

## Why Random Sequences?

Statistical samples

Algorithms

Why:

random keys and *nonces* (random one-time values used to make messages unique.)

Generating streams of random bits (e.g., stream ciphers encrypt by XOR'ing reproducible streams of pseudo-random bits with bits of the message.)

Games, simulations

## Pseudo-Random Sequences

Truly random, a "truly" random sequence is difficult (i.e., slow) for a person (or human) to produce. Must have some nondeterministic process. Can use:

Time between radioactive decays.

Time between keystrokes or incoming internet message.

For many purposes, we need only a sequence that satisfies certain statistical properties, even if deterministic (as is useful for reproducibility).

(e.g., cryptography) we need a sequence that is *hard* to predict.

**Pseudo-random sequence:** deterministic sequence that passes some statistical tests that random sequences (probably) pass.

Look at lengths of *runs*: increasing or decreasing contiguous 0s.

Usually, statistical criteria to be used are quite involved. For Knuth, volume 2.

## What Can Go Wrong (I)?

John von Neumann considers arithmetical methods of producing random numbers, in a state of sin.

JOHN VON NEUMANN (1951)

There are many impossible values: E.g.,  $a$ ,  $c$ ,  $m$  even.

Examples: E.g., just using lower 3 bits of  $X_i$  in Java's 48-bit generator to get integers in range 0 to 7. By properties of modular arithmetic:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{mod } 8 &= (25214903917X_{i-1} + 11 \text{ mod } 2^{48}) \text{ mod } 8 \\ &= (5(X_{i-1} \text{ mod } 8) + 3) \text{ mod } 8 \end{aligned}$$

period of 8 on this generator; sequences like

$$0, 1, 3, 7, 1, 2, 7, 1, 4, \dots$$

Example. This is why Java doesn't give you the raw 48 bits.

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Practical Random Numbers (Chapter 11)

What are random sequences?

What are pseudo-random sequences?

What are random sequences.

Why.

What are the library classes and methods.

What are the mutations.

## What Is a "Random Sequence"?

What is a sequence where all numbers occur with equal frequency?"

3, 4, ...?

What about: "an unpredictable sequence where all numbers occur with equal frequency?"

0, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 4, 4, 0, 1, 1, 1, ...?

What is wrong with 0, 0, 0, 0, ... anyway? Can't that occur with equal frequency?

## Generating Pseudo-Random Sequences

What are some ways you might think.

Complex jumbling methods can give rise to bad sequences.

The *Linear Congruential Method* is a simple method used by Java:

$$X_0 = \text{arbitrary seed}$$

$$X_i = (aX_{i-1} + c) \text{ mod } m, \quad i > 0$$

What are the parameters: large power of 2.

What are the parameters:  $a \equiv 5 \text{ mod } 8$ , and  $a$ ,  $c$ ,  $m$  with no common factors.

What are the parameters: generator with a *period of m* (length of sequence before it repeats) and reasonable *potency* (measures certain dependencies between  $X_i$ ).

What are the parameters: tests of  $a$  to "have no obvious pattern" and pass certain statistical tests (see Knuth).

What are the parameters:  $a = 25214903917$ ,  $c = 11$ ,  $m = 2^{48}$ , to compute 48-bit random numbers. It's good enough for many purposes, but not cryptographically secure.

## Additive Generators

erator:

$$X_n = \begin{cases} \text{arbitrary value}, & n < 55 \\ (X_{n-24} + X_{n-55}) \bmod 2^e, & n \geq 55 \end{cases}$$

es than 24 and 55 possible.

period of  $2^f(2^{55} - 1)$ , for some  $f < e$ .

mentation with circular buffer:

```
55;
+31) % 55]; // Why +31 (55-24) instead of -24?
/* modulo 232 */
```

. 54] is initialized to some "random" initial seed values.

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## aphic Pseudo-Random Number Generator Example

good *block cipher*—an encryption algorithm that encrypts bits (not just one byte at a time as for Enigma). AES is

rovide a key,  $K$ , and an initialization value  $I$ .

do-random number is now  $E(K, I + j)$ , where  $E(x, y)$  is on of message  $y$  using key  $x$ .

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## Adjusting Range (II)

bias problems when  $n$  does not evenly divide  $2^{48}$ , Java values after the largest multiple of  $n$  that is less than

```
om integer in the range 0 .. n-1, n>0. */
int(int n) {
    = next random long (0 ≤ X < 248);
s 2k for some k)
urn top k bits of X;

= largest multiple of n that is < 248;
(Xi >= MAX)
= next random long (0 ≤ X < 248);
Xi / (MAX/n);
```

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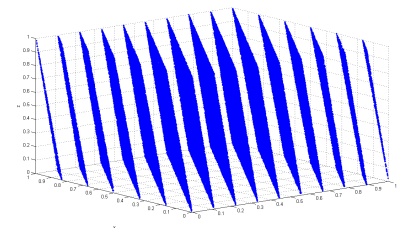
## What Can Go Wrong (II)?

ds to bad correlations.

s IBM generator RANDU:  $c = 0$ ,  $a = 65539$ ,  $m = 2^{31}$ .

U is used to make 3D points:  $(X_i/S, X_{i+1}/S, X_{i+2}/S)$ , es to a unit cube, ...

be arranged in parallel planes with voids between. So ts" won't ever get near many points in the cube:



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## aphic Pseudo-Random Number Generators

orm of linear congruential generators means that one future values after seeing relatively few outputs.

ou want *unpredictable* output (think on-line games involving domly generated keys for encrypting your web traffic.)

hich pseudo-random number generator (CPRNG) has the nat

ts of a sequence, no polynomial-time algorithm can guess bit with better than 50% accuracy.

current state of the generator, it is also infeasible to ct the bits it generated in getting to that state.

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## Adjusting Range and Distribution

quence of numbers,  $X_i$ , from above methods in range  $2^{48}$ , how to get uniform random integers in range 0 to

easy: use top  $k$  bits of next  $X_i$  (bottom  $k$  bits not as

be careful of slight biases at the ends. For example, if  $X_i/(2^{48}/n)$  using all integer division, and if  $(2^{48}/n)$  gets  $n$ , then you can get  $n$  as a result (which you don't want).

fix that by computing  $(2^{48}/(n-1))$  instead, the probability  $- 1$  will be wrong.

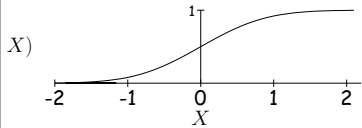
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## Generalizing: Other Distributions

Have some desired probability distribution function, and random numbers that are distributed according to that. How can we do this?

Normal distribution:



desired probability distribution.  $P(Y \leq X)$  is the cumulative probability that random variable  $Y$  is  $\leq X$ .

## Java Classes

`Random.nextDouble()`: random double in  $[0..1)$ .

`java.util.Random`: a random number generator with constructors:

`Random()`: random number generator with "random" seed (based on time).

`Random(long seed)`: random number generator with given starting value (reproducible).

`Random.nextInt()`: random integer

in range  $[0..n)$ .

`Random.nextLong()`: random 64-bit integer.

`Random.nextInt()`, `Random.nextFloat()`, `Random.nextDouble()` Next random values of other types.

`Random.nextGaussian()`: random normal distribution with mean 0 and standard deviation 1 ("Gaussian").

`Random.shuffle(L, R)` for list  $L$  and `Random R` permutes  $L$  using  $R$ .

## Random Selection

How would we like to select  $N$  items from list:

```

List L and return sublist of K >= 0 randomly
selected elements of L, using R as random source. */
public List selectK(List L, int k, Random R) {
    List result = new ArrayList();
    for (int i = L.size(); i > k; i -= 1)
        result.add(R.nextInt(i) of L with element
        result.add(L.get(i));
    return result.subList(L.size()-k, L.size());
}
    
```

efficient for selecting random sequence of  $K$  distinct elements from  $[0..N)$ , with  $K \ll N$ .

## Arbitrary Bounds

How to select a random integer in an arbitrary range of integers ( $L$  to  $U$ )?

Given a float,  $x$  in range  $0 \leq x < d$ , compute

`Random.nextInt(1<<24) / (1<<24);`

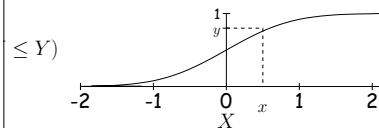
is a bit more complicated: need two integers to get

```

long bigRand = ((long) nextInt(1<<26) << 27)
    + (long) nextInt(1<<27);
    * bigRand / (1L << 53);
    
```

## Generalizing: Other Distributions (II)

How to select a random integer uniformly between 0 and 1, and the corresponding  $x$  value according to  $P$ .



## Shuffling

How to select a random permutation of some sequence.

Naive technique for sorting  $N$ -element list:

Generate  $N$  random numbers

and attach to one of the list elements

and sort the list using random numbers as keys.

is a bit better:

```

public List shuffle(List L, Random R) {
    List result = new ArrayList();
    for (int i = L.size(); i > 0; i -= 1)
        result.add(L.get(i) and R.nextInt(i) of L);
    return result;
}
    
```

0	1	2	3	4	5	Swap items	0	1	2	3	4	5
A♣	2♣	3♣	A♥	2♥	3♥	3 ↔ 3	A♣	3♥	2♥	A♥	3♣	2♣
A♣	3♥	3♣	A♥	2♥	2♣	2 ↔ 0	2♥	3♥	A♣	A♥	3♣	2♣
A♣	3♥	2♥	A♥	3♣	2♣	1 ↔ 0	3♥	2♥	A♣	A♥	3♣	2♣

## Alternative Selection Algorithm (Floyd)

```
function selectRandomIntegers(int N, int K, Random R)
{
    // 0 <= K <= N.
    ArrayList<Integer> S = new ArrayList<>();

    for (int i = 0; i < N; i += 1) {
        // select a random value s (which can't be
        // greater than the front)
        Integer s = R.nextInt(i + 1);

        // insert s into S
        S.add(s);
    }

    return S;
}
```

### Example

$i$	$s$	$S$
5	4	[4]
6	2	[2, 4]
7	5	[5, 2, 4]
8	5	[5, 8, 2, 4]
9	4	[5, 8, 2, 4, 9]

```
selectRandomIntegers(10, 5, R)
```