Midterm
CS 661: System Simulation — Spring 2010
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Instructions

- This exam has 12 pages in total, numbered 1 to 12. Make sure your exam has all the pages.
- This is a closed book, closed-note exam. You are allowed to use a calculator.
- For all problems, follow these instructions:
  - Show your work and give reasons.
  - For any problem that asks you to provide an algorithm, be sure to give a step-by-step algorithm. Do not explain how to implement your algorithm in Arena or Excel, but rather, you should provide an algorithm (i.e., pseudo-code) that can be implemented in any language. Also, for any random variates needed by your algorithm, be sure to explicitly provide the steps needed to generate the random variates. Also, be sure to explicitly specify all constants or parameter values used in your algorithm. You may assume that you have at your disposal a good unif[0,1] random number generator.
  - In any problem for which you use an approximation based on the central limit theorem, you can use a quantile point from the normal distribution. Any confidence interval you provide should be at a 95% confidence level. Any hypothesis test you perform should be at level $\alpha = 0.05$.
  - You can use the backs of the sheets if you need more space.
  - The last two pages of the exam have some possibly useful reference material.

Problem	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Points						

1. **[25 points]** Suppose that $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n$ are independent and identically distributed samples from some distribution.

   (a) **[12 points]** Recall that a binomial(m, θ) distribution is discrete with probability mass function $p(x) = \binom{m}{x} \theta^x (1-\theta)^{m-x}$ for $x = 0, 1, \ldots, m$, where m is a positive integer, $0 < \theta < 1$, and $\binom{m}{x} = m!/(x!(m-x)!)$. Suppose that the samples $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n$ come from a binomial(m, θ) distribution, where m is known and θ is unknown. Derive the maximum likelihood estimator (MLE) of the parameter θ.

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(b) **[13 points]** Instead suppose now that the samples come from a gamma distribution with unknown shape parameter α and unknown scale parameter β. Derive the method-of-moments estimator of the parameters α and β.

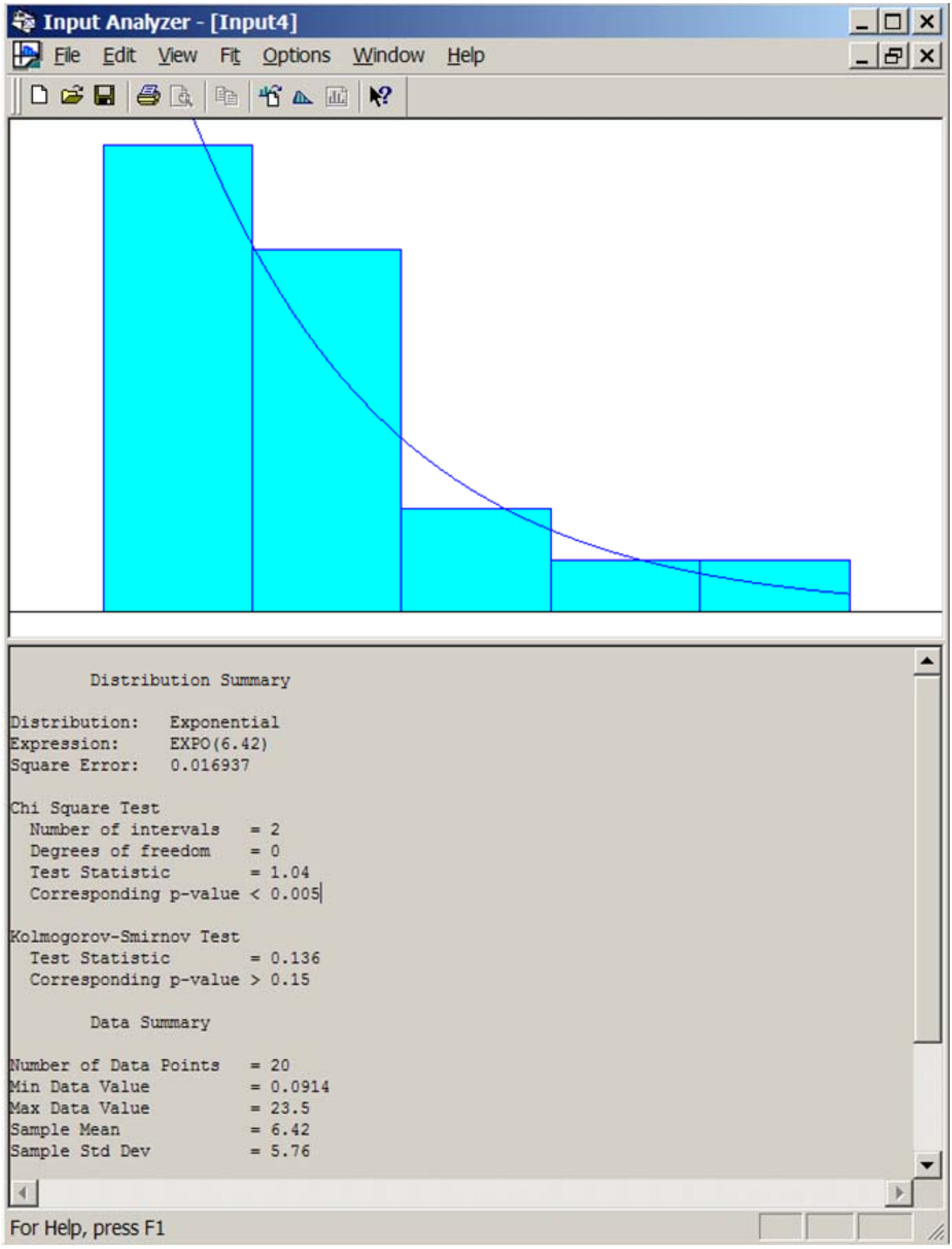
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2. **[10 points]** Let $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n$ be IID samples from a distribution F. Define the *empirical CDF*

$$\hat{F}_n(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} I\{X_i \leq x\},$$

where $I\{A\}$ is the indicator function of the event $\{A\}$, so $I\{A\} = 1$ if $\{A\}$ is true and $I\{A\} = 0$ if $\{A\}$ is false. Thus, $\hat{F}_n(x)$ is the proportion of the n samples that are less than or equal to x, and the empirical CDF $\hat{F}$ is an estimator of the true CDF F. Now fix a value of x such that $0 < F(x) < 1$. Argue that for large n, the distribution of $\hat{F}_n(x)$ should be approximately normal with some mean α_n and some variance β_n^2. Explicitly specify formulas for α_n and β_n^2 in terms of F, x and n.

3. **[15 points]** Suppose that we have collected data of times between the initiation of successive phone calls arriving to a switch. We collected 20 of these times, and used Arena's Input Analyzer to fit an exponential distribution to the data. The results from the Input Analyzer are below.



Comment on the appropriateness of fitting an exponential distribution to the data. Be sure to discuss the output from the Input Analyzer.

4. **[35 points]** Suppose that (X, Y) is a pair of random variables, and let F be the joint CDF of (X, Y), so $F(x, y) = \mathcal{P}(X \leq x, Y \leq y)$. Suppose that we can express F as

$$F(x, y) = p_1 F_1(x, y) + p_2 F_2(x, y),$$

where p_1 and p_2 are positive constants summing to 1, and F_1 and F_2 are joint CDFs. Let $I_A(x)$ be the indicator function of the set A, so $I_A(x) = 1$ if $x \in A$ and $I_A(x) = 0$ if $x \notin A$. Suppose that for each i, the joint CDF F_i satisfies $F_i(x, y) = G_i(x)H_i(y)$ for all x and y, where G_i and H_i are CDFs having respective density functions g_i and h_i, with

$$\begin{aligned}
g_1(x) &= \frac{\beta^{-k} x^{k-1} e^{-x/\beta}}{(k-1)!} I_{[0,\infty)}(x), \\
g_2(x) &= \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } x < 0, \\ \frac{3}{32}x, & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 4, \\ \frac{1}{4}\alpha e^{-\alpha(x-4)}, & \text{for } x > 4, \end{cases} \\
h_i(y) &= \lambda_i e^{-\lambda_i y} I_{[0,\infty)}(y), \quad i = 1, 2.
\end{aligned}$$

Here, α, λ_i, k and β are all given positive constants, and k is an integer. Note that g_1 is the density of an Erlang distribution with shape parameter k and scale parameter β.

(a) [11 points] Give an algorithm to generate a sample from distribution G_1.

(b) [12 points] Give an algorithm to generate a sample from distribution G_2.

(c) [12 points] Provide an algorithm to generate a sample of X given that $Y \leq b$, where $b > 0$ is a given constant. Be sure to provide all of the steps in your algorithm and explicitly define any parameters in your algorithm in terms of the notation given in the problem.

5. **[20 points]** Consider customers arriving to a bank's single automatic teller machine (ATM). A customer who arrives and finds the ATM idle immediately begins his transaction on the machine. A customer who arrives and finds the ATM busy joins the end of a single queue. Customers wait in a first-in, first-out (FIFO) manner, and we assume that the waiting area before the ATM is very large and can accommodate any number of waiting customers. After a customer finishes his transaction, he leaves the ATM.

   The customer interarrival and customer service times (in minutes) are

$$A_1 = 3,\ A_2 = 2,\ A_3 = 5,\ A_4 = 9,\ A_5 = 2,\ A_6 = 3,\ A_7 = 5,\ A_8 = 8,\ A_9 = 4,\ \ldots$$
$$S_1 = 4,\ S_2 = 5,\ S_3 = 3,\ S_4 = 7,\ S_5 = 6,\ S_6 = 3,\ S_7 = 5,\ \ldots$$

   respectively. Note that the first customer arrives at time 3, not at time 0. We wish to carry out a hand simulation for a particular realization of the system until time 30.

   (a) **[15 points]** Define $N(t)$ to be the total number of customers at the ATM (including the customers at the ATM and in the queue) at time t. Make a plot of $N(t)$ vs. t between times 0 and 30 for this realization. Be sure to show the event times.

   (b) **[5 points]** From your plot in part (a), compute the time-average total number of customers in the system during the time interval $[0, 30]$.

Some possibly useful facts

- The CDF F of random variable X is defined as $F(z) = P(X \leq z)$. If X is a continuous random variable with density function f, then $F(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{z} f(x)dx$. If X is a discrete random variable with probability mass function p and support $\{x_1, x_2, x_3, \ldots\}$, then $F(z) = \sum_{x_i \leq z} p(x_i)$.
- The expectation or mean μ of a random variable X is $\mu = \mathcal{E}[X] = \sum_{x_i} x_i p(x_i)$ when X is a discrete random variable with probability mass function $p(\cdot)$ and support $\{x_1, x_2, \ldots\}$, and $\mu = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x)\, dx$ when X is a continuous random variable with density function f.
- The variance of a random variable X is $\mathcal{V}(X) = \mathcal{E}[(X-\mu)^2] = \mathcal{E}[X^2] - \mu^2$.
- The covariance of random variables X and Y with means μ_X and μ_Y is $\mathcal{C}(X,Y) = \mathcal{E}[(X-\mu_X)(Y-\mu_Y)] = \mathcal{E}[XY] - \mu_X\mu_Y$.
- For IID data $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n$, the sample mean is $\bar{X}(n) = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{k=1}^{n} X_i$, and the sample variance is $S^2(n) = \frac{1}{n-1}\sum_{k=1}^{n}(X_k - \bar{X}(n))^2$.
- The normal distribution with mean μ and variance $\sigma^2 > 0$ is denoted by $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ and has density function $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left\{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right\}$. Its CDF cannot be evaluated in closed form.
- If $Z_1, Z_2, \ldots, Z_n$, $n \geq 1$, are IID $\mathcal{N}(0,1)$ random variables, then $X = Z_1^2 + Z_2^2 + \cdots + Z_n^2$ has a chi-squared distribution with n degrees of freedom, which is denoted by χ_n^2.
- If $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)$ and $U \sim \chi_n^2$ with Z and U independent, then $T = Z/\sqrt{U/n}$ has a Student-t distribution with n degrees of freedom, which is denoted by t_n.
- If $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n$ are IID $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$, then $(n-1)S^2(n)/\sigma^2 \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$ and $(\bar{X}(n) - \mu)/\sqrt{S^2(n)/n} \sim t_{n-1}$.
- The uniform distribution over the interval $[a, b]$ has density function $f(x) = 1/(b-a)$ for $a \leq x \leq b$, and $f(x) = 0$ otherwise. Its CDF is $F(x) = (x-a)/(b-a)$ for $a \leq x \leq b$, and $F(x) = 0$ otherwise. Its mean is $(a+b)/2$ and its variance is $(b-a)^2/12$.
- The exponential distribution with parameter $\lambda > 0$ has density function $f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$ for $x \geq 0$, and $f(x) = 0$ for $x < 0$. Its CDF is $F(x) = 1 - e^{-\lambda x}$ for $x \geq 0$, and $F(x) = 0$ for $x < 0$. Its mean is $1/\lambda$ and its variance is $1/\lambda^2$.
- The gamma distribution with shape parameter $\alpha > 0$ and scale parameter $\beta > 0$ has density function $f(x) = \beta^{-\alpha} x^{\alpha-1} \exp\{-x/\beta\}/\Gamma(\alpha)$ for $x \geq 0$, and $f(x) = 0$ for $x < 0$, where $\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^{\infty} t^{\alpha-1} e^{-t} dt$. In general, its CDF cannot be evaluated in closed form. Its mean is $\alpha\beta$ and its variance is $\alpha\beta^2$. In the special case that α is an integer k, then the distribution is known as an Erlang, and a random variable X having this distribution can be expressed as the sum of k IID exponentials, each with mean β.
- The Weibull distribution with shape parameter $\alpha > 0$ and scale parameter $\beta > 0$ has density function $f(x) = \alpha\beta^{-\alpha} x^{\alpha-1} \exp\{-(x/\beta)^{\alpha}\}$ for $x \geq 0$, and $f(x) = 0$ for $x < 0$. Its CDF is $F(x) = 1 - \exp\{-(x/\beta)^{\alpha}\}$ for $x \geq 0$, and $F(x) = 0$ for $x < 0$. Its mean is $(\beta/\alpha)\Gamma(1/\alpha)$ and its variance is $(\beta^2/\alpha)[2\Gamma(2/\alpha) - (1/\alpha)(\Gamma(1/\alpha))^2]$.
- If $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$, then $X = e^Z$ has a lognormal(μ, σ^2) distribution. The lognormal(μ, σ^2) distribution has density function $f(x) = 1/(x\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}) \exp(-(\ln x - \mu)^2/(2\sigma^2))$ for $x \geq 0$, and $f(x) = 0$ for $x < 0$. Its CDF cannot be evaluated in closed form. Its mean is $\exp(\mu + (\sigma^2/2))$ and its variance is $e^{2\mu+\sigma^2}(e^{\sigma^2} - 1)$.
- A Poisson distribution has a given parameter $\lambda > 0$ and has support $\{0, 1, 2, \ldots\}$. The probability mass function is $p(k) = e^{-\lambda}\lambda^k/k!$ for $k = 0, 1, 2, \ldots$.
- Law of large numbers: if $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n$ is a sequence of IID random variables with finite mean μ, then $\bar{X}(n) \approx \mu$ for large n.

- Central limit theorem: if $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n$ is a sequence of IID random variables with finite mean μ and positive, finite variance σ^2, then $\frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sigma}(\bar{X}(n) - \mu) \overset{\mathcal{D}}{\approx} \mathcal{N}(0,1)$ for large n, where $\overset{\mathcal{D}}{\approx}$ means approximately equal to in distribution. Also, $\frac{\sqrt{n}}{S(n)}(\bar{X}(n) - \mu) \overset{\mathcal{D}}{\approx} \mathcal{N}(0,1)$ for large n.
- Confidence intervals: if $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n$ is a sequence of IID random variables with finite mean μ and positive, finite variance σ^2, then an approximate $100(1-\alpha)\%$ confidence interval for μ is $[\bar{X}(n) \pm z_{1-\alpha/2}S(n)/\sqrt{n}]$, where $z_{1-\alpha/2}$ is the constant such that $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{N}(0,1) > z_{1-\alpha/2}) = \alpha/2$. For example, $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{N}(0,1) > 1.65) = 0.05$, $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{N}(0,1) > 1.96) = 0.025$, and $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{N}(0,1) > 2.60) = 0.005$.
- $\ln e = 1$, $\ln(ab) = \ln(a) + \ln(b)$, $\ln(a^b) = b\ln(a)$, and $e^{a\ln(b)} = b^a$.
- Parameter estimation: Suppose $X_1, \ldots, X_n$ are IID with distribution $F_{\theta_1,\ldots,\theta_d}$, where $\theta_1, \ldots, \theta_d$ are unknown and to be estimated.
  - MLE: If $F_{\theta_1,\ldots,\theta_d}$ is a continuous distribution with density function $f_{\theta_1,\ldots,\theta_d}$, then compute the likelihood $L(X_1, \ldots, X_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n f_{\theta_1,\ldots,\theta_d}(X_i)$. If $F_{\theta_1,\ldots,\theta_d}$ is a discrete distribution with probability mass function $p_{\theta_1,\ldots,\theta_d}$, then compute the likelihood $L(X_1, \ldots, X_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n p_{\theta_1,\ldots,\theta_d}(X_i)$. Then choose the values of $\theta_1, \ldots, \theta_d$ that maximize $L(X_1, \ldots, X_n)$, or equivalently that maximize $\ln L(X_1, \ldots, X_n)$.
  - Method-of-moments: Let $\mu_j = \mathcal{E}[X^j]$ be the jth (theoretical) moment of $F_{\theta_1,\ldots,\theta_d}$, and let $M_j = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^j$ be the jth sample moment of the data. Then set $\mu_j = M_j$ for $j = 1, 2, \ldots, d$, and solve for $\theta_1, \ldots, \theta_d$.
- Goodness-of-fit tests: Suppose $X_1, \ldots, X_n$ are IID from some hypothesized distribution F.
  - Chi-squared test: Divide samples into k bins. Let O_i be the number of observations in the ith bin, and let E_i be the expected number of observations in the ith bin. Compute test statistic $\chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^k (O_i - E_i)^2/E_i$, which has a chi-squared distribution with ν degrees of freedom, where $\nu =$ number of bins $-$ (1 + number of estimated parameters).
  - Kolmogorov-Smirnov (K-S) test: Compute empirical CDF $\hat{F}_n(x) = (\#\text{ observations} \leq x)/n$. Then compute $D_n = \max_{x\in\Re} |\hat{F}_n(x) - F(x)|$. We obtain the test statistic by centering and scaling D_n, where the centering and scaling depend on the hypothesized F.
- LCG: $Z_i = (aZ_{i-1} + c) (\text{mod } m)$ and $U_i = Z_i/m$, for constants a, c and m.
- Let $U_1, \ldots, U_n$ be n successive samples from random number generator. Null hypothesis is H_0 : samples are IID unif$[0,1]$. Fix level α of test, and define z_p such that $\mathcal{P}(Z \leq z_p) = p$.
  - Runs-up/down test: Let R_n is the total number of runs, $\mu_n = \mathcal{E}[R_n] = (2n-1)/3$ and $\sigma_n^2 = \mathcal{V}[R_n] = (16n - 29)/90$. Reject H_0 at level α if $R_n \notin [\mu_n - z_{\alpha/2}\sigma_n,\ \mu_n + z_{1-\alpha/2}\sigma_n]$.
  - Runs-above/below-mean test: Let R_n is the total number of runs, $\mu_n = \mathcal{E}[R_n] = (n+1)/2$ and $\sigma_n^2 = \mathcal{V}[R_n] = (n-1)/4$. Reject H_0 at level α if $R_n \notin [\mu_n - z_{\alpha/2}\sigma_n,\ \mu_n + z_{1-\alpha/2}\sigma_n]$.
- Inverse-transform method to generate sample X having CDF F. Generate $U \sim$ unif$[0,1]$, and return $X = F^{-1}(U)$.
- Convolution method: Suppose $X = Y_1 + Y_2 + \cdots + Y_n$, where $Y_1, Y_2, \ldots, Y_n$ are independent, and $Y_i \sim F_i$. We generate a sample of X by generating $Y_1 \sim F_1$, $Y_2 \sim F_2$, ..., $Y_n \sim F_n$, where $Y_1, \ldots, Y_n$ are generated independently, and returning $X = Y_1 + \cdots + Y_n$.
- Composition method: Suppose we can write CDF F as $F(x) = p_1F_1(x) + p_2F_2(x) + \cdots + p_dF_d(x)$ for all x, where $p_i > 0$ for each i and $p_1 + \cdots + p_d = 1$. We then generate a sample $X \sim F$ as follows. First generate I having pmf $(p_1, p_2, \ldots, p_d)$. If $I = j$, then independently generate $Y_j \sim F_j$, and return $X = Y_j$.