

Chapter 5

Simulation

5.1 Simulation for BGW and BGWI processes

Consider a BGWI process \mathfrak{z} with regeneration and immigration distributions given by random variables ξ and η with generating functions $f(s) := \mathbb{E}s^\xi$ and $g(s) := \mathbb{E}s^\eta$. We work under Assumption **(SL)** and so the generating functions f and g are given by

$$f(s) = s + c(1-s)^{1+} \ell(1-s) \text{ and } g(s) = 1 - d(1-s) \kappa(1-s),$$

where c, d are positive and $\ell \in (0, 1]$; κ and ℓ are slowly varying at 0 and $\kappa(x) \sim \ell(x)$ when $x \rightarrow 0$. For a given ℓ , we denote ξ corresponding to f by $\xi^{c,\ell}$ and similarly we denote η by $\eta^{d,\kappa}$.

For any $p \in [0, 1]$, let $Be(1/p)$ denote a Bernoulli random variable with $\mathbb{P}(Be(1/p) = 1) = p$.

Claim 5.1. *Consider a function ℓ_1 on $[0, 1]$ given by $\ell_1(x) = \ell(x) \left(1 + \frac{x\ell'(x)}{(1+)}\ell(x)\right)$ for $x \in [0, 1]$. It holds that $\ell_1(x) \sim \ell(x)$ as $x \rightarrow 0$ and so ℓ_1 is slowly varying at 0. Then the law of $\xi^{c,\ell}$ is*

$$\xi^{c,\ell} \stackrel{w}{=} Be(m+1)(m+1) \text{ given } \eta^{c(1+),\ell_1} = m.$$

Remark 5.2. To simulate ξ it is enough to simulate $m = \eta^{c(1+),\ell_1}$ and flip a coin with the probability $\frac{1}{m+1}$ of landing H . If the coin lands H , then $\xi \leftarrow m+1$, otherwise $\xi \leftarrow 0$.

Proof. Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} f'(1-x) &= 1 - x + cx^{1+} \ell(x) \Big)' = 1 + c(1+)x \ell(x) + cx^{1+} \ell'(x) \\ &= 1 + c(1+)x \ell(x) \left(1 + \frac{x\ell'(x)}{(1+)\ell(x)}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Put $\ell_1(x) := \ell(x) \left(1 + \frac{x\ell'(x)}{(1+)^{\ell(x)}}\right)$, then $\frac{\ell_1(x)}{\ell(x)} \rightarrow 1$ as $x \rightarrow 0+$. Consider the following

$$\begin{aligned} f(s) &= c + \int_0^s \frac{1}{\ell_1(r)} \frac{c(1+)^{\ell_1(r)}}{\ell_1(r)} dr = c + \int_0^s \mathbb{E} r^{\eta^{c(1+)^{\ell_1(r)}}} dr \\ &= c + \mathbb{E} \frac{r^{\eta^{c(1+)^{\ell_1(r)}}}}{\eta^{c(1+)^{\ell_1(r)}} + 1} = c + \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{k} \mathbb{P}(\eta^{c(1+)^{\ell_1}} = k-1) r^k \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\mathbb{P}(\xi^{c,\ell} = 0) = c$ and $\mathbb{P}(\xi^{c,\ell} = k) = \frac{1}{k} \mathbb{P}(\eta^{c(1+)^{\ell_1}} = k-1)$ for $k \geq 1$. On the other hand, we derive, for $k \geq 1$

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbb{P}(Be^{-\eta^{c(1+)^{\ell_1}} + 1} (\eta^{c(1+)^{\ell_1}} + 1) = k) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(Be^{-\eta^{c(1+)^{\ell_1}} + 1} \mid \eta^{c(1+)^{\ell_1}} + 1 = k) \mathbb{P}(\eta^{c(1+)^{\ell_1}} + 1 = k) \\ &= \frac{1}{k} \mathbb{P}(\eta^{c(1+)^{\ell_1}} = k-1). \end{aligned}$$

Claim 5.3. Let $S^{d,k}$ be a random variable such that for $\lambda \geq 0$

$$\mathbb{E} \exp(-\lambda S^{d,k}) = 1 - d\lambda k(\lambda).$$

Then $\eta^{d,k} \stackrel{w}{=} \text{Pois}(S^{d,k})$.

Proof. Indeed,

$$\mathbb{E}_S \eta^{d,k} = \mathbb{E}_S \text{Pois}(S^{d,k}) = \mathbb{E} \exp(-S^{d,k}(1-s)).$$

Corollary 5.4. Consider an d -stable random variable S such that, for some $d > 0$ and $\lambda \geq 0$,

$$\mathbb{E} \exp(-\lambda S) = \exp(-d\lambda).$$

Then $\eta^{d,k} \stackrel{w}{=} \text{Pois}(S)$ with

$$k(1-s) := \frac{e^{-d(1-s)}}{d(1-s)}, \text{ for } s \in [0, 1].$$

Note that with this choice of k it holds that $k(1-s) \rightarrow 1$ when $s \rightarrow 1$, hence it is slowly varying. Moreover, by Faà di Bruno's formula

$$g(s) = e^{-d} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} B_n\left(\frac{1}{d}, (1-s), \dots, (n-1)(1-s)\right) s^n,$$

for Bell's complete polynomials B_n .

Claim 5.5. The probability mass function of $\eta^{d,1}$, is $\mathbb{P}(\eta^{d,1} = 0) = 1 - d$ and, for $k \geq 1$,

$$\mathbb{P}(\eta^{d,1} = n) = d(1-d)^{n+1} \binom{n}{n} = d \frac{(1-d) \dots (n-1-d)}{n!}.$$

This implies that the generating function of $\eta^{d,1}$ admits representation

$$g(s) = (1 - d) + d \cdot s \left(1 + (1 - d) \cdot s \left(\frac{2}{2} + \frac{2}{2} \cdot s \left(\frac{2}{3} + \dots \right) \right) \right).$$

Remark 5.6. The following sampling algorithm for $\eta^{d,1}$ follows from the representation of the generating function. With probability $1 - d$ set $\eta^{d,1} \leftarrow 0$. Otherwise consider a sequence of coin tosses $(X_k)_{k \geq 1}$ where, for $k \geq 1$, let $\mathbb{P}(X_k = H) = \frac{2}{k}$. Denote κ the index of the first H in this sequence. Set $\eta^{d,1} \leftarrow \kappa$. Overall

$$\eta^{d,1} \leftarrow Be(1/d) \cdot \kappa.$$

Note that the second Borel-Cantelli lemma implies that κ is finite. At the same time $\mathbb{E}\kappa = \infty$ in accordance with Lemma 2.1.

Remark 5.7. The assumptions $\ell \equiv 1$ and $k \equiv 1$ imply the following bounds on c and d :

$$0 < d < 1 \quad \text{and} \quad 0 < c(1 + d) < 1.$$

The bound on d follows from Claim 5.5. Whereas the bound on c is a consequence of Claim 5.1, as we can see $\xi^{d,1} \stackrel{w}{=} Be(M + 1)(M + 1)$, with $M \stackrel{w}{=} Be(1/c(1 + d))\kappa$.

5.2 Simulation of CB and CBI processes

In this section, we show how to generate a random variable with distribution of $Z^z(t)$ for any $z \geq 0$ and $t \geq 0$. Recall that by (1.8), it has the law of the sum of independent random variables

$$Z^z(t) \stackrel{w}{=} Z^0(t) + \tilde{Z}^z(t)$$

with Laplace transforms given by

$$\mathbb{E} \exp(-\lambda Z^0(t)) = (1 + c\lambda t)^{-\frac{d}{c}} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{E} \exp(-\lambda \tilde{Z}^z(t)) = \exp\left(\frac{\lambda x_0}{(1 + c\lambda t)^{1/c}}\right).$$

Definition 5.8. For α and β positive, a *Linnik*(α, β) distribution has the Laplace transform given by $\lambda \mapsto 1/(1 + \lambda)^\beta$, for $\lambda \geq 0$.

The following sampling algorithm is described in [Dev90].

Theorem 5.9. *Linnik*(α, β) distribution can be sampled as a product $\text{Linnik}(\alpha, \beta) \sim (\Theta_\beta)^{1/\alpha} \Sigma$, where Θ_β is a Gamma random variable with Laplace transform $\lambda \mapsto 1/(1 + \lambda)^\beta$ and Σ is a positive stable random variable with Laplace transform $\lambda \mapsto e^{-\lambda}$.

We recognise that the distribution of $Z^0(t)$ is an appropriately scaled *Linnik*(α, δ)

distribution and we have

$$Z^0(t) \stackrel{w}{=} (ct)^{1/} \text{Linnik}(\cdot, \delta). \quad (5.1)$$

As for $\tilde{Z}^z(t)$, observe that it can be represented as a sum of a random number of random variables. In particular, let $k := (ct)^{1/}$ and $\eta \sim \text{Pois}(z/k)$ and let τ be an independent random variable distributed as

$$\mathbb{E} e^{-\lambda \tau} = 1 - \left(\frac{\lambda}{1 + \lambda} \right)^{1/}, \text{ for } \lambda \geq 0. \quad (5.2)$$

then for a sequence of independent random variables $(\tau_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ with the common distribution $\tau_1 \sim \tau$, we have

$$\tilde{Z}^z(t) \stackrel{w}{=} k \sum_{i=1}^{\eta} \tau_i. \quad (5.3)$$

Indeed, the Laplace transform of the right hand side is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \exp \left(-\lambda k \sum_{i=1}^{\eta} \tau_i \right) &= \exp \left(-\frac{z}{k} \left(1 - \mathbb{E} e^{-\lambda k \tau} \right) \right) = \exp \left(-\frac{z}{k} \left(\frac{(k\lambda)}{1 + (k\lambda)} \right)^{1/} \right) \\ &= \exp \left(-\frac{\lambda z}{(1 + ct\lambda)^{1/}} \right) = \mathbb{E} \exp(-\lambda \tilde{Z}^z(t)). \end{aligned}$$

We will now be concerned with the sampling of τ .

5.2.1 Size-biasing and integrated tail transforms

Definition 5.10. Let ξ be a non-negative random variable with finite mean. We call ξ' a *size-biased transform* of ξ if $\mathbb{E}g(\xi') = \mathbb{E}[\xi g(\xi)] / \mathbb{E}\xi$ for any bounded continuous g .

Definition 5.11. Let ξ be a non-negative random variable with finite mean. We call ξ° an *integrated tail transform* of ξ if $\mathbb{P}(\xi^\circ \in dx) = \mathbb{P}(\xi > x) / \mathbb{E}\xi$.

Claim 5.12 (Properties of ξ°).

1. ξ° is a continuous non-negative random variable with $\mathbb{E}\xi^\circ = 1$.
2. For a continuously differentiable function θ such that $\mathbb{E}|\theta(\xi)| < \infty$

$$\mathbb{E}\theta(\xi) = \theta(0) + \mathbb{E}\xi \cdot \mathbb{E}\theta'(\xi^\circ).$$

3. Let ξ_1, \dots, ξ_n be independent random variables with the common distribution $\xi_1 \sim \xi$. Then for a n -times continuously differentiable function θ such that $\mathbb{E}|\theta(\xi_1 + \dots +$

$$|\xi_n| < \infty,$$

$$\mathbb{E}\theta(\xi_1 + \dots + \xi_n) = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (\mathbb{E}\xi)^i \mathbb{E}\theta^{(i)}(\xi_1^\circ + \dots + \xi_i^\circ).$$

4. Let $\eta \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda)$, then for an infinitely differentiable function θ

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\theta \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\eta} \xi_i \right) \right] = e^{\lambda} \mathbb{E} \left[(\mathbb{E}\xi)^{\eta} \cdot \theta^{(\eta)} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\eta} \xi_i^\circ \right) \right].$$

Proof of 2. By the integration by parts, see Lemma 5.13, we get

$$\mathbb{E}\theta(\xi) = \theta(0) + \int_0^\infty \theta'(x) \mathbb{P}(\xi > x) dx.$$

Proof of 3. Consider the case $n = 2$. Applying Property 2 twice we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}\theta(\xi_1 + \xi_2) &= \mathbb{E}\theta(\xi_1) + \mathbb{E}\xi_2 \mathbb{E}\theta'(\xi_1 + \xi_2^\circ) \\ &= \theta(0) + 2\mathbb{E}\xi \mathbb{E}\theta(\xi_1^\circ) + (\mathbb{E}\xi_2)^2 \mathbb{E}\theta''(\xi_1^\circ + \xi_2^\circ). \end{aligned}$$

The general case, follows by induction.

Proof of 4. Recall that $\mathbb{P}(\eta = n) = e^{-\lambda} \lambda^n / n!$. Then by Property 3

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left[\theta \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\eta} \xi_i \right) \right] &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} (\mathbb{E}\xi)^i \mathbb{E}\theta^{(i)} \left(\sum_{j=1}^i \xi_j^\circ \right) e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^n}{n!} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (\mathbb{E}\xi)^i \mathbb{E}\theta^{(i)} \left(\sum_{j=1}^i \xi_j^\circ \right) e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^i}{i!} \sum_{n=i}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{n-i}}{(n-i)!} \\ &= e^{-\lambda} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (\mathbb{E}\xi)^i \mathbb{E}\theta^{(i)} \left(\sum_{j=1}^i \xi_j^\circ \right) \mathbb{P}(\eta = i). \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 5.13 (Integration by parts). *Let X be a non-negative random variable. Then*

$$\mathbb{E} X = \int_0^\infty \mathbb{P}(X > y) dy.$$

Moreover, for a once continuously differentiable function g such that $\mathbb{E}|g(X)| < \infty$, it holds that

$$\mathbb{E}[g(X) - g(0)] = \int_0^\infty g'(x) \mathbb{P}(X > x) dx.$$

Proof. Note that for $x \geq 0$ it holds that $x = \int_0^x dy = \int_0^\infty 1_{x>y} dy$. Then by Fubini's theorem

$$\mathbb{E} X = \mathbb{E} \int_0^\infty 1_{\{X>y\}} dy = \int_0^\infty \mathbb{P}(X > y) dy.$$

For a once continuously differentiable function g consider an approximation g_n constructed as a linear interpolation of g at points $(k/n)_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0}$. Then for any $K > 0$ it holds that

$$\sup_{x < K} [|g_n(x) - g(x)| \vee |g'_n(x) - g'(x)|] \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

For $K > 0$, consider

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} g_n(X \wedge K) &= \sum_k \mathbb{E} [g_n(X \wedge K); X \in [k/n, (k+1)/n)] \\ &= g_n(0) + \int_0^K g'_n(x) \mathbb{P}(X > x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ and then $K \rightarrow \infty$ we get the result.

Sampling of the size-biased and integrated tail transforms

Let $S(n) := \sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i$, where $(\xi_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ are independent copies of ξ . Consider a renewal process $(N(t))_{t \geq 0}$, which is defined as $N(t) := \inf\{k \geq 0 : S(k) > t\}$. Consider the undershoot U , the overshoot V , and the current lifetime $W := U + V$ processes, given by:

$$G(t) := t - S(N(t) - 1), \quad D(t) := S(N(t)) - t, \quad \text{and} \quad L(t) := S(N(t)) - S(N(t) - 1).$$

The following theorem can be found in, for example, [lks16, Proposition 6.2.7].

Theorem 5.14. *Assume that the distribution of ξ is non-lattice. As $t \rightarrow \infty$, the marginal distributions of $G(t)$ and $D(t)$ converge to ξ° ; and the marginal distribution of $W(t)$ converges to ξ' . Moreover, for $U \sim \text{Unif}[0, 1]$, it holds that $\xi'U \stackrel{w}{=} \xi^\circ$.*

The next claim shows how to sample ξ , given a sampler for ξ' .

Claim 5.15. *Assume that $\mathbb{E}\xi = 1$. To produce a sample of ξ , sample $y \leftarrow \xi'$ and flip a coin which lands H with probability $1/y$. If the coin landed T then repeat the procedure, otherwise return y .*

Proof. Note that

$$\mathbb{E} [g(\xi'); \text{Be}(\xi') = 1] = \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{1}{\xi} \xi g(\xi) \right] = \mathbb{E} g(\xi).$$

Application to τ

By the integration by parts of the Laplace transform we get

$$\frac{1}{(1 + \lambda)^{1/}} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \mathbb{E} e^{-\lambda \tau} = \int_0^\infty \mathbb{P}(\tau > x) e^{-\lambda x} dx. \quad (5.4)$$

We immediately recognise the left-hand side as the Laplace transform of a random variable ζ with *Linnik*($\cdot, 1/$) distribution, i.e., its density f_ζ is such that

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda x} f_\zeta(x) dx = \left(\frac{1}{1 + \lambda} \right)^{1/}.$$

By the uniqueness of the Laplace transforms $f_\zeta(x) = \mathbb{P}(\tau > x)$. This implies that $\zeta \sim \tau^\circ$ and $\mathbb{E}\tau = 1$. The next claim is an immediate corollary of Property 4 and representation (5.3).

Claim 5.16. *Let $k = (ct)^{1/}$ and $z > 0$. Then for an infinitely differentiable function θ and $\eta \sim \text{Pois}(z/k)$, we have*

$$\mathbb{E} \theta(\tilde{Z}^z(t)) = e^{z/k} \mathbb{E} \left[k^\eta \cdot \theta^{(\eta)} \left(k \sum_{i=1}^\eta \zeta_i \right) \right].$$

where $(\zeta_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ are independent random variables distributed as *Linnik*($\cdot, 1/$).

Consider (5.4) with $\lambda \leftarrow \lambda/y$ for $y > 0$. After the change of variables we get

$$\int_0^\infty \mathbb{P}(\tau > xy) y e^{-\lambda x} dx = \frac{1}{(1 + (\lambda/y))^{1/}}.$$

Take the derivative on both sides and evaluate it at $y = 1$. We obtain

$$\int_0^\infty x f_\tau(x) e^{-\lambda x} dx = \int_0^\infty f_\zeta(x) e^{-\lambda x} dx \quad \frac{\lambda}{(1 + \lambda)^{1+1/}} = \frac{1}{(1 + \lambda)^{1+1/}}.$$

Hence the sized-biased transform of τ has the Laplace transform given as above and we recognise it to be *Linnik*($\cdot, 1 + 1/$) distribution. This, together with (5.3) and Claim 5.15, yields the following claim.

Claim 5.17. *Let $k = (ct)^{1/}$ and $z > 0$. Consider a sequence $(y_i, h_i)_i$ of independent identically distributed random variables with y_1 having the *Linnik*($\cdot, 1 + 1/$) distribution; and $h_1 \sim \text{Be}(y_1)$. Let $H(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n h_i$ and $H^{-1}(n) = \inf\{k \geq 0 : H(k) = n\}$. Then, upon letting $\eta \sim \text{Pois}(z/k)$, we have*

$$\tilde{Z}^z(t) \stackrel{w}{=} k \sum_{i=1}^{H^{-1}(\eta)} h_i y_i.$$

5.2.2 Sampling based on the Pólya property

Definition 5.18. A function $\varphi : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is said to have the *Pólya's property* if $\varphi|_{\mathbb{R}}$ is real and even; φ is 1 at $z = 0$; it goes to 0 when $z \rightarrow \infty$; and φ is convex on $(0, \infty)$.

The following theorem can be found in, for example, [Fel71, Example XV.3.b].

Theorem 5.19. *A function with the Pólya's property is a characteristic function of some random variable.*

There exists a way to sample from a distribution given only by its characteristic function if it has the Pólya's property. Let us first introduce the Fejer-de la Vallee Poussin (FVP) distribution.

Definition 5.20. A random variable Y has the *Fejer-de la Vallee Poussin (FVP)* distribution if its characteristic function is given by

$$\mathbb{E}e^{izY} = (1 - |z|) \wedge 0, \text{ for } z \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Its density is given by

$$\mathbb{P}(Y \in dx) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\frac{\sin(x/2)}{x/2} \right)^2, \text{ for } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

The following two theorems are found in [Dev84].

Theorem 5.21. *Let X have a characteristic function φ which has the Pólya's property. Then $X \sim Y/Z$, where Y and Z are independent and Y has FVP distribution; and Z has the distribution function given by*

$$\mathbb{P}(Z > s) = \varphi(s) - s\varphi'(s), \text{ for } s > 0, \text{ and } \mathbb{P}(Z = 0) = 0.$$

Moreover, if the above expression is absolutely continuous, then Z has density given by

$$\mathbb{P}(Z \in ds) = s\varphi''(s).$$

Theorem 5.22. *To produce a sample of Y , sample (U, V) uniformly in $[-1, 1]^2$. If $U > 0$ and $|U| < V^2 \sin^2(1/V)$, then return $2V$. If $U < 0$ and $|U| < \sin^2(V)$, then return $2V$. Otherwise, repeat the procedure. The average number of iterations to produce a result is $4/\pi$.*

Application to τ

Denote the Laplace transform of τ by φ_τ , i.e., as is given in (5.2),

$$\varphi_\tau(\lambda) = 1 - \left(\frac{|\lambda|}{1 + |\lambda|} \right)^{1/2}, \text{ for } \lambda \geq 0.$$

Consider the symmetrised version of τ ,

$$\tau^s := h\tau_1 + (1 - h)\tau_2,$$

where h , τ_1 and τ_2 are independent and $h \sim Be(2)$, and τ_1 has the same distribution as τ_2 and $\tau_1 \sim \tau$. Then the characteristic function of τ^s is given by

$$\mathbb{E}e^{iz\tau^s} = \frac{1}{2}\varphi_\tau(-iz) + \frac{1}{2}\varphi_\tau(iz) = 1 - \left(\frac{|z|}{1 + |z|} \right)^{1/2} =: \varphi_{\tau^s}(z), \text{ for } z \in \mathbb{C}.$$

The function φ_{τ^s} has the Pólya's property and so it can be sampled based on Theorem 5.21. Moreover, since $|\tau^s| \stackrel{w}{=} \tau$, this is also an algorithm for sampling τ . This, together with (5.3), yields the following claim.

Claim 5.23. *Let $k = (ct)^{1/2}$ and $z > 0$. Consider a sequence $(Y_i, Z_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ of independent identically distributed random variables with Y_1 having the FVP distribution; and Z_1 having the distribution function given by*

$$\mathbb{P}(Z_1 \leq z) = \frac{z^{1/2}}{(1 + z)^{1+1/2}}, \text{ for } z > 0, \text{ and } \mathbb{P}(Z = 0) = 0, \quad (5.5)$$

and its density is given by $\mathbb{P}(Z_1 \in dz) = \frac{(1+z)^{-3/2}}{(1+z)^{2+1/2}} dz$, for $z > 0$. Then, upon letting $\eta \sim \text{Pois}(z/k)$, we have

$$\tilde{Z}^z(t) \stackrel{w}{=} k \sum_{i=1}^{\eta} |Y_i| / Z_i.$$