

# Algorithm Sketch

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## Initialization Step

- 1) Check that:
  - $D$  is connected
  - $g(x)$  is continuous and differentiable everywhere in  $D$
  - $h(x) = \ln(g(x))$  is concave everywhere in  $D$
- 2) Initialize  $T_k$  (vector with  $k$  elements):
  - $T_k = \{x_i; i = 1, \dots, k\}$ , where  $x_1 \leq \dots \leq x_k$  are the  $k$  abscissae in  $D$  where we will evaluate  $h(x)$  and  $h'(x)$
  - If  $D$  unbounded on the left, chose  $x_1$  s.t.  $h'(x_1) > 0$
  - If  $D$  unbounded on the right, chose  $x_k$  s.t.  $h'(x_k) < 0$
- 3) Evaluate  $h(x)$  and  $h'(x)$  on  $T_k$  and store these as two length  $k$  vectors, say  $\mathbf{h\_x}$  and  $\mathbf{h\_prime\_x}$
- 4) Calculate  $\mathbf{z}$  (vector with  $k + 1$  elements):
  - $z_0 =$  lower bound of  $D$  (or  $-\infty$  if  $D$  is not bounded below)
  - For  $j = 1, \dots, k - 1$ ,  $z_j = \frac{h(x_{j+1}) - h(x_j) - x_{j+1}h'(x_{j+1}) + x_jh'(x_j)}{h'(x_j) - h'(x_{j+1})}$  (these are the points at which the tangents to  $h(x)$  at  $x_j$  and  $x_{j+1}$  intersect)
  - $z_k =$  upper bound of  $D$  (or  $+\infty$  if  $D$  is not bounded above)
- 5) Find  $\mathbf{u\_k}$  (this is the piecewise linear upper hull formed by tangents to  $h(x)$  at  $T_k$ ):
  - $u_k(x) = h(x_j) + (x - x_j)h'(x_j)$ , where  $x \in [z_{j-1}, z_j]$  and  $j = 1, \dots, k$
  - NB:  $\exp(u_k(x))$  is the rejection envelope on  $T_k$
- 6) Find  $\mathbf{s\_k}$ :
  - $s_k(x) = \frac{\exp(u_k(x))}{\int_D \exp(u_k(x')) dx'}$
- 7) Find  $\mathbf{l\_k}$  (this is the piecewise linear lower hull formed by connecting adjacent points on  $h(x)$  where  $T_k$  is evaluated)
  - $l_k(x) = \frac{(x_{j+1} - x)h(x_j) + (x - x_j)h(x_{j+1})}{x_{j+1} - x_j}$ , where  $x \in [x_j, x_{j+1}]$  and  $j = 1, \dots, k - 1$
  - For  $x < x_1$  or  $x > x_k$ , define  $l_k(x) = -\infty$
  - NB:  $\exp(l_k(x))$  is the squeezing function on  $T_k$

## Sampling Step

- 1) Sample a value  $x^*$  from  $s_k(x)$
- 2) Sample a value  $w$  independently from  $Unif(0, 1)$
- 3) Perform the test:
  - If  $w \leq \exp\{l_k(x^*) - u_k(x^*)\}$ :
    - Accept  $x^*$
  - Else:

- Evaluate  $h(x^*)$  and  $h'(x^*)$
- If  $w \leq h(x^*) - u_k(x^*)$ :
  - \* Accept  $x^*$
- Else:
  - \* Reject  $x^*$

## Updating Step

1) Follow this recipe:

- If  $h(x^*)$  and  $h'(x^*)$  were evaluated in Sampling Step:
  - Include  $x^*$  in  $T_k$  to form  $T_{k+1}$
  - Relabel the  $x_i$  in  $T_k$  in ascending order
  - Construct new functions  $u_{k+1}(x)$ ,  $s_{k+1}(x)$ , and  $l_{k+1}(x)$
  - Increment  $k$
  - Return to Sampling Step if  $n$  points have not been sampled yet
- Else:
  - No update necessary, repeat Sampling Step if  $n$  points have not been sampled yet