

# Stochastic Simulation and Monte Carlo Methods: Exercise Class 2.

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**Exercise 1.** The truncated normal distribution is the one of  $N \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  given that  $N > 0$ .

- Determine the density of this distribution,
- Compute the efficiency  $M$  of the reject sampling from the proposal  $Y \sim \mathcal{Exp}(1)$ .

**Exercise 2.** The Beta distribution is given thanks to its density

$$f_{\alpha, \beta}(x) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} x^{\alpha-1}(1-x)^{\beta-1}, \quad x \in [0, 1].$$

Give a reject sampling of the distribution Beta(2,5) with proposal density  $Y \sim \mathcal{U}(0, 1)$ .

**Exercise 3.** Give the constants  $a$ ,  $b_-$  and  $b_+$  for the ratio algorithm for the following densities  $h$  (up to constants)

- Cauchy  $h(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$ ,
- Exponential  $h(x) = e^{-x}$ ,  $x > 0$ ,
- Gaussian  $h(x) = e^{-x^2/2}$ ,

and for each case compute the efficiency of the associated rejection step.

**Exercise 4.** Let  $(X, Y)$  be a standard gaussian vector in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Show that its radial part  $R = X^2 + Y^2$  and its angular part  $\Theta = \arctan(Y/X)$  are independent and distributed as  $\mathcal{Exp}(1/2)$  and  $\mathcal{Unif}(0, 2\pi)$ .

**Exercise 5.** Show that the mixing distribution such that  $X | Y \sim \mathcal{Poisson}(Y)$  with mixing variable  $Y \sim \mathcal{Gamma}(n, \lambda)$  with  $n \geq 1$ ,  $\lambda > 0$  is a negative binomial distribution of the form

$$\mathbb{P}(X = k) = \binom{k+n-1}{k} p^n (1-p)^k \quad k \geq 0.$$

Determine  $p$  in function of  $\lambda$  and interpret  $X$  as the number of trials necessary for obtaining  $n$  successes in a specific experiment.

**Exercise 6.** Assume that  $Z \sim \mathcal{B} \nabla \setminus (p)$ ,  $p \in (0, 1)$ ,  $X|Z = 0 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_0, \sigma_0^2)$  and  $X|Z = 1 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$  for  $\mu_1, \mu_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2 > 0$ .

1. What is the name of the distribution of  $X$ ? Is it discrete or continuous?
2. Compute  $\mathbb{E}[X|Z]$  and  $\mathbb{E}[X]$ . Calculate the parameter  $p \in (0, 1)$  given  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  and  $\mathbb{E}[X]$ .
3. Compute  $\text{Var}(X)$  and comment.