

Problem 2.18

1. Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
P(Y < y) &= P(U < y | U < \alpha) = \frac{P(U < y, U < \alpha)}{P(U < \alpha)} \\
&= \begin{cases} \frac{P(U < y)}{\alpha} & \text{if } y < \alpha \\ \frac{P(U < \alpha)}{\alpha} & \text{if } \alpha < y \end{cases} \\
&= y/\alpha \, I_{(0,\alpha)}(y) + I_{(\alpha,\infty)}(y)
\end{aligned}$$

This is the c.d.f. of a $U(0, \alpha)$.

2. Based on the histograms on page 2, there does not seem to be much difference between the two algorithms in generating random numbers, even when α is close to 1.

3. R-code for algorithm A.14:

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for(a in c(0.8, 0.9, 0.99))
{
  n <- -12000 s <- -10000
  x <- -runif(n)
  x <- -x[x < a]
  x <- -x[1:s]
  y <- -a*runif(s)
  hist(x, main=paste(a), breaks=seq(0,a,length=30), freq=F)
  hist(y, main=paste(a), breaks=seq(0,a,length=30), freq=F)
}

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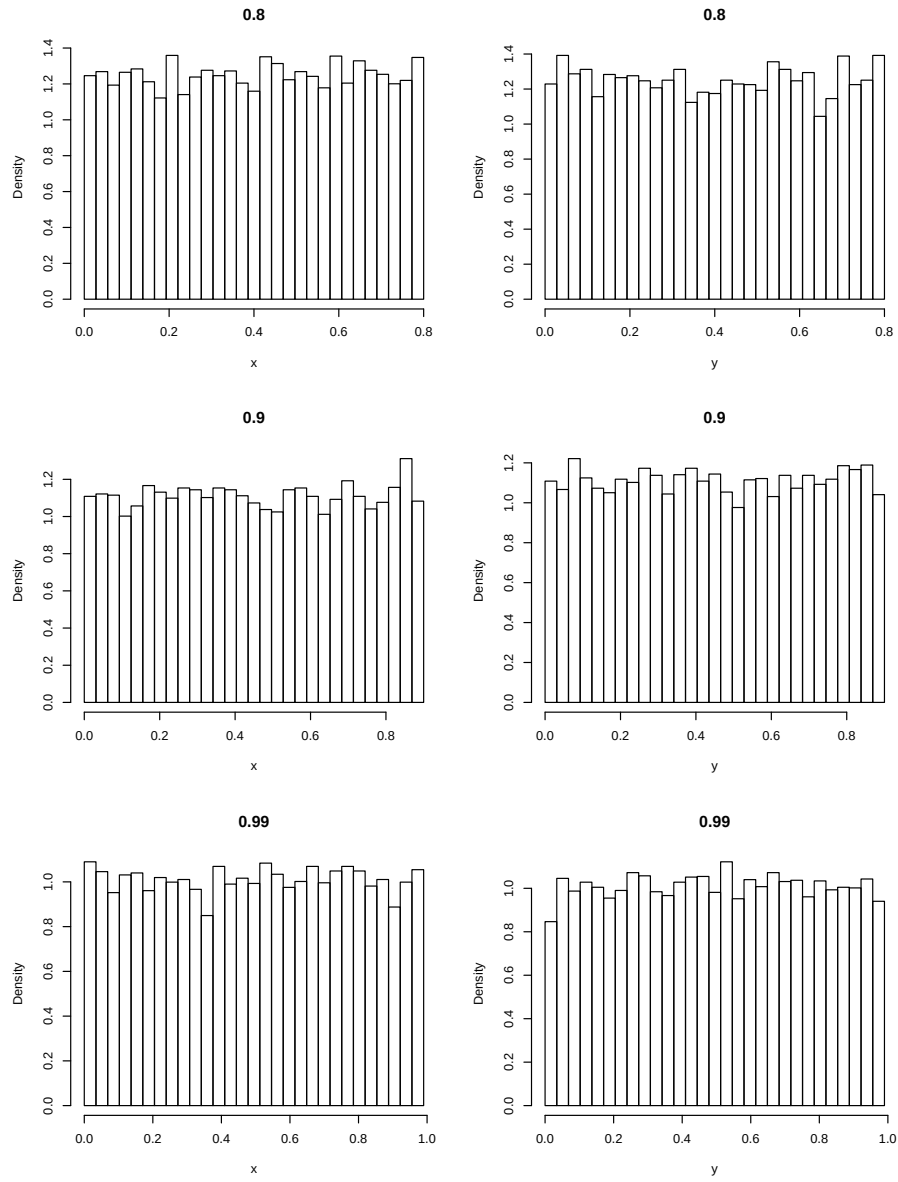


Figure 1: Histograms of 10,000 $\text{Uniform}(0, \alpha)$ generated with algorithm A.14 (left column) and the genuine transformation $\alpha * U(0.1)$ (right column).