

Crosscorrelation Properties of Binary Sequences with Ideal Two-level Autocorrelation

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Abstract. For odd n , binary sequences of period $2^n - 1$ with ideal two-level autocorrelation are investigated with respect to the 3- or 5-valued crosscorrelation property between them. At most 5-valued crosscorrelation of m -sequences is discussed, which is linked to the crosscorrelation of some other binary two-level autocorrelation sequences. Several theorems and conjectures are established for describing the 3- or 5-valued crosscorrelation of a pair of binary two-level autocorrelation sequences.

1 Introduction

In code-division multiple access (CDMA) communication systems, a binary two-level autocorrelation sequence is needed to acquire the accurate timing information of received signals by means of its impulse-like autocorrelation property. In cryptography, the sequence is also required for avoiding the correlation attack that exploits pseudorandom sequences having weak autocorrelation property. In the last few years, several new binary two-level autocorrelation sequences have been discovered; Kasami power function (KPF) sequences [3], Welch-Gong (WG) sequences [15], and Maschietti's hyperoval sequences [12]. Together with traditionally known m -sequences, Gordon-Mills-Welch (GMW) sequences [8], quadratic residue (QR) sequences, and Hall's sextic residue sequences, these are all known binary two-level autocorrelation sequences of period $2^n - 1$.

For the theory and practice of sequences, it would be interesting to study the crosscorrelation of a pair of binary two-level autocorrelation sequences of period $2^n - 1$. For odd n , the crosscorrelation has been investigated for the following pairs of binary sequences.

- An m -sequence and its decimations [6] [11] [13] [9] (Gold, Kasami, Welch, Niho, and some conjectured exponents)
- An m -sequence and a GMW sequence with the same primitive polynomial [5], and a pair of GMW sequences [1] (The crosscorrelations are reduced to the crosscorrelation of m -sequences)
- An m -sequence and a decimated KPF sequence with one particular exponent [3]
- An m -sequence and a WG sequence without decimation [7]
- An m -sequence and a hyperoval sequence without decimation [4]
- A pair of KPF sequences without decimations [10]

If the maximum crosscorrelation of a pair of binary sequences of period $2^n - 1$ is much larger than its optimum value achieving the Welch [17] or the Sidelnikov bound [16], then the pair is not so attractive for communication and cryptographic applications. For odd n , therefore, the 3-valued crosscorrelation, i.e., $\{0, \pm 2^{\frac{n+1}{2}}\}$, has been intensively studied by many researchers. In this work, we are also interested in the 5-valued crosscorrelation, i.e., $\{0, \pm 2^{\frac{n+1}{2}}, \pm 2^{\frac{n+3}{2}}\}$, which might be suboptimal for some applications.

In this paper, we study the 3- or 5-valued crosscorrelation of a pair of binary two-level autocorrelation sequences of period $2^n - 1$ for odd n , excluding GMW, QR, and Hall's sextic residue sequences. In Section 3, at most 5-valued crosscorrelation of m -sequences is discussed, which is linked to the crosscorrelation of some other sequences. In Section 4, the 3- or 5-valued crosscorrelation of the following pairs is investigated.

- A 5-term KPF sequence and a decimated WG sequence with one new exponent
- An m -sequence and a decimated WG sequence with one new exponent
- An m -sequence and a decimated hyperoval sequence with several new exponents
- An m -sequence and a decimated 3-term KPF sequence with one new exponent

With the new results as well as the already known ones, the relations of binary two-level autocorrelation sequences are summarized with respect to the 3- or 5-valued crosscorrelation. From our experiments for $n = 13, 15$, and 17 , we observed that all the 3- or 5-valued crosscorrelations of a pair of binary two-level autocorrelation sequences are completely described by the already known and the new results listed above unless both are m -sequences.

2 Preliminaries

In this section, we give preliminary definitions and concepts related to binary two-level autocorrelation sequences. The following notation will be used throughout this paper.

- $\mathbb{F}_q = GF(q)$, the finite field with q elements, \mathbb{F}_q^* , the multiplicative group of \mathbb{F}_q .
- Let n, m be positive integers with $m|n$. The trace function from \mathbb{F}_{2^n} to \mathbb{F}_{2^m} is denoted by $Tr_m^n(x)$, i.e.,

$$Tr_m^n(x) = x + x^{2^m} + \cdots + x^{2^{m(\frac{n}{m}-1)}}, \quad x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n},$$

or simply as $Tr(x)$ if $m = 1$ and the context is clear.

2.1 Correspondence between periodic sequences and functions from \mathbb{F}_{2^n} to \mathbb{F}_2 .

Let \mathcal{S} be a set of all binary sequences with period $2^n - 1$ and \mathcal{F} be a set of all functions from \mathbb{F}_{2^n} to \mathbb{F}_2 . For any function $f(x) \in \mathcal{F}$, $f(x)$ can be represented as

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^r Tr_1^{n_i}(A_i x^{t_i}), \quad A_i \in \mathbb{F}_{2^{n_i}}$$

where t_i is a coset leader of a cyclotomic coset modulo $2^{n_i} - 1$, and $n_i|n$ is the size of the cyclotomic coset containing t_i . For any sequence $\underline{\mathbf{a}} = \{a_i\} \in \mathcal{S}$, there exists $f(x) \in \mathcal{F}$ such that $a_i = f(\alpha^i)$, $i = 0, 1, \dots$, where α is a primitive element of \mathbb{F}_{2^n} . Then, $f(x)$ is called a *trace representation* of $\underline{\mathbf{a}}$. In particular, $\underline{\mathbf{a}}$ is an m -sequence if $f(x)$ consists of a single trace term. Also, $f(x)$ is called an *orthogonal function* if $\underline{\mathbf{a}}$ is a binary two-level autocorrelation sequence. In this paper, we will always use its trace representation to represent any binary two-level autocorrelation sequence.

2.2 Decimation of periodic sequences

Let $\underline{\mathbf{a}}$ be a binary sequence of period $2^n - 1$ and $f(x)$ be the trace representation of $\underline{\mathbf{a}}$. Let $0 < s < 2^n - 1$. Then a sequence $\underline{\mathbf{b}} = \{b_i\}$ is said to be an *s-decimation* of $\underline{\mathbf{a}}$, denoted by $\underline{\mathbf{a}}^{(s)}$, if the elements of $\underline{\mathbf{b}}$ are given by $b_i = a_{si}$, $i = 0, 1, \dots$, where the multiplication is computed modulo $2^n - 1$. The trace representation of $\underline{\mathbf{a}}^{(s)}$ is $f(x^s)$, denoted by $f^{(s)}$.

2.3 Crosscorrelation

The crosscorrelation of binary sequences \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} with period $2^n - 1$ is defined by

$$C_{\mathbf{a},\mathbf{b}}(\tau) = \sum_{i=0}^{2^n-1} (-1)^{a_{i+\tau}+b_i} = -1 + \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{f(\lambda x)+g(x)} = -1 + C_{f,g}(\lambda)$$

where $\lambda = \alpha^\tau$ with $0 \leq \tau \leq 2^n - 2$, τ is a phase shift of the sequence \mathbf{a} , α is a primitive element of \mathbb{F}_{2^n} , and $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are the trace representations of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} , respectively. Throughout this paper, we always use $C_{f,g}(\lambda)$ to represent the crosscorrelation of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} with their trace representations $f(x)$ and $g(x)$.

If $C_{f,g}(\lambda)$ belongs to $\{0, \pm 2^{\frac{n+1}{2}}\}$, then it is called *3-valued*. If it is in $\{0, \pm 2^{\frac{n+1}{2}}, \pm 2^{\frac{n+3}{2}}\}$, then it is called *5-valued*. (In fact, a term ‘3- or 5-valued’ means the number of kinds of values that $C_{f,g}(\lambda)$ takes, no matter what its actual values are. In this paper, however, we restrict the term ‘3- or 5-valued’ by the above definition.) If $f(x) = Tr(x)$, then $C_{f,g}(\lambda)$ is the *Hadamard transform* of $g(x)$. In particular, $C_{f,g}(\lambda)$ is denoted by $H_d(\lambda)$ if $f(x) = Tr(x)$ and $g(x) = Tr(x^d)$, where the distribution of $H_d(\lambda)$ is determined by d .

2.4 Parseval’s equation

Let $f(x)$, $g(x)$, and $h(x)$ be functions from \mathbb{F}_{2^n} to \mathbb{F}_2 , respectively, and $h(x)$ be orthogonal. Then,

$$\sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{g(x)+f(x)} = \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} \widehat{g}_h(x) \widehat{f}_h(x) \quad (1)$$

where $\widehat{f}_h(x) = \sum_{y \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{h(xy)+f(y)}$.

2.5 Recently constructed binary two-level autocorrelation sequences

In this subsection, we briefly introduce three classes of binary two-level autocorrelation sequences of period $2^n - 1$, which has been constructed recently.

Kasami power function (KPF) sequences: Let k be an integer of $1 \leq k < \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ with $\gcd(k, n) = 1$. For $d = 2^{2k} - 2^k + 1$, consider a set

$$B_k = \{(x+1)^d + x^d + 1 \mid x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}\}.$$

Then, its characteristic sequence given by

$$a_i = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } \alpha^i \in B_k \\ 1, & \text{if } \alpha^i \notin B_k \end{cases}$$

has an ideal two-level autocorrelation, where the sequence is called the *Kasami power function (KPF) sequence* [3]. According to k with $\gcd(k, n) = 1$, there exist $\frac{\phi(n)}{2}$ inequivalent KPF sequences of period $2^n - 1$, where $\phi(\cdot)$ is the Euler-totient function. If $k = 1$, in particular, the KPF sequence is identical to an m -sequence. Let $b_k(x)$ be the trace representation of the KPF sequence. For odd n , the KPF sequence has the Hadamard equivalence given by

$$\sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{Tr(\lambda x)+b_k(x^{2^k+1})} = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{Tr(\lambda^{\frac{2^k+1}{3}} x)+Tr(x^3)} = H_3(\lambda^{\frac{2^k+1}{3}}) \quad (2)$$

which is 3-valued [3]. (In fact, special classes of KPF sequences were conjectured in [15].)

Welch-Gong (WG) sequences: For $n = 3k \pm 1$ and $d = 2^{2k} - 2^k + 1$, consider a map $\delta_k(x) = (x+1)^d + x^d$ and a set

$$W_k = \begin{cases} \delta_k(x), & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ \mathbb{F}_{2^n} \setminus \delta_k(x), & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

Then, the characteristic sequence given by

$$a_i = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } \alpha^i \in W_k \\ 1, & \text{if } \alpha^i \notin W_k \end{cases}$$

has an ideal two-level autocorrelation [14]. This sequence is equal to the *Welch-Gong sequence*, which is obtained from the Welch-Gong transformation of the 5-term sequences [15]. Let $w_k(x)$ be the trace representation of the WG sequence. For odd n , the WG sequence has the Hadamard equivalence [7] given by

$$\sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{Tr(\lambda x) + w_k(x)} = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{Tr(\lambda^{d^{-1}} x) + Tr(x^{2^k+1})} = H_{2^k+1}(\lambda^{d^{-1}}) \quad (3)$$

which is also 3-valued.

Hyperoval sequences: For odd n , consider a set

$$M_k = \{x + x^k \mid x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}\}$$

where k is given as follows [12].

- i) Singer type: $k = 2$, Segre type: $k = 6$.
- ii) Glynn type I: $k = 2^\sigma + 2^\tau$ where $\sigma = \frac{n+1}{2}$ and $4\tau \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$.
- iii) Glynn type II: $k = 3 \cdot 2^\sigma + 4$ with $\sigma = \frac{n+1}{2}$.

Then, the characteristic sequence given by

$$a_i = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } \alpha^i \in M_k \\ 1, & \text{if } \alpha^i \notin M_k \end{cases}$$

has an ideal two-level autocorrelation, where the sequence is called the *hyperoval sequence*. In this paper, we are only interested in the Glynn type I and II hyperoval sequences because the Singer and Segre type hyperoval sequences are identical to m -sequences and KPF sequences for $k = 2$, respectively [3].

Let $h_k(x)$ be the trace representation of the hyperoval sequence. For odd n , Dillon derived the Hadamard equivalence of the hyperoval sequence [4], i.e.,

$$\sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{Tr(\lambda x) + h_k(x)} = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{Tr(\lambda^{\frac{k-1}{k}} x) + Tr(x^k)} = H_k(\lambda^{\frac{k-1}{k}}). \quad (4)$$

If k is the value of Glynn type I in ii), then (4) is 3-valued because k is quadratic. If k is the value of Glynn type II in iii), on the other hand, then (4) is conjectured to be at most 5-valued because $k = 3 \cdot 2^{\frac{n+1}{2}} + 4 \equiv 2^{\frac{n-1}{2}} + 2^{\frac{n-3}{2}} + 1 \pmod{2^n - 1}$ is equivalently the inverse of the exponent of Conjecture 4-6 (1) in [13] where $H_{k-1}(\lambda)$ is conjectured to be at most 5-valued. We will restate this in Conjecture 2 of this paper.

3 Some Observations of Crosscorrelation of Binary m -sequences

In this section, we recall at most 5-valued crosscorrelation of a binary m -sequence and its d -decimation, i.e., $H_d(\lambda) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{Tr(\lambda x) + Tr(x^d)}$. In terms of the 3-valued $H_d(\lambda)$, many exponents d are known, i.e., Gold [6], Kasami [11], Welch, Niho [13] exponents, and their respective inverses. In terms of the 5-valued $H_d(\lambda)$, on the other hand, we need to clarify known results.

Proposition 1. *Let n be odd, t be a positive integer with $1 \leq t \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$, and $e = \gcd(n, t)$ with $n/e \geq 4$. Let $d(k, l) = (1 + 2^k)/(1 + 2^l)$ with positive integers k and l ($k \neq l$). Then, $H_{d(k,l)}(\lambda)$ belongs to $\{0, \pm 2^{(n+e)/2}, \pm 2^{(n+3e)/2}\}$ if a pair (k, l) is either of the following three cases*

$$(a) (k, l) = (5t, t), \quad (b) (k, l) = (5t, 3t), \quad (c) (k, l) = (2t, t)$$

where the multiplication is computed modulo n . If $e = 1$, in particular, $H_{d(k,l)}(\lambda)$ is at most 5-valued, i.e., $\{0, \pm 2^{(n+1)/2}, \pm 2^{(n+3)/2}\}$.

Proposition 1-(a) has been proven by Niho (Lemma 4-1 in [13]). Although he had never stated Proposition 1-(b) and (c) in [13], we believe they have been implicitly known to many coding and sequence experts. In literatures, however, we could not find the proof for (b) and (c) which is not trivial. So, we present it in this section because the result is linked to the crosscorrelation of some other binary two-level autocorrelation sequences in Section 4. In order to prove Proposition 1, we need to use the Kasami's Theorem on the weight distribution of the subcodes of the second order Reed-Muller codes, which was partly used by Niho to prove Proposition 1-(a). In the following, we consider the odd case of his original theorem in [11].

Fact 1 (Kasami [11]). *For odd n , let t and u be positive integers with $1 \leq t \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$ and $1 \leq u \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2e} \rfloor + 1$ where $e = \gcd(n, t)$. Let $A_t(u)$ be a binary cyclic code of length $2^n - 1$ whose generator polynomial is given by*

$$g_a(x) = \prod_{i=0}^{u-1} m_{1+2^{ti}}(x)$$

where $m_i(x)$ is the minimal polynomial of α^i and α is a primitive element of \mathbb{F}_{2^n} . Similarly, let $F_t(u)$ be a binary cyclic code of length $2^n - 1$ whose generator polynomial is given by

$$g_f(x) = \prod_{i=0}^{u-1} m_{1+2^{t(2i+1)}}(x).$$

The dual codes of $A_t(u)$ and $F_t(u)$ are denoted by $A_t(u)^\perp$ and $F_t(u)^\perp$, respectively. Then, $A_t(u)^\perp$ and $F_t(u)^\perp$ have the same weight distribution as those of $A_e(u)^\perp$ whose distinct weights are

$$\{0, 2^{n-1}, 2^{n-1} \pm 2^{(n-e)/2+i e-1}\} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq u-1.$$

Using Fact 1, we can prove Proposition 1.

Proof of Proposition 1. In (a) and (b), $H_{d(k,l)}(\lambda)$ is represented by

$$H_{d(k,l)}(\lambda) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{Tr(\lambda x + x^{\frac{1+2^k}{1+2^l}})} = \begin{cases} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{Tr(\lambda x^{1+2^t} + x^{1+2^{5t}})} & \text{for (a)} \\ \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{Tr(\lambda x^{1+2^{3t}} + x^{1+2^{5t}})} & \text{for (b)}. \end{cases}$$

Table 1. (k, l) pairs and $d(k, l)$'s for the 5-valued crosscorrelation of $Tr(x)$ and $Tr(x^{d(k,l)})$

n	(k, l)	$d(k, l)$	n	(k, l)	$d(k, l)$	n	(k, l)	$d(k, l)$	n	(k, l)	$d(k, l)$
9	$(2, 1)^{*,\circ}$	43	13	$(4, 2)^{+,\circ}$	1645	15	$(7, 4)^\circ$	2895	17	$(4, 3)^*$	14571
9	$(4, 1)^{*,\circ}$	11	13	$(5, 3)^{+,\circ}$	1367	15	$(6, 5)^+$	1119	17	$(5, 3)^+$	21847
9	$(4, 2)^{*,\circ}$	109	13	$(6, 3)^{+,\circ}$	939	15	$(7, 5)^*$	3229	17	$(6, 3)^\circ$	14679
11	$(2, 1)^{*,+,\circ}$	171	13	$(5, 4)^{+,\circ}$	1461	17	$(2, 1)^\circ$	10923	17	$(7, 3)^\circ$	15019
11	$(5, 1)^{*,+,\circ}$	11	13	$(6, 4)^*$	497	17	$(4, 1)^+$	2731	17	$(6, 4)^*$	11567
11	$(4, 2)^{*,+,\circ}$	423	15	$(2, 1)^\circ$	2731	17	$(5, 1)^*$	11	17	$(8, 4)^\circ$	7831
11	$(4, 3)^{*,+,\circ}$	235	15	$(5, 1)^*$	11	17	$(7, 1)^*$	43	17	$(6, 5)^\circ$	12909
11	$(5, 3)^{*,+,\circ}$	343	15	$(7, 1)^\circ$	43	17	$(8, 1)^\circ$	171	17	$(7, 5)^\circ$	13917
13	$(2, 1)^{+,\circ}$	683	15	$(4, 2)^\circ$	6567	17	$(3, 2)^*$	3277	17	$(8, 5)^*$	4003
13	$(5, 1)^*$	11	15	$(5, 2)^*$	205	17	$(4, 2)^\circ$	26221	17	$(7, 6)^+$	10587
13	$(6, 1)^{+,\circ}$	43	15	$(5, 3)^+$	5463	17	$(7, 2)^*$	205	17	$(8, 6)^*$	2143
13	$(3, 2)^*$	205	15	$(5, 4)^*$	1943	17	$(8, 2)^+$	26317			

Then, we can consider subcodes \mathcal{R}_5 and $\mathcal{R}_{5/3}$ given by

$$\mathcal{R}_5 = \{Tr(\alpha x^{1+2^t} + \beta x^{1+2^{5t}}) | \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}\}, \quad \mathcal{R}_{5/3} = \{Tr(\gamma x^{1+2^{3t}} + \delta x^{1+2^{5t}}) | \gamma, \delta \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}\}$$

which are the subcodes of the dual of $F_t(u)$ for $u = 3$ where $F_t(u)$ has zeros $1 + 2^{t(2i+1)}$, $i = 0, 1, 2$. For any t of $1 \leq t \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$, therefore, the weight distributions of \mathcal{R}_5 and $\mathcal{R}_{5/3}$ are immediate from Fact 1, and consequently $H_{d(k,l)}(\lambda)$ is given by $\{0, \pm 2^{\frac{n-1}{2}}, \pm 2^{\frac{n+3e}{2}}\}$ for both (a) and (b).

In (c), on the other hand, $A_t(3)$ generated by $g_a(x)$ has zeros $\{2, 1 + 2^t, 1 + 2^{2t}\}$, so the subcode \mathcal{R}_2 given by

$$\mathcal{R}_2 = \{Tr(\zeta x^{1+2^t} + \eta x^{1+2^{2t}}) | \zeta, \eta \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}\}$$

is also the subcode of the dual of $A_t(3)$. From Fact 1, therefore, it is clear that $H_{d(k,l)}(\lambda) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{Tr(\lambda x^{1+2^t} + x^{1+2^{2t}})}$ has the same spectrum with (a) and (b). \square

Corollary 1. *Let k and l be positive integers with $1 \leq k, l \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$ ($k \neq l$), and $d(k, l) = \frac{1+2^k}{1+2^l}$. Then, $H_{d(n-k,l)}(\lambda)$, $H_{d(k,n-l)}(\lambda)$, and $H_{d(n-k,n-l)}(\lambda)$ have the same spectrum with $H_{d(k,l)}(\lambda)$. Furthermore, $H_{d(l,k)}(\lambda)$ also has the same spectrum with $H_{d(k,l)}(\lambda)$.*

Proof. Note that $H_{d,2^j}(\lambda) = H_d(\lambda)$ for any integer j [9]. Since $2^{n-k} \cdot (1 + 2^k) = 2^{n-k} + 2^n \equiv 2^{n-k} + 1 \pmod{2^n - 1}$, we see that $1 + 2^k$ and $1 + 2^{n-k}$ belong to the same cyclotomic coset. Hence, the corresponding $d(k, l)$ belongs to the same cyclotomic coset with $d(n-k, l)$. Therefore, $H_{d(k,l)}(\lambda)$ and $H_{d(n-k,l)}(\lambda)$ have the same correlation distribution. By the similar way, the cases of $H_{d(k,n-l)}(\lambda)$ and $H_{d(n-k,n-l)}(\lambda)$ are simply proved. From $d(l, k) = d(k, l)^{-1}$, furthermore, it is immediate that $H_{d(k,l)}(\lambda)$ and $H_{d(l,k)}(\lambda)$ have the same spectrum. \square

Table 1 shows (k, l) pairs and $d(k, l) = \frac{1+2^k}{1+2^l}$ corresponding to the 5-valued $H_{d(k,l)}(\lambda)$ in computer experiments. We only list the pairs with $1 \leq l < k \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$ which are enough to cover the other possible pairs from Corollary 1. Each pair of ‘*’ is due to (a), ‘+’ due to (b), and ‘o’ due to (c) in Proposition 1, respectively. For odd $n = 9 - 17$, Proposition 1 is verified from the experiments.

4 Crosscorrelation of Binary Two-level Autocorrelation Sequences

4.1 A pair of KPF sequences

In [10], Hertel investigated the crosscorrelation of two distinct KPF sequences for odd n . (She called the sequences as Dillon-Dobbertin (DD) sequences after their discoverers' name.)

Fact 2 (Hertel [10]). *For odd n , let k and l be distinct positive integers with $\gcd(n, k) = \gcd(n, l) = 1$. Let $b_k(x)$ and $b_l(x)$ be the trace representations of two distinct KPF sequences, respectively. Then,*

$$C_{b_k, b_l}(\lambda) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{b_k(\lambda x) + b_l(x)} = H_{d(k, l)}(\lambda^{\frac{1}{1+2^k}}), \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}$$

where $d(k, l) = \frac{1+2^k}{1+2^l}$. If $(k, l) = (3t, t)$, in particular, $C_{b_k, b_l}(\lambda)$ is 3-valued, i.e., $\{0, \pm 2^{\frac{n+1}{2}}\}$.

Corollary 2. *With the notation of Proposition 1 and Fact 2, if a pair (k, l) is either of pairs in Proposition 1, then $C_{b_k, b_l}(\lambda)$ is at most 5-valued, i.e., $\{0, \pm 2^{\frac{n+1}{2}}, \pm 2^{\frac{n+3}{2}}\}$.*

Proof. Corollary 2 is immediate from combining Proposition 1 and Fact 2. \square

From Corollary 2, it is obvious that the crosscorrelation of $b_k(x)$ and $b_l(x)$ with a (k, l) pair in Table 1 is 5-valued.

4.2 5-term KPF sequences and Welch-Gong (WG) sequences

The WG sequences are obtained from the Welch-Gong transformation of KPF sequences for $k = \frac{n+1}{3}$, where the KPF sequence always has five trace terms [3] [15]. By the Parseval's equation exploited in [10], we derive the theorem on the crosscorrelation of the 5-term KPF and WG sequences.

Theorem 1. *Let n be odd and $n = 3k \pm 1$. Let $b_k(x)$ and $w_k(x)$ be the trace representations of the KPF sequences and the WG sequences, respectively. For $s = \frac{1}{2^k+1}$, the crosscorrelation of the two sequences given by*

$$C_{b_k, w_k^{(s)}}(\lambda) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{b_k(\lambda x) + w_k(x^s)} = H_{\frac{2^k+1}{3}}(\lambda)$$

is 3-valued, i.e., $\{0, \pm 2^{\frac{n+1}{2}}\}$.

Proof. Applying the Parseval's equation in (1),

$$\begin{aligned} C_{b_k, w_k^{(s)}}(\lambda) &= \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} \sum_{y \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{b_k(\lambda y) + \text{Tr}(xy^{\frac{1}{2^k+1}})} \sum_{z \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{w_k(z^s) + \text{Tr}(xz^{\frac{1}{2^k+1}})} \\ &= \frac{1}{2^{2n}} \sum_{x, z \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} \sum_{y \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{b_k(y) + \text{Tr}(x\lambda^{-\frac{1}{2^k+1}} y^{\frac{1}{2^k+1}})} \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{w_k(u^s) + \text{Tr}(zu^s)} \\ &\quad \cdot \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{\text{Tr}(xv^{\frac{1}{2^k+1}}) + \text{Tr}(zv^s)}. \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

If $s = \frac{1}{2^k+1}$, then we have

$$\sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{\text{Tr}(xv^{\frac{1}{2^k+1}}) + \text{Tr}(zv^s)} = \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{\text{Tr}((x+z)v^{\frac{1}{2^k+1}})} = \begin{cases} 2^n, & \text{if } x = z \\ 0, & \text{if } x \neq z. \end{cases}$$

If the Hadamard equivalences (2) and (3) are applied to (5), then we have

$$\begin{aligned} C_{b_k, w_k^{(s)}}(\lambda) &= \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} \sum_{y \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{\text{Tr}(\lambda^{-\frac{1}{3}} x^{\frac{2^k+1}{3}} y) + \text{Tr}(y^3)} \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{\text{Tr}(x^b u) + \text{Tr}(u^a)} \\ &= \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{y \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{\text{Tr}(y^3) + \text{Tr}(u^a)} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{\text{Tr}(\lambda^{-\frac{1}{3}} x^{\frac{2^k+1}{3}} y) + \text{Tr}(u x^b)} \end{aligned}$$

where $a = 2^k + 1$ and $b = (2^{2k} - 2^k + 1)^{-1}$. From $3k = n \pm 1$, it is clear that $b^{-1} \cdot \frac{2^k+1}{3} = \frac{2^{3k}+1}{3} \equiv 1 \pmod{2^n - 1}$. Thus, we have $b \equiv \frac{2^k+1}{3} \pmod{2^n - 1}$. Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} C_{b_k, w_k^{(s)}}(\lambda) &= \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{y \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{\text{Tr}(y^3) + \text{Tr}(u^a)} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{\text{Tr}((\lambda^{-\frac{1}{3}} y + u) x^{\frac{2^k+1}{3}})} \\ &= \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{\text{Tr}(\lambda u^3 + u^a)} = \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{\text{Tr}(\lambda u) + \text{Tr}(u^{\frac{2^k+1}{3}})} = H_{\frac{2^k+1}{3}}(\lambda) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where $y = \lambda^{\frac{1}{3}} u$. In (6), $\frac{2^k+1}{3} \equiv b = (2^{2k} - 2^k + 1)^{-1}$. Since it is the inverse of the Kasami exponent with $\gcd(n, k) = 1$, we see that $H_{\frac{2^k+1}{3}}(\lambda)$ is 3-valued and so is $C_{b_k, w_k^{(s)}}(\lambda)$. \square

4.3 m -sequences and Welch-Gong (WG) sequences

In an effort to search for new two-level autocorrelation sequences, Gong and Golomb proposed the *decimation-Hadamard transform (DHT)* in [7]. With respect to orthogonal functions $f(x)$ and $h(x)$, they defined a *realizable pair* (v, t) of $g(x)$ in the DHT by generalizing the Hadamard equivalence developed in [3], i.e.,

$$\sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{h(\lambda^t x) + f(x^v)} = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{h(\lambda x) + g(x)}. \quad (7)$$

They also showed that there exist at most 6 realizable pairs for the realization. Among them, we will use the fact that if (v, t) is a realizable pair of $g(x)$, then $(t, -(vt)^{-1})$ is also a realizable pair of $g(x^{(vt)^{-1}})$ from which we have

$$\sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{h(\lambda^{-(vt)^{-1}} x) + f(x^t)} = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{h(\lambda x) + g(x^{(vt)^{-1}})}. \quad (8)$$

Using this, we establish the theorem on the crosscorrelation of m -sequences and WG sequences.

Theorem 2. *Let n be odd and $n = 3k \pm 1$, and $d = 2^{2k} - 2^k + 1$. Let $w_k(x)$ be the trace representation of the WG sequences. For $s = \frac{d}{2^k+1}$, the crosscorrelation of m -sequences and WG sequences given by*

$$C_{Tr, w_k^{(s)}}(\lambda) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{\text{Tr}(\lambda x) + w_k(x^s)} = H_{d-1}(\lambda^{-s})$$

is 3-valued, i.e., $\{0, \pm 2^{\frac{n+1}{2}}\}$.

Proof. From the Hadamard equivalence of (3), we have a realizable pair $(v, t) = (2^k + 1, d^{-1})$ in (7) where $f(x) = h(x) = \text{Tr}(x)$ and $g(x) = w_k(x)$. From (8), we have

$$\sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{\text{Tr}(\lambda^{-\frac{d}{2^k+1}x}) + \text{Tr}(x^{d^{-1}})} = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{\text{Tr}(\lambda x) + w_k(x^{2^k+1})}.$$

Thus, $C_{\text{Tr}, w_k^{(s)}}(\lambda) = H_{d^{-1}}(\lambda^{-s})$ for $s = \frac{d}{2^k+1}$. Since d is the Kasami exponent with $\gcd(n, k) = 1$, $H_{d^{-1}}(\lambda^{-s})$ is 3-valued and so is $C_{\text{Tr}, w_k^{(s)}}(\lambda)$. \square

4.4 m -sequences and hyperoval sequences

Applying (8) to hyperoval sequences with the Hadamard equivalence of (4), we can derive the Hadamard equivalence, i.e.,

$$\sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{\text{Tr}(\lambda x) + h_k(x^{\frac{1}{k-1}})} = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{\text{Tr}(\lambda^{-\frac{1}{k-1}x}) + \text{Tr}(x^{\frac{k-1}{k}})} = H_{\frac{k-1}{k}}(\lambda^{-\frac{1}{k-1}}). \quad (9)$$

From (9), we consider the theorem for the Glynn type II hyperoval sequences.

Theorem 3. *Let n be odd and $k = 3 \cdot 2^\sigma + 4$ where $\sigma = \frac{n+1}{2}$. Let $h_k(x)$ be the trace representation of the Glynn type II hyperoval sequences. For $s = \frac{1}{k-1}$, the crosscorrelation of m -sequences and the Glynn type II hyperoval sequences given by*

$$C_{\text{Tr}, h_k^{(s)}}(\lambda) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{\text{Tr}(\lambda x) + h_k(x^s)} = H_{\frac{k-1}{k}}(\lambda^{-s}) \quad (10)$$

is at most 5-valued, i.e., $\{0, \pm 2^{\frac{n+1}{2}}, \pm 2^{\frac{n+3}{2}}\}$.

Proof. From (9), $C_{\text{Tr}, h_k^{(s)}}(\lambda)$ is determined by the decimation factor $\frac{k-1}{k}$ of a trace function. Note that the cyclotomic coset that $\frac{k-1}{k}$ belongs to does not change by multiplying its numerator and denominator by $2^{\frac{n-1}{2}}$ and $2^{\frac{n-3}{2}}$, respectively. Then,

$$\frac{k-1}{k} \equiv \frac{2^{\frac{n-1}{2}}}{2^{\frac{n-3}{2}}} \cdot \frac{(k-1)}{k} = \frac{2^{\frac{n-1}{2}}}{2^{\frac{n-3}{2}}} \cdot \frac{3 \cdot (1 + 2^{\frac{n+1}{2}})}{(2^{\frac{n+3}{2}} + 2^{\frac{n+1}{2}} + 4)} \equiv \frac{3 \cdot (1 + 2^{\frac{n-1}{2}})}{(1 + 2^{\frac{n-1}{2}})^2} = \frac{1 + 2}{1 + 2^{\frac{n-1}{2}}} \pmod{2^n - 1}.$$

Hence, $\frac{k-1}{k} \equiv \frac{1+2^\mu}{1+2^\nu} = d(\mu, \nu)$ in Proposition 1 where $\mu = 1$ and $\nu = \frac{n-1}{2}$. Since $2\nu = n - \mu$, we have $(n - \mu, \nu) = (2t, t)$ with $t = \frac{n-1}{2}$, a pair of Proposition 1-(c). From $e = \gcd(n, t) = \gcd(n, \frac{n-1}{2}) = 1$, we see that $H_{d(n-\mu, \nu)}(\lambda)$ is at most 5-valued and so is $H_{d(\mu, \nu)}(\lambda)$ from Corollary 1. \square

In terms of the Glynn type I hyperoval sequences, on the other hand, $k = 2^\sigma + 2^\tau$ where $\sigma = \frac{n+1}{2}$ and $\tau = \frac{n+1}{4}$ or $\tau = \frac{3n+1}{4}$ such that $4\tau \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$. Using the similar approach to the proof of Theorem 3, we can establish the following equivalence of $\frac{k-1}{k}$.

$$\frac{k-1}{k} \equiv \begin{cases} 2^{\frac{n-1}{2}} - 2^{\frac{n+1}{4}} + 1, & \text{if } \tau = \frac{n+1}{4} \\ 2^{\frac{n+1}{2}} - 2^{\frac{n+3}{4}} + 1, & \text{if } \tau = \frac{3n+1}{4}. \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

In (11), we see that $\frac{k-1}{k}$ is equivalent to the decimation factor r in Conjecture 4-6 (3) and (4) of [13], where $H_r(\lambda)$ is conjectured to be at most 5-valued. Together with our experimental results, we establish the following conjecture.

Conjecture 1. Let n be odd and $k = 2^\sigma + 2^\tau$ where $\sigma = \frac{n+1}{2}$ and $4\tau \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$. Let $h_k(x)$ be the trace representation of the Glynn type I hyperoval sequences. For $s = \frac{1}{k-1}$, the crosscorrelation of m -sequences and the Glynn type I hyperoval sequences given by $C_{Tr, h_k^{(s)}}(\lambda)$ in (10) is at most 5-valued, i.e., $\{0, \pm 2^{\frac{n+1}{2}}, \pm 2^{\frac{n+3}{2}}\}$.

With respect to the crosscorrelation of m -sequences and the Glynn type II hyperoval sequences, we also observed another exponent corresponding to the at most 5-valued crosscorrelation. Together with (4) which is conjectured to be at most 5-valued for the Glynn type II hyperoval sequences, we establish Conjecture 2.

Conjecture 2. For odd n , let $h_k(x)$ be the trace representation of the Glynn type II hyperoval sequences. For $s = 1$ or $\frac{1}{3}$, the crosscorrelation of m -sequences and the Glynn type II hyperoval sequences given by $C_{Tr, h_k^{(s)}}(\lambda)$ is at most 5-valued, i.e., $\{0, \pm 2^{\frac{n+1}{2}}, \pm 2^{\frac{n+3}{2}}\}$.

Conjectures 1 and 2 have been verified for odd $n = 9 - 19$ through computer experiments.

4.5 m -sequences and 3-term KPF sequences

In [3], the 3-term KPF sequences are represented by

$$b_k(x) = Tr(x + x^{2^k+1} + x^{2^k-1}), \quad k = \frac{n+1}{2}$$

where n is odd. On the other hand, *T3 sequences*, or 3-term sequences with ideal two-level autocorrelation which had been conjectured in [15] are represented by

$$T_3(x) = Tr(x + x^r + x^{r^2}), \quad r = 2^{\frac{n-1}{2}} + 1.$$

With the equivalence under modulo $2^n - 1$, we see that T3 sequences are the decimation of the 3-term KPF sequences, i.e., $T_3(x) = b_k(x^{2^k+1})$ where $k = \frac{n+1}{2}$. Using this relation, we establish the following theorem.

Theorem 4. *Let n be odd and $k = \frac{n+1}{2}$. Let $b_k(x)$ be the trace representation of the 3-term KPF sequences. For $s = 2^k - 1$, the crosscorrelation of m -sequences and the 3-term KPF sequences given by*

$$C_{Tr, b_k^{(s)}}(\lambda) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{Tr(\lambda x) + b_k(x^s)}$$

is at most 5-valued, i.e., $\{0, \pm 2^{\frac{n+1}{2}}, \pm 2^{\frac{n+3}{2}}\}$.

Proof. In [2], Chang *et al.* showed that a binary cyclic code represented by

$$\mathcal{T} = \{Tr(ax + bx^r + cx^{r^2}) \mid a, b, c \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}, r = 2^{\frac{n-1}{2}} + 1\}$$

is the dual of a triple error correcting cyclic code, and has five nonzero distinct weights. Then, the crosscorrelation of m -sequences and T3 sequences given by $C_{Tr, T_3}(\lambda) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{Tr(\lambda x) + T_3(x)}$ is at most 5-valued - in fact, 3-valued - because the exponent in the summation is a codeword of \mathcal{T} . In the following, we can consider another at most 5-valued crosscorrelation $C_{Tr(r^2), T_3}(\lambda)$ where the

exponent is also a codeword of \mathcal{T} . Note that $2^{\frac{n+1}{2}} \cdot r = 2^n + 2^{\frac{n+1}{2}} \equiv 1 + 2^k \pmod{2^n - 1}$, and thus $r \equiv 2^k + 1$. Therefore, $T_3(x) = b_k(x^r)$ where $k = \frac{n+1}{2}$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} C_{T_{r(r^2)}, T_3}(\lambda) &= \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{Tr(\lambda^{r^2} x^{r^2}) + T_3(x)} = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{Tr(\lambda^{r^2} x) + T_3(x^{r^{-2}})} \\ &= \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{Tr(\lambda^{r^2} x) + b_k(x^{r^{-1}})} = C_{T_r, b_k^{(s)}}(\lambda^{r^2}) \end{aligned}$$

where $s = r^{-1} = (2^k + 1)^{-1} \equiv 2^k - 1 \pmod{2^n - 1}$. Hence, $C_{T_r, b_k^{(s)}}(\lambda)$ is at most 5-valued. \square

5 Conclusion and Discussion

In this paper, we have studied the 3- or 5-valued crosscorrelation of a pair of binary two-level autocorrelation sequences given by

$$C_{f, g^{(s)}}(\lambda) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{f(\lambda x) + g(x^s)}$$

where n is odd, and $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are the trace representations of the pair, excluding GMW, QR, and Hall's sextic residue sequences.

If $f(x) = g(x) = Tr(x)$, all known exponents s 's of the 3- or 5-valued $C_{f, g^{(s)}}(\lambda)$ are (a) Gold, Kasami, Welch, Niho exponents, and their respective inverses; (b) the exponents of Proposition 1; (c) the other exponents conjectured by Niho [13] and their inverses. Otherwise, all known exponents s 's of the 3- or 5-valued $C_{f, g^{(s)}}(\lambda)$ for the corresponding $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are (a) $s = 2^k + 1$ from (2), or $s = 1$ from (3) and (4); (b) s from Fact 2, Theorems 1 - 4; (c) s from Conjectures 1 and 2. With the classification, we can summarize the relations of binary two-level autocorrelation sequences with respect to the 3- or 5-valued crosscorrelation by Fig. 1, where a solid line is for exactly 3-valued crosscorrelation and a dotted line for at most 5-valued crosscorrelation. (In some cases, it may be 3-valued.) In Fig. 1, the crosscorrelations corresponding to the exponents s with '*' are proved or conjectured in this paper.

From the observation of our experiments for $n = 13, 15$, and 17 , it is interesting that the exponents and relations in Fig. 1 completely describe all the 3- or 5-valued crosscorrelations of binary two-level autocorrelation sequences unless both are m -sequences.

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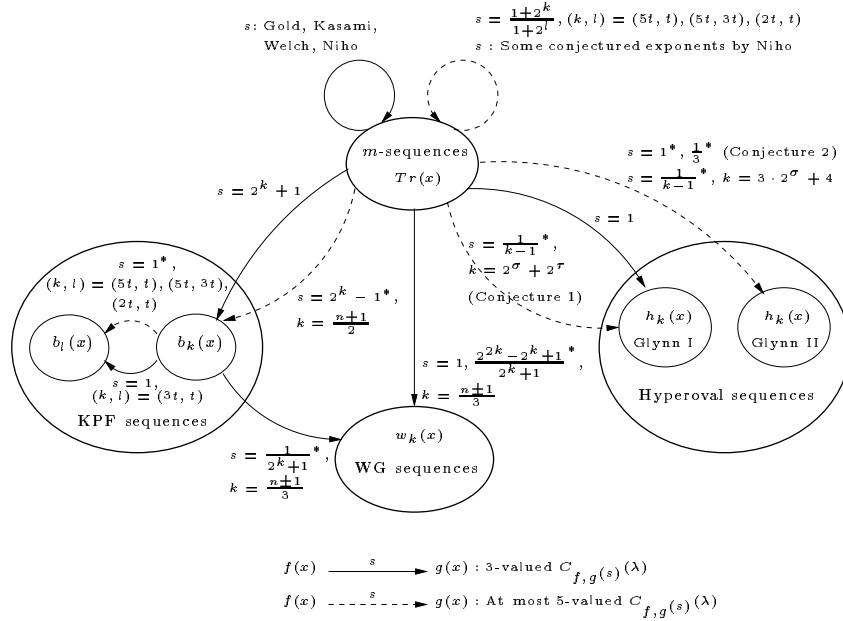


Fig. 1. Relation of binary two-level autocorrelation sequences with respect to the 3- or 5-valued crosscorrelation ($\gcd(n, t) = 1$, $\sigma = \frac{n+1}{2}$, and $4\tau \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$). The crosscorrelations corresponding to the exponents s with ‘*’ are proved or conjectured in this paper.

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