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# Applications of Random Numbers

- Simulation models of computer systems
- Monte Carlo methods for numerical computations
  - Based on high quality uniform generators
- File generation for benchmarking
  - Quality of randomness is not important (usually speed is important)
- Cryptography

# Linear congruential generator

 Algorithm for computing pseudorandom numbers N₀, N₁, N₂, ... :

```
N = seed;
while(1)
{
    N = (a*N + c) % M;
    use N; if (done) break;
}
```

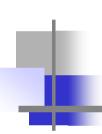
# Maximum sequence

- Linear congruential generators create a long sequence of pseudorandom numbers. The sequence permanently repeats.
- The maximum length of the sequence is M.
   The minimum random value is 0 and the maximum random value is M-1
- The numbers are called pseudorandom because they are generated by a known deterministic algorithm

#### Uniform distribution

- If the sequence of pseudorandom integers has the maximum length M then the sequence is a permutation of the regular sequence 0,1,2,...,M-1
- If each integer occurs only once then the distribution is uniform

```
int rng(void)
     static int N = 0:
     return N = (5*N + 3) % 8; // Max length = 8
                             // M is supposed to be 2^b
int rng(int M)
     static int N = 0;
     return N = (5*N + 3) % M;
// main
for(i=0; i<32; i++) cout << setw(3) << rng() << ((i+1)\%16 ? ' ' : '\n');
for(cout<<endl, i=0; i<32; i++)
   cout << setw(3) << rng(16) << ((i+1)%16?'': '\n');
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               4 7 6 1 8 11 10 5 12 15 14 9 0
4 7 6 1 8 11 10 5 12 15 14 9 0
```



# Static variables and their use in random number generators

# The concept of static objects

- Static objects have static (permanent) lifetime
- Static objects within a code block are constructed only once, initialized only once, and are not destroyed on leaving the block
- On re-entering the block the static object is available and has its previous value

#### Static variables in functions

- Static local variables of function f are initialized only the first time the function is called.
- The values of local static variables are saved between function calls
- Syntax: static variables are defined using the prefix static:

```
static int a, b, c, N[200];
static double x, y, z, A[20][20];
```

# An example of static variable

```
int f(void)
{
    static int s=0;
    return ++s;
}

// main
for(cout<<endl, i=0; i<32; i++)
    cout << setw(3) << f() << ((i+1)%16 ?'': '\n');</pre>
```

#### Use of static variables

- Initialization of variables (variables are given initial values, and these values are then modified in each call)
- First call processing (during the first call a set of parameters is computed and the parameters are then used in subsequent function calls)
- Binary flags (two alternative different processing in a sequence of calls)

#### Initialization of variables

```
int f(void)
    static int S = <initial value>;
    S = <next value> ; // This value will
                        // be available during
    return S;
                        // the next call of
                        // function f( )
```

# First call processing

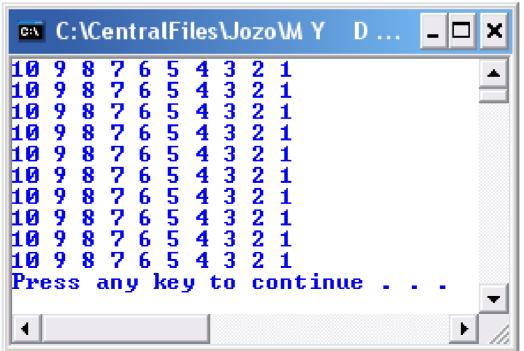
```
int f(void)
   static int firstall = 1;
   int a[200], result;
   if(firstcall)
   { compute array a[ ];
     firstcall = 0;
    use array a[ ] to compute result;
    return result;
```

# Static binary flags

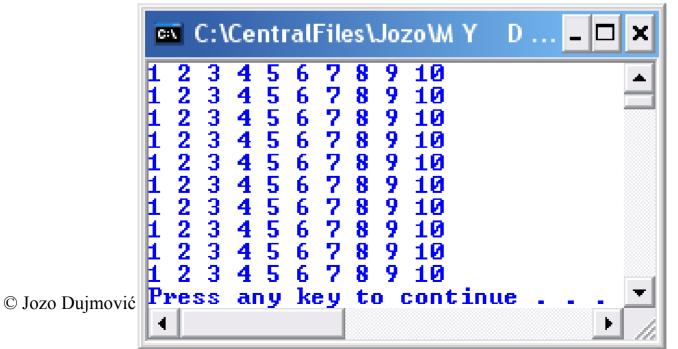
```
int f(void)
   static int flag = 1, x, y;
   if(flag)
   { compute the pair x and y;
     flag = 0; return x;
   else
   { flag = 1; return y;
```

```
int saw(int nmax)
{
     static int n=0;
     if (n>1) return n=n-1;
     return n=nmax;
}

// main
for(i=0; i<100; i++) cout << saw(10) << ((i+1)%10?'': '\n');</pre>
```

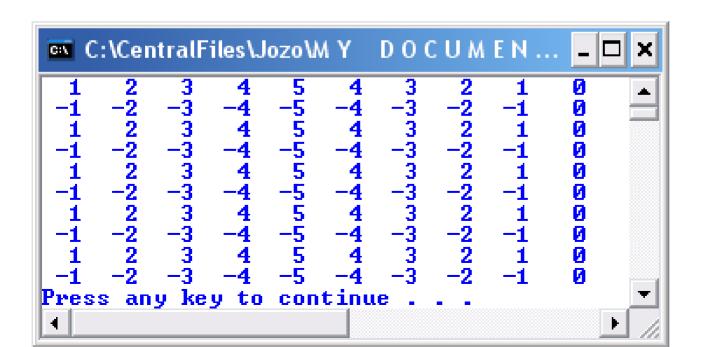


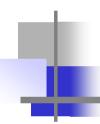
```
int saw1(int Nmax)
    static int N=0;
    N = N+1 - N/Nmax*Nmax;
    return N;
// main
for(i=0; i<100; i++) cout << saw1(10) << ((i+1)%10?'': \n');
```



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```
int up_down(int Nmax)
{
    static int N=0, one=1;
    N += one;
    if(N>=Nmax || N<=-Nmax) one=-one;
    return N;
}
// main
for(i=0; i<100; i++)
    cout << setw(3) << up_down(5) << ((i+1)%10?'': '\n');</pre>
```





# Function rand() and constant RAND\_MAX

# C/C++ generator rand()

- The rand() function returns an unsigned pseudorandom integer in the range 0 to RAND\_MAX. Usually RAND\_MAX= 32767 (the case16 bits) or 2147483647 (32 bits)
- #include<stdlib.h> // in the case of C
- #include<cstdlib> // in the case of C++
- Function srand() can be used to seed the pseudorandom-number generator before calling rand().

# Selecting the sequence of RN's

Default seed (built in the generator)

 Selecting a seed as a given constant value: srand(13);

Randomizing:

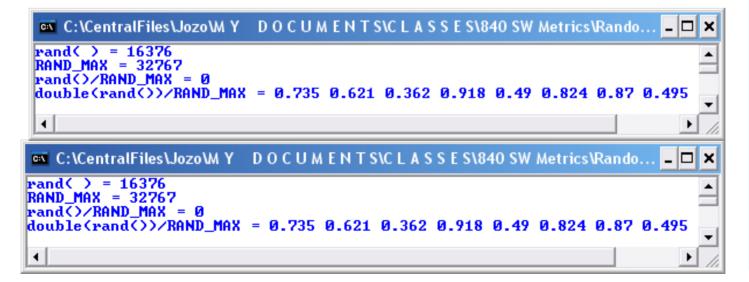
```
srand( (unsigned) time( NULL ) );
```

## The concept of default seed

```
unsigned int rng(void)
{
   static unsigned int random = 13;
   return (random = f(random));
}
```

Some applications need the same sequence of random numbers. E.g. if we measure the speed of sort benchmark it is necessary that each competitor gets the same sequence of random numbers.

## An example of default seed

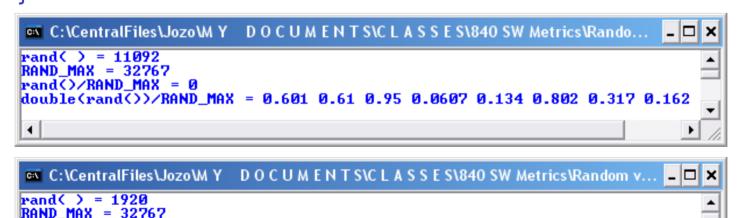


Each time rand() generates the same sequence of random values

## The concept of randomized seed

Some applications need always a different sequence of random numbers. E.g. all games need different sequences of random numbers to avoid repeating exactly the same game over and over again. Simulators of queuing systems also need different random sequences.

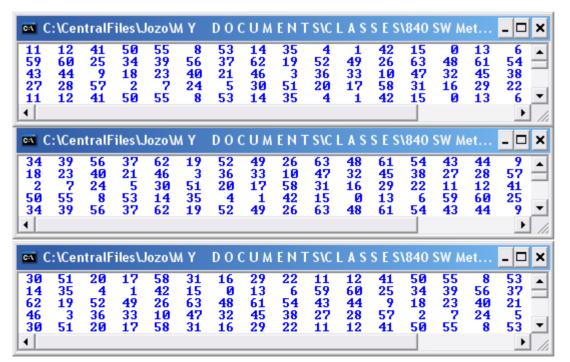
## An example of randomized seed



double(rand())/RAND MAX = 0.0921 0.717 0.276 0.964 0.305 0.0772 0.85 0.331

rand()/RAND\_MAX = 0

Each time rand() generates a different sequence of random values



Each execution of program generates a different sequence of 64 random numbers (maximum length)

# Generating random numbers with uniform and nonuniform distributions



#### Distributions

- Uniform distribution in the interval [a,b]
- Standard uniform distribution: the interval is [0,1]
- Nonuniform distributions:
  - Exponential
  - Normal
  - Arbitrary

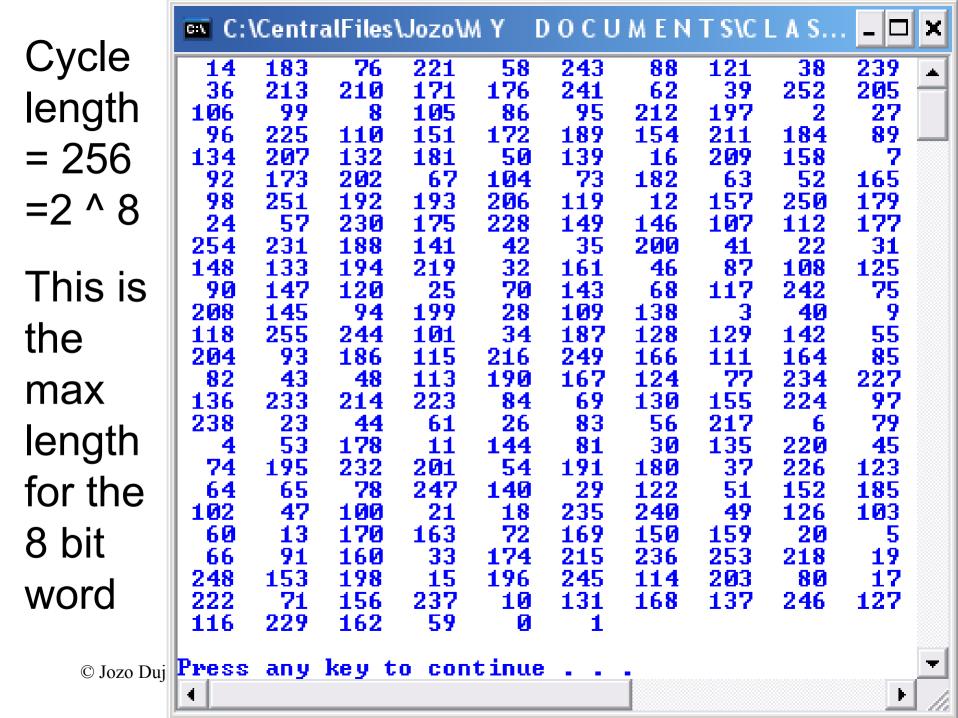
#### Uniform distribution

- $N = [a*N + c] \mod M$
- M = 2<sup>h</sup>; b=number of bits in a word
- Conditions for the sequence of max length:

```
c = odd integer ≈ 0.211*M
a-1 must be multiple of 4
```

- If the random sequence has the max length each value occurs only once and the distribution is uniform
- Example: N = (5\*N + 3) mod 8
   N = 0, 3, 2, 5, 4, 7, 6, 1, 0,...

```
Program: RNG.cpp - uniform random number generator
  Problem: Generate a max length sequence for the 8-bit word
  Purpose: Demo program for static variables
  Author: Jozo J. Dujmovic
  Date : 4/20/2012
#include<iostream>
#include<iomanip>
using namespace std;
unsigned char random(void) // Uniform random number generator
{ static unsigned char c=1; // Initial value
  return c = 13*c + 1; // 0 <= c <= 255
                          // Maximum length of sequence = 256
int main(void)
{int r, i=0;
do
 cout << setw(4) << (r=random()) << (++i%10 ? ' ' : '\n');
while (r != 1);
cout << "\n\n";
 system("pause");
return 0:
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```



#### The role of uniform distribution

- Standard uniform distribution is the most important of all distributions
- Why? Because other distributions can be obtained as functions or uniform random numbers:

```
random_number = function( uniform( ) )
```

#### Nonuniform distributions

- Let urn() be a standard uniform random number generator: P[urn() < x] = x</li>
- Desired probability distribution of random numbers r: F(x) = P[r ≤ x]
- Method:

$$r = F^{-1}(u)$$

$$r = F^{-1}(1-u)$$
 equivalent

#### Derivation

$$u = urn(); \quad 0 \le u \le 1, \text{ (standard uniform)}$$
 $P[u \le x] = x$ 
 $r = g(u)$  Select g for a desired distribution of r
 $F(x) = P[r \le x] = P[g(u) \le x] = P[u \le g^{-1}(x)]$ 
 $= g^{-1}(x)$   $\therefore g(x) = F^{-1}(x)$ 
 $r = F^{-1}(u)$   $\Rightarrow u = f(r)$ 
 $r = F^{-1}(1-u)$   $\Rightarrow 1-u = f(r)$ 

# Exponential distribution

$$F(x) = P[r \le x] = 1 - e^{-x/\overline{r}}$$

$$u = F(r) \quad \text{or} \quad 1 - u = F(r)$$

$$1 - u = 1 - e^{-r/\overline{r}}$$

$$u = e^{-r/\overline{r}}$$

$$u = e^{-r/\overline{r}}$$

$$-r/\overline{r} = \ln(u)$$

$$r = -\overline{r} \ln(u) = \overline{r} \ln(1/u)$$

double expo(double rmean)

{ return rmean\*log(RAND\_MAX/double(rand())); }

# Types of RNG

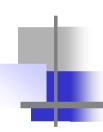
- Machine-dependent RNG not portable (can generate different sequences on different machines; e.g. rand())
- Machine-independent RNG portable (generate the same sequence or RN's on any machine)

# Iterative concept of RN generation

• R[i]=f(R[i-1]), R[0]=seed

R[i]=f(R[i-1],R[i-2]),
 R[0]=seed, R[1]=seed

• R[i]=f(R[i-1],R[i-n]), R[0..n-1]=seeds



# Machine-dependent and machine-independent RNG's

# Machine dependent generator

```
#include<cstdlib>
  Machine-dependent standard uniform random number
// generator from the standard library
//----
double urn(void)
   return double(rand())/double(RAND MAX);
```

# Generating 1.. 6 with equal probability (six-sided die simulator)

```
int rng123456(void)
{
    return 1 + rand()%6;
}
```

Generating random binary sequences: rand()%2

# Generating 1,2,3,4 with probabilities 10%,20%,30%,40%

```
int RandomDigit1234(void)
 double u = double(rand())/RAND MAX;
 if(u < 0.1) return 1;
 if(u < 0.3) return 2;
 if(u < 0.6) return 3;
 return 4;
```

### Fast Fibonacci Generator

```
Fast Fibonacci-style machine-independent standard
// uniform random number generator. The quality of
// randomness is not tested.
// Jozo Dujmovic, Dec 2002
double FiboURN(void)
        static double p=sqrt(2.)-1., q=sqrt(31.)-5.;
        static int flag = 1;
        if(flag)
                 p += q;
                 if(p>1.) p -= 1.;
                 flag = 0;
                 return p;
        else
                 q += p;
                 if(q>1.) q -= 1.;
                 flag = 1;
                 return q;
```

## Machine independent generator

```
// Machine-independent additive generator of standard uniform random
// numbers. Good quality of randomness.
                                                                                             r(i) := (r(i-1) + r(i-17)) \mod x \mod x
//
// Jozo Dujmovic, 1998
double uniform(void)
                              static unsigned long r[18] = \{131071, 43691, 262657, 649657, 274177, 1898, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 19980, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 1998, 
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                                                                                                                                                                         333667,909091,1777,8617,87211,
                                                                                                                                                                        174763,65537,0},
                                                                                                                                     xmod = 1048573:
                              static double rnmax=xmod;
                              static int i=17, j=16, k=0, n=18;
                             double rn;
                             r[i] = (r[j] + r[k]) % xmod;
                             rn = r[i]/rnmax;
                              i = (i+1)%n;
                                               = (j+1)%n;
                                                      = (k+1)%n;
                             return rn;
```

## The concept of shuffler

- Fill an array of 100-200 components with (arbitrarily distributed) random numbers
- Randomly (uniformly) select a number from the array and deliver to the user
- Restore the array: generate a new random number and replace the number that was delivered to the user

#### Shuffler

```
MacLaren - Marsaglia Shuffler for a random number generator
//
// definied as urn( ).
// Jozo Dujmovic, 1998
double rng(void)
     static int n=200, firstcall=1;
     static double table[200];
     double rnumber;
      int i, itable;
     if (firstcall)
        for(i=0; i<n; i++) table[i]=urn( ); // Any desired distribution</pre>
        firstcall = 0;
      }
      itable = int(n * urn());  // Uniform selection from table
     rnumber = table[itable];
     table[itable] = urn( );
                                           // Any desired distribution
     return rnumber;
```

### Approximate normal distribution

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C Normal random number generator based on Central Limit Theorem

function gauss()

r = 0.

do i=1,12

external urn

call rng(urn, u)

r = r + u

end do

gauss = r-6.

end

U = standard uniform random number

Z = U1 + ... + U12 - 6 (\* normal)

R = Mean + Sigma \* Z

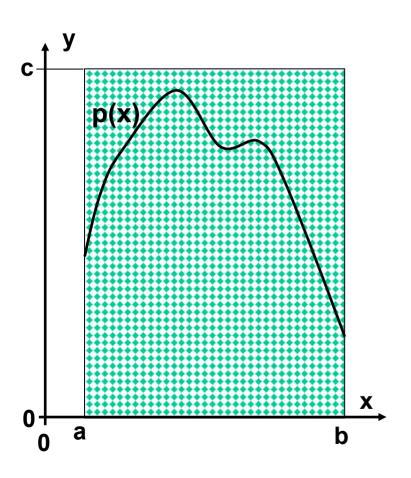
Mean = mean value

Sigma = standard deviation of R

#### Normal distribution

```
A NORMAL RANDOM NUMBER GENERATOR BASED ON THE POLAR METHOD
     Jozo J. Dujmovic
SUBROUTINE POLAR (RN, AVERAGE, SIGMA)
     LOGICAL flag
                                      ! A flip-flop flag
     DATA flag, saved rn /.FALSE., 0./
     SAVE
                                      ! Use the saved random number
     IF (flag) THEN
       RN = AVERAGE + SIGMA*saved rn
                                      ! Generate a new pair of
     ELSE
  10 u1 = 2.*URN() - 1.
                                      ! normally distributed random
                                      ! numbers
       u2 = 2.*URN() - 1.
       a = u1*u1 + u2*u2
       IF (a .GE. 1.) GO TO 10
       a = SORT(-2.*LOG(a)/a)
       RN = AVERAGE + SIGMA*u1*a ! Resulting random number
       saved rn = u2*a
                                      ! Next random number
     END IF
     flaq = .NOT. flaq
                                      ! Flip the flag
     RETURN
     END
```

## Acceptance-rejection RNG method

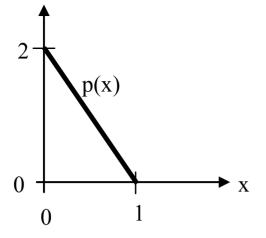


Generate a random point x,y and if the point is under the probability density function, return x. There will be more points where the density function has high values

- 1. p(x) = a desired probability density function
- 2.  $u() = double(rand())/RAND_MAX$
- 3. Generate uniform RN x using u()
- Generate uniform RN y using u()
- 5. If y < p(x) return x else go to step 3

# Advantages/disadvantages of the A/R method

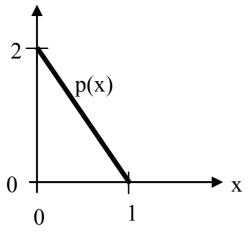
- Advantage: simplicity
- Disadvantages:
  - If the distribution has inconvenient shape (with a high peak) the number of rejected numbers can be very high and the algorithm can be very inefficient.
  - The method is restricted to distributions that are finite, i.e. do not have a long tail (e.g. you cannot use it for the exponential distribution)
  - We have a better method  $r = F^{-1}(u())$



Write a function **lin()** that returns a random number having the presented probability density function p(x) = 2(x-1),  $0 \le x \le 1$ . You may use the library function rand().

Show a complete derivation of all results.

```
double u() {return double(rand())/RAND_MAX;}
double p(double x) {return 2.*(1.-x);}
double lin(void)
{   double x;
   do x=u(); while(2*u() > p(x));
   return x;
}
```



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Show a complete derivation of all results.

$$p(x) = 2(x-1), \quad 0 \le x \le 1 \qquad F(r) = u \text{ or } F(r) = 1-u$$

$$F(r) = \int_{0}^{r} p(x)dx = 2\int_{0}^{r} (1-x)dx = 2(r-r^{2}/2) = 2r-r^{2} = 1-u$$

$$r^{2} - 2r + 1 - u = 0 \quad \to \quad r_{1,2} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4(1-u)}}{2} = 1 \pm \sqrt{u}$$

$$r \le 1 \quad \to \quad \underline{r} = 1 - \sqrt{u}$$

```
double lin(void)
  return 1. - sqrt(double(rand())/RAND_MAX);
```

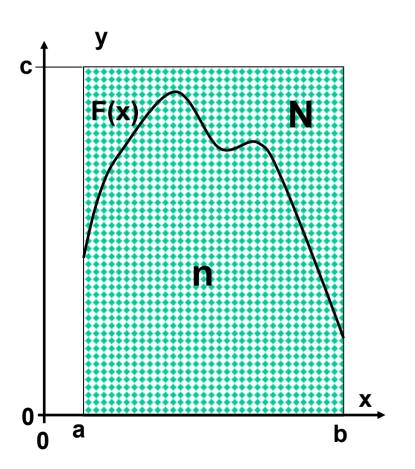
```
#include<iostream>
#include<iomanip>
#include<cmath>
using namespace std;
double u(void) {return double(rand())/RAND_MAX;}
double p(double x) {return 2.*(1.-x);}
double lin(void)
      double x;
      do
        x=u();
      while(2*u()>p(x));
      return x;
double LIN(void)
 return 1.- sqrt(double(rand())/RAND_MAX);
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```

```
int main(void)
 int i;
double f[21], F[21];
 for(i=0; i<21; i++) f[i]=F[i]=0.;
 for(i=0; i<=100000; i++)
      f[int(20.*lin())]++;
      F[int(20.*LIN())]++;
 for(i=0; i<20; i++) cout<<setw(5) << f[i]; cout<<"\n\n";
 for(i=0; i<20; i++) cout<<setw(5) << F[i]; cout<<"\n\n";
 cout << setprecision(1);</pre>
 for(i=0; i<20; i++)
    cout << setw(5) << 200.*fabs(f[i]-F[i])/(f[i]+F[i]);
cout<< "\n\n";
system("pause");
return 0;
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```

#### Results

- Both LIN and lin generate the same linear probability density function
- The difference between the two distribution is rather small (0.3-9%)

# Monte Carlo integration



A = c(b-a) = area or rectangle

N = total number of uniformly distributed random points generated inside the rectangle (a,b)

n = number of points that are located under the curve y = F(x)

n/N = fraction of points that are located under the curve y = F(x)

$$\int_{a}^{b} F(x)dx = A \lim_{N \to \infty} \frac{n}{N}$$

```
double urn(void) {return double(rand())/double(RAND MAX);}
double f (double x) { return x^*x^*x; } // Integral = (x^*4)/4
int main(void)
{
    int i, N, k, n=0 ;
    double x, v, Area;
    srand(time(NULL));
    for (k=0; k<8; k++, cout <<"\setminus n\setminus n")
    for (n=0, N=100; N<=1000000; N*=100, n=0)
    {
        for(i=0; i<N; i++)
             x = urn();
             v = urn();
                 if(f(x) > y) ++n;
        }
        Area = double(n)/double(N); // Analytic result = 0.25
        cout << N << " Integral = " << Area << endl;</pre>
    }
    system("pause");
    return 0;
```

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#### C:\CentralFiles\Jozo\M Y Integral = 0.22 Integral = 0.2414 Integral = 0.249927 Integral = 0.23 Integral = 0.2469 Integral = 0.24989 Integral = 0.21 Integral = 0.2469 Integral = 0.250005 Integral = 0.27 Integral = 0.2563 Integral = 0.250063 Integral = 0.24 Integral = 0.2508 Integral = 0.249877 Integral = 0.26 Integral = 0.2452 Integral = 0.250609Integral = 0.19

Integral = 0.2462

Integral = 0.2507

Integral = 0.25

Integral = 0.249736

Integral = 0.250061

# APPROXIMATE ANALYSIS OF ACCURACY OF MONTE CARLO INTEGRATION

Number of	Number of
random x,y	correct
points used	decimal
for integration	digits
100	
10000	2

### Multidimensional MC integration

$$R = \prod_{i=1}^{m} [a_i, b_i] = \text{region containing F}$$

$$V = \prod_{i=1}^{m} (b_i - a_i)$$
 = volume of region containing F

$$\int_{a_1}^{b_1} dx_1 \int_{a_2}^{b_2} dx_2 \dots \int_{a_m}^{b_m} dx_m F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) = V \lim_{N \to \infty} \frac{n}{N}$$

$$N:(u_1,u_2,...,u_m)\in R, \quad u_i\big|_{uniform\ RN}\in [a_i,b_i]$$

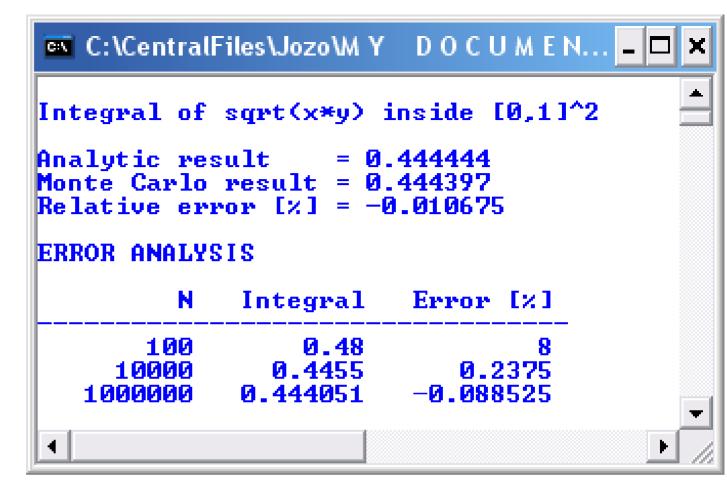
n: number of points in subregion defined by F()

### Example

$$I = \int_{00}^{11} \sqrt{xy} dx dy = \frac{2}{3} x^{3/2} \Big|_{0}^{1} \times \frac{2}{3} y^{3/2} \Big|_{0}^{1}$$
$$= \frac{4}{9} = 0.4444444$$

```
int i, n = 1000000, N=0;
double x, y, z, integral, analytic = 4./9., error;
for(i=0; i<n; i++)
{
   x=urn(); y=urn(); z=urn(); // Random point inside the unit cube
   if(z \le sqrt(x*v)) N++;
integral = double(N)/double(n);
error = 100.*(integral - analytic)/analytic;
cout << "\nIntegral of sqrt(x*y) inside [0,1]^2\n\n"</pre>
     << "Analytic result = " << analytic
     << "\nMonte Carlo result = " << integral
     << "\nRelative error [%] = " << error
    << "\n\nERROR ANALYSIS\n\n"
     << setw(10) << "N" << setw(11) << "Integral"
     << setw(12) << "Error [%]"
     << "\n----\n";
for (n=100; n<100000000; n*=100)
{
 N=0; srand(time(NULL));
 for(i=0; i<n; i++)
  {
    x=urn(); y=urn(); z=urn();
    if(z <= sqrt(x*y)) N++;
  }
  integral = double(N)/double(n);
  error = 100.*(integral - analytic)/analytic;
  cout << setw(10) << n << setw(11) << integral << setw(12) << error << "\n";
}
```

# ACCURACY OF MONTE CARLO INTEGRATION



Number of significant decimal digits ≈ 0.5 log<sub>10</sub>(N)

Accuracy is modest: typically 2-3 significant dec. dig.