

# Project I: Random Processes

Random variables, stationarity & ergodicity

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## » 1. Random variables

Importing some statistic and plotting modules

```
1 using Printf
2 using Statistics
3 using NaNStatistics
4 using Plots
```

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```
1 # Evaluate  $E\{x\}$  and  $E\{(x-m_x)^2\}$  by definition
2 m_x = sum(x*1/N)
3  $\sigma_x^2$  = sum((x.-m_x).^2 * 1/N)
4
5 # Evaluate  $E\{x\}$  and  $E\{(x-m_x)^2\}$  by builtin functions
6 m_x_builtin = mean(x)
7  $\sigma_x^2$ _builtin = std(x)^2
```

## » Calculation differences

Calculating the difference between the builtin functions and our direct evaluation, we see that the the two methods are similar.

```
1 @printf "m_x_err: %.4f" abs(m_x-m_x_builtin)
2 # -> m_x_err: 0.0000
3 @printf "σ_x2_err: %.4f" abs(σ_x2-σ_x2_builtin)
4 # -> σ_x2_err: 0.0000
```

## » Calculating the PDF

We then calculate the pdf using `histcounts`, and normalize the PDF.

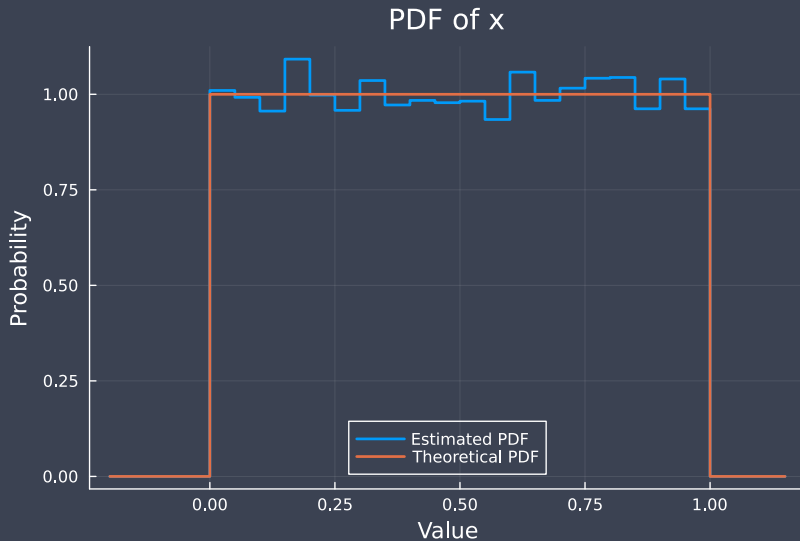
```
1 step_size = 0.05
2 edges = -0.2:step_size:1.2
3 bins = histcounts(x, edges)
4
5 # Normalize bins to get PDF
6 pdf = bins/sum(bins*step_size)
7
8 # Theoretical PDF
9 theoretical_pdf = (x) -> Float64(0 <= x < 1)
```

## » Code for plotting the PDF

And we plot the result

```
1 plot(  
2     edges[1:end-1],  
3     pdf,  
4     seriestype=:steppost,  
5     label="Estimated PDF"  
6 )  
7     plot!(  
8         edges[1:end-1],  
9         theoretical_pdf.(edges[1:end-1]),  
10        seriestype=:steppost, label="Theoretical PDF"  
11 )  
12     plot!(  
13         legend=:bottom,  
14         background_color=:transparent,  
15         foreground_color=:white  
16 )  
17 title!("PDF of x"); xlabel!("Value");  
18 ylabel!("Probability"); savefig("uniform_pdf.svg")
```

## » Plot of the PDF





## » Ensuring properties

We want to verify if our PDF fulfill the 2 following properties:

1.  $\forall \alpha, f_x(\alpha) \geq 0$

```
reduce(&, pdf .>= 0) # -> true
```

2.  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_x(\alpha) d\alpha = 1$

```
abs(sum(pdf*step_size)-1.0) < 1e-12 # -> true
```

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We then use the theoretical probability density function of a uniform distribution which is given by

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We simply solve this and get the mean value to be

$$m_x = \frac{1}{2} [\alpha^2]_0^1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

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We do the same simplification as with the mean value, and fill in for  $m_x$ . This gives the variance

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_x^2 &= \int_0^1 \left( \alpha - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 d\alpha \\ &= \int_0^1 \alpha^2 - \alpha + \frac{1}{4} d\alpha \\ &= \left[ \frac{1}{3} \alpha^3 - \frac{1}{2} \alpha^2 + \frac{1}{4} \alpha \right]_0^1 \\ &= \frac{1}{12} \approx 0.08334 \end{aligned}$$

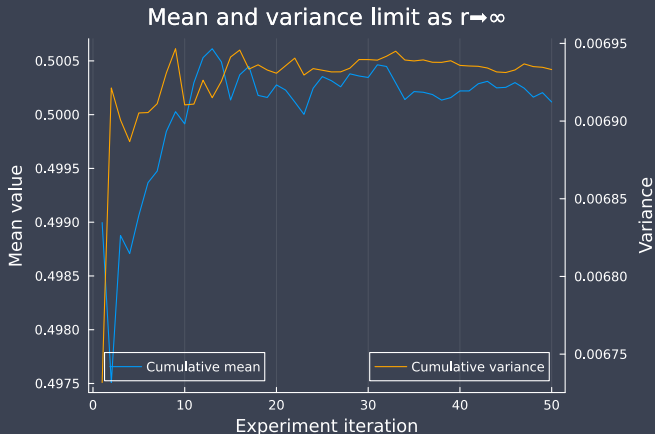
## » Repeating the uniform experiment

We repeat the experiment, find the mean and variance of each experiment and accumulate the results.

```
1 r = 50 # Repeat r times
2 xs = rand(Float64, (N,r))
3 ms = mean(xs, dims=1)
4  $\sigma s = \text{std}(xs, \text{dims}=1).^2$ 
5 # Accumulate the results
6 i_mean = [mean(ms[1:i]) for i in 1:length(ms)]
7 i_std = [mean( $\sigma s$ [1:i])^2 for i in 1:length(s)]
8 # Plot the results
9 plot(1:r, i_mean, label="Cumulative mean",
10      legend=:bottomleft, xlabel="Experiment iteration",
11      ylabel="Mean value")
12 plot!(twinx(), i_std, label="Variance",
13      legend=:bottomright, color=:orange, ylabel="Variance")
14 plot!(foreground_color=:white,
15      background_color=:transparent)
16 savefig!("repeated_experiment_uniform.svg")
```

## » Repeating the uniform experiment

We can see that the mean and variance approach some values as we perform more experiments



## » 1.2 Gaussian PDF

We perform the same experiment, but sample using `randn`.

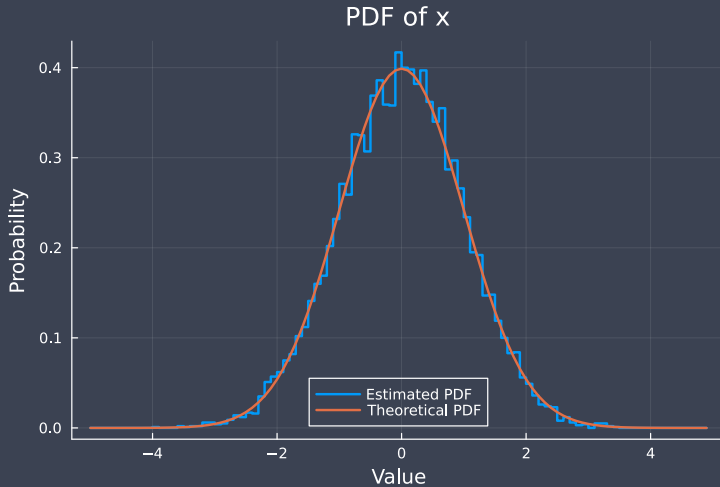
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5
6 step_size = 0.1
7 edges = -5.0:step_size:5.0
8 bins = histcounts(x, edges)
9 # Normalize PDF
10 pdf = bins/sum(bins*step_size)
11 theoretical_pdf = (x) -> 1.0/sqrt(2*pi)*exp(-x.^2 ./ 2)
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## » 1.2 Plotting code

We then plot the results in a similar manner as 1.1.

```
1 plot( edges[1:end-1], pdf, seriestype=:steppost,  
2       label="Estimated PDF", linewidth=2)  
3  
4 plot!(edges[1:end-1], theoretical_pdf.(edges[1:end-1]),  
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## » 1.2 Gaussian PDF plot



## » 1.3 Central Limit Theorem

Again, we sample `rand` as according to the task. We have have the following code.

```
1 N = 10_000
2 x = rand(Float64, (12, N))
3 ms = mean(x, dims=1)
4
5 step_size = 0.01
6 edges = 0.0:step_size:1.0
7 bins = histcounts(ms, edges)
8
9 pdf = bins/sum(bins*step_size)
10 sum(pdf*step_size)
11
12 m_x = mean(ms)
13  $\sigma_x = \text{std}(ms)^2$ 
14
15 @printf "m_x: %.3f" m_x # -> m_x: 0.499
16 @printf " $\sigma_x^2$ : %.3f"  $\sigma_x$  # ->  $\sigma_x^2$ : 0.007
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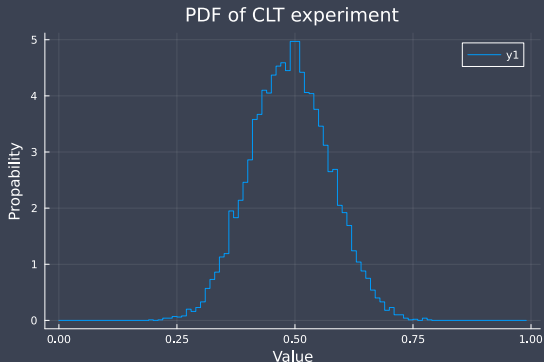


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As we know that  $E\{X_i\} = \frac{1}{2}$ , we have

$$m_z = E\{Z\} = \frac{1}{12} \sum_{i=1}^{12} \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

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We simplify, using

$$E \{ X + Y \} = E \{ X \} + E \{ Y \} \quad (3)$$

and get the following

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Expanding the binomial, we get

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{12^2} \sum_{i=1}^{12} E \{ (X_i - E \{ X_i \})^2 \} \\ &+ 2 \sum_{\substack{j \rightarrow 12 \\ i=1 \\ j=2 \\ i < j}} E \{ (X_i - E \{ X_i \}) (X_j - E \{ X_j \}) \} \end{aligned}$$

Which almost looks good, but there is an ugly term from the binomial expansion which ruins the fun.

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$$E\{X_i - E\{X_i\}\} \cdot E\{X_j - E\{X_j\}\}$$

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We then utilize e.q.(3) on each factor of the binomial term, and we see that

$$E \{X_i - E \{X_i\}\} = E \{X_i\} - E \{E \{X_i\}\} = 0$$

$\Downarrow$

$$2 \sum_{\substack{j \rightarrow 12 \\ i=1 \\ j=2 \\ i < j}} E \{X_i - E \{X_i\}\} E \{X_j - E \{X_j\}\} = 0$$

And thus the big bad evil term dissapered.

## » Theoretical variance of CTF experiment [ $\sigma_z^2$ ]

Now that we know the additional term equates to 0 and we know  $E \{ (X_i - E \{X_i\})^2 \} = \frac{1}{12}$ , we insert into our equation and get values into our equation

$$E \{ (Z - E \{Z\})^2 \} = \frac{1}{12^2} \sum_{i=1}^{12} E \{ (X_i - E \{X_i\})^2 \}$$
$$\sigma_z^2 = \frac{1}{12^2} \sum_{i=1}^{12} \frac{1}{12} = \frac{1}{144} \approx 0.0069$$

## » Comparing the theoretical and estimated values

We got our theoretical values to be  $m_z = 0.5$ ,  $\sigma_z^2 = 0.0069$ .

Comparing this to our result from earlier, we see that our estimated values of  $m_z = 0.499$ ,  $\sigma_z^2 = 0.007$  is pretty much spot on.

We then plot a gaussian curve over our previous plot with these values using the following code

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## » Plot of theoretical and estimated PDF

