

Random Number Generation Using Normal Numbers

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- ▶ Irrational numbers - not rational
- ▶ b -dense numbers - α is b -dense \iff in its base- b expansion every possible finite string of consecutive digits appears
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```
dd1[0] = t53 * d1;  
dd1[1] = 0.0;  
d2 = aint (t53 * d1 / p3i);  
ddmuldd (p3i, d2, dd2);  
ddsub (dd1, dd2, dd3);  
d1 = dd3[0];  
if (d1 < 0.0)  
    d1 = d1 + p3i;
```

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TestU01 Results

SmallCrush

```
=====
Version: TestU01 1.2.1
seed = 5559060566555623
```

===== Summary results of SmallCrush =====

```
Version: TestU01 1.2.1
Generator: ubcn_CreateBCNf
Number of statistics: 15
Total CPU time: 00:01:01.67
The following tests gave p-values outside [0.001, 0.9990]:
(eps means a value < 1.0e-300):
(eps1 means a value < 1.0e-15):
```

Test p-value

```
=====
1 BirthdaySpacings eps
=====
```

All other tests were passed

[Table: TestU01 Results - SmallCrush](#)

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Class Definition

- ▶ `class BCN : public Sprng`
- ▶ `#define NPARAMS 1 /** number of valid parameters ***/`

```
Sprng * SelectType(int typenum)
{
    switch (typenum)
        case 0: return new LFG;
        case 1: return new LCG;
        case 2: return new LCG64;
        case 3: return new CMRG;
        case 4: return new MLFG;
        case 5: return new PMLCG;
        case 6: return new BCN;
```

Initialization Routine

► Calculate constants

```
BCN::BCN() /* default constructor */
{
p3i = long long(pow(3.0, 33.0)); //  $3^{33}$ 
r3i = 1.0 / p3i; //  $\frac{1}{3^{33}}$ 
t53 = long long(pow(2.0, 53.0)); //  $2^{53}$ 
```

► Calculate Initial Value

```
int BCN::init_rng(int gn, int tg, int seed, int p)
```

Iterations

- ▶ Single function to get next random number
- ▶ Different versions to return different types

```
int get_rn_int ();           /* returns integer */  
long long get_rn_int64 ();  /* returns integer */  
float get_rn_flt ();        /* returns float */  
double get_rn_dbl ();      /* returns double */
```

SPRNG Timing Results

Type	Integer	Float	Double
lcg	125.0156 MRS	125.0156 MRS	142.8776 MRS
lfg	66.6756 MRS	62.5117 MRS	52.6399 MRS
mlfg	166.6944 MRS	100.0100 MRS	142.8776 MRS
lcg64	142.8776 MRS	62.5078 MRS	71.4388 MRS
cmrg	111.1235 MRS	47.6259 MRS	58.8339 MRS
bcn	23.2591 MRS	22.2257 MRS	22.7309 MRS

Table: Timing C++ interface: (Note: MRS = Million Random Numbers Per Second)

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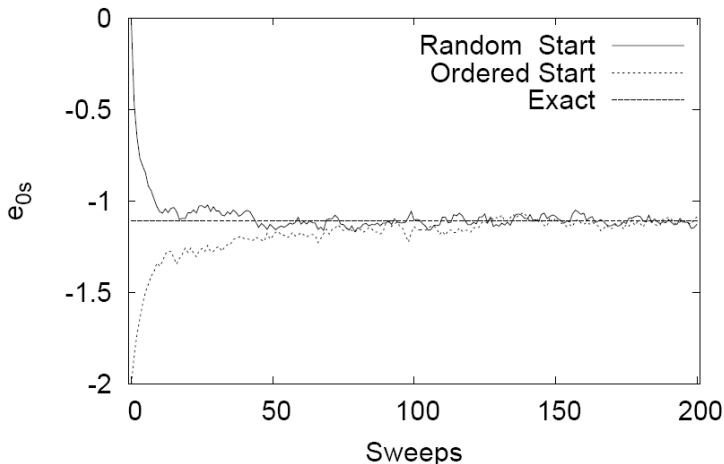
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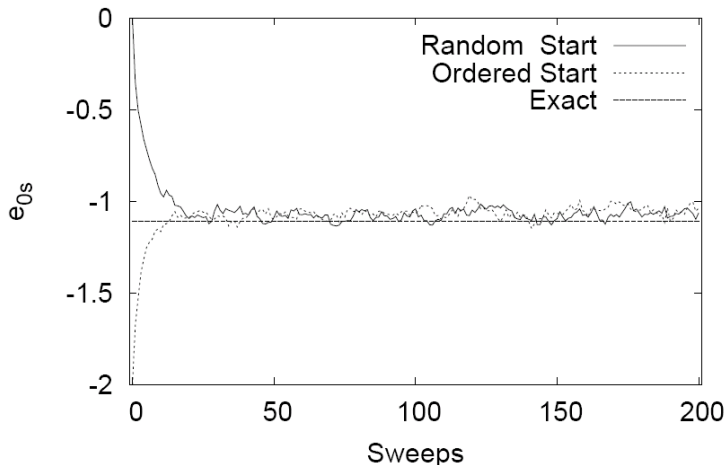
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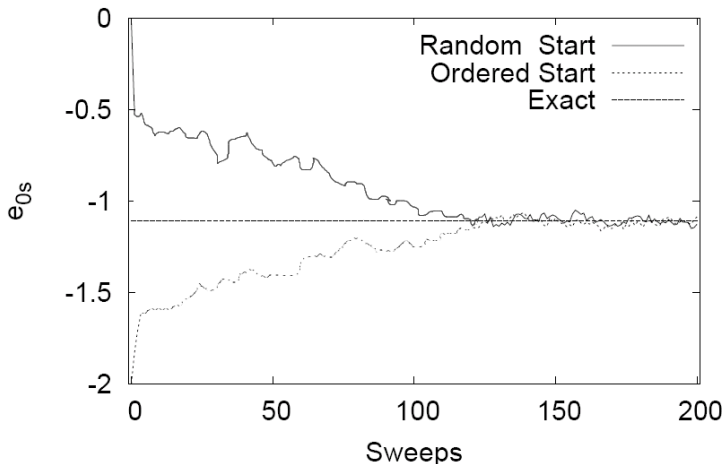


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