Lab of EMIot
Welcome!

Objective and organization

- Logistics: In-class lab
  - 1 laptop per person
  - May be useful to bring portable multiple sockets
- Necessary software:
  - C
  - MATLAB
    - You can get a free student licence https://www.areait.polito.it/supporto/risultato_serv.asp?serv=matlab&dettaglio=S&id_progetto_servizio=331

LAB schedules

- 20% of the final score
  - 9 points maximum
- Assignments will be evaluated
  - Each student has to deliver his/her own assignment
    - No groups allowed!
  - 1 report per lab
  - Any extension to the minimum assignment **may** lead to an increase in the evaluation
    - Make sure you meet all requirements
    - Do not go out of topic

LAB delivery

- Lab deadline is 23:59 of the day before the 2nd exam
  - **No exception**
  - Late delivery implies zero score for labs

- Format: **one archive**
  - File name = report.zip
  - One subfolder per lab (Lab1/ Lab2/ Lab3/)

LAB delivery

- What to deliver for each lab:
  - Source code
    - All code you modified and/or consider necessary
  - Report
    - 5-10 pages per lab, depending on the depth of experiments
    - PDF format
    - **Analysis of results**
      - This is what gives you points!
      - Implementing the code is not enough!

LAB delivery

- How to deliver:
  - Through the didattica web site
    - «Elaborati» tag

Lab 1 – Day 1
Dynamic Power Management

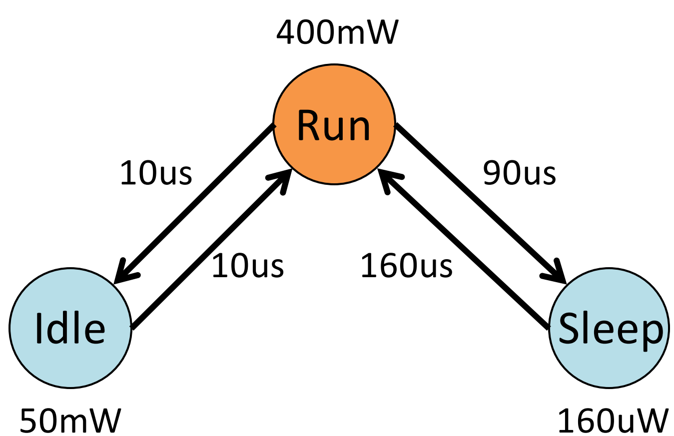
Objective and organization

- Understanding of the basics of DPM
  - Use and modify a simple power state machine simulator in C
  - Evaluation of power management policies

- 1 report and 3 days

Recall

- Dynamic Power Management
  - Reduce power by turning devices to low power when peak performance is not needed
  - Devices abstracted as power state machines
    - Several internal states corresponding to modes of operation
      - Different power and service levels



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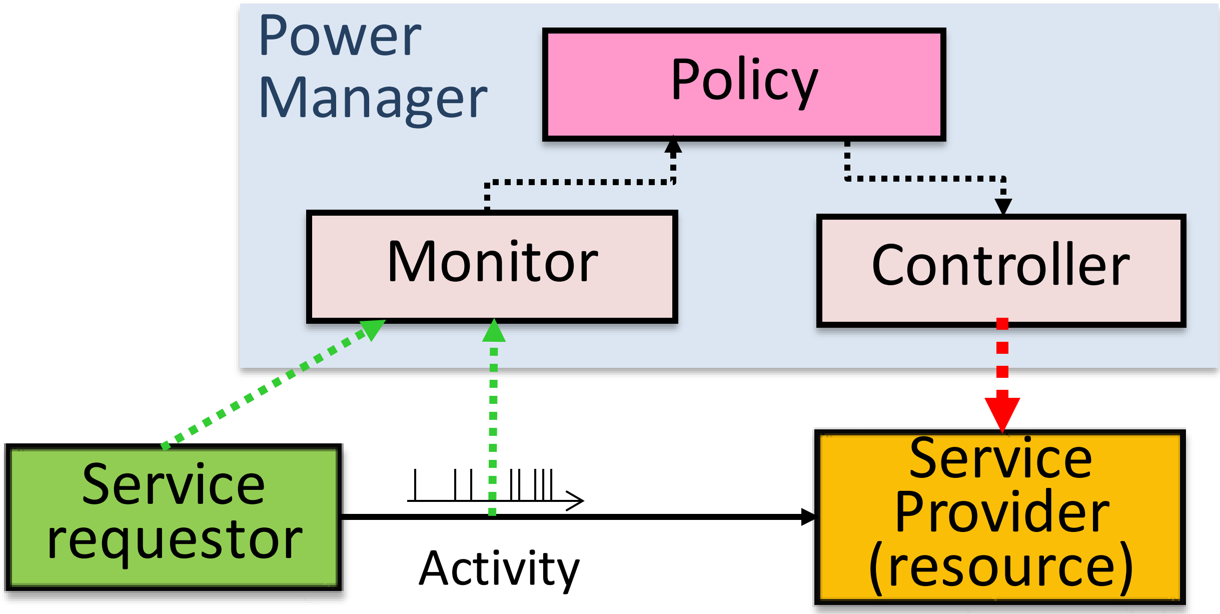


- Power manager (PM)
  - Monitors requestor's activity and sets state of provider according to some **policy**
    - E.g., shuts down component after some inactivity time

Recall

- Given a PSM and a workload, determine the optimal allocation of power states over time that minimizes power under performance constraints

- Non-idealities make the problem non-trivial!
  - Transitions costs (time & power) are not zero
    - Transitions must be amortized!
  - Length of idle periods often unknown

DPM simulator

- Goal of the lab:
  - Evaluate on a case study how energy saving changes as a function of
    - The distribution of idle times
    - The PSM parameters
    - The applied DPM policies
    - …

DPM simulator

- C program with the following basic operations
  - Read a power model → a PSM
  - Read a workload profile
  - Simulate two power management policies
    - Timeout
    - History-based prediction

DPM simulator

- `dpm_simulator [-help] [-t|-h] [-psm <psm file>][-wl <wl file>]`

  `-help:` prints command line instructions and returns

  `-t <Timeout>:` use a *timeout* policy with <Timeout>

  `-h <Value1> …<Value5> <Threshold1> <Threshodl2>:` use a *history-based predictive policy*

  - Length of history window = 5
  - <Value1-5> are the regression coefficients
  - <Threshold1-2> are the minimum time thresholds

  `-psm <psm file>:` the name of the file describing the *power state machine* (PSM) of the resource

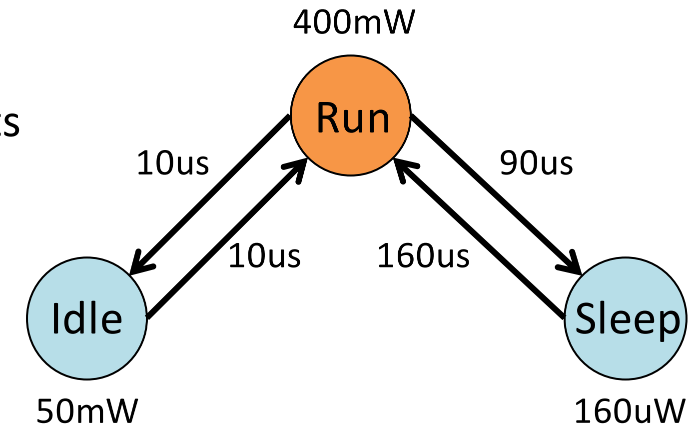
  `-wl <wl file>:` the *workload* file name

Format of the PSM

400	50	0.16
0/0	10/10	10/90
10/10	0/0	-1/-1
30/160	-1/-1	0/0

States power

Transitions costs (energy/time)



Transition does not exist:

- 0/0: Self-loops (i.e., state does not transition to itself)
- -1/-1: There is no transition between states

Default time, power, and energy units are: us, mW and uJ

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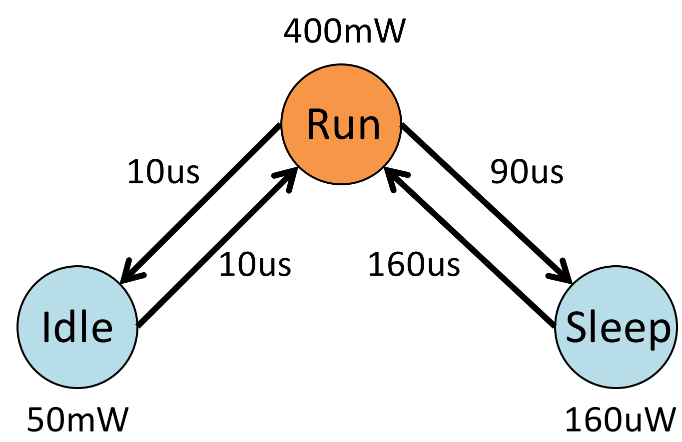


TO STATE…

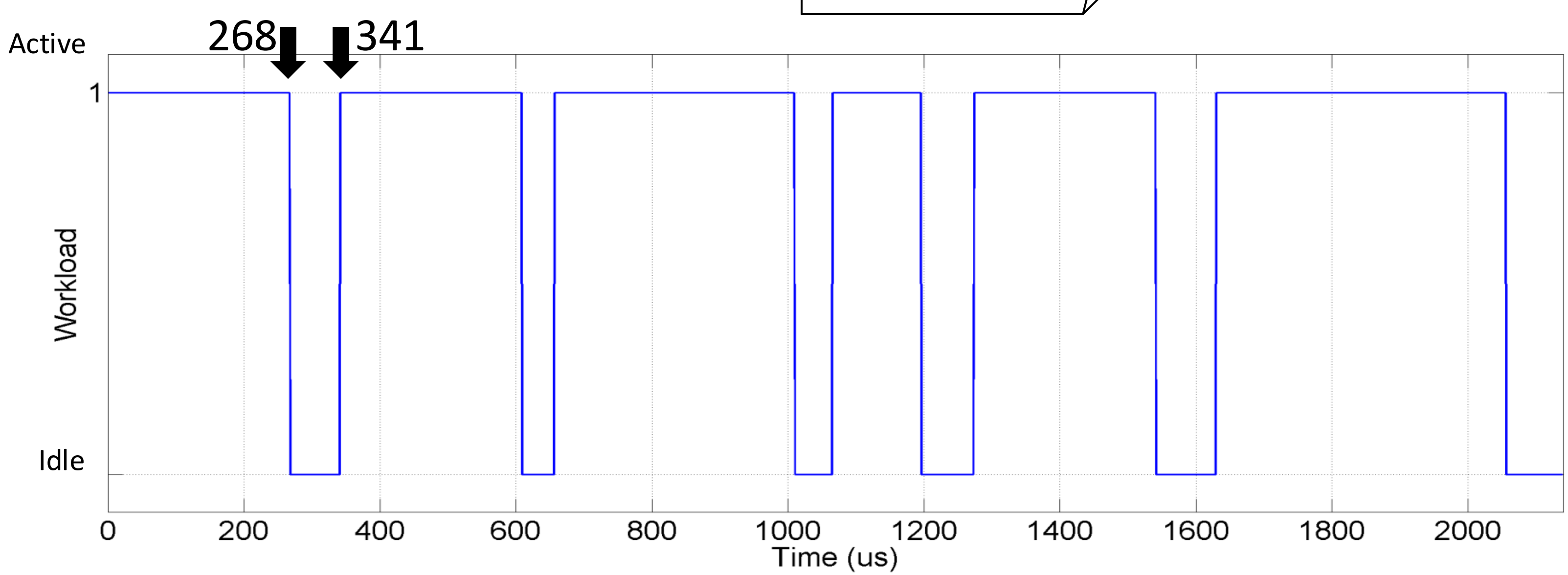
FROM STATE…	RUN	IDLE	SLEEP
RUN			
IDLE			
SLEEP	30 / 160		

ENERGY / TIME
30 µJ / 160µs

Workload format

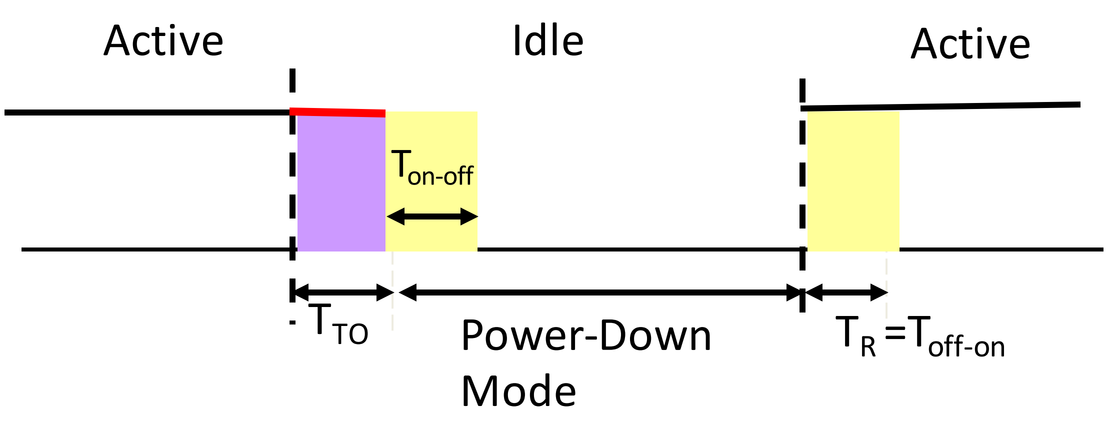
- The workload is given as a list of idle intervals
  - Values are in µs

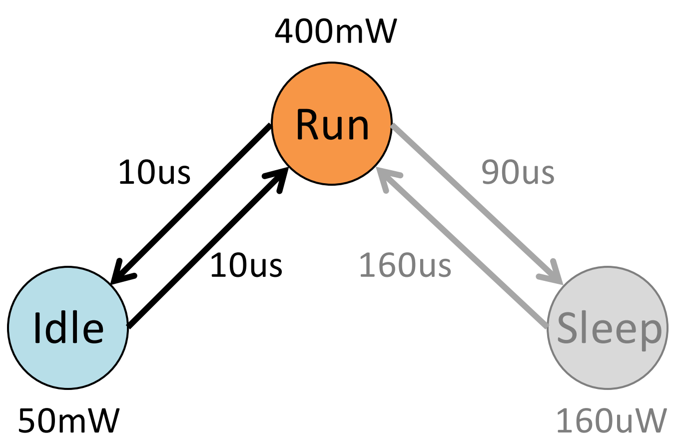
268	341	START/END OF 1st IDLE PERIOD
609	656	START/END OF 2nd IDLE PERIOD
1010	1065	…
1196	1273	
1541	1629	
2056	2139	



DPM policies

- Timeout policy
  - Observe the first part of the current idle period to predict the length of the remaining part
  - Put the device in off state T_{TO} time units after it has entered the idle state





Compile and execute

- Compile (requires gcc):

  make

- Generate Documentation (requires doxygen):

  doxygen Doxyfile

  - Generates «docs» folder with HTML documentation

- Execute:

  ./dpm_simulator -t 20 -psm example/psm.txt –wl example/wl.txt

  - Timeout policy with timeout value 20us

Compile and execute

- Compile (requires gcc):

```
➜ dpm_simulator git:(master) ✗ ./dpm_simulator -t 20 -psm example/psm.txt -wl example/wl.txt
[psm] State Run: power = 400.00mW
[psm] State Idle: power = 50.00mW
[psm] State Sleep: power = 0.16mW
[psm] Run -> Idle transition: energy  = 10uJ, time = 10us
[psm] Run -> Sleep transition: energy  = 10uJ, time = 90us
[psm] Idle -> Run transition: energy  = 10uJ, time = 10us
[psm] Sleep -> Run transition: energy  = 30uJ, time = 160us

[sim] Active time in profile = 0.300130s
[sim] Idle time in profile = 0.244066s
[sim] Total time = 0.544196s
[sim] Timeout waiting time = 0.024679s
[sim] Total time in state Run = 0.324809s
[sim] Total time in state Idle = 0.219387s
[sim] Total time in state Sleep = 0.000000s
[sim] Time overhead for transition = 0.022770s
[sim] N. of transitions = 2277
[sim] Energy for transitions = 0.022770J
[sim] Energy w/o DPM = 0.217678J, Energy w DPM = 0.163663J
[sim] 24.8 percent of energy saved.
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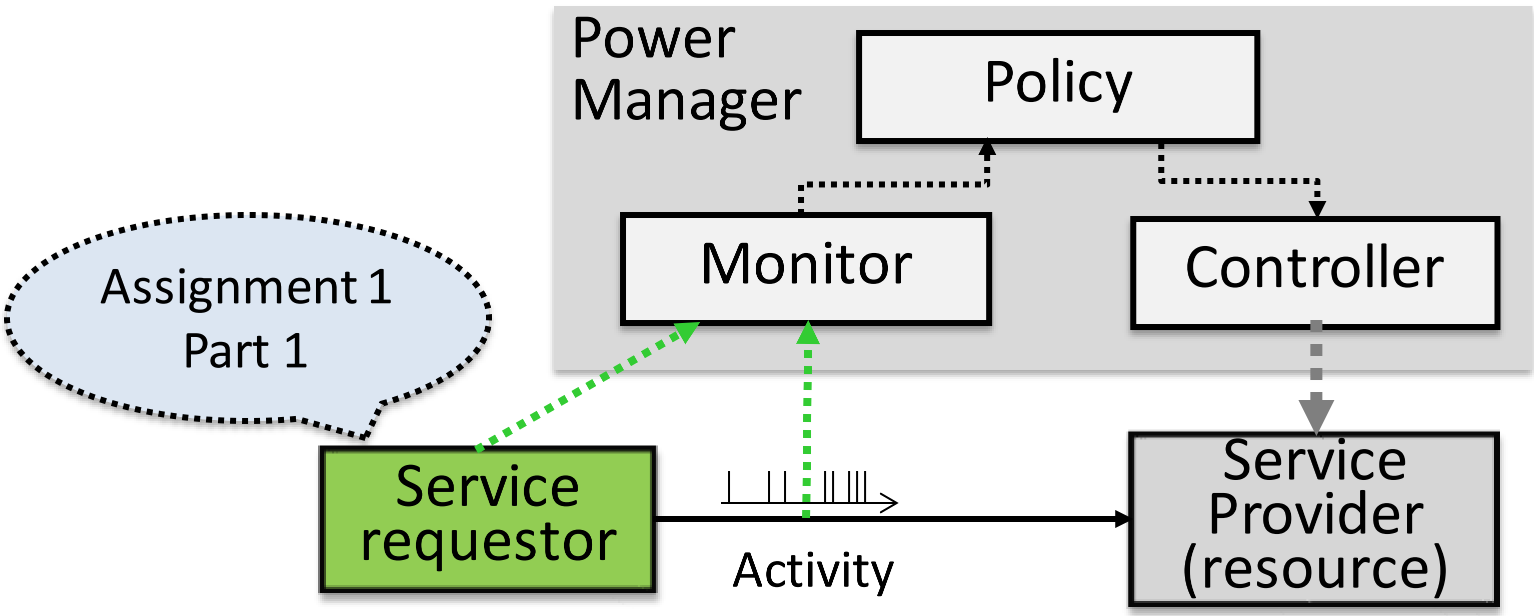
Assignment 1 – Part 1
Workload profile generation

Lab structure



- Workload generation
  - According to specified distributions

Workload format

- Goal: generate the input workload file according to different distributions of active and idle periods

268	341
609	656
1010	1065
1196	1273
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Generate the first ACTIVE period – long 267 time slots

- Length of ACTIVE/IDLE periods?

Workload format

- Goal: generate the input workload file according to different distributions of active and idle periods

268	341
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Generate the first IDLE period: from 268 for 74 time slots

- Length of ACTIVE/IDLE periods?

Workload format

- Goal: generate the input workload file according to different distributions of active and idle periods

268	341
609	656
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Generate an ACTIVE period: from 341 for 268 time slots

- Length of ACTIVE/IDLE periods?

Workload format

- Goal: generate the input workload file according to different distributions of active and idle periods

268	341
609	656
1010	1065
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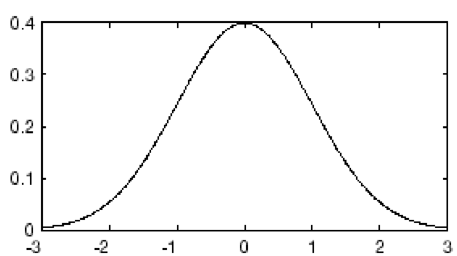
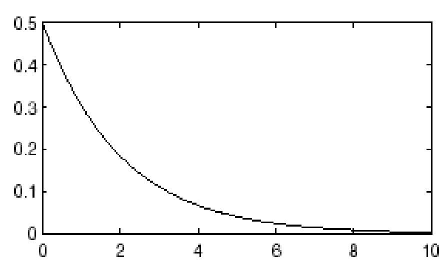
Generate an IDLE period: from 609 for 48 time slots

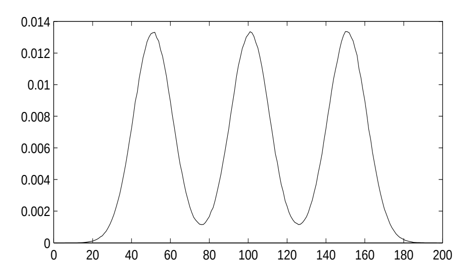
- Length of ACTIVE/IDLE periods?

Assignment 1 – Part 1

- Generate workload distributed as follows
  - *Active periods*
    - Uniform distribution, min = 1us, max = 500us
  - *Idle periods* distributed in various ways
    - Uniform distribution, min = 1us, max=100us (high utilization)
    - Uniform distribution, min=1us, max=400us (low utilization)
    - Normal distribution, mean=100us, standard deviation=20
    - Exponential distribution, mean=50us
    - Tri-modal distribution
      - Mean = 50, 100, 150us
      - Standard deviation=10



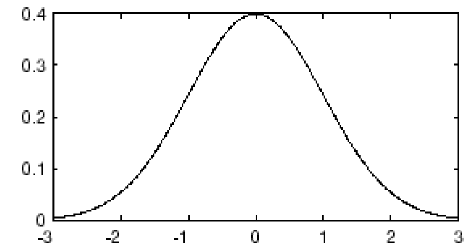


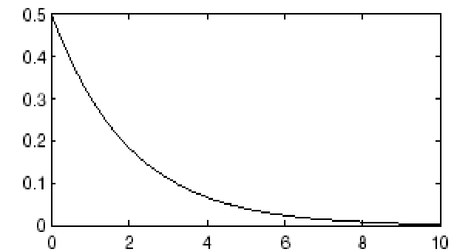


Step by step

Plot an histogram of the length of the generated periods to check that their distribution is correct

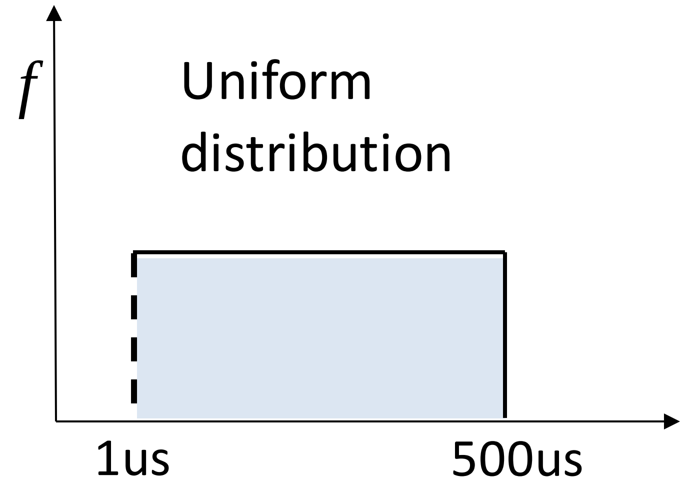
- The distribution defines the lengths of the idle/active periods
  - Normal distribution
    - Periods tend to last as long as the mean
    - Few very short periods
    - Few very long periods
  - Exponential distribution
    - Periods tend to be short
    - Longer periods are fewer
- The adopted distribution influences the effectiveness of the DPM policy





Step by step

1. How do I implement the distribution?
   - E.g., how do I generate random numbers between a minimum and a maximum?
   - This generates the lengths of your idle and active periods



2. Now you have the lengths for idle and active periods.. Combine them to build the workload!

Assignment 1 – Part 1

- Goal:
  - Compare behavior of policies on workloads with different shapes and characteristics
- Report assignment:
  - Description of generated workload profiles
  - Constraints:
    - Implement in C or MATLAB
    - Use Matlab to view the resulting distributions