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Counting coprime polynomials... with complications

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Coprime Polynomials

Object: pairs of binary polynomials of degree $n \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + \cdots + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + x^n \ ,$$
$$g(x) = b_0 + b_1 x + \cdots + b_{n-1} x^{n-1} + x^n \ ,$$

where $a_i, b_i \in GF(2) = \mathbb{F}_2 = \{0, 1\}$

$$f, g \in \mathbb{F}_2[x] \text{ are } \textbf{coprime} \Leftrightarrow \gcd(f, g) = 1$$

Applications cryptography and coding theory:

- *Discrete logarithms* in finite fields [C84]
- Decoding *alternant codes* [F95]

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$gcd(f,g) = x + 1 \Rightarrow (f,g)$ **not** coprime

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- By construction, (f',g') **are coprime**

Counting by Bijection

In essence: bijection for coprime/non-coprime pairs over $\mathbb{F}_2$:

1. Apply Euclid to (f, g)
2. If the last remainder is 0, change it to 1. Otherwise, set it to the second-last remainder
3. Apply DilcuE's algorithm to the reversed quotients

Theorem ([BB07, R00])

Let $f, g \in \mathbb{F}_2[x]$ of degree n be randomly chosen. Then, the probability that $\gcd(f, g) = 1$ is $\frac{1}{2}$.

In other words: the number of coprime pairs is 2^{2n-1}

Enter the complication

We require now that both f and g have a **nonzero constant term**:

$$f(x) = \mathbf{1} + a_1 x + \cdots + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + x^n \ ,$$
$$g(x) = \mathbf{1} + b_1 x + \cdots + b_{n-1} x^{n-1} + x^n \ .$$

Problems:

1. *Count* all such pairs
2. *Enumeration algorithm*

Remark: the trick above does not work!

$$\textbf{non-coprime} \leftrightarrow \textbf{coprime}$$

$$(x^3 + x^2 + x + \mathbf{1}, x^3 + \mathbf{1}) \leftrightarrow (x^3 + x + \mathbf{1}, x^3 + x^2 \ (+\mathbf{0}))$$

... Why do we want to do that?

Orthogonal Latin Squares by Linear Cellular Automata

- Bipermutive Linear rule: $f(x) = x_1 \oplus a_1 x_2 \oplus \cdots \oplus a_{n-1} x_{n-1} \oplus x_n$
- Associated Polynomial: $P_f(X) = 1 + a_1 X + \cdots + a_{n-1} X^{n-1} + X^n$

Theorem ([MGFL20])

Two bipermutive linear CA generates orthogonal Latin squares if and only if their associated polynomials are coprime

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(a) Rule 150

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(b) Rule 90

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2, 2	3, 1	4, 4	1, 3
4, 3	1, 4	2, 1	3, 2
3, 4	2, 3	1, 2	4, 1

(c) Superposition

Figure: $P_{150}(X) = 1 + X + X^2$, $P_{90}(X) = 1 + X^2$ (coprime)

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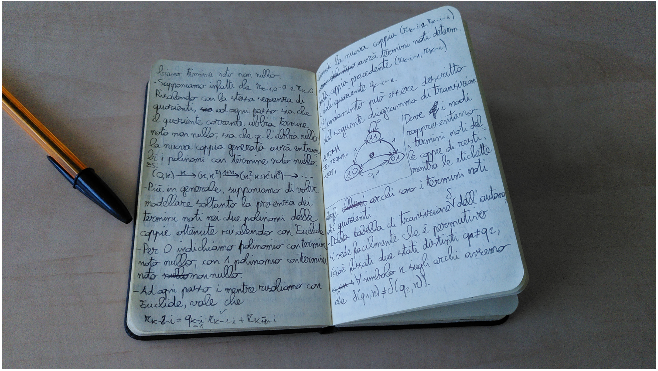
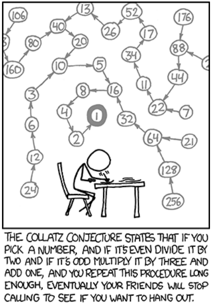
... He was indeed right! But took me several weeks to prove it



Sadly, the clue was not enough to solve the counting problem

Counting by Recurrence



S `https://xkcd.com/710/`

- Number of coprime polynomial pairs of degree n and nonzero constant term:

$$a(n) = 4^{n-1} + a(n-1) = \frac{4^{n-1}-1}{3}$$
$$= 0, 1, 5, 21, 85, \ldots$$

- Corresponds to OEIS A002450

- Generalized for any finite field $\mathbb{F}_q$ in [MGFL20] (but enumeration not addressed)

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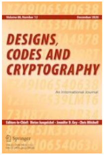

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Notation: $r_i, r_{i+1} \rightarrow$ consecutive remainders produced by Euclid's algorithm at step i. Step $i+1$:

$$r_i(x) = q_{i+1}(x)r_{i+1}(x) + r_{i+2}(x)$$

Finite State Automaton of Remainders

$$r_i(x) = q_{i+1}(x) r_{i+1}(x) + r_{i+2}(x)$$

- $(c_i, c_{i+1}) \rightarrow$ constant terms of r_i and r_{i+1}
- $s_{i+1} \rightarrow$ constant term of q_{i+1}
- $\delta((c_i, c_{i+1}), s_{i+1}) \rightarrow$ *next* pair (c_{i+1}, c_{i+2})

(c_i, c_{i+1})	s_{i+1}	$\delta((c_i, c_{i+1}), s_{i+1})$
$(1,1)$	0	$(1,1)$
$(1,1)$	1	$(1,0)$
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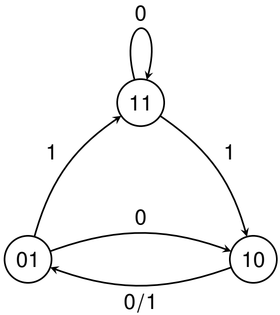
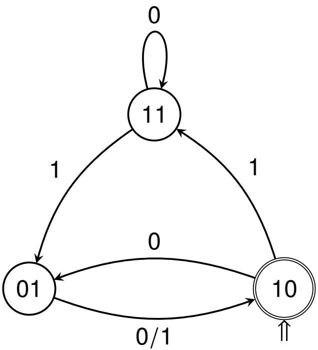
Remark: the pair $(0,0)$ *never* occurs



The Regular Language of Constant Terms Sequences



Inverse FSA

- The FSA is *permutative*: for DilcuE's, simply reverse the arrows
- **Initial state**: 10
- **Final state**: 11 (but we can use 10)

Regular Expression of the Language:

$$L = (0(0+1) + (10^*1(0+1)))^*$$

Enumeration/counting of Constant Terms Sequences

- **Enumeration**: generate all words of length k [M97]
- **Counting**: exploit *algebraic language theory*

Transform $L = (0(0+1)+(10^*1(0+1)))^*$ in a FPS as follows:

- $0,1 \Rightarrow X$
- $+,\cdot \Rightarrow +,\cdot$
- $^* \Rightarrow \frac{1}{1-X}$

Generating Function:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k \cdot X^k = \frac{1-X}{1-X-2X^2} \ ,$$

Closed Form:

$$a_k = \frac{2^k + 2\cdot(-1)^k}{3}$$

Sequences of quotients' degrees

Second part: Characterize the *degrees* of the quotients

Example: $n = 4$, $\{1, x, x^2, x, 1\}$

$$(1,0) \xrightarrow{1} (1,1) \xrightarrow{x} (x+1,1) \xrightarrow{x^2} (x^3+x^2+1, x+1) \xrightarrow{x} (x^4+x^3+1, x^3+x^2+1) \xrightarrow{1} (x^4+x^2+1, x^4+x^3+1)$$

Sum of degrees: $1+2+1 = 4$, $k = 3$

Question: what are the combinations of *ordered sums* of n?

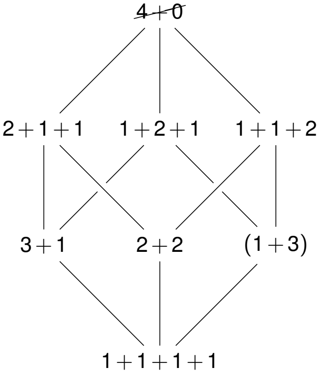
$\Rightarrow$ **compositions** of $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Quotients' degrees as compositions of n

- **Representation:** $n-1$ *boxes* that can be either "+" or ","

$$1\overbrace{\square 1 \square \ldots \square 1 \square}^{n-1} 1$$

- **Example:** $1,1+1,1 \rightarrow 1+2+1 \quad (n=4,\ k=3)$



- We remove the top of the poset
- **Enumeration**: generate all binary strings of length $1 < k < n$
- **Counting**: $\binom{n-1}{k-1}$

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Conclusions and Future Work

Summing up:

- Enumeration more complicated with nonzero constant terms
- We divided the problem in three tasks:
  1. sequences of constant terms (⇒ regular language)
  2. sequences of degrees (⇒ compositions)
  3. sequences of middle terms (⇒ free)
- Results informally published in [FM22]

Future directions:

- Generalize to any finite field $\mathbb{F}_q$ and to m-tuples of polynomials
- Applications to cryptography [GM20, M21, GMP22]

Thank you!

Appendix: Orthogonal Latin Squares (OLS)

Definition

A *Latin square* is a $n \times n$ matrix where all rows and columns are permutations of $[n] = \{1, \cdots, n\}$. Two Latin squares are *orthogonal* if their superposition yields all the pairs $(x, y) \in [n] \times [n]$.

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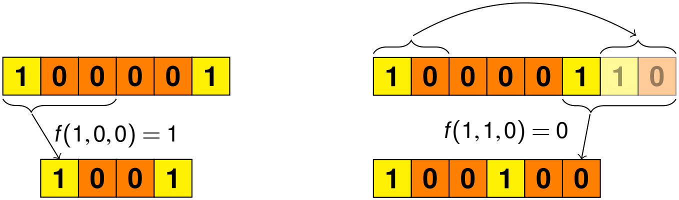
4 3	2 2	1 4	3 1
2 4	4 1	3 3	1 2
3 2	1 3	2 1	4 4

- k pairwise OLS are denoted as k-MOLS (**Mutually Orthogonal Latin Squares**)
- k-MOLS are **equivalent** $OA(n^2, k, n, 2)$

Appendix: Cellular Automata

- One-dimensional Cellular Automaton (CA): a discrete parallel computation model composed of a finite array of n cells

Example: $n = 6$, $d = 3$, $\omega = 0$, $f(s_i, s_{i+1}, s_{i+2}) = s_i \oplus s_{i+1} \oplus s_{i+2}$ (rule 150)



No Boundary CA – NBCA

Periodic Boundary CA – PBCA

- Each cell updates its state $s \in \{0,1\}$ by applying a local rule $f : \{0,1\}^d \to \{0,1\}$ to itself, the ω cells on its left and the $d-1-\omega$ cells on its right

Latin Squares through Bipermutive CA (1/2)

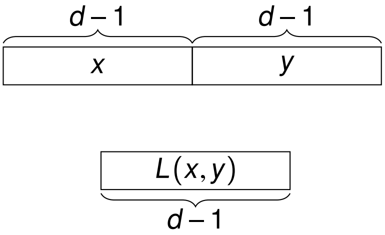
- Bipermutive CA: denoting $\mathbb{F}_2 = \{0,1\}$, local rule f is defined as

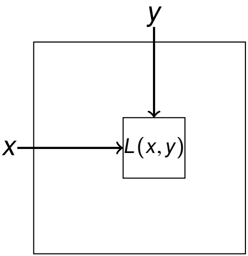
$$f(x_1,\cdots,x_d) = x_1 \oplus \varphi(x_2,\cdots,x_{d-1}) \oplus x_d$$

- $\varphi : \mathbb{F}_2^{d-2} \to \mathbb{F}_2$: generating function of f

Lemma ([MGFL20])

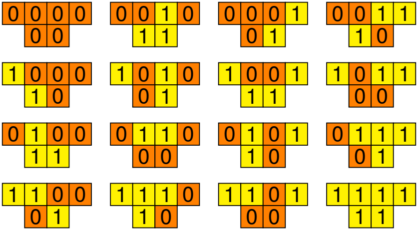
A CA $F : \mathbb{F}_2^{2(d-1)} \to \mathbb{F}_2^d$ with bipermutive rule $f : \mathbb{F}_2^d \to \mathbb{F}_2$ generates a Latin square of order $N = 2^{d-1}$





Latin Squares through Bipermutive CA (2/2)

- Example: CA $F : \mathbb{F}_2^4 \to \mathbb{F}_2^2$, $f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1 \oplus x_2 \oplus x_3$ (Rule 150)
- Encoding: $00 \mapsto 1, 10 \mapsto 2, 01 \mapsto 3, 11 \mapsto 4$



(a) Rule 150 on 4 bits

1	4	3	2
2	3	4	1
4	1	2	3
3	2	1	4

(b) Latin square L_{150}

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