

<i>Binomial</i>	<i>pbinom</i>	<i>qbinom</i>	<i>dbinom</i>	<i>rbinom</i>
<i>Geometric</i>	<i>pgeom</i>	<i>qgeom</i>	<i>dgeom</i>	<i>rgeom</i>
<i>NegativeBinomial</i>	<i>pnbinom</i>	<i>qnbinom</i>	<i>dnbinom</i>	<i>rnbinom</i>
<i>Poisson</i>	<i>ppois</i>	<i>qpois</i>	<i>dpois</i>	<i>rpois</i>
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<i>Exponential</i>	<i>pexp</i>	<i>qexp</i>	<i>dexp</i>	<i>rexp</i>
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### 13.5 Exercises

1. Write R programs to generate Geometric(p) and Negative Binomial(i,p) random variables.

*Solution:* To generate a Geometric random variable, we run a loop of Bernoulli trials until the first success occurs.  $K$  counts the number of failures plus one success, which is equal to the total number of trials.

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K = 1;
p = 0.2;
while(runif(1) > p)
K = K + 1;
K

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Now, we can generate Geometric random variable  $i$  times to obtain a Negative Binomial( $i, p$ ) variable as a sum of  $i$  independent Geometric (p) random variables.

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K = 1;
p = 0.2;
r = 2;
success = 0;
while(success < r)
{if (runif(1) > p)
{K = K + 1;
print = 0 #Failure
}else
{success = success + 1;
print = 1}} #Success
K + r - 1 #Number of trials needed to obtain r successes

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2. (Poisson) Use the algorithm for generating discrete random variables to obtain a Poisson random variable with parameter  $\lambda = 2$ .

*Solution:* We know a Poisson random variable takes all nonnegative integer values with probabilities

$$p_i = P(X = x_i) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^i}{i!} \quad \text{for } i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

To generate a  $Poisson(\lambda)$ , first we generate a random number  $U$ . Next, we divide the interval  $[0, 1]$  into subintervals such that the  $j$ th subinterval has length  $p_j$  (Figure 13.2). Assume

$$X = \begin{cases} x_0 & \text{if } (U < p_0) \\ x_1 & \text{if } (p_0 \leq U < p_0 + p_1) \\ \vdots & \\ x_j & \text{if } \left( \sum_{k=0}^{j-1} p_k \leq U < \sum_{k=0}^j p_k \right) \\ \vdots & \end{cases}$$

Here  $x_i = i - 1$ , so

$$X = i \quad \text{if} \quad p_0 + \dots + p_{i-1} \leq U < p_0 + \dots + p_{i-1} + p_i \\ F(i-1) \leq U < F(i) \quad \text{F is CDF}$$

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lambda = 2;
i = 0;
U = runif(1);
cdf = exp(-lambda);
while(U >= cdf)
{
  i = i + 1;
  cdf = cdf + exp(-lambda) * lambda^i / gamma(i + 1);
}
X = i;

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3. Explain how to generate a random variable with the density

$$f(x) = 2.5x\sqrt{x} \quad \text{for } 0 < x < 1$$

if your random number generator produces a Standard Uniform random variable  $U$ . Hint: use the inverse transformation method.

*Solution:*

$$F_X(X) = X^{\frac{5}{2}} = U \quad (0 < x < 1)$$

$$X = U^{\frac{2}{5}}$$

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U = runif(1);
X = U^(2/5);

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We have the desired distribution.

4. Use the inverse transformation method to generate a random variable having distribution function

$$F(x) = \frac{x^2 + x}{2}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

*Solution:*

$$\frac{X^2 + X}{2} = U$$

$$(X + \frac{1}{2})^2 - \frac{1}{4} = 2U$$

$$X + \frac{1}{2} = \sqrt{2U + \frac{1}{4}}$$

$$X = \sqrt{2U + \frac{1}{4}} - \frac{1}{2} \quad (X, U \in [0, 1])$$

By generating a random number,  $U$ , we have the desired distribution.

$$U = \text{runif}(1);$$

$$X = \text{sqr}t\left(2U + \frac{1}{4}\right) - \frac{1}{2};$$

5. Let  $X$  have a standard Cauchy distribution.

$$F_X(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \arctan(x) + \frac{1}{2}$$

Assuming you have  $U \sim \text{Uniform}(0, 1)$ , explain how to generate  $X$ . Then, use this result to produce 1000 samples of  $X$  and compute the sample mean. Repeat the experiment 100 times. What do you observe and why?

*Solution:* Using Inverse Transformation Method:

$$U - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{\pi} \arctan(X)$$

$$\pi \left( U - \frac{1}{2} \right) = \arctan(X)$$

$$X = \tan \left( \pi \left( U - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right)$$

Next, here is the R code:

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U = numeric(1000);
n = 100;
average = numeric(n);
for (i in 1:n)
{U = runif(1000);
X = tan(pi * (U - 0.5));
average[i] = mean(X);}
plot(1:n, average[1:n], type = "l", lwd = 2, col = "blue")
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Cauchy distribution has no mean (Figure 13.6), or higher moments defined.

6. (The Rejection Method) When we use the Inverse Transformation Method, we need a simple form of the cdf  $F(x)$  that allows direct computation of  $X = F^{-1}(U)$ . When  $F(x)$  doesn't have a simple form but the pdf  $f(x)$  is available, random variables with density  $f(x)$  can be generated by the **rejection method**. Suppose you have a method

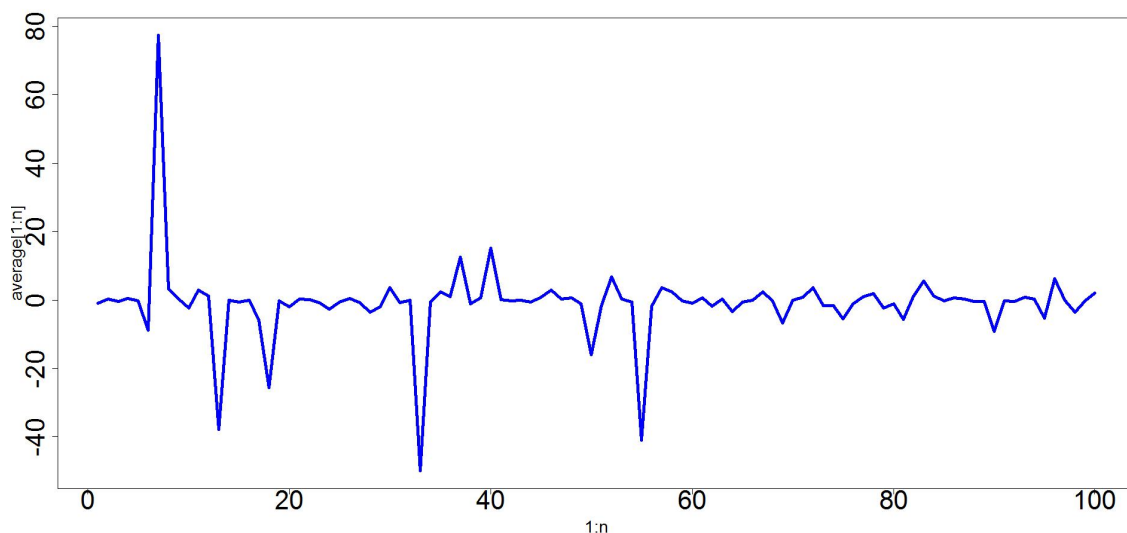


Figure 13.6: Cauchy Mean

for generating a random variable having density function  $g(x)$ . Now, assume you want to generate a random variable having density function  $f(x)$ . Let  $c$  be a constant such that

$$\frac{f(y)}{g(y)} \leq c \quad (\text{for all } y)$$

Show that the following method generates a random variable with density function  $f(x)$ .

- Generate  $Y$  having density  $g$ .
- Generate a random number  $U$  from Uniform  $(0, 1)$ .
- If  $U \leq \frac{f(Y)}{cg(Y)}$ , set  $X = Y$ . Otherwise, return to step 1.

*Solution:* The number of times  $N$  that the first two steps of the algorithm need to be called is itself a random variable and has a geometric distribution with “success” probability

$$p = P\left(U \leq \frac{f(Y)}{cg(Y)}\right)$$

Thus,  $E(N) = \frac{1}{p}$ . Also, we can compute  $p$ :

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(U \leq \frac{f(Y)}{cg(Y)} | Y = y\right) &= \frac{f(y)}{cg(y)} \\ p &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f(y)}{cg(y)} g(y) dy \\ &= \frac{1}{c} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(y) dy \\ &= \frac{1}{c} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $E(N) = c$

Let  $F$  be the desired CDF (CDF of  $X$ ). Now, we must show that the conditional distribution of  $Y$  given that  $U \leq \frac{f(Y)}{cg(Y)}$  is indeed  $F$ , i.e.  $P(Y \leq y | U \leq \frac{f(Y)}{cg(Y)}) = F(y)$ . Assume  $M = \{U \leq \frac{f(Y)}{cg(Y)}\}$ ,  $K = \{Y \leq y\}$ . We know  $P(M) = p = \frac{1}{c}$ . Also, we can compute

$$\begin{aligned} P(U \leq \frac{f(Y)}{cg(Y)} | Y \leq y) &= \frac{P(U \leq \frac{f(Y)}{cg(Y)}, Y \leq y)}{G(y)} \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^y \frac{P(U \leq \frac{f(y)}{cg(y)} | Y = v \leq y)}{G(y)} g(v) dv \\ &= \frac{1}{G(y)} \int_{-\infty}^y \frac{f(v)}{cg(v)} g(v) dv \\ &= \frac{1}{cG(y)} \int_{-\infty}^y f(v) dv \\ &= \frac{F(y)}{cG(y)} \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} P(K|M) &= P(M|K)P(K)/P(M) \\ &= P(U \leq \frac{f(Y)}{cg(Y)} | Y \leq y) \times \frac{G(y)}{\frac{1}{c}} \\ &= \frac{F(y)}{cG(y)} \times \frac{G(y)}{\frac{1}{c}} \\ &= F(y) \end{aligned}$$

7. Use the rejection method to generate a random variable having density function Beta(2, 4).  
Hint: Assume  $g(x) = 1$  for  $0 < x < 1$ .

*Solution:*

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= 20x(1-x)^3 \quad 0 < x < 1 \\ g(x) &= 1 \quad 0 < x < 1 \\ \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} &= 20x(1-x)^3 \end{aligned}$$

We need to find the smallest constant  $c$  such that  $f(x)/g(x) \leq c$ . Differentiation of this quantity yields

$$\frac{d\left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right)}{dx} = 0$$

$$\text{Thus, } x = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \leq \frac{135}{64}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{f(x)}{cg(x)} = \frac{256}{27}x(1-x)^3$$

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n = 1;
while (n == 1)
{U1 = runif(1);
U2 = runif(1);
if (U2 <= 256/27 * U1 * (1 - U1)^3)
{X = U1;
n = 0; }}

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8. Use the rejection method to generate a random variable having the  $Gamma(\frac{5}{2}, 1)$  density function. Hint: Assume  $g(x)$  is the pdf of the  $Gamma(\alpha = \frac{5}{2}, \lambda = 1)$ .

*Solution:*

$$f(x) = \frac{4}{3\sqrt{\pi}}x^{\frac{3}{2}}e^{-x}, x > 0$$

$$g(x) = \frac{2}{5}e^{-\frac{2x}{5}} \quad x > 0$$

$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{10}{3\sqrt{\pi}}x^{\frac{3}{2}}e^{-\frac{3x}{5}}$$

$$\frac{d\left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right)}{dx} = 0$$

$$\text{Hence, } x = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$c = \frac{10}{3\sqrt{\pi}}\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}e^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$\frac{f(x)}{cg(x)} = \frac{x^{\frac{3}{2}}e^{-\frac{3x}{5}}}{\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}e^{-\frac{3}{2}}}$$

We know how to generate an Exponential random variable.

- Generate a random number  $U_1$  and set  $Y = -\frac{5}{2} \log U_1$ .
  - Generate a random number  $U_2$ .
  - If  $U_2 < \frac{Y^{\frac{3}{2}} e^{-\frac{3Y}{5}}}{(\frac{5}{2})^{\frac{3}{2}} e^{-\frac{3}{2}}}$ , set  $X = Y$ . Otherwise, execute the step 1.
9. Use the rejection method to generate a standard normal random variable. Hint: Assume  $g(x)$  is the pdf of the exponential distribution with  $\lambda = 1$ .

*Solution:*

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \quad 0 < x < \infty$$

$$g(x) = e^{-x} \quad 0 < x < \infty \quad (\text{Exponential density function with mean 1})$$

$$\text{Thus, } \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} e^{x - \frac{x^2}{2}}$$

$$\text{Thus, } x = 1 \quad \text{maximizes} \quad \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$$

$$\text{Thus, } c = \sqrt{\frac{2e}{\pi}}$$

$$\frac{f(x)}{cg(x)} = e^{-\frac{(x-1)^2}{2}}$$

- Generate  $Y$ , an exponential random variable with mean 1.
  - Generate a random number  $U$ .
  - If  $U \leq e^{-\frac{(Y-1)^2}{2}}$  set  $X = Y$ . Otherwise, return to step 1.
10. Use the rejection method to generate a  $\text{Gamma}(2, 1)$  random variable conditional on its value being greater than 5, that is

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{xe^{-x}}{\int_5^\infty xe^{-x} dx} \\ &= \frac{xe^{-x}}{6e^{-5}} \quad (x \geq 5) \end{aligned}$$

Hint: Assume  $g(x)$  be the density function of exponential distribution.

*Solution:* Since  $\text{Gamma}(2, 1)$  random variable has expected value 2, we use an exponential distribution with mean 2 that is conditioned to be greater than 5.

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{xe^{(-x)}}{\int_5^\infty xe^{(-x)} dx} \\ &= \frac{xe^{(-x)}}{6e^{(-5)}} \quad x \geq 5 \\ g(x) &= \frac{\frac{1}{2}e^{(-\frac{x}{2})}}{e^{-\frac{5}{2}}} \quad x \geq 5 \\ \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} &= \frac{x}{3} e^{-(\frac{x-5}{2})} \end{aligned}$$



We obtain the maximum in  $x = 5$  since  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  is decreasing. Therefore,

$$c = \frac{f(5)}{g(5)} = \frac{5}{3}$$

- Generate a random number  $V$ .
- $Y = 5 - 2\log(V)$ .
- Generate a random number  $U$ .
- If  $U < \frac{Y}{5}e^{-(\frac{Y-5}{2})}$ , set  $X = Y$ ; otherwise return to step 1.