

Perfectly clustering words: Induction and morphisms

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Outline

We studied a family of words called

perfectly clustering words.

In this talk, we want to show

- ▶ **morphisms** sending perfectly clustering words to another perfectly clustering words
- ▶ an **induction** on discrete interval exchange transformation
- ▶ a **relation** between perfectly clustering words and **band bricks over certain algebras**

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$\text{BWT}(\text{ananas}) = \text{snnaaa}$

Perfectly clustering word

- ▶ $|w|_a$ denote the number of occurrences of the letter a in w .
- ▶ A word w is π -clustering if

$$\text{TBW}(w) = a_{\pi(1)}^{|w|_{a_{\pi(1)}}} a_{\pi(2)}^{|w|_{a_{\pi(2)}}} \dots a_{\pi(r)}^{|w|_{a_{\pi(r)}}}$$

and $\pi \neq id$.

- ▶ A word w is perfectly clustering if

$$\text{TBW}(w) = a_r^{|w|_{a_r}} a_{r-1}^{|w|_{a_{r-1}}} \dots a_1^{|w|_{a_1}}$$

Example :

Words	appartement	aluminium	ananas
BWT	tptmeepaanr	mmnauuiil	snaaaa

Also call words with simple Burrows-Wheeler transform.

Why study perfectly clustering words?

- ▶ On binary alphabet, they are Christoffel words.

Theorem (Mantaci, Restivo et Sciortino, 2003)

A binary word w is perfectly clustering if and only if w is a conjugate of a Christoffel word.

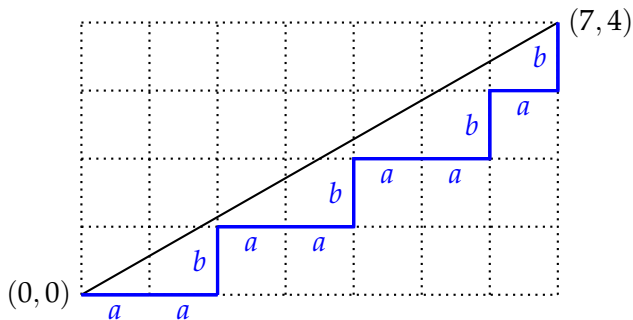
- ▶ They are acting as interval exchange transformation.

Theorem (Ferenczi and Zamboni, 2013)

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Christoffel words

Examples : The Christoffel words of slope $7/4$



Also known as **Standard** words, **central** words or periodic **mechanical** words.

Generalization of Christoffel words

- ▶ **finite episturmian words** : Factor of an infinite episturmian word.
- ▶ A infinite episturmian word $w \in \mathcal{A}^\omega$ if $Fact(t)$ closed under reversal and **at most one** left special factor of each length.
- ▶ Episturmian words \neq Perfectly clustering words
- ▶ Episturmian words \cap Perfectly clustering words $\neq \emptyset$.

(Restivo, Rosone 2009)

Using morphisms to construct perfectly
clustering words

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Recall : A **morphism** is a map ϕ between \mathcal{A}^* and \mathcal{A}^* such that for all $u, v \in M$,

$$\phi(uv) = \phi(u)\phi(v).$$

Theorem (Berstel and de Luca, 1997)

A word w is a **Christoffel word** if and only if there exists a sequence of **morphisms**

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Can we describe **perfectly clustering words** using morphisms?

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Theorem (Simpson and Puglisi, 2008)

A word $w \in \{a, b, c\}^*$ is perfectly clustering if and only if there exists a sequence of *functions*

$$\chi = \chi_1 \circ \cdots \circ \chi_n$$

where $\chi_i \in \{\phi, \theta, \psi\}$ such that

$$\chi_1 \circ \cdots \circ \chi_n(m) = w$$

where m is a conjugates to a *Christoffel words*.

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Our solution : Free group morphism

Free group

Recall that

- ▶ The **inverse** of an element $l \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{A})$ is denoted by l^{-1} .
- ▶ Each element of the free group may be represented by a **reduced word**, which is a product of the **letters** or their **inverses**, without the factors xx^{-1} or $x^{-1}x$ for $x \in \mathcal{A}$.
- ▶ An element w of the free group is called **positive** if $w \in \mathcal{A}^*$

Ternary alphabet

	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>
λ_a	<i>a</i>	<i>ab</i>	<i>ac</i>
λ_b	<i>ab</i> ⁻¹	<i>b</i>	<i>bc</i>
λ_c	<i>ac</i> ⁻¹	<i>bc</i> ⁻¹	<i>c</i>

	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>
f_b	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>
f_a	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>

Theorem

If w is a Lyndon *perfectly clustering* word on $\{a, b, c\}$, there exists a *sequence* of group morphisms,

$g_1, g_2, \dots, g_k \in \{\lambda_a, \lambda_b, \lambda_c, \lambda_a^{-1}, \lambda_b^{-1}, \lambda_c^{-1}\}$ and $f \in \{f_a, f_b\}$ such that

$$g_1 \circ \dots \circ g_k \circ f(m_w) = w$$

where m_w is a *Christoffel word*.

General case

For each ℓ in A_r

$$\lambda_\ell(a) = \begin{cases} a\ell^{-1}, & \text{if } a < \ell; \\ a, & \text{if } a = \ell; \\ \ell a, & \text{if } a > \ell; \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \rho_\ell(a) = \begin{cases} a\ell, & \text{if } a < \ell; \\ a, & \text{if } a = \ell; \\ \ell^{-1}a, & \text{if } a > \ell. \end{cases}$$

Let f_{ℓ, A_r} be a monoid morphism A_r^* to A_{r+1}^* defined by

$$f_{\ell, A_r}(a_i) = \begin{cases} a_i & \text{if } a_i < \ell, \\ a_{i+1} & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where $a_i \in A_r$.

General case

Theorem

Let w be a Lyndon complete *perfectly clustering* word on the totally ordered alphabet A . There exists a *sequence* of free group *morphisms*, namely $g = g_1 \circ \cdots \circ g_k$, such that

$$g(a) = w$$

and $g_i \in \{\lambda_{\ell_j}, \rho_{\ell_j}, \lambda_{\ell_j} \circ f_{\ell_j, B}, \rho_{\ell_{i+1}} \circ f_{\ell_{i+1}, B} \mid \ell_j \in A \text{ and } B \subset A\}$ for $i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$.

Example : The word *adbcbdadb* is perfectly clustering and its sequence g is

$$\lambda_b \circ f_{b, \{a, b, c\}} \circ \rho_c \circ \lambda_a \circ f_{a, \{a, b\}} \circ \rho_b.$$

Idea of proof

- ▶ Relation between λ_ℓ and λ_ℓ^{-1} :

$$\tilde{\tau} \circ \lambda_\ell^{-1} = \lambda_{\tau(\ell)} \circ \tilde{\tau}$$

with $\tau(a_k) = a_{r-k+1}$ for all $a_k \in \mathcal{A}$.

- ▶ Let w be a perfectly clustering. Then $\lambda_\ell(w)$ is **positive** and **perfectly clustering** if

$$\sum_{j>\ell} |w|_j > \sum_{j<\ell} |w|_j.$$

- ▶ A word w is **perfectly clustering** if and only if $\tilde{\tau}(w)$ is **perfectly clustering**.
- ▶ Let w be a perfectly clustering. Then $\lambda_\ell^{-1}(w)$ is **positive** and **perfectly clustering** if

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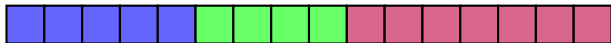
Idea proof Lyndon word

- ▶ The maps λ_ℓ^{-1} from \mathcal{A}^* to $(\mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{A}^{-1})^*$ is **increasing**.
- ▶ Let $w \in \mathcal{A}^*$ be a Lyndon word. If $\lambda_\ell^{-1}(w)$ is positive, then $\lambda_\ell^{-1}(w)$ is a Lyndon word.
- ▶ Let w is a Lyndon **perfectly clustering** word. If $\lambda_\ell(w)$ is positive, then $\lambda_\ell(w)$ is a Lyndon word.

Induction on symmetric discrete interval exchange transformation

Symmetric discrete interval exchange transformation

A symmetric discrete r -interval exchange transformation with length vector $c = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_r)$ defined on a set of $|c|$ points.



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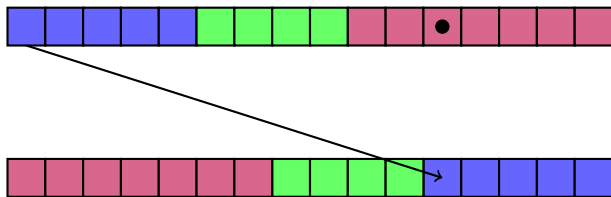
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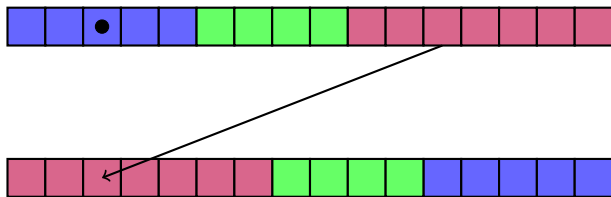
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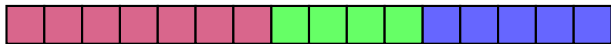
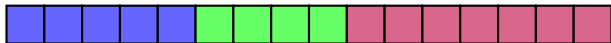
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Theorem (Ferenczi and Zamboni, 2013)

A word w is a *perfectly clustering word* if and only if the mapping from the last column to the first column is a *minimal symmetric discrete interval exchange transformation*.

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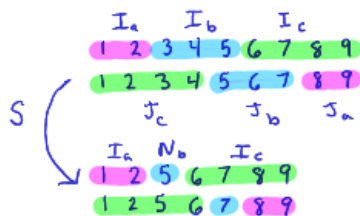
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Induction

- ▶ Let T be a minimal symmetric discrete k -interval exchange transformation on $U = \{1, \dots, n\}$.
- ▶ Let $(I_a)_{a \in \mathcal{A}}$ a partition of U and $(J_a)_{a \in \mathcal{A}}$ another partition of U such that $T(I_a) = J_a$.
- ▶ Define $N_a = I_a \cap J_a$ for all $a \in \mathcal{A}$.
- ▶ If one of the $N_a \neq \emptyset$. Denotes by b one of the letter such that $N_a \neq \emptyset$.
- ▶ Takes $N = N_b \cup \bigcup_{a \in \mathcal{A} - \{b\}} I_a$
- ▶ Then the induced transformation by T on I is a minimal symmetric discrete interval exchange transformation with at most k intervals. (L. 2019)

Examples



$a b' b c b b c a b' b c b c$
 λ_b
 $a c b c a c c$

Link between perfectly clustering words and band bricks over certain gentle algebra

The gentle algebra Λ_n

The following **quiver with relations** :

$$Q_n : 1 \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{\alpha_1} \\ \xrightarrow{\beta_1} \end{array} 2 \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{\alpha_2} \\ \xrightarrow{\beta_2} \end{array} \cdots \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{\alpha_{n-1}} \\ \xrightarrow{\beta_{n-1}} \end{array} n \quad R_n : \beta_i \alpha_{i+1} = 0, \alpha_i \beta_{i+1} = 0$$

gives the generators and relations of Λ_n . Its **indecomposable representations** :

1. **string** representations given by a certain words in the arrows of Q_n
2. **band** representations $B_{z,m,\lambda}$ given by a certain **non-oriented cycles** z in Q_n and two parameters.

Representation of Λ_n

- ▶ We defined the **cycle** $z_i = \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_{i-1} \beta_{i-1}^{-1} \dots \beta_2^{-1} \beta_1^{-1}$ for each $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$
- ▶ For each **primitive word** $w = a_1 a_2 \dots a_r \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}^*$, we defined the cycle $\varphi(w) = z_{a_1} z_{a_2} \dots z_{a_r}$.

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Theorem (Dequêne, L., Palu, Plamondon. Reutenauer, Thomas)

A primitive word w on n letters is **perfectly clustering** if and only if the band Λ_n -module $B_{\varphi(w), 1, \lambda}$ is a **brick** for some (equivalently any) $\lambda \in k^\times$.

A representation M of Λ_n is called a **brick** if $\text{End}_{\Lambda_n}(M) \cong k$.

Gessel-Reutenauer bijection

The Burrows-Wheeler transformation is a particular case of the Gessel-Reutenauer bijection.

Definition

The Gessel-Reutenauer bijection is a map Φ sending each word $w \in A^*$ to the multiset of primitive necklaces obtain by

1. computing the standard permutation of w , $st(w)$
2. computing all the cycles of the inverse of $st(w)$
3. replacing the number i by the i -th letter of w .

Example : *baacbcab*

$$st(baacbcab) = 41275836$$

$$st(baacbcab)^{-1} = 23715846$$

$$\text{cycles } st^{-1} = (1, 2, 3, 7, 4), (5), (6, 8)$$

$$\Phi(baacbcab) = \{(baaac), (b), (cb)\}$$

Algebra to Surface to Dyck word

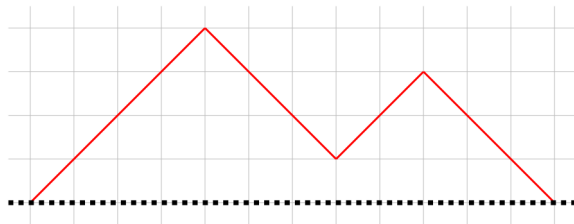
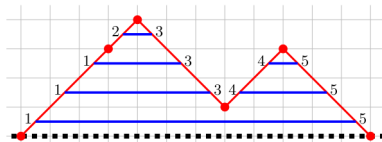
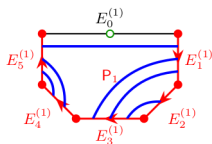


FIGURE 11. Dyck path of Dyck word $uuuuddduudd$.



The g -vector $(-3, -1, 3, -2, 3)$ and the words constructing along the curves $M_{(-3,-1,3,-2,3)} = \{(54545131), (3231)\}$

Perfectly clustering words and band bricks

Theorem (Dequêne, L., Palu, Plamondon. Reutenauer, Thomas)

Let (a_1, \dots, a_n) be the g -vector of a simple closed multislalom with a_1 a *negative integer* and a_i a *non-negative integer* for $2 \leq i \leq n$. Let $M_{(a_1, \dots, a_n)}$ be the multiset of circular words defined by (a_1, \dots, a_n) . Then,

$$f(M_{(a_1, \dots, a_n)}) = \Phi(n^{a_n} \dots 2^{a_2}), \quad (1)$$

where f is the erasing morphism $f(1) = \varepsilon$ and $f(i) = i$ for $i \in \{2, \dots, n\}$.

Words in the multiset $\Phi(w)$

Lemma

Let w be a weakly decreasing word. Then, each circular word in $\Phi(w)$ is perfectly clustering.

Sketch of proof :

- ▶ u a necklace in $\Phi(w)$.
- ▶ $u_1 \neq u_2$ conjugates of u
- ▶ $u_1^\omega < u_2^\omega$ iff $u_1 < u_2$
- ▶ The last column of the tableau of u is weakly decreasing since $\Phi(w)$ is weakly decreasing.

Number of conjugacy classes

Corollary (Dequêne, L., Palu, Plamondon. Reutenauer, Thomas)

Let $n \geq 1$ and $(\alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n)$ be a $(n - 1)$ -tuple of nonnegative integers. The *number of distinct conjugacy classes of words* appearing in $\Phi(n^{\alpha_n} \dots 2^{\alpha_2})$ is at most $\lceil (n - 1) \rceil / 2$.

Thank you