# GOOD PARAMETERS FOR A CLASS OF NODE SETS IN QUASI-MONTE CARLO INTEGRATION 

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#### Abstract

For $2 \leq s \leq 12$ we determine good parameters in a general construction of node sets for $s$-dimensional quasi-Monte Carlo integration recently introduced by the third author. Some of the parameters represent optimal choices in this construction and lead to improvements on node sets obtained by earlier techniques.


## 1. Introduction

We consider the problem of multidimensional numerical integration, with the closed $s$-dimensional unit cube $\mathbf{I}^{s}=[0,1]^{s}, s \geq 2$, as a normalized integration domain. In the standard Monte Carlo method the integration rule

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{\mathbf{I}^{s}} f(\mathbf{t}) d \mathbf{t} \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} f\left(\mathbf{x}_{n}\right) \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

is used, where the nodes $\mathbf{x}_{0}, \mathbf{x}_{1}, \ldots, \mathbf{x}_{N-1} \in \mathbf{I}^{s}$ are $N$ independent random samples from the uniform distribution on $\mathbf{I}^{s}$. In practical implementations of this method, one actually works with nodes derived from uniform pseudorandom numbers, such as Lehmer's linear congruential pseudorandom numbers [5]. Concretely, if $x_{0}, x_{1}, \ldots$ is a sequence of uniform pseudorandom numbers in [ 0,1 ], then one employs the nodes

$$
\mathbf{x}_{n}=\left(x_{n}, x_{n+1}, \ldots, x_{n+s-1}\right) \in \mathbf{I}^{s} \quad \text { for } 0 \leq n \leq N-1 .
$$

The integration error incurred in (1) with these nodes was analyzed by Niederreiter [9] for the cases of Lehmer pseudorandom numbers and shift-register pseudorandom numbers.

It is well known that under mild regularity conditions on the integrand $f$ we may improve on Monte Carlo integration by using the approximation (1) with suitably chosen deterministic nodes. This yields the quasi-Monte Carlo method for numerical integration, which is surveyed, e.g., in Hua and Wang [3] and Niederreiter [8], [14]. To guarantee small integration errors, the nodes

[^0]$\mathbf{x}_{0}, \mathbf{x}_{1}, \ldots, \mathbf{x}_{N-1} \in I^{s}=[0,1)^{s}$ have to be selected in such a way that their star discrepancy $D_{N}^{*}$ is small. Here
$$
D_{N}^{*}=\sup _{J}\left|E_{N}(J)-\operatorname{Vol}(J)\right|
$$
where, for an arbitrary subinterval $J$ of $I^{s}, E_{N}(J)$ is $N^{-1}$ times the number of $0 \leq n \leq N-1$ with $\mathbf{x}_{n} \in J$ and $\operatorname{Vol}(J)$ denotes the $s$-dimensional volume of $J$, and where the supremum is extended over all $J$ of the form $J=\prod_{i=1}^{s}\left[0, t_{i}\right)$ with $0<t_{i} \leq 1$ for $1 \leq i \leq s$.

Currently, the most effective constructions of node sets for quasi-Monte Carlo integration are based on the theory of nets. We fix the dimension $s \geq 2$ and an integer $b \geq 2$. By an elementary interval in base $b$ we mean a subinterval $J$ of $I^{s}$ of the form

$$
J=\prod_{i=1}^{s}\left[a_{i} b^{-d_{l}},\left(a_{i}+1\right) b^{-d_{i}}\right)
$$

with integers $d_{i} \geq 0$ and $0 \leq a_{i}<b^{d_{i}}$ for $1 \leq i \leq s$.
Definition 1. Let $0 \leq t \leq m$ be integers and put $N=b^{m}$. Then the points $\mathbf{x}_{0}, \mathbf{x}_{1}, \ldots, \mathbf{x}_{N-1} \in I^{s}$ form a $(t, m, s)$-net in base $b$ if every elementary interval $J$ in base $b$ with $\operatorname{Vol}(J)=b^{t-m}$ contains exactly $b^{t}$ points $\mathbf{x}_{n}$, i.e., $E_{N}(J)=\operatorname{Vol}(J)$.

The general theory of nets was developed in Niederreiter [11]; see also [14, Chapter 4] for an expository account. For the special case $b=2$ on which we will concentrate, some results were obtained earlier by Sobol' [17]. The case $b=2$ offers the advantage of easier implementation of the known constructions of nets, and recent tests suggest that nets in base 2 tend to perform better in numerical integration than nets in larger bases [2]. The following discrepancy bound for nets in base 2 is a special case of results in [11, §3].
Theorem A. The star discrepancy $D_{N}^{*}$ of a $(t, m, s)$-net in base 2 satisfies

$$
D_{N}^{*} \leq B_{s} 2^{t} N^{-1}(\log N)^{s-1}+O\left(2^{t} N^{-1}(\log N)^{s-2}\right)
$$

where the implied constant in the Landau symbol depends only on $s$, and where $B_{s}=1 /(\log 4)^{s-1}$ for $2 \leq s \leq 4$ and

$$
B_{s}=\frac{1}{(s-1)!(\log 2)^{s-1}} \quad \text { for } s \geq 5
$$

It is clear from this discrepancy bound, and also from Definition 1, that the value of $t$ should be as small as possible. Prior to the present work, the least value of $t$ for each dimension $s \geq 2$ was obtained by combining the construction of a special class of sequences in Niederreiter [12] with [11, Lemma 5.15]. If $T_{2}(s)$ is defined by [12, equation (10)], and if we put $V_{s}=T_{2}(s-1)$ for $s \geq 2$, then this yields, for every $s \geq 2$ and $m \geq V_{s}$, a $\left(V_{s}, m, s\right)$-net in base 2 . For the range of dimensions discussed in this paper, we obtain the values of $V_{s}$ in Table 1 from [12, Table II].

Table 1. Values of $V_{s}$ for $2 \leq s \leq 12$

| $s$ | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $V_{s}$ | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 11 | 14 | 18 | 22 | 26 |

Furthermore, there are known lower bounds on $t$ that are obtained from combinatorial constraints on the existence of nets; see Mullen and Whittle [7] and Niederreiter [15]. For the case $b=2$, a result in [7] yields the following: for $m \geq t+2$ a $(t, m, s)$-net in base 2 can only exist if $s \leq 2^{t+2}-1$. This implies the lower bound

$$
\begin{equation*}
t \geq\left\lceil\log _{2}(s+1)\right\rceil-2 \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

provided that $m \geq t+2$, where $\log _{2}$ is the logarithm to the base 2 and $\lceil x\rceil$ denotes the smallest integer $\geq x$. Except for some small dimensions $s$, there is a considerable gap between the lower bound in (2) and the values of $V_{s}$ in Table 1.

It is one of the aims of the present paper to reduce this gap. This is achieved by considering a construction of nets recently introduced in Niederreiter [13] and by searching for optimal, or nearly optimal, parameters in this construction. A detailed description of these nets and their properties is provided in $\S 2$. The search procedure for good parameters is described in $\S 3$ and the computational results are reported in $\S 4$.

## 2. Description of the node sets

We describe node sets for the quasi-Monte Carlo integration (1) which form ( $t, m, s$ )-nets in base 2 and were introduced by Niederreiter [13]. Further results on these nets can be found in [14, Chapter 4]. It is convenient to use an equivalent, but simpler, description of these nets given in [16].

Let $F_{2}=\{0,1\}$ be the field with two elements and let $F_{2}\left(\left(x^{-1}\right)\right)$ be the field of formal Laurent series over $F_{2}$ in the variable $x^{-1}$. Thus, the elements of $F_{2}\left(\left(x^{-1}\right)\right)$ have the form $\sum_{k=w}^{\infty} u_{k} x^{-k}$, where $w$ is an arbitrary integer and all $u_{k} \in F_{2}$. Note that $F_{2}\left(\left(x^{-1}\right)\right)$ contains the rational function field $F_{2}(x)$ as a subfield. For an integer $m \geqslant 1$ let $\phi_{m}$ be the map from $F_{2}\left(\left(x^{-1}\right)\right)$ to the interval $[0,1)$ defined by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\phi_{m}\left(\sum_{k=w}^{\infty} u_{k} x^{-k}\right)=\sum_{k=\max (1, w)}^{m} u_{k} 2^{-k} \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

For a given dimension $s \geq 2$ we choose $f \in F_{2}[x]$ with $\operatorname{deg}(f)=m$ and $g_{1}, \ldots, g_{s} \in F_{2}[x]$. For $n=0,1, \ldots, 2^{m}-1$ let

$$
n=\sum_{r=0}^{m-1} a_{r}(n) 2^{r}
$$

with all $a_{r}(n) \in F_{2}$, be the binary expansion of $n$. With each such $n$ we can then associate the polynomial

$$
n(x)=\sum_{r=0}^{m-1} a_{r}(n) x^{r} \in F_{2}[x]
$$

Then we define the node set consisting of the $2^{m}$ points

$$
\begin{align*}
& \mathbf{x}_{n}=\left(\phi_{m}\left(\frac{n(x) g_{1}(x)}{f(x)}\right), \ldots, \phi_{m}\left(\frac{n(x) g_{s}(x)}{f(x)}\right)\right) \in I^{s}  \tag{4}\\
& \quad \text { for } n=0,1, \ldots, 2^{m}-1 .
\end{align*}
$$

We write $\mathbf{g}=\left(g_{1}, \ldots, g_{s}\right) \in F_{2}[x]^{s}$ for the $s$-tuple of polynomials $g_{1}, \ldots, g_{s}$ and we use the convention $\operatorname{deg}(0)=-1$. The following quantity plays a crucial role.

Definition 2. The figure of merit $\rho(\mathbf{g}, f)$ is given by

$$
\rho(\mathbf{g}, f)=s-1+\min \sum_{i=1}^{s} \operatorname{deg}\left(h_{i}\right)
$$

where the minimum is extended over all nonzero $s$-tuples $\left(h_{1}, \ldots, h_{s}\right) \in F_{2}[x]^{s}$ for which $\operatorname{deg}\left(h_{i}\right)<m$ for $1 \leq i \leq s$ and $f$ divides $\sum_{i=1}^{s} g_{i} h_{i}$.

We always have $0 \leq \rho(\mathbf{g}, f) \leq m$. Note that the figure of merit in Definition 2 differs by 1 from the figure of merit introduced in [13, Definition 3]. Observing this fact, we can now rephrase [13, Theorem 4] as follows.

Theorem B. The points in (4) form $a(t, m, s)$-net in base 2 with $t=m-$ $\rho(\mathbf{g}, f)$.

Therefore, to obtain $(t, m, s)$-nets in base 2 with a small value of $t$, and hence good node sets for quasi-Monte Carlo integration, we should choose the parameters $f$ and $\mathbf{g}$ in such a way that $\rho(\mathbf{g}, f)$ is large. If $s \geq 2$ and $f \in F_{2}[x]$ with $\operatorname{deg}(f)=m \geq 1$ are fixed, and if $g$ runs through the set

$$
\begin{aligned}
G_{s}(f)=\left\{\mathbf{g}=\left(g_{1}, \ldots, g_{s}\right) \in F_{2}[x]^{s}: \operatorname{gcd}( \right. & \left.g_{i}, f\right)=1 \\
& \text { and } \left.\operatorname{deg}\left(g_{i}\right)<m \text { for } 1 \leq i \leq s\right\}
\end{aligned}
$$

then it follows from results in [13], [14, Chapter 4] that, on the average, the node set (4) has star discrepancy $D_{N}^{*}=O\left(N^{-1}(\log N)^{s}\right)$. Thus, for any $s$ and $f$, a good choice of $\mathbf{g}$ can always be made, but the proof of this result is nonconstructive.

It should be noted that we need the Laurent series expansion of the rational functions $n(x) g_{i}(x) / f(x)$ in (4) in order to calculate their images under $\phi_{m}$ according to (3). A very convenient choice for this purpose is $f(x)=x^{m}$, since for any $c(x)=\sum_{j=0}^{q} c_{j} x^{j} \in F_{2}[x]$ the Laurent series expansion of $c(x) / x^{m}$ is immediately obtained as

$$
\frac{c(x)}{x^{m}}=\sum_{j=0}^{q} c_{j} x^{j-m}
$$

In the remainder of this paper, we assume that the choice $f(x)=x^{m}$ has been made. For this case, there is even a more precise existence theorem due to Larcher [4], namely, that for every $s \geq 2$ there exists a $g$ such that the node set (4) has star discrepancy $D_{N}^{*}=O\left(N^{-1}(\log N)^{s-1} \log \log (N+1)\right)$. Again, the proof of this result is nonconstructive.

## 3. The search procedure

Given the dimension $s \geq 2$ and the polynomial $f(x)=x^{m} \in F_{2}[x]$ with $m \geq 2$, we want to find an $s$-tuple $\mathbf{g}=\left(g_{1}, \ldots, g_{s}\right)$ of polynomials over $F_{2}$ such that the figure of merit $\rho(\mathbf{g}, f)$ is large. As explained in $\S 2$, this yields then a $(t, m, s)$-net in base 2 with a small value of $t$. We impose the restriction $s \leq 12$ since it is in this range where quasi-Monte Carlo integration is most useful (compare with [2]).

In the case $s=2$ there is a general construction of a $\mathbf{g}=\left(g_{1}, g_{2}\right)$ which yields the optimal value of $\rho(\mathbf{g}, f)$. Put $g_{1}(x)=1$ and

$$
\begin{equation*}
g_{2}(x)=\sum_{j=0}^{r} x^{m-\left\lfloor m / 2^{\prime}\right\rfloor} \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

with $r=\left\lfloor\log _{2} m\right\rfloor$, where $\rfloor$ denotes the greatest integer function. Then [10, Theorem 2] shows that all partial quotients in the continued fraction expansion of $g_{2}(x) / x^{m}$ have degree 1. Hence it follows from a formula mentioned in [13] (see also [14, Theorem 4.46] for a detailed proof) that with this choice of $\mathbf{g}=\left(g_{1}, g_{2}\right)$ we obtain $\rho(\mathbf{g}, f)=m$. Since we always have $\rho(\mathbf{g}, f) \leq m$, as noted after Definition 2, we thus get the maximal value of $\rho(\mathbf{g}, f)$. By Theorem B the corresponding points in (4) form a ( $0, m, 2$ )-net in base 2.

For $s \geq 3$ no general construction of $s$-tuples $\mathbf{g}$ with a large value of $\rho\left(\mathbf{g}, x^{m}\right)$ is known, and as a result we have to resort to a computer search. In order to arrive at a manageable problem, we must restrict the values of $m$. We take $m \leq 20$ for $s=3$ and $s=4$, and $m \leq 10$ for $5 \leq s \leq 12$. The larger range of values of $m$ is used for $s=3$ and $s=4$ since these dimensions occur frequently in applications. Because of computer limitations, only for low dimensions are larger values of $m$ feasible in our search. In order to implement the search, Fortran code was written and run on a SUN SPARCstation $1^{+}$. We note that in the context of shift-register pseudorandom numbers, Mullen and Niederreiter [6] and André, Mullen, and Niederreiter [1] have implemented search procedures for other types of figures of merit.

As indicated above, for a given $s \geq 3$ and $m \geq 2$ we let $f(x)=x^{m}$ and wish to locate an $s$-tuple $\mathbf{g}=\left(g_{1}, \ldots, g_{s}\right) \in F_{2}[x]^{s}$ so that the figure of merit $\rho\left(\mathbf{g}, x^{m}\right)$ defined in Definition 2 is large, i.e., as near as possible to $m$. Without a serious loss of generality we may assume that $g_{1}=1$.

When $s$ and $m$ are both small, an exhaustive search was conducted over all $s$-tuples $\mathbf{g}$ so that the resulting figure of merit was optimal. When either $s$ or $m$ is large, it was not possible to do an exhaustive search, and so in these cases the resulting figure of merit is large but not necessarily optimal. In these nonexhaustive cases the resulting values of $t=m-\rho\left(\mathbf{g}, x^{m}\right)$ in Table 2 of $\S 4$ will be marked with an asterisk (*).

In the actual search process, given an s-tuple $\mathbf{g}=\left(g_{1}, \ldots, g_{s}\right) \in F_{2}[x]^{s}$ with $g_{1}=1$, we search for a nonzero $s$-tuple $\mathbf{h}=\left(h_{1}, \ldots, h_{s}\right) \in F_{2}[x]^{s}$ with the property that $\sum_{i=1}^{s} \operatorname{deg}\left(h_{i}\right)=d$ is small and $\sum_{i=1}^{s} g_{i} h_{i} \equiv 0\left(\bmod x^{m}\right)$. Those $h$ for which $\sum_{i=1}^{s} \operatorname{deg}\left(h_{i}\right)>d$ need not be considered in Definition 2. Our search then proceeds over all nonzero $\mathbf{h}$ with $\sum_{i=1}^{s} \operatorname{deg}\left(h_{i}\right)<d$ to see if $\sum_{i=1}^{s} g_{i} h_{i} \equiv 0\left(\bmod x^{m}\right)$. If such an $\mathbf{h}$ is found, then the process is repeated with this smaller value of $d$. We continue until no smaller value of $d$ is found, so that the resulting figure of merit is thus obtained as $\rho\left(\mathbf{g}, x^{m}\right)=$ $s-1+\min \sum_{i=1}^{s} \operatorname{deg}\left(h_{i}\right)$. After completing the calculation of the figure of merit $\rho\left(\mathbf{g}, x^{m}\right)$ for a given $\mathbf{g}$, we consider other $s$-tuples $\mathbf{g}^{\prime}$ in order to try and locate a figure of merit $\rho\left(\mathbf{g}^{\prime}, x^{m}\right)>\rho\left(\mathbf{g}, x^{m}\right)$. This process was then continued until either all $\mathbf{g}$ were tested, or in the nonexhaustive cases, until a point was reached at which after testing many $s$-tuples $\mathbf{g}$, the resulting largest figure of merit obtained for the given values of $s$ and $m$ failed to increase in value.

In spite of using nonexhaustive searches for numerous values of $s$ and $m$, it will be seen in the next section that when $s \geq 5$ our results yield $(t, m, s)$-nets in base 2 with smaller values of $t$ than those obtained from the best previously known constructions.

## 4. Computational results

In this section we present the results of our searches. In Table 2 for $s=3$ or $s=4$ and $m \leq 20$, and for $5 \leq s \leq 12$ and $m \leq 10$, we list the value of $t=m-\rho\left(\mathbf{g}, x^{m}\right)$ for which we located an $s$-tuple $\mathbf{g}$ with $\rho\left(\mathbf{g}, x^{m}\right)$ as large as possible. As a result, for a given $s$ and $m$, the listed value of $t$ is the smallest $t$ (in the set that we searched) for which the corresponding points in (4) form a $(t, m, s)$-net in base 2 . We recall from $\S 3$ that if our search was nonexhaustive, the corresponding $t$ is marked with an asterisk. We also indicate with a prime $\left({ }^{\prime}\right)$ those values of $t$ for which we have equality in (2) and hence are best possible values of $t$ for a $(t, m, s)$-net in base 2 . Thus, a ${ }^{\prime}$ indicates that for the given values of $s$ and $m$ it is not possible by any method to construct a $\left(t_{1}, m, s\right)$-net in base 2 with $t_{1}<t$.

Table 2. Values of $t$ in a $(t, m, s)$-net in base 2

| $\mathrm{m} \backslash \mathrm{s}$ | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 3 | 1 | $1^{\prime}$ | $1^{\prime}$ | $1^{\prime}$ | 2 | $2^{\prime}$ | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 4 | 1 | $1^{\prime}$ | $1^{\prime}$ | $1^{\prime}$ | 2 | $2^{\prime}$ | $2^{\prime}$ | $2^{\prime}$ | $2^{\prime}$ | $2^{\prime}$ |
| 5 | 1 | $1^{\prime}$ | 2 | 2 | 2 | $2^{\prime}$ | $2^{\prime}$ | $2^{\prime}$ | $3^{*}$ | $3^{*}$ |
| 6 | 1 | $1^{\prime}$ | 2 | 2 | $3^{*}$ | $3^{*}$ | $3^{*}$ | $3^{*}$ | $4^{*}$ | $4^{*}$ |
| 7 | 1 | $1^{\prime}$ | 2 | $2^{*}$ | $3^{*}$ | $3^{*}$ | $4^{*}$ | $4^{*}$ | $4^{*}$ | $4^{*}$ |
| 8 | 1 | 2 | $2^{*}$ | $3^{*}$ | $4^{*}$ | $4^{*}$ | $4^{*}$ | $4^{*}$ | $4^{*}$ | $5^{*}$ |
| 9 | 2 | 2 | $3^{*}$ | $4^{*}$ | $4^{*}$ | $5^{*}$ | $5^{*}$ | $5^{*}$ | $5^{*}$ | $6^{*}$ |
| 10 | $1^{*}$ | $2^{*}$ | $3^{*}$ | $4^{*}$ | $4^{*}$ | $5^{*}$ | $6^{*}$ | $6^{*}$ | $6^{*}$ | $6^{*}$ |
| 11 | $2^{*}$ | $3^{*}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | $2^{*}$ | $3^{*}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | $2^{*}$ | $3^{*}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14 | $2^{*}$ | $4^{*}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15 | $3^{*}$ | $4^{*}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16 | $2^{*}$ | $4^{*}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17 | $3^{*}$ | $4^{*}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18 | $3^{*}$ | $5^{*}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 19 | $4^{*}$ | $5^{*}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20 | $4^{*}$ | $6^{*}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

We now compare the results of our efforts against previously known methods, in particular to the values of $t$ given in Table 1 as well as considering them in relation to the lower bound from (2). For $s=3$ the construction of Niederreiter [12] yields $t=0$, which when compared to (2), yields a best possible ( $0, m, 3$ )net in base 2 for any $m \geq 0$. Similarly, for $s=4$ he obtains a value of $t=1$ as well as a $(1, m, 4)$-net in base 2 for any $m \geq 1$, which is best possible for $m \geq 3$. For $s=3$ and $s=4$ our construction gives a net with a very small but not best possible value of $t$, unless $s=4$ and $3 \leq m \leq 7$. However, it should be noted that the nets in (4) with $f(x)=x^{m}$ are, in general, easier to implement than the nets obtained from [12].

From a comparison of Table 2 with Table 1 we see that for each $5 \leq s \leq 12$, our construction yields a smaller value of $t$. In fact, in numerous cases denoted with a ', our search procedure gives a best possible value of $t$. As $s$ increases,
the level of improvement of our construction over that from [12] also increases, even in the cases where nonexhaustive searches were conducted. For fixed $s$, as $m$ increases, our values of $t$ will be less than those of [12] (which do not increase with $m$ ) at least as long as $m \leq V_{s}$, where $V_{s}$ is given in Table 1. For fixed $s$ our values of $t$ increase slowly with $m$.

We note from [7] that for $b=2$ and $t \geq 0$ one can construct a $(t, t+2$, $2^{t+2}-1$ )-net in base 2 , which according to (2) is best possible. Thus, for example, for the cases of a $(0,2,3)$ or ( $1,3,7$ )-net in base 2 , the methods of [7] give a slight improvement. The methods of [7], however, apply only to the construction of $\left(t, t+2,2^{t+2}-1\right)$-nets, while the methods presented here can be applied to the construction of $(t, m, s)$-nets in base 2 for any $s \geq 2$ and $m \geq 2$. For ease of implementation, we note that if $C$ is the complete residue system of polynomials of degree less than $m$ modulo $x^{m}$ with $m=t+2$ and $\mathbf{g}=C \backslash\left\{0, x^{m-1}\right\}$, then $\rho\left(\mathbf{g}, x^{m}\right)=2$. Hence, we obtain a $\left(t, t+2,2^{t+2}-2\right)$ net in base 2 for any $t \geq 0$. See Table $s=6$ with $m=3$ for an illustration.

We close by providing tables of the $s$-tuples $\mathbf{g}$ of polynomials that give the values of $t$ in Table 2. As indicated in $\S 3$, for $s=2$ and $m \geq 2$, using (5), one can construct a ( $0, m, 2$ )-net in base 2 . For $s \geq 3$ in Table $s$ we provide the following data.

Table $S$

$$
\begin{array}{cccccc}
m & t & g_{1} & g_{2} & \cdots & g_{s}
\end{array}
$$

In the first column is the value of $m$, while the second column contains the value of $t$ for a $(t, m, s)$-net in base 2 , where $t=m-\rho\left(\mathbf{g}, x^{m}\right)$ and where $\rho\left(\mathbf{g}, x^{m}\right)$ is the largest figure of merit obtained from our calculations for the given values of $s$ and $m$. For $i=1, \ldots, s$ the number listed under $g_{i}$ is the number whose base-2 representation corresponds to the coefficients of $g_{i}$ where $g_{i} \in F_{2}[x]$. Thus a polynomial $g \in F_{2}[x]$ with $g(x)=\sum_{l=0}^{m-1} a_{i} x^{l}$ is represented by the corresponding number $\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} a_{i} 2^{i}$.

TABLE $s=3$ TABLE $s=4$

| $g_{1}$ | $g_{2}$ | $g_{3}$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1 | 5 | 6 |
| 1 | 10 | 13 |
| 1 | 19 | 25 |
| 1 | 35 | 49 |
| 1 | 90 | 97 |
| 1 | 74 | 97 |
| 1 | 321 | 402 |
| 1 | 381 | 615 |
| 1 | 2382 | 2631 |
| 1 | 6238 | 5771 |
| 1 | 11097 | 11345 |
| 1 | 26294 | 26791 |
| 1 | 24250 | 25245 |
| 1 | 80092 | 82081 |
| 1 | 67899 | 238395 |
| 1 | 66000 | 80952 |
| 1 | 666401 | 696305 |


| m | t | $g_{1}$ | $g_{2}$ | $g_{3}$ | $g_{4}$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| 4 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 9 |
| 5 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 13 | 18 |
| 6 | 1 | 1 | 25 | 39 | 47 |
| 7 | 1 | 1 | 45 | 61 | 81 |
| 8 | 2 | 1 | 36 | 49 | 66 |
| 9 | 2 | 1 | 77 | 98 | 133 |
| 10 | 2 | 1 | 183 | 316 | 321 |
| 11 | 3 | 1 | 209 | 268 | 326 |
| 12 | 3 | 1 | 291 | 1286 | 2281 |
| 13 | 3 | 1 | 5964 | 6461 | 6958 |
| 14 | 4 | 1 | 1528 | 2523 | 3518 |
| 15 | 4 | 1 | 9629 | 11618 | 13608 |
| 16 | 4 | 1 | 4387 | 5382 | 6376 |
| 17 | 4 | 1 | 29394 | 33132 | 96799 |
| 18 | 5 | 1 | 39611 | 62523 | 182139 |
| 19 | 5 | 1 | 101150 | 228484 | 355818 |
| 20 | 6 | 1 | 301297 | 392945 | 484593 |

## TABLE $\mathrm{s}=5$

| m | t | $g_{1}$ | $g_{2}$ | $g_{3}$ | $g_{4}$ | $g_{5}$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 6 |
| 4 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 13 |
| 5 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 11 |
| 6 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 13 | 17 | 20 |
| 7 | 2 | 1 | 19 | 27 | 35 | 41 |
| 8 | 2 | 1 | 43 | 60 | 103 | 142 |
| 9 | 3 | 1 | 40 | 50 | 65 | 350 |
| 10 | 3 | 1 | 82 | 113 | 136 | 749 |

TABLE $s=6$

| m | t | $g_{1}$ | $g_{2}$ | $g_{3}$ | $g_{4}$ | $g_{5}$ | $g_{6}$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 4 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 13 | 14 |
| 5 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 11 | 14 |
| 6 | 2 | 1 | 14 | 20 | 25 | 31 | 34 |
| 7 | 2 | 1 | 18 | 34 | 59 | 83 | 89 |
| 8 | 3 | 1 | 18 | 26 | 34 | 40 | 199 |
| 9 | 4 | 1 | 22 | 28 | 33 | 40 | 399 |
| 10 | 4 | 1 | 36 | 49 | 129 | 499 | 754 |

TABLE $s=7$

| m | t | $g_{1}$ | $g_{2}$ | $g_{3}$ | $g_{4}$ | $g_{5}$ | $g_{6}$ | $g_{7}$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 5 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 13 | 14 | 25 |
| 6 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 11 | 17 | 39 |
| 7 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 15 | 18 | 20 | 33 | 100 |
| 8 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 13 | 17 | 37 | 127 | 195 |
| 9 | 4 | 1 | 23 | 29 | 33 | 40 | 234 | 410 |
| 10 | 4 | 1 | 41 | 73 | 104 | 206 | 301 | 400 |

$\begin{array}{lllllllll}10 & 4 & 1 & 41 & 73 & 104 & 206 & 301 & 400\end{array}$

TABLE $s=8$

| m | t | $g_{1}$ | $g_{2}$ | $g_{3}$ | $g_{4}$ | $g_{5}$ | $g_{6}$ | $g_{7}$ | $g_{8}$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 9 |
| 5 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 11 | 14 | 17 | 20 |
| 6 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 11 | 17 | 18 | 39 |
| 7 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 13 | 18 | 21 | 34 | 38 | 99 |
| 8 | 4 | 1 | 18 | 23 | 25 | 31 | 34 | 40 | 199 |
| 9 | 5 | 1 | 11 | 14 | 16 | 20 | 63 | 177 | 300 |
| 10 | 5 | 1 | 777 | 807 | 836 | 865 | 894 | 923 | 953 |

## TABLE $s=9$

| m | t | $g_{1}$ | $g_{2}$ | $g_{3}$ | $g_{4}$ | $g_{5}$ | $g_{6}$ | $g_{7}$ | $g_{8}$ | $g_{9}$ |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 10 |
| 5 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 13 | 14 | 17 | 21 | 22 |
| 6 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 11 | 14 | 17 | 20 | 43 |
| 7 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 13 | 14 | 41 | 66 | 100 |
| 8 | 4 | 1 | 11 | 13 | 20 | 54 | 115 | 136 | 177 | 200 |
| 9 | 5 | 1 | 11 | 56 | 101 | 146 | 190 | 235 | 280 | 290 |
| 10 | 6 | 1 | 9 | 16 | 23 | 61 | 116 | 203 | 304 | 422 |

TABLE $\mathrm{s}=10$

| m | t | $g_{1}$ | $g_{2}$ | $g_{3}$ | $g_{4}$ | $g_{5}$ | $g_{6}$ | $g_{7}$ | $g_{8}$ | $g_{9}$ | $g_{10}$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 5 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 13 | 14 | 17 | 21 | 22 | 25 |
| 6 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 11 | 17 | 18 | 21 | 28 | 40 |
| 7 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 12 | 17 | 26 | 41 | 62 | 74 |
| 8 | 4 | 1 | 11 | 13 | 19 | 20 | 54 | 115 | 136 | 177 | 200 |
| 9 | 5 | 1 | 11 | 56 | 101 | 146 | 190 | 235 | 245 | 290 | 479 |
| 10 | 6 | 1 | 8 | 13 | 78 | 104 | 205 | 320 | 431 | 988 | 1000 |


| TABLE $\mathrm{s}=11$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| m | t | $g_{1}$ | $g_{2}$ | $g_{3}$ | $g_{4}$ | $g_{5}$ | $g_{6}$ | $g_{7}$ | $g_{8}$ | $g_{9}$ | $g_{10}$ | $g_{11}$ |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 5 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 11 | 13 | 17 | 20 | 22 |
| 6 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 20 | 28 | 38 | 42 | 45 | 52 | 58 |
| 7 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 18 | 29 | 40 | 51 | 76 | 87 | 99 | 110 |
| 8 | 4 | 1 | 14 | 30 | 104 | 110 | 121 | 140 | 161 | 186 | 197 | 230 |
| 9 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 12 | 73 | 150 | 177 | 209 | 263 | 274 | 377 | 402 |
| 10 | 6 | 1 | 9 | 12 | 160 | 381 | 415 | 496 | 587 | 618 | 651 | 700 |

## TABLE $s=12$

| m | t | $g_{1}$ | $g_{2}$ | $g_{3}$ | $g_{4}$ | $g_{5}$ | $g_{6}$ | $g_{7}$ | $g_{8}$ | $g_{9}$ | $g_{10}$ | $g_{11}$ | $g_{12}$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 5 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 11 | 13 | 17 | 18 | 20 |
| 6 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 17 | 20 | 23 | 27 | 34 | 39 | 46 | 51 | 56 |
| 7 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 18 | 29 | 40 | 51 | 65 | 76 | 87 | 99 | 110 | 123 |
| 8 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 37 | 60 | 82 | 104 | 127 | 154 | 176 | 199 | 221 | 243 |
| 9 | 6 | 1 | 17 | 36 | 81 | 106 | 126 | 171 | 215 | 260 | 350 | 439 | 504 |
| 10 | 6 | 1 | 47 | 105 | 163 | 222 | 280 | 720 | 778 | 837 | 895 | 954 | 1012 |

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