

Random Number Generation

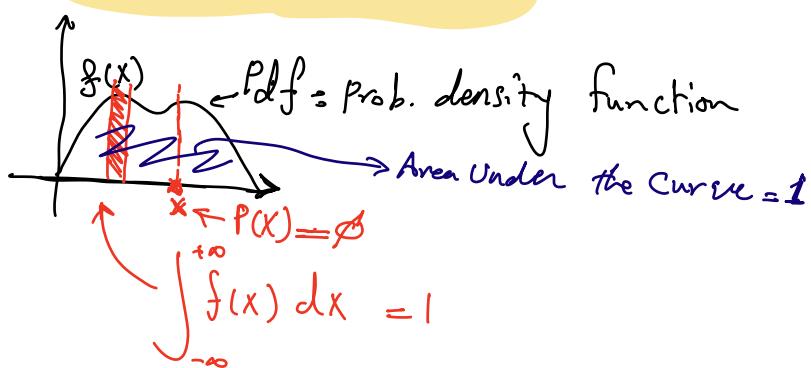
- how to generate UNBIASED samples from a given Prob. dist.?

- Assumption : $U[a, b]$ generates a random Uniform # in range $[a, b]$

or
- Inverse CDF

- Accept/Reject Monte-Carlo Sampling

Inverse CDF



Step 1: Convert Pdf to Cdf

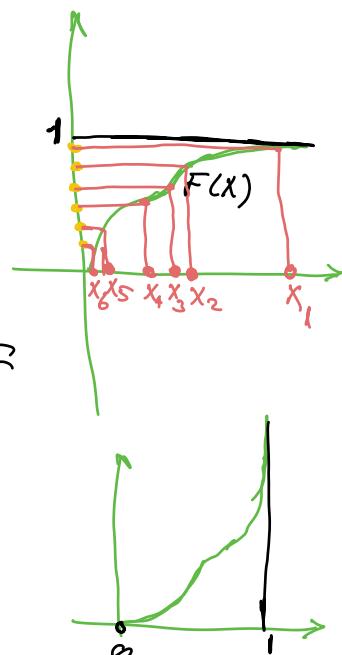
$$F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(x) dx$$

Step 2: Take the inverse of CDF

$$F^{-1}(x) = \text{inverse}(F(x))$$

$$y = U[0, 1]$$

$$\text{return } F^{-1}(y)$$



Draw Backs : ① Needs to gen. F^{-1}

② Because of digital #s, large ranges in the tail may be impossible to generate

Monte-Carlo Random Generator

↳ Accept/Reject Method

$$X_1 = U[a, b]$$

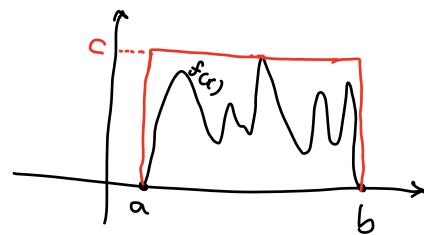
$Y_1 = [0, c] // \langle x_1, y_1 \rangle$ is the "raindrop"

if ($f(x_1) \leq y_1$) // accept

return x_1

else // reject (no sample gets generated)

Try again

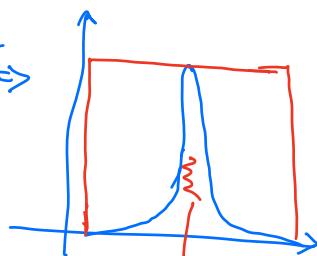


Advantage: Can generate samples from odd-shape distributions

disadvantage: Depending on the shape of distribution

Prob. of accept (generating samples) may be
Small \Rightarrow Inefficient

Adversarial Example \Rightarrow



$$P_{\text{accept}} = \frac{\text{Area Under the Curve}}{c(b-a)} \rightarrow 0$$

\Rightarrow keeps rejecting samples

Summary

	Adv.	Disadv.
inverse CDF	Fast	- need F^{-1} - May not gen. wide ranges in tail
Monte Carlo	work for odd-shape distributions	May be Inefficient