

Why Random Sequences?

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random keys

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

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Pseudo-Random Sequences

table, a "truly" random sequence is difficult for a com-
nan) to produce.

poses, need only a sequence that satisfies certain sta-
erties, even if deterministic.

e.g., cryptography) need sequence that is *hard* or *im-*
predict.

pm sequence: deterministic sequence that passes some
statistical tests.

, look at lengths of *runs*: increasing or decreasing con-
sequences.

ly, statistical criteria to be used are quite involved. For
Knuth.

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What Can Go Wrong (I)?

is, many impossible values: E.g., a , c , m even.

erns. E.g., just using lower 3 bits of X_i in Java's 48-bit
o get integers in range 0 to 7. By properties of modular

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

period of 8 on this generator; sequences like

0, 1, 3, 7, 1, 2, 7, 1, 4, ...

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

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What Is a "Random Sequence"?

"a sequence where all numbers occur with equal fre-

3, 4, ...?

ow about: "an unpredictable sequence where all numbers
qual frequency?"

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

it is wrong with 0, 0, 0, 0, ... anyway? Can't that occur
election?

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Generating Pseudo-Random Sequences

as you might think.

implex jumbling methods can give rise to bad sequences.

quential method is a simple method used by Java:

$$\begin{aligned}X_0 &= \text{arbitrary seed} \\ X_i &= (aX_{i-1} + c) \bmod m, \quad i > 0\end{aligned}$$

large power of 2.

sults, want $a \equiv 5 \bmod 8$, and a , c , m with no common

enerator with a *period of m* (length of sequence before
and reasonable *potency* (measures certain dependencies
ent X_i .)

ts of a to "have no obvious pattern" and pass certain
(see Knuth).

$= 25214903917$, $c = 11$, $m = 2^{48}$, to compute 48-bit
om numbers. It's good enough for many purposes, but
aphically secure.

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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 val-

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aphic Pseudo-Random Number Generator Example

a good **block cipher**—an encryption algorithm that en-
s of N bits (not just one byte at a time as for Enigma).
ample.

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

udo-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

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

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

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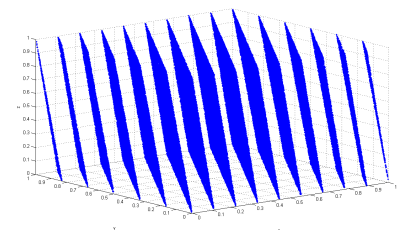
What Can Go Wrong (II)?

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

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

you want **unpredictable** output (think on-line games in-
y or randomly generated keys for encrypting your web

aphic pseudo-random number generator (CPRNG) has the
hat

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

sequence 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 proba-
ing $n-1$ will be wrong.

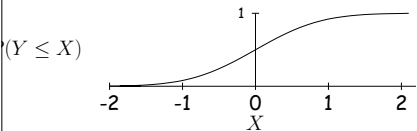
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Generalizing: Other Distributions

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

e normal distribution:



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

Java Classes

`Random.nextDouble()`: random double in $[0..1)$.
`Random.nextInt()`: a random number generator with constructor `Random()` (seed based on time) or `Random(long seed)` (reproducible).

`Random.nextInt(n)`: random integer in range $[0..n)$.
`Random.nextLong()`: random 64-bit integer.
`Random.nextFloat()`, `Random.nextDouble()`: Next random values of other types.
`Random.nextGaussian()`: normal distribution with mean 0 and standard deviation 1 ("bell curve").
`Random.shuffle(L)`: for list L and `Random R` permutes L (using R).

Random Selection

How would we allow us to select N items from list:

```
and return sublist of K>=0 randomly  
elements of L, using R as random source. */  
List L, int k, Random R {  
    List result = new ArrayList<>();  
    while (k > 0) {  
        int i = R.nextInt(L.size());  
        result.add(L.get(i));  
        k--;  
    }  
    return result;  
}
```

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

Arbitrary Bounds

How to get a random integer in an arbitrary range of integers (L to U)?
If x is a random float, x in range $0 \leq x < 1$, compute $(U-L+1)x + L$.

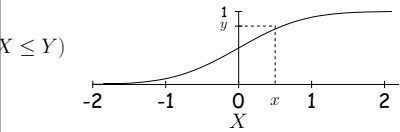
```
nextInt(1<<24) / (1<<24);
```

More complicated: need two integers to get a random float.

```
double r = ((long) nextInt(1<<26) << 27) + (long) nextInt(1<<27);  
return (double) r / (1L << 53);
```

Other Distributions

If y is a random float uniformly between 0 and 1, and the corresponding x is computed as $x = F^{-1}(y)$, then x will be distributed according to P .



Shuffling

How to get a random permutation of some sequence.
A simple technique for sorting N -element list: generate N random numbers and use them to index into the list elements. Use random numbers as keys.

a bit better:

```
List L, Random R {  
    while (L.size() > 0) {  
        int i = R.nextInt(L.size());  
        swap(L.get(0), L.get(i));  
        L.remove(0);  
    }  
}
```

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

Alternative Selection Algorithm (Floyd)

```
once of K distinct integers
0<=K<=N. */
ints(int N, int K, Random R)

w IntList();

i-K; i < N; i += 1) {
s in S are < i
ndInt(i+1); // 0 <= s <= i < N
et(j) for some j)
value i (which can't be there
ter the s (i.e., at a random
ther than the front)
i);

random value s at front
);
```

Example

<i>i</i>	<i>s</i>	<i>S</i>
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)