

Introduction to Cryptology

Tutorial-06 Secret-Key Ciphers Stream Ciphers: Design Principles

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A Template for Designing a Running Key Generators Non-linear Combination of LFSR Sequences

LFSR with **primitive** connection polynomial of length L .
PN sequence: period $2^L - 1 = 2^6 - 1 = 63$

Non-linear function F with non-linear order $NLO=m$

order = 1 $\rightarrow NLO = m = 3 = L/2$
Largest product of adjacent cells

order = 2

$F = x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5 + x_6$

If $C(D)$ is **primitive** then the resulting linear complexity is: $L(S) \geq \left\lceil \frac{L}{m} \right\rceil (L - m)$

Design steps:

1. Select a primitive polynomial of degree L
2. Select a function F with a non-linear order $m=L/2$
3. Select some low order terms in F (for good 1/0 distribution)
4. Compute effective linear complexity $L(S)$

For $m = L/2$
Linear Complexity $L(S) \approx 2^L - \log_2 L$

Problem 6-1:

Construct a linear feedback shift register using the connection Polynomial $C(D) = D^5 + D^2 + 1$. The polynomial $C(D)$ is irreducible.

1. Start the constructed register with the initial state 10111 and generate the first 5 bits of its output sequence.
2. Which possible length can the sequence period take?
3. Find the period of the resulting sequence.
4. If $C(D)$ is not known to an external attacker. How many consecutive sequence bits are required to generate the rest of this sequence?
5. How much is the linear complexity of that sequence?

Solution 6-1:

1. Using the LFSR template results with the following register structure:

Output sequence: 1011101...

$C(D) = D^5 + D^2 + 1$

10111	State 0
01110	State 1
11101	State 2
11011	State 3
10110	State 4
01100	State 5
11000	State 6

The resulting sequence is called a Pseudo-noise sequence PN-Sequence.

2. $C(D)$ is **irreducible** with period p , where p should divide $2^5 - 1 = 31$. The divisors of 31 are 1 or 31. Thus the period can be 1 or 31.
3. As the period is not 1 (see the sequence in 1), it should be $31 \Rightarrow p = 31$ q.e.d
4. If we apply Massey-Berlekamp algorithm using only $2L = 10$ consecutive bits are required to find $C(D)$.
5. Linear complexity is the length of the shortest linear feedback shift register LFSR which generates the sequence. Thus the linear complexity of our sequence is $L = 5$.

Problem 6-2:

Construct a linear feedback shift register using the connection Polynomial $C(D) = D^6 + D^4 + D^2 + D + 1$. The polynomial $C(D)$ is irreducible.

1. Start the constructed register with the initial state 101111 and generate the first 5 bits of its output sequence.
2. Which possible length can the sequence period take?
3. Find the period of the resulting sequence.
4. If $C(D)$ is not known to an external attacker. How many consecutive sequence bits are required to generate the rest of this sequence?
5. How much is the linear complexity of that sequence?

Solution 6-2:

1. Using the LFSR template results with the following register structure:

Output sequence: 101111...

$C(D) = D^6 + D^4 + D^2 + D + 1$

101111	State 0
011110	State 1
111100	State 2
111000	State 3
110000	State 4
100001	State 5

The resulting sequence has a length of 21 bits.

2. Possible sequence lengths are only the divisors of $2^6 - 1 = 63$. These are 1, 3, 7, 9, 21, 63
3. Looking in the table of irreducible polynomials, the period of the selected polynomial is $e = 21$. (can also be found by computing the order of x modulo $C(x) = x^6 + x^4 + x^2 + x + 1$)
4. Applying Massey-Berlekamp algorithm requires only $2L = 12$ consecutive bits to find $C(D)$.
5. Linear complexity is the length of the shortest linear feedback shift register LFSR which generates the sequence. Thus the linear complexity of our sequence is $L = 6$.

