Return words and derivated sequences to Rote sequences

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Return words and derivated sequences (Durand 1998)



A **return word** to a prefix w in **u** is the word $u_i u_{i+1} \cdots u_{j-1}$ for every two consecutive occurrences i < j of w in **u**.

Let r_0, \ldots, r_{k-1} be return words to w in \mathbf{u} . Then $\mathbf{u} = r_{s_0}r_{s_1}r_{s_2}\cdots$. The sequence $\mathbf{d}_{\mathbf{u}}(w) = s_0s_1s_2\cdots$ is the **derivated sequence** of \mathbf{u} to w. A sequence **v** is a **Rote sequence** if $C_{\mathbf{v}}(n) = 2n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. A sequence is **complementary symmetric (CS)** if its language is closed under the exchange of letters $0 \leftrightarrow 1$.

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To study derivated sequences we need to know also the structure of return words, not only their number.

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Rote: $\mathbf{v}_F = 0.011100111000110001100011\cdots$ Sturmian: $\mathbf{u}_F = 0.1001010010010010010010\cdots$ $\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{v}_F) = \mathbf{u}_F$

S(00) = S(11) = 0 S(001) = 01 S(001110) = 01001

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A word $u = u_0 u_1 \cdots u_{n-1}$ is called **stable** (S) if $|u|_1 = 0 \mod 2$, where $|u|_1$ denotes the number of occurrences of the letter 1 in u. Otherwise, u is **unstable** (U).

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Theorem

Let **v** be a CS Rote sequence with a prefix x and let $\mathbf{u} = S(\mathbf{v})$ be its Sturmian sequence with the prefix w = S(x) and its return words r, s. Then the return words A, B, C to x satisfy

i) if w is
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: $r = S(A0), sr^{k+1}s = S(B0), sr^k s = S(C0);$ ii) if w is $US(k)$: $rr = S(A0), rsr = S(B0), s = S(C0);$ iii) if w is $UU(k)$: $rr = S(A0), rs = S(B0), sr = S(C0).$

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Derivated sequences to CS Rote sequences

Proposition

Let **v** be a CS Rote seq., $\mathbf{u} = S(\mathbf{v})$ be a standard Sturmian seq. Let x be a non-empty prefix of **v** and w = S(x). Let $\alpha > \frac{1}{2}$ be the slope of $\mathbf{d}_{\mathbf{u}}(w)$. Then $\mathbf{d}_{\mathbf{v}}(x)$ is a coding of 3iet transformation given by lengths $\beta, \gamma, 1 - \beta - \gamma$ and by permutation π , where i) if w is SU(k), $\beta = \alpha, \gamma = \alpha - k(1 - \alpha)$ and $\pi = (3, 2, 1)$; ii) if w is US(k), $\beta = 2\alpha - 1, \gamma = 1 - \alpha$ and $\pi = (3, 2, 1)$; iii) if w is UU(k), $\beta = 2\alpha - 1, \gamma = 1 - \alpha$ and $\pi = (2, 3, 1)$.



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Corollary

Let **v** be a CS Rote seq. and let $\mathbf{u} = \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{v})$ be a standard Sturmian seq. which is a fixed point of a primitive morphism. If **u** has *K* derivated sequences, then **v** has at most 3*K* derivated sequences and each of them is fixed by a primitive morphism.

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 \mathbf{v}_F has three derivated seq. fixed by the morphisms:

$$\sigma_{0}: \begin{cases} A \to AB \\ B \to ABAACAACA \\ C \to ABAACA \end{cases} \qquad \sigma_{1}: \begin{cases} A \to BBCAC \\ B \to BBCACAC \\ C \to B \end{cases} \qquad \sigma_{2}: \begin{cases} A \to BACCB \\ B \to BACC \\ C \to BACB \end{cases}$$

 \boldsymbol{u} is a fixed point of 0 \rightarrow 101, 1 \rightarrow 10

the associated Rote seq. \mathbf{v} has two derivated seq. fixed by:

$$\sigma_{0}: \begin{cases} A \to ABCB \\ B \to A \\ C \to AB \end{cases} \qquad \sigma_{1}: \begin{cases} A \to ABC \\ B \to AC \\ C \to AB \end{cases}$$

Comments

- We focused on standard Sturmian sequences.
- CS Rote sequences are neutral sequences of characteristics 0, but they are not dendric.
- The derivated sequences of CS Rote sequences are 3iet sequences and so they are dendric.
- A CS Rote sequence is primitive substitutive if and only if its associated Sturmian sequence is primitive substitutive.
- We can list the morphisms which fix the derivated sequences of a given CS Rote sequence if its associated Sturmian sequence is a fixed point.

Thank you for your attention!