

Why are reversible septenary NCCAs so simple? A preliminary inquiry

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Cellular automaton:

- ◇ a space of cells,
- ◇ a neighborhood,
- ◇ a state set,
- ◇ a local rule,
- ◇ a global rule.

Space of cells and the neighborhood

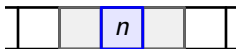
The grids \mathcal{C}_N equal to

$$\mathcal{C}_N = \{0, 1, \dots, N-1\}$$

the boundaries are periodically wrapped around.

$$N \boxed{0} \boxed{1} \boxed{2} \boxed{3} \cdots \boxed{N-1} \boxed{N} 0$$

We consider classical symmetrical neighborhood with radius 1:



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An example configuration



That is a function $x : \mathcal{C}_{21} \rightarrow Q$.

X_N is the set of all configurations on \mathcal{C}_N and

$X^* = \bigcup_{N=1}^{\infty} X_N$ — the set of all finite configurations

A local and global rule

A local rule is a function $f : [0..k)^3 \rightarrow [0..k)$, often described as a string of numbers (LUT). For example $f(000) f(001) \dots f(666)$ for a septenary CA. A given local rule f induces a *global rule* $F : X^* \rightarrow X^*$ in the usual way

$$F(x)_n = f(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1})$$

Introducing time steps we get a space-time diagram:

1	3	4	5	3	6	0	1	2	3	1	2	4	0	1	4	3	2	4	2	5
1	1	6	5	5	0	4	3	0	3	3	4	0	0	3	2	5	4	0	2	5
1	3	4	5	1	4	4	1	2	3	1	6	0	0	5	0	3	6	0	2	5
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k	all k -ary CAs	k -ary NCCAs	reversible k -ary CAs	reversible k -ary NCCAs
2	$2^{2^3} = 256$	5	6	3
3	$3^{3^3} \approx 7.6 \cdot 10^{12}$	144	1800	3
4	$4^{4^3} \approx 3.4 \cdot 10^{38}$	89 588	?	21
5	$5^{5^3} \approx 2.4 \cdot 10^{87}$	1 876 088 314	?	21
6	$6^{6^3} \approx 1.2 \cdot 10^{168}$?	?	471
7	$7^{7^3} \approx 7.4 \cdot 10^{289}$?	?	1669

Table 1: Numbers of specific types of one-dimensional k -ary CAs with radius 1.

Quinary (5 states)

21 rules

F	Description of F	F	Description of F	F	Description of F
1	the right-shift rule	8	$(31) \leftrightarrow (40), (32) \leftrightarrow (41)$	15	$(04) \leftrightarrow (13), (14) \leftrightarrow (23)$
2	$(12) \leftrightarrow (30)$	9	the identity rule	16	$(04) \leftrightarrow (31)$
3	$(12) \leftrightarrow (30), (14) \leftrightarrow (32)$	10	$(32) \leftrightarrow (41)$	17	$(03) \leftrightarrow (12)$
4	$(21) \leftrightarrow (30), (31) \leftrightarrow (40)$	11	$(23) \leftrightarrow (41)$	18	$(03) \leftrightarrow (12), (04) \leftrightarrow (13)$
5	$(21) \leftrightarrow (30)$	12	$(14) \leftrightarrow (23)$	19	$(03) \leftrightarrow (21)$
6	$(13) \leftrightarrow (40)$	13	$(14) \leftrightarrow (32)$	20	$(03) \leftrightarrow (21), (23) \leftrightarrow (41)$
7	$(31) \leftrightarrow (40)$	14	$(04) \leftrightarrow (13)$	21	the left-shift rule

Table 2: The list of all reversible quinary NCCAs with radius 1. The global rule of a given CA is described in terms of swaps, where a swap $(ab) \leftrightarrow (cd)$ means that every pattern 'ab' in the subsequent time step is replaced by the pattern 'cd' and vice versa.

Remark. For each F except shifts we have $F^2 = id$.

Senary (6 states)

471 rules, described as an Open Access Dataset:

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Description

This dataset contains complete lists of all one-dimensional reversible number-conserving k -ary cellular automata with radius one of up to 7 states, i.e. with state sets $\{0,1\}$, $\{0,1,2\}$, $\{0,1,2,3\}$, $\{0,1,2,3,4\}$, $\{0,1,2,3,4,5\}$ and $\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6\}$.

The detailed definitions and the method of enumerating are given in the paper:

Barbara Wolnik, Maciej Dziemiańczuk, Adam Dzedzej, and Bernard De Baets "Reversibility of number-conserving 1D cellular automata: unlocking insights into the dynamics for larger state sets".

For a given number of states k , we use $m=k-1$ as the largest state. The list of all one-dimensional reversible number-conserving k -ary cellular automata with radius one with state set $\{0,1,\dots,m\}$ is given in the look up table format, i.e., each rule F is given as the string

$F(000) F(001) \dots F(00m) F(010) \dots F(01m) \dots F(mm0) F(mm1) \dots F(mmm)$

of k^3 integers from the set $\{0,1, \dots, m\}$.

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Septenary (7 states)

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m	1	2	3	4	6	12	30	60
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Table 3: The number of reversible septenary NCCAs that have order m .

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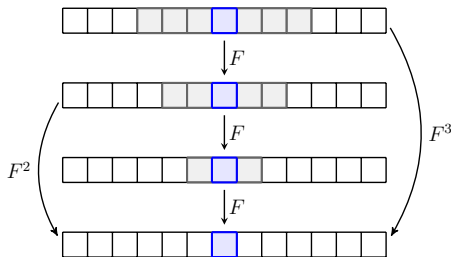
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radius of F^k in general is k



Aleksander Wardyn's application showtime.

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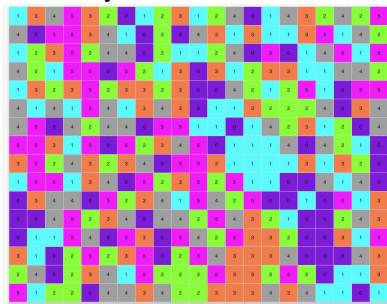
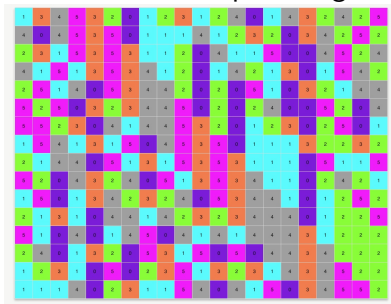
Application

Number of states: Number of cells(3-30): LUT:

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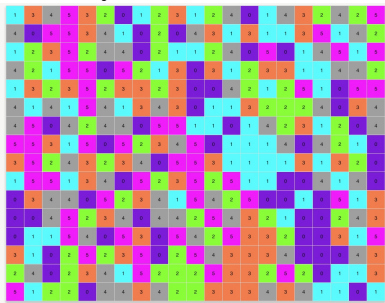
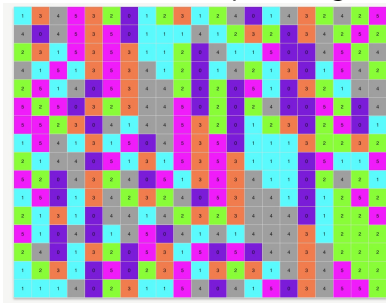
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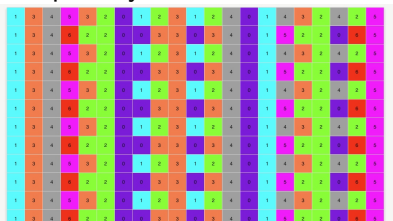
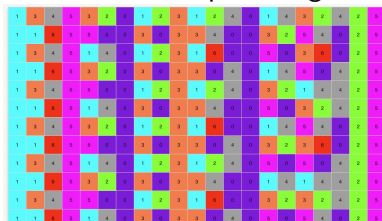


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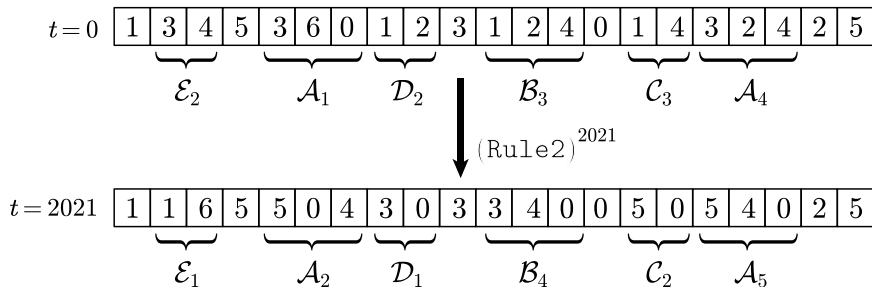
LUT of Rule 2:

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0000000 1131313 2222622 1353135 0000000 1555355 2666666
2222222 1131313 0000400 1353135 6666666 1555355 0444444
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Some technical lemmas specific to this rule, no general method for description.

Rule 2 detailed description

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{A} &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 & 0 \\ 5 & 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & 4 \\ 5 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, & \mathcal{B} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, & \mathcal{C} &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 5 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, & (1) \\
 \mathcal{D} &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, & \mathcal{E} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, & \mathcal{F} &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, & \mathcal{G} &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}.
 \end{aligned}$$



Main open Question

Question

Let k be a prime number and F be the global rule of a reversible NCCA with radius 1 and state set $\{0, 1, \dots, k - 1\}$. If F is not a shift, does it necessarily have finite order?

The answer is true for 2,3,5 and 7 and will be difficult to check for the next prime, which is 11.

For composite numbers there exist methods (for example using a two-layer representation) that allow to construct reversible k -ary NCCAs with radius 1 having infinite order (other than shifts).

Dziękujemy za uwagę!
Merci pour votre attention!
Thank you for your attention!
Vielen Dank für Ihre Aufmerksamkeit!
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