

Understanding Distributions Through Sampling

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1 Practice Assignment: Understanding Distributions Through Sampling

*** This assignment is optional, and I encourage you to share your solutions with me and your peers in the discussion forums! ***

To complete this assignment, create a code cell that: * Creates a number of subplots using the `pyplot` subplots or `matplotlib` `gridspec` functionality. * Creates an animation, pulling between 100 and 1000 samples from each of the random variables (`x1`, `x2`, `x3`, `x4`) for each plot and plotting this as we did in the lecture on animation. * **Bonus:** Go above and beyond and “wow” your classmates (and me!) by looking into `matplotlib` widgets and adding a widget which allows for parameterization of the distributions behind the sampling animations.

Tips: * Before you start, think about the different ways you can create this visualization to be as interesting and effective as possible. * Take a look at the histograms below to get an idea of what the random variables look like, as well as their positioning with respect to one another. This is just a guide, so be creative in how you lay things out! * Try to keep the length of your animation reasonable (roughly between 10 and 30 seconds).

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In [1]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np

%matplotlib notebook

# generate 4 random variables from the random, gamma, exponential, and uniform distributions
x1 = np.random.normal(-2.5, 1, 10000)
x2 = np.random.gamma(2, 1.5, 10000)
x3 = np.random.exponential(2, 10000)+7
x4 = np.random.uniform(14,20, 10000)

# plot the histograms
plt.figure(figsize=(9,3))
plt.hist(x1, normed=True, bins=20, alpha=0.5)
plt.hist(x2, normed=True, bins=20, alpha=0.5)
plt.hist(x3, normed=True, bins=20, alpha=0.5)
plt.hist(x4, normed=True, bins=20, alpha=0.5);
plt.axis([-7,21,0,0.6])

plt.text(x1.mean()-1.5, 0.5, 'x1\nNormal')
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plt.text(x2.mean()-1.5, 0.5, 'x2\nGamma')
plt.text(x3.mean()-1.5, 0.5, 'x3\nExponential')
plt.text(x4.mean()-1.5, 0.5, 'x4\nUniform')
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Out[1]: <matplotlib.text.Text at 0x7f6cdfa766a0>

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