

Homework4 - Gaussian Distribution, Uniform Distribution, Box-Müller transformation

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Abstract

The homework 4 is designed for discussing the uniform distribution of an random sequences with the mean and standard deviation. And how to use the transformation technique to generate the exponential deviate or the normal deviate from the uniform distribution sequences.

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1 Homework Problem

1.1 Problem 1

1.1.1 Problem

Use Matlab to generate Gaussian x_i with specified mean μ_x and the standard deviation σ_x , and plot time series, distribution diagram, and histogram.

1.1.2 Answer

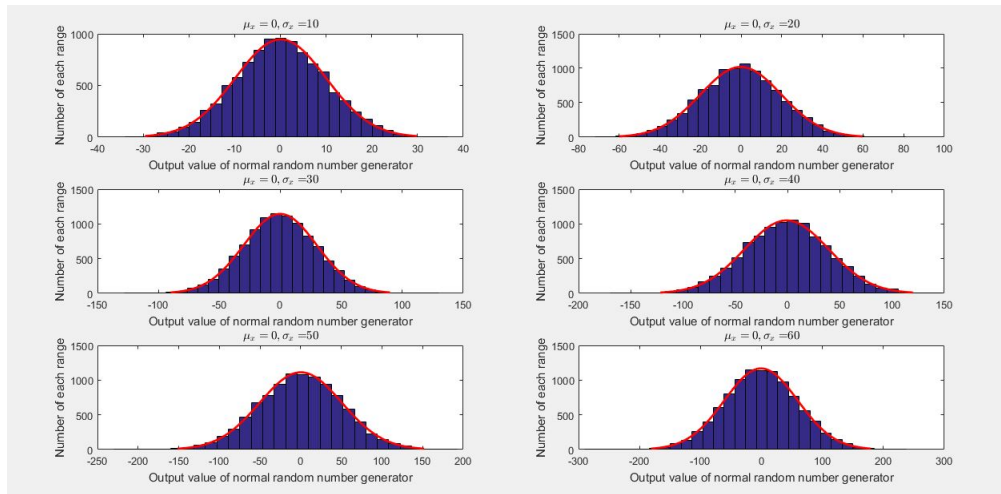


Figure 1: Histogram of normrnd

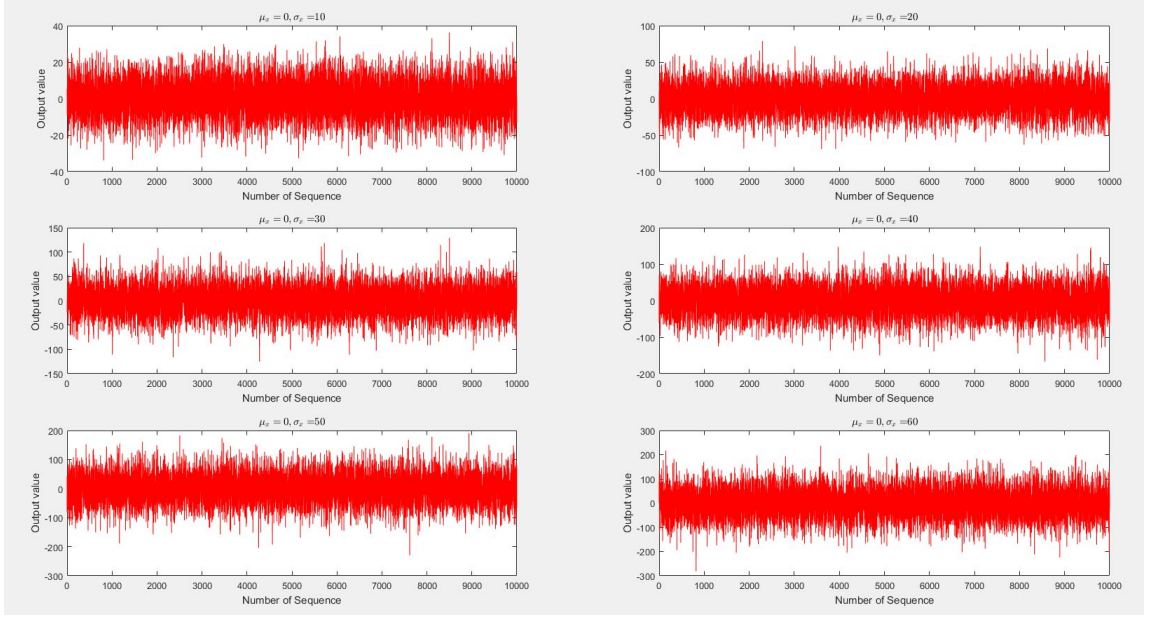


Figure 2: Sequence with normrnd

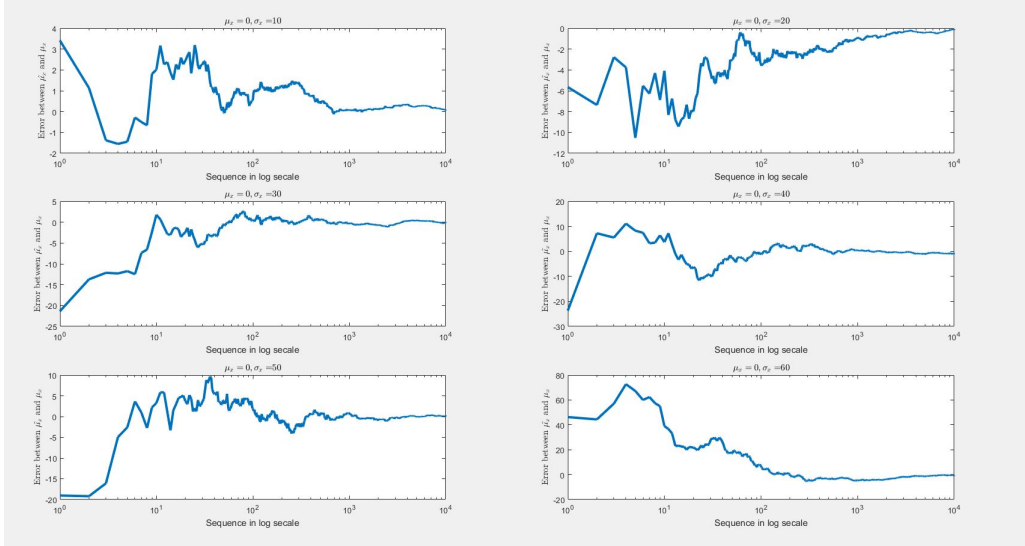


Figure 3: Error between estimated mean and true mean with different sequence in semilog diagram

1.2 Problem 2

1.2.1 Problem

Use Box-Müller transformation to generate two independent Gaussian sequences through input two independent uniform distributions generated by yourself.

1.2.2 Answer

There are two classical ways to implement the Box-Müller method[1][2]. One way is using two independent variables $x_1 \sim U[0, 1]$ and $x_2 \sim U[0, 1]$ with the trigonometric operations in the Cartesian coordinate, the other is based on the previous method but changes the coordinate to the polar coordinate.

To understand the transformation method, we discuss the "exponential deviate" at first. Consider $x \sim U[0, 1]$ and y is an exponential distribution in $[0, \infty]$. The probability density function of y is defined as

$$g(y) = \begin{cases} 0, & y < 0 \\ \lambda e^{-\lambda y}, & y \geq 0. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

By the fundamental transformation law of probabilities, we can get

$$x = G(y) = \int_{-\infty}^y g(u) du = 1 - e^{-\lambda y} \quad (2)$$

so we can get the exponential deviates of y by inserting $x \sim U[0, 1]$ to

$$y = -\ln|1 - x|. \quad (3)$$

The transformation can be applied on more than one dimension. If x_1, x_2, \dots are random deviates with a joint probability distribution $p(x_1, x_2, \dots)dx_1dx_2\dots$, and if y_1, y_2, \dots are each functions of all the x 's (same number of as x 's), then the joint probability distribution of the y 's is

$$p(y_1, y_2, \dots)dy_1dy_2\dots = p(x_1, x_2, \dots) \left| \frac{\partial(x_1, x_2, \dots)}{\partial(y_1, y_2, \dots)} \right| dy_1dy_2\dots \quad (4)$$

where $\frac{\partial()}{\partial()}$ is the Jacobian determinant of the x 's with respect to the y 's.

The transformation is the spirit behind the Box-Müller method. The other descriptions are same as the hint of homework.

Figure 6 shows that the two random variables will be form an circle region which is same as the assumption of the modified Box-Müller method.

Figure 17~26 show that the estimated mean will converge to the true mean no matter the different mean values or the different the standard deviation values.

Input: μ, σ

Result: Return two normal deviate random numbers

RSQ=0;(RSQ : square root of square sum)

while RSQ=0 or RSQ \geq 1 **do**

 let z_1 and $z_2 \sim U[-1, 1]$ which is in the unit circle

$z_1 = rand() * 2 - 1.0$

$z_2 = rand() * 2 - 1.0$

 RSQ= $z_1^2 + z_2^2$

 FAC= $\sqrt{\|(-2 \times \ln(RSQ)/RSQ)\|}$

if (RSQ \neq 0) and (RSQ<1) **then**

 | break

end

end

$x_1 = z_1 \times FAC * \sigma + \mu$

$x_2 = z_2 \times FAC * \sigma + \mu$

Output: x_1, x_2

Algorithm 1: BoxMüller method in the polar form

Input: μ, σ

Result: Return two normal deviate random numbers

$R_1=0$;(R₁ : first uniform random number)

while R₁=0 **do**

 let $R_1 \sim U[0, 1]$ but $\neq 0$

$R_1 = rand()$

if R₁ \neq 0 **then**

 | break

end

end

$R_2 = rand$

$Left = \sqrt{-2 * \ln(R1)}$

$x_1 = Left \times \cos(2 \times \pi \times R_2) \times \sigma + \mu$

$x_2 = Left \times \sin(2 \times \pi \times R_2) \times \sigma + \mu$

Output: x_1, x_2

Algorithm 2: BoxMüller method with trigonometric operation

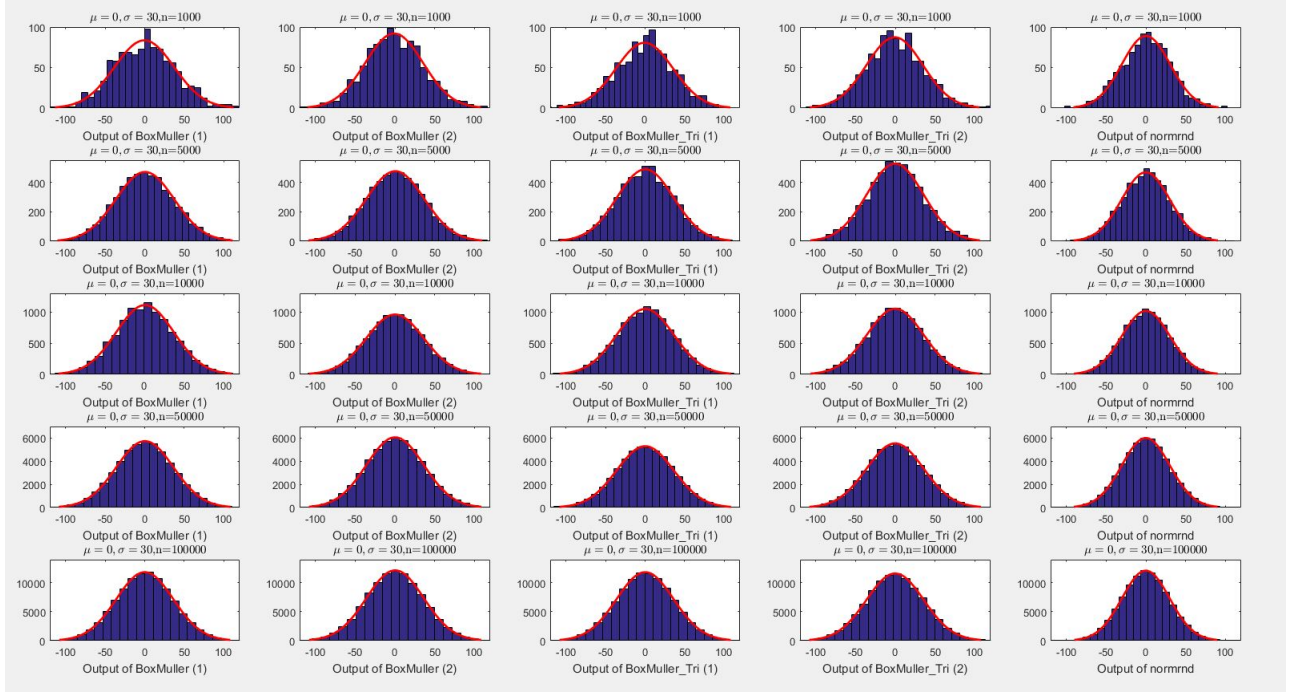


Figure 4: The first two columns are the random numbers generated by the BoxMüller method in polar form. The third and fourth column are the random numbers generated by the BoxMüller method with the trigonometric operation. Final one is generated by the naive Matlab function normrnd.

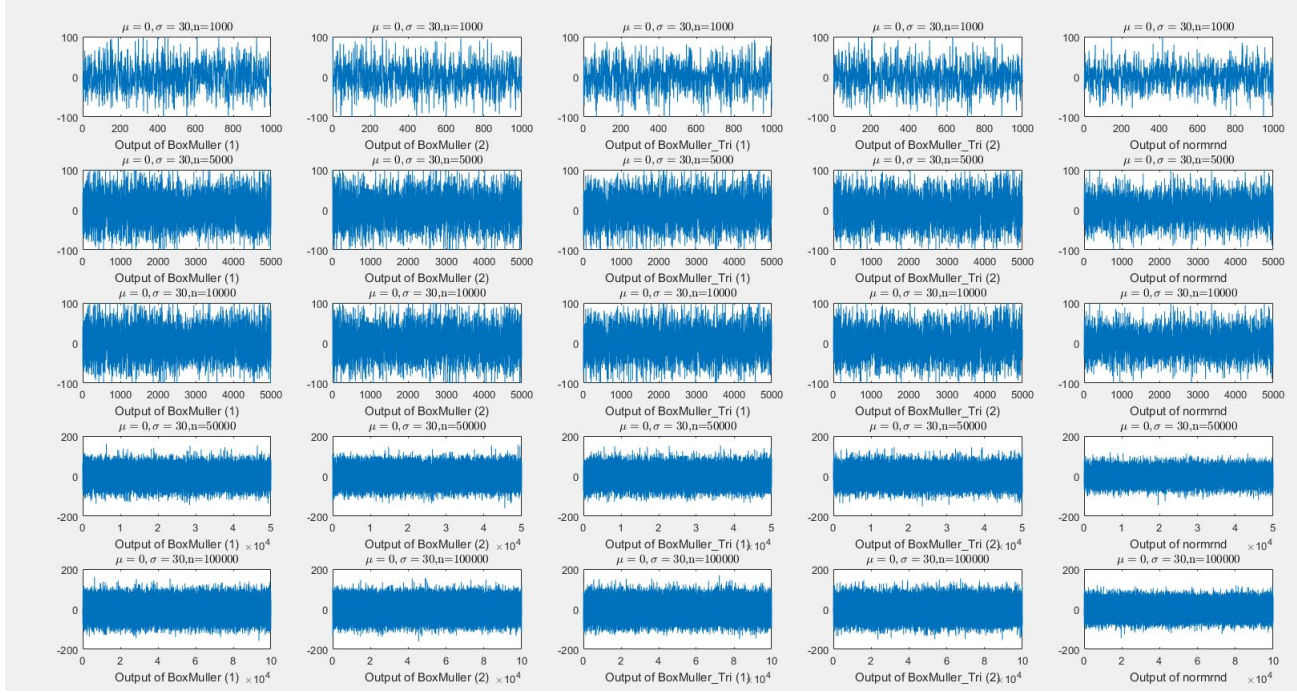


Figure 5: The first two columns are the random numbers generated by the BoxMüller method in polar form with the sequence. The third and fourth column are sequence plot of the random numbers generated by the BoxMüller method with the trigonometric operation. Final one is generated by the naive Matlab function normrnd.

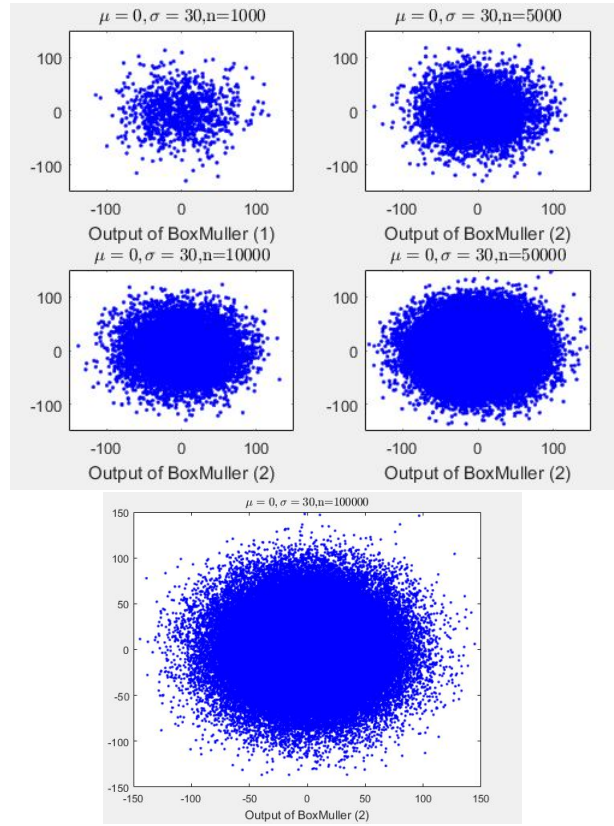


Figure 6: Using the first BoxMüller method shows that the two normal distribution random numbers can be generated from an circle region.

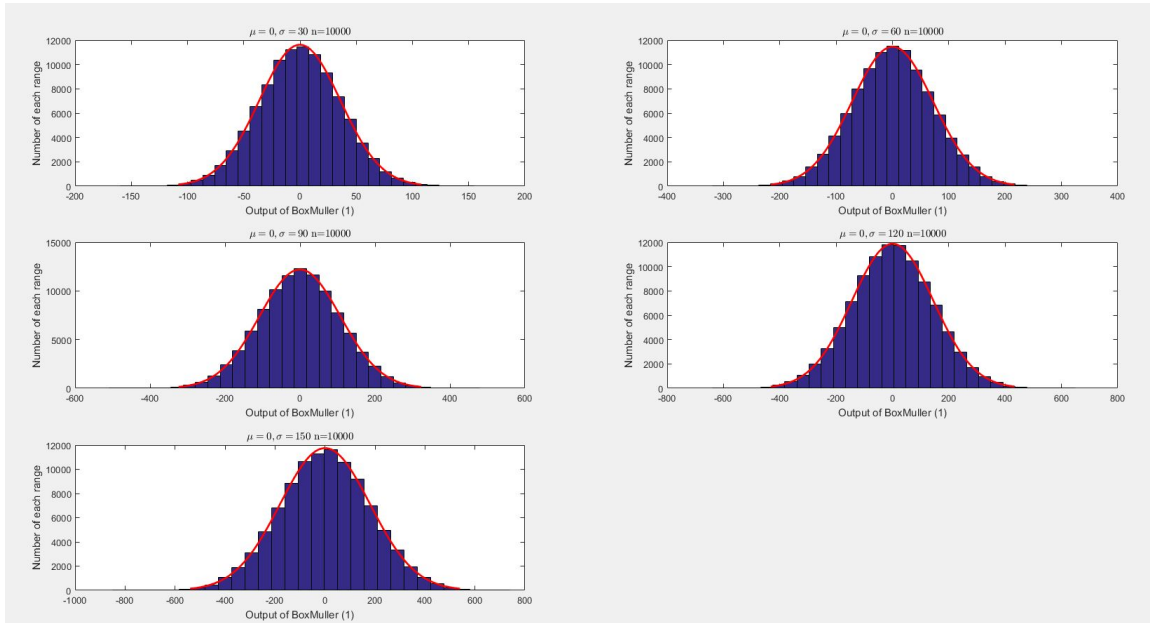


Figure 7: Histogram of first random number by BoxMüller method in polar form with different standard deviations

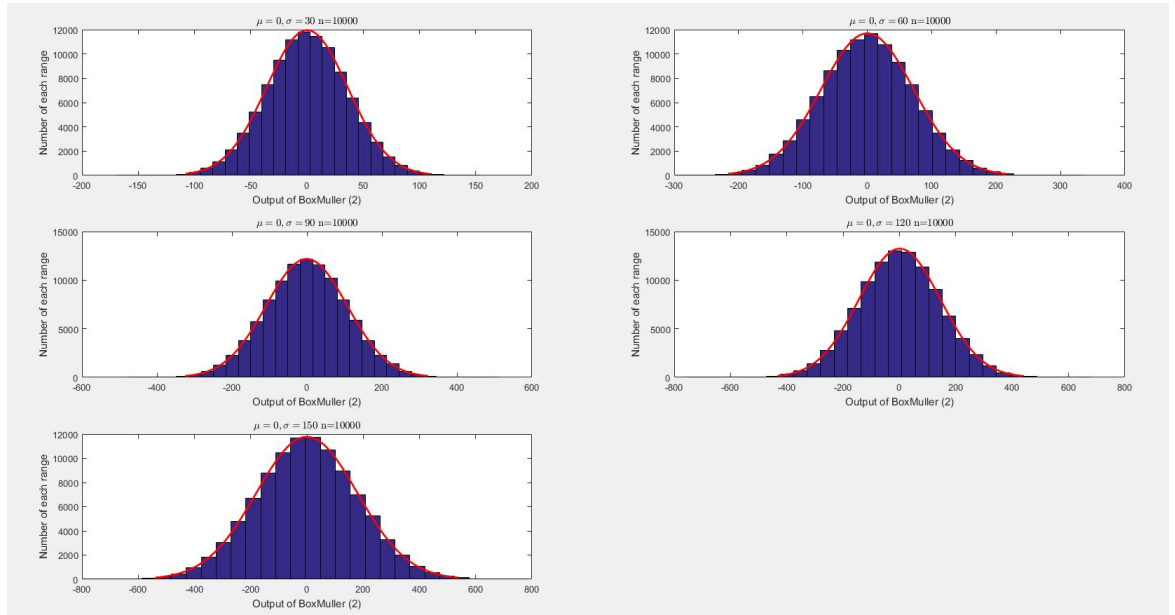


Figure 8: Histogram of second random number by BoxMüller method in polar form with different standard deviations

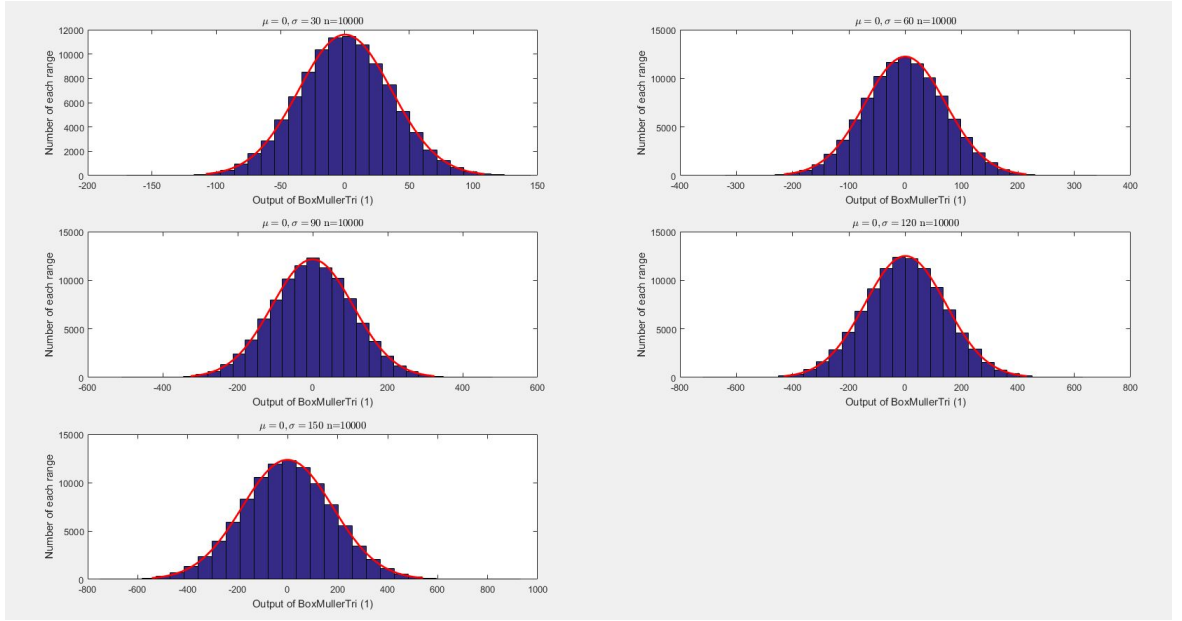


Figure 9: Histogram of first random number by BoxMüller method in trigonometric operation with different standard deviations

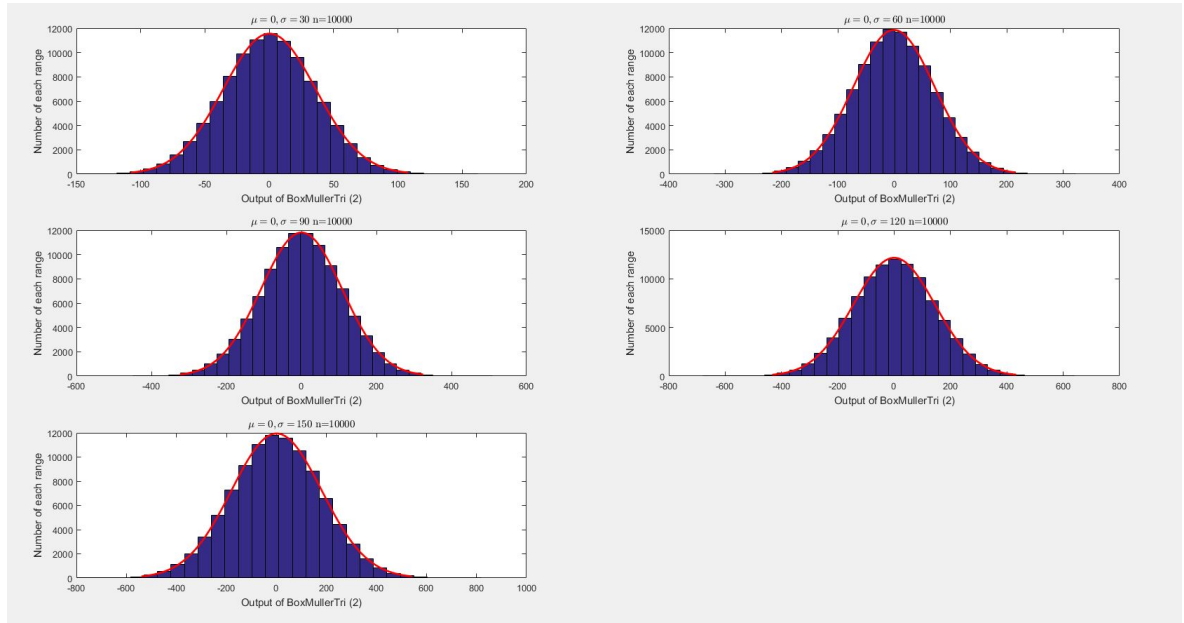


Figure 10: Histogram of second random number by BoxMüller method in trigonometric operation with different standard deviations

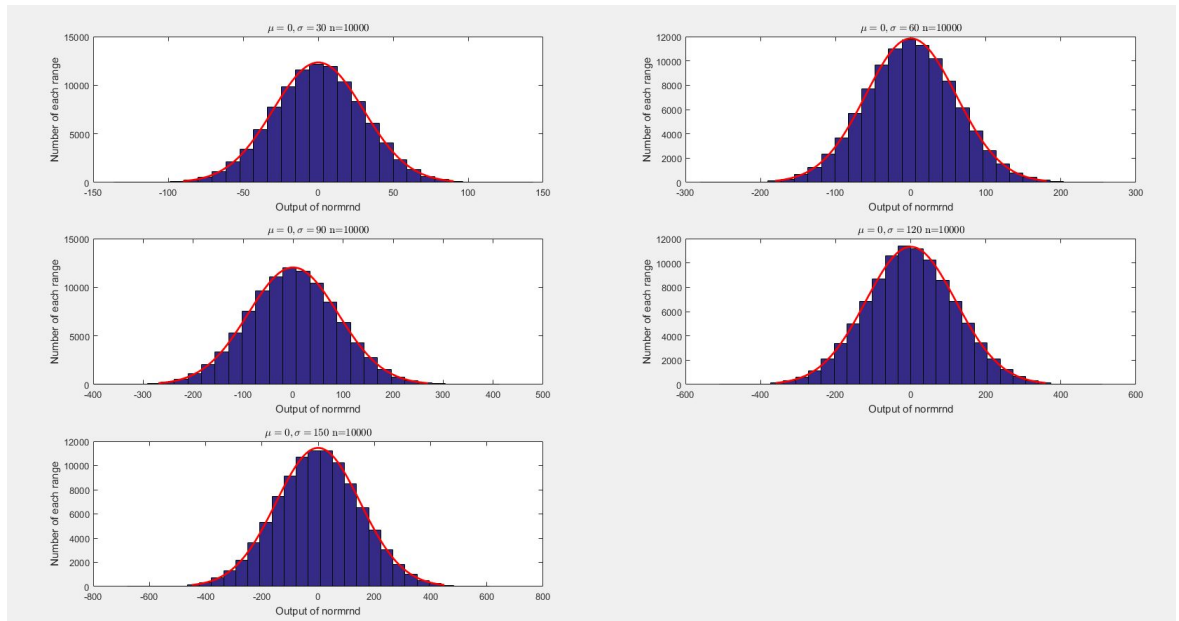


Figure 11: Histogram of random number by naive function `normrnd` with different standard deviations

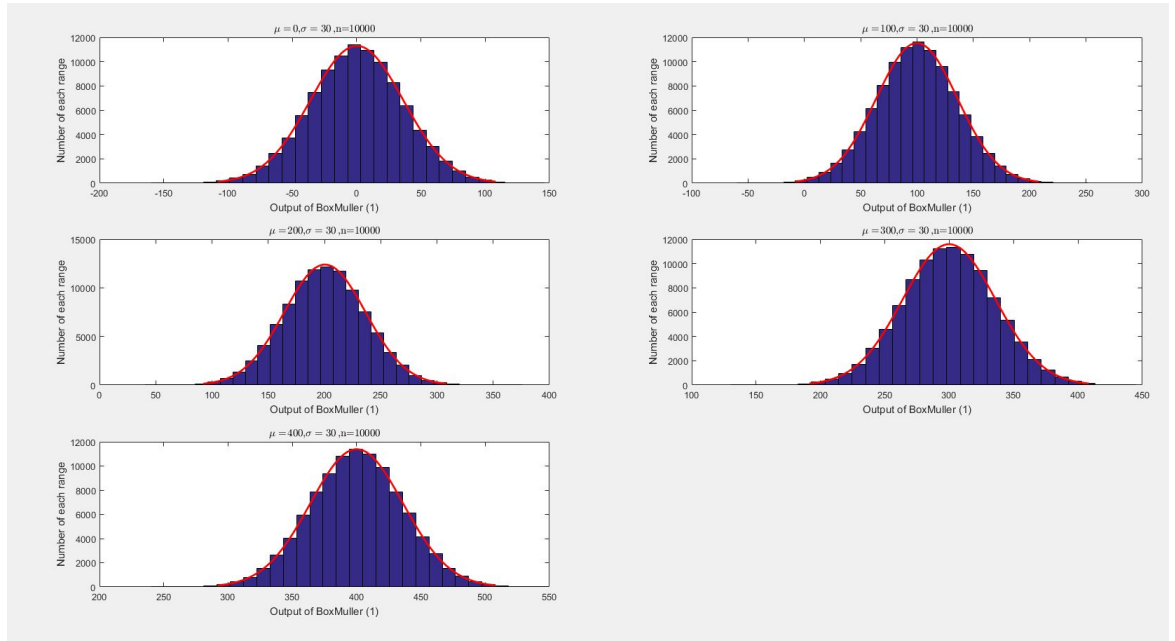


Figure 12: Histogram of first random number by BoxMüller method in polar form with different means

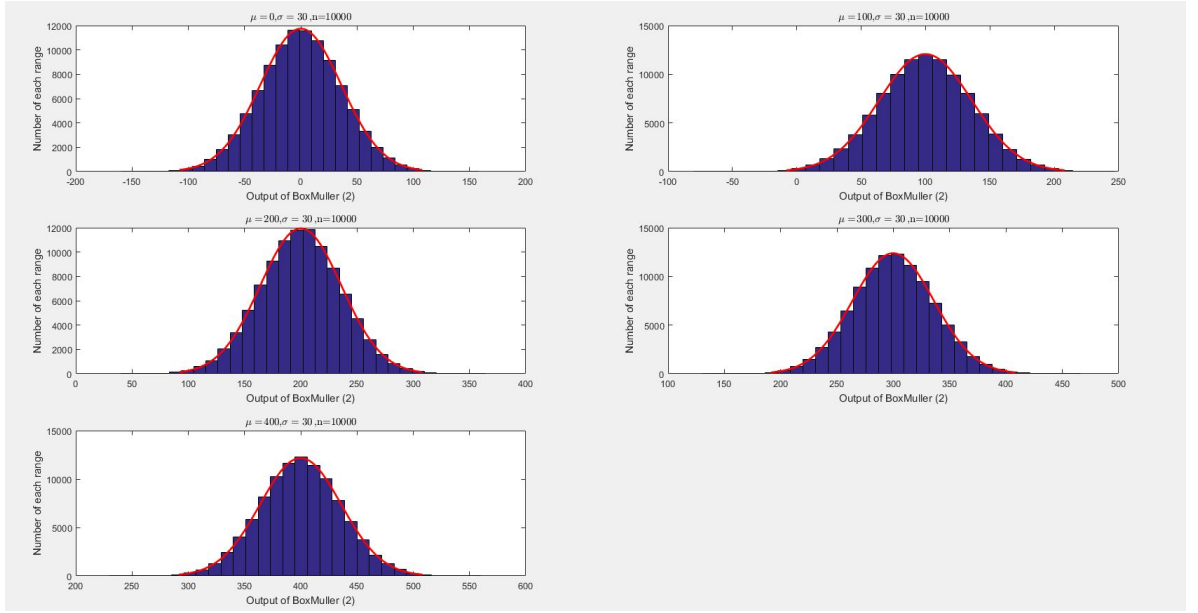


Figure 13: Histogram of second random number by BoxMüller method in polar form with different means

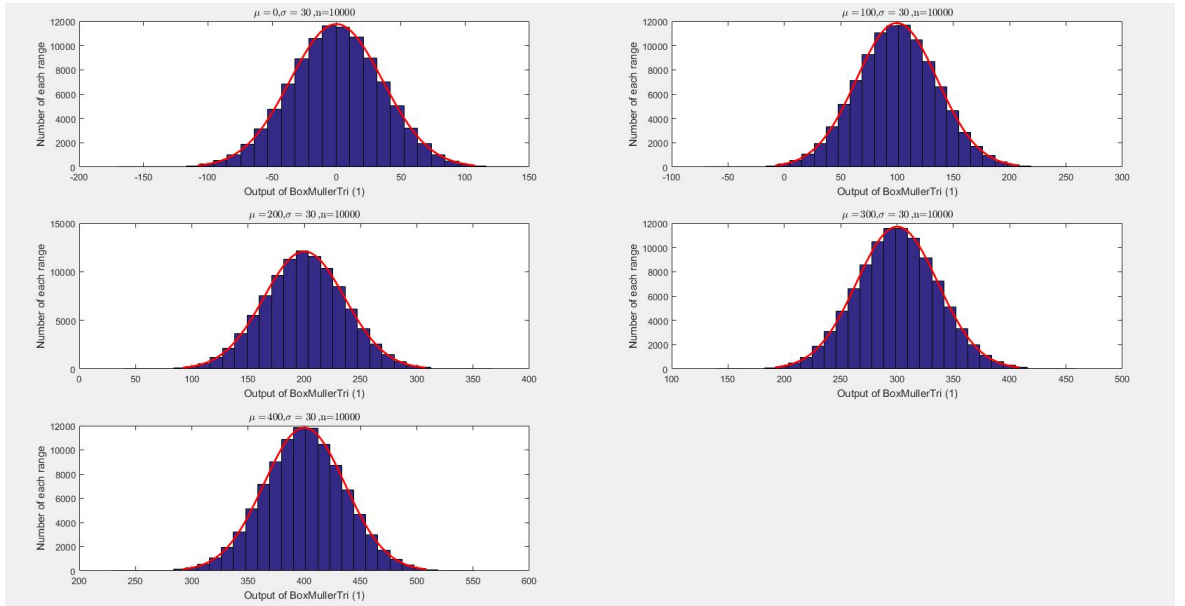


Figure 14: Histogram of first random number by BoxMüller method in trigonometric operation with different means

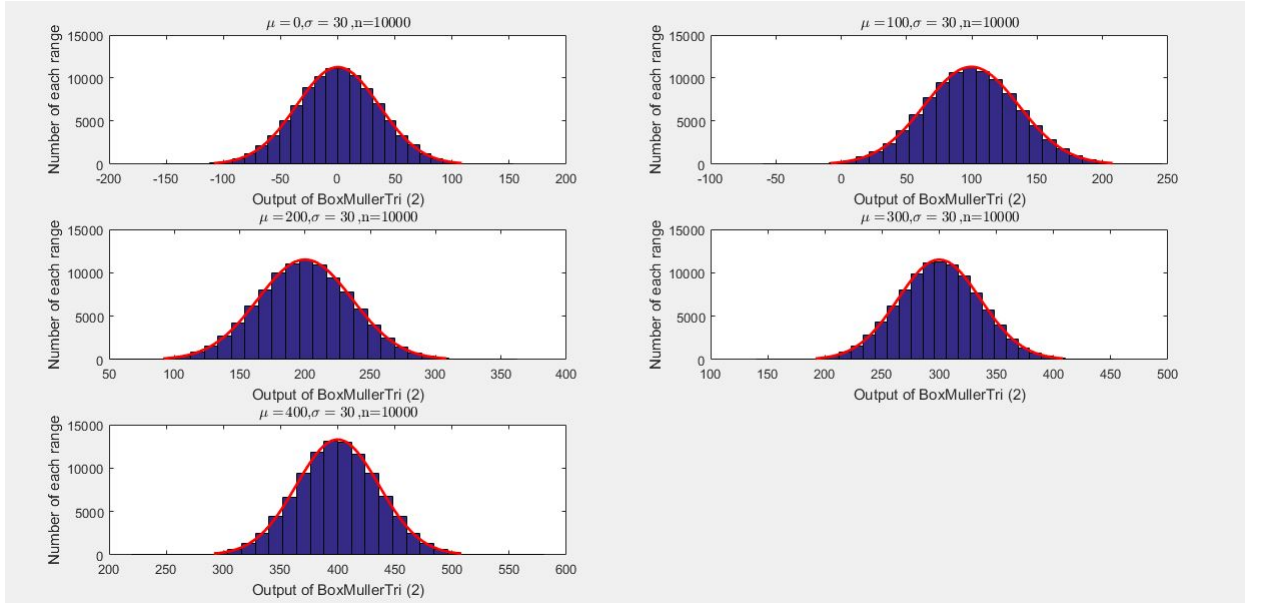


Figure 15: Histogram of second random number by BoxMüller method in trigonometric operation with different means

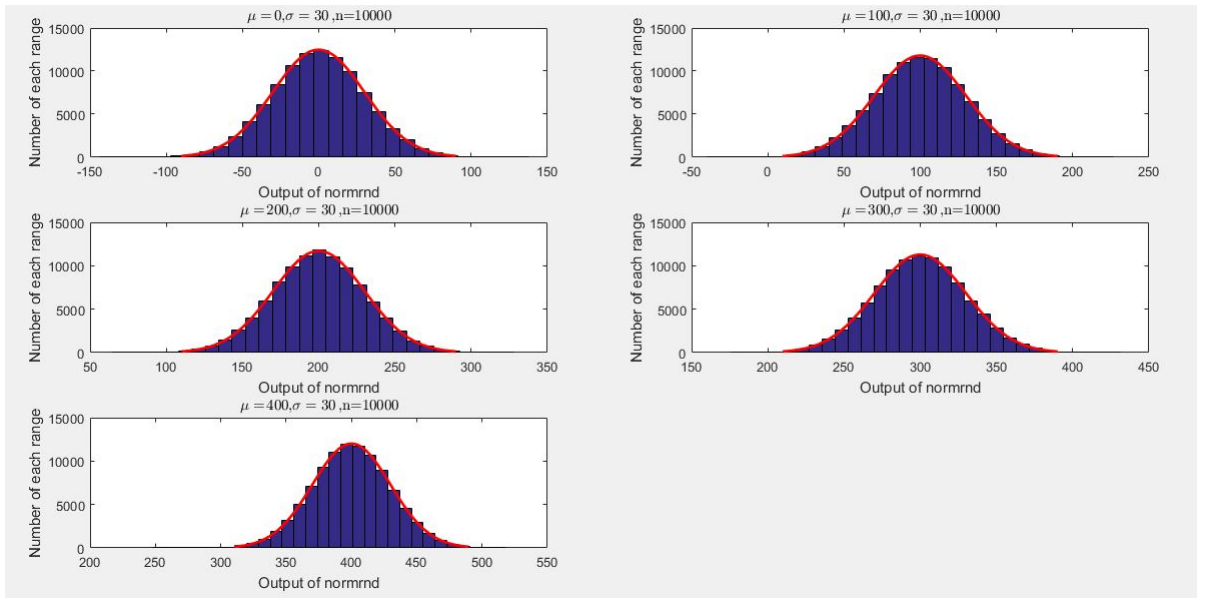


Figure 16: Histogram of random number by naive function normrnd with different means

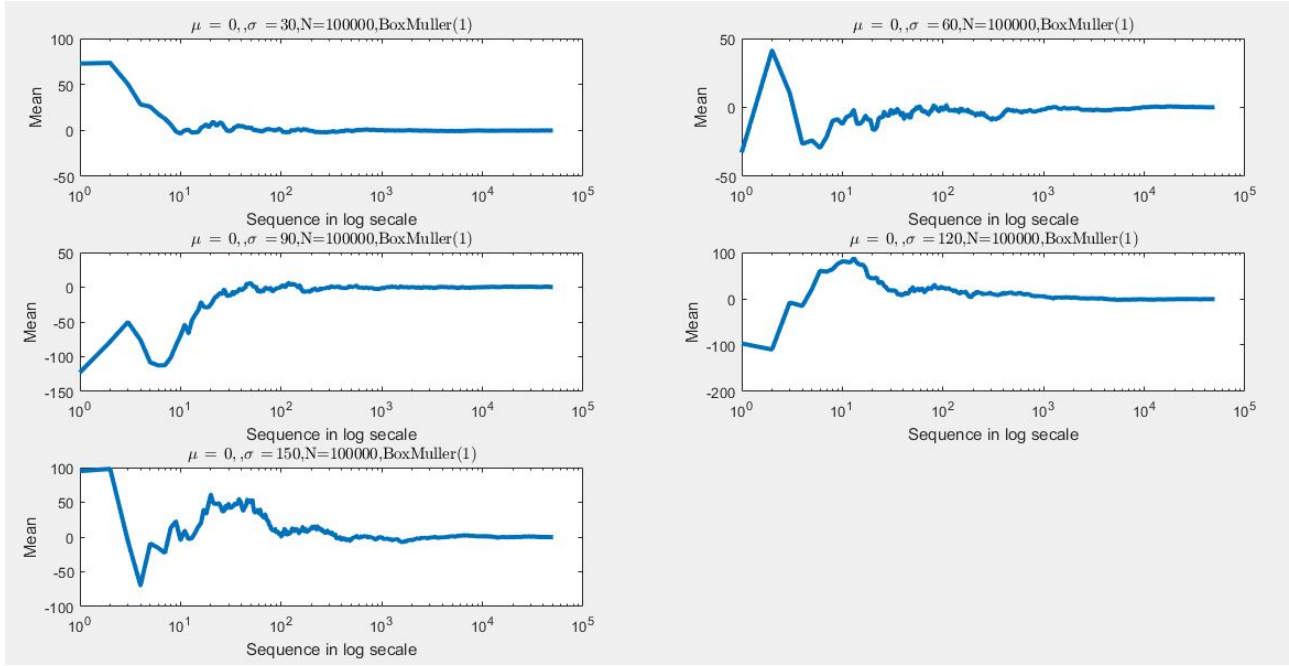


Figure 17: Mean of first random number by BoxMüller method in polar form with different deviations in semilog scale

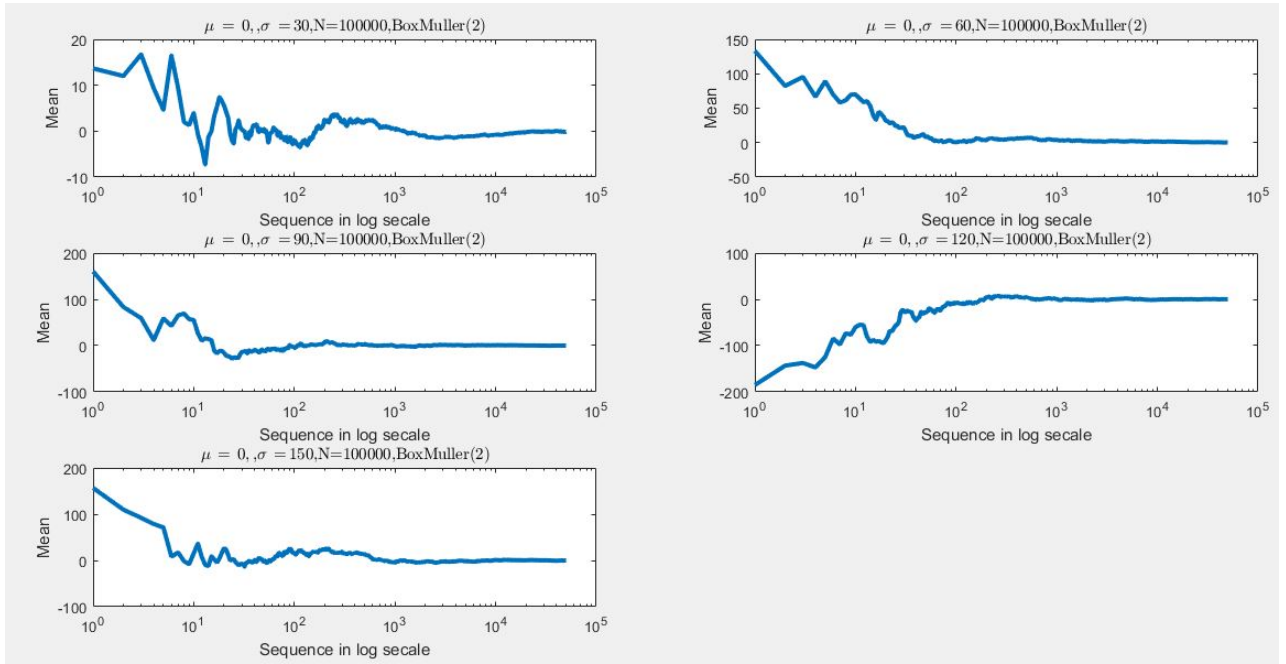


Figure 18: Mean of second random number by BoxMüller method in polar form with different deviations in semilog scale

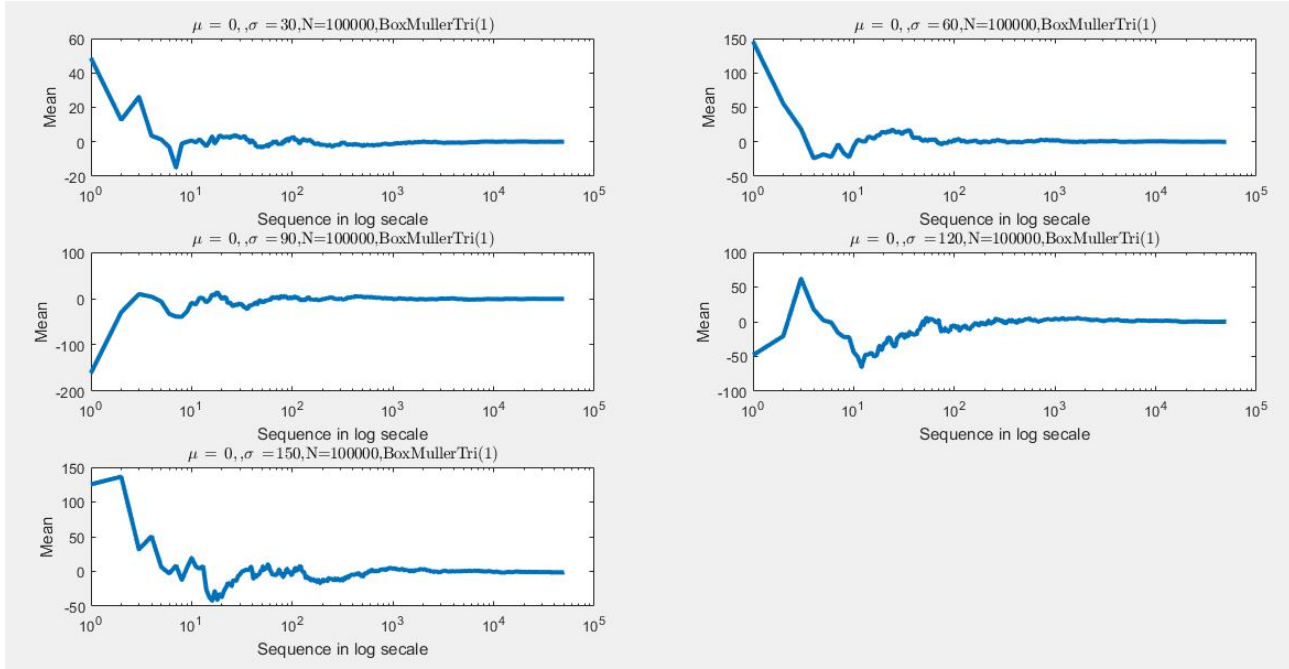


Figure 19: Mean of first random number by BoxMüller method in trigonometric operation with different standard deviations in semilog scale

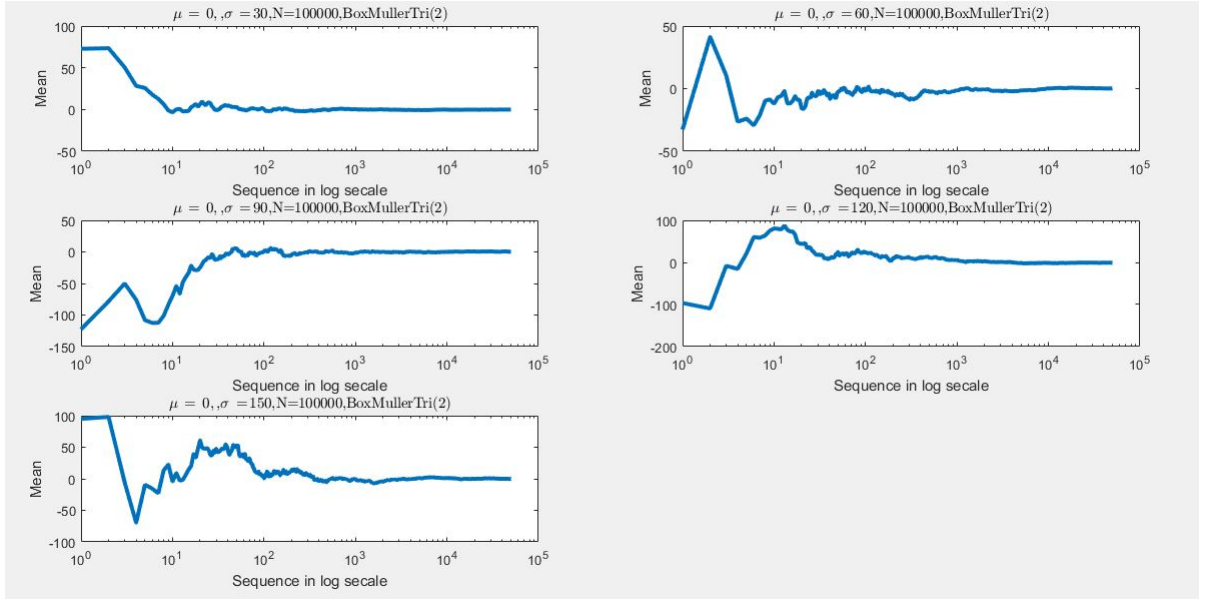


Figure 20: Mean of second random number by BoxMüller method in trigonometric operation with different standard deviations in semilog scale

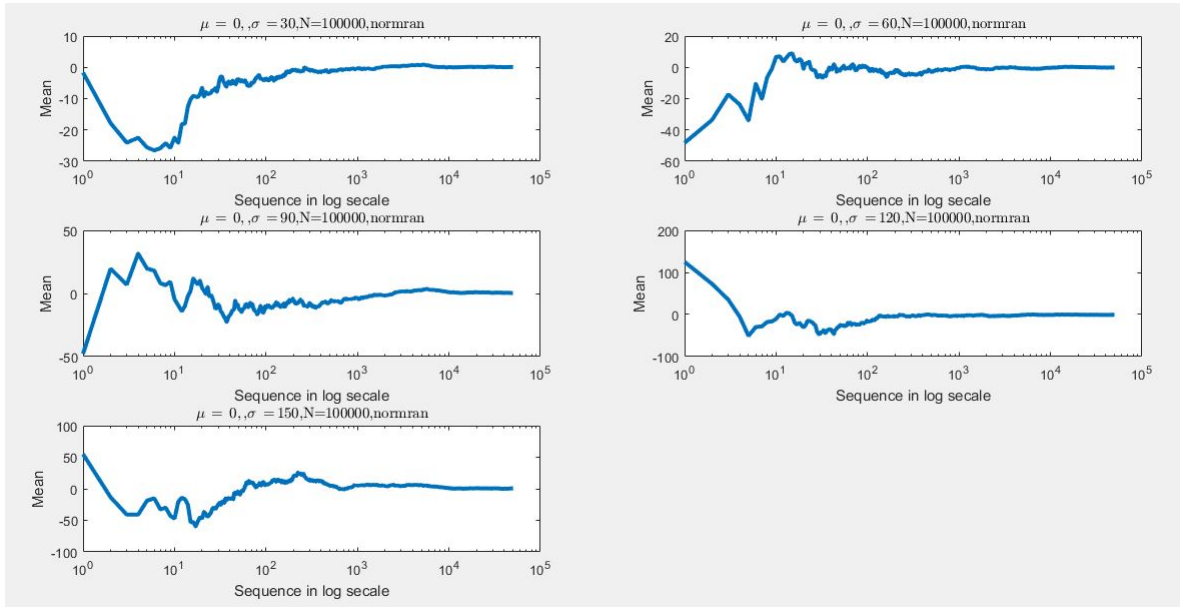


Figure 21: Mean of random number by naive function normrnd with different standard deviations

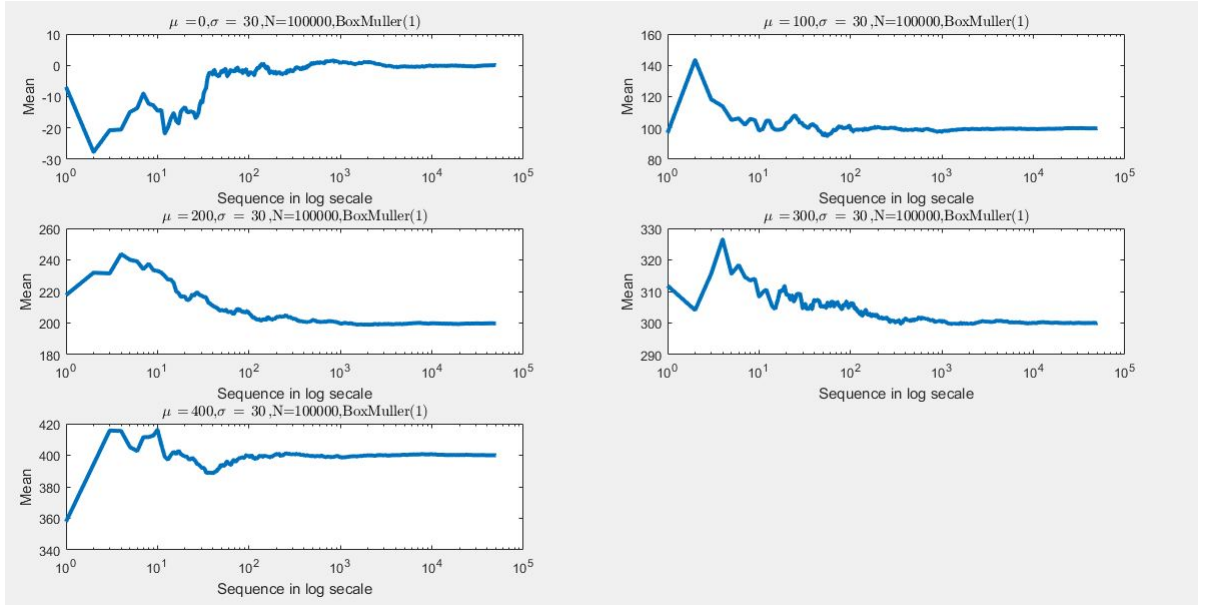


Figure 22: Mean of first random number by BoxMüller method in polar form with different means

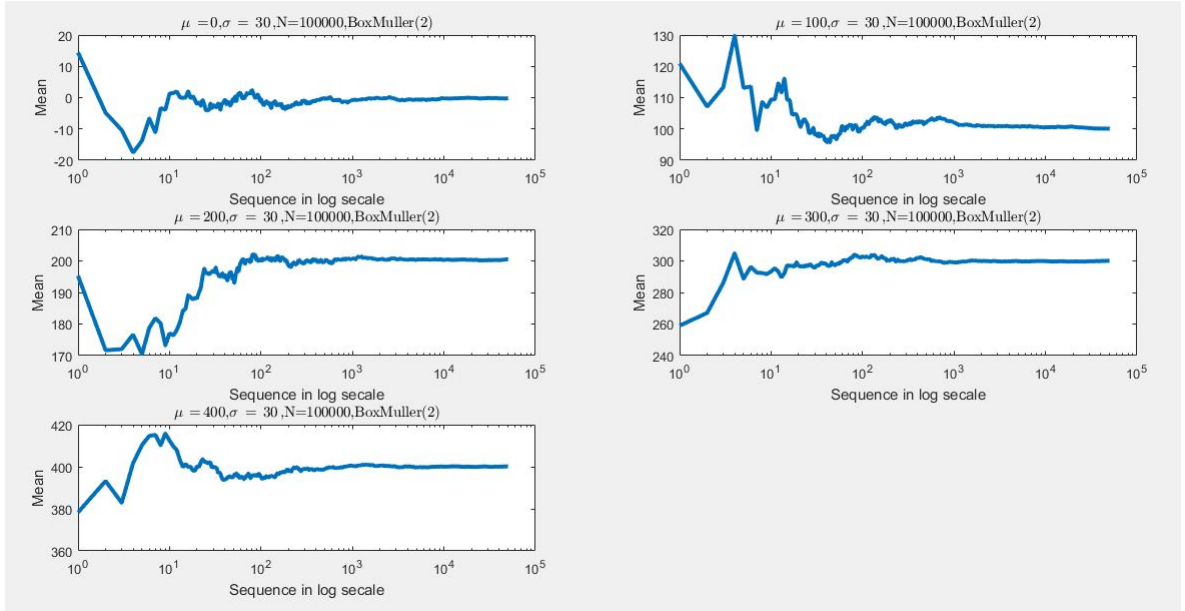


Figure 23: Mean of second random number by BoxMüller method in polar form with different means

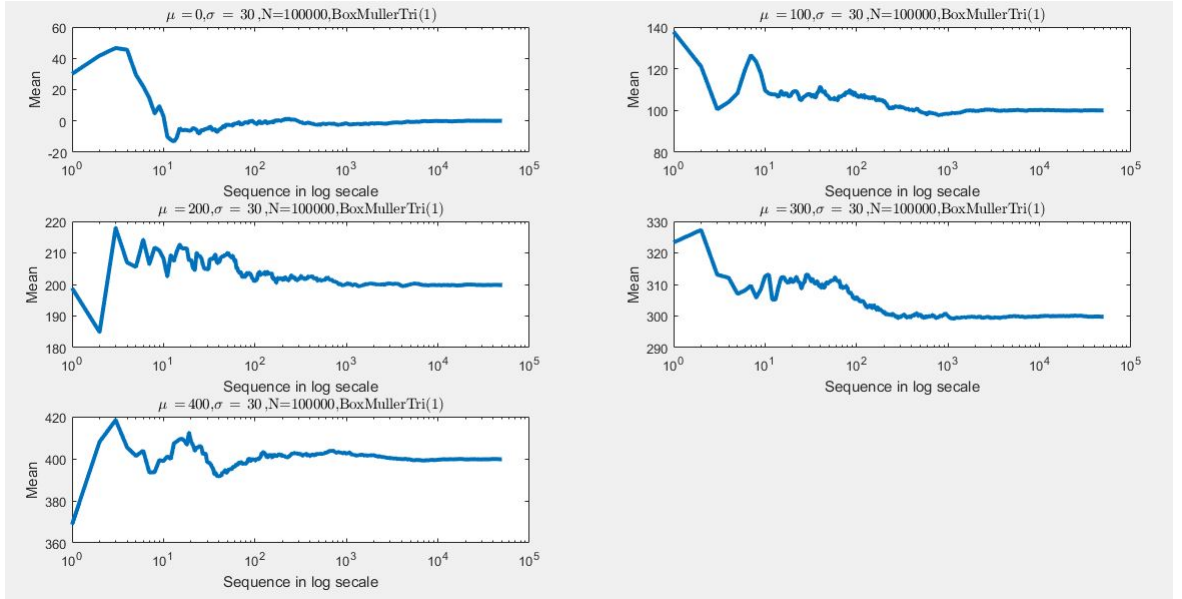


Figure 24: Mean of first random number by BoxMüller method using trigonometric operation with different means

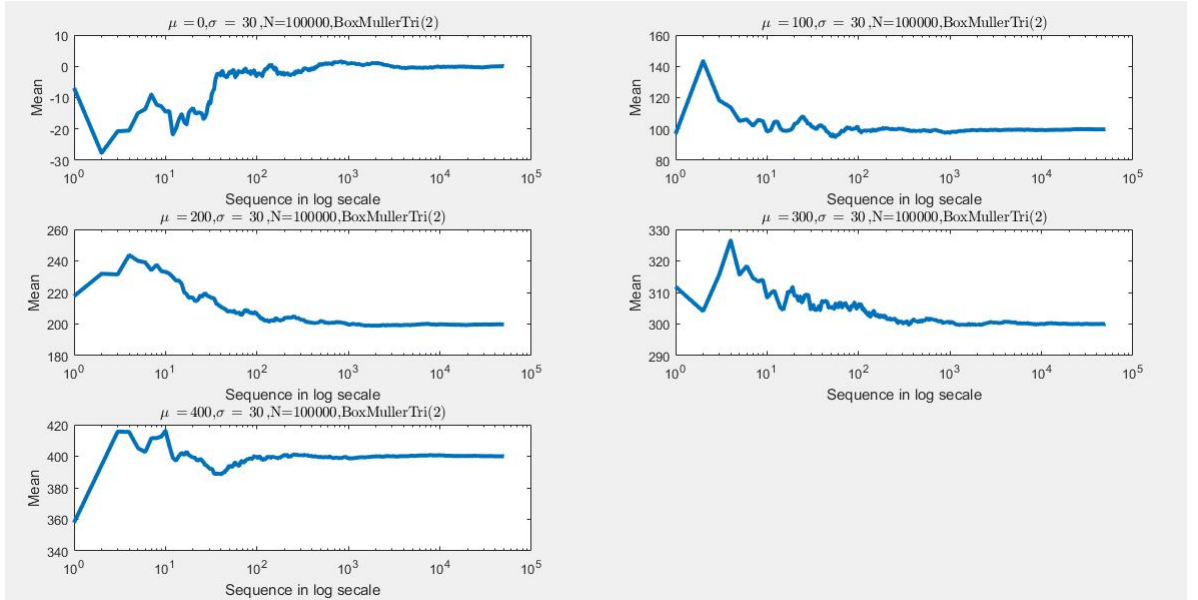


Figure 25: Mean of second random number by BoxMüller method using trigonometric operation with different means

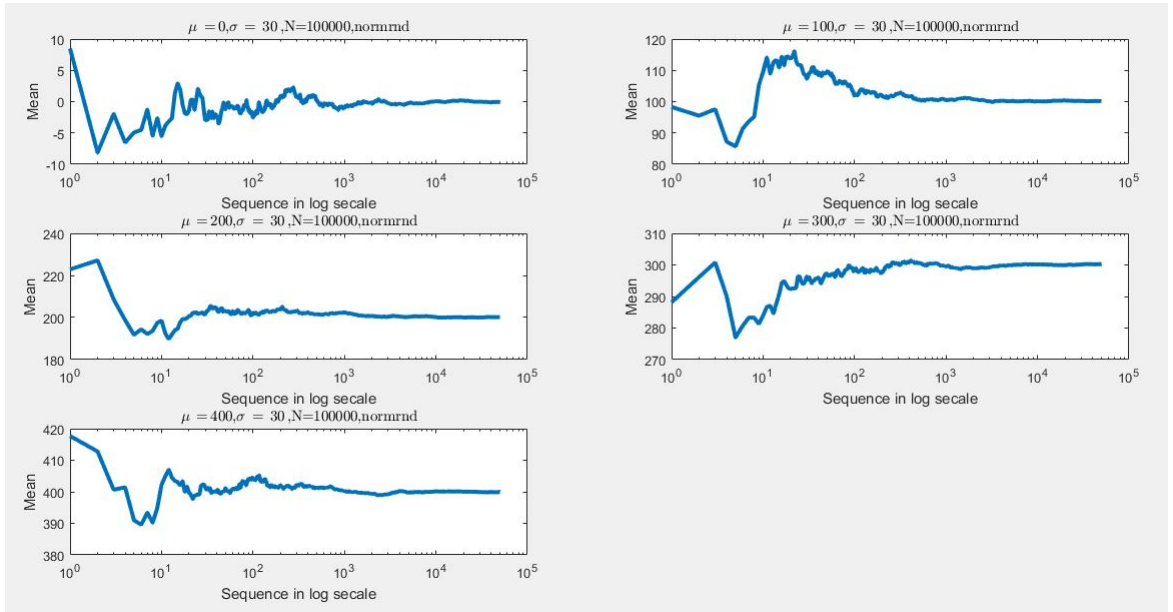


Figure 26: Mean of random number by naive function `normrnd` with different means

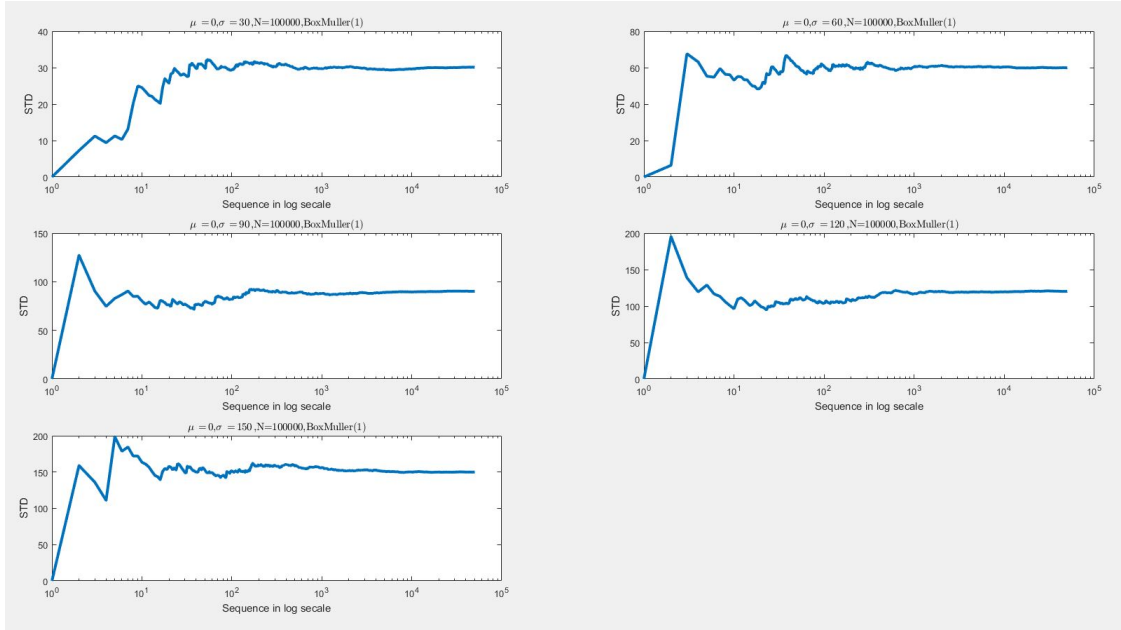


Figure 27: STD of first random number by BoxMüller method in polar form with different STDs

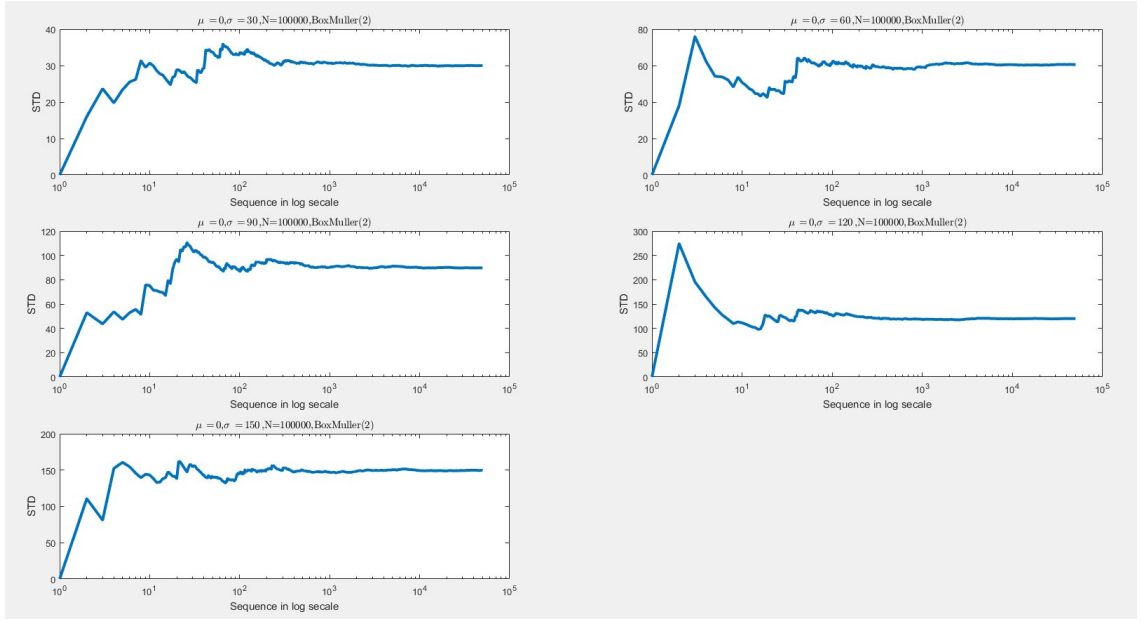


Figure 28: STD of second random number by BoxMüller method in polar form with different STDs

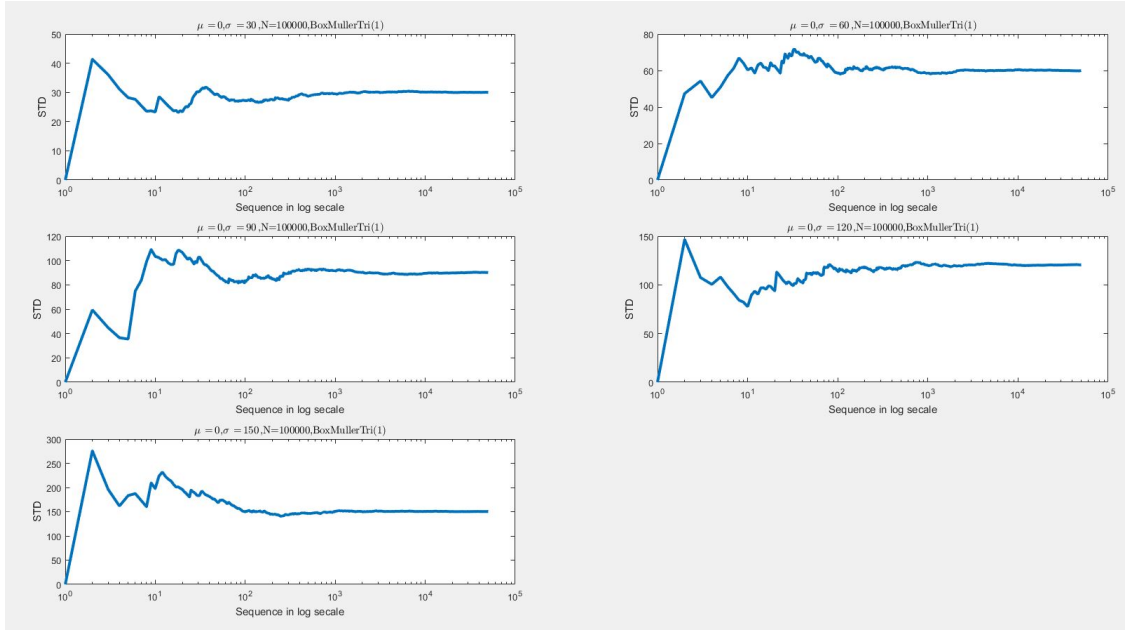


Figure 29: Mean of first random number by BoxMüller method using trigonometric operation with different STDs

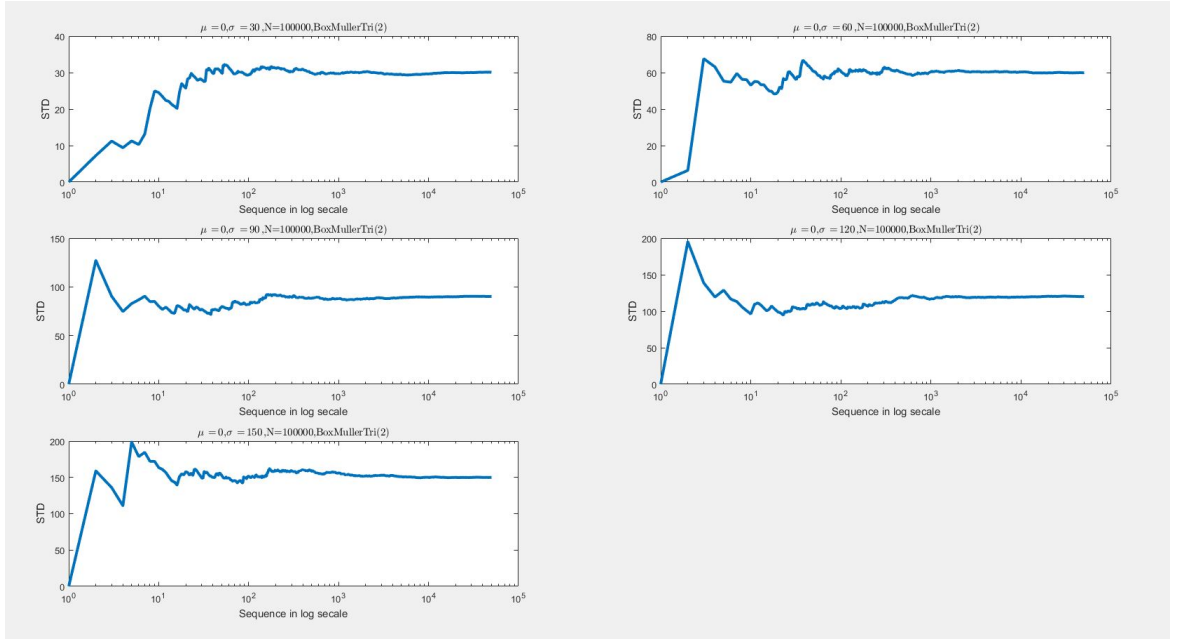


Figure 30: Mean of second random number by BoxMüller method using trigonometric operation with different STDs

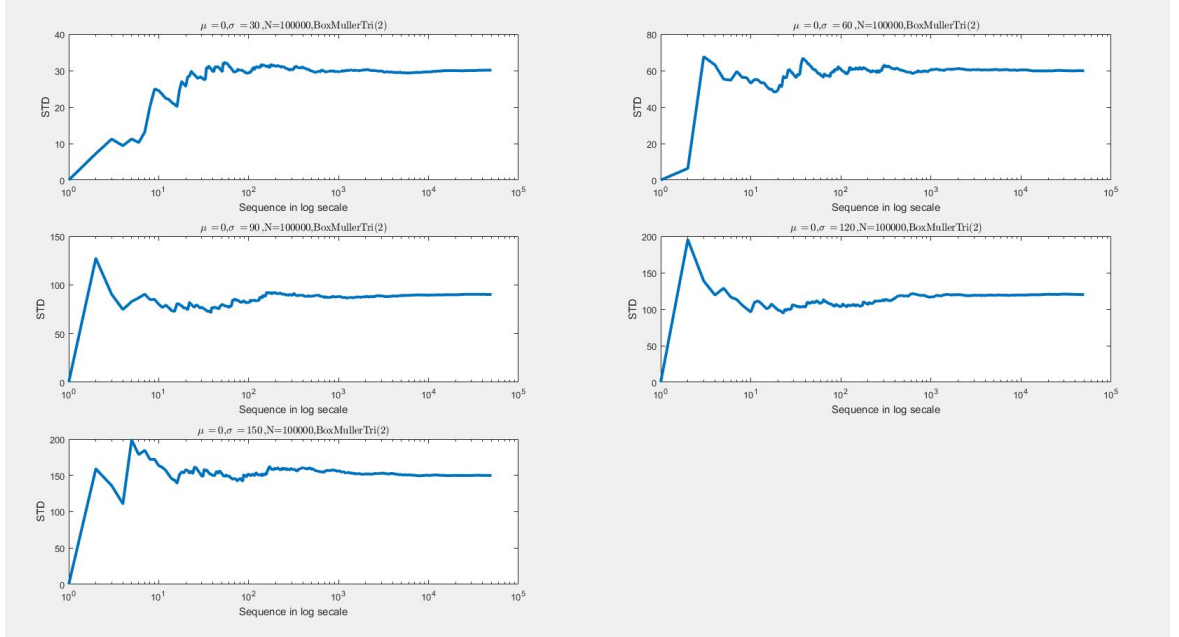


Figure 31: Mean of second random number by naive function normrnd with different STDs

1.3 Problem 3

1.3.1 Problem

Repeat problem 1 and 3, by generating a time series of uniform sequence with specified range.

1.3.2 Answer

The probability density of an continous uniform distribution sequence is defined as

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a}, & \text{for } a \leq x \leq b \\ 0, & \text{for } x < a \text{ or } x > b. \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

[3]

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = 1 \quad (6)$$

With the mean and the standard deviation, we can reform the equation 5 to this form

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2\sigma\sqrt{3}} & , \text{ for } -\sigma\sqrt{3} + \mu \leq x \leq \sigma\sqrt{3} + \mu \\ 0 & , \text{ for others} \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

With the equation 7, we can get equation

$$\sigma = \frac{b-a}{\sqrt{12}}, \mu = \frac{a+b}{2} \quad (8)$$

Input: min,max

Result: Output of the uniform deviate random number in the range of $[min, max]$

DIS=(max-min)/2;

MEAN=(max+min)/2; Caculating the mean of the range.

STD=(DIS)/ $\sqrt{3}$; Caculating the standard deviation of the range.

Initialized the variable TMP which $TMP > 1.0$

while $TMP > 1.0$ or $TMP < -1.0$ **do**

 TMP=(rand-0.5)/0.5

 OUT=TMP*DIS+MEAN

if $TMP \leq (DIS + MEAN)$ and $TMP \geq (DIS - MEAN)$ **then**

 | break

end

end

Output: OUT

Algorithm 3: Uniform deviate random number generator in the specified range $U[min, max]$

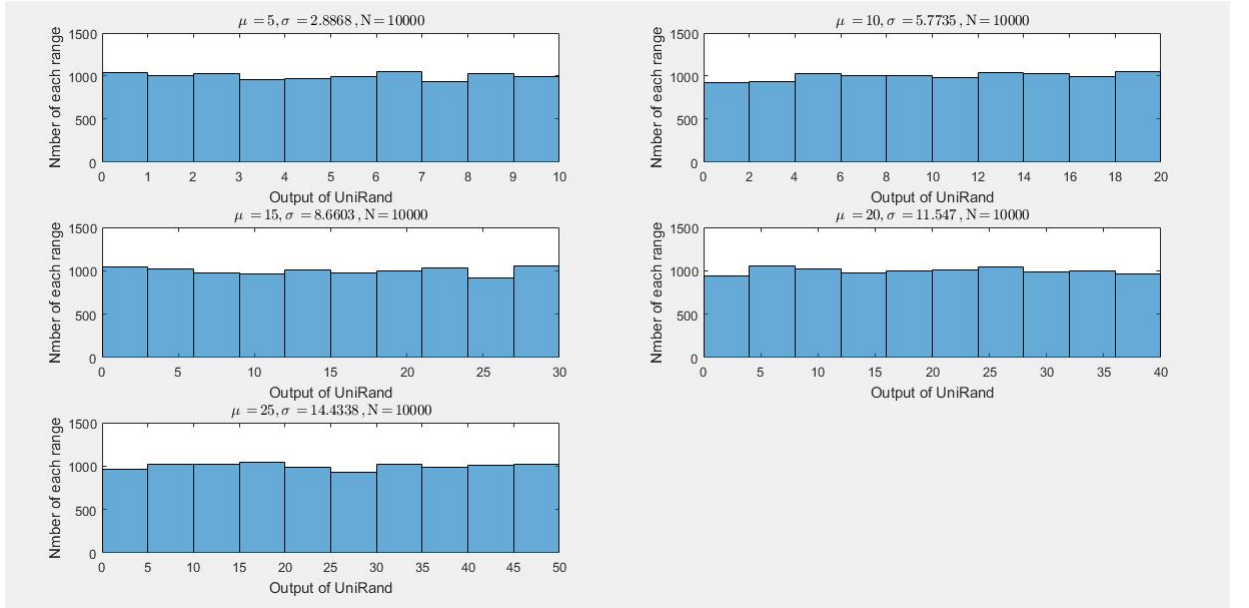


Figure 32: Uniform distribution in specified range

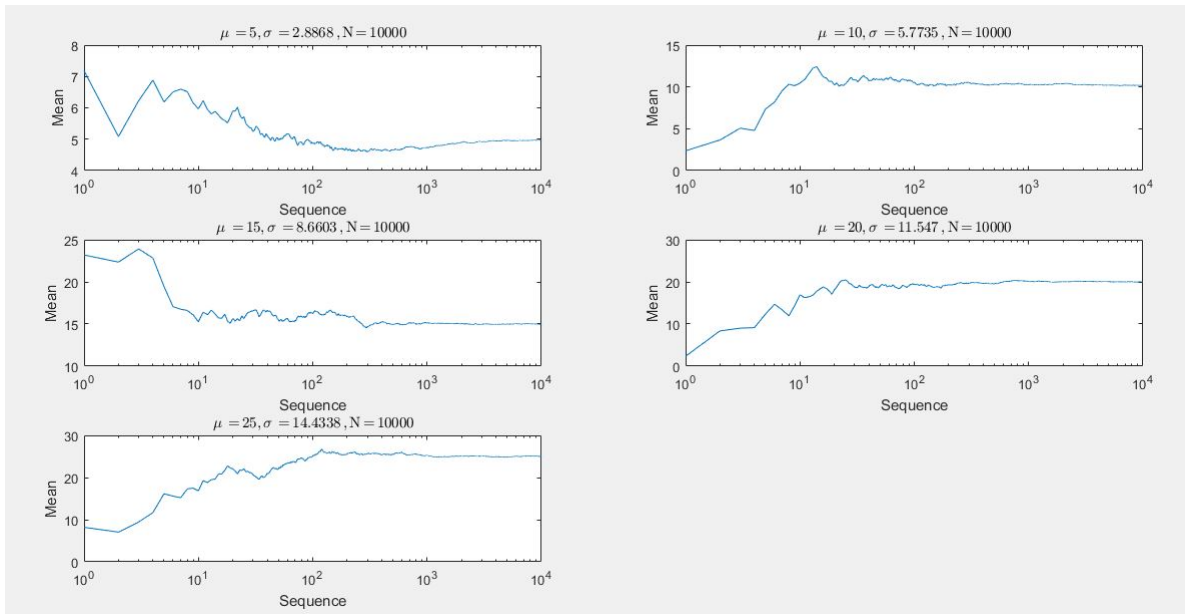


Figure 33: Mean of uniform distribution in spcfied range with different se-
quence length in semilog scale

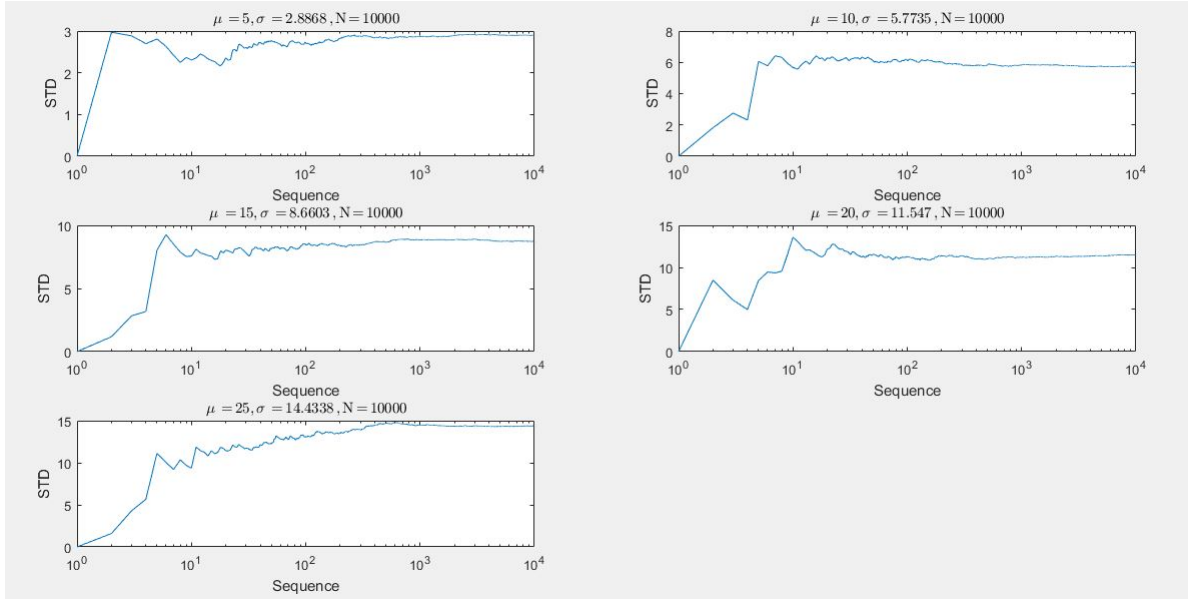


Figure 34: Standard deviation of uniform distribution in specified range with different sequence length in semilog scale

From the Figure 17 ~ 31, we can know the Box-Müller can generate the normal deviate random numbers at well. We may use the third moment(skewness) or the fourth moment(kurtosis) to analyze the performance of the output distribution.

2 Code

All of my codes can be found at the Github [StochasticMatlabCodeHomework4](#).

- BoxMüller.m : The file is my own function based on the Box-Müller method in polar form.
- BoxMüller_Tri.m : The file is my own function based on the Box-Müller method with trigonometric operations.
- UniRand.m : The file is my own function of uniform distribution random in specified range $U[\min, \max]$.
- Problem1.m : Figure 1 ~ 3
- Problem2a.m : Figure 4 ~ 6

- Problem2b.m : Figure 7 ~ 11
- Problem2c.m : Figure 12 ~ 16
- Problem2d.m : Figure 17 ~ 21
- Problem2e.m : Figure 22 ~ 26
- Problem2f.m : Figure 27 ~ 31
- Problem3.m : Figure 32 ~ 34

References

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- [2] Box—Muller transform from Wikipedia
- [3] Uniform distribution from Wikipedia