

Monte Carlo Integration with Variance Reduction

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Example 1 $\int_0^1 (\cos(20x) + \sin(50x))^2 dx$

```
f<-function(x) {(cos(20*x)+sin(50*x))^2}  
integrate(f,0,1)
```

```
## 1.045276 with absolute error < 2.1e-10
```

```
n<-1e4;iter<-1e3
```

Original Method

```
first<-function(n) {  
  x<-runif(n)  
  return( mean( (cos(20*x)+sin(50*x))^2 ) )  
}  
original <- replicate(iter,first(n))
```

Antithetic

```
second<-function(n){  
  x<-runif(n);y<-1-x  
  return( 0.5 * mean( (cos(20*x)+sin(50*x))^2 + (cos(20*y)+sin(50*y))^2 ) )  
}  
antithetic <- replicate(iter,second(n))
```

Results

```
mean(original)
```

```
## [1] 1.045348
```

```
mean(antithetic)
```

```
## [1] 1.04533
```

```
var(original)
```

```
## [1] 0.0001173453
```

```
var(antithetic)
```

```
## [1] 4.031384e-05
```

Example 2 $\int_2^5 e^{-x^2/2} / \sqrt{2\pi} dx$

```
g=function(x) { exp(-x^2/2)/sqrt(2*pi) }  
integrate(g,2,5)
```

```
## 0.02274985 with absolute error < 2.5e-16
```

Original Method

```
a=2  
b=5  
f=function(y) { (g(a+(b-a)*y)-c)/(d-c) }  
c=min(g(a:b))  
d=max(g(a:b))  
first<-function(n){  
  x=runif(n)  
  return(sum((b-a)*(d-c)*f(x)+c*(b-a))/n)  
}  
original <- replicate(iter,first(n))
```

Antithetic

```
second<-function(n){  
  x<-runif(n);y<-1-x  
  return((b-a)*(d-c)*sum(f(x)+f(y))/(2*n)+c*(b-a))  
}  
antithetic <- replicate(iter,second(n))
```

Results

```
mean(original)
```

```
## [1] 0.02276065
```

```
mean(antithetic)
```

```
## [1] 0.02275149
```

```
var(original)
```

```
## [1] 1.441215e-07
```

```
var(antithetic)
```

```
## [1] 4.818039e-08
```

Example 3

```
f<-function(x){ (sqrt(abs(x))/sqrt(2*pi))*exp(-x^2/2) }  
integrate(f,0,1)
```

```
## 0.2170295 with absolute error < 8.8e-05
```

```
norm<-rnorm(n,0,1)  
unif<-runif(n,0,1)  
h<-function(x){ sqrt(abs(x)) }  
I<-mean(h(norm))  
I
```

```
## [1] 0.8228145
```

```
I2<-mean(f(unif))  
I2
```

```
## [1] 0.2165779
```