10th exercises for SIM'2018

Ex. 1

Consider Fisher's *z*-distribution (Eq. (9.3)) with f(x; 2, 10) and evaluate P(X < 0). Use importance sampling for that with Cauchy distribution as the instrumental distribution with g(x; 0, 1/2).

Ex. 2

Minimize the Rosenbrock function $h(x,y;a,b)=(a-x)^2+b\,(y-x^2)^2$ using simulated annealing. Start from (-1,-1) with the choice a=1,b=100. Try to plot the function with the chain of the values found by the simulated annealing algorithm.