

Simulation: Computer Simulation Library in C

Function Reference

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This is a simple library written in the C programming language to provide functions needed for computer simulation. In particular, it provides functions for the generation of random numbers based on different statistical distributions. By itself, the library does not do much. However, if you write simulation programs and would like to use the functions provided, you simply link against the library.

1 Compiling

To compile the library in Linux or FreeBSD, you simply run `make`. It will generate the library `libsimulation.a`. This also works on Windows with MinGW.

2 Usage

Before using the functions of the library, one must call the initialization function: `init()`. The argument is any integer up to 64-bit long.

The other functions simply return random number from a given distribution. The list below summarizes the functions.

2.1 Uniform distribution

`double gen_uniform()` Generates uniformly distributed random number in the range $[0, 1)$. Example,

```
double x;  
x = gen_uniform();
```

2.2 Weibull distribution

`double gen_weibull(double k, double lambda)` Generates Weibull distributed random number with parameters k and λ .

```
double x;  
x = gen_weibull(1.0, 2.0);
```