

## CHAPTER II

### THE SUMS OF BASIC SEQUENCES AND THEIR PERIODS

First we consider any infinite sequence of binary digits

$$H = h_1 h_2 h_3 h_4 h_5 h_6 h_7 h_8 h_9 h_{10} \dots$$

We may divide it into equal sets of consecutive digits. For example,  $H$  may be divided into sets containing three consecutive digits each thus :

$$H = h_1 h_2 h_3 ; h_4 h_5 h_6 ; h_7 h_8 h_9 ; \dots$$

We shall write

$$\begin{aligned} H^{(1)}(3) &= h_1 h_2 h_3, \\ H^{(2)}(3) &= h_4 h_5 h_6, \\ H^{(3)}(3) &= h_7 h_8 h_9, \quad \text{and so on.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Then } H = H^{(1)}(3) H^{(2)}(3) H^{(3)}(3) \dots$$

In general, when the sequence  $H$  is divided into sets containing  $n$  consecutive digits each, we shall represent the  $m$ -th set by the symbol  $H^{(m)}(n)$ . Thus we may write

$$H = H^{(1)}(n) H^{(2)}(n) H^{(3)}(n) \dots$$

Definition A sequence  $H$  has period  $n$  if there exists a least positive integer  $n$  such that

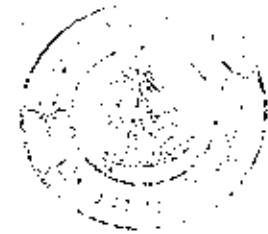
$$H^{(1)}(n) = H^{(2)}(n) = H^{(3)}(n) = \dots = H^{(m)}(n) = \dots,$$

for all positive integers  $m$ .

Definition  $H^*$  is defined to be the sequence obtained from  $H$  by replacing all 0's by 1's and all 1's by 0's.  $H^*$  will be called the complement of  $H$ .

Define

$0 = 0000000000 \dots$   
 $1 = 1111111111 \dots$   
 $A_1 = 0101010101 \dots$   
 $A_2 = 001100110011 \dots$   
 $A_3 = 000111000111 \dots$   
 $A_4 = 0000111100001111 \dots$   
 $A_5 = 00000111110000011111 \dots$   
 $A_6 = 000000111111000000111111 \dots$   
 $\dots$



Definition The sequences  $A_k$  shall be called basic sequences.

Define

$$0 + 0 = 0,$$

$$0 + 1 = 1,$$

$$1 + 0 = 1,$$

$$1 + 1 = 0.$$

This definition of the operation denoted by the symbol  $+$  makes  $\{0, 1; +\}$  an Abelian group.

Let  $H$  and  $K$  be two sequences

$$H = h_1 h_2 h_3 \dots h_i \dots$$

$$K = k_1 k_2 k_3 \dots k_i \dots$$

Then we define

$$H + K = h_1 + k_1, h_2 + k_2, h_3 + k_3, \dots, h_i + k_i, \dots,$$

where  $h_i + k_i$  is computed as above.

In theorems 1 to 6 we give the basic properties of the + operation.

Theorem 1 If H and K are any two sequences of binary digits, then

$$H + K = K + H.$$

Proof Case 1 For all i, if  $h_i = 0$ , and  $k_i = 0$ , then

$$h_i + k_i = 0 + 0 = 0 = 0 + 0 = k_i + h_i.$$

Case 2 For all i, if  $h_i = 0$ , and  $k_i = 1$ , then

$$h_i + k_i = 0 + 1 = 1 = 1 + 0 = k_i + h_i.$$

Case 3 For all i, if  $h_i = 1$ , and  $k_i = 0$ , then

$$h_i + k_i = 1 + 0 = 1 = 0 + 1 = k_i + h_i.$$

Case 4 For all i, if  $h_i = 1$ , and  $k_i = 1$ , then

$$h_i + k_i = 1 + 1 = 0 = 1 + 1 = k_i + h_i.$$

Hence  $H + K = K + H$ .

Q.E.D.

Note that this commutative law is a result of the fact that  $\{0, 1, +\}$  is an Abelian group.

Theorem 2 If H, K and R are any three sequences of binary digits, then  $H + (K + R) = (H + K) + R$ .

Proof Case 1 For all i, if  $h_i = 0$ ,  $k_i = 0$ ,  $r_i = 0$ , then

$$h_i + (k_i + r_i) = 0 + (0 + 0) = 0 = (0 + 0) + 0 = (h_i + k_i) + r_i.$$

Case 2 For all  $i$ , if  $h_i = 0$ ,  $k_i = 0$ ,  $r_i = 1$ , then

$$h_i + (k_i + r_i) = 0 + (0 + 1) = 1 = (0 + 0) + 1 = (h_i + k_i) + r_i.$$

Case 3 For all  $i$ , if  $h_i = 0$ ,  $k_i = 1$ ,  $r_i = 0$ , then

$$h_i + (k_i + r_i) = 0 + (1 + 0) = 1 = (0 + 1) + 0 = (h_i + k_i) + r_i.$$

Case 4 For all  $i$ , if  $h_i = 0$ ,  $k_i = 1$ ,  $r_i = 1$ , then

$$h_i + (k_i + r_i) = 0 + (1 + 1) = 0 = (0 + 1) + 1 = (h_i + k_i) + r_i.$$

Case 5 For all  $i$ , if  $h_i = 1$ ,  $k_i = 0$ ,  $r_i = 0$ , then

$$h_i + (k_i + r_i) = 1 + (0 + 0) = 1 = (1 + 0) + 0 = (h_i + k_i) + r_i.$$

Case 6 For all  $i$ , if  $h_i = 1$ ,  $k_i = 0$ ,  $r_i = 1$ , then

$$h_i + (k_i + r_i) = 1 + (0 + 1) = 0 = (1 + 0) + 1 = (h_i + k_i) + r_i.$$

Case 7 For all  $i$ , if  $h_i = 1$ ,  $k_i = 1$ ,  $r_i = 0$ , then

$$h_i + (k_i + r_i) + 1 + (1 + 0) = 0 = (1 + 1) + 0 = (h_i + k_i) + r_i.$$

Case 8 For all  $i$ , if  $h_i = 1$ ,  $k_i = 1$ ,  $r_i = 1$ , then

$$h_i + (k_i + r_i) = 1 + (1 + 1) = 1 = (1 + 1) + 1 = (h_i + k_i) + r_i.$$

Hence  $H + (K + R) = (H + K) + R$ .

Q.E.D.

Note that the associative law is a consequence of the fact that  $\{0, 1, +\}$  is a group.

Theorem 3 For any sequence  $H$ ,  $H + 0 = H$ .

Proof For all  $i$ , if  $h_i = 0$ , then  $h_i + 0_i = 0 + 0 = 0 = h_i$ ,

and if  $h_i = 1$ , then  $h_i + 0_i = 1 + 0 = 1 = h_i$ .

Hence  $H + O = H$ .

Q.E.D.

Note that the sequence  $O$  is the additive identity.

Theorem 4 If  $H$  is any sequence, then  $H + H = O$ .

Proof For all  $i$ , if  $h_i = 0$ , then  $h_i + h_i = 0 + 0 = 0 = O_i$ ,

and if  $h_i = 1$ , then  $h_i + h_i = 1 + 1 = 0 = O_i$ .

Hence  $H + H = O$ .

Q.E.D.

Note that the sequence  $H$  is the additive inverse of itself.

Theorem 5 If  $H^*$  is the complement of the sequence  $H$ , then

$$H + H^* = I.$$

Proof For all  $i$ , if  $h_i = 0$ ,  $h_i^* = 1$ , then  $h_i + h_i^* = 0 + 1 = 1 = i_i$ ,

and if  $h_i = 1$ ,  $h_i^* = 0$ , then  $h_i + h_i^* = 1 + 0 = 1 = i_i$ ,

Hence  $H + H^* = I$ .

Q.E.D.

Theorem 6 If  $H^*$  and  $K^*$  are the complements of the sequences  $H$  and  $K$  respectively, then  $H + K = H^* + K^*$ .

Proof Since  $H + K = H + K + O + O$ , by theorem 3,

$$= (H + K) + (H^* + H^*) + (K^* + K^*), \text{ by theorem 4,}$$

$$= (H + H^*) + (K + K^*) + (H^* + K^*), \text{ by theorem 2,}$$

$$= I + I + (H^* + K^*), \text{ by theorem 5,}$$

$$= O + H^* + K^*, \text{ by theorem 4,}$$

Hence  $H + K = H^* + K^*$ , by theorem 3.

Q.E.D.

We shall now examine the periods of the sums of basic sequences, and give general methods of finding these periods in theorems 7 and 8.

Consider the addition of any two different basic sequences. Table I is a list of all the sums  $H_{i,j} = A_i + A_j$  and their periods for  $i \neq j; i, j \leq 6$ .

Table I the sequences  $H_{i,j}$  and their periods for  $i \neq j; i, j \leq 6$ .

Sequence	Period
$H_{1,2} = 0110, 01100110\dots$	4
$H_{1,3} = 010, 010010\dots$	3
$H_{1,4} = 01011010, 0101101001011010\dots$	8
$H_{1,5} = 01010, 0101001010\dots$	5
$H_{1,6} = 010101101010, 010101101010010101101010\dots$	12
$H_{2,3} = 001011110100, 001011110100001011110100\dots$	12
$H_{2,4} = 001111100, 0011110000111100\dots$	8
$H_{2,5} = 00110100111100101100, 00110100111100101100\dots$	20
$H_{3,4} = 000100110111111011001000, 0001001101111111\dots$	24
$H_{3,5} = 000100111011000, 000100111011000\dots$	15
$H_{3,6} = 000111111000, 000111111000\dots$	12
$H_{4,5} = 000010001100111011111110111001100010000, 00001\dots$	40
$H_{4,6} = 000011001111111100110000, 0000110011111111\dots$	24
$H_{5,6} = 00000100001100011100111101111111110111100111$ $000110000100000, 000001000011000\dots$	60
$H_{2,6} = 001100, 001100001100\dots$	6

Let  $N$  be the set of all positive integers.

For any two different basic sequences  $A_i$  and  $A_j$  with periods  $2i$  and  $2j$  respectively, where  $i, j$  are in  $N$ , let  $L_{ij}$  be the least common multiple of  $2i$  and  $2j$ ,

and let  $H_{i,j} = A_i + A_j$ .

If we divide the sequences  $A_i$  and  $A_j$  into sets containing  $L_{ij}/2$  consecutive digits, then we have,

$$\text{if } q = L_{ij}/2,$$

$$A_i = A_i^{(1)}(q) \quad A_i^{(2)}(q) \quad A_i^{(3)}(q) \quad \dots,$$

$$A_j = A_j^{(1)}(q) \quad A_j^{(2)}(q) \quad A_j^{(3)}(q) \quad \dots,$$

$$H_{i,j} = H_{i,j}^{(1)}(q) \quad H_{i,j}^{(2)}(q) \quad H_{i,j}^{(3)}(q) \quad \dots,$$

where  $H_{i,j}^{(m)}(q) = A_i^{(m)}(q) + A_j^{(m)}(q)$ , for all  $m$  in  $N$ .

From table 1 we can see that the sequence  $H_{i,j}$  has period either  $P_{ij} = L_{ij}/2$  or  $P_{ij} = L_{ij}$  determined as follows :

$$\text{Let } q = L_{ij}/2$$

$$(1) \text{ If both } (A_i^{(m)}(q))^* = A_i^{(m+1)}(q) \text{ and}$$

$$(A_j^{(m)}(q))^* = A_j^{(m+1)}(q), \text{ for all } m \text{ in } N,$$

then  $P_{ij} = L_{ij}/2$ .

$$(2) \text{ If either } (A_i^{(m)}(q))^* \neq A_i^{(m+1)}(q) \text{ or}$$

$$(A_j^{(m)}(q))^* \neq A_j^{(m+1)}(q), \text{ for all } m \text{ in}$$

$N$ , then  $P_{ij} = L_{ij}$ .

These results are consistent with the next theorem.

Theorem 7 The period of  $H_{i,j} = \Lambda_i + \Lambda_j$ , where  $i, j$  are in  $N$ , and  $i \neq j$ , is given as follows :

Let  $q = L_{ij}/2$

$$(1) \text{ If both } (\Lambda_i^{(m)}(q))^* = \Lambda_i^{(m+1)}(q) \quad \text{and} \\ (\Lambda_j^{(m)}(q))^* = \Lambda_j^{(m+1)}(q) \quad , \text{ for all } m \text{ in } N,$$

then  $P_{ij} \leq L_{ij}/2$ .

$$(2) \text{ If either } (\Lambda_i^{(m)}(q))^* \neq \Lambda_i^{(m+1)}(q) \quad \text{or} \\ (\Lambda_j^{(m)}(q))^* \neq \Lambda_j^{(m+1)}(q) \quad , \text{ for all } m$$

in  $N$ , then  $P_{ij} \leq L_{ij}$ .

Proof of (1) By the hypothesis we have

$$\Lambda_i^{(m+1)}(q) + \Lambda_j^{(m+1)}(q) = (\Lambda_i^{(m)}(q))^* + (\Lambda_j^{(m)}(q))^* ,$$

for all  $m$  in  $N$ .

And by theorem 6, the right hand side is equal to

$$\Lambda_i^{(m)}(q) + \Lambda_j^{(m)}(q) \quad , \text{ for all } m \text{ in } N .$$

Therefore  $H_{i,j}^{(m+1)}(q) = H_{i,j}^{(m)}(q)$  , for all  $m$  in  $N$ .

Hence  $P_{ij} \leq L_{ij}/2$

Q.E.D.

Proof of (2) By the hypothesis we have

$$\Lambda_i^{(m+1)}(q) + \Lambda_j^{(m+1)}(q) \neq (\Lambda_i^{(m)}(q))^* + (\Lambda_j^{(m)}(q))^*$$

for all  $m$  in  $N$ .

And by theorem 6, the right hand side is equal to

$$\Lambda_i^{(m)}(q) + \Lambda_j^{(m)}(q) \quad , \text{ for all } m \text{ in } N .$$



We have  $H_{ij}^{(m+1)}(q) \neq H_{ij}^{(m)}(q)$ , for all  $m$  in  $N$ .

But  $A_i^{(m+1)}(q) = A_i^{(m)}(q)$ , for all  $m$  in  $N$ .

and  $A_j^{(m+1)}(q) = A_j^{(m)}(q)$ , for all  $m$  in  $N$ .

Therefore  $A_i^{(m+1)}(q) + A_j^{(m+1)}(q) = A_i^{(m)}(q) + A_j^{(m)}(q)$ , for all  $m$

in  $N$ , and  $H^{(m+1)}(q) = H^{(m)}(q)$ , for all  $m$  in  $N$ .

Hence  $P_{ij} \leq L_{ij}$ .

Q.E.D.

In all the examples listed above the equalities hold, and it seems likely that the equalities hold in general.



Consider the addition of any three or more different basic sequences. Table 2 is a list of all the sums  $A_i + A_j + \dots + A_k$  and their periods for  $i \neq j \neq \dots \neq k$ ,  $i, j, \dots, k \leq 6$ .

Table 2 The sequences  $H_{i,j,\dots,k}$  and their periods for  $i \neq \dots \neq k$ ,  $i, \dots, k \leq 6$ .

Sequence		Period
$H_{1,2,3}$	= 011110100001,0111101000010...	12
$H_{1,2,4}$	= 01101001,01101001...	8
$H_{1,2,5}$	= 01100001101001111001,01100001101...	20
$H_{1,2,6}$	= 011001,011001011001...	6
$H_{1,3,4}$	= 010001100010101110011101,0100011...	24
$H_{1,3,5}$	= 010011101110010101100010001101,0100...	30
$H_{1,3,6}$	= 010010101101,010010101101...	12
$H_{1,4,5}$	= 0101110110011011101010100010011001000101,010111...	40
$H_{1,4,6}$	= 010110011010101001100101,0101100...	24
$H_{1,5,6}$	= 01010001011001001001101000101010101110100110110110010110101,010100010...	60
$H_{2,3,4}$	= 001000000100110111111011,001000000....	24
$H_{2,3,5}$	= 0010100010000011000001000101001101011101111001111011101011,00101000...	60
$H_{2,3,6}$	= 001011,001011001011...	6
$H_{2,4,5}$	= 00111011111110111001100010000000100011,001110...	40
$H_{2,4,6}$	= 001111111100110000000011,001111111...	24
$H_{2,5,6}$	= 001101110000001011111100010011,00110...	30

Sequences		Period
$H_{3,4,5}$	= 00010100101111110011000011011101100001110011111010010100011101011010000001100011110010000 1001111000110000001011010111,...	120
$H_{3,4,6}$	= 00010000100011011110111,00010000...	24
$H_{3,5,6}$	= 000110000100000000010000110001110011110111111110111100111,0001100001...	60
$H_{4,5,6}$	= 000010110011111011000000011100001110000000110111110011010000111101001100000100111111000 11110001111111001000001100101111,...	120
$H_{1,2,3,4}$	= 011101010001100010101110,01110101...	24
$H_{1,2,3,5}$	= 01111101110101100101000100000110000010001010011010111011110,...	60
$H_{1,2,3,6}$	= 011110,011110011110...	6
$H_{1,2,4,5}$	= 0110111010101000100110010001010101110110,....	40
$H_{1,2,4,6}$	= 011010101001100101010110,....	24
$H_{1,2,5,6}$	= 011000100101011110101001000110,....	30
$H_{1,3,4,5}$	= 010000011110101001101101101110100011010010011010100001111101101111000010101100100100 10001011100101101100101011110000010,....	120
$H_{1,3,4,6}$	= 010001011101101110100010,....	24
$H_{1,3,5,6}$	= 010011010001010101011101001101101100101110101010100010110010,....	60
$H_{1,4,5,6}$	= 01011110011010111001010100100101101101010110001010011000010110100001100101000110101011 0110100100101010011101011001111010,....	120

Sequence		Period
$H_{2,3,4,5}$	= 001001111000110000001011010111000101001011111100111000011011101100001110011111101001 01000111010110100000011000111100100,...	120
$H_{2,3,4,6}$	= 001000111011110111000100,...	24
$H_{2,3,5,6}$	= 001010110111001100111011010100,...	30
$H_{2,4,5,6}$	= 00111000000011011111001101000011110100110000010011111110001111000111111001000000011 00101111000010110011111011000000011100,...	120
$H_{3,4,5,6}$	= 000101110100111100000111011011001001000111110000110100010111111010001011000011111000 100100110110111000001111001011101000,...	120
$H_{1,2,3,4,5}$	= 01110010110110010101111000001001000001111010100110110100111010001101001001101010000 111101101111100001010110010010110001,...	120
$H_{1,2,3,4,6}$	= 011101101110100010010001,...	24
$H_{1,2,3,5,6}$	= 011111100010011001101110000001,...	30
$H_{1,2,4,5,6}$	= 01101101010110001010011000010110100001100101000110101011011010010010101001110101100 1111010010111100110101110010101001001,...	120
$H_{1,3,4,5,6}$	= 0100001000011010010100100011100111000100101001011000010000101011101111001011010110 111000110001110110101101001111011101,...	120
$H_{2,3,4,5,6}$	= 001001000111110000110100010111110100010110000111110001001001101101110000011110010 11101000000101110100111100000111011011,...	120
$H_{1,2,3,4,5,6}$	= 01110001001010010110000100001010111011110010110101110001100011101101011010011110 111101010000100001101001010010001110,...	120

Theorem 8 Let  $A_i, A_j, \dots, A_k, A_r, \dots$  be different basic sequences with periods  $2i, 2j, \dots, 2k, 2r, \dots$  respectively, where  $i, j, \dots, k, r, \dots$  are in  $N$

$$\text{Let } H_{i,j,\dots,k} = A_i + A_j + \dots + A_k$$

and let  $P_{ij,\dots,k}$  be the period of the sequence  $H_{i,j,\dots,k}$

Let  $L_{ij,\dots,kr}$  be the least common multiple of  $P_{ij,\dots,k}$  and  $2r$ .

The period of the sequence  $H_{i,j,\dots,k,r}$  is given as follows :

$$\text{Let } q = L_{ij,\dots,kr}/2$$

$$(1) \text{ If both } (H_{i,j,\dots,k}^{(m)}(q))^* = H_{i,j,\dots,k}^{(m+1)}(q) \quad \text{and} \\ (A_r^{(m)}(q))^* = A_r^{(m+1)}(q) \quad \text{for all } m \text{ in } N;$$

then  $P_{ij,\dots,kr} \leq L_{ij,\dots,kr}/2$ .

$$(2) \text{ If either } (H_{i,j,\dots,k}^{(m)}(q))^* \neq H_{i,j,\dots,k}^{(m+1)}(q) \quad \text{or}$$

$$(A_r^{(m)}(q))^* \neq A_r^{(m+1)}(q) \quad \text{for all } m \text{ in } N; \text{ then } P_{ij,\dots,kr} \leq L_{ij,\dots,kr}$$

Proof Similar to theorem 7.

As before we make the conjecture that the equalities hold in all cases,