

# Subtractive lagged Fibonacci generator

Subtractive lagged Fibonacci generator uses the following equation to generate pseudo-random numbers:

$$x_n = x_{n-k} - x_{n-l} \mod M,$$

where  $n \geq \max(k, l)$ . Values  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are a seed for this generator. Value of  $M$  must be a power of 2.

## 1 Input

- `n` – (int) determines how many values will be generated (default: 100),
- `k` – (int) sets the value of  $k$  in the previous equation (default: 100),
- `l` – (int) sets the value of  $l$  in the previous equation (default: 37),
- `Mp` – (int) value of  $2^{Mp}$  will be set as  $M$  in the previous equation (default: 30),
- `seed` – name of a csv file with first line containing string "seed\_name" and following ones having one integer between 0 and  $M-1$  in each line, number of lines (excluding the line with the string) in a file must be greater or equal to  $\max(k, l)$ ; number of lines (excluding the line with the string) should be a multiple of  $\max(k, l)$  (if not LCG generator is used to add numbers to fulfill this requirement); list of seeds is split into segments of length  $\max(k, l)$ , each segment is used to generate one file (by default: LCG generator ( $a = 7^5$ ,  $c = 0$ ) with current time as a seed is used to generate sufficient number of integers),
- `output-file` – the name of the output file/files (when 2 or more files are being generated numbers are added to the base of the name), when no name is given the values are printed to the screen; **if more than one file is being generated this parameter cannot be empty** (default: `generated_numbers.pkl`),
- `output-dir` – name of the output directory, when no name is given the files are saved to directory where the program is located; the string cannot end with a slash or a backslash; this directory must exist before running the program (default: empty string).

## 2 Output

The length of the list of seeds determines the number of files generated (number of files is equal to corrected length of the list of seeds divided by  $\max(k, l)$ ). When number of files being generated is equal to 1 and the output-file parameter is empty, generated numbers will be printed to the screen (instead of being saved). **Output-file parameter cannot be empty when more than one file is being generated.** Generated files are saved to the output-dir (when output-dir parameter is empty, files are saved to the directory where the program is located). Generated files are in a pickle format with the following key value pairs:

- PRNG – string with the name of the generator and values of  $k$  and  $l$  (as strings)
- Modulus – the value of  $M$ ,
- $n$  – number of values generated
- seed – (list) segment of the list of seeds used to generated this file
- numbers – the values that were generated

## 3 Examples

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python fib_sub_gen.py --n 1000 --Mp 30 --k 100 --l 37 --seed seeds.csv  
python fib_sub_gen.py --output-file generated.pkl --output-dir D:\dokumenty
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