Abstract

Maximum linear feedback shift registers (LFSR) based on primitive polynomials are commonly used to generate maximum length sequences (*m*-sequence). An *m*-sequence is a pseudorandom sequence that exhibits ideal randomness properties like balance, run and autocorrelation but has low linear complexity. One-dimensional Cellular Automata (1D CA) have been used to generate *m*-sequences and pseudorandom sequences that have high linear complexity and good randomness. This thesis considers the use of two-dimensional Cellular Automata (2D CA) to generate *m*-sequences and psuedorandom sequences that have high linear complexity and good randomness. The properties of these sequences are compared with those of the corresponding *m*-sequences and the best sequences generated by 1D CA.