

# General shift radix systems and discrete rotation

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## 1. CNS and SRS

Let  $p = p_n X^n + \dots + p_1 X + p_0 \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$ ,  $p_n = 1$ ,  $|p_0| > 1$  and  $\mathcal{D} = \{0, 1, \dots, |p_0| - 1\}$ . The pair  $(p, \mathcal{D})$  is called *canonical number system polynomial* - CNS - if there exist for all  $0 \neq a \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$  integers  $\ell$  and  $a_0, \dots, a_\ell \in \mathcal{D}$  such that

$$a \equiv a_0 + \dots + a_\ell X^\ell \pmod{p}.$$

- This is a generalization of radix representation of integers. It was initiated by D. Knuth, and developed further by Penney, I. Kátai, J. Szabó, B. Kovács, etc.
- Not all  $(p, \mathcal{D})$  is a CNS! For example  $(X^2 + 2X + 2, \{0,1\})$  is, but  $(X^2 - 2X + 2, \{0,1\})$  is not a CNS. Characterization of CNS is a hard problem.

To  $\mathbf{r} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  associate the nearly linear mapping  $\tau_{\mathbf{r}} : \mathbb{Z}^n \mapsto \mathbb{Z}^n$  such that if  $(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  then

$$\tau_{\mathbf{r}}(\mathbf{a}) = (a_2, \dots, a_n, -[\mathbf{a}\mathbf{r}]),$$

where  $[\cdot]$  denotes the integer part, and  $\mathbf{a}\mathbf{r}$  the inner product.

Akiyama et al., 2005, called  $\tau_{\mathbf{r}}$  a *shift radix system* - SRS - if the orbit  $\tau_{\mathbf{r}}^k(\mathbf{a}), k = 0, 1, \dots$  is eventually zero for all  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ .

They proved:  $(p, \mathcal{D})$  is a CNS iff for  $\mathbf{r} = \left(\frac{1}{p_0}, \frac{p_{n-1}}{p_0}, \dots, \frac{p_n}{p_0}\right)$  the mapping  $\tau_{\mathbf{r}}$  is a SRS.

Found relation between SRS and  $\beta$ -expansions too.

## 2. Generalized number system - GNS

Let  $\mathcal{O}$  denote an order, that is a commutative ring with 1 whose additive group is free abelian of rank  $d$ . Identify  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $m \cdot 1$ , and thus assume  $\mathbb{Z} \subset \mathcal{O}$ .

The order  $\mathcal{O}$  may be given explicitly by a basis  $\{1 = \omega_1, \omega_2 \dots \omega_d\}$  and a multiplication table

$$\omega_i \omega_j = \sum_{l=1}^d a_{ijl} \omega_l \quad (i, j = 2 \dots d) \quad \text{with } a_{ijl} \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad (1)$$

satisfying the commutativity and associativity rules.

A *generalized number system* over  $\mathcal{O}$  (GNS over  $\mathcal{O}$  for short) is a pair  $(p, \mathcal{D})$ , where  $p \in \mathcal{O}[X]$  is a monic polynomial such that  $p(0)$  is not a zero divisor of  $\mathcal{O}$ , and where  $\mathcal{D}$  is a (necessarily finite) complete residue system of  $\mathcal{O}$  modulo  $p(0)$  containing 0.

An element  $a \in \mathcal{O}[X]$  is *representable in*  $(p, \mathcal{D})$  if there exist an integer  $L \geq 0$  and  $a_0, \dots, a_L \in \mathcal{D}$  such that

$$a \equiv \sum_{j=0}^L a_j X^j \pmod{p}. \quad (2)$$

The set of in  $(p, \mathcal{D})$  representable elements is  $R(p, \mathcal{D})$ . If  $R(p, \mathcal{D}) = \mathcal{O}$  then  $(p, \mathcal{D})$  is called *GNS with finiteness property*.

A GNS  $(p, \mathcal{D})$  over  $\mathcal{O}$  may be viewed as a matrix number system introduced by Vince, 1993, with lattice  $\Lambda = \mathcal{O}[x]/(p)$ , the linear mapping  $\varphi : f \pmod{p} \mapsto x \cdot f \pmod{p}$ , and digit set  $D = \mathcal{D}$ .

We may view  $\mathcal{O}[X]$  as a free  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$ -module of finite rank, and  $a \mapsto p \cdot a$  as a  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$ -linear map from  $\mathcal{O}[X]$  to itself. The determinant of this  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$ -linear map is a monic polynomial in  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$ , which we denote by  $N_p$ .

**Theorem 1** (Evertse, Györy, Pethő, Thuswaldner, 2019). *Let  $(p, \mathcal{D})$  be a GNS over  $\mathcal{O}$  with  $\deg p = n \geq 1$ . Then there is an effectively computable number  $C''$ , depending on  $\mathcal{O}$ ,  $p$  and  $\mathcal{D}$ , such that the following are equivalent:*

- (i)  $(p, \mathcal{D})$  has the finiteness property;*
- (ii) the polynomial  $N_p$  is expansive, and every  $a \in \mathcal{O}[X]$  with  $\|a\| \leq C''$ ,  $\deg a < n$  belongs to  $R(p, \mathcal{D})$ .*

### 3. Families of GNS

We view  $\mathcal{O}$  as a full rank sublattice of the  $\mathbb{R}$ -algebra  $\mathcal{O} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{R}$ . We recall that  $\theta \in \mathcal{O}$  is not a zero divisor of  $\mathcal{O}$  if and only if it is invertible in  $\mathcal{O} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{R}$ .

A fundamental domain for  $\mathcal{O} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{R} / \mathcal{O}$  is a subset of  $\mathcal{O} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{R}$  containing precisely one element from every residue class of  $\mathcal{O} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{R}$  modulo  $\mathcal{O}$ . For a fundamental domain  $\mathcal{F}$  for  $\mathcal{O} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{R} / \mathcal{O}$  with  $0 \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $\theta \in \mathcal{O}$  which is not a zero divisor, we define

$$\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{F}, \theta} := \theta \mathcal{F} \cap \mathcal{O} = \{\alpha \in \mathcal{O} : \theta^{-1} \alpha \in \mathcal{F}\}.$$

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a fundamental domain for  $\mathcal{O} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{R} / \mathcal{O}$  with  $0 \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $\theta \in \mathcal{O}$  not a zero divisor. Then  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{F}, \theta}$  is a complete residue system for  $\mathcal{O}$  modulo  $\theta$  containing 0.*

If  $\mathcal{F}$  is a fundamental domain for  $\mathcal{O} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{R} / \mathcal{O}$  with  $0 \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $p \in \mathcal{O}[X]$  runs through the monic polynomials such that  $p(0)$  is not a zero divisor then  $(p, \mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{F}, p(0)})$  is a family of GNS over  $\mathcal{O}$ .

For example put  $\mathcal{O} = \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathcal{F} = [0, 1)$  and  $p \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$  with  $p(0) > 1$  then  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{F}, p(0)} = \{0, 1, \dots, p(0) - 1\}$ , thus  $(p, \mathcal{D})$  is exactly the CNS.



## 4. Generalization of SRS

Let  $0 \in \mathcal{F}$  be a fundamental domain for  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . For any  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^d$  there exist a unique  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ , such that  $\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{F}$ , which will be denoted by  $\lfloor \mathbf{v} \rfloor_{\mathcal{F}}$ .

For fixed matrices  $R_1, \dots, R_n \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$  define the sequence of integer vectors by the initial terms  $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n \in \mathbb{Z}^d$  and for  $m > n$  by the nearly linear recursive relation

$$\mathbf{a}_m = - \left\lfloor \sum_{\ell=1}^n R_{\ell} \mathbf{a}_{m-n+\ell-1} \right\rfloor_{\mathcal{F}}. \quad (3)$$

With the  $n$ -tuple  $\mathbf{R} = (R_1, \dots, R_n)$  of matrices define the mapping  $\tau_{\mathbf{R}} : \mathbb{Z}^{d \times n} \mapsto \mathbb{Z}^{d \times n}$  such that if  $\mathbf{A} = (\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^{d \times n}$  then

$$\tau_{\mathbf{R}}(\mathbf{A}) = (\mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n, \mathbf{a}_{n+1}), \quad (4)$$

where  $\mathbf{a}_{n+1}$  is defined by (3) with  $m = n + 1$ . The mapping  $\tau_{\mathbf{R}}$  is called *generalized SRS*, or short *GSRS*.

For  $k = 1$  identify the matrices  $R_1, \dots, R_n$ , with their real entries and  $\mathbf{R}$  with a  $n$ -dimensional real vector. Similarly  $\mathbf{A}$  can be identified with a  $n$ -dimensional integer vector. Further in (3) in the bracket stays the inner product of  $\mathbf{R}$  and  $\mathbf{A}$ . Choosing finally  $\mathcal{F} = [0, 1)$  we get the familiar definition of SRS.

## 5. Relation between GNS and GSRS

We show similar relation between GNS and GSRS as between CNS and SRS.

Let  $p \in \mathcal{O}[X]$  of degree  $n$  be monic, such that  $p(0)$  is not a zero divisor and consider the GNS  $(p, \mathcal{D})$ , where  $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{F}, p(0)}$ . Let  $a \in \mathcal{O}_n[X]$ , where  $\mathcal{O}_n[X]$  denotes the elements of  $\mathcal{O}[X]$  of degree at most  $n - 1$ .

Let  $T_p : \mathcal{O}_n[x] \mapsto \mathcal{O}_n[x]$  be the *backward division mapping*, which is defined as

$$T_p(a)(X) = \frac{a(X) - qp(X) - d}{X},$$

where  $d \in \mathcal{D}$  is the unique element of  $\mathcal{D}$  with  $d \equiv a(0) \pmod{p_0}$  and  $q = \frac{a(0)-d}{p_0}$ . This means  $q = \left\lfloor \frac{a(0)}{p_0} \right\rfloor_{\mathcal{F}}$ .

Iterating  $T_p$  for  $h$ -times we obtain  $d_0, \dots, d_{h-1} \in \mathcal{D}$ , and  $r \in \mathcal{O}[X]$  such that

$$a(X) = \sum_{j=0}^{h-1} d_j X^j + X^h T_p^h(a)(X) + r(X)p(X). \quad (5)$$

Clearly,  $a \in R(p, \mathcal{D})$  if and only if there exists  $h_0$  such that  $T_p^h(a) = 0$  for all  $h \geq h_0$ .

The mapping  $T_p$  acts essentially on the coefficient vector  $\mathbf{a} = (a_0, \dots, a_{n-1})$  of  $a = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i X^i$  by the rule

$$T_p(\mathbf{a}) = (a_1 - qp_1, \dots, a_{n-1} - qp_{n-1}, -qp_n) = T\mathbf{a} - q\mathbf{p},$$

where  $q = \left[ \frac{a(0)}{p_0} \right]_{\mathcal{F}}$ ,  $\mathbf{p} = (p_1, \dots, p_n)$  and  $T = (t_{ij})_{i,j=1,\dots,n}$  is the matrix with  $t_{i,i+1} = 1, i = 1, \dots, n-1$  and all other entries are zero.

Choosing a different basis for  $\mathcal{O}_n[x]$ , as in Brunotte (2001) or Scheicher and Thuswaldner (2003)

$$w_j = \sum_{m=1}^j p_{n-j+m} X^{m-1}, \quad j = 1, \dots, n$$

we get a different form of this transformation. Writing

$$a = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} a_j X^j = \sum_{j=1}^n c_j w_j$$

then

$$T_p(\mathbf{c}) = \left( c_2, \dots, c_n, - \left[ \mathbf{c} \mathbf{p}' \right]_{\mathcal{F}} \right),$$

where  $\mathbf{c} = (c_1, \dots, c_n)$  and  $\mathbf{p}' = \left( \frac{p_n}{p_0}, \dots, \frac{p_1}{p_0} \right)$ .

Now we prove that  $T_p$  is a special case of  $\tau_{\mathbf{R}}$ .

Write  $c_j = \mathbf{c}_j(\omega_1, \dots, \omega_d)$  with  $\mathbf{c}_j \in \mathbb{Z}^d, j = 1, \dots, d$

The multiplication with any fixed element of  $\mathcal{O}$  is a linear mapping of  $\mathcal{O}$  into itself. As  $p(0)$  is not a zero divisor,  $1/p(0)$  is a well defined element of  $\mathcal{O} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{R} / \mathcal{O}$ . One can extend the multiplication to  $1/p(0)$  such that it is again a linear mapping on  $\mathcal{O} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{R} / \mathcal{O}$ . Thus there exist  $M_1, \dots, M_n \in \mathbb{Q}^{d \times d}$  associated to the multiplication by  $p_n/p_0, \dots, p_1/p_0$ . Thus

$$\mathbf{c}\mathbf{p}' = \sum_{j=1}^n M_j \mathbf{c}_j, \text{ i.e., } T_p(\mathbf{c}) = \tau_{M_1, \dots, M_n}(\mathbf{c}_1, \dots, \mathbf{c}_n).$$

which proves the claim.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $p \in \mathcal{O}[X]$  be monic and such that  $p(0)$  is not a zero divisor. Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be, a fundamental domain for  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Then  $a\mathcal{O}[X]$  is representable in  $(p, \mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{F}, p(0)})$  if and only if the orbit of  $\tau_{(M_1, \dots, M_n)}^k(\mathbf{c}_1, \dots, \mathbf{c}_n)$  is ultimately zero.*



## An example

Let  $\mathcal{O} = \sqrt{-7}$ ,  $\omega_1 = 1$ ,  $\omega_2 = \frac{1+\sqrt{-7}}{2}$ ,  $\omega = (\omega_1, \omega_2)$  and  $\mathcal{F} = [0, 1)^2$ .  
Then

$$\omega_1 \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \omega_2 \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let  $p = X + \frac{-1+\sqrt{-7}}{2}$ . Then

$$\frac{1}{p(0)} = -\frac{1 + \sqrt{-7}}{4} = -\frac{\omega_2}{2}.$$

Hence  $\mathcal{D} = \{0, -1\}$  and the matrix associated to the multiplication by  $1/p(0)$  is  $M = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1/2 \\ 1 & -1/2 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Finally the searched dynamical system is

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \lfloor -a_2/2 \rfloor \\ \lfloor a_1 - a_2/2 \rfloor \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

## 6. Closer look at the case $n = 1$

In the case  $n = 1$  the GSRS simplifies to

$$\mathbf{a}_m = \tau_R(\mathbf{a}_{m-1}) = - \lfloor R\mathbf{a}_{m-1} \rfloor_{\mathcal{F}}, \text{ for } m \geq 1,$$

where  $R \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$  and  $\mathbf{a}_0 \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ .

**Theorem 3.** *If all orbits of  $\tau_R$  are periodic then the spectral radius of  $R$  is at most 1, consequently  $|\det R| \leq 1$ .*

**Theorem 4.** *If the spectral radius of  $R$  is less than 1 then all orbits of  $\tau_R$  are periodic.*

Notice that the above properties are independent from  $\mathcal{F}$ . In the sequel  $\mathcal{F} = [0, 1)^d$ .

What happens when all eigenvalues of  $R$  lie on the unit circle?

## 6.1. Discrete rotation on the plane

We consider the case  $n = 1, d = 2$  and  $R \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ , which has two different eigenvalues on the unit circle. (Only  $\pm 1$  can be multiple eigenvalues.) A convenient representation of  $R$  is

$$R = T A_\varphi T^{-1}, \quad A_\varphi = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \varphi & -\sin \varphi \\ \sin \varphi & \cos \varphi \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $T \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  is an invertible matrix and  $0 \leq \varphi < 2\pi$ .

The points  $R^k(a, b)^T$ ,  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$  form a **bounded set**; generally they lie on an ellipse, in the case  $T = E$ , i.e.,  $R = A_\varphi$  on the unit circle.

Akiyama, Brunotte, Pethő and Steiner (2006) studied the case  $n = 2, d = 1$ , when  $a_{m+1} = -[\lambda a_m + a_{m-1}]$  with  $|\lambda| < 2$ .

We can write

$$\begin{aligned} a_{m+1} &= -[\lambda a_m + a_{m-1}] \\ a_m &= -[-a_m]. \end{aligned}$$

Putting  $R = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  we obtain

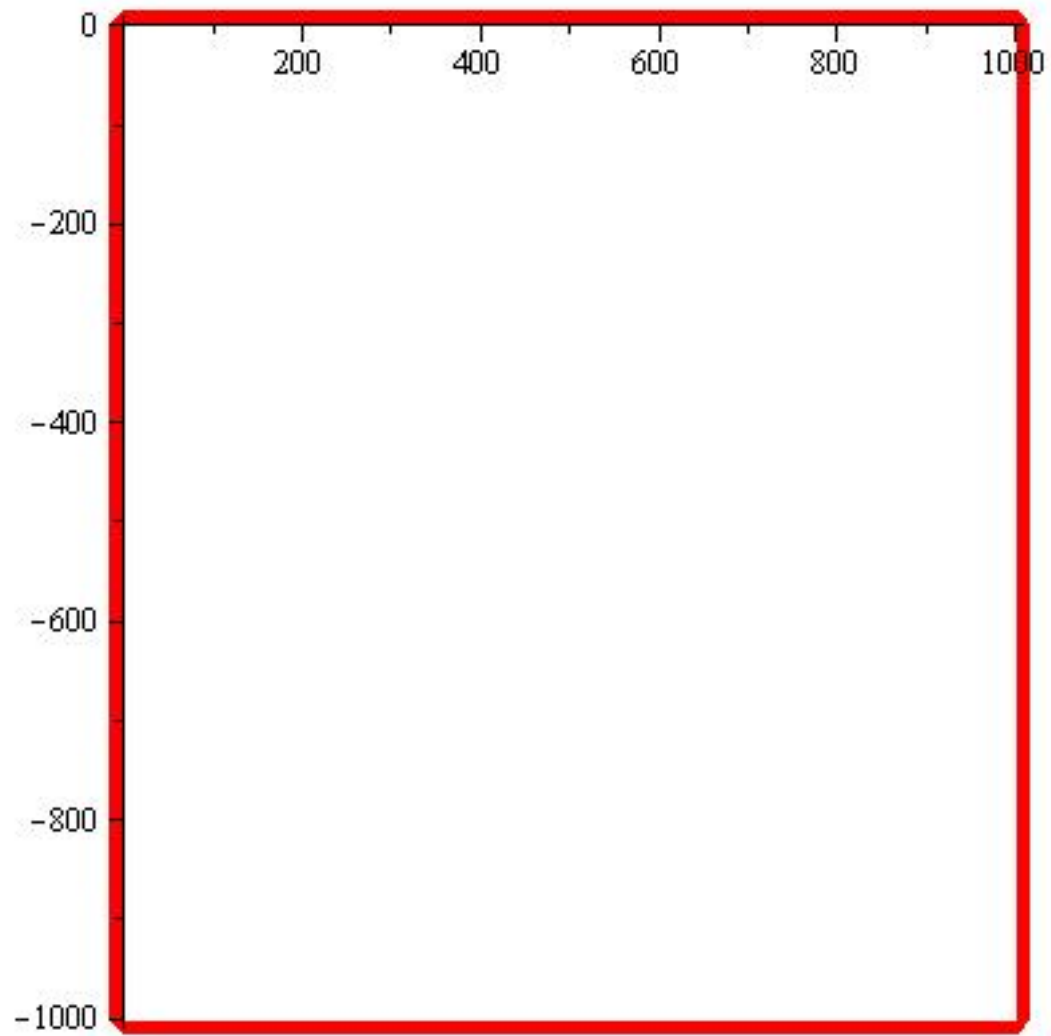
$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{m+1} \\ a_m \end{pmatrix} = - \left[ R \begin{pmatrix} a_m \\ a_{m-1} \end{pmatrix} \right].$$

Thus  $n = 2, d = 1$  is a special case of  $n = 1, d = 2$ .

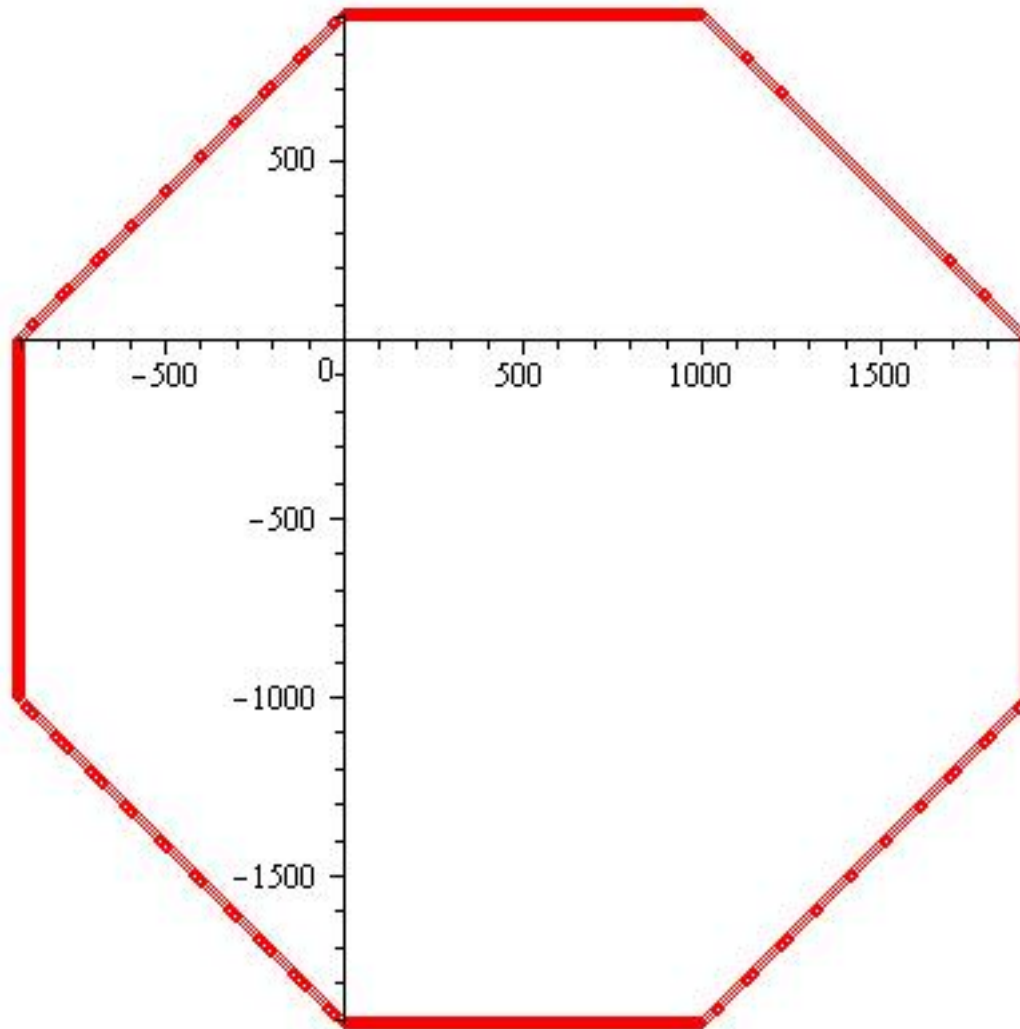
Akiyama et al. conjecture that the sequence  $(a_m)$  is always periodic.

In 2008 they verified this conjecture for  $\lambda = \pm\sqrt{2}, \pm\frac{1\pm\sqrt{5}}{2}$ .

Akiyama and Pethő proved (2013) that for any  $\lambda$  there are infinitely many starting values  $a_0, a_1$  such that  $(a_m)$  is periodic.

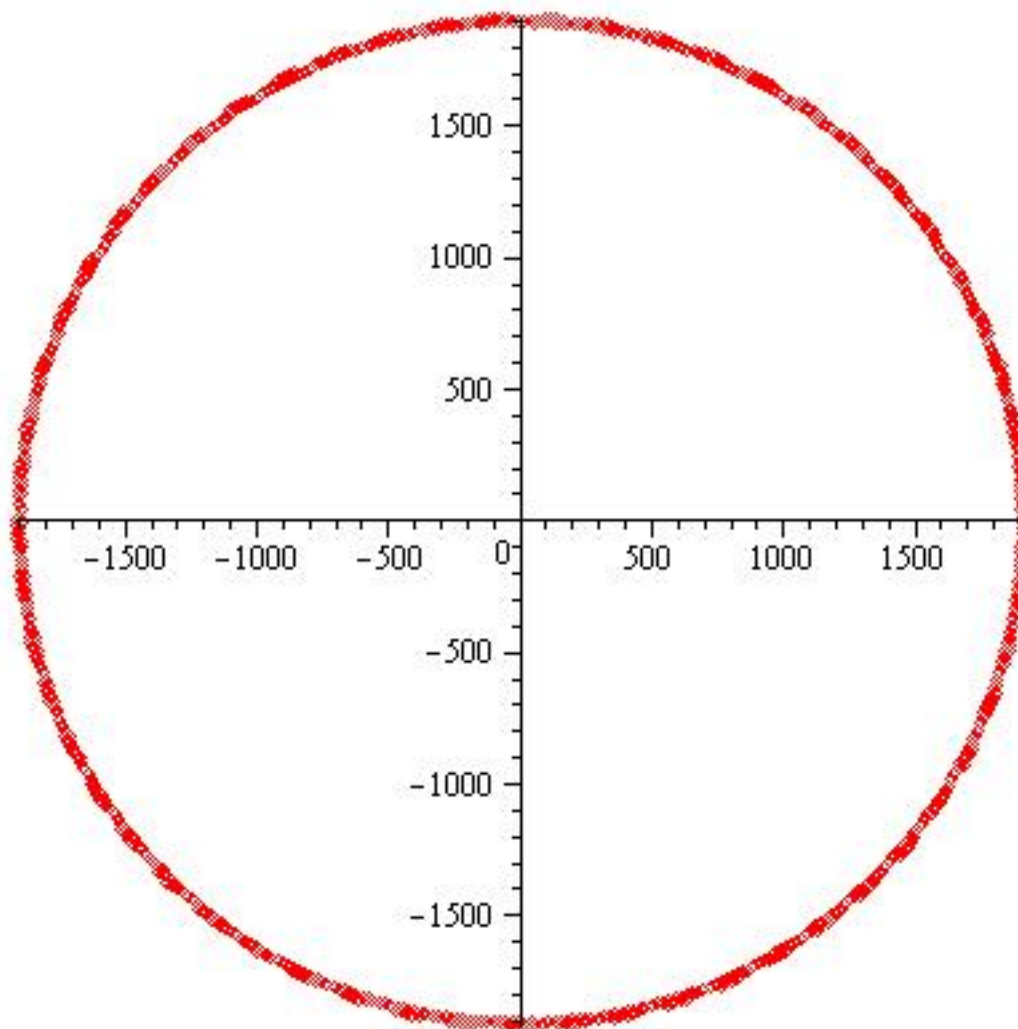


Starting value  $(10, 9)$ ,  $\varphi = 0.001$ .



Starting value  $(0, 910)$ ,  $\varphi = 0.001$ .





Starting value  $(1904, 0)$ ,  $\varphi = 0.11$ .

**Theorem 5.** *There are infinitely many  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$  such that the sequence  $\mathbf{x}_0 = (a, b), \mathbf{x}_{m+1} = \lfloor A_{\pi/4} \mathbf{x}_m, m = 0, 1, \dots$  is periodic of length 8.*

The proof is tiering computation with the integer part function. Its essence is:

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $a \in \mathbb{N}, \omega = \lfloor \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} a \rfloor$  and suppose  $\lfloor \sqrt{2} \omega \rfloor = a - 1$ . If  $\{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} a\} \in \left[1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right]$ , and  $\{\sqrt{2} \omega\} \in \left[1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right]$ , then  $A_{\varphi}^8(a, 0) = (a, 0)$ .*

Thank you for the attention!