

# Assignment: Random Variables

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1 SOLUTION:

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

**(1.1) Solution:** Download the following files and execute the C program

The C code - exrand.c

The Header - coeffs.h

**(1.2) Solution:** The following code plots Fig. 0

Python code - cdf\_plot.py

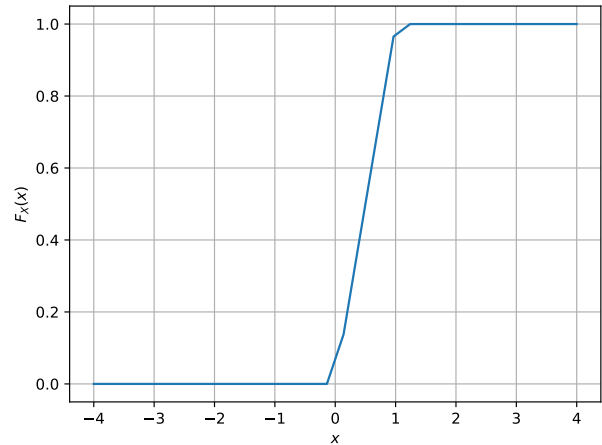


Fig. 0. CDF for (1)

**(1.3)**  $U$  is an uniform random variable. So,  
 $P_U(x_i) = P_U(x_j) = \frac{1}{b-a}, \forall i, j, U \in [a, b]$   
 $F_U(x) = \text{CDF of } P_U(x)$   
 $f_U(x) = \frac{1}{b-a} = 1 \quad [\because \text{here } a=0, b=1]$

$$\therefore F_U(x) = \int_0^x f_U(x) dx \quad (1.1)$$

$$= \int_0^x dx \quad (1.2)$$

$$= x \quad (1.3)$$

$$\therefore F_U(x) = x \quad \forall 0 \leq x \leq 1 \quad (1.4)$$

**(1.5)** From 1.4,  $dF_U(x) = dx$

$$E[U^k] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^k dx \quad (1.6)$$

$$\therefore E[U] = \int_0^1 x dx = \frac{1}{2} = \boxed{0.5} \quad (1.7)$$

$$E[U^2] = \int_0^1 x^2 dx = \frac{1}{3} \quad (1.8)$$

$$\because P_X(x) = 0, \forall x \in (-\infty, 0) \cap (1, \infty) \quad (1.9)$$

$$Var(X) = E[U^2] - (E[U])^2 = \frac{1}{12} = \boxed{0.083} \quad (1.10)$$

Therefore,

$$F_U(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ x & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 1 & x \geq 1 \end{cases} \quad (1.5)$$

**(1.4) Solution:** Download and run the following C code.

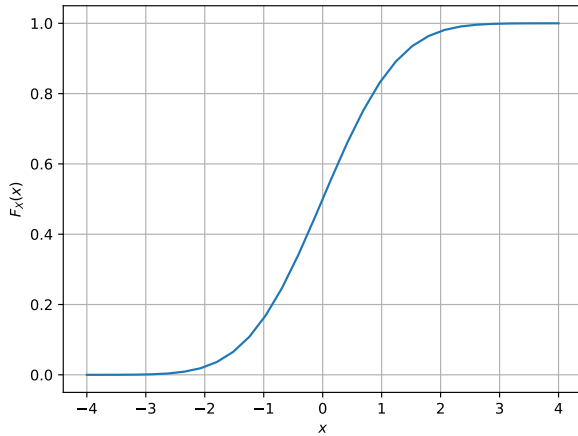
Mean and variance - mean\_uni.c

We can observe that these theoretical values are quite close to what we obtained numerically

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

**Solution:** The CDF of  $X$  is plotted in Fig. 0  
**properties of cdf**

- $F_X(x)$  is a nondecreasing function of  $x$  for  $-\infty < x < \infty$ .

Fig. 0. The CDF of  $X$ 

- The CDF,  $F_X(x)$  ranges from 0 to 1. This makes sense since  $F_X(x)$  is a probability.
- If the maximum value of  $X$  is  $b$ , then  $F_X(b) = 1$

**(2.3)**

- 1) PDF is symmetric about  $x = 0$
- 2) Bell shaped Graph
- 3) mean of graph is situated at the apex point of the bell

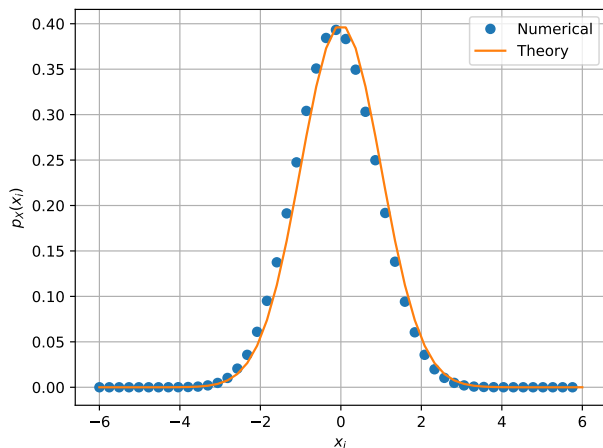


Fig. 3. PDF for (2)

**(2.5)** Given,  $p_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$   
 $F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x p_X(x) dx$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx \quad (1.11)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \quad (1.12)$$

$$E[x] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x p_X(x) dx \quad (1.13)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} x e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx \quad (1.14)$$

$$\because x e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \text{ is a odd function,} \quad (1.15)$$

$$\therefore E[X] = 0$$

$$E[X^2] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 p_X(x) dx \quad (1.16)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} x (x e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}) dx \quad (1.17)$$

Using integration by parts:

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[ -x e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx \right]_{-\infty}^{\infty} \quad (1.18)$$

$$= 1 \quad (1.19)$$

$$\text{Substituting limits we get, } E[X^2] = 1 \quad (1.20)$$

$$\therefore \text{Variance} = E[X^2] - E[X]^2 = 1 - 0 = 1 \quad (1.21)$$

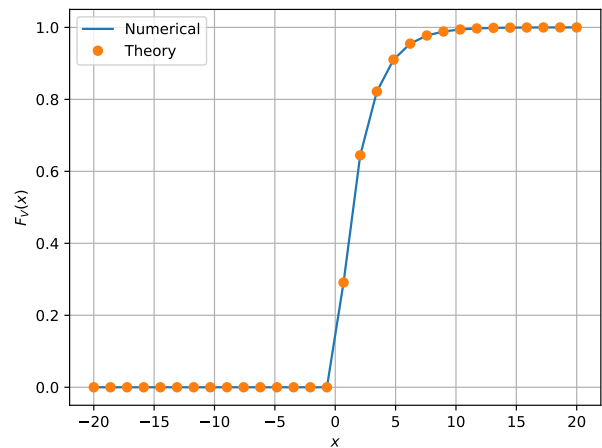


Fig. 3. CDF for (3)

**(3.2)**

$$F_V(x) = P(V \leq x) \quad (1.22)$$

$$= P(-2\ln(1 - U) \leq x) \quad (1.23)$$

$$= P(1 - e^{\frac{-x}{2}} \geq U) \quad (1.24)$$

$$\therefore P(U < x) = \int_0^x dx = x \quad (1.25)$$

$$\therefore \Pr\left(1 - e^{\frac{-x}{2}} \geq U\right) = 1 - e^{\frac{-x}{2}}, \forall x \geq 0 \quad (1.26)$$

$$\text{So, } F_V(x) = 1 - e^{\frac{-x}{2}}$$