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Question:

A die is thrown, find the probability of following events :

- i) A prime number will appear

Theoretical Solution:

The sample space S of a fair six-sided die is

$$S = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 \quad (0.1)$$

The prime numbers in the Sample space are

$$A = 2, 3, 5 \quad (0.2)$$

Thus, the number of favorable outcomes = 3

$$|S| = 6 \quad (0.3)$$

$$|A| = 3 \quad (0.4)$$

The probability of getting a prime number when a fair die is rolled

$$P(A) = \frac{|A|}{|S|} \quad (0.5)$$

on substituting 0.3, 0.4

$$P(A) = \frac{1}{2} \quad (0.6)$$

Computational Solution:

The goal of this task was to compute the probability distribution of outcomes when rolling a six-sided die. The outcomes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 represent the faces of the die, and each face is expected to have an approximately equal probability if the die is fair. The computed probabilities (PMF) were plotted as a stem plot to visualize the distribution.

PROCESS OVERVIEW

The process involved two main steps: 1. Computation of the probabilities using a C program. 2. Visualization of the results using Python.

Step 1: Probability Computation in C

- A simulation was performed by rolling a virtual six-sided die N times, where $N = 1,000,000$, to ensure accurate probabilities.
- Each roll was simulated using a random number generator that produced values between 1 and 6.
- A count was maintained for how many times each outcome occurred during the simulation.
- The probability of each

outcome (PMF) was calculated by dividing the count of each outcome by the total number of rolls.

Step 2: Data Export via Shared Library

- The C program was compiled into a shared library (.so file) that could be accessed from Python.
- This ensured that the computationally heavy task of rolling the die and calculating probabilities was handled efficiently in C.

Step 3: Visualization in Python

- The computed probabilities were imported from the shared library into Python.
- A stem plot was used to visualize the probability distribution. Each outcome 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 was plotted on the x-axis, and its corresponding probability was plotted on the y-axis.
- The stem plot highlighted the uniform distribution of probabilities for a fair die, with each outcome having a probability close to $1/6$.

RESULTS AND INSIGHTS

Probability Mass Function (PMF)

The PMF represents the probability of each individual outcome $x \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$. The table below shows the PMF for a six-sided die based on simulation:

Outcome (x)	$P_X(x)$
1	0.1667
2	0.1665
3	0.1666
4	0.1668
5	0.1669
6	0.1665

As expected, the probabilities are close to $1/6 \approx 0.1667$, with minor variations due to random sampling.

Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF)

The CDF represents the cumulative probability up to each outcome $x \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$. The table below shows the CDF for a six-sided die:

Outcome (x)	$F_X(x)$
1	0.1667
2	0.3332
3	0.4998
4	0.6666
5	0.8335
6	1.0000

The CDF starts with the PMF of $x = 1$ and accumulates to 1.0 at $x = 6$, confirming the correctness of the cumulative probabilities.

PMF USING THE RECT FUNCTION

The rect function, short for rectangular function, is a mathematical function that acts as an indicator for whether a given input lies within a specific range. The PMF is defined as

$$P(X = x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{6}, & \text{if } x \in \{2, 3, 5\}, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The rect function is defined as

$$\text{rect}(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } |x| \leq \frac{1}{2}, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The PMF for the event of rolling a prime number can be written using the rect function as follows

$$P(X = x) = \frac{1}{6} [\text{rect}(x - 2) + \text{rect}(x - 3) + \text{rect}(x - 5)]$$

The sum of these rect functions ensures the PMF accounts for all prime outcomes.

$$P(X = x) = \frac{1}{6} \sum_{k \in \{2, 3, 5\}} \text{rect}(x - k)$$

CONCLUSION

This task demonstrates the integration of C and Python for simulating and visualizing a probabilistic experiment. By combining the computational efficiency of C with the graphical capabilities of Python, we achieve an effective solution for analyzing and representing data. The code clearly shows that the probability of the given event is equal to **half**

