SIMULATING RANDOMNESS

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GOAL

Learning about random numbers and different methods to generate them. Developing a program to obtain pseudo-random numbers, prove their faithfulness and use them to perform experiments.

RANDOM NUMBERS (RN)

Sequence of numbers that satisfy: uncorrelation (no relationship among numbers), uniformity (fairness) and uniqueness (nobody can have information about it).

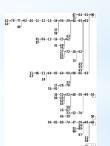
True RN

METHODS OF GENERATION

- ♦ Uniformity
 ♦ Uncorrelation
 - ♦ Uniqueness
 - \diamond Inefficient
 - ♦ Nondeterministic
 - ♦ Aperiodic

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- Nuclear decay of radiation source
- Quantum vacuum fluctuations
- ♦ Thermal noise
- Computational algorithms:
 Linear congruential generators (LCG)
 - Middle-square method



Pseudo RN

- ♦ Uniformity
- \diamond Correlation
- ♦ Nonuniqueness
- \diamond Efficient

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- \diamond Deterministic
- ♦ Periodic
- ♦ Simulations
- ♦ Statistics
- ♦ Random sampling

APPLICATIONS

FEATURES

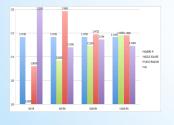
♦ Lottery

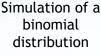
- \diamond Raffles
- ♦ Gambling
- ♦ Security
 - (cryptography)

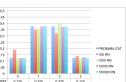


EXPERIMENTS AND TEST

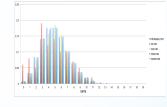
Approximation of Pi by Monte Carlo method







Simulation of a Poisson distribution



All pseudo random numbers used in this work were generated by LCG and middlesquare method

Chi-squared test

(analyse the randomness and frequency of the generated random numbers) VALOR INFERIOR DE LA REGIO CRITICA 0,484 100 RN 4,9 1000 RN 1,02 10000 RN 3,067

100000 RN	3,9556
VALOR SUPERIOR DE LA REGIÓ CRÍTICA	11,14



CONCLUSIONS

Random numbers have a wide variety of applications. Depending on the use of the random numbers it is better to generate them by TRNG or PRNG.