

# Statistical Computing

## Assignment 1

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### 1 Exercice 1

**Question1.** Let  $Y \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$  and let  $a > 0$ . We consider the variable after restricting its support to be  $[a, +\infty)$ . That is, let  $X = Y \mid Y \geq a$ , i.e.  $X$  has the law of  $Y$  conditionally on being in  $[a, +\infty)$ . Calculate  $F_X(x)$ , the cumulative distribution function of  $X$ , and  $F_X^{-1}(u)$ , the quantile function of  $X$ . Describe an algorithm to simulate  $X$  from  $U \sim \mathcal{U}_{[0,1]}$ .

**Answer.** For  $x < a$ ,  $F_X(x) = 0$ . For  $x \geq a$ , We have:

$$\begin{aligned} F_X(X \leq x) &= \mathbb{P}(Y \leq x \mid Y \geq a) \\ &= \frac{\mathbb{P}(a \leq Y \leq x)}{\mathbb{P}(Y \geq a)} = \frac{\int_a^x \lambda e^{-\lambda y} dy}{\int_a^{+\infty} \lambda e^{-\lambda y} dy} \\ &= \frac{-e^{-\lambda y} \Big|_a^x}{-e^{-\lambda y} \Big|_a^{+\infty}} = \frac{e^{-\lambda a} - e^{-\lambda x}}{e^{-\lambda a}} \\ &= 1 - e^{-\lambda(x-a)} \end{aligned}$$

Hence the **cumulative distribution function**  $F_X(x)$  is:

$$F_X(x) = (1 - e^{-\lambda(x-a)}) \mathbb{1}_{x \geq a}$$

Here,  $\mathbb{1}_{x \geq a}$  is the characteristic function, such that:

$$\mathbb{1}_{x \geq a} = \begin{cases} 1, & x \geq a \\ 0, & x < a \end{cases}$$

Then we solve  $u = F_X(x)$ , We get:  $x = a - \ln(1 - u)/\lambda$ , hence the **quantile function**  $F_X^{-1}(u)$  is:

$$F_X^{-1}(u) = a - \ln(1 - u)/\lambda, u \in [0, 1]$$

If we want to simulate  $X$  from  $U \sim \mathcal{U}_{[0,1]}$ , we know that if  $U \sim \mathcal{U}_{[0,1]}$ ,  $1 - U$  is also uniform distribution in  $[0, 1]$ , hence we can design an **algorithm** as follow:

- Simulate  $U \sim \mathcal{U}_{[0,1]}$ .
- Return  $X = a - \ln(1 - U)/\lambda$ .

**Question2.** Let  $a$  and  $b$  be given, with  $a < b$ . Show that we can simulate  $X = Y \mid a \leq Y \leq b$  from  $U \sim \mathcal{U}_{[0,1]}$  using

$$X = F_Y^{-1}(F_Y(a)(1 - U) + F_Y(b)U)$$

i.e. show that if  $X$  is given by the formula above, then  $\Pr(X \leq x) = \Pr(Y \leq x \mid a \leq Y \leq b)$ . Apply the formula to simulate an exponential random variable conditioned to be greater than  $a$ , as in the previous question.

**Answer.** Similar to the answer in **Question1**, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{P}(Y \leq x \mid a \leq Y \leq b) \\ &= \frac{\mathbb{P}(a \leq Y \leq x)}{\mathbb{P}(a \leq Y \leq b)} = \frac{F_Y(x) - F_Y(a)}{F_Y(b) - F_Y(a)} \\ &= \mathbb{P}(U \leq \frac{F_Y(x) - F_Y(a)}{F_Y(b) - F_Y(a)}) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(U(F_Y(b) - F_Y(a)) \leq F_Y(x) - F_Y(a)) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(F_Y(a)(1 - U) + F_Y(b)U \leq F_Y(x)) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(F_Y^{-1}(F_Y(a)(1 - U) + F_Y(b)U) \leq x) = F_X(X \leq x) \end{aligned}$$

Hence, using  $X = F_Y^{-1}(F_Y(a)(1 - U) + F_Y(b)U)$ , we can simulate  $X = Y \mid a \leq Y \leq b$  from  $U \sim \mathcal{U}_{[0,1]}$ .

Apply the formula to simulate an **exponential random variable** conditioned to be greater than  $a$ . i.e.  $Y \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$ ,  $b = +\infty$ . So we get  $F_Y(y) = 1 - e^{-\lambda y}$ ,  $F_Y^{-1}(u) = -\ln(1 - u)/\lambda$ , Hence:

$$F_Y(a) = 1 - e^{-\lambda a}, F_Y(b) = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
X &= F_Y^{-1}(F_Y(a)(1-U) + F_Y(b)U) \\
&= F_Y^{-1}((1 - e^{-\lambda a})(1-U) + U) \\
&= F_Y^{-1}(1 - e^{-\lambda a} + Ue^{-\lambda a}) \\
&= a - \ln(1 - U)/\lambda
\end{aligned}$$

So we apply the formula above to get the result in **Question1**.

**Question3.** Here is a simple algorithm to simulate  $X = Y \mid Y > a$  for  $Y \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$  :

- (a) Let  $Y \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$ . Simulate  $Y = y$ .
- (b) If  $Y > a$  then stop and return  $X = y$ , and otherwise, start again at step (a).

Show that this is just a rejection algorithm, by writing the proposal and target densities  $q$  and  $\pi$ , as well as the bound  $M = \max_x \pi(x)/q(x)$ . Calculate the expected number of trials to the first acceptance. Why is inversion to be preferred for  $a \gg 1/\lambda$ ?

**Answer.** The **proposal density** is  $q(x)$ :

$$q(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x} \mathbf{1}_{x \geq 0}$$

The **target density** is  $\pi(x)$ :

$$\pi(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda(x-a)} \mathbf{1}_{x \geq a}$$

And the **bound**  $M$  is:

$$M = \max_x \frac{\pi(x)}{q(x)} = \max_x \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda(x-a)} \mathbf{1}_{x \geq a}}{\lambda e^{-\lambda x} \mathbf{1}_{x \geq 0}} = \max_x e^{\lambda a} \mathbf{1}_{x \geq a} = e^{\lambda a}$$

Hence, the **acceptance probability**  $\alpha$  is:

$$\alpha = \frac{\pi(x)}{Mq(x)} = \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda(x-a)} \mathbf{1}_{x \geq a}}{e^{\lambda a} (\lambda e^{-\lambda x} \mathbf{1}_{x \geq 0})} = \mathbf{1}_{x \geq a}$$

As the procedure above, we know that the algorithm in this question is just a **rejection algorithm**.

In order to calculate the expected number of trials to the first acceptance  $N$ , we have the lemma that  $N$  is a geometrically distribution with success probability  $p = e^{-\lambda a}$ , hence the **expected number** of  $N$  is:

$$\mathbb{E}(N) = \frac{1}{p} = e^{\lambda a}$$

In our application, we prefer  $a \gg 1/\lambda$ , because we know that  $X = a - \ln(1 - U)/\lambda$  from **Question1**. Though  $\mathbb{E}(N) = e^{\lambda a}$  is large, we can reduce the relative error of  $X$  by  $a \gg 1/\lambda$ .

## 2 Exercice 2

**Question1.** Let  $X_1, X_2$  be two independent random variables with  $X_1 \sim \mathcal{Gamma}(a, 1)$  and  $X_2 \sim \mathcal{Gamma}(b, 1)$ . Show that  $R = X_1/(X_1 + X_2)$  and  $S = X_1 + X_2$  are independent and that  $R \sim \mathcal{Beta}(a, b)$ ,  $S \sim \mathcal{Gamma}(a + b, 1)$ . Recall that Gamma and Beta densities are

$$f_{\Gamma}(x; \alpha, \beta) = \frac{\beta^{\alpha} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta x}}{\Gamma(\alpha)}, x \in (0, \infty)$$

and

$$f_B(x; a, b) = \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} x^{a-1} (1-x)^{b-1}, x \in (0, 1)$$

**Answer.** The PDF of  $X_1$  is:

$$f_1(x_1) = \frac{x_1^{a-1} e^{-x_1}}{\Gamma(a)}, x_1 \in [0, +\infty)$$

The PDF of  $X_2$  is:

$$f_2(x_2) = \frac{x_2^{b-1} e^{-x_2}}{\Gamma(b)}, x_2 \in [0, +\infty)$$

$X_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) are independent. Hence, the joint probability density function is:

$$f_{1,2}(x_1, x_2) = f_1(x_1)f_2(x_2) = \frac{x_1^{a-1} x_2^{b-1} e^{-(x_1+x_2)}}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)}, x_1 \times x_2 \in [0, +\infty) \times [0, +\infty)$$

And  $r = \frac{x_1}{x_1 + x_2} \in [0, 1]$ ,  $s = x_1 + x_2 \in [0, +\infty)$ .

Calculate the inversion:  $x_1 = rs$ ,  $x_2 = s(1 - r)$ .

The Jacobi determinant of this transformation is:

$$J = \begin{vmatrix} s & r \\ -s & 1 - r \end{vmatrix} = s$$

Hence, the PDF of  $(R, S)$  is:

$$\begin{aligned} f(r, s) &= \frac{(rs)^{a-1} s^{b-1} (1-r)^{b-1} e^{-(rs+s-rs)}}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} |J| \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} r^{a-1} (1-r)^{b-1} \times \frac{s^{a+b-1} e^{-s}}{\Gamma(a+b)}, (r, s) \in [0, 1] \times [0, +\infty) \end{aligned}$$

The definition field of  $(R, S)$  is a **rectangle**, and the probability density function of  $(R, S)$  can be written as the product of two probability density function.

Hence, the **PDF** of  $R$  is:

$$f_R(r) = \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} r^{a-1} (1-r)^{b-1}, r \in [0, 1]$$

The **PDF** of  $S$  is:

$$f_S(s) = \frac{s^{a+b-1} e^{-s}}{\Gamma(a+b)}, s \in [0, +\infty)$$

Above all,  $R$  and  $S$  are independent and  $R \sim \text{Beta}(a, b)$ ,  $S \sim \text{Gamma}(a+b, 1)$

**Question2.** Let  $U \sim \mathcal{U}_{[0,1]}$  and  $a > 0$ . Show that  $X = U^{1/a} \sim \text{Beta}(a, 1)$ .

**Answer.** The PDF of  $U$  is:  $f_1(u) = 1, u \in [0, 1]$ . And the transformation is:  $x = g(u) = u^{1/a}$ . So the inversion of the transformation is:  $u = g^{-1}(x) = x^a$ , and  $(g^{-1}(x))' = ax^{a-1}$ .

Hence, the **PDF** of  $X$  is:

$$f_X(x) = f_1(g^{-1}(x)) |(g^{-1}(x))'| = ax^{a-1} = \frac{\Gamma(a+1)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(1)} x^{a-1}, x \in [0, 1]$$

That is  $X = U^{1/a} \sim \text{Beta}(a, 1)$ .

**Question3.** Let  $U \sim \mathcal{U}_{[0,1]}$  and  $V \sim \mathcal{U}_{[0,1]}$  be independent and  $a \in (0, 1)$ . For  $Y = U^{1/a}$  and  $Z = V^{1/(1-a)}$ , calculate

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\frac{Y}{Y+Z} \leq t, Y+Z \leq 1\right)$$

for any  $t \in (0, 1)$  and deduce that the conditional distribution of  $W = Y/(Y+Z)$  given  $Y+Z < 1$  is  $\text{Beta}(a, 1-a)$ . (*Hint: writing both inequalities as constraints on  $Z$  could ease the calculation*).

**Answer.** We know that  $y = u^{1/a}$  and  $z = v^{1/(1-a)}$ . So the inversion are:  $u = y^a$ ,  $v = z^{1-a}$ . The Jacobi determinant of the transformation  $(U, V) \rightarrow (Y, Z)$  is:

$$J = \begin{vmatrix} ay^{a-1} & 0 \\ 0 & (1-a)z^{-a} \end{vmatrix} = a(1-a)y^{a-1}z^{-a}$$

Hence, the PDF of  $(Y, Z)$  is:

$$\begin{aligned} f_{Y,Z}(y, z) &= f_{U,V}(u, v) |J| \\ &= f_U(u) f_V(v) a(1-a)y^{a-1}z^{-a} = 1 \times 1 \times a(1-a)y^{a-1}z^{-a} \\ &= a(1-a)y^{a-1}z^{-a}, (y, z) \in [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \end{aligned}$$

**Cauculate:**

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{Y}{Y+Z} \leq t, Y+Z \leq 1\right) &= \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{Y(1-t)}{t} \leq Z \leq 1-Y\right) \\ &= \int_0^t \int_{y(1-t)/t}^{1-y} a(1-a)y^{a-1}z^{-a} dz dy = \int_0^t a y^{a-1} z^{1-a} \Big|_{y(1-t)/t}^{1-y} dy \\ &= \int_0^t ay^{a-1}((1-y)^{1-a} - y^{1-a}(1-t)^{1-a}t^{a-1}) dy \\ &= \int_0^t ay^{a-1}(1-y)^{1-a} dy - a(1-t)^{1-a}t^a \end{aligned}$$

For the transformation  $(Y, Z) \rightarrow (W, M)$ ,  $w = y/(y+z)$ ,  $m = y+z$ . The inversion are:  $y = mw$ ,  $z = m(1-w)$ . The Jacobi determinant of this transformation is:

$$J = \begin{vmatrix} w & m \\ 1-w & -m \end{vmatrix} = -wm - m + wm = -m$$

The PDF of  $(W, M)$  is:

$$f_{W,M}(w, m) = a(1-a)(mw)^{a-1}(1-w)^{-a}m^{-a} |J| = a(1-a)w^{a-1}(1-w)^{-a}$$

Hence,

$$f_{W|Y+Z \leq 1}(w) = \frac{a(1-a)w^{a-1}(1-w)^{-a}}{\mathbb{P}(Y+Z \leq 1)}$$

We find that the **kernel** of  $f_{W|Y+Z \leq 1}(w)$  is  $w^{a-1}(1-w)^{-a}$ . That means the conditional distribution of  $W = Y/(Y+Z)$  given  $Y+Z < 1$  is  $\mathcal{Beta}(a, 1-a)$ .

**Question4.** In the setting of **Question3**, show that the conditional distribution of  $TW$  given  $Y + Z \leq 1$ , for an independent  $T \sim \mathcal{Exp}(1) = \mathcal{Gamma}(1, 1)$  random variable, is  $\mathcal{Gamma}(a, 1)$ .

**Answer.** From **Question3**, we know that  $W|Y + Z \leq 1 \sim \mathcal{Beta}(a, 1 - a)$ .

$T \sim \mathcal{Exp}(1) = \mathcal{Gamma}(1, 1)$ , and independent of  $Y, Z$ , so we can get  $T|Y + Z \leq 1 \sim \mathcal{Gamma}(1, 1) = \mathcal{Gamma}(a + 1 - a, 1)$ .

From the inverse process of **Question1**, we know that: If two independent random variables with  $R \sim \mathcal{Beta}(a, b)$ ,  $S \sim \mathcal{Gamma}(a + b, 1)$ . And  $X_1 = RS$ ,  $X_2 = S(1 - R)$  are independent with  $X_1 \sim \mathcal{Gamma}(a, 1)$ ,  $X_2 \sim \mathcal{Gamma}(b, 1)$ .

Hence, let  $a = a$ ,  $b = 1 - a$  in inverse process of **Question1**, we get:

$$P(TW \leq x|Y + Z \leq 1) = P(A \leq x)$$

where  $A \sim \mathcal{Gamma}(a, 1)$ .

**Question5.** Let  $a \in (0, 1)$ .

- (a) Simulate two independent  $U, V \sim \mathcal{U}_{[0,1]}$
- (b) Set  $Y = U^{1/a}$  and  $Z = V^{1/(1-a)}$
- (c) If  $(Y + Z) \leq 1$  go to (d), else go to (a).
- (d) Simulate an independent  $A \sim \mathcal{U}_{[0,1]}$  and set  $T = -\log(A)$ .
- (e) Return  $TY/(Y + Z)$ .

What is this procedure doing? Explain its relevance for simulations.

**Answer.** The procedure **generates a random variable from  $\mathcal{Gamma}(a, 1)$** .

In step (a),(b),(c), we get  $Y, Z$  as the random variable in **Question3**.

In step (d), we have the lemma that:  $T \sim \mathcal{Exp}(1) = \mathcal{Gamma}(1, 1)$ .

From the discussion of **Question4**, we know that the result in step (e):  $TY/(Y + Z)$  is a random variable from  $\mathcal{Gamma}(a, 1)$ .

**Question6.** Based on **Question1**, explain how you can generate a  $\mathcal{Beta}(a, b)$  random variable from a sequence of  $\mathcal{U}_{[0,1]}$  random variables, for any  $a > 0$  and  $b > 0$ . (*Hint: consider  $a \in (0, 1)$  first and use the additivity of Gamma variables to generate  $\mathcal{Gamma}(a, 1)$  variables, from which the Beta variables can be constructed*).

**Answer.** We can generate a random variable from  $\mathcal{Beta}(a, b)$  by the procedure below:

(a). For any  $x > 0$ , calculate

$$x' = \frac{x}{\lceil x \rceil + 1} \in (0, 1)$$

(b). Follow the procedure in **Question5**, we can get  $X \sim \mathcal{Gamma}(x', 1)$ .

(c). Run step (b) for  $\lceil x \rceil + 1$  times, we get  $X_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, \lceil x \rceil + 1$ .

(d). Calculate  $\sum_{i=1}^{\lceil x \rceil + 1} X_i$ , by the lemma we know:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\lceil x \rceil + 1} X_i \sim \mathcal{Gamma}(x, 1)$$

(e). set  $x = a, b$ , run step (a)~(d), we get two random variables:

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^{\lceil a \rceil + 1} A_i \sim \mathcal{Gamma}(a, 1)$$

$$B = \sum_{i=1}^{\lceil b \rceil + 1} B_i \sim \mathcal{Gamma}(b, 1)$$

(f). Let  $R = A/(A + B)$ , from **Question1**, we get a random variable  $R \sim \mathcal{Beta}(a, b)$

### 3 Exercice 3

Consider the following "squeeze" rejection algorithm for sampling from a distribution with density  $\pi(x) = \tilde{\pi}(x)/Z_\pi$  on a state space  $\mathbb{X}$  such that

$$h(x) \leq \tilde{\pi}(x) \leq M\tilde{q}(x)$$

where  $h$  is a non-negative function,  $M > 0$  and  $q(x) = \tilde{q}(x)/Z_q$  is the density of a distribution that we can easily sample from. The algorithm proceeds as follows.



- (a) Draw independently  $X \sim q, U \sim \mathcal{U}_{[0,1]}$
- (b) Accept  $X$  if  $U \leq h(X)/(M\tilde{q}(X))$
- (c) If  $X$  was not accepted in step (b), draw an independent  $V \sim \mathcal{U}_{[0,1]}$  and accept  $X$  if

$$V \leq \frac{\tilde{\pi}(X) - h(X)}{M\tilde{q}(X) - h(X)}$$

**Question1.** Show that the probability of accepting a proposed  $X = x$  in either step (b) or (c) is

$$\frac{\tilde{\pi}(x)}{M\tilde{q}(x)}$$

**Answer.**

$$\mathbb{P}(X = x \text{ accepted in step (b)}) = \int_0^1 \mathbb{1}(u \leq \frac{h(x)}{M\tilde{q}(x)}) du = \frac{h(x)}{M\tilde{q}(x)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(X = x \text{ accepted in step (c)}) &= \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \mathbb{1}(u > \frac{h(x)}{M\tilde{q}(x)}) \mathbb{1}(v \leq \frac{\tilde{\pi}(x) - h(x)}{M\tilde{q}(x) - h(x)}) du dv \\ &= \frac{\tilde{\pi}(x) - h(x)}{M\tilde{q}(x) - h(x)} \times (1 - \frac{h(x)}{M\tilde{q}(x)}) = \frac{\tilde{\pi}(x) - h(x)}{M\tilde{q}(x) - h(x)} \times \frac{M\tilde{q}(x) - h(x)}{M\tilde{q}(x)} = \frac{\tilde{\pi}(x) - h(x)}{M\tilde{q}(x)} \end{aligned}$$

Hence:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(X = x \text{ accepted}) &= \mathbb{P}(X = x \text{ accepted in step (b)}) + \mathbb{P}(X = x \text{ accepted in step (c)}) \\ &= \frac{h(x)}{M\tilde{q}(x)} + \frac{\tilde{\pi}(x) - h(x)}{M\tilde{q}(x)} = \frac{\tilde{\pi}(x)}{M\tilde{q}(x)} \end{aligned}$$

Above all, the **probability of accepting  $X = x$  in either step (b) or (c) is  $\frac{\tilde{\pi}(x)}{M\tilde{q}(x)}$ .**

**Question2.** Deduce from the previous question that the distribution of the samples accepted by the above algorithm is  $\pi$ .

**Answer.** We have for any measurable set  $A \subset \mathbb{X}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(X \in A | X \text{ accepted}) &= \frac{\mathbb{P}(X \in A, X \text{ accepted})}{\mathbb{P}(X \text{ accepted})} \\ &= \frac{\int_{\mathbb{X}} \mathbf{1}_A(x) \frac{\tilde{\pi}(x)}{M\tilde{q}(x)} q(x) dx}{\int_{\mathbb{X}} \frac{\tilde{\pi}(x)}{M\tilde{q}(x)} q(x) dx} = \frac{\int_A \mathbf{1}_A(x) \frac{\pi(x)}{MZ_{\pi}\tilde{q}(x)} \frac{\tilde{q}(x)}{Z_q} dx}{\int_{\mathbb{X}} \frac{\tilde{\pi}(x)}{MZ_{\pi}\tilde{q}(x)} \frac{\tilde{q}(x)}{Z_q} dx} \\ &= \frac{\int_A \pi(x) dx}{\int_{\mathbb{X}} \pi(x) dx} = \int_A \pi(x) dx\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the distribution of the accepted values is precisely  $\pi$ .

**Question3.** Show that the probability that step (c) has to be carried out is

$$1 - \frac{\int_{\mathbb{X}} h(x) dx}{MZ_q}$$

**Answer.** From **Question1**, we know that:

$$\mathbb{P}(X = x \text{ accepted in step (b)}) = \frac{h(x)}{M\tilde{q}(x)}$$

Thus, the **probability that step (c) has to be carried out is:**

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(X \text{ not accepted in step (b)}) &= \int_{\mathbb{X}} \left(1 - \frac{h(x)}{M\tilde{q}(x)}\right) q(x) dx \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{X}} q(x) dx - \int_{\mathbb{X}} \frac{h(x)}{MZ_q} dx = 1 - \frac{\int_{\mathbb{X}} h(x) dx}{MZ_q}\end{aligned}$$

**Question4.** Let  $\tilde{\pi}(x) = \exp(-x^2/2)$  and  $\tilde{q}(x) = \exp(-|x|)$ . Using the fact that

$$\tilde{\pi}(x) \geq 1 - \frac{x^2}{2}$$

for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , how could you use the squeeze rejection sampling algorithm to sample from  $\pi(x)$ . What is the probability of not having to evaluate  $\tilde{\pi}(x)$ ? Why could it be beneficial to use this algorithm instead of the standard rejection sampling procedure?

**Answer.** In squeeze rejection sampling above, set:

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{x^2}{2}, & |x| \leq \sqrt{2} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

We have the bound  $M$ :

$$M = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{X}} \frac{\tilde{\pi}(x)}{\tilde{q}(x)} = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{X}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2} + |x|\right)$$

Consider  $f(x) = -\frac{x^2}{2} + |x|$ ,  $f(x)$  is even function. Thus, when  $x = \frac{-1}{-\frac{1}{2} \times 2} = 1$ ,  $\min_{x \in \mathbb{X}} f(x) = -\frac{1}{2}$ . Hence, bound  $M = \exp(1/2)$ . We know that:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \tilde{q}(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-|x|} dx = 2 \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-x} dx = 2$$

Thus:  $Z_q = 2$ . The **squeeze rejection sampling algorithm** proceeds to sample from  $\pi(x)$  as blow:

- Draw independtly  $X \sim \tilde{q}/Z_q$ ,  $U \sim \mathcal{U}_{[0,1]}$ .
- Accept  $X$  if  $U \leq \frac{1 - x^2/2}{\exp(1/2 - |x|)}$ .
- If  $X$  was not accepted in step(b), draw an independent  $V \sim \mathcal{U}_{[0,1]}$ , and accepted  $X$  if:

$$V \leq \frac{\exp(-x^2/2) - 1 + x^2/2}{\exp(1/2 - |x|) - 1 + x^2/2}$$

From **Question3**, we know the **probability of not having to evaluate  $\tilde{\pi}(x)$**  is:

$$\frac{\int_{\mathbb{X}} h(x) dx}{MZ_q} = \frac{\int_{-\sqrt{2}}^{\sqrt{2}} 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} dx}{\exp(1/2) \times 2} = \frac{2\sqrt{2} - \frac{2\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{2}}{6}}{2 \exp(1/2)} \approx 0.5718$$

In standard rejection sampling procedure, we need to cauculate  $\tilde{\pi}(x) = \exp(-x^2/2)$ . However, in squeeze sampling algorithm, it has probability of 0.5718 that we do not need cauculate  $\exp(-x^2/2)$ . We just need cauculate  $h(x) = 1 - x^2/2$ , it is cheaper to evaluate than  $\tilde{\pi}(x)$ . We can get the results faster by squeeze rejection sampling algorithm than standard rejection sampling.