A uniform real random number generator obeying the IEEE 754 format using an affine transition

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We have made a new generator, double precision SIMD-oriented Fast Mersenne Twister (dSFMT), which is much faster than

- Mersenne Twister (Matsumoto and Nishimura '98) (MT) and
- SIMD-oriented Fast MT (Saito and Matsumoto '07) (SFMT)

in generating double precision numbers.

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If s is 0 and e is 0x3ff, then the format represent a normalized number in the range [1, 2).

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Pulmonary LFSR is a variant of LFSR, which is defined by two recursion formulas:

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w₀,..., w_{N-2} are set to the values in [1, 2) with the format IEEE 754
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so that the consecutive \mathbf{w}_i s are uniformly distributed in the range [1, 2).

Because 24 bits of each \mathbf{w} is fixed, we can consider above formula as an affine recursion formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y}_i &= F \mathbf{x}_{i-N+1} + \mathbf{x}_{i-N+M+1} + G \mathbf{y}_{i-1} + c \\ \mathbf{x}_i &= \mathbf{x}_{i-N+1} + H \mathbf{y}_i, \end{aligned}$$

where $\mathbf{y}_i, c \in \mathbb{F}_2^{128}$, $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathbb{F}_2^{104}$, $F, G \in M_{128,104}(\mathbb{F}_2)$, $H \in M_{104,128}(\mathbb{F}_2)$. To assure the period and distriution property, we need to develop algorithms to compute theses for affine transforation generalized those for linear transformation. (we ommit)



























dSFMTv2-19937

dSFMTv2-19937 has following specification.

- the least period: $2^{19937} 1$
- size of array N: 192
- state space of affine transition: \mathbb{F}_2^{19992}
- shift value SL1: 19
- pick up position M: 117
- oconstant mask: 0x000ffaffffffb3f000ffdfffc90fffd

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and the total dimension defect Δ as the sum of these gaps.

k(v) and d(v) of 52-bit fraction part of dSFMTv2-19937.

V	k(v)	d(v)	v	k(v)	d(v)	v	k(v)	d(v)	v	k(v)	d(v)
1	19937	0	14	1423	1	27	734	4	40	383	115
2	9967	1	15	1328	1	28	702	10	41	383	103
3	6644	1	16	1245	1	29	620	67	42	383	91
4	4983	1	17	1172	0	30	538	126	43	383	80
5	3987	0	18	1107	0	31	536	107	44	383	70
6	3322	0	19	1049	0	32	535	88	45	383	60
7	2847	1	20	996	0	33	384	220	46	383	50
8	2491	1	21	949	0	34	384	202	47	383	41
9	2215	0	22	772	134	35	384	185	48	383	32
10	1993	0	23	772	94	36	384	169	49	383	23
11	1812	0	24	772	58	37	383	155	50	383	15
12	1661	0	25	772	25	38	383	141	51	383	7
13	1533	0	26	766	0	39	383	128	52	383	0

 Δ is 2608.

c.f. Δ of MT19937 is 6750.

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CPUs and compilers

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- Pentium 4 3GHz and ICC
- core 2 duo 1.83GHz and ICC
- Athlon 64 2.4GHz and GNU C Compiler (GCC)
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Output

• blk: Generate 50000 of double precision floating point numbers in an array, at one call.

This is iterated for 2000 times (10^8 generations).

• seq: Generate 10⁸ of double precision floating point numbers sequentially, one by one.

All outputs are formatted in the range [0, 1).

(i.e. outputs of dSFMTs are subtracted by 1.0).

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This is negligible: The generated numbers in the range [0, 1) by our method have the same accuracy as ones obtaind by dividing 52-bit integers by a constant.

Thank you for your kind attention.