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Exercise 1

Consider the class

com.andreamazzon.session3.encapsulation.lazyinitialization.LinearCongruentialGenerator of the Java course project. We saw that due to overflows, the number

can be negative, and to fix this problem we incremented it by modulus. However, even if this still produces a (pseudo) random natural number smaller than modulus, it is not mathematically completely correct. To better understand the problem, consider 4 bits, giving 16 integers from -8 to +7. Take the modulus equal to 3. Here 8%3=2. But 8 corresponds to -8 due to the overflow, (-8)%3=-(8%3)=-2 and -2+3=1. So our method does not give what we would expect. Indeed, the operations overflow and % do not commute, and one has first to fix the overflow and then to apply the operation %.

Think about a good way to do this in the case when

Long.MAX_VALUE
$$< a \cdot modulus + c < 2 \cdot Long.MAX_VALUE$$
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and correct the method generate() written in LinearCongruentialGenerator accordingly, changing the values of modulus and a so that the above condition holds. You can first copy and paste the class LinearCongruentialGenerator in your exercise project, and test it as in

 $\verb|com.andreamazzon.session3.encapsulation.lazyinitialization.PseudoRandomNumbersTesting.||$

Check, for example by Mathematica, that the natural number you should get if there was no overflow issue (i.e., if you could represent a number of whatever size) is indeed

where previous Random Number is the previous number in the list.

Note: possible values are a = 6553590L, modulus = (long) Math.pow(2, 48). Choosing seed = 2814749763100L in the test class, the value of the first generated pseudo random natural number after the seed must be 253301221688051.

Exercise 2

This exercise gives an example of the computations of prices of options via Monte-Carlo. The idea is that, exploiting the results you have seen in the lecture, one can approximate the price of an option as

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i,$$

where $p_i = p(\omega_i)$, i = 1, ..., n for large n, are different realizations of the payoff of the option. Write a class DigitalOption implementing the interface

 $\verb|com.andreamazzon.handout2.EuropeanTypeOptionMonteCarlo.|$

There you find two methods, i.e.,

getPayoff(StochasticProcessSimulatorInterface underlyingProcess)

and

whose description you find in the interface, that return the realizations of the payoff at maturity time and the Monte-Carlo price (i.e., the average of the payoff realizations), respectively, of an European option whose underlying is described by the object underlyingProcess.

Note that StochasticProcessSimulatorInterface is the interface you can find in

com.andreamazzon.handout0.

You have here to implement these two methods for a digital option, i.e., an option that for an underlying S at maturity time i has payoff 1 if S(i) - K > 0 and 0 vice versa, where K > 0 is a given strike.

Test your code by creating an object of this class with maturity 7 and strike 100, and let it call the method getPrice by giving it an object of type

com.andreamazzon.handoutO.BinomialModelSimulator,

with initial value 100, u = 1.5, d = 0.5, interest rate 0, final time 7, number of simulations 100000 and seed of your choice. The price you get should be approximately equal to 0.22.

Hint: what you can do to implement getPayoff is basically to see which method(s) of the interface StochasticProcessSimulatorInterface might help you, and make underlyingProcess call it/them. Remember that, due to polymorphism, underlyingProcess can be of whatever class implementing StochasticProcessSimulatorInterface. The method getPrice might rely on the call of getPayoff.