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# Enumerating coprime polynomials over $GF(2)$ with nonzero constant term

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# Coprime Polynomials

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

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + x^n ,$$

$$g(x) = b_0 + b_1x + \cdots + b_{n-1}x^{n-1} + x^n ,$$

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

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

Applications of **enumeration/counting** of coprime pairs:

- ▶ *Discrete logarithms* in finite fields [C84]
- ▶ Decoding *alternant codes* [F95]
- ▶ *Invertible Toeplitz matrices* [GR11]

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# Counting by Bijection

**In essence:** we can construct a bijection between coprime and non-coprime pairs over  $\mathbb{F}_2$  as follows

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, CSWZ98, R00])**

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

This result is generalized to  $\mathbb{F}_q$  by a 1-to- $q$  correspondence

# Counting/enumeration with nonzero constant terms

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

$$f(x) = 1 + a_1x + \cdots + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + x^n ,$$
$$g(x) = 1 + b_1x + \cdots + b_{n-1}x^{n-1} + x^n .$$

## Problems:

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

**Remark:** the trick above does not work! Changing the last remainder gives no control over the final constant terms

... Why do we want to do that?

# Orthogonal Latin Squares by Linear Cellular Automata

- ▶ **Bipermutive Linear rule:**  $f(x) = x_1 \oplus a_2 x_2 \oplus \dots \oplus a_{d-1} x_{d-1} \oplus x_d$
- ▶ **Polynomial rule:**  $P_f(X) = 1 + a_2 X + \dots + a_{d-1} X^{d-2} + X^{d-1}$

Theorem ([MFL16, MGFL20])

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

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

(a) Rule 150

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

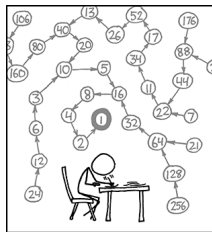
(b) Rule 90

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

(c) Superposition

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

# Counting by Recurrence



THE COLLATZ CONJECTURE STATES THAT IF YOU PICK A NUMBER, AND IF IT'S EVEN DIVIDE IT BY TWO AND IF IT'S ODD MULTIPLY IT BY THREE AND ADD ONE, AND YOU REPEAT THIS PROCEDURE LONG ENOUGH, EVENTUALLY YOUR FRIENDS WILL STOP CALLING TO SEE IF YOU WANT TO HANG OUT.

S <https://xkcd.com/710/>

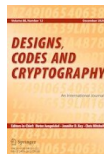
- ▶ Number of coprime polynomial pairs of degree  $n$  and nonzero constant term:

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

- ▶ Corresponds to OEIS A002450

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

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**Strategy:** analyze Euclid's algorithm  $\Rightarrow$  see how changing the last remainder affects the intermediate quotients and remainders

Two parts of the problem:

1. Sequences of *constant terms* of the quotients
2. Sequences of *degrees* of the quotients

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

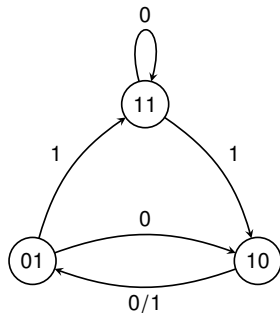
$$r_i(x) = q_{i+1}(x)r_{i+1}(x) + r_{i+2}(x)$$

# Finite State Automaton of Remainders

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

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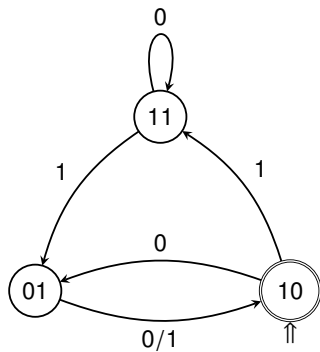
**Remark:** the pair (0,0) never occurs



$\Rightarrow$  the sequences of constant terms form a **regular language**



# The Language of Constant Terms Sequences



Inverse FSA

- ▶ The FSA is the *de Bruijn* graph over the set  $\{11, 10, 01\}$
- ▶ 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:** visit the FSA graph with DFS up to depth  $n$
- ▶ **Counting:** exploit *algebraic language theory*

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

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

**Generating Function:**

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

**Closed Form:**

$$a_n = \frac{2^n + 2 \cdot (-1)^n}{3}$$

# Sequences of quotients' degrees

**Second part:** Characterize the *degrees* of the quotients

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

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**Sum of degrees:**  $1 + 2 + 1 = 4$

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

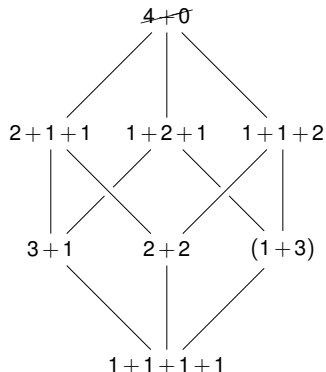
$\Rightarrow$  **compositions** of  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

# Quotients' degrees as compositions of $n$

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

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

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



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

# Enumeration Algorithm

**Remark:** once we fix the length of the sequence, the three elements (constant terms, degrees, middle terms) are *independent*

So for **enumeration**, given  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ :

For each composition  $comp$  of  $n$  (except  $n + 0$ ) do:

- ▶ Generate all quotients' sequences of  $comp$  ( $2^{n-k}$ )
- ▶ For each quotients' sequence  $seq$  do:
  - ▶ For each constant term sequence of length  $|seq|$  do:
    - ▶ Add the constant terms to the quotients
    - ▶ Apply DilcuE's from  $(1,0)$  by applying  $seq$

And for **counting**, we reobtain the formula  $\frac{4^{n-1}-1}{3}$  from:

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

## Summing up:

- ▶ Enumeration of binary coprime polynomials is more complicated when both constant terms are nonzero
- ▶ We divided the problem in two enumeration tasks:
  - ▶ sequences of constant terms ( $\Rightarrow$  regular language)
  - ▶ sequences of degrees ( $\Rightarrow$  compositions)

## Future directions:

- ▶ Generalize to polynomials over any finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$
- ▶ Generalize to  $m$ -tuples of pairwise coprime polynomials
- ▶ Applications to cryptography and coding theory [GMP20, GM20, M21]

**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  $[n] = \{1, \dots, n\}$ . Two Latin squares are *orthogonal* if their superposition yields all the pairs  $(x, y) \in [n] \times [n]$ .

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

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

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

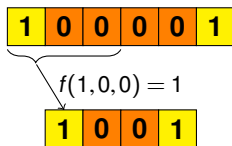
- ▶  $k$  pairwise OLS are denoted as  $k$ -MOLS (**Mutually Orthogonal Latin Squares**)
- ▶  $k$ -MOLS are **equivalent**  $OA(n^2, k, n, 2)$



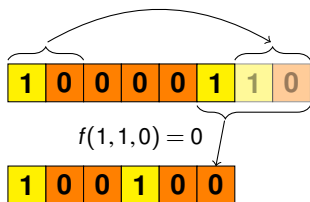
# Appendix: Cellular Automata

- ▶ 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**  $f: \{0, 1\}^d \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  to itself, the  $\omega$  cells on its left and the  $d - 1 - \omega$  cells on its right

# Latin Squares through Bipermutive CA (1/2)

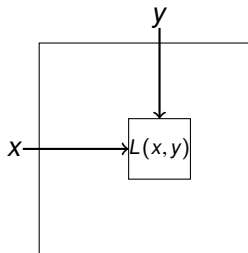
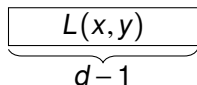
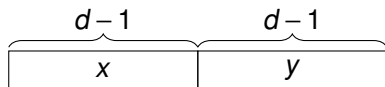
- ▶ **Bipermutive CA**: denoting  $\mathbb{F}_2 = \{0, 1\}$ , local rule  $f$  is defined as

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

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

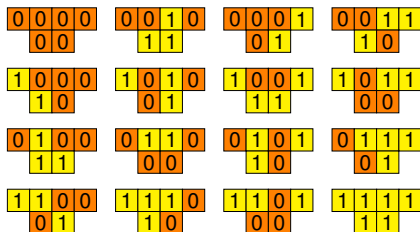
## Lemma ([MGFL20])

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



# Latin Squares through Bipermutive CA (2/2)

- ▶ **Example:** CA  $F : \mathbb{F}_2^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_2^2$ ,  $f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1 \oplus x_2 \oplus x_3$  (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  $L_{150}$

**Mutually Orthogonal Cellular Automata (MOCA):** set of  $k$  bipermutive CA generating  $k$ -MOLS

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