

**Definition 1.** For a parameter  $n$ , Let  $L \subset \mathbb{N}^+$  be the set of non-periodic words over the alphabet  $\Sigma = \mathbb{N}$  that are bigger in Arabic (right-to-left) lexicographical order than all of their rotations. Let  $L_n$  be the set of all the words in  $L$  whose length divides  $n$ .

**Definition 2.** For a word  $w$  whose length is smaller or equal than  $n$ , let  $f(w)$  be the transformation defined by successive applications of the following steps to  $w$ :

$f_1$ : Increase the first letter of the word by one.

$f_2$ : Pad with zeros on the left to get a word of length  $n$ .

$f_3$ : Apply the substitution rules  $u(vu)^+ \mapsto vu$  and then  $w^+ \mapsto w$ , with the longest possible  $u$  and the shortest possible  $w$ .

**Definition 3.** For a word  $w$  whose length is smaller or equal than  $n$ , let  $b(w)$  be the transformation defined by successive applications of the following steps to  $w$ :

$b_1$ : Expand  $w$  to  $uw^m$  where  $m = \lfloor n/|w| \rfloor$  and  $u$  is the suffix of length  $n - m|w|$  of  $w$ .

$b_2$ : Remove leading zeros.

$b_3$ : Decrease the first letter by one.

**Observation 1.** For any  $w \in L_n$ ,  $f(b(w)) = b(f(w)) = w$ .

**Proposition 2.** If we start with  $w(0) = 0$  and generate a sequence of words by  $w(i+1) = f(w(i))$ , we get an enumeration of all the words in  $L$  whose length is smaller or equal to  $n$ .

*Proof.* This is a version of Duval's algorithm with a reversed order of the alphabet and a reversed order of letters in a word.  $\square$

**Definition 4.** Let  $f^*(w)$  be the first word in  $f(w), f(f(w)), \dots$  whose length divides  $n$  and let  $b^*(w)$  be the first word in  $b(w), b(b(w)), \dots$  whose length divides  $n$ .

**Definition 5.** Let  $w(0), w(1), \dots$  be the sequence generated by starting with  $w(0) = 0$  and then continuing ad infinitum by  $w(i+1) = f^*(w(i))$  and let  $w^\infty$  be the infinite word obtained by concatenating all the words in this sequence.

**Definition 6.** For a word  $w = \sigma_1 \cdots \sigma_{n-1} \sigma_n$  let  $R(w) = \sigma_n \sigma_1 \cdots \sigma_{n-1}$  be the rotation of  $w$  to the right. Then, the nested invocation  $R^m(w)$  is the  $m$  letter rotation to the right and its inverse  $R^{-m}(w)$  is the  $m$  letter rotation to the left.

**Proposition 3.** For a given  $w \in L_n$ , let  $l$  be the number of trailing zeros (from the left) in  $w$  and let  $\bar{w} = b_1(w)$ . Then For all  $0 \leq i \leq |w| - l - 1$  the word  $R^i(\bar{w})$  comes  $i + n - |w|$  letters before  $w$  as a sub-word of  $w^\infty$ .

*Proof.* Let  $v = b(w)$ . Looking at the definition of  $b$ , it is easy to see that the last  $l - 1$  letters of  $w$  are not changed by the transformation, i.e.,  $v_{|v|-l-2} \cdots v_{|v|} = w_{|w|-l-2} \cdots w_{|w|}$ . Furthermore, if the length of  $w$  is not  $n$ , the previous letter does not change either,  $v_{|v|-l-1} = w_{|w|-l-1}$ , because  $b$  expands the word by a prefix that is not all zeros before it decreases the first letter. Since  $b^*$  consists of repeated applications of  $b$  until the length of the resulting word divides  $n$ , we get that only the first application of  $b$  may change the first letter of the tail of length  $l$  of  $w$  and that the rest of the applications of  $b$  keep this tail fixed. Thus the word that precedes  $w$  in the sequence shares the tail of length  $l - 1$  with  $w$ , i.e., all the windows of the required form appear just before  $w$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 4.** *For a given  $w \in L_n$ , let  $l$  be the number of trailing zeros (from the left) in  $w$  and let  $\bar{w} = b_1(w)$ . Then For all  $n - k \leq i \leq n - 1$  the word  $R^i(\bar{w})$  comes  $i - (n - |f_3(u)| \pmod{n})$  letters before the first  $u \in \langle 0^{m-1}(\bar{w}_m + 1)\bar{w}_{m+1} \cdots \bar{w}_n \rangle_{m=i}^n$  such that  $u \in L_n$  and  $\max\{u_1, \dots, u_{n-1}\} \leq \max(w)$ .*

**Proposition 5.** *The word  $w^\infty$  contains all the words in  $\mathbb{N}^n$  as subwords.*

*Proof.* Any word of length  $n$  is a rotation of the expansion of a word in  $L_n$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 6.** *For any  $k$  the prefix  $w_1^\infty \cdots w_k^\infty$  is an  $n$ -order de Bruijn sequences. Moreover, it is the reversed of the  $n$ -order prefer-max sequence on the alphabet  $\langle 0, \dots, k - 1 \rangle$  (in this order).*

*Proof.* Counting argument + arguing that if  $|w| = n - 1$  and  $\sigma_1 < \sigma_2$  then  $w\sigma_1$  comes before  $w\sigma_2$  as subwords of  $w^\infty$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 7.** *For  $w \in \mathbb{N}^n$ , let  $i$  be the minimal index such that  $R^{-i}(w) \in L$  and let  $\bar{w} = R^{-i}(w)$ . Let  $\bar{w}^+ = \bar{w}_{1..i}(\bar{w}_{i+1} + 1)\bar{w}_{(i+2)..n}$ , i.e., the word obtained by increasing the  $(i + 1)$ th letter of  $\bar{w}$  by one. Then, the function*

$$\text{next}(w) = \begin{cases} f^*(f_3(w))_1 & \text{if } w \in L; \\ w_1 + 1 & \text{if } \bar{w}_{1..i} = 0^i \wedge \bar{w}^+ \in L \wedge \max(\bar{w}_{1..(n-1)}^+) \leq \max(w); \\ 0 & \text{if } \bar{w}_{1..i} = 0^i \wedge (\bar{w}^+ \notin L \vee \max(\bar{w}_{1..(n-1)}^+) > \max(w)); \\ w_1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

*represents the mapping of a word  $w$  to the letter that follows the (one and only) occurrence of  $w$  as a subword of  $w^\infty$ .*

**Definition 7.** Let  $w(0) = 0, w(1) = f^*(w(0)), \dots, w(i) = f^*(w(i - 1)), \dots$  be our enumeration of all the words in  $L_n$ . Let  $w^{(i)} = w(0) \cdots w(i)$  be the concatenation of the first  $i$  words in this enumeration and let  $u(j) = w_{j-n+1}^{(i)} \cdots w_j^{(i)}$  be the “window” of length  $n$  before the  $j$ th letter in  $w^{(i)}$ .

**Proposition 8.** *For a word  $w = w(i)$  be the  $i$ th word in the above enumeration. Let  $l$  be the number of leading zeros in  $w$  and let  $\hat{w} = R^{-l}(b_1(b^*(w)))$ . Then, inserting the cycle  $\langle R^{-s}(b_1(w)) \rangle_{s=0}^{n-1}$  after the word  $\hat{w}_{1..(n-l)}0^l$  in  $\langle u(j) \rangle_{j=0}^{i-1}$  yields the sequence  $\langle u(j) \rangle_{j=0}^i$ .*