

5.6 Hybrid algorithm

IMPORTANCE SAMPLING

- to get normalizing constant

- $f(\theta) \propto g(\theta)$, i.e. $f(\theta) = cg(\theta)$, $c > 0$
not known

Observation:

$$1 = \int_{\Theta} f(\theta) d\mu(\theta) = \int_{\Theta} c \cdot g(\theta) d\mu(\theta)$$

Let $g_u(\theta)$ be density of any distribution with support Θ (or larger).

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \int_{\Theta} \frac{c \cdot g(\theta)}{c g_u(\theta)} \cdot c g_u(\theta) d\mu(\theta) = c \int_{\Theta} \frac{g(\theta)}{g_u(\theta)} g_u(\theta) d\mu(\theta)$$

$$= c \cdot E_{g_u} \left(\frac{g(\theta)}{g_u(\theta)} \right)$$

Hence

$$c = \frac{1}{E_{g_u} \left(\frac{g(\theta)}{g_u(\theta)} \right)}$$

\rightarrow can be estimated by MC(MC) method by sampling from g_u

Note: small MC error in estimation

of c if $\frac{g(\theta)}{g_u(\theta)} \sim 1 \quad \forall \theta \in \Theta$

REJECTION SAMPLING

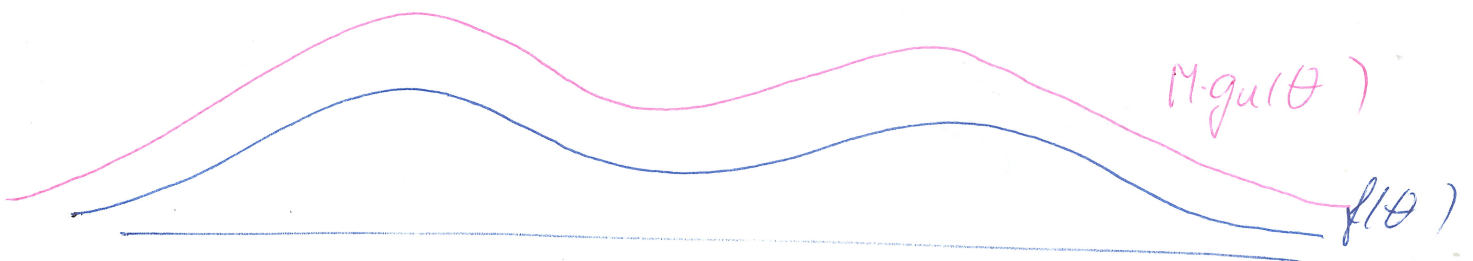
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- Want to sample from $f(\theta) = cg(\theta)$
 - c can be obtained by importance sampl.
- Let $q_u(\theta)$ be a density of any distribution with support Θ (or larger) such that for some M

$$\underbrace{f(\theta)}_{c \cdot g(\theta)} \leq \underbrace{M \cdot q_u(\theta)}_{\text{envelop}} \quad \forall \theta \in \Theta \text{ (a.s. everywhere)}$$

$$1 \leq M < \infty$$

Note: q_u should have heavier tails than f to be able to find θ



ALGORITHM:

- generate $\theta \sim q_u(\theta)$
- accept θ with probability $\frac{f(\theta)}{M \cdot q_u(\theta)}$

= we generate (θ, V) uniformly from a subgraph of $Mq_u(\theta)$

$$\bullet V = U \cdot Mq_u(\theta), \quad U \sim U(0, 1)$$

$$\bullet \theta \text{ accepted if } U \leq \frac{f(\theta)}{M \cdot q_u(\theta)}$$

→ accepted pairs are sampled uniformly from a subgraph of $f(\theta)$

Probability of acceptance

$$P(\text{accept}) = P(U \leq \frac{f(\theta)}{Mq_u(\theta)}) =$$

$$= E\left(P \mid U \leq \frac{f(\theta)}{Mq_u(\theta)} \mid \theta\right) =$$

← θ with a density $g_u(\theta)$

$$= \int \frac{f(\theta)}{Mq_u(\theta)} g_u(\theta) d\theta = \frac{1}{M}$$

\Rightarrow small M , larger acceptance (better)

NOTE: one set of sampled values from g_u can be used

- 1) to calculate c (importance sample.)
- 2) to decide which values accepted by rejection sampling

ADAPTIVE REJECTION SAMPLING

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- attempt to get $q_u(\theta) \approx f(\theta) = c g(\theta)$

ASSUMPTIONS: $f(\theta)$ (and $g(\theta)$) log-concave,
i.e. $\log f(\theta)$ (and $\log g(\theta)$) concave

MAKE $q_u(\theta) =$ piecewise exponential distrib.

$\log q_u(\theta) =$ piecewise linear
obtained by using tangents
to $\log f(\theta)$ (or $\log g(\theta)$)

