

## General and MC stuff

We consider the one-dimensional integral of an arbitrary function  $g(x)$  for  $x \in [0, 1]$  with  $0 < g(x) \leq b, \forall x$ .

$$I = \int_0^1 g(x) dx.$$

To estimate the integral value, you are asked to use the following two Monte Carlo estimators and a fixed number of samples  $N$  in each estimator.

$$I_1 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N g(x_i).$$

Here, the  $x_i$  are independent samples from a uniform distribution in  $[0, 1]$ .

$$I_2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N b h(x_i, y_i).$$

Here, the  $x_i$  are again independent samples from a uniform distribution in  $[0, 1]$ , whereas the  $y_i$  are independent samples from a uniform distribution in  $[0, b]$ . Moreover,

$$h(x, y) = \begin{cases} 1 & y < g(x), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Hint:**

$$\int_0^b h(x, y) dy = \int_0^{g(x)} dy.$$

**19** a) [4 points] Show that  $\mathbb{E}[I_1] = I$

b) Show that  $\mathbb{E}[I_2] = I$

c) [8 points] Show that  $\text{Var}[I_2] \geq \text{Var}[I_1]$ . Which Monte Carlo estimator would you choose to obtain on average the smaller error for a fixed  $N$ ?

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$$\begin{aligned} a) \quad E[\mathcal{I}_1] &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N E[g(x_i)] \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_0^1 g(x_i) \frac{1}{1} dx_i \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathcal{I} = \mathcal{I} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b) \quad E[\mathcal{I}_2] &= \frac{b}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N E[h(x_i, y_i)] \\ &= \frac{b}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_0^1 \int_0^b h(x_i, y_i) \frac{1}{b} dy_i dx_i \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_0^1 \int_0^{g(x_i)} dy_i dx_i \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \int_0^1 g(x_i) - 0 dx_i = \mathcal{I} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} c) \quad \frac{\text{Var}[g(x)]}{N} &= \frac{E[g(x)^2] - E[g(x)]^2}{N} \\ &= \frac{\int_0^1 g(x)^2 \frac{1}{1} dx - (\int_0^1 g(x) \frac{1}{1} dx)^2}{N} \\ &= \frac{\int_0^1 g(x)^2 dx - \mathcal{I}^2}{N} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\text{Var}[bh(x, y)]}{N} &= \frac{E[b^2 h(x, y)^2] - E[bh(x, y)]^2}{N} \\ &= \frac{b^2 \int_0^1 \int_0^b h(x, y)^2 \frac{1}{b} dy dx - \mathcal{I}^2}{N} \\ &= \frac{b \int_0^1 \int_0^{g(x)} dy dx - \mathcal{I}^2}{N} \\ &= \frac{b \int_0^1 g(x) dx - \mathcal{I}^2}{N} \geq \frac{\int_0^1 g(x) dx - \mathcal{I}^2}{N} \end{aligned}$$

so  $\text{Var}[\mathcal{I}_1]$  smaller

d) MC is unbiased if  $\text{var} \rightarrow 0$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$

Consider the following integral:

$$I = \int_0^1 f(x) dx, \quad f(x) = x.$$

a) [4 points] We want to solve this integral by using the following Monte Carlo estimator:

$$I_1 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f(x_i).$$

The  $x_i$  are the samples from a uniform distribution in  $[0, 1]$  and  $N$  is the total number of samples used. What is the variance of the Monte Carlo estimator  $I_1$ ?

b) [8 points] Consider the following transformation of the above integral

$$I = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (f(x) + f(1-x)) dx$$

and the corresponding estimator

$$I_2 = \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{i=1}^N (f(x_i) + f(1-x_i)),$$

where  $x_i$  are samples from a uniform distribution in  $[0, 1]$  and  $N$  is the number of samples.  
What is the variance of  $I_2$ ?

c) [8 points] Explain why the variance of  $I_2$  is lower than that of  $I_1$ .

a)  $\frac{\text{Var}[f(x)]}{N} = \frac{\text{Var}[x]}{N} \quad x \sim U(0,1) = \frac{1^2}{12} \cdot \frac{1}{N} = \frac{1}{12N}$

b)  $\frac{\text{Var}[f(x) + f(1-x)]}{2N} = \frac{\text{Var}[x + (1-x)]}{2N} = \frac{0}{2N} = 0$

c) because with  $f(x) + f(1-x)$  constant, its no longer stochastic & gives a var of 0

In this exercise we fix the notation we will use during this course and refresh our memory on basic properties of random variables. Present your answers *in detail*.

- a) A random variable with normal (or Gaussian) distribution  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$  has probability density function (pdf) given by

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}. \quad (1)$$

Show that the mean and the variance of  $X$  are given by  $\mathbb{E}[X] = \mu$  and  $\mathbb{E}[(X - \mu)^2] = \sigma^2$ , respectively.

- b) The probability that a random variable  $X$  with pdf  $f_X$  is less or equal than any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  is given by,

$$P(X \leq x) = F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(z) dz. \quad (2)$$

The function  $F_X$  is called the cumulative distribution function (cdf).

The Laplace distribution with parameters  $\mu$  and  $\beta$  has pdf,

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2\beta} \exp\left(-\frac{|x - \mu|}{\beta}\right). \quad (3)$$

- i) Find the cdf of the Laplace distribution.
  - ii) Use the cdf to find the median of the Laplace distribution.
- c) The pdf of the quotient  $Q = X/Y$  of two random variables  $X, Y$  is given by,

$$f_Q(q) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x| f_{X,Y}(qx, x) dx, \quad (4)$$

where  $f_{X,Y}$  is the joint pdf of  $X$  and  $Y$ .

Assume that  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent random variables with pdfs  $f_X(x) = \mathcal{N}(x|0, \sigma_X^2)$  and  $f_Y(y) = \mathcal{N}(y|0, \sigma_Y^2)$ .

- 1    i) Find the joint pdf of  $X$  and  $Y$ .  
 ii) Show that  $Q = X/Y$  follows a Cauchy distribution with zero location parameter and scale  $\gamma = \sigma_X/\sigma_Y$ . The pdf of a Cauchy distribution with location parameter  $x_0$  and scale  $\gamma$  is given by,

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\gamma}{(x - x_0)^2 + \gamma^2}. \quad (5)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
E[x] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi b^2}} \exp\left(\frac{-(x-\mu)^2}{2b^2}\right) dx \quad a = (x-\mu) \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi b^2}} \int (a+\mu) \exp\left(\frac{a^2}{2b^2}\right) da \quad da = dx \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi b^2}} \left[ \int a \exp\left(\frac{a^2}{2b^2}\right) da + \mu \int \exp\left(\frac{-a^2}{2b^2}\right) da \right] \quad b = a^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi b^2}} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(\frac{b}{2b^2}\right) db + \mu \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(\frac{-a^2}{2b^2}\right) da \right] \quad db = 2ada \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi b^2}} \left[ \frac{1}{2} (-2b^2) \exp\left(\frac{(-x-\mu)^2}{2b^2}\right) + \mu \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left(\frac{-a^2}{2b^2}\right) da \right] \quad \frac{1}{2} db = ada \\
&\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^{\#} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\#}^{\infty} \frac{\pi}{\#} \operatorname{erf}(\sqrt{\#} x) \quad \# = \frac{1}{2b^2} \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi b^2}} \left[ -b^2 \exp\left(\frac{(-x-\mu)^2}{2b^2}\right) + \mu \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2b^2}} \operatorname{erf}\left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{2b^2}}(x-\mu)\right) \right]_{-\infty}^{\infty} \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi b^2}} \left[ -b^2 (\exp(-\infty) - \exp(\infty)) + \mu \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\pi/2b^2} (1 - e^{-1}) \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi b^2}} \left[ 0 + \mu \sqrt{\pi/2b^2} \right] = \mu
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
E[(x-\mu)^2] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x-\mu)^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi b^2}} \exp\left(\frac{-(x-\mu)^2}{2b^2}\right) dx \quad a = (x-\mu) \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi b^2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} a^2 \exp\left(\frac{-a^2}{2b^2}\right) da \quad da = dx \\
&\Gamma(\#) = \int_0^{\infty} \exp(-x) x^{\#-1} dx \quad b = \frac{a^2}{2b^2} \quad a = \sqrt{2b^2 x} \\
&\text{even } b \propto a^2 \propto \exp(-a^2) \quad db = 2a da \frac{1}{2b^2} \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi b^2}} 2 \int_0^{\infty} \sqrt{2b^2} \exp(-b) b^2 db \\
&= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi b^2}} 2 \sqrt{2b^2} b^2 \int_0^{\infty} b^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp(-b) db \\
&= \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} b^2 \Gamma(3/2) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} b^2 \left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = b^2
\end{aligned}$$

$$cdf = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{1}{2\beta} \exp\left(\frac{-(|x-m|)}{\beta}\right) dx$$

abs val so 2 cases

$$(1) x-m \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow x \leq m$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2\beta} \int_{-\infty}^x \exp\left(\frac{-(|x-m|)}{\beta}\right) dx \quad a = x-m \\ &= \frac{1}{2\beta} \int_{-\infty}^x \exp\left(\frac{a}{\beta}\right) da \\ &= \frac{1}{2\beta} \beta \left[ \exp\left(\frac{x-m}{\beta}\right) \right]_{-\infty}^x \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(\frac{x-m}{\beta}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$(2) x-m > 0 \Leftrightarrow x > m$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-\infty}^m f(x) dx + \int_m^x f(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(\frac{m-m}{\beta}\right) + \int_m^x \frac{1}{2\beta} \exp\left(\frac{m-x}{\beta}\right) dx \quad a = m-x \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2\beta} (-1) \beta \left[ \exp\left(\frac{m-x}{\beta}\right) \right]_m^x \\ &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \left[ \exp\left(\frac{m-x}{\beta}\right) - 1 \right] \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(\frac{m-x}{\beta}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{median } \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(\frac{x-m}{\beta}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad x = m$$

i)  $X \perp Y$  ind so multiply

$$f(X=x, Y=y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_x\sigma_y} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma_x^2} - \frac{y^2}{2\sigma_y^2}\right)$$

ii)  $f_X(a) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x| \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_x\sigma_y} \exp\left(-\frac{a^2}{2\sigma_x^2} - \frac{x^2}{2\sigma_y^2}\right) dx$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_x\sigma_y} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x| \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\left(\frac{a^2}{\sigma_x^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_y^2}\right)\right) dx$$

even bc  $|x| \neq -x^2$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi\sigma_x\sigma_y} \int_0^{\infty} x \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\left(\frac{a^2}{\sigma_x^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_y^2}\right)\right) dx \quad a = \# x^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi\sigma_x\sigma_y} \frac{1}{2} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{a^2}{\sigma_x^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_y^2} \right) \right]^{-1} \left[ \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\left(\frac{a^2}{\sigma_x^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_y^2}\right)\right) \right]_0^{\infty} \quad \frac{1}{2\#} da = x dx$$

$$= \frac{-1}{\pi\sigma_x\sigma_y} \left( \frac{\sigma_x^2\sigma_y^2}{a^2\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2} \right) [0 - 1]$$

$$= \frac{+1}{\pi} \frac{\sigma_x\sigma_y}{a^2\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2}$$

Cauchy( $x$ ) =  $\frac{Y}{\pi \frac{\sigma_x}{\sigma_y} \frac{1}{a^2\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2}}$  ✓

Let's say that a genetic disorder occurs in the United States population at a rate of 2% (i.e., if  $D$  is the event that an individual sampled from this population has the genetic disorder, then  $P(D) = \frac{1}{50}$ ,  $P(D^C) = 1 - \frac{1}{50} = \frac{49}{50}$ ).

A company that markets genetic testing services has produced a test for detecting whether an individual has this genetic disorder. According to the company, their test can accurately detect positive cases at a rate of 99% and can accurately detect negative cases at a rate of 90%:

$$P(+|D) = \frac{99}{100}, \quad P(-|D^C) = \frac{9}{10}$$

a) From the above information, let's say you take this test and receive a positive result, what is the probability that you *actually* have this disorder? In math, what is  $P(D|+)$  = ?

b) From the company's perspective, they have no control over the rates of the disorder in the general population ( $P(D)$ ,  $P(D^C)$ ). However, they do have some control over the false positive rate of the test they've produced,  $P(+|D^C)$ . What is the maximum false positive rate their test can produce if the company wishes for a positive test result to indicate a true positive 90% of the time (i.e., what is the maximum  $P(+|D^C)$  if the company wishes for  $P(D|+)$  =  $\frac{9}{10}$ )? What about 99% of the time?

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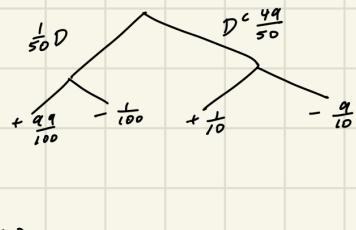
$$P(+|D) = \frac{99}{100} \quad P(D) = \frac{1}{50}$$

Bayes

$$P(D|+) = \frac{P(+|D) P(D)}{P(+)}$$

$$P(+) = \frac{1}{50} \frac{99}{100} + \frac{49}{50} \frac{1}{10}$$

$$P(D|+) = \frac{\frac{99}{100} \frac{1}{50}}{\frac{1}{50} \frac{99}{100} + \frac{49}{50} \frac{1}{10}} \quad (1)$$



from (1)

$$P(D|+) = \frac{q}{10} = \frac{y \frac{1}{50}}{\frac{1}{50}y + \frac{49}{50}x}$$

$$\frac{q}{10} = \frac{y}{y+49x}$$

$$qy + q(49)x = 10y$$

$$q(49)x = y \quad \Rightarrow \quad y \leq 1$$

$$x \propto y$$

$$\max x = \frac{1}{q(49)}$$

$$P(D|+) = \frac{99}{100}$$

$$\max x = \frac{1}{99(49)}$$

- a) Find the tangential and normal lines to the curve  $y = x^2$  at the point  $(1, 1)$ . The *normal line* is the line that is perpendicular to the tangent line and that passes through the point of tangency.
- b) Scaling  $t$  and  $y(t)$  can reduce the equation

$$y_{tt} + ay_t + by = 0$$

to the form

$$u_{\tau\tau} + \epsilon u_\tau + u = 0.$$

What is  $\epsilon$  in terms of  $a$  and  $b$  ( $a$  and  $b > 0$  are constants)?

- c) Show that  $u(t, x) = \frac{a+x}{b+t}$  is a solution of the equation  $u_t + u u_x = 0$ . What initial condition ( $t = 0$ ) does the solution correspond to ( $a$  and  $b > 0$  are constants)?
- d) Consider the boundary value problem

$$-u_{xx} = 1, \quad u(0) = u(1) = 0$$

and its finite difference approximation

$$-\frac{v_{j-1} - 2v_j + v_{j+1}}{h^2} = 1, \quad j = 1, \dots, n, \quad v_0 = v_{n+1} = 0$$

where  $n \geq 1$  is an integer,  $v_j$  is the finite difference approximation of  $u(jh)$  and  $h = 1/(n+1)$ . Show that

$$v_j = (jh)(1 - jh)/2$$

is the finite difference solution. Compare it to the exact solution at the grid points  $x_j = jh$ .

- e) The solution of the initial value problem

$$y_t = y^2, \quad y(0) = 2$$

- 3 "blows up" to infinity in a finite time. Find that time.

$y = x^2$ at $(1, 1)$ $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x = 2$ at $(1, 1)$ $\text{tangent} = y - 1 = 2(x - 1)$ $\text{normal} = y - 1 = -\frac{1}{2}(x - 1)$
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$$y_{tt} + ay_t + by = 0 \rightarrow u_{TT} + \epsilon u_T + u = 0$$

try  $u = by$

$$\frac{du}{dt} = b \frac{dy}{dt} \quad \frac{d^2u}{dt^2} = b \frac{d^2y}{dt^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{b} u_{TT} + \frac{a}{b} \frac{du}{dt} + u = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2u}{dT^2} = \frac{1}{b} \frac{d^2u}{dt^2} \quad T^2 = b t^2 \quad t = \frac{T}{\sqrt{b}} \quad \frac{1}{dt} = \frac{\sqrt{b}}{dT}$$

$$= u_{TT} + \frac{a}{b} \sqrt{b} \frac{du}{dT} + u_T = 0$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{a}{\sqrt{b}}$$

$$\frac{du}{dt} + u \frac{du}{dx} = 0$$

$$u(t, x) = \frac{a+x}{b+t}$$

$$\frac{du}{dt} = (a+x) \frac{-1}{(b+t)^2}$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{b+t}$$

$$(a+x) \frac{-1}{(b+t)^2} + \left( \frac{a+x}{b+t} \right) \frac{1}{b+t} = 0 \checkmark$$

$$\textcircled{a} \quad t=0 \quad \frac{a+x}{b+0} = u$$

$$\frac{d^2u}{dx^2} = -1 \quad u(0) = 0 \quad u(l) = 0$$

$$\frac{du}{dx} = -x + C_1$$

$$u = -\frac{l}{2}x^2 + C_1x + C_2$$

$$u = -\frac{l}{2}x^2 + \frac{l}{2}x + 0$$

$$\frac{y_{k+1} - 2y_k + y_{k-1}}{h^2} \approx \frac{dy_u}{dx^2}$$

$$\frac{v_{j+1} - 2v_j + v_{j-1}}{h^2} \approx -1 = u(jh)$$

$$v_0 = 0 \quad v_{n+1} = 0 \quad h = \frac{l}{n+1}$$

$$v_j = \frac{-1}{2}h^2 + \frac{1}{2}v_{j-1} + \frac{1}{2}v_{j+1}$$

$$v_j = \frac{(jh)(l-jh)}{2}$$

$$\frac{(jh)(l-jh)}{2} = \frac{1}{2}h^2 + \frac{1}{2}v_{j-1} + \frac{1}{2}v_{j+1}$$

$$jh(l-jh) = h^2 + v_{j-1} + v_{j+1}$$

$$v_{j+1} = \frac{1}{2}(j+1)h(l-(j+1)h) = \frac{1}{2}(jh+h)(l-jh-h)$$

$$v_{j-1} = \frac{1}{2}(j-1)h(l-(j-1)h) = \frac{1}{2}(jh-h)(l-jh+h)$$

$$jh(l-jh) = h^2 + (jh+h)(l-jh-h) + (jh-h)(l-jh+h)$$

$$jh - j^2h^2 = h^2 + \frac{1}{2}[jh - j^2h^2 - \cancel{jh^2} + \cancel{h} - \cancel{jh^2} - h^2] + \frac{1}{2}[jh - j^2h^2 + \cancel{jh^2} + \cancel{jh} + \cancel{jh^2} - h^2]$$

$$jh - j^2h^2 = h^2 + [jh - j^2h^2 - h^2]$$

$$jh - j^2h^2 = jh - j^2h^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dy}{dt} &= y^2 & y(0) &= 2 \\
 dy/y^2 &= dt \\
 -y^{-1} &= t + C \\
 y &= \frac{-1}{t+C} \\
 2 &= \frac{-1}{C} \quad C = -\frac{1}{2} \\
 y &= \frac{1}{-t+\frac{1}{2}} \\
 @ \quad t = \frac{1}{2} \quad y &= \infty
 \end{aligned}$$

a) The concentration  $c(\mathbf{x}, t)$  of a pollutant in a body of water diffuses according to

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial t} = \nu \nabla^2 c,$$

with initial conditions  $c(\mathbf{x}, 0) = c_0(\mathbf{x})$ .

Show that the total concentration remains constant.

b) Show that

$$c_g(\mathbf{x}, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} e^{-x^2/4\nu t}$$

is a solution of the diffusion equation.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{total concentration} &= \iiint c(\mathbf{x}, t) dV \\
 c(\mathbf{x}, 0) &= c_0(\mathbf{x}) \\
 \frac{d}{dt} \iiint c(\mathbf{x}, t) dV &= 0? \\
 \iiint \frac{dc}{dt} dV &= \iiint \nabla \cdot (\nabla c) dV \\
 \frac{d}{dt} \iiint c dV &= \nu \iiint \nabla \cdot \nabla c(\mathbf{x}, t) dV \\
 \text{Divergence Theorem} \\
 &= \nu \iint_S \nabla c(\mathbf{x}, t) \cdot \vec{n} dS \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{dc}{dt} &= \frac{d}{dt} t^{-\frac{1}{2}} \exp(-x^2/4vt) \\
&= t^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left( \frac{-x^2}{4vt} \right) t^{-2} \exp\left(\frac{-x^2}{4vt}\right) + \exp\left(\frac{-x^2}{4vt}\right) (-\frac{1}{2}) t^{-\frac{3}{2}} \\
&= t^{-\frac{3}{2}} \exp\left(\frac{-x^2}{4vt}\right) \left[ \frac{x^2}{4vt} + \frac{-1}{2} \right] \\
\nabla c &= t^{-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{-2x}{4vt} \exp\left(\frac{-x^2}{4vt}\right) = t^{-\frac{1}{2}} \frac{-x}{2vt} \exp\left(\frac{-x^2}{4vt}\right) \\
\nabla^2 c &= t^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left[ \frac{-1}{2vt} \exp\left(\frac{-x^2}{4vt}\right) + \frac{x^2}{4vt^2} \exp\left(\frac{-x^2}{4vt}\right) \right] \\
&= t^{-\frac{3}{2}} \exp\left(\frac{-x^2}{4vt}\right) \left[ -\frac{1}{2v} + \frac{x^2}{4vt} \right] \\
\nabla^2 c \times v &= t^{-\frac{3}{2}} \exp\left(\frac{-x^2}{4vt}\right) \left[ -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{x^2}{4vt} \right] \quad \checkmark
\end{aligned}$$

Let  $P(E)$  be the probability of an event  $E \subset \Omega$  and  $P(\Omega) = 1$ . We denote the sample space as  $\Omega$ . The three axioms of probabilities are:

- $P(E) \geq 0$  for all  $E \subset \Omega$
- $P(\Omega) = 1$
- If  $E_1, E_2, \dots \subset \Omega$  and they are pairwise disjoint, i.e.  $E_i \cap E_j = \emptyset$  when  $i \neq j$ , then  $P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots) = P(E_1) + P(E_2) + \dots$

Given the three axioms, answer the following questions [5 points each]:

1. If  $\bar{E}$  is the complement of  $E$  (i.e.  $\bar{E}$  contains all the events that are not in  $E$ ), show that  $P(\bar{E}) = 1 - P(E)$
2. Assume, two events  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are given with  $E_1 \subset E_2$ . Show that  $P(E_2) = P(E_1) + P(E_2 \cap \bar{E}_1) \geq P(E_1)$
3. Show that  $P(\bigcup_{i=1}^n E_i) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n P(E_i)$
4. Two events  $A$  and  $B$  are given with  $0 < P(A) < 1$  and  $0 < P(B) < 1$ . Given  $A$  and  $B$  are disjoint, can the two events be independent?
5. Two events  $A$  and  $B$  are given with  $0 < P(A) < 1$  and  $0 < P(B) < 1$ . Given  $A \subset B$ , can the two events be independent?

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1) if  $\bar{E}$  is complement, then pairwise disjoint  
 $P(E \cap \bar{E}) = \emptyset$

3rd axiom applies

$$P(E \cup \bar{E}) = P(E) + P(\bar{E})$$

since only  $E$  or  $\bar{E}$ , 2nd axiom

$$P(E \cup \bar{E}) = 1 = P(E) + P(\bar{E})$$

$$\therefore P(\bar{E}) = 1 - P(E)$$

2) since only  $E_1$  or  $\bar{E}_1$ , 2nd axiom

$$P(E_1 \cup \bar{E}_1) = 1 = P(\Omega)$$

$E_2$  is in sample space  $\Omega$

$$P(E_2) = P(E_2 \cap \Omega)$$

$$P(E_2) = P[E_2 \cap (E_1 \cup \bar{E}_1)]$$

$$= P[(E_2 \cap E_1) \cup (E_2 \cap \bar{E}_1)]$$

$E_1 \nmid \bar{E}_1$  disjoint, 3rd axiom

$$P(E_2) = P(E_2 \cap E_1) + P(E_2 \cap \bar{E}_1)$$

$E_1 \subset E_2$  so all  $E_1$  events also had  $E_2$  occur

$$P(E_1) = P(E_2 \cap E_1)$$

$$\therefore P(E_2) = P(E_1) + P(E_2 \cap \bar{E}_1) \quad (2.1)$$

1st axiom

$$P(E_2 \cap \bar{E}_1) \geq 0$$

$$\therefore P(E_1) + P(E_2 \cap \bar{E}_1) \geq P(E_1) \quad (2.2)$$

3) first proving case  $n=2$ :  
 $A \cup B$  is the same as all of  $A$  or  
the parts of  $B$  not including  $A$  ( $A^c$ )  
 $P(A \cup B) = P(A \cup (B \cap A^c))$   
 $A \not\subseteq B \cap A^c$  are therefore disjoint, 3rd axiom  
 $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B \cap A^c)$   
 $B \cap A^c$  is a subset of all  $B$   
 $B \cap A^c \subseteq B$   
from (2.1) & (2.2) of previous problem  
 $P(B \cap A^c) \leq P(B)$   
 $\therefore P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B \cap A^c) \leq P(A) + P(B) \quad (3.1)$

case  $n=3$ :  
 $P(A \cup B \cup C) = P((A \cup B) \cup C)$   
from (3.1) with  $A \cup B$  as first event &  $C$  as second event  
 $P((A \cup B) \cup C) \leq P(A \cup B) + P(C)$   
from (3.1) again  
 $P(A \cup B) \leq P(A) + P(B)$   
 $P(A \cup B) + P(C) \leq P(A) + P(B) + P(C)$   
 $\therefore P(A \cup B \cup C) \leq P(A \cup B) + P(C) \leq P(A) + P(B) + P(C)$

CASE  $n+1$ :  
assume case  $n$  works  
 $P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_n) \leq P(E_1) + P(E_2) + \dots + P(E_n)$   
now look at case  $n+1$   
 $P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_n \cup E_{n+1}) = P[(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_n) \cup E_{n+1}]$   
from 3.1 with  $(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_n)$  as first event &  $E_{n+1}$  as second event  
 $P[(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_n) \cup E_{n+1}] \leq P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_n) + P(E_{n+1})$   
since we assumed case  $n$  works  
 $P(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_n) + P(E_{n+1}) \leq P(E_1) + P(E_2) + \dots + P(E_n) + P(E_{n+1})$   
 $\therefore P[(E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \dots \cup E_n) \cup E_{n+1}] \leq P(E_1) + P(E_2) + \dots + P(E_n) + P(E_{n+1})$   
complete proof by induction

4) independence def: independent iff  $P(A \cap B) = P(A) P(B)$

disjoint so

$$P(A \cap B) = 0$$

$$P(A) > 0 \quad \& \quad P(B) > 0$$

$$P(A) P(B) \neq 0$$

$\therefore P(A \cap B) \neq P(A) P(B)$  not independent

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$A \subset B$  so all A events also had B occur

$$P(A) = P(A \cap B)$$

$$P(A) > 0 \quad \& \quad P(B) > 0$$

$$P(A) P(B) \neq P(A)$$

$\therefore P(A \cap B) \neq P(A) P(B)$  not independent

function:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = 2^{-d} \sum_{i=1}^d x_i^2,$$

where  $\mathbf{x}$  is a vector  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_d)$ .

a) [2 points] Calculate the integral analytically

$$I = \int_V f(\mathbf{x}) \, d\mathbf{x},$$

6 where  $V$  is a  $d$ -dimensional cube with bounds  $[-1, 1]^d$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
&= Z^{-d} \int_V \vec{x}^T \vec{x} d\vec{x} \\
&= Z^{-d} \int_V \sum_i^d x_i^2 d\vec{x} \\
&= Z^{-d} \sum_i^d \left( \int_{-1}^1 x_i^2 dx_i \right) (dx)^{d-1} \\
&= Z^{-d} \sum_i^d \left( \int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{3} [1 - (x_i)^2] (dx_i)^{d-1} \right) \\
&= Z^{-d} \sum_i^d \left( \int_{-1}^1 \frac{2}{3} [z] (dz_i)^{d-2} \right) \\
&= Z^{-d} \sum_i^d \frac{2}{3} Z^{d-1} \\
&= Z^{-d} Z^d \frac{1}{3} = d/3
\end{aligned}$$

You are in charge of a factory that produces mechanical springs. A spring is produced successfully if its stiffness  $K$  is larger than  $10 [N/m]$ . The stiffnesses of all produced springs are independent from each other and follow a known distribution  $f_K$ . You want to find the unknown success rate  $q$  of the production process using Monte Carlo.

- a) Find a suitable Monte Carlo estimator  $q_N$  for the production sucess rate given  $N$  independent random samples from the distribution  $f_K$ .
- b) Find the expected value as well as the variance of the Monte Carlo estimator  $q_N$ .
- c) We define the relative error of the Monte Carlo estimator as:

$$\alpha_N = \frac{q_N - q}{q} \quad (1)$$

Find the expected value of the squared relative error. Your result should depend on both  $N$  and  $q$ .

- d) Assume the unknown true success rate is  $q = \frac{1}{10001}$ . How many sample  $N$  are necessary such that the squared relative error is smaller than  $0.01$  ?

$$a) \quad I_q = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{I}(K_i > 10) \quad K_i \sim f_k$$

$$b) \quad E[q_N] = q \quad \text{average prob of passing}$$

then  $(K_i > 10) \sim \text{Bern}(q)$

$$\text{Var}[q_N] = \frac{q(1-q)}{N}$$

$$\begin{aligned} c) \quad E[\alpha^2] &= \text{Var}[\alpha] + E[\alpha]^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{q^2} \text{Var}[q_N] + 0 + \frac{1}{q} [E[q_N] - q] \\ &= \frac{1}{q^2} \frac{q(1-q)}{N} + \frac{1}{q} [q - q] \\ &= \frac{(1-q)}{qN} \end{aligned}$$

$$d) \quad 0.01 > \frac{1-q}{qN}$$

$$N > \frac{1-q}{q(0.01)}$$