

Tout ce que je sais
sur

Bandelier

Def: Let σ be an involution on a finite alphabet.

Then a word w is a σ -palindrome if

$$w = \sigma(\tilde{w}).$$

$\sigma\text{Pal}(w)$: set of σ -palindrome factors of w

Note: If $\sigma = \text{Id}$, this corresponds to usual palindromes, in which case we write $\text{Pal}(w)$

Example: Let σ be the involution defined by

$$\sigma: B \leftrightarrow L ; E \leftrightarrow E ; R \leftrightarrow T ; S \leftrightarrow S .$$

Then **BERSTEL** is a σ -palindrome.

Reconstruction problem

Let \mathcal{P} be a finite set of σ -palindromes in A^* , and factorially closed.

Describe the set of words in A^* whose σ -palindromes are contained in \mathcal{P} .

Examples

$$\mathcal{P} \subseteq \text{Pal}(A^*) :$$

$$(i) \quad \mathcal{P} = \{ \varepsilon, a, b \}$$

$$(ii) \quad \mathcal{P} = \{ \varepsilon, a, b, c \}$$

$$\mathcal{P} \subseteq \text{Pal}_\sigma(A^*) :$$

$$\mathcal{P} = \{ \varepsilon, ab \}$$

Reconstruction problem

Let \mathcal{P} be a finite set of σ -palindromes in A^* , and factorially closed.

Let \mathcal{Q} be the set of minimal elements of $\text{Pal}_\sigma(A^*) - \mathcal{P}$ (minimality taken with respect to the partial factorial order)

Thm: The maximal language whose σ -palindromes are contained in \mathcal{P} is given by

$$X_{\mathcal{P}} = A^* - A^* \mathcal{Q} A^*$$

Computation of $\text{Pal}(w)$

$\text{LPSu}(w)$: Longest Palindromic Suffix of w unioccurrent

Computation of $\text{LPSu}(w)$:

w		I	S	A	W	I	W	A	S	I	B	O	B
$ \text{LPSu} $	0	1	1	1	1	*	3	5	7	9	1	1	3

A lacuna

more statistics on a word

$D(w)$: number of lacunas of w

$C_w(n)$: number of distinct factors of length n of w

$P_w(n)$: number of palindromic factors of length n of w

w		B	A	N	D	E	R	I	E	R			
$ LPS_u $	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	*	*			

Thm: $D(\text{BANDERIER}) = 2$

A remarkable identity suggested by BANDERIER

$$2D(\omega) = \sum_{n=0}^k C_{\omega}(n+1) - C_{\omega}(n) + 2 - P_{\omega}(n) - P_{\omega}(n+1).$$

n	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
C_{ω}	1	7	7	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	0
P_{ω}	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T_{ω}	0	-5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		

$$2D(\text{BANDERIER}) = 2 \times 2 = 9 - 5.$$

Def: Call **genial** a word without lacunas.

- Christoffel words are genial
- **MAIRESSE** and **DUCHAMP** are genial
- **BASSINO**, **BODINI**, **JACQUOT**, **ROSSIN**, **SORIA**,
VALLÉE, and some others are genial as well

but

- **BANDERIER** is a good friend
- **DENISE** and **FERNIQUE** as well.

Infinite words: periodic case

w		I	S	A	W	I	W	A	S	I	B	O	B	I	S	A	W	I	W
LPS _u	0	1	1	1	1	*	3	5	7	9	1	1	3	5	7	9	11	13	15

w		B	A	N	D	E	R	I	E	R	B	A	N	D	E	R	I	E
LPS _u	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Some important results

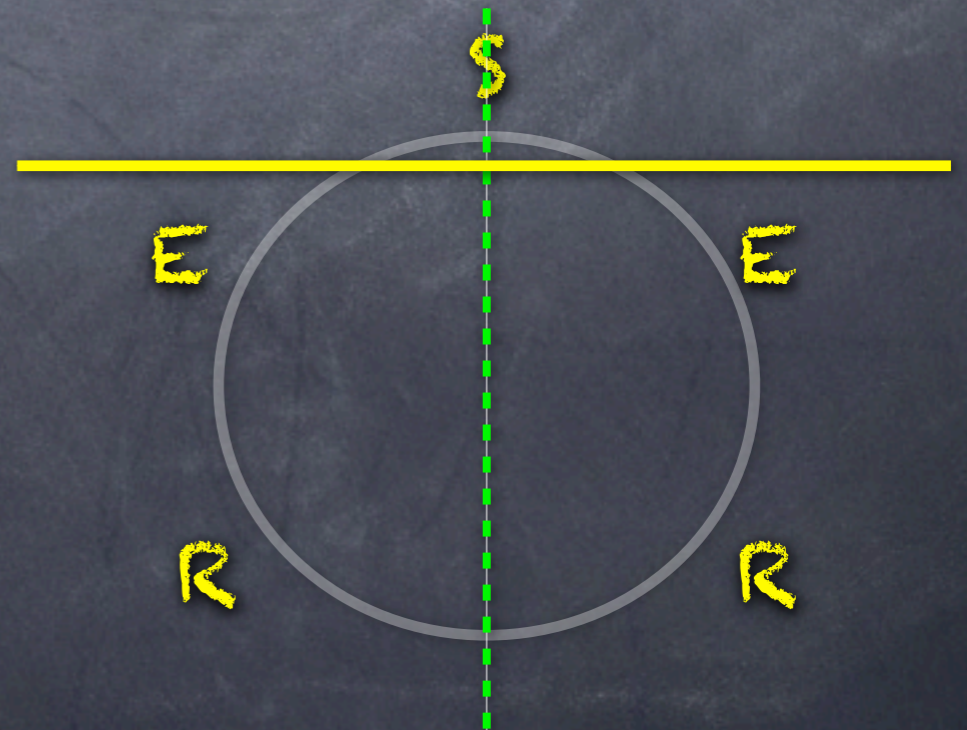
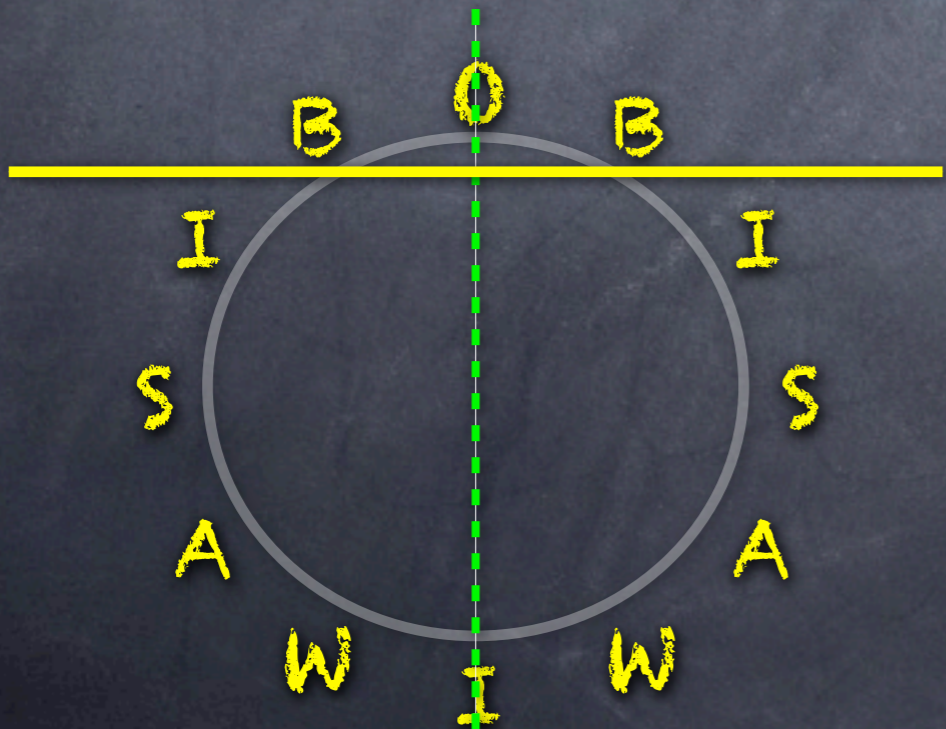
1. The following conditions are equivalent :

(i) $|\text{Pal}(\omega^\omega)| = \infty$;

(ii) $\omega = u.v$, where u, v are palindromes ;

(iii) ω is conjugate either to an even palindrome or to a word of the form $a.p$ with $a \in A$ and $p \in \text{Pal}(\omega)$;

(iv) the conjugacy class $[\omega]$ has an axial symmetry .



Computation of the lacunas

$$2. D(\omega^{\omega}) = D(\omega.x) \text{ where } |x| = \left\lfloor \frac{(|u| - |v|)}{3} \right\rfloor$$

$$3. D(\omega^{\omega}) = D(\omega') \text{ for some } \omega' \in [\omega]$$

The bound given in 2) is attained. Immediate consequences are

$$D(\omega^{\omega}) = 0 \iff D(\omega.x) = 0 \text{ where } |x| = \left\lfloor \frac{(|u| - |v|)}{3} \right\rfloor$$

$$\iff D(\omega^2) = 0$$

$$\iff D(\omega^k) = 0 \text{ where } k \geq 1.3333333\dots$$

Determining the lacunas of a periodic word is easy.

Def: Words that are product of two palindromes are called **symmetric**.

Exercise: give an algorithm to determine whether a word is symmetric or not.

Here is one showing that **BANDERIER** is not symmetric



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..... the infinite case

- Thue-Morse M is not genial.
- The lacunas of M are not recognizable.
- $(\text{BANDERIER})^\omega$ is not genial but the lacunas are recognizable.
- SERRE is genial and so is $(\text{SERRE})^\omega$.
- BASSINO is genial but $(\text{BASSINO})^\omega$ is not. This is the case for many others, including BRLEK
- Fibonacci word and all Sturmian ones are genial.

The remarkable identity satisfied
by **BANDERIER**
extends to some infinite words.

Thm: Let w be an infinite word with language closed under reversal, then

$$2D(w) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_w(n+1) - C_w(n) + 2 - P_w(n) - P_w(n+1).$$

Examples: Thue-Morse, Sturmian, all periodic words, Oldenburger (closed under reversal?)

Conjecture: Let W be a fixpoint of a primitive morphism. If $D(W)$ is positive and finite, then W is periodic.

• Disproved by the following example

$a \rightarrow aabcacba$; $b \rightarrow aa$; $c \rightarrow a$

$W = aabcacba.aabcacba.aa.a.aabcacba.$

$D(W) = 1$

• Still holds for two letter alphabets.

Another viewpoint on BANDERIER

Let σ be the involution defined by

$$\sigma: B \leftrightarrow D; E \leftrightarrow R; I \leftrightarrow I; A \leftrightarrow N.$$

Then, BANDERIER is not a σ -palindrome but is conjugate to a σ -palindrome

$$ND \cdot ERIER \cdot BA$$

New notation

$\sigma\text{Pal}(\omega)$: set of σ -palindromic factors of ω

$L_{\sigma\text{PSu}}(\omega)$: longest σ -palindromic suffix of ω
unioccurrent

$D_{\sigma}(\omega)$: number of σ -lacunas of ω

$\sigma P_{\omega}(n)$: number of σ -palindromic factors of length n

Computations with BANDERIER

w		B	A	N	D	E	R	I	E	R		
$ L_{\sigma P S_u} $	0	*	*	2	4	*	2	1	3	5		

w	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
C_w	1	7	7	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0	
σP_w	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	
T_w	6	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	1	1	1	1		

Some new important results:

Prop: For any finite word w , $|\sigma\text{Pal}(w)| \leq |w| + 1 - t$.

Thm: For any finite word w , the (BR) identity holds

$$2D_{\sigma}(w) = \sum_{n=0}^k C_w(n+1) - C_w(n) + 2 - \sigma P_w(n) - \sigma P_w(n+1).$$

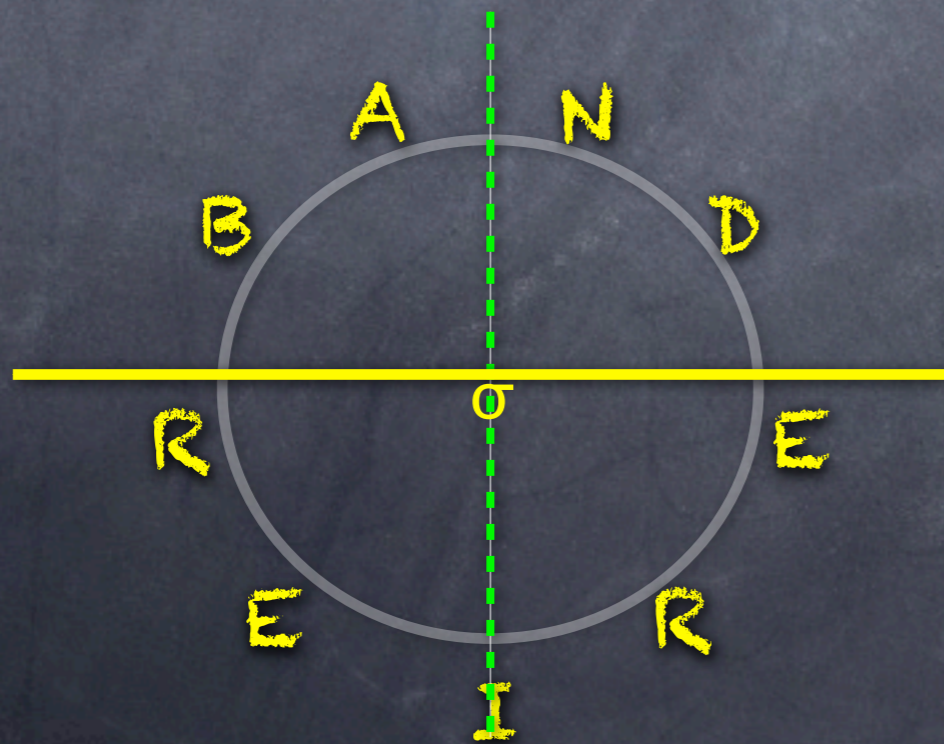
and for infinite periodic words

w		B	A	N	D	E	R	I	E	R	B	A	N	D	E	R	I	E
$ LPS_u $	0	*	*	2	4	*	2	1	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	17	19	21

1. $|\sigma\text{Pal}(\omega^\omega)| = \infty \iff \omega = u.v$, with u, v σ -palindromes

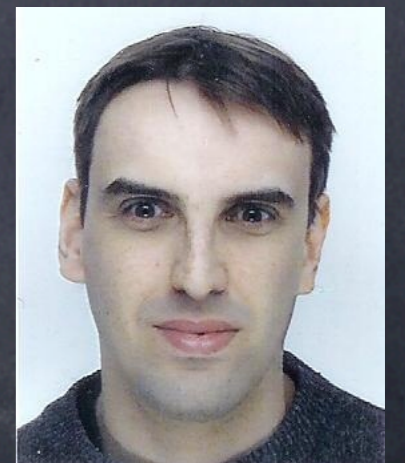
2. $D_\sigma(\omega^\omega) = D_\sigma(\omega^2) = D_\sigma(\omega.x)$ where $|x| = |(|u| - |v|)/3|$

Def: Words that are product of two σ -palindromes are called σ -symmetric.



Thm: [BANDERIER]
is σ -symmetric.

Proof:



Thm: Let ω be an infinite word with language closed under σ -reversal, then

$$2D_{\sigma}(\omega) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_{\omega}(n+1) - C_{\omega}(n) + 2 - \sigma P_{\omega}(n) - \sigma P_{\omega}(n+1).$$

Examples: Thue-Morse, Oldenburger (not known if closed under σ -reversal)

Fact: Sturmian words satisfy the (BR) identity but are not closed under σ -reversal.

Def: Let $w \in A^*$. If there exists an involution σ such that $D_\sigma(w^\omega)$ is finite, then w is called **almost genial**.

Example: BANDERIER is almost genial.

Proof: Indeed $D_\sigma(\text{BANDERIER}^\omega) = 3$.

(DENISE and FERNIQUE as well !)

Def: Let $w \in A^*$. If there is no involution σ such that $D_\sigma(w^\omega)$ is finite, then w is called **inherently not genial**.

Example

has recognizable lacunas

and hence is

not genial

but from another viewpoint is

very close friend

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