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# Linear Complexity of New Binary Sequence Derived From Polynomial Quotients Modulo $p$ in General Case and Their Generalizations

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**ABSTRACT** Pseudorandom sequences with large linear complexity have been widely applied in electronic countermeasures, mobile communication and cryptography. Linear complexity is considered as a primary security criterion to measure the unpredictability of pseudorandom sequences. This paper presents the linear complexity and minimal polynomial of a new family of binary sequences derived from polynomial quotients modulo an odd prime  $p$  in general case. The results indicate that the sequences have high linear complexity, which means they can resist the linear attack against pseudo-noise or stream ciphers. Moreover, we generalize the result to the polynomial quotients modulo a power of  $p$  in general case. Finally, we design a Gpqs stream cipher generator based on the generalized binary pseudorandom sequences to implement the sequences in hardware.

**INDEX TERMS** Pseudorandom sequences, electronic countermeasures, stream cipher, linear complexity, polynomial quotients.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Pseudorandom sequences always have wide applications in engineering fields. From a cryptographic point of view, one good pseudorandom sequence should have high linear complexity, which is not less than half of the period of sequence. More recently, Fermat quotients and Euler quotients have been studied to construct a large number of pseudorandom sequences. Similar construction method is naturally generalized to polynomial quotient.

Let  $p$  be an odd prime,  $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  a general polynomial with leading coefficient not divisible by  $p$ , where  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$  denotes polynomial ring with integer coefficients. The polynomial quotient modulo  $p$  in general case is

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defined by

$$Q(u) \equiv \frac{f(u) - f_p(u)}{p} \pmod{p}, \quad 0 \leq Q(u) \leq p-1, \quad u \geq 0, \quad (1)$$

where  $f_p(u) \equiv f(u) \pmod{p}$  [1].

For all integers  $u$  and  $k$ , under the condition that  $f'(u)$  is not identically zero, it is easy to check that

$$Q(u + kp) \equiv Q(u) + kf'(u) \pmod{p} \quad (2)$$

where  $f'(u)$  is defined to be the derivative of  $f(u)$ . Setting  $k = p$  in (2), it is clear to see that  $Q(u)$  is periodic with least period  $p^2$  [2].

Chen and Winterhof first defined the Polynomial quotient modulo  $p$  in general case [1]. After that, cryptographic properties of pseudorandom sequences derived from polynomial quotient began to attract academic attention [3], [4], [5], [6]. Many number theoretic and cryptographic questions have

been studied for polynomial quotients sequences [2], [7], [8], [9], [10]. It needs to be pointed out that most studies focused on special cases of  $f(x)$  but rarely considered the general cases [7], [8], [9], [10], [11], [12], [13]. There are two families of binary sequences derived from polynomial quotients in general case to be discussed from the view point of cryptography [2]. One is the binary threshold sequences  $(e_u)$  defined as

$$e_u = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } 0 \leq Q(u)/p < 1/2, \\ 1, & \text{if } 1/2 \leq Q(u)/p < 1. \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

The other is the general polynomial quotient sequence  $(h_u)$  defined by

$$h_u = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } \left(\frac{Q(u)}{p}\right) = 1 \text{ or } Q(u) = 0, \\ 1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

where  $\left(\frac{\cdot}{p}\right)$  is the Legendre symbol [2]. The Legendre symbol is defined to be equal to  $\pm 1$  depending on whether a number is a quadratic residue modulo an odd prime.

Du et al. proved that the two sequences above have high linear complexity and extended the constructions to arbitrary  $d$ -ary sequences for prime  $d \mid (p - 1)$  with  $d$  a primitive root modulo  $p^2$  [2]. In modular arithmetic, a number  $g$  is called a primitive root modulo  $n$  if and only if every number coprime to  $n$  is congruent to a power of  $g$  modulo  $n$ .

In this paper, we define a new binary sequence  $(s_u)$  derived from polynomial quotients in general case as

$$s_u = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } Q(u) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}, \\ 1, & \text{if } Q(u) \equiv 1 \pmod{2}. \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

Note that  $(s_u)$  is also  $p^2$  periodical over the finite field  $\mathbb{F}_2$ . In fact, when  $f(x) = x^w$ ,  $(s_u)$  is just the sequence defined by Zhao et al., which is only a special case of this article [14]. Clearly that, the characteristic set of  $(s_u)$  is different from  $(e_u)$  and  $(h_u)$ , and they belong to different sequences. We will investigate the minimal polynomial and linear complexity of  $(s_u)$ . In addition, we extend the general polynomial quotients  $Q(u)$  modulus  $p$  to  $F(u)$  modulo  $p^r$ , a prime power.

We recall that the linear complexity  $LC((a_u))$  of an  $N$ -periodic sequence  $(a_u)$  over the binary finite field  $\mathbb{F}_2$  is the least order  $L$  of a linear recurrence relation over finite field  $\mathbb{F}_2$  [7].

$$a_{u+L} + c_{L-1}a_{u+L-1} + \dots + c_1a_{u+1} + c_0a_u = 0 \text{ for } u \geq 0, \quad (6)$$

which is satisfied by  $(a_u)$  and where  $c_0 \neq 0, c_0 \dots c_{L-1} \in \mathbb{F}_2$ . The polynomial

$$a(x) = c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2 + \dots + c_{N-1}x^{N-1} \in \mathbb{F}_2[x]. \quad (7)$$

is called the generating polynomial of  $(a_u)$ .

The polynomial

$$m(x) = x^L + c_{L-1}x^{L-1} + \dots + c_0 \in \mathbb{F}_2[x]. \quad (8)$$

is called the minimal polynomial of  $(a_u)$ , which can be obtained by computing

$$m(x) = (x^N - 1) / \gcd(x^N - 1, a(x)). \quad (9)$$

and the linear complexity of  $(a_u)$  is

$$LC((a_u)) = \deg(m(x)) = N - \deg(\gcd(x^N - 1, a(x))). \quad (10)$$

See, e.g., [15], [16] for details.

## II. THE MINIMAL POLYNOMIAL AND LINEAR COMPLEXITY

Note that a conjecture of Artin indicates that approximately 3/8 of all primes have 2 as a primitive root, and that it is very seldom that a primitive root modulo the prime  $p$  is not also a primitive root modulo  $p^2$  [17], [18].

*Lemma 1* [19]: Let  $p$  be an odd prime. If 2 is a primitive root modulo  $p^2$ , then 2 is also a primitive root modulo  $p^i$  for all  $i \geq 1$ . Consequently, the cyclotomic polynomials  $\Phi_n(x)$  are irreducible in polynomial ring over a finite field  $\mathbb{F}_2[x]$ , where  $\Phi_n(x) = \prod_{d \mid n} (x^d - 1)^{\mu(\frac{n}{d})}$  and  $\mu(\cdot)$  denotes Mobius function.

*Theorem 1*: Let  $(s_u)$  be the  $p^2$ -periodic binary sequence defined as in (5). If 2 is a primitive element modulo  $p^2$ , then the minimal polynomial of  $(s_u)$  is

$$m(x) = \begin{cases} \Phi_{p^2}(x), & \text{if } |D_1| = 0, \\ \Phi_p(x)\Phi_{p^2}(x), & \text{if } |D_1| \neq 0 \text{ is even,} \\ (x-1)\Phi_p(x)\Phi_{p^2}(x), & \text{if } |D_1| \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

if  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , and

$$m(x) = \begin{cases} (1+x)\Phi_{p^2}(x), & \text{if } |D_0| = 0, \\ \Phi_p(x)\Phi_{p^2}(x), & \text{if } |D_0| \text{ is odd,} \\ (x-1)\Phi_p(x)\Phi_{p^2}(x), & \text{if } |D_0| \neq \text{is even.} \end{cases}$$

if  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ .

The corresponding linear complexity of  $(s_u)$  is

$$LC((s_u)) = \begin{cases} p^2 - p, & \text{if } |D_1| = 0, \\ p^2 - 1, & \text{if } |D_1| \neq 0 \text{ is even,} \\ p^2 & \text{if } |D_1| \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

if  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , and

$$LC((s_u)) = \begin{cases} p^2 - p + 1, & \text{if } |D_0| = 0, \\ p^2 - 1, & \text{if } |D_0| \text{ is odd,} \\ p^2 & \text{if } |D_0| \neq 0 \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

if  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , where  $|D_i|$  is the cardinality of  $D_i$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned} D_0 &= \{u \mid 0 \leq u \leq p-1, f'(u) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}, Q(u) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}\}, \\ D_1 &= \{u \mid 0 \leq u \leq p-1, f'(u) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}, Q(u) \equiv 1 \pmod{2}\}. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof*: Over the finite field  $\mathbb{F}_2$ , we have

$$x^{p^2} - 1 = (x-1)\Phi_p(x)\Phi_{p^2}(x),$$

where  $\Phi_p(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{p-1} x^i \in \mathbb{F}_2[x], \Phi_{p^2}(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{p-1} x^{ip} \in \mathbb{F}_2[x]$ . Let  $m(x)$  be the minimal polynomial of  $(s_u)$ , then  $m(x)$  is a factor of  $(x-1)\Phi_p(x)\Phi_{p^2}(x)$  by Lemma 1.

For any fixed  $u$  with  $f'(u) \not\equiv 0 \pmod p$ , when  $k$  ranges over  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$ ,  $Q(u+kp)$  takes on each element of  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$ . Thus  $s_{u+kp} = 0$  for  $(p+1)/2$  integers  $k$  and  $s_{u+kp} = 1$  for  $(p-1)/2$  integers  $k$ . We know  $m(x) \nmid (x^p-1)$ , i.e.,  $m(x) \nmid (x-1)\Phi_p(x)$  since the period of  $(s_u)$  is  $> p$ . Also, we have  $\sum_{k=0}^{p-1} s_{u+kp} = (p-1)/2$ .

On the other hand, for any  $u$  with  $f'(u) \equiv 0 \pmod p$ , we have

$$\sum_{k=0}^{p-1} s_{u+kp} = \begin{cases} 0 \pmod 2, & \text{if } u \in D_0, \\ 1 \pmod 2, & \text{if } u \in D_1. \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

The proof can be given by the two cases of the values of  $p$

1)  $p \equiv 1 \pmod 4$

If  $\forall u \notin D_1$ , i.e.,  $|D_1| = 0$ , we have  $\sum_{k=0}^{p-1} s_{u+kp} \equiv 0 \pmod 2$  for any  $u$ . Thus  $m(x) \mid \Phi_{p^2}(x)$  since  $\Phi_{p^2}(x)$  is a characteristic polynomial of  $(s_u)$ . That is,  $m(x) = \Phi_{p^2}(x)$  since  $\Phi_{p^2}(x)$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{F}_2(x)$ . So the linear complexity of  $(s_u)$  is  $LC((s_u)) = \deg(m(x)) = p^2 - p$ .

If  $\exists u \in D_1$ , i.e.,  $|D_1| \neq 0$ , we have  $\sum_{k=0}^{p-1} s_{u+kp} = p \equiv 1 \pmod 2$  for  $u \in D_1$ . At the same time, by (11), we have  $\sum_{k=0}^{p-1} s_{u+kp} + \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} s_{(u+1)+kp} = p \equiv 1 \pmod 2$  for any  $u$ . Hence  $m(x) \nmid (1+x)\Phi_{p^2}(x)$ . Now for all  $u$  we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{v=0}^{p^2-1} s_{u+v} &= \sum_{v=0}^{p^2-1} s_v = \sum_{v=0}^{p-1} \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} s_{v+kp} \\ &= \left( \sum_{v \in D_1} + \sum_{v \notin D_1} \right) \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} s_{v+kp} \\ &= |D_1|p \\ &= \begin{cases} 0 \pmod 2, & \text{if } |D_1| \text{ is even,} \\ 1 \pmod 2, & \text{if } |D_1| \text{ is odd.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $u$ , which implies  $m(x) \mid \Phi_p(x)\Phi_{p^2}(x)$  when  $|D_1|$  is even, and  $m(x) \mid (x^{p^2}-1)$  when  $|D_1|$  is odd. Then  $LC((s_u)) = p^2 - 1$  when  $|D_1|$  is even, and  $LC((s_u)) = p^2$  when  $|D_1|$  is odd.

2)  $p \equiv 3 \pmod 4$

If  $\forall u \notin D_0$ , i.e.,  $|D_0| = 0$ , we have  $\sum_{k=0}^{p-1} s_{u+kp} = p \equiv 1 \pmod 2$  for any  $u$ , which implies that  $m(x) \nmid \Phi_{p^2}(x)$ . At the same time, by (11), we have  $\sum_{k=0}^{p-1} s_{u+kp} + \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} s_{(u+1)+kp} = p + (p-1)/2 \equiv 0 \pmod 2$  for any  $u$ . Hence  $m(x) \mid (1+x)\Phi_{p^2}(x)$ , and  $LC((s_u)) = \deg(m(x)) = p^2 - p + 1$ .

If  $\exists u \in D_0$ , i.e.,  $|D_0| \neq 0$ , we have  $\sum_{k=0}^{p-1} s_{u+kp} \equiv 0 \pmod 2$  only for  $u \in D_0$ . Now we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{v=0}^{p^2-1} s_{u+v} &= \sum_{v=0}^{p^2-1} s_v = \sum_{v=0}^{p-1} \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} s_{v+kp} \\ &= \left( \sum_{v \in D_0} + \sum_{v \notin D_0} \right) \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} s_{v+kp} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (p - |D_0|)p \\ &= \begin{cases} 0 \pmod 2, & \text{if } |D_0| \text{ is odd,} \\ 1 \pmod 2, & \text{if } |D_0| \text{ is even.} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $u$ , which implies  $m(x) \mid \Phi_p(x)\Phi_{p^2}(x)$  when  $|D_0|$  is odd, and  $m(x) = x^{p^2} - 1$  when  $|D_0|$  is even since  $\Phi_p(x)$  and  $\Phi_{p^2}(x)$  are irreducible in  $\mathbb{F}_2(x)$  and neither of them is the characteristic polynomial of  $(s_u)$ . Then  $LC((s_u)) = p^2 - 1$  when  $|D_0|$  is odd, and  $LC((s_u)) = p^2$  when  $|D_0|$  is even. The proof is completed.

In the following content, we will give two examples to confirm our main results.

*Example 1:* Let  $p = 5, f(x) = 4x^3 + 3x^2 + 5x + 6$ . Then  $p \equiv 1 \pmod 4$ , and 2 is a primitive root modulo 25. The least period of the binary sequence  $(s_u)$  is 25.  $|D_0| = 0, |D_1| = 1$  is odd.

The sequence  $(s_u)$  in one period is

{1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0}.

The minimal polynomial of the sequence  $(s_u)$  over  $\mathbb{F}_2$  is  $x^{25} - 1$ .

And so the linear complexity of this sequence is exactly  $25 = p^2$ .

*Example 2:* Let  $p = 11, f(x) = 2x^7 + 3x^5 + 4x^3 + 7x^2 + 4x + 9$ . Then  $p \equiv 3 \pmod 4$ , and 2 is a primitive root modulo 121. The least period of the binary sequence  $(s_u)$  is  $p^2 = 121$ .  $|D_0| = 0, |D_1| = 0$ .

The sequence  $(s_u)$  in one period is

{0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0}.

The minimal polynomial of the sequence  $(s_u)$  over  $\mathbb{F}_2$  is  $x^{111} + x^{110} + x^{100} + x^{99} + x^{89} + x^{88} + x^{78} + x^{77} + x^{67} + x^{66} + x^{56} + x^{55} + x^{45} + x^{44} + x^{34} + x^{33} + x^{23} + x^{22} + x^{12} + x^{11} + x + 1$ . And so the linear complexity of this sequence is exactly equal to  $111 = p^2 - p + 1$ .

With the help of programming software, more examples have been tested. In fact, all possible values of linear complexity of  $(s_u)$  could be taken when the polynomial  $f(x)$  is properly chosen. The results are consistent with the Theorem 1 in this paper.

### III. GENERALIZATION TO THE POLYNOMIAL QUOTIENT IN GENERAL CASE

For an odd prime  $p$ , integers  $r > 0$ , and  $f(x)$  a polynomial over  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ , the polynomial quotient modulo  $p^r$  in general case is defined by

$$F(u) \equiv \frac{f(u) - f_{p^r}(u)}{p^r} \pmod{p^r}, \quad 0 \leq F(u) \leq p^r - 1, \quad (12)$$

for all  $u$ , where  $f_{p^r}(u) \equiv f(u) \pmod{p^r}$ . Clearly that  $F(u)$  is just the function in (1) when  $r = 1$ . For all integers  $u$  and  $k$ , under the condition that  $f'(u)$  is not identically zero, it is easy

to check that

$$F(u + kp^r) \equiv F(u) + kp^{r-1}f'(u) \pmod{p^r} \quad (13)$$

where  $f'(u)$  is defined to be the derivative of  $f(u)$ . Setting  $k = p$  in (13), under the condition that  $f'(u)$  is not identically zero, it is clear to see that  $F(u)$  is periodic with least period  $p^{r+1}$ . Then we define the binary sequence  $(f_u)$  by

$$f_u = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } F(u) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}, \\ 1, & \text{if } F(u) \equiv 1 \pmod{2}. \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

**Theorem 2:** Let  $(f_u)$  be the  $p^{r+1}$ -periodic binary sequence defined as in (14). If 2 is a primitive element modulo  $p^2$ , then there exists  $H = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, r - 1\}$  such that the minimal polynomial of  $(f_u)$  is

$$m(x) = \Phi_{p^{r+1}}(x) \prod_{i \in H} \Phi_{p^i}(x),$$

and the corresponding linear complexity of  $(f_u)$  is

$$LC((f_u)) = p^{r+1} - p^r + \sum_{i \in H} p^i(p - 1)$$

**Proof:** The multiplicative order of  $2 \pmod{p^i}$  is  $p^{i-1}(p - 1)$  since 2 is a primitive element modulo  $p^2$ . Thus the cyclotomic polynomial  $\Phi_{p^i}(x)$  is irreducible over in  $\mathbb{F}_2[x]$ .

For any fixed  $u$  with  $\gcd(u, p) = 1$ , by (13) we have

$$F(u + kp^r) = \{F(u), F(u) + p^{r-1}, \dots, F(u) + (p - 1)p^{r-1}\}$$

if  $k$  runs through the set  $\{0, 1, \dots, p - 1\}$ . Then, when  $F(u)$  is even, it follows that

$$f_u + f_{u+p^r} + \dots + f_{u+(p-1)p^r} = \frac{p - 1}{2}.$$

when  $F(u)$  is odd, it follows that

$$f_u + f_{u+p^r} + \dots + f_{u+(p-1)p^r} = \frac{p + 1}{2}.$$

So there always exists  $u$  such that  $f_u + f_{u+p^r} + \dots + f_{u+(p-1)p^r} \neq 0$ , which implies that  $\Phi_{p^{r+1}}(x) \mid m(x)$  and  $m(x) \neq \Phi_{p^{r+1}}(x)$ . We know  $m(x) \mid x^{p^{r+1}} - 1$  and the cyclotomic polynomial  $\Phi_{p^i}(x)$  is irreducible over in  $\mathbb{F}_2[x]$ . Thus there exists nonempty set  $H \subseteq \{0, 1, 2, \dots, r - 1\}$  such that the minimal polynomial of  $(f_u)$  is

$$m(x) = \Phi_{p^{r+1}}(x) \prod_{i \in H} \Phi_{p^i}(x),$$

and the corresponding linear complexity of  $(f_u)$  is

$$LC((f_u)) = p^{r+1} - p^r + \sum_{i \in H} p^i(p - 1).$$

The proof is completed.

The following example helps to confirm our main results.

**Example 3:** Let  $p = 5, r = 2, f(x) = 4x^3 + 3x^2 + 5x + 6, f_{p^r}(x) = f(x)^{\varphi(p^r)+r}$  meets the condition that  $f(x)^r \equiv f_{p^r}(x) \pmod{p^r}$ , where  $\varphi(x)$  denote Euler's function. Then 2 is a primitive root modulo 25. The least period of the binary sequence  $(s_u)$  is  $p^3 = 125$ . The sequence  $(s_u)$  in one period is

{0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0 }.

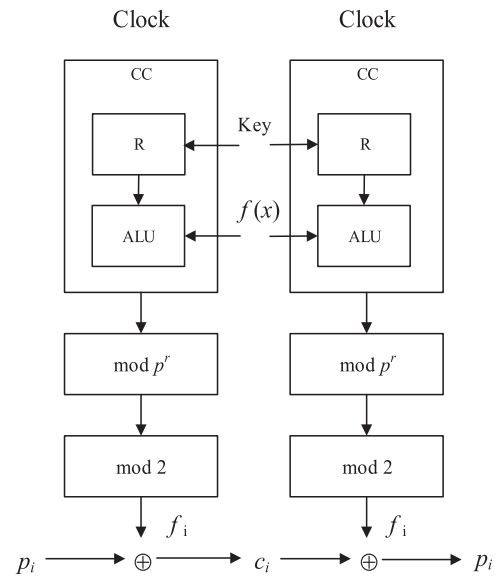
The minimal polynomial of the sequence  $(s_u)$  over  $\mathbb{F}_2$  is

$$m(x) = x^{120} + x^{115} + x^{110} + x^{105} + x^{100} + x^{95} + x^{90} + x^{85} + x^{80} + x^{75} + x^{70} + x^{65} + x^{60} + x^{55} + x^{50} + x^{45} + x^{40} + x^{35} + x^{30} + x^{25} + x^{20} + x^{15} + x^{10} + x^5 + 1.$$

And so the linear complexity of this sequence is exactly equal to  $120 = p^3 - p^2 + p(p - 1)$ .

#### IV. IMPLEMENTATION AND APPLICATION IN STREAM CIPHER SYSTEM

After Shannon proved the absolute security of the one-time pad in theory, the research on stream ciphers has been triggered. Pseudorandom sequences have been the kernel of stream ciphers. By generalizing to the polynomial quotient modulo  $p^r$  in general case, we can obtain lots of pseudorandom sequences with high linear complexity [16]. We will apply them to stream cipher system as follows.



**FIGURE 1.** The implementation and application of Gpqs stream cipher generator.

A stream cipher generator derived from polynomial quotients with period  $p^{r+1}$  can be implemented in Fig.1, where CC denote cyclic counter that count the numbers  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, p^{r+1} - 1\}$  cyclically, and within CC, there are registers to store the current counted number and arithmetic logic unit(ALU) to computer polynomial quotients [20]. We name the generator as Gpqs stream cipher generator. The initial value of the register form the key of this generator. The polynomial  $f(x)$  is defined in section 3. The  $f_i$  denotes pseudorandom sequence, the  $p_i$  denotes plaintext stream, the  $c_i$  denotes ciphertext stream, and the symbol  $\oplus$  denotes XOR.



By the choices of different polynomials and the power of  $p$ , the Gpqs stream cipher generator can generate lots of pseudorandom sequences with high linear complexity.

## V. CONCLUSION

In this work, we firstly define a family of new binary sequence derived from polynomial quotients modulo an odd prime  $p$  in general case, then determine the linear complexity and the minimal polynomial of the sequences under the condition that 2 is a primitive element modulo  $p^2$ . By the Berlekamp-Massey algorithm, the linear complexity of pseudorandom sequence must be greater than the half of its period [21]. The results show that the sequences have high linear complexity to resist the attack of Berlekamp-Massey algorithm. It can be seen that Zhao *et al.*'s conclusion is only a special case of our results [14]. Furthermore, we generalize the results to the polynomial quotients modulo a power of  $p$  in general case for the first time. We give the general expression of the linear complexity and the minimal polynomial of the sequences under the condition that 2 is a primitive element modulo  $p^2$ . The results indicate that the generalized sequences still have high linear complexity. In addition, we show the implementation and application of the generalized sequences in stream cipher system. It is interesting to study pseudorandom properties of these sequences when 2 is not a primitive element modulo  $p^2$ .

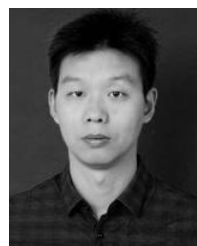
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