

# Linear congruential generator

From Rosetta Code

The linear congruential generator is a very simple example of a random number generator. All linear congruential generators use this formula:

$$\blacksquare r_{n+1} = a \times r_n + c \pmod{m}$$

Where:

- $r_0$  is a seed.
- $r_1, r_2, r_3, \dots$ , are the random numbers.
- $a, c, m$  are constants.

If one chooses the values of  $a$ ,  $c$  and  $m$  with care, then the generator produces a uniform distribution of integers from 0 to  $m - 1$ .

LCG numbers have poor quality.  $r_n$  and  $r_{n+1}$  are not independent, as true random numbers would be. Anyone who knows  $r_n$  can predict  $r_{n+1}$ , therefore LCG is not cryptographically secure. The LCG is still good enough for simple tasks like Miller-Rabin primality test, or FreeCell deals. Among the benefits of the LCG, one can easily reproduce a sequence of numbers, from the same  $r_0$ . One can also reproduce such sequence with a different programming language, because the formula is so simple.


The task is to replicate two historic random number generators. One is the `rand()` function from BSD libc, and the other is the `rand()` function from the Microsoft C Runtime (MSCVRT.DLL). Each replica must yield the same sequence of integers as the original generator, when starting from the same seed.

In these formulas, the seed becomes  $state_0$ . The random sequence is  $rand_1, rand_2$  and so on.

BSD formula:

- $state_{n+1} = 1103515245 \times state_n + 12345 \pmod{2^{31}}$
- $rand_n = state_n$
- $rand_n$  is in range 0 to 2147483647.

Microsoft formula:



## Linear

### congruential generator

You are encouraged to solve this task according to the task description, using any language you may know.

- $state_{n+1} = 214013 \times state_n + 2531011 \pmod{2^{31}}$
- $rand_n = state_n \div 2^{16}$
- $rand_n$  is in range 0 to 32767.

The BSD formula was so awful that FreeBSD switched to a different formula. More info is at Random number generator (included)#C.

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## Ada

We first specify a generic package LCG:

```
generic
  type Base_Type is mod <>;
  Multiplier, Adder: Base_Type;
  Output_Divisor: Base_Type := 1;
package LCG is

  procedure Initialize(Seed: Base_Type);
  function Random return Base_Type;
  -- changes the state and outputs the result

end LCG;
```

Then we provide a generic implementation:

```
package body LCG is

  State: Base_Type := Base_Type'First;

  procedure Initialize(Seed: Base_Type) is
  begin
    State := Seed;
  end Initialize;

  function Random return Base_Type is
  begin
    State := State * Multiplier + Adder;
    return State / Output_Divisor;
  end Random;

end LCG;
```

Next, we define the MS- and BSD-instantiations of the generic package:

```
with Ada.Text_IO, LCG;

procedure Run_LCGs is

  type M31 is mod 2**31;
```

```

package BSD_Rand is new LCG(Base_Type => M31, Multiplier => 1103515245,
                             Adder => 12345);

package MS_Rand is new LCG(Base_Type => M31, Multiplier => 214013,
                             Adder => 2531011, Output_Divisor => 2**16);

begin
  for I in 1 .. 10 loop
    Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line(M31'Image(BSD_Rand.Random));
  end loop;
  for I in 1 .. 10 loop
    Ada.Text_IO.Put_Line(M31'Image(MS_Rand.Random));
  end loop;
end Run_LCGs;

```

Finally, we run the program, which generates the following output (note that the first ten lines are from the BSD generator, the next ten from the MS generator):

```

12345
1406932606
654583775
1449466924
229283573
1109335178
1051550459
1293799192
794471793
551188310
38
7719
21238
2437
8855
11797
8365
32285
10450
30612

```

## AutoHotkey

```

a := 0, b := [0]
Loop, 10
    BSD .= "`t" (a := BSD(a)) "`n"
,      b := MS(b[1])
,      MS .= "`t" (b[2]) "`n"

MsgBox, % "BSD:`n" BSD "`nMS:`n" MS

BSD(Seed) {
    return, Mod(1103515245 * Seed + 12345, 2147483648)
}

MS(Seed) {
    Seed := Mod(214013 * Seed + 2531011, 2147483648)
    return, [Seed, Seed // 65536]
}

```

**Output:**

BSD:

```

12345
1406932606
654583775
1449466924
229283573
1109335178
1051550459
1293799192
794471793
551188310

```

MS:

```

38
7719
21238
2437
8855
11797
8365
32285
10450
30612

```

**BBC BASIC****Works with:** BBC BASIC for Windows

```

@% = &D0D
PRINT "MS generator:"
dummy% = FNrandMS(0)
FOR i% = 1 TO 10
    PRINT FNrandMS(-1)
NEXT
PRINT '"BSD generator:"
dummy% = FNrandBSD(0)
FOR i% = 1 TO 10
    PRINT FNrandBSD(-1)
NEXT
END

DEF FNrandMS(seed%)
PRIVATE state%
IF seed% >= 0 THEN
    state% = seed%
ELSE
    state% = FNmuladd(state%, 214013, 2531011)
ENDIF
= state% >> 16

DEF FNrandBSD(seed%)
PRIVATE state%
IF seed% >= 0 THEN
    state% = seed%
ELSE
    state% = FNmuladd(state%, 1103515245, 12345)
ENDIF

```

```

= state%

DEF FNmuladd(A%,B%,C%) : PRIVATE M% : LOCAL P% : IF M% = 0 DIM P% 8
IF P% THEN [OPT 0 : .M% mul ebx : add eax,ecx : btr eax,31 : ret :]
= USR M%

```

## Output:

```

MS generator:
    38
    7719
    21238
    2437
    8855
    11797
    8365
    32285
    10450
    30612

BSD generator:
    12345
    1406932606
    654583775
    1449466924
    229283573
    1109335178
    1051550459
    1293799192
    794471793
    551188310

```

## Headline text

## bc

**Translation of:** dc

**Works with:** GNU bc

**Works with:** OpenBSD bc

As with dc, bc has no bitwise operators.

```

/* BSD rand */

define rand() {
    randseed = (randseed * 1103515245 + 12345) % 2147483648
    return randseed
}

randseed = 1
rand(); rand(); rand(); print "\n"

/* Microsoft rand */

```

```

define rand() {
    randseed = (randseed * 214013 + 2531011) % 2147483648
    return randseed / 65536
}

randseed = 1
rand(); rand(); rand(); print "\n"

```

## Bracmat

```

( 2^31:~RANDMAX
& 2^-16:~rshift
& (randBSD=mod$(!seed*1103515245+12345.!RANDMAX):~seed)
& ( randMS
  = div
  $ ((mod$(!seed*214013+2531011.!RANDMAX):~seed)*!rshift.1)
)
& out$\nBSD
& 0:~seed
& 0:~i
& whl' (1+!i:~>10:~i&out$!randBSD)
& out$\nMicrosoft
& 0:~seed
& 0:~i
& whl' (1+!i:~>10:~i&out$!randMS)
)

```

## Output:

```

BSD
12345
1406932606
654583775
1449466924
229283573
1109335178
1051550459
1293799192
794471793
551188310

Microsoft
38
7719
21238
2437
8855
11797
8365
32285
10450
30612

```

## C

In a pretended lib style, this code produces a `rand()` function depends on compiler

macro: gcc -DMS\_RANDOM uses MS style, otherwise it's BSD rand by default.

```
#include <stdio.h>

/* always assuming int is at least 32 bits */
int rand();
int rseed = 0;

inline void srand(int x)
{
    rseed = x;
}

#ifndef MS_RANDOM
#define RAND_MAX ((1U << 31) - 1)

inline int rand()
{
    return rseed = (rseed * 1103515245 + 12345) & RAND_MAX;
}

#else /* MS rand */
#define RAND_MAX_32 ((1U << 31) - 1)
#define RAND_MAX ((1U << 15) - 1)

inline int rand()
{
    return (rseed = (rseed * 214013 + 2531011) & RAND_MAX_32) >> 16;
}

#endif /* MS_RANDOM */

int main()
{
    int i;
    printf("rand max is %d\n", RAND_MAX);

    for (i = 0; i < 100; i++)
        printf("%d\n", rand());

    return 0;
}
```

## C++

```
#include <iostream>

//-----
using namespace std;

//-----
class mRND
{
public:
    void seed( unsigned int s ) { _seed = s; }

protected:
```



```

mRND() : _seed( 0 ), _a( 0 ), _c( 0 ), _m( 2147483648 ) {}
int rnd() { return( _seed = ( _a * _seed + _c ) % _m ); }

int _a, _c;
unsigned int _m, _seed;
};
//-----
class MS_RND : public mRND
{
public:
    MS_RND() { _a = 214013; _c = 2531011; }
    int rnd() { return mRND::rnd() >> 16; }
};
//-----
class BSD_RND : public mRND
{
public:
    BSD_RND() { _a = 1103515245; _c = 12345; }
    int rnd() { return mRND::rnd(); }
};
//-----
int main( int argc, char* argv[] )
{
    BSD_RND bsd_rnd;
    MS_RND ms_rnd;

    cout << "MS RAND:" << endl << "=====" << endl;
    for( int x = 0; x < 10; x++ )
        cout << ms_rnd.rnd() << endl;

    cout << endl << "BSD RAND:" << endl << "=====" << endl;
    for( int x = 0; x < 10; x++ )
        cout << bsd_rnd.rnd() << endl;

    cout << endl << endl;
    system( "pause" );
    return 0;
}
//-----

```

## Output:

```

MS RAND:
=====
38
7719
21238
2437
8855
11797
8365
32285
10450
30612

BSD RAND:
=====
12345
1406932606
654583775
1449466924

```

```

229283573
1109335178
1051550459
1293799192
794471793
551188310

```

## Clojure

```

(defn iterator [a b]
  (fn[x] (mod (+ (* a x) b) (bit-shift-left 1 31))))

(def bsd (drop 1 (iterate (iterator 1103515245 12345) 0)))

(def ms (drop 1 (for [x (iterate (iterator 214013 2531011) 0)] (bit-shift-right x 16))))

(take 10 bsd) ;-> (12345 1406932606 654583775 1449466924 229283573 1109335178 1051550459 1293799192 794471793 551188310)
(take 10 ms) ;-> (38 7719 21238 2437 8855 11797 8365 32285 10450 30612)

```

## Common Lisp

```

(defun make-rng (&key (seed 0) (mode nil))
  "returns an RNG according to :seed and :mode keywords
  default mode: bsd
  default seed: 0 (should be 1 actually)"
  (if (eql mode 'ms)
      #'(lambda ()
          (ash (setf seed (mod (+ (* 214013 seed) 2531011) (expt 2 31))) -16))
      #'(lambda () (setf seed (mod (+ (* seed 1103515245) 12345) (expt 2 31))))))

(let ((rng (make-rng)))
  (dotimes (x 10) (format t "BSD: ~d~%" (funcall rng))))

(let ((rng (make-rng :mode 'ms :seed 1)))
  (dotimes (x 10) (format t "MS: ~d~%" (funcall rng))))

```

## C#

```

using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Linq;
using System.Text;

namespace FreeCellDeals
{
    public class LCG
    {
        private int _state;
    }
}

```

```
public bool Microsoft { get; set; }
public bool BSD
{
    get
    {
        return !Microsoft;
    }
    set
    {
        Microsoft = !value;
    }
}

public LCG(bool microsoft = true)
{
    _state = (int)DateTime.Now.Ticks;
    Microsoft = microsoft;
}

public LCG(int n, bool microsoft = true)
{
    _state = n;
    Microsoft = microsoft;
}

public int Next()
{
    if (BSD)
    {
        return _state = (1103515245 * _state + 12345) & int.MaxValue;
    }
    return ((_state = 214013 * _state + 2531011) & int.MaxValue) >> 16;
}

public IEnumerable<int> Seq()
{
    while (true)
    {
        yield return Next();
    }
}

}

class Program
{
    static void Main()
    {
        LCG ms = new LCG(0, true);
        LCG bsd = new LCG(0, false);
        Console.WriteLine("Microsoft");
        ms.Seq().Take(10).ToList().ForEach(Console.WriteLine);
        Console.WriteLine("\nBSD");
        bsd.Seq().Take(10).ToList().ForEach(Console.WriteLine);
        Console.ReadKey();
    }
}
```

Output:

```
Microsoft
```

```

38
7719
21238
2437
8855
11797
8365
32285
10450
30612
|
BSD
12345
1406932606
654583775
1449466924
229283573
1109335178
1051550459
1293799192
794471793
551188310
|

```

## D

```

struct LinearCongruentialGenerator {
    enum uint RAND_MAX = (1U << 31) - 1;
    uint seed = 0;

    uint randBSD() pure nothrow @nogc {
        seed = (seed * 1_103_515_245 + 12_345) & RAND_MAX;
        return seed;
    }

    uint randMS() pure nothrow @nogc {
        seed = (seed * 214_013 + 2_531_011) & RAND_MAX;
        return seed >> 16;
    }
}

void main() {
    import std.stdio;

    LinearCongruentialGenerator rnd;

    foreach (immutable i; 0 .. 10)
        writeln(rnd.randBSD);
    writeln;

    rnd.seed = 0;
    foreach (immutable i; 0 .. 10)
        writeln(rnd.randMS);
}

```

## Output:

```

12345
1406932606
|

```

```

i654583775
i1449466924
i229283573
i1109335178
i1051550459
i1293799192
i794471793
i551188310
i38
i7719
i21238
i2437
i8855
i11797
i8365
i32285
i10450
i30612

```

## dc

*dc* has no bitwise operations, so this program uses the modulus operator (2147483648 %) and division (65536 /). Fortunately, *dc* numbers cannot overflow to negative, so the modulus calculation involves only non-negative integers.

For BSD rand():

```

[*
 * lrx -- (random number from 0 to 2147483647)
 *
 * Returns a number from the BSD rand() sequence.
 * Seeded by storing a seed in register R.
 *]sz
[LR 1103515245 * 12345 + 2147483648 % d sR]sr

[* Set seed to 1, then print the first 3 random numbers. *]sz
1 sR
lrx psz lrx psz lrx psz

```

```

i1103527590
i377401575
i662824084

```

For Microsoft rand():

```

[*
 * lrx -- (random number from 0 to 32767)
 *
 * Returns a number from the Microsoft rand() sequence.
 * Seeded by storing a seed in register R.
 *]sz
[LR 214013 * 2531011 + 2147483648 % d sR 65536 /]sr

[* Set seed to 1, then print the first 3 random numbers. *]sz
1 sR

```

```
!lrx psz lrx psz lrx psz
```

```
41
18467
6334
```

## F#

```
module lcg =
    let bsd seed =
        let state = ref seed
        (fun (_,unit) ->
            state := (1103515245 * !state + 12345) &&& System.Int32.MaxValue
            !state)

    let ms seed =
        let state = ref seed
        (fun (_,unit) ->
            state := (214013 * !state + 2531011) &&& System.Int32.MaxValue
            !state / (1<<<16))
```

```
let rndBSD = lcg.bsd 0;;
let BSD=[for n in [0 .. 9] -> rndBSD()];;

let rndMS = lcg.ms 0;;
let MS=[for n in [0 .. 9] -> rndMS()];;

val BSD : int list =
    [12345; 1406932606; 654583775; 1449466924; 229283573; 1109335178; 1051550459;
     1293799192; 794471793; 551188310]
val MS : int list =
    [38; 7719; 21238; 2437; 8855; 11797; 8365; 32285; 10450; 30612]
```

## Forth

```
1 31 lshift 1- constant MAX-RAND-BSD
1 15 lshift 1- constant MAX-RAND-MS

variable seed \ seed variable

: (random) seed @ * + dup seed ! ; ( -- n)
: BSDrandom MAX-RAND-BSD 12345 1103515245 (random) and ;
: MSrandom MAX-RAND-MS 2531011 214013 (random) 16 rshift and ;

: test-random
  1 seed ! cr ." BSD (seed=1)" cr
  5 0 do BSDrandom . cr loop
  1 seed ! cr ." MS (seed=1)" cr
  5 0 do MSrandom . cr loop
;

test-random
```

**Output:**

```

BSD (seed=1)
1103527590
377401575
662824084
1147902781
2035015474

MS (seed=1)
41
18467
6334
26500
19169

```

## Fortran

**Works with:** Fortran version 90 and later

```

module lcgs
  implicit none

  integer, parameter :: i64 = selected_int_kind(18)
  integer, parameter :: a1 = 1103515245, a2 = 214013
  integer, parameter :: c1 = 12345, c2 = 2531011
  integer, parameter :: div = 65536
  integer(i64), parameter :: m = 2147483648_i64 ! need to go to 64 bits because
                                                ! of the use of signed integers

contains

  function bsdrand(seed)
    integer :: bsdrand
    integer, optional, intent(in) :: seed
    integer(i64) :: x = 0

    if(present(seed)) x = seed
    x = mod(a1 * x + c1, m)
    bsdrand = x
  end function

  function msrand(seed)
    integer :: msrand
    integer, optional, intent(in) :: seed
    integer(i64) :: x = 0

    if(present(seed)) x = seed
    x = mod(a2 * x + c2, m)
    msrand = x / div
  end function
end module

program lcgtest
  use lcgs
  implicit none
  integer :: i

  write(*, "(a)" ) "      BSD      MS"
  do i = 1, 10

```

```

    write(*, "(2i12)") bsdrand(), msrand()
end do
end program

```

## Output

BSD	MS
12345	38
1406932606	7719
654583775	21238
1449466924	2437
229283573	8855
1109335178	11797
1051550459	8365
1293799192	32285
794471793	10450
551188310	30612

## Go

```

package main

import "fmt"

// basic linear congruential generator
func lcg(a, c, m, seed uint32) func() uint32 {
    r := seed
    return func() uint32 {
        r = (a*r + c) % m
        return r
    }
}

// microsoft generator has extra division step
func msg(seed uint32) func() uint32 {
    g := lcg(214013, 2531011, 1<<31, seed)
    return func() uint32 {
        return g() / (1 << 16)
    }
}

func example(seed uint32) {
    fmt.Printf("\nWith seed = %d\n", seed)
    bsd := lcg(1103515245, 12345, 1<<31, seed)
    msf := msg(seed)
    fmt.Println("        BSD    Microsoft")
    for i := 0; i < 5; i++ {
        fmt.Printf("%10d    %5d\n", bsd(), msf())
    }
}

func main() {
    example(0)
    example(1)
}

```

## Output:



```
With seed = 0
  BSD   Microsoft
12345   38
1406932606 7719
654583775 21238
1449466924 2437
229283573 8855
```

```
With seed = 1
  BSD   Microsoft
1103527590 41
377401575 18467
662824084 6334
1147902781 26500
2035015474 19169
```

## Haskell

```
bsd n = r:bsd r where r = ((n * 1103515245 + 12345) `rem` 2^31)
msr n = (r `div` 2^16):msr r where r = (214013 * n + 2531011) `rem` 2^31

main = do
  print $ take 10 $ bsd 0 -- can take seeds other than 0, of course
  print $ take 10 $ msr 0
```

## Icon and Unicon

The following LCRNG's behave in the same way maintaining the state (seed) from round to round. There is an srand procedure for each lcrng that maintains the seed state and allows the user to assign a new state.

```
link printf

procedure main()
  printf("      BSD      MS\n")
  every 1 to 10 do
    printf("%10s %10s\n", rand_BSD(), rand_MS())
end

procedure srand_BSD(x)          #: seed random
static seed
  return seed := \x | \seed | 0 # parm or seed or zero if none
end

procedure rand_BSD()            #: lcrng
  return srand_BSD((1103515245 * srand_BSD() + 12345) % 2147483648)
end

procedure srand_MS(x)           #: seed random
static seed
  return seed := \x | \seed | 0 # parm or seed or zero if none
end

procedure rand_MS()             #: lcrng
```

```

return ishift(srand_MS((214013 * srand_MS() + 2531011) % 2147483648), -16)
end

```

## Library: Icon Programming Library

printf.icn provides printf (<http://www.cs.arizona.edu/icon/library/src/procs/printf.icn>)

# J

## Solution:

```

lcg=: adverb define
  0 m lcg y          NB. default seed of 0
:
  'a c mod'=. x: m
  }. (mod | c + a * ])^(<y+1) x
)
rand_bsd=: (1103515245 12345 , <.2^31) lcg
rand_ms=: (2^16) <.@:%~ (214013 2531011 , <.2^31) lcg

```

## Example Use:

```

rand_bsd 10
12345 1406932606 654583775 1449466924 229283573 1109335178 1051550459 1293799192 794471793 551188310
654583775 rand_bsd 4
1449466924 229283573 1109335178 1051550459
rand_ms 10
38 7719 21238 2437 8855 11797 8365 32285 10450 30612
1 rand_ms 5          NB. seed of 1
41 18467 6334 26500 19169

```

# K

```

bsd:{1_ y{((1103515245*x)+12345)!(_2^31)}\x}
ms:{1_ (y{((214013*x)+2531011)!(_2^31)})\x}%(_2^16)}

bsd[0;10]
12345 1406932606 654583775 1449466924 229283573 1109335178 1051550459 1293799192 794471793 551188310
ms[0;10]
38 7719 21238 2437 8855 11797 8365 32285 10450 30612

```

## Liberty BASIC

```

'by default these are 0
global BSDState
global MSState

```

```

for i = 1 to 10
  print randBSD()
next i

print

for i = 1 to 10
  print randMS()
next i

function randBSD()
  randBSD = (1103515245 * BSDState + 12345) mod (2 ^ 31)
  BSDState = randBSD
end function

function randMS()
  MSState = (214013 * MSState + 2531011) mod (2 ^ 31)
  randMS = int(MSState / 2 ^ 16)
end function

```

## Logo

Note that, perhaps ironically, UCBLLogo, as of version 6.0, doesn't generate the proper output from the BSD constants; it uses double-precision floating point, which is not enough for some of the intermediate products. In UCBLLogo, the BSD series deviates starting with the third value (see sample output below).

```

; Configuration parameters for Microsoft and BSD implementations
make "LCG_MS [214013 2531011 65536 2147483648]
make "LCG_BSD [1103515245 12345 1 2147483648]

; Default seed is 0
make "_lcg_value 0

; set the seed
to lcg_seed :seed
  make "_lcg_value :seed
end

; generate the next number in the series using the given parameters
to lcg_rand [:config :LCG_MS]
  local "a local "c local "d local "m
  foreach [a c d m] [
    make ? item # :config
  ]
  make "_lcg_value (modulo (sum (product :a :_lcg_value) :c) :m)
  output int quotient :_lcg_value :d
end

foreach (list :LCG_BSD :LCG_MS) [
  lcg_seed 0
  repeat 10 [
    print (lcg_rand ?)
  ]
  print []
]
bye

```

**Output:**

```

12345
1406932606
654583775
1449466924
229283573
1109335178
1051550459
1293799192
794471793
551188310
.
38
7719
21238
2437
8855
11797
8365
32285
10450
30612

```

**UCBLogo output for the BSD section:**

```

12345
1406932606
654583808
1358247936
2138638336
1459132416
1445521408
370866176
1896597568
1518859008

```

**Mathematica**

```

BSDrand[x_] := Mod[x*1103515245 + 12345, 2147483648]
NestList[BSDrand, 0, 10]
-> {0, 12345, 1406932606, 654583775, 1449466924, 229283573, 1109335178, 1051550459, 1293799192, 794471793}

MSrand[x_] := Mod[x*214013 + 2531011, 2147483648]
BitShiftRight[ NestList[MSrand, 0, 10], 16]
-> {0, 38, 7719, 21238, 2437, 8855, 11797, 8365, 32285, 10450, 30612}

```

**Maxima**

```

seed: 0$
ms_rand() := quotient(seed: mod(214013 * seed + 2531011, 2147483648), 65536)$
makelist(ms_rand(), 20); /* see http://oeis.org/A096558 */
[38, 7719, 21238, 2437, 8855, 11797, 8365, 32285, 10450, 30612, 5853, 28100, 1142, 281,

```

```

[20537, 15921, 8945, 26285, 2997, 14680]
seed: 0$
bsd_rand() := seed: mod(1103515245 * seed + 12345, 2147483648)$
makelist(bsd_rand(), 20); /* see http://www.randomwalk.de/scimath/prngseqs.txt */
[12345, 1406932606, 654583775, 1449466924, 229283573, 1109335178, 1051550459,
1293799192, 794471793, 551188310, 803550167, 1772930244, 370913197, 639546082, 1381971571,
1695770928, 2121308585, 1719212846, 996984527, 1157490780]

```

## PARI/GP

Note that up to PARI/GP version 2.3.0, `random()` used a linear congruential generator.

```

BSDseed=Mod(1,1<<31);
MSFTseed=Mod(1,1<<31);
BSD()=BSDseed=1103515245*BSDseed+12345;lift(BSDseed);
MSFT()=MSFTseed=214013*MSFTseed+2531011;lift(MSFTseed)%(1<<31);

```

## Pascal

```

Program LinearCongruentialGenerator(output);
var
  x1, x2: int64;
function bsdrand: longint;
const
  a = 1103515245;
  c = 12345;
  m = 2147483648;
begin
  x1 := (a * x1 + c) mod m;
  bsdrand := x1;
end;
function msrand: longint;
const
  a = 214013;
  c = 2531011;
  m = 2147483648;
begin
  x2 := (a * x2 + c) mod m;
  msrand := x2 div 65536;
end;
var
  i: longint;
begin
  writeln('      BSD      MS');
  x1 := 0;
  x2 := 0;
  for i := 1 to 10 do
    writeln(bsdrand:12, msrand:12);
  end.

```

## Output:

BSD	MS
12345	7584
1124652145	3277
1499545833	3067
1558406049	31446
696007321	13069
56579025	17343
1312705865	2510
811881729	5264
1301653753	21298
1318262577	27689

## Perl

Creates a magic scalar whose value is next in the LCG sequence when read.

```
use strict;
package LCG;

use overload '0+' => \&get;

use integer;
sub gen_bsd { (1103515245 * shift() + 12345) % (1 << 31) }

sub gen_ms {
    my $s = (214013 * shift() + 2531011) % (1 << 31);
    $s, $s / (1 << 16)
}

sub set { $_[0]->{seed} = $_[1] } # srand
sub get {
    my $o = shift;
    ($o->{seed}, my $r) = $o->{meth}->($o->{seed});
    $r //= $o->{seed}
}

sub new {
    my $cls = shift;
    my %opts = @_;
    bless {
        seed => $opts{seed},
        meth => $opts{meth} eq 'MS' ? \&gen_ms : \&gen_bsd,
    }, ref $cls || $cls;
}

package main;

my $rand = LCG->new;

print "BSD:\n";
print "$rand\n" for 1 .. 10;

$rand = LCG->new(meth => 'MS');

print "\nMS:\n";
print "$rand\n" for 1 .. 10;
```

## output

```

BSD:
12345
1406932606
654583775
1449466924
229283573
1109335178
1051550459
1293799192
794471793
551188310

MS:
38
7719
21238
2437
8855
11797
8365
32285
10450
30612

```

## Perl 6

Define subroutines implementing the LCG algorithm for each version then use those to generate lazy infinite lists of values and return the first 10 values from each.

```

my $mod = 2**31;
sub bsd ($seed) { ( 1103515245 * $seed + 12345 ) % $mod };
sub ms ($seed) { ( 214013 * $seed + 2531011 ) % $mod };

say 'BSD LCG first 10 values:';
say for ( 0.&bsd, -> $seed { $seed.&bsd } ... * )[^10];

say "\nMS LCG first 10 values:";
($_ += 16).say for ( 0.&ms, -> $seed { $seed.&ms } ... * )[^10];

```

```

BSD LCG first 10 values:
12345
1406932606
654583775
1449466924
229283573
1109335178
1051550459
1293799192
794471793
551188310

MS LCG first 10 values:
38
7719

```

```
21238
2437
8855
11797
8365
32285
10450
30612
```

## PHP

**Works with:** PHP version 5.3+

```
<?php
function bsd_rand($seed) {
    return function() use (&$seed) {
        return $seed = (1103515245 * $seed + 12345) % (1 << 31);
    };
}

function msvcrt_rand($seed) {
    return function() use (&$seed) {
        return ($seed = (214013 * $seed + 2531011) % (1 << 31)) >> 16;
    };
}

$lcg = bsd_rand(0);
echo "BSD ";
for ($i = 0; $i < 10; $i++)
    echo $lcg(), " ";
echo "\n";

$lcg = msvcrt_rand(0);
echo "Microsoft ";
for ($i = 0; $i < 10; $i++)
    echo $lcg(), " ";
echo "\n";
?>
```

## PicoLisp

```
(zero *BsdSeed *MsSeed)

(de bsdRand ()
  (setq *BsdSeed
    (& (+ 12345 (* 1103515245 *BsdSeed)) `(dec (** 2 31))) ) )

(de msRand ()
  (>> 16
    (setq *MsSeed
      (& (+ 2531011 (* 214013 *MsSeed)) `(dec (** 2 31))) ) ) )
```

Output:

```
⋮ (do 7 (printsp (bsdRand)))
```



```
12345 1406932606 654583775 1449466924 229283573 1109335178 1051550459 -> 1051550459
: (do 12 (printsp (msRand)))
38 7719 21238 2437 8855 11797 8365 32285 10450 30612 5853 28100 -> 28100
```

## PL/I

```
(nofixedoverflow, nosize):
LCG: procedure options (main);
  declare i fixed binary;

  put skip list ('BSD', 'MS');
  do i = 1 to 20;
    put skip list (BSD(), MS());
  end;

bsd: procedure returns (fixed binary (31));
  declare const fixed binary static initial (12345);
  declare s fixed binary (31) static initial (123456789);

  s = s * 1103515245 + const;
  s = isrl(isll(s,1), 1);
  return (s);
end bsd;

ms: procedure returns (fixed binary (15));
  declare const fixed binary (31) static initial (2531011);
  declare s      fixed binary (31) static initial (123456789);

  s = s * 214013 + const;
  s = isrl(isll(s,1), 1);
  return (isrl(s,16));
end ms;
end LCG;
```

## OUTPUT:

BSD	MS
231794730	13259
1126946331	26974
1757975480	13551
850994577	30354
1634557174	18709
707246327	15861
1397699428	16906
1035569613	21981
1904890498	8603
1335160211	12911
1434329552	18110
1273099721	3228
1250890958	27918
1016516591	17989
1097566972	22768
436938117	23599
1175171034	7712

1059748875	15601
308566760	7038
534615297	21512

## PureBasic

```

Procedure ms_LCG(seed.q = -1)
  Static state.q
  If seed >= 0
    state = seed
  Else
    state = (state * 214013 + 2531011) % (1 << 31)
  ProcedureReturn state >> 16
EndIf
EndProcedure

Procedure.q bsd_LCG(seed.q = -1)
  Static state.q
  If seed >= 0
    state = seed
  Else
    state = (state * 1103515245 + 12345) % (1 << 31)
  ProcedureReturn state
EndIf
EndProcedure

If OpenConsole()
  Define i
  PrintN("BSD (seed = 1)")
  bsd_LCG(1)
  For i = 1 To 5
    PrintN(Str(bsd_LCG()))
  Next

  PrintN(#CRLF$ + "MS (seed = 1)")
  ms_LCG(1)
  For i = 1 To 5
    PrintN(Str(ms_LCG()))
  Next

  Print(#CRLF$ + #CRLF$ + "Press ENTER to exit"): Input()
  CloseConsole()
EndIf

```

### Sample output:

```

BSD (seed = 1)
1103527590
377401575
662824084
1147902781
2035015474

MS (seed = 1)
41
18467
6334
26500

```

19169

## Python

```
def bsd_rand(seed):
    def rand():
        rand.seed = (1103515245*rand.seed + 12345) & 0x7fffffff
        return rand.seed
    rand.seed = seed
    return rand

def msvcrt_rand(seed):
    def rand():
        rand.seed = (214013*rand.seed + 2531011) & 0x7fffffff
        return rand.seed >> 16
    rand.seed = seed
    return rand
```

**Works with:** Python version 3.x

```
def bsd_rand(seed):
    def rand():
        nonlocal seed
        seed = (1103515245*seed + 12345) & 0x7fffffff
        return seed
    return rand

def msvcrt_rand(seed):
    def rand():
        nonlocal seed
        seed = (214013*seed + 2531011) & 0x7fffffff
        return seed >> 16
    return rand
```

## Racket

The following solution uses generators and transcribes the mathematical formulas above directly. It does not attempt to be efficient.

```
#lang racket
(require racket/generator)

(define (bsd-update state_n)
  (modulo (+ (* 1103515245 state_n) 12345)
    (expt 2 31)))

(define (ms-update state_n)
  (modulo (+ (* 214013 state_n) 2531011)
    (expt 2 31)))

(define ((rand update ->rand) seed)
  (generator ()
    (let loop ([state_n seed])
      (let ([update (update state_n)])
        (yield (update))
        (loop (update))))))
```

```

(define state_n+1 (update state_n))
(yield (->rand state_n+1))
(loop state_n+1)))

(define bsd-rand (rand bsd-update identity))
(define ms-rand (rand ms-update (lambda (x) (quotient x (expt 2 16))))))

```

## REXX

```

/*REXX program congruential generator which simulates the old BSD & MS */
/* random number generators.  BSD= 0→(2**31)-1,  MS= 0→(2**16)-1 */
numeric digits 20                                /*enough digits for the multiply.*/

do seed=0 to 1;  bsd=seed;  ms=seed;  say center('seed='seed,79,'-')
  do j=1 for 20;  jjj=right(j,3)
    bsd = (1103515245 * bsd + 12345) // 2**31
    ms = ( 214013 * ms + 2531011) // 2**31
    say 'state'  jjj  " BSD"  right(bsd, 11)  left(' ',18),
        "MS"    right( ms, 11)  left(' ',5),
        "rand"  right(ms%2**16, 6)
  end
end /*j*/
/*seed*/

/*stick a fork in it, we're done.*/

```

## output

```

seed=0
state 1 BSD      12345      MS      2531011      rand      38
state 2 BSD    1406932606    MS    505908858      rand     7719
state 3 BSD    654583775     MS   1391876949      rand    21238
state 4 BSD   1449466924     MS   159719620      rand     2437
state 5 BSD   229283573      MS   580340855      rand     8855
state 6 BSD   1109335178     MS   773150046      rand    11797
state 7 BSD   1051550459     MS   548247209      rand     8365
state 8 BSD   1293799192     MS   2115878600     rand    32285
state 9 BSD    794471793     MS    684884587     rand    10450
state 10 BSD   551188310     MS   2006221698     rand    30612
state 11 BSD   803550167     MS   383622205     rand     5853
state 12 BSD   1772930244    MS   1841626636     rand    28100
state 13 BSD   370913197     MS    74896543      rand     1142
state 14 BSD   639546082     MS    18439398      rand      281
state 15 BSD   1381971571    MS   1345953809     rand    20537
state 16 BSD   1695770928    MS   1043415696     rand    15921
state 17 BSD   2121308585    MS    586225427     rand     8945
state 18 BSD   1719212846    MS   1722639754     rand    26285
state 19 BSD   996984527     MS   196417061      rand     2997
state 20 BSD   1157490780    MS    962080852     rand    14680

seed=1
state 1 BSD   1103527590     MS    2745024      rand      41
state 2 BSD   377401575     MS   1210316419     rand    18467
state 3 BSD   662824084     MS    415139642     rand     6334
state 4 BSD   1147902781    MS   1736732949     rand    26500
state 5 BSD   2035015474     MS   1256316804     rand    19169
state 6 BSD   368800899      MS   1030492215     rand    15724
state 7 BSD   1508029952     MS    752224798     rand    11478
state 8 BSD    486256185     MS   1924036713     rand    29358
state 9 BSD   1062517886     MS   1766988168     rand    26962

```

```
state 10 BSD 267834847 MS 1603301931 rand 24464
```

## Ruby

You can create multiple instances of LCG::Berkeley or LCG::Microsoft. Each instance privately keeps the original seed in @seed, and the current state in @r. Each class resembles the core Random class, but with fewer features. The .new method takes a seed. The #rand method returns the next random number. The #seed method returns the original seed.

```
module LCG
  module Common
    # The original seed of this generator.
    attr_reader :seed

    # Creates a linear congruential generator with the given _seed_.
    def initialize(seed)
      @seed = @r = seed
    end
  end

  # LCG::Berkeley generates 31-bit integers using the same formula
  # as BSD rand().
  class Berkeley
    include Common
    def rand
      @r = (1103515245 * @r + 12345) & 0x7fff_ffff
    end
  end

  # LCG::Microsoft generates 15-bit integers using the same formula
  # as rand() from the Microsoft C Runtime.
  class Microsoft
    include Common
    def rand
      @r = (214013 * @r + 2531011) & 0x7fff_ffff
      @r >> 16
    end
  end
end
```

The next example sets the seed to 1, and prints the first 5 random numbers.

```
lcg = LCG::Berkeley.new(1)
p (1..5).map {lcg.rand}
# prints [1103527590, 377401575, 662824084, 1147902781, 2035015474]

lcg = LCG::Microsoft.new(1)
p (1..5).map {lcg.rand}
# prints [41, 18467, 6334, 26500, 19169]
```

## Scala

```

object LinearCongruentialGenerator {
  def bsdRandom(rseed:Int):Iterator[Int]=new Iterator[Int]{
    var seed=rseed
    override def hasNext:Boolean=true
    override def next:Int={seed=(seed * 1103515245 + 12345) & Int.MaxValue; seed}
  }

  def msRandom(rseed:Int):Iterator[Int]=new Iterator[Int]{
    var seed=rseed
    override def hasNext:Boolean=true
    override def next:Int={seed=(seed * 214013 + 2531011) & Int.MaxValue; seed >> 16}
  }

  def toString(it:Iterator[Int], n:Int=20)=it take n mkString ", "

  def main(args:Array[String]){
    println("-- seed 0 --")
    println("BSD: "+ toString(bsdRandom(0)))
    println("MS : "+ toString(msRandom(0)))

    println("-- seed 1 --")
    println("BSD: "+ toString(bsdRandom(1)))
    println("MS : "+ toString( msRandom(1)))
  }
}

```

## Output:

```

-- seed 0 --
BSD: 12345, 1406932606, 654583775, 1449466924, 229283573, 1109335178, 1051550459, 1293799192,
794471793, 551188310, 803550167, 1772930244, 370913197, 639546082, 1381971571, 1695770928,
2121308585, 1719212846, 996984527, 1157490780

MS : 38, 7719, 21238, 2437, 8855, 11797, 8365, 32285, 10450, 30612, 5853, 28100, 1142, 281, 20537,
15921, 8945, 26285, 2997, 14680

-- seed 1 --
BSD: 1103527590, 377401575, 662824084, 1147902781, 2035015474, 368800899, 1508029952, 486256185,
1062517886, 267834847, 180171308, 836760821, 595337866, 790425851, 2111915288, 1149758321,
1644289366, 1388290519, 1647418052, 1675546029

MS : 41, 18467, 6334, 26500, 19169, 15724, 11478, 29358, 26962, 24464, 5705, 28145, 23281, 16827,
9961, 491, 2995, 11942, 4827, 5436

```

## Scheme

```

(define ((bsd-rand seed)) (set! seed (remainder (+ (* 1103515245 seed) 12345) 2147483648)) seed)

(define ((msvcrt-rand seed)) (set! seed (remainder (+ (* 214013 seed) 2531011) 2147483648)) (quotient seed 2147483648))

; auxiliary function to get a list of 'n random numbers from generator 'r
(define (rand-list r n) = (if (zero? n) '() (cons (r) (rand-list r (- n 1)))))

(rand-list (bsd-rand 0) 10)
; (12345 1406932606 654583775 1449466924 229283573 1109335178 1051550459 1293799192 794471793 551188310)

(rand-list (msvcrt-rand 0) 10)

```

```
; (38 7719 21238 2437 8855 11797 8365 32285 10450 30612)
```

## Seed7

Seed7 provides also a random number generator. The random function is overloaded for many types. E.g.: The library `integer.s7i` (<http://seed7.sourceforge.net/libraries/integer.htm>) defines `rand(lower, upper)` ([http://seed7.sourceforge.net/libraries/integer.htm#rand%28in\\_integer,in\\_integer%29](http://seed7.sourceforge.net/libraries/integer.htm#rand%28in_integer,in_integer%29)) . The parameters specify the lower and upper bound of the desired random value. The library `array.s7i` (<http://seed7.sourceforge.net/libraries/array.htm>) defines `rand(arr)` ([http://seed7.sourceforge.net/libraries/array.htm#rand%28in\\_arrayType%29](http://seed7.sourceforge.net/libraries/array.htm#rand%28in_arrayType%29)) . This function selects a random element from an array.

```
$ include "seed7_05.s7i";
include "bigint.s7i";

var BigInteger: bsdSeed is 0_;
var BigInteger: msSeed is 0_;

const func integer: bsdRand is func
result
  var integer: bsdRand is 0;
begin
  bsdSeed := (1103515245_ * bsdSeed + 12345_) mod 2147483648_;
  bsdRand := ord(bsdSeed);
end func;

const func integer: msRand is func
result
  var integer: msRand is 0;
begin
  msSeed := (214013_ * msSeed + 2531011_) mod 2147483648_;
  msRand := ord(msSeed) mdiv 65536;
end func;

const proc: main is func
local
  var integer: i is 0;
begin
  writeln("      BSD      MS");
  for i range 1 to 10 do
    writeln(bsdRand lpad 12 <& msRand lpad 12);
  end for;
end func;
```

### Output:

BSD	MS
12345	38
1406932606	7719
654583775	21238
1449466924	2437
229283573	8855

1109335178	11797
1051550459	8365
1293799192	32285
794471793	10450
551188310	30612

## Tcl

Using an object-oriented solution, inspired by (but not a translation of) the Ruby solution above.

```
package require Tcl 8.6

# General form of a linear-congruential RNG
oo::class create LCRNG {
    variable seed A B C D
    constructor {init a b c d} {
        if {$init < 1} {set init [clock clicks]}
        variable seed $init A $a B $b C $c D $d
    }
    method rand {} {
        set seed [expr {($A * $seed + $B) % $C}]
        return [expr {$seed / $D}]
    }
    method srand x {
        set seed $x
    }
}

# Subclass to introduce constants
oo::class create BSDRNG {
    superclass LCRNG
    constructor {{initialSeed -1}} {
        next $initialSeed 1103515245 12345 [expr {2**31}] 1
    }
}

oo::class create MSRNG {
    superclass LCRNG
    constructor {{initialSeed -1}} {
        next $initialSeed 214013 2531011 [expr {2**31}] [expr {2**16}]
    }
}
```

Demo code:

```
proc sample rng {foreach - {1 2 3 4 5} {lappend r [$rng rand]}; join $r ", "}
puts BSD:\t\[[sample [BSDRNG new 1]]\]
puts MS:\t\[[sample [MSRNG new 1]]\]
```

Output:

```
BSD: [1103527590, 377401575, 662824084, 1147902781, 2035015474]
MS: [41, 18467, 6334, 26500, 19169]
```



# XPLO

It's not easy just by looking at the numbers generated if they are sufficiently random. You might notice that the BSD numbers alternate odd and even, which is pretty bad. A simple but effective test is to simulate falling snowflakes.

```

include c:\cxpl\codes;
int R;

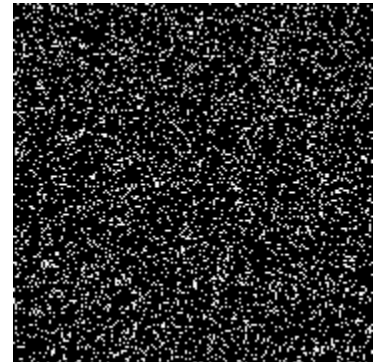
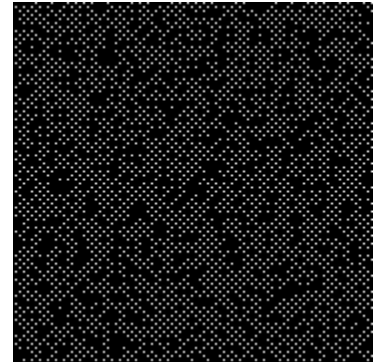
func BSD;
[R:= (1103515245*R + 12345) & $7FFF_FFFF;
return R;
]; \BSD

func MSFT;
[R:= (214013*R + 2531011) & $7FFF_FFFF;
return R>>16;
]; \MSFT

int N;
[SetVid(4);          \320x200x2 graphics
R:= 0;              \initialize seed
for N:= 0 to 5000 do
    Point(rem(BSD/180), rem(BSD/180), 3);
N:= ChIn(1);        \wait for keystroke

SetVid(4);          \320x200x2 graphics
R:= 0;              \initialize seed
for N:= 0 to 5000 do
    Point(rem(MSFT/180), rem(MSFT/180), 3);
N:= ChIn(1);        \wait for keystroke
SetVid(3);          \restore normal text mode
]

```



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