

**Theorem** Random variates from the rectangular( $n$ ) distribution can be generated in closed-form by inversion.

**Proof** The rectangular( $n$ ) distribution has probability mass function

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{n+1} \quad x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$$

for some positive integer  $n$ . The cumulative distribution function is

$$F(x) = \frac{x+1}{n+1} \quad x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Equating the cumulative distribution function to  $u$ , where  $0 < u < 1$ , yields an inverse cumulative distribution function

$$F^{-1}(u) = \lfloor (n+1)u \rfloor \quad 0 < u < 1.$$

So a closed-form variate generation algorithm using inversion for the rectangular( $n$ ) distribution is

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generate  $U \sim U(0, 1)$ 
 $X \leftarrow \lfloor (n+1)u \rfloor$ 
return( $X$ )
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**APPL verification:** The APPL statements

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X := [[x -> 1 / (n + 1)], [0 .. n], ["Discrete", "PDF"]];
CDF(X);
IDF(X);
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produce the inverse distribution function of the rectangular random variable.