

# 1 Optimal bounding constant $M$

1. `rinvgamma_trunc2` uses the the inverse-gamma distribution as the proposal distribution to sample from a truncated inverse-gamma distribution.

Let  $f_{\alpha,\beta}(x)$  be the PDF of an inverse-gamma distribution and let  $f_{\alpha,\beta}^{tr}(x)$  be the PDF of a truncated inverse-gamma distribution. We need to calculate  $M$  such that

$$M = \sup_x \frac{f_{\alpha,\beta}^{tr}(x)}{f_{\alpha,\beta}(x)}$$

for all  $x$  in the support of the truncated inverse-gamma distribution.

$$M = \sup_x \frac{f_{\alpha,\beta}}{f_{\alpha,\beta} \times (F_{\alpha,\beta}(b) - F_{\alpha,\beta}(0))} = \frac{1}{F_{\alpha,\beta}(b) - F_{\alpha,\beta}(0)}$$

where  $F_{\alpha,\beta}$  is the CDF of the inverse-gamma distribution.

2. `rinvgamma_trunc3` uses the uniform distribution  $g \sim \mathcal{U}(0, b)$  as the proposal distribution to sample from a truncated inverse-gamma distribution. Choosing the uniform distribution whose support covers the support of the truncated inverse-gamma distribution is essential for the rejection sampling to work, since otherwise there will be regions where the target distribution has non-zero density but the proposal distribution has zero density, making it impossible to sample from those regions. With the same notation as above,  $M$  is calculated such that

$$M = \sup_x \frac{f_{\alpha,\beta}^{tr}(x)}{g(x)} = \sup_{x \in [0, b]} \frac{f_{\alpha,\beta}^{tr}(x)}{1/b} = \frac{b}{F_{\alpha,\beta}(b) - F_{\alpha,\beta}(0)} \times \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \sup_{x \in [0, b]} x^{-\alpha-1} \exp\left(-\frac{\beta}{x}\right)$$

Let  $h(x) = x^{-\alpha-1} \exp(-\beta/x)$ , we have  $h'(x) = h(x)x^{-1}(\beta x^{-1} - \alpha - 1)$ . Setting  $h'(x) = 0$ , we have a critical point at  $x = \frac{\beta}{\alpha+1}$ . Since  $h'(x) > 0$  for  $x < \frac{\beta}{\alpha+1}$  and  $h'(x) < 0$  for  $x > \frac{\beta}{\alpha+1}$ ,  $h(x)$  is increasing on  $(0, \frac{\beta}{\alpha+1})$  and decreasing on  $(\frac{\beta}{\alpha+1}, +\infty)$ . Therefore, the supremum of  $h(x)$  on  $[0, b]$  is achieved either at the right endpoint  $b$  (if  $b \leq \frac{\beta}{\alpha+1}$ ) or at the critical point  $\frac{\beta}{\alpha+1}$  (if  $b > \frac{\beta}{\alpha+1}$ ). Thus,

$$M = \begin{cases} \frac{b}{F_{\alpha,\beta}(b) - F_{\alpha,\beta}(0)} \times \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} b^{-\alpha-1} \exp\left(-\frac{\beta}{b}\right), & b \leq \frac{\beta}{\alpha+1} \\ \frac{b}{F_{\alpha,\beta}(b) - F_{\alpha,\beta}(0)} \times \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha+1}\right)^{-\alpha-1} \exp\left(-\frac{\alpha+1}{1}\right), & b > \frac{\beta}{\alpha+1} \end{cases}$$

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1 const <- b/(pinvgamma(b,alpha,beta) - pinvgamma(0,alpha,beta)) *
  beta^alpha/gamma(alpha)
2 M <- ifelse(b <= beta/(alpha+1),
3             const * b^(-alpha-1) * exp(-beta/b),
4             const * (beta/(alpha+1))^(-alpha-1) * exp(-alpha-1))

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