

Arithmetics in the set of beta-polynomials

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Abstract

Let β be a formal series with $\deg(\beta) \geq 2$, the aim of this paper is to prove that the maximal length of the finite β -fractional parts in the β -expansion of product of two beta-polynomials (a formal series that have not β -fractional part), denoted $L_{\odot}(\beta)$ is finite when β is Pisot or Salem series. Especially, we give its exact value if β have one conjugate with absolute value smaller than $\frac{1}{|\beta|}$ and if β is a Pisot series verifying $\beta^d + A_{d-1}\beta^{d-1} + \dots + A_0 = 0$ such that $\deg(\beta) = m \geq 2$ and $\deg(A_0) = s \geq \deg(A_i) \quad \forall 0 \leq i \leq d-2$.

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1 Introduction

The β -expansion of real numbers was introduced by A. Rényi [12]. Since its introduction in 1975, its properties arithmetic, diophantine and ergodic have been extensively studied by several authors.

Let $\beta > 1$ be a real number. The β -expansion of a real number $x \in [0, 1)$ is defined by the sequence $(x_i)_{i \geq 1}$ with values in $\{0, 1, \dots, [\beta]\}$ produced by the β -transformation $T_{\beta} : x \rightarrow \beta x \pmod{1}$ as follows :

$$\forall i \geq 1, x_i = [\beta T_{\beta}^{i-1}(x)], \text{ and thus } x = \sum_{i \geq 1} \frac{x_i}{\beta^i}$$

We write $d_\beta(x) = 0.x_1x_2\dots$

In [11], Parry showed that for any $x \in [0, 1)$, $d_\beta(x)$ is the only transformation of x in base β which satisfies the following condition called the Parry condition:

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*, S^n((x_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}^*}) <_{lex} d_\beta^*(1)$$

where $S((x_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}^*}) = (x_{i+1})_{i \in \mathbb{N}^*}$ and $d_\beta^*(1) = \begin{cases} d_\beta(1) & \text{if } d_\beta(1) \text{ is infini} \\ (t_1 \dots t_{m-1}, t_m - 1)^\infty & \text{if } d_\beta(1) = 0.t_1 \dots t_m. \end{cases}$

Now let $x > 1$ be a positive real number, so there exist $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$ such that $\beta^{k-1} \leq x < \beta^k$. So $\frac{x}{\beta^k} \in [0, 1)$ and let $d_\beta(\frac{x}{\beta^k}) = (x_i)_{i \geq 1}$ finely we get

$$d_\beta(x) = (x_{i+k+1})_{i \geq -k}.$$

Let $d_\beta(x) = (x_i)_{i \geq -n}$, so $x = \sum_{i=0}^n x_{-i}\beta^i + \sum_{i>0} x_i\beta^{-i}$. The part with non-negatives powers of β is called the β -integer part of x , denoted by $[x]_\beta$. The part with negatives powers of β is called the β -fractional part of x , denoted by $\{x\}_\beta = x - [x]_\beta$, this allows a natural generalization of the definition of development of real number in base 10.

If there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $|x| = \sum_{i=0}^n x_i\beta^i$, where $x_n \dots x_0$ is the β -expansion of $|x|$, then x is called β -integer and the set of β -integers is denoted by \mathbf{Z}_β .

The set $Fin(\beta)$, introduced in [6], is defined by $\{\beta^{-k}\mathbf{Z}_\beta/k \in \mathbb{N}\}$. It allows to generalize the frame work of numeration to the case of a non-integer base β .

We know that \mathbf{Z}_β and $Fin(\beta)$ are not stable under usual operations like addition and multiplication.

In order to study arithmetics on β -integers, we interested on the β -expansion of the number obtained by addition or multiplication of two β -integers when the β -expansion of the sum or the product is finite.

The following notation $L_\oplus(\beta)$ and $L_\odot(\beta)$ are introduced in [8].

Definition 1.1

$$L_\oplus(\beta) = \min\{n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \forall x, y \in \mathbf{Z}_\beta \text{ such that } x + y \in Fin(\beta) \Rightarrow \beta^n(x + y) \in \mathbf{Z}_\beta\}$$

$$L_\odot(\beta) = \min\{n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \forall x, y \in \mathbf{Z}_\beta \text{ such that } xy \in Fin(\beta) \Rightarrow \beta^n(xy) \in \mathbf{Z}_\beta\}$$

Minimum of an empty set is defined to be $+\infty$.

We can see that $L_\oplus(\beta)$ and $L_\odot(\beta)$ represent respectively the maximal possible finite length of the β -fractional part which may appear when one adds or multiplies two β -integers, otherwise they designate the maximal finite shift after the comma for the sum or product of two β -integers.

The computation of these values gives an indication on the difficulty of performing arithmetics on \mathbf{Z}_β .

Let us explain now why we are interested in the case where $L_\oplus(\beta)$ and $L_\odot(\beta)$ are finite: Indeed, if the sum or the product of two β -integers belongs to $Fin(\beta)$, then the length of the β -fractional part of this sum or product is bounded by a constant which only

depends on β .

If the set of the length sums or products of two β -integers is unbounded, then performing arithmetics in \mathbf{Z}_β will be very difficult if not impossible, since one can not compute in a finite time any operation on β -integers.

Let us mention that to our knowledge no example is known of a β such that $L_\oplus(\beta)$ and $L_\odot(\beta)$ are infinite, however it has been proven in [6] and [7] that $L_\oplus(\beta)$ and $L_\odot(\beta)$ are finite when β is Pisot (a real algebraic integer greater than 1 with all conjugates strictly inside the unit disk). The computation of these values is however not so easy, especially for $L_\oplus(\beta)$. The case of quadratic Pisot numbers has been studied in [5] when β is a unit. The authors gave exact values for $L_\oplus(\beta)$ and $L_\odot(\beta)$, when $\beta > 1$ is a solution either of equation $x^2 = mx - 1, m \in \mathbb{N}, m \geq 3$ or of equation $x = mx + 1, m \in \mathbb{N}$. In the first case $L_\oplus(\beta) = L_\odot(\beta) = 1$, in the second case $L_\oplus(\beta) = L_\odot(\beta) = 2$, and in [8] otherwise. However, when β is of higher degree, it is a difficult problem to compute the exact value of $L_\oplus(\beta)$ or $L_\odot(\beta)$, and even to compute upper and lower bounds for these two constants.

Several examples are Studied in [2], where a method is described in order to compute upper bounds for $L_\oplus(\beta)$ and $L_\odot(\beta)$ for Pisot numbers satisfying additional algebraic properties, for example, in the Tribonacci case, that is, when β is the positive root, of the polynomial $x^3 - x^2 - x - 1$, we have $L_\oplus(\beta) = 5$, let's note that until now, we don't know the value of $L_\odot(\beta)$ in the case of the Tribonacci number, it is only proven in [2] that $4 \leq L_\odot(\beta) \leq 5$.

The condition Pisot is not necessary to have $L_\oplus(\beta)$ and $L_\otimes(\beta)$ are finite: L. S. Guimond, Z. Masáková and E. Pelantová in [8] prove that if β is an algebraic number such that at least one among its conjugates with modulus smaller than 1, so $L_\oplus(\beta)$ and $L_\odot(\beta)$ are finite.

In this paper, we define a similar concepts over the field of formal series. We begin in Section 1 by introducing the field of formal series and the β -expansion over this field. In Section 2, we will show that the condition Pisot is not necessary to have $L_\otimes(\beta)$ are finite. Especially, we give a sufficient condition for the conjugates of β to obtain $L_\odot(\beta) = 1$.

In Section 3, we prove the finiteness of $L_\odot(\beta)$ when β is Pisot or Salem formal power series and we give its exact value in the case of Pisot with some additional conditions.

2 Preliminaries

Let \mathbb{F}_q be a finite field of q elements, $\mathbb{F}_q[x]$ is the ring of polynomials with coefficient in \mathbb{F}_q , $\mathbb{F}_q(x)$ is the field of rational functions and $\mathbb{F}_q(x, \beta)$ is the field of rational functions in base β . Let $\mathbb{F}_q((x^{-1}))$ be the field of formal power series of the form :

$$f = \sum_{k=-\infty}^l f_k x^k, \quad f_k \in \mathbb{F}_q$$

where

$$l = \deg f = \begin{cases} \max\{k : f_k \neq 0\} & \text{if } f \neq 0; \\ -\infty & \text{if } f = 0. \end{cases}$$

Define the absolute value by

$$|f| = \begin{cases} q^{\deg f} & \text{if } f \neq 0; \\ 0 & \text{if } f = 0. \end{cases}$$

Since $|\cdot|$ is not archimedean, $|\cdot|$ fulfills the strict triangle inequality

$$|f + g| \leq \max(|f|, |g|) \quad \text{and} \quad |f + g| = \max(|f|, |g|) \quad \text{if } |f| \neq |g|.$$

Let $f \in \mathbb{F}_q((x^{-1}))$, define the integer (polynomial) part $[f] = \sum_{k=0}^l f_k x^k$ where the empty sum, as usual, is defined to be zero. So $[f] \in \mathbb{F}_q[x]$ and $f - [f] = \{f\} \in D(0, 1)$.

An element $\beta \in \mathbb{F}_q((x^{-1}))$ is called algebraic integer of degree d if it verify $\beta^d + A_{d-1}\beta^{d-1} + \dots + A_1\beta + A_0 = 0$ and is called unit series if $A_0 \in \mathbb{F}_q^*$.

β is Pisot (resp Salem) element if it is an algebraic integer over $\mathbb{F}_q[x]$, $|\beta| > 1$ and $|\beta_j| < 1$ for all Galois conjugates β_j (resp $|\beta_j| \leq 1$ and there exist at least one conjugate β_k such that $|\beta_k| = 1$).

In [3], Bateman and Duquette had characterized the Pisot and Salem element in $\mathbb{F}_q((x^{-1}))$.

Theorem 2.1 [3] *Let $\beta \in \mathbb{F}_q((x^{-1}))$ be an algebraic integer over $\mathbb{F}_q[x]$ and*

$$P(y) = y^n - A_{n-1}y^{n-1} - \dots - A_0, \quad A_i \in \mathbb{F}_q[x],$$

be its minimal polynomial. Then

- (i) β is a Pisot element if and only if $|A_{n-1}| > \max_{0 \leq j \leq n-2} |A_j|$.
- (ii) β is a Salem element if and only if $|A_{n-1}| = \max_{0 \leq j \leq n-2} |A_j|$.

Let $\beta \in \mathbb{F}_q((x^{-1}))$ with $|\beta| > 1$. A representation in base β (or β -representation) of a formal series $f \in D(0, 1)$ is an infinite sequence $(x_i)_{i \geq 1}$, $x_i \in \mathbb{F}_q[x]$, such that

$$f = \sum_{i \geq 1} \frac{x_i}{\beta^i}.$$

A particular β -representation of f is called the β -expansion of f in base β , noted $d_\beta(f)$, which is obtained by using the β -transformation T_β in the unit disk which is given by $T_\beta(f) = \beta f - [\beta f]$. Then $d_\beta(f) = (a_i)_{i \geq 1}$ where $a_i = [\beta T_\beta^{i-1}(f)]$, for better characterization of β -expansion, in [9], M.Hbaib and M.Mkaouar showed the following theorem.

Theorem 2.2 [9] *An infinite sequence $(a_i)_{i \geq 1}$ is the β -expansion of $f \in D(0, 1)$ if and only if $|a_i| < |\beta|$ for all $i \geq 1$.*

Now let $f \in \mathbb{F}_q((x^{-1}))$ be an element with $|f| \geq 1$. Then there is a unique $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$ such that $|\beta|^{k-1} \leq |f| < |\beta|^k$, so $|\frac{f}{\beta^k}| < 1$ and we can represent f by shifting $d_\beta(\frac{f}{\beta^k})$ by k digits to the left. Therefore, if $d_\beta(f) = 0.a_1a_2a_3\dots$ then $d_\beta(\beta f) = a_1.a_2a_3\dots$. Let $Fin(\beta)$ be the set of f in $\mathbb{F}_q((x^{-1}))$ which have a finite β -expansion, so the β -expansion of every $f \in Fin(\beta)$ has this form:

$$d_\beta(f) = a_k a_{k-1} \cdots a_1 a_0 . a_{-1} a_{-2} \cdots a_m, \text{ where } m \in \mathbf{Z}.$$

The part $a_k a_{k-1} \cdots a_1 a_0$ is called the β -polynomial part of f and the part $a_{-1} a_{-2} \cdots a_m$ is called the β -fractional part of f .

We define also $deg_\beta(f) = k$ and $ord_\beta(f) = m$.

If $ord_\beta(f) \geq 0$ then f is called β -polynomial and the set of β -polynomials is denoted by $(\mathbb{F}_q[x])_\beta$, who is the analogue of \mathbf{Z}_β in the real case.

We can define by an analogy with the real case the quantity $L_\oplus(\beta)$ and $L_\odot(\beta)$ as follows:

$$L_\oplus(\beta) = \min\{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid \forall f, g \in (\mathbb{F}_q[x])_\beta \text{ such that } f+g \in Fin(\beta) \Rightarrow \beta^n(f+g) \in (\mathbb{F}_q[x])_\beta\}$$

$$L_\odot(\beta) = \min\{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid \forall f, g \in (\mathbb{F}_q[x])_\beta \text{ such that } fg \in Fin(\beta) \Rightarrow \beta^n(fg) \in (\mathbb{F}_q[x])_\beta\}.$$

Minimum of an empty set is defined to be $+\infty$.

Remark 2.3 *Let us note that in the case of formal series the quantity $L_\oplus(\beta)$ is not interesting, because we know that in contrast to the real case, if $f, g \in \mathbb{F}_q((x^{-1}))$, we have $d_\beta(f+g) = d_\beta(f)+d_\beta(g)$, so the sum of two β -polynomials is always a β -polynomial.*

To calculate $L_\odot(\beta)$ for the families of basis β , we excluded the case when $deg(\beta) = 1$, since in this trivial case, the product of two β -polynomials is a β -polynomial, so we have $L_\odot(\beta) = 0$.

Let $\beta \in \mathbb{F}_q((x^{-1}))$ with $|\beta| > 1$ be an algebraic on $\mathbb{F}_q[x]$ and let β_2, \dots, β_n be the conjugates of β . We associate for every $f = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i \beta^i$, the j -th conjugate which is defined by $f_j = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i \beta_j^i$.

3 Main results

3.1 Sufficient conditions for finiteness of $L_\odot(\beta)$

In the following theorem, we will prove that $L_\odot(\beta)$ is finite when β is an algebraic integer. This result does not have an analogue to the real case.

Theorem 3.1 *Let $\beta \in \mathbb{F}_q((x^{-1}))$, with $|\beta| > 1$ be an algebraic integer on $\mathbb{F}_q[x]$. Then $L_\odot(\beta)$ is finite.*

Proof Let $f = a_s\beta^s + a_{s-1}\beta^{s-1} + \dots + a_0$ and $g = b_m\beta^m + b_{m-1}\beta^{m-1} + \dots + b_0$, where $|a_i| < |\beta|$ for all $0 \leq i \leq s$ and $|b_j| < |\beta|$ for all $0 \leq j \leq m$, such that $fg \in \text{Fin}(\beta)$. Therefore, we can write

$$fg = c_n\beta^n + c_{n-1}\beta^{n-1} + \dots + c_0 + c_{-1}\beta^{-1} + c_{-2}\beta^{-2} + \dots + c_{-k}\beta^{-k}, \text{ with } |c_j| < |\beta| \text{ for all } -k \leq j \leq n.$$

we denote by $h_j = c_{-1}\beta_j^{-1} + c_{-2}\beta_j^{-2} + \dots + c_{-k}\beta_j^{-k}$ for all $1 \leq j \leq d$, where $\beta_1 = \beta$ and β_j , $2 \leq j \leq d$ are the Galois conjugates of β and d is the algebraic degree of β . Then

$$h_j = \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} \alpha_i \beta_j^{-i} \text{ where } \alpha_i \in \mathbb{F}_q[x] \text{ for all } 0 \leq i \leq d-1.$$

We have $|h_j| = |h_1| < 1$, if $|\beta_j| \geq 1$ then $|h_j| = |c_{-1}\beta_j^{-1} + c_{-2}\beta_j^{-2} + \dots + c_{-k}\beta_j^{-k}| \leq |\beta|$, and if $|\beta_j| < 1$ then $|h_j| = |(a_s\beta_j^s + a_{s-1}\beta_j^{s-1} + \dots + a_0) \cdot (b_m\beta_j^m + b_{m-1}\beta_j^{m-1} + \dots + b_0) - (c_n\beta_j^n + c_{n-1}\beta_j^{n-1} + \dots + c_0)| \leq |\beta|^2$.

Since the matrix $M = (\beta_j^{-k})_{1 \leq j \leq d; 0 \leq k \leq d-1}$ is non singular, we give that

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0 \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{d-1} \end{pmatrix} = M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ \vdots \\ h_d \end{pmatrix}.$$

This implies that $|\alpha_i| < C(\beta)$, where $C(\beta)$ is a constant depend only on β , therefore the number of elements $(\alpha_i)_{0 \leq i \leq d-1}$ is finite. So $L_\odot(\beta)$ is finite. \square

3.2 Computation of $L_\odot(\beta)$

We propose the following quantitative study over this family of algebraic formal series β , that have at least one of its conjugates, say β_j , in absolute value smaller than $\frac{1}{|\beta|}$.

Theorem 3.2 *Let $\beta \in \mathbb{F}_q((x^{-1}))$ be an algebraic on $\mathbb{F}_q[x]$ with $\deg(\beta) \geq 2$, which have a conjugate, say β_j verifying $|\beta_j| \leq \frac{1}{|\beta|}$. Then $L_\odot(\beta) \in \{0, 1\}$.*

Proof.

Let $f = \sum_{i=0}^s a_i\beta^i$ and $g = \sum_{i=0}^r b_i\beta^i$ where $|a_i| < |\beta|$ and $|b_i| < |\beta|$, such that $fg \in \text{Fin}(\beta)$.

Let $f_j = \sum_{i=0}^s a_i\beta_j^i$ and $g_j = \sum_{i=0}^r b_i\beta_j^i$. Since $|\beta_j| \leq \frac{1}{|\beta|}$, we have $|f_j| < |\beta|$ and $|g_j| < |\beta|$.

So

$$|f_j g_j| < |\beta|^2$$

We assume that $d_\beta(fg) = c_h \dots c_0 \cdot c_{-1} \dots c_{-m}$ where $c_{-m} \neq 0$, so we have

$$|f_j g_j| = \left| \sum_{i=-m}^h c_i \beta_j^i \right| = |c_{-m} \beta_j^{-m}| \geq |\beta|^m.$$

Therefore $m < 2$. \square

As application of the above theorem, we have treat some specific cases.

Corollary 3.3 *Let β be a quadratic Pisot unit with $\deg(\beta) \geq 2$. Then $L_{\odot}(\beta) = 1$.*

Proof.

In this case β verify $\beta^2 + A_1\beta + A_0 = 0$ where $A_0 \in \mathbb{F}_q^*$, so the unique conjugate of β is β_j such that $|\beta_j| = \frac{1}{|\beta|}$.

By Theorem 3.2, we obtain $L_{\odot}(\beta) \in \{0, 1\}$. Let now $A_1 = c_d x^d + \dots + c_0$ where $d = \deg(\beta) \geq 2$ and $c_d \neq 0$, we have $x, c_d x^{d-1} \in (\mathbb{F}_q[x])_{\beta}$ and $c_d x^d = -\beta - (c_{d-1} x^{d-1} + \dots + c_0) - \frac{A_0}{\beta}$. So, $L_{\odot}(\beta) = 1$. \square

Corollary 3.4 *Let β be a cubic Salem unit with $\deg(\beta) \geq 2$. Then $L_{\odot}(\beta) \in \{0, 1\}$.*

Proof.

In this case β verify $\beta^3 + A_2\beta^2 + A_1\beta + A_0 = 0$, where $|A_1| = |A_2| = |\beta|$ and $A_0 \in \mathbb{F}_q^*$. So β have two conjugates β_2 and β_3 such that $|\beta_2| = \frac{1}{|\beta|}$ et $|\beta_3| = 1$.

By Theorem 3.2, we obtain $L_{\odot}(\beta) \in \{0, 1\}$. \square

Corollary 3.5 *Let β be a Salem unit with $\deg(\beta) \geq 2$ verifying:*

$$\beta^d + A_{d-1}\beta^d + \dots + A_1\beta + A_0 = 0, \quad (3.1)$$

where $A_0 \in \mathbb{F}_q^*$ and $|A_1| = |A_{d-1}|$. Then $L_{\odot}(\beta) \in \{0, 1\}$.

Proof.

Let $\beta = \beta_1$ be a Salem unit verifying (3.1). Then

$$|A_0| = \prod_{1 \leq i \leq d} |\beta_i| = 1 \text{ where } \beta_2, \dots, \beta_d \text{ its conjugates}$$

$$|A_{d-1}| = \left| \sum_{i=1}^d \beta_i \right| = |A_1| = \left| \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_{d-1} \leq d} \beta_{i_1} \dots \beta_{i_{d-1}} \right|$$

If there exist β_i and β_j ($i \neq j$) such that $|\beta_i| < 1$ and $|\beta_j| < 1$, then we obtain in this case $|A_1| < |\beta|$ which contradicts the hypothesis that

$$|\beta| = |A_{d-1}| = |A_1|.$$

we conclude that β have a unique conjugate β_j such that $|\beta_j| < 1$ and the other conjugates of equal absolute value 1. So $|\beta_j| = \frac{1}{|\beta|}$ and by Theorem 3.2, we obtain $L_{\odot}(\beta) \in \{0, 1\}$. \square

The following theorem, allows us to calculate $L_{\odot}(\beta)$ for some Pisot series.

Theorem 3.6 *let β be a Pisot series satisfying*

$$\beta^d + A_{d-1}\beta^{d-1} + \dots + A_0 = 0$$

such that $\deg(\beta) = m \geq 2$ and $\deg(A_0) = s \geq \deg(A_i)$, for all $0 \leq i \leq d-2$. Then for any $n \geq m$ the beta-expansion of x^n is given by:

$$d_\beta(x^n) = a_{\lambda(n)}^n \cdots a_0^n \cdot a_{-1}^n \cdots a_{-\mu(n)}^n.$$

Where λ and μ are two increasing sequences defined by:

$$\mu(n) = -\text{ord}_\beta(x^n) = (d-1)\left[\frac{n-s}{m-s}\right] \text{ and } \deg(a_{-\mu(n)}^n) = s + (\overline{n-s}) = \sup_{0 \leq k \leq d-2} \deg(a_{-\mu(n)+k}^n)$$

where $(\overline{n-s})$ is the rest of the Euclidean division of $(n-s)$ by $(m-s)$.

To prove the above theorem, we will need the following lemma:

Lemma 3.7 *Let β be a Pisot series. Then $\text{ord}_\beta(x^{n+1}) \leq \text{ord}_\beta(x^n)$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$.*

Proof.

Let $P(y) = y^d + A_{d-1}y^{d-1} + \cdots + A_0$ be the minimal polynomial of β and c be the dominant coefficient of A_{d-1} , Let $m = \deg(\beta)$, for $n < m-1$ we have $\text{ord}_\beta(x^{n+1}) = \text{ord}_\beta(x^n) = 0$. Let now $n \geq m$ we suppose that

$$d_\beta(x^n) = a_{\lambda(n)}^n \cdots a_0^n \cdot a_{-1}^n \cdots a_{-\mu(n)}^n \text{ with } a_{-\mu(n)}^n \neq 0.$$

We will show by induction on n that $\mu(n+1) \geq \mu(n)$ and $\deg(a_{-\mu(n)}^n) \geq s$, where $s = \deg A_0$.

So we have

$$x^m = -c^{-1}\beta - c^{-1}(A_{d-1} - cx^m) - \cdots - c^{-1}A_0\beta^{-(d-1)}.$$

this implies

$$d_\beta(x^m) = a_{\lambda(m)}^m a_0^m \cdot a_{-1}^m \cdots a_{-\mu(m)}^m$$

$$\text{where } \begin{cases} a_{\lambda(m)}^m = -c^{-1} \\ \vdots \\ a_{-\mu(m)}^m = -c^{-1}A_0 \end{cases} \text{ and } \lambda(m) = 1, \mu(m) = d-1$$

Let now

$$\mathcal{A}_n = \{0 \leq i \leq d-1 \text{ such that } \deg(a_{-\mu(n)+i}^n) = m-1\}$$

If $\mathcal{A}_n = \emptyset$, then $a_{-\mu(n+1)}^{n+1} = xa_{-\mu(n)}^n$ and $\mu(n+1) = \mu(n)$ and $\deg(a_{-\mu(n+1)}^n) = 1 + \deg(a_{-\mu(n)}^n)$.
If $\mathcal{A}_n \neq \emptyset$, taking $k_n = \min \mathcal{A}_n$ and γ be the dominant coefficient of $a_{-\mu(n)+k_n}^n$.

- If $k_n = d-1$, then $a_{-\mu(n+1)}^{n+1} = -c^{-1} \cdot \gamma \cdot A_0 + x \cdot a_{-\mu(n)}^n$ and $\mu(n+1) = \mu(n)$.
- If $k_n < d-1$, then $a_{-\mu(n+1)}^{n+1} = -c^{-1} \gamma A_0$ and $\mu(n+1) = \mu(n) + d-1 - k_n$.

Lemma 3.8 *Let β be a Pisot series, such that $m = \deg(\beta) \geq 2$. Then $L_\odot(\beta) = -\text{ord}_\beta(x^{2m-2})$.*

Proof.

Let $f = a_n\beta^n + a_{n-1}\beta^{n-1} + \dots + a_0$ and $g = b_m\beta^m + b_{m-1}\beta^{m-1} + \dots + b_0$ in $\mathbb{F}_q[x]_\beta$ such that $f.g \in \text{Fin}(\beta)$, since

$$f.g = \sum_{k=0}^{n+m} \left(\sum_{p=0}^k b_p a_{k-p} \right) \beta^k.$$

We have $-ord_\beta(f.g) \leq \max\{-ord_\beta(b_p a_{k-p}); 0 \leq p \leq k \leq n+m\}$, using the above lemma we get $L_\odot(\beta) \leq -ord_\beta(x^{2m-2})$. Or $f = x^{m-1} \in \mathbb{F}_q[x]_\beta$ and $-ord_\beta(f^2) = -ord_\beta(x^{2m-2})$, so $L_\odot(\beta) = -ord_\beta(x^{2m-2})$. \square

Proof of Theorem 3.6.

We will show the result by induction on $n \geq m$.

For $n = m$, we have

$$x^m = -c^{-1}\beta - (A_{d-1} - cx^m) - \dots - c^{-1}A_0\beta^{-(d-1)}$$

where c is the dominant coefficient of A_{d-1} , so

$$-ord_\beta(x^m) = d - 1 = \mu(m) \quad \text{and} \quad \deg(a_{-\mu(m)}^m) = \deg(-c^{-1}A_0) = s = s + (\overline{m-s}).$$

So the result is true for $n = m$.

Assume that $\mu(n) = -ord_\beta(x^n) = (d-1)\lfloor \frac{n-s}{m-s} \rfloor$ and $\deg(a_{-\mu(n)}^n) = s + (\overline{n-s})$. We have

$$x^n = a_{\lambda(n)}^n \beta^{\lambda(n)} + \dots + a_0^n + a_{-1}^n \beta^{-1} + \dots + a_{-\mu(n)}^n \beta^{\mu(n)}.$$

Therefore

$$x^{n+1} = x a_{\lambda(n)}^n \beta^{\lambda(n)} + \dots + x a_0^n + x a_{-1}^n \beta^{-1} + \dots + x a_{-\mu(n)}^n \beta^{\mu(n)}.$$

We distinguish two cases:

Case 1: $\deg(a_{-\mu(n)}^n) = m - 1$, in this case we have $(\overline{n-s}) = m - s - 1$,

so $(n-s) = \lfloor \frac{n-s}{m-s} \rfloor (m-s) + m - s - 1$, this implies $(n+1-s) = (\lfloor \frac{n-s}{m-s} \rfloor + 1)(m-s)$, hence $\lfloor \frac{n+1-s}{m-s} \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{n-s}{m-s} \rfloor + 1$ and $(\overline{n+1-s}) = 0$. Also we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(n+1) &= -ord_\beta(x^{n+1}) = -ord_\beta(x^n) + d - 1 \\ &= (d-1)\lfloor \frac{n-s}{m-s} \rfloor + (d-1) \\ &= (d-1)(\lfloor \frac{n-s}{m-s} \rfloor + 1) \\ &= (d-1)\lfloor \frac{n+1-s}{m-s} \rfloor \end{aligned}$$

and $a_{-\mu(n+1)}^{n+1} = -c^{-1}.\gamma.A_0$ where γ is the dominant coefficient of $a_{-\mu(n)}^n$,

so $\deg(a_{-\mu(n+1)}^{n+1}) = s = s + (\overline{n+1-s})$

Case 2: $\deg(a_{-\mu(n)}^n) < m - 1$, in this case we have

$$\mu(n+1) = -ord_\beta(x^{n+1}) = -ord_\beta(x^n) = \mu(n)$$

and

$$a_{-\mu(n+1)}^{n+1} = \begin{cases} xa_{-\mu(n)}^n & \text{if } \deg(a_{-\mu(n)+d-1}^n) < m - 1, \\ -c^{-1}.\delta.A_0 + xa_{-\mu(n)}^n & \text{if } \deg(a_{-\mu(n)+d-1}^n) = m - 1. \end{cases}$$

where δ is the dominant coefficient of $a_{-\mu(n)+d-1}^n$.

Therefore $\deg(a_{-\mu(n+1)}^{n+1}) = 1 + \deg(a_{-\mu(n)}^n) = 1 + s + (\overline{n-s}) = s + (\overline{n+1-s})$. \square

Corollary 3.9 *let β be a Pisot series satisfying*

$$\beta^d + A_{d-1}\beta^{d-1} + \cdots + A_0 = 0$$

such that $\deg(\beta) = m \geq 2$ and $\deg(A_0) = s \geq \deg(A_i) \quad \forall 0 \leq i \leq d-2$. Then $L_{\odot}(\beta) = (d-1)(\lceil \frac{m-2}{m-s} \rceil + 1)$.

Corollary 3.10 *Let β be a Pisot series verifying $\beta^2 + A_1\beta + A_0 = 0$ such that $\deg(\beta) = m$ and $\deg(A_0) = s$. Then*

$$L_{\odot}(\beta) = \lceil \frac{m-2}{m-s} \rceil + 1$$

4 Open Problem

Study other finiteness conditions and explicitly calculate $L_{\odot}(\beta)$ for other families of algebraic formal power series.

Is it possible to find conditions on β in order that $L_{\odot}(\beta) = 0$, meaning the set $(\mathbb{F}_q[x])_{\beta}$ is stable under multiplication?

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