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# A trace representation of binary Jacobi sequences<sup>☆</sup>

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#### Abstract

We determine the trace function representation, or equivalently, the Fourier spectral sequences of binary Jacobi sequences of period pq, where p and q are two distinct odd primes. This includes the twin-prime sequences of period p(p + 2) whenever both p and p + 2 are primes, corresponding to cyclic Hadamard difference sets.

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#### 1. Introduction

We will begin by the following definition of Jacobi sequences of period pq for two distinct odd primes p and q:

**Definition 1.** Let p, q be two distinct odd primes. We define a binary sequence  $\mathbf{J}_{p,q} = \{J_{p,q}(t) | t \ge 0\}$  of period pq as

$$J_{p,q}(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t \equiv 0 \pmod{pq} \\ 1 & t \equiv 0 \pmod{p}, t \not\equiv 0 \pmod{q} \\ 0 & t \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}, t \equiv 0 \pmod{q} \\ \sigma \left((\frac{t}{p})(\frac{t}{q})\right) & (t, pq) = 1, \end{cases}$$
(1)

where  $\sigma(1) = 0$  and  $\sigma(-1) = 1$ , and  $(\frac{t}{p})$  is the Legendre symbol of the integer t mod p, taking the value +1 or -1 according to whether t is a quadratic residue mod p or not. It is clear that

$$\sigma\left(\left(\frac{t}{p}\right)\left(\frac{t}{q}\right)\right) = \sigma\left(\frac{t}{p}\right) + \sigma\left(\frac{t}{q}\right).$$

To study the characteristic sequence of cyclic difference sets mod p(p + 2) (which has been called "twin-prime cyclic Hadamard difference sets" [21,9]) whenever both p and p + 2 are prime, Kim and Song [13] have generalized the definition of the characteristic sequences into the cases with sequences of period pq where both p and q are

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two odd primes. The minimal polynomial of these sequences was obtained in [5]. From the well-known result, the trace representation of a Jacobi sequence can be given by  $\sum_{i} \text{Tr}(\rho(i)x^{i})$  where  $\rho(i) \in F_{2^{n}}$  (*n* will be defined later), *i* is a coset leader modulo N = pq, and summution is taken over a set consisting of coset leaders modulo *N* for which  $\rho(i) \neq 0$  (see [17], Exercise 8.41). The trace representation can be computed by applying the (discrete) Fourier transform [2]. { $\rho(i)$ } is referred to as a (*Fourier*) spectral sequence. In general, from the minimal polynomial of a sequence, it is not easy to determine the spectral sequence { $\rho(i)$ }. In this paper, we will determine the trace representation of Jacobi sequences of period pq, i.e., the spectral sequence { $\rho(i)$ }. As an easy consequence, we determine the linear complexity of the sequence which was obtained earlier [5,13]. The result in this paper makes use of the results in both [14,4].

Section 2 reviews the trace representation of quadratic residue sequences of period p. Section 3 gives the main result with a proof. Section 4 concludes this paper.

#### 2. Preparation

Let  $\mathbf{s} = \{s(t) | t \ge 0\}$  be a binary sequence of period N that divides  $2^n - 1$  for some n. Then, it is known [17,2,10] that there exists a primitive N-th root  $\gamma$  of unity and a polynomial  $g(x) = \sum_{0 \le i \le N} \rho(i) x^i \pmod{x^N - 1}$  such that

$$s(t) = g(\gamma^{t})$$
  $t = 0, 1, 2, ...$ 

We call the pair  $(g(x), \gamma)$  a *defining pair* of the sequence **s** [4]. In the remainder of this paper, we will consider only the case where *N* is either an odd prime or a product of two distinct odd primes. The relation between the sequence  $\mathbf{s} = \{s(t)|t \ge 0\}$  and its spectral counterpart  $\{\rho(i)|i \ge 0\}$  is given as

$$s(t) = \sum_{0 \le i < N} \rho(i) \gamma^{it} \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \rho(i) = \sum_{0 \le t < N} s(t) \gamma^{-it}.$$
(2)

The RHS of (2) is referred to as the *(discrete) Fourier transform of* **s**, and the LHS of (2), its inverse formula. The main result of this paper is to determine the spectral sequence  $\{\rho(i)\}$ , or equivalently the defining pair  $(g(x), \gamma)$ , when **s** is a Jacobi sequence.

Let p be an odd prime, and  $F_p$  be the finite field with p elements. We denote by  $F_p^*$  the cyclic multiplicative group  $F_p \setminus \{0\}$ . It is well known that  $F_p^*$  is a disjoint union of  $A_0 \triangleq \{x^2 | x \in F_p^*\}$  and  $A_1 \triangleq F_p^* \setminus A_0$  of equal size (p-1)/2. It is also well known that  $A_0$  is a cyclic difference set with parameters  $(v = p, k = (p-1)/2, \lambda = (p-3)/4)$  [1,4, 9,11,12,14]. In the remainder of this paper, we let

$$A_0(x) = \sum_{t \in A_0} x^t \pmod{x^p - 1},$$

and

$$A_1(x) = \sum_{t \in A_1} x^t = \sum_{t \in F_p^* \setminus A_0} x^t \pmod{x^p - 1},$$

which are called the generating polynomials of  $A_0$  and  $A_1$ , respectively. Let

$$A(x) = \frac{p-1}{2} + a_0 A_0(x) + a_1 A_1(x) \pmod{x^p - 1},$$
(3)

where

$$(a_0, a_1) = \begin{cases} (1, 0) & \text{if } p \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{8} \\ (\omega, \omega^2) & \text{if } p \equiv \pm 3 \pmod{8}, \end{cases}$$

and  $\omega \in F_4 \setminus F_2$  is a chosen primitive 3-rd root of unity. It is known [4] that one can always find a primitive *p*-th root  $\alpha$  of unity such that

$$A_{0}(\alpha) = \begin{cases} 1 & p \equiv +1 \pmod{8} \\ 0 & p \equiv -1 \pmod{8} \\ \omega^{2} & p \equiv +3 \pmod{8} \\ \omega & p \equiv -3 \pmod{8}. \end{cases}$$
(4)

For this choice of  $\alpha$ , we have that  $A_1(\alpha) = 0, 1, \omega, \omega^2$  for  $p \equiv +1, -1, +3, -3 \pmod{8}$ , respectively [4]. With A(x) in (3) and  $\alpha$  defined above, we have the following basic lemma.

**Lemma 2** (*Basic Lemma [4]*). Let *p* be an odd prime,  $\alpha$  be chosen by (4), and A(x) be as given in (3). Let  $\mathbf{b}_p = \{b_p(t) | t \ge 0\}$  be the sequence of period *p* defined as

$$b_p(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & t \in A_0, \\ 0 & t \in F_p \setminus A_0 \end{cases}$$

Then,  $(A(x), \alpha)$  is a defining pair of the sequence  $\mathbf{b}_p$ .

For the sake of convenience, for any other odd prime q, we let

$$B(x) = \frac{q-1}{2} + b_0 B_0(x) + b_1 B_1(x) \pmod{x^q - 1},$$
(5)

where  $B_i(x)$  is the generating polynomial of the set  $B_i$  for  $i = 0, 1, B_0$  is the set of quadratic residues mod q,  $B_1$  is the set of quadratic non-residues mod q, and

$$(b_0, b_1) = \begin{cases} (1, 0) & \text{if } q \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{8} \\ (\omega, \omega^2) & \text{if } q \equiv \pm 3 \pmod{8}. \end{cases}$$

Let  $\mathbf{b}_q = \{b_q(t) | t \ge 0\}$  be the sequence of period q defined as

$$b_q(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & t \in B_0, \\ 0 & t \in F_p \setminus B_0 \end{cases}$$

Then, from Lemma 2, one can find a primitive q-th root  $\beta$  of unity such that  $(B(x), \beta)$  is a defining pair of  $\mathbf{b}_q$ . It is the choice that gives

$$B_0(\alpha) = \begin{cases} 1 & p \equiv +1 \pmod{8} \\ 0 & p \equiv -1 \pmod{8} \\ \omega^2 & p \equiv +3 \pmod{8} \\ \omega & p \equiv -3 \pmod{8}. \end{cases}$$
(6)

In the remainder of this paper, we keep the notations  $A_i(x)$ ,  $B_i(x)$ , A(x), B(x), which can be regarded as polynomials over some extension of  $F_2$ , and the choice  $\omega$ ,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . Also in the following, we let  $e_p$  and  $e_q$  be integers mod pq such that

$$e_p = \begin{cases} 1(\mod p) \\ 0(\mod q), \end{cases} \text{ and } e_q = \begin{cases} 1(\mod q) \\ 0(\mod p) \end{cases}$$

Note that  $e_p$  and  $e_q$  are unique mod pq due to the Chinese Remainder Theorem [6].

### 3. Main result

We let  $\operatorname{Tr}_1^n(x) = \sum_{0 \le i < n} x^{2^i}$  be the trace [17] of x from  $F_{2^n}$  to  $F_2$ . Modulo 8, the odd primes p and q have 4 difference values, and there are 16 different cases for the pair (p, q). In the following, we group 8 of them together, and distinguish only two cases as follows:

CASE 1: 
$$(p,q) \in \{(+1,+1), (+1,-1), (-1,+1), (-1,-1), (+3,+3), (+3,-3), (-3,+3), (-3,-3)\};$$
 and  
CASE 2:  $(p,q) \in \{(+1,+3), (+1,-3), (-1,+3), (-1,-3), (+3,+1), (+3,-1), (-3,+1), (-3,-1)\}$ 

This section is entirely devoted to the proof of the main theorem given as follows:

**Theorem 3** (*Main Theorem*). For any two distinct odd primes p and q, there exist  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\omega$  which satisfy the conditions (4) and (6), respectively, where  $\alpha$  is a p-th primitive root of unity,  $\beta$  is a q-th primitive root of unity

and  $\omega$  is a 3-rd primitive root of unity. Recall the choice of all the notations discussed so far. Define a polynomial  $J(x) \pmod{x^{pq} - 1}$  as follows:

$$J(x) = \frac{q-1}{2} \sum_{1 \le i < p} x^{e_p i} + \frac{p+1}{2} \sum_{1 \le j < q} x^{e_q j} + \left\{ \sum_{i=0,1}^{i=0,1} A_i(x^{e_p}) B_i(x^{e_q}) \text{ for CASE 1, and} \right. \\ \left. + \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum_{i=0,1}^{i=0,1} A_i(x^{e_p}) B_i(x^{e_q}) + \omega^2 \sum_{i=0,1}^{i=0,1} A_i(x^{e_p}) B_{i+1}(x^{e_q}) \right. \right. \text{ for CASE 2,} \end{array} \right\}$$

where  $B_2(x) = B_0(x)$ . Then, (i) the Jacobi sequence  $\mathbf{J}_{p,q} = \{J_{p,q}(t)|t \ge 0\}$  in Definition 1 has a defining pair  $(J(x), \alpha\beta)$ , and (ii) it has a trace representation as follows:

$$\begin{split} J_{p,q}(t) &= \frac{q-1}{2} \sum_{\substack{0 \le i < c_p \\ 0 \le j < c_q d \\ i \equiv j (\text{mod } 2)}} \text{Tr}_1^m (\alpha^{u^i t}) + \frac{p+1}{2} \sum_{\substack{0 \le j < c_q \\ 0 \le j < c_q d \\ i \equiv j (\text{mod } 2)}} \text{Tr}_1^M \left( (\alpha^{u^i} \beta^{v^j})^t \right) \quad for \ CASE \ 1, \ and \\ &+ \begin{cases} \sum_{\substack{0 \le i < c_p \\ 0 \le j < c_q d \\ i \equiv j (\text{mod } 2)}} \text{Tr}_1^M \left( \omega (\alpha^{u^i} \beta^{v^j})^t \right) + \sum_{\substack{0 \le i < c_p \\ 0 \le j < c_q d \\ i \equiv j (\text{mod } 2)}} \text{Tr}_1^M \left( \omega (\alpha^{u^i} \beta^{v^j})^t \right) + \sum_{\substack{0 \le i < c_p \\ 0 \le j < c_q d \\ i \equiv j (\text{mod } 2)}} \text{Tr}_1^M \left( \omega^{2} (\alpha^{u^i} \beta^{v^j})^t \right) \quad for \ CASE \ 2, \end{split}$$

where *m* and *n* are orders of 2 mod *p* and *q*, respectively,  $c_p = \frac{p-1}{m}$ ,  $c_q = \frac{q-1}{n}$ , d = (m, n) is the gcd of *m* and *n*, M = mn/d, and finally, *u* and *v* are any given generators of  $F_p^*$  and  $F_q^*$ , respectively.

Before we start the proof of the main theorem, we observe the following (see [5,13]):

**Remark 4.** The linear complexity  $LS(\mathbf{J}_{p,q})$  of  $\mathbf{J}_{p,q}$  is given from the main theorem as follows:

$$LS(\mathbf{J}_{p,q}) = (p-1)\epsilon(\frac{q-1}{2}) + (q-1)\epsilon(\frac{p+1}{2}) + \begin{cases} \frac{(p-1)(q-1)}{2} & \text{CASE 1,} \\ (p-1)(q-1) & \text{CASE 2,} \end{cases}$$

where  $\epsilon(a) = 1, 0$  for  $a \equiv 1, 0 \pmod{2}$ , respectively.

Now, we begin the proof of the main theorem.

**Definition 5.** Let *T* be an odd integer. A  $\delta$ -sequence of period *T*, which will be denoted by  $\delta_T = \{\delta_T(t) | t \ge 0\}$ , is defined as

$$\delta_T(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & t \equiv 0 \pmod{T} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We also define

$$\Delta_T(x) = \sum_{0 \le i < T} x^i.$$

It is clear that  $(\Delta_T(x), \gamma)$  is a defining pair of the  $\delta$ -sequence  $\delta_T$ , where  $\gamma$  is any given T-th primitive root of unity.

**Definition 6.** Given a sequence  $\mathbf{s} = \{s(t)|t \ge 0\}$ , the  $\lambda$ -jump sequence of  $\mathbf{s}$ , which will be denoted by  $\mathbf{s}^{[\lambda]} = \{s^{[\lambda]}(t)|t \ge 0\}$ , is defined as

$$s^{[\lambda]}(t) = \begin{cases} s(t) & t \equiv 0 \pmod{\lambda} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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Table 1     Proof of Lemma 7				
Sequences	$t \equiv 0(pq)$	$t \equiv 0(p)$ $t \neq 0(p)$	$t \neq 0(q)$ $t \equiv 0(q)$	(t, pq) = 1
<b>b</b> <sub>p</sub>	0	0	$\sigma\left(\left(\frac{t}{p}\right)\right)$	$\sigma\left(\left(\frac{t}{p}\right)\right)$
$\mathbf{b}_q$	0	$\sigma\left(\left(\frac{t}{q}\right)\right)$	0	$\sigma\left(\left(\frac{t}{q}\right)\right)$
$\mathbf{b}_p^{[q]}$	0	0	$\sigma\left(\left(\frac{t}{p}\right)\right)$	0
$\mathbf{b}_q^{[p]}$	0	$\sigma\left(\left(\frac{t}{q}\right)\right)$	0	0
$\delta_p$	1	1	0	0
$\delta_{pq}$	1	0	0	0
$\mathrm{SUM} = \mathbf{J}_{p,q}$	0	1	0	$\sigma\left(\left(\frac{t}{p}\right)\left(\frac{t}{q}\right)\right)$

Table 2

Defining pair of each component sequence in Lemma 8

Sequences	Defining pair
$\mathbf{b}_p$ $\mathbf{b}_q$	$(A(x^{e_p}), lphaeta) \ (B(x^{e_q}), lphaeta)$
$\mathbf{b}_p^{[q]}$	$(A(x^{e_p})\Delta_q(x^{e_q}), \alpha\beta)$
$egin{aligned} \mathbf{b}_q^{[p]} \ \delta_p \ \delta_{pq} \end{aligned}$	$ \begin{array}{c} (B(x^{e_q})\Delta_p(x^{e_p}),\alpha\beta) \\ (\Delta_p(x^{e_p}),\alpha\beta) \\ (\Delta_{pq}(x),\alpha\beta) \end{array} $

It is clear that the  $\lambda$ -jump sequence of **s** is obtained by multiplying **s** by  $\delta_{\lambda}$  term-by-term. That is,

 $s^{[\lambda]}(t) = s(t)\delta_{\lambda}(t), \quad \forall t.$ 

## Lemma 7.

$$\mathbf{J}_{p,q} = \mathbf{b}_p + \mathbf{b}_q + \mathbf{b}_p^{[q]} + \mathbf{b}_q^{[p]} + \delta_p + \delta_{pq}.$$

**Proof.** It is straightforward to check. See Table 1.

**Lemma 8.** The defining pairs of six component sequences of  $\mathbf{J}_{p,q}$  in Lemma 7 are given in Table 2.

## **Proof.** Note that

 $(\alpha\beta)^{e_p} = \alpha, (\alpha\beta)^{e_q} = \beta.$ 

Now, it is straightforward to check the following:

$$\begin{split} A((\alpha\beta)^{e_pt}) &= A(\alpha^t) = b_p(t), \quad \forall t. \\ B((\alpha\beta)^{e_qt}) &= B(\beta^t) = b_q(t), \quad \forall t. \\ A((\alpha\beta)^{e_pt}) \Delta_q((\alpha\beta)^{e_qt}) &= A(\alpha^t) \Delta_q(\beta^t) = b_p(t) \delta_q(t) = b_p^{[q]}(t), \quad \forall t, \\ B((\alpha\beta)^{e_qt}) \Delta_p((\alpha\beta)^{e_pt}) &= B(\beta^t) \Delta_p(\alpha^t) = b_q(t) \delta_p(t) = b_q^{[p]}(t), \quad \forall t, \end{split}$$

where, we use the relation in (7). The remaining two cases can be done similarly.

**Lemma 9.** If  $f(x) \equiv g(x) \pmod{x^p - 1}$  then

$$f(x^{e_p}) \equiv g(x^{e_p}) \pmod{x^{pq} - 1}.$$

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$$f(x) \equiv g(x) \pmod{x^p - 1}$$
  

$$\Rightarrow f(x) - g(x) = (x^p - 1)h(x) \text{ for some } h(x)$$
  

$$\Rightarrow f(x^{e_p}) - g(x^{e_p}) = (x^{pe_p} - 1)h(x^{e_p}).$$

Since  $pe_p \equiv 0 \pmod{pq}$ , we get  $f(x^{e_p}) - g(x^{e_p}) \equiv 0 \pmod{x^{pq} - 1}$ .

Lemma 10. The three identities in the following are true:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \Delta_{pq}(x) &= 1 + \sum_{1 \le i < p} x^{e_p i} + \sum_{1 \le j < q} x^{e_q j} + \sum_{\substack{1 \le i < p \\ 1 \le j < q}} x^{e_p i + e_q j} (\text{mod } x^{pq} - 1), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(ii)} \sum_{\substack{1 \le i 
$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iii)} \sum_{\substack{1 \le i$$$$

**Proof.** The identity (i) comes from the following:

$$\begin{aligned} &\{i \pmod{pq} \mid 0 \le i < pq\} \\ &= \{e_p i + e_q j \pmod{pq} \mid 0 \le i < p, 0 \le j < q\} \\ &= \{0\} \cup \{e_p i \pmod{pq} \mid 1 \le i < p\} \cup \{e_q j \pmod{pq} \mid 1 \le j < q\} \\ &\cup \{e_p i + e_q j \pmod{pq} \mid 1 \le i < p, 1 \le j < q\}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\sum_{1 \le i < p} x^i = \sum_{i \in F_p^*} x^i = \sum_{i \in A_0 \cup A_1} x^i = A_0(x) + A_1(x) \pmod{x^p - 1}.$$

Now, the assertion (ii) follows from Lemma 9. For (iii), observe the following:

$$\begin{split} \sum_{\substack{1 \le i$$

where we use the above identity (ii) in the second equality.

Lemma 11. Let

$$J_{p,q}(x) = \frac{q-1}{2} \sum_{1 \le i < p} x^{e_p i} + \frac{p+1}{2} \sum_{1 \le j < q} x^{e_q j} + \sum_{\substack{i=0,1\\j=0,1}} (a_i + b_j + 1) A_i(x^{e_p}) B_j(x^{e_q}) (\text{mod } x^{pq} - 1),$$

where  $a_i, b_j, A_i(x), B_j(x)$  are defined for  $\mathbf{b}_p$  and  $\mathbf{b}_q$  in the previous section. Then,  $(J_{p,q}(x), \alpha\beta)$  is a defining pair of  $\mathbf{J}_{p,q}$ .

**Proof.** Lemmas 7 and 8 imply that  $\mathbf{J}_{p,q}$  has a defining pair  $(g(x), \alpha\beta)$ , where

$$g(x) = A(x^{e_p}) + B(x^{e_q}) + A(x^{e_p})\Delta_q(x^{e_q}) + B(x^{e_q})\Delta_p(x^{e_p}) + \Delta_p(x^{e_p}) + \Delta_{pq}(x) \pmod{x^{pq} - 1}.$$

Therefore, Lemma 10 implies that

$$\begin{split} g(x) &= A(x^{e_p})(1 + \Delta_q(x^{e_q})) + B(x^{e_q})(1 + \Delta_p(x^{e_p})) + \Delta_p(x^{e_p}) + \Delta_{pq}(x) \\ &= \left(\frac{p-1}{2} + \sum_{i=0,1} a_i A_i(x^{e_p})\right) \sum_{1 \le j < q} x^{e_q j} + \left(\frac{q-1}{2} + \sum_{j=0,1} b_i B_i(x^{e_q})\right) \sum_{1 \le i < p} x^{e_p i} + 1 + \sum_{1 \le i < p} x^{e_p i} \\ &+ 1 + \sum_{1 \le i < p} x^{e_p i} + \sum_{1 \le j < q} x^{e_q j} + \sum_{\substack{i=0,1 \\ j=0,1}} A_i(x^{e_p}) B_j(x^{e_q}) (\text{mod } x^{pq} - 1), \end{split}$$

which can be re-organized to equal to  $J_{p,q}(x) \pmod{x^{pq}-1}$ .

Now, consider the proof of the item (i) of the main theorem. We have shown that  $J_{p,q}(x)$  in Lemma 11 and  $\alpha\beta$  form a defining pair of the Jacobi sequence. Therefore, we need to show that the last term of  $J_{p,q}(x)$  in Lemma 11 is the same as the last term of J(x) in the main theorem. This can easily be done by recalling the definition of  $a_i, b_j$  in the previous section. That is, when  $(p, q) = (\pm 1, \pm 1) \pmod{8}$ , for example,  $(a_0, a_1) = (b_0, b_1) = (1, 0)$  and hence, the last term of  $J_{p,q}(x)$  in Lemma 11 becomes  $A_0(x^{e_p})B_0(x^{e_q}) + A_1(x^{e_p})B_1(x^{e_q})$ . The remaining cases can similarly be checked.

For the item (ii) of the main theorem, we consider the set of all the primitive pq-th roots of unity. It is well-known that there are (p-1)(q-1) primitive pq-th roots of unity in the algebraic closure of  $F_2$ , all of them are sitting in  $F_{2^M}$ , and it is also known that they are partitioned into (p-1)(q-1)/M conjugacy classes over  $F_2$ , where M = mn/d, d = (m, n). We need the following lemma which gives a complete set S of representatives of these conjugacy classes.

**Lemma 12.** A complete set S of representatives of conjugacy classes of the (p - 1)(q - 1) primitive pq-th roots of unity over  $F_2$  is given as:

$$S = \{ \alpha^{u^{l}} \beta^{v^{j}} \mid 0 \le i < c_{p}, 0 \le j < c_{q} d \}.$$

**Proof.** Note that  $|S| = c_p c_q d = (p-1)(q-1)/M$ . Therefore, it is enough to show that any two elements in S are not conjugate of each other.

Suppose there are two elements in S which are conjugate of each other. Then, there exist  $(i, j) \neq (k, l)$  with  $0 \leq i, k < c_p$  and  $0 \leq j, l < c_q d$  such that  $\alpha^{u^i} \beta^{v^j} \in S$ ,  $\alpha^{u^k} \beta^{v^l} \in S$ , and

$$(\alpha^{u^i}\beta^{v^j})^{2^t} = \alpha^{u^k}\beta^{v^l}$$

This implies

$$\alpha^{u^{i}2^{t}-u^{k}} = \beta^{v^{l}-v^{j}2^{t}} \in \langle \alpha \rangle \cap \langle \beta \rangle = \langle 1 \rangle$$

where  $\langle \alpha \rangle$  is the cyclic subgroup generated by  $\alpha$ . Therefore, we have

$$\begin{cases} u^i 2^t \equiv u^k \pmod{p} \\ v^l \equiv v^j 2^t \pmod{q}. \end{cases}$$
(8)

Note that  $\langle u^{c_p} \rangle = \langle 2 \rangle$  is a subgroup of  $F_p^*$ , and that  $\langle v^{c_q} \rangle = \langle 2 \rangle$  is a subgroup of  $F_q^*$ . Therefore,

$$\exists \lambda \text{ s.t. } (\lambda, m) = 1 \text{ and } u^{c_p \lambda} \equiv 2 \pmod{p},$$
  
$$\exists \mu \text{ s.t.}(\mu, n) = 1 \text{ and } v^{c_q \mu} \equiv 2 \pmod{q}.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{cases} (8) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} u^{c_p \lambda t} \equiv u^{k-i} \pmod{p} \\ v^{c_q \mu t} \equiv v^{l-j} \pmod{q} \end{cases} \\ \Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_p \lambda t \equiv k-i \pmod{p-1} \\ c_q \mu t \equiv l-j \pmod{q-1} \end{cases}$$

$$(9)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_p | k - i \\ c_q | l - j \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} k - i = c_p z_p & \text{for some } z_p \\ l - j = c_q z_q & \text{for some } z_q. \end{cases}$$

$$(10)$$

Note that we have assumed

 $0 \le k < c_p$  and  $0 \le i < c_p$ .

Therefore, (10) implies

$$k = i$$
.

Therefore,

$$(9) \Rightarrow c_p \lambda t \equiv 0 \pmod{p-1}$$
  
$$\Rightarrow \lambda t \equiv 0 \pmod{m} \quad \text{since } c_p = (p-1)/m,$$
  
$$\Rightarrow t \equiv 0 \pmod{m} \quad \text{since } (\lambda, m) = 1.$$

Assume that, for some  $\tau$ ,

$$t = m\tau$$
.

Then,

(9) and (11)  $\Rightarrow c_q \mu t \equiv l - j \equiv c_q z_q \pmod{q-1}$   $\Rightarrow \mu t \equiv z_q \pmod{n}$   $\Rightarrow \mu m \tau \equiv z_q \pmod{n}$   $\Rightarrow d = (m, n) | z_q$  $\Rightarrow c_q d | c_q z_q = l - j.$ 

Note that we have assumed

$$0 \le l < c_q d$$
 and  $0 \le j < c_q d$ .

Therefore, the above  $c_q d | l - j$  implies

$$j = l$$
.

Therefore (i, j) = (k, l), which is a contradiction.

Now, we are ready for the item (ii) of the main theorem. For the first term in the trace representation, note that  $\langle u^{c_p} \rangle = \langle 2 \rangle$  is a subgroup of  $F_p^*$ , and hence,

$$F_p^* = \bigcup_{0 \le i < c_p} u^i \langle u^{c_p} \rangle = \bigcup_{0 \le i < c_p} u^i \langle 2 \rangle.$$

Therefore,

$$\sum_{1 \le i < p} x^{i} = \sum_{j \in F_{p}^{*}} x^{j} = \sum_{\substack{c_{p}-1 \\ j \in \bigcup_{i=0}^{c_{p}-1} u^{i} \langle 2 \rangle}} x^{j} = \sum_{i=0}^{c_{p}-1} \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} x^{u^{i}2^{k}}$$
$$= \sum_{0 \le i < c_{p}} \operatorname{Tr}_{1}^{m} \left( x^{u^{i}} \right) (\operatorname{mod} x^{p} - 1).$$

Lemma 9 now implies that

$$\sum_{1 \le i < p} x^{e_p i} = \sum_{0 \le i < c_p} \operatorname{Tr}_1^m \left( x^{e_p u^i} \right) (\operatorname{mod} x^{pq} - 1).$$

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(13)

(12)

Substituting  $x = (\alpha \beta)^t$  into the above gives

$$\sum_{1 \le i < p} x^{e_p i} \bigg|_{x = (\alpha \beta)^t} = \sum_{0 \le i < c_p} \operatorname{Tr}_1^m \left( \alpha^{u^i t} \right).$$
(14)

Similarly, using the fact that  $\langle v^{c_q} \rangle = \langle 2 \rangle$  is a subgroup of  $F_q^*$ , we get the second term as

$$\sum_{1 \le j < q} x^{e_q j} \bigg|_{x = (\alpha \beta)^t} = \sum_{0 \le j < c_q} \operatorname{Tr}_1^n \left( \beta^{v^j t} \right).$$
(15)

For the third term, recall the notation of  $A_i$ ,  $B_j$  and their generating polynomials  $A_i(x)$ ,  $B_j(x)$ , respectively.

$$\sum_{\substack{i=0,1\\j=0,1}} (a_i + b_j + 1) A_i(x^{e_p}) B_j(x^{e_q}) = \sum_{\substack{i=0,1\\j=0,1}} (a_i + b_j + 1) \sum_{t \in A_i} x^{e_p t} \sum_{s \in B_j} x^{e_q s}$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{i=0,1\\j=0,1}} (a_i + b_j + 1) \sum_{\substack{t \in A_i\\s \in B_j}} x^{e_p u^{i+2t_1} + e_q v^{j+2s_1}} \sum_{\substack{i=0,1\\j=0,1}} (a_i + b_j + 1) \sum_{\substack{0 \le t_1 \le (p-1)/2\\0 \le s_1 \le (q-1)/2}} x^{e_p u^{i+2t_1} + e_q v^{j+2s_1}}$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{i=0,1\\j=0,1\\0 \le t_1 \le (p-1)/2\\0 \le s_1 \le (q-1)/2}} (a_i + b_j + 1) x^{e_p u^{i+2t_1} + e_q v^{j+2s_1}} \sum_{\substack{0 \le t_1 \le (p-1)/2\\0 \le s_1 \le (q-1)/2}} \rho_{i,j} x^{e_p u^i + e_q v^j} \triangleq \zeta(x) \pmod{x^{pq} - 1},$$

where we use the notation

$$\rho_{i,j} \triangleq a_j + b_j + 1,$$

where the subscripts *i* and *j* are understood mod 2. Recall that  $(a_0, a_1) = (1, 0)$  or  $(\omega, \omega^2)$  if  $p \equiv \pm 1$  or  $\pm 3$ , respectively, and similarly for  $(b_0, b_1)$ . Therefore, when  $(p, q) = (\pm 1, \pm 1)$  or  $(\pm 3, \pm 3)$ , i.e., in CASE 1, we have

$$\rho_{i,j} = \begin{cases} 1 & i \equiv j \pmod{2} \\ 0 & i \not\equiv j \pmod{2}. \end{cases}$$

For CASE 2, on the other hand, we have

$$\rho_{i,j} = \begin{cases} \omega & i \equiv j \pmod{2} \\ \omega^2 & i \not\equiv j \pmod{2}. \end{cases}$$

Now, consider CASE 1, first. Then,

$$\zeta(x) = \sum_{\substack{0 \le i < p-1 \\ 0 \le j < q-1 \\ i \equiv i \pmod{2}}} x^{e_p u^i + e_q v^j} (\text{mod } x^{pq} - 1).$$

Substituting  $x = (\alpha \beta)^t$  into  $\zeta(x)$  gives the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta((\alpha\beta)^{t}) &= \sum_{\substack{0 \le i < p-1\\ 0 \le j < q-1\\ i \equiv j \,(\text{mod } 2)}} (\alpha\beta)^{t(e_{p}u^{i} + e_{q}v^{j})} = \sum_{\substack{0 \le i < p-1\\ 0 \le j < q-1\\ i \equiv j \,(\text{mod } 2)}} (\alpha^{u^{i}}\beta^{v^{j}})^{t} \\ &= \sum_{\substack{0 \le i < c_{p}\\ 0 \le j < c_{q}d\\ i \equiv j \,(\text{mod } 2)}} \operatorname{Tr}_{1}^{M} \left( (\alpha^{u^{i}}\beta^{v^{j}})^{t} \right), \end{aligned}$$
(16)

where the last equality comes from Lemma 12. For CASE 2,

$$\zeta(x) = \sum_{\substack{0 \le i < p-1 \\ 0 \le j < q-1 \\ i \equiv j \pmod{2}}} \omega x^{e_p u^i + e_q v^j} + \sum_{\substack{0 \le i < p-1 \\ 0 \le j < q-1 \\ i \ne j \pmod{2}}} \omega^2 x^{e_p u^i + e_q v^j} (\text{mod } x^{pq} - 1).$$

Similarly, substituting  $x = (\alpha \beta)^t$  into  $\zeta(x)$  and using Lemma 12 gives the following:

$$\zeta((\alpha\beta)^{t}) = \sum_{\substack{0 \le i < c_{p} \\ 0 \le j < c_{q}d \\ i \equiv j \,(\text{mod }2)}} \operatorname{Tr}_{1}^{M}\left(\omega(\alpha^{u^{i}}\beta^{v^{j}})^{t}\right) + \sum_{\substack{0 \le i < c_{p} \\ 0 \le j < c_{q}d \\ i \ne j \,(\text{mod }2)}} \operatorname{Tr}_{1}^{M}\left(\omega^{2}(\alpha^{u^{i}}\beta^{v^{j}})^{t}\right).$$

$$(17)$$

The item (ii) of the main theorem now follows from (14)–(17), and this finishes the proof of the main theorem.

**Example 13.** The smallest example would be (p, q) = (3, 5), and this turns out to be the same as the binary *m*-sequence of period 15. The next is (p, q) = (3, 7), but this case does not correspond to any cyclic difference set. Therefore, we consider the case (p, q) = (5, 7) which gives a binary sequence  $\mathbf{J}_{p,q} = \{s(t)\}_{t\geq 0}$  of period 35 with the ideal two-level autocorrelation. Now we consider  $\mathbf{J}_{5,7} = \{s(t)\}_{t\geq 0}$ . Keeping the notations in the Main Theorem, it is clear that (p, q) = (5, 7) belongs to the CASE 2, and that

$$A_0 = \{1, 4\}, A_1 = \{2, 3\}, m = 4, c_5 = 1, e_5 = 21,$$
  
 $B_0 = \{1, 2, 4\}, B_1 = \{3, 5, 6\}, n = 3, c_7 = 2, e_7 = 15,$ 

d = 1, M = 12, and that

$$A_0(x) = x + x^4$$
  

$$A_1(x) = x^2 + x^3$$
  

$$B_0(x) = x + x^2 + x^4$$
  

$$B_1(x) = x^3 + x^5 + x^6$$

According to the Main Theorem, we may take u = 2 and v = 3, since 2 and 3 are generators of  $F_5$  and  $F_7$ , respectively. Note that  $5 = -3 \pmod{8}$ ,  $7 = -1 \pmod{8}$ , it belongs to the CASE 2. It is known that there exists a 5-th primitive root  $\alpha$  of unity such that  $A_0(\alpha) = \omega$ , where  $\omega$  is a 3-rd primitive root of unity, and there exists a 7-th primitive root of unity  $\beta$  such that  $B_0(\alpha) = 0$ . With such choices of  $\alpha$ ,  $\omega$  and  $\beta$ , based on Main Theorem we get the following:

**Fact**: Keep the notations in the Main Theorem. Let  $\alpha$  be a 5-th primitive root  $\alpha$  of unity such that  $A_0(\alpha) = \omega$ , where  $\omega$  is a 3-rd primitive root of unity, and let  $\beta$  be a 7-th primitive root of unity  $\beta$  such that  $B_0(\alpha) = 0$ . Then the Jacobi sequence  $\mathbf{J}_{5,7}$  has a defining pair  $(J(x), \alpha\beta)$  with

$$J(x) = \sum_{1 \le i < 5} x^{21i} + \sum_{1 \le j < 7} x^{15j} + \omega \sum_{i=0,1} A_i(x^{21}) B_i(x^{15}) + \omega^2 \sum_{i=0,1} A_i(x^{21}) B_{i+1}(x^{15}),$$

and a trace representation as

$$s(t) = \operatorname{Tr}_{1}^{4}(\alpha^{t}) + \operatorname{Tr}_{1}^{3}(\beta^{t} + \beta^{3t}) + \operatorname{Tr}_{1}^{12}(\omega(\alpha\beta)^{t} + \omega^{2}(\alpha\beta^{3})^{t}), \forall t.$$

Next we show how to get the right elements  $\alpha$ ,  $\omega$  and  $\beta$ . In order to choose the right  $\alpha$  and  $\omega$ , we start from a 5-th primitive root  $\theta$  of unity, which must be a root of the irreducible polynomial  $x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$ over  $F_2$ , hence,  $Tr_1^4(\theta) = 1$ . Let  $\delta = A_0(\theta)$ , it is clear that  $\delta = A_0(\theta) = \theta + \theta^4 = Tr_2^4(\theta)$ , and then that  $1 = Tr_1^4(\theta) = Tr_1^2(Tr_2^4(\theta)) = Tr_1^2(\delta)$ , which leads to the fact that  $\delta \in F_{22} \setminus F_2$ , hence,  $\delta$  is a 3-rd primitive root of unity. Thus,  $\omega = \delta$  and  $\alpha = \theta$  are the right choices. Similarly, in order to choose a right  $\beta$ , we start from a 7-th primitive root  $\theta$  of unity, say,  $\theta$  is a root of the primitive polynomial  $x^3 + x + 1$  of degree 3 over  $F_2$ . It is clear that  $B_0(\theta) = \theta + \theta^2 + \theta^4 = \theta + \theta^2 + \theta(1 + \theta) = 0$ . Thus,  $\beta = \theta$  is a right choice.

#### 4. Concluding remarks

The characteristic sequences of (v, (v - 1)/2, (v - 3)/4)-cyclic Hadamard difference sets [1,9,10,12,20,4] are known to have the ideal two-level autocorrelation function, and they have been studied in the community of communications engineering and cryptography. Every *known* cyclic Hadamard difference set has the value v which is either (i) a prime congruent to  $3 \pmod{4}$ , (ii) a product of twin primes, or (iii) of the form  $2^m - 1$  for some integer m [1,8,12,20]. Family (iii) have been intensively studied for a long time and their linear complexity and trace representations are now well understood except possibly for the newly discovered hyperoval constructions [16,3,7]. Recently, in a series of publications, trace representations for the family (i) have been completed [18,19,14,15,4]. This paper determined a trace representation for the family (ii).

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