

fn sample_bernoulli_rational

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This document proves that the implementations of `sample_bernoulli_rational` in `mod.rs` at commit `f5bb719` (outdated¹) satisfies its proof definition.

0.1 Hoare Triple

Preconditions

Compiler-verified

- Variable `prob` must be of type `RBig`, a rational of bignums.

User-verified `None`

Pseudocode

```
1 def sample_bernoulli_rational(prob: RBig) -> bool:
2     number, denom = prob.into_parts() #
3     sign, number = number.into_parts() #
4     if sign == Negative:
5         raise ValueError("prob must not be negative")
6     if number > denom:
7         raise ValueError("prob must not be greater than one")
8     return number > sample_uniform_int_below(denom)
```

Postcondition

Definition 0.1. For any setting of the input parameters, returns an error if there is a lack of system entropy or `prob` is not in $[0, 1]$, returns true with probability `prob`, otherwise returns false.

Proof. At 2, `into_parts` returns the signed numerator and unsigned nonzero denominator of `prob`. At 3, `into_parts` returns the sign and magnitude of `number`.

An error is raised if the sign is negative (if `prob` is negative) or if the numerator is greater than the denominator (if `prob` is greater than one).

Since `RBig.into_parts` never returns a zero denominator (this would be an invalid rational), the precondition of `sample_uniform_ubig_below` is met, therefore by the postcondition the return value is a uniform sample in $[0, \text{denom})$.

By countable additivity, the probability that the uniform sample is less than the numerator is exactly `prob`, as there are `number` possible disjoint outcomes each with probability $1/\text{denom}$. It has been shown that the function returns true with probability `prob`, otherwise returns false. \square

¹See new changes with `git diff f5bb719..516d7d7b rust/src/traits/samplers/bernoulli/mod.rs`