**Standard uniform distribution** (from http://www.math.wm.edu/~leemis/chart/UDR/UDR.html) The shorthand  $X \sim U(0,1)$  is used to indicate that the random variable X has the standard uniform distribution with minimum 0 and maximum 1. A standard uniform random variable X has probability density function

$$f(x) = 1$$
  $0 < x < 1$ .

The standard uniform distribution is central to random variate generation. The probability density function is illustrated below.



The cumulative distribution function on the support of *X* is

$$F(x) = P(X \le x) = x$$
  $0 < x < 1.$ 

The survivor function on the support of *X* is

$$S(x) = P(X \ge x) = 1 - x$$
  $0 < x < 1.$ 

The hazard function on the support of *X* is

$$h(x) = \frac{f(x)}{S(x)} = \frac{1}{1-x} \qquad 0 < x < 1.$$

The cumulative hazard function on the support of *X* is

$$H(x) = -\ln S(x) = -\ln(1-x) \qquad 0 < x < 1.$$

The inverse distribution function of *X* is

$$F^{-1}(u) = u$$
  $0 < u < 1.$ 

The median of X is 1/2.

The moment generating function of X is

$$M(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & t = 0\\ \frac{e^t - 1}{t} & t \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

The characteristic function of X is

$$\phi(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & t = 0\\ \frac{e^{it} - 1}{it} & t \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

The population mean, variance, skewness and kurtosis of X are

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{2} \qquad \qquad V[X] = \frac{1}{12} \qquad \qquad E\left[\left(\frac{X-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^3\right] = 0 \qquad \qquad E\left[\left(\frac{X-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^4\right] = \frac{9}{5}.$$

**APPL verification:** The APPL statements

```
X := UniformRV(0,1);
Mean(X);
Variance(X);
Skewness(X);
Kurtosis(X);
MGF(X);
```

verify the population mean, variance, skewness, kurtosis, and moment generating function.