

Modeling of Thermal Noise and Measurement Error

A Gaussian random variable can be employed for modeling thermal noise and measurement error.

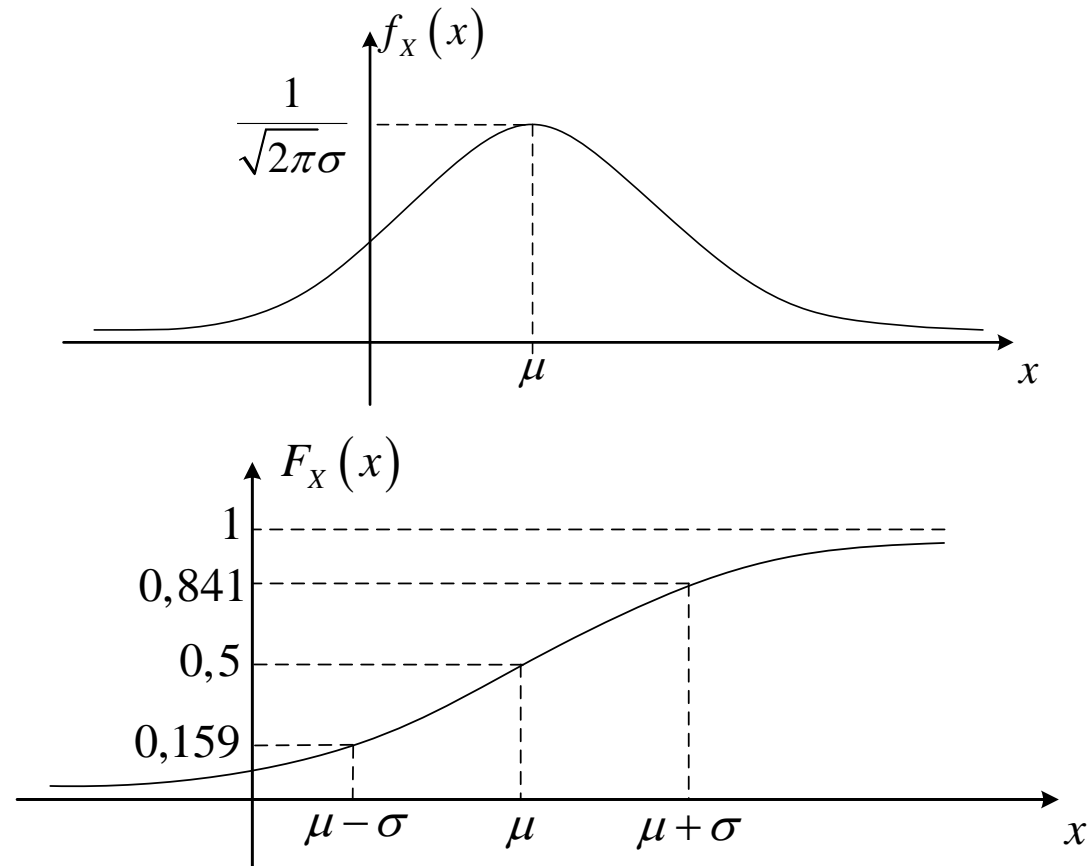
Gaussian PDF

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-(x-\mu)^2/2\sigma^2} \quad -\infty < x < \infty$$

where μ is **mean** and σ is the **standard deviation**.

$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2) \rightarrow X$ is Gaussian distributed with mean μ and variance σ^2

Gaussian Random Variables



$$F_X(x) = P(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(t) dt$$

Gaussian Random Variables

Normality is preserved by linear transformation.

$$Y = aX + b$$

Y is also a normal random variable with mean and variance:

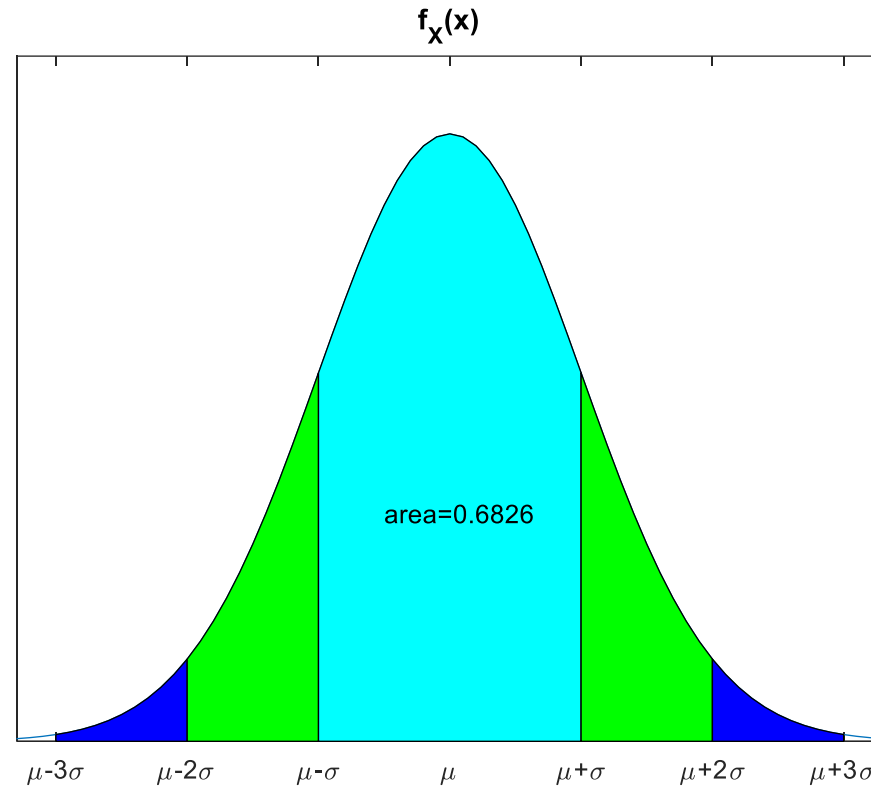
$$E[Y] = E[aX + b] = aE[X] + b$$

$$\text{var}(Y) = \text{var}(aX + b) = a^2 \text{var}(X)$$

Homework: Try to show these properties by simulations.

Textbook: D. P. Bertsekas, J. N. Tsitsiklis, "Introduction to Probability", 2nd Ed., Athena Science 2008.

Gaussian Random Variables



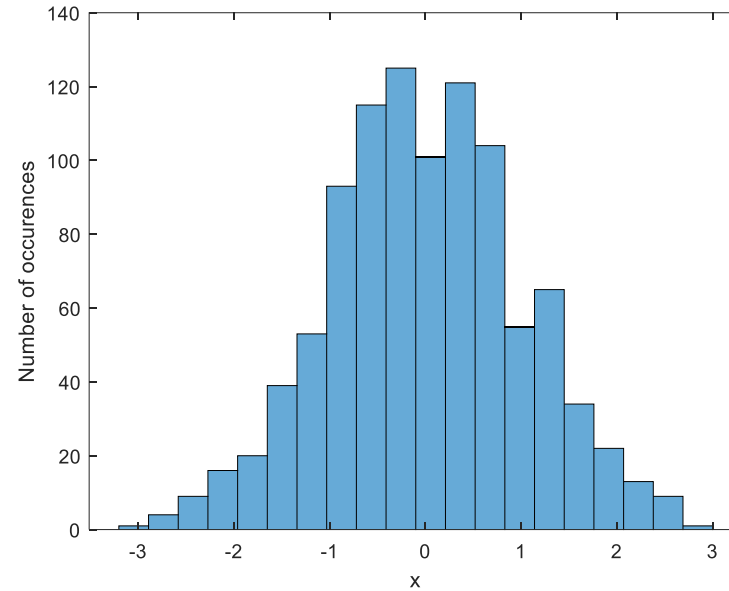
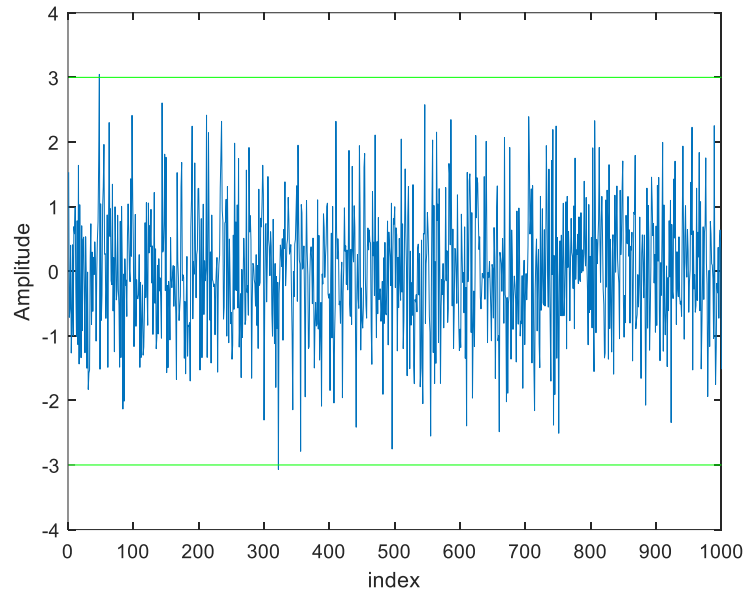
$$P(|X - \mu| \leq \sigma) = P(-1 < Y \leq 1) = 0.68262$$

$$P(|X - \mu| \leq 2\sigma) = P(-2 < Y \leq 2) = 0.9545$$

$$P(|X - \mu| \leq 3\sigma) = P(-3 < Y \leq 3) = 0.9973$$

Generating Gaussian Random Numbers

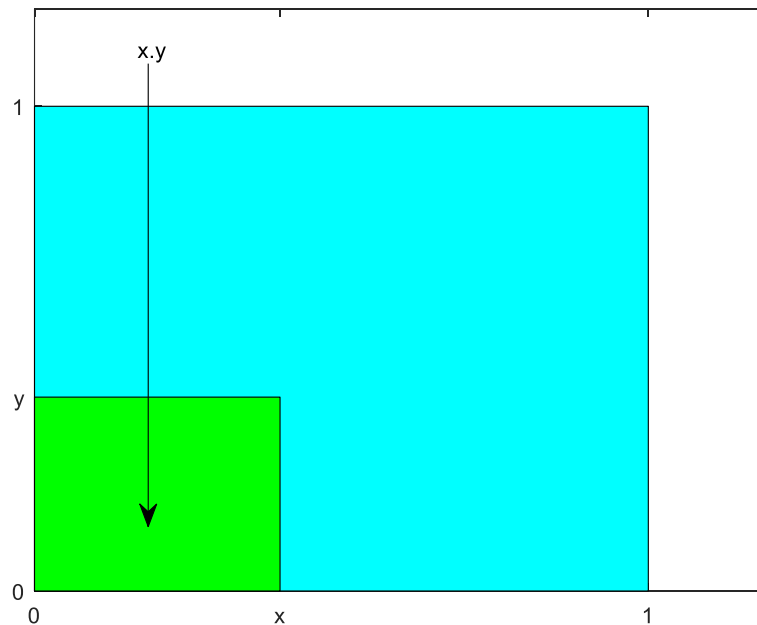
Homework: Try to obtain these probability values through random number generation.



Estimating PDF and CDF by Generating Random Samples

Let X and Y be random variables with a joint PDF of the form

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \text{ and } 0 \leq y \leq 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



Estimating PDF and CDF by Generating Random Samples

Homework

Estimate joint PDF and CDF based on histogram which is created using random numbers.

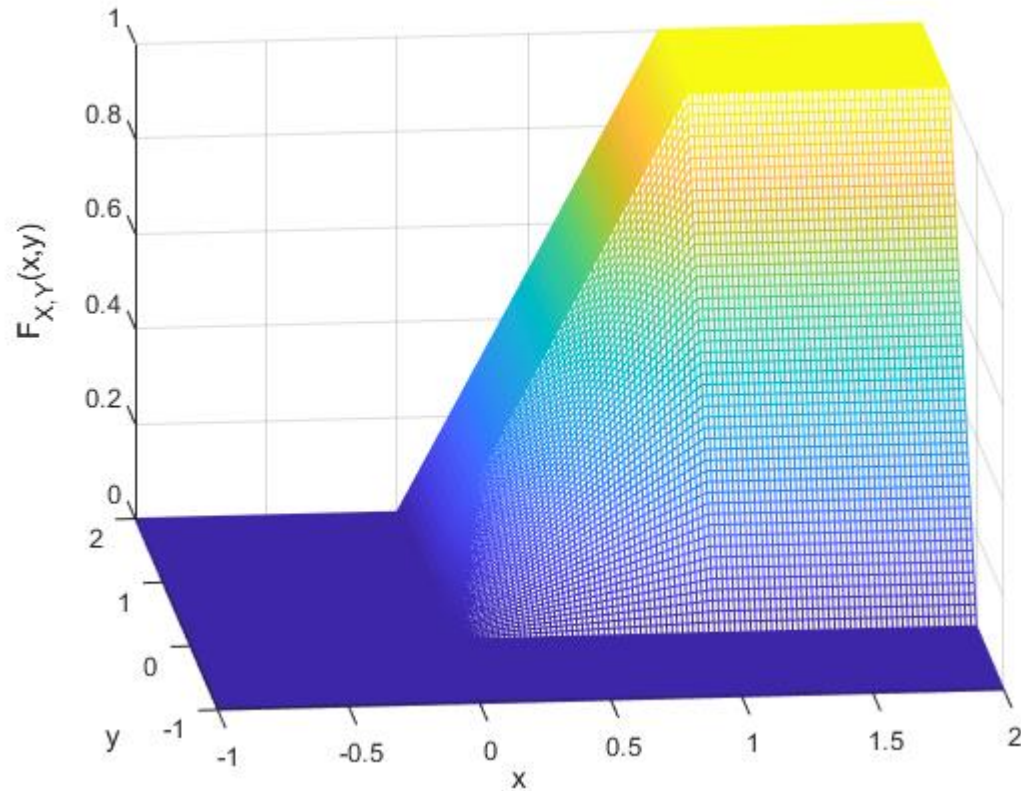
This homework helps you understand the joint PDF and CDF deeply.

For **each** generated random number, update PDF and CDF estimations based on histogram and visualize the estimation process at **each** step.

Observe the effect of number of generated random numbers.

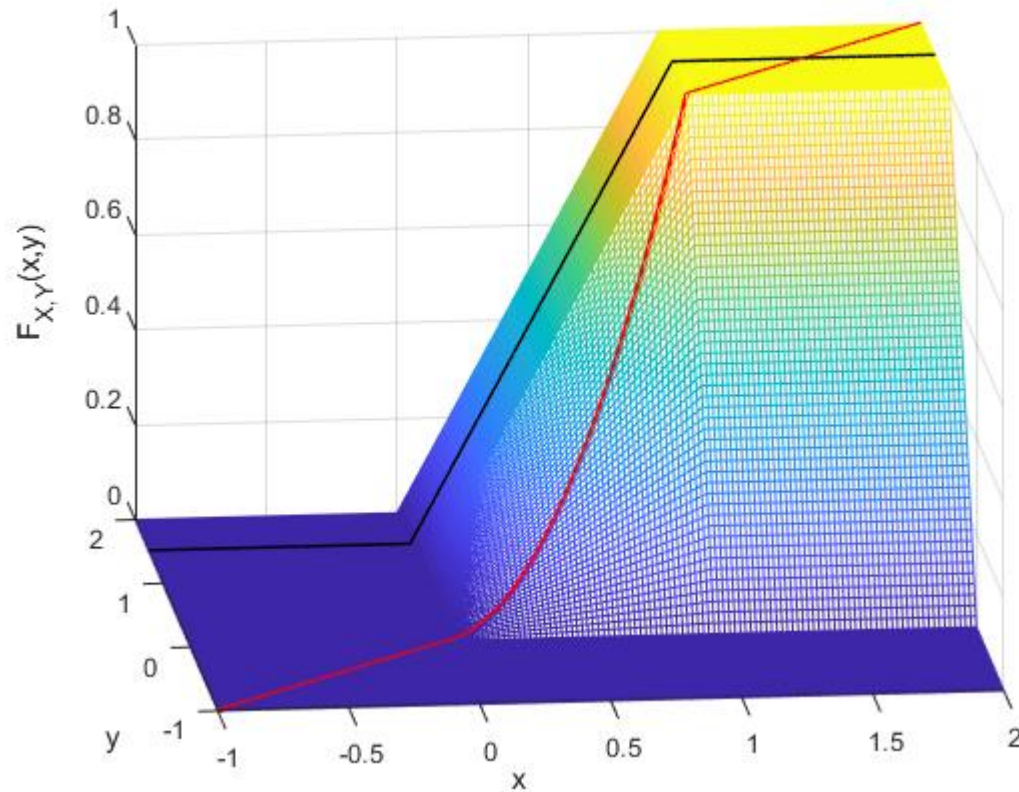
Observe the effect of width of the histogram bins.

Estimating PDF and CDF by Generating Random Samples



Cumulative Distribution Function (analytical)

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“Diagonal” and “ $y=1.5$ ” lines