

# EE5471: Assignment on Random Number Generation

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## 1 Reading Assignment

Chapter on Random Numbers

## 2 The Assignment

1. Implement the function to generate normally distributed random numbers in Python. Plot a histogram of the random numbers generated and compare to the theoretical pdf.
2. Packets arrive from a Poisson Source ( $p(t) = e^{-t}$ ). Generate  $N$  packets ( $N = 30$ ) and identify the packet arrival times (packet 2 arrival time follows the same statistics, starting at the time 1st packet arrived.) Repeat this experiment 100 times, and plot a histogram of the arrival time of the 30<sup>th</sup> packet. Explain the shape (see Q4).
3. Consider the following function:

$$f(x,y) = u^2 + v^2 \quad (1)$$

where

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha \\ -\sin \alpha & \cos \alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0.5 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

where  $\alpha = \pi \sin \left( 10 \left( \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} - 0.5 \right) \right)$ . We wish to compute

$$I = \int_{|f| < 1} dx dy$$

- (a) Write a Python function to implement this function of two variables,  $x$  and  $y$ .
- (b) Plot a contour plot (use `contourf` to get filled contours) of the function with contour values `[0.0, 1.0]` and consider the region corresponding to  $|f| < 1$ .
- (c) Find a covering function that contains all the places where  $|f| < 1$ , and use it to estimate the integral above.

4. Understand and implement in Python, the algorithm to generate the probability of getting  $m$  events in a time  $t$  when the arrival rate is  $\lambda$ , i.e.,

$$p_{\lambda,m}(t) = \frac{(\lambda t)^m e^{-\lambda t}}{m!}$$