

## Rescaling random integers

Here is a C++ code fragment shows how one can use a sequential stream of random integers to produce a stream of  $(x, y)$  pairs. Each integer generates one  $(x, y)$  pair with both  $x$  and  $y$  in the range -1 to +1. The code is fairly self explanatory.

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typedef unsigned long ULONG;

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// Evaluate (ax+c) mod m
ULONG modlin(ULONG a, ULONG x, ULONG c, ULONG m)
{
    return (a * x + c) % m;
}

// Put integer n in range x1,x2 with the maximum integer value
double rescale(ULONG N, ULONG n, double x1, double x2)
{
    double f = static_cast<double>(n) / static_cast<double>(N);
    return x1 + f * (x2 - x1);
}

int main(int argc, char* argv[])
{
    // For the sequential random number generator
    const ULONG a = 1664525;
    const ULONG c = 1013904223;
    const ULONG m = 4294967296;

    const ULONG sidelen = 65536;    // sqrt of m

    const ULONG numtrials = 1000000;

    ULONG i_prev = 12345;    // Seed value
    for (ULONG n = 0; n < numtrials; ++n) {

        ULONG i_next = modlin(a, i_prev, c, m);
        i_prev = i_next;

        // Scale the random number to a random 2-d position
        ULONG ix = i_random % sidelen;
        ULONG iy = i_random / sidelen;

        // Scale current random integer to value from 0-1
        double x = rescale(sidelen, ix, -1, 1);
        double y = rescale(sidelen, iy, -1, 1);

        // Now we have an (x,y) pair generated from a single random integer
    }
}
```