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Secure Pseudo Random Generators

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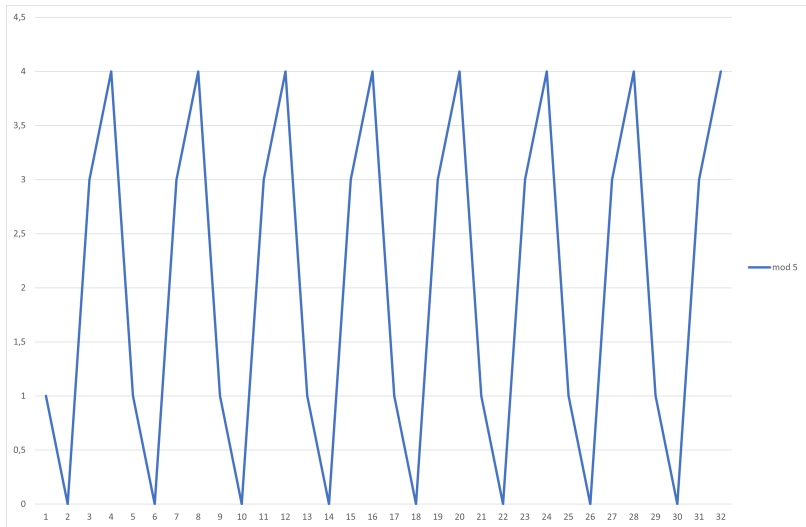
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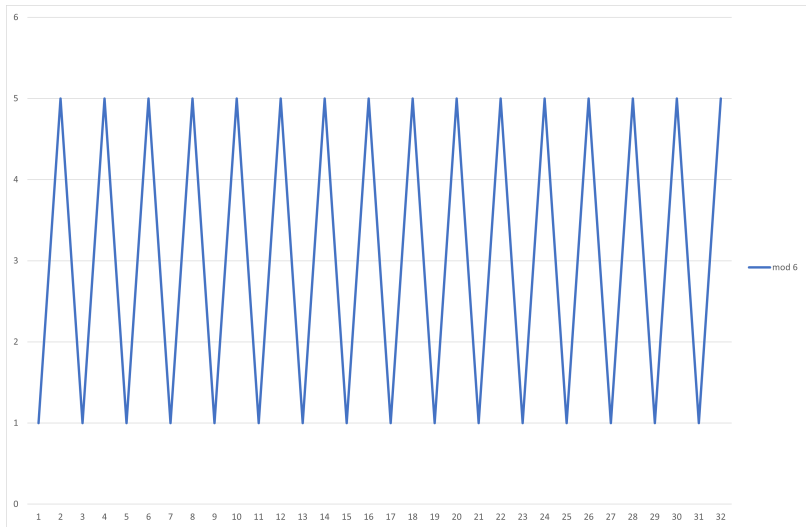
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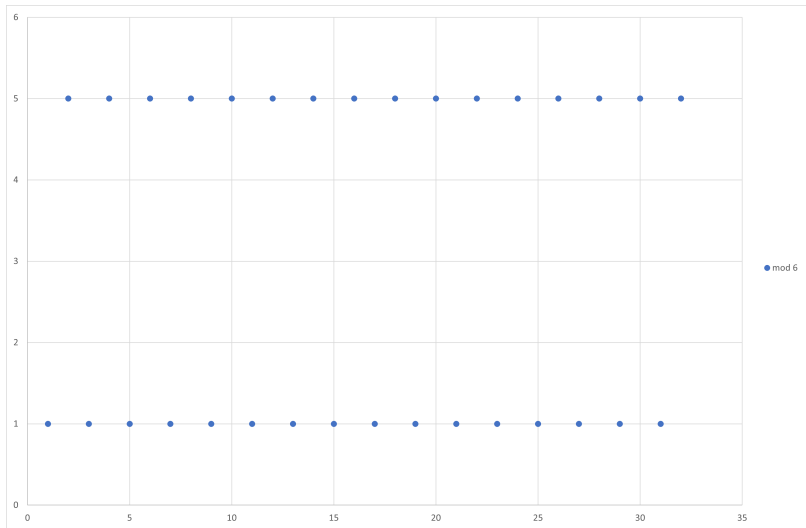
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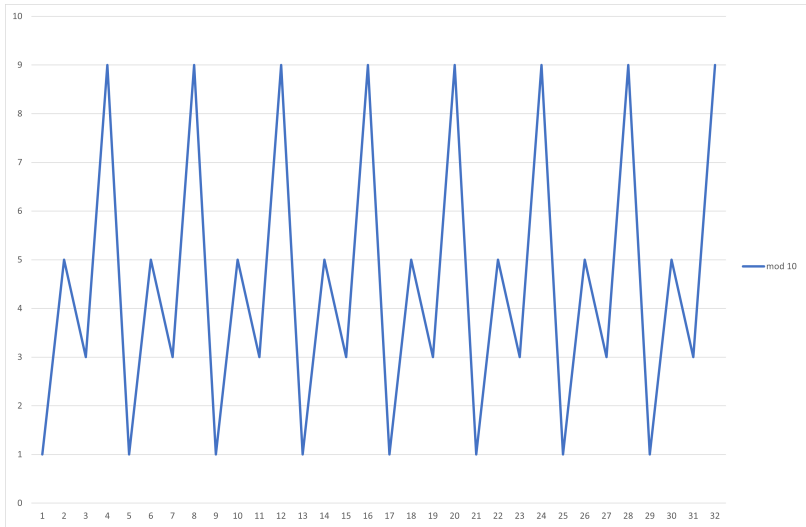
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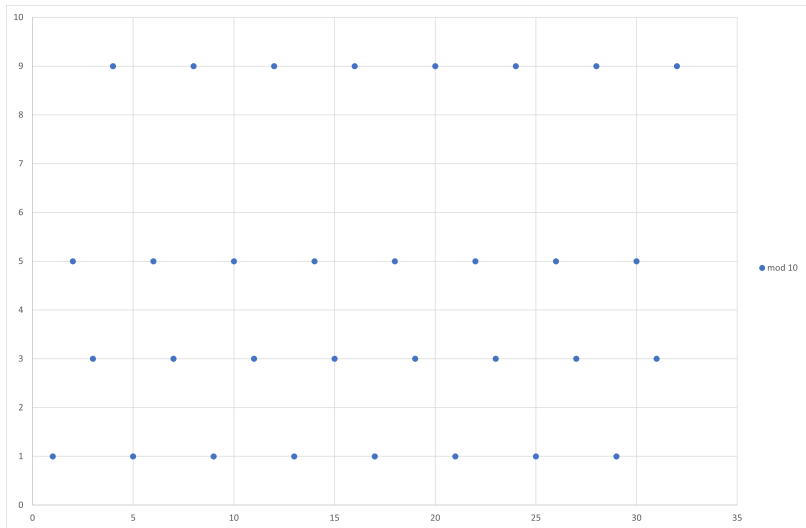
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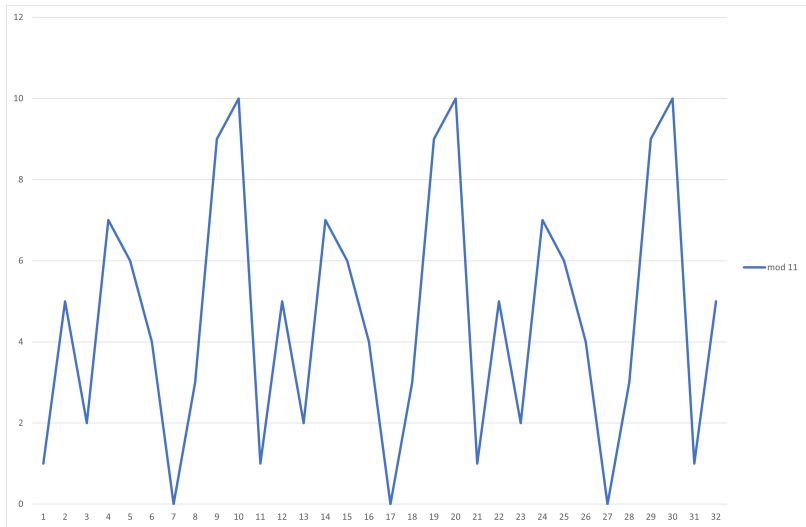
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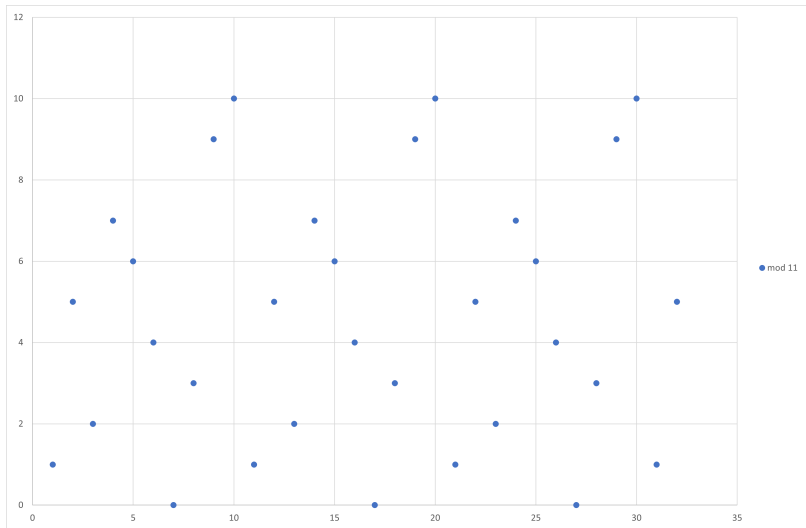
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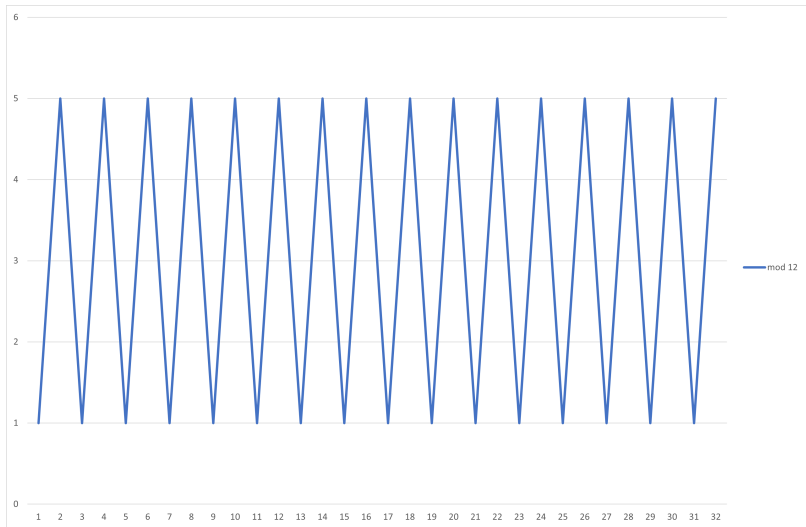
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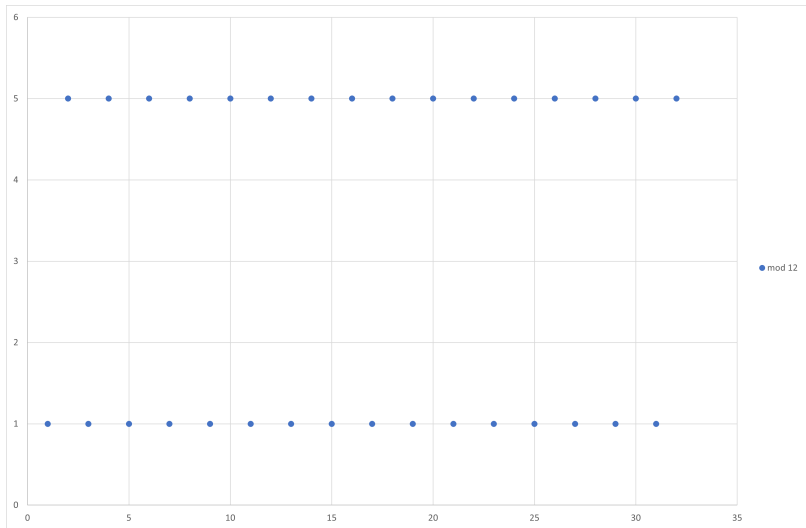
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ZX81	$2^{16} + 1$	75	74	
<i>Numerical Recipes</i> from the "quick and dirty generators" list, Chapter 7.1, Eq. 7.1.6 parameters from Knuth and H. W. Lewis	2^{32}	1664525	1013904223	
Borland C/C++	2^{32}	22695477	1	bits 30..16 in $rand()$, 30..0 in $rand()$
glibc (used by GCC) ^[17]	2^{31}	1103515245	12345	bits 30..0
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Turbo Pascal	2^{32}	134775813 (8088405 ₁₆)	1	
Microsoft Visual/Quick C/C++	2^{32}	214013 (343FD ₁₆)	2531011 (269EC3 ₁₆)	bits 30..16
Microsoft Visual Basic (6 and earlier) ^[20]	2^{24}	1140671485 (43FD43FD ₁₆)	12820163 (C39EC3 ₁₆)	
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Apple CarbonLib, C++11's <code>minstd_rand</code> , ^[22] MATLAB's v4 legacy generator <code>mcg16807</code> ^[23]	$2^{31} - 1$	16807	0	see MINSTD
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MMIX by Donald Knuth	2^{64}	6364136223846793005	1442695040888963407	
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Musl	2^{64}	6364136223846793005	1	bits 63..33
VMS's <code>MTH\$RANDOM</code> , ^[24] old versions of glibc	2^{32}	69069 (10DCD ₁₆)	1	

Figure: Parameters of LCGs in common use. Source: Wikipedia

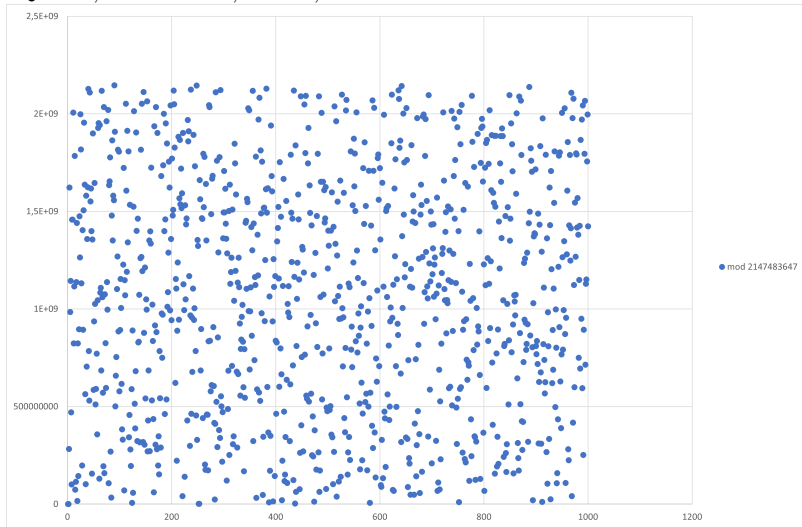
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In the event that part or all of its state has been revealed (or guessed correctly), it should be impossible to reconstruct the stream of random numbers prior to the revelation. Additionally, if there is an entropy input while running, it should be infeasible to use knowledge of the input's state to predict future conditions of the CSPRNG state.

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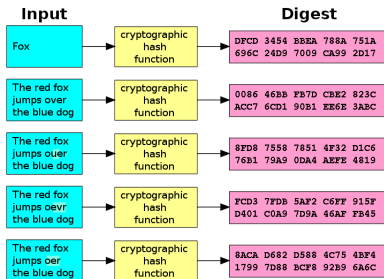


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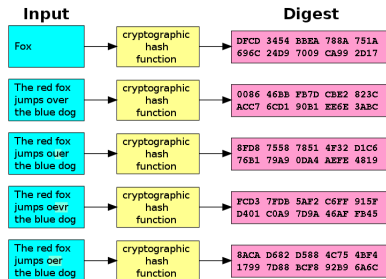


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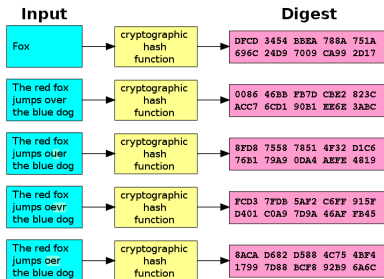


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- block ciphers running in counter or output feedback mode
- combination PRNGs
- special designs based on mathematical hardness

Entropy collection

- keyboard clicks
- mouse moves
- network activity
- system I/O interruptions
- hard disk activity
- etc

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Typically modern OS CSPRNG APIs combine the constantly collected entropy from the environment with the internal state of their built-in pseudo-random algorithm with continuous reseeding to guarantee maximal unpredictability of the generated randomness with high speed and non-blocking behavior in the same time.

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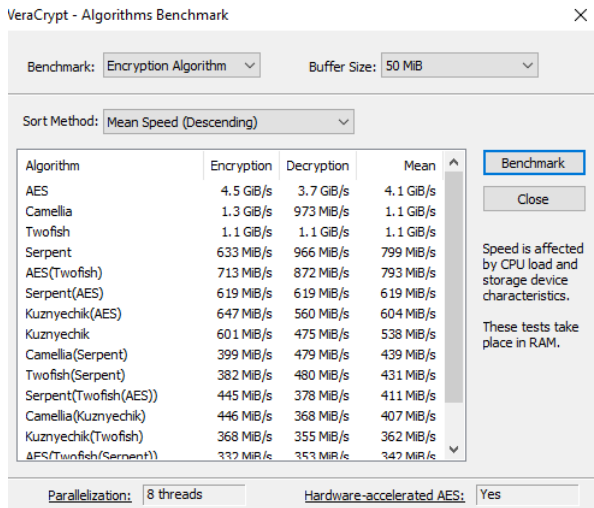


Figure: Benchmark algorithms

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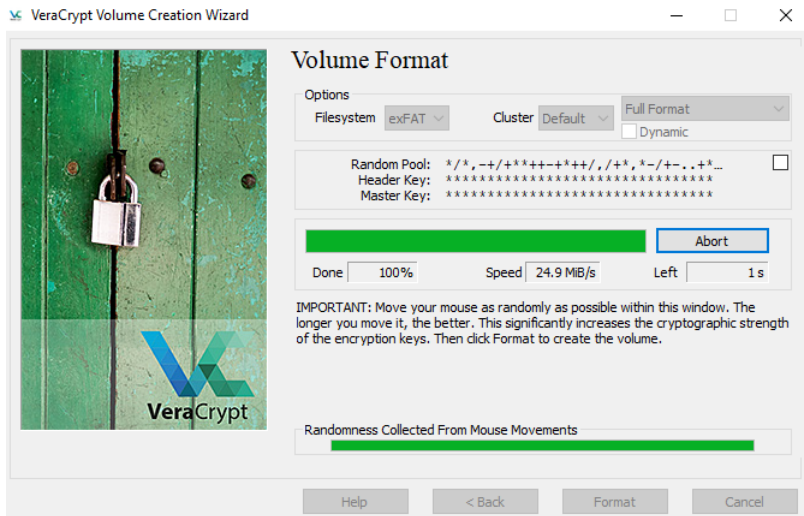


Figure: Random pool

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