

Periodic Complementary Sets of Binary Sequences

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Abstract. Let PCS_p^N denote a set of p binary sequences of length N such that the sum of their periodic auto-correlation functions is a δ -function. In the 1990, Bömer and Antweiler addressed the problem of constructing PCS_p^N . They presented a table covering the range $p \leq 12$, $N \leq 50$ and showing in which cases it was known at that time whether PCS_p^N exist, do not exist, or the question of existence is undecided. The number of undecided cases was rather large.

Subsequently the number of undecided cases was reduced to 26 by the author. In the present note, several cyclic difference families are constructed and used to obtain new sets of periodic binary sequences. Thereby the original problem of Bömer and Antweiler is completely solved.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let $a = a(0), a(1), \dots, a(N-1)$ be a binary sequence of length N . By this we mean that each $a(i) = \pm 1$. The periodic and non-periodic auto-correlation functions (PACF and NACF) of a are defined by

$$\tilde{\varphi}_a(i) = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} a(j)a(i+j \bmod N), \quad 0 \leq i < N,$$

and

$$\varphi_a(i) = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1-i} a(j)a(i+j), \quad 0 \leq i < N,$$

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respectively. By convention, $\varphi_a(i) = 0$ for $i \geq N$, and $\varphi_a(-i) = \varphi_a(i)$ for all i 's.

A family of p binary sequences $\{a_i\}$, $1 \leq i \leq p$, all of length N , is a family of periodic resp. aperiodic complementary binary sequences ($PCSS_p^N$ resp. $ACSS_p^N$) if the sum of their PACF resp. NACF is a δ -function. As $\tilde{\varphi}_a(i) = \varphi_a(i) + \varphi_a(N - i)$ for $0 \leq i < N$, we have $ACSS_p^N \Rightarrow PCSS_p^N$.

Bömer and Antweiler [5] addressed the problem of constructing $PCSS_p^N$. They presented a table covering the range $p \leq 12$, $N \leq 50$ and showing in which cases it was known at that time whether $PCSS_p^N$ exist, do not exist, or the question of existence is undecided. The number of undecided cases was rather large. In our note [9] we have reduced the number of undecided cases to 26, see also [13].

In this note we shall construct $PCSS_p^N$ covering all undecided cases. The construction uses the approach via difference families, also known as supplementary difference sets (SDS). The connection is recalled in section 3.

In our preprint [12] we have introduced a normal form for SDS's. All SDS's presented in the remainder of this note are written in that normal form. All of them were constructed by using our genetic type algorithm.

2. BASE SEQUENCES AND THE CASE $p = 4$

Base sequences, originally introduced by Turyn [15], are quadruples $(a; b; c; d)$ of binary sequences, with a and b of length m and c and d of length n , and such that the sum of their NACF's is a δ -function. We denote by $BS(m, n)$ the set of such sequences. According to [7, p. 321] the $BS(n + 1, n)$ exist (we say "exist" instead of "is non-empty") for $0 \leq n \leq 35$. In our paper [11] one can find an extensive list of $BS(n + 1, n)$ covering the range $n \leq 32$.

There is a map

$$(2.1) \quad BS(m, n) \rightarrow ACS_4^{m+n}$$

defined by $(a; b; c; d) \rightarrow (a, c; a, -c; b, d; b, -d)$, where a, c denotes the concatenation of the sequences a and c , and $-c$ denotes the negation of the sequence c , i.e., we have $(-c)(i) = -c(i)$ for all i 's. In particular, for $m = n = N$ we have a map $ACS_4^N = BS(N, N) \rightarrow ACS_4^{2N}$. It follows that ACS_4^N exist for $N \leq 72$. Since $ACS_p^N \Rightarrow PCSS_p^N$, we have

Proposition 2.1. *ACS_p^N and $PCSS_p^N$ exist if p is divisible by 4 and $N \leq 72$.*

3. SUPPLEMENTARY DIFFERENCE SETS

Let $\mathbf{Z}_N = \{0, 1, \dots, N - 1\}$ be the cyclic group of order N with addition modulo N as the group operation. For $m \in \mathbf{Z}_N$ and a subset $X \subseteq \mathbf{Z}_N$ let $\nu(X, m)$ be the number of ordered pairs (i, j) with $i, j \in X$ such that $i - j \equiv m \pmod{N}$. We say that the subsets $X_1, \dots, X_p \subseteq \mathbf{Z}_N$ are supplementary

difference sets (SDS) with parameters $(N; k_1, \dots, k_p; \lambda)$ if $|X_i| = k_i$ for all i and

$$\sum_{i=1}^p \nu(X_i, m) = \lambda, \quad \forall m \in \mathbf{Z}_N \setminus \{0\}.$$

If also $p = 1$ then X_1 is called a difference set.

If $\{a_i\}$, $1 \leq i \leq p$, are PCS_p^N , then the sets

$$(3.1) \quad X_i = \{j \in \mathbf{Z}_N : a_i(j) = -1\}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq p,$$

are SDS with parameters $(N; k_1, \dots, k_p; \lambda)$, where $k_i = |X_i|$ for all i 's. Moreover, if $N > 1$, the following condition holds:

$$(3.2) \quad 4(k_1 + \dots + k_p - \lambda) = pN.$$

The converse is also true: If X_1, \dots, X_p are SDS with parameters $(N; k_1, \dots, k_p; \lambda)$ satisfying the above condition, then the binary sequences $\{a_i\}$, $1 \leq i \leq p$, defined by (3.1) are PCS_p^N . These facts are easy to prove, see e.g. [2, 5].

One can also show easily that if $(N; k_1, \dots, k_p; \lambda)$ are parameters of an SDS then

$$pN = \sum_{i=1}^p (N - 2k_i)^2.$$

This is useful in selecting the possibilities for the parameter sets of a hypothetical SDS.

4. THE CASES $p = 1$ AND $p = 2$

It follows from (3.2) that if PCS_1^N exists then N is divisible by 4. The sequence $+, +, +, -$ is a PCS_1^4 . No PCS_1^N are known for $N > 4$. In fact it is known (see [14]) that they do not exist for $4 < N < 10^{12}$.

The ACS_2^N are known as Golay pairs of length N . We say that N is a Golay number if ACS_2^N exist. It is known that if $N > 1$ is a Golay number then N is even and not divisible by any prime congruent to 3 (mod 4). In particular, N is a sum of two squares. The Golay numbers in the range $N \leq 50$ are 1,2,4,8,10,16,20,26,32 and 40. See [6, 10] for more details and additional references.

If PCS_2^N exist and $N > 1$ then (3.2) implies that N must be even. It is also well known that N must be a sum of two squares, see e.g. [2]. Apart from the Golay numbers, the integers satisfying these conditions and belonging to the range $N \leq 50$ are 18,34,36 and 50. It is known that PCS_2^{18} and PCS_2^{36} do not exist [2, 16]. Three non-equivalent examples of PCS_2^{34} and a single example of a PCS_2^{50} have been constructed in our papers [8, 9, 12].

In particular the following holds

Proposition 4.1. *In the range $N \leq 50$, PCS_1^N exist iff $N \in \{1, 4\}$, and PCS_2^N exist iff $N \in \{1, 2, 4, 8, 10, 16, 20, 26, 32, 34, 40, 50\}$.*

5. THE CASE $p = 3$

If PCS_3^N exist and $N > 1$ then (3.2) implies that N is divisible by 4. Explicit examples of PCS_3^N for $N = 4, 8, 12$ and 16 are given in [5]. The non-existence of PCS_3^{20} was first established by a computer search in [5] and then theoretically in [2]. In our previous note [8] we have constructed PCS_3^N for $N = 24, 28$ and 32. We shall now give the SDS's with parameters

$$(36; 15, 15, 15; 18), \quad (40; 19, 18, 15; 22), \\ (44; 20, 20, 17; 24), \quad (48; 24, 24, 18; 30),$$

Since these parameter sets satisfy the condition (3.2), the facts mentioned in section 3 imply that PCS_3^N exist for $N = 36, 40, 44$ and 48.

The four SDS's are:

$N = 36 :$

$$X_1 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 11, 13, 15, 18, 21, 23, 27, 29\},$$

$$X_2 = \{0, 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 18, 23, 26, 27, 29\},$$

$$X_3 = \{0, 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 18, 21, 23, 27, 32\};$$

$N = 40 :$

$$X_1 = \{0, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 18, 19, 20, 24, 28, 31, 33, 34\},$$

$$X_2 = \{0, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 25, 27, 29, 31, 35\},$$

$$X_3 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 18, 19, 22, 25, 27, 30\};$$

$N = 44 :$

$$X_1 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 16, 17, 19, 23, 24, 25, 28, 32, 35, 39\},$$

$$X_2 = \{0, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 21, 27, 29, 31, 34, 37, 40\},$$

$$X_3 = \{0, 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 13, 14, 16, 19, 24, 25, 27, 31, 33, 35\};$$

$N = 48 :$

$$X_1 = \{0, 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 20, 23, 25, 27, 28, 29, 33, 36, \\ 37, 39, 41, 44\},$$

$$X_2 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 13, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, \\ 32, 34, 36, 37\},$$

$$X_3 = \{0, 1, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 15, 18, 19, 20, 22, 27, 29, 35, 38, 45\}.$$

Hence, we have

Proposition 5.1. *In the range $N \leq 50$, PCS_3^N exist iff*

$$N \in \{1, 4, 8, 12, 16, 24, 28, 32, 36, 40, 44, 48\}.$$

6. THE CASE $p = 5$

If PCS_5^N exist and $N > 1$ then (3.2) implies that N is divisible by 4. Clearly PCS_5^N exist if PCS_2^N and PCS_3^N exist. Hence, it remains to consider the cases $N = 12, 20, 24, 28, 36, 44$ or 48 . A PCS_5^{12} is given explicitly in [5]. In our previous note [8] we have constructed a PCS_5^N for $N = 20, 24, 28$ and 36 . We shall now give the SDS's with parameters

$$(44; 21, 20, 19, 18, 17; 40), \quad (48; 23, 21, 21, 20, 19; 44).$$

Since these parameter sets satisfy the condition (3.2), the existence of PCS_5^N is established for $N = 44$ and 48 . The two SDS's are:

$N = 44 :$

$$X_1 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15, 19, 22, 24, 26, 29, 31, 32, 37, 38\},$$

$$X_2 = \{0, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 13, 14, 18, 19, 21, 24, 25, 30, 31, 34, 38, 40\},$$

$$X_3 = \{0, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 13, 15, 19, 20, 21, 27, 28, 30, 32, 35, 37, 39\},$$

$$X_4 = \{0, 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 15, 17, 20, 21, 26, 30, 31, 32, 33\},$$

$$X_5 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 19, 24, 25, 32, 34, 37\};$$

$N = 48 :$

$$X_1 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 13, 18, 19, 20, 22, 24, 25, 26, 28, 30, 35, 38, 40, 45\},$$

$$X_2 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 13, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 26, 27, 30, 32, 33, 36, 41\},$$

$$X_3 = \{0, 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15, 19, 20, 21, 30, 31, 34, 35, 41, 42\},$$

$$X_4 = \{0, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 21, 26, 27, 29, 31, 34, 36, 37, 40\},$$

$$X_5 = \{0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 29, 32, 36, 41, 43\}.$$

Thus we have

Proposition 6.1. *In the range $N \leq 50$, PCS_5^N exist iff N is 1 or a multiple of 4.*

7. THE CASE $p = 6$

If PCS_6^N exist and $N > 1$ then (3.2) implies that N is even. Clearly PCS_5^N exist if PCS_2^N or PCS_3^N exist. Hence, it remains to consider the cases $6, 14, 18, 22, 30, 38, 42$ and 46 . As mentioned in [5], a PCS_6^6 can be constructed by using the rows of a 6 by 6 perfect binary array. Such array has been constructed in [4].

In our previous note [8] we have constructed a PCS_6^N for $N = 14, 18, 22$ and 30 . We shall now give the SDS's with parameters

$$(38; 18, 17, 16, 16, 16, 14; 40), \quad (42; 19, 18, 18, 18, 17, 17; 44),$$

$$(46; 21, 21, 21, 21, 21, 16; 52).$$

Since these parameter sets satisfy the condition (3.2), the existence of PCS_6^N is established for $N = 38, 42$ and 46 . The four SDS's are:

$N = 38$:

$$X_1 = \{0, 1, 2, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 25, 27, 29, 33\},$$

$$X_2 = \{0, 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 19, 21, 22, 26, 27, 29\},$$

$$X_3 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 25, 31\},$$

$$X_4 = \{0, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 17, 18, 23, 25, 26, 31, 34\},$$

$$X_5 = \{0, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 14, 16, 18, 20, 23, 26, 27, 30, 35\},$$

$$X_6 = \{0, 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 18, 23, 25, 29\};$$

$N = 42$:

$$X_1 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 14, 17, 18, 19, 24, 26, 28, 32, 34, 39\},$$

$$X_2 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 25, 26, 27, 31, 37\},$$

$$X_3 = \{0, 1, 2, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 20, 21, 23, 27, 28, 30, 37\},$$

$$X_4 = \{0, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 15, 16, 18, 19, 22, 25, 27, 29, 33, 35\},$$

$$X_5 = \{0, 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 13, 14, 17, 18, 20, 23, 24, 25, 30, 33, 36\},$$

$$X_6 = \{0, 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 31, 34\};$$

$N = 46$:

$$X_1 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 14, 15, 18, 20, 24, 26, 27, 32, 34, 36, 37, 41\},$$

$$X_2 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, 14, 18, 19, 21, 22, 25, 28, 29, 30, 32, 34, 35\},$$

$$X_3 = \{0, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 24, 25, 28, 33, 35, 36, 40\},$$

$$X_4 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 23, 24, 27, 29, 31, 32, 38, 41\},$$

$$X_5 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 21, 24, 25, 29, 36, 38, 40, 41\},$$

$$X_6 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 15, 18, 20, 21, 26, 28, 30, 33, 34\}.$$

Thus we have

Proposition 7.1. *In the range $N \leq 50$, PCS_6^N exist iff $N = 1$ or N is even.*

In the case $N = 42$ we have found another non-equivalent SDS with the same parameter set:

$$N = 42 :$$

$$X_1 = \{0, 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 28, 29, 31, 38\},$$

$$X_2 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 24, 28, 29, 33, 35\},$$

$$X_3 = \{0, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 14, 15, 20, 22, 25, 26, 29, 32, 34, 36\},$$

$$X_4 = \{0, 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 13, 17, 19, 20, 25, 26, 30, 31, 33, 37\},$$

$$X_5 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 14, 19, 20, 24, 27, 28, 30, 32, 35\},$$

$$X_6 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 36, 37\}.$$

8. CONCLUSION

We reconsider the problem of constructing periodic complementary sequences $PCSS_p^N$ (p sequences, each of length N) in the range $p \leq 12$, $N \leq 50$. This problem has been addressed by Bömer and Antweiler in their paper [5], where they presented a diagram showing for which pairs (p, N) they were able to construct such set of sequences. Many cases were left as undecided. The non-existence was established in a number of cases. Subsequently we have reduced the number of undecided cases to just 26, see [9]. For various methods of constructing $PCSS_p^N$ one should also consult the paper [13].

In the present note we have eliminated all 26 undecided cases by constructing suitable supplementary difference sets. Table 1 shows how one can construct a $PCSS_p^N$ in the range $p \leq 12$ and $N \leq 50$ when one exists. By Proposition 2.1, if p is divisible by 4 then $PCSS_p^N$ exist for all $1 \leq N \leq 50$. Therefore we omit the rows with p divisible by 4. When p is not divisible by 4 and $N > 1$, then the equation (3.2) implies that $PCSS_p^N$ may exist only for N even. For this reason we omit the odd N 's from the table.

A blank entry in position (p, N) means that $PCSS_p^N$ do not exist. A bullet entry means that a $PCSS_p^N$ exists and has to be constructed directly by using a well known technique such as one for Golay pairs, perfect binary arrays, or an SDS, etc. The references for the bullet entries (p, N) are given in the main text. The circle entry means that a $PCSS_p^N$ can be constructed in a trivial way, i.e., by combining several $PCSS_q^N$ for $q < p$ corresponding to bullet entries or $q = 4$.

Table 1: Construction of PCS_p^N for even $N \leq 50$

	2	4	6	8	10	20	30	40	50
1	•								
2	•		•			•	•	•	•
3	•		•	•		•	•	•	•
5	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•
6	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•
7	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•
9	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•
10	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•
11	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•

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