

Quiz 5, ASM1

Time allowed 90 mins

The objective is to use Gibbs sampling to generate random variables (Y) with pdf

$$f_Y(y) \propto \frac{ye^{-y}}{(5y+1)^2}, \quad y > 0$$

. We introduce a variable Z such that the joint distribution of Y, Z has pdf

$$f_{Y,Z}(y, z) \propto yze^{-5yz-y-z}, \quad y > 0, z > 0$$

The marginal distribution of Y then agrees with the pdf f_Y of interest.

1. Evaluate the constant of proportionality by numerically integrating the pdf f_Y from 0 to 10 as a Riemann sum with interval size 10^{-4} and plot the density.
2. The conditional distribution of Z given $Y = y$ is Gamma(2, $5y + 1$). Use symmetry to find the conditional distribution of Y given $Z = z$.
3. Use these to set up a Gibbs sampling chain to generate $Y_2, Z_2, Y_3, \dots, Y_N, Z_N$ for $N=10000$ starting with Y_1, Z_1 independent exponential(1) random variables.
4. Overlay the density in 1 with a kernel density estimator of Y_1, \dots, Y_N .
5. Generate $Y_2, Z_2, Y_3, \dots, Y_5$ using the Gibbs sampling chain and call Y_5 as X_1 . Repeat with another random chain to obtain X_2 . Proceed to generate N observations of X . Now add the kernel density estimator of X_1, \dots, X_N to the existing plot.