

# Package ‘ars’

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**Description** An R implementation of the adaptive rejection sampling (ARS) algorithm. This is based on the P. Wild and W. R. Gilks (1992) paper ``Adaptive rejection sampling for Gibbs sampling".

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ars

*Main function to carry out simulation***Description**

Main function to carry out simulation

**Usage**

```
ars(n, g, D, k = 100)
```

**Arguments**

n	A number indicates how many accepted points user wants to generate.
g	A function user wants to generate samples from.
D	A vector with two elements indicates the domain of the sample generation.
k	The number of initial x points to start the algorithm. Default is 100.

**Value**

A numeric vector of length n, each element of which is a value sampled from  $g$ .

**References**

<https://stat.duke.edu/~cnk/Links/tangent.method.pdf>

**See Also**

[Gilks et al](#)

**Examples**

```
sample 1000 points from the standard normal distribution using adaptive
# rejection sample

set.seed(0)
dnorm1000 <- ars(1000,g=dnorm,D=c(-Inf,Inf))
hist(dnorm1000, breaks=30, main="1000 points sampled from N(0,1)")

# sample 500 point from the chisquare distribution with df=5

set.seed(123)
dchisq500 <- ars(500,g=function(x) dchisq(x,df=5), D=c(0,Inf))
hist(dchisq500, breaks=30)

# sample 1000 points from the exponential distribution

set.seed(0)
dexp1000 <- ars(1000,function(x) exp(-x), c(0,Inf))
hist(dexp1000,breaks=30)
```

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faux\_CheckLogConcavity

*Helper function to check the log concavity*


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**Description**

Helper function to check the log concavity

**Usage**

```
faux_CheckLogConcavity(inp_gfun, inp_Dvec)
```

**Arguments**

inp_gfun	A function user wants to generate samples from. This function is used to calculate $h(x) = \log(g(x))$ .
inp_Dvec	A numeric vector of length 2 indicating the support of inp_gfun.

**Value**

A logical vector of length 1: TRUE if inp\_gfun is log-concave, FALSE if inp\_gfun is not log-concave.

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faux\_findmode

*Helper function to find mode of a given univariate function  $g(x)$* 


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**Description**

Helper function to find mode of a given univariate function  $g(x)$

**Usage**

```
faux_findmode(optim_intervalvec, inp_gfun)
```

**Arguments**

optim_intervalvec	A vector with two elements indicates the support domain of the sample generation.
inp_gfun	A function of $x$ which the user wants to generate samples from. This function is used to calculate $h(x) = \log(g(x))$ .

**Value**

A list with three elements.

min_int	The minimum of the parameter optim_intervalvec.
superStarSeed	The point within optim_intervalvec at which the optimization routine begins.
faux_findmode_par	the mode of the function inp_gfun.

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faux_hPrimex	<i>Helper function to get first derivative of <math>h(x)</math></i>
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### Description

Helper function to get first derivative of  $h(x)$

### Usage

```
faux_hPrimex(inp_gfun, inp_xvec)
```

### Arguments

inp_gfun	A function of $x$ which the user wants to generate samples from. This function is used to calculate $h(x) = \log(g(x))$ .
inp_xvec	A number indicates the x-axis of the point

### Value

A numeric vector of length equal to `inp_xvec`. The elements of the returned value are equal to the first derivative of  $h(x)$  at the points in `inp_xvec`.

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faux_hx	<i>Helper function to get <math>h(x) = \log(g(x))</math>.</i>
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### Description

Helper function to get  $h(x) = \log(g(x))$ .

### Usage

```
faux_hx(inp_gfun)
```

### Arguments

inp_gfun	A function of $x$ which the user wants to generate samples from. This function is used to calculate $h(x) = \log(g(x))$ .
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### Value

The function  $h(x) = \log(g(x))$ . It takes as input the same input to `inp_gfun`.

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faux_InitChoose	<i>Helper function to choose two starting points</i>
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## Description

Helper function to choose two starting points

## Usage

```
faux_InitChoose(inp_gfun, inp_Dvec, inp_Initnumsampvec = 2)
```

## Arguments

inp_gfun	A function user wants to generate samples from. This function is used to calculate $h(x) = \log(g(x))$
inp_Dvec	A vector with two elements indicates the support domain of the sample generation.
inp_Initnumsampvec	An even integer determining the number of points to initially sample - should be even

## Value

A list with 7 elements.

init\_sample\_points

num\_sample\_pts\_mode

support\_classify

Based on the support function, determine the type of bounds specified: e.g.  $(-\infty, \infty)$  then = "negInf\_posInf" e.g.  $(-\infty, 10)$  then = "negInf\_posBnd" e.g.  $(-10, \infty)$  then = "negBnd\_posInf" e.g.  $(-13, 55)$  then = "negBnd\_posBnd"

mode	This is a single element vector returning the mode of the log of the function inp_gfun
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support	The support of the function inp_gfun. Equivalent to inp_Dvec but in ascending order.
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faux_Lkx	<i>Helper function to get the lower bound linear function <math>l_k(x)</math>.</i>
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**Description**

Helper function to get the lower bound linear function  $l_k(x)$ .

**Usage**

```
faux_Lkx(inp_xvec, inp_gfun)
```

**Arguments**

inp_xvec	A vector of x values of all points and we should be able to get the index of $x$
inp_gfun	A function user wants to generate samples from. This function is use to calculate $h(x) = \log(g(x))$

**Value**

A list of functions. The length of the list is one greater than the length of the input inp\_xvec. Each element of the list is a piece of the piecewise function  $l_k(x)$ , which forms the lower hull of the function  $h(x)$ .

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faux_SampleSkx	<i>Helper function to sample a value <math>x^*</math> from <math>s_k(x)</math></i>
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**Description**

Helper function to sample a value  $x^*$  from  $s_k(x)$

**Usage**

```
faux_SampleSkx(inp_uintervallist, inp_sfunlist)
```

**Arguments**

inp_uintervallist	A list of intervals between the $z$ points
inp_sfunlist	A list of functions which form the $s_k(x)$ function

**Value**

A named numeric vector of length 1.

faux_SampleSkx_out	Value sampled from the function $s_k(x)$
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faux_Skx	<i>Helper function to create piecewise function <math>s_k(x)</math></i>
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**Description**

Helper function to create piecewise function  $s_k(x)$

**Usage**

```
faux_Skx(inp_uintervallist, inp_ufunlist)
```

**Arguments**

inp_uintervallist	A list of intervals between $z$ values, as in the output from uInterval.
inp_ufunlist	A list of functions, the output from uFun.

**Value**

A list of functions. The length of the list is equal to the length of the inputs `inp_uintervallist` and `inp_ufunlist`. Each element of the list is one piece of the piecewise function  $s_k(x)$ .

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faux_uInterval	<i>Helper function to create the <math>z</math> intervals.</i>
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**Description**

Helper function to create the  $z$  intervals.

**Usage**

```
faux_uInterval(inp_z)
```

**Arguments**

inp_z	A vector of $z$ values, such as the output from <code>faux_Zj()</code> .
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**Value**

A list of numeric vectors, each of length 2. The length of the list is one less than the length of the input `inp_z`. Each element of the list is an interval between 2 consecutive  $z$  points.

faux\_Ukx

*Helper function to get the upper bound linear function  $u_k(x)$* **Description**

Helper function to get the upper bound linear function  $u_k(x)$

**Usage**

```
faux_Ukx(inp_xvec, inp_gfun)
```

**Arguments**

inp_xvec	A vector of $x$ values of all points
inp_gfun	A function user wants to generate samples from. This function is used to calculate $h(x) = \log(g(x))$

**Value**

A list of functions. The length of the list is equal to the length of the input `inp_xvec`. Each of the elements of the list is a piece of the piecewise function  $u_k(x)$ , which forms the upper hull of  $h(x)$ .

faux\_Zj

*Helper function to get the intersection of tangents at  $x_j$  and  $x_{j+1}$* **Description**

Helper function to get the intersection of tangents at  $x_j$  and  $x_{j+1}$

**Usage**

```
faux_Zj(inp_xvec, inp_gfun, inp_Dvec)
```

**Arguments**

inp_xvec	A vector of $x$ values of your points. The vector is ordered in an increasing order.
inp_gfun	A function user wants to generate samples from. This function is used to calculate $h(x) = \log(g(x))$
inp_Dvec	A vector with 2 elements indicating the domain the function $g$

**Value**

A numeric vector. The elements of the vector are the intersection points of  $s_k(x)$ , the upper hull of the function  $h(x)$ .



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