impl InverseCDF for CanonicalRV

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Proves soundness of the implementation of InverseCDF for CanonicalRV.

The implementation computes the inverse CDF of the canonical noise random variable.

1 Hoare Triple

Preconditions

Compiler-verified

- Argument self of type CanonicalRV.
- Argument uniform of type RBig.
- Argument refinements of type usize.
- Generic R implements ODPRound which denotes the rounding mode, either up or down.

Human-verified

Argument uniform is in [0,1].

Pseudocode

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class InverseCDF(CanonicalRV):
    # type Edge = RBig

def inverse_cdf(self, uniform: RBig, _refinements: usize, _R) -> RBig | None:
    f_inv = quantile_cnd(uniform, self.tradeoff, self.fixed_point) #
    return f_inv * self.scale + self.shift
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Postcondition

Theorem 1.1. Given a random variable self (of type CanonicalRV), the algorithm returns Some(out) where out is the inverse cumulative distribution function of CanonicalRV (which includes a rescale and shift) evaluated at uniform with error in direction R, or None.

The error between out and the exactly-computed CDF decreases monotonically as refinements increases.

Proof. By the definition of CanonicalRV,

- self.tradeoff is a symmetric nontrivial tradeoff function
- self.fixed_point is the fixed point of self.tradeoff, where tradeoff(fixed_point) = fixed_point.

Therefore the preconditions of quantile_cnd are met, so f_inv on line 5 is a sample from the canonical noise distribution with shift of zero and scale of one.

The function then returns the outcome, scaled by self.scale and shifted by self.shift.

Computing F_f^{-1} , rescaling and shifting are exact via fractional arithmetic, so making use of refinements is not necessary, as the error in computing the inverse CDF is already zero, satisfying the monotonicity property of the error.