Applied Statistical Mechanics Lecture Note - 9



## **Basic Statistics and Monte-Carlo Method -1**

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## 1. Basic Statistics



#### Probability and Statistics Needed to understand for general simulation techniques Acquaintance with notation and symbols Probability and Statistics in Simulation Methods Generation of random samples from a distribution Design of simulation experiments Statistical analysis of simulation data Validation of simulation model



#### The Probability theory says;

Experiment – An outcome cannot be predicated with certainty

□ Sample Space (*S*) – All Possible outcome of an experiment







- Probability Mass Function P(x)The Probability that a random variable *X* takes on the value *x*   $P(x) = P(X = x) \qquad -\infty < x < \infty$ Properties i)  $P(x) \ge 0$  for all *x* ii)  $\sum_{x}^{\infty} P(x) = 1$
- Cumulative Distribution Function and Probability Mass Function for the outcome of tossing a die

x	1	2	3	4	5	6
P(x)	1/6	1/6	1/6	1/6	1/6	1/6
F(x)	1/6	2/6	3/6	4/6	5/6	1





Expected Value : E(X)the mean average value  $E(X) = \sum xp(x) = \mu$ 

$$Z(X) = \sum_{x} xp(x)$$

Example) The outcome of tossing a die

$$E(X) = 1 \times \frac{1}{6} + 2 \times \frac{1}{6} + 3 \times \frac{1}{6} + 4 \times \frac{1}{6} + 5 \times \frac{1}{6} + 6 \times \frac{1}{6} = 3.5$$



#### ■ Variance

Expected squared value of deviation of *X* from the mean value

□ The measure of how values are distributed from the mean value

 $V(x) = E((X - \mu)^2)$ 

#### ■ Standard deviation

Square root of the variance

$$\sigma = \sqrt{V(x)}$$





#### • Properties

 $E(c) = \sum cp(x) = c \sum p(x) = c$  c:constant

$$E(cg(X)) = \sum cg(x)p(x) = c\sum g(x)p(x) = cE(g(X))$$

c: constant g(X): a function of X

$$E(g_1(X) + g_2(X) + ...) = \sum_{x} (g_1(x) + g_2(x) + ...) p(x) =$$
$$\sum_{x} (g_1(x)p(x) + g_2(x)p(x) + ...) = E(g_1(X)) + E(g_2(X)) + ...$$

 $V(X) = E((X - \mu)^{2}) = E(X^{2} - 2\mu X + \mu^{2}) = E(X^{2}) - 2\mu E(X) + \mu^{2} = E(X^{2}) - \mu^{2}$ 



 $V(X + c) = E((X + c)^{2}) - (E(X + c))^{2}$   $E(X + c) = \mu + c$   $E((X + c)^{2}) = E(X^{2}) + 2\mu c + c^{2}$   $V(X + c) = E(X^{2}) + 2\mu c + c^{2} - (\mu + c)^{2} = E(X^{2}) - \mu^{2}$ V(X + c) = V(X)



A rigid shift in distribution does not change the breadth of the distribution

 $V(cX) = E((cX)^{2}) - (E(cX))^{2}$  $= c^{2}E(X^{2}) - c^{2}(E(X))^{2} = c^{2}V(X)$ 

## **1.2 Continuous Random Variables and Their Properties**



Cumulative Distribution Function of a Continuous Random Variable X

$$F(x) = P(X \ge x) \qquad \text{for} -\infty < x < \infty$$
$$F(-\infty) = 0$$
$$F(\infty) = 1$$

Probability Density Function

$$f(x) = \frac{dF(x)}{dx}$$
$$dF = f(t)dt$$
$$\int_{-\infty}^{x} dF = \int_{-\infty}^{x} f(t)dt$$
$$F(x) - F(-\infty) = F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{x} f(t)dt$$



## **1.2 Continuous Random Variables and Their Properties**



Properties of probability distribution function f(x)

• F(x) is non-decreasing function 
$$\rightarrow f(x) = \frac{dF}{dx} \ge 0$$

$$F(\infty) = 1 \qquad \rightarrow \qquad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 1$$

■ Calculation of probability

$$P(a \le x \le b) = P(x \le b) - P(x \le a) = F(b) - F(a)$$
$$= \int_{-\infty}^{b} f(x) dx - \int_{-\infty}^{a} f(x) dx = \int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx$$

## 1.2 Continuous Random Variables and Their Properties



The expected value  $E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx = \mu$ Properties  $E(g(X)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) f(x) dx$ E(c) = cE(cg(X)) = cE(g(X)) $E(g_1(X) + g_2(X) + ...) = E(g_1(X)) + E(g_2(X)) + ...$  $V(X) = E(X^2) - \mu^2$ 

All the same relations as a discrete random variable X

## **1.2 Continuous Random Variables and Their Properties**



**Uniform Probability Distribution Functions** 

Consider a random variable X, values are distributed uniformly in the interval [*a*,*b*]

■ The probabilities are the same in [*a*,*b*]

$$P(x_1 \le X \le x_1 + \Delta x) = P(x_2 \le X \le x_2 + \Delta x)$$

$$\int_{x_1}^{x_1 + \Delta x} f(x) dx = \int_{x_2}^{x_2 + \Delta x} f(x) dx$$



f(x)

Requirement for normalization  $\int_{a}^{b} f(x) dx = c \int_{a}^{b} dx = c(b-a) = 1$   $\int f(x) = \frac{dF(x)}{dx} = \begin{cases} 0 & x \le a \\ 1/(b-a) & a < x < b \\ 0 & x \ge b \end{cases}$ 

## **1.2 Continuous Random Variables** and Their Properties



**Uniform Probability Distribution Functions** 

Cumulative Probability Distribution Function

$$F(x) = \frac{x}{b-a} + c \qquad F(x) = 0 \text{ at } x = a \rightarrow c = -\frac{a}{b-a}$$

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \le a \\ (x-a)/(b-a) & a < x < b \\ 0 & x \ge b \end{cases}$$

Expected Value

$$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx = \int_{a}^{b} \frac{x}{b-a} dx = \frac{1}{b-a} \left(\frac{x^{2}}{2}\right)_{a}^{b} = \frac{a+b}{2}$$

Variance

$$E(X^{2}) = \int_{a}^{b} \frac{x^{2}}{b-a} dx = \frac{a^{2} + ab + b^{2}}{3} \qquad V(X) = E(X^{2}) - (E(X))^{2} = \frac{(b-a)^{2}}{12}$$

## **1.2 Continuous Random Variables and Their Properties**



**Mapping to Different Domain** 

#### Mapping

□ Pseudo random number generator (*u*) in  $[0,1] \rightarrow x$  in [a,b]





Parameters :  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$ 

□ Normalization

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \exp\left[-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left[-\frac{t^2}{2}\right] dt = 1$$
$$t = \frac{(x-\mu)}{\sigma}$$







#### Normal probability distribution function

- □ Bell-shaped curve with a single peak at  $x = \mu$
- $\Box$  The value at the peak :  $1/\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}$
- □ The value of *x* when the value becomes the half of the peak value

$$x = \mu + h$$
  

$$\exp\left[-\frac{h^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] = \frac{1}{2}$$
  

$$h = \pm\sqrt{2\ln 2\sigma} \approx \pm 1.177\sigma$$





$$E(X) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \exp\left[-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (t+\mu) \exp\left[-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] dt$$
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} t \exp\left[-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] dt + \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left[-\frac{t^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] dt$$
$$= 0 + \mu = \mu$$

$$V(X) = E((X - \mu)^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^2 \exp\left[-\frac{(x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right] dx$$
  
=  $\frac{2\sigma^2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} t^2 \exp\left[-t^2\right] dt$   
=  $\sigma^2$   
$$t = \frac{x - \mu}{\sqrt{2\sigma}}$$



• The Probability for finding X having value between  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ 

$$P(x_{1} \leq X \leq x_{2}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \int_{x_{1}}^{x_{2}} \exp\left[-\frac{(x-\mu)^{2}}{2\sigma^{2}}\right] dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{t_{1}}^{t_{2}} \exp\left[-t^{2}\right] dt$$
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left\{ \int_{0}^{t_{2}} -\int_{0}^{t_{1}} \right\} \exp(-t^{2}) dt$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \Phi(t_{2}) - \Phi(t_{1}) \right]$$
$$\Phi(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{0}^{t} \exp(-x^{2}) dx \quad \leftarrow \quad \text{Error Function}$$



#### The rule of $3\sigma s$

■ 99.7 % of the trial values fall within the range of  $(\mu - 3\sigma)$ and  $(\mu + 3\sigma)$ 

$$P(\mu - 3\sigma \le X \le \mu + 3\sigma) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \Phi(\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}) - \Phi(-\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}) \right] = \Phi(\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}) \approx 0.9973$$





#### The most probable error

■ If there is equal chance that outcome will falls outside or inside of shaded region
 → most probable error

$$P(\mu - r \le X \le \mu + r) = \frac{1}{2}$$



$$\frac{1}{2} \left[ \Phi(\frac{r}{\sqrt{2}\sigma}) - \Phi(-\frac{r}{\sqrt{2}\sigma}) \right] = \Phi(\frac{r}{\sqrt{2}\sigma}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$r = \sqrt{2}\Phi^{-1}(\frac{1}{2})\sigma \approx 0.6745\sigma$$

### **1.4 Sampling Distributions**



Suppose we are interested in functions of N random variables  $X_1, X_2, X_3, ..., X_N$ 

 $\Box X_1 \dots X_N$  are independent

 $\Box X_1 \dots X_N$  share the same distribution

Population sample mean

$$\overline{x} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} x_n$$

The goodness of fit depends on the behavior of random variable

$$\overline{X} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N} X_n$$

#### **1.4 Sampling Distributions**



#### $\blacksquare$ $X_n$ are independent, normally distributed variable

 $\Box \quad \text{With common mean} \qquad E(X_n) = \mu$ 

 $\Box$  With common variance  $V(X_n) = \sigma^2$ 

#### ■ It can be shown that,

 $\overline{X}$  is normally distributed variable

 $E(\overline{X}) = E(\frac{1}{N}\sum_{n=1}^{N}X_{n}) = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{n=1}^{N}E(X_{n}) = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{n=1}^{N}\mu = \mu$  $V(\overline{X}) = V(\frac{1}{N}\sum_{n=1}^{N}X_{n}) = \frac{1}{N^{2}}\sum_{n=1}^{N}V(X_{n}) = \frac{1}{N^{2}}\sum_{n=1}^{N}\sigma^{2} = \frac{\sigma}{N}$ 

therefore,  $\overline{X}$  has a mean  $\overline{\mu} = \mu$  and variance  $\overline{\sigma}^2 = \sigma/N$ 

#### **1.5 Central Limit Theorem**



#### Let;

- $\Box X_1 \dots X_N$  are independent
- $\Box X_1 \dots X_N$  share the same distribution
- $\square$  Each  $X_1 \dots X_N$  are not normally distributed
- $\Box$  Mean =  $\mu$ , variance =  $\sigma^2$
- In nature, the behavior of variable often depends on the accumulated effect on large number of small random factors → behavior is approximately <u>normal.</u>
- Central Limit Theorem
  - $\Box \ \overline{X}$  : Normal distribution
  - $\Box \quad \text{Mean value} \quad E(\overline{X}) = \mu$
  - $\Box$  Variance  $V(\overline{X}) = \sigma^2 / N$

## 1.6 Central Limit Theorem and Monte Carlo Method



- In Monte Carlo Simulation, we compute a quantity of interest by random sampling population
- The central limit theorem can be applied
- Sampling scheme in MC simulation require reduction of the value  $\sigma \rightarrow$  "Variance Reduction Technique"

## 2. Generating Non-uniform Random Numbers



#### Topics

- Methods for generating random numbers those obey non-uniform probability distributions
  - Discrete random variables
  - The inverse function method
  - The superposition method
  - The rejection method

### 2.1 Modeling a discrete random variables



x	$x_{I}$	$x_2$	 x <sub>n</sub>
р	$p_1$	$p_2$	 $p_n$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} p_n = 1$$

#### Method

Divide [0,1] interval into n segments with lengths equal to  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$ 

Generate uniform random number u in [0,1]

□ If u reside  $p_1 + ... + p_{k-1} < u < p_1 + ... + p_k$ , then choose  $x_k$  as the value of x If  $u < p_1$   $x = x_1$ Else if  $u < p_1 + p_2$   $x = x_2$ Else if ... : : Else if  $u < p_1 + \dots + p_{n-1}$   $x = x_{n-1}$ Else  $x = x_n$ End if

### 2.2 The Inverse Function Method



#### ■ The Inverse Function Method

General scheme for generating non-uniform random numbers

□ The method involves evaluation of indefinite integral

- cannot be applied to all types of PDF
- Methods

□ Y : uniform random variable in [0,1]

 $\Box \text{ transform } y \rightarrow x$ 

 $\Box$  x are distributed according to PDF f(x)

#### 2.2 The Inverse Function Method



$$P(y \le Y \le y + dy) = dy$$

$$P(x \le X \le x + dx) = \int_{x}^{x+dx} f(t)dt = f(x)dx$$

$$dy = f(x)dx$$

$$y = F(x)$$

$$x = F^{-1}(y)$$
Cumulative Distribution Function

i) First, we have to find CDF, F(x)

$$F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{x} f(t) dt$$

ii) First, we have to find inverse function, F<sup>-1</sup>(y)

## 2.2 The Inverse Function Method



**Graphical Interpretation of Inverse Function Method** 





#### **2.3 Superposition Method**



■ If CDF, F(x) can be written as a superposition of two or more functions *m* 

$$F(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{m} c_k F_k(x)$$
$$c_k > 0$$
$$\sum_{k=1}^{m} c_k = 1$$

Choice of Fk(x) relies on the generation of discrete random integer variable Q

$$P(Q=k) = c_k$$

### **2.3 Superposition Method**



#### Algorithm

 $\square$  Randomly pick an integer u<sub>1</sub> from 1 to m according to  $c_1, \dots, c_k$ 

• Use method for discrete random variables

 $\square$  Randomly choose a value  $u_2$ , in [0,1]

 $\Box x = F^{-1}_{k}(x)$ 



*Example*)  $f(x) = (3/8) (1+x^2)$ 



- An inversion of CDF is not an easy task
- The case when the function similar to CDF is available
- Basic idea





W(x)

w(x)

b

f(x)

#### The comparison function w(x)

 $w(x) \ge f(x)$  for all x  $W(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{x} w(x) dx$  can be calculated analytically  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} w(x) dx = A$ The Generalized Rejection Method not 1 0.8 0.6 0.4 0.2 х x x+dx а



#### Algorithm

Generate random number u in [0,1]

then Au is a random number in [0,A]

 $\Box x = W^{-1}(Au)$ 

 $\Box \text{ choose a random y in } [0, w(x)]$ 

then, (x,y) is uniformly distributed in w(x)

 $\Box \text{ if } y <= f(x) \quad \rightarrow \text{ accept value}$ 

 $\Box \text{ if } y < f(x) \rightarrow \text{ reject value}$ 

• Points are distributed according to f(x)



#### ■ The efficiency of generalized rejection method

 $e = \frac{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} w(x) dx} = 1/A$ 

For greater efficiency,  $A \rightarrow 1$  (Inversion method )

## Next Lecture



# General Monte-Carlo Simulation Method Variance Reduction in Monte-Carlo Method