

More on prefix normal words

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So how can we tell whether w is prefix normal?

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k	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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Definition (again)

w prefix normal $\Leftrightarrow \forall k: w_1 \dots w_k$ has $F_1(w, k)$ many 1s

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Lemma

Each equivalence class contains exactly one prefix normal word.

Definition

The **prefix normal form PNF₁(w)** of w is the unique p.n. word in w 's equivalence class.

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Recall: $v \equiv w$ if same F_1 -function
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PNF ₁	class	cardinality
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1110	{1110, 0111}	2
1101	{1101, 1011}	2
1100	{1100, 0110, 0011}	3
1010	{1010, 0101}	2
1001	{1001}	1
1000	{1000, 0100, 0010, 0001}	4
0000	{0000}	1

- w and w^{rev} are in the same class
- if $[w]$ has size 1 then w p.n. and palindrome

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Recent papers on this problem:

PSC 2009, FUN 2010, IPL 2010, JDA 2012, ToCS 2012, IJFCS 2012, CPM 2012,
SPIRE 2012, IPL 2013, IPL 2013, ESA 2013 x 2, SPIRE 2013, TCS 2014,
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(red ones have an intersection with current authors)

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This index (table) has size $O(n)$ and allows **constant** time queries.

BJPM: Construction of index

- $O(n^2)$ time—Cicalese, Fici, L. (PSC 2009)
- $O(n^2 / \log n)$ time
 - Burcsi, Cicalese, Fici, L. (FUN 2010); Moosa, Rahman (IPL 2010)
- $O(n^2 / \log^2 n)$ time in word-RAM model
 - Moosa, Rahman (JDA 2012)
- approximate index with one-sided error in $O(n^{1+\epsilon})$ time
 - Cicalese, Laber, Weimann, Yuster (CPM 2012)
- Corner Index: construction time, index size, query time depend on
 $r = \text{runlength enc. of } s$
 - Badkobeh, Fici, Kroon, L. (IPL 2013); Giaquinta, Grabowski (IPL 2013)
- $n^2 / 2^{\Omega(\log n / \log \log n)^{1/2}}$ —Hermelin, Landau, Rabinovich, Weimann (unpubl.)
- $O(n^{1.859})$ time—Chan & Lewenstein (unpubl.)

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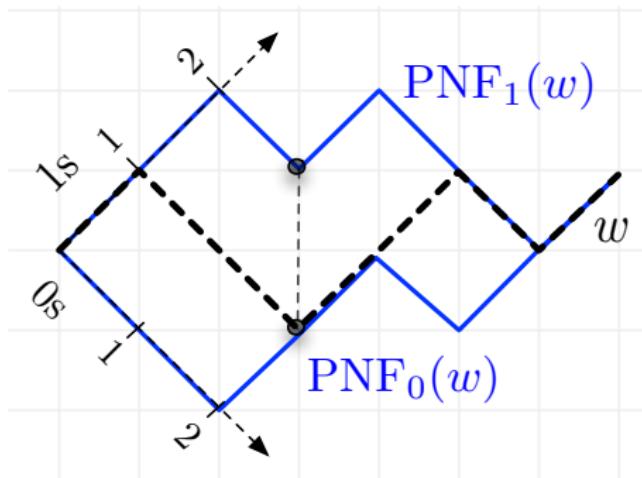
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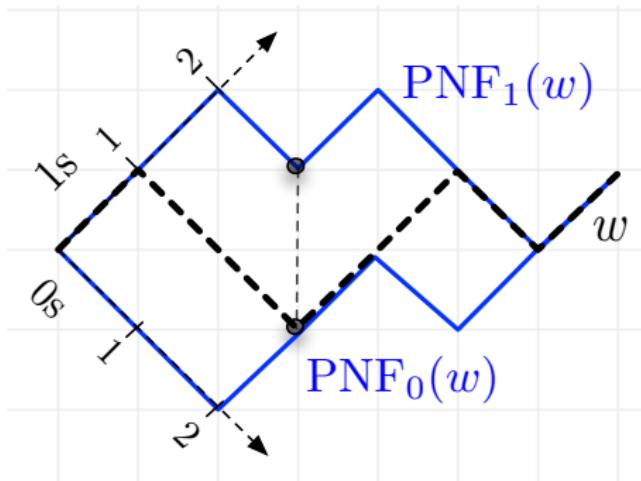
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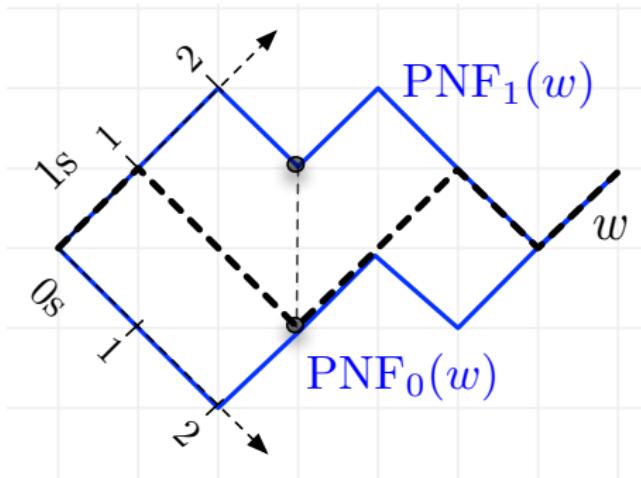


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vertical line: $k = 3$

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Thus, it suffices to query the two PNFs for answering BJPM queries (bitstring rank queries in constant time).

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- w is p.n. $\Rightarrow w0$ is p.n.
- w is p.n. \Rightarrow every prefix of w is p.n.
- for any w of length n , $v = 1^n w$ is p.n.
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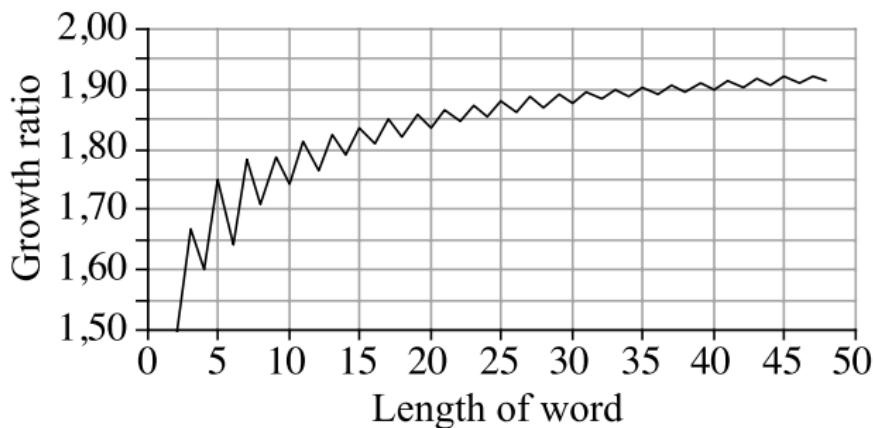
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Exists $c > 0$: $pnw(n) = \Omega(2^{n-c\sqrt{n \ln n}}) = \Omega((2-\epsilon)^n) \quad \forall \epsilon > 0$.

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$pnw(n) = O\left(\frac{2^n(\ln n)^2}{n}\right) = o(2^n)$.

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gen.func.	coefficients	closed form
$f_0(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$	1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1...	1
$f_1(x) = \frac{x}{1-x}$	0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1...	$[n > 0]$
$f_2(x) = \frac{x^2}{(1-x)^2}$	0, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6...	$(n-1)$
$f_3(x) = \frac{x^3}{(1-x^2)(1-x)^2}$	0, 0, 0, 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, ...	$p_{nw}(2n) = n(n-1),$ $p_{nw}(2n+1) = (n-1)^2$

... and more (but for larger d becomes less and less manageable) ...

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Lemma

A word w is prefix normal if and only if the following inequalities hold:

$$\begin{array}{lcl} r_1 & \leq & r_j & j = 2, 3, \dots, d-1 \\ r_1 + r_2 & \leq & r_j + r_{j+1} & j = 2, 3, \dots, d-2 \\ r_1 + r_2 + r_3 & \leq & r_j + r_{j+1} + r_{j+2} & j = 2, 3, \dots, d-3 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & \\ r_1 + r_2 + \cdots + r_{d-2} & \leq & r_j + r_{j+1} + \cdots + r_{d-1} & j = 2 \end{array}$$

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Corollary

$p_{nw}(n)$ grows exponentially.

Proof.

If $r_1 \leq r_2 \leq \dots \leq r_d$ holds, then the Lemma is satisfied. Therefore,

$$p_{nw}(n) \geq \text{number of integer partitions of } n.$$



(But we already knew this.)

Words with fixed prefix

For a word w , let $\text{ext}(w, m)$ denote the number of prefix normal words of length $|w| + m$ with prefix w .

w	$\text{ext}(w, 4)$	$\text{ext}(w, w)$
1111	16	2^n
1110	15	$2^n - 1$
1101	11	$2^n - 5$
1100	11	$2^n - (n + 1)$
1010	8	$F(2\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 2)$
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In general ($\text{ext}(w, m)$): # p.n. words of length $|w| + m$ with prefix w):

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$$\begin{aligned}\text{ext}(1^n, n) &= 2^n \\ \text{ext}(1^{n-1}0, n) &= 2^n - 1 \\ \text{ext}(1^{n-2}01, n) &= 2^n - 5 \\ \text{ext}(1^{n-2}00, n) &= 2^n - (n+1) \\ \text{ext}((10)^{\frac{n}{2}}, n) &= F(n+2) \text{ if } n \text{ even.} \\ \text{ext}((10)^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} 1, n) &= F(n+1) \text{ if } n \text{ odd.} \\ \text{ext}(10^{n-2}1, n) &= 3 \\ \text{ext}(10^{n-1}, n) &= n+1 \\ \text{ext}(0^n, n) &= 1\end{aligned}$$

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Critical prefix length

For a word $w = 1^s 0^t v$, the critical prefix length is $cr(w) = s + t$, the length of the first 1-run plus the first 0-run (in this order! note that $s = 0$ is possible).

Lemma

$\mathbb{E}(cr(w)) = 3$ for a random binary word. (For fixed-length, tends to 3 for $n \rightarrow \infty$.)

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$\mathbb{E}(cr(PNF_1(w))) = \Theta(\log n)$ for a random binary word w of length n .

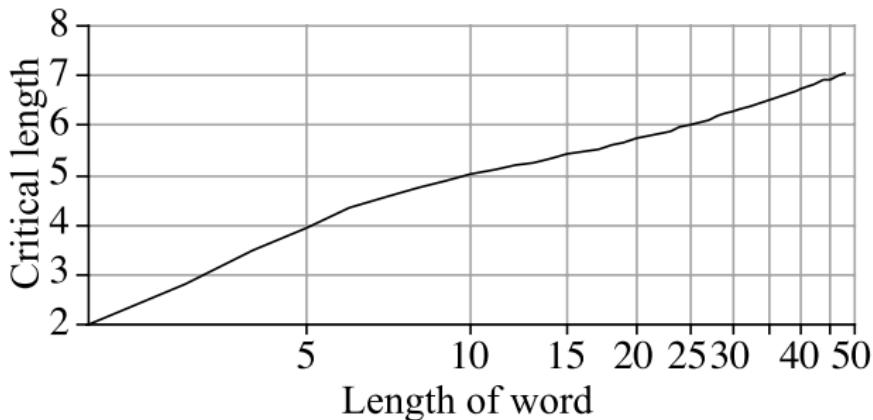
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We need this conjecture for our generating algorithm! If conjecture true, then it runs in **amortized $O(\log n)$ time**.

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THANK YOU!