CHAPTER 5 Monte Carlo Simulation

> We define Monte Carlo simulation as a scheme (side) employing random numbers, that is, U (0, 1) random variates, which is used for solving certain stochastic or deterministic problem. Thus, a stochastic discrete-event simulation is included in this definition. The name "Monte Carlo" simulation or method originated during World War II, when this approach was applied to problems related to the development of the atomic bomb and other weapons.

5.1 Introduction to Monte Carlo Simulation

5.1.1 Introduction

- Monte Carlo technique deals with taking random samples from distribution of a variable in order to supply a series of values for use in the model.
- > This requires a method of generating or obtaining random variates from the uniform distribution on the interval [0, 1] this distribution is denoted by U(0, 1) and random variates generated from the U(0, 1) distribution will be called random numbers.

- > The probability of any random number in that domain [0, 1] is equal. Random values can be conveniently and efficiently generated from a desired probability distribution by the inverse transform method for use in executing simulation models. Other methods of generating random numbers like linear congruential and mixed generators are explained in chapter 3.
- Monte Carlo methods are stochastic and are typically simple to implement.
- It is often used to solve stochastic problems to mimic randomness of physical behaviour.
- Monte Carlo can also be used to solve deterministic problems by using probability for estimation.

5.1.2 Requirements of Stochastic Simulation

- Knowledge of relevant probability distributions depend on the theoretical or empirical information about physical system being simulated.
- Supply of random numbers for making random choices. By simulating large number of trials, probability distribution of overall results can be approximated with accuracy attained depending on number of trials. As the number of iterations increases we come to actual value.

Example 5.1

In a queueing system, the arrival rate and service rate in minutes with their probabilities are given as:

Arrival rate	Probability	Service rate	Probability
3	15 %	4	30 %
4	30 %	5	40 %
5	20 %	6	30 %
6	35 %		

As a conclusion from the given data, they are not following any typical distribution.

To get help from random numbers in predicting the values of number of arrival and service rate, we find the cumulative frequency and distribute the uniformly distributed two digit random numbers (from 00 to 99) according to frequency as shown in the following table:

Arriva	l rate	Frequency	Cumulative frequency	Two digit random numbers
3	3	15	15	00 – 14
4		30	45	15 – 44
5	;	20	65	45 – 64
6		35	100	65 -99

Service rate	Frequency	Cumulative frequency	Two digit random
	1		numbers
4	30	30	00 – 29
5	40	70	30 – 69
6	30	100	70 - 99

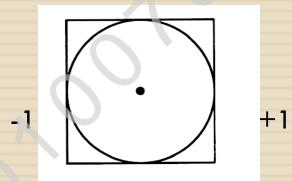
Generating a stream of random numbers (from 00 to 99): (78, 47, 13, 87, 89, 05 ...) and pick the first number 78 which corresponds to arrival rate of 6 minutes, and similarly for the service rate. We can use the random function software to generate uniformly distributed random numbers from the excel sheet as shown in the following example.

Example 5.2

Calculate the deterministic value of π by using random numbers.

Solution

Assume a circle of radius=1 and its center is at the origin, then its area is π . The circle is surrounded by a square, the length of its side=2.



If we select a point (from -1 to 1) at random, it may be located inside the circle or outside the circle but still inside the square. If we repeat this selection for 10 times, we may get 7 times the point is located inside the circle and 3 times outside the circle but still inside the square.

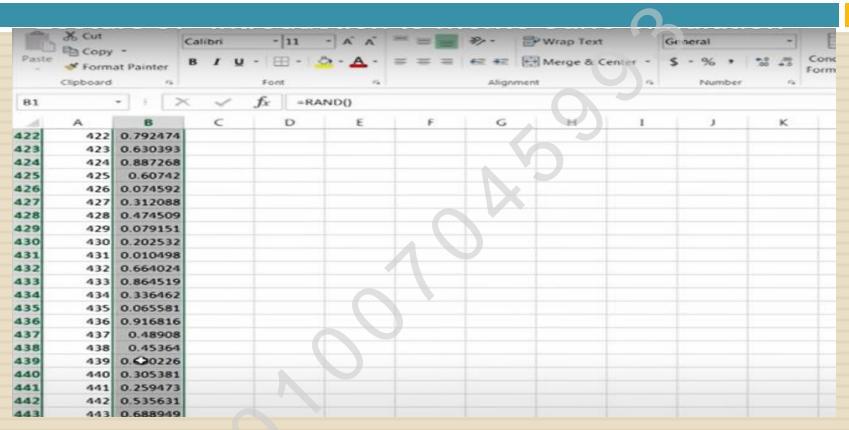
This means that: Probability of a point located inside the circle = 0.7

Probability of a point located outside the circle = 0.3

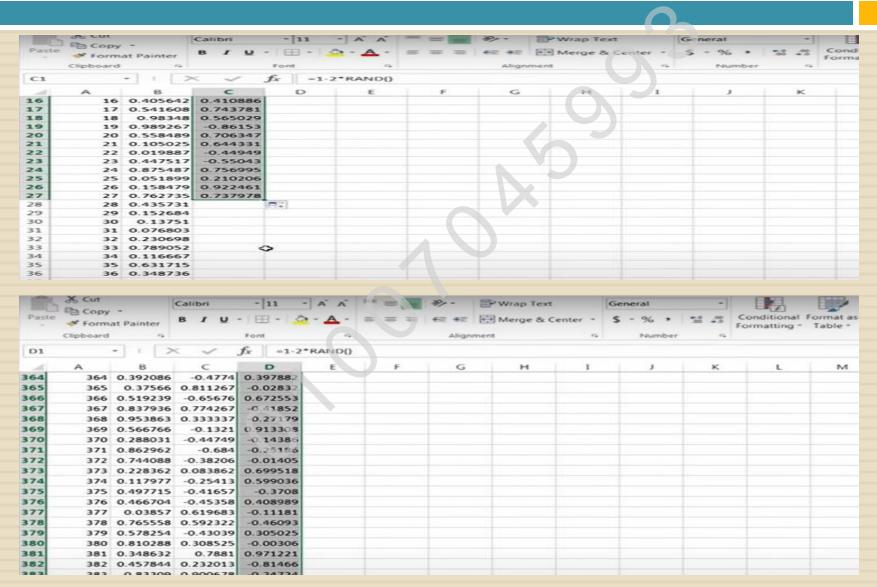
Therefore: The area of the circle = 0.7 the area of the square

The area of the circle = 0.7 x $(2 \times 2) = 2.8$

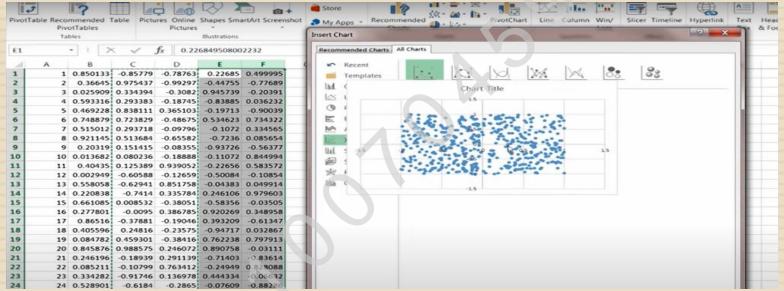
- > Actually the area of the circle = $\pi \approx 3.14$, so the result of 2.8 is an approximation and as the number of iterations increases it will go closer to the actual value.
- > We can do that on the *Excel sheet* by generating a stream of random numbers using *rand* () function. Let us first have the numbering (1, 2... to 500) in column A, then generate random numbers between [0, 1] by the command *rand* () in column B.



For the circle example, the random numbers should be in between [-1, 1], so we use the function as: 1-2*rand() and the result will be in column C, then generating a similar stream in column D:



> If we plot these points on the scatter (from *Insert* menu on the excel sheet choose *scatter*) to notice that their uniform distribution:

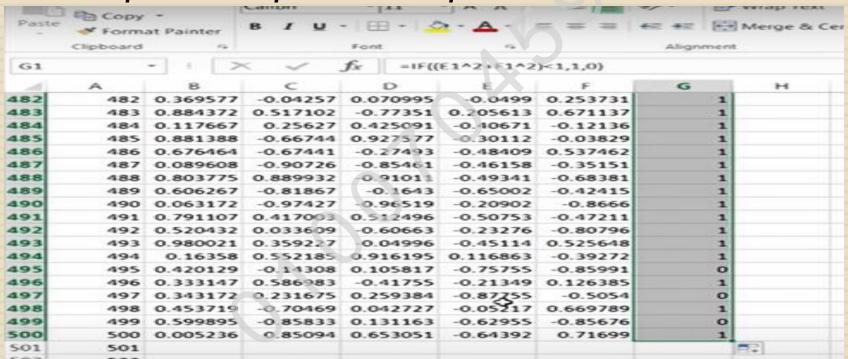


To draw these random numbers in a circle of radius = 1, the circle equation is $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ with the center in the origin. On the Excel sheet in column G we have the condition: IF $(Column E)^2 + (column F)^2 < 1$, then 1, else 0 = $if((E1^2 + F1^2) < 1, 1, 0)$

Gives the points in the quarter of the circle.

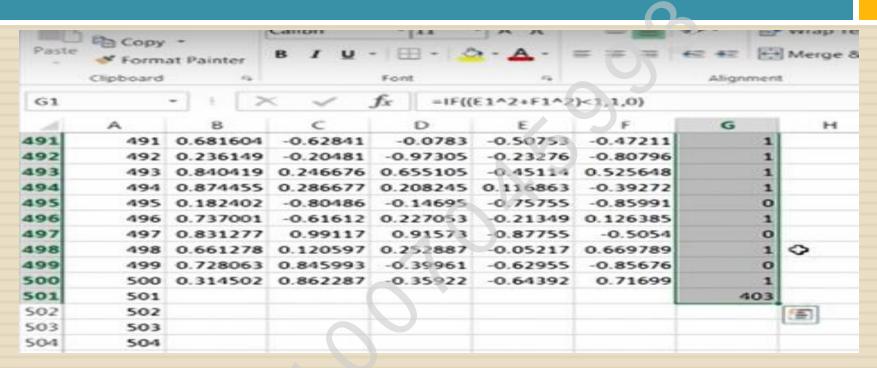
the condition: (Column E) 2 + (column F) 2 \leq 1, then 1, else 1

Gives the points in the quarter of the square.



For example:

 $(0.87)^2 + (0.505)^2 = 0.7569 + 0.255 = 1.0119 > 1 \rightarrow 0$ i.e. outside the circle $(0.05)^2 + (0.66)^2 = 0.0025 + 0.4356 = 0.4381 < 1 \rightarrow 1$ i.e. inside the circle



The sum of column G gives 403 which means 403 ones out of 500, i.e. 1/4 of the area = $403/500 = 0.806 \approx \pi/4$ which means $\pi \approx 3.224$ While the actual value of π is 3.14.

If we increase the number of points more than 500 the result will be closer to the actual value.

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0048		9047	0.17097	0.398822	9046	0.258921	-0.59693	0.258921	-0.59693	1	1	
049		9048	-0.4202	-0.29098	9047	0.596386	0.210163	0.596386	0.210163	1	1	
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9051		9050	0.664953	-0.11874	9049	0.926885	-0.78109	0	0	0	1	
0052		9051	0.916883	-0.30728	9050	0.005152	-0.41738	0.005152	-0.41738	1	1	
0053		9052	0.5156	0.127699	9051	0.794619	0.042357	0.794619	0.042357	1	1	
054		9053	-0.01183	0.214748	9052	-0.49249	-0.43334	-0.49249	-0.43334	1	1	
055		9054	-0.81943	0.264617	9053	-0.17105	-0.53544	-0.17105	-0.53544	1	1	
056		9055	-0.09319	0.01629	9054	-0.11091	0.050493	-0.11091	0.050493	1	1	
057		9056	-0.83904	-0.78924	9055	-0.16286	0.61441	-0.16286	0.61441	1	1	
058		9057	-0.16028	0.765966	9056	-0.47883	0.955191	0	0	0	1	
9059		9058	-0.8305	0.562403	9057	-0.34008	0.985192	0	0	0	1	

For a stream of 10000 random numbers we get:

7857 ones out of 10000, i.e. the area = (7857/10000) x 4 = 3.1428

5.2 Inventory Control Simulation using Monte Carlo Technique

For inventory control problem we are interested in finding when to reorder, what is the reorder level, what is the daily demand, what is the stock in hand, what is the total cost of holding material, and what is the shortage cost. Those issues are to be modeled trough this technique.

Example 5.3

Suppose you have certain demand for the past 100 days and the lead time in which the ordered quantity has arrived are given in the following table.

- Notice that for the lead time we may have a standard frequency distribution rather than the given frequencies to find the random numbers corresponding to a particular lead time.
- We need to know the demand in the coming days and the possible lead time, and when to order.

22	44	33	57	41	45	49	47	44	44	naving three aayo io occi	
48	45	33	55	41	42	50	72	46	43	Demand for	
66	40	70	43	39	49	44	66	39	31	past 100 days	
52	42	44	31	42	34	38	38	48	31		
52	43	50	57	42	44	43	40	53	48		
52	49	50	37	40	28	46	47	31	38	Lead time Frequence	су
26	30	62	35	41	42	48	39	38	47	3 days 28%	
32	41	43	43	64	51	55	31	55	46	4 days 44%	
52	45	44	56	34	52	50	56	59	58	5 days 28%	
58	44	57	53	48	54	33	27	57	39		

Suppose that in the inventory control we have the following costs:

 C_0 ... is the cost of placing an order = 100 pound/order

 C_i ... is the cost of holding an item in stock = 0.1 pound/unit/day

 C_s ... is the cost of shortage = 5 pounds/unit

(when you have shortage you have to bring items from local market at higher price)

We will calculate what will be the reordered level and other quantities by statistical calculations. We have: Mean demand μ_D $\mu_D = \Sigma \text{ all demand in } (n=100) \text{ days } / 100 = 45.23 \text{ unit/day}$ Standard deviation of the demand $\delta_D = \sqrt{[(\Sigma \text{ Di}^2) - [(\Sigma \text{ Di})^2/\text{ n}]] / (n-1)}$ $\delta_D = \sqrt{[214077 - [(4523)^2/\text{ 100}]] / 99} = 9.8$

Mean lead time $\mu_L = [(28x3) + (44x4) + (28x5)]/100 = 400/4 = 4 days$ Standard deviation of the lead time δ_L

$$\mathbf{6_L} = \sqrt{\{[(28\times3)^2 + (44\times4)^2 + (28\times5)^2] - [(400)^2/100]\}} / 99 = 0.75$$

All these calculations can be done from the available data.

Now we find the histogram of the demand which ranges from 20 to 70, we calculate the frequency, cumulative frequency, and assign two digit random numbers (from 00 to 99) for each interval of the demand according to its frequency as shown in the following table. When we predict the demand we will take the average value of the demand in each interval.

Demand	Average	frequency	Cumulative	Random
interval	demand		frequency	numbers
20 – 24	22	1	1	00
25 – 29	27	3	4	01 – 03
30 – 34	32	12	16	04 – 15
35 – 39	37	10	26	16 – 25
40 – 44	42	26	52	26 – 51
45 – 49	47	1 <i>7</i>	69	52 – 68
50 – 54	52	13	82	69 – 81
55 – 59	57	12	94	82 – 93
60 – 64	62	2	96	94 – 95
65 – 69	67	2	98	96 – 97
70 – 74	72	2	100	98 – 99

Similarly we can have the calculations for the lead time:

Lead time	frequency	Cumulative frequency	Random numbers
3	28	28	00 – 27
4	44	72	28 – 71
5	28	100	72 – 99

economic order quantity (EOQ) is given as:

EOQ =
$$\sqrt{2 \mu_D C_0 / Ci} = \sqrt{(2 \times 45.23 \times 100) / 0.1} \approx 300$$
 units

Whenever the stock quantity reaches below certain limit (the *reorder level*) we have to order this quantity (300 units) because we are going for fixed quantity system.

The reorder level is given as:

$$ROL = \mu_D \, \mu_L + K \, [\sqrt{\mu_L \, 6D^2 + (\mu D^2 \, 6L^2)}]$$

Where K is a constant that determines the **probability of shortage** of stock, e.g. for K = 1.65 the chance of shortage of stock is 5% (i.e. 95% sure that there will not be any shortage). If K = 2.33 there will be only 1% chance of shortage.

For K = 1.65:

ROL =
$$(45.23 \times 4) + 1.65 \times \sqrt{4 (95.98)^2 + (45.23)^2 \times 0.5657} = 245$$

Now we start the simulation with EQQ = 300 and ROL = 245 units

- Assuming the initial stock = 300 units on Friday evening, so we will start simulation from Monday onwards.
- > The random numbers can be generated from (00 to 99) if we put in the excel 100 into the rand () function. We can also generate random numbers by using other generators.

81	78	89	59	40	33	60	67	19	21	
94	51	37	19	31	89	34	62	23	42	
21	75	28	18	20	10	76	43	91	69	
35	88	90	88	53	00	80	77	42	96	
60	94	49	75	69	26	96	24	05	91	
97	84	54	83	27	28	99	94	46	19	Random
92	10	80	60	32	63	08	71	06	14	numbers
23	70	49	30	71	21	23	26	20	76	nombers
82	07	15	38	54	15	75	99	27	84	
80	75	31	64	67	97	64	06	56	81	
42	10	00	37	24	33	56	28	43	89	
54	94	54	43	71	87	78	60	72	06	
57	36	84	56	98	10	17	89	53	25	
61	37	35	11	63	87	59	64	92	62	
85	17	23	11	05	56	35	36	34	52	
02	84	29	56	99	02	03	35	96	70	
24	64	48	50	42	79	28	99	53	12	
63	20	82	33	82	22	07	33	39	93	
38	94	98	52	70	50	So, su	$ppos\epsilon$	this i	is the	random number which
98	76	37	41	46	27	is to	o be u	sed, s	so we	have to use the first

We will use random numbers for demand from the left side of the first row and for lead time from the right side of the last row (65, 67, 22 ..)

(initial stock = 300 units, EOQ = 300 units, and ROL = 245 units)

The simulation table for two working weeks (10 working days will be):

Day	Initial stock	R. No. for demand	Daily demand	Shortage	Quantity received	Final stock	Quantity in hand + order	Quantity ordered	R. No. for lead time	Lead time
M	300	81	52	-	-	248	248	0	-	-
Т	248	78	52	-	-	196	196	300	65	4
W	196	89	57	-	-	139	439	0	-	-
Th	139	59	47	-	1-	92	392	0	-	-
F	92	40	42	-		50	350	0	-	-
M	50	33	42	-	300	308	308	0	-	-
T	308	60	47)	261	261	0	-	-
W	261	67	47	-	-	214	214	300	67	4
Th	214	19	37	-	-	177	477	0	-	-
F	1 <i>77</i>	21	37	-	-	140	440	0	-	-

Final stock = initial stock - daily demand + quantity received

On first Monday = 300 - 52 = 248 units, Initial stock = previous final stock \rightarrow on Tuesday = 248 and final stock = $248 - 52 = 196 \rightarrow$ we have to reorder

Quantity in hand + order = final stock + quantity ordered

When the lead time is 4 working days from Tuesday, the quantity ordered will be received on next Monday, final stock will be:

Final stock on next Monday = (50 - 42) + 300 = 308 units

The second ordered quantity will be received on next Tuesday.

We can calculate parameters like cost in certain period:

Cost of holding inventory = holding cost per unit x final stock

Cost of ordering = number of orders x order cost

5.3 Monte Carlo Simulation of Queueing Problem

Monte Carlo simulation can be used in solving different kinds of problems like *inventory control, reliability, queueing* ... etc. In this section we discuss *Monte Carlo simulation of queueing problem*.

Example 5.4

At a dentist clinic, apply Monte Carlo simulation to find the average waiting time of customers. Simulation starts at 8 a.m. in the morning and the arrival of customers is scheduled (in other cases it may be randomly depending on some probability distributions). The first customer arrives at 8 a.m. and every 30 minutes one customer is coming for five different treatments to be carried out. The five treatment services are filling, crown, cleaning, extraction, and checkup with different probabilities and service times.

We do not know the treatment service for which a customer is coming and that guess will be done by referring random numbers generated from any generator as shown in the following table:

services	Service time	Probability of service	Cumulative probability	Random number intervals
Filling	40 min.	0.40	0.40	00 – 39
Crown	60 min.	0.15	0.55	40 – 54
Cleaning	15 min.	0.15	0.70	55 – 69
Extraction	45 min.	0.10	0.80	70 – 79
Checkup	15 min.	0.20	1.00	80 – 99

Then we can predict for what service a customer is coming.

Given the random numbers 40, 82, 11, 34, 25, 66, 17, 79 to be used for predicting the required service for 8 patients by the dentist:

Patient	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Arrival	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	2
time									
Random	40	82	11	34	25	66	17	79	
number									
of service									
Category	crown	checkup	filling	filling	filling	cleaning	filling	extraction	
of service									
Service	60	15	40	40	40	15	40	45	
time									

Then we have to find when a customer arrives and when he leaves to calculate the average waiting time:

patient	Arrival time	Service time	Service starts at:	Waiting time	
1	8:00	60	8:00	0 minutes	
2	8:30	15	9:00	30 minutes	
3	9:00	40	9:15	15 minutes	
4	9:30	40	9:55	25 minutes	
5	10:00	40	10:35	35 minutes	
6	10:30	15	11:15	45 minutes	
7	11:00	40	11:30	30 minutes	
8	11:30	45	12:10	40 minutes	

The total waiting time = 220 minutes

Average waiting time = 220 / 8 = 27.5 minutes

In many cases we have to generate the random numbers from certain distribution. Inter-arrival time and service time tollow the exponential distribution in most cases. To generate random numbers using the exponential distribution we use the inverse transform method.

EXAMPLE 5.5

Let X have the exponential distribution with mean β , the distribution function is:

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-x/\beta} & \text{if } x \ge 0\\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

so to find F^{-1} , we set u = F(x) and solve for x to obtain

$$F^{-1}(u) = -\beta \ln (1 - u)$$

Thus, to generate the desired random variate, we first generate a $U \sim U(0,1)$ and then let $X = -\beta \ln U$. [It is possible in this case to use U instead of (1-U) since (1 - U) and U have the same U(0, 1) distribution. [This saves a subtraction.]

Example 5.6

Suppose in example 5.4 the inter-arrival time is exponentially distributed with mean value $\beta_1 = 2$ and service time is also exponentially distributed with mean value $\beta_2 = 1.33$. From the simulation table for the arrival, service, and departure times of 8 customers calculate the average waiting time for a customer.

Solution

We get the random variates representing the *inter-arrival time* X_i and *service* time Y_i from the inverse transform equations:

$$X_i = -\beta_1 \ln U_1$$
 and $Y_i = -\beta_2 \ln U_2$

Where the random numbers $0 \le (both \ U_1 \ and \ U_2) \le 1$. Given a stream of **two digit** random numbers u_1, u_2 [from 00 to 99], we can get U_1, U_2 by dividing each random number in the stream by 100, then we calculate $X_{i,} Y_i$ from the above equations, we get the following results:

 $u_1 \rightarrow 20$, 23, 86, 09, 92, 35, 38, 01 & $u_2 = 21$, 44, 27, 70, 73, 36, 59, 42 For $u_1 = 20 \rightarrow U_1 = 20/100 = 0.20 \rightarrow X_1 = -2 \ln (0.20) = 3.22$ For $u_2 = 21 \rightarrow U_2 = 21/100 = 0.21 \rightarrow Y_1 = -1.33 \ln (0.21) = 2.08$ Similarly for all values of u_1 and u_2 as shown in the simulation table:

u ₁	Inter-arrival	Arrival time	U ₂	Service time	Departure	Waiting time
	time X _i			Yi	time	
20	3.22	3.22	21	2.08	5.30	0
23	2.94	6.16	44	1.09	7.25	0
86	0.30	6.46	27	1.75	9.0	0.79
09	4.82	11.28	70	0.48	11.76	0
92	0.17	11.45	73	0.42	12.18	0.31
35	2.10	13.55	36	1.36	14.91	0
38	1.94	15.49	59	0.70	16.19	0
01	9.21	24.70	42	1.16	25.86	0

The average waiting time = (0.79 + 0.31) / 8 = 0.14 and we can calculate other measures of performance.

Example 5.7

Simulate the operation on a *teller window* for *one hour*, given the following data:

$$u_1 \rightarrow 25, 37, 91, 00, 61, 62, 80, 15, 23$$

$$u_2 \rightarrow 84,01,59,40,03,29,50,77,32$$

Inter-arrival time (minutes)	5	6	Q	8	Service time (minutes)	5	6	7
Probability	0.15	0.35	0.35	0.15	Probability	0.25	0.50	0.25
Random No.	00-14	15-49	50-84	85-99	Random No.	00-24	25-74	75-99

The simulation table for one hour will be:

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Random	Inter-arrival	Arrival	Random	Service	Departure	Waiting	Server idle	
number սլ	time	time	number ບ ₂	time	time	time	time	
25	6	6	84	7	13	0	6	
37	6	12	01	5	18	1	0	
91	8	20	59	6	26	0	2	
00	5	25	40	6	32	1	0	
61	7	32	03	5	37	0	0	
62	7	39	29	6	45	0	2	
80	7	46	50	6	52	0	1	
15	6	52	77	7	59	0	0	
23	6	58	32	6	65 stop	1	<u>0</u>	
						Total = 3	Total = 11	

When departure time reaches beyond 60 minutes we have to stop.

Average waiting time per customer = 3/9 = 1/3 minutes

Percentage utilization of server = $[(65-11)/65] \times 100 = 83 \%$

Monte Carlo Simulation in Manufacturing

5.4 Monte Carlo Simulation in Manufacturing

We can have the generated random numbers by suitable software programs or by using different kinds of random number generators like linear congruential generator or mixed generator as shown in *Ex. 5.8*

Example 5.8

Given the units produced in a manufacturing facility and the number of vehicles available for transportation at a particular station with the corresponding probabilities as shown in the following table:

Units produced	Probability /	Random	Number of	Probability P(y	Random
X _i	$P(x = X_i)$	number	vehicles	$= Y_i$)	number
		intervals u ₁	available Y;		intervals u2
500	0.06	00 – 05	5	0.16	00 – 15
550	0.14	06 – 19	6	0.36	16 – 51
600	0.20	20 – 39	7	0.20	52 – 71
650	0.40	40 – 79	8	0.16	72 – 87
700	0.20	80 – 99	9	0.12	88 – 99

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Using mixed congruential generator of 3 parameters α , c, and m to generate two digit random numbers between 00 and 99, given:

For
$$u_1 \rightarrow a = 21$$
, $c = 3$, $m = 100$, seed $X_0 = 20$
For $u_2 \rightarrow a = 41$, $c = 7$, $m = 100$, seed $X_0 = 1$, where:
 $X_i = a X_{i-1} + c \mod(m)$

For u_1 : $X_0 = 20$

 $X_1 = a X_0 + c \mod (m) = (21 \times 20) + 3 \mod (100) = 423 \mod (100) = 23$ $X_2 = (21 \times 23) + 3 \mod (100) = 486 \mod (100) = 86 \mod so \text{ on to } X_9$ Similarly for u_2 : $X_0 = 1$

 $X_1 = a X_0 + c \mod (m) = (41 \times 1) + 7 \mod (100) = 48 \mod (100) = 48$ $X_2 = (41 \times 48) + 7 \mod (100) = 1975 \mod (100) = 75 \mod so \text{ on to } X_9$

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Now we can have the simulation table for 10 days.

Day	R.No. for units produced	Units produced	R.No. for vehicles availability	Vehicles available
1	20	600	01	5
2	23	600	48	6
3	86	700	75	8
4	09	550	82	8
5	92	700	69	7
6	35	600	36	6
7	38	600	83	8
8	01	500	10	5
9	24	600	17	6
10	07	<u>550</u>	04	<u>5</u>
		Total = 6000		Total = 64

Average number of units produced per day = 6000 / 10 = 600 units/day Average number of available vehicles per day = 64/10 = 6.4 vehicle/day

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