

Exercise no.1

Use the sample mean Monte Carlo method to evaluate $\int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx$

Sample the function 10^6 times and verify that the error is $\sim \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n-1}}$

(The exact value of the integral is 0.68268949)

Exercise no.2

Implement the inverse CDF method to generate random numbers from the distribution:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \sin(x)/2 & 0 \leq x \leq \pi \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Fill a 40-bins histogram and compare its shape with the given function for different value of N.

Exercise no.3

Write a program to verify the central limit theorem.

Evaluate the mean value of N numbers generated from $U(0,1)$, with $N=2,3,5,10,20,50$.

For each value of N repeat the sampling 10^5 times and fill a 40-bin histogram (range: 0,1) with the obtained mean. The shape of the histogram should approximate the gaussian distribution as N increases.

Then put $N=12$ and verify that $\left(\sum_{i=1}^N x_i \right) - 6$ approximate a gaussian with $\mu=0$ and $\sigma=1$