

10th exercises for SIM'2021

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 together with the chain of the values found by the simulated annealing algorithm.

Ex. 3

Re-do the example with the independent Metropolis-Hastings and Fisher's z -distribution (Eq. (9.3)) in the lecture material, page 9-7. Use Cauchy distribution as the proposal distribution with $g(x; 0, 1/2)$. Plot the behavior of the estimate for the mean of Fisher's z -distribution against the length of the MCMC chain.