

# Assignment: Random numbers

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## I. UNIFORM RANDOM NUMBERS

Let  $U$  be a uniform random variable between 0 and 1.

- **1.1** Generate  $10^6$  samples of  $U$  using a C program and save into a file called uni.dat .

**Solution:** Download the following files and execute the C program

The C code - exrand.c

The Header - coeffs.h

Compile and execute the above C program using command

- gcc exrand.c -lm -o exrand.out
- ./exrand.out

- **1.2** Load the uni.dat file into python and plot the empirical CDF of  $U$  using the samples in uni.dat . The CDF is defined as

$$F_U(x) = \Pr(U \leq x) \quad (1)$$

**Solution:** The following code plots Fig. 1

Python code - cdf\_plot.py

The above code is executed using command

- python3 cdf\_plot.py

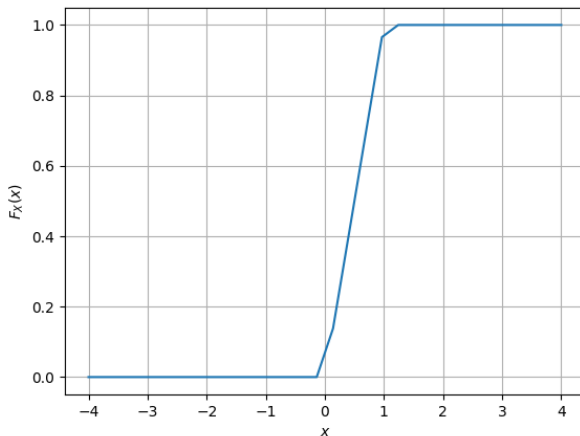


Fig. 1. The CDF of  $U$

- **1.3** Find the theoretical expression for  $F_U(x)$ .  
**Solution:** Since  $U$  is a uniformly distributed in  $[0,1]$

We have three cases:

-  $x < 0$ :  $P_X(x) = 0$ , and hence  $F_U(x) = 0$ .

-  $0 \leq x < 1$ : Here,

$$F_U(x) = \int_0^x du = x \quad (2)$$

-  $x \geq 1$ : Put  $x = 1$  in above eqn we get  $F_U(x) = 1$ .

Therefore,

$$F_U(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ x & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 1 & x \geq 1 \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

This can be verified from Fig. 1

- **1.4** The mean of  $U$  is defined as

$$E[U] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N U_i \quad (4)$$

and its variance as

$$\text{var}[U] = E[U - E[U]]^2 \quad (5)$$

Write a C program to find the mean and variance of  $U$

**Solution:** Download and run the following C code.

Mean and variance - mean-var1-4.c

The Header - coeffs.h

Compile and execute the above C program using command

- gcc mean-var1-4.c -lm -o mean-var1-4.out
- ./mean-var1-4.out

- **1.5** Verify your result theotically given that

$$E[U^k] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^k dF_U(x) \quad (6)$$

**Solution:** Verifying result theoretically  
Given that

$$E[U^k] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^k dF_U(x) \quad (7)$$

Mean is given by

$$E[U] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x dF_U(x) \quad (8)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x dx \quad (9)$$

$$= \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^1 \quad (10)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \quad (11)$$

Variance is given by

$$E[U - E[U]]^2 = E[U^2] - E[U]^2 \quad (12)$$

$$E[U^2] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 dF_U(x) \quad (13)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 dx \quad (14)$$

$$= \left[ \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^1 \quad (15)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \quad (16)$$

$$E[U - E[U]]^2 = \frac{1}{3} - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \quad (17)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} \quad (18)$$

$$= \frac{1}{12} \quad (19)$$

## II. CENTRAL LIMIT THEOREM

- **2.1** Generate  $10^6$  samples of the random variable

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^{12} U_i - 6 \quad (20)$$

Using a C program, where  $U_i = 1, 2, \dots, 12$  are a set of independent uniform random variables between 0 and 1 and save in a file called gau.dat

**Solution:** Download the following files and execute the C program

The C code - exrand.c

The Header - coeffs.h

Compile and execute the above C program using command

- gcc exrand.c -lm -o exrand.out
- ./exrand.out

- **2.2** Load gau.dat in python and plot the empirical CDF of  $X$  using the sample in gau.dat. What properties does a CDF have?

**Solution:** The CDF of  $X$  is plotted in Fig. 2  
**properties of cdf**

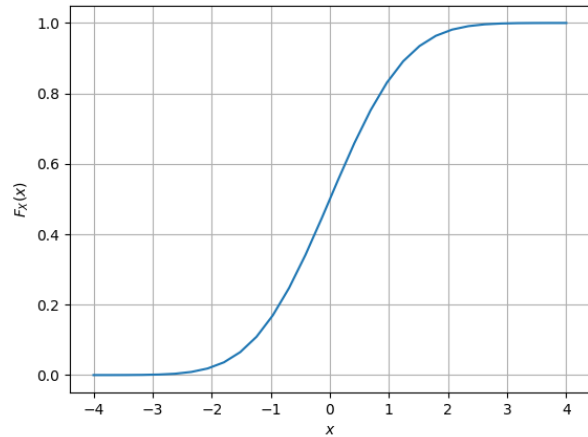


Fig. 2. The CDF of  $X$

- $F_X(x)$  is a nondecreasing function of  $x$  for  $-\infty < x < \infty$ .
- The CDF,  $F_X(x)$  ranges from 0 to 1. This makes sense since  $F_X(x)$  is a probability.
- If the maximum value of  $X$  is  $b$ , then  $F_X(b) = 1$

- **2.3** Load gau.dat in python and plot the empirical PDF of  $X$  using the samples in gau.dat. The PDF of  $X$  is defined as

$$P_X(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F_X(x) \quad (21)$$

What properties does the PDF have?

**Solution:** The PDF of  $X$  is plotted in Fig. 3 using the code below

Python code - pdf\_plot.py

The above code is executed using command

- python3 pdf\_plot.py

### properties of pdf

- PDF is symmetric about  $X = 0$

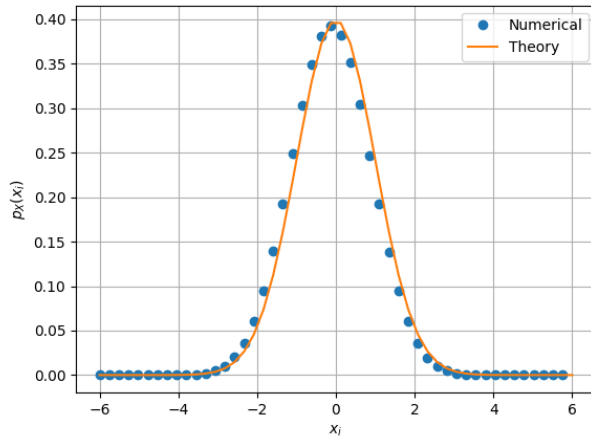


Fig. 3. The PDF of  $X$

- Graph is bell shaped
- Mean of graph is situated at the apex point of the bell.

- **2.4** Find the mean and variance of  $X$  by writing a C program.

**Solution:** Download and run the following C code.

Mean and variance - mean-var2-4.c

The Header - coeffs.h

Compile and execute the above C program using command

- gcc mean-var2-4.c -lm -o mean-var2-4.out
- ./mean-var2-4.out

- **2.5** Given that

$$P_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}, -\infty < x < \infty \quad (22)$$

repeat the above exercise theoretically.

**Solution:** Verifying theoretically

$$F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx \quad (23)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \quad (24)$$

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx \quad (25)$$

Taking  $\frac{x^2}{2} = t \rightarrow x dx = dt$

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-t} dt = 0 \quad (26)$$

$$E[X^2] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx \quad (27)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x (x e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}) dx \quad (28)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[ -x e^{\frac{x^2}{2}} + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx \right] \quad (29)$$

$$= 1 \quad (30)$$

$$\text{variance} = E[X^2] - E[X]^2 = 1 \quad (31)$$

### III. FROM UNIFORM TO OTHER

- **3.1** Generate samples of

$$V = -2\ln(1 - U) \quad (32)$$

and plot its CDF.

**Solution:** Download the following files and execute the C program

The C code - exrand.c

The Header - coeffs.h

Compile and execute the above C program using command

- gcc exrand.c -lm -o exrand.out
- ./exrand.out

The above C program will save the values of  $V$  in log.dat

The CDF of  $X$  is plotted in Fig. 4 using the code

Python code - cdf\_plot3-1.py

The above code is executed using command

- python3 cdf\_plot3-1.py

- **3.2** Find a theoretical expression for  $F_V(x)$ .

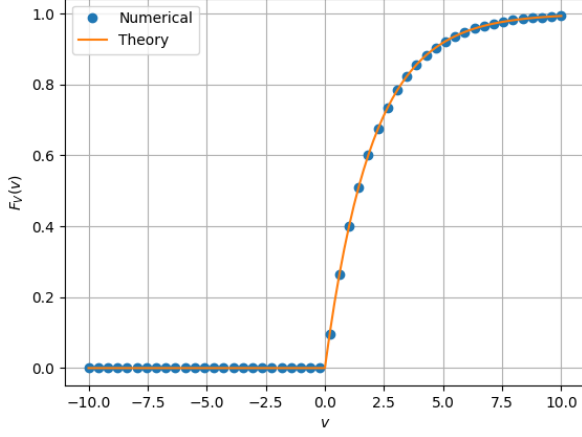


Fig. 4. The CDF of  $V$

**Solution:**

$$F_V(x) = Pr(V \leq x) \quad (33)$$

$$= Pr(-2\ln(1 - U) \leq x) \quad (34)$$

$$= Pr(U \leq 1 - e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}) \quad (35)$$

$$Pr(U < x) = \int_0^x dx = x \quad (36)$$

$$\therefore Pr(U \leq 1 - e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}) = 1 - e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \quad (37)$$

$$\rightarrow F_V(x) = 1 - e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \quad (38)$$