

## Linear Congruential Generator

- Producing a sequence of integers,  $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots$  between 0 and  $m-1$  by following a recursive relationship:

$$X_{i+1} = (a X_i + c) \bmod m \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

- The selection of the values for  $a, c, m$ , and  $X_0$  affects the statistical properties and the cycle length.
- The random integers are being generated  $[0, m-1]$ , and to convert the integers to random numbers:
- $R_i = X_i / m$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$
- Halt when a number is repeated

## LCG Ex.

- Use  $X_0 = 27, a = 17, c = 43$ , and  $m = 100$ .

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The  $X_i$  and  $R_i$  values are:

- $X_1 = (17 \cdot 27 + 43) \bmod 100$   
 $= 502 \bmod 100 = 2, \quad R_1 = 0.02;$
- $X_2 = (17 \cdot 2 + 43) \bmod 100 = 66, \quad R_2 = 0.66;$
- $X_3 = (17 \cdot 66 + 43) \bmod 100 = 1555 \bmod 100 = 55, \quad R_3 = 0.55;$
- ...

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### Theorem:

If  $c \neq 0$ , LCG has full period

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- Integers  $m$  and  $c$  are relatively prime ( the only positive integer that divides both  $m$  and  $c$  is 1)
- Every prime number that is a factor of  $m$  is also a factor of  $a-1$
- If integer  $m$  is a multiple of 4,  $a-1$  is also a multiple of 4

## Multiplicative Congruential Generator

- If  $c = 0$ ,  $X_{i+1} = (a X_i) \bmod m$      $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$
- Break the first condition of the thm. i.e. Not full period
- Its max period is  $2^{b-1}$  where  $b$  is the # of digits (size of word)
- Advantages:  
Faster, Simpler, easy to implement

## Seed Selection

- Often we need random numbers for more than one variable in a simulation
- E.g., inter-arrival times, service times
- Then, we need to use multiple random number streams such that we do not introduce correlations between the two random variables owing to our choice of random numbers

## Seed Selection

For a good selection of seeds:

- Do not use zero
- Avoid even values
- Use a separate seed for a separate stream such that random numbers do not overlap
- Do not use random seeds because they are hard to replicate

## Need to test

- The above only tells us how to create RNs from RNG that will have a large period
- It does not guarantee the RNG output will be “random” (e.g.,  $x_{i+1} = (x_i + 1) \bmod m$  not random!)
- Need to apply statistical tests to validate that the RNG gives acceptably random results

## Testing Random Number Generators

- Two categories of test
  - Test for uniformity ...
  - Test for independence
- Passing a test is only a necessary condition and not a sufficient condition
  - i.e., if a generator fails a test it implies it is bad
  - but if a generator passes a test it does not necessarily imply it is good.

## Testing Distributions

- **Comparing Distributions: Tests for Goodness-of-Fit**

Know how to compare between two distributions

- Chi-Square Distribution (for discrete models)
- Kolmogorov-Smirnov (K-S) Test (for continuous models)

## Goodness-of-fit

- Statistical Tests enable us to compare between two distributions, also known as **Goodness-of-Fit**.
- The **goodness-of-fit** of a statistical model describes how well it fits a set of observations.
- Measures of goodness of fit typically summarize the discrepancy between observed values and the values expected under the model in question
- Goodness-of-fit means how well a statistical model fits a set of observations

## (PEARSON'S)

## CHI-SQUARE TESTS FOR DISCRETE MODELS

The Pearson's chi-square test is to compare two probability mass functions of two distribution.

If the difference value (Error) is **greater** than the critical value, the two distribution are said to be different or the first distribution does not fit (well) the second distribution.

If the difference is **smaller** than the critical value, the first distribution fits well the second distribution

## (Pearson's ) Chi-Square test

- Pearson's chi-square is used to assess two types of comparison:
  - **tests of goodness of fit**: it establishes whether or not an observed **frequency distribution** differs from a **theoretical distribution**.
  - **tests of independence**. it assesses whether paired observations on two variables are independent of each other.

## Steps in Test of Hypothesis

1. Determine the appropriate test
2. Establish the level of significance:  $\alpha$
3. Formulate the statistical hypothesis  
 $H_0$  : The two variables are independent  
 $H_1$  : The two variables are not independent
4. Calculate the test statistic
5. Determine the degree of freedom
6. Compare computed test statistic against the critical value (from the table of the test)
  - The critical tabled values are based on sampling distributions of the Pearson chi-square statistic
  - If calculated  $\chi^2$  is greater than  $\chi^2$  table value, reject  $H_0$

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## Testing

- Testing is not necessary if a well-known simulation package is used or if a well tested generator is used
- we focus on “empirical” tests, that is tests that are applied to an actual sequence of random numbers
- EX:  
Chi-Square Test



## Chi-Square Test

- Test is designed for discrete distributions and large sample sizes only. For continuous distributions, Chi-Square test is only an approximation (i.e. level of significance holds only for  $n$ ).

$$\chi^2 = \sum \frac{(obs - exp)^2}{exp}$$

- *obs* is the observed data and *exp* is the expected frequency of the  $i$ th cell,  $i=1,2,...,k$  cells.
- Compute the Chi-Square distribution with  $(k-1)$  degrees of freedom

Observed values

Uniform distribution in [0 .. 9]

Compute terms:

Observed: Expected: Difference: Difference<sup>2</sup>: Normalized:

O	E	O - E	(O - E) <sup>2</sup>	T
0	10	-2	4	0.4
1	10	-2	4	0.4
2	10	0	0	0
3	10	-1	1	0.1
4	10	2	4	0.4
5	10	-2	4	0.4
6	10	0	0	0
7	10	4	16	1.6
8	10	0	0	0
9	10	1	1	0.1

$$\chi^2 := \sum_{i=0}^9 \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i}$$

$$\chi^2 = 3.4$$

$$\chi^2_{0.05,9} = 16.9$$

$T := \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i}$

## Chi-Square Table

**Critical Values of the  $\chi^2$  Distribution**

df \ $p$	0.995	0.975	0.9	0.5	0.1	0.05	0.025	0.01	0.005	df
1	.000	.000	0.016	0.455	2.706	3.841	5.024	6.635	7.879	1
2	0.010	0.051	0.211	1.386	4.605	5.991	7.378	9.210	10.597	2
3	0.072	0.216	0.584	2.366	6.251	7.815	9.348	11.345	12.838	3
4	0.207	0.484	1.064	3.357	7.779	9.488	11.143	13.277	14.860	4
5	0.412	0.831	1.610	4.351	9.236	11.070	12.832	15.086	16.750	5
6	0.676	1.237	2.204	5.348	10.645	12.592	14.449	16.812	18.548	6
7	0.989	1.690	2.833	6.346	12.017	14.067	16.013	18.475	20.278	7
8	1.344	2.180	3.490	7.344	13.362	15.507	17.535	20.090	21.955	8
9	1.735	2.700	4.168	8.343	14.684	16.919	19.023	21.666	23.589	9
10	2.156	3.247	4.865	9.342	15.987	18.307	20.483	23.209	25.188	10
11	2.603	3.816	5.578	10.341	17.275	19.675	21.920	24.725	26.757	11
12	3.074	4.404	6.304	11.340	18.549	21.026	23.337	26.217	28.300	12
13	3.565	5.009	7.042	12.340	19.812	22.362	24.736	27.688	29.819	13
14	4.075	5.629	7.790	13.339	21.064	23.685	26.119	29.141	31.319	14
15	4.601	6.262	8.547	14.339	22.307	24.996	27.488	30.578	32.801	15

EX.

.34	.9	.25	.89	.87	.44	.12	.21	.46	.67
.83	.76	.79	.64	.7	.81	.94	.74	.22	.74
.96	.99	.77	.67	.56	.41	.52	.73	.99	.02
.47	.3	.17	.82	.56	.05	.45	.31	.78	.05
.79	.71	.23	.19	.82	.93	.65	.37	.39	.42
.99	.17	.99	.46	.05	.66	.1	.42	.18	.49
.37	.51	.54	.01	.81	.28	.69	.34	.75	.49
.72	.43	.56	.97	.3	.94	.96	.58	.73	.05
.06	.39	.84	.24	.4	.64	.4	.19	.79	.62
.18	.26	.97	.88	.64	.47	.6	.11	.29	.78