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## NÚMEROS MUY NORMALES

En esta tesis nos proponemos estudiar la noción de supernormalidad definida por Zeev Rudnick hace unos años. Lo poco que se conoce sobre esta noción no está publicado. Benjamin Weiss del Einstein Institute of Math de Hebrew University dio el 16 de Junio de 2010 una conferencia en el Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton titulada “Random-like behavior in deterministic systems” donde describe la noción de supernormalidad, a la que llama Poisson generic (ver <https://video.ias.edu/pseudo2010/weiss>). En este video Weiss afirma que la mayoría de los números reales son supernormales y que la supernormalidad es más fuerte que la noción clásica de normalidad, es decir, que si un número es supernormal, entonces es normal pero no al revés. También afirma que el ejemplo más famoso de número normal, el número de Champernowne, no es supernormal. Y deja abierto el problema de dar una construcción explícita de un número supernormal. En esta tesis nos proponemos dar la demostración completa de que el número binario de Champernowne no es supernormal.

**Palabras claves:** Normalidad, Supernormalidad, Champernowne, Poisson, Pseudoaleatoriedad.



## VERY NORMAL NUMBERS

In this thesis we aim to study the notion of supernormality defined by Zeev Rudnick a few years ago. The few things known about supernormality is not published. Benjamin Weiss from the Einstein Institute of Math de Hebrew University gave on June 16th, 2010 a lecture on “Random-like behavior in deterministic systems” where the notion of supernormal sequences is described under the name of Poisson generic sequences. (See <https://video.ias.edu/pseudo2010/weiss>). In this lecture, Weiss claims that almost every real number is supernormal and that the notion of supernormality is stronger than the classical notion of normality. Which means that if a number is supernormal then it is normal, but not the other way around. Weiss also states that the most famous example of a normal number, the Champernowne number, is not supernormal. And finally he leaves open the problem of giving an explicit construction of a supernormal number. In this thesis we give the complete proof that the binary Champernowne number is not supernormal.

**Keywords:** Normality, Supernormality, Champernowne, Poisson, Pseudorandomness.



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Lo mejor que hizo la vieja es el pibe que maneja





*A lofi hip hop radio - beats to relax/study to que hizo esto posible.*



## Índice general



## 1. INTRODUCTION

normalidad Champernowne supernormalidad



## 2. SUPERNORMALITY IS STRONGER THAN NORMALITY

### 2.1. Normality does not imply supernormality

We will aim to prove that normality does not imply supernormality. For this we will prove that the Champernowne sequence, proven to be normal in [1], fails to be supernormal by proving that it is not 1-supernormal. The strategy followed to achieve this will be similar to the ones used in [2] and [3].

Let  $X(n)$  be the concatenation of all words of length  $n$  over the alphabet with two symbols  $\mathcal{A} = \{0, 1\}$  in lexicographic order. It is clear that  $X(n)$  has length  $n2^n$ . Then, for example:

$$X(2) = 00\ 01\ 10\ 11$$

Note that spaces were added for reading convenience.

Let the Champernowne sequence be the concatenation of  $X(n)$  for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Then the first symbols of the Champernowne sequence are:

$$champ = 0\ 1\ 00\ 01\ 10\ 11\ 000\ 001\ 010\ 011\ 100\ 101\ 110\ 111\ 0000\ 0001\ \dots$$

By the definition of supernormality, if we take  $\lambda = 1$ , then we need to prove that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{s : |s| = n, |champ[1 \dots 2^n]|_s = k\}}{2^n} \neq \frac{e^{-1}}{k!}$$

To begin the proof, let's see a couple of propositions that will be useful in the future.

First, let's see that given  $k$ , we define  $d = 2^k$ , if we take  $n \geq d + k + 1$  then the whole block  $X(d)$  covered in the first  $2^n$  symbols of Champernowne.

**Proposition 2.1.1.** *Given  $d > 0$  and  $k = 2^d$ , if we take  $n \geq k + d + 1$  then the whole block  $X(k)$  covered in the first  $2^n$  symbols of Champernowne.*

*Demostración.* First let's check by induction that for every  $m \in \mathbb{N}, m > 1$  it follows that  $\sum_{i=1}^m i2^i < 2^{m+\log(m)+1}$

*Base Case:*  $m = 2$

$$\sum_{i=1}^2 i2^i = 10 < 2^{m+\log(m)+1} = 16$$

*Induction:*  $m \Rightarrow m + 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{m+1} i2^i &= \sum_{i=1}^m i2^i + 2(m+1)2^m \stackrel{IH}{<} 2m2^m + 2(m+1)2^m = 4k2^m + 2 \cdot 2^m \\ &4m2^m + 2 \cdot 2^m < 4m2^m + 4 \cdot 2^m = 2^{m+1+\log(m+1)+1} \end{aligned}$$

So, as the first  $2^{d+k+1}$  symbols are more than  $\sum_{i=1}^k i2^i$  then we are sure that the whole block  $X(k)$  is covered.  $\square$

**Proposition 2.1.2.**  $X(k)$  accounts for half of the total amount of symbols in the first  $2^{d+k+1}$  symbols of Champernowne.

*Demostración.*  $2^{d+k+1} = 2^{d+k}2$  and  $X(k)$  has length  $k2^k = 2^d2^k = 2^{d+k}$  □

We will prove that Champernowne is not supernormal by showing that the frequency of words of length  $k+d+1$  that do not occur in the first  $2^{k+d+1}$  symbols of the Champernowne sequence is higher than the expected frequency if it were supernormal. To accomplish this, we will exhaustively look how many different words of length  $2^{k+d+1}$  are there within  $X(k)$  and give an upper bound for the amount of different words that can appear in the first  $2^{k+d+1}$  symbols of the Champernowne sequence.

Now, let's take a look at what the words of length  $k+d+1$  that occur in  $X(k)$  look like. There are four different cases that can happen of how a word  $x$  is formed with elements from  $X(k)$ . In the following analysis,  $u, v$  and  $w$  are consecutive words of length  $k$  in  $X(k)$ :

▪ Case 1:

$$x = u_1u_2 \dots u_k \quad v_1v_2 \dots v_{d+1}$$

Which means it is the occurrence modulo 0 for a given word  $u$  of length  $k$  in  $X(k)$  plus the remaining  $d+1$  symbols which are taken from the next word.

▪ Case 2:

$$x = u_{k-d-1} \dots u_k \quad v_1v_2 \dots v_k$$

Which is the case where the word of length  $k+d+1$  is formed from the last  $d+1$  symbols of a word and the whole  $k$  symbols of the next word.

▪ Case 3:

$$x = u_{n+1}u_{n+2} \dots u_k \quad v_1v_2 \dots v_{d+n+1}$$

with  $n \in \{1, 2, \dots, k-d-2\}$ .

Which is the case where the  $k+d+1$  symbols are taken from two words of length  $k$  and none of the words is complete.

▪ Case 4:

$$x = u_{k-d-1+n}u_{k-d+n} \dots u_k \quad v_1v_2 \dots v_k \quad w_1w_2 \dots w_{d+1-n}$$

with  $n \in \{1, 2, \dots, d\}$

Which is the case where the word of length  $k+d+1$  is formed by a full word, and the extra  $d+1$  symbols are taken from both the end of the previous word and the beginning of the next one.

### 2.1.1. Case Analysis

For the simplicity of the proof we will define the function  $next(w)$  that will be used repetitively in the case analysis.

**Definition 2.1.1.** Let  $next(w) : \mathcal{A}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^n$  be  $|w|$  times 0 if  $w$  only consists of 1s and the word that comes after  $w$  in lexicographic order in any other case.



## Case 1

$$x = u_1 u_2 \dots u_k \quad v_1 v_2 \dots v_d v_{d+1}$$

This case accounts for the occurrence modulo 0 for a given word  $u$  of length  $k$  in  $X(k)$  plus the remaining  $d + 1$  symbols which are taken from the next word. As an example, some of the words of length  $k + d + 1$  formed from  $X(k)$  taking  $k = 8, d = 3$  are shown between brackets:

$$\begin{array}{cc} (00000000 & 0000) 0001 \\ (00000001 & 0000) 0010 \\ (00000010 & 0000) 0011 \\ & \vdots \\ (00001110 & 0000) 1111 \\ (00001111 & 0001) 0000 \\ (00010000 & 0001) 0001 \\ & \vdots \\ (11111110 & 1111) 1111 \end{array}$$

There are two important things to notice here. The first one is that as the words of length  $k + d + 1$  are formed by a full word of length  $k$  followed by the first  $d + 1$  symbols from the next word, in almost every case the first  $d + 1$  symbols are equal to the last  $d + 1$ . The only way for this not to happen, is when the last  $k - d - 1$  symbols from the first word  $u$  are all 1s, which means that the next word in lexicographic order  $v$  will consist of  $next(v_1 v_2 \dots v_{d+1})$  concatenated with  $next(v_{d+2} v_{d+3} \dots v_k)$ .

The second important thing to notice is that as  $X(k)$  is the concatenation of all words of length  $k$ , all words of length  $k$  occur one time in an alligned position modulo  $k$ . This means that the first  $k$  symbols of  $x$  will take every possible configuration.

These two facts leave two possible schemes for what a word  $x$  of case 1 may look like:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \underbrace{A}_{d+1} & \underbrace{B}_{k-d-1} & A \\ \underbrace{A}_{d+1} & \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{k-d-1} & next(A) \end{array}$$

For the first scheme we have:

$$2^{d+1}(2^{k-d-1} - 1)$$

$$2 \cdot 2^d \left( \frac{2^k}{2 \cdot 2^d} - 1 \right)$$

$$2^k - \frac{1}{2 \cdot 2^d}$$

$2^k - \frac{1}{2 \cdot 2^d}$  different words.

For the second scheme we subtract one to the cases due to the fact that the last word of length  $k$  in  $X(k)$  has its continuation outside  $X(k)$ :

$$2^{d+1} - 1$$

$$2 \cdot 2^d - 1$$

$2 \cdot 2^d - 1$  different words.

Counting the whole case together we have  $2^k - \frac{1}{2 \cdot 2^d} + 2 \cdot 2^d - 1$  which is less than  $2^k - 2 \cdot 2^d$  different words.

### Case 2

$$x = u_{k-d-1} \dots u_k \quad v_1 v_2 \dots v_k$$

This case accounts for the occurrence modulo 0 for a given word  $u$  of length  $k$  in  $X(k)$  plus the remaining  $d + 1$  symbols which are taken from the previous word. This means that in this case the word of length  $k + d + 1$  corresponding to the first word of  $X(k)$  does not have a corresponding word inside  $X(k)$ . As an example, some of the words of length  $k + d + 1$  formed from  $X(k)$  taking  $k = 8, d = 3$  are shown between brackets:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 0000 & (0000 & 00000001) \\ 0000 & (0001 & 00000010) \\ & \vdots & \\ 0000 & (1111 & 10000000) \\ 1000 & (0000 & 10000001) \\ & \vdots & \\ 1111 & (1110 & 11111111) \end{array}$$

As in the previous case, as  $X(k)$  is the concatenation of all words of length  $k$ , all words of length  $k$  occur one time in an aligned position modulo  $k$ . This means that the last  $k$  symbols of  $x$  will take every possible configuration. The other important thing to notice is that as the first  $d + 1$  symbols of  $x$  come from the word  $u$  which occurs exactly before  $v$  in lexicographic order, then:

$$\text{next}(u_{k-d-1} u_{k-d} \dots u_k) = u_{v-d-1} v_{k-d} \dots v_k$$

This leaves only one possible scheme for what a word  $x$  of case 2 may look like:

$$\underbrace{A}_{d+1} \quad \underbrace{B}_{k-d-1} \quad \text{next}(A)$$

This scheme gives us the following amount of different words that may occur:

$$(2^{d+1} 2^{k-d}) - 1$$

$$2 \cdot 2^d \left( \frac{2^k}{2^d} \right) - 1$$

$$2 \cdot 2^k - 1$$

$2 \cdot 2^k - 1$  different words which is less than  $2 \cdot 2^k$  different words.

## Case 3

$$x = u_{n+1}u_{n+2} \dots u_k \quad v_1v_2 \dots v_{d+n+1}$$

with  $n \in \{1, 2, \dots, k - d - 2\}$ .

This case accounts for when the  $k + d + 1$  symbols are taken from two words of length  $k$  and none of the words is complete. As an example, some of the words of length  $k + d + 1$  formed from  $X(k)$  taking  $k = 8, d = 3$  are shown between brackets. Some extra spaces are added within  $u$  and  $v$  to make clear the scheme that will be explained later. Taking  $n = 1$ .

$$\begin{array}{cc} 0 \text{ (0000 000} & 0 \text{ 0000) 001} \\ 0 \text{ (0000 001} & 0 \text{ 0000) 010} \\ & \vdots \\ 0 \text{ (0001 110} & 0 \text{ 0001) 111} \\ 0 \text{ (0001 111} & 0 \text{ 0010) 000} \\ 0 \text{ (0010 000} & 0 \text{ 0010) 001} \\ & \vdots \\ 1 \text{ (1111 101} & 1 \text{ 1111) 110} \\ 0 \text{ (1111 110} & 1 \text{ 1111) 111} \end{array}$$

Taking  $n = k - d - 2 = 3$

$$\begin{array}{cc} 000 \text{ (0000 0} & 000 \text{ 0000) 1} \\ 000 \text{ (0000 1} & 000 \text{ 0001) 0} \\ 000 \text{ (0001 0} & 000 \text{ 0001) 1} \\ 000 \text{ (0001 1} & 000 \text{ 0010) 0} \\ & \vdots \\ 111 \text{ (1110 1} & 111 \text{ 1111) 0} \\ 111 \text{ (1111 0} & 111 \text{ 1111) 1} \end{array}$$

In this case, it also happens that as  $X(k)$  is the concatenation of all words of length  $k$ , for each value of  $n$ , all words of length  $k$  take the  $u$  position once, except the last of the words of length  $k$  in  $X(k)$ .

It is important to notice that for a given value of  $n$ , the first  $n$  symbols of  $u$  will not be considered to form  $x$ . This means that it can be interpreted that the symbols from  $u$  that are considered are, the first  $d + 1$  symbols after  $n$  which will be called  $A$  and the remaining  $k - d - 1 - n$  symbols which will be called  $B$ .

Now, if we divide the  $n + d + 1$  symbols that are used from  $v$  to form  $x$  into the first  $n$  symbols which will be called  $C$  and the remaining  $d + 1$  symbols, it is possible to see that these  $d + 1$  symbols will always be equal to the symbols from  $A$  except for the case where

$B = 11 \dots 1$  as they account for the same indexes of  $u$  and  $v$  and  $v$  comes immediately after  $u$  in lexicographic order.

These leave two possible schemes for what a word  $x$  of case 3 may look like:

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \underbrace{A}_{d+1} & \underbrace{B}_{k-d-1-n} & \underbrace{C}_n & A \\ \underbrace{A}_{d+1} & \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{k-d-1-n} & \underbrace{C}_n & next(A) \end{array}$$

Looking closely at the first scheme, it is possible to see, if we put together  $B$  and  $C$  which have length  $k - d - 1 - n$  and  $n$  respectively, that we have the following scheme:

$$\underbrace{A}_{d+1} \quad \underbrace{B}_{k-d-1} \quad A$$

which is exactly the same one as in case 1. This means that all the possible words that can be formed following this scheme don't yield any new words.

The same thing happens with the second scheme when concatenating  $11 \dots 1$  with  $C$ :

$$\underbrace{A}_{d+1} \quad \underbrace{11 \dots 1C}_{k-d-1} \quad next(A)$$

Which is a particular case of case 2.

This means that for case 3 there are no words that appear that should be taken into account as new words.

#### Case 4

$$x = u_{k-d-1+n} u_{k-d+n} \dots u_k \quad v_1 v_2 \dots v_k \quad w_1 w_2 \dots w_{d+1-n}$$

with  $n \in \{1, 2, \dots, d\}$

This case accounts for when the  $k + d + 1$  symbols are taken from three words of length  $k$ . The  $k$  symbols of  $v$  are used and the remaining  $d + 1$  symbols are taken from both the previous and the following words  $u$  and  $w$ . As an example, some of the words of length  $k + d + 1$  formed from  $X(k)$  taking  $k = 8, d = 3$  are shown between brackets. Some extra spaces are added within  $u$  and  $v$  to make clear the scheme that will be explained later.

Taking  $n = 1$ .

$$\begin{array}{lll} 0000000 (0 & 000 \ 0000 \ 1 & 000) \ 00010 \\ 0000000 (1 & 000 \ 0001 \ 0 & 000) \ 00011 \\ & \vdots & \\ 0011111 (0 & 001 \ 1111 \ 1 & 001) \ 10000 \\ 0011111 (1 & 010 \ 0000 \ 0 & 010) \ 00001 \\ & \vdots & \\ 1111110 (1 & 111 \ 1111 \ 0 & 111) \ 11111 \end{array}$$

Taking  $n = 2$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
000000 & (00 & 00 & 0000 & 01 & 00) & 000010 \\
000000 & (01 & 00 & 0000 & 10 & 00) & 000011 \\
& & & \vdots & & & \\
001111 & (01 & 00 & 1111 & 10 & 00) & 111111 \\
001111 & (10 & 00 & 1111 & 11 & 01) & 000000 \\
001111 & (11 & 01 & 0000 & 00 & 01) & 000001 \\
& & & \vdots & & & \\
111111 & (01 & 11 & 1111 & 10 & 11) & 111111
\end{array}$$

In this case, it also happens that as  $X(k)$  is the concatenation of all words of length  $k$ , for each value of  $n$ , all words of length  $k$  take the  $u$  position once, except the last of the words of length  $k$  in  $X(k)$ .

We will call  $A$  the first  $n$  symbols of  $x$  which are taken from the end of  $v$ . The following  $d+1-n$  symbols which are the first of  $v$  will be called  $B$  and it happens that unless the remaining symbols of  $v$  are all 1s, they will be the same as the last  $d+1-n$  of  $x$  because these symbols are the first  $d+1-n$  from  $w$ . Now, we will consider the remaining  $k-d-1+n$  symbols from  $v$  as two blocks, one block  $C$  of length  $k-d-1$  and the remaining  $n$  symbols which are exactly  $next(A)$  as  $v$  is the next word in lexicographic order after  $u$ . This yields the two following schemes:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
\underbrace{A}_{n} & \underbrace{B}_{d+1-n} & \underbrace{C}_{k-d+1} & next(A) & B \\
\underbrace{11 \dots 10}_n & \underbrace{B}_{d+1-n} & \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{k-d+1} & next(A) & next(B)
\end{array}$$

For the first scheme we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{n=1}^d (2^n - 1)(2^{d+1-n})(2^{k-d-1}) \\
& \sum_{n=1}^d (2^n - 1) \left( \frac{2 \cdot 2^d}{2^n} \right) \left( \frac{2^k}{2 \cdot 2^d} \right) \\
& 2^k \sum_{n=1}^d \frac{2^n - 1}{2^n}
\end{aligned}$$

For the second scheme we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{n=1}^d 2^{d+1-n} \\
& \sum_{n=1}^d 2 \frac{2^d}{2^{-n}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$2 \cdot 2^d \sum_{n=1}^d 2^{-n}$$

When putting them both together we get:

$$2^k \sum_{n=1}^d \frac{2^n - 1}{2^n} + 2 \cdot 2^d \sum_{n=1}^d 2^{-n} < d2^k + 2 \cdot 2^d$$

### Special Cases

We will consider the last to words of  $X(k)$  as special cases. The last word of  $X(k)$  does not apply to any of the cases since there are no words  $v$  and  $w$  inside  $X(k)$  to consider the cases. Something similar occurs with the word previous to the last one and case 4. While it is true that we do know which words come immediately after  $X(k)$ , which are the first words of size  $d + k + 2$  in lexicographic order, as we are giving an upper bound, it is valid to consider all of these as different words to all of the ones considered in the previous cases. By doing this, we would have to consider  $d + k + 1$  new words for the last word and  $d$  words for the previous one. So this yields  $2d + k + 1$  words to consider.

#### 2.1.2. Bounding words that appear in Champernowne

If the Champernowne sequence were supernormal then the expected frequency of words that appear at least one time in the first  $2^n$  symbols would be:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{s : |s| = n, |champ[1 \dots 2^n]|_s > 0\}}{2^n} = 1 - e^{-1}$$

Now, by ?? we know that  $X(k)$  accounts for half of the words. If we take the bounds we have for the occurrences of different words within  $X(k)$  and we assume that the remaining  $2^{d+k}$  symbols are all different, then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{s : |s| = n, |champ[1 \dots 2^n]|_s > 0\}}{2^n} = \\ \lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{s : |s| = d + k + 1, |champ[1 \dots 2^{d+k+1}]|_s > 0\}}{2^{d+k+1}} < \\ \lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(2^k - 2 \cdot 2^d) + (2 \cdot 2^k) + (d2^k + 2 \cdot 2^d) + (2^{d+k}) + (2d + k + 1)}{2^{d+k+1}} = \end{aligned}$$

Which means that the Champernowne sequence has more words than never appear than the expected amount. This also implies that Champernowne is not 1-supernormal which means it is not supernormal.

**Corollary 2.1.2.1.** *If  $x$  is a normal number it is not implied that  $x$  is supernormal.*

### **3. CONCLUSIONS AND FURTHER WORK**





#### 4. BIBLIOGRAPHY

