

One of the fundamental theorems of probability is the Central Limit Theorem. This theorem says that if  $S_n$  is the sum of  $n$  mutually independent random variables, then the distribution function of  $S_n$ , for a large  $n$ , is well-approximated by a certain type of continuous function known as a normal density function, which is given by the formula

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We will demonstrate this using a C program and the following problems.

### Distribution of Sum of Random Variables:

#### Case 1

1. Let  $M_i = a_i$  be marks of  $n$  students in one subject,  $i=1,2,\dots,n$  ( $n=1000$ ).
2. Let  $a_i$  be the uniformly distributed random numbers between 0 and  $m$  ( $m$  is the maximum marks=100).
3. Find the frequency distribution of  $M$ .

#### CODE:

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/*****
***Random Marks Frequency Distribution***
*****/
#include<stdio.h>
#include<math.h>
/**Function that generates a random number.
Parameters:
r0: initial (first) seed
a: scale factor , so that a*r0 give the first random number
m: gives the max. value of random numbers that can be generated (m-1)
c: additional displacement(offset) factor
**/
int rand(int r0, int a, int m, int c){
    int r1=(a*r0+c)%m;
    return r1;
}
/**Function that generates random numbers in a given range: [min,max], given a seed r0,
and stores them in an array that is passed as an argument.
Parameters:
r0: initial (first) seed
a: scale factor , so that a*r0 give the first random number
m: gives the max. value of random numbers that can be generated (m-1)
c: additional displacement factor
n: no. of random numbers to be generated
x[n]: array that will store the random numbers
min: lower limit for random nos.
max: upper limit for random nos.
**/
void randomNos(int r0, int a, int m, int c, int n, int x[n], int min, int max){
    int r1=rand(r0,a,m,c);
    int r2=min+((max-min+1)*r1)/m;
    int i;
    for(i=0;i<n;i++){
        x[i]=r2;
        r1=rand(r1,a,m,c);
    }
}

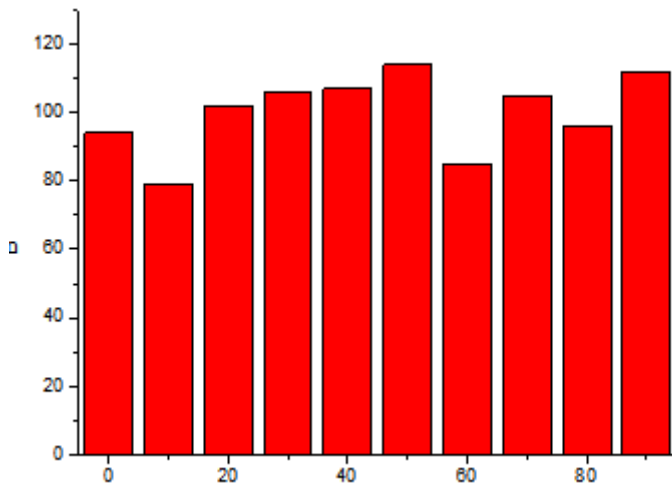
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        r2=min+((max-min+1)*r1)/m;
    }
}
main(){
    int min, max, n, a=1093, m=86436, c=18257, r0=43;
    printf("Enter the lower limit:\n");
    scanf("%d",&min);
    printf("Enter the higher limit:\n");
    scanf("%d",&max);
    printf("Enter the no. of random numbers required:\n");
    scanf("%d",&n);
    int random[n];
    randomNos(r0, a, m, c, n, random, min, max);
    FILE *fp=NULL;
    fp=fopen("marks.txt","w");
    int i,j;
    //printf("The random numbers between %d and %d are:\n",min, max);
    for(i=0;i<n;i++){
        fprintf(fp,"%d\n",random[i]);
    }
    //Begin distribution calculations within different intervals
    int h=10; //width of interval
    int count[10]; //10 intervals of width 10
    for(j=0;j<10;j++){
        count[j]=0;
        for(i=0;i<n;i++){
            if(j!=9){
                //find out the number of randomnumbers within an
interval
                if((j*h<=random[i])&&(random[i]<(j+1)*h)){
                    count[j]++; //find out the number of
randomnumbers within an interval
                }
            } else{
                //find out the number of randomnumbers within an
interval
                if((j*h<=random[i])&&(random[i]<=(j+1)*h)){
                    count[j]++; //find out the number of
randomnumbers within an interval
                }
            }
        }
    }
    FILE *fp2=NULL;
    fp2=fopen("randMarksDistribution.txt","w");
    for(i=0;i<10;i++){
        fprintf(fp2,"%d\t%d\n",i*h,count[i]);
        //printf("%d\n",count[i]);
    }
}
}

```

**OUPUT:**



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Enter the lower limit:
0
Enter the higher limit:
100
Enter the no. of random numbers required:
1000

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### Case 2

1. Let  $M_i = a_i + b_i$  be total marks of  $n$  students in TWO subjects,  $i=1,2,\dots,n$  ( $n=1000$ ).
2. Let each of  $a_i$  and  $b_i$  be the uniformly distributed random numbers between 0 and  $m$  ( $m$  is the maximum marks of each subject=50).
3. Find the frequency distribution of  $M$ .

### CODE:

```

/*****
***Random Marks Frequency Distribution***
*****/
#include<stdio.h>
#include<math.h>
/**Function that generates a random number.
Parameters:
r0: initial (first) seed
a: scale factor , so that a*r0 give the first random number
m: gives the max. value of random numbers that can be generated (m-1)
c: additional displacement(offset) factor
**/
int rand(int r0, int a, int m, int c){
    int r1=(a*r0+c)%m;
    return r1;
}
/**Function that generates random numbers in a given range: [min,max], given a seed r0,
and stores them in an array that is passed as an argument.
Parameters:
r0: initial (first) seed
a: scale factor , so that a*r0 give the first random number
m: gives the max. value of random numbers that can be generated (m-1)
c: additional displacement factor
n: no. of random numbers to be generated
x[n]: array that will store the random numbers

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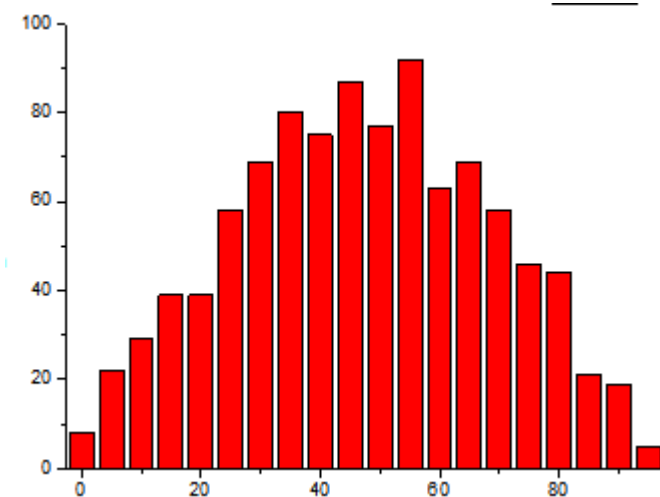
min: lower limit for random nos.
max: upper limit for random nos.
**/
void randomNos(int r0, int a, int m, int c, int n, int x[n], int min, int max){
    int r1=rand(r0,a,m,c);
    int r2=min+((max-min+1)*r1)/m;
    int i;
    for(i=0;i<n;i++){
        x[i]=r2;
        r1=rand(r1,a,m,c);
        r2=min+((max-min+1)*r1)/m;
    }
}
main(){
    int min, max, n, a=1093, m=86436, c=18257, r0=43;
    printf("Enter the lower limit:\n");
    scanf("%d",&min);
    printf("Enter the higher limit:\n");
    scanf("%d",&max);
    printf("Enter the no. of random numbers required:\n");
    scanf("%d",&n);
    int ai[n];
    int bi[n];
    int Marks[n];
    randomNos(0, a, m, c, n, ai, min, max);
    randomNos(2000, a, m, c, n, bi, min, max);
    FILE *fp=NULL;
    fp=fopen("marks2.txt","w");
    int i,j;
    //printf("The random numbers between %d and %d are:\n",min, max);
    for(i=0;i<n;i++){
        Marks[i]=ai[i]+bi[i];
        fprintf(fp,"%d\n",Marks[i]);
    }
    //Begin distribution calculations within different intervals
    int h=5; //width of interval
    int count[20]; //10 intervals of width 10
    for(j=0;j<20;j++){
        count[j]=0;
        for(i=0;i<n;i++){
            if(j!=19){
                //find out the number of randomnumbers within an
interval
                if((j*h<=Marks[i])&&(Marks[i]<(j+1)*h)){
                    count[j]++; //find out the number of
randomnumbers within an interval
                }
            } else {
                //find out the number of randomnumbers within an
interval
                if((j*h<=Marks[i])&&(Marks[i]<=(j+1)*h)){
                    count[j]++; //find out the number of
randomnumbers within an interval
                }
            }
        }
    }
}

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    }
}
FILE *fp2=NULL;
fp2=fopen("randMarksDistribution2.txt","w");
for(i=0;i<20;i++){
    fprintf(fp2,"%d\t%d\n",i*h,count[i]);
    //printf("%d\n",count[i]);
}
}

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**OUTPUT:**

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Enter the lower limit:
0
Enter the higher limit:
50
Enter the no. of random numbers required:
1000

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**Case 3**

1. Let  $M_i = a_i + b_i + c_i + d_i + e_i + f_i + g_i + h_i + j_i + k_i$  be total marks of  $n$  students in TEN subjects,  $i=1,2,\dots,n$  ( $n=1000$ ).
2. Let each of  $a_i, b_i, c_i, \dots, k_i$  be the uniformly distributed random numbers between 0 and  $m$  ( $m$  is the maximum marks of each subject=10).
3. Find the frequency distribution of  $M$ .

**CODE:**

```

/*****
***Random Marks Frequency Distribution***
*****/
#include<stdio.h>
#include<math.h>
/**Function that generates a random number.
Parameters:
r0: initial (first) seed
a: scale factor , so that a*r0 give the first random number
m: gives the max. value of random numbers that can be generated (m-1)
c: additional displacement(offset) factor
**/

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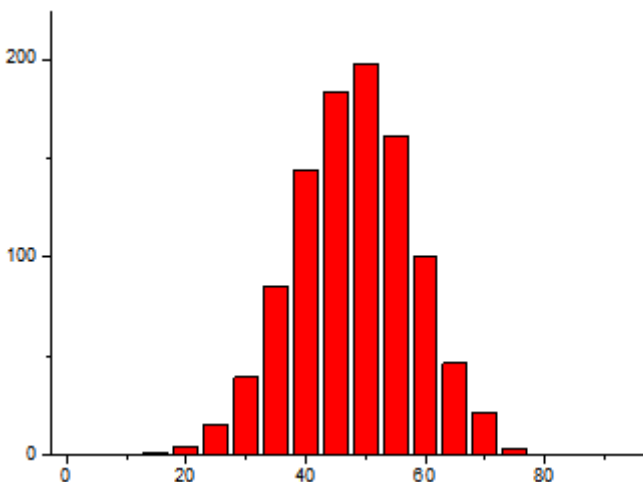
int rand(int r0, int a, int m, int c){
    int r1=(a*r0+c)%m;
    return r1;
}
/**Function that generates random numbers in a given range: [min,max], given a seed r0,
and stores them in an array that is passed as an argument.
Parameters:
r0: initial (first) seed
a: scale factor , so that a*r0 give the first random number
m: gives the max. value of random numbers that can be generated (m-1)
c: additional displacement factor
n: no. of random numbers to be generated
x[n]: array that will store the random numbers
min: lower limit for random nos.
max: upper limit for random nos.
**/
void randomNos(int r0, int a, int m, int c, int n, int x[n], int min, int max){
    int r1=rand(r0,a,m,c);
    int r2=min+((max-min+1)*r1)/m;
    int i;
    for(i=0;i<n;i++){
        x[i]=r2;
        r1=rand(r1,a,m,c);
        r2=min+((max-min+1)*r1)/m;
    }
}
main(){
    int min, max, n, a=1093, m=86436, c=18257, r0=43;
    printf("Enter the lower limit:\n");
    scanf("%d",&min);
    printf("Enter the higher limit:\n");
    scanf("%d",&max);
    printf("Enter the no. of random numbers required:\n");
    scanf("%d",&n);
    int A[10*n];
    int Marks[n];
    randomNos(r0, a, m, c, 10*n, A, min, max);
    FILE *fp=NULL;
    fp=fopen("marks3.txt","w");
    int i,j;
    //printf("The random numbers between %d and %d are:\n",min, max);
    for(j=0;j<n;j++){
        Marks[j]=0;
        for(i=j;i<10*n;i=i+n){
            Marks[j]=Marks[j]+A[i];
        }
        fprintf(fp,"%d\n",Marks[j]);
    }
    //Begin distribution calculations within different intervals
    int h=5; //width of interval
    int count[20]; //10 intervals of width 100
    for(j=0;j<20;j++){
        count[j]=0;
        for(i=0;i<n;i++){

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        if(j!=19){
            //find out the number of randomnumbers within an
interval
            if((j*h<=Marks[i])&&(Marks[i]<(j+1)*h)){
                count[j]++; //find out the number of
randomnumbers within an interval
            }
        } else {
            //find out the number of randomnumbers within an
interval
            if((j*h<=Marks[i])&&(Marks[i]<=(j+1)*h)){
                count[j]++; //find out the number of
randomnumbers within an interval
            }
        }
    }
}
FILE *fp2=NULL;
fp2=fopen("randMarksDistribution3.txt","w");
for(i=0;i<20;i++){
    fprintf(fp2,"%d\t%d\n",i*h,count[i]);
    //printf("%d\n",count[i]);
}
}

```

**OUTPUT:**

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Enter the lower limit:
0
Enter the higher limit:
10
Enter the no. of random numbers required:
1000

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Through the above problems, it's pretty much apparent that as the number of random variables whose sum is being taken increases their distribution tends towards the normal (Gaussian) distribution.

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