

RANDOM VARIATE GENERATION¹

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ABSTRACT: The presentation begins with a discussion of basic concepts and concludes with a state of the art survey of methods for generating random variates on a digital computer. This paper updates the more than 300 references cited in last year's paper. Copies of the visual aids are given.

1. INTRODUCTION

The references which have appeared during the last year or which were inadvertently omitted in Schmeiser (1980) are listed in Section 2.

Figures 1-29 in the Appendix are copies of the visual aids, which were requested by several persons last year.

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APPENDIX

RANDOM VARIATE GENERATION:

A SURVEY

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INPUT MODELLING

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-
1. HYPOTHESIZE FAMILY
 2. DETERMINE PARAMETERS
 - 2.1 FROM DATA
 - 2.2 FROM OPINIONS
 3. DIAGNOSTIC CHECKING
 4. RANDOM VARIATE GENERATION

THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE BASIC SOURCE OF RANDOMNESS,
USUALLY $U(0,1)$, TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF INTEREST.

OUTLINE

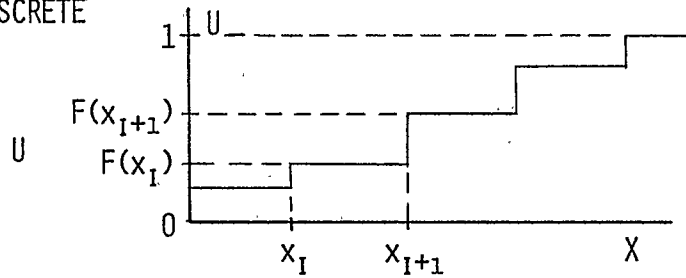
SCHMEISER / 3

1. FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTS
 - 1.1 INVERSE TRANSFORMATIONS
 - 1.2 COMPOSITION
 - 1.3 ACCEPTANCE/REJECTION
 - 1.4 SPECIAL PROPERTIES
2. CRITERIA FOR ALGORITHM COMPARISON
3. STATE OF THE ART
 - 3.1 CONTINUOUS UNIVARIATE
 - 3.2 DISCRETE UNIVARIATE
 - 3.3 MULTIVARIATE
 - CONTINUOUS VECTORS
 - DISCRETE VECTORS
 - POINT PROCESSES
 - TIME SERIES
 - ORDER STATISTICS
 - GEOMETRIC PROBLEMS

1.1 INVERSE TRANSFORMATION: $X = F^{-1}(U)$

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DISCRETE

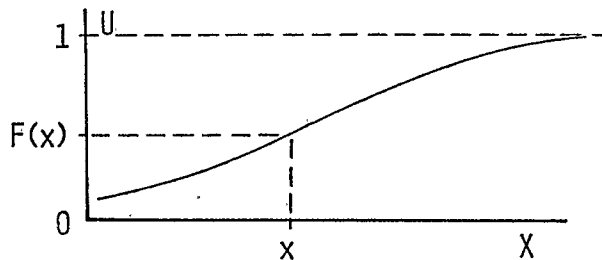


$$P(X = x_{I+1}) = F(x_{I+1}) - F(x_I)$$

$$= P(F(x_I) \leq U \leq F(x_{I+1}))$$

WHEN $U \sim U(0,1)$

CONTINUOUS



$$\text{RESULT: } U = F(X) \sim U(0,1)$$

NOTE: NUMERICAL INVERSION ROUTINES FOR NORMAL, GAMMA, AND BETA DISTRIBUTIONS ARE AVAILABLE.

ADVANTAGES OF THE INVERSE TRANSFORMATION, $X = F^{-1}(U)$

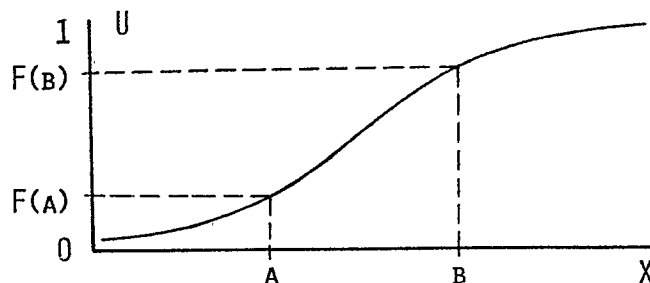
SCHMEISER / 5

A. TRUNCATED DISTRIBUTIONS

-- WANT $A \leq X \leq B$

-- ALGORITHM

1. $W = F(A) + (F(B) - F(A)) * U$
2. $X = F^{-1}(W)$



ADVANTAGES OF THE INVERSE TRANSFORMATION, $X = F^{-1}(U)$

SCHMEISER / 6

A. TRUNCATED DISTRIBUTIONS

B. ORDER STATISTICS: SCHUCANY (1972) AND LURIE AND HARTLEY (1972)

-- WANT TO GENERATE $X_{(I,N)}$ -- RESULT: $U_{(I,N)} \sim \text{BETA}(I, N-I+1)$ -- ALGORITHM: 1. GENERATE $U_{(I,N)}$ 2. $X_{(I,N)} = F^{-1}(U_{(I,N)})$

-- SPECIAL CASES:

1. $X_{(N,N)} = F^{-1}(U^{1/N})$

2. $X_{(1,N)} = F^{-1}(1 - (1-U)^{1/N})$

3. $X_{(I,N)} = F^{-1}(1 - (1 - U_{(I-1,N)}) * U_I^{1/(N-I+1)})$

WHERE $U_I \sim U(0,1)$ ADVANTAGES OF THE INVERSE TRANSFORMATION, $X = F^{-1}(U)$

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A. TRUNCATED DISTRIBUTIONS

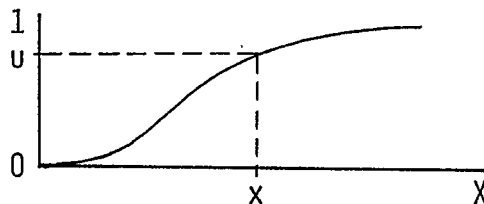
B. ORDER STATISTICS

C. VARIANCE REDUCTION

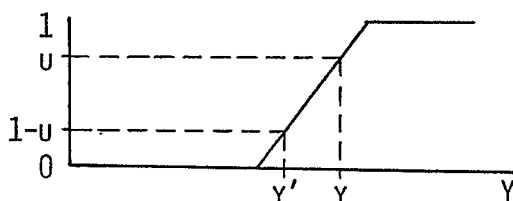
-- FACILITATES CORRELATION INDUCTION

1. EASIER SYNCHRONIZATION

2. OBTAINS MOST EXTREME CORRELATIONS



$$x = F^{-1}(u)$$



$$\begin{cases} y = F^{-1}(u) & \implies \text{MAX CORR}(X, Y) \\ y' = F^{-1}(1-u) & \implies \text{MIN CORR}(X, Y) \end{cases}$$

COMPOSITION

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A. DISCRETE MIXING

-- IF DENSITY FUNCTION IS $F(x) = \sum_{I=1}^N P_I F_I(x)$

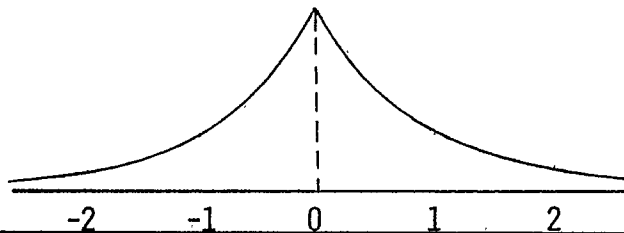
WITH $\sum_{I=1}^N P_I = 1$ AND $0 \leq P_I$ FOR ALL I ,

-- THEN VARIATES MAY BE GENERATED USING

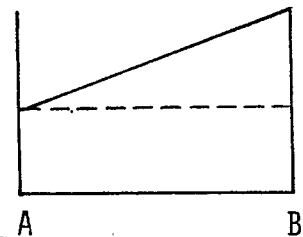
1. SELECT I WITH PROBABILITY P_I
2. GENERATE X FROM $F_I(\cdot)$,

-- EXAMPLES

LAPLACE OR DOUBLE EXPONENTIAL



TRAPEZOIDAL



COMPOSITION

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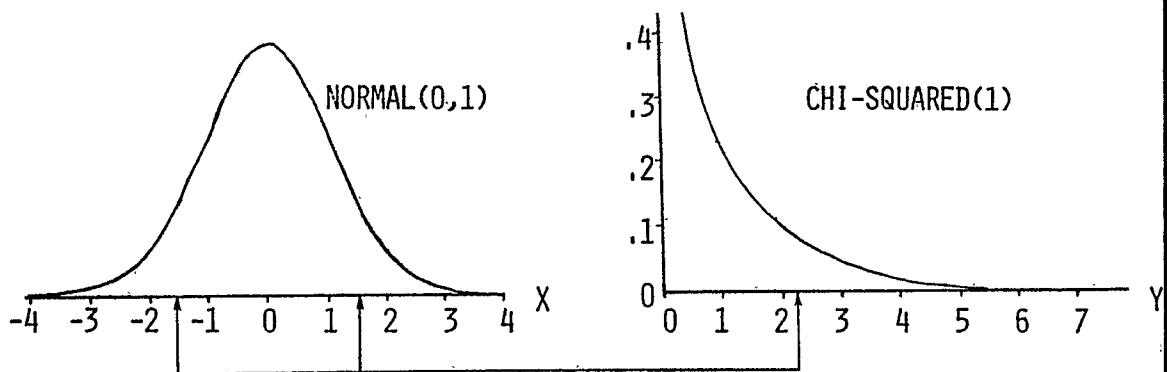
A. DISCRETE MIXING

1. MULTIPLE ROOTS: MICHAEL, SCHUCANY AND HAAS (1976)

-- WE CAN GENERATE $Y \sim \text{CHI-SQUARED}(1)$ USING $Y = X^2$
IF $X \sim N(0,1)$

-- HOW CAN WE GENERATE X FROM Y ?

PROBLEM: TWO ROOTS



ANOTHER EXAMPLE: $X \sim \text{INVERSE GAUSSIAN}$
 $Y \sim \text{CHI-SQUARED}(1)$

$$Y = A(X-B)^2 / (B^2 X)$$

COMPOSITION

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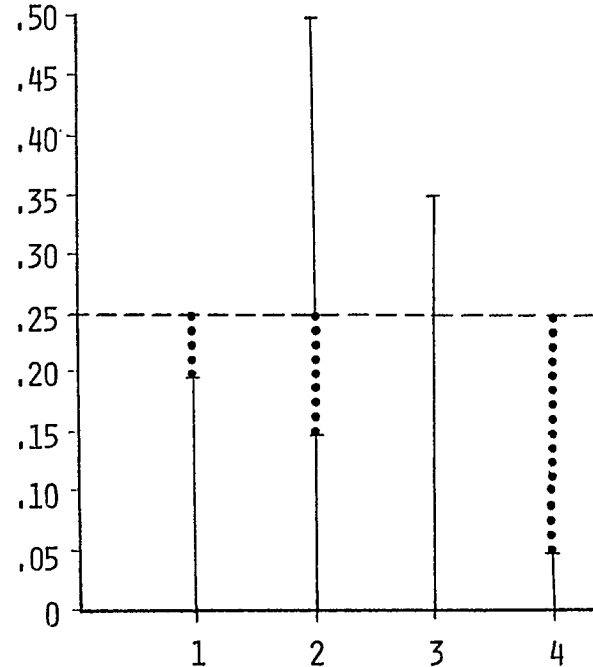
A. DISCRETE MIXING

1. MULTIPLE ROOTS
2. ALIAS METHOD: WALKER (1977)

THEOREM: ANY DISCRETE DISTRIBUTION

 $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_N;$ WHERE N IS FINITE;

MAY BE EXPRESSED AS AN
EQUIPROBABLE MIXTURE
OF N TWO-POINT
DISTRIBUTIONS.



P_I	.20	.40	.35	.05
ALIAS _I	2	3	---	2
F_I	.8	.6	1.0	.2

COMPOSITION

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- A. DISCRETE MIXING
- B. CONTINUOUS MIXING

-- IF THE CDF CAN BE WRITTEN AS $F_X(x) = \int F_{X|Y}(x) dG(y)$

-- THEN VARIATES MAY BE GENERATED USING

1. GENERATE y FROM $G(\cdot)$
2. GENERATE x FROM $F_{X|Y}(\cdot)$

-- EXAMPLE: PEARSON TYPE VI

1. $B \sim \text{GAMMA}(D, c)$
2. $X \sim \text{GAMMA}(A, 1/B)$

-- EXAMPLE: NEGATIVE BINOMIAL (N, p)

1. $Y \sim \text{GAMMA}(N, (1-p)/p)$
2. $X \sim \text{POISSON}(Y)$

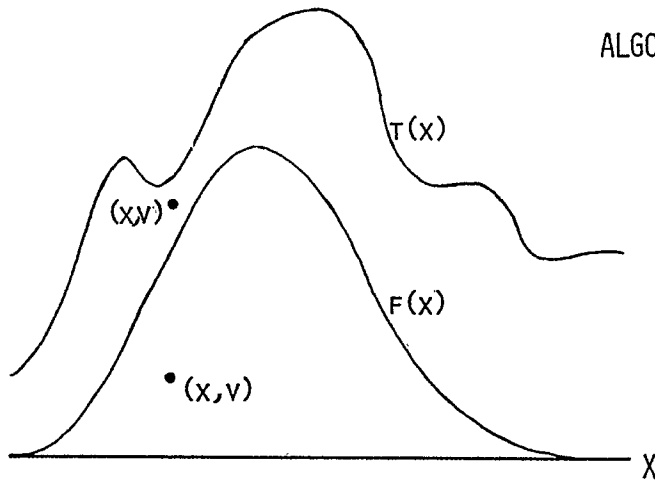
ACCEPTANCE/REJECTION

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GIVEN: $\tau(x) \geq F(x)$ FOR ALL x

ALGORITHM:

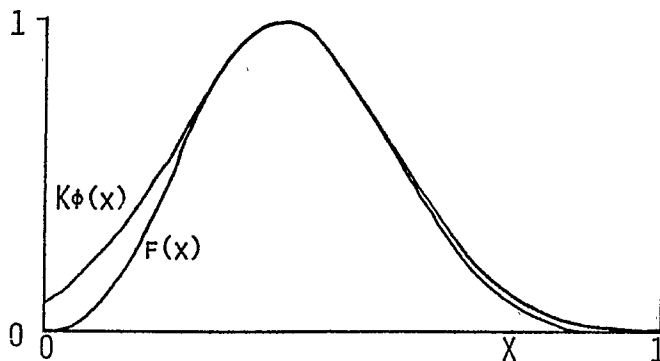
1. GENERATE (x,v) UNIFORMLY OVER THE REGION UNDER $\tau(\cdot)$
2. IF $v \leq F(x)$, THEN x IS ACCEPTED; OTHERWISE REJECT x BY GOING TO STEP 1.



ACCEPTANCE/REJECTION

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-- EXAMPLE: BETA DISTRIBUTION, AHRENS AND DIETER (1974)



ALGORITHM

1. GENERATE $x \sim \text{NORMAL}(\mu, \sigma^2)$
2. GENERATE $v \sim U(0, K \phi(x))$
3. IF $v \leq F(x)$, ACCEPT x ; OTHERWISE GO TO STEP 1

$$\phi(x) = \text{EXP}\{-.5((x-\mu)/\sigma)^2\}$$

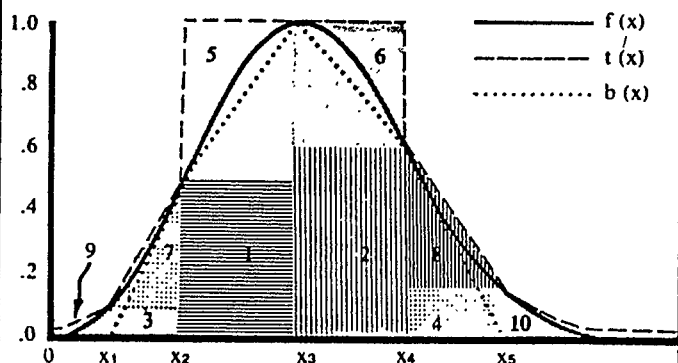
$$F(x) = x^P (1-x)^Q I(x)_{(0,1)}$$

COMPOSITION -- ACCEPTANCE/REJECTION

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EXAMPLE: BETA DISTRIBUTION, SCHMEISER AND BABU (1980)

ALGORITHM B4PE



1. SELECT REGION I
2. GENERATE x FROM $T_I(x)$
3. GENERATE $v \sim U(0, T_I(x))$
4. IF $v \leq b(x)$, ACCEPT x
5. IF $v \leq f(x)$, ACCEPT x ;
OTHERWISE, REJECT x
BY GOING TO STEP 1

SPECIAL PROPERTIES

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A. DIRECT TRANSFORMATIONS

-- ALGORITHM

1. GENERATE Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_N FROM SOME DISTRIBUTIONS
(MAYBE IID)
2. CALCULATE X AS A FUNCTION OF THE Y 's

-- EXAMPLES

- LOGNORMAL
- BETA AS RATIO OF GAMMA'S
- F AS A RATIO OF CHI-SQUARED'S
- T FROM NORMAL AND CHI-SQUARED
- BINOMIAL AS A SUM OF BERNOULLI TRIALS
- RATIO OF UNIFORM'S, KINDERMAN AND MONAHAN (1977)

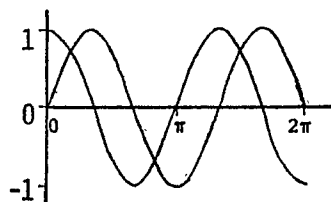
$$X = U_1 / U_2$$

SPECIAL PROPERTIES

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A. DIRECT TRANSFORMATIONS

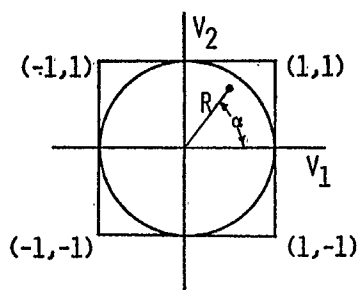
B. TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS

-- WANT $\text{SIN}(\alpha)$, $\text{COS}(\alpha)$, AND $\text{TAN}(\alpha)$, WHERE $\alpha \sim U(0, 2\pi)$ 

$$\text{RESULT: } \text{SIN}(\alpha) \stackrel{D}{=} \text{COS}(\alpha)$$

$$\text{RESULT: } \text{COS}(\alpha) \stackrel{D}{=} \text{COS}(2\alpha) \\ = \text{COS}^2(\alpha) - \text{SIN}^2(\alpha)$$

$$\leftarrow ? \frac{V_1^2 - V_2^2}{V_1^2 + V_2^2}$$



$$\alpha \sim U(0, 2\pi)$$

$$R = (V_1^2 + V_2^2)^{1/2}$$

$$\text{SIN}(\alpha) = V_2/R$$

$$\text{COS}(\alpha) = V_1/R$$

$$\text{TAN}(\alpha) = V_2/V_1$$

2. CRITERIA FOR ALGORITHM COMPARISON

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1. ACCURACY
 - 1.A THEORETICAL
 - 1.B ERROR INDUCED BY $U(0,1)$ NOT BEING RANDOM
 - 1.C ERROR INDUCED BY COMPUTER ARITHMETIC
2. EXECUTION SPEED
 - 2.A SET-UP TIME
 - 2.B MARGINAL TIME
3. EASE OF IMPLEMENTATION
 - 3.A NUMBER OF LINES OF CODE
 - 3.B SUPPORT ROUTINES REQUIRED
 - 3.C BIT MANIPULATION
4. PORTABILITY
5. MEMORY REQUIRED
6. INTERACTION WITH VARIANCE REDUCTION TECHNIQUES

3. STATE OF THE ART SURVEY: OUTLINE

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3.1 CONTINUOUS UNIVARIATE

- CLOSED FORM INVERSES
- NORMAL
- GAMMA
- BETA

3.2 UNIVARIATE DISCRETE

- POISSON
- BINOMIAL
- NEGATIVE BINOMIAL

3.3 MULTIVARIATE

- CONTINUOUS
- DISCRETE
- POINT PROCESSES
- TIME SERIES
- ORDER STATISTICS
- GEOMETRIC PROBLEMS

CLOSED FORM INVERSE TRANSFORMATIONS

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UNIFORM(A,B)	$X = A + (B-A) * U$
TRIANGULAR(A,B)	$X = A + (B-A) * U^{1/2}$
EXPONENTIAL(A)	$X = -A * \text{ALOG}(1-U)$
WEIBULL(A,B)	$X = \{-A * \text{ALOG}(1-U)\}^B$
CAUCHY(A,B)	$X = A + B * \text{TAN}(2\pi U)$

NORMAL DISTRIBUTION

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-- NEED ONLY $Y \sim N(0,1)$, SINCE $X = \mu + \sigma Y$ IS $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$.

-- CLASSICAL METHOD: DIRECT TRANSFORMATION, BOX AND MULLER (1958)

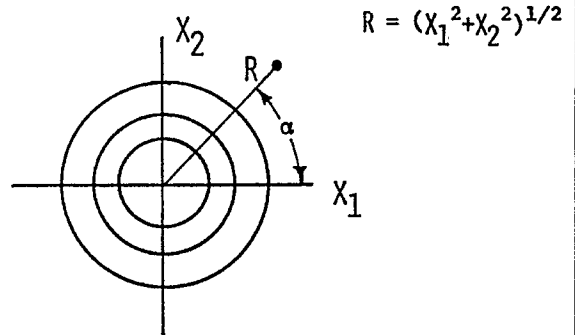
$$R = \{-2 * \text{ALOG}(U_1)\}^{1/2}$$

$$\alpha = 2\pi U_2$$

$$X_1 = R * \text{SIN}(\alpha)$$

$$X_2 = R * \text{COS}(\alpha)$$

THEN X_1 AND X_2 ARE $NID(0,1)$.



NORMAL DISTRIBUTION

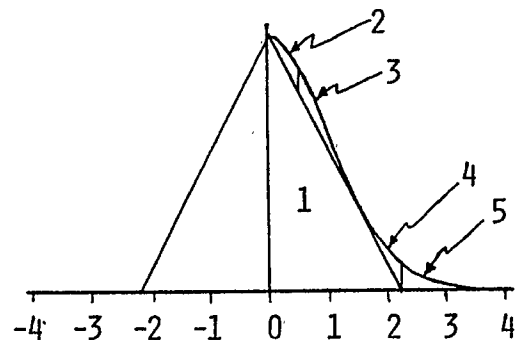
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FASTEST METHOD: MARSAGLIA, MACLAREN AND BRAY (1964)

37 REGION COMPOSITION, REQUIRES BIT MANIPULATION

FASTEST METHOD IN FORTRAN: KINDERMAN AND RAMAGE (1976)

5 REGION COMPOSITION



INVERSE TRANSFORMATION

MACHINE ACCURACY: ODEH AND EVANS (1974)

QUICK AND DIRTY: RAMBERG AND SCHMEISER (1972)

$$X = \{U \cdot 1.35 - (1-U) \cdot 1.35\} / .1975$$

GAMMA DISTRIBUTION

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-- DENSITY FUNCTION $F(x) = \exp(-x) x^{A-1} / \Gamma(A) I(x)_{(0,\infty)}$

-- CAN LATER RESCALE BY MULTIPLYING BY B.

-- MARGINAL EXECUTION TIMES (MILLISECONDS)

A	CHENG GB	KINDERMAN & MONAHAN GRUB	MARSAGLIA ¹ RGAMA	TADIKAMALLA GAMMA	SCHMEISER & LAL G4PE
1.01	.53	.29	.39	.43	.24
1.2	.49	.29	.39	.45	.21
2.	.46	.30	.38	.52	.21
5.	.41	.30	.35	.56	.18
10.	.41	.31	.34	.57	.18
100.	.41	.33	.34	.54	.18
1000.	.40	.34	.34	.56	.18

¹ USING KR NORMAL

BETA DISTRIBUTION

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-- $F(x) = x^{P-1}(1-x)^{Q-1} / \beta(P,Q) I(x)_{(0,1)}$

-- CAN RESCALE TO ANY INTERVAL (A,B)

-- MARGINAL EXECUTION TIMES (MILLISECONDS)

P=Q	JÖHNK	RATIO ¹ GAMMAS	A & D ² BN	CHENG BB	S & B B4PE
1.01	1.2	~.50	1.8	.57	.36
1.2	1.4	~.48	.85	.58	.38
2.	3.4	~.45	.77	.61	.44
5.	*	~.41	.72	.62	.23
10.	*	~.37	.69	.65	.23
100.	*	~.37	.67	.65	.24
1000.	*	~.37	.67	.65	.23

¹ USING G4PE

² USING KR FOR NORMAL

POISSON DISTRIBUTION

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$$-- F(x) = \text{EXP}(-m) m^x / x! \quad x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$-- E\{X\} = m$$

SMALL MEAN

A. INVERSE TRANSFORMATION VIA $F(x) = F(x-1) m / x$

B. SPECIAL PROPERTY: RELATIONSHIP TO EXPONENTIAL

C. COMPOSITION: DISCRETE MIXING

$$Y \sim \text{POISSON}(k) \quad k \geq m$$

$$X \sim \text{BINOMIAL}(N=Y, P=m/k)$$

THEN x IS POISSON(m).

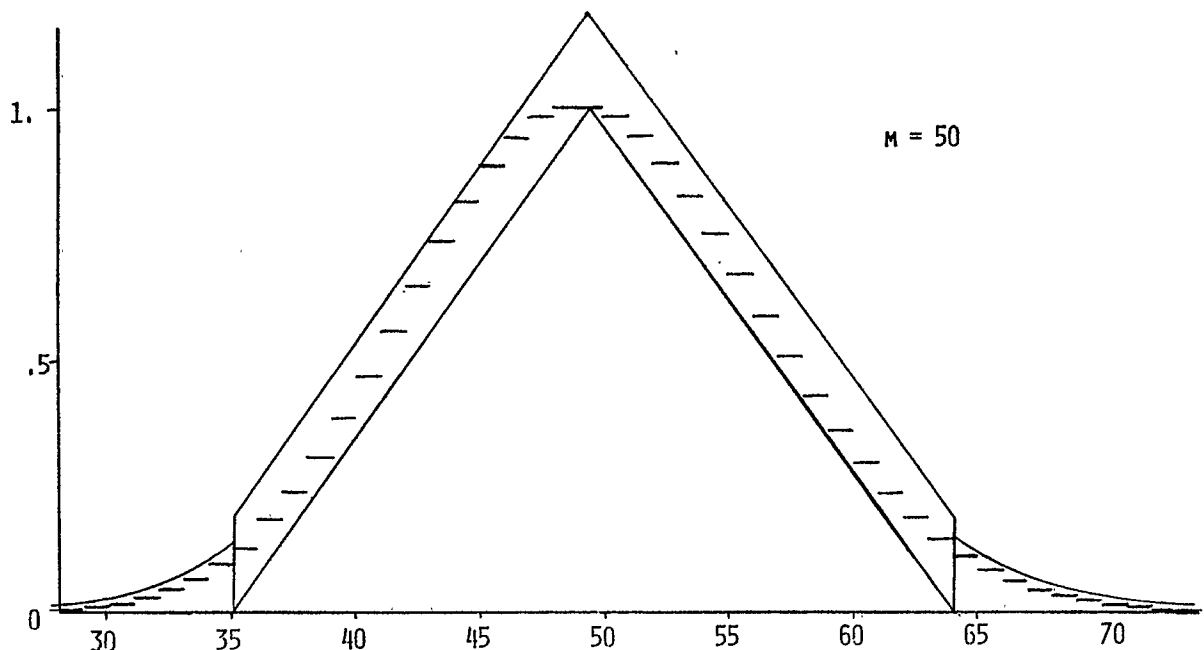
ALGORITHM

1. USE METHOD B FOR POISSON(k)
2. ACCEPT EACH EVENT WITH PROBABILITY m/k

POISSON -- LARGE MEAN

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COMPOSITION, SCHMEISER AND KACHITVICHYANUKUL (1981)



NONHOMOGENEOUS POISSON PROCESS

- INDEPENDENT EVENTS
- TIME VARYING RATE $R(T)$

INVERSE TRANSFORMATION

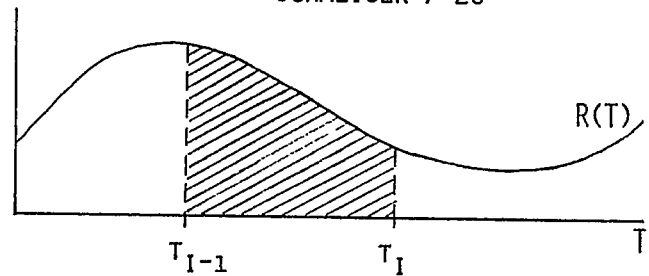
$$-- F_{T_I | T_{I-1}}(T_I) = 1 - \text{EXP} \left\{ - \int_{T_{I-1}}^{T_I} R(T) dT \right\}$$

SET TO U AND SOLVE FOR T_I AS A FUNCTION OF T_{I-1}

- EXAMPLE: $R(T) = 2 * C * T$

$$\text{THEN } T_I = \{ T_{I-1}^2 - \text{ALOG}(1-U)/C \}^{1/2}$$

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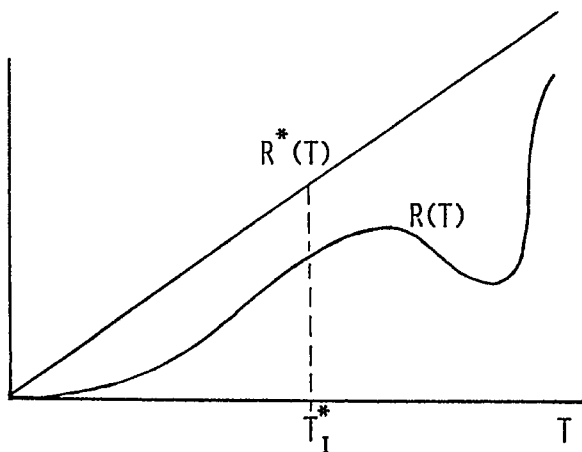


NONHOMOGENEOUS POISSON PROCESS

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THINNING: LEWIS AND SHEDLER (1979)

- ANALOGOUS TO ACCEPTANCE/REJECTION
- GIVEN ANOTHER RATE FUNCTION $R^*(T) \geq R(T)$ FOR ALL T



ALGORITHM

1. GENERATE POISSON PROCESS

$$T_1^*, T_2^*, T_3^*, \dots \text{ USING } R^*(T)$$

2. REJECT THE EVENT AT TIME T_I^*

$$\text{WITH PROBABILITY } R(T_I^*)/R^*(T_I^*)$$

COMMON ERRORS

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1. NORMAL VIA $\sum_{i=1}^{12} U_i - 6$
2. BOX - MULLER WITH $U(0,1)$ VIA CONGRUENTIAL
3. ALGORITHMS WITH ASYMPTOTICALLY INFINITE EXECUTION TIMES
 - A. BETA VIA JÖHNK WHEN P & / OR Q IS LARGE
 - B. ERLANG VIA SUM OF EXPONENTIALS
4. TRUNCATION DUE TO MACHINE ACCURACY, ESPECIALLY WITH ORDER STATISTICS
EXAMPLE: $X = -\text{ALOG}(1 - u)$
5. NONHOMOGENEOUS POISSON PROCESS USING CURRENT RATE
6. BLINDLY MODELLING BIVARIATE RELATIONSHIPS USING ONLY CORRELATION TO MEASURE DEPENDENCE.

SUMMARY

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1. FEW BASIC CONCEPTS
2. CRITERIA DEPEND ON SITUATION
3. MAJORITY OF LITERATURE ON UNIVARIATE CONTINUOUS
4. FOR MOST COMMONLY USED DISTRIBUTIONS, ALGORITHMS ARE
 - A. THEORETICALLY EXACT
 - B. UNIFORMLY FAST
5. FUTURE WORK ON MULTIVARIATE