

# Simulate random numbers using Halton sequence

Group 7 Project No.1

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# Introduction about Halton sequence

- In statistics, Halton sequences are sequences used to generate points in space for numerical methods such as Monte Carlo simulations. Although these sequences are deterministic, they are of low discrepancy, that is, appear to be random for many purposes. They were first introduced in 1960 and are an example of a quasi-random number sequence.

# Example About Halton sequence

- Example of Halton sequence used to generate points in  $(0, 1) \times (0, 1)$  in  $R^2$ . The Halton sequence is constructed according to a deterministic method that uses coprime number as its bases. As a simple example, let us take one dimension of the Halton sequence to be based on 2 and the other on 3. To generate the sequence for 2, we start by dividing the interval  $(0, 1)$  in half, then in fourths, eighths, etc., which generates

$$\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{5}{8}, \frac{3}{8}, \frac{7}{8}, \frac{1}{16}, \frac{9}{16} \dots$$

# Implementation in codes in R and MATLAB

- Our group simulate n random numbers with base b between 0 and 1 using Halton sequence , the R code are as follows

```
HaltonSingle<-function(n,b){
  n0<-n
  hn<-0
  f<-1/b
  while (n0>0) {
    n1<-floor(n0/b)
    r<-n0-n1*b
    hn<-hn+f*r
    f<-f/b
    n0<-n1
  }
  hn
}
HaltonSingle(5,2)
```

# Implementation in codes in R and MATLAB

- if  $n = 5, b = 2$

```

haltontotal<-function(n,b){
  hs<-rep(0,n)
  for(i in 1:n){
    hs[i]<-HaltonSingle(i,b)
  }
  hs
}
haltontotal(5,2)

```

# Implementation in codes in R and MATLAB

- The MATLAB code are as follows

```
function hs = haltontotal(n,b)
hs=zeros(n,1);
for i=1:n
hs(i)=HaltonSingle(i,b)
end
```

```
function hn = haltonSingle(n,b)
n0=n;
hn=0;
f=1/b;
while(n0>0)
n1=floor(n0/b);
r=n0-n1*b;
hn=hn+f*r;
f=f/b;
n0=n1;
end
```

# Conclusion

- From R, We can get the output results

```
> haltonsingle(5,2)
```

```
[1] 0.625
```

```
> haltontotal(5,2)
```

```
[1] 0.500 0.250 0.750 0.125 0.625
```

Also, In MATLAB, we can get the same results. Then we finish our simulation.