

At i th step, swap $a[i+1]$ with $a[j]$, j uniformly randomly chosen from $1..n-i$. Claim: a now represents a uniform sample from the set of cyclic permutations of the original array.

- Examples: $j = n - i$ for each i yields $n \rightarrow n - 1 \cdots \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow n$; $j = 1$ for each i yields $1 \rightarrow \cdots n \rightarrow 1$.
- Number of swaps is always $n - 1$. Other quantities of interest: number of moves by a given element, distance moved by a given element, total distance moved.

Proof of correctness

- $\mathcal{C}_n \cong \mathcal{C}_{n-1} \times \mathcal{N}$ via maps

$$(\sigma, q)^\uparrow = \sigma^* \tau \quad \text{where } \tau \text{ is the transposit.}$$

$$\sigma_\downarrow = (\tau\sigma)_* \quad \text{where } \tau \text{ is the transposit.}$$