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Stratified Rejection and
Squeeze Method for Generating
Beta Random Numbers.

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1. Introduction

Beta-distributed random variables play an important role in statistical simulation experiments in that it has a finite support and in that a family of beta distributions has a wide variety of shapes. This paper deals with generating algorithms of random numbers with beta distribution

$$(2.1) \quad f(x) = c x^{a-1} (1-x)^{b-1} \quad (0 < x < 1, a > 0, b > 0)$$
$$\text{where } c^{-1} = B(a,b) = \Gamma(a)\Gamma(b) / \Gamma(a+b)$$
$$= \int_0^1 x^{a-1} (1-x)^{b-1} dx.$$

Several algorithms of generating such numbers have been proposed and tested by many authors including Jöhnk [6], Ahrens and Dieter [1], Atkinson et al. [2,3], Cheng [5] and Schmeiser et al. [8]. Jöhnk used the fact that the ratio of x to $x+y$, where (x,y) is a random point in $\{(x,y) ; x^{1/a} + y^{1/b} < 1\}$, becomes a beta-distributed random variate. Ahrens and Dieter considered the normal approximation for the case $a > 1$ and $b > 1$. They calculated the multiplicative factor of a normal density function to overlap a beta density function for all x and used it in their algorithm. Atkinson et al. used the another overlapping function and generated random numbers using power function distributions. Cheng proposed the dexterous algorithm to generate modified (second kind) beta random variates which can be transformed into ordinary beta random variates by simple linear operation.

The main tool of all these algorithms mentioned above is so-called a rejection technique. To generate a random point in some possibly complex region A , not necessarily bounded, one may consider another simple region B covering A , then, sample points

randomly from B and select only such points that are also contained by A. It is evident that selected points are uniformly distributed in A. This process to generate random points in A is called a rejection method. A squeeze method is somewhat elaborating technique which supports the rejection method in improving its efficiency. Let C be a region which contains A and let D be an another region which is contained by A, that is, $D \subset A \subset C$. When it is time consuming to test if a random point in B, say P, lies also in A ($P \in A$) or not ($P \notin A$), one can save time by testing first if $P \in D$ and/or $P \notin C$ before $P \in A$ or not. If P is in D, it is also in A, and if P is not in C, it is not in A, too. This technique has been widely applied to various generating algorithms of random numbers with so-and-so statistical distributions and Marsaglia [7] gave this name for the first time.

In this paper we propose new rejection algorithms to generate random numbers with beta distribution. Three algorithms correspond to different shapes of the distribution, that is, U-shaped, J-shaped and unimodal ones. Each algorithm needs several constants dependent on 2 shape parameters a and b and it takes some time to compute these numbers. Accordingly, our algorithms are not much effective when shape parameters change from time to time. On the other hand, we have many situations where a sequence of random numbers with fixed shape parameters are required. In such cases our algorithms are superior to other existing algorithms mentioned above.

We give precise descriptions of algorithms in the next section and show results of timing tests with other algorithms in section 3.

2. Method.

2.1 Stratified Rejection Method.

First, we consider the rejection method described in the previous section. Efficiency of the rejection method depends on two things, one is an easiness to sample a point from B and the other is an expected number of random points in B which is necessary to get single sample from A. The latter is given by the ratio

$$|B| / |A|$$

where $|A|$ is an area of A.

Two things are, in general, contradictory and one of them may be less considered than the other.

Now we consider a technique to sample from A easily keeping the ratio near to one. Let B_1, B_2, \dots be a decomposition of B such that sampling from each subset is easy. We call B_j as the j -th stratum of B. Let q_j be an area of B_j . Our sampling plan is as follows: First, we randomly choose one stratum, say B_j , according to the ratio $q_1 : q_2 : \dots$, then sample one point randomly from B_j . If the point does not belong to A, this sampling experiment failed and try again the same sampling process, otherwise the point is the objective one. We call the above technique as a stratified rejection method. Correctness of the method is easily varified, for stratification is only used to simplify sampling from B.

In the following, we apply this technique to a beta variate generation. We consider separate algorithms to different shapes of the distiribution such as

- Case 1) $a, b < 1,$
- Case 2) $a < 1 < b,$
- Case 2') $b < 1 < a,$
- Case 3) $a, b > 1$ and
- Case 4) $(a-1)(b-1) = 0.$

Since a beta distribution is symmetric in a and b , case 2') is included in case 2): if x is a random variate of case 2), $1-x$ is a random variate of case 2'). For the last case, the inverse function method is applicable if either a or b is not equal to one. If $a=b=1$, $y=f(x)$ becomes a uniform density. We treat three cases, 1), 2) and 3), in the following.

2.2. Algorithm for Case 1).

Let t be a real number in $(0,1)$ and let $y=g(x)$ be a function defined on $(0,1)$ as follows.

$$(2.1) \quad g(x) = \begin{cases} c(1-t)^{b-1}x^{a-1} & (0 < x \leq t) \\ ct^{a-1}(1-x)^{b-1} & (t < x < 1) \end{cases}$$

Let B be a region between $y=g(x)$ and x -axis and let A be a region between $y=f(x)$ and x -axis, then A is completely covered by B . Let B_1 and B_2 be two strata of B which are separated by a line $x=t$. Sampling from each stratum is easily done by using inverse function method. $(tu^{1/a}, f(t)u^{1-(1/a)}_v)$ is a random point in the left stratum and $(1-(1-t)(1-u)^{1/b}, f(t)(1-u)^{1-(1/b)}_v)$ is a random point in the right stratum if u and v are uniform random numbers ("uniform" is commonly used as uniformly distributed on a unit interval $(0,1)$). If

$$(2.2) \quad f(x) > f(t)u^{1-(1/a)}v \quad (= g(x)v)$$

where $x = tu^{1/a}$

in B_1 or

$$(2.3) \quad f(x) > f(t)(1-u)^{1-(1/b)}v \quad (= g(x)v)$$

where $x = 1-(1-t)(1-u)^{1/b}$

in B_2 is correct, x is a desired random number. (2.2) or (2.3) is equivalent to

$$(2.4) \quad ((1-x)/(1-t))^{b-1} > v$$

or

$$(2.5) \quad (x/t)^{a-1} > v,$$

respectively. To avoid the time consuming computation of power, we apply the squeeze method to this case. Note that

$$(2.6) \quad ((1-t)^{b-1}-1)x/t + 1 > (1-x)^{b-1} > (1-b)x + 1 \quad (0 < x < t)$$

$$(2.7) \quad (1-t^{a-1})(x-1)/(1-t) + 1 > x^{a-1} > (a-1)(x-1) + 1$$

($t < x < 1$).

These inequalities are well used for squeezing steps. A free parameter t of this algorithm must be determined so that efficiency of the algorithm becomes maximum. Efficiency of stratified rejection method may be measured by the expected number of rejection or of sampling experiments. Let A_j be an intersection of B_j and A . Expected number of experiments is given by

$$(2.8) \quad \left(\sum_j (|B_j| / \sum_i |B_i|) |A_j| / |B_j| \right)^{-1} = |B| / |A|.$$

and $|B|$ is calculated as

$$|B| = (c/a)t^a(1-t)^{b-1} + (c/b)t^{a-1}(1-t)^b.$$

The optimal value of t , say t_{opt} , is given as a solution of a quadratic equation as follows.

$$t_{\text{opt}} = \begin{cases} (a(a-1) \pm \sqrt{ab(1-a)(1-b)}) / (b-a) / (1-a-b) & (\text{if } a \neq b \text{ and } a+b \neq 1) \\ 1/2 & (\text{if } a=b \text{ or } a+b=1) \end{cases}$$

It is possible to calculate t_{opt} by the Newton method to avoid a troublesome problem which sign should be chosen for the first case. Numerical experiments show that practically reasonable approximations can be obtained by the Newton method with single iteration and an antimode as an initial value in any combination of parameters.

Now we give the formal description of the first algorithm below.

Algorithm B00 (a,b;x)

0. $t \leftarrow (1-a)/(2-a-b)$, $s \leftarrow (b-a)(1-a-b)$, $r \leftarrow a(1-a)$,
 $t \leftarrow t - ((st+2r)t-r)/2/(st+r)$, $p \leftarrow t/a$, $q \leftarrow (1-t)/b$,
 $s \leftarrow (1-t)^{b-1}$, $c \leftarrow t^{a-1}$, $r \leftarrow (c-1)/(t-1)$.
1. $u, v \leftarrow \text{UR}(0,1)$, $u \leftarrow (p+q)u$. If $u > p$, go to 3.
2. $x \leftarrow t(u/p)^{1/a}$, $v \leftarrow sv$. If $v < (1-b)x+1$, deliver x .
 If $v > (s-1)x/t+1$ or $v > (1-x)^{b-1}$, go to 1,
 otherwise deliver x .
3. $x \leftarrow 1 - (1-t)((u-p)/q)^{1/b}$, $v \leftarrow cv$.
 If $v < (a-1)(x-1)+1$, deliver x .
 If $v > r(x-1)+1$ or $v > x^{a-1}$, go to 1, otherwise deliver x .

Step 0 should be executed once when parameters a and b are set new. $u \leftarrow \text{UR}(0,1)$ means to generate a uniform random number and to set to u . These remarks are true for the other algorithm descriptions.

2.3. Algorithm for Case 2).

Let t be a real number in $(0,1)$ and let $y=g(x)$ be a function defined as follows.

$$(2.9) \quad g(x) = \begin{cases} c x^{a-1} & (0 < x \leq t) \\ c t^{a-1} (1-x)^{b-1} & (t < x < 1) \end{cases}$$

Same as 2.2, let B be a region between $y=g(x)$ and x -axis and B_1 and B_2 be two strata of B with a line $x=t$ as a boundary. $(tu^{1/a}, g(tu^{1/a})v)$ or $(1-(1-t)(1-u)^{1/b}, f(t)(1-u)^{1-(1/b)}v)$ is a random point in B_1 or B_2 , respectively. If

$$(2.10) \quad f(x) > g(x)v \quad \text{where } x = tu^{1/a}$$

or (2.3) is satisfied, x is a desired random number. (2.10) is equivalent to

$$(1-x)^{b-1} > v$$

and using

$$m_1 x + 1 > (1-x)^{b-1} > m_2 x + 1$$

where $m_1 = \max(1-b, ((1-t)^{b-1}-1)/t)$ and
 $m_2 = \min(1-b, ((1-t)^{b-1}-1)/t)$

and (2.7) for squeezing steps, we can construct the algorithm. To determine the optimal value of t which minimizes $|B|$ where

$$|B| = (c/a)t^a + (c/b)t^{a-1}(1-t)^b,$$

we solve non-algebraic equation by the Newton method with single iteration and a ratio of $(1-a)$ to $(b-a)$ as an initial value.

The formal description of the second algorithm is stated as follows.

Algorithm B01 (a,b;x)

0. $t \leftarrow (1-a)/(b-a)$, $s \leftarrow (1-t)^{b-2}$, $r \leftarrow a-(a+b-1)t$,
 $t \leftarrow t-(t-s(1-t)(1-r)/b)/(1-sr)$, $p \leftarrow t/a$, $q \leftarrow (1-t)^{b-1}$,
 $s \leftarrow \min(1-b, (q-1)/t)$, $r \leftarrow \max(1-b, (q-1)/t)$,
 $q \leftarrow q(1-t)/b$, $c \leftarrow t^{a-1}$, $d \leftarrow (c-1)/(t-1)$.
1. $u,v \leftarrow UR(0,1)$, $u \leftarrow (p+q)u$. If $u > p$, go to 3.
2. $x \leftarrow t(u/p)^{1/a}$. If $v < sx+1$, deliver x .
 If $v > rx+1$ or $v > (1-x)^{b-1}$, go to 1, otherwise deliver x .
3. $x \leftarrow 1-(1-t)((u-p)/q)^{1/b}$, $v \leftarrow cv$.
 If $v < (a-1)(x-1)+1$, deliver x .
 If $v > d(x-1)+1$ or $v > x^{a-1}$, go to 1, otherwise deliver x .

As stated earlier, B01 algorithm is also applicable to Case 2'): exchange a and b , generate x according to B01 and transform x to $1-x$.

2.4. Algorithm for Case 3).

In this case, (1.1) is bounded and B can be chosen to be bounded. The density function has a single mode at

$$x = x_M = (a-1) / (a+b-2).$$

If $a > 2$ ($b > 2$), there is a point of inflection at x_- (x_+), where

$$x_- = x_M \left(1 - \sqrt{(b-1)/(a-1)/(a+b-3)} \right)$$

$$x_+ = x_M \left(1 + \sqrt{(b-1)/(a-1)/(a+b-3)} \right)$$

and the left (right) tail of the density decreases faster than the exponential density.

Let $y=g(x)$ be a function defined as follows (see Figure 1).

$$(2.11) \quad g(x) = \begin{cases} f(x_1) \exp(r_1(x-x_1)) & (\text{if } 0 < x \leq x_1) \\ m_1(x-x_2) + f(x_2) & (\text{if } x_1 < x \leq x_2) \\ m_2(x-x_2) + f(x_2) & (\text{if } x_2 < x \leq x_3) \\ f(x_M) & (\text{if } x_3 < x \leq x_5) \\ m_3(x-x_6) + f(x_6) & (\text{if } x_5 < x \leq x_6) \\ m_4(x-x_6) + f(x_6) & (\text{if } x_6 < x \leq x_7) \\ f(x_7) \exp(-r_2(x-x_7)) & (\text{if } x_7 < x < 1) \end{cases}$$

$$\text{where } x_2 = \begin{cases} x_- & (\text{if } a > 2) \\ x_M/2 & (\text{if } a \leq 2) \end{cases}$$

$$x_1 = \begin{cases} x_2 - f(x_2)/f'(x_2) & (\text{if } a > 2) \\ 0 & (\text{if } a \leq 2) \end{cases}$$

$$m_1 = \begin{cases} (f(x_2)-f(x_1))/(x_2-x_1) & (\text{if } a > 2) \\ f'(x_2) & (\text{if } a \leq 2) \end{cases}$$

$$m_2 = f(x_2)/(x_2-x_1)$$

$$x_3 = x_2 + (f(x_M)-f(x_2))/m_2$$

$$r_1 = f'(x_1)/f(x_1)$$

$$x_6 = \begin{cases} x_+ & (\text{if } b > 2) \\ (1+x_M)/2 & (\text{if } b \leq 2) \end{cases}$$

$$x_7 = \begin{cases} x_6 - f(x_6)/f'(x_6) & (\text{if } b > 2) \\ 1 & (\text{if } b \leq 2) \end{cases}$$

$$m_3 = f(x_6)/(x_6-x_7)$$

$$m_4 = \begin{cases} (f(x_6)-f(x_7))/(x_6-x_7) & (\text{if } a > 2) \\ f'(x_6) & (\text{if } b \leq 2) \end{cases}$$

$$x_5 = x_6 + (f(x_M)-f(x_6))/m_3 \quad \text{and}$$

$$r_2 = -f'(x_7)/f(x_7).$$

Let B be a region between $y=g(x)$ and x -axis and let B_j 's be defined as follows:

$$B_1 = B \cap \{ 0 < x < x_1 \},$$

$$B_2 = B \cap \{ x > x_1 \} \cap \{ y > m_2(x-x_2)+f(x_2) \},$$

$$B_3 = B \cap \{ x_1 < x < x_M \} \cap \{ y < m_2(x-x_2)+f(x_2) \},$$

$$B_4 = B \cap \{ x_M < x < x_7 \} \cap \{ y < m_3(x-x_6)+f(x_6) \},$$

$$B_5 = B \cap \{ x < x_7 \} \cap \{ y > m_3(x-x_6)+f(x_6) \} \text{ and}$$

$$B_6 = B \cap \{ x_7 < x < 1 \}.$$

Random points in B_1 (B_6) are generated by using truncated exponential random variates. The shape of B_2 (B_5) is triangle and B_3 (B_4) trapezoid. Sampling from them is executed by using three or two uniform variates, respectively.

A squeeze method is also effective in this case using the following inequalities:

$$f(x) > (f(x_M)-f(x_2))(x-x_M)/(x_M-x_2)+f(x_2) > f(x_2)$$

in B_3 ,

$$f(x) > (f(x_M)-f(x_6))(x-x_M)/(x_M-x_6)+f(x_6) > f(x_6)$$

in B_4 ,

$$f(x) > f'(x_1)(x-x_1)+f(x_1)$$

in B_1 and B_2 if $a > 2$, and

$$f(x) > f'(x_7)(x-x_7)+f(x_7)$$

in B_5 and B_6 if $b > 2$.

Now we give our third algorithm.

Algorithm B11 (a,b;x)

0. $c \leftarrow a+b-2$, $d \leftarrow \text{clog}(c)$, $x_4 \leftarrow (a-1)/c$.

If $c > 1$, $d_0 \leftarrow \sqrt{(b-1)/(a-1)/(c-1)}$. Set $x_2, y_2, x_1, y_1, x_3, r_1,$

$q_3, x_6, y_6, x_7, y_7, x_5, r_2$ and q_4 according as Table 1.

$q_1 \leftarrow x_4 - (x_3 + x_1)/2$, $q_2 \leftarrow q_1 + (x_5 + x_7)/2 - x_4$, $q_3 \leftarrow q_2 + q_3$,

$q_4 \leftarrow q_3 + q_4$, $q_5 \leftarrow q_4 + y_1(x_2 - x_1)/2$, $q_6 \leftarrow q_5 + y_7(x_7 - x_6)/2$,

$d_1 \leftarrow (1 - y_2)/(x_4 - x_2)$, $d_2 \leftarrow (1 - y_6)/(x_4 - x_6)$, $e_1 \leftarrow 0$ and $e_2 \leftarrow 0$.

1. $u, v \leftarrow \text{UR}(0,1)$, $u \leftarrow q_6 u$. If $q_{j-2} \leq u < q_{j-1}$, go to j
(where $q_0 = 0$).

2. $x \leftarrow x_4 - 2u$. If $v > (x - x_1)/(x_3 - x_1)$, $v \leftarrow 1 - v$, $x \leftarrow x_1 + x_3 - x$.

If $v < y_2$ or $v < d_1(x - x_4) + 1$, deliver x, otherwise go to 8.

3. $x \leftarrow x_4 + 2(u - q_1)$. If $v > (x - x_7)/(x_5 - x_7)$, $v \leftarrow 1 - v$, $x \leftarrow x_5 + x_7 - x$.

If $v < y_6$ or $v < d_2(x - x_4) + 1$, deliver x, otherwise go to 8.

4. If $e_1 = 0$, $e_1 \leftarrow \exp(r_1 x_1)$.

$w \leftarrow 1 + (e_1 - 1)v$, $x \leftarrow (\log(w))/r_1$, $v \leftarrow w y_1(u - q_2)/(q_3 - q_2)/e_1$,
go to 6.1.

5. If $e_2 = 0$, $e_2 \leftarrow \exp(-r_2(1 - x_7))$. $w \leftarrow 1 - (1 - e_2)v$,

$x \leftarrow x_7 - (\log(w))/r_2$, $v \leftarrow w y_7(u - q_3)/(q_4 - q_3)$, go to 7.1.

6. $w \leftarrow \text{UR}(0,1)$, $x \leftarrow x_1 + (x_2 - x_1)\min(w, v)$, $v \leftarrow (y_2(x - x_1) - y_1(x - x_2)(u - q_4)/(q_5 - q_4))/(x_2 - x_1)$. If $a \leq 2$, go to 8.

6.1 If $v < y_1(r_1(x - x_1) + 1)$, deliver x, otherwise go to 8.

7. $w \leftarrow \text{UR}(0,1)$, $x \leftarrow x_7 - (x_7 - x_6)\min(w, v)$, $v \leftarrow (y_7(x - x_6) - y_6(x - x_7)(u - q_5)/(q_6 - q_5))/(x_7 - x_6)$. If $b \leq 2$, go to 8.

7.1 If $v < y_7(-r_2(x - x_7) + 1)$, deliver x.

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8. If $v > f(x)$, go to 1, otherwise deliver x.

The area of the region B, $|B|$, varying according to two parameters a and b, is a good measure of the efficiency of the algorithm and we give the values for various parameters in all cases in Table 2.

3. Numerical experiments.

We state some timing test results to compare several existing algorithms and to claim the superiority of our algorithms. Compared algorithms are BA, BB and BC by Cheng [5], AS134 by Atkinson and Whittaker [4] and B4PE by Schmeiser and Babu [8]. BA and BC does not work for small value(s) of parameter(s), say $\min(a,b) < 0.05$, according to overflow effect. AS134 is only applicable for the case 2) and B4PE is only applicable for the case 3).

All algorithms are coded in FORTRAN and timing tests are executed using FACOM M-200/OS IV at Tsukuba University. For uniform random numbers, we used in-line generator of multiplicative congruential method to avoid linkage to and from a subroutine: it takes about $4 \mu\text{sec.}$ to link a subroutine and about $1 \mu\text{sec.}$ to generate one uniform random number.

Results are summarized in Table 3. Each figures are averaged from 25,000 numbers. The only algorithm competitive with ours' is B4PE with both parameters greater than 2. In order to obtain such high performance, we must prepare several constants depending on parameter values before generation. The time to compute these constants is called set-up time and those of each algorithm are listed in Table 4. From these two tables we conclude the followings. Our algorithms proposed in this paper is recommended

for the consecutive generation, of size at least 6 (if $a, b > 1$) or 3 (otherwise), with the same parameter values. For the case where parameter values change from time to time, BA algorithm of Cheng is preferable except for some skew cases, where BC, a time saving modification of BA, becomes efficient. Program length of each algorithm is given in Table 5. Memory requirement is of little interest at present and the difference in the table is not practically significant. Our complete subroutine program of a beta random number generator consists of 180 FORTRAN statements including all 5 cases stated in section 2.1, and it is not too big as a part of a large-scale computer simulation program.

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Table 1. Constants for the algorithm B11.

	(a > 2)	(a < 2)
x_2	$x_4(1-d_0)$	$x_4/2$
y_2	$h(x_2)$	$h(x_2)$
x_1	$x_2(1-d_1)$	0
y_1	$h(x_1)$	$y_2(1-(a-1-cx_2)/(1-x_2))$
x_3	$x_1+x_2d_1/y_2$	x_2/y_2
r_1	$(a-1-cx_1)/x_1/(1-x_1)$	--
q_3	y_1/r_1	0
	(b > 2)	(b < 2)
x_6	$x_4(1+d_0)$	$(1+x_4)/2$
y_6	$h(x_6)$	$h(x_6)$
x_7	$x_6(1-d_2)$	1
y_7	$h(x_7)$	$y_6(1+(a-1-cx_6)/x_6)$
x_5	$x_7+x_6d_2/y_6$	$1+(x_6-1)/y_6$
r_2	$(cx_7-a+1)/x_7/(1-x_7)$	--
q_4	y_7/r_2	0

where $h(x) = \exp(d+(a-1)\log(x/(a-1))$
 $+ (b-1)\log((1-x)/(b-1)))$,

$$d_1 = (1-x_2)/(a-1-cx_2) \quad \text{and}$$

$$d_2 = (1-x_6)/(a-1-cx_6).$$

Table 2. Expected number of sampling experiments.

a	b	0.01	0.2	0.5	0.8	1.5	5	10
0.01		1.973	1.402	1.249	1.121	1.004	1.008	1.008
0.2			1.595	1.365	1.169	1.063	1.131	1.145
0.5				1.273	1.144	1.112	1.227	1.251
0.8					1.087	1.098	1.178	1.194
1.5						1.089	1.064	1.068
5							1.042	1.045
10								1.045

Table 3. Timing tests.

a	b	0.01	0.2	0.5	0.8	1.5	5	10	100
0.01		37	27	24	22	20	20	20	20
		*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1
		*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1	*1
		--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
		--	--	--	--	32	33	32	33
0.2			32	28	24	22	24	25	25
			56	73	79	83	86	87	88
			42	41	41	41	40	40	39
			--	--	--	--	--	--	--
			--	--	--	35	37	38	37
0.8					23	23	26	27	30
					40	46	53	55	57
					37	38	41	41	42
					--	--	--	--	--
					--	36	39	40	40
1.5						15	13	14	15
						46	51	52	55
						32	38	42	47
						23	16	17	18
						--	--	--	--
5							12	12	13
							48	48	50
							33	35	41
							13	13	15
							--	--	--
10								12	12
								49	49
								33	39
								13	15
								--	--
100			(1st row : B00/B01/B11)						12
			(2nd row : BA)						49
			(3rd row : BB/BC)						34
			(4th row : B4PE)						13
			(5th row : AS134)						--

Remark. *1 shows that overflow occurred in the "EXP" routine in FORTRAN.

Table 4. Set-up time.

	B00/B01/B11	BB/BC	BA	B4PE	AS134
a, b < 1	35	11	0	--	--
a < 1 < b	51	11	0	--	60 130
1 < a, b < 2	80	17	0	33	--
1 < a < 2 < b	108	17	0	80	--
2 < a, b	133	17	0	130	--

Table 5. Program length (a number of execution statements).

	B00	B01	B11	BA	BB	BC	B4PE	AS134
set-up	9	11	46	7	5	0	39	31
generation	16	15	46	20	15	10	54	9

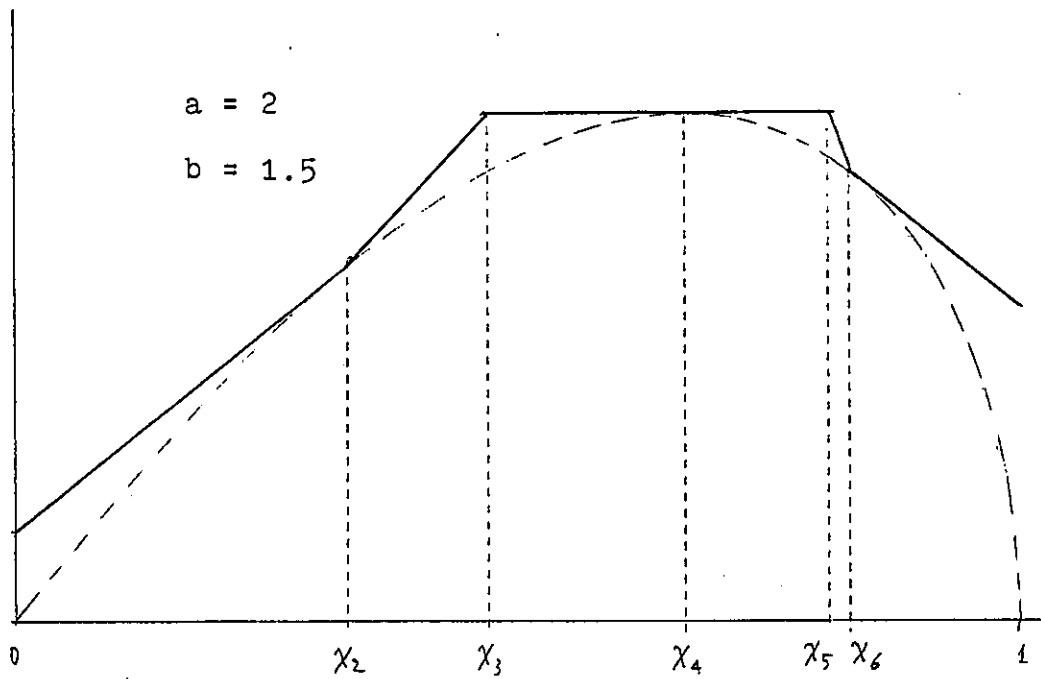
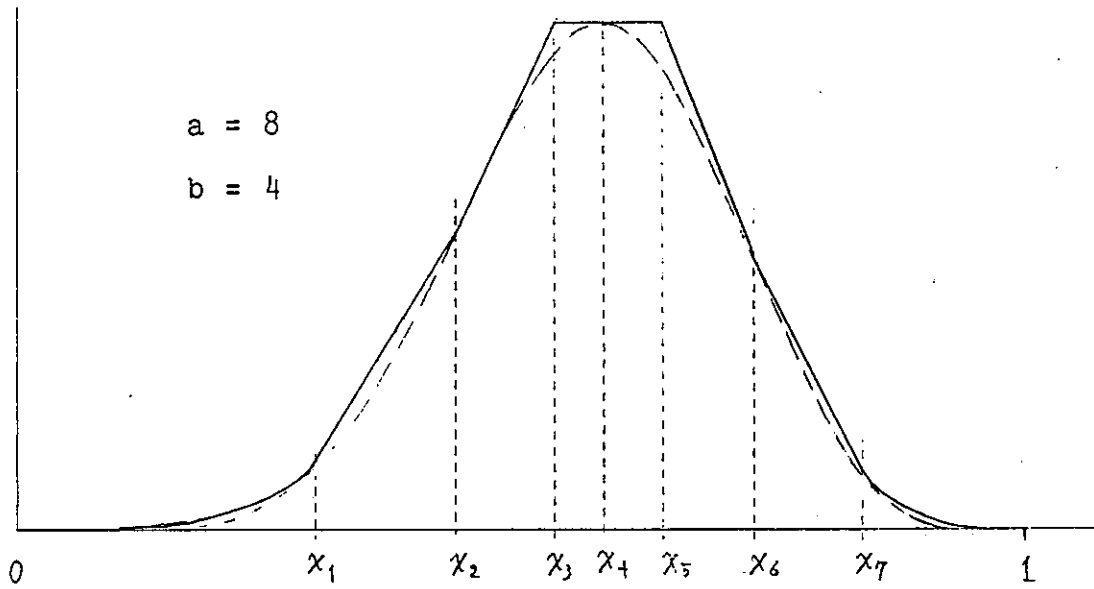


Figure 1. $y = g(x)$