

Random Numbers

AI1110: Probability and Random Variables

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I. UNIFORM RANDOM NUMBERS

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

I.1 Generate 10^6 samples of U using a C program and save into a file called uni.dat

Solution: Download the C source code by executing the following command

```
wget https://github.com/Ankit-Saha-2003/
AI1110/raw/main/Random-Numbers/
codes/1.1.c
```

Compile and run the C program by executing the following

```
cc -lm 1.1.c
./a.out
```

I.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

$$F_U(x) = \Pr(U \leq x) \quad (\text{I.1})$$

Solution: Download the following Python code that plots Fig. I.2

```
wget https://github.com/Ankit-Saha-2003/
AI1110/raw/main/Random-Numbers/
codes/1.2.py
```

Run the code by executing

```
python 1.2.py
```

I.3 Find a theoretical expression for $F_U(x)$

Solution: The PDF of U is given by

$$P_U(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in [0, 1] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (\text{I.2})$$

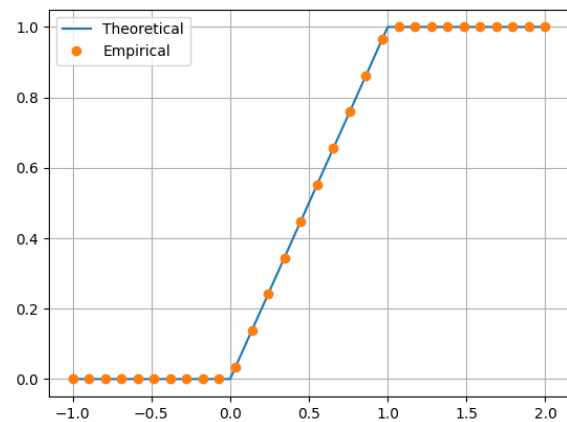


Fig. I.2. The CDF of U

The CDF of U is given by

$$F_U(x) = \Pr(U \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x P_U(x) dx \quad (\text{I.3})$$

If $x < 0$,

$$\int_{-\infty}^x P_U(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^x 0 dx = 0 \quad (\text{I.4})$$

If $0 \leq x \leq 1$,

$$\int_{-\infty}^x P_U(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^0 0 dx + \int_0^x 1 dx \quad (\text{I.5})$$

$$= 0 + x \quad (\text{I.6})$$

$$= x \quad (\text{I.7})$$

If $x > 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^x P_U(x) dx &= \int_{-\infty}^0 0 dx + \int_0^1 1 dx + \int_1^x 0 dx \quad (\text{I.8}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^x P_U(x) dx = 0 + 1 + 0 \quad (\text{I.9})$$

$$= 1 \quad (\text{I.10})$$

Therefore, we obtain the CDF of U as

$$F_U(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ x & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 1 & x > 1 \end{cases} \quad (\text{I.11})$$

I.4 The mean of U is defined as

$$E[U] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N U_i \quad (\text{I.12})$$

and its variance as

$$\text{Var}[U] = E[U - E[U]]^2 \quad (\text{I.13})$$

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

Solution: Download the C source code by executing the following command

```
wget https://github.com/Ankit-Saha-2003/
AI1110/raw/main/Random-Numbers/
codes/1.4.c
```

Compile and run the C program by executing the following

```
cc -lm 1.4.c
./a.out
```

The output of the code is

$$\mu_{\text{emp}} = 0.500007 \quad (\text{I.14})$$

$$\mu_{\text{the}} = 0.500000 \quad (\text{I.15})$$

$$\sigma_{\text{emp}}^2 = 0.083301 \quad (\text{I.16})$$

$$\sigma_{\text{the}}^2 = 0.083333 \quad (\text{I.17})$$

I.5 Verify your result theoretically given that

$$E[U^k] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^k dF_U(x) \quad (\text{I.18})$$

Solution: The mean of U is given by

$$E[U] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x dF_U(x) \quad (\text{I.19})$$

On differentiating the CDF of U , we get

$$dF_U(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ dx & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & x > 1 \end{cases} \quad (\text{I.20})$$

$$\therefore E[U] = \int_0^1 x dx = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5 \quad (\text{I.21})$$

Similarly,

$$\therefore E[U^2] = \int_0^1 x^2 dx = \frac{1}{3} \quad (\text{I.22})$$

Now, the variance of U is given by

$$\text{Var}[U] \quad (\text{I.23})$$

$$= E[U - E[U]]^2 \quad (\text{I.24})$$

$$= E[U^2 - 2UE[U] + (E[U])^2] \quad (\text{I.25})$$

By linearity of expectation, we have

$$E[U^2] + E[-2UE[U]] + E[(E[U])^2] \quad (\text{I.26})$$

$$= E[U^2] - 2E[U]E[U] + (E[U])^2 \quad (\text{I.27})$$

$$= E[U^2] - (E[U])^2 \quad (\text{I.28})$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \quad (\text{I.29})$$

$$= \frac{1}{12} \approx 0.083333 \quad (\text{I.30})$$