

# 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.

```
gcc unigen.c -lm -o unigen.out
./unigen.out
```

- 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

$$F_U(x) = \Pr(U \leq x) \quad (1.1)$$

**Solution:** The following code plots Fig. 1.2

```
wget https://github.com/HARI-donk-EY/
  Rand_nums/blob/main/codes/1/
  cdf_plot_uni.py
```

Use the below command in the terminal to run code.

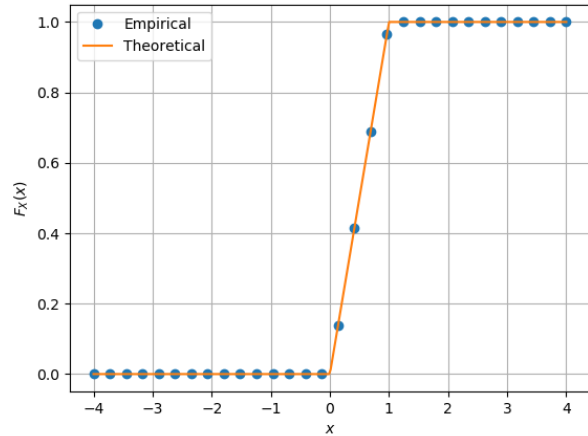


Fig. 1.2: The CDF of  $U$

```
python3 cdf_plot_uni.py
```

- 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:

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

The CDF of  $U$  is given by

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

Therefore, we obtain the CDF of  $U$  as

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

1.4 The mean of  $U$  is defined as

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

and its variance as

$$\text{var}[U] = E[U - E[U]]^2 \quad (1.6)$$

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.

```
gcc mean_var_cal.c -lm -o mean_var_cal.
  out
./mean_var_cal.out
```

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

$$E[U^k] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^k dF_U(x) \quad (1.7)$$

**Solution:** We know that,

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

On differentiation thr CDF obtained above, we get,

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

From this, we get,

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

Similarly,

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

From variance,

$$\text{var}[U] = E[U^2] - (E[U])^2 \quad (1.12)$$

By substituting,

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

$$= \frac{1}{12} \approx 0.083333 \quad (1.14)$$

## 2 CENTRAL LIMIT THEOREM

2.1 Generate  $10^6$  samples of the random variable

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^{12} U_i - 6 \quad (2.1)$$

using a C program, where  $U_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, 12$  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

```
gcc gaugen.c -lm -o gaugen.out
./gaugen.out
```

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

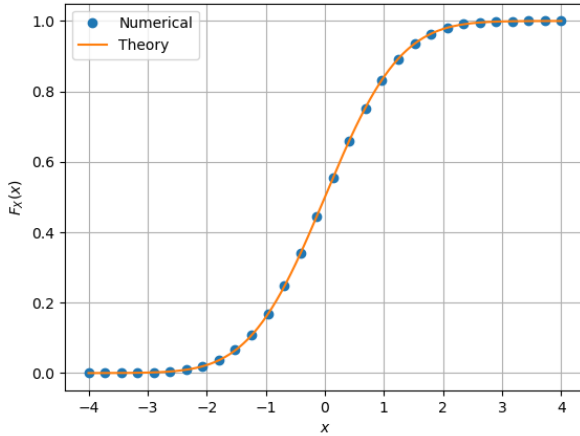
```
wget https://github.com/HARI-donk-EY/
  Rand_nums/blob/main/codes/2/
  cdf_plot_gau.py
```

Use the below command in the terminal to run code.

```
python3 cdf_plot_gau.py
```

Properties of this CDF are:

- $F_Z(x) = P(Z \leq x) = 1 - Q(x)$

Fig. 2.2: The CDF of  $X$ 

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

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

$$p_X(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F_X(x) \quad (2.2)$$

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

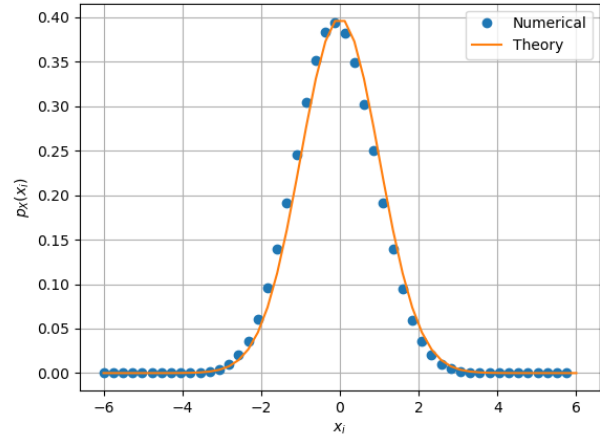
```
python pdf_plot.py
```

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.

```
gcc mean_var_cal.c -lm -o mean_var_cal.
  out
./mean_var_cal.out
```

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,

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

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

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

$x e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}$  is an odd function.

Hence,  $E[X] = 0$

Similarly,

$$E[X^2] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 p_X(x) dx \quad (2.7)$$

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

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

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

$$(2.11)$$

Using integration by parts, we get,

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

$$(2.12)$$

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

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,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}(X) &= E[X]^2 - E[X^2] \\ &= 0 - 1 = -1 \end{aligned}$$

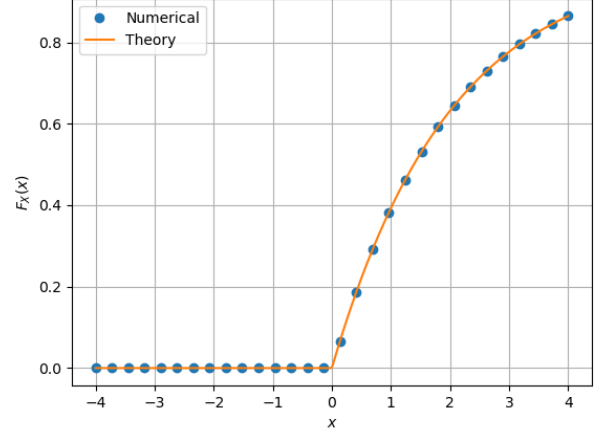


Fig. 3.1: The CDF of  $V$

### 3 FROM UNIFORM TO OTHER

#### 3.1 Generate samples of

$$V = -2 \ln(1 - U) \quad (3.1)$$

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

$$F_V(x) = \Pr(V \leq x) \quad (3.2)$$

$$= \Pr(-2 \ln(1 - U) \leq x) \quad (3.3)$$

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

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

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

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

Now,

$$0 \leq 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{x}{2}\right) < 1 \quad \text{if } x \geq 0 \quad (3.8)$$

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

Therefore,

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