

Elementary Cellular Automata as an Error Minimized Hash

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1 Introduction

Elementary cellular automata (ECA) are 8 bit extensions of 4 bit logic gate truth tables, done linearly in parallel. [2] Here they are explored as a lossy compression algorithm that works by minimizing discrepancies between the input and a codeword's wrapped square toroidal ECA output. General algorithm, specific ECA rule, and aggregate properties relevant to specific applications in a nested log2 format with exact implementation parallels to the FFT and Walsh-Hadamard transform are discussed. It is implemented in Java at [1].

2 Main Algorithm

The algorithm works on $2^n \times 2^n$ square matrices, padding non-square matrices with zeroes to make them square does not affect the algorithm. So for example, a 2x2 4x4 8x8... For all 65536 possibilities of a 4x4 binary array, create a 4x4 array with the columns wrapped, use row 0 as input, and calculate the remaining three rows for all 16 possible input values using a Wolfram code. For each of all these 16 possible inputs, score the neighborhood with a 2^{row} weighted sum of discrepancies between this codeword-produced output and the original input value. The lowest and highest scoring neighborhood are then two length-four codewords for a possible neighborhood of size 4x4. The algorithm's solutions for all neighborhoods of a certain size become a Wolfram code for a QR code.

Avalanche - no, hash conflicts - minimal, min max for sorting ECA rules by number of discrepancies between the codeword's output and the original value

The Hadamard and Walsh spectrum can be interpreted as the principal root of a nested series of square roots of one, $(a(b(c(d(1/2))^{(1/2))^{(1/2))^{(1/2)}} =$

The Hadamard matrix is the negative sign bit layer of quaternions with the i and k swapped in the columns, quadrants 01 and 10 negated, and the 11 quadrant's first row and column negated. The Hadamard matrix works by interleaving the combinations of row AND column such that the 1 value of a factoradic changes every H operation

BitmapProcessedByAlgorithm

The subset of rules [0,15,51,85,170,204,240,255] have a perfectly equal codeword distribution and unique solutions for any given neighborhood, and there is a maximum entropy counterpart. This operation is partially bijective, using grids of 4, roughly 1/256 pairs of any two of 2^{16} share a min-max 16 tuple of codewords min[0,15,51,85,170,204,240,255] and max[0,15,51,85,170,204,240,255]. There may be a logical mapping of the 1/256 frequency of bijection exceptions that has not been explored yet. Reversing the lossy compression does slightly better than 8/16 bits correct. The implementation of iteratively finding the minMax codeword, codewords of the codeword and so on

for every point in space, parallels the FFT and Hadamard's split by halves recursion. Since every given input neighborhood has a unique solution, any given bitmap has a unique solution.

Parallels to Hadamard and FFT

Best performing rules


Avalanche property and collisions

150 Error distribution

Coefficients

Random data input with wrap-around columns, it took about 10000 trials * 256 ECA rules to get consistent results in the sorted best-performing lists									
	Input is random binary with equal probability (0,1)								
wrap	Input	Input	Input	Input	Input	Input	Input	Input	wrap
	Input	Input	Input	Input	Input	Input	Input	Input	
	Input	Input	Input	Input	Input	Input	Input	Input	
	Input	Input	Input	Input	Input	Input	Input	Input	
	Input	Input	Input	Input	Input	Input	Input	Input	
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All possible input neighborhoods of a given size are computed with each trial neighborhood placed at row 0. 64 bits input = 8 bit neighborhood = 256 possible codewords, b0..b7 = bitN of each possible neighborhood									
	ECA[row][column] = Wolfram[rule, row-1, {column-1,column,column+1}]								
wrap	b0	b1	b2	b3	b4	b5	b6	b7	wrap
	ECA	ECA	ECA	ECA	ECA	ECA	ECA	ECA	
	ECA	ECA	ECA	ECA	ECA	ECA	ECA	ECA	
	ECA	ECA	ECA	ECA	ECA	ECA	ECA	ECA	
	ECA	ECA	ECA	ECA	ECA	ECA	ECA	ECA	
	ECA	ECA	ECA	ECA	ECA	ECA	ECA	ECA	
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Include graphics for: Input example, Codeword output example, Error map example
 Various shapes and sizes of arrays
 CDT of spectral method of solving DEs
 voting() subfunction to increase accuracy

References

[1] Daniel McKinley. github.com/dmcki23/, 2024.

[2] Stephen Wolfram. *A New Kind of Science*. Wolfram Media, 2002.