

Probability with Coding

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Objectives

- Generate standard normal random variable using C
- Solve our problem statement

Python vs C

- Python already has inbuilt libraries through which we can generate standard normal random variables. But In C we have to generate them using random numbers...
- Here is where we will learn about Box-muller transforms

Box-Muller Transform

- Suppose U_1 and U_2 are independent samples chosen from the uniform distribution on the unit interval $(0, 1)$. Let

$$Z_0 = R \cos(\Theta) = \sqrt{-2 \ln U_1} \cos(2\pi U_2) \quad (1)$$

- and

$$Z_1 = R \sin(\Theta) = \sqrt{-2 \ln U_1} \sin(2\pi U_2) \quad (2)$$

- Then Z_0 and Z_1 are independent random variables with a standard normal distribution.
- So, now we will generate Z_0 using C Code as given below

Proof

- Let X and Y be independent standard normal variables

$$X, Y \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \quad \text{and} \quad X \perp Y \quad (3)$$

- The joint pdf of X and Y is given by

$$f_{XY}(X, Y) = f(x)f(y) \quad (4)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} \quad (5)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{(x^2+y^2)}{2}} \quad (6)$$

Proof

- The relationship between Cartesian coordinates (x, y) and polar coordinates (r, θ) is as follows

$$x = r \cos \theta \quad (7)$$

$$y = r \sin \theta \quad (8)$$

- Change $f_{XY}(x, y)$ to polar coordinates :

$$f_{XY}(x, y) dx dy = f_{R\theta}(r, \theta) dr d\theta \quad (9)$$

- i.e.,

$$f_{R\theta}(r, \theta) = f_{XY}(x, y) \frac{dx dy}{dr d\theta} = f_{XY}(x, y) \left| \frac{\partial(x, y)}{\partial(r, \theta)} \right| \quad (10)$$

Proof

- where J is the Jacobian

$$J = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial r} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta} \end{vmatrix} \quad (11)$$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} \cos \theta & -r \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & r \cos \theta \end{vmatrix} = r \quad (12)$$

- For $r \geq 0$ and $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$, we have

$$f_{R\theta}(r, \theta) dr d\theta = \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{(r^2)}{2}} r dr d\theta \quad (13)$$

- Now we change the variable from (r, θ) to (r^2, θ) ;

$$r dr = \frac{1}{2} dr^2 \quad (14)$$

Proof

- Now it can be written as,

$$f_{R\theta}(r, \theta) dr d\theta = f_{R^2\theta}(r^2, \theta) dr^2 d\theta \quad (15)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{(r^2)}{2}} \frac{1}{2} dr^2 d\theta \quad (16)$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{(r^2)}{2}} dr^2 \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} d\theta \right) \quad (17)$$

$$= f_{R^2}(r^2) dr^2 f_{\theta}(\theta) d\theta \quad (18)$$

- from the above equation, we can say that

$$R^2 \perp \theta \text{ (i.e., } R^2 \text{ and } \theta \text{ are independent)} \quad (19)$$

Proof

- Generate, $\theta \sim \text{Unif}(0, 2\pi)$
- Generate, $V \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda = \frac{1}{2})$ (i.e., $V = R^2$) and compute

$$R = \sqrt{V} \quad (20)$$

- Compute

$$X = R \cos \theta \quad (21)$$

$$Y = R \sin \theta \quad (22)$$

$$(23)$$

- where, X, Y are i.i.d in $\sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

- Then

$$\theta = 2\pi U_1 \quad (24)$$

$$V = -2\log(U_2) \quad (25)$$

- We can prove $V = -2\log(U_2)$ using the c.d.f definition of the exponential distribution

Proof for $V = -2\log(U_2)$ I

- Let X be a random variable following an exponential distribution with rate parameter $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$, denoted as $X \sim \text{Exp}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$. The cumulative distribution function (CDF) of the exponential distribution is given by:

$$F(x) = 1 - e^{-\frac{x}{2}} \quad (26)$$

- Now, suppose we have a random variable U following a uniform distribution in the interval $[0, 1]$, denoted as $U \sim U(0, 1)$. The CDF of the uniform distribution is simply:

$$F_U(u) = u, \text{ for } 0 \leq u \leq 1 \quad (27)$$

Proof for $V = -2\log(U_2)$ II

- We can use the probability integral transform to express the exponential random variable X in terms of the uniform random variable U :

$$F(x) = F_U(u) \quad (28)$$

$$1 - e^{-\frac{x}{2}} = u \quad (29)$$

- Now, solve for x :

$$e^{-\frac{x}{2}} = 1 - u \quad (30)$$

$$-\frac{x}{2} = \ln(1 - u) \quad (31)$$

$$x = -2 \ln(1 - u) \quad (32)$$

Proof for $V = -2\log(U_2)$ III

- So, $X \sim -2\ln(1 - U)$ for $U \sim U(0, 1)$. This expression represents the exponential random variable X in terms of a uniform random variable U .

C-code I

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  #include <stdlib.h>
3  #include <math.h>
4  #include <time.h>
5
6  double sn() {
7      double u1, u2;
8      while (1) {
9          u1 = ((double)rand() / RAND_MAX);
10         if (u1 > 0 && u1 < 1)
11             break;}
12     while (1) {
13         u2 = ((double)rand() / RAND_MAX);
14         if (u2 > 0 && u2 < 1)
15             break;}
```

C-code II

```
16     double z1 = sqrt(-2 * log(u1)) * cos(2 *  
17         M_PI * u2);  
18     return z1;  
19 }  
20 int main() {  
21     // Seed the random number generator  
22     srand(time(0));  
23  
24     int numSamples = 100000; // You can change  
25     this to the desired number of samples  
26     FILE *file = fopen("uni.dat", "w");  
27     if (file == NULL) {
```

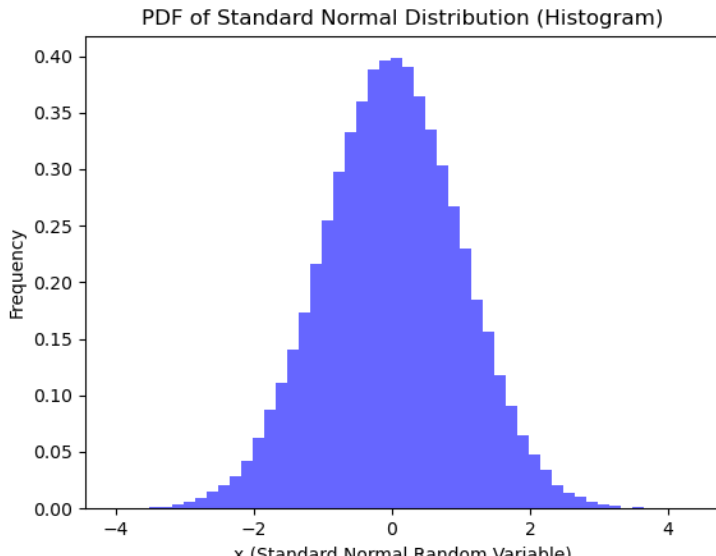
C-code III

```
28         printf("Unable to open file for
           writing.\n");
29         return 1;
30     }
31
32     for (int i = 0; i < numSamples; i++) {
33         double sample = sn();
34         fprintf(file, "%lf\n", sample);
35     }
36
37     fclose(file);
38
39     return 0;
40 }
```


Python-code

```
1 import numpy as np
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3
4 # Read data from the "uni.dat" file
5 x = np.genfromtxt("uni.dat")
6
7 # Create a histogram plot of the PDF
8 plt.hist(x, bins=50, density=True, alpha=0.6,
9          color='b', label='PDF (Histogram)')
10 plt.xlabel('x (Standard Normal Random Variable)')
11 plt.ylabel('Frequency')
12 plt.title('PDF of Standard Normal Distribution (Histogram)')
13 plt.savefig('/home/sayyam/KHP/figs/figure1.png')
```

Python-code



Problem Statement

Let $\phi(\cdot)$ denote the cumulative distribution function of a standard normal random variable. If the random variable X has the cumulative distribution function

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} \phi(x), & x < -1 \\ \phi(x+1), & x \geq -1 \end{cases} \quad (33)$$

then which one of the following statements is true?

- ① $P(X \leq -1) = \frac{1}{2}$
- ② $P(X = -1) = \frac{1}{2}$
- ③ $P(X < -1) = \frac{1}{2}$
- ④ $P(X \leq 0) = \frac{1}{2}$

C-code I

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  #include <math.h>
3  #define M_PI 3.14159265358979323846
4  double cdf(double x) {
5      if (x < -1) {
6          return 0.5 * (1.0 + erf(x / sqrt(2.0)))
7              );
8      }
9      else {
10         return 0.5 * (1.0 + erf(x+1 / sqrt
11             (2.0)));
12     }
13 }
14
15 double pdf(double x) {
```

C-code II

```
14     if (x < -1) {
15         return 1.0 / (sqrt(2.0 * M_PI)) * exp
            (-x * x / 2.0);
16     } else {
17         return 1.0 / (sqrt(2.0 * M_PI)) * exp
            (-(x + 1) * (x + 1) / 2.0);
18     }
19 }

20
21 int main() {
22     int num = 10000;
23     double x_max = 4.0;
24     double x_min = -4.0;
25     double step = (x_max - x_min) / num;
26 }
```

C-code III

```
27     FILE *outfile = fopen("uni.dat", "w");
28
29     for (int i = 0; i < num; i++) {
30         double x = x_min + step * i;
31         double sample = pdf(x);
32         double sample1 = cdf(x);
33         fprintf(outfile, "%lf %lf %lf\n", x,
34             sample, sample1);
35     }
36
37     fclose(outfile);
38
39     return 0;
}
```

Python-code I

```
1 import numpy as np
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3
4 # Read data from the "uni.dat" file
5 data = np.genfromtxt("uni.dat")
6
7 x = data[:, 0] # Use correct index for
   columns (0 for x)
8 pdf = data[:, 1] # Use correct index for
   columns (1 for pdf)
9 cdf = data[:, 2]
10
11 # Create a histogram plot of the PDF
12 plt.figure()
13 plt.plot(x, pdf)
```

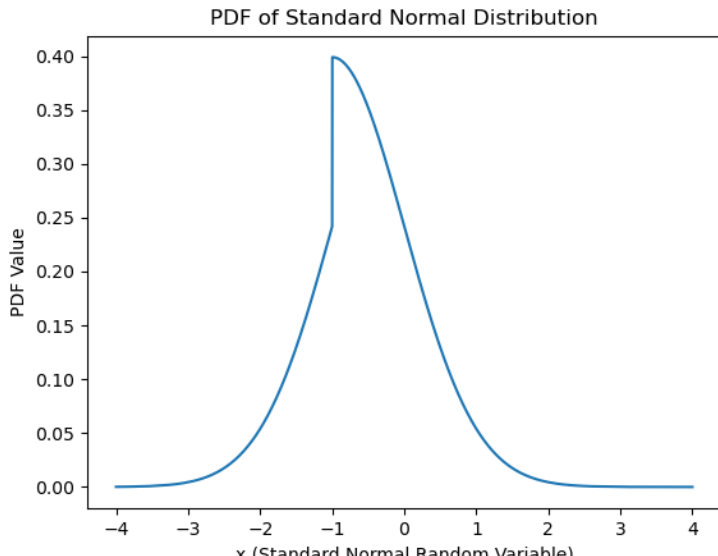
Python-code II

```
14 plt.xlabel('x (Standard Normal Random Variable  
    )')  
15 plt.ylabel('PDF Value')  
16 plt.title('PDF of Standard Normal Distribution  
    ')  
17 plt.savefig('/home/mayank/EE23010/KHP/figs/  
    figure2.png')  
18 plt.show()  
19  
20 plt.figure()  
21 plt.plot(x, cdf)  
22 plt.xlabel('x (Standard Normal Random Variable  
    )')  
23 plt.ylabel('PDF Value')
```


Python-code III

```
24 plt.title('PDF of Standard Normal Distribution  
    ')\n25 plt.savefig('/home/mayank/EE23010/KHP/figs/  
    figure3.png')\n26 plt.show()
```

PDF of X



CDF of X

