

# Extension of LCZ Sequence Sets<sup>1</sup>

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## Abstract

In this paper, given a  $q$ -ary LCZ sequence set with parameters  $(N, M, L, \epsilon)$  and even  $q$ , we construct another  $q$ -ary LCZ sequence set with parameters  $(2N, 2M, L, 2\epsilon)$  when  $q$  is even. Especially for odd  $L$  such that  $L|N$ , if a  $q$ -ary optimal LCZ sequence set with parameters  $(N, M, L, 1)$  is used, the new set with parameters  $(2N, 2M, L, 2)$  can be optimal in terms of the set size.

## 1. Introduction

In the quasi-synchronous code-division multiple-access (QS-CDMA) systems, time delay within a few chips among different users is allowed, which gives more flexibility in designing the wireless communication systems. In the design of a sequence set for QS-CDMA system, what matters most is to have low correlation zone (LCZ) around the origin rather than to minimize the overall maximum nontrivial correlation value [5]. In fact, LCZ sequences with smaller correlation magnitude within the zone show better performance than other well-known sequence families with optimal correlation property [5].

Let  $S$  be a set of  $M$  sequences of period  $N$ . If the magnitude of correlation function between any two sequences in  $S$  takes the values less than or equal to  $\epsilon$  within the range  $-L < \tau < L$ , of the offset  $\tau$ , then  $S$  is called an  $(N, M, L, \epsilon)$  LCZ sequence set.

In this paper, given a  $q$ -ary LCZ sequence set with parameters  $(N, M, L, \epsilon)$ , we construct another  $q$ -ary LCZ sequence set with parameters  $(2N, 2M, L, 2\epsilon)$  when  $q$  is even. Especially when  $\epsilon = 1$ , the new set can be optimal in terms of the set size.

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $R_{i,j}(\tau)$  be the correlation function between  $s_i(t)$  and  $s_j(t)$  of period  $N$  given as

$$R_{i,j}(\tau) = \sum_{t=0}^{N-1} \omega^{s_i(t) - s_j(t+\tau)}.$$

Let  $E_i$  be the characteristic set of the sequence  $s_i(t)$ , i.e.,  $\{t \in Z_N \mid s_i(t) = 1\}$ . Let  $d_{i,j}(\tau) = |E_i \cap (E_j + \tau)|$ , where  $\tau \in Z_N$ ,  $E_j + \tau = \{c + \tau \mid c \in E_j\}$ , and +

means addition modulo  $N$ . Then we can easily check the following lemma.

**Lemma 1** The correlation function  $R_{i,j}(\tau)$  can be expressed as

$$R_{i,j}(\tau) = N - 2(|E_i| + |E_j| - 2d_{i,j}(\tau)).$$

□

By the Chinese remainder theorem,  $Z_{2N}$ , the set of integers modulo  $2N$  can be decomposed, for an odd integer  $N$  as  $Z_{2N} \simeq Z_2 \otimes Z_N$  under the isomorphism  $\phi : \tau \mapsto (\tau \bmod 2, \tau \bmod N)$ .

We will check the optimality of our LCZ sequence sets with respect to the following bound.

**Theorem 2** [Tang, Fan, and Matsufuji [8]] Let  $S$  be an LCZ sequence sets with parameters  $(N, M, L, \epsilon)$ . Then we have

$$ML - 1 \leq \frac{N - 1}{1 - \epsilon^2/N}. \quad (1)$$

□

Especially for  $\epsilon = 2$  and  $n \geq 4$ , (1) becomes

$$ML \leq N + 4.$$

## 3. Construction Method 1

In this section, we propose the construction method of a new near optimal LCZ sequence sets with parameters  $(2N, 2M, L, 2\epsilon)$  or  $(2N, 2M, L - 1, 2\epsilon)$  from an optimal  $q$ -ary LCZ sequence set with parameters  $(N, M, L, \epsilon)$  for an even integer  $q$ .

Let  $q$  be an even integer. Let  $\mathcal{L}_1$  be a  $q$ -ary LCZ sequence set with parameters  $(N, M, L, \epsilon)$  given as

$$\mathcal{L}_1 = \{v_i(t) \mid 0 \leq i \leq M - 1, 0 \leq t \leq N - 1\}.$$

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We will call  $\mathcal{L}_1$  the component LCZ sequence set. Using the component LCZ sequence set, we can construct a new LCZ sequence set with twice the size and period. **Construction 1:** Let  $\mathcal{T}_1$  be the set of sequences given as

$$\mathcal{T}_1 = \{s_i(t) | 0 \leq i \leq 2M - 1, 0 \leq t \leq 2N - 1\}$$

where  $s_i(t)$  is defined as

$$s_i(2t) = \begin{cases} v_i(t), & 0 \leq i \leq M - 1 \\ v_{i-M}(t) + q/2, & M \leq i \leq 2M - 1 \end{cases}$$

$$s_i(2t + 1) = \begin{cases} v_i\left(t + \left\lfloor \frac{L}{2} \right\rfloor\right), & 0 \leq i \leq M - 1 \\ v_{i-M}\left(t + \left\lfloor \frac{L}{2} \right\rfloor\right), & M \leq i \leq 2M - 1 \end{cases}$$

where  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  is the greatest integer not exceed  $x$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3**  $\mathcal{T}_1$  in Construction 1 is an LCZ sequence set with parameters  $(2N, 2M, L, 2\epsilon)$  if  $L$  is odd and with parameters  $(2N, 2M, L - 1, 2\epsilon)$  if  $L$  is even.

*Proof:* We will prove the case when  $L$  is odd. The case of even  $L$  can be proven similarly. Then we must consider the following six cases.

**Case 1)**  $0 \leq i, j \leq M - 1$  and  $\tau$  is even;  
In this case,  $R_{i,j}(\tau)$  can be rewritten as

$$R_{i,j}(\tau) = \sum_{t=0}^{N-1} \omega^{v_i(t) - v_j(t + \frac{\tau}{2})} + \sum_{t=0}^{N-1} \omega^{v_i(t + \frac{L-1}{2}) - v_j(t + \frac{L-1}{2} + \frac{\tau}{2})}. \quad (2)$$

From the property of the LCZ sequence set with parameters  $(N, M, L, \epsilon)$ , it is clear that the magnitude of each summation in (2) is less than or equal to  $\epsilon$  within the range  $-2L < \tau < 2L$ . Therefore,  $|R_{i,j}(\tau)| \leq 2\epsilon$  within the range  $-2L < \tau < 2L$ .

**Case 2)**  $0 \leq i, j \leq M - 1$  and  $\tau$  is odd;  
In this case,  $R_{i,j}(\tau)$  can be rewritten as

$$R_{i,j}(\tau) = \sum_{t=0}^{N-1} \omega^{v_i(t) - v_j(t + \frac{L-1}{2} + \frac{\tau+1}{2})} + \sum_{t=0}^{N-1} \omega^{v_i(t + \frac{L-1}{2}) - v_j(t + \frac{\tau-1}{2})}. \quad (3)$$

From the property of the LCZ sequence set with parameters  $(N, M, L, \epsilon)$  and in-phase autocorrelation, it is clear that the magnitude of the first summation in (3) is less than or equal to  $\epsilon$  within the range  $-3L < \tau < L$ . And it is also clear that the magnitude of the second summation in (3) is less than or equal to  $\epsilon$  within the range  $-L < \tau < 3L$ . Therefore,  $|R_{i,j}(\tau)| \leq 2\epsilon$  within the range  $-L < \tau < L$ .

**Case 3)**  $0 \leq i \leq M - 1, M \leq j \leq 2M - 1$  (or  $M \leq i \leq 2M - 1, 0 \leq j \leq M - 1$ ), and  $\tau$  is even;

It is easy to see that  $\omega^{-q/2} = -1$ . Therefore,  $R_{i,j}(\tau)$  can be rewritten as

$$R_{i,j}(\tau) = \sum_{t=0}^{N-1} \omega^{v_i(t) - v_{j-M}(t + \frac{\tau}{2})} + \sum_{t=0}^{N-1} \omega^{v_i(t + \frac{L-1}{2}) - v_{j-M}(t + \frac{L-1}{2} + \frac{\tau}{2}) - \frac{q}{2}} = \sum_{t=0}^{N-1} \omega^{v_i(t) - v_{j-M}(t + \frac{\tau}{2})} - \sum_{t=0}^{N-1} \omega^{v_i(t + \frac{L-1}{2}) - v_{j-M}(t + \frac{L-1}{2} + \frac{\tau}{2})}.$$

Similarly to Case 1),  $|R_{i,j}(\tau)| \leq 2\epsilon$  within the range  $-2L < \tau < 2L$ .

**Case 4)**  $0 \leq i \leq M - 1, M \leq j \leq 2M - 1$  (or  $M \leq i \leq 2M - 1, 0 \leq j \leq M - 1$ ), and  $\tau$  is odd;

It is easy to see that  $\omega^{-q/2} = -1$ . Therefore  $R_{i,j}(\tau)$  can be rewritten as

$$R_{i,j}(\tau) = \sum_{t=0}^{N-1} \omega^{v_i(t) - v_{j-M}(t + \frac{L-1}{2} + \frac{\tau+1}{2}) - \frac{q}{2}} + \sum_{t=0}^{N-1} \omega^{v_i(t + \frac{L-1}{2}) - v_{j-M}(t + \frac{\tau-1}{2})} = - \sum_{t=0}^{N-1} \omega^{v_i(t) - v_{j-M}(t + \frac{L-1}{2} + \frac{\tau+1}{2})} + \sum_{t=0}^{N-1} \omega^{v_i(t + \frac{L-1}{2}) - v_{j-M}(t + \frac{\tau-1}{2})}.$$

Similarly to Case 2),  $|R_{i,j}(\tau)| \leq 2\epsilon$  within the range  $-L < \tau < L$ .

**Case 5)**  $M \leq i, j \leq 2M - 1$  and  $\tau$  is even;  
In this case,  $R_{i,j}(\tau)$  can be rewritten as

$$R_{i,j}(\tau) = \sum_{t=0}^{N-1} \omega^{v_{i-M}(t) - v_{j-M}(t + \frac{\tau}{2})} + \sum_{t=0}^{N-1} \omega^{v_{i-M}(t + \frac{L-1}{2}) - v_{j-M}(t + \frac{L-1}{2} + \frac{\tau}{2})}.$$

Similarly to Case 1),  $|R_{i,j}(\tau)| \leq 2\epsilon$  within the range  $-2L < \tau < 2L$ .

**Case 6)**  $M \leq i, j \leq 2M - 1$  and  $\tau$  is odd;  
In this case,  $R_{i,j}(\tau)$  can be rewritten as

$$R_{i,j}(\tau) = \sum_{t=0}^{N-1} \omega^{v_{i-M}(t) - v_{j-M}(t + \frac{L-1}{2} + \frac{\tau+1}{2})} + \sum_{t=0}^{N-1} \omega^{v_{i-M}(t + \frac{L-1}{2}) - v_{j-M}(t + \frac{\tau-1}{2})}.$$

Similarly to Case 2),  $|R_{i,j}(\tau)| \leq 2\epsilon$  within the range  $-L < \tau < L$ .

From the above 6 cases, it is clear that  $\mathcal{T}_1$  is an LCZ sequence set with parameters  $(2N, 2M, L, 2\epsilon)$ , if  $L$  is odd.  $\square$

To the best of our knowledge, the only known optimal  $q$ -ary LCZ sequence sets with parameters  $(N, M, L, 1)$  and even  $q$  are due to [2] for  $q = 2$  and [3] for  $q = 4$ .

When we apply Construction 1 to the above optimal binary and quaternary LCZ sequence sets, it turns out that resulting LCZ sequence sets with parameters  $(2N, 2M, L, 2)$  become optimal.

**Example 4** Let  $n = 4$ ,  $e = m = 2$ , and  $T = (2^n - 1)/(2^e - 1) = 5$ . Let  $\alpha$  be a primitive element in finite field  $F_{2^4}$  with 16 elements. Let  $\mathcal{L}_1$  be the quaternary LCZ set  $\mathcal{L}_1$  with parameter  $(15, 3, 5, 1)$  given as

$$\mathcal{L}_1 = \{m_i(t) | 0 \leq i \leq 2, 0 \leq t < 15\}$$

$$m_i(t) = \begin{cases} 2\text{tr}_1^4(\alpha^t), & \text{for } i = 0 \\ \text{tr}_1^4(\alpha^t) \boxplus 2\text{tr}_1^4(\alpha^{t+5i}), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where  $\boxplus$  denotes addition modulo 4 and  $\text{tr}_1^4(\cdot)$  is a trace function from  $F_{2^4}$  to  $F_2$ .

Then the following  $\mathcal{T}_1$  is the optimal quaternary LCZ sequence set with parameters  $(30, 6, 5, 2)$

$$\mathcal{T}_1 = \{s_i(t) | 0 \leq i \leq 5, 0 \leq t < 30\}$$

where  $s_i(t)$  is given as

$$\begin{aligned} s_0(t) &= 000200200202202200220222222020 \\ s_1(t) &= 022122102303323320310113113012 \\ s_2(t) &= 022322302101121120130331331032 \\ s_3(t) &= 202220002222000220022202020000 \\ s_4(t) &= 002320122101303122330311133210 \\ s_5(t) &= 002120322303101322110133311230. \end{aligned}$$

$\square$

## 4. Construction Method 2

In this section, we would like to propose the other construction scheme of LCZ sequence sets. Let  $\mathcal{L}_2$  be a set of the binary LCZ sequence set with parameters  $(N, M, L, 1)$  where  $N \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  and  $L|N$ . Assume that the correlation functions  $R_{i,j}(\tau)$  between any two sequences  $v_i(t)$  and  $v_j(t)$  in  $\mathcal{L}_2$  take the value  $-1$  all the time except for  $\tau \equiv 0 \pmod{L}$  ( $\tau \neq 0$ ). Also assume that all the sequences in  $\mathcal{L}_2$  are balanced.

Let  $D_i$  be the characteristic set of the LCZ sequence  $v_i(t)$  in  $\mathcal{L}_2$ . Define two subsets  $E_i^{(1)}$  and  $E_i^{(2)}$  of  $Z_2 \otimes Z_N$  as

$$\begin{aligned} E_i^{(1)} &= \{0\} \otimes D_i \cup \{1\} \otimes (D_i + L) \\ E_i^{(2)} &= \{0\} \otimes D_i \cup \{1\} \otimes (\overline{D}_i + L). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\mathcal{V}_k$ ,  $k = 1, 2$ , be the set of all the characteristic sequences  $s_i^{(k)}(t)$  of the sets  $E_i^{(k)}$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, M-1$ , respectively.

**Construction 2:** The new binary LCZ sequence set is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{T}_2 &= \mathcal{V}_1 \cup \mathcal{V}_2 \\ &= \{s_i^{(k)}(t) \mid 0 \leq i \leq M-1, 0 \leq t \leq 2N-1, \\ &\quad k = 0, 1\} \end{aligned}$$

where  $s_i^{(k)}(t) \in \mathcal{V}_k$ .  $\square$

We can obtain the set size and LCZ of  $\mathcal{T}_2$  as the following theorem.

**Theorem 5**  $\mathcal{T}_2 = \mathcal{V}_1 \cup \mathcal{V}_2$  is the binary LCZ sequence set with parameters  $(2N, 2M, L, 2)$ .

*Proof:* Let  $\tau = (\tau_1, \tau_2) \in Z_2 \otimes Z_N$ . We have to consider three cases. First, for the case of  $s_i^{(1)}(t)$  and  $s_j^{(1)}(t)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} d_{i,j}(\tau) &= |E_i^{(1)} \cap (E_j^{(1)} + \tau)| \\ &= |(\{0\} \otimes D_i \cup \{1\} \otimes (D_i + L)) \cap \\ &\quad (\{\tau_1\} \otimes (D_j + \tau_2) \cup \{1 + \tau_1\} \otimes (D_j + L + \tau_2))| \\ &= |\{0\} \cap \{\tau_1\}| |D_i \cap (D_j + \tau_2)| \\ &\quad + |\{0\} \cap \{1 + \tau_1\}| |D_i \cap (D_j + L + \tau_2)| \\ &\quad + |\{1\} \cap \{\tau_1\}| |(D_i + L) \cap (D_j + \tau_2)| \\ &\quad + |\{1\} \cap \{1 + \tau_1\}| |(D_i + L) \cap (D_j + L + \tau_2)| \\ &= \begin{cases} |D_i \cap (D_j + \tau_2)| + |(D_i + L) \cap (D_j + L + \tau_2)|, & \text{if } \tau_1 = 0, \\ |D_i \cap (D_j + L + \tau_2)| + |(D_i + L) \cap (D_j + \tau_2)|, & \text{if } \tau_1 = 1. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

From the balance property and correlation value  $-1$  of the component LCZ sequence set for  $\tau \not\equiv 0 \pmod{L}$ , we have

$$|D_i \cap (D_j + \tau_2)| = |D_i \cap (D_j + L + \tau_2)| = \frac{(N+1)}{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |(D_i + L) \cap (D_j + L + \tau_2)| &= |(D_i + L) \cap (D_j + \tau_2)| \\ &= \frac{(N+1)}{4} \end{aligned}$$

for  $\tau_2 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{L}$ . Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} d_{i,j}(\tau) &= \frac{(N+1)}{2} \\ R_{i,j}(\tau) &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

at  $\tau \not\equiv 0 \pmod{L}$ . When  $\tau = 0$ , we have

$$d_{i,j}(\tau) = |D_i \cap (D_j)| + |(D_i + L) \cap (D_j + L)|.$$

Similarly, it is clear that

$$\begin{aligned} |D_i \cap D_j| &= |(D_i + L) \cap (\overline{D}_j + L)| \\ &= \frac{(N+1)}{4} \end{aligned}$$

for  $i \neq j$ . Therefore we also have

$$\begin{aligned} d_{i,j}(0) &= \frac{(N+1)}{2} \\ R_{i,j}(0) &= -2. \end{aligned}$$

Second, for the case of  $s_i^{(1)}(t)$  and  $s_j^{(2)}(t)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} d_{i,j}(\tau) &= |E_i^{(1)} \cap (E_j^{(2)} + \tau)| \\ &= \begin{cases} |D_i \cap (D_j + \tau_2)| + |(D_i + L) \cap (\overline{D}_j + L + \tau_2)|, & \text{if } \tau_1 = 0, \\ |D_i \cap (\overline{D}_j + L + \tau_2)| + |(D_i + L) \cap (D_j + \tau_2)|, & \text{if } \tau_1 = 1. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly to the first case, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |D_i \cap (D_j + \tau_2)| &= |D_i \cap (\overline{D}_j + L + \tau_2)| \\ &= \frac{(N+1)}{4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |(D_i + L) \cap (\overline{D}_j + L + \tau_2)| &= |(D_i + L) \cap (D_j + \tau_2)| \\ &= \frac{(N+1)}{4} \end{aligned}$$

for  $\tau_2 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{L}$ , which yields

$$\begin{aligned} d_{i,j}(\tau) &= \frac{(N+1)}{2} \\ R_{i,j}(\tau) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

For  $\tau = 0$ , it is easy to derive  $R_{i,j}(0) = 0$ .

Finally, for the case of  $s_i^{(2)}(t)$  and  $s_j^{(2)}(t)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} d_{i,j}(\tau) &= |E_i^{(2)} \cap (E_j^{(2)} + \tau)| \\ &= \begin{cases} |D_i \cap (D_j + \tau_2)| + |(\overline{D}_i + L) \cap (\overline{D}_j + L + \tau_2)|, & \text{if } \tau_1 = 0, \\ |D_i \cap (\overline{D}_j + L + \tau_2)| + |(\overline{D}_i + L) \cap (D_j + \tau_2)|, & \text{if } \tau_1 = 1. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly to the previous cases, it is easy to compute  $R_{i,j}(\tau) = \pm 2$  except for the in-phase autocorrelation for  $-L < \tau < L$ .  $\square$

We can easily obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 6**  $\mathcal{T}_2$  is optimal if and only if the component binary LCZ sequence set  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is optimal.

*Proof:* From Theorem 2 and the fact that  $L$  divides  $N$ , it is clear that the component LCZ sequence sets and their extended LCZ sequence sets are optimal if and only if  $N = LM$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{T}_2$  is optimal if and only if the component binary LCZ sequence set  $\mathcal{L}_2$  is optimal.  $\square$

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