

**Prob 1. Prove that for the Multiplicative Congruential Generator (MCG)**

$$X_{i+1} = aX_i \bmod m$$

is equivalent to

$$X_{i+1} = a^{i+1} X_0 \bmod m$$

**proof**

$$\begin{aligned} X_{i+1} &= (aX_i) \bmod m = (a \times (aX_{i-1}) \bmod m) \bmod m = (a^2 X_{i-1}) \bmod m \\ &= (a^3 X_{i-2}) \bmod m = (a^4 X_{i-3}) \bmod m = \dots = (a^{i+1} X_0) \bmod m \end{aligned}$$

Q.E.D.

**Prob 2. Analyze the following LCG:**

$$X_{i+1} = (11X_i + 5) \bmod 16, X_0 = 1$$

**What is the maximum possible period length for this generator?**

The maximum possible period of an MCG is  $m=16$

by Hull and Dobell,

$$\begin{aligned} (m, c) &= 1 \\ 2|m &\Rightarrow 2|a - 1 \\ 4|m &\Rightarrow 4|a - 1 \end{aligned}$$

we let  $a=9, c=1$ , then:

```
1 > x<-c()  
2 > i=1  
3 > x[i]=1  
4 > while(i<100){  
5 +     x[i+1]=(x[i]*9+1)%16  
6 +     i=i+1  
7 + }
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1 > x  
2 [1] 1 10 11 4 5 14 15 8 9 2 3 12 13 6 7 0  
3 [17] 1 10 11 4 5 14 15 8 9 2 3 12 13 6 7 0  
4 [33] 1 10 11 4 5 14 15 8 9 2 3 12 13 6 7 0  
5 [49] 1 10 11 4 5 14 15 8 9 2 3 12 13 6 7 0  
6 [65] 1 10 11 4 5 14 15 8 9 2 3 12 13 6 7 0  
7 [81] 1 10 11 4 5 14 15 8 9 2 3 12 13 6 7 0  
8 [97] 1 10 11 4
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period length is 16.

**Does this generator achieve the maximum possible period length? Justify your answer.**

No, we find that the maximum possible period length for this generator is 8.

```
1 x<-c()  
2 i=1  
3 x[i]=1  
4 while(i<100){  
5   x[i+1]=(x[i]*11+5)%16  
6   i=i+1  
7 }
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1 > x  
2 [1] 1 0 5 12 9 8 13 4 1 0 5 12 9 8 13 4  
3 [17] 1 0 5 12 9 8 13 4 1 0 5 12 9 8 13 4  
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8 [97] 1 0 5 12
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**Prob 3. Let  $X$  be discrete with  $P(X = 0) = 0.6$  and  $P(X = 1) = 0.4$  Use at least two methods to generate this random variable.**

**the first method**

generate  $T \sim U(0, 1)$  if  $T \leq 0.4$  we let  $X = 1$ , else we let  $X = 0$ .

**the second method**

generate  $T_1, T_2 \sim_{iid} U(0, 1)$  if  $T_1 \leq 0.5$  and  $T_2 \leq 0.8$  we let  $X = 1$ , else we let  $X = 0$ .