
Subject: Re: Random number generation

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Le mercredi 3 février 2016 17:51:13 UTC+1, dave poreh a écrit :

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> Folks,  
> Hi,  
> I am working on some simulation problems, that I need to generate random numbers. When I  
use>  
> print, mean(randomu(seed, 100000))  
>    0.498516  
> print, mean(randomn(seed, 100000))  
>    0.00100909  
> 1-the randomn is much better than randomu. why is that?  
> 2-I am expecting very small number for mean of this random numbers, but as you see they are  
quite big (i am expecting in order of 10e-7).  
> Is there any other way that i can use?  
> Thanks for anykind of helps...  
> Cheers,  
> Dave
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randomu generates a random N-vector, uniform in [0,1] with mean=0.5 and std(mean)=
 $\sqrt{1/12}/\sqrt{N}$ about 0.001 in your case.

randomn generates a random gaussian N-vector with mean=0 and sigma=1; then std(mean) is
 $1/\sqrt{N}$ about 0.003 in your case.

Everything is o.k.

alx.
