

# Linear Complexity of New Generalized Cyclotomic Sequences of Length $2pq$

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**Abstract:** The linear complexity and minimal polynomial of new generalized cyclotomic sequences of order two are investigated. A new generalized cyclotomic sequence  $S$  of length  $2pq$  is defined with an imbalance  $p+1$ . The results show that this sequence has high linear complexity.

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## 1 Introduction

Pseudo-random sequences used for stream ciphers are required to be unpredictable. The linear span or linear complexity of a sequence is the main component that indicates this feature. The linear complexity  $L(S^\infty)$  of sequence  $\{S^\infty\}$  over  $F_{p^n}$  ( $F_{p^n}$  is a finite field of order  $p^n$ ) is defined as the length of the shortest linear feedback shift register that can generate the sequence, which is the smallest value of  $L$  to satisfy the feedback function  $s_j + c_1 s_{j-1} + \dots + c_L s_{j-L} = 0, j \geq L$ , with coefficients  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_L \in F_{p^n}$ . The Berlekamp-Massey algorithm<sup>[1]</sup> states that if  $L(S^\infty) > N/2$  ( $N$  is the least period of  $\{S^\infty\}$ ),  $\{S^\infty\}$  will be considered good with respect to its linear complexity. Let  $S(x) = s_0 + s_1 x + s_2 x^2 + \dots + s_{N-1} \cdot x^{N-1}$ . If  $N$  is the period of  $\{S^\infty\}$ , then

$$m(x) = (1 - x^N) / \gcd(S(x), 1 - x^N)$$

is called the minimal polynomial of  $\{S^\infty\}$ <sup>[2,3]</sup>.

Thus the linear complexity of  $\{S^\infty\}$  with the period  $N$  can be calculated by

$$L(S^\infty) = N - \deg(\gcd(x^N - 1, S(x)))$$

The generalized cyclotomic numbers were first introduced in 1962 by Whiteman<sup>[4]</sup> in order

to investigate the existence of cyclic difference sets in ring  $Z_{pq}$  and the integer ring modulo  $pq$ , here,  $p, q$  are two odd primes. A difference set in a group  $G$  is a combinatorial structure which admits a regular automorphism group. The development of a difference set is a symmetric design. At first, people use these structures to present some experiments designs. In 1970's, it was found that these objects could be used to construct some new sequences with some cryptographic properties, for example, to defense the differential and correlation attack. Following this approach, Ding and Helleseht<sup>[5]</sup> presented generalized cyclotomy with respect to a positive integer  $n$  and gave some applications of these cyclotomic sequences. Since then, a large number of cyclotomic sequences have been constructed and the linear complexity and the autocorrelation values of these generalized cyclotomic sequences have been obtained. For example, Ding, Helleseht, and Shan<sup>[6]</sup> determined the linear complexity of Legendre sequences were actually based on cyclotomic classes of order two. The linear complexity of some generalized cyclotomic sequences of length  $pq$  were obtained<sup>[7]</sup> and Bai<sup>[8,9]</sup>,

respectively. Yan, et al<sup>[10]</sup> calculated the linear complexity of generalized cyclotomic sequence with period  $p^m$ . Yan<sup>[11]</sup> also determined the linear complexity of a new prime-square sequence and a two-prime sequence. The linear complexity of generalized cyclotomic sequence with period  $p^{n+1}$  was determined recently by Edemskiy<sup>[12]</sup>, Zhang, et al.<sup>[13]</sup> also calculated the linear complexity of generalized cyclotomic sequence with period  $2p^m$ .

In this paper, we introduce a generalized cyclotomic binary sequence  $S$  of order two with the length of  $2pq$ . Then, we calculate its linear complexity and minimal polynomial. The results show that the linear complexity of the sequences  $S$  is high.

The main difference between the presented work and the previous researches is that we deal with the even factor 2 of the length of the sequences. As we all know that, in most cases, how to deal with the even factor 2 is a hard work. The high light of our work is to show that there exists a common primitive element  $g$  of  $Z_p, Z_q, Z_{2p}$  and  $Z_{2q}$ , where  $g$  is an odd number. Using this fact, we can find the decomposition of the units group in the rings  $Z_p, Z_q, Z_{2p}$  and  $Z_{2q}$ , respectively, and then, we can construct our sequences explicitly. By a detailed analysis on the represents of the elements in the sequences, the linear complexity of these sequences can be obtained.

## 2 New Generalized Cyclotomy and Sequence

We use  $Z_N$  to denote the ring  $Z_N = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$  with integer addition modulo  $N$  and integer multiplication modulo  $N$  as the ring operations. By  $Z_N^*$  we denote the set of all invertible elements of the residue class ring  $Z_N$ . It is well-known that  $Z_N^*$  is a cyclic group if and only if  $N = 2, 4, p^m, 2p^m$  for a prime number  $p$  and a positive integer  $m$ . Further, if  $Z_N^* = \langle g \rangle$  is generated by an element  $g$ , then  $g$  is called a primitive element of  $Z_N$ . Let  $p$  and  $q$  be two distinct odd primes with  $\gcd(p-1, q-1) = 2$ . Define  $N = 2pq$  and  $e = (p-1)(q-1)/2$ .

The following so called generalized chinese remainder theorem will be used frequently in our discussion.

**Lemma 1** Generalized chinese remainder theorem: Let  $m_1, \dots, m_t$  be positive integers. For a set of integers  $a_1, \dots, a_t$ , the system of congruencies:  $x \equiv a_i \pmod{m_i}, i = 1, \dots, t$ , has solutions if and only if

$$a_i \equiv a_j \pmod{\gcd(m_i, m_j)}, i \neq j, 1 \leq i, j \leq t$$

If Lemma 1 is satisfied, the solution is unique modulo  $\text{lcm}(m_1, \dots, m_t)$ .

The proof of Lemma 1 is detailed in Ref. [14].

By Lemmal, there exists a common primitive element  $g$  of  $Z_p, Z_q$  and  $Z_{2p}$  and  $Z_{2q}$ , and  $g$  is an odd number. Therefore,  $\text{ord}_N(g) = \text{lcm}(\text{ord}_p(g), \text{ord}_{2q}(g)) = \text{lcm}(p-1, q-1) = (p-1)(q-1)/2 = e$ , where  $\text{ord}_N(g)$  denotes the order of  $g$  modulo  $N$ . Let  $x$  be an integer satisfying  $x \equiv g \pmod{2p}$  and  $x \equiv 1 \pmod{2q}$ . The existence and uniqueness of  $x \pmod{2pq}$  is guaranteed by the generalized chinese remainder theorem. It is easy to prove that  $x \equiv g \pmod{p}$  and  $x \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$ , then  $x \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ .

Whiteman proved that<sup>[11]</sup>

$$Z_N^* = \{g^s x^i : s = 0, 1, \dots, e-1; i = 0, 1\}$$

Ding and Hellesteth's generalized cyclotomic classes  $D_0^{(N)}$  and  $D_1^{(N)}$  of order two are defined by

$$D_0^{(N)} = \{g^{2s} : s = 0, 1, \dots, (e-2)/2\} \cup \{g^{2s} x : s = 0, 1, \dots, (e-2)/2\}$$

$$D_1^{(N)} = \{g^{2s+1} : s = 0, 1, \dots, (e-2)/2\} \cup \{g^{2s+1} x : s = 0, 1, \dots, (e-2)/2\}$$

where the multiplication is that of  $Z_N$ . It is easy to prove that

$$Z_N^* = D_0^{(N)} \cup D_1^{(N)}, D_0^{(N)} \cap D_1^{(N)} = \varphi$$

where  $\varphi$  denotes the empty set. Similarly

$$Z_{pq}^* = \{g^s x^i : s = 0, 1, \dots, e-1; i = 0, 1\}$$

$$D_0^{(pq)} = \{g^{2s} : s = 0, 1, \dots, (e-2)/2\} \cup \{g^{2s} x : s = 0, 1, \dots, (e-2)/2\}$$

$$D_1^{(pq)} = \{g^{2s+1} : s = 0, 1, \dots, (e-2)/2\} \cup \{g^{2s+1} x : s = 0, 1, \dots, (e-2)/2\}$$

where the operation is that of  $Z_{pq}$ . It is easy to prove that

$$Z_{pq}^* = D_0^{(pq)} \cup D_1^{(pq)}, D_0^{(pq)} \cap D_1^{(pq)} = \varphi$$

The above decompositions are detailed in

Ref. [5].

Let  $F$  be a subset of  $Z_N$  and let  $a$  be an element of  $Z_N$ . Define

$$a + F = \{a + f : f \in F\}$$

$$a \cdot F = \{a \cdot f : f \in F\}$$

and

$$D_0^{(p)} = \{g^{2s} : s = 0, 1, \dots, (p-3)/2\}$$

$$D_0^{(q)} = \{g^{2s} : s = 0, 1, \dots, (q-3)/2\}$$

$$D_0^{(2p)} = \{g^{2s} : s = 0, 1, \dots, (p-3)/2\}$$

$$D_0^{(2q)} = \{g^{2s} : s = 0, 1, \dots, (q-3)/2\}$$

$$D_1^{(p)} = gD_0^{(p)}, D_1^{(q)} = gD_0^{(q)}$$

$$D_1^{(2p)} = gD_0^{(2p)}, D_1^{(2q)} = gD_0^{(2q)}$$

Denote

$$P_0 = pD_0^{(2q)}, P_1 = pD_1^{(2q)}, P'_0 = 2pD_0^{(q)}$$

$$P'_1 = 2pD_1^{(q)}, Q_0 = qD_0^{(2p)}, Q_1 = qD_1^{(2p)}$$

$$Q'_0 = 2qD_0^{(p)}, Q'_1 = 2qD_1^{(p)}, D_0 = D_0^{(N)}$$

$$D_1 = D_1^{(N)}, D'_0 = 2D_0^{(p)}, D'_1 = 2D_1^{(p)}$$

and

$$P = P_0 \cup P_1, P' = P'_0 \cup P'_1$$

$$Q = Q_0 \cup Q_1, Q' = Q'_0 \cup Q'_1$$

It is easy to prove that

$$Z_N = Z_N^* \cup P \cup P' \cup Q \cup Q' \cup 2Z_{pq}^* \cup \{pq\} \cup \{0\}$$

where  $Z_N^*, P, P', Q, Q', 2Z_{pq}^*, \{pq\}, \{0\}$  are pairwise null-intersection.

Define

$$C_0 = P_0 \cup P'_0 \cup Q \cup Q'_0 \cup D_0 \cup D'_0 \cup \{pq\} \cup \{0\}$$

$$C_1 = P_1 \cup P'_1 \cup Q_1 \cup Q'_1 \cup D_1 \cup D'_1$$

Then

$$C_0 \cup C_1 = Z_N, C_0 \cap C_1 = \varnothing$$

We define a new generalized cyclotomic sequences  $S = \{s_i\}$  of order two of length  $2pq$  as

$$s_i = \begin{cases} 0 & i \bmod N \in C_0 \\ 1 & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The sequence  $S$  has period  $N$ . In one period of sequence  $S$ , there are  $pq + (p+1)/2$  zeroes and  $pq(p+1)/2$  ones. Thus, the sequence  $S$  has an imbalance  $p+1$ .

### 3 Linear Complexity and Minimal Polynomial of $S$

Now we begin to calculate the linear complexity and minimal polynomial of the new gener-

alized cyclotomic sequence  $S$ . Let the symbols be the same as before. Then for  $S$ , the corresponding  $S(x)$  is given by

$$S(x) = \sum_{i \in C_1} x^i = (\sum_{i \in P_1} + \sum_{i \in P'_1} + \sum_{i \in Q_1} + \sum_{i \in D_1} + \sum_{i \in D'_1})x^i \in F_2[x]$$

Let  $m$  be the order of 2 modulo  $pq$ . Then there exists a primitive  $pq$ -th root of unity  $\alpha$  over the splitting field  $F_{2^m}$  of  $x^{pq} - 1$ . The linear complexity of the sequence is then given by  $L(S) = N - |\{j : S(\alpha_j) = 0, 0 \leq j \leq N-1\}|$ . Note that

$$0 = \alpha^{pq} - 1 = \alpha^N - 1 = (\alpha^{2p})^q - 1 = (\alpha^p - 1)(1 + \alpha^p + \alpha^{2p} + \dots + \alpha^{(2q-1)p})$$

And it follows that

$$\sum_{i \in P} \alpha^i = (\sum_{i \in P_0} + \sum_{i \in P_1})\alpha^i = 1$$

By symmetry, we obtain

$$\sum_{i \in P'} \alpha^i = (\sum_{i \in P'_0} + \sum_{i \in P'_1})\alpha^i = 1$$

$$\sum_{i \in Q} \alpha^i = (\sum_{i \in Q_0} + \sum_{i \in Q_1})\alpha^i = 1$$

$$\sum_{i \in Q'} \alpha^i = (\sum_{i \in Q'_0} + \sum_{i \in Q'_1})\alpha^i = 1$$

$$\sum_{i \in P_q^*} \alpha^i = (\sum_{i \in pD_0^{(q)}} + \sum_{i \in pD_1^{(q)}})\alpha^i = 1$$

$$\sum_{i \in P_p^*} \alpha^i = (\sum_{i \in qD_0^{(p)}} + \sum_{i \in qD_1^{(p)}})\alpha^i = 1$$

**Lemma 2** Let  $a \in D_j$ . Then  $aD_i = D_{(i+j) \bmod 2}$ ,

where  $i, j = 0, 1$  [5].

Similar to Lemma 2 in Ref. [2], we have the following result.

**Lemma 3** Let the symbols be the same as before. Then

$$\sum_{i \in D_1} \alpha^{ti} = \begin{cases} 0 & t \in P \cup P' \cup \{pq\} \\ (q-1)/2 \pmod{2} & t \in Q \cup Q' \end{cases}$$

**Proof** Suppose that  $t \in P$ . Since  $g$  is a common primitive root of both  $p$  and  $2q$  and the order of  $g$  modulo  $pq$  is  $e$ , by the definition of  $x$  we have

$$D_1 \bmod q = \{g^{2s+1} \bmod q : s = 0, 1, \dots, (e-2)/2\} \cup \{g^{2s+1}x \bmod q : s = 0, 1, \dots, (e-2)/2\}$$

$$= \{g^{2s+1} : s = 0, 1, \dots, (e-2)/2\} \bmod q = D_1^{(q)}$$

When  $s$  ranges over  $\{0, 1, \dots, (e-2)/2\}$ ,

$D_1 \bmod q$  takes on each element of  $D_1^{(q)} (p-1)$  times.

It follows

$$\sum_{i \in D_1} \alpha^{ti} = ((p-1) \bmod 2) \sum_{i \in D_1^{(q)}} \alpha^{ti} = 0$$

Similarly, suppose  $t \in P'$ , then

$$D_1 \bmod q =$$

$$\{g^{2s+1} \bmod q; s=0,1,\dots,(e-2)/2\} \cup \{g^{2s+1}x \bmod q; s=0,1,\dots,(e-2)/2\} = \{g^{2s+1}; s=0,1,\dots,(e-2)/2\} \bmod q = D_1^{(q)}$$

When  $s$  ranges over  $\{0,1,\dots,(e-2)/2\}$ ,  $D_1 \bmod q$  takes on each element of  $D_1^{(q)} (p-1)$  times.

We have

$$\sum_{i \in D_1} \alpha^{ti} = ((p-1) \bmod 2) \sum_{i \in D_1^{(q)}} \alpha^{ti} = 0$$

Suppose  $t \in Q$ , then

$$D_1 \bmod p = \{g^{2s+1} \bmod p; s=0,1,\dots,(e-2)/2\} \cup$$

$$\{g^{2s+1}x \bmod p; s=0,1,\dots,(e-2)/2\} = \{g^{2s+1}; s=0,1,\dots,(e-2)/2\} (\bmod p) \cup \{g^{2s+2}; s=0,1,\dots,(e-2)/2\} (\bmod p) = Z_p^*$$

When  $s$  ranges over  $\{0,1,\dots,(e-2)/2\}$ ,  $D_1 \bmod p$  takes on each element of  $Z_p^* (q-1)/2$  times.

$$\text{Hence, } \sum_{i \in D_1} \alpha^{ti} = ((q-1)/2 \bmod 2) \sum_{i \in qZ_p^*} \alpha^i =$$

$$(q-1)/2 \bmod 2.$$

Suppose  $t \in Q'$ , then

$$D_1 \bmod p = \{g^{2s+1} \bmod p; s=0,1,\dots,(e-2)/2\} \cup$$

$$\{g^{2s+1}x \bmod p; s=0,1,\dots,(e-2)/2\} = \{g^{2s+1}; s=0,1,\dots,(e-2)/2\} \bmod p \cup \{g^{2s+2}; s=0,1,\dots,(e-2)/2\} \bmod p = Z_p^*$$

When  $s$  ranges over  $\{0,1,\dots,(e-2)/2\}$ ,  $D_1 \bmod p$  takes on each element of  $Z_p^* (q-1)/2$  times.

Therefore

$$\sum_{i \in D_1} \alpha^{ti} = ((q-1)/2 \bmod 2) \sum_{i \in Q'} \alpha^i = (q-1)/2 \bmod 2$$

Suppose  $t = pq$ , then

$$\sum_{i \in D_1} \alpha^{ti} = \sum_{i \in D_1} 1 = e \bmod 2 = 0$$

**Lemma 4** Let the symbols be defined as the

same as before. Then

$$\sum_{i \in D_1} \alpha^{ti} =$$

$$\begin{cases} 0 & t \in P \cup P' \cup \{pq\} \\ (q-1)/2 \bmod 2 & t \in Q \cup Q' \end{cases}$$

**Proof** It can be proved in the same way as that for Lemma 3.

**Lemma 5** Let the symbols be the same as before. If  $t \in Z_N^* \cup 2Z_{pq}^*$ , then

$$S(\alpha^t) =$$

$$\begin{cases} S(\alpha) & t \in Z_N^* \cup 2Z_{pq}^*, t \bmod p \in D_0^{(p)} \\ S(\alpha) + 1 & t \in Z_N^* \cup 2Z_{pq}^*, t \bmod p \in D_1^{(p)} \end{cases}$$

**Proof** Similar to the proof for Lemma 3, we omit it here.

**Lemma 6**  $S(\alpha) \in \{0,1\}$  if and only if  $p \equiv \pm 1 \bmod 8$ .

**Proof** Since the characteristic of the field  $F_{2^m}$  is 2, it follows that  $[S(\alpha)]^2 = S(\alpha^2)$ . From Lemma 5, we obtain  $S(\alpha^2) = S(\alpha)$  if and only if  $2 \in D_0^{(p)}$ . Hence,  $S(\alpha) \in \{0,1\}$  if and only if  $2 \in D_0^{(p)}$ . Note that  $D_0^{(p)}$  is the set of quadratic residues modulo  $p$ , thus,  $2 \in D_0^{(p)}$  if and only if  $p \equiv \pm 1 \bmod 8$

**Lemma 7**

(1) If  $t \in P \cup P'$ ,  $\sum_{i \in P_1} \alpha^{ti} \in \{0,1\}$  if and only

if  $q \equiv \pm 1 \bmod 8$ ,  $\sum_{i \in pD_1^{(q)}} \alpha^{ti} \in \{0,1\}$  if and only if  $q \equiv \pm 1 \bmod 8$ .

(2) If  $t \in Q \cup Q'$ ,  $\sum_{i \in Q_1} \alpha^{ti} \in \{0,1\}$  if and only if

$p \equiv \pm 1 \bmod 8$ ,  $\sum_{i \in qD_1^{(p)}} \alpha^{ti} \in \{0,1\}$  if and only if  $p \equiv \pm 1 \bmod 8$ .

**Proof** If  $t \in P$ ,  $\sum_{i \in P_1} \alpha^{ti} = \sum_{i \in D_1^{(q)}} (\alpha^{2p^2})^{si} (s \in Z_{2q}^*)$ . Let  $\beta = \alpha^{2p^2}$ , then  $\beta$  is a primitive  $q$ th root of unity in the splitting field of  $x^q - 1$ . Since the characteristic of the field  $F_{2^m}$  is 2, it follows that  $(\sum_{i \in P_1} \alpha^{ti})^2 = \sum_{i \in P_1} \alpha^{2ti} = \sum_{i \in 2p \cdot 2D_1^{(q)}} \alpha^{ti}$ . Note that  $\sum_{i \in 2p \cdot 2D_1^{(q)}} \alpha^{ti} = \sum_{i \in 2p2D_1^{(q)}} \alpha^{ti} = \sum_{i \in P_1} \alpha^{ti}$  if and only if  $2 \in D_0^{(q)}$ , also note that  $D_0^{(q)}$  is the set of quadratic residues modulo  $q$ . Thus, we obtain  $\sum_{i \in P_1} \alpha^{ti} \in \{0,1\}$  if and only if  $q \equiv \pm 1 \bmod 8$ . The rest of the

conclusion of this lemma can be similarly proved.

**Lemma 8**

$$S(\alpha^t) = \begin{cases} (\sum_{i \in \beta D_1^{(q)}} + \sum_{i \in P_1'}) \alpha^{ti} + (p-1)/2 \pmod 2 & t \in P \cup P' \\ \sum_{i \in Q_1} \alpha^{ti} & t \in Q \cup Q' \\ (p-1)/2 \pmod 2 & t = pq \text{ or } 0 \end{cases}$$

**Proof** If  $t \in P \cup P'$ , from Lemmas 3 – 5 and  $|D_1^{(2q)}| = |D_1^{(q)}|$ ,  $D_1^{(2q)} \pmod q = D_1^{(q)}$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} S(\alpha^t) &= (\sum_{i \in P_1} + \sum_{i \in P_1'} + \sum_{i \in Q_1} + \sum_{i \in D_1} + \sum_{i \in D_1'}) \alpha^{ti} = \\ & \sum_{i \in P_1} \alpha^{ti} + \sum_{i \in P_1'} \alpha^{ti} + \sum_{i \in D_1^{(p)}} 1 + 0 + 0 = \\ & \sum_{i \in P_1} \alpha^{ti} + \sum_{i \in P_1'} \alpha^{ti} + (p-1)/2 + 0 + 0 = \\ & \sum_{i \in \beta D_1^{(q)}} \alpha^{ti} + \sum_{i \in P_1'} \alpha^{ti} + (p-1)/2 = \\ & (\sum_{i \in \beta D_1^{(q)}} + \sum_{i \in P_1'}) \alpha^{ti} + (p-1)/2 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, if  $t \in P \cup P'$ ,  $S(\alpha^t) = (\sum_{i \in \beta D_1^{(q)}} + \sum_{i \in P_1'}) \alpha^{ti} + (p-1)/2$ .

If  $t \in Q \cup Q'$ , from Lemmas 3 – 5 and  $|D_1^{(2p)}| = |D_1^{(p)}|$ ,  $D_1^{(2p)} \pmod p = D_1^{(p)}$ , we know that

$$\begin{aligned} S(\alpha^t) &= (\sum_{i \in P_1} + \sum_{i \in P_1'} + \sum_{i \in Q_1} + \sum_{i \in D_1} + \sum_{i \in D_1'}) \alpha^{ti} = \\ & \sum_{i \in D_1^{(2q)}} 1 + \sum_{i \in D_1^q} 1 + \sum_{i \in Q_1} \alpha^{ti} + (q-1)/2 + (q-1)/2 = \\ & (q-1)/2 + (q-1)/2 + \sum_{i \in Q_1} \alpha^{ti} + (q-1)/2 + \\ & (q-1)/2 = \sum_{i \in Q_1} \alpha^{ti} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, If  $t \in Q \cup Q'$ ,  $S(\alpha^t) = \sum_{i \in Q_1} \alpha^{ti}$ .

If  $t = pq$ , from Lemmas 3 – 5, we get

$$\begin{aligned} S(\alpha^t) &= (\sum_{i \in P_1} + \sum_{i \in P_1'} + \sum_{i \in Q_1} + \sum_{i \in D_1} + \sum_{i \in D_1'}) \alpha^{ti} = \\ & (q-1)/2 + (q-1)/2 + (p-1)/2 + 0 + 0 = \\ & (p-1)/2 \pmod 2 \end{aligned}$$

We also note that

$$S(1) = (q-1)/2 + (q-1)/2 + (p-1)/2 + e + e = (p-1)/2 \pmod 2$$

This completes the Proof.

The main results of sequence S are summarized in the following two theorems.

Define

$$d_1(x) = \prod_{i \in P \cup P'} (x - \alpha^i)$$

**Theorem 1**

(1) If  $p \equiv 3 \pmod 8$ , then

$$L(S) = 2pq, m(x) = x^{2pq} - 1$$

(2) If  $p \equiv 5 \pmod 8$  and  $q \equiv \pm 3 \pmod 8$ , then

$$L(S) = 2pq - 2, m(x) = (x^{2pq} - 1)/(x^2 + 1)$$

(3) If  $p \equiv 5 \pmod 8$  and  $q \equiv \pm 1 \pmod 8$ , then

$$L(S) = 2pq - 2q, m(x) = (x^{2pq} - 1)/(x^2 + 1)d_1(x)$$

**Proof**

For case (1) in Theorem 1 suppose  $p \equiv 3 \pmod 8$  and  $q \equiv \pm 3 \pmod 8$ , using Lemmas 5 – 8, we obtain  $\gcd(x^{2pq} - 1, S(x)) = 1$ , then  $m(x) = x^{2pq} - 1, L(S) = 2pq$ . Suppose  $p \equiv 3 \pmod 8$  and  $q \equiv \pm 1 \pmod 8$ , then  $2 \in D_1^{(p)}, 2 \in D_0^{(q)}$ . From the discussion of Ref. [6], for all  $\alpha$ , exactly one of  $\sum_{i \in \beta D_1^{(q)}} \alpha^{ti} (t \in P_0 \cup P'_0)$  and  $\sum_{i \in \beta D_1^{(q)}} \alpha^{ti} (t \in P_1 \cup P'_1)$  is zero.

We fix  $\alpha$  such that  $\sum_{i \in \beta D_1^{(q)}} \alpha^{ti} = 0 (t \in P_0 \cup P'_0)$ ,

then  $\sum_{i \in \beta D_1^{(q)}} \alpha^{ti} = 1 (t \in P_1 \cup P'_1)$ . Note  $\sum_{i \in P'} \alpha^{ti} = (\sum_{i \in \beta D_1^{(q)}} \alpha^{ti})^2$  from Lemma 8 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} S(\alpha^t) &= (\sum_{i \in \beta D_1^{(q)}} + \sum_{i \in P_1'}) \alpha^{ti} + (p-1)/2 \pmod 2 = 1 \\ & t \in P_0 \cup P'_0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S(\alpha^t) &= (\sum_{i \in \beta D_1^{(q)}} + \sum_{i \in P_1'}) \alpha^{ti} + (p-1)/2 \pmod 2 = 1 \\ & t \in P_1 \cup P'_1 \end{aligned}$$

Using Lemmas 5 – 8, we obtain

$$S(\alpha^t) \begin{cases} \neq 0 & t \in 2Z_{pq}^* \cup Z_N^* \cup Q \cup Q' \\ = 1 & t \in P \cup P' \text{ (by the choice of } \alpha) \\ = 1 & t = pq \text{ or } 0 \end{cases}$$

Hence,  $\gcd(x^{2pq} - 1, S(x)) = 1$ , then  $m(x) = x^{2pq} - 1, L(S) = 2pq$ .

For case (2) in Theorem 1, suppose  $p \equiv 5 \pmod 8$  and  $q \equiv \pm 3 \pmod 8$ , using Lemmas 5 – 8, we obtain

$$S(\alpha^t) \begin{cases} = 0 & t = pq \text{ or } 0 \\ \neq 0 & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Therefore  $\gcd(x^{2pq} - 1, S(x)) = (x^2 + 1)$ , then  $m(x) = (x^{2pq} - 1)/(x^2 + 1), L(S) = 2pq - 2$ .

For case (3) in Theorem 1, suppose  $p \equiv 5 \pmod 8$  and  $q \equiv \pm 1 \pmod 8$ , then  $2 \in D_1^{(p)}, 2 \in D_0^{(q)}$ .

From the discussion of Ref. [6], for all  $\alpha$ , exactly



mial. The results show that the linear complexity of the sequences  $S$  depends on the values of  $(p \bmod 8)$  and  $(q \bmod 8)$ . Consequently, the proposed sequence is "good" in terms of its linear complexity and may be attractive for applications in cryptography and communication.

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