

Random Numbers

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Abstract—This manual provides a simple introduction to the generation of random numbers

1 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

```
$ wget https://github.com/jarpula-Bhanu/
Random-numbers/blob/main/codes/exrand
.c
$ wget https://github.com/jarpula-Bhanu/
Random-numbers/blob/main/codes/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

$$F_U(x) = \Pr(U \leq x) \quad (1.1)$$

Solution: The following code plots Fig. 1.2

```
$ wget https://github.com/jarpula-Bhanu/
Random-numbers/blob/main/codes/
cdf_plot.py
```

The above code is executed using command

```
$ python3 cdf_plot.py
```

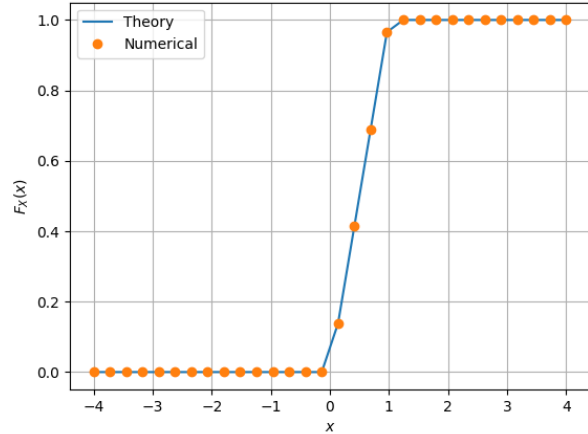


Fig. 1.2: The CDF of U

- 1.3 Find a 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,

$$F_U(x) = \int_0^x du = x \quad (1.2)$$

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

Therefore,

$$F_U(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ x & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 1 & x \geq 1 \end{cases} \quad (1.3)$$

This can be verified from Fig. 1.2

- 1.4 The mean of U is defined as

$$E[U] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N U_i \quad (1.4)$$

and its variance as

$$\text{var}[U] = E[U - E[U]]^2 \quad (1.5)$$

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

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```

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```
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$ ./exrand.out
```

The mean of U is 0.500007
The variance of U is 0.083301

1.5 Verify your result theoretically given that

$$E[U^k] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^k dF_U(x) \quad (1.6)$$

Solution: Verifying result theoritically
Given that

$$E[U^k] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^k dF_U(x) \quad (1.7)$$

Mean is given by

$$E[U] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x dF_U(x) \quad (1.8)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x dx \quad (1.9)$$

$$= \left[\frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^1 \quad (1.10)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \quad (1.11)$$

Varaience is given by

$$E[U - E[U]]^2 = E[U^2] - E[U]^2 \quad (1.12)$$

$$E[U]^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 dF_U(x) \quad (1.13)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 dx \quad (1.14)$$

$$= \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^1 \quad (1.15)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \quad (1.16)$$

$$E[U - E[U]]^2 = \frac{1}{3} - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \quad (1.17)$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} \quad (1.18)$$

$$= \frac{1}{12} \quad (1.19)$$

2 CENTRAL LIMIT THEOREM

2.1 Generate 10^6 samples of the random variable

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^{12} U_i - 6 \quad (2.1)$$

using a C program, where $U_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, 12$ 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

```
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  h
```

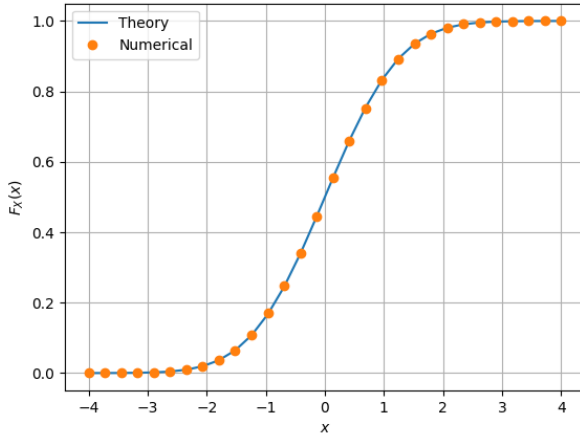
Compile and execute the above C program using command

```
$ 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 samples in gau.dat. What properties does a CDF have?

Solution: The CDF of X is plotted in Fig. 2.2
properties of cdf

- $F_X(x)$ is a nondecreasing function of x for $-\infty < x < \infty$.

Fig. 2.2: The CDF of X

- 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

$$p_X(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F_X(x) \quad (2.2)$$

What properties does the PDF have?

Solution: The PDF of X is plotted in Fig. 2.3 using the code below

Python code - `pdf_plot.py`

The above code is executed using command

- `python3 pdf_plot.py`

properties of pdf

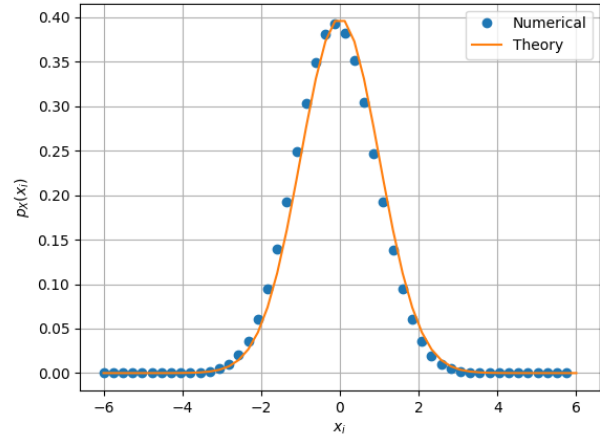
- PDF is symmetric about $X = 0$
- Graph is bell shaped
- Mean of graph is situated at the apex point of the bell.

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

Solution: Download and run the following C code.

The C program can be downloaded using

```
$ wget https://github.com/jarpula-Bhanu/
Random-numbers/blob/main/codes/mean
-var2-4.c
```

Fig. 2.3: The PDF of X

```
$ wget https://github.com/jarpula-Bhanu/
Random-numbers/blob/main/codes/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
```

The mean of X is 0.000326

The variance of X is 1.000907

2.5 Given that

$$p_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right), -\infty < x < \infty, \quad (2.3)$$

repeat the above exercise theoretically.

Solution: Verifying theoretically

$$F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx \quad (2.4)$$

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx \quad (2.5)$$

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

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-t} dt = 0 \quad (2.6)$$

$$E[X^2] = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx \quad (2.7)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(xe^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}) dx \quad (2.8)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left[-xe^{\frac{x^2}{2}} + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx \right]_{-\infty}^{\infty} \quad (2.9)$$

$$= 1 \quad (2.10)$$

$$\text{variance} = E[X^2] - E[X]^2 = 1 \quad (2.11)$$

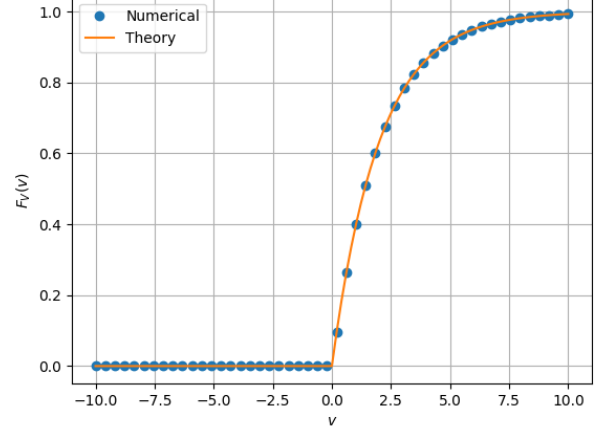


Fig. 3.1: The CDF of V

3 FROM UNIFORM TO OTHER

3.1 Generate samples of

$$V = -2 \ln(1 - U) \quad (3.1)$$

and plot its CDF.

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```
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  Random-numbers/blob/main/codes/exrand
  .c
$ wget https://github.com/jarpula-Bhanu/
  Random-numbers/blob/main/codes/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

and the CDF is plotted in Figure (3.1).

```
$ wget https://github.com/jarpula-Bhanu/
  Random-numbers/blob/main/codes/
  cdf_plot3-1.py
```

The above code is executed using command

```
$ python3 cdf\_plot3-1.py
```

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

$$F_V(x) = \Pr(V \leq x) \quad (3.2)$$

$$= \Pr(-2 \ln(1 - U) \leq x) \quad (3.3)$$

$$= \Pr(U \leq 1 - e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}) \quad (3.4)$$

$$\Pr(U < x) = \int_0^x dx = x \quad (3.5)$$

$$\therefore \Pr(U \leq 1 - e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}}) = 1 - e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \quad (3.6)$$

$$\rightarrow F_V(x) = 1 - e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \quad (3.7)$$