RANDOM NUMBERS

- *pseudo* random
- uniformity and correlation
- repeatable (*seed)*

Try:

```
import random
import pylab as plt
import numpy as np

random.seed(-1001)
random.uniform(0,1)
random.uniform(0,1)
random.seed(-1003)
random.uniform(0,1)
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```
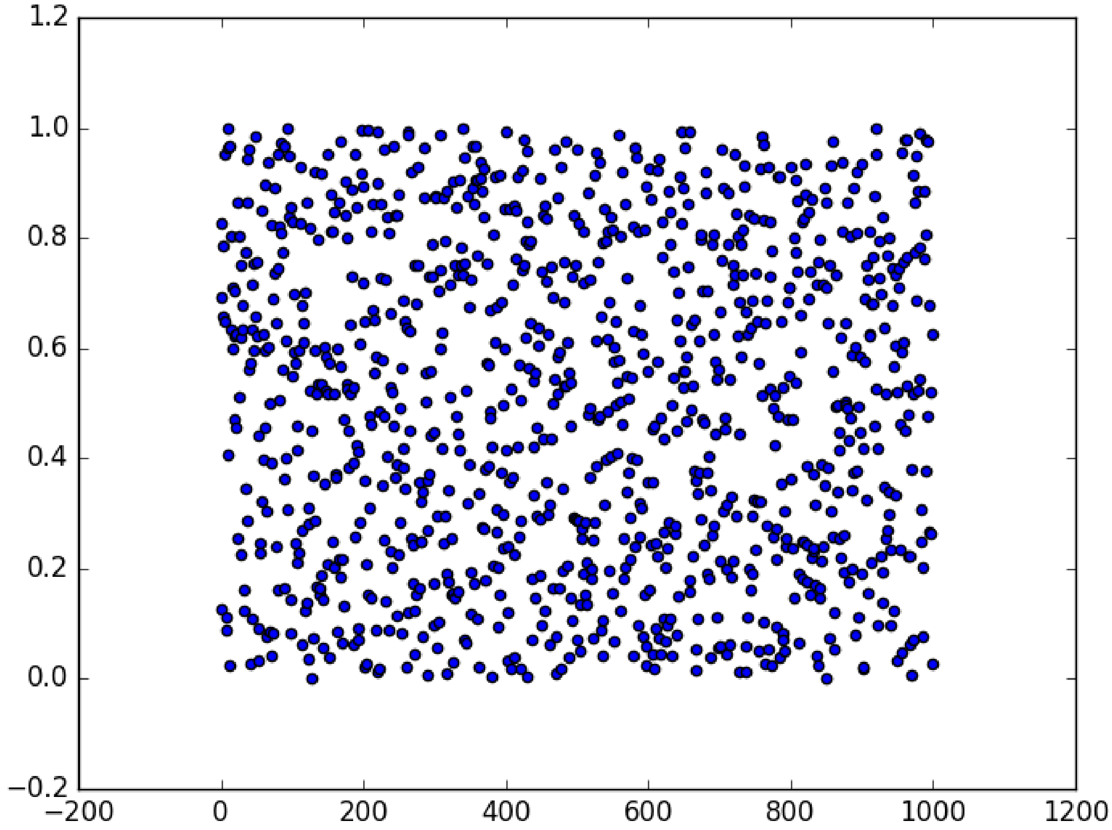

Exercize: plot a distribution of 1000 uniform random numbers in [0,1)

```
rn=np.random.uniform(0,1,1000)

plt.scatter(range(1000), rn)
```



Exercize: plot a distribution of 1000 random number with Gaussian distribution (hint: use random.normal)

Exercize: make a histogram of the two distributions (using plt.hist)

..look at the available distributions using random?

MAKING A SPHERE

Let's plot a 2D uniform distribution of 10,000 points with center (Xc,Yc) and size L; for example, (10,10) and L=50

```
N=10000

R=50

XC=10

YC=10

rnx=np.random.uniform(0,R,N)-R/2+XC

rny=np.random.uniform(0,R,N)-R/2+YC

plt.scatter(rnx,rny)

plt.show()
```

How would you extract a circle from this? Hint: use np.where()

For instance:

```
x=np.random.uniform(0,1,1000)

i,=np.where(x<0.5)

plt.scatter(range(len(x[i])),x[i])

plt.show()
```

np.where() is a *very powerful* function! Not that, for giving more conditions, the syntax is the following:

```
j,=np.where( (x>0.2) & (x<0.5) )
```

with the *binary* operators (&, | …)

Problem: in this way, a number of "attempts" are wasted.

Solution: use spherical coordinates and sample r, phi:

r=np.random.uniform(0,1,1000)

phi=np.random.uniform(0,6.28,1000)

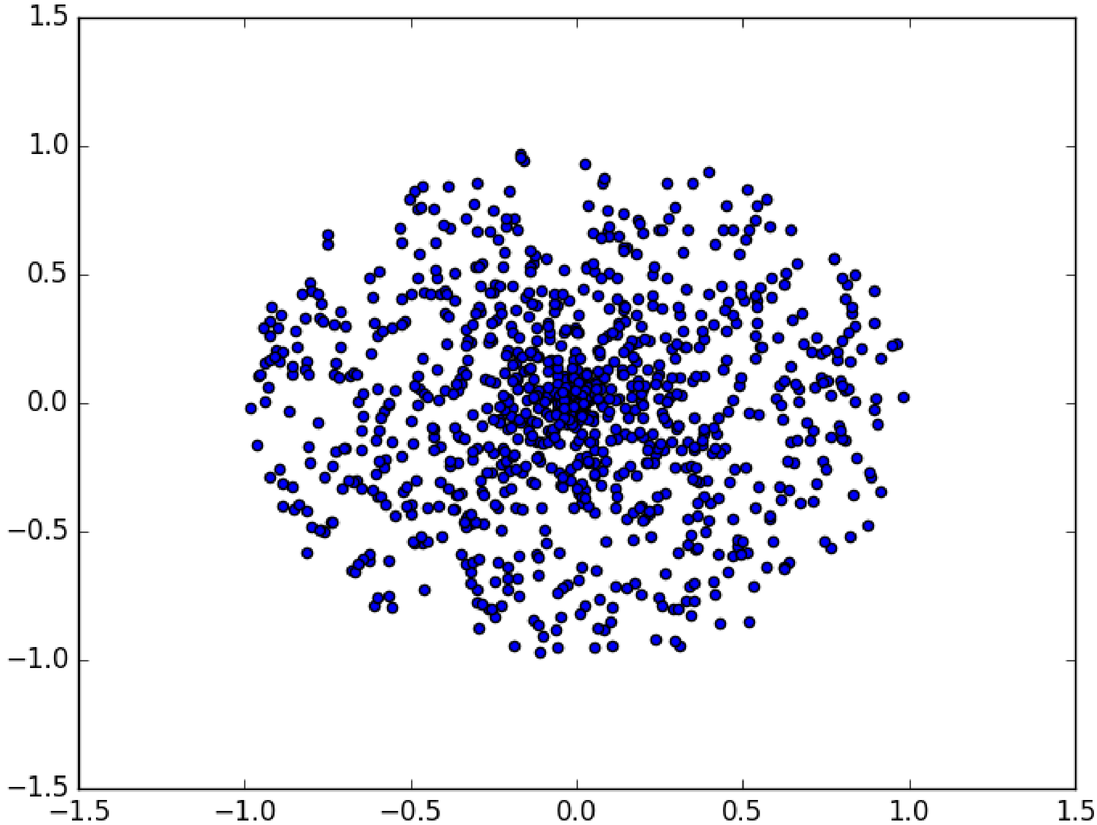
rnx=r*np.cos(phi)

rny=r*np.sin(phi)

but....

plt.scatter(rnx,rny)

plt.show()



and this is *NOT* uniform!

The reason is that in Cartesian coordinates the volume of the circle is

$$\iint_0^{R/2} dx\,dy$$

in polar coordinates is

$$\int_0^{R/2}\int_0^{2\pi} r\,dr\,d\varphi$$

thus, in Cartesian coordinates x,y must be uniform; in polar, rdr, d φ !

To sample a *non*-uniform distribution from a uniform one, one must equate their PDF;

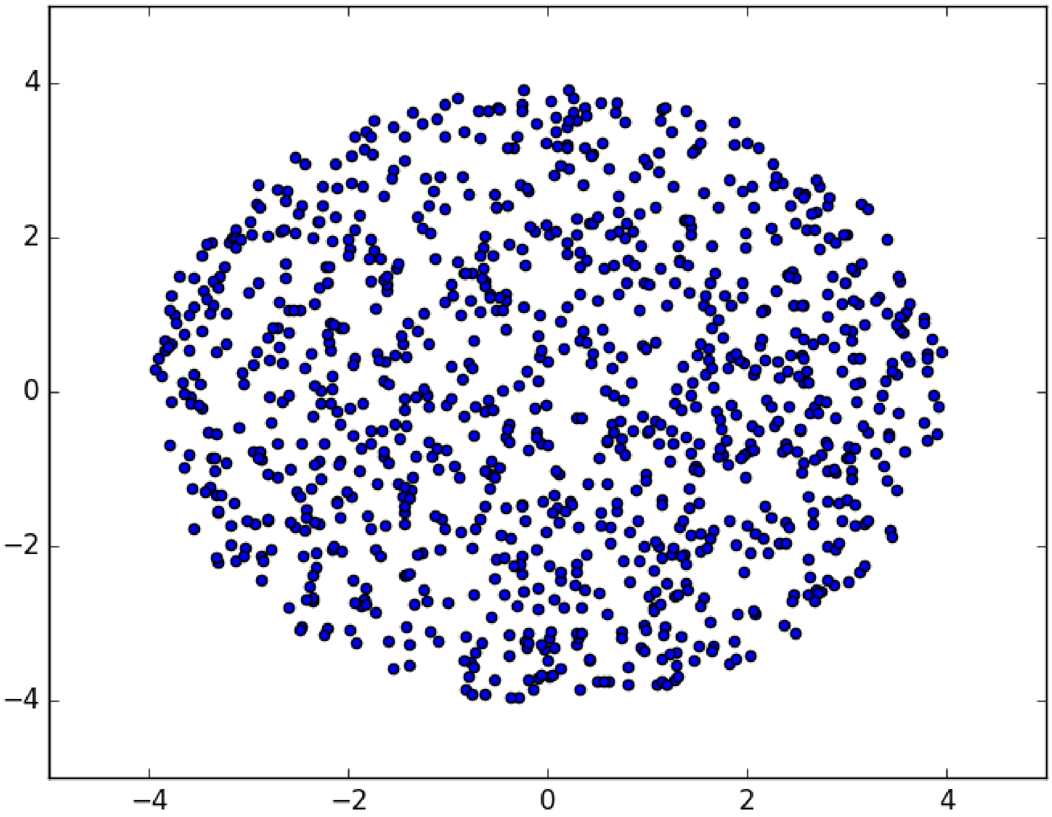
if U(u) is the uniform distribution and F(r) the needed one, we need F(r)=U(u)

where r is our radius and u our uniform number. Thus:

$$\int r\,dr=\int du \quad 1/2r^2=u \quad r=2\sqrt{u}$$

```
R=4
r=np.sqrt(2.*np.random.uniform(0,R*R/2.,1000))
phi=np.random.uniform(0,6.28,1000)
rnx=r*np.cos(phi)
rny=r*np.sin(phi)
plt.scatter(rnx,rny)
plt.show()
```

..note the extremes...



Exercize: knowing that the volume of a sphere (3D) is

$$\int_0^R dr \int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \int_{-1}^{1} d\cos\vartheta$$

produce a distribution of points uniformly distributed in the sphere and plot the three projection, with 1000, 10000 and 100000 points.

NEXT: ROUNDOFF ERRORS!