

lotus-illustrative

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0.0.1 An illustrative example of invoking LOTUS as we done in (5) with a simple simulation check

We claim that the following two expressions, E_1 and E_2 , are equivalent as the second expression can be obtained via invoking LOTUS to the first expression.

$$E_1 = \int p_x(x)g(f(x))dx = \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p_x}[g(f(x))] \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N g(f(x_i)) \text{ where } x_i \sim p_x$$

and

$$E_2 = \int p_y(y)g(y)dy = \mathbb{E}_{y \sim p_y}[g(y)] \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N g(y_i) \text{ where } y_i \sim p_y,$$

where $y = f(x)$ and $g(y)$ is an arbitrary function that ensure the integral is finite.

For simulation purpose, consider a 3-dimensional Gaussian $p_x(x) = \mathcal{N}(x; [0, 2, 1], [1, 4, 1])$ and a projection function f that project x to y as $y = f(x) = [3x_1 + 2x_2, 3x_3]$.

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[1]: using Distributions

p_x = MvNormal([0.0, 1.0, 1.0], sqrt.([1.0, 4.0, 1.0]))

f(x) = [3x[1] + 2x[2], 3x[3]];
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As $x_1 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$, $x_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(1, 4)$ and $x_3 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$, y_1 is a sum of two scaled Gaussian distributed random variables and y_2 is a scaled Gaussian random variate. It's not hard to see that $y \sim \mathcal{N}([2, 3], [25, 9])$.

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[2]: p_y = MvNormal([2.0, 3.0], sqrt.([25.0, 9.0]));
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In our simulation, we choose $g(y) = \left(\frac{\mathcal{N}(y; [1, 1], [4, 4])}{\mathcal{N}(y; [2, 2], [25, 25])} \right)^2$, a squared density ratio, to mimic (5).

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[3]: g(y) = (pdf(MvNormal([1.0, 1.0], sqrt.([4.0, 4.0])), y) / pdf(MvNormal([2.0, 2.0, 2.0], sqrt.([25.0, 25.0])), y))^2;
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We then run simulation to check if the MC estimation of $E_1 = \int \mathcal{N}(x; [0, 1], [1, 4])g(f(x))dx$ and $E_2 = \int \mathcal{N}(y; 2, 25)g(y)dy$ are consistent via their MC estimates.

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[4]: n_mc = 1_000_000

Ê = mean([g(f(rand(p_x))) for _ in 1:n_mc])
Ê = mean([g(rand(p_y)) for _ in 1:n_mc])

@info "Equivalence checking" Ê Ê abs(Ê - Ê);
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Info: Equivalence checking
Ê = 4.563892207100851
Ê = 4.562799846529573
abs(Ê - Ê) = 0.0010923605712784834
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Note $g(y)$ doesn't have to be a squared density ratio. E.g. $g(y) = \tanh(y_1 * y_2 - 0.5)$ is also applicable.

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[5]: g(y) = tanh(prod(y) - 0.5)

Ê = mean([g(f(rand(p_x))) for _ in 1:n_mc])
Ê = mean([g(rand(p_y)) for _ in 1:n_mc])

@info "Equivalence checking" Ê Ê abs(Ê - Ê);
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Info: Equivalence checking
Ê = 0.16186534795276478
Ê = 0.160809966192148
abs(Ê - Ê) = 0.001055381760616786
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