

## 8.2 Halton numbers

An elementary low discrepancy sequence

$d = \text{dimension}$ ,  $n = \text{n}^{\text{th}} \text{ draw}$ ,

$\gamma_i: \mathbb{Z}_p \ni n \mapsto \gamma_i(n) \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}_p = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  outcome of  $n^{\text{th}}$  draw along coordinate  $i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, d$ .

For each  $i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, d$ , choose a prime number  $p_i$ .

Express  $\gamma_i(n)$  in the  $p_i$  base,

$$\gamma_i(n) = \sum_k a_{ki} p_i^{k-1}$$

$$\gamma_i(n) = a_{1i} a_{2i} \dots a_{mi}$$

Let 
$$u_i(n) = \sum_k a_{ki} p_i^{-k}$$

$$u_i(n) = 0.a_{mi} \dots a_{2i} a_{1i}$$

Ex  $d=3$ ,  $\gamma_1(n) = \gamma_2(n) = \gamma_3(n) = n$ ,  $p_1 = 2$ ,  $p_2 = 3$ ,  $p_3 = 5$

$n=1$ :  $p_1=2$ ,  $\gamma_1(n) = 1 = 1 \cdot 2^0 = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $u_{n1} = 0.1_2 = 1 \cdot 2^{-1} = \frac{1}{2}$  

$p_2=3$ ,  $\gamma_2(n) = 1 = 1 \cdot 3^0 = \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $u_{n2} = 0.1_3 = 1 \cdot 3^{-1} = \frac{1}{3}$  

$p_3=5$ ,  $\gamma_3(n) = 1 = 1 \cdot 5^0 = \frac{1}{5}$ ,  $u_{n3} = 0.1_5 = 1 \cdot 5^{-1} = \frac{1}{5}$  

$$\gamma_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 \\ 1/3 \\ 1/5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$n=2, \quad p_1=2, \quad \gamma_1(2)=2=1 \cdot 2^1 + 0 \cdot 2^0 = 10_2, \quad u_{21}=0.01_2=0 \cdot 2^{-1} + 1 \cdot 2^{-2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$p_2=3, \quad \gamma_2(2)=2=1 \cdot 3^0 = 2_3, \quad u_{22}=0.2_3=2 \cdot 3^{-1} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$p_3=5, \quad \gamma_3(2)=2=2 \cdot 5^0 = 2_5, \quad u_{23}=0.2_5=2 \cdot 5^{-1} = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$r_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1/4 \\ 2/3 \\ 2/5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$n=3, \quad p_1=2, \quad \gamma_1(3)=3=1 \cdot 2^1 + 1 \cdot 2^0 = 11_2, \quad u_{31}=0.11_2=1 \cdot 2^{-1} + 1 \cdot 2^{-2} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$p_2=3, \quad \gamma_2(3)=3=1 \cdot 3^1 + 0 \cdot 3^0 = 10_3, \quad u_{32}=0.01_3=0 \cdot 3^{-1} + 1 \cdot 3^{-2} = \frac{1}{9}$$

$$p_3=5, \quad \gamma_3(3)=3=3 \cdot 5^0 = 3_5, \quad u_{33}=0.3_5=3 \cdot 5^{-1} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$r_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 3/4 \\ 1/9 \\ 3/5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$r_1, r_2, r_3 :$

$$i=1: \begin{array}{ccccccc} & & 2 & & 1 & & 3 \\ & & | & & | & & | \\ 0 & - & \frac{1}{4} & - & \frac{1}{2} & - & \frac{3}{4} & - & 1 \end{array}$$

$$i=2: \begin{array}{ccccccc} & & 3 & & 1 & & 2 \\ & & | & & | & & | \\ 0 & - & \frac{1}{9} & - & \frac{1}{3} & - & \frac{2}{3} & - & 1 \end{array}$$

$$i=3: \begin{array}{ccccccc} & & 1 & & 2 & & 3 \\ & & | & & | & & | \\ 0 & - & \frac{1}{5} & - & \frac{2}{5} & - & \frac{3}{5} & - & 1 \end{array}$$