

Consider

$$\Pr[u < V],$$

$$\underset{J \times 1}{u} \sim N(0, \Omega).$$

Write this as

$$\Pr[u < V] = \int_{-\infty}^V f(u) du$$

where $f(u)$ is the joint normal density function. To write this as an importance sampler, we want to write it as

$$\Pr[u < V] = \int_{-\infty}^V \frac{f(u)}{g(u)} g(u) du$$

where $g(u)$ is the importance sampling density function. In GHK, we simulate

$$\begin{aligned} u_1^r &| u_1^r < V_1, \\ u_2^r &| u_1^r, u_2^r < V_2, \\ &\vdots \\ u_{J-1}^r &| u_1^r, u_2^r, \dots, u_{J-2}^r, u_{J-1}^r < V_{J-1} \end{aligned}$$

and use it in

$$F_1(V_1) F_2(V_2 | u_1^r) \cdots F_J(V_J | u_1^r, u_2^r, \dots, u_{J-2}^r, u_{J-1}^r).$$

Thus, if we define

$$g(u) = \frac{f_1(u_1)}{F_1(V_1)} \frac{f_2(u_2 | u_1)}{F_2(V_2 | u_1)} \cdots \frac{f_{J-1}(u_{J-1} | u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{J-2})}{F_{J-1}(V_{J-1} | u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{J-2})},$$

then we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[u < V] &= \int_{-\infty}^V f(u) \left[\frac{F_1(V_1)}{f_1(u_1)} \frac{F_2(V_2 | u_1)}{f_2(u_2 | u_1)} \cdots \frac{F_{J-1}(V_{J-1} | u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{J-2})}{f_{J-1}(u_{J-1} | u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{J-2})} \right] \\ &\quad \left[\frac{f_1(u_1)}{F_1(V_1)} \frac{f_2(u_2 | u_1)}{F_2(V_2 | u_1)} \cdots \frac{f_{J-1}(u_{J-1} | u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{J-2})}{F_{J-1}(V_{J-1} | u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{J-2})} \right] du \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^V F_1(V_1) F_2(V_2 | u_1) \cdots F_J(V_J | u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{J-1}) \cdot \\ &\quad \left[\frac{f_1(u_1)}{F_1(V_1)} \frac{f_2(u_2 | u_1)}{F_2(V_2 | u_1)} \cdots \frac{f_{J-1}(u_{J-1} | u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{J-2})}{F_{J-1}(V_{J-1} | u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{J-2})} \right] du \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

because

$$f(u) = f_1(u_1) f_2(u_2 | u_1) \cdots f_J(u_J | u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{J-1}).$$

Equation (1) is the integral representation of the GHK algorithm.