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## **Random Numbers**

# AI1110: Probability and Random Variables

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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 files and execute the C program.

wget https://github.com/HARI-donk-EY/ Rand\_nums/blob/main/codes/1/unigen.c wget https://github.com/HARI-donk-EY/ Rand\_nums/blob/main/codes/coeffs.h

Use the below command in the terminal to run code.

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

Use the below command in the terminal to run code.

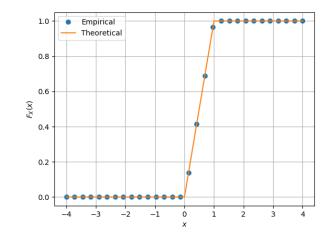


Fig. 1.2: The CDF of U

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

**Solution:** U is a Uniform Random Variable Distribution.

the PDF of the the distribution can be given as:

$$p_U(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in [0, 1] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
 (1.2)

The CDF of U is given by

$$F_U(x) = \Pr(U \le x) = \int_{-\infty}^{x} p_U(x) dx$$
 (1.3)

Therefore, we obtain the CDF of U as

$$F_U(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ x & 0 \le x \le 1 \\ 1 & x > 1 \end{cases}$$
 (1.4)

1.4 The mean of U is defined as

$$E[U] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} U_i$$
 (1.5)

and its variance as

$$var[U] = E[U - E[U]]^2$$
 (1.6)

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

**Solution:** Download the C source code by executing the following commands

wget https://github.com/HARI-donk-EY/
Rand\_nums/blob/main/codes/1/
mean\_var\_cal.c
wget https://github.com/HARI-donk-EY/
Rand\_nums/blob/main/codes/coeffs.h

Use the below command in the terminal to run code.

From the code we get the output of the Mean as 0.500007, and Variance as 0.083301.

1.5 Verify your result theoretically given that

$$E\left[U^{k}\right] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^{k} dF_{U}(x) \tag{1.7}$$

**Solution:** We know that,

$$E[U] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x dF_U(x)$$
 (1.8)

On differentiation thr CDF obtained above, we get,

$$dF_U(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ dx & 0 \le x \le 1 \\ 0 & x > 1 \end{cases}$$
 (1.9)

From this, we get,

$$E[U] = \int_0^1 x dx = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$$
 (1.10)

Similarly,

$$E[U^2] = \int_0^1 x^2 dx = \frac{1}{3}$$
 (1.11)

From varience,

$$var[U] = E[U^2] - (E[U])^2$$
 (1.12)

By substituting,

$$=\frac{1}{3} - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \tag{1.13}$$

$$=\frac{1}{12}\approx 0.083333\tag{1.14}$$

#### 2 Central Limit Theorem

2.1 Generate 10<sup>6</sup> 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, ..., 12 are a set of independent uniform random variables between 0 and 1 and save in a file called gau.dat

**Solution:** Download the C source code by executing the following commands

wget https://github.com/HARI-donk-EY/ Rand\_nums/blob/main/codes/2/gaugen.c wget https://github.com/HARI-donk-EY/ Rand\_nums/blob/main/codes/coeffs.h

Compile and run the C program by executing the following

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

wget https://github.com/HARI-donk-EY/ Rand\_nums/blob/main/codes/2/ cdf\_plot\_gau.py

Use the below command in the terminal to run code.

python3 cdf plot gau.py

Properties of this CDF are:

• 
$$F_Z(x) = P(Z \le x) = 1 - Q(x)$$

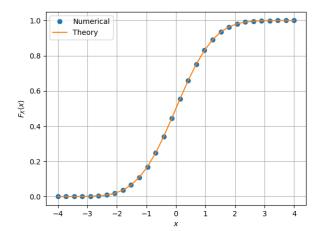


Fig. 2.2: The CDF of X

- $\lim_{\substack{x \to \infty \\ F_Z(0) = \frac{1}{2}}} F_Z(x) = 1$ ,  $\lim_{\substack{x \to -\infty \\ F_Z(0) = \frac{1}{2}}} F_Z(x) = 0$

- 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:** Download the following Python code that plots Fig. 2.3

wget https://github.com/HARI-donk-EY/ Rand nums/blob/main/codes/2/pdf plot. py

Run the code by executing

python pdf plot.py

The PDF graph is symmetric about x = 0 and bell shaped. The mean of the graph is situated at the apex of the bell.

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

**Solution:** Download the C source code by executing the following commands

wget https://github.com/HARI-donk-EY/ Rand nums/blob/main/codes/2/ mean var cal.c

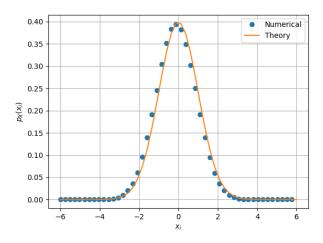


Fig. 2.3: The PDF of X

wget https://github.com/HARI-donk-EY/ Rand nums/blob/main/codes/coeffs.h

Use the below command in the terminal to run code.

From the code we get the output of the Mean as 0.000294, and Variance as 0.999560.

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:** From above, the Mean will be given as,

$$E[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x p_X(x) dx$$
 (2.4)

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right) dx \qquad (2.5)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx$$
 (2.6)

 $xe^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$  is an odd function. Hence, E[X] = 0

Similarly,

$$E\left[X^{2}\right] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^{2} p_{X}(x) dx \tag{2.7}$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right) dx \tag{2.8}$$

$$=2\int_0^\infty \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right) dx \qquad (2.9)$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^\infty x \left( x. \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right) \right) dx \quad (2.10)$$

(2.11)

Using integration by parts, we get,

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left( x \int x \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right) dx \right) \Big|_0^{\infty}$$
$$- \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} 1 \cdot \int x \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right) dx$$
(2.12)

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left( \left[ -x \exp{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \right]_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} -\exp{\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right)} \right)$$

Substituting x with  $t\sqrt{2}$ ,

And dx with  $dt \sqrt{2}$ 

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left( 0 - \left( -\sqrt{2} \int_0^\infty \exp(-t^2) dt \right) \right)$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left( \sqrt{2} \int_0^\infty \exp(-t^2) dt \right)$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \left( \sqrt{2} \left( \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \right) \right)$$

$$= 1$$

Therefore, Variance of X will be,

$$var(X) = E[X]^{2} - E[X^{2}]$$
  
= 0 - 1 = 1

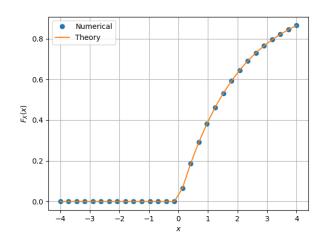


Fig. 3.1: The CDF of V

#### 3 From Uniform to Other

3.1 Generate samples of

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

and plot its CDF.

**Solution:** Download the C source code by executing the following commands

wget https://github.com/HARI-donk-EY/ Rand\_nums/blob/main/codes/3/vgen.c wget https://github.com/HARI-donk-EY/ Rand\_nums/blob/main/codes/coeffs.h

Compile and run the C program by executing the following

gcc vgen.c -lm -o vgen.out ./vgen.out

The following code plots Fig. 3.1

wget https://github.com/HARI-donk-EY/ Rand\_nums/blob/main/codes/3/ cdf\_plot\_vdat.py

Use the below command in the terminal to run code.

python3 cdf\_plot\_vdat.py

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

**Solution:** We have

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

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

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

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

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

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

Now,

$$0 \le 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{x}{2}\right) < 1 \qquad \text{if } x \ge 0 \qquad (3.8)$$

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

Therefore,

$$F_V(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{x}{2}\right) & x \ge 0\\ 0 & x < 0 \end{cases}$$
 (3.10)