

NAG Library Routine Document

G05TAF

Note: before using this routine, please read the Users' Note for your implementation to check the interpretation of ***bold italicised*** terms and other implementation-dependent details.

1 Purpose

G05TAF generates a vector of pseudorandom integers from the discrete binomial distribution with parameters m and p .

2 Specification

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SUBROUTINE G05TAF(MODE, N, M, P, R, LR, STATE, X, IFAIL)
INTEGER          MODE, N, M, LR, STATE(lstate), X(N), IFAIL
double precision P, R(LR)
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3 Description

G05TAF generates n integers x_i from a discrete binomial distribution, where the probability of $x_i = I$ is

$$P(x_i = I) = \frac{m!}{I!(m-I)!} p^I \times (1-p)^{m-I}, \quad I = 0, 1, \dots, m,$$

where $m \geq 0$ and $0 \leq p \leq 1$. This represents the probability of achieving I successes in m trials when the probability of success at a single trial is p .

The variates can be generated with or without using a search table and index. If a search table is used then it is stored with the index in a reference vector and subsequent calls to G05TAF with the same parameter values can then use this reference vector to generate further variates.

One of the initialization routines G05KFF (for a repeatable sequence if computed sequentially) or G05KGF (for a non-repeatable sequence) must be called prior to the first call to G05TAF.

4 References

Kendall M G and Stuart A (1969) *The Advanced Theory of Statistics (Volume 1)* (3rd Edition) Griffin

Knuth D E (1981) *The Art of Computer Programming (Volume 2)* (2nd Edition) Addison–Wesley

5 Parameters

1: MODE – INTEGER *Input*

On entry: a code for selecting the operation to be performed by the routine.

MODE = 0

Set up reference vector only.

MODE = 1

Generate variates using reference vector set up in a prior call to G05TAF.

MODE = 2

Set up reference vector and generate variates.

MODE = 3

Generate variates without using the reference vector.

Constraint: MODE = 0, 1, 2 or 3.

- 2: N – INTEGER *Input*
On entry: n , the number of pseudorandom numbers to be generated.
Constraint: $N \geq 0$.
- 3: M – INTEGER *Input*
On entry: m , the number of trials of the distribution.
Constraint: $M \geq 0$.
- 4: P – **double precision** *Input*
On entry: p , the probability of success of the binomial distribution.
Constraint: $0.0 \leq P \leq 1.0$.
- 5: R(LR) – **double precision** array *Communication Array*
On entry: if MODE = 1, the reference vector from the previous call to G05TAF.
 If MODE = 3, R is not referenced by G05TAF.
On exit: the reference vector.
- 6: LR – INTEGER *Input*
On entry: the dimension of the array R as declared in the (sub)program from which G05TAF is called.
Suggested value:
 if $\text{MODE} \neq 3$, $\text{LR} = 22 + 20 \times \sqrt{M \times P \times (1 - P)}$;
 otherwise $\text{LR} = 1$.
Constraints:
 if $\text{MODE} = 0$ or 2 ,
 $\text{LR} > \min(M, \text{int}[M \times P + 7.15 \times \sqrt{M \times P \times (1 - P)} + 1])$
 $\quad - \max(0, \text{int}[M \times P - 7.15 \times \sqrt{M \times P \times (1 - P)} - 7.15]) + 8$;
 if $\text{MODE} = 1$, LR must remain unchanged from the previous call to G05TAF.
- 7: STATE(*lstate*) – INTEGER array *Communication Array*
Note: *lstate* = LSTATE, the dimension of STATE as supplied to the initialization routine G05KFF or G05KGF.
On entry: contains information on the selected base generator and its current state.
On exit: contains updated information on the state of the generator.
- 8: X(N) – INTEGER array *Output*
On exit: the n pseudorandom numbers from the specified binomial distribution.
- 9: IFAIL – INTEGER *Input/Output*
On entry: IFAIL must be set to 0, -1 or 1. If you are unfamiliar with this parameter you should refer to Section 3.3 in the Essential Introduction for details.
On exit: IFAIL = 0 unless the routine detects an error (see Section 6).
 For environments where it might be inappropriate to halt program execution when an error is detected, the value -1 or 1 is recommended. If the output of error messages is undesirable, then the value 1 is recommended. Otherwise, if you are not familiar with this parameter, the recommended value is 0. **When the value -1 or 1 is used it is essential to test the value of IFAIL on exit.**

6 Error Indicators and Warnings

If on entry $IFAIL = 0$ or -1 , explanatory error messages are output on the current error message unit (as defined by X04AAF).

Errors or warnings detected by the routine:

$IFAIL = 1$

On entry, $MODE \neq 0, 1, 2$ or 3 .

$IFAIL = 2$

On entry, $N < 0$.

$IFAIL = 3$

On entry, $M < 0$.

$IFAIL = 4$

On entry, $P < 0.0$,
or $P > 1.0$.

$IFAIL = 5$

On entry, M or P is not the same as when R was set up in a previous call to G05TAF with $MODE = 0$ or 2 .

On entry, the R vector was not initialized correctly or has been corrupted.

$IFAIL = 6$

On entry, LR is too small when $MODE = 0$ or 2 .

$IFAIL = 7$

On entry, $STATE$ vector was not initialized or has been corrupted.

7 Accuracy

Not applicable.

8 Further Comments

None.

9 Example

This example prints 20 pseudorandom integers from a binomial distribution with parameters $m = 6000$ and $p = 0.8$, generated by a single call to G05TAF, after initialization by G05KFF.

9.1 Program Text

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*      G05TAF Example Program Text
*      Mark 22 Release. NAG Copyright 2006.
*      .. Parameters ..
      INTEGER          NOUT
      PARAMETER        (NOUT=6)
      INTEGER          MSEED, MSTATE, N, LR
      PARAMETER        (MSEED=1,MSTATE=633,N=20,LR=6007)
*      .. Local Scalars ..
      DOUBLE PRECISION P
      INTEGER          GENID, I, IFAIL, LSEED, LSTATE, M, SUBID
*      .. Local Arrays ..
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      DOUBLE PRECISION R(LR)
      INTEGER          SEED(MSEED), STATE(MSTATE), X(N)
*    .. External Subroutines ..
      EXTERNAL          G05KFF, G05TAF
*    .. Executable Statements ..
      WRITE (NOUT,*) 'G05TAF Example Program Results'
      WRITE (NOUT,*)
*    Set the distribution parameters P and M
      P = 0.8D0
      M = 6000
*    Initialize the seed
      SEED(1) = 1762543
*    GENID and SUBID identify the base generator
      GENID = 1
      SUBID = 1
*    Initialize the generator to a repeatable sequence
      LSTATE = MSTATE
      LSEED = MSEED
      IFAIL = 1
      CALL G05KFF(GENID,SUBID,SEED,LSEED,STATE,LSTATE,IFAIL)
      IF (IFAIL.NE.0) THEN
        WRITE (NOUT,99998) IFAIL
        GO TO 20
      END IF
*    Generate the variates
*    Choose MODE = 2
      IFAIL = 1
      CALL G05TAF(2,N,M,P,R,LR,STATE,X,IFAIL)
      IF (IFAIL.NE.0) THEN
        WRITE (NOUT,99997) IFAIL
        GO TO 20
      END IF
*    Display the variates
      WRITE (NOUT,99999) (X(I),I=1,N)
*
      20 CONTINUE
*
99999  FORMAT (1X,I12)
99998  FORMAT (1X,' ** G05KFF returned with IFAIL = ',I5)
99997  FORMAT (1X,' ** G05TAF returned with IFAIL = ',I5)
      END

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9.2 Program Data

None.

9.3 Program Results

G05TAF Example Program Results

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4811
4761
4821
4826
4761
4800
4791
4825
4800
4814
4749
4780
4810
4750
4807

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4782
4778
4877
4840
4802
