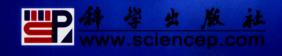


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# 前言

第八届中国密码学学术会议于 2004 年在无锡召开,本书收集了在这次会议上报告的 73 篇论文,内容涉及序列密码、分组密码、公钥密码、非传统密码、数字签名、秘密共享、多方计算、密码协议、信息隐藏、代数、信息论与编码理论、网络安全、系统安全、密码应用等研究课题。这些论文反映了我国密码学学术界的当前研究动态,也展现出我国密码学研究与应用的学术水平。

本次会议共收到投稿论文 180 篇,每篇论文至少由两位专家评审,最后由程序委员会讨论决定,录用论文 73 篇,其中 56 篇全文录用,17 篇为短文录用。

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# On the Statistical Properties and Linear Span of FCSR Sequences<sup>19</sup>

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Abstract In this paper, the statistical properties of Feedback with Carry Shift Register (FCSR) sequences are analyzed in detail. It shows that the FCSR sequences have ideal statistical properties, such as; symbol number, block number, run property, correlation property and etc. And it is also proved that the linear span of the FCSR sequences is very large under 1 or 2 symbols substitution. This allows us to design FCSR stream ciphers similar to previously proposed Linear Feedback Shift Register (LFSR) stream ciphers.

Keywords FCSR LFSR Statistical property Linear span 2-adic Span

#### 1. Introduction

Pseudorandom sequences, with a variety of statistical properties are important in many areas of communications and computing. The development of a good pseudorandom number generator is very important and has been a hot topic in cryptography and communication. A good pseudorandom sequence generator should have large period, large linear span, good randomness. It is well known that a linear shift register may be found efficiently for a given sequence using B-M algorithm.

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Therefore, the linear span is a critical index for assessing the strength of a sequence.

Klapper and Goresky<sup>[2,3]</sup> proposed a new type of pseudorandom number generator-Feedback with Carry Shift Register (FCSR). The register have many properties analogous to that of LFSR. And they also proposed a new index for assessing the strength of a binary sequence—2-adic span. And they also analyzed the statistical properties of the FCSR sequences<sup>[3~5,7~10]</sup>, but their analysis isn't adequate. In paper<sup>[6]</sup>, the lower bound of the linear span of the FCSR sequences under some special conditions is given. In this paper, we analyzed the symbol number, block number, run property and correlation property of the FCSR sequences in detail. The result shows that the FCSR sequences have ideal statistical property. Furthermore, we compute the linear span of the FCSR sequences under 1 or 2 symbol substitution. And the result shows that the FCSR sequences have large 1 or 2-error linear span. Therefore, the FCSR sequences are ideal key sequences at present.

In section 2, we briefly review FCSR; In section 3, we analyze the distributional properties of the FCSR sequences in detail; In section 4, we analyze the correlation properties of the FCSR sequences; In section 5, we prove that the linear span of the FCSR sequences is large under 1 or 2 symbol substitution. Finally, section 6 contains the conclusion.

## 2. FCSR

Let q be an odd positive integer with the binary expansion  $q = q_0 + q_1 2 + q_2 2^2 + \cdots + q_r 2^r$ , where  $q_0 = -1$ , and  $q_i \in \{0,1\}$ ,  $1 \le i \le r$ . The coefficients  $q_1, q_2, \cdots, q_r$  may be looked on as taps on a feedback register as in the following definition and figure. The same definition is also contained in paper [6].

**Definition 1**<sup>[5]</sup> The FCSR with connection integer q is a feedback register with r bits of storage plus small amount of auxiliary memory containing an integer for carry. If the contents of the register are  $(a_{r-1}, a_{r-2}, \dots, a_0)$  and the memory is m, then the operation of the shift register is defined as follows:

- (1) Take an integer sum  $\sigma = \sum_{k=1}^{r} q_k a_{r-k} + m$ .
- (2) Shift the contents one step to the right, while outputting the rightmost bit  $a_0$ .
- (3) Put  $a_r \equiv \sigma \mod 2$  into the leftmost cell of the shift register.
- (4) Replace m with  $m = (\sigma a_r)/2$ .

**Definition 2**<sup>[5]</sup> The 2-adic span of a binary eventually period sequence  $a = (a_0, a_1, \cdots)$  is the smallest value of r, which occurs among all FCSRs whose output is the sequence  $a = (a_0, a_1, \cdots)$ .

If 
$$a = (a_0, a_1, \cdots)$$
 is strictly periodic of period T, set  $\alpha = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i 2^i$ , then  $\alpha = -\frac{\sum_{i=0}^{T-1} a_i 2^i}{2^T - 1}$ .

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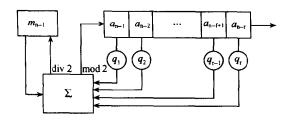


Figure Feedback with carry shift register

There is a one-to-one relationship between the sets  $\{-p/q \mid p, q \in Z, p, q > 0\}$  and  $\{a \mid a = (a_0, a_1, \cdots)$  is an eventually periodic binary sequence. If (p,q) = 1 and q is odd, then the eventual period T of the sequence associated with  $\alpha = -p/q$  is  $T = ord_q(2)$ . If the readers want to know more about 2-adic numbers, please refer to paper [5] and its references.

**Remark** The integer 2 in the above can be replaced by any prime integer  $d \ge 3$  and the corresponding connection integer q is  $-1 + \sum_{i=1}^{r} q_i d^i$ , where  $q_i \in \{0, 1, \dots, d-1\}$  (If the readers want to know why  $q = -1 + \sum_{i=1}^{r} q_i d^i$ , please refer to section 4 of paper [5]).

Consequently, 
$$T$$
 is replaced by  $T = ord_q(d)$  and  $\alpha$  is replaced by  $\alpha = -\frac{\displaystyle\sum_{i=0}^{T-1} a_i d^i}{d^T - 1}$ ,  $a_i \in Z_d$ .

Now we will give the definition of l-sequence which is the analog of m-sequence.

**Definition 3**<sup>[5]</sup> An l-sequence is a periodic sequence (of period  $T = \phi(q)$ ) which is obtained from an FCSR with connection integer q for which d is a primitive root.

**Definition 4**<sup>[6]</sup> q is a positive integer, if d is a primitive root mod q, then q is called d-prime.

If q has a primitive root, then<sup>[14]</sup> q must be 2,4, $q=p^e$  or  $2p^e$ , where p is an odd prime number,  $e\geqslant 1$ . In this paper we only consider the case  $q=p^e$ .

## 3. Distributional Properties .

In the following we will show that the sequences based on odd prime power connection integer for which d is a primitive root have excellent distributional properties. Such properties follows from the primitivity of d.

Analogous to the trace representation of linear recurring sequences, the FCSR sequences have the following exponential representation.

**Proposition 1**<sup>[5]</sup> Suppose a periodic sequence  $a = (a_0, a_1, \cdots)$  is generated by an FCSR with connection integer q. Let  $\gamma = d^{-1} \mod q$ , then there exists  $A \in \mathbb{Z}_q$  such that  $a_i = A\gamma^i \pmod{q} \pmod{d}$ ,  $i = 0, 1, 2, \cdots$ 

**Proof** Let 
$$-\frac{p_0}{q} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i d^i$$
,  $-\frac{p_1}{q} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_{i+1} d^i$ , we have  $-d\frac{p_1}{q} + a_0 = -\frac{p_0}{q}$ , so  $dp_1 = a_0 q + p_0$ ,  $p_1 \equiv d^{-1} p_0 \mod q$ ,  $a_0 \equiv -\frac{p_0}{q} \mod d \Rightarrow -q a_0 \equiv p_0 \mod d \Rightarrow a_0 \equiv p_0 \mod d$ .

Similarly,  $a_i = p_i \mod d$ ,  $p_{i+1} = d^{-1}p_i \mod q$ , so there exists a  $A \in Z_q$  such that  $a_i = AY^i \pmod q \pmod d$ ,  $i = 0, 1, 2, 3, \cdots$ 

In the following we suppose  $d^r < q < d^{r+1}$ 

**Lemma 1** Suppose that the rational expression of  $\alpha$  is just  $-\frac{A}{q}$ . Then  $a_0 = b_0$ ,  $a_1 = b_1, \dots, a_{s-1} = b_{s-1}$  with s given elements from  $Z_d$  and  $s \leqslant r$  if and only if  $A \equiv -qh \mod d^s$ , where  $h = \sum_{i=0}^{s-1} b_i d^i$ .

Proof

$$-\frac{A}{q} = a_0 + a_1 d + \dots + a_{s-1} d^{s-1} + a_s d^s + \dots \Leftrightarrow$$

$$-\frac{A}{q} \equiv a_0 + a_1 d + \dots + a_{s-1} d^{s-1} \mod d^s \Leftrightarrow$$

$$A \equiv -qh \mod d^s$$

**Theorem 1** Suppose that the connection integer is  $p^e, e \ge 1$ , p is an odd prime, then the number of block  $(b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{s-1})$  is  $\left[\frac{q-1}{d^s}\right]$  or  $\left[\frac{q-1}{d^s}\right]+1$  when e=1,  $\left[\frac{q-1}{d^s}\right]-\left[\frac{q-1}{d^s}\right]-\left[\frac{q-1}{d^s}\right]-\left[\frac{q-1}{d^s}\right]-\left[\frac{q-1}{d^s}\right]+1$  when  $e\ge 2$ , where  $s \le r$ .

**Proof** Let  $A_0 \equiv -qh \mod d^i$ , where  $h = \sum_{i=0}^{s-1} b_i d^i$ ,  $0 < A_0 < d^i$ , according to lemma 1, the solutions of  $A \equiv -qh \mod d^i$  can be represented by  $A_0 + d^i k$ ,  $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \cdots$ . Since  $A_0 + d^i k \in \mathbb{Z}_q^*$ ,  $k \le \left[\frac{q-1}{d^i}\right]$ . So when e=1, the number of block  $(b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{s-1})$  is  $\left[\frac{q-1}{d^i}\right]$  or  $\left[\frac{q-1}{d^i}\right] + 1$ , when  $e \geqslant 2$ , if  $A_0 \equiv 0 \mod p$ ,  $k \not\equiv 0 \mod p$ , the number of such k is  $\left[\frac{q-1}{d^i}\right] - \left[\frac{\left(\frac{q-1}{d^i}\right)}{p}\right] - 1$ , so the number of block  $(b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{s-1})$  is  $\left[\frac{q-1}{d^i}\right] - \left[\frac{\left(\frac{q-1}{d^i}\right)}{p}\right] - 1$  or  $\left[\frac{q-1}{d^i}\right] - \left[\frac{\left(\frac{q-1}{d^i}\right)}{p}\right]$ , if  $A_0 \not\equiv 0 \mod p$ ,  $k \not\equiv -A_0 d^{-s} \mod p$ , the number of such k is  $\left[\frac{q-1}{d^s}\right] - \left[\frac{\left(\frac{q-1}{d^s}\right)}{p}\right]$ , so the number of block  $(b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{s-1})$  is  $\left[\frac{q-1}{d^s}\right] - \left[\frac{\left(\frac{q-1}{d^s}\right)}{p}\right]$  or

$$\left[\frac{q-1}{d^i}\right] - \left[\frac{\left(\frac{q-1}{d^i}\right)}{p}\right] + 1.$$

Remark This theorem is almost the same as proposition 10.1 of paper [8].

Corollary 1 The number of element a is  $\left[\frac{q-1}{d}\right]$  or  $\left[\frac{q-1}{d}\right]+1$  when e=1,

$$\left[\frac{q-1}{d}\right] - \left[\frac{\left[\frac{q-1}{d}\right]}{p}\right] - 1, \left[\frac{q-1}{d}\right] - \left[\frac{\left[\frac{q-1}{d}\right]}{p}\right] \text{ or } \left[\frac{q-1}{d}\right] - \left[\frac{\left[\frac{q-1}{d}\right]}{p}\right] + 1 \text{ when } e \geqslant 2,$$

where  $a \in Z_d$ .

**Theorem 2** The number of block  $(b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{s-1})$  is less than 2, where s > r.

**Proof** Let  $h = \sum_{i=0}^{s-1} b_i d^i$ , suppose that there exist A and B such that  $-A/q \equiv h \mod d^s$  and  $-B/q \equiv h \mod d^s$ , then  $A/q \equiv B/q \mod d^s \Leftrightarrow A \equiv B \mod d^s$ , so A = B since  $A, B \in F_q^*$ , it is a contradiction.

**Theorem 3** Suppose that the connection integer is  $p^e$ ,  $e \ge 1$ , p is an odd prime, then the difference between the number of  $block(b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{s-1})$  is not larger than 1 when e = 1, not larger than 2 when  $e \ge 2$ , where  $s \le r$ .

**Proof** It follows from theorem 1 directly.

**Theorem 4** The number of runs of length s is  $(d-1)^2d\left[\frac{q-1}{d^s}\right]$  or  $(d-1)^2d\left(\left[\frac{q-1}{d^s}\right]+1\right)$  when e=1,

$$(d-1)^2 d \left[ \left[ \frac{q-1}{d^i} \right] - \left[ \frac{\left( \frac{q-1}{d^i} \right)}{p} \right] - 1 \right], (d-1)^2 d \left[ \left[ \frac{q-1}{d^i} \right] - \left[ \frac{\left( \frac{q-1}{d^i} \right)}{p} \right] \right] \text{ or }$$

$$(d-1)^2 d \left[ \left[ \frac{q-1}{d^i} \right] - \left[ \frac{\left( \frac{q-1}{d^i} \right)}{p} \right] + 1 \right] \text{ when } e \geqslant 2, \text{ where } s \leqslant r-2.$$

**Proof** Since the number of block  $(a,b,b,\cdots,b,b,c)$ ,  $a\neq b,c\neq b$  is  $d(d-1)^2$ , the result is obvious by theorem 1.

**Theorem 5**  $a = (a_0, a_1, \dots)$  is a *l*-sequence generated by an FCSR with connection integer q, the period of  $\alpha$  is  $T = \varphi(q) = p^{r-1}(p-1)$ , then  $a_i + a_{i+T/2} = d - 1$ .

Proof According to proposition 1,

 $a_{i+T/2} = A \gamma^{i+T/2} \pmod{q} \pmod{d} = (-A\gamma^i) \pmod{q} \pmod{d} = (q - (A\gamma^i \mod q)) \pmod{d}$  $= d - 1 - A\gamma^i \pmod{q} \pmod{d}$  $= d - 1 - a_i \cdot \text{so } a_i + a_{i+T/2} = d - 1$ 

**Corollary 2** The 0 run and d-1 run of length more than r don't exist.

**Proof** If such sequences exist, then according to lemma  $1,A \equiv -qh \mod d^{r+1} \equiv 0 \mod d^{r+1}$ , so A=0 since  $A \in \mathbb{Z}_q^*$ , it is a contradiction. According to theorem 5, the d-1 run of length more than r also doesn't exist.

Corollary 3 The number of b equals to the number the number of d-1-b, where  $b \in$ 

## 4. Correlation Properties

The correlation property is an important index of a pseudorandom sequence. In this section, we will investigate the correlation properties of l-sequence. The correlation properties of l-sequence include arithmetic correlation property and common correlation property.

Suppose that a periodic sequence  $\alpha = (a_0, a_1, \cdots)$  is generated by an FCSR with connection integer q, its period is  $T = \varphi(q)$ , and  $\beta = (a_t, a_{t+1}, \cdots)$  is obtained from  $\alpha$  by shifting to left by t steps,  $\gamma = (b_0, b_1, \cdots)$  is the sum of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  with carry,  $\gamma' = (b'_0, b'_1, \cdots)$  is the sum of  $\gamma = (b_0, b_1, \cdots)$  and 1 with carry. We have the following theorem.

The following theorem indicates the property of arithmetic autocorrelation of lsequence.

**Theorem 6**  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \gamma'$  is as above, if there exist  $i_0, 0 \le i_0 < T$ , such that  $b_{i_0} \ne d-1$ , then there exist a  $T_0 T$  such that  $\gamma$  or  $\gamma'$  is a l-sequence with period  $T_0$ .

**Proof** Suppose that the rational representation of  $\alpha$  is  $-\frac{A}{q}$ , the rational representation of  $\beta$  is  $-\frac{B}{q}$ , then the rational representation of  $\gamma$  is  $-\frac{A+B}{q}$ , if A+B=q,

 $\gamma = (d-1, d-1, d-1, \cdots)$ , since  $-1 = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (d-1)d^i$ ; if A+B < q and e=1,  $\gamma$  is a l-sequence with period p-1; if A+B > q and e=1, the rational representation of  $\gamma'$  is  $-\frac{A+B-q}{q}$ , thus  $\gamma'$  is a l-sequence with period p-1; if  $e \ge 2$ , suppose that  $p^{e_0} \mid (A+B)$ ,

 $0 \le e_0 \le e$ , if  $A+B \le q$ , the rational representation of  $\gamma$  is  $-\frac{A+B}{p^{\epsilon_0}}$ , thus  $\gamma$  is a l-sequence

with period  $p^{\epsilon-\epsilon_0-1}(p-1)$ ; if A+B>q, the rational representation of  $\gamma'$  is  $-\frac{A+B-q}{p^{\epsilon-\epsilon_0}}$ , thus  $\gamma'$  is a l-sequence with period  $p^{\epsilon-\epsilon_0-1}(p-1)$ .

**Definition 5** Suppose that  $S = (s_0, s_1, \dots)$  and  $T = (t_0, t_1, \dots)$  are 2 sequences over  $F_q$  with period N, then the Hamming distance d(S, T) between S and T is the cardinality of the set  $\{i \mid s_i \neq t_i, 0 \leq i \leq N\}$ .

The following theorems indicate the property of Hamming autocorrelation of lsequence.

**Theorem 7**  $\alpha = (a_0, a_1, \cdots)$  is generated by an FCSR with connection integer q, its period is  $T = \varphi(q)$ , and  $\beta = (a_t, a_{t+1}, \cdots)$  is obtained from  $\alpha$  by shifting to left by t steps, if t < r, then  $(d^{t+1} - d^t) \left[ \frac{q-1}{d^{t+1}} \right] \le d(\alpha, \beta) \le (d^{t+1} - d^t) \left[ \left( \frac{q-1}{d^{t+1}} \right) + 1 \right]$  when e = 1, or  $(d^{t+1} - d^t) \left[ \frac{q-1}{d^{t+1}} \right] \le d(\alpha, \beta) \le (d^{t+1} - d^t) \left[ \frac{q-1}{d^{t+1}} \right] \le d(\alpha, \beta) \le (d^{t+1} - d^t) \left[ \frac{q-1}{d^{t+1}} \right] \le d(\alpha, \beta) \le (d^{t+1} - d^t) \left[ \frac{q-1}{d^{t+1}} \right] \le d(\alpha, \beta) \le (d^{t+1} - d^t) \left[ \frac{q-1}{d^{t+1}} \right] \le d(\alpha, \beta) \le (d^{t+1} - d^t) \left[ \frac{q-1}{d^{t+1}} \right] \le d(\alpha, \beta) \le (d^{t+1} - d^t) \left[ \frac{q-1}{d^{t+1}} \right] \le d(\alpha, \beta) \le (d^{t+1} - d^t) \left[ \frac{q-1}{d^{t+1}} \right] \le d(\alpha, \beta) \le (d^{t+1} - d^t) \left[ \frac{q-1}{d^{t+1}} \right] \le d(\alpha, \beta) \le (d^{t+1} - d^t) \left[ \frac{q-1}{d^{t+1}} \right] \le d(\alpha, \beta) \le (d^{t+1} - d^t) \left[ \frac{q-1}{d^{t+1}} \right] \le d(\alpha, \beta) \le (d^{t+1} - d^t) \left[ \frac{q-1}{d^{t+1}} \right] \le d(\alpha, \beta) \le (d^{t+1} - d^t) \left[ \frac{q-1}{d^{t+1}} \right] \le d(\alpha, \beta) \le (d^{t+1} - d^t) \left[ \frac{q-1}{d^{t+1}} \right] \le d(\alpha, \beta) \le (d^{t+1} - d^t) \left[ \frac{q-1}{d^{t+1}} \right] \le d(\alpha, \beta) \le (d^{t+1} - d^t) \left[ \frac{q-1}{d^{t+1}} \right] \le d(\alpha, \beta) \le (d^{t+1} - d^t) \left[ \frac{q-1}{d^{t+1}} \right] \le d(\alpha, \beta) \le (d^{t+1} - d^t) \left[ \frac{q-1}{d^{t+1}} \right] \le d(\alpha, \beta) \le (d^{t+1} - d^t) \left[ \frac{q-1}{d^{t+1}} \right] \le d(\alpha, \beta) \le (d^{t+1} - d^t) \left[ \frac{q-1}{d^{t+1}} \right] \le d(\alpha, \beta) \le (d^{t+1} - d^t) \left[ \frac{q-1}{d^{t+1}} \right] \le d(\alpha, \beta) \le (d^{t+1} - d^t) \left[ \frac{q-1}{d^{t+1}} \right] \le d(\alpha, \beta) \le (d^{t+1} - d^t) \left[ \frac{q-1}{d^{t+1}} \right] \le d(\alpha, \beta) \le (d^{t+1} - d^t)$ 

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$$-d^{t})\left[\left[\frac{q-1}{d^{t+1}}\right]-\left[\frac{\left(\frac{q-1}{d^{t+1}}\right)}{p}\right]-1\right]\leqslant d\left(\alpha,\beta\right)\leqslant (d^{t+1}-d^{t})\left[\left[\frac{q-1}{d^{t+1}}\right]-\left[\frac{\left(\frac{q-1}{d^{t+1}}\right)}{p}\right]+1\right] \text{ when } e\geqslant 2.$$

**Proof** Since the number of block  $(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_t, b_{t+1})$ ,  $b_1 \neq b_{t+1}$  is  $d^{t+1} - a^{t}$ , by theorem 1, the result is obvious.

**Lemma 2**  $\alpha = (a_0, a_1, \cdots)$  and  $\beta = (b_0, b_1, \cdots)$  are 2 *l*-sequences generated by an FCSR with connection integer q, let  $\alpha' = (a_1, a_2, \cdots)$ ,  $\beta' = (b_1, b_2, \cdots)$ , then  $d(\alpha, \beta) = d(\alpha', \beta')$ .

**Theorem 8**  $\alpha = (a_0, a_1, \cdots)$  and  $\beta = (b_0, b_1, \cdots)$  are 2 l-sequences generated by an FCSR with connection integer q, then  $d(\alpha, \beta) \geqslant \left[\frac{p-1}{r+1}\right] + 1$  when e = 1 and  $d(\alpha, \beta) \geqslant \left[\frac{p^{e-1}(p-1)}{r+1}\right] + 1$  when  $e \geqslant 2$ .

**Proof** According to lemma 2, we can suppose  $a_0 \neq b_0$ , and the other  $T-1 = \varphi(q)-1$  elements can be divided into  $\left[\frac{T}{r+1}\right]$  blocks with length more than r, so  $d(\alpha,\beta) \geqslant \left[\frac{T}{r+1}\right]+1$  by theorem 2. The result is obvious since T=p-1 when e=1, and  $T=p^{e-1}(p-1)$  when  $e\geqslant 2$ .

Remark The lower bound above is trivial, and more tight bound is desirable.

## 5. Linear Span

The linear span is a critical index for assessing the strength of a sequence. In this section, we will investigate the linear span and k-error linear span of the l-sequence generated by an FCSR. In general, to decide the linear span or k-error linear span of a l-sequence is difficult, so we will investigate only under some special condition. But such condition is very useful in practice. In paper [6], the authors derived a lower bound on the linear span of a binary sequence generated by a Feedback with Carry Shift Register under the following condition: q is a power of a prime such that  $q = r'(e \ge 2)$  and r = 2p+1, where r and p are 2-prime. And their result showed that the linear span of an FCSR with a strong 2-prime is half of the period.

Firstly, we will give the formal definition of the k-error linear span of a periodic sequence in the following.

**Definition 6** Let  $S = (s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{N-1})^{\infty}$  be an N-periodic sequence over  $F_q$  and k be an integer with  $1 \le k \le N$ , then the k-error linear span  $L_{N,k}(S)$  of S is  $\min_T L(T)$ , where the minimum is extended over all N-periodic sequences  $T = (t_0, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{N-1})^{\infty}$  over  $\dot{F}_q$  for which the Hamming distance of the vectors  $(s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{N-1})$  and  $(t_0, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{N-1})$  is at most k.

The following several propositions are the main result of paper [6].

**Proposition 2**<sup>[6]</sup> If d=2 and the connection integer q of an FCSR is 2-prime, then the linear span of the corresponding l-sequence is not larger than  $\frac{q+1}{2}$ .

Let q=2p+1, we have the following proposition.

**Proposition 3**<sup>[6]</sup> If d=2, q and p are 2-prime, then the linear span of the corresponding l-sequence is p+1.

**Proposition 4**<sup>[6]</sup> If d = 2, q and p as above, then the linear span of the corresponding l-sequence is at least m+2, where m is the order of 2 modulo p.

The three propositions above shows that the linear span of l-sequence is large compared with m-sequences when d=2.

**Theorem 9** If d=2, q=2p+1, q is 2-prime, p is an odd prime number and p is not 2-prime, then the linear span of the corresponding l-sequence is at least 2p-2 under 1 symbol substitution.

**Proof** Suppose that the *l*-sequence is  $a = (a_0, a_1, a_2, \cdots)$ , we have  $a_{i+p(q)/2} = 1 + a_i$  according to theorem 5, where  $\phi(q) = q - 1 = 2p$ , thus  $a_{i+p} = 1 + a_i$ . Let

$$S(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{2p-1} a_i x^i = (1+x^p) S_p(x) + x^p (1+x+x^2+\dots+x^{p-1}), \text{ where}$$

$$S_p(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{p-1} a_i x^i, f(x) = S(x) + x^k, 0 \le k \le 2p-1, \xi^p = 1, \xi \ne 1.$$

We have f(1) = p+1 = 0, but  $f(\xi) = \xi^k \neq 0$ , therefore  $\deg(f(x), (1+x^p)^2) \leq 2$ , and the linear span a is at least 2p-2 under 1 symbol substitution.

**Theorem 10** If d=2, q=2p+1, p and q are 2-prime, then the linear span of the corresponding l-sequence is at least 2p-2 under 1 symbol substitution, and at least p+1 under 2 symbols substitution.

**Proof**  $a = (a_0, a_1, a_2, \cdots)$  and S(x) are as above. By the similar way, the linear span of a is at least 2p-2 under 1 symbol substitution. Let

$$f(x)=S(x)+x^{k_1}(1+x^{k_2}),0 \leq k_1 \leq 2p-1,0 \leq k_2 \leq 2p-k_1.$$

Let  $\xi^p = 1, \xi^p \neq 1, \forall 1 \leq t < p$ . We have  $f(1) = p \neq 0$ , and  $f(\xi) = 0$  if and only if  $k_2 = p$ , so  $f(x) = (1+x^p)S_p(x) + x^p(1+x+x^2+\cdots+x^{p-1}) + x^{k_1}(1+x^p), 0 \leq k_1 < p$ . Let  $g(x) = \frac{f(x)}{1+x+x^2+\cdots+x^{p-1}} = (1+x)S_p(x) + x^p + x^{k_1}(1+x), \deg(g(x)) \leq p$ . If  $g(\xi) = 0$ , then  $(1+x+x^2+\cdots+x^{p-1})|g(x)|$  since p is 2-prime, thus  $g(x) = 1+x+x^2+\cdots+x^{p-1}, x(1+x+x^2+\cdots+x^{p-1})$  or  $1+x^p$ . Since  $g(1) \neq 0, g(x)$  must be  $1+x+x^2+\cdots+x^{p-1}$  or  $x(1+x+x^2+\cdots+x^{p-1})$ .

Case  $1: g(x) = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^{p-1}$ . We have  $S_p(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{(p-1)/2} a_i x^{2i} + x^{k_1}$ , since  $g(x) = (1+x)S_p(x) + x^p + x^{k_1}(1+x)$ . But it is impossible by theorem 1.

Case 
$$2:g(x)=x(1+x+x^2+\cdots+x^{p-1})$$
. We have  $S_p(x)=\sum_{i=0}^{(p-3)/2}a_ix^{1+2i}+x^{k_1}$ , since

 $g(x) = (1+x)S_p(x) + x^p + x^{k_1}(1+x)$ . It is also impossible by theorem 1.

Therefore  $\deg(f(x),(1+x^p)^2) \leq p-1$ , and the linear span a is at least 2p-(p-1)=p+1 under 2 symbols substitution.

#### 6. Conclusion

Feedback with Carry Shift Register (FCSR) is the analog of Linear Feedback Shift Register (LFSR). And many properties about FCSR is still unclear. In this paper, we have analyzed the symbol number, block number, run property and correlation property of the FCSR sequences in detail. The result shows that the FCSR sequences have ideal statistical property. Furthermore, we compute the linear span of FCSR sequences under 1 or 2 symbol substitution. And the result shows that the FCSR sequences have large 1 or 2-error linear span. Therefore, the FCSR sequences are ideal key sequences at present. But better result about correlation property and linear span of *l*-sequence is desirable.

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