

Monte Carlo Method

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Lab.

- Recall that

- Let $Y=g(X)$
- $\Pr(Y=y) = \sum_{x \in G(x)=y} \Pr(X = x)$
- Example:
 - Roll two dice
 - Let X_1, X_2 be numbers on the first/second dice
 - Let $Y = X_1 - X_2$
 - $\Pr(Y=0) = \sum_{k=1}^6 \Pr(X_1 = X_2 = k) = \frac{1}{6}$

- How about continuous case?

- Suppose we have $f_X(x)$ ($F_X(x)$), and aim to find $f_Y(y)$ ($F_Y(y)$) for $Y=g(X)$

→ Use **CDF**

- Case: $g(\cdot)$ is a linear function

- Let $Y=aX+b$

- $F_Y(y) = \Pr(Y \leq y) = \Pr(aX + b \leq y)$
 $= \Pr\left(X \leq \frac{y-b}{a}\right) = F_X\left(\frac{y-b}{a}\right)$

- $\rightarrow f_Y(y) = \left|\frac{1}{a}\right| \cdot f_X\left(\frac{y-b}{a}\right)$

Case $a > 0$

How about $a < 0$?

- Example:

- Roll a die and let X be the number on the die
 - Let $Y=2X-1$
 - $\Pr(Y=1) = \Pr(2X-1=1)=\Pr(X=1) = 1/6$

- Example

- $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$, $Y = aX+b$
 - $f_X(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$
 - $f_Y(y) = \left|\frac{1}{a}\right| \cdot \lambda e^{-\lambda(y-b)/a}$

Derived Distribution

- Case $g(\cdot)$ is monotonic
 - Either strictly increasing or decreasing
 - $g(x) < g(x')$ for all $x < x'$
 - $g(\cdot)$ is invertible and let its inverse function is $h(y)$
 - $y=g(x) \iff x=h(y)$
 - Example
 - $g(x)=ax+b \iff h(y) = (y-b)/a$
 - $g(x)=e^{ax} \iff h(y) = (\ln y) /a$

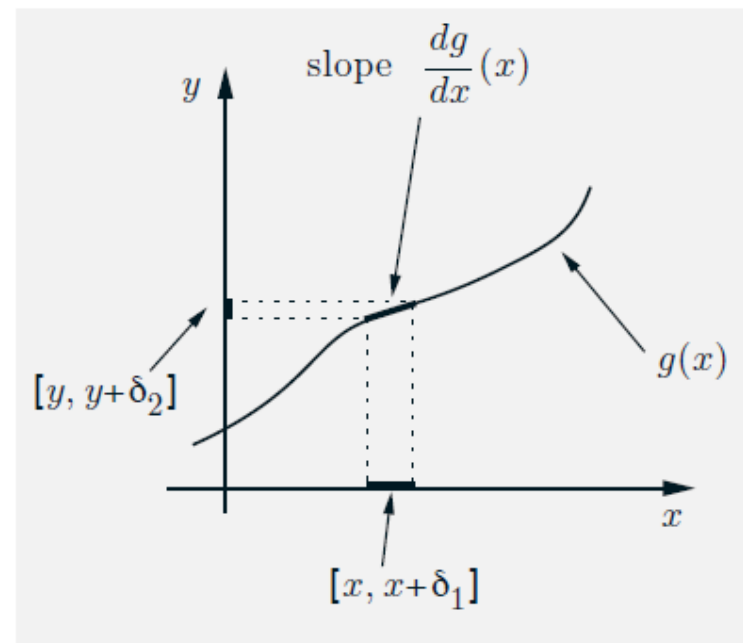
Monotonic Function Case

- Claim: Assume $y = g(\cdot)$ is monotonic,

$$\text{then } f_Y(y) = f_X(h(y)) \cdot \left| \frac{dh(y)}{dy} \right|$$

- Proof

- Case for increasing functions
- $F_Y(y) = \Pr(g(X) \leq y) = \Pr(X \leq h(y)) = F_X(h(y))$
- Differentiating the both sides,
we obtain the result



● Example

- $X \sim U[0, 1]$, $Y = g(X) = X^2$
- $h(y) = \sqrt{y} \rightarrow \frac{dh(y)}{dy} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}}$
- $f_X(h(y)) = f_X(\sqrt{y}) \frac{dh(y)}{dy} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}}$
- $F_Y(y) = \Pr(Y \leq y)$
 $= \Pr(X^2 \leq y)$
 $= \Pr(-\sqrt{y} \leq X \leq \sqrt{y})$
 $= F_X(\sqrt{y}) - F_X(-\sqrt{y})$

- $Z = g(X, Y)$

- Example

- Two golfers each hit balls once

Let X, Y be the driving distances of two golfers

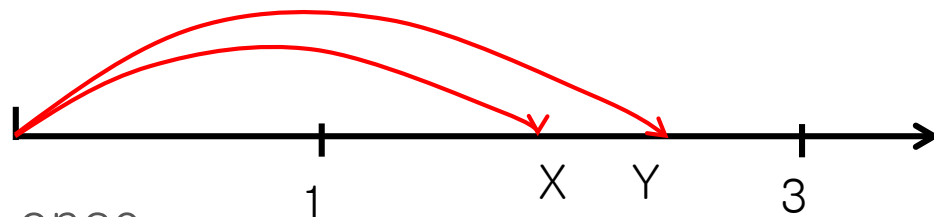
$$X, Y \sim U[1, 3]$$

Let $Z = \max\{X, Y\}$

- Compute $f_Z(z) = ??$

- Solutions

- $F_Z(z) = \Pr(Z \leq z)$
 $= \Pr(X \leq z, Y \leq z)$
 $= \Pr(X \leq z) \cdot \Pr(Y \leq z) = \frac{z}{2} \cdot \frac{z}{2}$



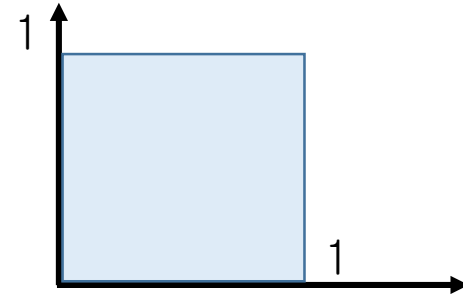
Example

- X, Y be independent r.v. uniformly distributed on the area $[0,1] \times [0,1]$

– Let $Z = \frac{Y}{X}$

To show that

$$F_Z(z) = \Pr\left(\frac{Y}{X} \leq z\right) = \begin{cases} \frac{z}{2}, & \text{if } 0 \leq z \leq 1, \\ 1 - \frac{1}{2z}, & \text{if } z > 1 \\ 0, & \text{ow} \end{cases}$$



- Sum of independent random variables

- $Z = X + Y$

- Discrete case

- $\Pr(Z=z) = \Pr(X+Y=z) = \sum_x \Pr(X=x, Y=z-x)$

- Continuous case

- $\Pr(Z \leq z \mid X = x) = \Pr(X + Y \leq z \mid X = x)$
 $= \Pr(Y \leq z - x \mid X = x)$
 $= \Pr(Y \leq z - x)$

- $\rightarrow f_{Z|X}(z|x) = f_Y(z - x)$

- $f_{X,Z}(x, z) = f_X(x) \cdot f_{Z|X}(z|x) = f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(z - x)$

- $f_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X,Z}(x, z) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) \cdot f_Y(z - x) dx$

Example

- Let X, Y are independent and $X=Y=U[0,1]$
- Let $Z = X+Y$

- To show that

$$f_Z(z) = \begin{cases} \min\{1, z\} - \max\{0, z - 1\}, & 0 \leq z \leq 2 \\ 0, & \text{ow} \end{cases}$$

