A Family of Binary Sequences from Interleaved Construction and their Cryptographic Properties

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In 1995 Gong first introduced the interleaved structure and she employed two m-sequences to construct a family of long-period sequences with nice properties.

She also gave the maximal values of correlation function and linear complexity for the sequences constructed from interleaved structure where the two base sequences are of the same period.
Let $s$ and $t$ be two positive integers. Suppose that $a = (a_0, \ldots, a_{s-1})$ and $b = (b_0, \ldots, b_{t-1})$ are two $\ell$-ary sequences of periods $s$ and $t$, respectively.

1. Choose $e = (e_0, \ldots, e_{t-1})$ as the shift sequence for which the first $t - 1$ elements are over $\mathbb{Z}_s$ and $e_{t-1} = \infty$. Moreover, if we let $d_{i-1} = e_i - e_{i-1}$, then we choose $e$ such that $d_0, d_1, \ldots, d_{t-3}$ is in an arithmetic progression with common distance $d \neq 0$.

2. Construct an interleaved sequence $u = (u_0, \ldots, u_{st-1})$, whose $j^{th}$ column in the matrix form is given by $L^e_j(a)$. 
3. For $0 \leq i < st - 1$, $0 \leq j \leq t$, define $s_j = (s_{j,0}, \ldots, s_{j, st-1})$ as follow:

$$s_{j,i} = \begin{cases} 
  u_i + b_{j+i}, & 0 \leq j \leq t - 1, \\
  u_i, & j = t.
\end{cases}$$

4. Define the family of sequences $\mathcal{S} = \mathcal{S}(a, b, e)$ as $\mathcal{S} = \{s_j | j = 0, 1, \ldots, t\}$, where $a$ is the first base sequence, $e$ is the shift sequence, and $b$ is the second base sequence.
The base sequences and the shift sequence

Given sequences $a = (1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0)$ and $b = (1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1)$. We set the shift sequence be $e = (0, 1, 3, 1, 0, 0, \infty)$.

Generate the interleaved sequence $u$

First we get a matrix form for the interleaved sequence $u$.

$$A_u = \begin{pmatrix}
1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\
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Concatenate the rows to obtain $u = (10101100101000111111010001100111000)$. 

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**Interleaved Structure**

**Example**
Shift $b$ and add to $u$

Then we shift 1 bit of $b$ to the left and write the $5 \times 7$ matrix form

$$
\begin{bmatrix}
0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\
\end{bmatrix}
$$

copying the shifted $b$ in each row.

We get a new constructed sequence

$s_1 = (10000010111111110100110100010101111)$ from the addition of the above two matrices:

$$
\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
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Our results

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**Theorem 1:** Let us choose $a$ as the first base sequence with period $v$ and $b$ as the second base sequence with period $w$. Then using the algorithm we construct a family $\mathcal{S}(a, b, e) = \{s_j | j = 0, 1, \ldots, w\}$ with the property that the number $N_0(s_j)$ of zeros in one period of each sequence $s_j$ is:

- $(w - 1) \cdot N_0(a) + v$, when $j=w$;
- $N_0(a) \cdot (N_0(b) - 1) + (v - N_0(a)) \cdot (w - N_0(b)) + v$, when $b_{j+w-1} = 0, j \leq w - 1$;
- $N_0(a) \cdot N_0(b) + (v - N_0(a)) \cdot (w - N_0(b) - 1)$, when $b_{j+w-1} = 1, j \leq w - 1$. 

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Interleaved sequences
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$$\delta_1 = \max \left\{ \left( \left\lfloor \frac{w}{v} \right\rfloor + 1 \right) (v + 1) + w, \delta_b v \right\}.$$

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Corollary 1: When $v$ and $w$ are equal, the family of sequences generated by the algorithm is a $(v^2, v + 1, 2v + 3)$ signal set.

Corollary 2: Fix a prime number $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ and any other prime $q \geq p$. The family of sequences $S$ generated by the algorithm from two Legendre sequences of periods $p$ and $q$ is a $(pq, q + 1, \delta)$ signal set, where

$$
\delta = \delta_1 = 
\left(\left\lfloor \frac{q}{p} \right\rfloor + 1 \right) \cdot (p + 1) + q.
$$

Furthermore, when both $p$ and $q$ are congruent to $3 \pmod{4}$ we obtain

$$
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Applications of our results

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We remark that Wang and Qi’s result is the case when taking two Legendre sequences $a$ and $b$ with twin prime periods $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ and $q = p + 2$, respectively.

**Corollary**

**Corollary 3:** Let two Legendre sequences of twin prime periods $p$ and $p + 2$, where $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ be the base sequences under the construction of the algorithm. The maximum magnitude of nontrivial cross correlation values of this constructed family is $3p + 4$. 
Theorem 4: Fix a prime number $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ and any other prime $q \geq p$. The family of sequences $\mathcal{S}$ generated by the algorithm from two Legendre sequences of periods $p$ and $q$ is a $(pq, q + 1, \delta_3)$ family, where $\delta_3 = \left(\left\lfloor \frac{q}{p} \right\rfloor + 1\right) \cdot (p + 1) + 3q - 2$. 
We have partially done with the linear complexities of interleaved sequences constructed from Legendre sequences with period $p$ and $q$.

Please see the data.
When \( p \equiv 3 \pmod{8} \), that is the feedback polynomial of \( a \) is \( g_a = \phi_p \) and \( \deg(g_a) = p - 1 \). We give the linear complexity values and the feedback polynomials below.

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Future work

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2. Apply the techniques of interleaved construction to aperiodic sequences and compute the merit factor.