

# Ordered Orthogonal Array Construction using LFSR Sequences

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- (M.Y. Rosenbloom, M.A. Tsfasman, 1997) constructed MDS codes with respect to  $m$ -metric (also known as NRT-metric or  $\rho$ -metric) called **Reed-Solomon  $m$ -codes**.
- Present a new construction to Reed-Solomon  $m$ -codes in terms of an equivalent combinatorial object called **Ordered Orthogonal Array** using Linear Feedback Shift Register Sequences (LFSRs).

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# Orthogonal Arrays

## Definition

An **orthogonal array**  $OA(t, k, v)$  is a  $v^t \times k$  array with each entry from a finite set  $V$  (alphabet) of size  $v$  and satisfying the following property:

For any subarray  $v^t \times t$  each  $t$ -tuple of  $V^t$  appears **exactly once** as a row.

## Example

Strength  $t = 3$ ,  $k = 4$  columns,  $v = 2$  binary alphabet,  $2^3$  rows

$$OA(3, 4, 2) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Ordered Orthogonal Arrays

Let  $m$  and  $s$  be positive integers and the set  $[m \times s] := \{0, \dots, ms - 1\}$  partitioned into  $m$  blocks  $B_i$  of cardinality  $s$ , where

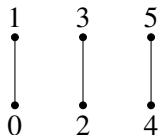
$$B_i = \{is, \dots, (i+1)s - 1\}$$

for  $i = 0, \dots, m - 1$ . Each block has the total ordering:

$$is \prec is + 1 \prec \dots \prec (i+1)s - 1.$$

- The set  $[m \times s]$  has the structure of partially ordered set (poset): the union of  $m$  totally ordered sets with  $s$  elements each.
- An **ideal** is a subset of  $[m \times s]$  closed under predecessors.
- An **antiideal** is a subset of  $[m \times s]$  closed under followers.

## Example: $m = 3$ and $s = 2$



| Ideals of size 3 | Antiideals of size 3 |
|------------------|----------------------|
| $\{0, 2, 4\}$    | $\{1, 3, 5\}$        |
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An antiideal is the complement of an ideal.

## Definition

Let  $t, m, s, v$  be positive integers such that  $2 \leq t \leq ms$ . An **ordered orthogonal array**  $OOA(t, m, s, v)$  is a  $v^t \times ms$  array  $A$  with entries from an alphabet  $V$  of size  $v$ , and satisfying the property:

For each **antiideal**  $I \subset [m \times s]$  of cardinality  $t$ , in the  $t$  columns of  $A$  labeled by  $I$  each  $t$ -tuple of elements in  $V$  appears **exactly once** as a row.



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## Theorem

*For  $q$  a prime power and  $t \geq 2$ , there exists an  $OOA(t, q + 1, t - 1, q)$ .*

### Theorem: Reed-Solomon m-codes

Let  $q$  be a prime power and  $s \leq t$ . There exists an MDS code with respect to  $m$ -metric whose the parameters are  $[q + 1, s, t, (q + 1)s - (t - 1)]_q$ .

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S. Raaphorst, L. Moura, B. Stevens, *A Construction for Strength-3 Covering Arrays from Linear Feedback Shift Register Sequences*. Designs, Codes and Cryptography (2014).

- Let  $f(x) = c_0 + c_1x + \dots + c_{t-1}x^{t-1} + x^t$  be a primitive polynomial over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  of degree  $t$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}_{q^t}$  a root of  $f$ . A **linear feed back shift register** with primitive polynomial  $f$  and initial values  $T = (b_0, \dots, b_{t-1}) \in \mathbb{F}_q^t$  is a sequence  $S(f, T) = (a_i)_{i \geq 0}$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  defined as

$$a_i = \begin{cases} b_i & \text{if } 0 \leq i < t \\ -\sum_{j=0}^{t-1} c_j a_{i-t+j} & \text{if } i \geq t. \end{cases}$$

- There exists a unique nonzero initial values  $T \in \mathbb{F}_q^t$  such that the trace representation of the LFSR generated by  $f$  and  $T$  is given by  $S(f, T) = (a_i)_{i \geq 0} = (\text{Tr}(\alpha^i))_{i \geq 0}$ .
- The sequence  $S(f, T)$  has maximum period  $q^t - 1$ .

- Define  $k = \frac{q^t - 1}{q - 1}$ .
- $C_i^k(S(f, T)) = (a_i, \dots, a_{i+k-1})$  is the subinterval of  $S(f, T)$  of length  $k$  beginning in position  $i$ .
- For any  $i > 0, j > 0$  the positions of zeroes in  $C_i^k(S(f, T))$  and  $C_{i+jk}^k(S(f, T))$  are identical.
- Consider the following  $q^t \times k$  array:

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} C_0^k(S(f, T)) \\ C_1^k(S(f, T)) \\ \vdots \\ C_{q^t-2}^k(S(f, T)) \\ 0, 0, \dots, 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The array  $M$  is called **subinterval array of  $f$** .

Let  $f(x) = x^3 + x + 1$  be a primitive polynomial over  $\mathbb{F}_2$ . The sequence is defined by  $a_i = a_{i-2} + a_{i-3}$  for  $i \geq 3$ . A period of the LFSR generated by  $f$  and  $(100)$  is

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The **subinterval array of  $\mathbf{f}$**  is:

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- Each nonzero  $t$ -tuple of  $\mathbb{F}_q$  appears **once** per period of an LFSR.
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- 1 A set of  $t$  columns  $\{i_1, \dots, i_t\}$  is **covered** in  $M$ .
- 2 There is **no row**  $r$  other than the all-zero row of  $M$  such that  $r_{i_1} = \dots = r_{i_t} = 0$ .
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$$\text{Tr}(\alpha^{i+1}) - \beta_j \text{Tr}(\alpha^i) = \text{Tr}(\alpha^{i-k_j})$$

*for all  $i \geq 0$ .*

Let  $f(x) = x^4 + 2x + 2$  be a primitive polynomial over  $\mathbb{F}_3$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}_{81}$  be a root of  $f$ .

- $S(f, 1000) = (Tr(\alpha^i))_{i \geq 0}$ .
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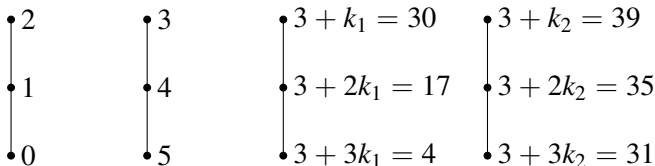
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- Label the columns of the subinterval array  $M$  of  $f$  by  $\mathbb{Z}_{40} = \{0, 1, \dots, 39\}$ .
- Let  $k_1 = 27 \in \mathbb{Z}_{40}$  such that  $\alpha^{27}(\alpha - 1) = 1$ .
- Let  $k_2 = 36 \in \mathbb{Z}_{40}$  such that  $2\alpha^{36}(\alpha - 1) = 1$ .



$$OOA(4, 4, 3, 3) = [0 \ 1 \ 2 \mid 5 \ 4 \ 3 \mid 4 \ 17 \ 30 \mid 31 \ 35 \ 39]$$

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## Theorem

*For  $q$  a prime power and  $t \geq 2$ , there exists an  $OOA(t, q+1, t-1, q)$ .*

### Sketch of the proof:

- Let  $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^t c_i x^i$  be a primitive polynomial over  $\mathbb{F}_q = \{0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_{q-1}\}$  and  $\alpha$  a root of  $f$ .
- Label the columns of the subinterval array  $M$  of  $f$  by  $\mathbb{Z}_k = \{0, 1, \dots, k-1\}$ , where  $k = \frac{q^t-1}{q-1}$ .
- For each  $j = 1, \dots, q-1$ , let  $k_j \in \mathbb{Z}_k$  such that  $\tau_j \alpha^{k_j} (\alpha - \beta_j) = 1$ ,  $\tau_j \in \mathbb{F}_q$ .

Choose the columns of  $M$  labeled by

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \bullet t-2 & \bullet t-1 & \bullet (t-1) + k_j \\
 \bullet t-3 & \bullet t & \bullet (t-1) + 2k_j \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
 \bullet 1 & \bullet 2t-4 & \bullet (t-1) + (t-2)k_j \\
 \bullet 0 & \bullet 2t-3 & \bullet (t-1) + (t-1)k_j
 \end{array}$$

where  $j = 1, \dots, q-1$ .

Let  $k_i \in \mathbb{Z}_{q^t-1}$  such that  $\alpha^{k_i}(\alpha - \beta_i) = 1$ . For  $0 \leq l \leq t-2$ , suppose that

$$z \underbrace{0 \dots 0}_l z_0 z_1 \dots z_{t-l-2} \longrightarrow^{k_i} \overbrace{w \underbrace{0 \dots 0}_{l+1} z_0 w_1 \dots w_{t-l-3} w_{t-l-2}}^t$$

$$p(x) = -c_0 z + \sum_{r=0}^{t-l-3} (z_{t-l-2-r} + \sum_{j=l+2+r}^{t-1} c_j z_{j-l-2-r}) x^{r+1} + z_0 x^{t-l-1}$$

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Therefore  $p(x) = (x - \beta_i)p_1(x)$ .

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**Thank you!**