

**33. (2 points)** Alice and Bob have agreed to meet between 1 PM and 2 PM. Both arrive independently at some random time, uniformly distributed. Let  $X_A$  be the arrival time of Alice, in minutes after 1PM, and let  $X_B$  be the corresponding arrival time of Bob. Then the waiting time for Alice is  $W_A = \max(X_B - X_A, 0)$ . Use a suitable simulation to generate 1000 random samples of  $W_A$ , find its mean, and make an empirical cumulative distribution function.

**34. (2 points)** Suppose  $X$  has an exponential distribution with parameter  $\lambda$  and  $Y|X = x$  has a Poisson distribution with parameter  $x$ . For  $\lambda = 1$ , generate at least 1000 random samples from the conditional distribution of  $X|Y = 2$  and make a histogram.

**35. (2 points)** Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  have standard normal distributions. Make at least 1,000 random samples from  $Z = Y|(X + Y \geq 1)$ . Do you think that  $Z$  has a normal distribution? What are its approximate mean and standard deviation?

**36. (2 points)** Suppose  $X$  is a real valued random variable (discrete or continuous) and  $Y = aX + b + Z$ , where  $a, b$  are real numbers and  $Z$  is an "error" term that is independent of  $X$  and that satisfies  $\mathcal{E}(Z) = 0$ . Show that  $\mathcal{E}(Y|X) = aX + b$ .

**37. (5 points) Rejection Sampling (J. v. Neumann 1951).** We want to generate random samples from some discrete distribution over a finite range  $\mathcal{R}$ , with pmf  $p(x)$  for  $x \in \mathcal{R}$ . However, we don't know  $p(x)$  exactly. Instead we only know some function  $\ell(x)$  that is a constant multiple of  $p(x)$ , i.e.  $\ell(x) = cp(x)$ , with unknown  $c$ . *Of course  $c = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{R}} \ell(x)$ , but if the range  $\mathcal{R}$  is very large and/or the function  $\ell(x)$  is expensive to evaluate, this may be hard to compute.* We must also know some number  $M \geq \max_{x \in \mathcal{R}} \ell(x)$  and  $N$ , the number of elements in  $\mathcal{R}$ . In **rejection sampling**, one repeats the following steps until enough samples have been generated.

- Generate a random sample  $y \in \mathcal{R}$  from the uniform distribution  $Y$  on  $\mathcal{R}$ , i.e.  $\mathcal{P}(Y = y) = \frac{1}{N}$  for all  $y \in \mathcal{R}$ .
- Generate a random sample  $U \sim U(0, 1)$  from the uniform distribution on  $(0, 1)$ , independent of  $Y$ .
- If  $U < \frac{\ell(y)}{M}$ , **accept** the point  $y$  and set  $X = y$ . Otherwise **reject** the point and try again. Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the event that a point  $Y$  that is generated in step a) is accepted.

Show that  $X$  has the pmf  $p(x)$ , i.e.  $\mathcal{P}(X = x) = p(x)$  for all  $x$ , using the following steps. Let  $x \in \mathcal{R}$  be arbitrary.

- Explain in one sentence why  $\mathcal{P}(X = x) = \mathcal{P}(Y = x|\mathcal{A})$ .
- Determine  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{A}|Y = x)$  (*easy!*).
- Use the law of total probability formula to show that  $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{A}) = \frac{c}{MN}$ .
- Compute  $\mathcal{P}(X = x) = \mathcal{P}(Y = x|\mathcal{A})$  by reversing the conditioning in b). Use a) and c) for this step.

**38. (5 points)** Suppose that  $X$  has a Poisson distribution with parameter  $\lambda = 50$ ,  $U$  has a uniform  $U(0, 1)$  distribution, and  $Y|X = x, U = p$  has a  $B(x, p)$  distribution.

- Use a simulation to make a histogram of the distribution of  $Y$ .

b) Use a simulation to make a histogram of the conditional distribution of  $X|Y = 25$ .

**39. (5 points) Mixtures.** Let  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  be two random variables which have the same range  $\mathcal{R}$ , and let  $w_1, w_2$  probabilities with  $w_1 + w_2 = 1$ . Then the mixture  $Y$  of  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  is defined as follows:

- a) Select  $X \in \{1, 2\}$  at random, with  $\mathcal{P}(X = 1) = w_1$ ,  $\mathcal{P}(X = 2) = w_2$ .
  - b) If  $X = 1$ , draw a sample  $Y_1$  and set  $Y = Y_1$ . Otherwise, draw a sample  $Y_2$  and set  $Y = Y_2$ .
1. Suppose  $E(Y_1) = \mu_1$  and  $E(Y_2) = \mu_2$ . What is  $E(Y|X = 1)$ ? What is  $E(Y|X = 2)$ ? What is  $E(Y)$ ?
  2. Suppose  $\text{var}(Y_1) = \sigma_1^2$  and  $\text{var}(Y_2) = \sigma_2^2$ . What is  $E(Y^2|X = 1)$ ? What is  $E(Y^2|X = 2)$ ? What is  $\text{var}(Y)$ ? *Careful!*
  3. Generate a sample of size 10,000 from  $Y_1 \sim N(-2, 1)$ ,  $Y_2 \sim N(1, 2)$ ,  $w_1 = \frac{1}{5}$ ,  $w_2 = \frac{4}{5}$  and make a probability histogram. *Clearly this is not a normal distribution, and a mixture is not a sum!*

**40. (2 points)** Problem 4.4 #6 in Chihara/Hesterberg. *First use the Central Limit Theorem to find the approximate distribution of the mean height of random samples of 30 boys, then use `dnorm()`.*