

**Random Number Generators** 

- ssq1 and sis1 require input data from an outside source
- The usefulness of these programs is limited by amount of available data: Se a servono più dati?
  - What if more data needed?
- What if the model changed?
- se modello cambia? Se No pochi dati?
- What if the input data set is small or unavailable?

### Random number generator

- It produces real values between 0.0 and 1.0 (Uniforme)
- The output can be converted to random variate via mathematical transformations (converts in distr. di probabilitas)

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**Random Number Generators** 

Historically there are three types of generators

- table look-up generators (1950)
- hardware generators
- algorithmic (software) generators



Algorithmic generators are widely accepted because they meet all of the following criteria:

- randomness output passes all reasonable statistical tests of randomness
- controllability able to reproduce output, if desired
- *portability* able to produce the same output on a wide variety of computer systems
- efficiency fast, minimal computer resource requirements
- documentation theoretically analyzed and extensively tested

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#### **Algorithmic Generators**

- An ideal random number generator produces output such that each value in the interval 0.0 < u < 1.0 is equally likely to occur (numeri Re[0]) some ∞)
- A good random number generator produces output that is (almost) statistically indistinguishable from an ideal generator

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## **Conceptual Model**

m numeri inteni in un'urna

- Choose a *large* positive integer m>0. This defines the set  $\chi_m = \{1,2,...m-1\}$
- Fill a (conceptual) urn with the elements of  $\chi_m$
- Each time a random number u is needed, draw an integer x "at random" from the urn and let u =x/m e [ดูเ]
- Each draw *simulates* a sample of an independent identically distributed sequence of *Uniform*(0, 1)
- The possible values are 1/m, 2/m, ... (m-1)/m
- It is important that m be large so that the possible values are densely distributed between 0.0 and 1.0

insieme denso se 'm' grande

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# **Conceptual Model**

- 0.0 and 1.0 are impossible
   This is important for some random variates
- the same probability for each draw→ replacement of the drawn element
- for practical reasons, we will draw without replacement

  If *m* is large and the number of draws is small relative to *m*, then the distinction is largely irrelevant

Se estraggo '5', rella muova estrazione la rimetta. A livella software mon passo "rimettado destra"

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## Lehmer Generator

- is defined in terms of two fixed parameters:
  - modulus m, a fixed large prime integer
  - multiplier a, a fixed integer in  $\chi_m$
- the possible values are 1/m, 2/m, ... (m-1)/m

The integer sequence  $x_0,\,x_1,\,\dots$  is defined by the iterative equation

 $x_{i+1} = g(x_i)$  genera numero a partire dal Brecedente!

with

 $g(x) = ax \mod m$ while place  $f(x) = ax \mod m$ while place  $f(x) = ax \mod m$   $f(x) = ax \mod m$ 

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Lehmer Generators

- Because of the mod operator,  $0 \le g(x) < m$
- 0 must not occur
  - since m is prime,  $g(x) \neq 0$  if  $x \in \chi_m$
  - if  $x_0 \in \chi_m$ , then  $x_i \in \chi_m$  for all  $i \ge 0$
- IF the multiplier and prime modulus are chosen properly, a Lehmer generator is statistically indistinguishable from drawing from  $\chi_m$  with replacement
- NOTE, there is nothing random about a Lehmer generator.

pseudo-random generator

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esemple: m=7, when  $X_7=\{1,2,3,4,5,6\}$ . Selge  $\alpha=3$ ,  $x_0=1$  Seme. Genero, partendo do  $g(x)=\alpha x$  mod m, i sequenti voleni:  $g(x_0)=1.3$  mod g(x)=3. Selge  $g(x_0)=3.2$  mod g(x)=3.3 mod g(x)=3

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#### **Parameter Considerations**

- the choice of *m* is dictated, in part, by system considerations
  - on a system with 32-bit 2's complement integer arithmetic, 231-1 is a natural choice (it is prime!)
  - with 16-bit or 64-bit integer representation, the choice is not obvious (the maxes are not prime)
  - in general, we want to choose *m* to be the largest representable prime integer
- Given m, the choice of a must be made with great care influisce sul periods piene

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- For a chosen (a, m) pair, does the function g(·) generate a full-period sequence?
- If a full period sequence is generated, how random does the sequence appear to be?
- Can ax mod m be evaluated efficiently and correctly?
  - Integer overflow can occur when computing ax

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#### **Full Period Multipliers**

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- If we pick any initial seed  $x_0 \in \chi_m$  and generate the sequence  $x_0$ ,  $x_1, x_2, \ldots$  then  $x_0$  will occur again ( $x_0$  ricompare dopo on por di generation)

We are interested in choosing full-period (FP) multipliers where p = m-1

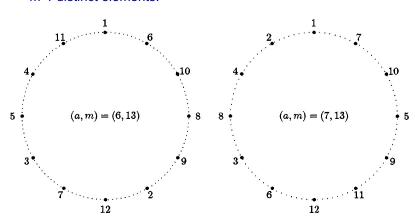
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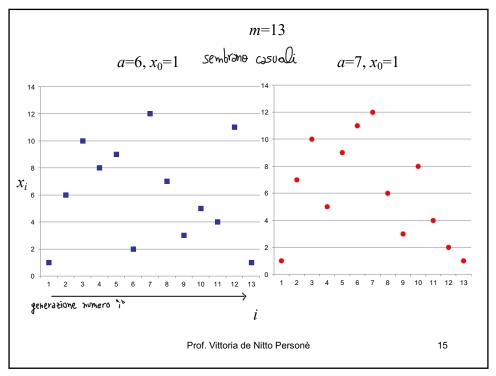
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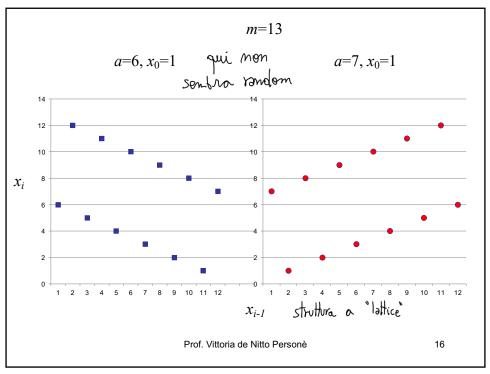
# Full-period multipliers generate a virtual circular list with *m*-1 distinct elements.



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il grafico si legge cosi: se m = 13 ho set  $\{1,2,3\}$ 

se m = 13 ho set  $\{1,2,3,...,12\}$ , a = 6, Xo = 1

computo: g(Xi-1) = a \* Xi-1 = Xi

 $g(X0) = 6 *1 \mod 13 = 6 = X1$  (infatti X1 creato a partire da X0, che è seed = 1)

 $g(X1) = 6*6 \mod 13 = 10 = X2 (X2 \text{ creato a partire da } X1 = 6)$ 

 $g(X2) = 6*10 \mod 13 = 8 = X3$ 

