

Nonlinear Feedback Shift Registers With Maximal Period

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Basic Definitions

Let S be the set of functions in $\mathbb{F}[x_1, \dots, x_n] / \langle x_1^2 + x_1, \dots, x_n^2 + x_n \rangle$.

Let L be the subset of all linear polynomials in S .

A given $f(x_0, \dots, x_n) = F(x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}) + x_n$ in S generates an infinite binary sequence $a = (a(0)a(1)\dots)$ satisfying

$$f(a(k), a(k+1), \dots, a(k+n)) = 0, \text{ for } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

and initial condition on $a(0), \dots, a(n-1)$

The period of a is denoted by $p(a)$.

The set of all sequences generated by f is denoted by $\Omega(f)$.

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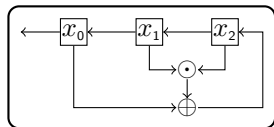


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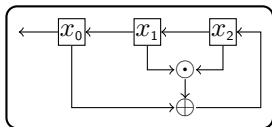


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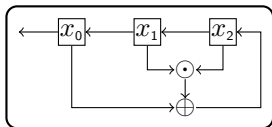


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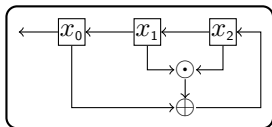


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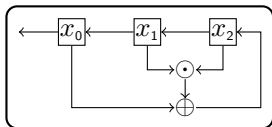


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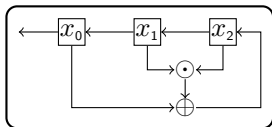


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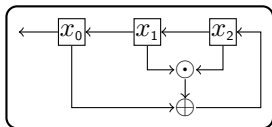


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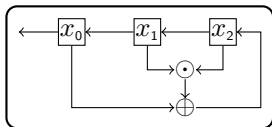


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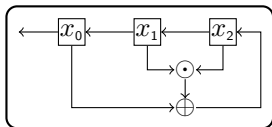


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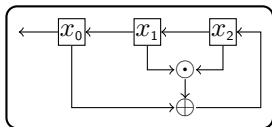


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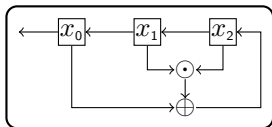


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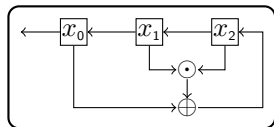


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0	001
0	010
1	100
0	001

$$\Omega(g) = \{a_1, a_2, a_3\}$$

Basic Definitions

The sequence is called M -sequence if the period equals 2^n .

f generates a periodic sequence iff f is nonsingular

$$f(x_0, \dots, x_n) = x_0 + F(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) + x_n.$$

If F is linear then f is also linear of the form

$$f(x_0, \dots, x_n) = x_0 + c_1x_1 + \dots + c_{n-1}x_{n-1} + x_n.$$

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Nonlinear Product And Representation

Suppose $g(x_0, \dots, x_m)$ and $f(x_0, \dots, x_n)$ are polynomials in S . Then the composition $g \circ f$ is presented as

$$g \circ f = g(f(x_0, \dots, x_n), f(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}), \dots, f(x_m, \dots, x_{n+m})).$$

- Note that $g \circ f \neq f \circ g$ in general.
- The composition $g \circ f$ corresponds to cascade connection of the shift register of g to that of f .

Operations With Composition

Three operations: addition (+), multiplication (\cdot) and composition (\circ).

$$(x_i) + (x_j) = (x_i + x_j)$$

$$(x_i) \cdot (x_j) = (x_i)(x_j) = (x_i x_j)$$

$$(x_i) \circ (x_j) = (x_{j+i})$$

Two special cases

$$(x_i) \circ (x_i) = (x_{2i})$$

$$(x_i)(x_i) = (x_i)$$

Distributive properties

$$(x_i) \circ (x_j + x_k) = x_{j+i} + x_{i+k}$$

$$(x_i)(x_j + x_k) = x_i x_j + x_i x_k$$

$$(x_i + x_j) \circ (x_k + x_p) = x_{i+k} + x_{i+p} + x_{k+j} + x_{p+j}$$

Operations With Composition

Nontrivial cases

$$(x_i) \circ (x_j x_k) = x_{i+j} x_{i+k}$$

$$(x_j x_k) \circ (x_i) = x_{i+j} x_{i+k}$$

$$(x_i + x_j) \circ (x_k x_p) = x_{i+k} x_{i+p} + x_{j+k} x_{j+p}$$

$$\begin{aligned}(x_k x_p) \circ (x_i + x_j) &= (x_{k+i} + x_{k+j})(x_{i+p} + x_{j+p}) = \\ &= x_{k+i} x_{i+p} + x_{k+i} x_{j+p} + x_{k+j} x_{i+p} + x_{k+j} x_{j+p}\end{aligned}$$

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$$f = x_0 + x_1$$

$$\begin{aligned}g \circ f &= (x_0 + x_1x_2 + x_3) \circ (x_0 + x_1) = \\&= x_0 + x_1 + (x_1 + x_2)(x_2 + x_3) + x_3 + x_4 = \\&= x_0 + x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_1x_2 + x_1x_3 + x_2x_3 + x_4\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}f \circ g &= (x_0 + x_1) \circ (x_0 + x_1x_2 + x_3) = \\&= x_0 + x_1x_2 + x_3 + x_1 + x_2x_3 + x_4\end{aligned}$$

Periods of Polynomials in S

Shift Operator

Shift operator $\delta^i : S \mapsto S$ is defined by

$$\delta^i f(x_0, \dots, x_n) = f(x_i, \dots, x_{n+i})$$

For $\alpha_i, f \in S$ the polynomial $\sum \alpha_i (\delta^i f)$ is denoted by $P(\delta)f$, where $P(\delta) = \sum \alpha_i \delta^i$.

Order of f

By the order of f , denoted by $ord(f)$, means the highest subscript i for which x_i occurs in f . For $f = 0$ or $f = 1$ the $ord(f)$ equals -1 .

Lemma 1. Division Algorithm

Let $g(x_0, \dots, x_m) \in S$ and $f(x_0, \dots, x_n) = F(x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}) + x_n \in S$; then there exists **unique** $P(\delta) = \sum_{i=0}^{m-n} \alpha_i \delta^i$ with $\alpha_i \in S$, $\text{ord}(\alpha_i) < n + i$ and **unique** $r \in S$ with $r = 0$ or $\text{ord}(r) < n$ such that $g = P(\delta)f + r$.

Note: if $m < n$ then $P(\delta) = 0$.

Let $g(x_0, \dots, x_m) \in S$ and $f(x_0, \dots, x_n) = F(x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}) + x_n$ be arbitrary functions in S , then

$$g = \sum_{i=0}^{m-n} \alpha_i (\delta^i f) + r.$$

Periods of Polynomials in S

If $r = 0$ then $g = P(\delta)f$ and defined by $f||g$.

- If $f||g$ and $g||h$ then $f||h$.
- If $f||g$ then $n = \text{ord}(f) \leq \text{ord}(g) = m$.
- If $g = h \circ f$ then $f||g$. The converse is always true for $f, g \in L$.

Theorem 1

Let $f = F(x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}) + x_n \in S$ and $g = G(x_0, \dots, x_{m-1}) + x_m \in S$; then $f||g$ if and only if $\Omega(f) \subset \Omega(g)$.

Let L_f be linear polynomial in S of smallest order such that $f || L_f$.

Theorem 2

Let f be a nonsingular linear polynomial and $g = x_0 + G(x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}) + x_m \in S$; then $L_{g \circ f} = L_g \circ L_f$.

Periods of Polynomials in S

Theorem 3

Let $f = F(x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}) + x_n \in S$; then there exist a positive integer t such that $f \parallel x_0 + x_t$.

Corollary 1

Let $f = x_0 + F(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) + x_n \in S$; then
 $p(f) = LCM\{p(a) \mid a \in \Omega(f)\}$.

Corollary 2

Let $f = x_0 + F(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) + x_n \in S$; then f generates M -sequence if and only if $p(f) = 2^n$.

If a is $\Omega(f)$, then its i -fold translate

$$\rho^i(a) = (a(i)a(i+1)\cdots),$$

is also in $\Omega(f)$ for $0 \leq i \leq p(a) - 1$.

Let P be the set of all periodic sequences. For $f \in S$

$$\theta(f) : P \mapsto P$$

$$\theta(f)(a) = b$$

$$b(k) = f(a(k), a(k+1), \dots, a(k+n))$$

for $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Cycle Structure of $\Omega(g \circ f)$

Theorem 4

Suppose $f = x_0 + F(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) + x_n$ and $g = x_0 + G(x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}) + x_m$ are in S , and suppose $\Omega(g)$ consists of E cycles. Let a_j ($j = 1, \dots, E$) be sequences, one from each cycle in $\Omega(g)$, and let C_j be defined by

$$C_j = \cup\{\theta(f)^{-1}(\rho^i(a_j)) \mid i = 0, 1, \dots, p(a_j) - 1\}$$

then

- $\Omega(g \circ f) = \cup\{C_j \mid 1 \leq j \leq E\}$
- $|C_j| = 2^n p(a_j)$
- C_j is closed under ρ , i.e. $\rho(C_j) = C_j$
- if $b \in C_j$, then $p(a_j) \mid p(b)$

Cycle Structure of $\Omega(g \circ f)$

h

a_1

a_2

\vdots

a_E

Figure : The Function $\theta(f)$

Cycle Structure of $\Omega(g \circ f)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & h & \\ \hline a_1 & \xrightarrow{\theta(f)} & b_1 \\ a_2 & \xrightarrow{\theta(f)} & b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_E & \xrightarrow{\theta(f)} & b_E \end{array}$$

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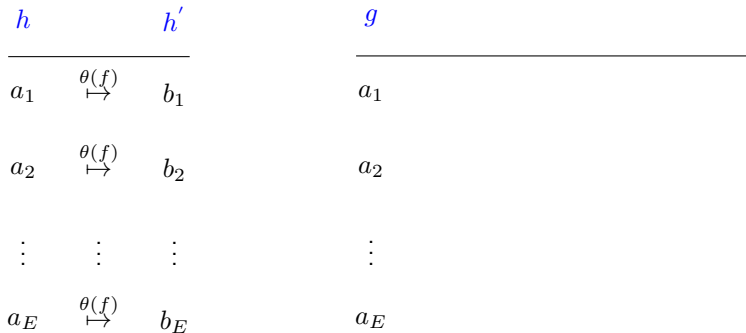


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$$\begin{array}{ccc} g & & \\ \hline \rho^i(a_1) & \xrightarrow{\theta(f)^{-1}} & C_1 = \{b_1^1, \dots, b_{2^{n_p(a_1)}}^1\} \\ \rho^i(a_2) & \xrightarrow{\theta(f)^{-1}} & C_2 = \{b_1^2, \dots, b_{2^{n_p(a_2)}}^2\} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \rho^i(a_E) & \xrightarrow{\theta(f)^{-1}} & C_E = \{b_1^E, \dots, b_{2^{n_p(a_E)}}^E\} \end{array}$$

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a_2	$\xrightarrow{\theta(f)}$	b_2		$\rho^i(a_2)$	$\xrightarrow{\theta(f)^{-1}}$	$C_2 = \{b_1^2, \dots, b_{2^{n_p}(a_2)}^2\}$
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots		\vdots	\vdots	\vdots
a_E	$\xrightarrow{\theta(f)}$	b_E		$\rho^i(a_E)$	$\xrightarrow{\theta(f)^{-1}}$	$C_E = \{b_1^E, \dots, b_{2^{n_p}(a_E)}^E\}$

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$$f(x_0, x_1) = x_0 + x_1$$

$$h(x_0, \dots, x_4) = g \circ f = x_0 + x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_1x_2 + x_1x_3 + x_2x_3 + x_4$$

$\Omega(g)$ consist of the following cycles

(0)	$p(a_1) = 1$
(001)	$p(a_2) = 3$
(0111)	$p(a_3) = 4$

$\Omega(h)$ consist of the cycles

(0)(1)	C_1
(000111)	C_2
(00101101)	C_3

Theorem 5

Let f be an irreducible linear polynomial and $g = x_0 + G(x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}) + x_m \in S$, $a \in \Omega(g)$.

- If $p(f) \nmid p(a)$, then $\theta(f)^{-1}(a)$ contains one sequence of period $p(a)$ and $2^n - 1$ sequences of period equal to $\text{LCM}\{p(a), p(f)\}$.
- If $p(f) \mid p(a)$, then for $x \in \theta(f)^{-1}(a)$

$$p(x) = \begin{cases} p(a), & \text{if } f \parallel l(x) \\ 2p(a), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where $l(x) = a(p(a) - 1)x_0 + a(p(a) - 2)x_1 + \dots + a(0)x_{p(a)-1}$.

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Example 1. Lempel (1970)

The polynomial $t_1 \dots t_n$ where $t_i = x_i$ if $b_i = 1$ and $t_i = x_i + 1$ if $b_i = 0$ is defined by $X(n; b_1, \dots, b_n)$.

Theorem 6

Let $g = x_0 + G(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) + x_n$ in S with $n \geq 2$, which generates M -sequence (of period 2^n), and let $f = x_0 + x_1$. Then both

$$h_1 = (g \circ f) + X(n; 1, 0, 1, 0, \dots), h_2 = (g \circ f) + X(n; 0, 1, 0, 1, \dots),$$

generate M -sequences of period 2^{n+1} .

Corollary

Since $g(x_0, x_1, x_2) = 1 + (x_0 + x_1) \circ (x_0 + x_1)$ generates M -sequence of period 2^2 , then the following polynomial generates M -sequence of period 2^n ($n \geq 2$)

$$h(x_0, \dots, x_n) = 1 + (x_0 + x_1)^2 + k(2) \circ (x_0 + x_1)^{n-3} + \dots \\ + k(n-2) \circ (x_0 + x_1) + k(n-1),$$

where $k(j) = X(j; 1, 0, 1, 0, \dots)$ or $X(j; 0, 1, 0, 1, \dots)$ ($j = 2, \dots, n-1$)
and

$$(x_0 + x_1)^n = \underbrace{(x_0 + x_1) \circ (x_0 + x_1) \circ \dots \circ (x_0 + x_1)}_{n \text{ times}}.$$

Example 1. Calculations

Let $n = 4, k(2) = X(2; 1, 0), k(3) = X(3; 0, 1, 0)$; then

$$\begin{aligned}f &= 1 + (x_0 + x_1)^4 + k(2) \circ (x_0 + x_1)^1 + k(3) = \\&= 1 + (x_0 + x_4) + (x_1x_2 + x_1x_3 + x_2 + x_2x_3 + x_1 + x_2) + \\&+ (x_1x_2x_3 + x_1x_2 + x_3x_2 + x_2) = \\&= 1 + x_0 + x_1 + x_2 + x_4 + x_1x_3 + x_1x_2x_3\end{aligned}$$

f generates M -sequence (0000110101111001).

Example 2. Mykkeltveit and et al. (1979)

Theorem 7

Let $h = x_0 + c_1x_1 + \dots + c_{n-1}x_{n-1} + x_n$ be a primitive polynomial and $g = h + X(n-1; 0, 0, \dots)$; then

$$[g \circ (x_0 + x_1)] + X(n; a_1, \dots, a_n),$$

where $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{F}_2^n \setminus (0, 0, \dots, 0), (1, 1, \dots, 1)$ generates M -sequences of period 2^{n+1} .

Example 2. Calculations




Let $h = x_0 + x_1 + x_3$ and $(a_1, a_2, a_3) = (1, 1, 0)$; then

$$\begin{aligned}g &= h + (x_1 + 1)(x_2 + 1) = x_0 + x_1 + x_3 + x_1x_2 + x_1 + x_2 + 1 = \\ &= 1 + x_0 + x_2 + x_1x_2 + x_3\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}g \circ (x_0 + x_1) &= 1 + x_0 + x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + (x_1 + x_2)(x_2 + x_3) + x_3 + x_4 = \\ &= 1 + x_0 + x_1 + x_2 + (x_1x_2 + x_1x_3 + x_2 + x_2x_3) + x_4 = \\ &= 1 + x_0 + x_1 + x_1x_2 + x_1x_3 + x_2x_3 + x_4\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}f &= [g \circ (x_0 + x_1)] + x_1x_2x_3 + x_1x_2 = \\ &= 1 + x_0 + x_1 + x_1x_3 + x_2x_3 + x_1x_2x_3 + x_4\end{aligned}$$

M -sequence is (0000110010111101).

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