

Combinatorics on Words formalized
Binary codes that do not preserve primitivity

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theory *Binary-Square-Interpretation*

imports

Combinatorics-Words.Submonoids

Combinatorics-Words.Equations-Basic

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0.1 Lemmas for covered x square

This section explores various variants of the situation when $x \cdot x$ is covered with $x \cdot y^{\textcircled{a}} k \cdot u \cdot v \cdot y^{\textcircled{a}} l \cdot x$, with $y = u \cdot v$, and the displayed dots being synchronized.

0.1.1 Two particular cases

lemma *pref-suf-pers-short*: **assumes** $x \leq_p v \cdot x$ **and** $|v \cdot u| < |x|$ **and** $x \leq_s r \cdot u \cdot v \cdot u$ **and** $r \in \langle \{u, v\} \rangle$

— $x \cdot x$ is covered by $(p \cdot u \cdot v \cdot u) \cdot v \cdot x$, the displayed dots being synchronized

— That is, the condition on the first x in $x \cdot y^{\textcircled{a}} k \cdot u \cdot v \cdot y^{\textcircled{a}} l \cdot x$ is relaxed

shows $u \cdot v = v \cdot u$

<proof>

lemma *pref-suf-pers-large-overlap*:

assumes

$p \leq_p x$ **and** $s \leq_s x$ **and** $p \leq_p r \cdot p$ **and** $s \leq_s s \cdot r$ **and** $|x| + |r| \leq |p| + |s|$

shows $x \cdot r = r \cdot x$

<proof>

0.1.2 Main cases

locale *pref-suf-pers* =

fixes $x \ u \ v \ k \ m$

assumes

x-pref: $x \leq_p (v \cdot (u \cdot v)^{\textcircled{a}k}) \cdot x$ — $x \leq_p p \cdot x$ **and** $p \leq_p q \cdot p$ where $q = v \cdot u$

and

x-suf: $x \leq_s x \cdot (u \cdot v)^{\textcircled{a}m} \cdot u$ — $\leq_s x (s \cdot x)$ **and** $\leq_s s (q' \cdot s)$ where $q' = u \cdot v$

and *k-pos*: $0 < k$ **and** *m-pos*: $0 < m$

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lemma *pref-suf-commute-all-commutes*:

assumes $|u \cdot v| \leq |x|$ **and** $u \cdot v = v \cdot u$

shows *commutes* $\{u, v, x\}$

<proof>

lemma *no-overlap*:

assumes

len: $|v \cdot (u \cdot v)^{\textcircled{k}}| + |(u \cdot v)^{\textcircled{m}} \cdot u| \leq |x|$ (**is** $|?p| + |?s| \leq |x|$) **and**
 $0 < k \ 0 < m$

shows *commutes* $\{u, v, x\}$

<proof>

lemma *no-overlap'*:

assumes

len: $|v \cdot (u \cdot v)^{\textcircled{k}}| + |(u \cdot v)^{\textcircled{m}} \cdot u| \leq |x|$ (**is** $|?p| + |?s| \leq |x|$)
and $0 < k \ 0 < m$

shows $u \cdot v = v \cdot u$

<proof>

lemma *short-overlap*:

assumes

len1: $|x| < |v \cdot (u \cdot v)^{\textcircled{k}}| + |(u \cdot v)^{\textcircled{m}} \cdot u|$ (**is** $|x| < |?p| + |?s|$) **and**

len2: $|v \cdot (u \cdot v)^{\textcircled{k}}| + |(u \cdot v)^{\textcircled{m}} \cdot u| \leq |x| + |u|$ (**is** $|?p| + |?s| \leq |x| + |u|$)

shows *commutes* $\{u, v, x\}$

<proof>

lemma *medium-overlap*:

assumes

len1: $|x| + |u| < |v \cdot (u \cdot v)^{\textcircled{k}}| + |(u \cdot v)^{\textcircled{m}} \cdot u|$ (**is** $|x| + |u| < |?p| + |?s|$)

and

len2: $|v \cdot (u \cdot v)^{\textcircled{k}}| + |(u \cdot v)^{\textcircled{m}} \cdot u| < |x| + |u \cdot v|$ (**is** $|?p| + |?s| < |x| + |u \cdot v|$)

shows *commutes* $\{u, v, x\}$

<proof>

thm

no-overlap

short-overlap

medium-overlap

end

thm

pref-suf-pers.no-overlap

pref-suf-pers.short-overlap

pref-suf-pers.medium-overlap

pref-suf-pers.large-overlap

0.2 Considering the primitive root instead

0.3 Square interpretation

In this section fundamental description is given of (the only) possible $\{x, y\}$ -interpretation of the square $x \cdot x$, where $|y| \leq |x|$. The proof is divided into several locales.

lemma *cover-not-disjoint*:

shows *primitive* $(\mathbf{a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot b \cdot a})$ (**is primitive** $?x$) **and**
primitive $(\mathbf{a \cdot b})$ (**is primitive** $?y$) **and**
 $(\mathbf{a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot b \cdot a}) \cdot (\mathbf{a \cdot b}) \neq (\mathbf{a \cdot b}) \cdot (\mathbf{a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot b \cdot a})$
(is $?x \cdot ?y \neq ?y \cdot ?x$) **and**
 $\varepsilon (\mathbf{a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot b \cdot a}) \cdot (\mathbf{a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot b \cdot a}) (\mathbf{b \cdot a \cdot b \cdot a}) \sim_{\mathcal{I}} [(\mathbf{a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot b \cdot a}), (\mathbf{a \cdot b}), (\mathbf{a \cdot b}), (\mathbf{a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot b \cdot a})]$
(is $\varepsilon ?x \cdot ?x ?s \sim_{\mathcal{I}} [?x, ?y, ?y, ?x]$)
<proof>

0.3.1 Locale: interpretation

term *refine*

locale *square-interp* =

— The basic set of assumptions
— The goal is to arrive at $ws = [x] \cdot [y]^{\otimes k} \cdot [x]$ including the description of the interpretation in terms of the first and the second occurrence of x in the interpreted square.

fixes $x y p s ws$

assumes

non-comm: $x \cdot y \neq y \cdot x$ **and**

y-le-x: $|y| \leq |x|$ **and**

ws-lists: $ws \in \text{lists } \{x, y\}$ **and**

nconjug: $\neg \varrho x \sim \varrho y$ **and**

disj-root: $p (\text{Ref } \{\varrho x, y\}[x, x]) s \sim_{\mathcal{D}} ws$

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interpretation *xy-code*: *binary-code* $x y$

<proof>

interpretation *yx-code*: *binary-code* $y x$

<proof>

lemma *interp*: $p (x \cdot x) s \sim_{\mathcal{I}} ws$

<proof>

lemma *nconjug'*: $\neg x \sim y$

<proof>

lemma *pref-xx-root-expE*: **assumes** $us \leq_p [x, x]$

obtains e where $\text{concat } us = (\varrho x)^{\textcircled{e}} e$ and $e \leq e_\varrho x * 2$
<proof>

lemma *pref-xx-exp-le*: assumes $(\varrho x)^{\textcircled{e}} e \leq p x \cdot x$
shows $e \leq e_\varrho x * 2$
<proof>

lemma *prim-disj-interp*: assumes primitive x shows $p [x,x] s \sim_{\mathcal{D}} ws$
<proof>

lemma *disjoint*: assumes $p1 \leq_p [x,x] p2 \leq_p ws$ shows $p \cdot \text{concat } p1 \neq \text{concat } p2$
<proof>

lemmas *interpret-concat = fac-interpD(3)[OF interp]*

lemma *p-nemp*: $p \neq \varepsilon$
<proof>

lemma *s-nemp*: $s \neq \varepsilon$
<proof>

lemma *ws-nemp*: $ws \neq \varepsilon$
<proof>

lemma *hd-ws-lists*: $\text{hd } ws \in \{x, y\}$
<proof>

lemma *last-ws-lists*: $\text{last } ws \in \{x, y\}$
<proof>

lemma *kE*: obtains k where $[\text{hd } ws] \cdot [y]^{\textcircled{k}} \cdot [\text{last } ws] = ws$
<proof>

lemma *l-mE*: obtains $m u v l$ where $(\text{hd } ws) \cdot y^{\textcircled{m}} \cdot u = p \cdot x$ and $v \cdot y^{\textcircled{l}} \cdot (\text{last } ws) = x \cdot s$ and
 $u \cdot v = y u \neq \varepsilon v \neq \varepsilon$ and $x \cdot (v \cdot u) \neq (v \cdot u) \cdot x$
<proof>

lemma *last-ws*: $\text{last } ws = x$
<proof>

lemma *rev-primroot-exp [simp, cow-simps]*: $e_\varrho (\text{rev } x) = e_\varrho x$
<proof>

lemma *rev-square-interp*:
***square-interp* $(\text{rev } x) (\text{rev } y) (\text{rev } s) (\text{rev } p) (\text{rev } (\text{map } \text{rev } ws))$**
<proof>

lemma *hd-ws*: $hd\ ws = x$
<proof>

lemma *p-pref*: $p <_p x$
<proof>

lemma *s-suf*: $s <_s x$
<proof>

end

0.3.2 Locale with additional parameters

locale *square-interp-plus* = *square-interp* +
fixes $l\ m\ u\ v$
assumes *fst-x*: $x \cdot y^{\textcircled{m}} \cdot u = p \cdot x$ **and**
snd-x: $v \cdot y^{\textcircled{l}} \cdot x = x \cdot s$ **and**
uv-y: $u \cdot v = y$ **and**
u-nemp: $u \neq \varepsilon$ **and** *v-nemp*: $v \neq \varepsilon$ **and**
vu-x-non-comm: $x \cdot (v \cdot u) \neq (v \cdot u) \cdot x$
begin

interpretation *binary-code* $x\ y$
<proof>

lemma *rev-square-interp-plus*: $square_interp_plus\ (rev\ x)\ (rev\ y)\ (rev\ s)\ (rev\ p)$
 $(rev\ (map\ rev\ ws))\ m\ l\ (rev\ v)\ (rev\ u)$
<proof>

Exactly one of the exponents is zero: impossible.

Uses lemma $\llbracket ?x \leq_p ?v \cdot ?x; |?v \cdot ?u| < |?x|; \leq_s ?x\ (?r \cdot ?u \cdot ?v \cdot ?u); ?r \in \{\{ ?u, ?v \}\} \rrbracket \implies ?u \cdot ?v = ?v \cdot ?u$ and exploits the symmetric interpretation.

lemma *fst-exp-zero*: **assumes** $m = 0$ **and** $0 < l$ **shows** *False*
<proof>

lemma *snd-exp-zero*: **assumes** $0 < m$ **and** $l = 0$ **shows** *False*
<proof>

Both exponents positive: impossible

lemma *both-exps-pos*: **assumes** $0 < m$ **and** $0 < l$ **shows** *False*
<proof>

thm *suf-cancel-conv*

end

0.3.3 Back to the main locale

context *square-interp*

begin

definition *u where* $u = x^{-1} \triangleright (p \cdot x)$

definition *v where* $v = (x \cdot s) \triangleleft^{-1} x$

lemma *cover-xyx*: $ws = [x, y, x]$ **and** *vu-x-non-comm*: $x \cdot (v \cdot u) \neq (v \cdot u) \cdot x$ **and** *uv-y*: $u \cdot v = y$ **and**

px-xu: $p \cdot x = x \cdot u$ **and** *vx-xs*: $v \cdot x = x \cdot s$ **and** *u-nemp*: $u \neq \varepsilon$ **and** *v-nemp*: $v \neq \varepsilon$

<proof>

lemma *cover*: $x \cdot y \cdot x = p \cdot x \cdot x \cdot s$

<proof>

lemma *conjug-facs*: $\varrho u \sim \varrho v$

<proof>

term *square-interp.v*

— We have a detailed information about all words

lemma *bin-sq-interpE*: **obtains** $r t m k l$

where $(t \cdot r)^{\textcircled{k}} = u$ **and** $(r \cdot t)^{\textcircled{l}} = v$ **and**

$(r \cdot t)^{\textcircled{m}} \cdot r = x$ **and** $(t \cdot r)^{\textcircled{k}} \cdot (r \cdot t)^{\textcircled{l}} = y$

and $(r \cdot t)^{\textcircled{k}} = p$ **and** $(t \cdot r)^{\textcircled{l}} = s$ **and** $r \cdot t \neq t \cdot r$ **and**

$0 < k$ **and** $0 < m$ **and** $0 < l$ **and** $k + l \leq m$

<proof>

end

0.3.4 Locale: Extendable interpretation

Further specification follows from the assumption that the interpretation is extendable, that is, the covered $x \cdot x$ is a factor of a word composed of $\{x, y\}$. Namely, u and v are then conjugate by x .

locale *square-interp-ext = square-interp +*

assumes *p-extend*: $\exists pe. pe \in \langle \{x, y\} \rangle \wedge p \leq s pe$ **and**

s-extend: $\exists se. se \in \langle \{x, y\} \rangle \wedge s \leq p se$

begin

lemma *s-pref-y*: $s \leq p y$

<proof>

lemma *rev-square-interp-ext*: *square-interp-ext* $(rev x) (rev y) (rev s) (rev p) (rev (map rev ws))$

<proof>

lemma *p-suf-y*: $p \leq s \ y$

<proof>

theorem *bin-sq-interp-extE*: **obtains** $r \ t \ k \ m$ **where** $(r \cdot t)^{\textcircled{m}} \cdot r = x$ **and** $(t \cdot r)^{\textcircled{k}} \cdot (r \cdot t)^{\textcircled{k}} = y$

$(r \cdot t)^{\textcircled{k}} = p$ **and** $(t \cdot r)^{\textcircled{k}} = s$ **and** $r \cdot t \neq t \cdot r$ **and** $u = s$ **and** $v = p$ **and** $|p| = |s|$ **and**

$0 < k$ **and** $0 < m$ **and** $k + k \leq m$

<proof>

lemma *ps-len*: $|p| = |s|$ **and** *p-eq-v*: $p = v$ **and** *s-eq-u*: $s = u$

<proof>

lemma *v-x-x-u*: $v \cdot x = x \cdot u$

<proof>

lemma *sp-y*: $s \cdot p = y$

<proof>

lemma *p-x-x-s*: $p \cdot x = x \cdot s$

<proof>

lemma *xy-root*: $x \cdot x \cdot y = (x \cdot p) \cdot (x \cdot p)$

<proof>

theorem *sq-ext-interp*: $ws = [x, y, x] \ s \cdot p = y \ p \cdot x = x \cdot s$

<proof>

end

lemma *prim-sq-interp*:

assumes $x \cdot y \neq y \cdot x$ **and** *primitive* x **and** $|y| \leq |x|$ **and** $ws \in \text{lists } \{x, y\}$ **and** $\neg x \sim y$ **and**

$p \ [x, x] \ s \sim_{\mathcal{D}} \ ws$

shows *square-interp* $x \ y \ p \ s \ ws$

<proof>

0.4 Global claims

theorem *bin-sq-interpE*:

assumes $x \cdot y \neq y \cdot x$ **and** $|y| \leq |x|$ **and** $ws \in \text{lists } \{x, y\}$ **and** $\neg \varrho \ x \sim \varrho \ y$ **and** $p \ \text{Ref } \{\varrho \ x, y\} \ [x, x] \ s \sim_{\mathcal{D}} \ ws$

obtains $r \ t \ m \ k \ l$ **where** $(r \cdot t)^{\textcircled{m}} \cdot r = x$ **and** $(t \cdot r)^{\textcircled{k}} \cdot (r \cdot t)^{\textcircled{l}} = y$

$(r \cdot t)^{\textcircled{k}} = p$ **and** $(t \cdot r)^{\textcircled{l}} = s$ **and** $r \cdot t \neq t \cdot r$ **and** $0 < k \ 0 < m \ 0 < l \ k + l \leq m$

<proof>

theorem *bin-sq-interp-primE*:

assumes $x \cdot y \neq y \cdot x$ and primitive x and $|y| \leq |x|$ and $ws \in \text{lists } \{x, y\}$ and
 $\neg x \sim y$ and
 $p [x,x] s \sim_{\mathcal{D}} ws$
obtains $r t m k l$ where $(r \cdot t)^{\textcircled{a}} m \cdot r = x$ and $(t \cdot r)^{\textcircled{a}} k \cdot (r \cdot t)^{\textcircled{a}} l = y$
 $(r \cdot t)^{\textcircled{a}} k = p$ and $(t \cdot r)^{\textcircled{a}} l = s$ and $r \cdot t \neq t \cdot r$ and $0 < k \ 0 < m \ 0 < l \ k$
 $+ l \leq m$
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

theorem *bin-sq-interp*:

assumes $x \cdot y \neq y \cdot x$ and $|y| \leq |x|$ and $ws \in \text{lists } \{x, y\}$ and $\neg \varrho x \sim \varrho y$ and
 $p \text{ Ref } \{\varrho x, y\} [x, x] s \sim_{\mathcal{D}} ws$
shows $ws = [x, y, x]$
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

theorem *bin-sq-interp-prim*:

assumes $x \cdot y \neq y \cdot x$ and primitive x and $|y| \leq |x|$ and $ws \in \text{lists } \{x, y\}$ and
 $\neg x \sim y$ and
 $p [x,x] s \sim_{\mathcal{D}} ws$
shows $ws = [x, y, x]$
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

theorem *bin-sq-interp-extE*:

assumes $x \cdot y \neq y \cdot x$ and $|y| \leq |x|$ and $ws \in \text{lists } \{x, y\}$ and $\neg \varrho x \sim \varrho y$
and
 $p \text{ Ref } \{\varrho x, y\} [x, x] s \sim_{\mathcal{D}} ws$ **and**
 $p\text{-extend}: \exists pe. pe \in \langle \{x, y\} \rangle \wedge p \leq_s pe$ **and**
 $s\text{-extend}: \exists se. se \in \langle \{x, y\} \rangle \wedge s \leq_p se$
obtains $r t m k$ where $(r \cdot t)^{\textcircled{a}} m \cdot r = x$ and $(t \cdot r)^{\textcircled{a}} k \cdot (r \cdot t)^{\textcircled{a}} k = y$
 $(r \cdot t)^{\textcircled{a}} k = p$ and $(t \cdot r)^{\textcircled{a}} k = s$ and $r \cdot t \neq t \cdot r$ and $0 < k$ and $0 < m$
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

theorem *bin-sq-interp-ext-primE*:

assumes $x \cdot y \neq y \cdot x$ and primitive x and $|y| \leq |x|$ and $ws \in \text{lists } \{x, y\}$ and
 $\neg x \sim y$ and
 $p [x,x] s \sim_{\mathcal{D}} ws$ **and**
 $p\text{-extend}: \exists pe. pe \in \langle \{x, y\} \rangle \wedge p \leq_s pe$ **and**
 $s\text{-extend}: \exists se. se \in \langle \{x, y\} \rangle \wedge s \leq_p se$
obtains $r t m k$ where $(r \cdot t)^{\textcircled{a}} m \cdot r = x$ and $(t \cdot r)^{\textcircled{a}} k \cdot (r \cdot t)^{\textcircled{a}} k = y$
 $(r \cdot t)^{\textcircled{a}} k = p$ and $(t \cdot r)^{\textcircled{a}} k = s$ and $r \cdot t \neq t \cdot r$ and $0 < k$ and $0 < m$
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

0.4.1 Examples

Basic example of an extendable cover

lemma *example-imprim-sq-cover*:

fixes $x \ y \ p \ s$
defines $x \equiv a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot b \cdot a$ and $y \equiv b \cdot a \cdot a \cdot b$ and
 $p \equiv a \cdot b$ and $s \equiv b \cdot a$

shows $x \cdot y \neq y \cdot x$ **and** $|y| \leq |x|$ **and** *primitive* x
 $p \ x \cdot x \ s \sim_{\mathcal{I}} [x, y, x]$
 \neg *primitive* $(x \cdot x \cdot y)$
 ⟨*proof*⟩

Example of a non-extendable cover

lemma *example-prim-sq-cover*:
fixes $x \ y \ p \ s$
defines $x \equiv a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot b \cdot a$ **and** $y \equiv b \cdot a \cdot a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot b$ **and**
 $p \equiv a \cdot b$ **and** $s \equiv b \cdot a \cdot b \cdot a$
shows $x \cdot y \neq y \cdot x$ **and** $|y| \leq |x|$ **and** *primitive* x
 $p \ x \cdot x \ s \sim_{\mathcal{I}} [x, y, x]$
primitive $(x \cdot x \cdot y)$
 ⟨*proof*⟩

Cube cover with a long y

lemma *example-cube-cover*:
fixes $x \ y \ p \ s$
defines $x \equiv a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot b \cdot a$ **and** $y \equiv b \cdot a \cdot a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot a \cdot b$ **and**
 $p \equiv a \cdot b$ **and** $s \equiv b \cdot a$
shows $x \cdot y \neq y \cdot x$ **and** $|x| + |y| < |x \cdot x \cdot x|$ **and** *primitive* x
 $p \ x \cdot x \cdot x \ s \sim_{\mathcal{I}} [x, y, x]$
primitive $(x \cdot x \cdot y)$
 ⟨*proof*⟩

lemma *example-pow-cover*:
fixes $x \ y \ p \ s \ n$
assumes $2 \leq n$
defines $x \equiv a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot b \cdot a$ **and** $y \equiv b \cdot a \cdot x^{\textcircled{n-2}} \cdot a \cdot b$ **and**
 $p \equiv a \cdot b$ **and** $s \equiv b \cdot a$
shows $x \cdot y \neq y \cdot x$
and $|x| + |y| \leq |x^{\textcircled{n}}|$
and *primitive* x
 $p \ x^{\textcircled{n}} \ s \sim_{\mathcal{I}} [x, y, x]$
 ⟨*proof*⟩

Not root-disjoint covers

lemma *example-root-joint-sq-cover*:
fixes $x \ y \ p \ s$
defines $x \equiv a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot a \cdot b \cdot a$ **and** $y \equiv a \cdot b$ **and**
 $p \equiv a \cdot b \cdot a$ **and** $s \equiv b \cdot a \cdot a \cdot b \cdot a$
shows $x \cdot y \neq y \cdot x$ **and** $|y| \leq |x|$ **and** \neg *primitive* x
 $p \ x \cdot x \ s \sim_{\mathcal{I}} [x, x, y, x]$
primitive $(x \cdot x \cdot y)$
 ⟨*proof*⟩

lemma *example-root-joint-xyxy-cover*:
fixes $x \ y \ p \ s$

defines $x \equiv \mathbf{a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot a \cdot b}$ and $y \equiv \mathbf{a \cdot b \cdot a}$ and
 $p \equiv \mathbf{a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot a \cdot b}$ and $s \equiv \mathbf{b \cdot a}$
shows $x \cdot y \neq y \cdot x$
and \neg *primitive* x
 $p \cdot x \cdot y \cdot y \cdot s \sim_{\mathcal{I}} [x, x, x, y]$
 \langle *proof* \rangle

lemma *example-root-joint-xy-cover*:
fixes $x \ y \ p \ s$
defines $x \equiv \mathbf{a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot a \cdot b \cdot a}$ and $y \equiv \mathbf{a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot a \cdot b}$ and
 $p \equiv \mathbf{a \cdot b \cdot a}$ and $s \equiv \mathbf{a}$
shows $x \cdot y \neq y \cdot x$
and \neg *primitive* x
 $p \cdot x \cdot y \cdot s \sim_{\mathcal{I}} [x, x, x, x, x]$
 \langle *proof* \rangle

lemma *example-root-joint-no-overlap*:
fixes $x \ y \ p \ s$
defines $x \equiv \mathbf{a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot a \cdot b \cdot a}$ and $y \equiv \mathbf{a}$ and
 $p \equiv \mathbf{a \cdot b}$ and $s \equiv \mathbf{b \cdot a}$
shows $x \cdot y \neq y \cdot x$
and \neg *primitive* x
 $p \cdot y \cdot y \cdot s \sim_{\mathcal{I}} [x]$
 \langle *proof* \rangle

end

theory *Binary-Code-Imprimitive*
imports
Combinatorics-Words-Graph-Lemma.Glued-Codes
Binary-Square-Interpretation
begin

This theory focuses on the characterization of imprimitive words which are concatenations of copies of two words (forming a binary code). We follow the article [1] (mainly Théorème 2.1 and Lemme 3.1), while substantially optimizing the proof. See also [3] for an earlier result on this question, and [2] for another proof.

0.5 General primitivity not preserving codes

context *code*

begin

Two nontrivially conjugate elements generated by a code induce a disjoint interpretation.

lemma *shift-disjoint*:

assumes $ws \in \text{lists } \mathcal{C}$ **and** $ws' \in \text{lists } \mathcal{C}$ **and** $z \notin \langle \mathcal{C} \rangle$ **and** $z \cdot \text{concat } ws = \text{concat } ws' \cdot z$
shows $z \cdot \text{concat } ws \neq \text{concat } ws' \cdot z$
 $us \leq_p ws^{\textcircled{n}}$ **and** $vs \leq_p ws'^{\textcircled{n}}$
shows $z \cdot \text{concat } us \neq \text{concat } vs$
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

This in particular yields a disjoint extendable interpretation of any prefix

lemma *shift-interp*:

assumes $ws \in \text{lists } \mathcal{C}$ **and** $ws' \in \text{lists } \mathcal{C}$ **and** $z \notin \langle \mathcal{C} \rangle$ **and**
 $\text{conjug: } z \cdot \text{concat } ws = \text{concat } ws' \cdot z$ **and** $|z| \leq |\text{concat } ws'|$
and $us \leq_p ws$ **and** $us \neq \varepsilon$
obtains $p \ s \ vs \ ps$ **where**
 $p \ us \ s \sim_{\mathcal{D}} \ vs$ **and** $vs \in \text{lists } \mathcal{C}$
and $s \leq_p \text{concat } (us^{-1} \langle ws \cdot ws \rangle)$ **and** $p \leq_s \text{concat } ws$ — extendable
and $ps \cdot vs \leq_p ws' \cdot ws'$ **and** $\text{concat } ps \cdot p = z$
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

The conditions are in particular met by imprimitivity witnesses

lemma *imprim-witness-shift*:

assumes $ws \in \text{lists } \mathcal{C}$ **and** *primitive* ws **and** $\neg \text{primitive } (\text{concat } ws)$
obtains $z \ n$ **where** $\text{concat } ws = z^{\textcircled{n}}$ $z \notin \langle \mathcal{C} \rangle$ **and**
 $z \cdot \text{concat } ws = \text{concat } ws \cdot z$ **and** $|z| < |\text{concat } ws|$ **and** $2 \leq n$
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

end

0.6 Covered uniform square

lemma *cover-xy-xxx*: **assumes** $|x| = |y|$ **and** $p \cdot x \cdot y \cdot s = x \cdot x \cdot x$
shows $x = y$
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

lemma *cover-xy-yyy*: **assumes** $|x| = |y|$ **and** $\text{eq: } p \cdot x \cdot y \cdot s = y \cdot y \cdot y$
shows $x = y$
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

lemma *cover-xy-xyx*: **assumes** $|x| = |y|$ **and** $s \neq \varepsilon$ **and** $\text{eq: } p \cdot x \cdot y \cdot s = x \cdot x \cdot y$
shows $x = y$
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

lemma *cover-xy-xyy*: **assumes** $|x| = |y|$ **and** $p \neq \varepsilon$ **and** $\text{eq: } p \cdot x \cdot y \cdot s = x \cdot y \cdot y$
shows $x = y$
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

lemma *cover-xy-yyx*: **assumes** $|x| = |y|$ **and** $\text{eq: } p \cdot x \cdot y \cdot s = y \cdot y \cdot x$
shows $x = y$

<proof>

lemma *cover-xy-yxx*: **assumes** $|x| = |y|$ **and** *eq*: $p \cdot x \cdot y \cdot s = y \cdot x \cdot x$
shows $x = y$
<proof>

lemma *cover-xy-xyx*: **assumes** $|x| = |y|$ **and** $p \neq \varepsilon$ **and** $s \neq \varepsilon$ **and** *eq*: $p \cdot x \cdot y \cdot s = x \cdot y \cdot x$
shows $\neg \text{primitive } (x \cdot y)$
<proof>

lemma *cover-xy-yxy*: **assumes** $|x| = |y|$ **and** $p \neq \varepsilon$ **and** $\langle s \neq \varepsilon \rangle$ **and** *eq*: $p \cdot x \cdot y \cdot s = y \cdot x \cdot y$
shows $\neg \text{primitive } (x \cdot y)$
<proof>

lemma *cover-xy-three*: **assumes** $|ws| = 3$ $ws \in \text{lists } \{x, y\}$ $|x| = |y|$
 $p \cdot (x \cdot y) \cdot s = \text{concat } ws$ $p \neq \varepsilon$ $s \neq \varepsilon$
shows $\neg \text{primitive } (x \cdot y) \wedge (ws = [x, y, x] \vee ws = [y, x, y])$
<proof>

lemma *bin-uniform-len*: **assumes** $ws \in \text{lists } \{x, y\}$ $|x| = |y|$
shows $|\text{concat } ws| = |ws| * |x|$
<proof>

theorem *uniform-square-interp*: **assumes** $x \cdot y \neq y \cdot x$ **and** $|x| = |y|$ **and** $vs \in \text{lists } \{x, y\}$
and $p \cdot (x \cdot y) \cdot s \sim_{\mathcal{I}} vs$ **and** $p \neq \varepsilon$
shows $\neg \text{primitive } (x \cdot y)$ **and** $vs = [x, y, x] \vee vs = [y, x, y]$
<proof>

0.6.1 Primitivity (non)preserving uniform binary codes

theorem *bin-uniform-prim-morph*:
assumes $x \cdot y \neq y \cdot x$ **and** $|x| = |y|$ **and** $\text{primitive } (x \cdot y)$
and $ws \in \text{lists } \{x, y\}$ **and** $2 \leq |ws|$
shows $\text{primitive } ws \iff \text{primitive } (\text{concat } ws)$
<proof>

lemma *bin-uniform-imprim*: **assumes** $x \cdot y \neq y \cdot x$ **and** $|x| = |y|$ **and** $\neg \text{primitive } (x \cdot y)$
shows $\text{primitive } x$
<proof>

theorem *bin-uniform-prim-morph'*:
assumes $x \cdot y \neq y \cdot x$ **and** $|x| = |y|$ **and** $\text{primitive } (x \cdot y) \vee \neg \text{primitive } x \vee \neg \text{primitive } y$
and $ws \in \text{lists } \{x, y\}$ **and** $2 \leq |ws|$

shows $\text{primitive } ws \longleftrightarrow \text{primitive } (\text{concat } ws)$
 ⟨proof⟩

0.7 The main theorem

0.7.1 Imprimitve words with single y

If the shorter word occurs only once, the result is straightforward from the parametric solution of the Lyndon-Schutzenberger equation.

lemma *bin-imprim-single-y*:

assumes $\text{non-comm}: x \cdot y \neq y \cdot x$ **and**

$ws \in \text{lists } \{x,y\}$ **and**

$|y| \leq |x|$ **and**

$2 \leq \text{count-list } ws \ x$ **and**

$\text{count-list } ws \ y < 2$ **and**

$\text{primitive } ws$ **and**

$\neg \text{primitive } (\text{concat } ws)$

shows $ws \sim [x,x,y]$ **and** $\text{primitive } x$ **and** $\text{primitive } y$

⟨proof⟩

0.7.2 Conjugate words

lemma *bin-imprim-not-conjug*:

assumes $ws \in \text{lists } \{x,y\}$ **and**

$x \cdot y \neq y \cdot x$ **and**

$2 \leq |ws|$ **and**

$\text{primitive } ws$ **and**

$\neg \text{primitive } (\text{concat } ws)$

shows $\neg x \sim y$

⟨proof⟩

0.7.3 Square factor of the longer word and both words primitive (was all_assms)

The main idea of the proof is as follows: Imprimitivity of the concatenation yields (at least) two overlapping factorizations into $\{x, y\}$. Due to the presence of the square $x \cdot x$, these two can be synchronized, which yields that the situation coincides with the canonical form.

lemma *bin-imprim-primitive*:

assumes $x \cdot y \neq y \cdot x$

and $\text{primitive } x$ **and** $\text{primitive } y$

and $|y| \leq |x|$

and $ws \in \text{lists } \{x, y\}$

and $\text{primitive } ws$ **and** $\neg \text{primitive } (\text{concat } ws)$

and $[x, x] \leq_f ws \cdot ws$

shows $ws \sim [x, x, y]$

⟨proof⟩

0.7.4 Obtaining primitivity with two squares (refining)

lemma *bin-imprim-both-squares-prim*:

assumes $x \cdot y \neq y \cdot x$
and $ws \in \text{lists } \{x, y\}$
and $\text{primitive } ws \text{ and } \neg \text{primitive } (\text{concat } ws)$
and $[x, x] \leq_f ws \cdot ws$
and $[y, y] \leq_f ws \cdot ws$
and $\text{primitive } x \text{ and } \text{primitive } y$
shows *False*
<proof>

lemma *bin-imprim-both-squares*:

assumes $x \cdot y \neq y \cdot x$
and $ws \in \text{lists } \{x, y\}$
and $\text{primitive } ws \text{ and } \neg \text{primitive } (\text{concat } ws)$
and $[x, x] \leq_f ws \cdot ws$
and $[y, y] \leq_f ws \cdot ws$
shows *False*
<proof>

0.7.5 Obtaining the square of the longer word (gluing)

lemma *bin-imprim-longer-twice*:

— 1. If there are both squares, then contradiction; 2. If a square is missing: a) if y appears once: the positive conclusion b) if y appears twice, then gluing preserves presence of the longer word at least twice (because both appear twice) and induction yields $[x', x', y']$ where y' is a suffix of x' , a contradiction with primitivity of words of the form $xyxyy$;

assumes $x \cdot y \neq y \cdot x$
and $ws \in \text{lists } \{x, y\}$
and $|y| \leq |x|$
and $\text{count-list } ws \ x \geq 2$
and $\text{primitive } ws \text{ and } \neg \text{primitive } (\text{concat } ws)$
shows $ws \sim [x, x, y] \wedge \text{primitive } x \wedge \text{primitive } y$
<proof>

lemma *bin-imprim-both-twice*:

assumes $x \cdot y \neq y \cdot x$
and $ws \in \text{lists } \{x, y\}$
and $\text{count-list } ws \ x \geq 2$
and $\text{count-list } ws \ y \geq 2$
and $\text{primitive } ws \text{ and } \neg \text{primitive } (\text{concat } ws)$
shows *False*
<proof>

0.8 Examples

lemma $x \neq \varepsilon \implies \varepsilon (x \cdot x) \varepsilon \sim_{\mathcal{I}} [x, x]$

<proof>

lemma assumes $x = [(0::nat), 1, 0, 1, 0]$ and $y = [1, 0, 0, 1]$
shows $[0, 1] (x \cdot x) [1, 0] \sim_{\mathcal{I}} [x, y, x]$
<proof>

0.9 Primitivity non-preserving binary code

In this section, we give the final form of imprimitive words over a given binary code $\{x, y\}$. We start with a lemma, then we show that the only possibility is that such word is conjugate with $x^{\textcircled{a} j} \cdot y^{\textcircled{a} k}$.

lemma *bin-imprim-expsE-y*: assumes $x \cdot y \neq y \cdot x$ and
 $ws \in \text{lists } \{x, y\}$ and
 $2 \leq |ws|$ and
primitive ws and
 $\neg \text{primitive } (\text{concat } ws)$ and
count-list ws $y = 1$
obtains $j k$ where $1 \leq j$ $1 \leq k$ $j = 1 \vee k = 1$
 $ws \sim [x]^{\textcircled{a} j} \cdot [y]^{\textcircled{a} k}$
<proof>

lemma *bin-imprim-expsE*: assumes $x \cdot y \neq y \cdot x$ and
 $ws \in \text{lists } \{x, y\}$ and
 $2 \leq |ws|$ and
primitive ws and
 $\neg \text{primitive } (\text{concat } ws)$
obtains $j k$ where $1 \leq j$ $1 \leq k$ $j = 1 \vee k = 1$
 $ws \sim [x]^{\textcircled{a} j} \cdot [y]^{\textcircled{a} k}$
<proof>

0.9.1 The target theorem

Given a binary code $\{x, y\}$ such that there is a primitive factorisation ws over it whose concatenation is imprimitive, we finally show that there are integers j and k (depending only on $\{x, y\}$) such that any other such factorisation ws' is conjugate to $[x]^{\textcircled{a} j} \cdot [y]^{\textcircled{a} k}$.

theorem *bin-imprim-code*: assumes $x \cdot y \neq y \cdot x$ and $ws \in \text{lists } \{x, y\}$ and
 $2 \leq |ws|$ and *primitive* ws and $\neg \text{primitive } (\text{concat } ws)$
obtains $j k$ where $1 \leq j$ and $1 \leq k$ and $j = 1 \vee k = 1$
 $\bigwedge ws. ws \in \text{lists } \{x, y\} \implies 2 \leq |ws| \implies$
 $(\text{primitive } ws \wedge \neg \text{primitive } (\text{concat } ws) \longleftrightarrow ws \sim [x]^{\textcircled{a} j} \cdot [y]^{\textcircled{a} k})$ and
 $|y| \leq |x| \implies 2 \leq j \implies j = 2 \wedge \text{primitive } x \wedge \text{primitive } y$ and
 $|y| \leq |x| \implies 2 \leq k \implies j = 1 \wedge \text{primitive } x$
<proof>

definition *bin-imprim-code* where *bin-imprim-code* $x y \equiv x \cdot y \neq y \cdot x \wedge (\neg \text{bin-prim } x y)$

theorem *bin-imprim-code'*: **assumes** *bin-imprim-code* $x\ y$
obtains $j\ k$ **where** $1 \leq j$ **and** $1 \leq k$ **and** $j = 1 \vee k = 1$
 $\wedge ws. ws \in lists\ \{x,y\} \implies 2 \leq |ws| \implies$
 $(primitive\ ws \wedge \neg primitive\ (concat\ ws) \longleftrightarrow ws \sim [x]^{\textcircled{a}}j \cdot [y]^{\textcircled{a}}k)$ **and**
 $|y| \leq |x| \implies 2 \leq j \implies j = 2 \wedge primitive\ x \wedge primitive\ y$ **and**
 $|y| \leq |x| \implies 2 \leq k \implies j = 1 \wedge primitive\ x$
 $\langle proof \rangle$

end

theory *Binary-Imprimitive-Decision*
imports
Binary-Code-Imprimitive.Binary-Code-Imprimitive

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0.10 Upper bound of the power exponent in the canonical imprimitivity witness

lemma *LS-power-len-ge*:
assumes $y^{\textcircled{a}}k \cdot x = z^{\textcircled{a}}l$
and $k * |y| \geq |z| + |y| - 1$
shows $x \cdot y = y \cdot x$
 $\langle proof \rangle$

lemma *LS-root-len-ge*:
assumes $y^{\textcircled{a}}k \cdot x = z^{\textcircled{a}}l$
and $1 \leq k$ **and** $2 \leq l$
and $x \cdot y \neq y \cdot x$
shows $(k - 1) * |y| + 2 \leq |z|$
 $\langle proof \rangle$

lemma *LS-root-len-le*:
assumes $y^{\textcircled{a}}k \cdot x = z^{\textcircled{a}}l$
and $1 \leq k$ **and** $2 \leq l$
and $x \cdot y \neq y \cdot x$
shows $|z| \leq |x| + |y| - 2$
 $\langle proof \rangle$

lemma *LS-exp-le'*:
assumes $y^{\textcircled{a}}k \cdot x = z^{\textcircled{a}}l$
and $2 \leq l$
and $x \cdot y \neq y \cdot x$
shows $k \leq (|x| - 4) \text{ div } |y| + 2$
 $\langle proof \rangle$

lemma *LS-exp-le*:
assumes $x \cdot y^{\textcircled{a}} k = z^{\textcircled{a}} l$
and $2 \leq l$
and $x \cdot y \neq y \cdot x$
shows $k \leq (|x| - 4) \text{ div } |y| + 2$
<proof>

thm *bin-imprim-expsE*
lemma *bin-imprim-code-witnessE*:
assumes $x \cdot y \neq y \cdot x$ **and** $|y| \leq |x|$
and $ws \in \text{lists } \{x, y\}$ **and** $2 \leq |ws|$
and *primitive* ws **and** $\neg \text{primitive } (\text{concat } ws)$
obtains $ws \sim [x, x, y]$
| k **where** $1 \leq k$ **and** $k \leq (|x| - 4) \text{ div } |y| + 2$
and $ws \sim [x] \cdot [y]^{\textcircled{a}} k$
<proof>

0.10.1 Optimality of the exponent upper bound

lemma *examples-bound-optimality*:
fixes $m k$ **and** $x y z :: \text{binA list}$
assumes $1 \leq m$ **and** $k' = 0 \implies m = 1$
defines $x \equiv \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \cdot (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})^{\textcircled{a}} m)^{\textcircled{a}} k' \cdot \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{a}$
and $y \equiv \mathbf{b} \cdot (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})^{\textcircled{a}} m$
and $z \equiv \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \cdot (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})^{\textcircled{a}} m)^{\textcircled{a}} (k' + 1)$
and $k \equiv k' + 2$
shows $|y| \leq |x|$ **and** $x \cdot y^{\textcircled{a}} k = z \cdot z$ **and** $k = (|x| - 4) \text{ div } |y| + 2$
<proof>

0.11 Characterization of binary primitivity preserving morphisms given by a pair of words

lemma *len-le-not-bin-primE*:
assumes $|y| \leq |x|$
and $\neg \text{bin-prim } x y$
obtains $\neg \text{primitive } (x \cdot x \cdot y)$
| k **where** $1 \leq k$ **and** $k \leq (|x| - 4) \text{ div } |y| + 2$
and $\neg \text{primitive } (x \cdot y^{\textcircled{a}} k)$
<proof>

lemma *bin-prim-xyk*:
assumes $\text{bin-prim } x y$ **and** $0 < k$
shows $\text{primitive } (x \cdot y^{\textcircled{a}} k)$
<proof>

lemma *len-le-bin-prim-iff*:
assumes $|y| \leq |x|$
shows

$bin\text{-}prim\ x\ y \longleftrightarrow primitive\ (x \cdot x \cdot y) \wedge (\forall k. 1 \leq k \wedge k \leq (|x| - 4)\ div\ |y| + 2 \longrightarrow primitive\ (x \cdot y^{\textcircled{a}}\ k))$
 (is $bin\text{-}prim\ x\ y \longleftrightarrow (?xxy \wedge ?xyk)$)
 <proof>

lemma *len-eq-bin-prim-iff*:
 assumes $|x| = |y|$
 shows $bin\text{-}prim\ x\ y \longleftrightarrow primitive\ (x \cdot y)$
 <proof>

theorem *bin-prim-iff*:
 $bin\text{-}prim\ x\ y \longleftrightarrow$
 (if $|y| < |x|$
 then $primitive\ (x \cdot x \cdot y) \wedge (\forall k. 1 \leq k \wedge k \leq (|x| - 4)\ div\ |y| + 2 \longrightarrow primitive\ (x \cdot y^{\textcircled{a}}\ k))$
 else if $|x| < |y|$
 then $primitive\ (y \cdot y \cdot x) \wedge (\forall k. 1 \leq k \wedge k \leq (|y| - 4)\ div\ |x| + 2 \longrightarrow primitive\ (y \cdot x^{\textcircled{a}}\ k))$
 else $primitive\ (x \cdot y)$
)
 <proof>

0.11.1 Code equation for *bin-prim* predicate

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private lemma *all-less-Suc-conv*: $(\forall k < n. P\ (Suc\ k)) \longleftrightarrow (\forall k \leq n. k \geq 1 \longrightarrow P\ k)$
 <proof>

lemma *bin-prim-iff'* [code]:
 $bin\text{-}prim\ x\ y \longleftrightarrow$
 (if $|y| < |x|$
 then $primitive\ (x \cdot x \cdot y) \wedge (\forall k < (|x| - 4)\ div\ |y| + 2. primitive\ (x \cdot y^{\textcircled{a}}\ (Suc\ k)))$
 else if $|x| < |y|$
 then $bin\text{-}prim\ y\ x$
 else $primitive\ (x \cdot y)$
)
 <proof>

end
value $bin\text{-}prim\ (a \cdot b \cdot b \cdot a \cdot a)\ b \text{ --- True}$
value $bin\text{-}prim\ (a \cdot b \cdot b \cdot a)\ b \text{ --- False}$
value $bin\text{-}prim\ (a \cdot b \cdot b \cdot a)\ (b \cdot a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot b) \text{ --- False}$
value $bin\text{-}prim\ (a \cdot b)\ (a \cdot b) \text{ --- False}$
value $bin\text{-}prim\ (a \cdot b)\ (a \cdot b \cdot a \cdot b) \text{ --- False}$
value $bin\text{-}prim\ (a \cdot b \cdot b \cdot a \cdot a)\ (b \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b \cdot b) \text{ --- True}$

0.12 Characterization of binary imprimitivity codes

theorem *bin-imprim-code-iff*:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{bin-imprim-code } x \ y \longleftrightarrow x \cdot y \neq y \cdot x \wedge \\
 & \quad (\text{if } |y| < |x| \\
 & \quad \quad \text{then } \neg \text{primitive } (x \cdot x \cdot y) \vee (\exists k. 1 \leq k \wedge k \leq (|x| - 4) \text{ div } |y| + 2 \wedge \neg \\
 & \quad \text{primitive } (x \cdot y^{\textcircled{a}} k)) \\
 & \quad \quad \text{else if } |x| < |y| \\
 & \quad \quad \quad \text{then } \neg \text{primitive } (y \cdot y \cdot x) \vee (\exists k. 1 \leq k \wedge k \leq (|y| - 4) \text{ div } |x| + 2 \wedge \neg \\
 & \quad \quad \text{primitive } (y \cdot x^{\textcircled{a}} k)) \\
 & \quad \quad \quad \text{else } \neg \text{primitive } (x \cdot y) \\
 & \quad \quad \quad) \\
 & \langle \text{proof} \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

value *bin-imprim-code* (a·b·b·a·a) b — False
value *bin-imprim-code* (a·b·b·a) b — True
value *bin-imprim-code* (a·b·b·a) (b·a·b·a·b) — True
value *bin-imprim-code* (a·b) (a·b) — False
value *bin-imprim-code* (a·b) (a·b·a·b) — False
value *bin-imprim-code* (a·b·b·a·a) (b·b·b·b·b) — False

end

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