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On a Rapid Simulation of the Dirichlet Process

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We describe a simple and efficient procedure for approximating the L\'evy measure of a \$\text{Gamma}(\alpha,1)\$ random variable. We use this approximation to derive a finite sum-representation that converges almost surely to Ferguson's representation of the Dirichlet process based on arrivals of a homogeneous Poisson process. We compare the efficiency of our approximation to several other well known approximations of the Dirichlet process and demonstrate a substantial improvement.

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