

of $2^{35} - 31$, the sequence repeats after $2^{35} - 32$ integers have been generated.

While testing the Lehmer generator we tried reversing each 35-bit integer after it came out of the generator. That is to say, bits 1 and 35 were interchanged, bits 2 and 34 were interchanged, etc. Hence the sequence of reversed integers was tested for randomness. The impressive thing about the Lehmer generator is that the sequence of reversed integers yields test results which are not significantly different from the unreversed integers, indicating that the least-significant bits of the integers are as random (at least from the viewpoint of satisfying our test criteria) as the most-significant bits. In both modulus 2^k methods the least-significant bits are periodically nonrandom.

The recipe for the Lehmer method is: (1) find the largest prime p less than register capacity; (2) find a positive primitive root A of p , which has sufficiently (to be determined by statistical tests) many digits; (3) start with any positive integer $X_0 < p$ and generate the sequence of pseudorandom integers by the recursion relation:

$$X_{i+1} = AX_i \pmod{p}.$$

The sequence will repeat after $p-1$ integers have been generated.

The Lehmer generator for the IBM 704/9/90/94 is:

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LDQ = 3125           Multiplier = 55.
MPY X               ACMQ = 55Xi.
DVP = 03777777741  AC = 55Xi[mod (235-31)] = Xi+1.
STO X
ARS 8
ORA = 020000000001  Insert characteristic and roundoff
FAD = 0.
TRA 1, 4
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Time on a 7094 Model I: 21 or 22 cycles.

3. Test Results

The generator was rather extensively tested. (A tabulation of the test results is presented in [5]) and passed the usual statistical tests (and some new tests) for random number generators. However, the particular application must be the ultimate criterion of the suitability of a sequence of pseudorandom numbers. Hence the user would do very well to formulate his own tests depending on the application and to test the sequence of pseudorandom numbers used.

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ALGORITHM 286

EXAMINATION SCHEDULING [ZH]

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procedure *partition (incidence)* graph of order : (m) into : (n) parts using weights : (w) bound : (max) preassignment : (*preassign*) of number : (*pren*);

Boolean array *incidence*; **integer array** w , *preassign*; **integer** m , n , max , *pren*;

comment This is an heuristic examination time-tabling procedure for scheduling m courses in n time periods. It is essentially the problem of graph partitioning and map coloring.

In the terminology of graph theory: Given a graph of m vertices with a positive integer weight $w[i]$ at the i th vertex, partition this graph into no more than n disjoint sets such that each set contains no two vertexes joined by an edge, and such that the total weight of each set is less than the prescribed bound max .

We represent the graph as an $m \times m$ symmetric Boolean matrix *incidence* whose i, j th element is **true** if and only if vertex i is joined to vertex j by an edge (if a student is taking both course i and course j), diagonal elements being assigned the value **true**. The weight assigned to the i th vertex (number of students in the i th course) is $w[i]$. We shall see below that preassignment is permitted. The number of courses to be preassigned is given in *pren* and the course *preassign* [i , 1] is to be placed at the time *preassign* [i , 2].

This procedure does not minimize the second order incidence i.e. a vertex i being assigned to the set k , where the set $k-1$ contains a vertex j joined to i (a student writing two consecutive examinations), but this may be done by rearranging the sets after the partitioning is completed. The procedure contains its own output statements, but its driver should provide the input;

begin integer array *row* [1 : m], *number* [1 : n];

integer i , j , *sum*, *course*, *time*;

Boolean *preset*, *completed*;

INITIALIZE: *preset* := **false**;

for $j := 1$ **step 1 until** n **do** *number* [j] := 0;

for $i := 1$ **step 1 until** m **do**

begin *sum* := 0;

for $j := 1$ **step 1 until** m **do**

if *incidence* [i , j] **then** *sum* := *sum* + 1;

row [i] := *sum*

end INITIALIZE. Note that *row* [i] now contains the multiplicity of, or number of edges at the vertex i (number of courses which conflict with the course i). Of course since the incidence matrix is symmetric, less than half ($i > j$) need be stored. However, this procedure, for the sake of simplicity, is written for the whole matrix. Also note that *row* [i] will eventually contain the negative of the set number to which the i th vertex is assigned (examination time for the i th course) and *number* [j] will contain the weight of the j th set (number of candidates at time j). From here on we drop the allusions to graph theory in the comments;

THE PREASSIGNMENT: **for** $j := 1$ **step 1 until** *pren* **do**

begin comment preassignment of courses to times is now car-

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ried out. If pres = 0, then there are no preassignments;
course := preassign [j,1]; time := preassign [j,2];
comment We now attempt to assign this course to the given
time;
SCRUTINIZE: if row [course] < 0 then
  begin oustring (1, 'This course'); outinteger (1, course);
  oustring (1, 'is already scheduled at time');
  outinteger (1, -row[course]); go to NEXT
end;
if number [time] + w[course] > max then
begin oustring (1, 'Space is not available for course');
  outinteger (1, course); oustring (1, 'at time');
  outinteger (1, time); go to NEXT
end;
for i := 1 step 1 until m do
  if row [i] = - time then
    begin if incidence [i, course] then
      begin oustring (1, 'course number');
      outinteger (1, course); oustring (1, 'conflicts with');
      outinteger (1, i);
      oustring (1, 'which is already scheduled at');
      outinteger (1, time);
      go to NEXT
      end if incidence
    end if row;
SATISFACTORY: row[course] := -time;
  number [time] := number [time] + w [course];
  pres := true;
NEXT:
end THE PREASSIGNMENT;
MAIN PROGRAM: begin Boolean array available [1:m];
  integer next;
  procedure check (course); integer course;
  begin integer j; comment This procedure renders un-
  available those courses conflicting with the given course;
  for j := 1 step 1 until m do
    if incidence [course, j] then available [j] := false
  end of procedure check.
  For each of the n time periods we select a suitable set of non-
  conflicting courses whose students will fit the examination
  room;
START OF MAIN PROGRAM:
for time := 1 step 1 until n do
  if pres = number[time] > 0 then
    begin comment The preceding Boolean equivalence di-
    rects the attention of the program initially only to
    those times where prescheduling has occurred. We now
    determine the available courses (i.e. unscheduled and
    nonconflicting). If course i is already scheduled, then
    row[i] is negative;
    completed := true;
    for i := 1 step 1 until m do if row [i] > 0 then
      begin available [i] := true; completed := false end
      else available [i] := false;
    if completed then go to OUTPUT;
    if pres then
      begin comment Some courses were prescheduled at
      this time. It is necessary to render their conflicts un-
      available;
      for i := 1 step 1 until m do
        if row[i] = -time then check (i)
      end prescheduled courses.
      We now select the available course with the most con-
      flicts. This is essentially the heuristic step and there-
      fore the place where variations on the method may be
      made;
AGAIN:
    sum := 0;

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for i := 1 step 1 until m do
  if available [i] ∧ row [i] > sum then
    begin next := i; sum := row [i] end most conflicts;
if sum > 0 then
begin comment There exists an available course, so
  we test it (viz next) for size. If it does not fit we look
  for another;
  available [next] := false;
  if number [time] + w[next] > max then go to AGAIN;
  comment If we are here the course will fit so we use it;
  row [next] := -time;
  number [time] := number [time] + w[next];
  check (next); go to AGAIN
end sum > 0
end of the time loop;
if pres then
  begin pres := false; go to START OF MAIN
  PROGRAM end
  In case of prescheduling this takes us back to try the re-
  maining time periods.
  If we have reached here with completed true then all
  courses are scheduled, but the converse may not be true,
  therefore;
if ¬ completed then
  begin completed := true;
  for i := 1 step 1 until m do
    if row [i] > 0 then completed := false
  end ¬ completed and
end of the main program;
OUTPUT: if ¬ completed then
  begin comment The following for statement outputs the
  courses that were not scheduled;
  oustring (1, 'courses not scheduled');
  for i := 1 step 1 until m do
    if row [i] > 0 then outinteger (1, i)
  end not scheduled.
  The following outputs the time period j, the number of stu-
  dents number[j] and the courses i written at time j;
TIMETABLE: oustring(1, 'time enrolment courses');
for j := 1 step 1 until n do
  begin outinteger (1, j); outinteger (1, number[j]);
  for i := 1 step 1 until m do
    if row[i] = -j then outinteger (1, i)
  end j.
  The following outputs the courses, the times at which they are
  written, and their enrolment;
  oustring (1, 'course time enrolment');
for i := 1 step 1 until m do
  if row [i] < 0 then outinteger (1, i); outinteger (1, row [i]);
  outinteger (1, w[i])
  else
  begin outinteger(1, i); oustring(1, 'unscheduled');
  outinteger (1, w[i])
  end
end of the procedure

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REMARK ON ALGORITHM 279
 CHEBYSHEV QUADRATURE [D1]
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The 33rd line of the second column on page 270 should read:
 if $m \neq 4 \wedge m \neq mmax \wedge r \geq m - 4$ then
 A printing error showed \wedge as 7433.