# 01415 Computational Tools for Discrete Mathematics



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### Question 1. stream cipher:

A stream cipher consisting of a LFSR and a nonlinear filter function. According to exercise 2, a primitive polynomial  $f(x) = x^6 + x^4 + x^3 + x + 1$  in  $F_2[x]$  is given, which can be converted to the LFSR:

$$S_{n+6} = S_{n+4} + S_{n+3} + S_{n+1} + S_n$$
  $n=0,1,...$ 

Since the polynomial is primitive, any non  $\{0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\}$  initial state will produce a LRS with maximal period of  $2^6$ -1=63 (homogeneous).

And according to exercise 3, the first 10 corresponding bits in keystream output is:  $0\,1\,1\,0\,0\,1\,1\,0\,1$ 

The nonlinear equations representing this stream cipher is constructed by following the nonlinear function from exercise 3. Since the initial state of the LFSR is secret, we represent it with x0,x1,x2,x3,x4,x5, and as the recurrence goes on, we have to introduce some new polynomials to represent the bits and plug these bits as variables into the nonlinear filter function to generate one bit each time, which yields the equations:

a(x) = x0 + x1 + x3 + x4 (1.6) b(x) = x1 + x2 + x4 + x5 c(x) = x0 + x1 + x2 + x4 + x5 d(x) = x0 + x2 + x4 + x5 e(x) = x0 + x4 + x5 (1.7) f(x) = x0 + x3 + x4 + x5  $F(S_1) = [(x3x4) + x4x5 + x3x5 + a(x)] \mod 2 = 0$   $F(S2) = [x4x5 + (x4 + x5)a(x) + b(x)] \mod 2 = 1$   $F(S3) = [x5a(x) + (x5 + a(x))b(x) + c(x)] \mod 2 = 1$   $F(S4) = [a(x)b(x) + (a(x) + b(x))c(x) + d(x)] \mod 2 = 1$   $F(S5) = [b(x)c(x) + (b(x) + c(x))d(x) + e(x)] \mod 2 = 0$ 

possible state vectors1 and look for a coincidence with the 6 first digits of (1.3). We find only one coincidence : [0 1 1 0 1 0]

The idea now is calculate the keystream for the 63

It turns out that if we have access to the Stream cipher operations and keystream we can obtain the secret seed s0.

There are step by step hand calculations and Matlab code in the Appendix(1).

 $F(S6) = [c(x)d(x) + (c(x) + d(x))e(x) + g(x)] \mod 2 = 0$ 

#### Question 2. Low order bits of LCGs.

(a). Suppose that  $X_0 = 1$ . Compute the 2-bit sequence Y0; Y1; Y2; : : : and its period. A linear congruential sequence with parameters (m; a; c;  $X_0$ ) has the form:  $X_{n+1} = (aX_n + c) \mod m$  for  $n \ge 0$  And the following value is given:

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a=1103515245;

c=12345;

 $m=2^{31}$ ;

x0=1

According to Theorem 1 (slide 13, Day08), we can prove that the linear congruential sequence with parameters (m; a; c; $X_0$ ) has period length m= $2^{31}$ , because:

- 1. c is relatively prime to m; True, as c is odd, m is even and have only one prime divisor 2, so gcd(c,m)=1.
- 2. b = a 1 is a multiple of p for every prime p dividing m; True, b is even.
- 3. b should be a multiple of 4. True, because  $m = 2^{29*} 2^2$ , so  $b = 0 \mod 4$ .

So we can generate 2 random bits in iterations by using

 $X_{n+1} = (aX_n + c) \mod m$ 

for  $n \ge 0$ 

 $Y_n = X_n \mod 2^2$ 

for  $n \ge 0$ 

The remainders can only be {0,1,2,3}, which in binary form are 00,01,10,11.

We use iteration  $2^{15}$  = 32768, the first 10 computed linear congruential sequence  $X_n$  are:

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1103527590

377401600

333417792

314102912

611429056

1995203584

18793472

1909564472

295447552

 $X_n$  has maximal period m, so the sequence contains all numbers from 0 to m – 1.

### And Y<sub>n</sub> are:

We observe that the majority of  $Y_n$  are 0, which means the corresponding  $X_n$  are multiple of 4. This seriously affect the randomness of the sequence.

The track of output, the 1st output is 1, the 2nd is 2, the 450th is 1, the 516th is 1, the 522th is 1, and so forth:

 $1\ 1\ 2\ 2\ 450\ 1\ 516\ 1\ 522\ 1\ 832\ 1\ 864\ 1\ 951\ 1\ 1309\ 1\ 1565\ 1\ 1627\ 1\ 1772\ 1\ 1821\ 1\ 2554\ 1\dots$ 

We don't see that  $Y_n$  is periodic when we use iteration  $2^{15}$  = 32769 that is the maximum my computer can reach. But according to Theorem 1, its period should be  $2^{31}$ . In this case, LCG uses the two least significant bits to produce random bit, lowest order of bit oscillates at each step, thus the bits produced are not equally random.

**(b)** Which period do you obtain in general? Compare this to using the 6-bit LFSR from classroom exercise 2 to generate the random bits.

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Using the 6-bit LFSR from exercise 2 to generate the random bits gives 63 period, namely its maximal period sequence  $2^6$  - 1. The constraint X < m makes it only take the 2 lowest bits. So both this LFSR case and the LCG case in question (a) have a period as their maximal period.

#### (c) Can you propose a solution to x this problem with the LCG?

In general, lower-order bits of the LCG generated sequence have a far shorter period than the sequence to the big power of 2. LCG uses truncation technique cutting out the low-order bits to produce statistically better sequence. So instead of taking 2 lowest orders (mod 4), the solution could be to take two bits of sequence X from different positions among its 31 bits during each iteration, and then test the statistic of the produced sequence, we see that (figure 1) before 20th and after the 4th bits(the bits below the red line), the LCG generates a good random sequence.

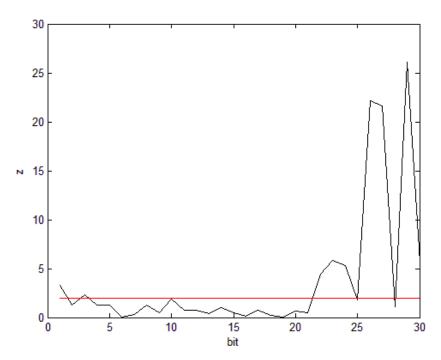


Figure 1, test of randomness, red line marks z = 1.96, the right most bit (30) is the lowest bit.

# Appendix 1

% Question1

 $KS=[0\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 1\ 0];$ 

% we implement the lhs of the system in lhsNLSYS.m, we can check if it is right % by inserting the original initial state  $s0=[0\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 1\ 0];$ 

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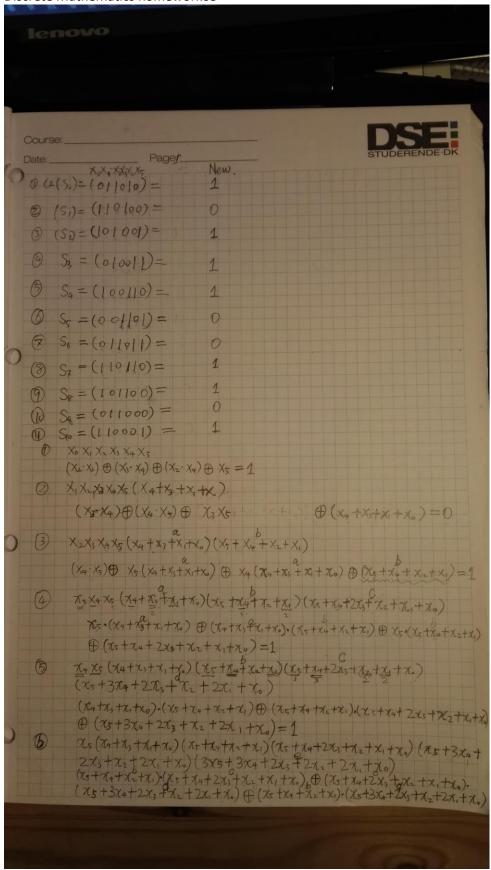
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KS2=lhsNLSYS(s0);
% we can see KS2 = KS(1:6):)
%Next thing is break the cipher we need to generate all the posible
%s0 and check which ones outcomes KS
% excluding [0 0 0 0 0 0] we can generate the 63 posibile s0's by using
% that the LRS is maximal period, and create all posible states.
%s0=[0 0 0 0 0 1]; %anyone is maximal
S=s0;
iterations=124
for i=0:iterations
  idx=i+1;
 next = S(idx) + S(idx+1) + S(idx+3) + S(idx+4);
 next=mod(next,2);
 S=[S next];
end
%states
States=zeros(iterations,6);
KS3 =zeros(iterations,6);
coincidence=[];
cont=0; cont1=0;
for i=1:iterations
States(i,:)=S(1+cont:6+cont);
KS3(i,:) = lhsNLSYS(States(i,:));
% when i=1,the first 6 generated nonlinear
cont = cont + 1
if (\min(KS3(i,:)==KS(1:6))==1) % we have a coincidence
   cont1=cont1+1;
 %coincidence=[coincidence;States(i,:)];
 coincidence=[coincidence;States(i,:)]
end
end
function eq = lhsNLSYS(x)
x0=x(1);x1=x(2);x2=x(3);
x3=x(4);x4=x(5);x5=x(6);
%auxiliar functions
a = x0 + x1 + x3 + x4;
b = x1 + x2 + x4 + x5;
c = x2 + x3 + x5 + a;
d = x3 + x4 + a + b;
e = x4 + x5 + b + c;
f = x5 + a + c + d;
%lhs of 6 equations
eq1 = x3 * x4 + x4*x5 + x3*x5 + a; eq1 = mod(eq1,2);
eq2 = x4 * x5 + (x4+x5)*a + b; eq2 = mod(eq2,2);
eq3 = (x5+b) * a + x5*b + c; eq3 = mod(eq3,2);
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\begin{array}{l} eq4 = a*b + (a+b)*c + d; \ eq4 = mod(eq4,2); \\ eq5 = b*c + (b+c)*d + e; \ eq5 = mod(eq5,2); \\ eq6 = c*d + (c+d)*e + f; \ eq6 = mod(eq6,2); \end{array}
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 $eq = [eq1 \ eq2 \ eq4 \ eq5 \ eq6];$ 



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# Appendix 2

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%% question 2. (a)
a=1103515245;
c=12345;
m=2^31;
iter=2^15;
%initial state of LCG
x0=1; %integer in [0,m-1]
% Arrays initialization
X=x0;
Y = mod(X,4);
BitSeq = m4tobinar(Y);
here=[];
for i=1:iter
\% if(mod(i,m/10)==0)
     disp(horzcat(num2str(round(i/m*100)),'% done'));
 xcurrent=X(end);
 newX = mod(a*xcurrent+c,m);
 newY = mod(newX,4);
 newBitSeq=m4tobinar(newY);
 %update arrays
 X=[X \text{ new } X];
 Y = [Y \text{ new } Y];
 BitSeq=[BitSeq newBitSeq];
 if new Y \sim = 0
 here=[here i newY]; % numbers nonmultiple of 4
 end
end
periodY = seqperiod(Y)
function [b]=m4tobinar(a)
if(a==0)
  b = [0 \ 0];
 elseif (a==1)
  b = [0 \ 1];
 elseif (a==2)
  b = [1 \ 0];
 elseif(a == 3)
  b = [1 \ 1];
end
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%Question 2.(b)
Last2bits=[]; Y=[];
for i = 1:124
  newLast2bits = States(i,end-1:end);
   Last2bits=[Last2bits newLast2bits];
   newY = bin2dec(num2str(newLast2bits));
   Y=[Y \text{ new } Y];
 end
periodS = seqperiod(Y)
% Question2.(c)
a=1103515245;
c=12345;
m=2^31;
%initial state of LCG
x0=1;%integer in [0,m-1]
iter=2^10;
ini_bit_vec=1:30;
u=zeros(length(ini_bit_vec),1); z_value=u;
for ii=1:length(ini_bit_vec)
disp(ii)
ini_bit=ini_bit_vec(ii);
% Arrays initialization
X=x0;
newBitSeq=dec2bin(X,31); %pass X to binary
 BitSeq=newBitSeq(ini_bit:ini_bit+1); % and extract 2 bits
 for i=1:iter
 xcurrent=X(end);
 newX = mod(a*xcurrent+c,m);
 newBitSeq=dec2bin(newX,31);
 newBitSeq=newBitSeq(ini_bit:ini_bit+1); % extract 2 bits
 %update arrays
 X=[X \text{ new} X];
 BitSeq=[BitSeq newBitSeq]; %length 2050
 end
%Perform run test
[u(ii),z_value(ii)]=run_test(BitSeq);
end
% Y = str2double(X)
periodY = seqperiod(X)
figure(1)
plot(ini_bit_vec,z_value,'-k')
hold on
plot(ini_bit_vec,1.96*ones(1,length(ini_bit_vec)),'-r')
xlabel('bit'), ylabel('z')
function [u,z_value]=run_test(s)
% run_test, performes a statistical test on on sequence of bits
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% the run is defined as the number of changes from 0 to 1 or 1 to 0 in the
% bit sequence
%
% INPUT PARAMETERS
% s: mx1 vector with the sequence of bits
% OUTPUT PARAMETERS
% u :: number of runs
% z_value : statistical value of interest z<1.94 pass the test
m=length(s); %The number of elements of the sequence
% Lets count the number of zeros and ones
n_1=0; %inizialization
n = 0 = 0;
for i=1:m;
  if(str2num(s(i))==1)
  n_1=n_1+1;
  else
  n_0=n_0+1;
  end
end
% u, number of changes in the sequence.
for i=1:m-1
  if (str2num(s(i)) \sim = str2num(s(i+1)))
    u=u+1;
  end
end
% Now is time to check the stats of this u number. U is expected to be a
% Gaussian Random distribution with mean and variance:
mean_u=((2*n_1*n_0)/m)+1;
var_u=(mean_u-1)*(mean_u-2)/(m-1);
% We acept that our sequence is Gaussian and random if z_value is lower
% than 1.96
z_value=abs(u-mean_u)/sqrt(var_u);
end
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