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Stochastic Processes: Data Analysis and Computer Simulation

Distribution function and random number

-Generating random numbers with Gaussian distribution-

1 Preparations

1.1 Python built-in functions for random numbers (numpy.random)

1. `seed(seed)`: Initialize the generator with an integer “seed”.
 2. `rand(d0, d1, ..., dn)`: Return a multi-dimensional array of uniform random numbers of shape $(d0, d1, \dots, dn)$.
 3. `randn(d0, d1, ..., dn)`: The same as above but from the standard normal distribution.
 4. `binomial(M, p, size)`: Draw samples from a binomial distribution with “M” and “p”.
 5. `poisson(a, size)`: Draw samples from a Poisson distribution with “a”.
 6. `choice([-1, 1], size)`: Generates random samples from the two choices, -1 or 1 in this case.
 7. `normal(ave, std, size)`: Draw random samples from a normal distribution.
 8. `uniform([low, high, size])`: Draw samples from a uniform distribution.
- See the Scipy website for details <https://docs.scipy.org/doc/numpy-dev/reference/routines.random.html>

1.2 Import common libraries

```
In [2]: % matplotlib inline
import numpy as np # import numpy library as np
import math # use mathematical functions defined by the C standard
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt # import pyplot library as plt
plt.style.use('ggplot') # use "ggplot" style for graphs
```

2 Normal / Gaussian distribution

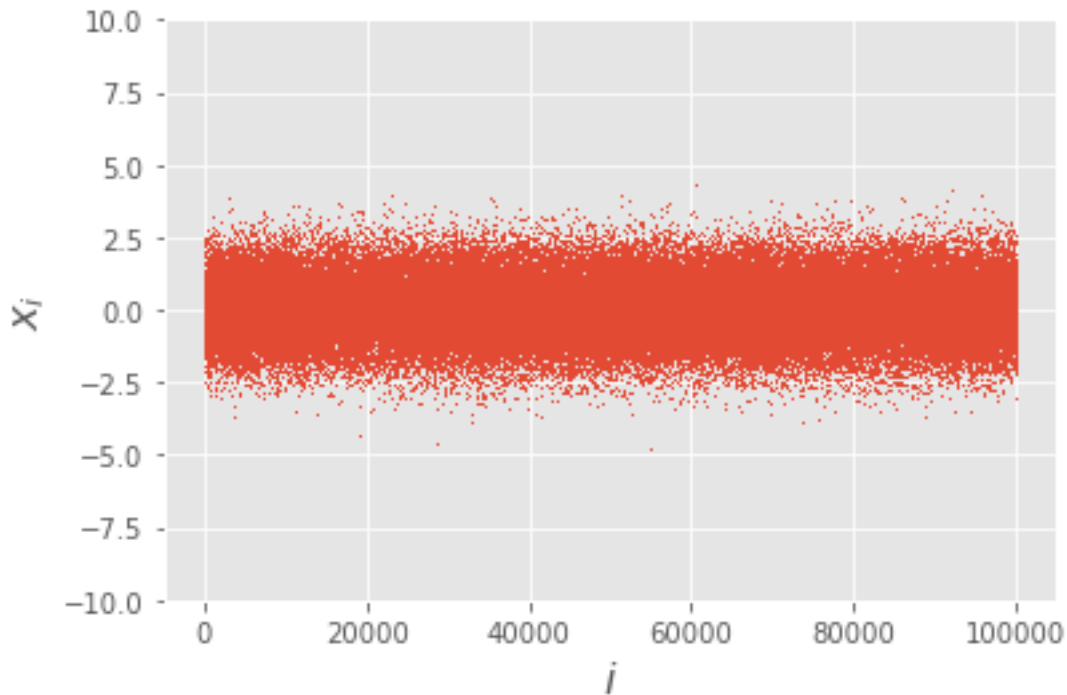
2.1 Generate random numbers, x_0, x_1, \dots, x_N

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In [3]: ave = 0.0 # set average
std = 1.0 # set standard deviation
N = 100000 # number of generated random numbers
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np.random.seed(0) # initialize the random number generator with seed=0
X = ave+std*np.random.randn(N) # generate random sequence and store it as X
plt.ylim(-10,10) # set y-range
plt.xlabel(r'$i$', fontsize=16) # set x-label
plt.ylabel(r'$x_i$', fontsize=16) # set y-label
plt.plot(X, ',') # plot x_i vs. i (i=1,2,...,N) with dots
plt.show() # draw plots

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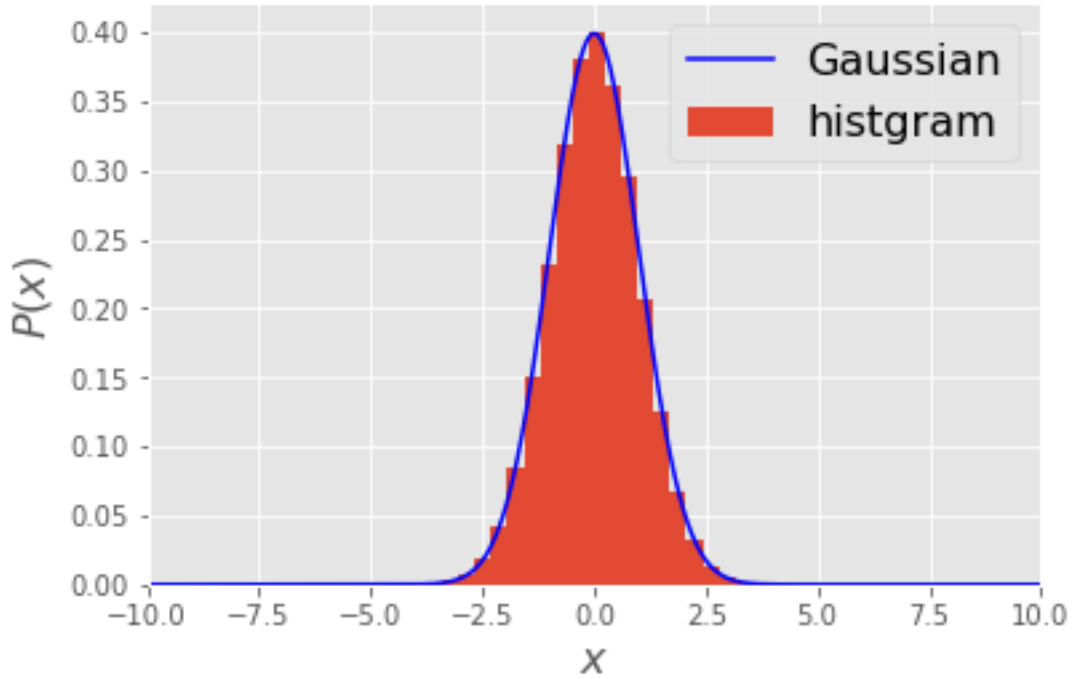
2.2 Compare the distribution with the normal distribution function

$$P(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp \left[-\frac{(x - \langle X \rangle)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right] \quad (\text{D1})$$

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In [4]: plt.hist(X, bins=25, normed=True) # plot normalized histogram of R using 25 bins
x = np.arange(-10, 10, 0.01) # create array of x from -10 to 10 with increment 0.01
y = np.exp(-(x-ave)**2/(2*std**2))/np.sqrt(2*np.pi*std**2) # create array of Gaussian function
plt.xlim(-10,10) # set x-range
plt.plot(x,y,color='b') # plot y vs. x with blue line
plt.xlabel(r'$x$', fontsize=16) # set x-label
plt.ylabel(r'$P(x)$', fontsize=16) # set y-label
plt.legend([r'Gaussian', r'histogram'], fontsize=16) # set legends
plt.show() # display plots

```



2.3 Calculate the auto-correlation function $\varphi(i)$

2.3.1 The definition

$$\varphi(i) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N (x_j - \langle X \rangle) (x_{i+j} - \langle X \rangle) \quad (\text{D2})$$

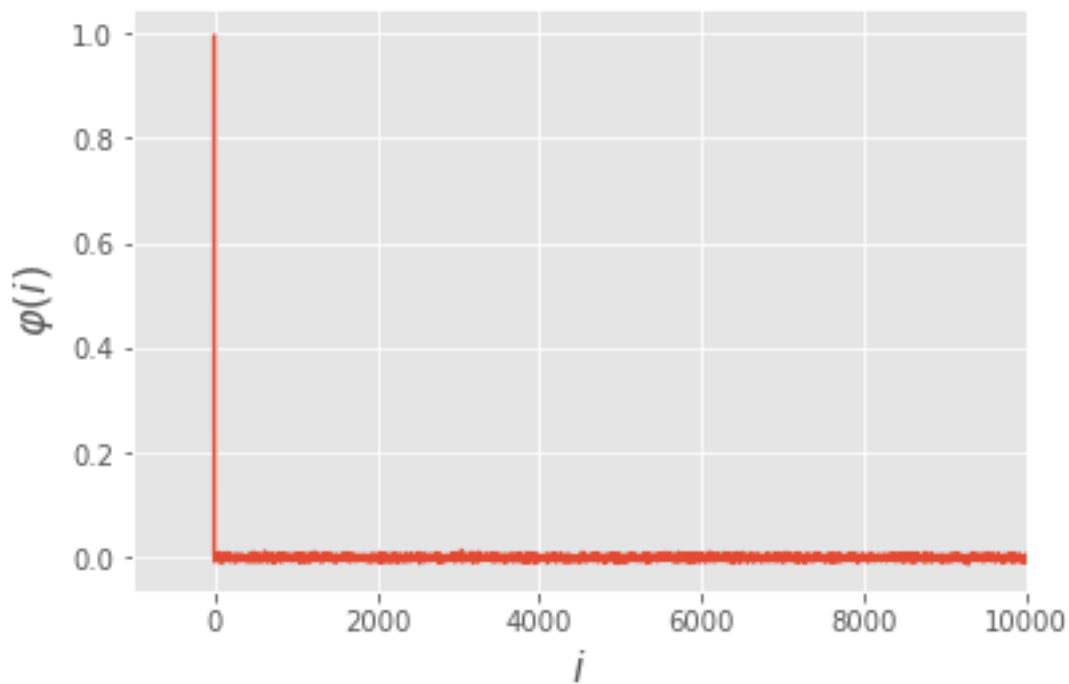
$$\varphi(i=0) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N (x_j - \langle X \rangle)^2 = \langle x_j - \langle X \rangle \rangle^2 = \sigma^2 \quad (\text{D3})$$

$$\varphi(i \neq 0) = \langle x_j - \langle X \rangle \rangle \langle x_{i+j} - \langle X \rangle \rangle = 0 \quad (\rightarrow \text{White noise}) \quad (\text{D4})$$

2.3.2 A code example to calculate auto-correlation

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In [5]: def auto_correlate(x):
        cor = np.correlate(x, x, mode="full")
        return cor[N-1:]
c = np.zeros(N)
c = auto_correlate(X-ave)/N
plt.plot(c)
plt.xlim(-1000,10000)
plt.xlabel(r'$i$', fontsize=16)
plt.ylabel(r'$\varphi(i)$', fontsize=16)
print('\sigma^2 =', std**2)
plt.show()
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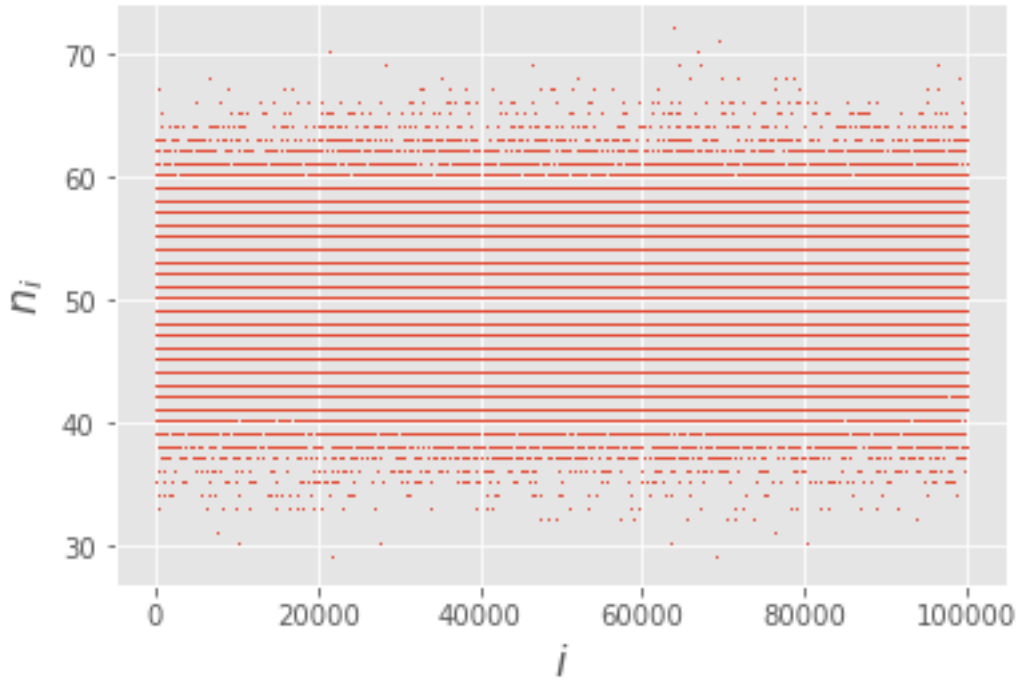
$\sigma^2 = 1.0$



3 Binomial distribution

3.1 Generate random numbers, n_0, n_1, \dots, n_N

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In [6]: p = 0.5 # set p, propability to obtain "head" from a coin toss
        M = 100 # set M, number of tosses in one experiment
        N = 100000 # number of experiments
        np.random.seed(0) # initialize the random number generator with seed=0
        X = np.random.binomial(M,p,N) # generate the number of heads after M tosses
        plt.xlabel(r'$i$', fontsize=16) # set x-label
        plt.ylabel(r'$n_i$', fontsize=16) # set y-label
        plt.plot(X, ',') # plot n_i vs. i (i=1,2,...,N) with dots
        plt.show() # draw plots
```



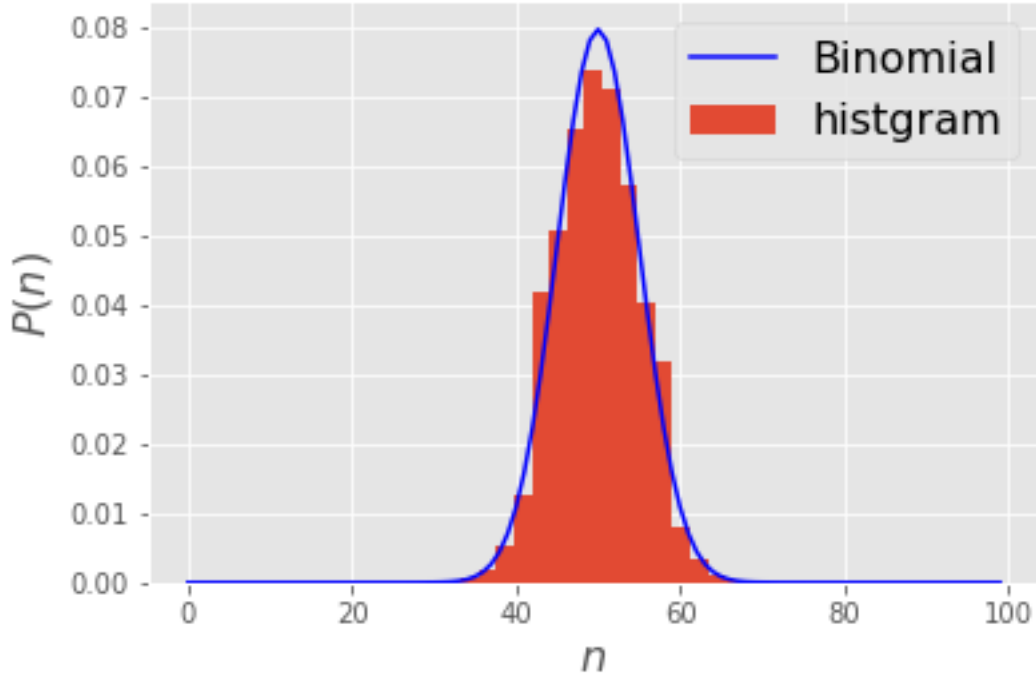
3.2 Compare the distribution with the Binomial distribution function

$$P(n) = \frac{M!}{n!(M-n)!} p^n (1-p)^{M-n} \quad (D5)$$

$$\langle n \rangle = Mp \quad (D6)$$

$$\sigma^2 = Mp(1-p) \quad (D7)$$

```
In [7]: def binomial(n,m,p):
        comb=math.factorial(m)/(math.factorial(n)*math.factorial(m-n))
        prob=comb*p**n*(1-p)**(m-n)
        return prob
plt.hist(X,bins=20,normed=True) # plot normalized histogram of R using 22 bins
x = np.arange(M) # generate array of x values from 0 to 100, in intervals of 1
y = np.zeros(M) # generate array of y values, initialized to 0
for i in range(M):
    y[i]=binomial(i,M,p) # compute binomial distribution P(n), Eq. (D5)
plt.plot(x,y,color='b') # plot y vs. x with blue line
plt.xlabel(r'$n$',fontsize=16) # set x-label
plt.ylabel(r'$P(n)$',fontsize=16) # set y-label
plt.legend([r'Binomial',r'histogram'], fontsize=16) # set legends
plt.show() # display plots
```



3.3 Calculate the auto-correlation function $\varphi(i)$

3.3.1 The definition

$$\varphi(i) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N (n_j - \langle n \rangle) (n_{i+j} - \langle n \rangle) \quad (\text{D8})$$

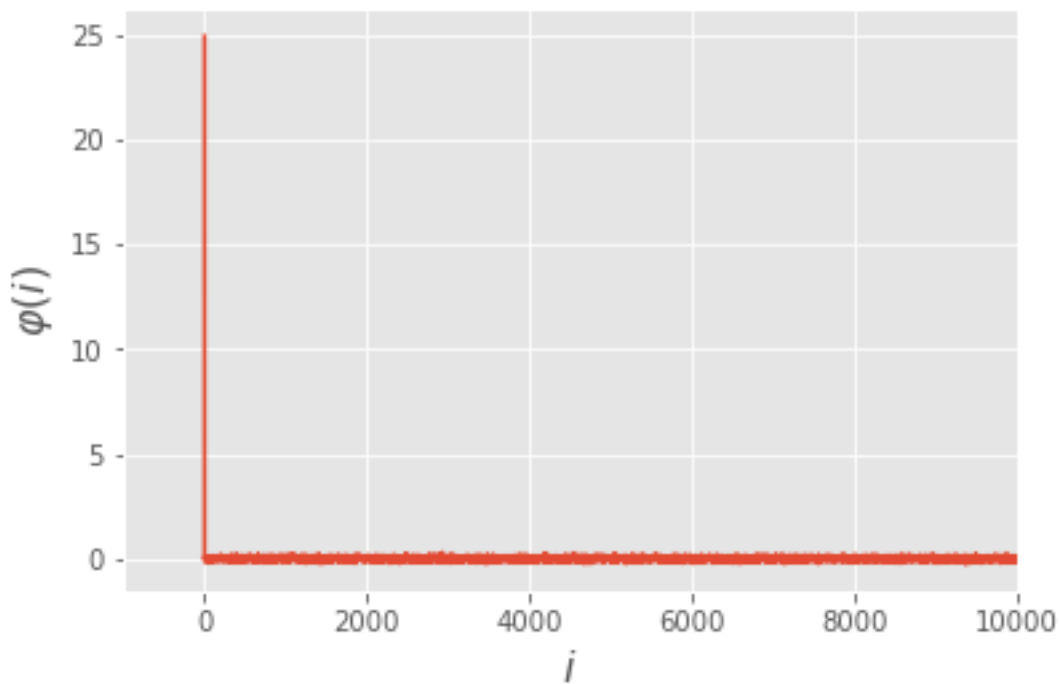
$$\varphi(i=0) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N (n_j - \langle n \rangle)^2 = \langle n_j - \langle n \rangle \rangle^2 = \sigma^2 = Mp(1-p) \quad (\text{D9})$$

$$\varphi(i \neq 0) = \langle n_j - \langle n \rangle \rangle \langle n_{i+j} - \langle n \rangle \rangle = 0 \quad (\rightarrow \text{White noise}) \quad (\text{D10})$$

3.3.2 A code example to calculate auto-correlation

```
In [7]: def auto_correlate(x):
        cor = np.correlate(x, x, mode="full")
        return cor[N-1:]
        c = np.zeros(N)
        c = auto_correlate(X-M*p)/N
        plt.plot(c)
        plt.xlim(-1000,10000)
        plt.xlabel(r'$i$', fontsize=16)
        plt.ylabel(r'$\varphi(i)$', fontsize=16)
        print('\sigma^2 =', M*p*(1-p))
        plt.show()
```

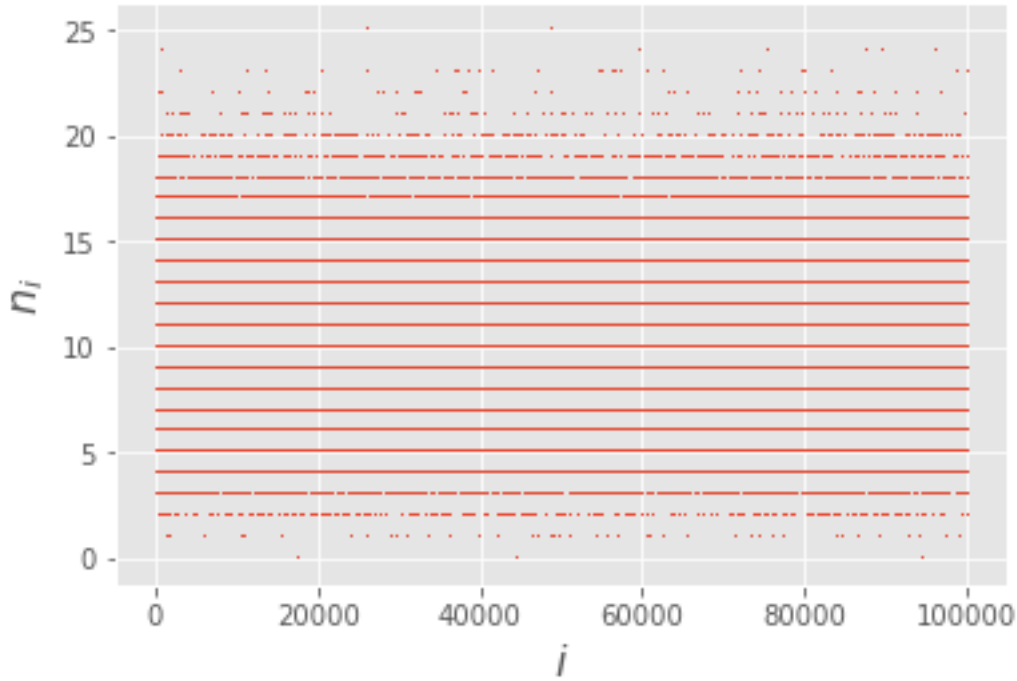
$\sigma^2 = 25.0$



4 Poisson distribution

4.1 Generate random numbers, n_0, n_1, \dots, n_N

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In [8]: a = 10.0 # set a, the expected value
        N = 100000 # number of generated random numbers
        np.random.seed(0) # initialize the random number generator with seed=0
        X = np.random.poisson(a, N) # generate random numbers from poisson distribution
        plt.xlabel(r'$i$', fontsize=16) # set x-label
        plt.ylabel(r'$n_i$', fontsize=16) # set y-label
        plt.plot(X, ',') # plot n_i vs. i (i=1,2,...,N) with dots
        plt.show() # draw plots
```



4.2 Compare the distribution with the binomial distribution function

$$P(n) = \frac{a^n e^{-a}}{n!} \quad (\text{D11})$$

$$\langle n \rangle = a \quad (\text{D12})$$

$$\sigma^2 = a \quad (\text{D13})$$

```
In [9]: def poisson(n,a):
        prob=a**n*np.exp(-a)/math.factorial(n)
        return prob
plt.hist(X,bins=25,normed=True) # plot normalized histogram of X using 25 bins
x = np.arange(M) # generate array of x values from 0 to 100, in intervals of 4000
y = np.zeros(M) # generate array of y values, initialized to zero
for i in range(M):
    y[i]=poisson(i,a) # Compute Poisson distribution for n, Eq. (D11)
plt.plot(x,y,color='b') # plot y vs. x with blue line
plt.xlabel(r'$n$',fontsize=16) # set x-label
plt.ylabel(r'$P(n)$',fontsize=16) # set y-label
plt.legend([r'Poisson',r'histogram'], fontsize=16) # set legends
plt.show() # display plots
```