# 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 $\mathbf{u}$ is the word $u_{i} u_{i+1} \cdots u_{j-1}$ for every two consecutive occurrences $i<j$ of $w$ in $\mathbf{u}$.

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 $\mathbf{d}_{\mathbf{u}}(w)=s_{0} s_{1} s_{2} \cdots$ is the derivated sequence of $\mathbf{u}$ to $w$.

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A word $u=u_{0} u_{1} \cdots u_{n-1}$ is called stable (S) if $|u|_{1}=0 \bmod 2$, 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 $\mathbf{v}$ be a CS Rote sequence with a prefix $x$ and let $\mathbf{u}=\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{v})$ be its Sturmian sequence with the prefix $w=\mathcal{S}(x)$ and its return words $r, s$. Then the return words $A, B, C$ to $x$ satisfy
i) if $w$ is $S U(k)$ :

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r=\mathcal{S}(A 0), s r^{k+1} s=\mathcal{S}(B 0), s r^{k} s=\mathcal{S}(C 0)
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i) if $w$ is $S U(k), \quad \beta=\alpha, \gamma=\alpha-k(1-\alpha) \quad$ and $\quad \pi=(3,2,1)$;
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$\mathbf{v}_{F}$ has three derivated seq. fixed by the morphisms:
$\sigma_{0}:\left\{\begin{array}{l}A \rightarrow A B \\ B \rightarrow A B A A C A A C A \\ C \rightarrow A B A A C A\end{array} \quad \sigma_{1}:\left\{\begin{array}{l}A \rightarrow B B C A C \\ B \rightarrow B B C A C A C \\ C \rightarrow B\end{array} \quad \sigma_{2}:\left\{\begin{array}{l}A \rightarrow B A C C B \\ B \rightarrow B A C C \\ C \rightarrow B A C B\end{array}\right.\right.\right.$

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$\mathbf{u}$ is a fixed point of $0 \rightarrow 101,1 \rightarrow 10$
the associated Rote seq. v has two derivated seq. fixed by:

$$
\sigma_{0}:\left\{\begin{array}{l}
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B \rightarrow A \\
C \rightarrow A B
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## 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!

