

# Discrete Random Simulation

## Flipping a coin or more

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1 **UNIFORM : Uniform Random Variable**

2 DISCRETE : Discrete Random Variable

3 UNIFORM : Combinatorial Objects

# STORY OF DICE

## Coins, dice wheels, ... : a physical mechanism

Sequence of observations :  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n, \dots$  in  $\{1, 2, \dots, K\}$

## Probabilistic model

The sequence of observations is modeled by a sequence of

- ▶ random variables,
- ▶ independent,
- ▶ identically distributed,
- ▶ with a uniform distribution on the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, K\}$  denoted by  $\{X_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$

## Notations and properties

For all  $n$  and for all sequence in  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  in  $\{1, 2, \dots, K\}^n$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_n = x_n) &= \mathbb{P}(X_1 = x_1) \cdots \mathbb{P}(X_n = x_n) \text{ independence;} \\ &= \mathbb{P}(X = x_1) \cdots \mathbb{P}(X = x_n) \text{ same distribution;} \\ &= \frac{1}{K} \cdots \frac{1}{K} = \frac{1}{K^n} \text{ uniform law.}\end{aligned}$$

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$A_0 = \text{Coin}()$

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$A_2 = \text{Coin}()$

$S = A_0 + 2 * A_1 + 4 * A_2 + 1$

**return** S

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## Preuve :

Denote by  $S_0, S_1, \dots, S_n, \dots$  the sequence of random variables modeling the results obtained by the successive calls to **Dice-8()**.

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \{1, \dots, 8\}^{n+1}$ . We should show that

$$\mathbb{P}(S_0 = x_0, \dots, S_n = x_n) = \frac{1}{8^{n+1}} \quad \text{cqfd.}$$



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But for  $i$  dans  $\{1, \dots, 8\}$ ,  $i - 1$  has a unique binary decomposition  $i - 1 =_2 a_2 a_1 a_0$ .

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 &= \mathbb{P}(C_0 = a_0) \mathbb{P}(C_1 = a_1) \mathbb{P}(C_2 = a_2) \text{ calls to Coin() are independent;} \\
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then

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**Result:** A sequence of iid numbers uniformly distributed on  $\{1, \dots, 2^k\}$

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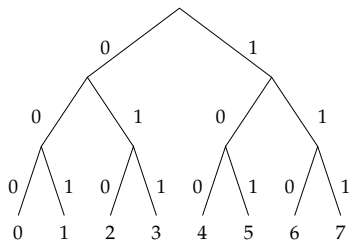
$S = S + \text{Coin()} * 2^{k-i}$  // cf Hörner's Scheme

$S = S + 1$

**return**  $S$

**Preuve:** Same proof as for **Dice-8**, based on the unicity of the binary decomposition of an integer in  $\{0, \dots, 2^k - 1\}$  by a  $k$  bits vector.

# BINARY REPRESENTATION :



$5 =_2 101$ ,  $2 =_2 010$ ,  $42 =_2 101010 \dots$

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**Result:** A sequence of i.i.d. random numbers uniformly distributed on  $\{1, \dots, 6\}$

**repeat**

|  $X = \text{Dice-8}()$

**until**  $X \leq 6$

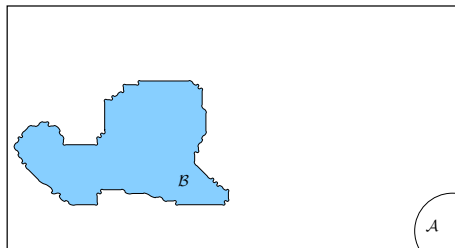
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**Proof:** later

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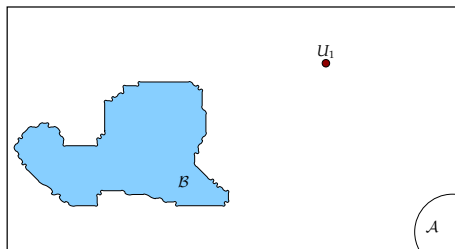




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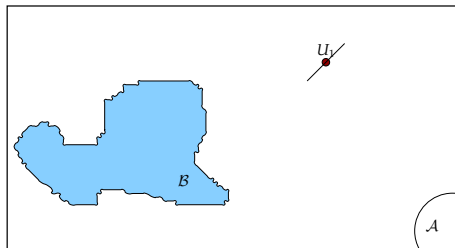
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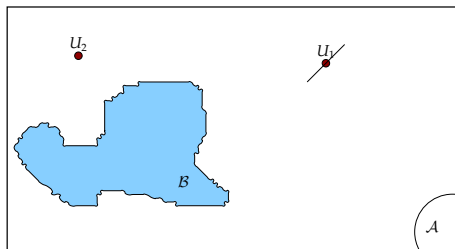
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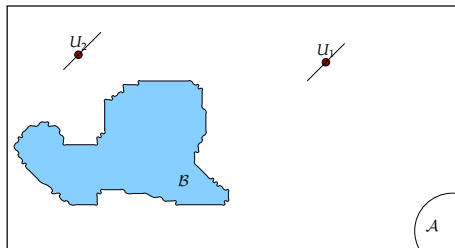
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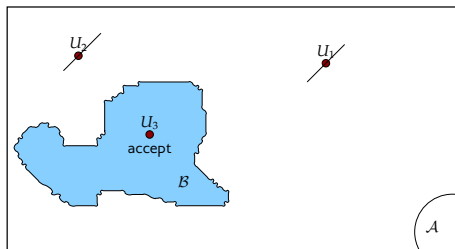
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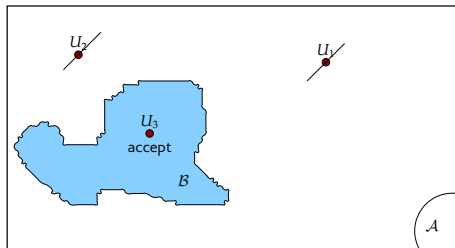
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## Algorithm

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# GENERATION METHODS BASED ON REJECTION: PROOF

## Génère-unif( $\mathcal{B}$ )

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## Proof

Calls to **Generation-unif**( $\mathcal{B}$ ):  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n, \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{P}(X \in \mathcal{C}, N = k) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(X_1 \notin \mathcal{B}, \dots, X_{k-1} \notin \mathcal{B}, X_k \in \mathcal{C}) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(X_1 \notin \mathcal{B}) \cdots \mathbb{P}(X_{k-1} \notin \mathcal{B}) \mathbb{P}(X_k \in \mathcal{C}) \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{|\mathcal{B}|}{|\mathcal{A}|}\right)^{k-1} \frac{|\mathcal{C}|}{|\mathcal{A}|} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(X \in \mathcal{C}) &= \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \mathbb{P}(X \in \mathcal{C}, N = k) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} \left(1 - \frac{|\mathcal{B}|}{|\mathcal{A}|}\right)^{k-1} \frac{|\mathcal{C}|}{|\mathcal{A}|} = \frac{|\mathcal{C}|}{|\mathcal{B}|} \end{aligned}$$

Consequently the law is **uniform** on  $\mathcal{B}$

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## Complexity

$N$  Number of iterations

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(N = k) &= \mathbb{P}(X \in \mathcal{B}, N = k) \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{|\mathcal{B}|}{|\mathcal{A}|}\right)^{k-1} \frac{|\mathcal{B}|}{|\mathcal{A}|} \end{aligned}$$

Geometric probability distribution with parameter

$p_a = \frac{|\mathcal{B}|}{|\mathcal{A}|}$  (probability of acceptance).

Expected number of iterations

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}N &= \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} k(1 - p_a)^{k-1} p_a \\ &= \frac{1}{(1 - (1 - p_a))^2} p_a = \frac{1}{p_a}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Var} N = \frac{1 - p_a}{p_a^2}$$



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For integer valued random variables  $X \in \mathbb{N}$  :

$$\mathbb{E}X = \sum_k k \cdot \mathbb{P}(X = k) = \sum_k k p_k. \text{Expectation}$$

Variance and standard deviation

$$\text{Var}X = \sum_k (k - \mathbb{E}X)^2 \mathbb{P}(X = k) = \mathbb{E}(X - \mathbb{E}X)^2 = \mathbb{E}X^2 - (\mathbb{E}X)^2.$$

$$\sigma(X) = \sqrt{\text{Var}X}.$$

# THE RANDOM FUNCTION

Random bit generator (see previous lecture)

**double drand48(void) (48 bits encoded in 8 bytes)**

*(manpage)*

The rand48() family of functions generates pseudo-random numbers using a linear congruential algorithm working on integers 48 bits in size. The particular formula employed is  $r(n+1) = (a * r(n) + c) \bmod m$  where the default values are for the multiplicand  $a = 0xfdeece66d = 25214903917$  and the addend  $c = 0xb = 11$ . The modulo is always fixed at  $m = 2^{**} 48$ .  $r(0)$  is called the seed of the random number generator.

**The sequence of returned values from a sequence of calls to the random function is modeled by a sequence of real independent random variables uniformly distributed on the real interval  $[0, 1)$**

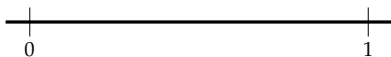
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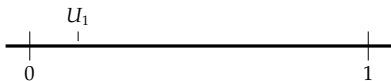
For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , for all the intervals  $[a_i, b_i)$  with  $0 \leq i \leq n$  and  $0 \leq a_i < b_i \leq 1$ ,

$$\mathbb{P}(U_0 \in [a_0, b_0), \dots, U_n \in [a_n, b_n)) = (b_0 - a_0) \times \dots \times (b_n - a_n).$$

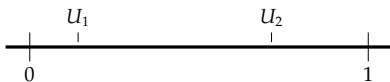
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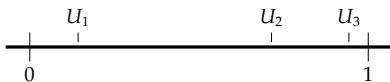


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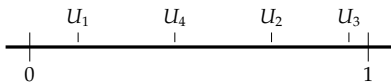




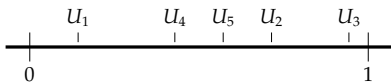
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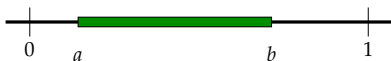
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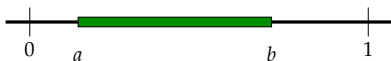
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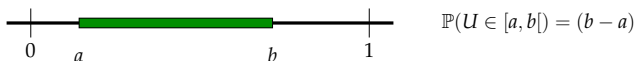


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All the difficulty is to find a function (an algorithm) that maps the  $[0, 1[$  in a set with a right probability.

# UNIFORM DISCRETE RANDOM VARIABLES

## Example : flip a coin

```

Coin ()
  u=Random ()
  if  $u < \frac{1}{2}$ 
    | Return 0 // or returns Head
  else
    | Return 1 // or returns Tail
  
```

Bernoulli scheme

## The problem

Given a discrete distribution

$$p = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n), \quad 0 \leq p_i \leq 1 \quad \sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1;$$

Design an algorithm that generates pseudo random numbers according probability  $p$ .

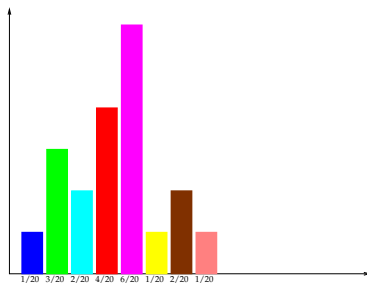
**Prove** such an algorithm and evaluate its (average) **complexity**

## Roll a n-sided dice

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Dice (n)
  Data:  $n$  : Number of possible outcomes
  Result: a single outcome in  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ 
  u=Random ()
  Return  $\lceil n * u \rceil$ 
  // smallest integer greater
  than  $u \times n$ 
  
```

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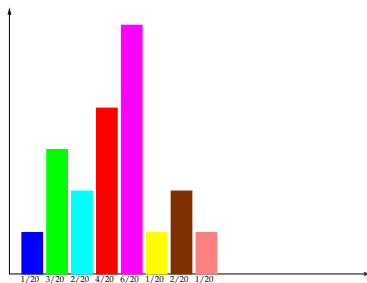
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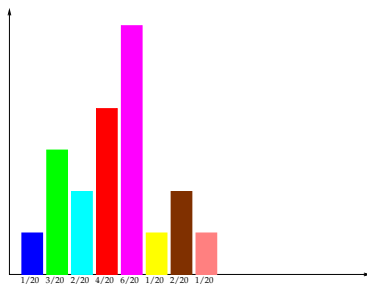
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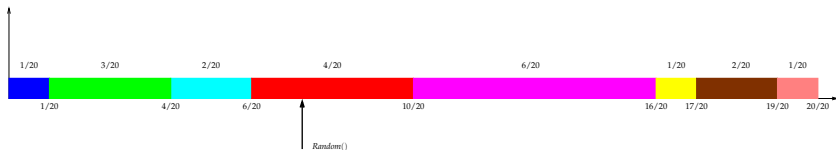
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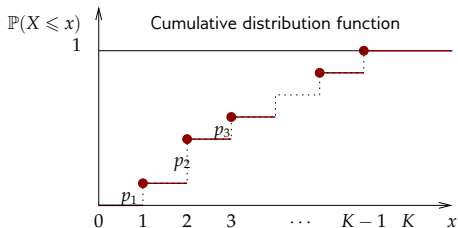


## Histogram : Flat representation



$$\text{Cost (average number of comparisons)} : \hat{C}(P) = \sum_{k=1}^K k.p_k = 4.35$$

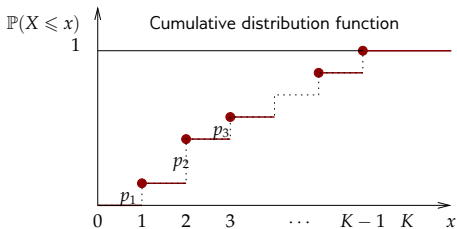
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$k = 0$

**while**  $u > s$

$k = k + 1$

$s = s + p_k$

**Return**  $k$



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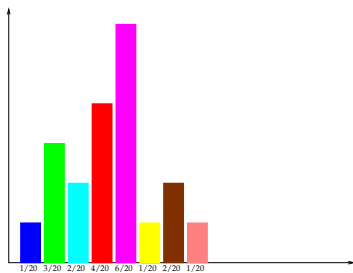


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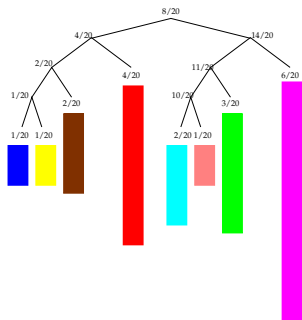
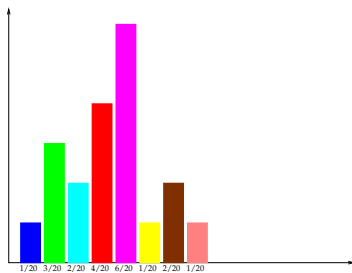
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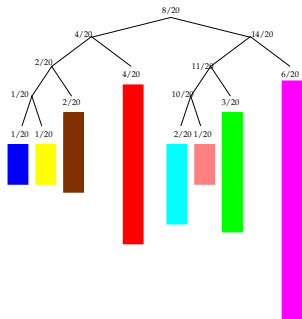
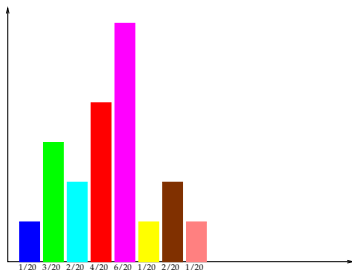
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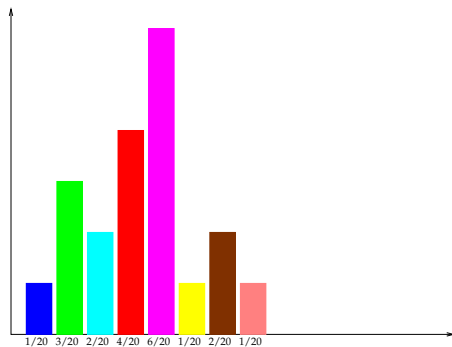


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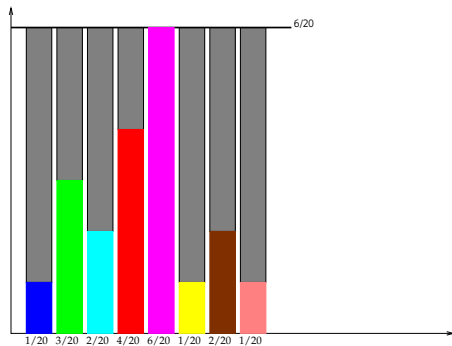
Binary Search Tree Structure

$$\mathbb{E}N = \sum_{k=1}^K p_k \cdot l_k = 3,75, \text{ Entropy} = \sum_{k=1}^K p_k (-\log_2 p_k) = 3.70$$

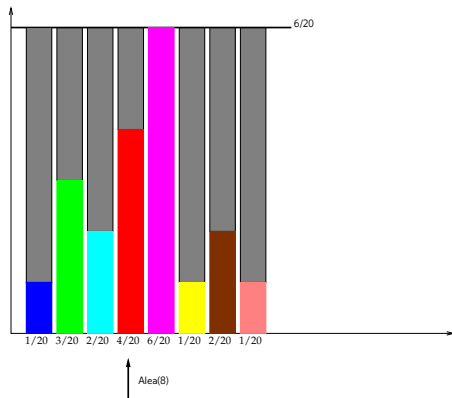
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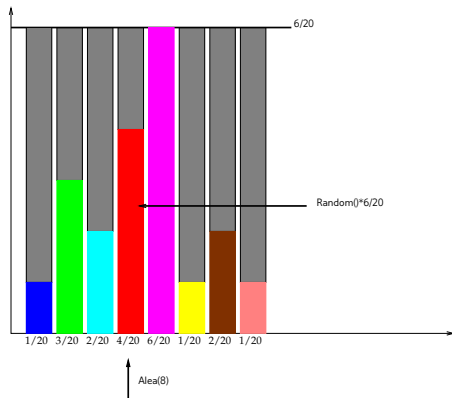


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## Generation\_Reject( $p$ )

**Data:** A distribution  $p$

**Result:** A random number following distribution  $p$

$N = 0$

**repeat**

$u = \text{Random}()$

$k = \lceil n * u \rceil$

$v = \text{Random}() * p_{max}$

$N++$

**until**  $v \leq p_k$

Return  $k, N$

## Proof

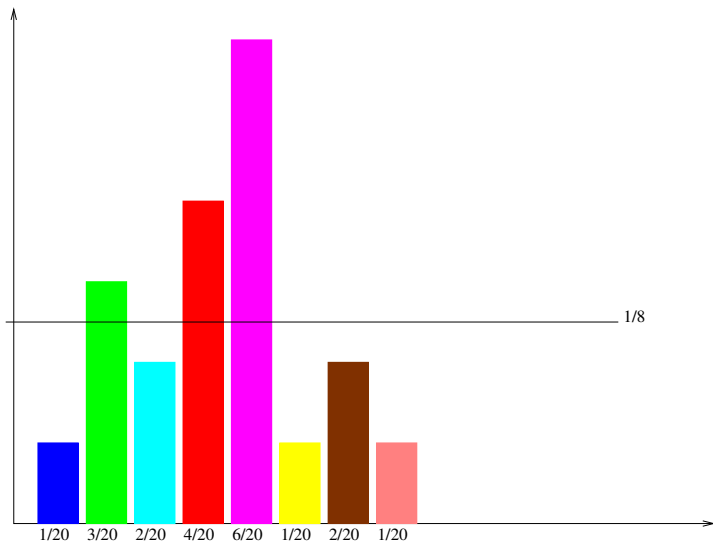
Same proof as for the uniform case

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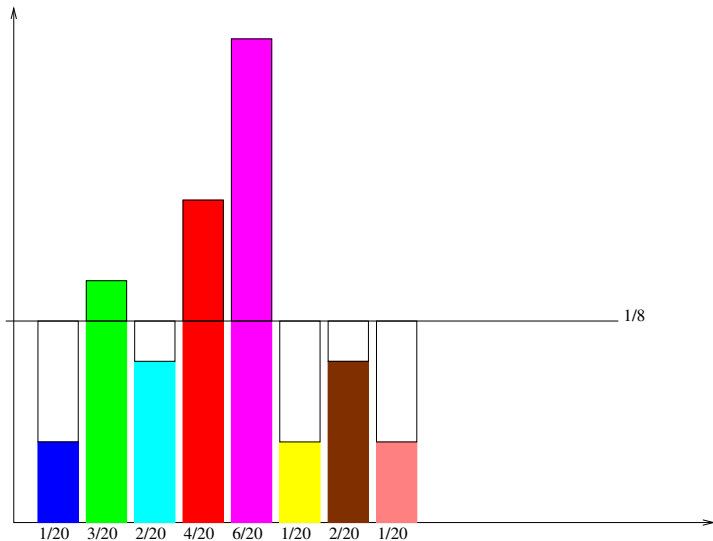
Average number of iterations :

$$p_a = \frac{1}{n \cdot p_{max}} \text{ and } \mathbb{E}N = np_{max}$$

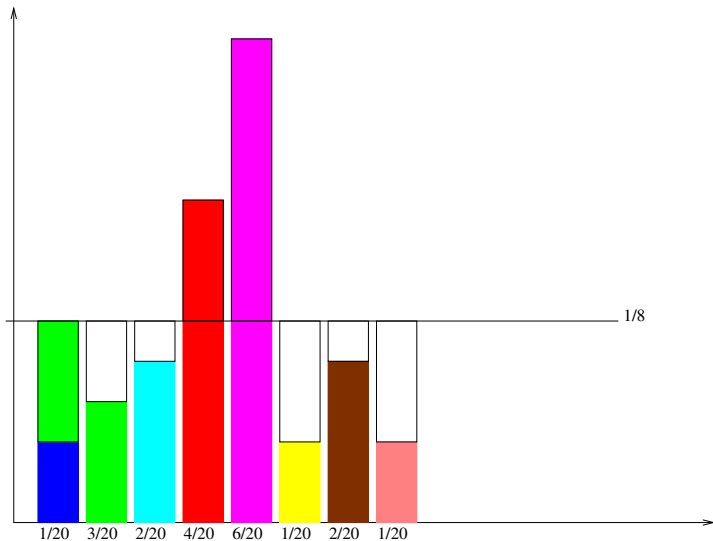
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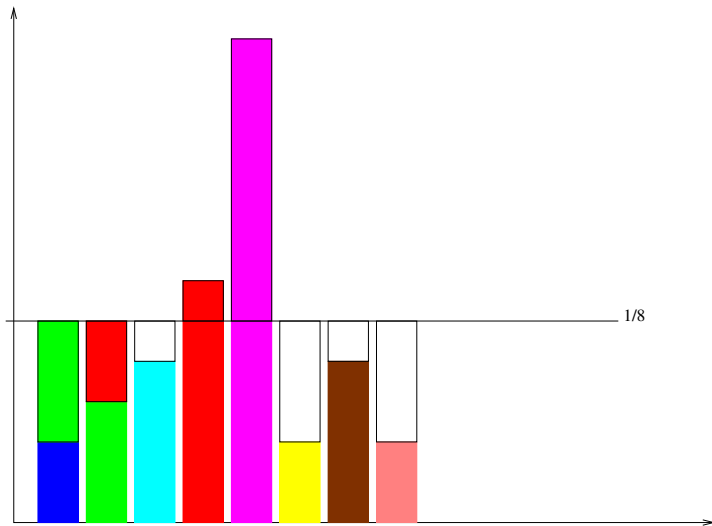
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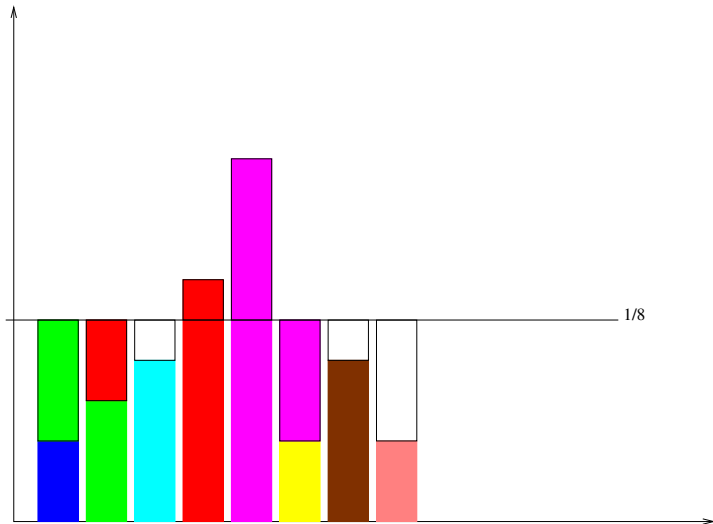
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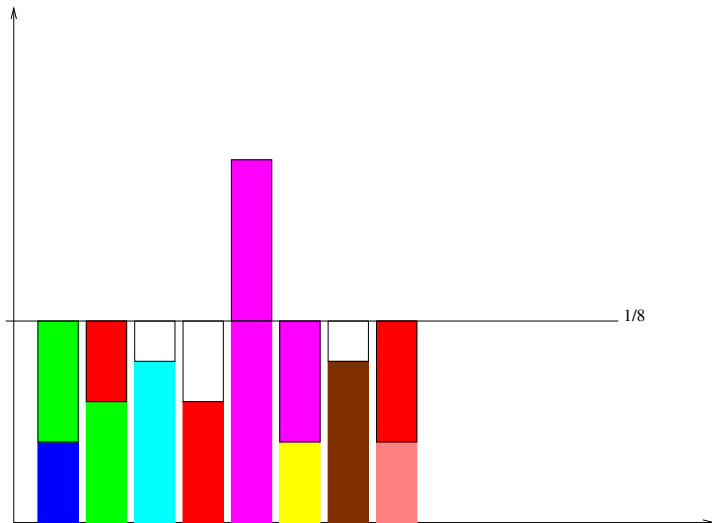
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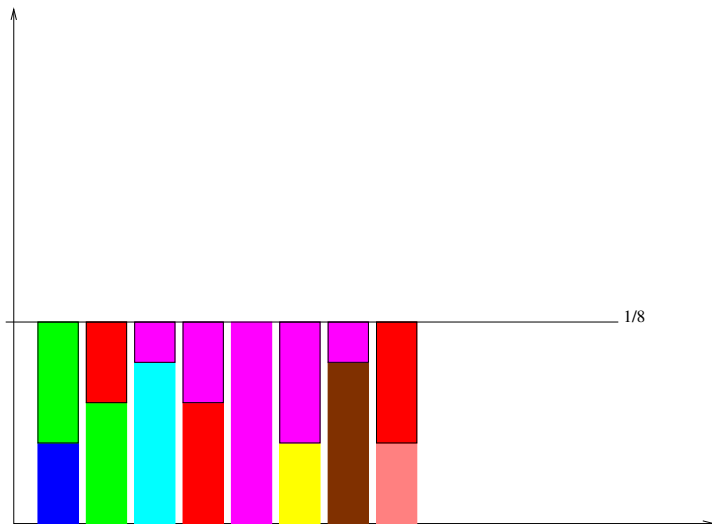


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**Table\_Alias( $p$ )**

**Data:** A distribution  $p$

**Result:** A vector of thresholds  $[s_1, \dots, s_n]$  and  
a vector of aliases  $[a_1, \dots, a_n]$

$L = \emptyset$   $U = \emptyset$

**for**  $k = 1$  **to**  $n$

**switch**  $p_k$  **do**

**case**  $p_k < \frac{1}{n}$  **do**  $L = L \cup \{k\}$

**case**  $p_k > \frac{1}{n}$  **do**  $U = U \cup \{k\}$

**while**  $L \neq \emptyset$

$i = \text{Extract}(L)$   $k = \text{Extract}(U)$

$s_i = p_i$   $a_i = k$

$p_k = p_k - (\frac{1}{n} - p_i)$

**switch**  $p_k$  **do**

**case**  $< \frac{1}{n}$  **do**  $L = L \cup \{k\}$

**case**  $> \frac{1}{n}$  **do**  $U = U \cup \{k\}$

## ALIASING METHOD : GENERATION

### Generation\_Alias( $s, a$ )

**Data:** A vector of thresholds  $[s_1, \dots, s_n]$  and  
a vector of aliases  $[a_1, \dots, a_n]$  according a distribution  $p$

**Result:** A random number following distribution  $p$

$u = \text{Random}()$

$k = \lceil n * u \rceil$

**if**  $\text{Random}() \frac{1}{n} < s_k$

└ Return  $k$

**else**

└ Return  $a_k$

### Complexity

Computation time :

- $\mathcal{O}(n)$  computation of thresholds and aliases
- $\mathcal{O}(1)$  generation

Memory :

- thresholds  $\mathcal{O}(n)$  (same cost as  $p$ )
- alias  $\mathcal{O}(n)$  (aliases)

# EXERCISES (1)

## A typical law

Design at least 4 algorithms that simulate a pseudo-random variable according the empirical law :

$c$	$A$	$B$	$C$	$D$	$E$	$F$	$G$	$H$
$\mathbb{P}(X = c)$	0.10	0.20	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.15	0.35	0.05

Compute the average cost of the generation for each algorithm.

## The power of 2

Design an algorithm that simulate a pseudo-random variable according the empirical law :

$c$	$A$	$B$	$C$	$D$	$E$	$F$	$G$	$H$	$I$	$J$
$\mathbb{P}(X = c)$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{1}{32}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{32}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{1}{16}$	$\frac{1}{8}$

Compute the average cost of the generation algorithm. What could you conclude ?

## APPLICATION EXERCISE

On web servers it has been shown experimentally that hits on pages follow a Zipf's law. This law appears also in documents popularity in P2P systems, words occurrences in texts,...

Consider a web server with  $N$  pages. Pages are ranked by their popularity and let  $p_i$  be the probability of requesting page  $i$ . We have

$$p_1 \geq p_2 \geq \dots \geq p_N$$

For the Zipf's law we have  $p_i = \frac{1}{H_N} \frac{1}{i}$ . This means that the second web page occurs approximately 1/2 as often as the first, and the third page 1/3 as often as the first, and so on.  $H_N$  is the  $N^{\text{th}}$  harmonic number :

$$H_N = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{N}$$

which could be approximated by  $\log N + \gamma + o(\frac{1}{N})$  with  $\gamma = 0.5772156649$  the Euler constant.

- ▶ If  $N$  is small, classical techniques could be used. But what happens when  $N$  is large (10.000 or 100.000) ?
- ▶ Propose an algorithm that generates, approximatively, with the Zipf's law from a generator of real numbers on  $[0, 1[$ .
- ▶ Generalize this algorithm for "heavy-tail" laws (Benford's laws, Pareto's laws) with probability

$$p_i = \frac{1}{H_{N,\alpha}} \frac{1}{i^\alpha},$$

with  $\alpha$  some "sharpness" coefficient and the normalization coefficient  $H_{N,\alpha} = \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{i^\alpha} \right)^{-1}$ .

## CLASSICAL LAWS EXERCISES

### Binomial law

Propose several algorithms that simulate a variable  $X$  following the binomial distribution  $\mathcal{B}in(n, k)$

$$\mathbb{P}(X = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-k}$$

Does the optimal method depends on the parameter values ?

### Geometric distribution

Propose several algorithms that simulate a variable following the geometric distribution  $\mathcal{G}(p)$

$$\mathbb{P}(X = k) = (1 - p)p^{k-1}$$

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### Poisson distribution

Propose several algorithms that simulate a variable following the Poisson distribution  $\mathcal{P}(\lambda)$

$$\mathbb{P}(X = k) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}$$

Does the optimal method depends on the parameter values ?

- 1 UNIFORM : Uniform Random Variable
- 2 DISCRETE : Discrete Random Variable
- 3 UNIFORM : Combinatorial Objects

# GENERATION OF COMPLEX CONFIGURATIONS

## Examples

- ▶ sequences of requests on a web server
- ▶ path in a graph
- ▶ interconnexion graph
- ▶ memory configuration
- ▶ mine field
- ▶ ...



# MINE FIELD

Write an algorithm that generates a random mine field with exactly  $k(= 10)$  mines in a  $n$  field. Example for  $n = 9 \times 9$



## MINE FIELD (2)

### Uniform generation of a mine field with exactly $k$ mines

Method 1 : There are exactly  $\binom{n}{k}$  different mine field, number them, generate uniformly an index of a mine field in  $\{1, \dots, \binom{n}{k}\}$

Method 2 : Generate uniformly a permutation of  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  and take the first  $k$  elements as mine positions

Method 2bis : Generate in sequence uniformly the mines on the available positions.

Method 3 : While the number of mines is not sufficient pick uniformly a position in  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  and put a mine if the position is free

Method 4 : We put successively a mine in position  $i$  with probability  $\frac{k-k_i}{n-i+1}$ , where  $k_i$  is the number of mines in positions  $\{1, \dots, i-1\}$ .

### Generation of mean field with average density $d = \frac{k}{n}$ de mines

Method 5 : Flip a biased coin with probability  $d$  in each position to put mines.

Mehode 5b : Same method but reject the mine field if the average density is out of  $[d - \epsilon, d + \epsilon]$ .

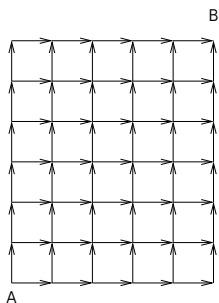
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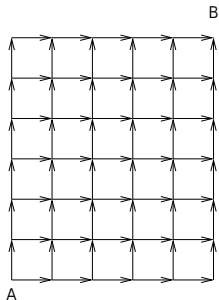
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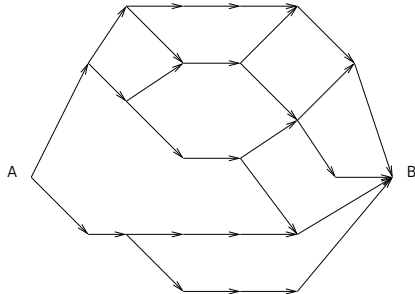
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# GRAPH GENERATION

## Typical graph

Generate a random graph uniformly (directed or non-directed)

- ▶ without constraints
- ▶ with a given number of edges
- ▶ with a fixed degree
- ▶ connected
- ▶ imagine your own constraints

# DOMINOES

The dominoes game is a set of all the tiles marked by 2 marks, these marks are in  $\{0, \dots, n\}$ . Then a domino is defined by a couple  $(i, j)$  with  $0 \leq i \leq j \leq n$ .

- ▶ **Number of dominoes** : Compute  $K_6$  the number of tiles of a classical game with  $n = 6$ . Deduce  $K_n$  of a game with marks between 0 and  $n$
- ▶ **Generator of dominoes** Write an algorithm that fe-generates uniformly a dominoe for a given  $n$
- ▶ **Cost of the generation** Compute the complexity of the generation including pre-computation if ever

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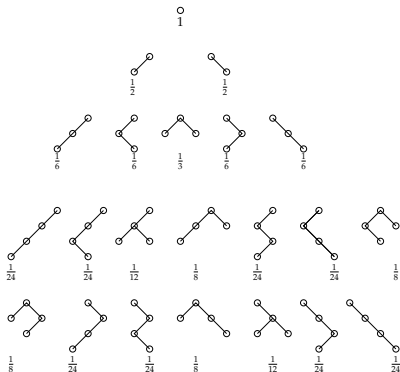
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## Génération uniforme

Random\_BT (**n**)

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else

  q=Generate( $p_{n,0}, \dots, p_{n,n-1}$ )  
   $A_1$  =Random\_BT ( $q$ )  
   $A_2$  =Random\_BT ( $n - 1 - q$ )  
  return join ( $A_1, A_2$ )

pre-computation  $p_{n,q}$

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Cayley's formulae

$$T_n = n^{n-2}.$$

Prüfer's coding algorithm.

# SYNTHESIS

## Simulation is a powerful tool for computation (randomized algorithms)

- ▶ Probabilistic specification based on statistical properties (uniformity, independence, goodness of fit,...)
- ▶ Proof of statistical properties
- ▶ Complexity (probabilistic), average computation time
- ▶ Complex objects : link between combinatorial decomposition and simulation algorithm

## Based on a Random function (external)

- ▶ Primality testing (security)
- ▶ Time randomization (networking)
- ▶ Monte-Carlo method (scientific computations)
- ▶ Test covering (verification)
- ▶ Statistical learning (Bayesian approach)
- ▶ Simulated Annealing (optimization, NP-complete problems)