

# On the 2-adic complexity of a class of binary sequences of period $4p$ with optimal autocorrelation magnitude <sup>\*</sup>

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**Abstract**—Via interleaving Ding-Helleseth-Lam sequences, a class of binary sequences of period  $4p$  with optimal autocorrelation magnitude was constructed in [8]. Later, Fan showed that the linear complexity of this class of sequences is quite good [3]. Recently, Sun et al. determined the upper and lower bounds of the 2-adic complexity of such sequences [11]. We determine the exact value of the 2-adic complexity of this class of sequences. The results show that the 2-adic complexity of this class of binary sequences is close to the maximum.

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## 1 Introduction

Sequences with good randomness such as long period, low autocorrelation and large linear complexity are widely used in cryptography, communication, etc. Feedback with carry shift registers (FCSRs) are a class of nonlinear pseudo random sequence generators. Due to the rational approximation algorithm [17], 2-adic complexity has become an important security criteria. Hence, it is interesting to investigate the 2-adic complexity of some well-known sequences with optimal autocorrelation and large linear complexity.

The autocorrelation function of binary sequence  $s = (s_0, s_1, \dots, s_{N-1})$  with period  $N$  is defined by

$$C_s(\tau) = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} (-1)^{s_i + s_{i+\tau}}, \quad \tau \in \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}.$$

A sequence  $s$  with period  $N$  is called an optimal autocorrelation sequence [1] if for any  $\tau \neq 0$ ,

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- (1)  $C_s(\tau) = -1$  for  $N \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ ; or
- (2)  $C_s(\tau) \in \{1, -3\}$  for  $N \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ; or
- (3)  $C_s(\tau) \in \{2, -2\}$  for  $N \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$ ; or
- (4)  $C_s(\tau) = 0$  for  $N \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

Up to equivalence, the only known binary sequence in Type (4) is  $(0, 0, 0, 1)$ . Hence, for a sequence with period  $N \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ , it is natural to consider the case  $C_s(\tau) \in \{0, \pm 4\}$ . When  $\tau$  ranges from 1 to  $N - 1$ ,  $s$  is referred to as a sequence with optimal autocorrelation value if  $C_s(\tau) \in \{0, -4\}$  or  $\{0, 4\}$  [12], and  $s$  is referred to as a sequence with optimal autocorrelation magnitude if  $C_s(\tau) \in \{0, \pm 4\}$  [18].

Interleaved operator that was originally presented by Gong [4] is a powerful tool to construct sequences with optimal autocorrelation and large period.

Let  $s^t = (s_0^t, s_1^t, \dots, s_{N-1}^t)$  be a binary sequence of period  $N$ , where  $0 \leq t \leq M - 1$ . An  $N \times M$  matrix is obtained from these  $M$  binary sequences and given by

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} s_0^0 & s_0^1 & \cdots & s_0^{M-1} \\ s_1^0 & s_1^1 & \cdots & s_1^{M-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ s_{N-1}^0 & s_{N-1}^1 & \cdots & s_{N-1}^{M-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

An interleaved sequence  $u = (u_h)$  of period  $MN$  is obtained by concatenating the successive rows and defined by

$$u_{iM+j} = U_{i,j}, 0 \leq i < N, 0 \leq j < M.$$

The sequence  $u$  is denoted by

$$u = I(s^0, s^1, \dots, s^{M-1})$$

for simplicity.

Recently, using Ding-Helleseth-Lam sequences defined in [2] and a binary sequence  $\mathbf{b} = (b(0), b(1), b(2), b(3))$  with  $b(0) = b(2)$ ,  $b(1) = b(3)$ , Su et al. [8] constructed a new class of binary sequences of period  $4p$  with optimal autocorrelation magnitude by interleaving operator. Later, Fan [3] proved that the linear complexity of these sequences is close to the maximum.

The 2-adic complexity of binary sequences with good autocorrelation has not been studied so fully as the linear complexity. The 2-adic complexity of sequences in Type (1) was studied in [6, 13, 15]. Very recently, the 2-adic complexity of Ding-Helleseth-Martinsen sequence with period  $2p$  in Type (3) was determined in [19] by using ‘‘Gauss periods’’ and ‘‘Gauss sum’’ on finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$  valued in the ring  $\mathbb{Z}_{2^{2p-1}}$ . The 2-adic complexity of some other sequences with good autocorrelation was studied in [5, 9, 10, 11, 14, 16]. Specially, Sun et al. [11] presented the 2-adic complexity of the

upper and lower bounds of interleaved sequence  $u$  constructed from [8] when  $\mathbf{b} = (b(0), b(1), b(2), b(3)) = (0, 1, 0, 1)$  by using Hu's method [6] that associates with the autocorrelation function. In the conclusion of their paper, they guessed the upper bound can be arrived which means  $\gcd(u(2), 2^{2p} + 1) = 5$  where  $u(x) = u_0 + u_1x + \dots + u_{4p-1}x^{4p-1}$ .

In this paper, we prove the guess in [11] is right inspired by [19]. Furthermore, we determine the exact value of the 2-adic complexity of other interleaved sequences constructed in [8] with binary sequence  $\mathbf{b} = (b(0), b(1), b(2), b(3))$  satisfying  $b(0) = b(2)$ ,  $b(1) = b(3)$ .

## 2 Preliminaries

In this section, we will introduce some notations and well-known results.

From now on, we adopt the following notation without special explanation.

- Let  $u = (u_0, u_1, \dots, u_{N-1})$  be a binary sequence of period  $N$ . The set

$$B_u = \{t \in \mathbb{Z}_N : u_t = 1\}$$

is called the support of  $u$ .

- $U(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} u_i x^i \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ ,  $T(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} (-1)^{u_i} x^i$ .
- $u + 1$  is defined by  $u + 1 = (u_0 + 1, u_1 + 1, \dots, u_{N-1} + 1)$ .
- The cyclic left shift operator of  $u$  is defined by

$$L^e(u) = (u_e, u_{e+1}, \dots, u_{N-1}, u_0, \dots, u_{e-1}),$$

where  $0 \leq e \leq N - 1$ .

- $d$  is a positive integer satisfying  $4d \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ .
- Let  $g$  be a primitive root of  $p$ . Define  $D_j = \{g^{j+4i} : 0 \leq i \leq \frac{p-1}{4} - 1\}$  for  $0 \leq j \leq 3$ .
- Let  $s^1, s^2, s^3$  be the Ding-Helleseth-Lam sequences of period  $p$  with supports  $D_0 \cup D_1$ ,  $D_0 \cup D_3$ ,  $D_1 \cup D_2$ , respectively, where  $p = 4f + 1 = x^2 + 4y^2$  is a prime number,  $f$  is odd and  $y = \pm 1$ .

- “gcd” denotes the greatest common divisor.

By using the interleaved operator, Su, Yang and Fan [8] designed binary sequence of period  $4p$  with autocorrelation magnitude. The following result was given by them.

**Lemma 2.1**[8] Let  $\mathbf{b} = (b(0), b(1), b(2), b(3))$  be a binary sequence with  $b(0) = b(2)$ ,  $b(1) = b(3)$ . Then the binary sequence of period  $4p$  constructed by

$$u = I(s^3 + b(0), L^d(s^2) + b(1), L^{2d}(s^1) + b(2), L^{3d}(s^1) + b(3))$$

is optimal with respect to the autocorrelation magnitude, i.e.,  $C_u(\tau) \in \{0, \pm 4\}$  for all  $0 < \tau < 4p$ .

Assume that

$$\frac{U(2)}{2^N - 1} = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{N-1} u_i 2^i}{2^N - 1} = \frac{a}{e}, 0 \leq a \leq e, \gcd(a, e) = 1.$$

Then the 2-adic complexity  $\Phi_2(u)$  [17] is defined by  $\log_2 \frac{2^N - 1}{\gcd(2^N - 1, U(2))}$ . Therefore, determining  $\Phi_2(u)$  is equivalent to determining  $\gcd(2^N - 1, U(2))$ .

### 3 Main result

In this section, we study the 2-adic complexity of the binary sequence  $u$  with optimal autocorrelation magnitude in Lemma 2.1. Firstly, for a sequence  $u$  constructed with  $\mathbf{b} = (b(0), b(1), b(2), b(3)) = (0, 1, 0, 1)$ , we prove that the guess  $\gcd(U(2), 2^{2p} + 1) = 5$  proposed by Sun et al. in [11] is right. Then we determine the exact value of the 2-adic complexity of the sequence  $u$  defined in Lemma 2.1.

The following lemma is useful in our paper.

**Lemma 3.1**  $(\sum_{i \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} (\frac{i}{p}) 2^{4i})^2 \equiv p \pmod{\frac{2^{2p}+1}{5}}$ , where  $(\frac{i}{p})$  is the Legendre symbol defined by

$$\left(\frac{i}{p}\right) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i \equiv 0 \pmod{p}, \\ 1, & \text{if } i \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p} \text{ and } i \text{ is the square of an element of } \mathbb{F}_p^*, \\ -1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Since  $(\frac{i}{p})$  is a multiplicative character, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\sum_{i \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} \left(\frac{i}{p}\right) 2^{4i}\right)^2 &= \sum_{a,b=1}^{p-1} \left(\frac{ab}{p}\right) 2^{4(a+b)} \\ &\equiv \sum_{a,c=1}^{p-1} \left(\frac{a^2 c}{p}\right) 2^{4a(1+c)} \quad (\text{let } b = ac) \\ &\equiv \sum_{a,c=1}^{p-1} \left(\frac{c}{p}\right) 2^{4a(1+c)} \\ &\equiv \sum_{c=1}^{p-1} \left(\frac{c}{p}\right) \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} 2^{4a(1+c)} \pmod{2^{4p} - 1} \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

Since  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , we have  $(\frac{-1}{p}) = 1$  and then the contribution of  $c = p - 1$  to the right hand side of (3.1) is

$$\sum_{a=1}^{p-1} 2^{4ap} \equiv p - 1 \pmod{2^{4p} - 1}.$$

From  $(\frac{-1}{p}) = 1$  we know  $\sum_{c=1}^{p-2}(\frac{c}{p}) = -1$  and then

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(\sum_{i \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} \left(\frac{i}{p}\right) 2^{4i}\right)^2 &\equiv p-1 + \sum_{c=1}^{p-2} \left(\frac{c}{p}\right) \left(-1 + \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} 2^{4a(1+c)}\right) \pmod{2^{4p}-1} \\
&\equiv p-1 - \sum_{c=1}^{p-2} \left(\frac{c}{p}\right) + \sum_{c=1}^{p-2} \left(\frac{c}{p}\right) \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} 2^{4a(1+c)} \pmod{2^{4p}-1} \\
&\equiv p - \sum_{a=0}^{p-1} 2^{4a} \pmod{2^{4p}-1} \\
&\equiv p \pmod{\frac{2^{2p}+1}{5}}.
\end{aligned}$$

□

**Remark :** The proof of Lemma 3.1 is similar to Lemma 2.4(1) in [19]. For the completeness of the paper, we give a proof here.

Let  $\overline{\mathbf{b}} = (\overline{b(0)}, \overline{b(1)}, \overline{b(2)}, \overline{b(3)})$  be the complement of  $\mathbf{b} = (b(0), b(1), b(2), b(3))$ . Let  $\overline{u}$  and  $u$  be constructed with  $\overline{\mathbf{b}}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  respectively in Lemma 2.1. Then  $\overline{u}$  is the complement of  $u$ , i.e.,  $\overline{u} = u + 1$ . Therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\overline{U}(2) &= u_0 + 1 + (u_1 + 1) \cdot 2 + \cdots + (u_{N-1} + 1) 2^{N-1} \\
&= U(2) + 2^N - 1 \equiv U(2) \pmod{2^N - 1}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\gcd(\overline{U}(2), 2^N - 1) = \gcd(U(2), 2^N - 1)$  and then  $\Phi_2(\overline{U}) = \Phi_2(U)$ .

There are four cases for  $\mathbf{b}$  satisfying  $b(0) = b(2), b(1) = b(3)$ , i.e.,  $\mathbf{b} = (b(0), b(1), b(2), b(3)) = (1, 0, 1, 0), (0, 1, 0, 1), (0, 0, 0, 0), (1, 1, 1, 1)$ . In order to determine the 2-adic complexity of the sequence with optimal autocorrelation magnitude in Lemma 2.1, we only need to consider the 2-adic complexity of  $u'$  and  $u''$  constructed with  $\mathbf{b} = (b(0), b(1), b(2), b(3)) = (0, 1, 0, 1)$  and  $(0, 0, 0, 0)$ , respectively.

In the following, we will denote by  $u'$  and  $u''$  the sequence constructed with  $\mathbf{b} = (b(0), b(1), b(2), b(3)) = (0, 1, 0, 1)$ , and  $(0, 0, 0, 0)$  in Lemma 2.1, respectively. Denote  $U(x), T(x)$  by  $U'(x), T'(x)$  and  $U''(x), T''(x)$  for  $u'$  and  $u''$ , respectively.

We determine the 2-adic complexity of  $u'$ . The following two lemmas have been proved by Sun et al. in [11].

**Lemma 3.2** ([11]) Let the symbols be the same as before. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
&U'(2)T'(2^{-1}) \\
&\equiv 2 \left[ \frac{2^{4p}-1}{2^4-1} + (2^{2p}+1)(2^p-1) - 2^p(2^{2p}-1)y \sum_{i \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} \left(\frac{i}{p}\right) 2^{4i} - p \right] \pmod{2^{4p}-1}.
\end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 3.3**([11])  $\gcd(U'(2), 2^{2p} - 1) = 1$  and  $5 \mid \gcd(U'(2), 2^{2p} + 1)$ .

The following theorem shows that the guess of Sun et al. in [11] is right.

**Theorem 3.4** For the sequence  $u'$ , we have  $\gcd(U'(2), 2^{2p} + 1) = 5$ .

*Proof.* (i) Assume that  $p \neq 5$ .

From Lemma 3.2 we get

$$U'(2)T'(2^{-1}) \equiv 2[-2^p(2^{2p} - 1)y \sum_{i \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} \left(\frac{i}{p}\right) 2^{4i} - p] \pmod{\frac{2^{2p} + 1}{5}}.$$

Suppose that  $U'(2)$  and  $\frac{2^{2p} + 1}{5}$  have a common prime factor  $l$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \equiv U'(2)T'(2^{-1}) &\equiv 2[-2^p(2^{2p} - 1)y \sum_{i \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} \left(\frac{i}{p}\right) 2^{4i} - p] \pmod{l} \\ &\equiv 2[-2^p(-2)y \sum_{i \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} \left(\frac{i}{p}\right) 2^{4i} - p] \pmod{l}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $2^{p+1}y \sum_{i \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} \left(\frac{i}{p}\right) 2^{4i} - p \equiv 0 \pmod{l}$ . From  $y = \pm 1$  we get

$$2^{2p+2} \left( \sum_{i \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} \left(\frac{i}{p}\right) 2^{4i} \right)^2 - p^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{l}.$$

From Lemma 3.1 we get  $0 \equiv 2^{2p+2}p - p^2 \equiv -4p - p^2 \pmod{l}$  which implies that  $l = p$  or  $l \mid p + 4$ . If  $l = p$ , by Fermat's Little Theorem, we get  $0 \equiv 2^{2p} + 1 \equiv 5 \pmod{p}$  which contradicts to the assumption  $p \neq 5$ . If  $l \mid p + 4$ , from  $2^{2p} \equiv -1 \pmod{l}$  we know that  $l \neq 3$  and the order  $D$  of  $2 \pmod{l}$  is 4 or  $4p$ . From  $D \mid l - 1$  and  $l \mid p + 4$  we know that  $D \neq 4p$ . From  $p \neq 5$  and

$$\frac{2^{2p} + 1}{5} = [1 + (-2^2) + \cdots + (-2^2)^{p-2} + (-2^2)^{p-1}] \equiv p \pmod{5},$$

we have  $\gcd(\frac{2^{2p} + 1}{5}, 5) = 1$  which implies that  $l \neq 5$ . If  $D = 4$ , then  $0 \equiv 2^4 - 1 \equiv 15 \pmod{l}$  which contradicts to  $l \neq 3, 5$ . Therefore  $\gcd(U'(2), \frac{2^{2p} + 1}{5}) = 1$ . From Lemma 3.3, we get

$$\gcd(U'(2), 2^{2p} + 1) = \gcd(U'(2), \frac{2^{2p} + 1}{5}) \gcd(U'(2), 5) = 5.$$

(ii) Assume that  $p = 5$ .

From  $\mathbb{F}_5^* = \langle 2 \rangle$ , we know the cyclotomic classes of order 4 in  $\mathbb{F}_5$  are  $D_0 = \langle 1 \rangle$ ,  $D_1 = \langle 2 \rangle$ ,  $D_2 = \langle 4 \rangle$ ,  $D_3 = \langle 3 \rangle$ . Since  $s^2$  is a binary sequence with support  $B_{s^2} = D_0 \cup D_3$ ,

we have  $B_{L^d(s^2)} = (D_0 \cup D_3) - d$  and  $B_{L^d(s^2)+1} = (D_1 \cup D_2 \cup \{0\}) - d$ . From  $4d \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ , we have  $-d \equiv \frac{p-1}{4} \pmod{p}$ . Then by the definition of  $u'$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
U'(2) &= \sum_{i \in D_1 \cup D_2} 2^{4i} + \sum_{i \in \{\frac{p-1}{4}\} \cup (D_1 \cup D_2) + \frac{p-1}{4}} 2^{4i+1} \\
&\quad + \sum_{i \in (D_0 \cup D_1) + \frac{p-1}{2}} 2^{4i+2} + \sum_{i \in \{\frac{3(p-1)}{4}\} \cup ((D_2 \cup D_3) + \frac{3(p-1)}{4})} 2^{4i+3} \\
&= \sum_{i \in \{2,4\}} 2^{4i} + \sum_{i \in \{1,3,5\}} 2^{4i+1} + \sum_{i \in \{3,4\}} 2^{4i+2} + \sum_{i \in \{3,2,1\}} 2^{4i+3} \\
&= 2484640 \\
&\equiv \begin{cases} 15, & \pmod{25}, \\ 40, & \pmod{41}. \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

Then we have  $\gcd(U'(2), 2^{2p} + 1) = \gcd(U'(2), 2^{10} + 1) = \gcd(U'(2), 25 \cdot 41) = 5$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.5** For  $\mathbf{b} = (b(0), b(1), b(2), b(3)) = (0, 1, 0, 1)$  or  $(1, 0, 1, 0)$ , the 2-adic complexity of the sequence  $u$  defined in Lemma 2.1 is

$$\Phi_2(u) = \log_2 \frac{2^{4p} - 1}{5}.$$

*Proof.* We need to determine  $\Phi_2(u')$  only. From the definition of the 2-adic complexity, we have  $\Phi_2(u') = \log_2 \frac{2^{4p}-1}{\gcd(2^{4p}-1, U'(2))}$ . Since  $\gcd(2^{2p} + 1, 2^{2p} - 1) = 1$ , we know  $\Phi_2(u') = \log_2 \frac{2^{4p}-1}{\gcd(2^{2p}+1, U'(2)) \gcd(2^{2p}-1, U'(2))}$ . From Lemma 3.3 and Theorem 3.4, we get

$$\Phi_2(u') = \log_2 \frac{2^{4p} - 1}{\gcd(2^{2p} + 1, U'(2)) \gcd(2^{2p} - 1, U'(2))} = \log_2 \frac{2^{4p} - 1}{5}.$$

$\square$

In the following, we will determine the 2-adic complexity of  $u''$ , the following two Lemmas are useful.

**Lemma 3.6** ([6, 11]) Let  $U(x)$  and  $T(x)$  be defined in Section 2. Then for a binary sequence  $u$  with period  $N$ , we have

$$-2U(x)T(x^{-1}) \equiv N + \sum_{\tau=1}^{N-1} C_u(\tau)x^\tau - T(x^{-1})\left(\sum_{i=0}^{N-1} x^i\right) \pmod{x^N - 1}.$$

**Lemma 3.7** [8] Let  $\tau = \tau_1 + 4\tau_2$ , where  $\tau_1 = 0, 1 \leq \tau_2 \leq p-1$  or  $1 \leq \tau_1 \leq 3, 0 \leq \tau_2 \leq p-1$ . Then the autocorrelation function of  $u''$  is

$$C_{u''}(\tau) = \begin{cases} -4, & \tau_1 = 0, \tau_2 \neq 0, \\ 4, & \tau_1 = 1, \tau_2 + d \equiv 0 \pmod{p}, \\ 4y, & \tau_1 = 1, \tau_2 + d \pmod{p} \in D_0 \cup D_2, \\ -4y, & \tau_1 = 1, \tau_2 + d \pmod{p} \in D_1 \cup D_3, \\ 4, & \tau_1 = 2, \tau_2 + 2d \equiv 0 \pmod{p}, \\ 0, & \tau_1 = 2, \tau_2 + 2d \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}, \\ 4, & \tau_1 = 3, \tau_2 + 3d \equiv 0 \pmod{p}, \\ -4y, & \tau_1 = 3, \tau_2 + 3d \pmod{p} \in D_0 \cup D_2, \\ 4y, & \tau_1 = 3, \tau_2 + 3d \pmod{p} \in D_1 \cup D_3. \end{cases}$$

**Lemma 3.8** Let the symbols be the same as before. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & U''(2)T''(2^{-1}) \\ & \equiv 2 \left[ \frac{2^{4p} - 1}{2^4 - 1} - (2^{2p} + 1)(2^p + 1) + 2^p(2^{2p} - 1)y \sum_{i \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} \left(\frac{i}{p}\right) 2^{4i} - p \right] \pmod{2^{4p} - 1}. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* From  $-d \equiv \frac{p-1}{4} \pmod{p}$  and Lemma 3.7, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\tau=1}^{4p-1} C_{u''}(\tau) 2^{4\tau} \\ &= \sum_{\tau_2=1}^{p-1} C_{u''}(4\tau_2) 2^{4\tau_2} + \sum_{\tau_1=1}^3 \sum_{\tau_2=0}^{p-1} C_{u''}(\tau_1 + 4\tau_2) 2^{\tau_1 + 4\tau_2} \\ &= -4 \sum_{\tau_2=1}^{p-1} 2^{4\tau_2} + 4 \cdot 2^{1+4 \cdot \frac{p-1}{4}} + 4y \sum_{\tau_2 \in (D_0 \cup D_2) + \frac{p-1}{4}} 2^{1+4\tau_2} - 4y \sum_{\tau_2 \in (D_1 \cup D_3) + \frac{p-1}{4}} 2^{1+4\tau_2} \\ & \quad + 4 \cdot 2^{2+4 \cdot \frac{p-1}{2}} + 4 \cdot 2^{3+4 \cdot \frac{3(p-1)}{4}} - 4y \sum_{\tau_2 \in (D_0 \cup D_2) + \frac{3(p-1)}{4}} 2^{3+4\tau_2} + 4y \sum_{\tau_2 \in (D_1 \cup D_3) + \frac{3(p-1)}{4}} 2^{3+4\tau_2} \\ & \equiv -4 \left[ \frac{2^{4p} - 1}{2^4 - 1} - (1 + 2^{2p})(2^p + 1) - 2^p y \sum_{i \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} \left(\frac{i}{p}\right) 2^{4i} + 2^{3p} y \sum_{i \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} \left(\frac{i}{p}\right) 2^{4i} \right] \pmod{2^{4p} - 1}. \end{aligned}$$

From Lemma 3.6 we get

$$\begin{aligned} & U''(2)T''(2^{-1}) \\ & \equiv 2 \left[ \frac{2^{4p} - 1}{2^4 - 1} - (2^{2p} + 1)(2^p + 1) + 2^p(2^{2p} - 1)y \sum_{i \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} \left(\frac{i}{p}\right) 2^{4i} - p \right] \pmod{2^{4p} - 1}. \end{aligned}$$



□

**Lemma 3.9**  $\gcd(U''(2), 2^{2p} - 1) = 3$ .

*Proof.* From Lemma 3.8 we know

$$\begin{aligned} U''(2)T''(2^{-1}) &\equiv 2[-(1 + 2^{2p})(2^p + 1) - p] \pmod{\frac{2^{2p} - 1}{3}} \\ &\equiv 2[-2(2^p + 1) - p] \pmod{\frac{2^{2p} - 1}{3}}. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $U''(2)T''(2^{-1}) \equiv 2(-4 - p) \pmod{2^p - 1}$  and  $U''(2)T''(2^{-1}) \equiv -2p \pmod{\frac{2^p + 1}{3}}$ .

(1). We prove  $\gcd(U''(2), 2^p - 1) = 1$  firstly. Let  $l_1$  be a prime divisor of  $\gcd(2^p - 1, -4 - p)$ . Then  $2^p \equiv 1 \pmod{l_1}$ . From Fermat's theorem, we know that  $p \mid l_1 - 1$  which contradicts to  $l_1 \mid -p - 4$ . Therefore  $\gcd(U''(2)T''(2^{-1}), 2^p - 1) = \gcd(-4 - p, 2^p - 1) = 1$  which implies that  $\gcd(U''(2), 2^p - 1) = 1$ .

(2). Next we prove that  $\gcd(U''(2), \frac{2^p + 1}{3}) = 1$ . Suppose that  $l$  is a common prime divisor of  $U''(2)$  and  $\frac{2^p + 1}{3}$ . Then, by Lemma 3.8,  $0 \equiv U''(2)T''(2^{-1}) \equiv -2p \pmod{l}$  so that  $l = p$ . From  $-1 \equiv 2^p \equiv 2 \pmod{p}$  we get  $p = 3$  which contradicts to  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . Therefore  $\gcd(U''(2), \frac{2^p + 1}{3}) = 1$ .

(3). At last, we prove  $3 \mid U''(2)$ . By the definition of  $U''(2)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} U''(2) &= \sum_{i \in D_1 \cup D_2} 2^{4i} + \sum_{i \in D_0 \cup D_3} 2^{4(i + \frac{p-1}{4})+1} + \sum_{i \in D_0 \cup D_1} 2^{4(i + \frac{p-1}{2})+2} + \sum_{i \in D_0 \cup D_1} 2^{4(i + \frac{3(p-1)}{4})+3} \\ &= \sum_{i \in D_1 \cup D_2} 2^{4i} + 2^p \sum_{i \in D_0 \cup D_3} 2^{4i} + 2^{2p} \sum_{i \in D_0 \cup D_1} 2^{4i} + 2^{3p} \sum_{i \in D_0 \cup D_1} 2^{4i} \\ &\equiv \frac{p-1}{2} - \frac{p-1}{2} + \frac{p-1}{2} - \frac{p-1}{2} \pmod{3} \\ &\equiv 0 \pmod{3}. \end{aligned}$$

From (1)-(3) we get

$$\gcd(U''(2), 2^{2p} - 1) = 3 \cdot \gcd\left(\frac{U''(2)}{3}, \frac{2^p + 1}{3}\right) \cdot \gcd(U''(2), 2^p - 1) = 3.$$

□

**Lemma 3.10**  $\gcd(U''(2), \frac{2^{2p} + 1}{5}) = 1$  for  $p \neq 5$ .

The proof of this lemma is similar to Theorem 3.4, we omit it.

**Lemma 3.11**  $\gcd(U''(2), 2^{2p} + 1) = 25$  for  $p = 5$ .

*Proof.* From  $\mathbb{F}_5^* = \langle 2 \rangle$ , we know the four cyclotomic classes of order four are  $D_0 = \{1\}$ ,  $D_1 = \{2\}$ ,  $D_2 = \{4\}$  and  $D_3 = \{3\}$ . For a binary periodic sequence  $s$ , we have  $B_{L^d(s)} = B_s - d$ . From the definition of  $u''$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} U''(2) &= \sum_{i \in D_1 \cup D_2} 2^{4i} + \sum_{i \in D_0 \cup D_3} 2^{4(i+\frac{p-1}{4})+1} + \sum_{i \in D_0 \cup D_1} 2^{4(i+\frac{p-1}{2})+2} + \sum_{i \in D_0 \cup D_1} 2^{4(i+\frac{3(p-1)}{4})+3} \\ &= \sum_{i \in \{2,4\}} 2^{4i} + \sum_{i \in \{2,4\}} 2^{4i+1} + \sum_{i \in \{3,4\}} 2^{4i+2} + \sum_{i \in \{4,5\}} 2^{4i+3} \\ &= 9388800 \\ &\equiv \begin{cases} 0, & (\text{mod } 25), \\ 5, & (\text{mod } 41). \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Then we have  $25|U''(2)$  and then from  $2^{2p} + 1 = 5^2 \times 41$ , we get  $\gcd(U''(2), 2^{2p} + 1) = 25$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.12** For  $\mathbf{b} = (b(0), b(1), b(2), b(3)) = (0, 0, 0, 0)$  or  $(1, 1, 1, 1)$ , the 2-adic complexity of the sequence  $u$  defined in Lemma 2.1 is

$$\Phi_2(u) = \begin{cases} \log_2 \frac{2^{4p}-1}{75}, & p = 5 \\ \log_2 \frac{2^{4p}-1}{15}, & p \neq 5. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* From  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $2^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$  we get  $2^p \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$ . Then by the definition of  $u''$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} U''(2) &= \sum_{i \in D_1 \cup D_2} 2^{4i} + \sum_{i \in D_0 \cup D_3} 2^{4(i+\frac{p-1}{4})+1} + \sum_{i \in D_0 \cup D_1} 2^{4(i+\frac{p-1}{2})+2} + \sum_{i \in D_0 \cup D_1} 2^{4(i+\frac{3(p-1)}{4})+3} \\ &\equiv \sum_{i \in D_0 \cup D_2} 1 + \sum_{i \in D_0 \cup D_3} 2 + \sum_{i \in D_0 \cup D_1} (4 + 8) \equiv 15 \cdot \frac{p-1}{2} \equiv 0 \pmod{5}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $p \neq 5$ , by Lemma 3.9 and 3.10 we get  $\Phi_2(u'') = \log_2(\frac{2^{4p}-1}{C})$  where

$$D = \gcd(U''(2), 2^{4p} - 1) = 5 \cdot \gcd\left(\frac{U''(2)}{5}, \frac{2^{2p} + 1}{5}\right) \cdot \gcd(U''(2), 2^p - 1) = 15.$$

For  $p = 5$ , by Lemma 3.11 and 3.9 we get  $C = \gcd(U''(2), 2^{2p} + 1) \cdot \gcd(U''(2), 2^{2p} - 1) = 75$ .  $\square$

At the end of this section we give an example to illustrate our main results.

**Example** Let  $q = 13 = 3^2 + 4 \cdot 1^2$ ,  $\mathbb{F}_{13}^* = \langle 2 \rangle$ . The cyclotomic classes of order 4 in  $\mathbb{F}_{13}$  are  $D_0 = \{1, 3, 9\}$ ,  $D_1 = \{2, 5, 6\}$ ,  $D_2 = \{4, 10, 12\}$ ,  $D_3 = \{7, 8, 11\}$ . Let

$\mathbf{b} = (b(0), b(1), b(2), b(3)) = (0, 1, 0, 1)$ . From the definition of the sequence  $u$  in Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
U'(2) &= \sum_{i \in D_1 \cup D_2} 2^{4i} + \sum_{i \in \{\frac{p-1}{4}\} \cup ((D_1 \cup D_2) + \frac{p-1}{4})} 2^{4i+1} \\
&+ \sum_{i \in (D_0 \cup D_1 + \frac{p-1}{2})} 2^{4i+2} + \sum_{i \in \{\frac{3(p-1)}{4}\} \cup ((D_2 \cup D_3) + \frac{3(p-1)}{4})} 2^{4i+3} \\
&= \sum_{i \in \{2, 5, 6, 4, 10, 12\}} 2^{4i} + \sum_{i \in \{3, 5, 8, 9, 7, 0, 2\}} 2^{4i+1} + \sum_{i \in \{7, 9, 2, 8, 11, 12\}} 2^{4i+2} + \sum_{i \in \{9, 0, 6, 8, 3, 4, 7\}} 2^{4i+3}.
\end{aligned}$$

Let  $\mathbf{b} = (b(0), b(1), b(2), b(3)) = (0, 0, 0, 0)$ . From the definition of the sequence  $u$  in Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
U''(2) &= \sum_{i \in D_1 \cup D_2} 2^{4i} + \sum_{i \in D_0 \cup D_3} 2^{4(i + \frac{p-1}{4})+1} + \sum_{i \in D_0 \cup D_1} 2^{4(i + \frac{p-1}{2})+2} + \sum_{i \in D_0 \cup D_1} 2^{4(i + \frac{3(p-1)}{4})+3} \\
&= \sum_{i \in D_1 \cup D_2} 2^{4i} + \sum_{i \in D_0 \cup D_3} 2^{4(i+3)+1} + \sum_{i \in D_0 \cup D_1} 2^{4(i+6)+2} + \sum_{i \in D_0 \cup D_1} 2^{4(i+9)+3} \\
&= \sum_{i \in \{2, 4, 5, 6, 10, 12\}} 2^{4i} + \sum_{i \in \{1, 3, 9, 7, 8, 11\}} 2^{4(i+3)+1} + \sum_{i \in \{1, 3, 9, 2, 5, 6\}} 2^{4(i+6)+2} \\
&+ \sum_{i \in \{1, 3, 9, 2, 5, 6\}} 2^{4(i+9)+3}.
\end{aligned}$$

Computing with magma, we have  $\gcd(U'(2), 2^{52} - 1) = 5$  and  $\gcd(U''(2), 2^{52} - 1) = 15$ . Then we get  $\Phi_2(u') = \log_2 \frac{2^{4p-1}}{5}$  and  $\Phi_2(u'') = \log_2 \frac{2^{4p-1}}{15}$  which coincides with Theorem 3.5 and 3.12, respectively.

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