

Probability: Assignment 1

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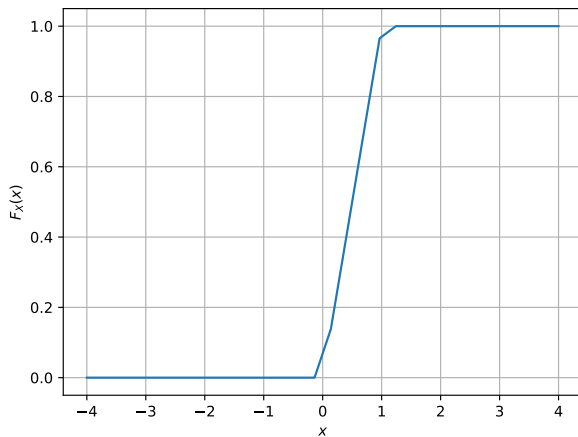


Fig. 1.2. The CDF of U

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.

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codes/exrand.c
codes/coeffs.h
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- 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

$$F_U(x) = \Pr(U \leq x) \quad (1.2.1)$$

Solution: The following code plots Fig. 1.2

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codes/cdf_plot.py
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- 1.3 Find a theoretical expression for $F_U(x)$.

Solution: The Probability Density Function for Uniform Distribution is given by:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in [0, 1] \\ 0 & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (1.3.1)$$

The Cumulative Distribution Function is defined by

$$F_U(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(x)dx$$

So, we can split in for three intervals, as

$$F_U(x) = \int_{-\infty}^0 f(x)dx + \int_0^1 f(x)dx + \int_1^{\infty} f(x)dx$$

Accordingly, we have three cases as follows:

Case 1:

$$\int_{-\infty}^0 f(x)dx$$

if $x < 0$ then, $f(x) = 0$ and but $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x) = 0$

Case 2:

$$\int_0^1 f(x)dx$$

if $0 \leq x \leq 1$ then,

$$\int_0^1 f(x)dx = \frac{1}{1-0} \int_0^1 dx = \left[\frac{x}{1-0} \right]_0^1 = 1$$

Case 3:

$$\int_1^{\infty} f(x)dx$$

if $x > b$ then, $f(x) = 0$ but $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x) = 1$

Thus, The Cumulative Distribution for uniform random variable is given as follows:

$$F_U(x) = \Pr(U \leq x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x < 0 \\ \frac{x-0}{1-0} & x \in [0, 1] \\ 1 & \text{for } x > 1 \end{cases} \quad (1.3.2)$$

- 1.4 The mean of U is defined as

$$E[U] = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N U_i \quad (1.4.1)$$

and its variance as

$$\text{var}[U] = E[U - E[U]]^2 \quad (1.4.2)$$

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

Solution: The C Program is executed in the following

```
codes/exrand.c
codes/coeffs.h
```

The mean value is **0.50** and variance value is **0.083**

1.5 Verify your result theoretically given that

$$E[U^k] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^k dF_U(x) \quad (1.5.1)$$

Solution: Mean is given by $E[U] = \int_0^1 x dF_U(x)$
Accordingly,

$$\begin{aligned} E[U] &= \int_0^1 x dF_U(x) \\ &= \int_0^1 x dx \\ &= \left[\frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^1 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} = 0.50 \end{aligned}$$

Now, for $E[U^2]$, we have,

$$\begin{aligned} E[U^2] &= \int_0^1 x^2 dF_U(x) \\ &= \int_0^1 x^2 dx \\ &= \left[\frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^1 \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Now, we know from **1.4** that,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}[U] &= E[U - E[U]]^2 \\ &= E[U^2 - 2UE[U] + (E[U])^2] \\ &= E[U^2] - 2E[U]E[U] + E[E[U]^2] \\ &= E[U^2] - 2E[U]^2 + E[U]^2 \\ &= E[U^2] - E[U]^2 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting the Values for $E[U]$ and $E[U^2]$ in the above equation, we get,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}[U] &= \frac{1}{3} - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \\ \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} &= \frac{1}{12} = 0.083 \end{aligned}$$

Hence Proved.