
Evaluating Entropy Source Testing Tool
Implementation of NIST SP800-90B
Min-entropy Estimation Framework

Random Bit Generation Workshop
December 5-6 2012

Evaluating Entropy Source Testing Tool (est)

- Developed by Australian Defence Signals Directorate
 - Implements 800-90B statistical tests
 - C code, developed under linux
 - command line application
-

Evaluation

- Mapping of files and functions to sections of the standard
 - Code review of routines
 - Comparison of test results with internal python implementation
-

**Determining if the data is IID:
Shuffling Tests on Independence and Stability
800-90B Section 9.1.2**

800-90B section	est function(s)	est file(s)
9.1.2.1 Compression Score	iid_compression()	iid_compression.c
9.1.2.2 Over/Under Runs Scores	iid_over_under_run()	iid_over_under_run.c
9.1.2.3 Excursion Score	iid_excursion()	iid_excursion.c
9.1.2.4 Directional Runs Scores	iid_derivative()	iid_derivative.c
9.1.2.5 Covariance Score	iid_covariance()	iid_covariance.c
9.1.2.6 Collision Score	iid_collision()	iid_collision.c

Determining if the data is IID:

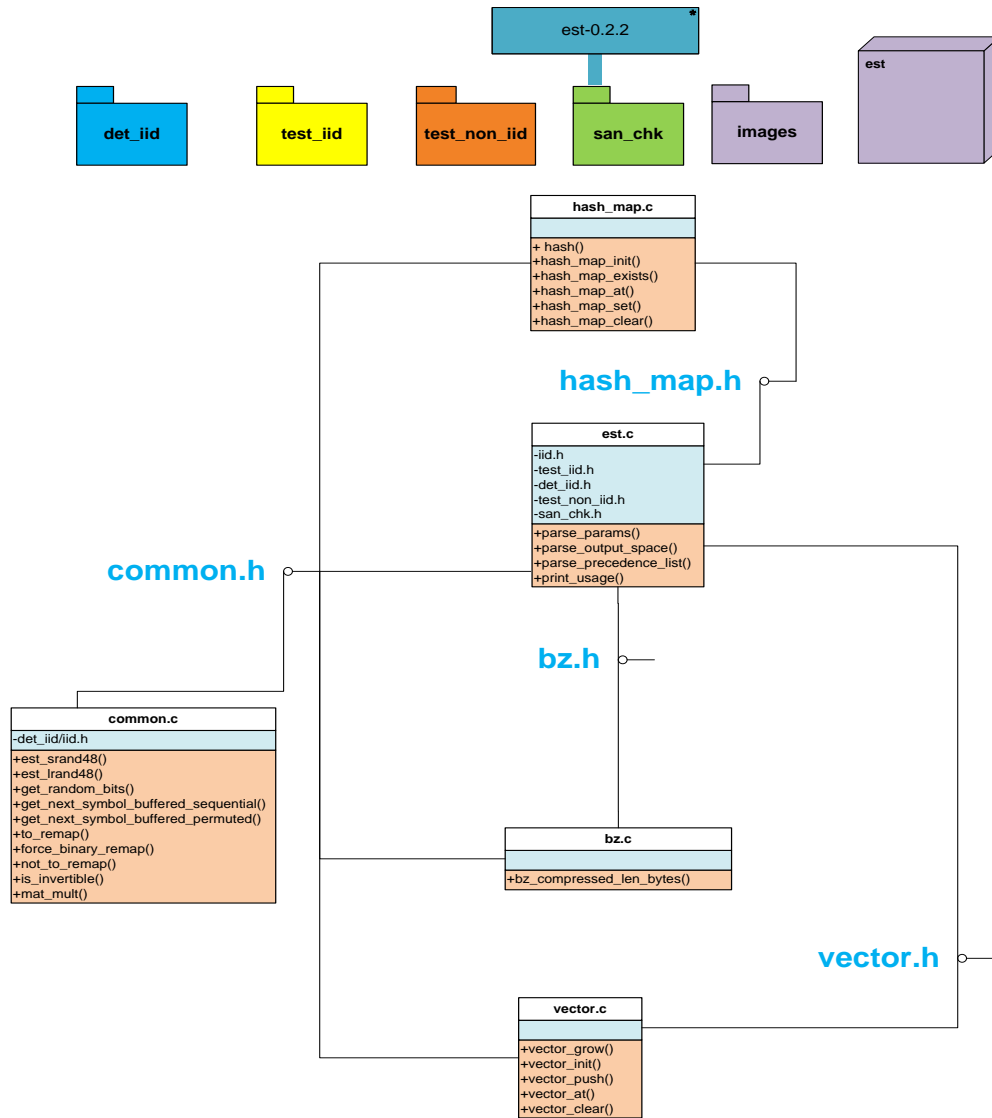
Specific Statistical Tests – 800-90B Section 9.1.3

800-90B section	est functions(s)	est file(s)
9.1.3.1 Chi-Square Test	iid_chi_square_tests()	iid_chi.h, iid_driver.c
9.1.3.1.1 Independence test for non-binary data	iid_chi_nb_indep()	iid_chi_nb.c
9.1.3.1.2 Test for Goodness of Fit for Non-Binary Data	iid_chi_nb_fit()	iid_chi_nb.c
9.1.3.1.3 Testing Independence for Binary Data	iid_chi_bin_indep ()	iid_chi_nb.c
9.1.3.1.4 Testing for Stability of Distribution in Binary Data	iid_chi_bin_stab ()	iid_chi_nb.c

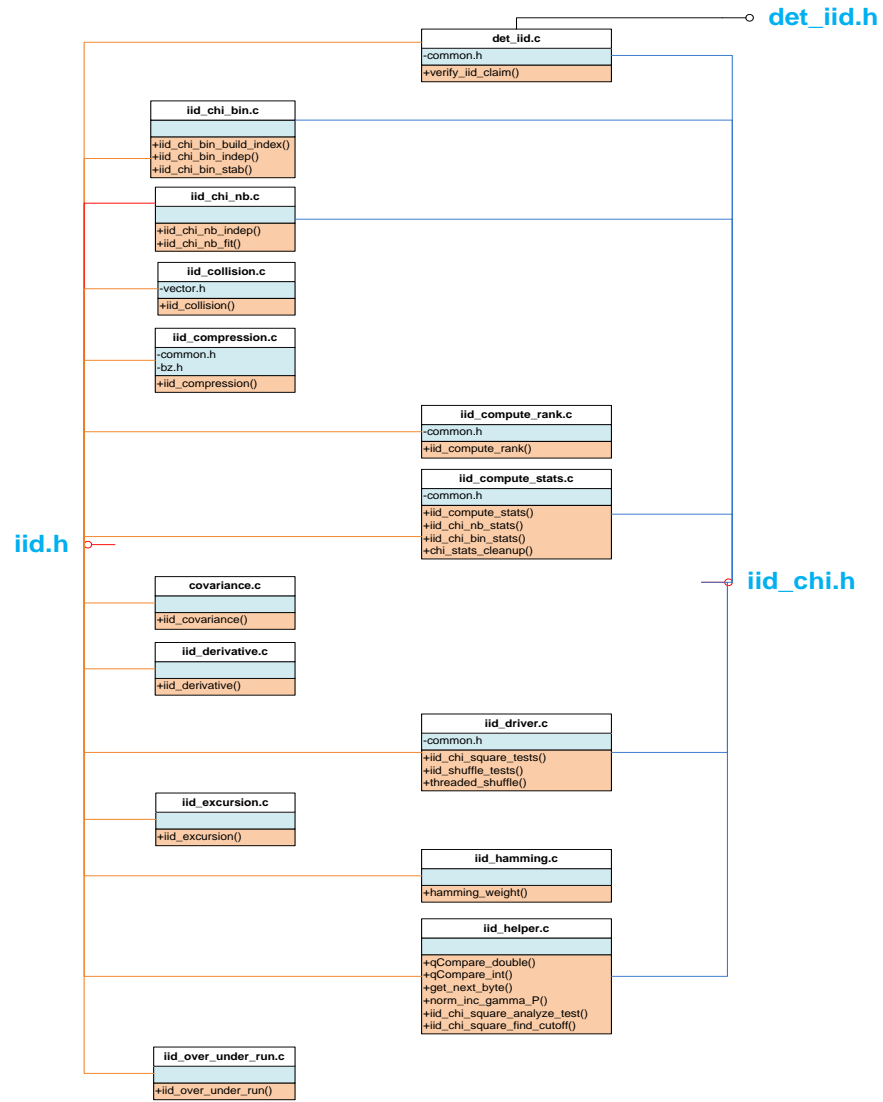
Specific Statistical Tests – 800-90B Section 9.2, 9.3, 9.10

800-90B section	est function(s)	est file(s)
Estimating the Min_Entropy of IID Sources- 800-90B Section 9.2		
9.2 Estimating the Min_Entropy of IID Sources	the_test()	test_iid.h, the_test.c
Estimating the Min_Entropy of non-IID Sources- 800-90B Section 9.3		
9.3.3 The Collision Test	collision_test()	collision_test.c
9.3.4 The Partial Collection Test	partial_collection_test()	partial_collection_test.c
9.3.5 The Markov Test	markov_test()	markov_test.c, test_non_iid.c
9.3.6 The Compression Test	compression_test()	compression_test.c
9.3.7 The Frequency Test	frequency_test()	frequency_test.c
Sanity Checks against Entropy Estimates – 800-90B Section 10		
10.1 Compression Sanity Check	compression_chk()	san_chk.h, compression_chk.c
10.2 Collision Sanity Check	collision_chk()	san_chk.h, collision_chk.c

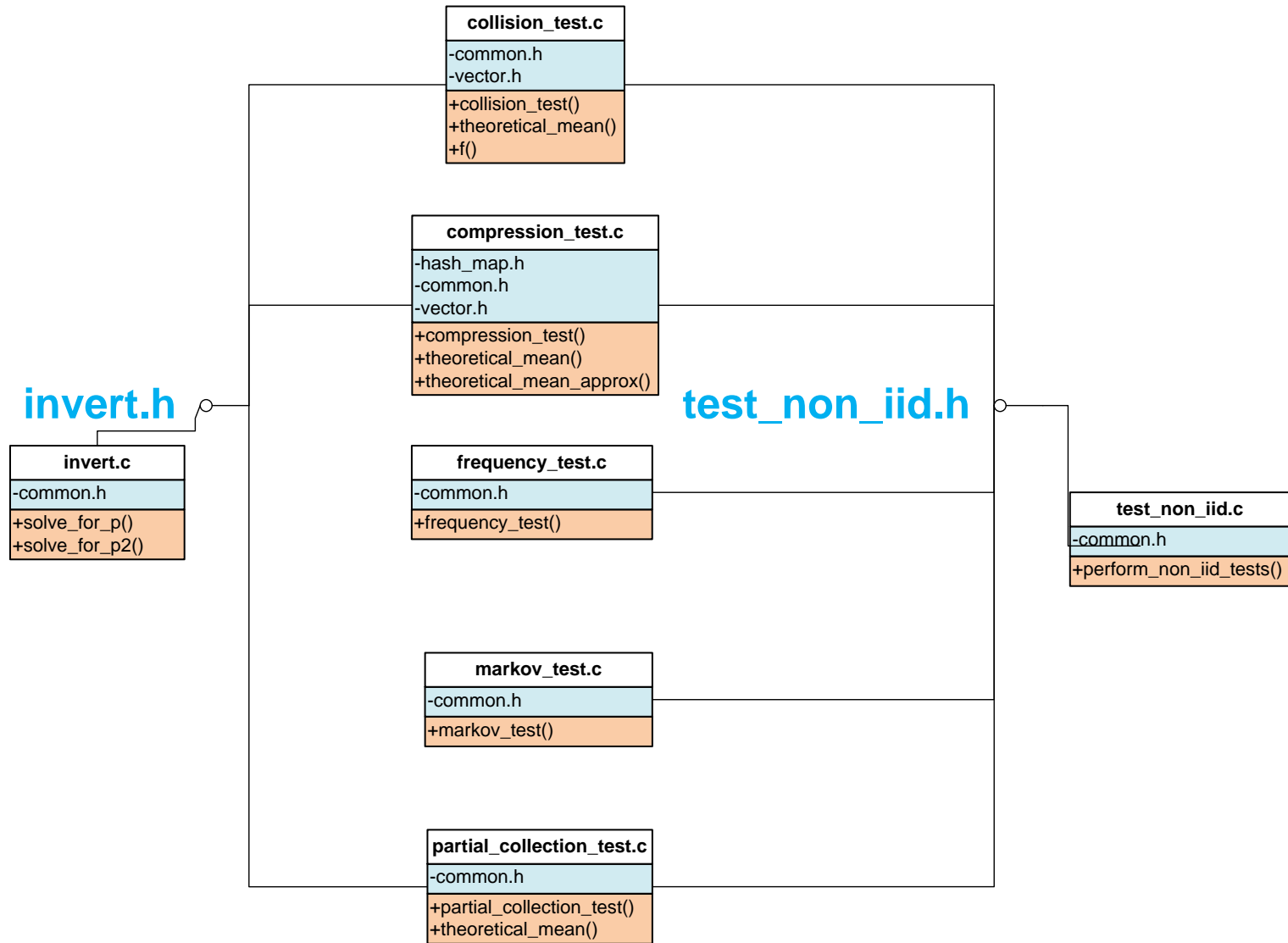
est overview



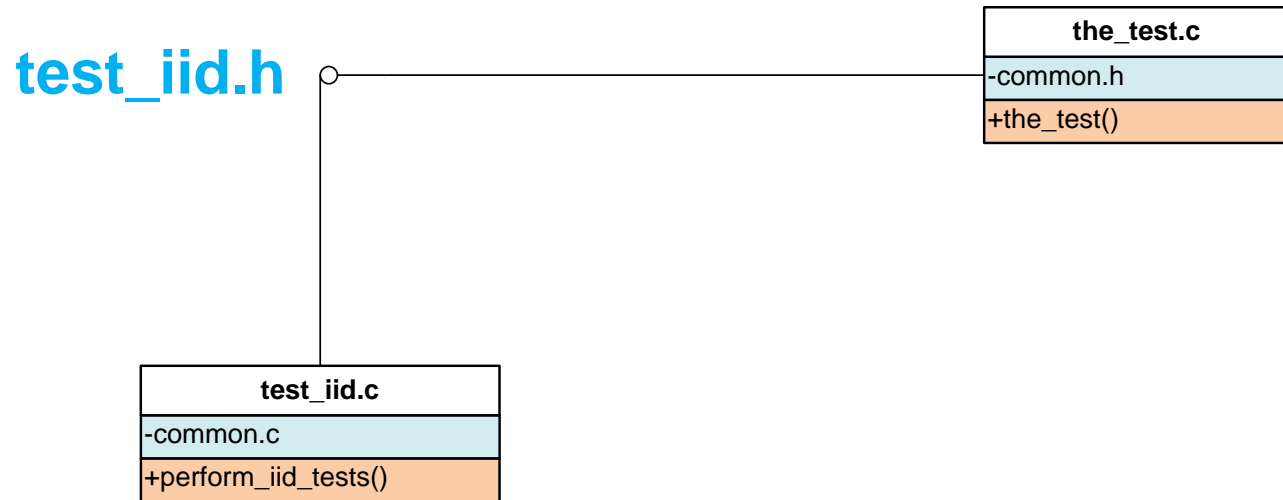
det_iid



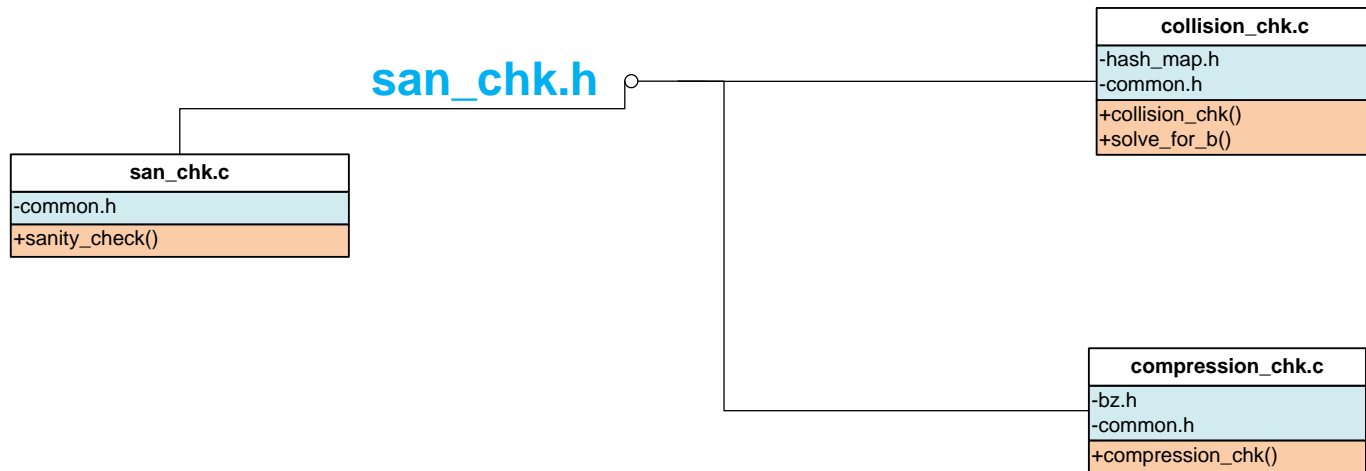
test non-iid



test iid



san_chk



Comparison with internal implementation

```
# Partial collection test in Draft NIST SP 800-90B (Aug 2012), Section 9.3.4.3
def partial_collection_test(dataset, n):
    # 1. Consider dataset as v non-overlapping data subsets of length n, where
    #     n is the size of the output space
    # 2. Count the number of distinct values seen in each data subset (Ti)
    # 3. Repeat Step 2 until end of dataset is reached. If a minimum of 500
    #     events have not been observed ... (NOTE: not checked here)
    v = len(dataset) // n
    counts = [len(set(dataset[i:i+n])) for i in range(0, v*n, n)]

    # 4. Calculate the sample mean, mu, and the sample std dev, sigma
    mu = sum(counts) / v

    sigma = sum([Ti * Ti for Ti in counts]) / v - (mu * mu)
    sigma = math.sqrt(sigma)

    # 5. Lower bound of confidence interval for the mean
    mu_bar = mu - (1.96 * sigma)/math.sqrt(v)

    # 6. Define one-parameter family of prob distributions...
    # 7. Solve for p s.t. E{Ti} equals mu_bar
    p = solve_for_p(mu_bar, n)

    # 8. The min-entropy is negative log base 2 of p
    min_entropy = -math.log(p, 2.0)

    return p, min_entropy
```

est run on non-iid data

```
[thall@csd bin]$ ./est -v -s 3 -o 2,4,8 -p 1,2,3 -d ../test_data/noniid_3bit.bin -t 20  
Performing entropy analysis on 1000000 3-bit symbols from ../test_data/noniid_3bit.bin
```

```
Running non-i.i.d. source specific tests ... done
```

```
Running sanity checks over min-entropy estimate (1.299970) ... accepted
```

```
Non-i.i.d Min-Entropy Estimation Test Results:
```

```
Collision test           1.299970 bits per symbol (from a maximum of 3 bits)  
Partial collection test  1.753737 bits per symbol (from a maximum of 3 bits)  
Markov test             1.634499 bits per symbol (from a maximum of 3 bits)  
Compression test       1.667351 bits per symbol (from a maximum of 3 bits)  
Frequency test         2.310948 bits per symbol (from a maximum of 3 bits)
```

```
Sanity Check Results:
```

```
Compression test           passed - (285816 bits, 286344 bits, 286520 bits,  
286376 bits, 286664 bits, 285992 bits, 285944 bits, 286856 bits, 286928 bits, 286752 bits)  
Collision test             passed - (0 23-symbol values with a count of 3 or  
more, 0 colliding 23-symbol values in total)
```

```
Final min-entropy is 1.299970 bits per 3-bit symbol.
```

```
Tests took 1 second.
```

est run on iid data

```
[thall@csd bin]$ ./est -v -s 3 -o 2,4,8 -p 1,2,3 -d ../test_data/truerand_3bit.bin -i -t 20
Performing entropy analysis on 1000000 3-bit symbols from ../test_data/truerand_3bit.bin

Entropy source claimed as i.i.d. ... confirmed

Running i.i.d. source specific tests ... done

Running sanity checks over min-entropy estimate (2.988550) ... accepted

i.i.d. Determination Results:
Compression score           passed (3-bit symbols not remapped) - ranks=((676), (105), (952), (127), (562), (8),
(85), (168), (376), (227))
Over/under runs scores     passed (3-bit symbols not remapped) - ranks=((378, 811), (202, 819), (220, 647),
(52, 753), (500, 23), (590, 19), (500, 807), (366, 667), (958, 157), (606, 733))
Excursion score           passed (3-bit symbols not remapped) - ranks=((647), (341), (757), (285), (310), (6),
(585), (246), (542), (272))
Directional runs scores   passed (3-bit symbols not remapped) - ranks=((366, 500, 85), (393, 240, 666), (373,
947, 819), (635, 500, 528), (241, 500, 566), (10, 260, 319), (14, 790, 733), (7, 251, 79), (8, 500, 275), (132, 241,
798))
Covariance score          passed (3-bit symbols not remapped) - ranks=((86), (252), (267), (211), (565),
(228), (449), (640), (543), (239))
Collision scores           passed (3-bit symbols not remapped) - ranks=((500, 23, 500), (500, 21, 500), (500,
31, 500), (500, 650, 500), (500, 747, 500), (500, 13, 500), (500, 8, 500), (500, 452, 500), (500, 447, 500), (500, 487,
500))
Chi-square independence test passed (3-bit symbols not remapped) - pval=4.796842e-01
Chi-square goodness of fit test passed (3-bit symbols not remapped) - pval=9.863165e-01

i.i.d Min-Entropy Estimation Test Results:
The test                   2.988550 bits per symbol (from a maximum of 3 bits)

Sanity Check Results:
Compression test          passed - (311592 bits, 311192 bits, 311328 bits, 311608 bits, 311184 bits, 311448
bits, 311328 bits, 311560 bits, 311424 bits, 311336 bits)
Collision test            passed - (0 11-symbol values with a count of 3 or more, 0 colliding 11-symbol values
in total)

Final min-entropy is 2.988550 bits per 3-bit symbol.

Tests took 12 minutes and 5 seconds.
```

(Likely) Future Plans

- Continue evaluation as 800-90B nears publication
 - Port to Windows to match our other tools
 - Develop GUI for ease of use and to assist with reporting requirements
-

Questions and Discussion

Contact:
tim.hall@nist.gov
