



# CUDA Toolkit 4.0 CURAND Guide

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# CURAND Library

The CURAND library provides facilities that focus on the simple and efficient generation of high-quality pseudorandom and quasirandom numbers. A *pseudorandom* sequence of numbers satisfies most of the statistical properties of a truly random sequence but is generated by a deterministic algorithm. A *quasirandom* sequence of  $n$ -dimensional points is generated by a deterministic algorithm designed to fill an  $n$ -dimensional space evenly.

CURAND consists of two pieces: a library on the host (CPU) side and a device (GPU) header file. The host-side library is treated like any other CPU library: users include the header file, `/include/curand.h`, to get function declarations and then link against the library. Random numbers can be generated on the device or on the host CPU. For device generation, calls to the library happen on the host, but the actual work of random number generation occurs on the device. The resulting random numbers are stored in global memory on the device. Users can then call their own kernels to use the random numbers, or they can copy the random numbers back to the host for further processing. For host CPU generation, all of the work is done on the host, and the random numbers are stored in host memory.

The second piece of CURAND is the device header file, `/include/curand_kernel.h`. This file defines device functions for setting up random number generator states and generating sequences of random numbers. User code may include this header file, and user-written kernels may then call the device functions defined in the header file. This allows random numbers to be generated and immediately consumed by user kernels without requiring the random numbers to be written to and then read from global memory.

## Compatibility and Versioning

The host API of CURAND is intended to be backward compatible at the source level with future releases (unless stated otherwise in the release notes of a specific future release). In other words, if a program uses CURAND, it should continue to compile and work correctly with newer versions of CURAND without source code changes.

CURAND is not guaranteed to be backward compatible at the binary level. Using a different version of the `curand.h` header file and the shared library is not supported. Using

different versions of CURAND and the CUDA runtime is not supported.

The device API should be backward compatible at the source level for public functions in most cases.

## Host API Overview

To use the host API, user code should include the library header file `curand.h` and dynamically link against the CURAND library. The library uses the CUDA runtime, so user code must also use the runtime. The CUDA driver API is not supported by CURAND.

Random numbers are produced by generators. A generator in CURAND encapsulates all the internal state necessary to produce a sequence of pseudorandom or quasirandom numbers. The normal sequence of operations is as follows:

1. Create a new generator of the desired type (see [Generator Types](#)) with `curandCreateGenerator()`.
2. Set the generator options (see [Generator Options](#)); for example, use `curandSetPseudoRandomGeneratorSeed()` to set the seed.
3. Allocate memory on the device with `cudaMalloc()`.
4. Generate random numbers with `curandGenerate()` or another generation function.
5. Use the results.
6. If desired, generate more random numbers with more calls to `curandGenerate()`.
7. Clean up with `curandDestroyGenerator()`.

To generate random numbers on the host CPU, in step one above call `curandCreateGeneratorHost()`, and in step three, allocate a host memory buffer to receive the results. All other calls work identically whether you are generating random numbers on the device or on the host CPU.

It is legal to create several generators at the same time. Each generator encapsulates a separate state and is independent of all other generators. The sequence of numbers produced by each generator is deterministic. Given the same set-up parameters, the same sequence will be generated with every run of the program. Generating random numbers on the device will result in the same sequence as generating them on the host CPU.

Note that it is not valid to pass a host memory pointer to a generator that is running on the device, and it is not valid to pass a device memory pointer to a generator that is running on the CPU. Behavior in these cases is undefined.

## Generator Types

Random number generators are created by passing a type to `curandCreateGenerator()`. There are five types of random number generators in CURAND, that fall into two categories. Type `CURAND_RNG_PSEUDO_XORWOW` is a pseudorandom number generator implemented using the XORWOW algorithm, a member of the xor-shift family of pseudorandom number generators. There are 4 variants of the basic SOBOL' quasi random number generator. All of the variants generate sequences in up to 20,000 dimensions. `CURAND_RNG_QUASI_SOBOL32`, `CURAND_RNG_QUASI_SCRAMBLED_SOBOL32`, `CURAND_RNG_QUASI_SOBOL64`, and `CURAND_RNG_QUASI_SCRAMBLED_SOBOL64` are quasirandom number generator types. `CURAND_RNG_QUASI_SOBOL32` is a Sobol' generator of 32-bit sequences. `CURAND_RNG_QUASI_SCRAMBLED_SOBOL32` is a scrambled Sobol' generator of 32-bit sequences. `CURAND_RNG_QUASI_SOBOL64` is a Sobol' generator of 64-bit sequences. `CURAND_RNG_QUASI_SCRAMBLED_SOBOL64` is a scrambled Sobol' generator of 64-bit sequences.

## Generator Options

Once created, random number generators can be defined using the general options seed, offset, and order.

### Seed

The seed parameter is a 64-bit integer that initializes the starting state of a pseudorandom number generator. The same seed always produces the same sequence of results.

### Offset

The offset parameter is used to skip ahead in the sequence. If `offset = 100`, the first random number generated will be the 100th in the sequence. This allows multiple runs of the same program to continue generating results from the same sequence without overlap.

### Order

The order parameter is used to choose how the results are ordered in global memory. There are three ordering choices for pseudorandom sequences: `CURAND_ORDERING_PSEUDO_DEFAULT`, `CURAND_ORDERING_PSEUDO_BEST`, and `CURAND_ORDERING_PSEUDO_SEEDED`. There is one ordering choice for quasirandom numbers, `CURAND_ORDERING_QUASI_DEFAULT`. The default ordering for pseudorandom number generators is `CURAND_ORDERING_PSEUDO_DEFAULT`, while the default ordering for quasirandom number generators is `CURAND_ORDERING_QUASI_DEFAULT`.

Currently, the two pseudorandom orderings `CURAND_ORDERING_PSEUDO_DEFAULT` and `CURAND_ORDERING_PSEUDO_BEST` produce the same output ordering. However, future releases of CURAND may change the ordering associated with `CURAND_ORDERING_PSEUDO_BEST` to improve either performance or the quality of the results. It will always be the case that the ordering obtained with `CURAND_ORDERING_PSEUDO_BEST` is deterministic and is the same for each run of the program. The ordering returned by `CURAND_ORDERING_PSEUDO_DEFAULT` is guaranteed to remain the same for all CURAND releases.

The behavior of the ordering parameters is summarized below:

- ▶ `CURAND_ORDERING_PSEUDO_BEST` (pseudorandom numbers)

The output ordering of `CURAND_ORDERING_PSEUDO_BEST` is the same as `CURAND_ORDERING_PSEUDO_DEFAULT` in the current release.

- ▶ `CURAND_ORDERING_PSEUDO_DEFAULT` (pseudorandom numbers)

The result at offset  $n$  in global memory is from position

$$(n \bmod 4096) \cdot 2^{67} + \lfloor n/4096 \rfloor$$

in the original XORWOW sequence.

- ▶ `CURAND_ORDERING_PSEUDO_SEEDED` (pseudorandom numbers)

The result at offset  $n$  in global memory is from position  $\lfloor n/4096 \rfloor$  in the XORWOW sequence seeded with a combination of the user seed and the number  $n \bmod 4096$ . In other words, each of 4096 threads uses a different seed. This seeding method reduces state setup time but may result in statistical weaknesses of the pseudorandom output for some user seed values.

- ▶ `CURAND_ORDERING_QUASI_DEFAULT` (quasirandom numbers)

When generating  $n$  results in  $d$  dimensions, the output will consist of  $n/d$  results from dimension 1, followed by  $n/d$  results from dimension 2, and so on up to dimension  $d$ . Only exact multiples of the dimension size may be generated. The dimension parameter  $d$  is set with `curandSetQuasiRandomGeneratorDimensions()` and defaults to 1.

## Return Values

All CURAND host library calls have a return value of `curandStatus_t`. Calls that succeed without errors return `CURAND_STATUS_SUCCESS`. If errors occur, other values are returned depending on the error. Because CUDA allows kernels to execute asynchronously from CPU code, it is possible that errors in a non-CURAND kernel will be detected during a call to a library function. In this case, `CURAND_STATUS_PREEXISTING_ERROR` is returned.

## Generation Functions

```
curandStatus_t
curandGenerate(
    curandGenerator_t generator,
    unsigned int *outputPtr, size_t num)
```

The `curandGenerate()` function is used to generate pseudo- or quasirandom bits of output. For XORWOW and SOBOL32 generators, each output element is a 32-bit unsigned int where all bits are random. For SOBOL64 generators, each output element is a 64-bit unsigned long long where all bits are random.

```
curandStatus_t
curandGenerateUniform(
    curandGenerator_t generator,
    float *outputPtr, size_t num)
```

The `curandGenerateUniform()` function is used to generate uniformly distributed floating point values between 0.0 and 1.0, where 0.0 is excluded and 1.0 is included.

```
curandStatus_t
curandGenerateNormal(
    curandGenerator_t generator,
    float *outputPtr, size_t n,
    float mean, float stddev)
```

The `curandGenerateNormal()` function is used to generate normally distributed floating point values with the given mean and standard deviation.

```
curandStatus_t
curandGenerateLogNormal(
    curandGenerator_t generator,
    float *outputPtr, size_t n,
    float mean, float stddev)
```

The `curandGenerateLogNormal()` function is used to generate log-normally distributed floating point values based on a normal distribution with the given mean and standard deviation.

```
curandStatus_t
curandGenerateUniformDouble(
    curandGenerator_t generator,
    double *outputPtr, size_t num)
```

The function `curandGenerateUniformDouble()` generates uniformly distributed random numbers in double precision. The function

```

curandStatus_t
curandGenerateNormalDouble(
    curandGenerator_t generator,
    double *outputPtr, size_t n,
    double mean, double stddev)

```

`curandGenerateNormalDouble()` generates normally distributed results in double precision with the given mean and standard deviation. Double precision results can only be generated on devices of compute capability 1.3 or above, and the host.

```

curandStatus_t
curandGenerateLogNormalDouble(
    curandGenerator_t generator,
    double *outputPtr, size_t n,
    double mean, double stddev)

```

`curandGenerateLogNormalDouble()` generates log-normally distributed results in double precision, based on a normal distribution with the given mean and standard deviation.

For quasirandom generation, the number of results returned must be a multiple of the dimension of the generator.

Generation functions can be called multiple times on the same generator to generate successive blocks of results. For pseudorandom generators, multiple calls to generation functions will yield the same result as a single call with a large size. For quasirandom generators, because of the ordering of dimensions in memory, many shorter calls will not produce the same results in memory as one larger call; however the generated  $n$ -dimensional vectors will be the same.

Double precision results can only be generated on devices of compute capability 1.3 or above, and the host.

## Host API Example

```

/*
 * This program uses the host CURAND API to generate 100
 * pseudorandom floats.
 */
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <cuda.h>
#include <curand.h>

#define CUDA_CALL(x) do { if((x) != cudaSuccess) { \

```

```

    printf("Error at %s:%d\n", __FILE__, __LINE__); \
    return EXIT_FAILURE;}} while(0)
#define CURAND_CALL(x) do { if((x) != CURAND_STATUS_SUCCESS) {↵
    \
    printf("Error at %s:%d\n", __FILE__, __LINE__); \
    return EXIT_FAILURE;}} while(0)

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    size_t n = 100;
    size_t i;
    curandGenerator_t gen;
    float *devData, *hostData;

    /* Allocate n floats on host */
    hostData = (float *)calloc(n, sizeof(float));

    /* Allocate n floats on device */
    CUDA_CALL(cudaMalloc((void **)&devData, n * sizeof(float))↵
    );

    /* Create pseudo-random number generator */
    CURAND_CALL(curandCreateGenerator(&gen,
        CURAND_RNG_PSEUDO_DEFAULT));

    /* Set seed */
    CURAND_CALL(curandSetPseudoRandomGeneratorSeed(gen, 1234↵
    ULL));

    /* Generate n floats on device */
    CURAND_CALL(curandGenerateUniform(gen, devData, n));

    /* Copy device memory to host */
    CUDA_CALL(cudaMemcpy(hostData, devData, n * sizeof(float),
        cudaMemcpyDeviceToHost));

    /* Show result */
    for(i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        printf("%.4f ", hostData[i]);
    }
    printf("\n");

    /* Cleanup */
    CURAND_CALL(curandDestroyGenerator(gen));

```

```
    CUDA_CALL(cudaFree(devData));  
    free(hostData);  
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;  
}
```

## Performance Notes

In general you will get the best performance from the CURAND library by generating blocks of random numbers that are as large as possible. Fewer calls to generate many random numbers is more efficient than many calls generating only a few random numbers. The default pseudorandom generator with the default ordering takes some time to setup the first time it is called. Subsequent generation calls do not require this setup. To avoid this setup time, use the `CURAND_ORDERING_PSEUDO_SEEDED` ordering.

# Device API Overview

To use the device API, include the file `curand_kernel.h` in files that define kernels that use CURAND device functions. The device API includes functions for [pseudorandom generation](#) and [quasirandom generation](#).

## Pseudorandom Sequences

The functions for pseudorandom sequences support bit generation and generation from distributions.

### Bit Generation

```
__device__ unsigned int  
curand (curandState_t *state)
```

Following a call to `curand_init()`, `curand()` returns a sequence of pseudorandom numbers with a period greater than  $2^{190}$ . If `curand()` is called with the same initial state each time, and the state is not modified between the calls to `curand()`, the same sequence is always generated.

```
__device__ void  
curand_init (  
    unsigned long long seed, unsigned long long sequence,  
    unsigned long long offset, curandState_t *state)
```

The `curand_init()` function sets up an initial state allocated by the caller using the given seed, sequence number, and offset within the sequence. Different seeds are guaranteed to produce different starting states and different sequences. The same seed always produces the same state and the same sequence. The state set up will be the state after  $2^{67} \cdot \text{sequence} + \text{offset}$  calls to `curand()` from the seed state.

Sequences generated with different seeds usually do not have statistically correlated values, but some choices of seeds may give statistically correlated sequences. Sequences generated with the same seed and different sequence numbers will not have statistically correlated values.

For the highest quality parallel pseudorandom number generation, each experiment should be assigned a unique seed. Within an experiment, each thread of computation should be assigned a unique sequence number. If an experiment spans multiple kernel launches, it is recommended that threads between kernel launches be given the same seed, and sequence numbers be assigned in a monotonically increasing way. If the same configuration of threads is launched, random state can be preserved in global memory between launches to avoid state setup time.

## Distributions

```
__device__ float  
curand_uniform (curandState_t *state)
```

This function returns a sequence of pseudorandom floats uniformly distributed between 0.0 and 1.0. It may return from 0.0 to 1.0, where 1.0 is included and 0.0 is excluded. Distribution functions may use any number of unsigned integer values from a basic generator. The number of values consumed is not guaranteed to be fixed.

```
__device__ float  
curand_normal (curandState_t *state)
```

This function returns a single normally distributed float with mean 0.0 and standard deviation 1.0. This result can be scaled and shifted to produce normally distributed values with any mean and standard deviation.

```
__device__ float  
curand_log_normal (curandState_t *state, float mean, float stddev)
```

This function returns a single log-normally distributed float based on a normal distribution with the given mean and standard deviation.

```
__device__ double  
curand_uniform_double (curandState_t *state)
```

```
__device__ double  
curand_normal_double (curandState_t *state)
```

```
__device__ double  
curand_log_normal_double (curandState_t *state, double mean, double stddev)
```

The three functions above are the double precision versions of `curand_uniform()`, `curand_normal()`, and `curand_log_normal()`.

For pseudorandom generators, the double precision functions use multiple calls to `curand()` to generate 53 random bits.

```
__device__ float2  
curand_normal2 (curandState_t *state)
```

```
__device__ float2  
curand_log_normal2 (curandState_t *state)
```

```
__device__ double2  
curand_normal2_double (curandState_t *state)
```

```
__device__ double2  
curand_log_normal2_double (curandState_t *state)
```

The above functions generate two normally or log normally distributed pseudorandom results with each call. Because the underlying implementation uses the Box-Muller transform, this is generally more efficient than generating a single result with each call.

## Quasirandom Sequences

Although the default generator type is pseudorandom numbers from XORWOW, Sobol' sequences based on Sobol' 32-bit integers can be generated using the following functions:

```
__device__ void
curand_init (
    unsigned int *direction_vectors,
    unsigned int offset,
    curandStateSobol32_t *state)

__device__ void
curand_init (
    unsigned int *direction_vectors,
    unsigned int scramble_c,
    unsigned int offset,
    curandStateScrambledSobol32_t *state)

__device__ unsigned int
curand (curandStateSobol32_t *state)

__device__ float
curand_uniform (curandStateSobol32_t *state)

__device__ float
curand_normal (curandStateSobol32_t *state)

__device__ float
curand_log_normal (
    curandStateSobol32_t *state,
    float mean,
    float stddev)

__device__ double
curand_uniform_double (curandStateSobol32_t *state)

__device__ double
curand_normal_double (curandStateSobol32_t *state)

__device__ double
curand_log_normal_double (
    curandStateSobol32_t *state,
```

```
double mean,  
double stddev)
```

The `curand_init()` function initializes the quasirandom number generator state. There is no seed parameter, only direction vectors and offset. For scrambled Sobol' generators, there is an additional parameter `scramble_c`, which is the initial value of the scrambled sequence. For the `curandStateSobol32_t` type and the `curandStateScrambledSobol32_t` type the direction vectors are an array of 32 unsigned integer values. For the `curandStateSobol64_t` type and the `curandStateScrambledSobol64_t` type the direction vectors are an array of 64 unsigned long long values. Offsets and initial constants for the scrambled sequence are of type unsigned int for 32-bit Sobol' generators. These parameters are of type unsigned long long for 64-bit Sobol' generators. For the `curandStateSobol32_t` type and the `curandStateScrambledSobol32_t` type the sequence is exactly  $2^{32}$  elements long where each element is 32 bits. For the `curandStateSobol64_t` type and the `curandStateScrambledSobol64_t` type the sequence is exactly  $2^{64}$  elements long where each element is 64 bits. Each call to `curand()` returns the next quasirandom element. Calls to `curand_uniform()` return quasirandom floats or doubles from 0.0 to 1.0, where 1.0 is included and 0.0 is excluded. Similarly, calls to `curand_normal()` return normally distributed floats or doubles with mean 0.0 and standard deviation 1.0. Calls to `curand_log_normal()` return log-normally distributed floats or doubles, derived from the normal distribution with the specified mean and standard deviation. All of the generation functions may be called with any type of Sobol' generator.

As an example, generating quasirandom coordinates that fill a unit cube requires keeping track of three quasirandom generators. All three would start at `offset = 0` and would have dimensions 0, 1, and 2, respectively. A single call to `curand_uniform()` for each generator state would generate the  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$  coordinates. Tables of direction vectors are accessible on the host through the `curandGetDirectionVectors32()` and `curandGetDirectionVectors64()` functions. The direction vectors needed should be copied into device memory before use.

The normal distribution functions for quasirandom generation use the inverse cumulative density function to preserve the dimensionality of the quasirandom sequence. Therefore there are no functions that generate more than one result at a time as there are with the pseudorandom generators.

The double precision Sobol32 functions return results in double precision that use 32 bits of internal precision from the underlying generator.

The double precision Sobol64 functions return results in double precision that use 53 bits of internal precision from the underlying generator. These bits are taken from the high order 53 bits of the 64 bit samples.

## Skip-Ahead

There are several functions to skip ahead from a generator state.

```
__device__ void  
skipahead (unsigned long long n, curandState_t *state)
```

```
__device__ void  
skipahead (unsigned int n, curandStateSobol32_t *state)
```

Using this function is equivalent to calling `curand()`  $n$  times without using the return value, but it is much faster.

```
__device__ void  
skipahead_sequence (unsigned long long n, curandState_t *state)
```

This function is the equivalent of calling `curand()`  $n \cdot 2^{67}$  times without using the return value and is much faster.

## Performance Notes

Calls to `curand_init()` are slower than calls to `curand()` or `curand_uniform()`. Large offsets to `curand_init()` take more time than smaller offsets. It is much faster to save and restore random generator state than to recalculate the starting state repeatedly.

As shown below, generator state can be stored in global memory between kernel launches, used in local memory for fast generation, and then stored back into global memory.

```
__global__ void example(curandState *global_state)  
{  
    curandState local_state;  
    local_state = global_state[threadIdx.x];  
    for(int i = 0; i < 10000; i++) {  
        unsigned int x = curand(&local_state);  
        ...  
    }  
    global_state[threadIdx.x] = local_state;  
}
```

Initialization of the random generator state generally requires more registers and local memory than random number generation. It may be beneficial to separate calls to `curand_init()` and `curand()` into separate kernels for maximum performance.

State setup can be an expensive operation. One way to speed up the setup is to use different seeds for each thread and a constant sequence number of 0. This can be especially

helpful if many generators need to be created. While faster to set up, this method provides less guarantees about the mathematical properties of the generated sequences. If there happens to be a bad interaction between the hash function that initializes the generator state from the seed and the periodicity of the generators, there might be threads with highly correlated outputs for some seed values. We do not know of any problem values; if they do exist they are likely to be rare.

## Device API Example

This example uses the device API to calculate the proportion of pseudorandom integers that have the low bit set.

```
/*
 * This program uses the device CURAND API to calculate what
 * proportion of pseudo-random ints have low bit set.
 */
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <cuda.h>
#include <curand_kernel.h>

#define CUDA_CALL(x) do { if((x) != cudaSuccess) { \
    printf("Error at %s:%d\n", __FILE__, __LINE__); \
    return EXIT_FAILURE;}} while(0)

__global__ void setup_kernel(curandState *state)
{
    int id = threadIdx.x + blockIdx.x * 64;
    /* Each thread gets same seed, a different sequence number ←
    ,
    no offset */
    curand_init(1234, id, 0, &state[id]);
}

__global__ void generate_kernel(curandState *state, int *←
result)
{
    int id = threadIdx.x + blockIdx.x * 64;
    int count = 0;
    unsigned int x;
    /* Copy state to local memory for efficiency */
```

```

    curandState localState = state[id];
    /* Generate pseudo-random unsigned ints */
    for(int n = 0; n < 100000; n++) {
        x = curand(&localState);
        /* Check if low bit set */
        if(x & 1) {
            count++;
        }
    }
    /* Copy state back to global memory */
    state[id] = localState;
    /* Store results */
    result[id] += count;
}

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int i, total;
    curandState *devStates;
    int *devResults, *hostResults;

    /* Allocate space for results on host */
    hostResults = (int *)calloc(64 * 64, sizeof(int));

    /* Allocate space for results on device */
    CUDA_CALL(cudaMalloc((void **)&devResults, 64 * 64 * ←
        sizeof(int)));

    /* Set results to 0 */
    CUDA_CALL(cudaMemset(devResults, 0, 64 * 64 * sizeof(int))←
        );

    /* Allocate space for prng states on device */
    CUDA_CALL(cudaMalloc((void **)&devStates, 64 * 64 *
        sizeof(curandState)));

    /* Setup prng states */
    setup_kernel<<<64, 64>>>(devStates);

    /* Generate and use pseudo-random */
    for(i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
        generate_kernel<<<64, 64>>>(devStates, devResults);
    }
}

```

```

/* Copy device memory to host */
CUDA_CALL(cudaMemcpy(hostResults, devResults, 64 * 64 *
    sizeof(int), cudaMemcpyDeviceToHost));

/* Show result */
total = 0;
for(i = 0; i < 64 * 64; i++) {
    total += hostResults[i];
}
printf("Fraction with low bit set was %10.13f\n",
    (float)total / (64.0f * 64.0f * 100000.0f * 10.0f));

/* Cleanup */
CUDA_CALL(cudaFree(devStates));
CUDA_CALL(cudaFree(devResults));
free(hostResults);
return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}

```

# Testing

Sobol' sequences are generated using the direction vectors recommended by Joe and Kuo [1]. The scrambled Sobol' method is described in [2] and [3].

The XORWOW generator was proposed by Marsaglia [4] and has been tested using the TestU01 "Crush" framework of tests [5]. The full suite of NIST pseudorandomness tests [6] has also been run, though the focus has been on TestU01. The most rigorous the the TestU01 batteries is "BigCrush", which executes 106 statistical tests over the course of approximately 5 hours on a high-end CPU/GPU. The XORWOW generator passes all of the tests on most runs, but does produce occasional suspect statistics. Below are two examples of the summary output from runs that did not pass all tests, with the detail of the specific failure.

```
===== Summary results of BigCrush =====
```

```
Version:          TestU01 1.2.3
Generator:        curandXORWOW
Number of statistics: 160
Total CPU time:   05:17:59.63
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
81 LinearComp, r = 29	1 - 7.1e-11

```
-----
All other tests were passed
```

Detail from test 81:

scomp\_LinearComp test:

```
-----
N = 1, n = 400020, r = 29, s = 1
```

```
-----
Number of degrees of freedom      : 12
Chi2 statistic for size of jumps  : 7.11
p-value of test                   : 0.85
```

```
-----
Normal statistic for number of jumps : -6.41
p-value of test : 1 - 7.1e-11 *****
```

===== Summary results of BigCrush =====

```
Version:          TestU01 1.2.3
Generator:        curandXORWOW
Number of statistics: 160
Total CPU time:   05:17:00.54
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
-----	-----
63 WeightDistrib, r = 10	8.3e-4
-----	-----

All other tests were passed

Detail from test 63:

svaria\_WeightDistrib test:

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```
N = 1, n = 20000000, r = 10, k = 256, Alpha = 0, Beta = 0.0625
```

```
-----
Number of degrees of freedom : 37
Chi-square statistic : 70.05
p-value of test : 8.3e-4 *****
```

```
-----
CPU time used : 00:01:36.86
```

To put this into perspective, there is a table in [5] that gives the results of running various levels of the "Crush" tests on a broad selection of generators. Only a small number of generators pass all of the BigCrush tests. For example the widely-respected Mersenne twister [7] consistently fails two of the linear complexity tests.

Testing of the normal distribution, with the XORWOW and with the Sobol' generators, has been done using the Pearson chi-squared test [8], [9], the Jarque-Bera test [10], the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test [11], [12], and the Anderson-Darling test [13].

Tests are run over the range  $\pm 6$  standard deviations. Three Pearson tests are run, with cell counts 1000, 100, and 25. The test output has columns labeled PK for Pearson with 1000 cells, PC for Pearson with 100 cells, P25 for Pearson with 25 cells, JB for Jarque-Bera, KS for Kolmogorov-Smirnov, and AD for Anderson-Darling. The rejection criterion for each test is printed below the label.

The following tables are representative of the test output for statistical testing of the normal distribution for XORWOW, Sobol' 32-bit, and scrambled Sobol' 32 bit generators. The rows of each table represent the statistical results computed over successive sequences of 10000 samples.

XORWOW Generator:

PK <1058	PC <118	P25 <33	JB <4.6	KS <0.0122	AD <.632
684.48120	58.97784	20.44693	2.84152	0.00540	0.32829
686.37925	54.84938	7.79583	0.55109	0.00900	0.25832
673.21437	69.15825	15.46540	0.30335	0.00872	0.26772
568.26999	49.99519	8.85046	0.66624	0.00870	0.22939
639.10690	84.23040	10.19753	0.19844	0.00542	0.27939

Sobol' 32-bit generator:

PK <1058	PC <118	P25 <33	JB <4.6	KS <0.0122	AD <.632
157.04578	6.47398	1.45802	0.19007	0.00024	0.00188
243.82767	11.98164	1.34982	0.00668	0.00030	0.00086
229.87234	10.40206	2.73912	0.04165	0.00036	0.00137
290.29451	17.09013	3.25717	0.02583	0.00042	0.00172
327.32072	19.22832	5.09510	0.00335	0.00036	0.00127

Scrambled Sobol' 32-bit generator:

PK <1058	PC <118	P25 <33	JB <4.6	KS <0.0122	AD <.632
255.80606	10.93180	1.33766	0.01226	0.00036	0.00112
258.84244	8.45589	1.56766	0.04164	0.00036	0.00170
585.34346	49.33610	5.32037	0.04069	0.00043	0.00208

337.50312	27.64720	3.38925	0.01953	0.00041	0.00211
729.56687	56.89682	32.89772	0.00911	0.00040	0.00204

Even though the log-normal distribution is closely derived from the normal distribution, it has also been tested using the Pearson chi-squared test and the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test.

The following tables are representative of the test output for statistical testing of the log normal distribution for XORWOW, Sobol' 32-bit, and scrambled Sobol' 32 bit generators.

XORWOW generator:

PK	PC	P25	KS
<1058	<118	<33	<0.0122
-----			
1019.57936	105.63667	13.15820	0.00540
991.93663	91.95369	20.46549	0.00900
983.09678	115.34978	20.50434	0.00872
966.45604	113.30013	24.54060	0.00870
996.35262	111.50026	21.01332	0.00542

Sobol' 32-bit generator:

PK	PC	P25	KS
<1058	<118	<33	<0.0122
-----			
289.42589	5.03327	0.48858	0.00024
386.79860	6.57783	0.76902	0.00030
355.04631	8.54472	1.12228	0.00036
434.19211	9.54021	2.07006	0.00042
343.57507	10.71571	0.42503	0.00036

Scrambled Sobol- 32-bit generator:

PK	PC	P25	KS
<1058	<118	<33	<0.0122
-----			
354.55037	8.20727	0.24592	0.00036
506.45280	12.93848	0.73323	0.00036
451.96949	18.18903	0.69465	0.00043
593.25666	16.55782	0.54769	0.00041
423.05263	12.06600	0.53472	0.00040

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# CURAND Reference

## Host API

### Functions

- ▶ `curandStatus_t curandCreateGenerator (curandGenerator_t *generator, curandRngType_t rng_type)`  
*Create new random number generator.*
- ▶ `curandStatus_t curandCreateGeneratorHost (curandGenerator_t *generator, curandRngType_t rng_type)`  
*Create new host CPU random number generator.*
- ▶ `curandStatus_t curandDestroyGenerator (curandGenerator_t generator)`  
*Destroy an existing generator.*
- ▶ `curandStatus_t curandGenerate (curandGenerator_t generator, unsigned int *outputPtr, size_t num)`  
*Generate 32-bit pseudo or quasirandom numbers.*
- ▶ `curandStatus_t curandGenerateLogNormal (curandGenerator_t generator, float *outputPtr, size_t n, float mean, float stddev)`  
*Generate log-normally distributed floats.*
- ▶ `curandStatus_t curandGenerateLogNormalDouble (curandGenerator_t generator, double *outputPtr, size_t n, double mean, double stddev)`  
*Generate log-normally distributed doubles.*
- ▶ `curandStatus_t curandGenerateLongLong (curandGenerator_t generator, unsigned long long *outputPtr, size_t num)`

*Generate 64-bit quasirandom numbers.*

- ▶ `curandStatus_t curandGenerateNormal` (`curandGenerator_t` generator, float \*outputPtr, size\_t n, float mean, float stddev)

*Generate normally distributed floats.*

- ▶ `curandStatus_t curandGenerateNormalDouble` (`curandGenerator_t` generator, double \*outputPtr, size\_t n, double mean, double stddev)

*Generate normally distributed doubles.*

- ▶ `curandStatus_t curandGenerateSeeds` (`curandGenerator_t` generator)

*Setup starting states.*

- ▶ `curandStatus_t curandGenerateUniform` (`curandGenerator_t` generator, float \*outputPtr, size\_t num)

*Generate uniformly distributed floats.*

- ▶ `curandStatus_t curandGenerateUniformDouble` (`curandGenerator_t` generator, double \*outputPtr, size\_t num)

*Generate uniformly distributed doubles.*

- ▶ `curandStatus_t curandGetDirectionVectors32` (`curandDirectionVectors32_t` \*vectors[], `curandDirectionVectorSet_t` set)

*Get direction vectors for 32-bit quasirandom number generation.*

- ▶ `curandStatus_t curandGetDirectionVectors64` (`curandDirectionVectors64_t` \*vectors[], `curandDirectionVectorSet_t` set)

*Get direction vectors for 64-bit quasirandom number generation.*

- ▶ `curandStatus_t curandGetScrambleConstants32` (unsigned int \*\*constants)

*Get scramble constants for 32-bit scrambled Sobol'.*

- ▶ `curandStatus_t curandGetScrambleConstants64` (unsigned long long \*\*constants)

*Get scramble constants for 64-bit scrambled Sobol'.*

- ▶ `curandStatus_t curandGetVersion` (int \*version)

*Return the version number of the library.*

- ▶ `curandStatus_t curandSetGeneratorOffset` (`curandGenerator_t` generator, unsigned long long offset)

*Set the absolute offset of the pseudo or quasirandom number generator.*

- ▶ `curandStatus_t curandSetGeneratorOrdering` (`curandGenerator_t` generator, `curandOrdering_t` order)

*Set the ordering of results of the pseudo or quasirandom number generator.*

- ▶ `curandStatus_t curandSetPseudoRandomGeneratorSeed` (`curandGenerator_t` generator, unsigned long long seed)

*Set the seed value of the pseudo-random number generator.*

- ▶ `curandStatus_t curandSetQuasiRandomGeneratorDimensions` (`curandGenerator_t` generator, unsigned int num\_dimensions)

*Set the number of dimensions.*

- ▶ `curandStatus_t curandSetStream` (`curandGenerator_t` generator, `cudaStream_t` stream)

*Set the current stream for CURAND kernel launches.*

- ▶ `enum curandDirectionVectorSet` {  
    `CURAND_DIRECTION_VECTORS_32_JOEKUO6` = 101,  
    `CURAND_SCRAMBLED_DIRECTION_VECTORS_32_JOEKUO6` = 102,  
    `CURAND_DIRECTION_VECTORS_64_JOEKUO6` = 103,  
    `CURAND_SCRAMBLED_DIRECTION_VECTORS_64_JOEKUO6` = 104 }

- ▶ `enum curandOrdering` {  
    `CURAND_ORDERING_PSEUDO_BEST` = 100,  
    `CURAND_ORDERING_PSEUDO_DEFAULT` = 101,  
    `CURAND_ORDERING_PSEUDO_SEEDED` = 102,  
    `CURAND_ORDERING_QUASI_DEFAULT` = 201 }

- ▶ `enum curandRngType` { ,  
    `CURAND_RNG_PSEUDO_DEFAULT` = 100,  
    `CURAND_RNG_PSEUDO_XORWOW` = 101,  
    `CURAND_RNG_QUASI_DEFAULT` = 200,  
    `CURAND_RNG_QUASI_SOBOL32` = 201,  
    `CURAND_RNG_QUASI_SCRAMBLED_SOBOL32` = 202,  
    `CURAND_RNG_QUASI_SOBOL64` = 203,

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CURAND_RNG_QUASI_SCRAMBLED_SOBOL64 = 204 }
▶ enum curandStatus {
CURAND_STATUS_SUCCESS = 0,
CURAND_STATUS_VERSION_MISMATCH = 100,
CURAND_STATUS_NOT_INITIALIZED = 101,
CURAND_STATUS_ALLOCATION_FAILED = 102,
CURAND_STATUS_TYPE_ERROR = 103,
CURAND_STATUS_OUT_OF_RANGE = 104,
CURAND_STATUS_LENGTH_NOT_MULTIPLE = 105,
CURAND_STATUS_LAUNCH_FAILURE = 201,
CURAND_STATUS_PREEXISTING_FAILURE = 202,
CURAND_STATUS_INITIALIZATION_FAILED = 203,
CURAND_STATUS_ARCH_MISMATCH = 204,
CURAND_STATUS_INTERNAL_ERROR = 999 }
▶ typedef unsigned int curandDirectionVectors32_t [32]
▶ typedef unsigned long long curandDirectionVectors64_t [64]
▶ typedef enum curandDirectionVectorSet curandDirectionVectorSet_t
▶ typedef struct curandGenerator_st * curandGenerator_t
▶ typedef enum curandOrdering curandOrdering_t
▶ typedef enum curandRngType curandRngType_t
▶ typedef enum curandStatus curandStatus_t

```

## Typedef Documentation

**typedef unsigned int curandDirectionVectors32\_t [32]**

CURAND array of 32-bit direction vectors

**typedef unsigned long long curandDirectionVectors64\_t [64]**

CURAND array of 64-bit direction vectors

```
typedef enum curandDirectionVectorSet curandDirectionVec-
torSet_t
```

CURAND choice of direction vector set

```
typedef struct curandGenerator_st* curandGenerator_t
```

CURAND generator

```
typedef enum curandOrdering curandOrdering_t
```

CURAND orderings of results in memory

```
typedef enum curandRngType curandRngType_t
```

CURAND generator types

```
typedef enum curandStatus curandStatus_t
```

CURAND function call status types

## Enumeration Type Documentation

### enum curandDirectionVectorSet

CURAND choice of direction vector set

#### Enumerator:

***CURAND\_DIRECTION\_VECTORS\_32\_JOEKUO6*** Specific set of 32-bit direction vectors generated from polynomials recommended by S. Joe and F. Y. Kuo, for up to 20,000 dimensions.

***CURAND\_SCRAMBLED\_DIRECTION\_VECTORS\_32\_JOEKUO6*** Specific set of 32-bit direction vectors generated from polynomials recommended by S. Joe and F. Y. Kuo, for up to 20,000 dimensions, and scrambled.

***CURAND\_DIRECTION\_VECTORS\_64\_JOEKUO6*** Specific set of 64-bit direction vectors generated from polynomials recommended by S. Joe and F. Y. Kuo, for up to 20,000 dimensions.

***CURAND\_SCRAMBLED\_DIRECTION\_VECTORS\_64\_JOEKUO6*** Specific set of 64-bit direction vectors generated from polynomials recommended by S. Joe and F. Y. Kuo, for up to 20,000 dimensions, and scrambled.

## enum curandOrdering

CURAND orderings of results in memory

### Enumerator:

- CURAND\_ORDERING\_PSEUDO\_BEST* Best ordering for pseudorandom results.
- CURAND\_ORDERING\_PSEUDO\_DEFAULT* Specific default 4096 thread sequence for pseudorandom results.
- CURAND\_ORDERING\_PSEUDO\_SEEDED* Specific seeding pattern for fast lower quality pseudorandom results.
- CURAND\_ORDERING\_QUASI\_DEFAULT* Specific n-dimensional ordering for quasirandom results.

## enum curandRngType

CURAND generator types

### Enumerator:

- CURAND\_RNG\_PSEUDO\_DEFAULT* Default pseudorandom generator.
- CURAND\_RNG\_PSEUDO\_XORWOW* XORWOW pseudorandom generator.
- CURAND\_RNG\_QUASI\_DEFAULT* Default quasirandom generator.
- CURAND\_RNG\_QUASI\_SOBOL32* Sobol32 quasirandom generator.
- CURAND\_RNG\_QUASI\_SCRAMBLED\_SOBOL32* Scrambled Sobol32 quasirandom generator.
- CURAND\_RNG\_QUASI\_SOBOL64* Sobol64 quasirandom generator.
- CURAND\_RNG\_QUASI\_SCRAMBLED\_SOBOL64* Scrambled Sobol64 quasirandom generator.

## enum curandStatus

CURAND Host API datatypes CURAND function call status types

### Enumerator:

- CURAND\_STATUS\_SUCCESS* No errors.
- CURAND\_STATUS\_VERSION\_MISMATCH* Header file and linked library version do not match.
- CURAND\_STATUS\_NOT\_INITIALIZED* Generator not initialized.
- CURAND\_STATUS\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED* Memory allocation failed.
- CURAND\_STATUS\_TYPE\_ERROR* Generator is wrong type.
- CURAND\_STATUS\_OUT\_OF\_RANGE* Argument out of range.
- CURAND\_STATUS\_LENGTH\_NOT\_MULTIPLE* Length requested is not a multiple of dimension.

- CURAND\_STATUS\_LAUNCH\_FAILURE*** Kernel launch failure.
- CURAND\_STATUS\_PREEXISTING\_FAILURE*** Preexisting failure on library entry.
- CURAND\_STATUS\_INITIALIZATION\_FAILED*** Initialization of CUDA failed.
- CURAND\_STATUS\_ARCH\_MISMATCH*** Architecture mismatch, GPU does not support requested feature.
- CURAND\_STATUS\_INTERNAL\_ERROR*** Internal library error.

## Function Documentation

**`curandStatus_t curandCreateGenerator (curandGenerator_t * generator, curandRngType_t rng_type)`**

Creates a new random number generator of type `rng_type` and returns it in `*generator`.

Legal values for `rng_type` are:

- ▶ `CURAND_RNG_PSEUDO_DEFAULT`
- ▶ `CURAND_RNG_PSEUDO_XORWOW`
- ▶ `CURAND_RNG_QUASI_DEFAULT`
- ▶ `CURAND_RNG_QUASI_SOBOL32`
- ▶ `CURAND_RNG_QUASI_SCRAMBLED_SOBOL32`
- ▶ `CURAND_RNG_QUASI_SOBOL64`
- ▶ `CURAND_RNG_QUASI_SCRAMBLED_SOBOL64`

When `rng_type` is `CURAND_RNG_PSEUDO_DEFAULT`, the type chosen is `CURAND_RNG_PSEUDO_XORWOW`.

When `rng_type` is `CURAND_RNG_QUASI_DEFAULT`, the type chosen is `CURAND_RNG_QUASI_SOBOL32`.

The default values for `rng_type = CURAND_RNG_PSEUDO_XORWOW` are:

- ▶ `seed = 0`
- ▶ `offset = 0`
- ▶ `ordering = CURAND_ORDERING_PSEUDO_DEFAULT`

The default values for `rng_type = CURAND_RNG_QUASI_SOBOL32` are:

- ▶ `dimensions = 1`
- ▶ `offset = 0`
- ▶ `ordering = CURAND_ORDERING_QUASI_DEFAULT`

The default values for `rng_type = CURAND_RNG_QUASI_SOBOL64` are:

- ▶ `dimensions = 1`
- ▶ `offset = 0`
- ▶ `ordering = CURAND_ORDERING_QUASI_DEFAULT`

The default values for `rng_type = CURAND_RNG_QUASI_SCRAMBBLED_SOBOL32` are:

- ▶ `dimensions = 1`
- ▶ `offset = 0`
- ▶ `ordering = CURAND_ORDERING_QUASI_DEFAULT`

The default values for `rng_type = CURAND_RNG_QUASI_SCRAMBBLED_SOBOL64` are:

- ▶ `dimensions = 1`
- ▶ `offset = 0`
- ▶ `ordering = CURAND_ORDERING_QUASI_DEFAULT`

#### Parameters:

- generator*** - Pointer to generator
- rng\_type*** - Type of generator to create

#### Returns:

- CURAND\_STATUS\_ALLOCATION\_FAILED if memory could not be allocated
- CURAND\_STATUS\_INITIALIZATION\_FAILED if there was a problem setting up the GPU
- CURAND\_STATUS\_VERSION\_MISMATCH if the header file version does not match the dynamically linked library version
- CURAND\_STATUS\_TYPE\_ERROR if the value for `rng_type` is invalid
- CURAND\_STATUS\_SUCCESS if generator was created successfully

**`curandStatus_t curandCreateGeneratorHost (curandGenerator_t * generator, curandRngType_t rng_type)`**

Creates a new host CPU random number generator of type `rng_type` and returns it in `*generator`.

Legal values for `rng_type` are:

- ▶ `CURAND_RNG_PSEUDO_DEFAULT`
- ▶ `CURAND_RNG_PSEUDO_XORWOW`
- ▶ `CURAND_RNG_QUASI_DEFAULT`
- ▶ `CURAND_RNG_QUASI_SOBOL32`

When `rng_type` is `CURAND_RNG_PSEUDO_DEFAULT`, the type chosen is `CURAND_RNG_PSEUDO_XORWOW`.

When `rng_type` is `CURAND_RNG_QUASI_DEFAULT`, the type chosen is `CURAND_RNG_QUASI_SOBOL32`.

The default values for `rng_type = CURAND_RNG_PSEUDO_XORWOW` are:

- ▶ `seed = 0`
- ▶ `offset = 0`
- ▶ `ordering = CURAND_ORDERING_PSEUDO_DEFAULT`

The default values for `rng_type = CURAND_RNG_QUASI_SOBOL32` are:

- ▶ `dimensions = 1`
- ▶ `offset = 0`
- ▶ `ordering = CURAND_ORDERING_QUASI_DEFAULT`

The default values for `rng_type = CURAND_RNG_QUASI_SOBOL64` are:

- ▶ `dimensions = 1`
- ▶ `offset = 0`
- ▶ `ordering = CURAND_ORDERING_QUASI_DEFAULT`

The default values for `rng_type = CURAND_RNG_QUASI_SCRAMBLED_SOBOL32` are:

- ▶ `dimensions = 1`
- ▶ `offset = 0`
- ▶ `ordering = CURAND_ORDERING_QUASI_DEFAULT`

The default values for `rng_type = CURAND_RNG_QUASI_SCRAMBLED_SOBOL64` are:

- ▶ `dimensions = 1`
- ▶ `offset = 0`
- ▶ `ordering = CURAND_ORDERING_QUASI_DEFAULT`

#### Parameters:

- generator*** - Pointer to generator
- rng\_type*** - Type of generator to create

#### Returns:

- `CURAND_STATUS_ALLOCATION_FAILED` if memory could not be allocated
- `CURAND_STATUS_INITIALIZATION_FAILED` if there was a problem setting up the GPU

CURAND\_STATUS\_VERSION\_MISMATCH if the header file version does not match the dynamically linked library version  
CURAND\_STATUS\_TYPE\_ERROR if the value for `rng_type` is invalid  
CURAND\_STATUS\_SUCCESS if generator was created successfully

### **curandStatus\_t curandDestroyGenerator (curandGenerator\_t generator)**

Destroy an existing generator and free all memory associated with its state.

#### **Parameters:**

**generator** - Generator to destroy

#### **Returns:**

CURAND\_STATUS\_NOT\_INITIALIZED if the generator was never created  
CURAND\_STATUS\_SUCCESS if generator was destroyed successfully

### **curandStatus\_t curandGenerate (curandGenerator\_t generator, unsigned int \* outputPtr, size\_t num)**

Use `generator` to generate `num` 32-bit results into the device memory at `outputPtr`. The device memory must have been previously allocated and be large enough to hold all the results. Launches are done with the stream set using `curandSetStream()`, or the null stream if no stream has been set.

Results are 32-bit values with every bit random.

#### **Parameters:**

**generator** - Generator to use

**outputPtr** - Pointer to device memory to store CUDA-generated results, or Pointer to host memory to store CPU-generated results

**num** - Number of random 32-bit values to generate

#### **Returns:**

CURAND\_STATUS\_NOT\_INITIALIZED if the generator was never created  
CURAND\_STATUS\_PREEXISTING\_FAILURE if there was an existing error from a previous kernel launch  
CURAND\_STATUS\_LENGTH\_NOT\_MULTIPLE if the number of output samples is not a multiple of the quasirandom dimension  
CURAND\_STATUS\_LAUNCH\_FAILURE if the kernel launch failed for any reason  
CURAND\_STATUS\_SUCCESS if the results were generated successfully

## **curandStatus\_t curandGenerateLogNormal (curandGenerator\_t generator, float \* outputPtr, size\_t n, float mean, float stddev)**

Use **generator** to generate **num** float results into the device memory at **outputPtr**. The device memory must have been previously allocated and be large enough to hold all the results. Launches are done with the stream set using [curandSetStream\(\)](#), or the null stream if no stream has been set.

Results are 32-bit floating point values with log-normal distribution based on an associated normal distribution with mean **mean** and standard deviation **stddev**.

Normally distributed results are generated from pseudorandom generators with a Box-Muller transform, and so require **num** to be even. Quasirandom generators use an inverse cumulative distribution function to preserve dimensionality. The normally distributed results are transformed into log-normal distribution.

There may be slight numerical differences between results generated on the GPU with generators created with [curandCreateGenerator\(\)](#) and results calculated on the CPU with generators created with [curandCreateGeneratorHost\(\)](#). These differences arise because of differences in results for transcendental functions. In addition, future versions of CURAND may use newer versions of the CUDA math library, so different versions of CURAND may give slightly different numerical values.

### **Parameters:**

**generator** - Generator to use

**outputPtr** - Pointer to device memory to store CUDA-generated results, or Pointer to host memory to store CPU-generated results

**n** - Number of floats to generate

**mean** - Mean of associated normal distribution

**stddev** - Standard deviation of associated normal distribution

### **Returns:**

CURAND\_STATUS\_NOT\_INITIALIZED if the generator was never created

CURAND\_STATUS\_PREEEXISTING\_FAILURE if there was an existing error from a previous kernel launch

CURAND\_STATUS\_LAUNCH\_FAILURE if the kernel launch failed for any reason

CURAND\_STATUS\_LENGTH\_NOT\_MULTIPLE if the number of output samples is not a multiple of the quasirandom dimension, or is not a multiple of two for pseudorandom generators

CURAND\_STATUS\_SUCCESS if the results were generated successfully

## **curandStatus\_t curandGenerateLogNormalDouble (curandGenerator\_t generator, double \* outputPtr, size\_t n, double mean, double stddev)**

Use **generator** to generate **num** double results into the device memory at **outputPtr**. The device memory must have been previously allocated and be large enough to hold all the results. Launches are done with the stream set using [curandSetStream\(\)](#), or the null stream if no stream has been set.

Results are 64-bit floating point values with log-normal distribution based on an associated normal distribution with mean **mean** and standard deviation **stddev**.

Normally distributed results are generated from pseudorandom generators with a Box-Muller transform, and so require **num** to be even. Quasirandom generators use an inverse cumulative distribution function to preserve dimensionality. The normally distributed results are transformed into log-normal distribution.

There may be slight numerical differences between results generated on the GPU with generators created with [curandCreateGenerator\(\)](#) and results calculated on the CPU with generators created with [curandCreateGeneratorHost\(\)](#). These differences arise because of differences in results for transcendental functions. In addition, future versions of CURAND may use newer versions of the CUDA math library, so different versions of CURAND may give slightly different numerical values.

### **Parameters:**

**generator** - Generator to use

**outputPtr** - Pointer to device memory to store CUDA-generated results, or Pointer to host memory to store CPU-generated results

**n** - Number of doubles to generate

**mean** - Mean of normal distribution

**stddev** - Standard deviation of normal distribution

### **Returns:**

CURAND\_STATUS\_NOT\_INITIALIZED if the generator was never created

CURAND\_STATUS\_PREEXISTING\_FAILURE if there was an existing error from a previous kernel launch

CURAND\_STATUS\_LAUNCH\_FAILURE if the kernel launch failed for any reason

CURAND\_STATUS\_LENGTH\_NOT\_MULTIPLE if the number of output samples is not a multiple of the quasirandom dimension, or is not a multiple of two for pseudorandom generators

CURAND\_STATUS\_ARCH\_MISMATCH if the GPU does not support double precision

CURAND\_STATUS\_SUCCESS if the results were generated successfully

## **curandStatus\_t curandGenerateLongLong (curandGenerator\_t generator, unsigned long long \* outputPtr, size\_t num)**

Use **generator** to generate **num** 64-bit results into the device memory at **outputPtr**. The device memory must have been previously allocated and be large enough to hold all the results. Launches are done with the stream set using [curandSetStream\(\)](#), or the null stream if no stream has been set.

Results are 64-bit values with every bit random.

### **Parameters:**

**generator** - Generator to use

**outputPtr** - Pointer to device memory to store CUDA-generated results, or Pointer to host memory to store CPU-generated results

**num** - Number of random 64-bit values to generate

### **Returns:**

CURAND\_STATUS\_NOT\_INITIALIZED if the generator was never created

CURAND\_STATUS\_PREEXISTING\_FAILURE if there was an existing error from a previous kernel launch

CURAND\_STATUS\_LENGTH\_NOT\_MULTIPLE if the number of output samples is not a multiple of the quasirandom dimension

CURAND\_STATUS\_LAUNCH\_FAILURE if the kernel launch failed for any reason

CURAND\_STATUS\_SUCCESS if the results were generated successfully

## **curandStatus\_t curandGenerateNormal (curandGenerator\_t generator, float \* outputPtr, size\_t n, float mean, float stddev)**

Use **generator** to generate **num** float results into the device memory at **outputPtr**. The device memory must have been previously allocated and be large enough to hold all the results. Launches are done with the stream set using [curandSetStream\(\)](#), or the null stream if no stream has been set.

Results are 32-bit floating point values with mean **mean** and standard deviation **stddev**.

Normally distributed results are generated from pseudorandom generators with a Box-Muller transform, and so require **num** to be even. Quasirandom generators use an inverse cumulative distribution function to preserve dimensionality.

There may be slight numerical differences between results generated on the GPU with generators created with [curandCreateGenerator\(\)](#) and results calculated on the CPU with generators created with [curandCreateGeneratorHost\(\)](#). These differences arise because of differences in results for transcendental functions. In addition, future versions of CURAND may use newer versions of the CUDA math library, so different versions of CURAND may give slightly different numerical values.

### Parameters:

- generator*** - Generator to use
- outputPtr*** - Pointer to device memory to store CUDA-generated results, or Pointer to host memory to store CPU-generated results
- n*** - Number of floats to generate
- mean*** - Mean of normal distribution
- stddev*** - Standard deviation of normal distribution

### Returns:

- CURAND\_STATUS\_NOT\_INITIALIZED if the generator was never created
- CURAND\_STATUS\_PREEXISTING\_FAILURE if there was an existing error from a previous kernel launch
- CURAND\_STATUS\_LAUNCH\_FAILURE if the kernel launch failed for any reason
- CURAND\_STATUS\_LENGTH\_NOT\_MULTIPLE if the number of output samples is not a multiple of the quasirandom dimension, or is not a multiple of two for pseudorandom generators
- CURAND\_STATUS\_SUCCESS if the results were generated successfully

**curandStatus\_t curandGenerateNormalDouble (curandGenerator\_t generator, double \* outputPtr, size\_t n, double mean, double stddev)**

Use **generator** to generate **num** double results into the device memory at **outputPtr**. The device memory must have been previously allocated and be large enough to hold all the results. Launches are done with the stream set using [curandSetStream\(\)](#), or the null stream if no stream has been set.

Results are 64-bit floating point values with mean **mean** and standard deviation **stddev**.

Normally distributed results are generated from pseudorandom generators with a Box-Muller transform, and so require **num** to be even. Quasirandom generators use an inverse cumulative distribution function to preserve dimensionality.

There may be slight numerical differences between results generated on the GPU with generators created with [curandCreateGenerator\(\)](#) and results calculated on the CPU with generators created with [curandCreateGeneratorHost\(\)](#). These differences arise because of differences in results for transcendental functions. In addition, future versions of CURAND may use newer versions of the CUDA math library, so different versions of CURAND may give slightly different numerical values.

### Parameters:

- generator*** - Generator to use
- outputPtr*** - Pointer to device memory to store CUDA-generated results, or Pointer to host memory to store CPU-generated results

*n* - Number of doubles to generate  
*mean* - Mean of normal distribution  
*stddev* - Standard deviation of normal distribution

**Returns:**

CURAND\_STATUS\_NOT\_INITIALIZED if the generator was never created  
CURAND\_STATUS\_PREEXISTING\_FAILURE if there was an existing error from a previous kernel launch  
CURAND\_STATUS\_LAUNCH\_FAILURE if the kernel launch failed for any reason  
CURAND\_STATUS\_LENGTH\_NOT\_MULTIPLE if the number of output samples is not a multiple of the quasirandom dimension, or is not a multiple of two for pseudorandom generators  
CURAND\_STATUS\_ARCH\_MISMATCH if the GPU does not support double precision  
CURAND\_STATUS\_SUCCESS if the results were generated successfully

### **curandStatus\_t curandGenerateSeeds (curandGenerator\_t generator)**

Generate the starting state of the generator. This function is automatically called by generation functions such as [curandGenerate\(\)](#) and [curandGenerateUniform\(\)](#). It can be called manually for performance testing reasons to separate timings for starting state generation and random number generation.

**Parameters:**

*generator* - Generator to update

**Returns:**

CURAND\_STATUS\_NOT\_INITIALIZED if the generator was never created  
CURAND\_STATUS\_PREEXISTING\_FAILURE if there was an existing error from a previous kernel launch  
CURAND\_STATUS\_LAUNCH\_FAILURE if the kernel launch failed for any reason  
CURAND\_STATUS\_SUCCESS if the seeds were generated successfully

### **curandStatus\_t curandGenerateUniform (curandGenerator\_t generator, float \* outputPtr, size\_t num)**

Use *generator* to generate *num* float results into the device memory at *outputPtr*. The device memory must have been previously allocated and be large enough to hold all the results. Launches are done with the stream set using [curandSetStream\(\)](#), or the null stream if no stream has been set.

Results are 32-bit floating point values between 0.0f and 1.0f, excluding 0.0f and including 1.0f.

**Parameters:**

**generator** - Generator to use

**outputPtr** - Pointer to device memory to store CUDA-generated results, or Pointer to host memory to store CPU-generated results

**num** - Number of floats to generate

**Returns:**

CURAND\_STATUS\_NOT\_INITIALIZED if the generator was never created

CURAND\_STATUS\_PREEXISTING\_FAILURE if there was an existing error from a previous kernel launch

CURAND\_STATUS\_LAUNCH\_FAILURE if the kernel launch failed for any reason

CURAND\_STATUS\_LENGTH\_NOT\_MULTIPLE if the number of output samples is not a multiple of the quasirandom dimension

CURAND\_STATUS\_SUCCESS if the results were generated successfully

### **curandStatus\_t curandGenerateUniformDouble (curandGenerator\_t generator, double \* outputPtr, size\_t num)**

Use **generator** to generate **num** double results into the device memory at **outputPtr**. The device memory must have been previously allocated and be large enough to hold all the results. Launches are done with the stream set using [curandSetStream\(\)](#), or the null stream if no stream has been set.

Results are 64-bit double precision floating point values between 0.0 and 1.0, excluding 0.0 and including 1.0.

**Parameters:**

**generator** - Generator to use

**outputPtr** - Pointer to device memory to store CUDA-generated results, or Pointer to host memory to store CPU-generated results

**num** - Number of doubles to generate

**Returns:**

CURAND\_STATUS\_NOT\_INITIALIZED if the generator was never created

CURAND\_STATUS\_PREEXISTING\_FAILURE if there was an existing error from a previous kernel launch

CURAND\_STATUS\_LAUNCH\_FAILURE if the kernel launch failed for any reason

CURAND\_STATUS\_LENGTH\_NOT\_MULTIPLE if the number of output samples is not a multiple of the quasirandom dimension

CURAND\_STATUS\_ARCH\_MISMATCH if the GPU does not support double precision

CURAND\_STATUS\_SUCCESS if the results were generated successfully

## **curandStatus\_t curandGetDirectionVectors32 (curandDirectionVectors32\_t \* vectors[], curandDirectionVectorSet\_t set)**

Get a pointer to an array of direction vectors that can be used for quasirandom number generation. The resulting pointer will reference an array of direction vectors in host memory.

The array contains vectors for many dimensions. Each dimension has 32 vectors. Each individual vector is an unsigned int.

Legal values for **set** are:

- ▶ **CURAND\_DIRECTION\_VECTORS\_32\_JOEKUO6** (20,000 dimensions)
- ▶ **CURAND\_SCRAMBLED\_DIRECTION\_VECTORS\_32\_JOEKUO6** (20,000 dimensions)

### **Parameters:**

**vectors** - Address of pointer in which to return direction vectors

**set** - Which set of direction vectors to use

### **Returns:**

**CURAND\_STATUS\_OUT\_OF\_RANGE** if the choice of set is invalid

**CURAND\_STATUS\_SUCCESS** if the pointer was set successfully

## **curandStatus\_t curandGetDirectionVectors64 (curandDirectionVectors64\_t \* vectors[], curandDirectionVectorSet\_t set)**

Get a pointer to an array of direction vectors that can be used for quasirandom number generation. The resulting pointer will reference an array of direction vectors in host memory.

The array contains vectors for many dimensions. Each dimension has 64 vectors. Each individual vector is an unsigned long long.

Legal values for **set** are:

- ▶ **CURAND\_DIRECTION\_VECTORS\_64\_JOEKUO6** (20,000 dimensions)
- ▶ **CURAND\_SCRAMBLED\_DIRECTION\_VECTORS\_64\_JOEKUO6** (20,000 dimensions)

### **Parameters:**

**vectors** - Address of pointer in which to return direction vectors

**set** - Which set of direction vectors to use

**Returns:**

CURAND\_STATUS\_OUT\_OF\_RANGE if the choice of set is invalid  
CURAND\_STATUS\_SUCCESS if the pointer was set successfully

**curandStatus\_t curandGetScrambleConstants32 (unsigned int \*\* constants)**

Get a pointer to an array of scramble constants that can be used for quasirandom number generation. The resulting pointer will reference an array of unsigned ints in host memory.

The array contains constants for many dimensions. Each dimension has a single unsigned int constant.

**Parameters:**

*constants* - Address of pointer in which to return scramble constants

**Returns:**

CURAND\_STATUS\_SUCCESS if the pointer was set successfully

**curandStatus\_t curandGetScrambleConstants64 (unsigned long long \*\* constants)**

Get a pointer to an array of scramble constants that can be used for quasirandom number generation. The resulting pointer will reference an array of unsigned long longs in host memory.

The array contains constants for many dimensions. Each dimension has a single unsigned long long constant.

**Parameters:**

*constants* - Address of pointer in which to return scramble constants

**Returns:**

CURAND\_STATUS\_SUCCESS if the pointer was set successfully

**curandStatus\_t curandGetVersion (int \* version)**

Return in *version* the version number of the dynamically linked CURAND library. The format is the same as CUDART\_VERSION from the CUDA Runtime. The only supported configuration is CURAND version equal to CUDA Runtime version.

**Parameters:**

*version* - CURAND library version

**Returns:**

CURAND\_STATUS\_SUCCESS if the version number was successfully returned

**curandStatus\_t curandSetGeneratorOffset (curandGenerator\_t generator, unsigned long long offset)**

Set the absolute offset of the pseudo or quasirandom number generator.

All values of offset are valid. The offset position is absolute, not relative to the current position in the sequence.

**Parameters:**

**generator** - Generator to modify

**offset** - Absolute offset position

**Returns:**

CURAND\_STATUS\_NOT\_INITIALIZED if the generator was never created

CURAND\_STATUS\_SUCCESS if generator offset was set successfully

**curandStatus\_t curandSetGeneratorOrdering (curandGenerator\_t generator, curandOrdering\_t order)**

Set the ordering of results of the pseudo or quasirandom number generator.

Legal values of **order** for pseudorandom generators are:

- ▶ CURAND\_ORDERING\_PSEUDO\_DEFAULT
- ▶ CURAND\_ORDERING\_PSEUDO\_BEST
- ▶ CURAND\_ORDERING\_PSEUDO\_SEEDED

Legal values of **order** for quasirandom generators are:

- ▶ CURAND\_ORDERING\_QUASI\_DEFAULT

**Parameters:**

**generator** - Generator to modify

**order** - Ordering of results

**Returns:**

CURAND\_STATUS\_NOT\_INITIALIZED if the generator was never created

CURAND\_STATUS\_OUT\_OF\_RANGE if the ordering is not valid

CURAND\_STATUS\_SUCCESS if generator ordering was set successfully

## **curandStatus\_t curandSetPseudoRandomGeneratorSeed** (**curandGenerator\_t generator, unsigned long long seed**)

Set the seed value of the pseudorandom number generator. All values of seed are valid. Different seeds will produce different sequences. Different seeds will often not be statistically correlated with each other, but some pairs of seed values may generate sequences which are statistically correlated.

### **Parameters:**

**generator** - Generator to modify

**seed** - Seed value

### **Returns:**

CURAND\_STATUS\_NOT\_INITIALIZED if the generator was never created

CURAND\_STATUS\_TYPE\_ERROR if the generator is not a pseudorandom number generator

CURAND\_STATUS\_SUCCESS if generator seed was set successfully

## **curandStatus\_t curandSetQuasiRandomGeneratorDimensions** (**curandGenerator\_t generator, unsigned int num\_dimensions**)

Set the number of dimensions to be generated by the quasirandom number generator.

Legal values for `num_dimensions` are 1 to 20000.

### **Parameters:**

**generator** - Generator to modify

**num\_dimensions** - Number of dimensions

### **Returns:**

CURAND\_STATUS\_NOT\_INITIALIZED if the generator was never created

CURAND\_STATUS\_OUT\_OF\_RANGE if `num_dimensions` is not valid

CURAND\_STATUS\_TYPE\_ERROR if the generator is not a quasirandom number generator

CURAND\_STATUS\_SUCCESS if generator ordering was set successfully

## **curandStatus\_t curandSetStream** (**curandGenerator\_t generator,** **cudaStream\_t stream**)

Set the current stream for CURAND kernel launches. All library functions will use this stream until set again.

### Parameters:

- generator** - Generator to modify
- stream** - Stream to use or NULL for null stream

### Returns:

- CURAND\_STATUS\_NOT\_INITIALIZED if the generator was never created
- CURAND\_STATUS\_SUCCESS if stream was set successfully

## Device API

### Typedefs

- ▶ typedef struct curandStateXORWOW [curandState\\_t](#)
- ▶ typedef struct curandStateScrambledSobol32 [curandStateScrambledSobol32\\_t](#)
- ▶ typedef struct curandStateScrambledSobol64 [curandStateScrambledSobol64\\_t](#)
- ▶ typedef struct curandStateSobol32 [curandStateSobol32\\_t](#)
- ▶ typedef struct curandStateSobol64 [curandStateSobol64\\_t](#)
- ▶ typedef struct curandStateXORWOW [curandStateXORWOW\\_t](#)

### Functions

- ▶ `__device__ unsigned long long curand (curandStateScrambledSobol64_t *state)`  
*Return 64-bits of quasirandomness from a scrambled Sobol64 generator.*
- ▶ `__device__ unsigned long long curand (curandStateSobol64_t *state)`  
*Return 64-bits of quasirandomness from a Sobol64 generator.*
- ▶ `__device__ unsigned int curand (curandStateScrambledSobol32_t *state)`  
*Return 32-bits of quasirandomness from a scrambled Sobol32 generator.*
- ▶ `__device__ unsigned int curand (curandStateSobol32_t *state)`  
*Return 32-bits of quasirandomness from a Sobol32 generator.*
- ▶ `__device__ unsigned int curand (curandStateXORWOW_t *state)`  
*Return 32-bits of pseudorandomness from an XORWOW generator.*
- ▶ `__device__ void curand_init (curandDirectionVectors64_t direction_vectors, unsigned long long scramble_c, unsigned long long offset,`

`curandStateScrambledSobol64_t *state)`

*Initialize Scrambled Sobol64 state.*

- ▶ `__device__ void curand_init (curandDirectionVectors64_t direction_vectors, unsigned long long offset, curandStateSobol64_t *state)`

*Initialize Sobol64 state.*

- ▶ `__device__ void curand_init (curandDirectionVectors32_t direction_vectors, unsigned int scramble_c, unsigned int offset, curandStateScrambledSobol32_t *state)`

*Initialize Scrambled Sobol32 state.*

- ▶ `__device__ void curand_init (curandDirectionVectors32_t direction_vectors, unsigned int offset, curandStateSobol32_t *state)`

*Initialize Sobol32 state.*

- ▶ `__device__ void curand_init (unsigned long long seed, unsigned long long subsequence, unsigned long long offset, curandStateXORWOW_t *state)`

*Initialize XORWOW state.*

- ▶ `__device__ float curand_log_normal (curandStateScrambledSobol64_t *state, float mean, float stddev)`

*Return a log-normally distributed float from a scrambled Sobol64 generator.*

- ▶ `__device__ float curand_log_normal (curandStateSobol64_t *state, float mean, float stddev)`

*Return a log-normally distributed float from a Sobol64 generator.*

- ▶ `__device__ float curand_log_normal (curandStateScrambledSobol32_t *state, float mean, float stddev)`

*Return a log-normally distributed float from a scrambled Sobol32 generator.*

- ▶ `__device__ float curand_log_normal (curandStateSobol32_t *state, float mean, float stddev)`

*Return a log-normally distributed float from a Sobol32 generator.*

- ▶ `__device__ float curand_log_normal (curandStateXORWOW_t *state, float mean, float stddev)`

*Return a log-normally distributed float from an XORWOW generator.*

- ▶ `__device__ float2 curand_log_normal2 (curandStateXORWOW_t *state, float mean, float stddev)`  
*Return two normally distributed floats from an XORWOW generator.*
- ▶ `__device__ double2 curand_log_normal2_double (curandStateXORWOW_t *state, double mean, double stddev)`  
*Return two log-normally distributed doubles from an XORWOW generator.*
- ▶ `__device__ double curand_log_normal_double (curandStateScrambledSobol64_t *state, double mean, double stddev)`  
*Return a log-normally distributed double from a scrambled Sobol64 generator.*
- ▶ `__device__ double curand_log_normal_double (curandStateSobol64_t *state, double mean, double stddev)`  
*Return a log-normally distributed double from a Sobol64 generator.*
- ▶ `__device__ double curand_log_normal_double (curandStateScrambledSobol32_t *state, double mean, double stddev)`  
*Return a log-normally distributed double from a scrambled Sobol32 generator.*
- ▶ `__device__ double curand_log_normal_double (curandStateSobol32_t *state, double mean, double stddev)`  
*Return a log-normally distributed double from a Sobol32 generator.*
- ▶ `__device__ double curand_log_normal_double (curandStateXORWOW_t *state, double mean, double stddev)`  
*Return a log-normally distributed double from an XORWOW generator.*
- ▶ `__device__ float curand_normal (curandStateScrambledSobol64_t *state)`  
*Return a normally distributed float from a scrambled Sobol64 generator.*
- ▶ `__device__ float curand_normal (curandStateSobol64_t *state)`  
*Return a normally distributed float from a Sobol64 generator.*
- ▶ `__device__ float curand_normal (curandStateScrambledSobol32_t *state)`  
*Return a normally distributed float from a scrambled Sobol32 generator.*
- ▶ `__device__ float curand_normal (curandStateSobol32_t *state)`  
*Return a normally distributed float from a Sobol32 generator.*

- ▶ `__device__ float curand_normal (curandStateXORWOW_t *state)`  
*Return a normally distributed float from an XORWOW generator.*
- ▶ `__device__ float2 curand_normal2 (curandStateXORWOW_t *state)`  
*Return two normally distributed floats from an XORWOW generator.*
- ▶ `__device__ double2 curand_normal2_double (curandStateXORWOW_t *state)`  
*Return two normally distributed doubles from an XORWOW generator.*
- ▶ `__device__ double curand_normal_double (curandStateScrambledSobol64_t *state)`  
*Return a normally distributed double from a scrambled Sobol64 generator.*
- ▶ `__device__ double curand_normal_double (curandStateSobol64_t *state)`  
*Return a normally distributed double from a Sobol64 generator.*
- ▶ `__device__ double curand_normal_double (curandStateScrambledSobol32_t *state)`  
*Return a normally distributed double from a scrambled Sobol32 generator.*
- ▶ `__device__ double curand_normal_double (curandStateSobol32_t *state)`  
*Return a normally distributed double from an Sobol32 generator.*
- ▶ `__device__ double curand_normal_double (curandStateXORWOW_t *state)`  
*Return a normally distributed double from an XORWOW generator.*
- ▶ `__device__ float curand_uniform (curandStateScrambledSobol64_t *state)`  
*Return a uniformly distributed float from a scrambled Sobol64 generator.*
- ▶ `__device__ float curand_uniform (curandStateSobol64_t *state)`  
*Return a uniformly distributed float from a Sobol64 generator.*
- ▶ `__device__ float curand_uniform (curandStateScrambledSobol32_t *state)`  
*Return a uniformly distributed float from a scrambled Sobol32 generator.*
- ▶ `__device__ float curand_uniform (curandStateSobol32_t *state)`  
*Return a uniformly distributed float from a Sobol32 generator.*
- ▶ `__device__ float curand_uniform (curandStateXORWOW_t *state)`

*Return a uniformly distributed float from an XORWOW generator.*

- ▶ `__device__ double curand_uniform_double (curandStateScrambledSobol64_t *state)`

*Return a uniformly distributed double from a scrambled Sobol64 generator.*

- ▶ `__device__ double curand_uniform_double (curandStateSobol64_t *state)`

*Return a uniformly distributed double from a Sobol64 generator.*

- ▶ `__device__ double curand_uniform_double (curandStateScrambledSobol32_t *state)`

*Return a uniformly distributed double from a scrambled Sobol32 generator.*

- ▶ `__device__ double curand_uniform_double (curandStateSobol32_t *state)`

*Return a uniformly distributed double from a Sobol32 generator.*

- ▶ `__device__ double curand_uniform_double (curandStateXORWOW_t *state)`

*Return a uniformly distributed double from an XORWOW generator.*

- ▶ `template<typename T >  
__device__ void skipahead (unsigned long long n, T state)`

*Update Sobol64 state to skip n elements.*

- ▶ `template<typename T >  
__device__ void skipahead (unsigned int n, T state)`

*Update Sobol32 state to skip n elements.*

- ▶ `__device__ void skipahead (unsigned long long n, curandStateXORWOW_t *state)`

*Update XORWOW state to skip n elements.*

- ▶ `__device__ void skipahead_sequence (unsigned long long n, curandStateXORWOW_t *state)`

*Update XORWOW state to skip ahead n subsequences.*

## Typedef Documentation

```
typedef struct curandStateXORWOW curandState__t
```

Default RNG

```
typedef struct curandStateScrambledSobol32 curandStateScrambled-  
Sobol32__t
```

CURAND Scrambled Sobol32 state

```
typedef struct curandStateScrambledSobol64 curandStateScrambled-  
Sobol64__t
```

CURAND Scrambled Sobol64 state

```
typedef struct curandStateSobol32 curandStateSobol32__t
```

CURAND Sobol32 state

```
typedef struct curandStateSobol64 curandStateSobol64__t
```

CURAND Sobol64 state

```
typedef struct curandStateXORWOW curandStateXORWOW__t
```

CURAND XORWOW state

## Function Documentation

```
__device__ unsigned long long curand (curandStateScrambledSobol64__t  
* state)
```

Return 64-bits of quasirandomness from the scrambled Sobol32 generator in *state*, increment position of generator by one.

### Parameters:

*state* - Pointer to state to update

### Returns:

64-bits of quasirandomness as an unsigned long long, all bits valid to use.

`__device__ unsigned long long curand (curandStateSobol64_t * state)`

Return 64-bits of quasirandomness from the Sobol64 generator in `state`, increment position of generator by one.

**Parameters:**

*state* - Pointer to state to update

**Returns:**

64-bits of quasirandomness as an unsigned long long, all bits valid to use.

`__device__ unsigned int curand (curandStateScrambledSobol32_t * state)`

Return 32-bits of quasirandomness from the scrambled Sobol32 generator in `state`, increment position of generator by one.

**Parameters:**

*state* - Pointer to state to update

**Returns:**

32-bits of quasirandomness as an unsigned int, all bits valid to use.

`__device__ unsigned int curand (curandStateSobol32_t * state)`

Return 32-bits of quasirandomness from the Sobol32 generator in `state`, increment position of generator by one.

**Parameters:**

*state* - Pointer to state to update

**Returns:**

32-bits of quasirandomness as an unsigned int, all bits valid to use.

`__device__ unsigned int curand (curandStateXORWOW_t * state)`

Return 32-bits of pseudorandomness from the XORWOW generator in `state`, increment position of generator by one.

**Parameters:**

*state* - Pointer to state to update

### Returns:

32-bits of pseudorandomness as an unsigned int, all bits valid to use.

```
__device__ void curand_init (curandDirectionVectors64_t  
direction_vectors, unsigned long long scramble_c, unsigned long long offset,  
curandStateScrambledSobol64_t * state)
```

Initialize Sobol64 state in `state` with the given `direction vectors` and `offset`.

The direction vector is a device pointer to an array of 64 unsigned long longs. All input values of `offset` are legal.

### Parameters:

***direction\_vectors*** - Pointer to array of 64 unsigned long longs representing the direction vectors for the desired dimension

***scramble\_c*** Scramble constant

***offset*** - Absolute offset into sequence

***state*** - Pointer to state to initialize

```
__device__ void curand_init (curandDirectionVectors64_t  
direction_vectors, unsigned long long offset, curandStateSobol64_t * state)
```

Initialize Sobol64 state in `state` with the given `direction vectors` and `offset`.

The direction vector is a device pointer to an array of 64 unsigned long longs. All input values of `offset` are legal.

### Parameters:

***direction\_vectors*** - Pointer to array of 64 unsigned long longs representing the direction vectors for the desired dimension

***offset*** - Absolute offset into sequence

***state*** - Pointer to state to initialize

```
__device__ void curand_init (curandDirectionVectors32_t  
direction_vectors, unsigned int scramble_c, unsigned int offset,  
curandStateScrambledSobol32_t * state)
```

Initialize Sobol32 state in `state` with the given `direction vectors` and `offset`.

The direction vector is a device pointer to an array of 32 unsigned ints. All input values of `offset` are legal.

**Parameters:**

- direction\_vectors*** - Pointer to array of 32 unsigned ints representing the direction vectors for the desired dimension
- scramble\_c*** Scramble constant
- offset*** - Absolute offset into sequence
- state*** - Pointer to state to initialize

```
__device__ void curand_init (curandDirectionVectors32_t  
direction_vectors, unsigned int offset, curandStateSobol32_t * state)
```

Initialize Sobol32 state in **state** with the given **direction\_vectors** and **offset**.

The direction vector is a device pointer to an array of 32 unsigned ints. All input values of **offset** are legal.

**Parameters:**

- direction\_vectors*** - Pointer to array of 32 unsigned ints representing the direction vectors for the desired dimension
- offset*** - Absolute offset into sequence
- state*** - Pointer to state to initialize

```
__device__ void curand_init (unsigned long long seed, unsigned long long  
subsequence, unsigned long long offset, curandStateXORWOW_t * state)
```

Initialize XORWOW state in **state** with the given **seed**, **subsequence**, and **offset**.

All input values of **seed**, **subsequence**, and **offset** are legal. Large values for **subsequence** and **offset** require more computation and so will take more time to complete.

A value of 0 for **seed** sets the state to the values of the original published version of the xorwow algorithm.

**Parameters:**

- seed*** - Arbitrary bits to use as a seed
- subsequence*** - Subsequence to start at
- offset*** - Absolute offset into sequence
- state*** - Pointer to state to initialize

**\_\_device\_\_ float curand\_log\_normal (curandStateScrambledSobol64\_t \* state, float mean, float stddev)**

Return a single log-normally distributed float derived from a normal distribution with mean **mean** and standard deviation **stddev** from the scrambled Sobol64 generator in **state**, increment position of generator by one.

The implementation uses the inverse cumulative distribution function to generate normally distributed results, then converts to log-normal distribution.

**Parameters:**

**state** - Pointer to state to update

**mean** - Mean of the related normal distribution

**stddev** - Standard deviation of the related normal distribution

**Returns:**

Log-normally distributed float with mean **mean** and standard deviation **stddev**

**\_\_device\_\_ float curand\_log\_normal (curandStateSobol64\_t \* state, float mean, float stddev)**

Return a single log-normally distributed float derived from a normal distribution with mean **mean** and standard deviation **stddev** from the Sobol64 generator in **state**, increment position of generator by one.

The implementation uses the inverse cumulative distribution function to generate normally distributed results, then converts to log-normal distribution.

**Parameters:**

**state** - Pointer to state to update

**mean** - Mean of the related normal distribution

**stddev** - Standard deviation of the related normal distribution

**Returns:**

Log-normally distributed float with mean **mean** and standard deviation **stddev**

**\_\_device\_\_ float curand\_log\_normal (curandStateScrambledSobol32\_t \* state, float mean, float stddev)**

Return a single log-normally distributed float derived from a normal distribution with mean **mean** and standard deviation **stddev** from the scrambled Sobol32 generator in **state**, increment position of generator by one.

The implementation uses the inverse cumulative distribution function to generate a normally distributed result, then transforms the result to log-normal.

**Parameters:**

- state* - Pointer to state to update
- mean* - Mean of the related normal distribution
- stddev* - Standard deviation of the related normal distribution

**Returns:**

Log-normally distributed float with mean *mean* and standard deviation *stddev*

`__device__ float curand_log_normal (curandStateSobol32 __t * state, float mean, float stddev)`

Return a single log-normally distributed float derived from a normal distribution with mean *mean* and standard deviation *stddev* from the Sobol32 generator in *state*, increment position of generator by one.

The implementation uses the inverse cumulative distribution function to generate a normally distributed result, then transforms the result to log-normal.

**Parameters:**

- state* - Pointer to state to update
- mean* - Mean of the related normal distribution
- stddev* - Standard deviation of the related normal distribution

**Returns:**

Log-normally distributed float with mean *mean* and standard deviation *stddev*

`__device__ float curand_log_normal (curandStateXORWOW __t * state, float mean, float stddev)`

Return a single log-normally distributed float derived from a normal distribution with mean *mean* and standard deviation *stddev* from the XORWOW generator in *state*, increment position of generator by one.

The implementation uses a Box-Muller transform to generate two normally distributed results, transforms them to log-normal distribution, then returns them one at a time. See [curand\\_log\\_normal2\(\)](#) for a more efficient version that returns both results at once.

**Parameters:**

- state* - Pointer to state to update
- mean* - Mean of the related normal distribution

*stddev* - Standard deviation of the related normal distribution

**Returns:**

Log-normally distributed float with mean *mean* and standard deviation *stddev*

`__device__ float2 curand_log_normal2 (curandStateXORWOW_t * state, float mean, float stddev)`

Return two log-normally distributed floats derived from a normal distribution with mean *mean* and standard deviation *stddev* from the XORWOW generator in *state*, increment position of generator by two.

The implementation uses a Box-Muller transform to generate two normally distributed results, then transforms them to log-normal.

**Parameters:**

*state* - Pointer to state to update

*mean* - Mean of the related normal distribution

*stddev* - Standard deviation of the related normal distribution

**Returns:**

Log-normally distributed float2 where each element is from a distribution with mean *mean* and standard deviation *stddev*

`__device__ double2 curand_log_normal2_double (curandStateXORWOW_t * state, double mean, double stddev)`

Return two log-normally distributed doubles derived from a normal distribution with mean *mean* and standard deviation *stddev* from the XORWOW generator in *state*, increment position of generator by two.

The implementation uses a Box-Muller transform to generate two normally distributed results, and transforms them to log-normal distribution,.

**Parameters:**

*state* - Pointer to state to update

*mean* - Mean of the related normal distribution

*stddev* - Standard deviation of the related normal distribution

**Returns:**

Log-normally distributed double2 where each element is from a distribution with mean *mean* and standard deviation *stddev*

### `__device__ double curand_log_normal_double (curandStateScrambled-Sobol64_t * state, double mean, double stddev)`

Return a single normally distributed double derived from a normal distribution with mean `mean` and standard deviation `stddev` from the scrambled Sobol64 generator in `state`, increment position of generator by one.

The implementation uses the inverse cumulative distribution function to generate normally distributed results.

#### **Parameters:**

*state* - Pointer to state to update

*mean* - Mean of the related normal distribution

*stddev* - Standard deviation of the related normal distribution

#### **Returns:**

Log-normally distributed double with mean `mean` and standard deviation `stddev`

### `__device__ double curand_log_normal_double (curandStateSobol64_t * state, double mean, double stddev)`

Return a single normally distributed double derived from a normal distribution with mean `mean` and standard deviation `stddev` from the Sobol64 generator in `state`, increment position of generator by one.

The implementation uses the inverse cumulative distribution function to generate normally distributed results.

#### **Parameters:**

*state* - Pointer to state to update

*mean* - Mean of the related normal distribution

*stddev* - Standard deviation of the related normal distribution

#### **Returns:**

Log-normally distributed double with mean `mean` and standard deviation `stddev`

### `__device__ double curand_log_normal_double (curandStateScrambled-Sobol32_t * state, double mean, double stddev)`

Return a single log-normally distributed double derived from a normal distribution with mean `mean` and standard deviation `stddev` from the scrambled Sobol32 generator in `state`, increment position of generator by one.

The implementation uses the inverse cumulative distribution function to generate normally distributed results, and transforms them into log-normal distribution.

**Parameters:**

- state* - Pointer to state to update
- mean* - Mean of the related normal distribution
- stddev* - Standard deviation of the related normal distribution

**Returns:**

Log-normally distributed double with mean *mean* and standard deviation *stddev*

**`__device__ double curand_log_normal_double (curandStateSobol32_t * state, double mean, double stddev)`**

Return a single log-normally distributed double derived from a normal distribution with mean *mean* and standard deviation *stddev* from the Sobol32 generator in *state*, increment position of generator by one.

The implementation uses the inverse cumulative distribution function to generate normally distributed results, and transforms them into log-normal distribution.

**Parameters:**

- state* - Pointer to state to update
- mean* - Mean of the related normal distribution
- stddev* - Standard deviation of the related normal distribution

**Returns:**

Log-normally distributed double with mean *mean* and standard deviation *stddev*

**`__device__ double curand_log_normal_double (curandStateXORWOW_t * state, double mean, double stddev)`**

Return a single normally distributed double derived from a normal distribution with mean *mean* and standard deviation *stddev* from the XORWOW generator in *state*, increment position of generator.

The implementation uses a Box-Muller transform to generate two normally distributed results, transforms them to log-normal distribution, then returns them one at a time. See [curand\\_log\\_normal2\\_double\(\)](#) for a more efficient version that returns both results at once.

**Parameters:**

- state* - Pointer to state to update
- mean* - Mean of the related normal distribution
- stddev* - Standard deviation of the related normal distribution

**Returns:**

Log-normally distributed double with mean `mean` and standard deviation `stddev`

`__device__ float curand_normal (curandStateScrambledSobol64_t * state)`

Return a single normally distributed float with mean `0.0f` and standard deviation `1.0f` from the scrambled Sobol64 generator in `state`, increment position of generator by one.

The implementation uses the inverse cumulative distribution function to generate normally distributed results.

**Parameters:**

`state` - Pointer to state to update

**Returns:**

Normally distributed float with mean `0.0f` and standard deviation `1.0f`

`__device__ float curand_normal (curandStateSobol64_t * state)`

Return a single normally distributed float with mean `0.0f` and standard deviation `1.0f` from the Sobol64 generator in `state`, increment position of generator by one.

The implementation uses the inverse cumulative distribution function to generate normally distributed results.

**Parameters:**

`state` - Pointer to state to update

**Returns:**

Normally distributed float with mean `0.0f` and standard deviation `1.0f`

`__device__ float curand_normal (curandStateScrambledSobol32_t * state)`

Return a single normally distributed float with mean `0.0f` and standard deviation `1.0f` from the scrambled Sobol32 generator in `state`, increment position of generator by one.

The implementation uses the inverse cumulative distribution function to generate normally distributed results.

**Parameters:**

`state` - Pointer to state to update

**Returns:**

Normally distributed float with mean 0.0f and standard deviation 1.0f

`__device__ float curand_normal (curandStateSobol32_t * state)`

Return a single normally distributed float with mean 0.0f and standard deviation 1.0f from the Sobol32 generator in `state`, increment position of generator by one.

The implementation uses the inverse cumulative distribution function to generate normally distributed results.

**Parameters:**

`state` - Pointer to state to update

**Returns:**

Normally distributed float with mean 0.0f and standard deviation 1.0f

`__device__ float curand_normal (curandStateXORWOW_t * state)`

Return a single normally distributed float with mean 0.0f and standard deviation 1.0f from the XORWOW generator in `state`, increment position of generator by one.

The implementation uses a Box-Muller transform to generate two normally distributed results, then returns them one at a time. See [curand\\_normal2\(\)](#) for a more efficient version that returns both results at once.

**Parameters:**

`state` - Pointer to state to update

**Returns:**

Normally distributed float with mean 0.0f and standard deviation 1.0f

`__device__ float2 curand_normal2 (curandStateXORWOW_t * state)`

Return two normally distributed floats with mean 0.0f and standard deviation 1.0f from the XORWOW generator in `state`, increment position of generator by two.

The implementation uses a Box-Muller transform to generate two normally distributed results.

**Parameters:**

`state` - Pointer to state to update

**Returns:**

Normally distributed float2 where each element is from a distribution with mean 0.0f and standard deviation 1.0f

**\_\_device\_\_ double2 curand\_normal2\_double (curandStateXORWOW\_t \* state)**

Return two normally distributed doubles with mean 0.0 and standard deviation 1.0 from the XORWOW generator in *state*, increment position of generator.

The implementation uses a Box-Muller transform to generate two normally distributed results.

**Parameters:**

*state* - Pointer to state to update

**Returns:**

Normally distributed double2 where each element is from a distribution with mean 0.0 and standard deviation 1.0

**\_\_device\_\_ double curand\_normal\_double (curandStateScrambledSobol64\_t \* state)**

Return a single normally distributed double with mean 0.0 and standard deviation 1.0 from the scrambled Sobol64 generator in *state*, increment position of generator by one.

The implementation uses the inverse cumulative distribution function to generate normally distributed results.

**Parameters:**

*state* - Pointer to state to update

**Returns:**

Normally distributed double with mean 0.0 and standard deviation 1.0

**\_\_device\_\_ double curand\_normal\_double (curandStateSobol64\_t \* state)**

Return a single normally distributed double with mean 0.0 and standard deviation 1.0 from the Sobol64 generator in *state*, increment position of generator by one.

The implementation uses the inverse cumulative distribution function to generate normally distributed results.

**Parameters:**

*state* - Pointer to state to update

**Returns:**

Normally distributed double with mean 0.0 and standard deviation 1.0

**`__device__ double curand_normal_double (curandStateScrambledSobol32_t * state)`**

Return a single normally distributed double with mean 0.0 and standard deviation 1.0 from the scrambled Sobol32 generator in *state*, increment position of generator by one.

The implementation uses the inverse cumulative distribution function to generate normally distributed results.

**Parameters:**

*state* - Pointer to state to update

**Returns:**

Normally distributed double with mean 0.0 and standard deviation 1.0

**`__device__ double curand_normal_double (curandStateSobol32_t * state)`**

Return a single normally distributed double with mean 0.0 and standard deviation 1.0 from the Sobol32 generator in *state*, increment position of generator by one.

The implementation uses the inverse cumulative distribution function to generate normally distributed results.

**Parameters:**

*state* - Pointer to state to update

**Returns:**

Normally distributed double with mean 0.0 and standard deviation 1.0

**`__device__ double curand_normal_double (curandStateXORWOW_t * state)`**

Return a single normally distributed double with mean 0.0 and standard deviation 1.0 from the XORWOW generator in *state*, increment position of generator.

The implementation uses a Box-Muller transform to generate two normally distributed results, then returns them one at a time. See [curand\\_normal2\\_double\(\)](#) for a more efficient version that returns both results at once.

**Parameters:**

*state* - Pointer to state to update

**Returns:**

Normally distributed double with mean 0.0 and standard deviation 1.0

`__device__ float curand_uniform (curandStateScrambledSobol64_t * state)`

Return a uniformly distributed float between 0.0f and 1.0f from the scrambled Sobol64 generator in *state*, increment position of generator. Output range excludes 0.0f but includes 1.0f. Denormalized floating point outputs are never returned.

The implementation is guaranteed to use a single call to `curand()`.

**Parameters:**

*state* - Pointer to state to update

**Returns:**

uniformly distributed float between 0.0f and 1.0f

`__device__ float curand_uniform (curandStateSobol64_t * state)`

Return a uniformly distributed float between 0.0f and 1.0f from the Sobol64 generator in *state*, increment position of generator. Output range excludes 0.0f but includes 1.0f. Denormalized floating point outputs are never returned.

The implementation is guaranteed to use a single call to `curand()`.

**Parameters:**

*state* - Pointer to state to update

**Returns:**

uniformly distributed float between 0.0f and 1.0f

`__device__ float curand_uniform (curandStateScrambledSobol32_t * state)`

Return a uniformly distributed float between 0.0f and 1.0f from the scrambled Sobol32 generator in *state*, increment position of generator. Output range excludes 0.0f but includes 1.0f. Denormalized floating point outputs are never returned.

The implementation is guaranteed to use a single call to `curand()`.

**Parameters:**

*state* - Pointer to state to update

**Returns:**

uniformly distributed float between 0.0f and 1.0f

**\_\_device\_\_ float curand\_uniform (curandStateSobol32\_t \* state)**

Return a uniformly distributed float between 0.0f and 1.0f from the Sobol32 generator in *state*, increment position of generator. Output range excludes 0.0f but includes 1.0f. Denormalized floating point outputs are never returned.

The implementation is guaranteed to use a single call to `curand()`.

**Parameters:**

*state* - Pointer to state to update

**Returns:**

uniformly distributed float between 0.0f and 1.0f

**\_\_device\_\_ float curand\_uniform (curandStateXORWOW\_t \* state)**

Return a uniformly distributed float between 0.0f and 1.0f from the XORWOW generator in *state*, increment position of generator. Output range excludes 0.0f but includes 1.0f. Denormalized floating point outputs are never returned.

The implementation may use any number of calls to `curand()` to get enough random bits to create the return value. The current implementation uses one call.

**Parameters:**

*state* - Pointer to state to update

**Returns:**

uniformly distributed float between 0.0f and 1.0f

**\_\_device\_\_ double curand\_uniform\_double (curandStateScrambled-Sobol64\_t \* state)**

Return a uniformly distributed double between 0.0 and 1.0 from the scrambled Sobol64 generator in *state*, increment position of generator. Output range excludes 0.0 but includes 1.0. Denormalized floating point outputs are never returned.

The implementation is guaranteed to use a single call to `curand()` to preserve the quasirandom properties of the sequence.

**Parameters:**

*state* - Pointer to state to update

**Returns:**

uniformly distributed double between 0.0 and 1.0

`__device__ double curand_uniform_double (curandStateSobol64_t * state)`

Return a uniformly distributed double between 0.0 and 1.0 from the Sobol64 generator in *state*, increment position of generator. Output range excludes 0.0 but includes 1.0. Denormalized floating point outputs are never returned.

The implementation is guaranteed to use a single call to `curand()` to preserve the quasirandom properties of the sequence.

**Parameters:**

*state* - Pointer to state to update

**Returns:**

uniformly distributed double between 0.0 and 1.0

`__device__ double curand_uniform_double (curandStateScrambledSobol32_t * state)`

Return a uniformly distributed double between 0.0 and 1.0 from the scrambled Sobol32 generator in *state*, increment position of generator. Output range excludes 0.0 but includes 1.0. Denormalized floating point outputs are never returned.

The implementation is guaranteed to use a single call to `curand()` to preserve the quasirandom properties of the sequence.

**Parameters:**

*state* - Pointer to state to update

**Returns:**

uniformly distributed double between 0.0 and 1.0

`__device__ double curand_uniform_double (curandStateSobol32_t * state)`

Return a uniformly distributed double between 0.0 and 1.0 from the Sobol32 generator in *state*, increment position of generator. Output range excludes 0.0 but includes 1.0. Denormalized floating point outputs are never returned.

The implementation is guaranteed to use a single call to `curand()` to preserve the quasirandom properties of the sequence.

**Parameters:**

*state* - Pointer to state to update

**Returns:**

uniformly distributed double between 0.0 and 1.0

```
__device__ double curand_uniform_double (curandStateXORWOW_t *  
state)
```

Return a uniformly distributed double between 0.0 and 1.0 from the XORWOW generator in *state*, increment position of generator. Output range excludes 0.0 but includes 1.0. Denormalized floating point outputs are never returned.

The implementation may use any number of calls to `curand()` to get enough random bits to create the return value. The current implementation uses exactly two calls.

**Parameters:**

*state* - Pointer to state to update

**Returns:**

uniformly distributed double between 0.0 and 1.0

```
template<typename T > __device__ void skipahead (unsigned long long n, T state)
```

Update the Sobol64 state in *state* to skip ahead *n* elements.

All values of *n* are valid.

**Parameters:**

*n* - Number of elements to skip

*state* - Pointer to state to update

```
template<typename T > __device__ void skipahead (unsigned int n, T state)
```

Update the Sobol32 state in *state* to skip ahead *n* elements.

All values of *n* are valid.

**Parameters:**

*n* - Number of elements to skip

*state* - Pointer to state to update

`__device__ void skipahead (unsigned long long n, curandStateXORWOW_t * state)`

Update the XORWOW state in `state` to skip ahead `n` elements.

All values of `n` are valid. Large values require more computation and so will take more time to complete.

**Parameters:**

`n` - Number of elements to skip

`state` - Pointer to state to update

`__device__ void skipahead_sequence (unsigned long long n, curandStateXORWOW_t * state)`

Update the XORWOW state in `state` to skip ahead `n` subsequences. Each subsequence is  $2^{67}$  elements long, so this means the function will skip ahead  $2^{67} \cdot n$  elements.

All values of `n` are valid. Large values require more computation and so will take more time to complete.

**Parameters:**

`n` - Number of subsequences to skip

`state` - Pointer to state to update

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