sigma_z2 = sy.symbols('w \sigma_{z_1} \sigma_{z_2}')
expr = (w**2 * sigma_z1**2 + (1 - w)**2 * sigma_z2**2)**0.5
dz = sy.diff(expr, w)

#need derivative for minimum value of w
display(Math('\frac{d\sigma_{\overline{z}_w}}{dw} = 0 = ' + sy.latex(dz)))
print("Now solve for w:")
display(Math('(\sigma_{z_1}^2 + \sigma_{z_2}^2)w - \sigma_{z_2}^2 = 0_␣
↪\rightarrow w = \frac{\sigma_{z_2}^2}{\sigma_{z_1}^2 +_␣
↪\sigma_{z_2}^2}'))
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#substitute given values for w1, w2
print("Substitute w1 and w2 into initial derivative:")
display(Math('\sigma_{z_1}^2 w_1 - \sigma_{z_2}^2 w_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{w_1}{\sigma_{z_2}^2} = \frac{w_2}{\sigma_{z_1}^2}'))
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$$\frac{d\sigma_{\bar{z}_w}}{dw} = 0 = \frac{1.0\sigma_{z_1}^2 w + 0.5\sigma_{z_2}^2 \cdot (2w - 2)}{(\sigma_{z_1}^2 w^2 + \sigma_{z_2}^2 (1 - w)^2)^{0.5}}$$

Now solve for w:

$$(\sigma_{z_1}^2 + \sigma_{z_2}^2)w - \sigma_{z_2}^2 = 0 \Rightarrow w = \frac{\sigma_{z_2}^2}{\sigma_{z_1}^2 + \sigma_{z_2}^2}$$

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0.1.4 (d) What is the corresponding \bar{z}_w and $\sigma_{\bar{z}_w}$?

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[3]: display(Math('\overline{z}_w = \frac{\sigma_{z_2}^2}{\sigma_{z_1}^2 + \sigma_{z_2}^2} z_1 + \frac{\sigma_{z_1}^2}{\sigma_{z_1}^2 + \sigma_{z_2}^2} z_2'))

display(Math('\sigma_{\overline{z}_w} = \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_{z_2}^2}{\sigma_{z_1}^2 + \sigma_{z_2}^2}\right)^2 \sigma_{z_1}^2 + \left(\frac{\sigma_{z_1}^2}{\sigma_{z_1}^2 + \sigma_{z_2}^2}\right)^2 \sigma_{z_2}^2} = \pm \frac{\sigma_{z_1} \sigma_{z_2}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{z_1}^2 + \sigma_{z_2}^2}}'))
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$$\bar{z}_w = \frac{\sigma_{z_2}^2}{\sigma_{z_1}^2 + \sigma_{z_2}^2} z_1 + \frac{\sigma_{z_1}^2}{\sigma_{z_1}^2 + \sigma_{z_2}^2} z_2$$

$$\sigma_{\bar{z}_w} = \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_{z_2}^2}{\sigma_{z_1}^2 + \sigma_{z_2}^2}\right)^2 \sigma_{z_1}^2 + \left(\frac{\sigma_{z_1}^2}{\sigma_{z_1}^2 + \sigma_{z_2}^2}\right)^2 \sigma_{z_2}^2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{z_1}^2 \sigma_{z_2}^2 (\sigma_{z_1}^2 + \sigma_{z_2}^2)}{(\sigma_{z_1}^2 + \sigma_{z_2}^2)^2}} = \pm \frac{\sigma_{z_1} \sigma_{z_2}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{z_1}^2 + \sigma_{z_2}^2}}$$

0.2 (ii) Importance Sampling:

0.2.1 (a) Develop an expression and program to sample from the exponential distribution, $\pi(x) = e^{-x}, x \geq 0$

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[4]: def sampleFromExpDist(npts, isPlot = False):  
    x = np.random.exponential(1, size=npts) #beta = 1  
    if isPlot:  
        plt.figure(figsize=(7, 4))  
        plt.hist(x, 20, density=True)  
        plt.xlabel('x')  
    return x
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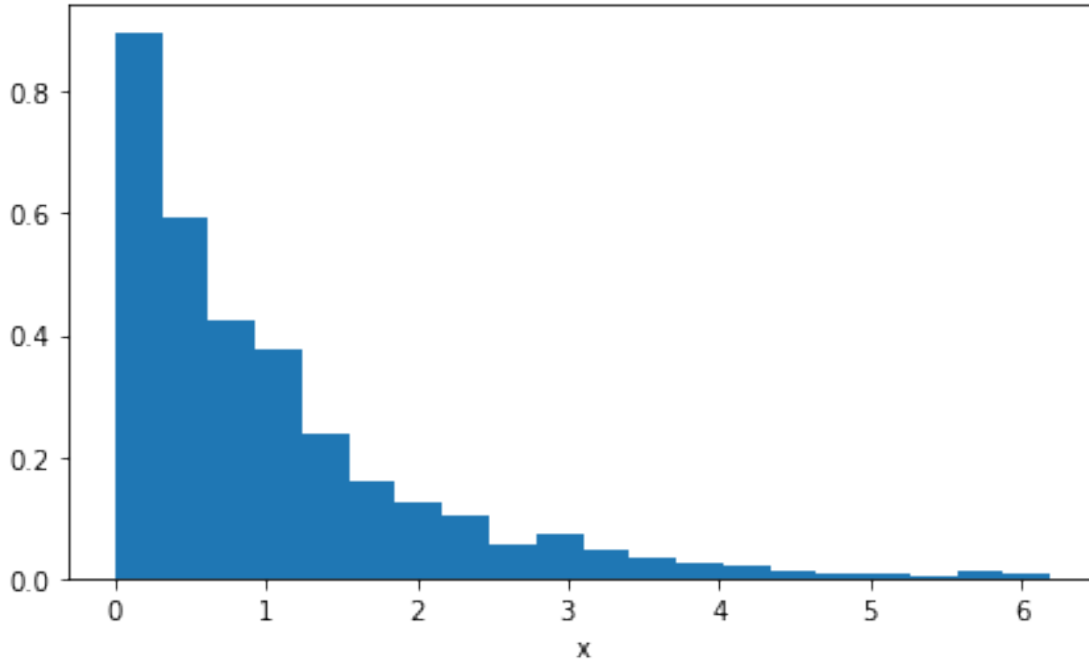
0.2.2 (b) Use importance sampling with 10^3 points to sample from $\pi(x)$, and estimate the integral.

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[5]: points = 10**3  
sampledPts = sampleFromExpDist(points, isPlot = True)  
  
def importanceSampling1(npts, x):  
    #x = sampleFromExpDist(npts)  
    f = x**0.5 * np.exp(-x)  
    p = np.exp(-x)  
  
    #integral = expected value of f/pi  
    intg = np.mean(f / p)  
  
    #error is sigma_(f/pi) / sqrt(npts)  
    stdI = np.std(f / p)/np.sqrt(npts)  
    return intg, stdI  
  
estInt, estErr = importanceSampling1(points, sampledPts)  
display(Math('I \approx ' + sy.latex(estInt) + '\\text{, with estimated error}_\\rightarrow \\sigma_{I} = ' + sy.latex(estErr)))  
  
'''  
Other way I found to do problem  
#define our given functions  
f = lambda x: x**0.5  
p = lambda x: np.exp(-x)  
g = lambda x: f(x) * p(x)  
  
#estimate the integral by taking the mean of f(Xj), where Xj drawn from pi(x)  
fbar = np.mean(f(sampledPts))  
display(Math('\\overline{f} = ' + str(fbar)))  
  
err = np.std(g(sampledPts) / p(sampledPts)) / np.sqrt(points)  
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#actual value of integral
x = sy.symbols('x')
I1 = sy.integrate(x**0.5 * sy.exp(-x), (x, 0, sy.oo))
display(Math('I = ' + str(I1)))
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$I \approx 0.898672326291434$, with estimated error $\sigma_I = 0.0152163938835387$

$I = 0.886226925452758$



The formula used to sample from the exponential distribution was from numpy's exponential distribution function in its *random* library with $\beta = 1$. Then, I took the mean of the sum of values $\frac{f(X_i)}{\pi(X_i)}$ in order to estimate the integral, I .

0.3 (iii) Transformation Method

0.3.1 (a) Normalize $\pi(x)$ so that $\int_0^\pi \pi(x)dx = 1$

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[6]: A = sy.symbols('A')
a = sy.symbols('a', positive = True)
expDist = sy.exp(-a*x)
#integrate with normalization constant
expInt = sy.integrate(A * expDist, (x, 0, sy.pi))
#display evaluated definite integral
display(Math(sy.latex(sy.collect(sy.collect(expInt, a), A))))
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#solve equation
normEq = sy.Eq(expInt, 1)
normConst = sy.solve(normEq, A, check = False)[0]
display(Math('A = ' + sy.latex(normConst))) #normalization constant
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$$\frac{A(1 - e^{-\pi a})}{a}$$

$$A = \frac{ae^{\pi a}}{e^{\pi a} - 1}$$

0.3.2 (b) Use the transformation method to sample from $\pi(x)$.

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[7]: #get the CDF of pi(x)
F = sy.integrate(normConst * expDist, (x, 0, x))
display(Math("F(x) = \int_0^x \frac{a}{1-e^{-\pi a}} e^{-ax'}dx' = " + sy.
    ↪ latex(sy.together(sy.powsimp(F)))))

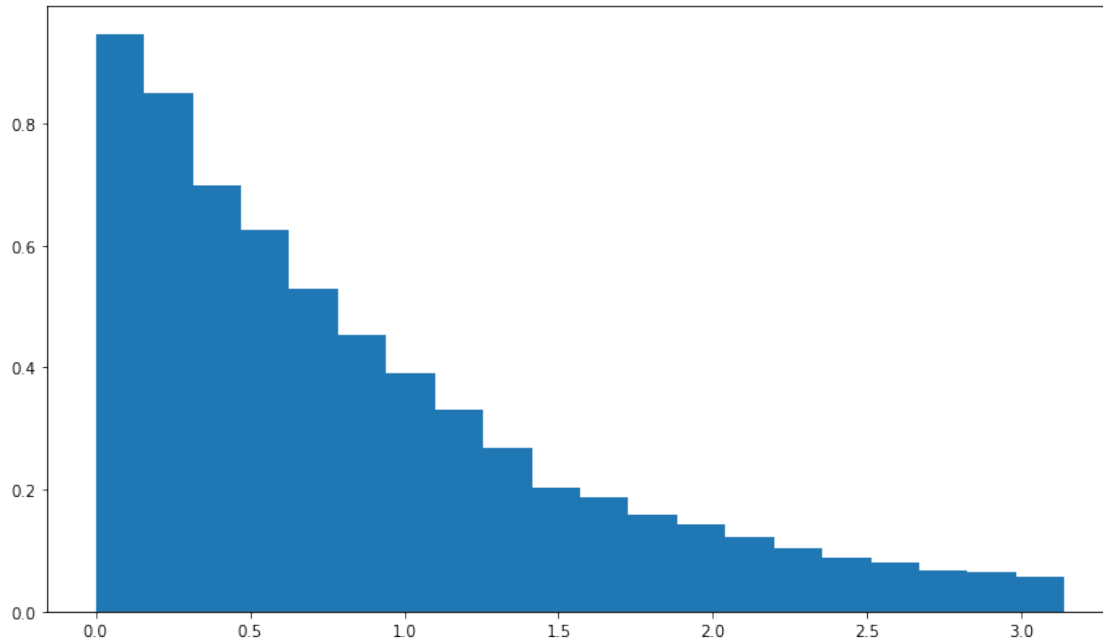
u = sy.symbols('u')
expr = u - F
display(Math(sy.latex(sy.solve(expr, x))))
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$$F(x) = \int_0^x \frac{a}{1 - e^{-\pi a}} e^{-ax'} dx' = \frac{e^{\pi a} - e^{a(\pi - x)}}{e^{\pi a} - 1}$$

$$\left[\pi + \frac{\log\left(\frac{1}{-ue^{\pi a} + u + e^{\pi a}}\right)}{a} \right]$$

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[8]: def drawLinearDist(npts, a):
    u = np.random.rand(npts)
    return np.pi - np.log(u + (np.exp(np.pi * a) * (1 - u))) / a
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[9]: #test formula for a = 1
x = drawLinearDist(10000, a = 1)
_ = plt.hist(x, 20, density = True)
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0.3.3 (c) With $n = 10^5$, vary a between 0.05 and 2.0 and make a plot of $\sigma_I(a)$. From the plot, estimate the value of a which minimizes $\sigma_I(a)$.

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[10]: def importanceSampling2(npts, a):
        """draw points from linear distribution"""
        x = drawLinearDist(npts, a)
        f = 1./(x**2 + np.cos(x)**2)
        p = (a / (1 - np.exp(-np.pi * a))) * np.exp(-a * x)  #pi(x)
        intg = np.mean(f/p)
        stdI = np.std((f/p))/np.sqrt(npts) # error

        return intg, stdI
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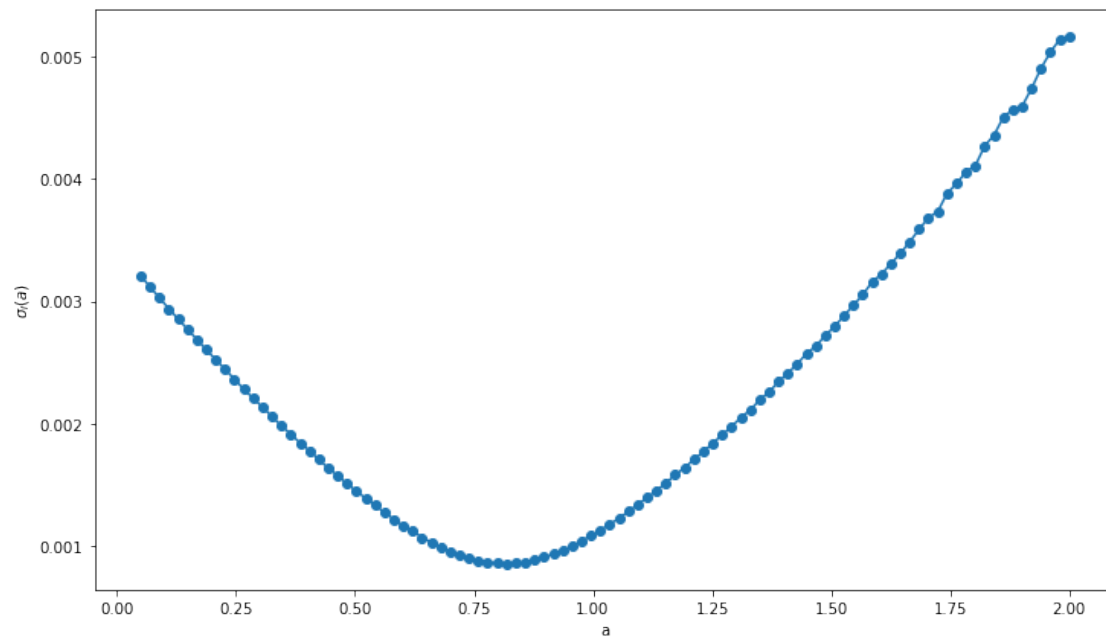
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[11]: mcPts = 10**5
        a = np.linspace(0.05, 2.0, 100)
        N = len(a)
        Ig = np.zeros(N); sIg = np.zeros(N)

        for i, v in enumerate(a):
            Ig[i], sIg[i] = importanceSampling2(mcPts, v)
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[12]: plt.plot(a, sIg, 'o-')

        plt.xlabel('a')
        plt.ylabel(r'$\sigma_I(a)$')
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plt.show()
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[13]: print("The error is minimized at a =", np.round(a[np.argmin(sIg)], 2))
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The error is minimized at a = 0.82