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## Autocorrelation Properties of a Class of Infinite Binary Sequences

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**Abstract**—A class of infinite  $\pm 1$  sequences is presented whose autocorrelation function is zero for all nonzero shifts.

### I. INTRODUCTION

Many problems in information theory call for the construction of an infinite binary ( $\pm 1$ ) sequence, with a known or prescribed autocorrelation function. De Carvalho and Clark [1] characterized the autocorrelations of binary sequences, and Yarlagadda and Hersey [2] calculated the autocorrelations and the power spectral density  $S(\omega)$  of the Thue-Morse sequence, and proved that  $S(\omega)$  was everywhere discontinuous and consisted of an infinite number of delta functions. In this correspondence we show that the sequences considered in [3] can be used to generate a class of infinite binary sequences, whose autocorrelation is zero for all nonzero shifts and whose power spectral density  $S(\omega)$  therefore is equal to one for all  $\omega$ .

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### II. THE SEQUENCES AND THEIR AUTOCORRELATIONS

The sequences considered in [3] are defined recursively by

$$x_0 = 1$$

$$x_{2^i+j} = (-1)^{j+f(i)} x_{2^i-j-1}, \quad 0 \leq j \leq 2^i - 1, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, \quad (2.1)$$

where  $f$  is any function mapping the set of natural numbers into  $\{0, 1\}$ . We shall need the following fact from [3]:

$$x_{2^m+i} = -x_i(-1)^{f(m-1)+f(m-2)}, \quad \text{if } i < 2^{m-1}, \quad m \geq 1. \quad (2.2)$$

We define

$$C(m, k) = \sum_{i=0}^{2^m-k-1} x_i x_{i+k}, \quad (2.3)$$

then  $C(m, k) = 0$  if  $k$  is even and

$$|C(m, k)| \leq A \cdot (2^m)^{0.9}, \quad (2.4)$$

where  $A$  is a constant. Based on these, we will prove that the autocorrelations, that is,

$$C_k = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^N x_i x_{i+k}, \quad (2.5)$$

for the infinite sequences defined by (2.1) are zero if  $k \neq 0$ . To see this we define for fixed  $k$

$$A_k = \sum_{i=0}^N x_i x_{i+k} \quad (2.6)$$

and then prove the following theorem.

**Theorem:** For the sequences defined by (2.1) we have

$$|A_k| \leq |C(m, k)| + |C(m-1, k)| + \dots + |C(j, k)| + 2mk + 1,$$

where  $m+1 = \lceil \log_2(N+k+1) \rceil$  and  $j = \lceil \log_2 k \rceil$ .

**Proof:** The proof is by induction on  $m$ , and the start is obvious. So, suppose we have proved the theorem for all  $N$ , where  $\lceil \log_2(N+k+1) \rceil \leq p$ , and let us consider the case where  $\lceil \log_2(N+k+1) \rceil = p+1$ .

We have to consider the four cases

- 1)  $k > 2^p - 1$ ;
- 2)  $k \leq 2^p - 1$ ,  $N+k < 2^p + 2^{p-1}$ ;
- 3)  $2^{p-1} \leq k \leq 2^p - 1$ ,  $N+k \geq 2^p + 2^{p-1}$ ;
- 4)  $k \leq 2^{p-1} - 1$ ,  $N+k \geq 2^p + 2^{p-1}$ .

In case 1) we must have  $N < 2^p - 1 < k$  and the theorem is obvious. In case 2) we have

$$A_k = C(p, k) + \sum_{i=0}^{N-2^p+k} x_i + 2^p - kx_i + 2^p,$$

which, for  $N+k < 2^p + 2^{p-1}$  and  $N \geq 2^p$ , using (2.2), yields

$$A_k = C(p, k) + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} x_i + 2^p - kx_i + 2^p + \sum_{i=0}^{N-2^p} x_i x_{i+k}.$$

This proves the statement by the induction hypothesis. If  $N < 2^p$  and  $k \leq 2^p - 1$  the statement is trivial. Case 3) follows immediately from the fact that  $N - 2^p + k + 1 \leq 2k$ .

Case 4), which is the only difficult one, can be seen as follows:

$$A_k = C(p, k) + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} x_i + 2^p - kx_i + 2^p + \sum_{i=0}^{2^{p-1}-k-1} x_i + 2^p x_i + 2^p + k + \sum_{i=0}^{N+k-2^p-2^{p-1}} x_i + 2^p + 2^{p-1} - kx_i + 2^p + 2^{p-1}$$

$$= C(p, k) + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} x_i + 2^p - kx_i + 2^p + C(p-1, k) + (-1)^k \sum_{j=2^{p+1}-(N+k)-1}^{2^{p-1}-1} x_j x_{j+k},$$

where we have used (2.2) in the third sum, and in the last sum the definition (2.1) and the substitution  $j: 2^{p-1} - i - 1$ . We then get

$$A_k = C(p, k) + C(p-1, k) + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} x_i + 2^p - kx_i + 2^p + (-1)^k C(p-1, k) + (-1)^k \sum_{j=2^{p-1}-k}^{2^{p+1}-(N+k)} x_j x_{j+k} - (-1)^k \sum_{j=0}^{2^{p+1}-(N+k)} x_j x_{j+k}.$$

The sums in the third and fifth term on the right side have at most  $k$  terms and  $\lceil \log_2 (2^{p+1} - (N+k) + k + 1) \rceil \leq p$ . So, if  $k$  is odd the statement follows, and if  $k$  is even we use (2.3) and the proof of the theorem is finished.

Based on the theorem it is straightforward to see that for the sequences defined by (2.1) we have

$$C_k = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^N x_i x_{i+k} = 0, \quad \text{if } k \neq 0.$$

Moreover, since the power spectral density  $S(\omega)$  can be defined as

$$S(\omega) = \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} C_{|k|} e^{ik\omega},$$

we have  $S(\omega) = 1$ .

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The Coding Capacity of Mismatched Gaussian Channels

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**Abstract**—Bounds on the coding capacity of Gaussian channels are obtained when the power constraint on the signal is mismatched to the channel noise. In the case of some feedback channels in which the noise

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has a Cramér-Hida representation of finite multiplicity, an exact expression for the coding capacity is given.

I. INTRODUCTION

Consider a message  $X = (X_t, 0 \leq t \leq T)$  transmitted through a noisy channel with output  $Y = (Y_t, 0 \leq t \leq T)$  given by

$$dY_t = X_t dt + a(t) dW_t, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T, \quad (1.1)$$

where  $a(\cdot)$  is a nonrandom continuous function and is nonconstant and bounded away from zero,  $W$  is standard Wiener process, and  $X$  is adapted to  $Y$ .  $X$  is subject to the power constraint

$$\int_0^T X_t^2 dt \leq P_0 T, \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (1.2)$$

where  $P_0$  is a positive constant. This channel is an example of a mismatched time-continuous Gaussian feedback channel (MCGF). It is said to be mismatched because the power constraint is not expressed in terms of the covariance of the noise process  $N_t = \int_0^t a(s) dW_s$ , but in terms of the covariance of some other noise process, namely,  $\bar{N}_t = W_t$ .

Mismatched channels can arise in jamming situations, in problems where there is insufficient knowledge of the environment, or where one prefers to use a constraint not expressed in terms of the channel noise. Various special cases have been treated (see, for example, Fano [5], Gallager [6], Ihara [9], and Glonti [7]). General results on the information capacity for such channels have been obtained by Baker [2], [3]. Here we are interested in evaluating the coding capacity of mismatched Gaussian channels. The main result of this correspondence is Theorem 1, which represents an extension of the coding capacity results of McKeague [11], [12] in two directions: to mismatched Gaussian channels and to nonwhite Gaussian channels, respectively. In Sections II and III we deal with mismatched Gaussian channels without feedback. In Section IV we treat the feedback case under the assumption that the Gaussian noise process has a Cramér-Hida representation of finite multiplicity satisfying some assumptions on the representation. As an illustration of Theorem 1 (see Example 2 in Section IV) we note that the coding capacity of the channel in the example is given by

$$C_0 = \frac{P_0}{2 \inf_{t \geq 0} a^2(t)}.$$

II. THE MISMATCHED CHANNEL WITHOUT FEEDBACK FOR FINITE TIME INTERVALS

Let  $N = (N_t, 0 \leq t \leq T)$  be a Gaussian noise process with reproducing kernel Hilbert space (RKHS) denoted  $(H, \|\cdot\|)$ . Throughout this section  $T$  remains fixed. The distribution induced by  $N$  on the cylindrical  $\sigma$ -algebra  $B_T$  of  $\mathbb{R}^{[0, T]}$  is denoted  $\mu_N$ . For a message  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{[0, T]}$ , the received signal is given by

$$Y_t = X_t + N_t, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T.$$

The distribution of  $Y$  on  $B_T$  is given by

$$\mu_{Y|X}(D) = \mu_N \{y: x + y \in D\}, \quad D \in B_T.$$