

## Discrete event simulation:

### Main program:

- ① Invokes **initialization**; time clock  $\geq 0$ , initialize system state and counters, initialize event list.
- ② Invokes **timing** routine; determines next event type, advances simulation clock
- ③ Invokes **event** routine; updates system state, updates statistical counters, generates future events and adds them to the event list.
- ③.① calls **library** routines for generating random variables

Modeling can be:

- activity based
- event based
- process based

### Random number generators:

Desired properties:

- Generated numbers  $\sim U(0,1)$
- Numbers should exhibit no correlation
- fast
- low memory
- portable
- separate streams
- reproducible streams

# Linear Congruential Generators (LCG)

Recursive formula

$$z_i = (a z_{i-1} + c) \pmod{m}$$

↑  
multiplier

↑  
increment

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modulus

$m > 0$

$a < m$

$c < m$

$z_0$  seed

obtain Random numbers as  $U_i = \frac{z_i}{m}$

looping occurs and cycle length is period and depends on seed

Objections:

1. Not random  $z_i = \left[ a^i z_0 + \frac{c(a^i - 1)}{a - 1} \right] \pmod{m}$

2.  $U_i$  only can take rational values.

However with right parameters it can look like  $U \sim U(0,1)$

THM: For LCG to have full period:

1.  $m$  and  $c$  are relatively prime

2. If  $q$  is a prime number that divides  $m$ , then  $q$  divides  $a - 1$

$a - 1$

3. If 4 divides  $m$ , then 4 divides  $a - 1$

$m$  large, full period helps with uniformity

generic case

mixed generators

$c > 0$

full period possible

like to have  $m = 2^b$

common case

multiplicative generators

$$z_i = (a z_{i-1}) \pmod{m}$$

Full period not possible, period =  $m-1$  is. Often  $m$  is largest prime number smaller than  $2^b$

Extensions

$$z_i = g(z_{i-1}, z_{i-2}, \dots) \pmod{m}$$

Feedback shift register generators

$$b_i = (c_1 b_{i-1} + c_2 b_{i-2} + \dots + c_q b_{i-q}) \pmod{2}$$

$$b_i = b_{i-r} \oplus b_{i-q}$$

$$w_i = w_{i-r} \oplus w_{i-q}$$

$$U = \frac{w_i}{2^l}$$

Generalized feedback shift register GFSR

Fitting distribution functions

Very important to use the right distribution

Options:

- 1) Use data directly
- 2) Define empirical distribution
- 3) Fit theoretical distribution

1) Limited to obs, tails

2) Empirical distribution functions:

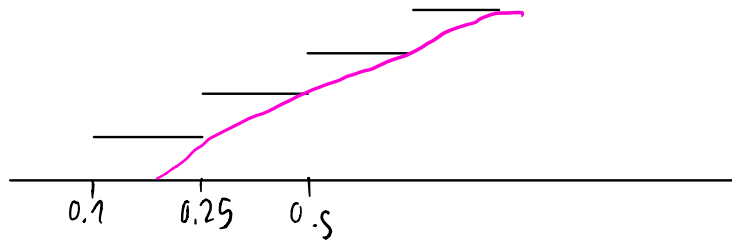
continuous case

piecewise constant

Given  $x_1, \dots, x_n$

we construct empirical distr. function

$$F_n(x) = \frac{\sum_{x_i \leq x} 1}{n}$$



constant  
affine

constant

1) Let  $(x_{(i)})$  be sorted sequence of obs

2) Then  $F(x_{(i)}) = i/n$

Affine:

1) Let  $(x_{(i)})$  be sorted sequence of obs

2) then 
$$F_n(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < x_{(1)} \\ i-1 + \frac{x - x_{(i)}}{x_{(i+1)} - x_{(i)}} & x_{(i)} \leq x < x_{(i+1)} \\ 1 & x \geq x_{(n)} \end{cases}$$

## discrete case

assume grouped data in  $k$  adjacent intervals

$j$ th interval contains  $n_j$  observations,  $n$  in total

Empirical piecewise constant distr:

$$g(x) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^j n_i}{n} \quad a_{j-1} \leq x < a_j$$

## 3) Fit theoretical distribution to observed data

Data analysis process

Steps:

1) Hypothesize family of distribution by looking at data through summary statistics (mean, median, variance, coeff. var., skewness, or creating histograms/quantile summaries

2) Estimate parameters: using an estimator like Maximum Likelihood Estimators (MLE)

3) Determining how representative fitted distr. are

Heuristic:

• Density-histogram plots frequencies  $\rightarrow \chi^2$  test

• Distribution function differences plot  $\rightarrow$  Kolmogorov-Smirnov test

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F(x) & - & F_n(x) \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \text{hypothesis} & & \text{empirical data} \end{array}$$

## Goodness of fit tests:

- Find test statistic  $S$  which is function of  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  s.t. distr.  $S$  known
- Choose interval  $(a, b)$  such that  $P(a < S < b) | H_0 \text{ is true} = 1 - \alpha$
- Actual test: take sample and calculate test statistic, if  $s \notin (a, b)$  then reject  $H_0$ .

## $\chi^2$ test

a) Make  $n$  observations and take  $N_i$  as number of times  $x_i$  is found. For continuous number of times measured value falls in bin  $i$ .

b) Expected number of observations is  $np_i$ :

- For discrete  $p_i$  is given by prob. mass function

- For continuous  $p_i = \int_{a_{i-1}}^{a_i} \hat{f}(x) dx$

c) test statistic

$$\chi^2_{k-1-n} = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{(N_i - np_i)^2}{np_i} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^k \left( \frac{N_i^2}{p_i} \right) - n$$

d) With  $\alpha$  and dof you can find critical value

## K-S test:

$$D_n = \sup_x |F_n(x) - \hat{F}(x)| \quad \text{So:}$$

$$D^+ = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left| \frac{i}{n} - \hat{F}(X_{(i)}) \right|$$

$$D = \max \{ D^+, D^- \}$$

$$D^- = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \left| \hat{F}(X_{(i)}) - \frac{i-1}{n} \right|$$

**Poisson processes**: continuous-time counting process.

**Required properties**:

- Independent increments: number of arrivals in disjoint intervals are independent
- Stationarity: for every  $s \geq 0$  the number of arrivals in the interval  $[s, s+t)$  is equal to  $N(t)$  it only depends on interval length  $t$ , but not on  $s$
- No simultaneous events

The **arrival rate** (or intensity)  $\lambda$  of the Poisson process denotes the average number of arrivals per time unit.

**THM**: For a Poisson process, the variable  $N(t)$  has a discrete Poisson distribution with parameter  $\lambda t$ : its probability mass function is given by:

$$P_r[N(t) = k] = \frac{(\lambda t)^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda t}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

For constant rate  $\lambda$  and interval length  $t$  and at time  $s$ , the number of arrivals in  $[s, s+t)$  is increment process

$$N(s+t) - N(s) \text{ for which:}$$
$$P_r[N(s+t) - N(s) = k] = e^{-\lambda t} \frac{(\lambda t)^k}{k!}$$

$$E[N(t)] = \lambda t$$

**Interarrival times**: an event takes place if first arrival takes place at time  $T$ , happens to be greater than  $t$ . Must have no arrivals in  $[0, t)$

$$P_r[T_1 > t] = P_r[N(t) = 0] = e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$P_r[T_1 \leq t] = 1 - e^{-\lambda t} \quad \text{exponential distr.}$$

pdf  $P_r[X=t]$   
 $f(t) = \lambda e^{-\lambda t}$

cdf  $P_r[X \leq t]$   
 $F(t) = \int_0^t \lambda e^{-\lambda \tau} d\tau = -e^{-\lambda \tau} \Big|_0^t = 1 - e^{-\lambda t}$

$E[X] = \frac{1}{\lambda}$        $Var[X] = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$

Memoryless property:  $P_r[X \leq T+t | X \geq T] = P_r[X \leq t]$

Arriving at time  $t$ :

Poisson: no arrival in  $[0, t)$  · arrival in  $[t, t+\delta t)$

$$P_r[N(t)=0] P_r[N(\delta t) \geq 1] = e^{-\lambda t} (1 - e^{-\lambda \delta t})$$

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$$1 - P_r[N(\delta t) = 0]$$

Exponential:

Prob of event after  $t$  · probab. of event before  $t+\delta t$  given it happens after  $t$

$$= (1 - F(t)) \overset{\text{memoryless}}{F(\delta t)} = e^{-\lambda t} (1 - e^{-\lambda \delta t})$$

Erlang:

Waiting time till  $n^{\text{th}}$  event/arrival

$s_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \tau_i$        $n \geq 1$  sum of exponential random variables

pdf  $f(t) = \lambda e^{-\lambda t} (\lambda t)^{n-1} / (n-1)!$

## Properties of poisson process:

- **superposition property**: two poisson processes with intensities  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  can be combined into one with rate  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2$
- **conditioning on number of arrivals**: if in interval  $[0, t)$  the number of arrivals  $N(t)$  is equal to  $n$  then these are each uniformly distr. on  $[0, t)$
- **random selection**: if random selection is made with probability of accepting  $p$  from process at rate  $\lambda$  then this constitutes new poisson process at rate  $\lambda p$   $Pr = \frac{\lambda(t)}{\lambda^*}$
- **random split**  $Pr[X_1 < X_2] = \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}$
- **PASTA** (Poisson Arrival See Time Averages): consider system that spends time in states  $E_j$ . Arrivals at rate  $\lambda$  induce state changes. In equilibrium with state  $E_j$  we have two prob:
  - $M_j$  system is in  $E_j$  at random instant
  - $M_j^*$  " " just before arrival
  - in general  $M_j \neq M_j^*$

**Witchhiker paradox**: you arrive in the middle of interarrival but your expected waiting time is  $\lambda = \frac{1}{2} \left( \beta + \frac{\sigma^2}{\beta} \right) = \frac{1}{2} (\beta + \beta) = \beta$

Variance of exponential distribution is  $(\bar{X})^2$  thus  $(X^2) = (\bar{X})^2 + Var(X) = 2(\bar{X})^2$  hence  $\bar{w} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(X^2)}{\bar{X}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{2(\bar{X})^2}{\bar{X}} = \bar{X}$

## Generating random variables

We want to generate random variables from a selected distribution

Considerations:

- Exactness
- Efficiency
- Complexity
- Robustness

## Inverse Transformation method (IM):

(DF) dice

$$F(x) = \Pr[X \leq x] = \sum P(x_i)$$

1) Generate  $U \sim U(0,1)$

2) determine smallest possible integer  $I$  s.t.  $U \leq F(X_I)$  and return  $X = X_I$

1) Generate  $U \sim (0,1)$

2) return  $X = F^{-1}(U)$

$$f(x) \begin{cases} f(x) & a \leq x < b \\ g(x) & b \leq x < c \\ 1 & x > c \end{cases} \Rightarrow F(x) \begin{cases} 0 & x < a \\ \int f(x) + C & a \leq x < b \\ \int g(x) + K & b \leq x < c \\ 1 & x > c \end{cases}$$

$\Downarrow$   
 $F^{-1}(x)$  & inverses

## Bootstrapping

Make simulations, get outcomes and consider them RV

Consider mean of observations  $\bar{X}(n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$

If normally distributed and known variance  $\sigma^2$

then  $\alpha$  confidence interval  $\approx \bar{X}(n) \pm z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \sqrt{\sigma^2}$

If variance unknown extract from data  $s^2(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(x_i - \bar{X}(n))^2}{n-1}$

this adds to uncertainty so student t-distribution for  $c_i$  with  $n-1$  dof

If  $x_n$  correlated then biased variance. Observations should be independent and normally distributed.

Central Limit Theorem

$x_1, \dots, x_n$  IID RV with  $\mu$  finite and  $\sigma^2 > 0$  then

$$Z_n = \frac{\bar{X}(n) - \mu}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}}} \text{ then } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Z_n \text{ st. norm. distr.}$$

Non normal data: bootstrapping

t-test

$$H_0: \mu = 0$$

$$t = \frac{\bar{X}(n)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(\bar{X}(n))}} = \frac{\bar{X}(n)}{\sqrt{\frac{s^2(n)}{n}}}$$

std. normally distr. under assumption that  $H_0$  is true

# Comparing alternative system configurations

## Paired approach

If observations of each system are independent and normally distributed

$$Z_i = X_{1i} - X_{2i}$$

$H_0$  hypothesis  $\bar{Z}(n) = 0$

Option 1: construct c.i.

$$\bar{Z}(n) \pm t_{1-\alpha/2, n-1} \sqrt{\frac{S_Z^2(n)}{n}}$$

if 0 in c.i. no reason to reject  $H_0$ , else reject

Option 2: t-test

$$t = \frac{\bar{Z}(n)}{\sqrt{\frac{S_Z^2(n)}{n}}} \quad \text{test statistic that follows a } n-1 \text{ dof } t\text{-distr}$$

## Unpaired approach Welch's approach / unpooled variance

Can have different sample sizes

mean of system 1

$$\bar{X}_1(n_1) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_{1i}}{n_1}$$

mean of system 2

$$\bar{X}_2(n_2) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_{2i}}{n_2}$$

$$S_1^2(n_1) = \frac{\sum (x_{1i} - \bar{X}_1(n_1))^2}{n_1 - 1}$$

$$\text{Var}[\bar{X}_1(n_1)] = \frac{S_1^2(n_1)}{n_1}$$

Variance of  $\bar{X}_1(n_1) - \bar{X}_2(n_2)$ ?

$$\hat{Var}[\bar{X}_1(n_1) - \bar{X}_2(n_2)] = \hat{Var}[\bar{X}_1(n_1)] + \hat{Var}[\bar{X}_2(n_2)] - 2Cov(\bar{X}_1(n_1), \bar{X}_2(n_2))$$

↑  
assume independence

C.I.:

$$\bar{X}_1(n_1) - \bar{X}_2(n_2) \pm t_{1-\alpha/2, f} \sqrt{\frac{s_1^2(n_1)}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2(n_2)}{n_2}}$$

$f$  = degrees of freedom formula on formula sheet

For t-test = 0 to 0

test normality with Lilliefors test  
Wilcoxon test if not normal

Ranking and selection (Dudewicz & Dalal)

assumptions:

- \* independence across obs / runs
- \* independence across systems
- \* normally distributed obs

Procedure:

For each of  $k$  systems obtain  $n_0 = 20$  or  $40$  obs

yielding

$$\bar{X}_i^{(j)}(n_0) = \sum_{j=1}^{n_0} \frac{X_{ij}}{n_0}$$

$$S_i^2(n_0) = \sum_{j=1}^{n_0} \frac{(X_{ij} - \bar{X}_i^{(j)}(n_0))^2}{n_0 - 1}$$

total number of repl needed  $N_i \approx \max \left\{ n_0 + 1, \left\lceil \frac{h_1^2 S_i^2(n_0)}{d^*} \right\rceil \right\}$

check table in formula sheet

- make for each system  $i$ ,  $N_i - 1$  additional replications and compute

- compute weights

$$w_{i1} = \frac{n_0}{N_i} \left( 1 + \sqrt{1 - \frac{N_i}{n_0} \left[ 1 - \frac{(N_i - n_0)(d^*)^2}{h_1^2 s_1^2(n_0)} \right]} \right)$$

$$w_{i2} = 1 - w_{i1}$$

- create grand total sampling means

$$\bar{X}_i(N_i) = w_{i1} \bar{X}_i^{(1)}(n_0) + w_{i2} \bar{X}_i^{(2)}(N_i - n_0)$$

2nd select best app

## Variance reduction

## Common Random numbers (CRN)

Taking into account covariance to narrow c.i.

Pair system's observations  $E[v^k] = \int_0^1 v^k dv = \frac{1}{k+1}$

## Antithetic Variables (AV)

offset small obs by large ones

surrogate

|             |            |                      |       |
|-------------|------------|----------------------|-------|
| $x_j^{(1)}$ | normal run | using random numbers | $v$   |
| $x_j^{(2)}$ | "          | "                    | $1-v$ |