

NAME

`gsl-randist` - generate random samples from various distributions

SYNOPSIS

`gsl-randist seed n DIST param1 param2 [..]`

DESCRIPTION

`gsl-randist` is a demonstration program for the GNU Scientific Library. It generates `n` random samples from the distribution `DIST` using the distribution parameters `param1`, `param2`, ...

EXAMPLE

Here is an example. We generate 10000 random samples from a Cauchy distribution with a width of 30 and histogram them over the range -100 to 100, using 200 bins.

```
gsl-randist 0 10000 cauchy 30 | gsl-histogram -100 100 200 > histogram.dat
```

A plot of the resulting histogram will show the familiar shape of the Cauchy distribution with fluctuations caused by the finite sample size.

```
awk '{print $1, $3 ; print $2, $3}' histogram.dat | graph -T X
```

SEE ALSO

`gsl(3)`, `gsl-histogram(1)`.

AUTHOR

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