Some Theorems Concerning Pseudo-Random Numbers

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Some quantitative theorems concerning the use of pseudo-random numbers will be presented. Let x_1, \dots, x_P be a given sequence satisfying

(1)
$$0 \leq x_j \leq 1, \quad 1 \leq j \leq P,$$

and f(x) a real, integrable function; then the first four theorems estimate the quantity

(2)
$$\left| \frac{1}{P} \sum_{j=1}^{P} f(x_j) - \int_0^1 f(x) \, dx \right|.$$

Further restrictions on the sequence x_i will be imposed through a trigonometric sum. Let $n \neq 0$ be an integer, and let

(3)
$$e(x) = e^{i2\pi x};$$

then effective estimates for the size of

(4)
$$\left|\sum_{j=1}^{P} e(nx_j)\right|$$

will be required. Restrictions on the function f(x) will be imposed by means of its Fourier coefficients. Thus, let f(x) be given by

(5)
$$f(x) = \int_0^1 f(u) \, du + \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n \, e(nx),$$

in which the prime shows the absence of the term n = 0; then growth restrictions on c_n will be required. The fifth theorem is concerned with multiply sequences; it provides an estimate for the deviation of such a sequence from the ideal uniformly distributed case. The symbols [x] and $\{x\}$ will be used to denote the integral part and the fractional part of x, respectively.

Theorem 1. $C > 0, K > 0, \alpha > 0, \beta < 1, \nu > 1 + \alpha \exists$

$$|c_n| \leq C |n|^{-\nu}, \qquad \left|\sum_{j=1}^{p} e(nx_j)\right| < K |n|^{\alpha} P^{\beta}$$
$$\Rightarrow \left|\frac{1}{P} \sum_{j=1}^{p} f(x_j) - \int_0^1 f(x) dx\right| < \frac{2KC(\nu - \alpha)}{\nu - \alpha - 1} P^{\beta - 1}.$$

Proof. The Fourier series for f(x) is

(6)
$$f(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e(nx)$$

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in which

(7)
$$c_n = \int_0^1 e(-nx)f(x) \, dx.$$

Thus, since the sequence x_j obeys the inequality $0 \leq x_j \leq 1$, one has

(8)
$$\frac{1}{P}\sum_{j=1}^{P}f(x_j) - \int_0^1 f(x) \, dx = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n \frac{1}{P}\sum_{j=1}^{P} e(nx_j).$$

Since $|c_n|$ and $|(1/P)\sum_{j=1}^{P} e(nx_j)|$ are even functions of n, (8) may be put in the form

(9)
$$\left| \frac{1}{P} \sum_{j=1}^{P} f(x_j) - \int_0^1 f(x) \, dx \right| \leq 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |c_n| \left| \frac{1}{P} \sum_{j=1}^{P} e(nx_j) \right|.$$

The conditions of the theorem imply

(10)
$$\left| \frac{1}{P} \sum_{j=1}^{P} f(x_j) - \int_0^1 f(x) \, dx \right| \leq 2KCP^{\beta-1} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\nu-\alpha}}.$$

Since

(11)
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\nu-\alpha}} < 1 + \int_{1}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^{\nu-\alpha}} = \frac{\nu-\alpha}{\nu-\alpha-1},$$

the theorem follows.

Theorem 2. $C > 0, K > 0, \alpha > 0, \beta < 1, \nu = 1 + \alpha \ni$

$$|c_{n}| \leq C |n|^{-\nu}, \qquad \left|\sum_{j=1}^{P} e(nx_{j})\right| \leq K |n|^{\alpha} P^{\beta}, \qquad P \geq 3^{\alpha/(1-\beta)}$$
$$\Rightarrow \left|\frac{1}{P} \sum_{j=1}^{P} f(x_{j}) - \int_{0}^{1} f(x) dx\right| < \frac{2C}{\alpha} P^{\beta-1} \left[2K(1-\beta) \ln P + \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{\alpha}\right].$$

Proof. The proof is the same as for Theorem 1 up to (9). One has

(12)
$$\left| \frac{1}{P} \sum_{j=1}^{P} f(x_j) - \int_{0}^{1} f(x) dx \right| \leq 2KCP^{\beta-1} \sum_{1 \leq n \leq P^{(1-\beta)/\alpha}} \frac{1}{n^{\nu-\alpha}} + 2C \sum_{n > P^{(1-\beta)/\alpha}} \frac{1}{n^{\nu}},$$

in which the estimate

(13)
$$\left|\frac{1}{P}\sum_{j=1}^{P}e(nx_j)\right| \leq 1$$

was used in the second sum. Since

(14)
$$\sum_{n>P^{(1-\beta)/\alpha}} \frac{1}{n^{\nu}} < \int_{[P^{(1-\beta)/\alpha}]}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^{\nu}} = \frac{1}{(\nu-1)[P^{(1-\beta)/\alpha}]^{\nu-1}},$$

and

(15)
$$[P^{(1-\beta)/\alpha}] > P^{(1-\beta)/\alpha} - 1 = P^{(1-\beta)/\alpha} (1 - P^{-(1-\beta)/\alpha}) \ge \frac{2}{3} P^{(1-\beta)/\alpha},$$

one has

(16)
$$\sum_{n>P^{(1-\beta)/\alpha}} \frac{1}{n^{\nu}} < \frac{1}{\nu - 1} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{\nu-1} P^{-(1-\beta)(\nu-1)/\alpha},$$

and, hence,

(17)
$$2C \sum_{n>p(1-\beta)/\alpha} \frac{1}{n^{\nu}} < \frac{2C}{\alpha} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{\alpha} P^{\beta-1}.$$

Also, since

(18)
$$\sum_{1 \le n \le P(1-\beta)/\alpha} \frac{1}{n^{\nu-\alpha}} < 1 + \int_1^{P(1-\beta)/\alpha} \frac{dx}{x} = 1 + \frac{1-\beta}{\alpha} \ln P < 2 \frac{1-\beta}{\alpha} \ln P,$$

substituting (17) and (18) into (12) establishes the theorem. THEOREM 3. $C > 0, K > 0, \alpha > 0, \beta < 1, 1 < \nu < 1 + \alpha \ni$

$$|c_{n}| \leq C |n|^{-\nu}, \qquad \left|\sum_{j=1}^{P} e(nx_{j})\right|^{i} \leq K |n|^{\alpha} P^{\beta}, \qquad P \geq 3^{\alpha/(1-\beta)}$$
$$\Rightarrow \left|\frac{1}{P}\sum_{j=1}^{P} f(x_{j}) - \int_{0}^{1} f(x) dx\right| < 2CP^{-(1-\beta)(\nu-1)/\alpha} \left[\frac{K}{1-\nu+\alpha} + \frac{1}{\nu-1}\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{\nu-1}\right].$$

Proof. The proof of this theorem is the same as that of Theorem 2 up to (16). One has

(19)
$$\sum_{1 \le n \le P^{(1-\beta)/\alpha}} \frac{1}{n^{\nu-\alpha}} < \int_0^{P^{(1-\beta)/\alpha}} \frac{dx}{x^{\nu-\alpha}} = \frac{1}{1-\nu+\alpha} P^{(1-\beta)(1-\nu+\alpha)/\alpha}$$

and, hence, substituting (16) and (19) into (12) establishes the theorem.

Theorem 4. $C > 0, K > 0, \alpha > 0, \beta < 1, \nu > 1, \nu < \alpha$

$$|c_{n}| \leq C |n|^{-\nu}, \qquad \left|\sum_{j=1}^{P} e(nx_{j})\right| \leq K |n|^{\alpha} P^{\beta}, \qquad P \geq 3^{\alpha/(1-\beta)}$$
$$\Rightarrow \left|\frac{1}{\overline{P}} \sum_{j=1}^{P} f(x_{j}) - \int_{0}^{1} f(x) dx\right|$$
$$< 2CP^{-(1-\beta)(\nu-1)/\alpha} \left[\frac{K}{1-\nu+\alpha} \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^{1-\nu+\alpha} + \frac{1}{\nu-1} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{\nu-1}\right].$$

Proof. The proof of this theorem is the same as that of Theorem 2 up to (16). One has

(20)
$$\sum_{1 \leq n \leq P(1-\beta)/\alpha} \frac{1}{n^{\nu-\alpha}} < \int_{1}^{P^{(1-\beta)/\alpha}} \frac{dx}{x^{\nu-\alpha}} < \frac{(P^{(1-\beta)/\alpha}+1)^{1-\nu+\alpha}}{1-\nu+\alpha} \\ \leq \frac{1}{1-\nu+\alpha} \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^{1-\nu+\alpha} P^{(1-\beta)(1-\nu+\alpha)/\alpha}.$$

Substituting (16) and (20) into (12) establishes the theorem.

A multiply sequence is defined by the recurrence relation

(21)
$$x_{j+1} = \left\{\lambda x_j + \frac{\mu}{m}\right\}, \qquad j \ge 0,$$

in which $\lambda > 1$, m > 0, $\mu \ge 0$ are integers, and x_0 is arbitrarily chosen. Franklin [1] showed that, for almost all x_0 , a multiply sequence is equidistributed. Let mx_0 be an integer which is relatively prime to m, then mx_j is the sequence of integers

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customarily employed as pseudo-random numbers. Inductively, one easily establishes the following explicit representation:

(22)
$$x_{j} = \left\{\lambda^{j}x_{0} + \frac{\mu}{m}\frac{\lambda^{j}-1}{\lambda-1}\right\}.$$

If mx_0 is an integer, then the sequence x_j is clearly periodic in the sense that $x_{j+m} = x_j$ for all j; however, it is generally desirable that the sequence contain as many members which are incongruent modulo m as possible. This is accomplished by choosing for λ a primitive root modulo m. A statistical function of interest is the distribution function, $\omega(\alpha)$. Let P denote the period of the sequence; then, if $T(\alpha)$ is the number of elements of the sequence which do not exceed α ,

(23)
$$\omega(\alpha) = \frac{T(\alpha)}{P}.$$

Since $\omega(\alpha) = 0$ for $\alpha \leq 0$ and $\omega(\alpha) = 1$ for $\alpha \geq 1$, it is convenient to restrict α so that $0 < \alpha < 1$. The following discontinuous function will aid in the determination of $\omega(\alpha)$. Let

(24)
$$H_{\alpha}(x) = 1, \qquad 0 \leq x < \alpha,$$
$$H_{\alpha}(x) = 0, \qquad \alpha \leq x < 1,$$

and define $H_a(x)$ for all x by periodic extension; then

(25)
$$\omega(\alpha) = \frac{1}{\overline{P}} \sum_{j=1}^{P} H_{\alpha}(x_j).$$

The special case $\mu = 0$ of (22) will be studied in which λ is a primitive root modulo m and $P = \phi(m)$, where $\phi(m)$ is the totient. Thus

$$(26) x_j = \{\lambda^j x_0\}$$

and mx_0 is one of the numbers of a reduced residue system modulo m. In order to investigate the distribution function of this sequence, several lemmas are needed. Let

(27)
$$\rho(x) = \frac{1}{2} - \{x\};$$

then:

LEMMA 1.

$$|\omega(\alpha) - \alpha| \leq \left|\frac{1}{P}\sum_{j=1}^{P}\rho(x_j)\right| + \left|\frac{1}{P}\sum_{j=1}^{P}\rho(x_j - \alpha)\right|, \quad 0 < \alpha < 1.$$

Proof. One has

(28)
$$H_{\alpha}(x) = \alpha + \rho(x) - \rho(x - \alpha),$$

which may be established by consideration of the two cases $0 \leq x < \alpha$ and $\alpha \leq x < 1$. Thus, from (25),

(29)
$$\omega(\alpha) = \alpha + \frac{1}{\overline{P}} \sum_{j=1}^{P} \rho(x_j) - \frac{1}{\overline{P}} \sum_{j=1}^{P} \rho(x_j - \alpha).$$

The lemma follows from (29).

LEMMA 2.

$$t > 0 \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2t} + t \int_{-1/t}^{0} \rho(x+u) \, du \leq \rho(x) \leq \frac{1}{2t} + t \int_{0}^{1/t} \rho(x+u) \, du.$$

Proof. From the monotonicity of [x], one has

(30)
$$t \int_{-1/t}^{0} [x + u] \, du \leq [x] \leq t \int_{0}^{1/t} [x + u] \, du.$$

Since

(31)
$$[x] = x - \frac{1}{2} + \rho(x),$$

substitution of this into (30) yields the lemma.

Lemma 3. t > 0

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2t} + \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} d_n e(nx) \leq \rho(x) \leq \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e(nx) + \frac{1}{2t},$$
$$|c_n| = |d_n| \leq \min\left(\frac{1}{2\pi |n|}, \frac{t}{2\pi^2 n^2}\right).$$

Proof. Use of the Fourier series

(32)
$$\rho(x) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e(nx)}{i2\pi n}$$

yields

(33)
$$t \int_{0}^{1/t} \rho(x+u) \, du = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty'} c_n e(nx),$$
$$c_n = t \frac{1-e(\frac{n}{t})}{4\pi^2 n^2}.$$

Thus

(34)
$$|c_n| = \frac{t}{4\pi^2 n^2} \left| e\left(\frac{n}{t}\right) - 1 \right| \leq \frac{t}{2\pi^2 n^2}.$$

From the identity

(35)
$$e\left(\frac{n}{t}\right) - 1 = 2ie\left(\frac{n}{2t}\right)\sin\frac{\pi n}{t},$$

one has

(36)
$$\left| e\left(\frac{n}{t}\right) - 1 \right| \leq \frac{2\pi |n|}{t}.$$

Applying (36) to (33), one has

$$(37) \qquad |c_n| \leq \frac{1}{2\pi |n|}.$$

Similarly,

$$t \int_{-1/t}^{0} \rho(x+u) \, du = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} d_n e(nx),$$
$$d_n = t \frac{e(-\frac{n}{t}) - 1}{4\pi^2 n^2}.$$

 $\bar{d}_n = -c_n$

Equations (33) and (38) show that

(39)

(38)

and, hence, that

$$(40) \qquad \qquad |d_n| = |c_n|$$

Inequalities (34) and (37) are also valid for d_n ; hence, the lemma is established. LEMMA 4.

$$t > 0,$$
 y_j real $\Rightarrow \left|\frac{1}{P}\sum_{j=1}^{P}\rho(y_j)\right| \leq \frac{1}{P}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\min\left(\frac{1}{\pi n},\frac{t}{\pi^2 n^2}\right)\left|\sum_{j=1}^{P}e(ny_j)\right| + \frac{1}{2t}.$

Proof. In the inequalities of Lemma 3, x is replaced by y_j and summation is performed over j. Thus

$$(41) \quad -\frac{1}{2t} + \frac{1}{P} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty'} d_n \sum_{j=1}^{P} e(ny_j) \leq \frac{1}{P} \sum_{j=1}^{P} \rho(y_j) \leq \frac{1}{P} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty'} c_n \sum_{j=1}^{P} e(ny_j) + \frac{1}{2t}$$

and, hence

(42)
$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{1}{2t} - \frac{1}{P} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty'} |d_n| \left| \sum_{j=1}^{P} e(ny_j) \right| &\leq \left| \frac{1}{P} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty'} \rho(y_j) \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{P} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty'} |c_n| \left| \sum_{j=1}^{P} e(ny_j) \right| + \frac{1}{2t} \end{aligned}$$

From Lemma 3, one has $|c_n| = |d_n|$; also, $|c_n|$ and $|\sum_{j=1}^{P} e(ny_j)|$ are even functions of n, hence,

(43)
$$\left|\frac{1}{P}\sum_{j=1}^{P}\rho(y_j)\right| \leq \frac{2}{P}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}|c_n|\left|\sum_{j=1}^{P}e(ny_j)\right| + \frac{1}{2t}.$$

Use of the inequality

(44)
$$|c_n| \leq \min\left(\frac{1}{2\pi n}, \frac{t}{2\pi^2 n^2}\right), \quad n > 0,$$

yields the lemma.

It will be convenient to introduce the function $\delta_{n,d}$ defined by

(45)
$$\begin{aligned} \delta_{n,d} &= 1, \qquad d|n, \\ \delta_{n,d} &= 0, \qquad d \not\mid n. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 5.

$$x_j \text{ is defined by (26), } P = \phi(m) \Rightarrow \left| \sum_{j=1}^{P} e(nx_j) \right| \leq \sum_{d \mid m} d\delta_{n,d}.$$

Proof. Since λ is a primitive root modulo m, λ^{j} runs through a reduced residue system. Let

(46)
$$\lambda^{j}mx_{0} \equiv r \pmod{m},$$

where r is the least nonnegative residue; then r runs through a reduced residue system modulo m, and

(47)
$$\sum_{j=1}^{P} e(n\lambda^{j}x_{0}) = \sum_{r} e\left(\frac{nr}{m}\right).$$

The sum $\sum_{r} e(nr/m)$ is a Ramanujan sum whose value can be expressed in terms of the Möbius function, $\mu(n)$ [2]. Let $c_m(n)$ denote the Ramanujan sum; then one has

(48)
$$c_m(n) = \sum_{d \mid (m,n)} d\mu\left(\frac{m}{d}\right).$$

Thus

$$|c_m(n)| \leq \sum_{d \mid (m,n)} d = \sum_{d \mid m} d\delta_{n,d}.$$

It is now possible to establish

THEOREM 5. $x_{j+1} = \{\lambda x_j\}, 0 < x_0 < 1, m \ge 3, (mx_0, m) = 1, \lambda$ is a primitive root modulo $m, \omega(\alpha)$ is the distribution function, $P = \phi(m)$

$$\Rightarrow |\omega(\alpha) - \alpha| < \frac{4}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{3 \ln m}{P}}.$$

Proof. Use of Lemmas 1 and 4 yields

(49)
$$\left|\frac{1}{P}\sum_{j=1}^{P}\rho(x_j-\alpha)\right| \leq \frac{1}{P}\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}\min\left(\frac{1}{\pi n},\frac{t}{\pi^2 n^2}\right)\left|\sum_{j=1}^{P}e(nx_j)\right| + \frac{1}{2t}$$

and

(50)
$$|\omega(\alpha) - \alpha| \leq \frac{2}{P} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \min\left(\frac{1}{\pi n}, \frac{t}{\pi^2 n^2}\right) \left|\sum_{j=1}^{P} e(nx_j)\right| + \frac{1}{t}.$$

Lemma 5 is now used to provide an estimate for the trigonometric sum appearing in (50). Define the summation variable γ by $n = \gamma d$, then

(51)
$$|\omega(\alpha) - \alpha| \leq \frac{2}{P} \sum_{d \mid m} \sum_{\gamma=1}^{\infty} \min\left(\frac{1}{\pi\gamma}, \frac{t}{\pi^2 \gamma^2 d}\right) + \frac{1}{t}.$$

When

$$(52) t \ge \pi d,$$

one has

(53)
$$\sum_{\gamma=1}^{\infty} \min\left(\frac{1}{\pi\gamma}, \frac{t}{\pi^2\gamma^2 d}\right) = \sum_{1 \le \gamma \le t/\pi d} \frac{1}{\pi\gamma} + \sum_{\gamma > t/\pi d} \frac{t}{\pi^2\gamma^2 d}$$

Since

(54)
$$\sum_{1 \le \gamma \le t/\pi d} \frac{1}{\gamma} < 1 + \int_{1}^{t/\pi d} \frac{dx}{x} \le 1 + \int_{1}^{t/\pi d} \frac{dx}{x} = 1 + \ln \frac{t}{\pi d} < \ln t,$$

one has

(55)
$$\sum_{1 \leq \gamma \leq t/rd} \frac{1}{\pi\gamma} < \frac{\ln t}{\pi}.$$

Similarly,

(56)
$$\sum_{\gamma > t/\pi d} \frac{1}{\gamma^2} = \sum_{\gamma = \lfloor t/\pi d \rfloor + 1} \frac{1}{\gamma^2} < \int_{\lfloor t/\pi d \rfloor}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^2} = \frac{1}{\lfloor t/\pi d \rfloor}$$

Since

(57)
$$\frac{t}{\pi^2 d[t/\pi d]} \leq \frac{t}{\pi^2 d},$$

one has

(58)
$$\sum_{\gamma > t/\pi d} \frac{t}{\pi^2 \gamma^2 d} \leq \frac{t}{\pi^2 d}$$

and, hence, (53), (55), and (58) yield

(59)
$$\sum_{\gamma=1}^{\infty} \min\left(\frac{1}{\pi\gamma}, \frac{t}{\pi^2\gamma^2 d}\right) < \frac{\ln t}{\pi} + \frac{t}{\pi^2 d}, \qquad t \ge \pi d.$$

When

$$(60) t < \pi d,$$

one has

(61)
$$\sum_{\gamma=1}^{\infty} \min\left(\frac{1}{\pi\gamma}, \frac{t}{\pi^2\gamma^2 d}\right) \leq \frac{t}{\pi^2 d} \sum_{\gamma=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\gamma^2} < \frac{2t}{\pi^2 d}.$$

Hence, using (59) and (61) in (51), one obtains

(62)
$$|\omega(\alpha) - \alpha| < \frac{2}{P} \sum_{1 \leq d \leq t/\pi} \left(\frac{\ln t}{\pi} + \frac{t}{\pi^2 d} \right) + \frac{2}{P} \sum_{1 \leq d \leq m} \frac{2t}{\pi^2 d} + \frac{1}{t}.$$

Thus

(63)
$$|\omega(\alpha) - \alpha| < \frac{4}{\pi^2 P} t \ln t + \frac{4t}{\pi^2 P} \sum_{1 \le d \le m} \frac{1}{d} + \frac{1}{t}.$$

In obtaining (63), the estimate of (54) was used. Since

$$\sum_{1\leq d\leq m}\frac{1}{d}<1+\ln m<2\ln m, \qquad m\geq 3,$$

one has

(64)
$$|\omega(\alpha) - \alpha| < \frac{4t \ln t + 8t \ln m}{\pi^2 P} + \frac{1}{t}.$$

Let

$$0 < t \leq m;$$

then

(65)
$$|\omega(\alpha) - \alpha| < \frac{12 \ln m}{\pi^2 P} t + \frac{1}{t}.$$

The choice

(66)
$$t = \frac{\pi}{2} \sqrt{\frac{P}{3 \ln m}}$$

yields the inequality of the theorem.

When

 $m = 2^{\alpha}, \quad \alpha > 2,$ (67)

the period is given by

(68)
$$P = \frac{1}{2}\phi(m) = 2^{\alpha-2},$$

and there is no primitive root; hence, Theorem 5 is not directly applicable. The estimation of the trigonometric sum depended on Lemma 5 which requires r to run over a reduced residue system. However, if one considers two distinct λ 's, the powers of which together constitute a reduced residue system, then Lemma 5 is again operative and the estimate provided by Theorem 5 is valid. In fact, one need only consider the sequence obtained on setting $\lambda = 5$ in order to obtain one half of the required reduced residue system; the other half is provided by the negatives of the first half.

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