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CONSTRUCTION OF INFINITE DE BRUIJN ARRAYS

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We construct a periodic array containing every k-ary $m \times n$ array as a subarray exactly once. Using the algorithm SUPER (which for $k \geq 3$ generates an infinite k-ary sequence whose beginning parts of length k^m, $m = 1, 2, \ldots$, are de Bruijn sequences) we also construct infinite $k^m \times \infty$ k-ary arrays in which each beginning part of size $k^m \times k^{mn-m}$, $n = 1, 2, \ldots$, as a periodic array, contains every k-ary $m \times n$ array exactly once.

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1. Introduction

This paper deals with the construction of finite and infinite de Bruijn arrays (perfect maps and supercomplex arrays). Such arrays are connected with frequency allocation for multibeam satellites [2], picture coding and processing [11] and complexity of nucleotid sequences [3]. Algorithms for constructing de Bruijn sequences are described in [1, 4, 10, 14].

Definition 1.1. Let $k \geq 2$, m, n, M, N be positive integers, $X = \{0, 1, \ldots, k-1\}$. A (k, m, n, M, N)-*array* (or de Bruijn array) is a periodic $M \times N$ array with elements from X and $m \leq M$, $n \leq N$, $M \times N = k^{mn}$ in which each of the different k-ary $m \times n$ arrays appears exactly once.

Definition 1.2. Let $k \geq 2$, m and M be positive integers, $X = \{0, 1, \ldots, k-1\}$. A (k, m, M)-*array* (or infinite de Bruijn array) is a k-ary infinite $M \times \infty$ array with elements from X whose beginning parts of length k^{mn}/M as periodic arrays are $(k, m, n, M, k^{mn}/M)$-arrays for $n = 1, 2, \ldots$.

We remark that $(k, 1, n, 1, k^n)$-arrays are de Bruijn sequences and $(k, 1, 1)$-arrays are infinite de Bruijn sequences.

The following existence results are known. For any m and n there are M and

N such that a $(2, m, n, M, N)$-array exists [5, 6]. If k is odd, then for any m a $(k, m, 2, k^m, k^m)$-array exists [5]. No $(2, 1, 1)$-arrays exist [1, 7, 13], but for $k \geq 3$ $(k, 1, 1)$-arrays exist [1, 7, 13]. Constructions of (k, m, m, M, M)-arrays are presented in [6] for $k = 2$ and in [9] for $m = 2$.

2. Algorithms

The algorithm BRUIJN walks in a de Bruijn graph $B(k, n)$ defined as follows: the vertex set is X^n and the edge set is X^{n+1} in such a way that $\kappa_1\kappa_2 \ldots \kappa_{n+1} \in X^{n+1}$ determines an edge going from the vertex $\kappa_1\kappa_2 \cdots \kappa_n \in X^n$ to the vertex $\kappa_2\kappa_3 \ldots \kappa_{n+1} \in X^n$.

If $m \geq n$, then any sequence $q = \gamma_1\gamma_2 \ldots \gamma_m$ ($\gamma_i \in X$, $i = 1, \ldots, m$) determines a directed path in $B(k, n)$ beginning at the vertex $\gamma_1\gamma_2 \ldots \gamma_n$, going through the vertices $\gamma_2\gamma_3 \cdots \gamma_{n+1}, \ldots, \gamma_{m-n}\gamma_{m-n+1} \cdots \gamma_{m-1}$ and ending at the vertex $\gamma_{m-n+1}\gamma_{m-n+2} \cdots \gamma_m$. BRUIJN finds an Eulerian circuit p of $B(k, n)$ [12, p. 413].

Algorithm BRUIJN.

Input. The alphabet size t ($t \geq 2$) and the pattern size n ($n \geq 1$).

Output. A $(t, 1, n, 1, t^n)$-array p.

Step 1. If $n = 1$, then let $p := 01 \ldots (t-1)$ and Stop.

Step 2. Let $p := \kappa_1\kappa_2 \ldots \kappa_n = 00 \ldots 0$.

Step 3. If $p = \kappa_1\kappa_2 \ldots \kappa_s$ and $s = t^n + n + 1$, then go to Step 7.

Step 4. If $p = \kappa_1\kappa_2 \ldots \kappa_s$, $\kappa_s = i$ and the last vertex $V = \kappa_{s-n+1}\kappa_{s-n+2} \cdots \kappa_s$ has at least one unused outgoing edge, then let κ_{s+1} be the first suitable element in the sequence $i, i+1, \ldots, t-1, 0, 1, \ldots, i-1$ and go to Step 3.

Step 5. (Now the last vertex V in p has no unused outgoing edges.) Let us find and insert into p a suitable circuit seeking its start vertex going back in p from V and constructing it using Step 4 [12].

Step 6. Go to Step 3.

Step 7. (Now $p = \kappa_1\kappa_2 \ldots \kappa_s$ and $s = t^n + n + 1$.) Let $r := t^n$, $p := \kappa_1\kappa_2 \ldots \kappa_r$ and Stop.

The algorithm SUPER generates infinite de Bruijn sequences using the following characteristics of $B(k, n)$:

(a) There is a ono-to-one mapping among the Euler circuits of $B(k, n)$ and the Hamiltonian circuits of $B(k, n+1)$ [10].

(b) If $n \geq 3$ and $k \geq 1$, then any Hamiltonian circuit p of $B(k, n)$ can be continued in order to get an Eulerian circuit q of $B(k, n)$ [7].

Algorithm SUPER.

Input. The alphabet size t ($t \geq 3$).

Output. A $(t, 1, 1)$-array p.

Step 1. Let $p:=01\cdots(t-1)$ and $n:=1$.

Step 2. Continue p in order to get an Eulerian circuit of $B(t,n)$ using Steps 3–7 of Algorithm BRUIJN.

Step 3. Let $n:=n+1$ and go to Step 2.

3. Construction results

Theorem 3.1. *For any $k\geq 2$, $m\geq 1$ and $n\geq 1$ there are M and N such that a (k,m,n,M,N)-array P exists.*

Proof (Sketch). (a) If $\min(m,n)=1$, then Algorithm BRUIJN generates the required array.

(b) If $n=m=2$, then see [9].

(c) If $n\geq 3$ and $m\geq 2$, then we construct P as follows.

(c.1) If the input parameters of BRUIJN are the alphabet size k and the pattern size m, then the output as a column will be the first column of P.

(c.2) The ith, $i=2,\ldots,k^{m(n-1)}$ column of P is generated shifting cyclically downwards its $(i-1)$th column by b_{i-1} where

$$b_1b_2\ldots b_s,\quad s=k^{m(n-1)}-1$$

is the output of BRUIJN for $t=k^m$.

(d) The case $n=2$, $m\geq 3$ is similar to case (c).

(e) Since in the cases (c) and (d) the height (k^m) of the constructed array is a divisor of the sum of the shift sizes and any two $m\times n$ subarrays are different (either their first columns or at least one of their corresponding shift sizes are different), the construction is correct [9]. □

Theorem 3.2. *For any odd $k\geq 3$ and $m\geq 1$ and also for any even $k\geq 2$ and $m\geq 3$ there is an M such that a (k,m,M)-array S exists.*

Proof (Sketch). (a) The output of BRUIJN as a column for alphabet size k and pattern size m gives the first column of S.

(b) The ith, $i=2,3,\ldots$ column of S is generated by cyclically downward shifting of its $(i-1)$th column by b_{i-1}, where $b_1b_2\ldots$ is the output of SUPER for alphabet size k^m.

(c) To prove the correctness of this construction it is enough to show that k^m divides the sum of the relative shift sizes and any two $m\times n$ subarrays are different in the $k^m\times k^{mn-m}$ beginning parts for $n=1,2,\ldots$ [9]. □

We remark that if k is even and $m=2$, then the algorithm used in the proof of Theorem 3.2 generates a k-ary $k^m\times\infty$ array whose beginning parts of length k^{mn-m} as periodic arrays are (k,m,n,k^m,k^{mn-m})-arrays for $n=1,3,4,5,\ldots$ $(n\neq 2)$.

Theorem 3.2 does not cover the case when k is even and $m \leq 2$. No $(2,1,M)$- and $(2,2,M)$-arrays exist [8]. If $s \geq 2$, then $(2s,1,1)$-arrays [1, 7] and $(2s,2,2s^2)$-arrays [8] exist.

4. An example

If $t=3$ and $m=2$, then Algorithm BRUIJN gives $p=001122021$. If $t=k^m=9$, then the 81-length beginning part of the output of SUPER is:

$$q=b_1b_2\ldots b_{81}$$
$$=01234\ 56788\ 00224\ 46681\ 13355\ 77036\ 04714\ 82583\ 72615\ 05162$$
$$73840\ 63074\ 17528\ 53186\ 42087\ 65432\ 1.$$

In this case the sequence of the absolute shift sizes $p=c_1c_2\cdots c_{81}$ is defined as

$$0 \leq c_j \leq 8, \quad c_j \equiv b_1 + \cdots + b_{81}, \qquad j=1,2,\ldots,81.$$

Table 1 shows the first 81 column of a (3,2,9)-array and under the columns the corresponding relative (q) and absolute (p) shift sizes:

Table 1

00101	11010	00010	12022	21000	22000	00220	11020	12102	00210	20120	01001	20110	10111	01000	10001	0
00022	02200	11102	11120	22021	01002	00012	12102	20220	00222	22220	02001	12021	12212	21001	22122	1
11012	02101	11101	20102	02111	20111	11201	11201	22212	11021	01201	12112	01021	21222	12111	21112	1
11100	10011	22210	20221	20102	10110	11100	20210	01001	11200	20021	10112	00102	20020	02112	00200	2
22102	12012	22210	01210	12202	01220	22010	02200	20200	22120	10212	22220	10122	00202	00222	20202	2
22211	21122	00021	21000	01210	01221	22011	21001	10110	22011	01102	21222	11210	21121	12220	11011	0
00210	20120	22221	12201	00012	12001	00121	10211	01001	00001	01000	00001	21202	11010	11002	01210	2
22020	00202	11102	02111	10221	12222	22122	00112	01021	22102	12012	20220	22001	02000	20221	02120	1
11221	21221	00022	00012	11120	20112	11202	01022	12122	11112	12111	11110	02210	02101	20110	12021	0

$q=$
01234 56788 00224 46681 13355 77036 04714 82583 72615 05162 73840 63074 17528 53186 42087 65432 1
$p=$
01361 63108 88137 28545 60384 20030 04237 68436 46340 05635 36500 60072 31687 36763 70086 38368 0

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