Random Numbers

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Abstract—This manual provides a simple introduction to the generation of random numbers

1 Uniform Random Numbers

Let U be a uniform random variable between 0 and 1.

1.1 Generate 10^6 samples of U using a C program and save into a file called uni.dat .

Solution: Download the following file and execute the C program.

1.2 Load the uni.dat file into python and plot the empirical CDF of *U* using the samples in uni.dat. The CDF is defined as

$$F_U(x) = \Pr\left(U \le x\right) \tag{1.1}$$

Solution: The following code plots Fig. 1.2

1.3 Find a theoretical expression for $F_U(x)$.

Solution: The CDF of U is

$$F_U(x) = \Pr(U \le x) = \int_{-\infty}^{x} p_U(x) dx$$
 (1.2)

The PDF of U is

$$p_U(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in [0, 1] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 (1.3)

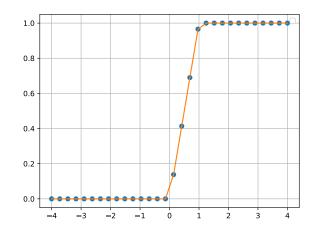


Fig. 1.2: The CDF of U

If x < 0,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{x} p_U(x) \, dx = \int_{-\infty}^{x} 0 \, dx = 0 \tag{1.4}$$

If $0 \le x < 1$,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{x} p_U(x) \, dx = \int_{-\infty}^{0} 0 \, dx + \int_{0}^{x} 1 \, dx \quad (1.5)$$

$$= 0 + x = x \tag{1.6}$$

(1.7)

If $x \ge 1$,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{x} p_{U}(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{0} 0 dx + \int_{0}^{1} 1 dx + \int_{1}^{x} 0 dx \quad (1.8)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{x} p_U(x) \, dx = 0 + 1 + 0 \tag{1.9}$$

$$= 1$$
 (1.10)

So, the CDF of U is

$$F_U(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ x & 0 \le x \le 1 \\ 1 & x > 1 \end{cases}$$
 (1.11) \therefore variance is

1.4 The mean of U is defined as

$$E[U] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} U_i$$
 (1.12)

and its variance as

$$var[U] = E[U - E[U]]^2$$
 (1.13)

Write a C program to find the mean and variance of U.

Solution: The following code gives the mean and variance.

https://github.com/AkshithaKola/ Random numbers/blob/main/Codes/1.4.c

1.5 Verify your result theoretically given that

$$E\left[U^{k}\right] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^{k} dF_{U}(x) \tag{1.14}$$

Solution: Given $E\left[U^k\right] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^k dF_U(x)$

$$mean = E[U] \tag{1.15}$$

$$E[U] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x dF_U(x) \tag{1.16}$$

$$p_U(x) = \frac{\mathrm{d}F_U(x)}{dx} \tag{1.17}$$

$$dF_U(x) = p_U(x)dx \tag{1.18}$$

$$dF_U(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ dx & 0 \le x \le 1 \\ 0 & x > 1 \end{cases}$$
 (1.19)

$$\therefore E[U] = \int_0^1 x \, dx = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5 \tag{1.20}$$

variance = $E(U - E[U])^2$

$$= E(U^2 - 2U(E[U]) + (E[U])^2$$
 (1.21)

$$= E[U^{2}] + E[-2UE[U]] + [(E[(U)^{2}]$$
 (1.22)

$$= E[U^2] - 2E[U]E[U] + (E[U])^2$$
 (1.23)

$$= E[U^2] - (E[U])^2 (1.24)$$

(1.25)

$$E[U^2] = \int_0^1 x^2 dx = \frac{1}{3}$$
 (1.26)

$$=\frac{1}{3} - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \tag{1.27}$$

$$= \frac{1}{12} \approx 0.083333 \tag{1.28}$$

2 Central Limit Theorem

2.1 Generate 10⁶ samples of the random variable

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^{12} U_i - 6 \tag{2.1}$$

using a C program, where U_i , i = 1, 2, ..., 12are a set of independent uniform random variables between 0 and 1 and save in a file called gau.dat

Solution: The following is the code to generate X a

https://github.com/AkshithaKola/ Random numbers/blob/main/Codes/2.1.c

2.2 Load gau.dat in python and plot the empirical CDF of X using the samples in gau.dat. What properties does a CDF have?

Solution: The following code plots Fig. 2.2

https://github.com/AkshithaKola/ Random numbers/blob/main/Codes/2.2. py

The CDF of X is plotted in Fig. 2.2 We can say that every CDF is a non decreasing function and is always in the range [0, 1]

2.3 Load gau.dat in python and plot the empirical PDF of X using the samples in gau.dat. The PDF of X is defined as

$$p_X(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F_X(x) \tag{2.2}$$

What properties does the PDF have?

Solution: The PDF of X is plotted in Fig. 2.3 using the code below

https://github.com/AkshithaKola/ Random numbers/blob/main/Codes/2.3.

2.4 Find the mean and variance of X by writing a C program.

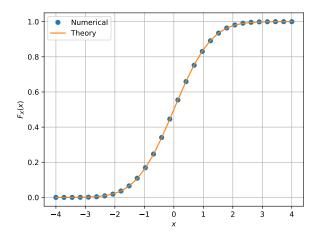


Fig. 2.2: The CDF of X

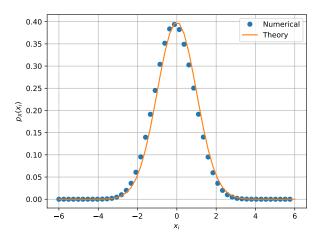


Fig. 2.3: The PDF of X

Solution: The following is the code for mean and variance of X

https://github.com/AkshithaKola/ Random_numbers/blob/main/Codes/2.4.c

2.5 Given that

$$p_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right), -\infty < x < \infty, \quad (2.3)$$

repeat the above exercise theoretically.

Solution: The mean of *X* is

$$E[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x p_X(x) dx$$
 (2.4)
=
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right) dx$$
 (2.5)

Let

$$f(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right) \tag{2.6}$$

$$f(-x) = -f(x) \tag{2.7}$$

f(x) is an odd function. So,

$$E[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 0$$
 (2.8)

Now,

$$E[X^2] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 p_X(x) \mathrm{d}x \tag{2.9}$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right) dx \qquad (2.10)$$

(2.11)

let,

$$g(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right)$$
 (2.12)

$$g(x) = g(-x) \tag{2.13}$$

 \therefore g(x) is an even function.

So we can write

$$E[X^2] = 2 \int_0^\infty \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right) dx$$
 (2.14)

Using integration by parts,

$$E[X^2] = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^\infty x \cdot x \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right) dx \quad (2.15)$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left(x \int x \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right) dx \right) \Big|_0^{\infty}$$
$$- \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} 1 \cdot \int x \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right) dx \quad (2.16)$$

Substitute $t = \frac{x^2}{2} \implies dt = x dx$

$$\int x \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right) dx = \int \exp(-t) dt \qquad (2.17)$$

$$= -\exp(-t) \tag{2.18}$$

$$= -\exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right) \qquad (2.19)$$

As,

$$\lim_{x \to \infty} x \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right) = \lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{x}{\exp\left(\frac{x^2}{2}\right)} = 0 \quad (2.20)$$

$$\implies -x \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right)\Big|_{0}^{\infty} = 0 - 0 = 0$$
 (2.21)

(2.22)

And,

$$\int_0^\infty -\exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right) \mathrm{d}x \tag{2.23}$$

$$\stackrel{x=t\sqrt{2}}{\longleftrightarrow} \int_0^\infty -\exp(-t^2) dt \,\sqrt{2} \tag{2.24}$$

$$=-\sqrt{2}\int_{0}^{\infty} \exp(-t^2)dt$$
 (2.25)

$$=-\sqrt{2}\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}\tag{2.26}$$

$$=-\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}\tag{2.27}$$

Therefore,

$$E[X^2] = 0 - \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left(-\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} \right)$$
 (2.28)

$$= 1$$
 (2.29)

$$\therefore var[X] = E[X^{2}] - (E[X])^{2}$$
 (2.30)

$$=1-0$$
 (2.31)

$$= 1 \tag{2.32}$$

3 From Uniform to Other

3.1 Generate samples of

$$V = -2\ln(1 - U) \tag{3.1}$$

and plot its CDF.

Solution: The following are the codes of samples of V and the CDF plot of V.

https://github.com/AkshithaKola/ Random_numbers/blob/main/Codes/3.1.c

https://github.com/AkshithaKola/ Random_numbers/blob/main/Codes/3.1. py

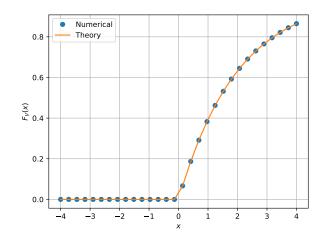


Fig. 3.1: The CDF of V

3.2 Find a theoretical expression for $F_V(x)$. Solution:

$$F_V(x) = \Pr(V \le x) \tag{3.2}$$

$$= \Pr(-2\ln(1 - U) \le x) \tag{3.3}$$

$$=\Pr\left(\ln\left(1-U\right) \ge -\frac{x}{2}\right) \tag{3.4}$$

$$= \Pr\left(1 - U \ge \exp\left(-\frac{x}{2}\right)\right) \tag{3.5}$$

$$= \Pr\left(U \le 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{x}{2}\right)\right) \tag{3.6}$$

$$=F_U\left(1-\exp\left(-\frac{x}{2}\right)\right) \tag{3.7}$$

As,

$$F_U(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ x & 0 \le x \le 1 \\ 1 & x > 1 \end{cases}$$
 (3.8)

Now,

$$0 \le 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{x}{2}\right) < 1$$
 if $x \ge 0$ (3.9)

$$1 - \exp\left(-\frac{x}{2}\right) < 0$$
 if $x < 0$ (3.10)

So

$$F_V(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{x}{2}\right) & x \ge 0\\ 0 & x < 0 \end{cases}$$
 (3.11)