

A Design of Algorithms for Real-Time Generation of Linear-Recursive Sequences on Cellular Automata

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Abstract

A model of cellular automata (CA) is considered to be a non-linear model of complex systems in which an infinite one-dimensional array of finite state machines (cells) updates itself in a synchronous manner according to a uniform local rule. We study a sequence generation problem on the CA and propose several state-efficient real-time sequence generation algorithms for non-regular sequences. We show that Fibonacci sequence can be generated in real-time by a CA with 5 states. We also study infinite linear-recursive sequences, such as tribonacci, tetranacci and pell sequences generated on the CA.

1 Introduction

A model of cellular automata (CA) was devised originally for studying self-reproduction by John von Neumann. It is now studied in many fields such as complex systems. We study a sequence generation problem on the CA. Arisawa[1], Fischer[2], Korec[3] and Kamikawa and Umeo[5], [6] studied generation of a class of natural numbers on CA. In this paper, we show that Fibonacci sequence can be generated in real-time by a CA with 5 states. We also study infinite linear-recursive sequences, such as tribonacci sequence, tetranacci sequence and pell sequence generated on the CA. We show a design of algorithm for real-time generation of linear-recursive sequences on CA.

2 Real-time sequence generation problem on CA

A cellular automaton consists of an infinite array of identical finite state automata, each located at a positive integer point (See Figure 1).

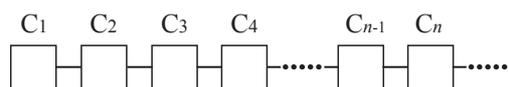


Figure 1: Cellular automaton.

Each automaton is referred to as a cell. A cell at point i is denoted by C_i , where $i \geq 1$. Each C_i , except for C_1 , is

connected to its left- and right-neighbor cells via a communication link. Each cell can know state of its left- and right-neighbor cells via communication link. One distinguished leftmost cell C_1 , the communication cell, is connected to the outside world. A cellular automaton (abbreviated by CA) consists of an infinite array of finite state automata $A = (Q, \delta, F)$, where

1. Q is a finite set of internal states.
2. δ is a function defining the next state of a cell, such that $\delta: Q \times Q \times Q \rightarrow Q$, where $\delta(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{r}) = \mathbf{s}$, $\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{s} \in Q$ has the following meaning: We assume that at step t the cell C_i is in state \mathbf{q} , the left cell C_{i-1} is in state \mathbf{p} and the right cell C_{i+1} is in state \mathbf{r} . Then, at the next step $t+1$, C_i assumes state \mathbf{s} . The leftmost cell C_1 is connected to the outside world. The outside world is expressed by $*$. A quiescent state $\mathbf{q} \in Q$ has a property such that $\delta(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{q}) = \mathbf{q}$.
3. $F \subseteq Q$ is a special subset of Q . The set F is used to specify a designated state of C_1 in the definition of sequence generation.

We now define the **sequence generation problem** on CA. Let M be a CA and $\{t_n | n = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ be an infinite monotonically increasing positive integer sequence defined natural numbers, such that $t_n \geq n$ for any $n \geq 1$. We then have a semi-infinite array of cells, as shown in Figure 1, and all cells, except for C_1 , are in the quiescent state at time $t = 0$. The communication cell C_1 assumes a special state \mathbf{r} in Q for initiation of the sequence generator. We say that M generates a sequence $\{t_n | n = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ in k linear-time if and only if the leftmost end cell of M falls into a special state in $F \subseteq Q$ at time $t = k \cdot t_n$, where k is a positive integer. We call M a real-time generator when $k = 1$.

3 Generation Algorithms of Linear-Recursive Sequences

In this section, we propose generation algorithm of linear-recursive sequences. First, we show a design of algorithm for real-time generation of linear-recursive sequences on CA. Next, we show that Fibonacci sequence can be generated on a CA with 5 states.

3.1 A Design of Algorithm

Let m be any natural number, such that $m \geq 1$. Let k be natural number given, such that $k \geq 1, k < m$. Let $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k$ be natural number given, such that $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k \geq 1, c_1 < c_2 < \dots < c_k$. Let a_m be k th order linear-recursive sequences, such that $a_m = b_1 \cdot a_{m-1} + b_2 \cdot a_{m-2} + \dots + b_k \cdot a_{m-k}, a_1 = c_1, a_2 = c_2, \dots, a_k = c_k$. We show a design of algorithm for real-time generation of sequence a_m on CA.

3.2 First Order Linear-Recursive Sequences

We propose the generation algorithm for $k = 1$. It is approved that $a_m = b_1 \cdot a_{m-1}, a_1 = c_1$. However, it is limited to $b_1 \geq 2$. Because all terms take c_1 for $b_1 = 1$, and a_m is not an infinite monotonically increasing positive integer sequence. Figure 2 shows a time-space diagram for generation of the term a_m , when the term a_{m-1} is an even number.

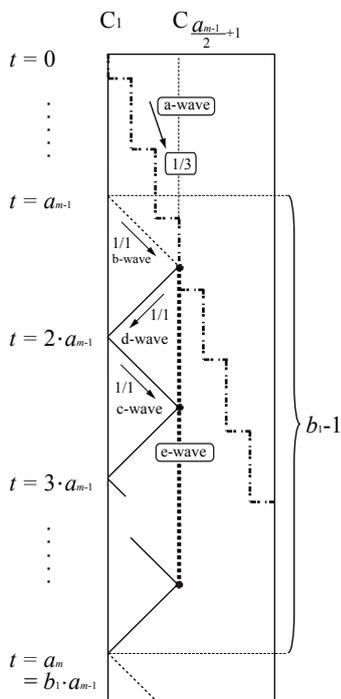


Figure 2: Time-space diagram for generation of the term a_m (when the term a_{m-1} is an even number).

Generation of the term a_m is described in terms of 6 waves: *a-wave*, *b-wave*, *c-wave*, *d-wave*, *e-wave* and *o-wave*. The *a-wave* is generated on C_1 at time $t = 0$. Figure 3 shows a number of snapshots of the cell configuration at the propagation of the *a-wave* shown in Figure 2. In Figure 3, state **A1**, **A2** and **A3** advance toward the right at

speed 1-cell/3-step in cell space. Therefore, state **A1**, **A2** and **A3** which propagate in cell space is called *a-wave*. A sequence generation algorithm is designed geometrical by using wave which propagates in cell space. The *a-wave* propagates in the right direction at 1/3 speed. Figure 3 shows a number of snapshots of the cell configuration at the propagation of the *a-wave*. The *a-wave* moves to cell C_2 at time $t = 1$. Afterwards, the *a-wave* moves by one cell every 3 steps. When we assume $P_a(t)$ to be a function which shows the position of the *a-wave* at time t , it is approved that $P_a(t) = \lceil \frac{t}{3} \rceil + 1$. At time $t = a_{m-1}$, cell C_1 is in a state included *F* and the *b-wave* is generated on C_1 . The *b-wave* propagates in the right direction at 1/1 speed, and the *b-wave* reaches the *a-wave*. When the *a-wave* collides with the *b-wave*, the *a-wave* keeps propagating, the *b-wave* is eliminated, the *d-wave* is generated and the *e-wave* is generated. When a_{m-1} is an even number, the *b-wave* collides with the second state of 3 states to compose the *a-wave* and the *e-wave* is generated (See Figure 3). Let r be natural number. When the cell which collides the *a-wave* with the *b-wave* is assumed to be cell C_r , it is approved that $r = P_a(a_{m-1} + r - 1) = \frac{a_{m-1}}{2} + 1$. Therefore, the *e-wave* is generated on cell $C_{\frac{a_{m-1}}{2} + 1}$ at time $t = a_{m-1} + \frac{a_{m-1}}{2}$. The *e-wave* keeps staying on cell $C_{\frac{a_{m-1}}{2} + 1}$. The *d-wave* propagates in the left direction at 1/1 speed, and the *d-wave* reaches the leftmost cell C_1 at time $t = 2 \cdot a_{m-1}$. When the *d-wave* collides with the leftmost cell C_1 , the *d-wave* is eliminated and the *c-wave* is generated. The *c-wave* propagates in the right direction at 1/1 speed, and the *c-wave* reaches the *e-wave* at time $t = 2 \cdot a_{m-1} + \frac{a_{m-1}}{2}$. When the *c-wave* collides with the *e-wave*, the *b-wave* is eliminated and the *d-wave* is generated. The *d-wave* propagates in the left direction at 1/1 speed. The *d-wave* reaches cell C_1 at time $t = 3 \cdot a_{m-1}$. Therefore, Time where the *b*-, *c*- and *d*-waves reciprocate between the leftmost cell C_1 and the *e-wave* is a_{m-1} steps. The *b*-, *c*- and *d*-waves reciprocate $b_1 - 1$ times between the leftmost cell C_1 and the *e-wave* (See Figure 2). When the *d-wave* of times $b_1 - 1$ reaches the cell C_1 , a state of C_1 changes to a state included *F* at time $t = b_1 \cdot a_{m-1}$.

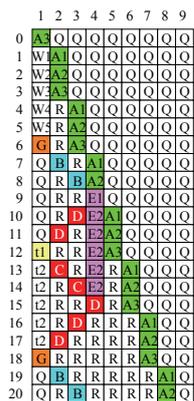


Figure 3: A configuration of generation of the term a_m (when the term a_{m-1} is an even number).

Figure 4 shows a time-space diagram for generation of the term a_m , when the term a_{m-1} is an odd number. When a_{m-1} is an odd number, the *o-wave* is generated by the collision of the *a-wave* and the *b-wave*. The *b-wave* collides with the third state of 3 states to compose the *a-wave* and the *o-wave* is generated (See Figure 5). When the cell which collides the *a-wave* with the *b-wave* is assumed to be cell C_r , it is approved that $r = P_a(a_{m-1} + r - 1) = \lfloor \frac{a_{m-1}}{2} \rfloor + 1$. Because a_{m-1} is an odd number, it is approved that $r = \frac{a_{m-1}-1}{2} + 1$. Therefore, the *o-wave* is generated on cell $C_{\frac{a_{m-1}-1}{2} + 1}$. The *c-wave* propagates in the right direction at 1/1 speed, and the *c-wave* reaches the *o-wave* at time $t = a_{m-1} + \frac{a_{m-1}-1}{2}$. When the *c-wave* collides with the *o-wave*, the *b-wave* is eliminated. The *d-wave* is generated after 1 step. The *d-wave* propagates in the left direction at 1/1 speed. The *d-wave* reaches

cell C_1 at time $t = a_{m-1} + \frac{a_{m-1}-1}{2} + 1 + \frac{a_{m-1}-1}{2} = 2 \cdot a_{m-1}$. Therefore, Time where the b-, c- and d-waves reciprocate between the leftmost cell C_1 and the o-wave is a_{m-1} steps. The b-, c- and d-waves reciprocate $b_1 - 1$ times between the leftmost cell C_1 and the o-wave (See Figure 4). When the d-wave of times $b_1 - 1$ reaches the cell C_1 , a state of C_1 changes to a state included F at time $t = b_1 \cdot a_{m-1}$.

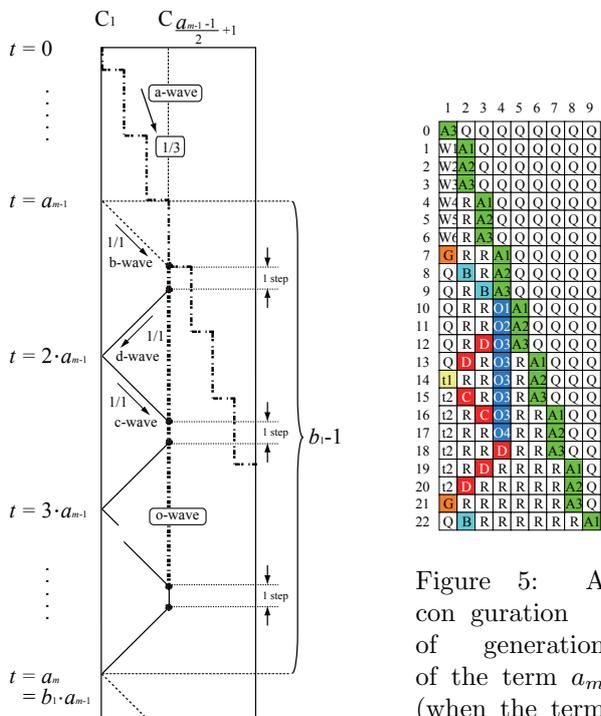


Figure 5: A con guration of generation of the term a_m (when the term a_{m-1} is an odd number).

Figure 4: Time-space diagram for generation of the term a_m (when the term a_{m-1} is an odd number).

The first term $a_1 = c_1$ is generated in an internal state. A state of the leftmost cell C_1 is changed a state included F at time $t = c_1$ by counting the $c_1 - 1$ step by using an internal state. And the b-wave is generated. Therefore, 1st Order Linear-Recursive Sequences can be generated on CA in real-time. In Figure 6, we show a number of snapshots of the configuration for $b_1 = 3$ and $c_1 = 3$ from $t = 0$ to 29.

3.3 Second Order Linear-Recursive Sequences

Next, we consider the case of $k = 2$. We propose the generation algorithm of second order linear-recursive sequences which enhance the algorithm described in section 3.2. It is approved that $a_m = b_1 \cdot a_{m-1} + b_2 \cdot a_{m-2}$, $a_1 = c_1$, $a_2 = c_2$. Figure 7 shows a time-space diagram for generation of a second order linear-recursive sequence. The a-wave is generated on C_1 at time $t = 0$. We assume that

the e- or o-wave is generated on cell $C_{\lfloor \frac{a_{m-2}}{2} \rfloor + 1}$. At time $t = a_{m-1}$, cell C_1 is in a state included F and the b-wave is generated on C_1 . The b-wave propagates in the right direction at 1/1 speed, and the b-wave reaches the e- or o-wave generated on cell $C_{\lfloor \frac{a_{m-2}}{2} \rfloor + 1}$. When the e- or o-wave collides with the b-wave, the b-wave keeps propagating and the d-wave is generated. The b-wave propagates, and the b-wave reaches the a-wave. When the a-wave collides with the b-wave, the b-wave is eliminated and the e- or o-wave is generated on cell $C_{\lfloor \frac{a_{m-1}}{2} \rfloor + 1}$. The d-wave propagates in the left direction at 1/1 speed, and the d-wave reaches the leftmost cell C_1 at time $t = a_{m-1} + a_{m-2}$. The b-, c- and d-waves reciprocate b_2 times between the leftmost cell C_1 and the e- or o-wave generated on cell $C_{\lfloor \frac{a_{m-2}}{2} \rfloor + 1}$. When the e- or o-wave generated on cell $C_{\lfloor \frac{a_{m-2}}{2} \rfloor + 1}$ collides with the b- or c-wave b_2 times, the e- or o-wave is eliminated. At the next, The c- and d-waves reciprocate $b_1 - 1$ times between the leftmost cell C_1 and the e- or o-wave generated on cell $C_{\lfloor \frac{a_{m-1}}{2} \rfloor + 1}$. When The b-, c- and d-waves reciprocate b_2 times between cell C_1 and the e- or o-wave generated on cell $C_{\lfloor \frac{a_{m-2}}{2} \rfloor + 1}$ and reciprocate $b_1 - 1$ times between cell C_1 and the e- or o-wave generated on cell $C_{\lfloor \frac{a_{m-1}}{2} \rfloor + 1}$, a state of the leftmost cell C_1 changes a state included F . The first some terms and some e- and o-waves are generated in an internal state. For example, Figure 8 shows generation of pell sequence ($a_m = 2 \cdot a_{m-1} + a_{m-2}$, $a_1 = 1$, $a_2 = 2$).

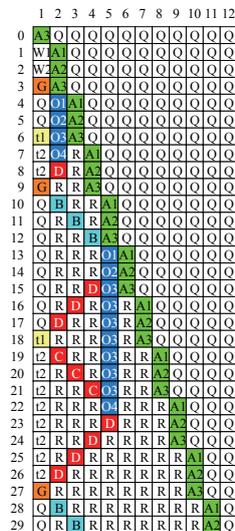


Figure 6: A con guration of real-time generation of a rst order linear-recursive sequence ($a_m = 3 \cdot a_{m-1}$, $a_1 = 3$).

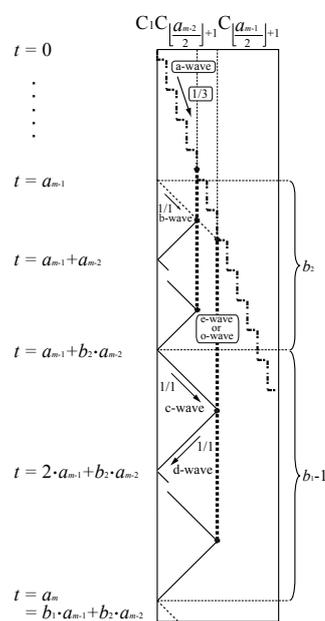


Figure 7: Time-space diagram for generation of a second order linear-recursive sequence.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
0	A3	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
1	G	A	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
2	G	A	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
3	W3	E3	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
4	W4	E3	A1	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
5	G	E3	A2	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
6	Q	E4	A3	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
7	H	R	O1	A1	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
8	t2	C	O1	A2	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
9	t2	R	O2	A3	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
10	t2	R	O3	R	A1	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
11	t2	D	O4	R	A2	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
12	G	R	O4	R	A3	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
13	Q	C	O4	R	A1	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
14	Q	R	O5	R	A2	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
15	Q	R	D	B	R	A3	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
16	Q	D	R	R	B	R	A1	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
17	H	R	R	R	B	A2	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
18	t2	C	R	R	R	E1	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
19	t2	R	C	R	R	E1	A1	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
20	t2	R	R	C	R	R	E1	A2	Q	Q	Q	Q
21	t2	R	R	R	C	E1	A3	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
22	t2	R	R	R	R	C	E1	R	A1	Q	Q	Q
23	t2	R	R	R	R	E2	R	A2	Q	Q	Q	Q
24	t2	R	R	R	R	D	E3	R	A3	Q	Q	Q
25	t2	R	R	R	R	D	E3	R	R	A1	Q	Q
26	t2	R	R	R	R	E3	R	R	A2	Q	Q	Q
27	t2	R	R	R	R	E3	R	R	A3	Q	Q	Q
28	t2	D	R	R	R	E3	R	R	R	A1	Q	Q
29	G	R	R	R	R	E3	R	R	R	A2	Q	Q
30	Q	C	R	R	R	E3	R	R	R	A3	Q	Q

Figure 8: A con guration of real-time generation of pell sequence ($a_m = 2 a_{m-1} + a_{m-2}, a_1 = 1, a_2 = 2$).

3.4 kth Order Linear-Recursive Sequences

Next, we generalize the generation algorithm described in section 3.3, and propose the generation algorithm of k th Order Linear-Recursive Sequences. Figure 9 shows a time-space diagram for generation of a k th order linear-recursive sequence. The a-wave is generated on C_1 at time $t = 0$. We assume that the e- or o-waves are generated on cell $C_{\lfloor \frac{a_{m-k}}{2} \rfloor + 1}, C_{\lfloor \frac{a_{m-k+1}}{2} \rfloor + 1}, \dots, C_{\lfloor \frac{a_{m-3}}{2} \rfloor + 1}$ and $C_{\lfloor \frac{a_{m-2}}{2} \rfloor + 1}$. At time $t = a_{m-1}$, cell C_1 is in a state included F and the b-wave is generated on C_1 . The b-wave propagates in the right direction at 1/1 speed, and the b-wave reaches the e- or o-wave generated on cell $C_{\lfloor \frac{a_{m-k}}{2} \rfloor + 1}$. When the e- or o-wave collides with the b-wave, the b-wave keeps propagating and the d-wave is generated. The b-wave propagates by passing the e- or o-waves generated on cell $C_{\lfloor \frac{a_{m-k+1}}{2} \rfloor + 1}, \dots, C_{\lfloor \frac{a_{m-3}}{2} \rfloor + 1}$, and the b-wave reaches the a-wave. When the a-wave collides with the b-wave, the b-wave is eliminated and the e- or o-wave is generated on cell $C_{\lfloor \frac{a_{m-1}}{2} \rfloor + 1}$. The d-wave propagates by passing the e- or o-waves in the left direction at 1/1 speed, and the d-wave reaches the leftmost cell C_1 at time $t = a_{m-1} + a_{m-k}$. The b-, c- and d-waves reciprocate b_k times between the leftmost cell C_1 and the e- or o-wave generated on cell $C_{\lfloor \frac{a_{m-k}}{2} \rfloor + 1}$. When the e- or o-wave generated on cell $C_{\lfloor \frac{a_{m-k}}{2} \rfloor + 1}$ collides with the b- or c-wave b_k times, the e- or o-wave is eliminated. At the next, The c- and d-

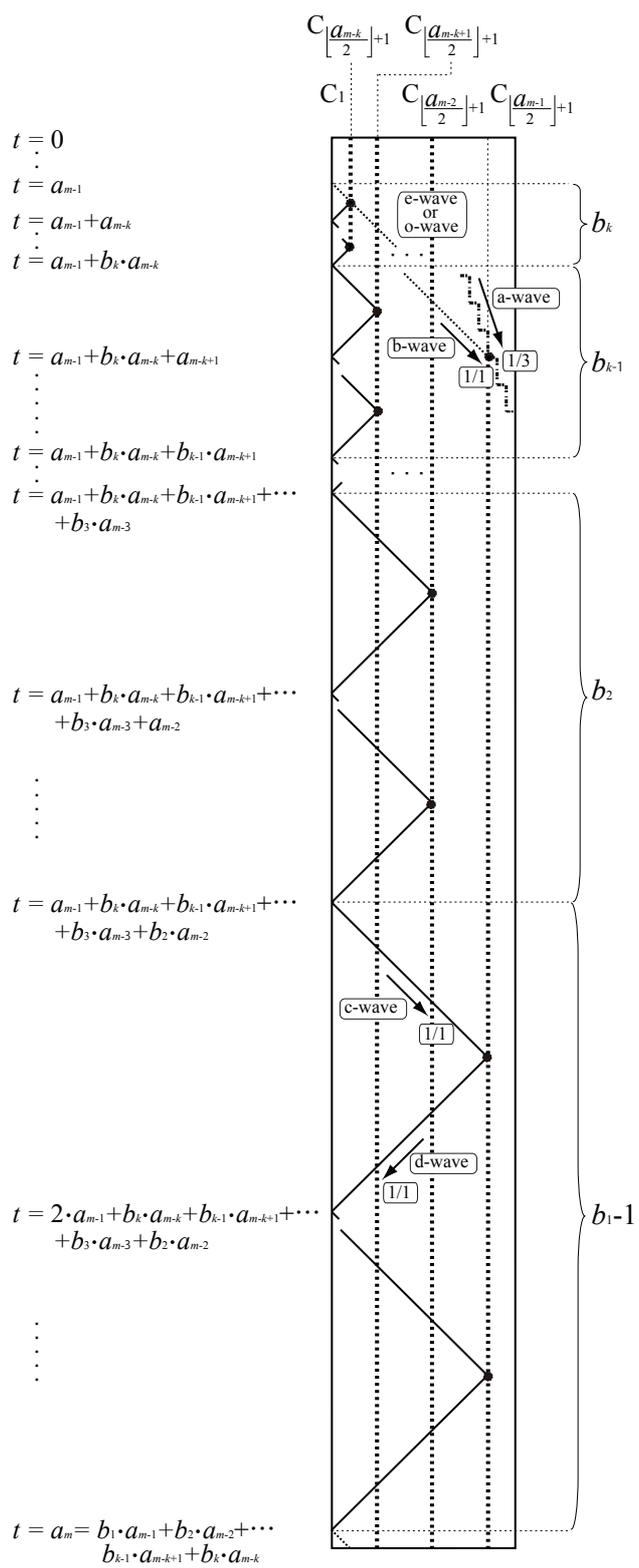


Figure 9: Time-space diagram for generation of a k th order linear-recursive sequence.

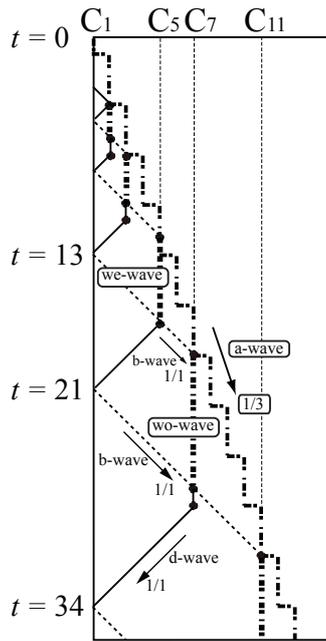


Figure 11: Time-space diagram for real-time generation of Fibonacci sequence.

the left direction at 1/1 speed, and reaches the we-wave generated on cell C_5 at time $t = 17$. When the we-wave collides with the b-wave, the we-wave is eliminated, the d-wave is generated and the b-wave keeps propagating. The d-wave reaches the a-wave. When the a-wave collides with the b-wave, the b-wave is eliminated, the wo-wave is generated. The d-wave generated on cell C_5 reaches the leftmost cell C_1 at time $t = 21$. When the d-wave reaches the leftmost cell C_1 , a state of C_1 changes to A, and the b-wave is generated. Therefore, Fibonacci sequence can be generated by repeating the propagation of 5 waves. We have implemented the algorithm on a computer. We have tested the validity of the rule set from $t = 0$ to $t = 20000$ steps. We obtain the following theorem. In Figure 12, we show a number of snapshots of the configuration from $t = 0$ to 36.

4 Conclusions

We have studied a sequence generation problem on CA. A design of algorithm for real-time generation of linear-recursive sequences on CA has been given. We have shown that Fibonacci sequence can be generated in real-time by a CA with 5 states. A future study in sequence generation problem on CA is to compare sequence generation power of CA and sequence generation power of 1-bit inter-cell-communication CA.

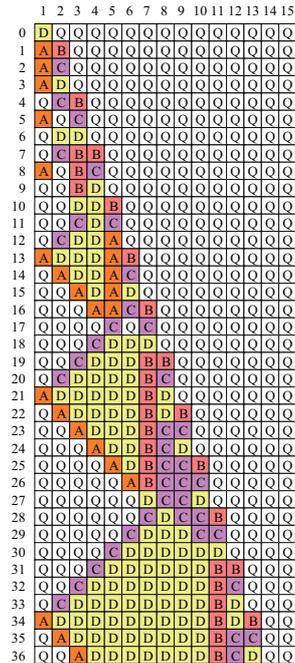


Figure 12: A configuration of real-time generation of Fibonacci sequence.

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