



Charm bracelets and their application to the construction of periodic Golay pairs

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ABSTRACT

A k -ary charm bracelet is an equivalence class of length n strings with the action on the indices by the additive group of the ring of integers modulo n extended by the group of units. By applying an $O(n^3)$ amortized time algorithm to generate charm bracelet representatives with a specified content, we construct 29 new periodic Golay pairs of length 68.

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1. Introduction

One of the most natural groups acting on k -ary strings $a_0a_1 \cdots a_{n-1}$ of length n is the group of rotations. A generator of this group acts on the indices by sending $i \rightarrow i + 1 \pmod{n}$, and so sends the string $a_0a_1 \cdots a_{n-1} \rightarrow a_1 \cdots a_{n-1}a_0$. Applying this action partitions the set of k -ary strings into equivalence classes that are called *necklaces*. When the action of reversal is composed with rotations, the resulting dihedral groups partition k -ary strings into equivalence classes called *bracelets*. Generally, we will refer only to the lexicographically smallest element in each respective equivalence class as a necklace or a bracelet. For example, consider the bracelet equivalence class for the string 12003:

	12003	30021	
	20031	00213	← bracelet (necklace)
necklace →	00312	02130	
	03120	21300	
	31200	13002	

Observe that this class contains two necklaces 00312 and 00213, the lexicographically smallest being the bracelet representative.

In this paper we generalize the notion of bracelets by considering the action of the group of affine transformations $j \rightarrow a + dj \pmod{n}$ on the indices. Here we consider the indices as elements of the ring of integers modulo n denoted by $\mathbf{Z}_n := \mathbf{Z}/n\mathbf{Z}$. The coefficients a and d also belong to \mathbf{Z}_n and d is relatively prime to n . We call the resulting equivalence

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classes *charm bracelets*. Note that if $d \in \{1\}$ we get necklaces, and if $d \in \{1, n - 1\}$ we get bracelets. As an example, consider the charm bracelet equivalence class for the string $\alpha = a_0a_1a_2a_3a_4 = 12003$:

12003	10320	10230	13002	
20031	03201	02301	30021	
00312	32010	23010	00213	← <i>charm bracelet</i>
03120	20103	30102	02130	
31200	01032	01023	21300	

Observe that the first strings in each column are the result of the application of the multiplicative group mapping corresponding to $d = 1, 2, 3$ and 4 respectively. The subsequent strings in each column correspond to a rotation of the previous string. Thus, each column will have one necklace representative: 00312, 01032, 01023, and 00213 respectively. The lexicographically smallest necklace 00213 is a charm bracelet. Note that if we take $a = d = n - 1$ then the above affine transformation is just the reversal. In general, the maximum number of necklaces in each charm bracelet equivalence class is given by Euler’s totient function $\phi(n)$, which denotes the number of positive integers less than n that are relatively prime to n . Also, observe that each charm bracelet class will have at most $\phi(n)/2$ bracelets. In particular, observe that the first and last columns of our charm bracelet example correspond to the strings in our previous bracelet example for the string 12003.

Both necklaces and bracelets have been well studied. Enumeration formulae are well known and efficient algorithms to list necklaces have been given by Fredricksen, Kessler and Maiorana [11,12] and Cattell et al. [4]. An efficient algorithm to list bracelets is given in [15]. Very little is known about charm bracelets except for an enumeration formula presented by Titsworth [20]. Its binary enumeration sequence was one of the original 2372 sequences presented in 1973 by Sloane in *A Handbook of Integer Sequences* [18]. In Section 2, we discuss charm bracelets in more detail, presenting a known enumeration formula along with an algorithm to generate them.

1.1. An application

This study of charm bracelets was motivated by the difficult task of deciding the existence of periodic Golay pairs of length 68. Using our charm bracelet algorithm as step in a searching process we discover 29 new (pairwise nonequivalent) periodic Golay pairs of length 68. This process is outlined in detail in Section 3.

Since our discovery, two separate techniques were discovered to multiply a Golay pair of length g and a periodic Golay pair of length v , and obtain as a result a periodic Golay pair of length gv . We refer loosely to this operation as “multiplication by g ”. For more details on these multiplications see the recent preprint [9]. A special case to multiply by $g = 2$ was discovered long ago [2, Theorems 2 and 3].¹ Applying the two multiplications by two, the periodic Golay pairs of length 34 presented in [10, Theorem 3.1] allows us to construct two nonequivalent periodic Golay pair of length 68; however, we have verified that these pairs are not equivalent to any of the new 29 pairs discovered in this paper (listed in the Appendix).

Finally, we mention that eight non-equivalent periodic Golay pairs of length 72 have been constructed recently [9]. Consequently, the smallest length for which the existence of periodic Golay pairs is undecided is now 90.

2. Charm bracelets

2.1. Enumeration

An enumeration formula for the number of k -ary charm bracelets of length n , denoted $CB(n, k)$, was derived in [20]:

$$CB(n, k) = \frac{1}{n \cdot \phi(n)} \sum_{t=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \llbracket \gcd(n, j) = 1 \rrbracket k^{c(j,t)} \quad \text{where}$$

$$c(j, t) = \sum_{u=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{M\left(j, \frac{n}{\gcd(n, u(j-1)+t)}\right)}$$

and where $M(j, L)$ is the smallest positive integer m such that $1+j+\dots+j^{(m-1)} = 0 \pmod L$. The Iverson bracket $\llbracket condition \rrbracket$ evaluates to 1 if *condition* is true, and 0 otherwise. The enumeration sequence of $CB(n, 2)$ corresponds to sequence A002729 in Sloane’s *The On-Line Encyclopedia of Integer Sequences* [19]. Additionally, the sequences for $CB(n, k)$ for $k = 3, 4, 5$, and 6 correspond to sequences A056411, A056412, A056413, A056414.

2.2. Generation algorithm

Before outlining an algorithm to generate charm bracelets, we first introduce some notation. Let $\Phi(n)$ denote the set of positive integers less than n that are relatively prime to n . Let $\tau(d, \alpha)$ denote the mapping of j to $dj \pmod n$ acting on the indices of the string $\alpha = a_0a_1 \dots a_{n-1}$. Let $neck(\alpha)$ denote the necklace representative of the string α . Let $\mathbf{N}_k(n)$ denote the set of all k -ary necklaces of length n and let $\mathbf{CB}_k(n)$ denote the set of all k -ary charm bracelets of length n .

¹ We are grateful to an anonymous referee for pointing this out.

When developing algorithms to exhaustively list combinatorial objects, one of the primary goals is to achieve a CAT algorithm: one that generates each object in constant amortized time. For charm bracelets this does not appear to be a trivial task. In this section we outline an algorithm that runs in $O(n^3)$ time per charm bracelet generated.

Perhaps the most straightforward way to exhaustively list $\mathbf{CB}_k(n)$ is by the following approach:

1. Generate all the k -ary necklaces $\mathbf{N}_k(n)$.
2. For each necklace $\alpha \in \mathbf{N}_k(n)$ compute $S(\alpha) = \{\tau(\alpha, d) \mid d \in \Phi(n)\}$.
3. Compute the necklace of each string in $S(\alpha)$ to get $T(\alpha) = \{\text{neck}(s) \mid s \in S(\alpha)\}$.
4. Test if α is lexicographically less than or equal to every string in $T(\alpha)$. If it is, a charm bracelet is found and process α .

As mentioned earlier, necklaces can be generated in constant amortized time. Step 2 requires $O(n^2)$ time to compute the set of $\phi(n)$ strings. Since the necklace of each string can be computed in $O(n)$ time (see p. 222 from [14]), the set T can also be computed in $O(n^2)$ time. The third step trivially takes $O(n^2)$ time. Thus the resulting algorithm runs in $O(n^2)$ time per necklace. Since there are $\phi(n) = O(n)$ necklaces in each charm bracelet class, each charm bracelet gets generated in $O(n^3)$ time.

More detailed pseudocode is given in Algorithm 1. The function GENCHARM generates the necklaces using the algorithm from [4,14]. For each necklace α generated, the function ISCHARM(α) returns whether or not α is a charm bracelet. It in turn, applies the function NECKLACE(β) that returns the necklace of the string β by applying a simple modification of the technique given in [14]. The initial call is GENCHARM(1, 1) initializing $a_0 = 0$. A complete C implementation is given in the Appendix.

Algorithm 1 Generate all k -ary charm bracelets $\alpha = a_1 a_2 \dots a_n$ in $O(n^3)$ amortized time.

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1: function NECKLACE( $\beta$ )
2:    $b_1 b_2 \dots b_{2n} \leftarrow \beta \beta$       > concatenate two copies of  $\beta$ 
3:    $t \leftarrow j \leftarrow p \leftarrow 1$ 
4:   repeat
5:      $t \leftarrow t + p \lfloor \frac{i-t}{p} \rfloor$ 
6:      $j \leftarrow t + 1$ 
7:      $p \leftarrow 1$ 
8:     while  $j \leq 2n$  and  $b_{j-p} \leq b_j$  do
9:       if  $b_{j-p} < b_j$  then  $p \leftarrow j - t + 1$ 
10:       $j \leftarrow j + 1$ 
11:    until  $p \lfloor \frac{i-t}{p} \rfloor \geq n$ 
12:    return  $b_t b_{t+1} \dots b_{t+n-1}$ 
13: =====
14: function ISCHARM( $\alpha$ )
15:   for  $d \in \Phi(n)$  do
16:     if NECKLACE( $\tau(d, \alpha)$ )  $< \alpha$  then return FALSE
17:   return TRUE
18: =====
19: procedure GENCHARM( $t, p$ )
20:   if  $t > n$  then
21:     if  $N \bmod p = 0$  and ISCHARM( $\alpha$ ) then PRINT( $\alpha$ )
22:   else
23:     for  $i$  from  $a_{t-p}$  to  $k - 1$  do
24:        $a_t \leftarrow i$ 
25:       if  $i = a_{t-p}$  then GENCHARM( $t + 1, p$ )
26:       else GENCHARM( $t + 1, t$ )

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Theorem 2.1. The algorithm GENCHARM generates all length n charm bracelets in $O(n^3)$ -amortized time.

As mentioned earlier, the ultimate goal is an algorithm that runs in $O(1)$ -amortized time. However, this appears a very difficult task for charm bracelets. Any improvement on the $O(n^3)$ algorithm presented here would be a very nice result. The algorithm can be slightly improved by generating bracelets [15] instead of necklaces. For the application discussed in the next section, only charm bracelets with a specified content are required. They can also be generated in $O(n^3)$ -amortized time by replacing the function GENCHARM with the CAT algorithm for fixed content necklaces [16] or fixed content bracelets [13].

3. Application: Periodic Golay pairs

Periodic Golay pairs (also known as “periodic complementary sequences”) will be defined formally in Section 3.1. Early research by Yang [21] used an exhaustive computer search to show that there are no periodic Golay pairs of length 18.

Subsequently, this case was ruled out by the non-existence result of Arasu and Xiang [1]. For an up-to-date listing of lengths of known periodic Golay pairs which are not Golay pairs see [7,9]. As mentioned earlier, the smallest length for which the existence of periodic Golay pairs is undecided is now 90. The periodic Golay pairs can be used to construct Hadamard matrices (see [17, p. 468]).

By applying the (fixed-content) charm bracelet algorithm described in the previous section along with a compression of complementary sequences, we construct 29 periodic Golay pairs of length 68. One of them will be discussed in more detail in Section 3.3. The full listing of the 29 solutions is given in Appendix A.

For the remainder of this section, we use v for the string/sequence lengths rather than the n we used in the previous section, as v is the standard in design theory.

3.1. Periodic Golay pairs vs. Golay pairs

The symbols \mathbf{Z} , \mathbf{R} , \mathbf{C} will denote the set of integers, real numbers and complex numbers, respectively. Binary sequences will have terms ± 1 . A pair of binary sequences of length v , say,

$$A = [a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{v-1}], \quad B = [b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{v-1}] \tag{1}$$

is a *Golay pair* if for each $k = 1, 2, \dots, v - 1$:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{v-k-1} (a_i a_{i+k} + b_i b_{i+k}) = 0.$$

It is well known that Golay pairs exist for all lengths $v = 2^a 10^b 26^c$ where a, b, c are nonnegative integers. For convenience, we shall refer to integers v having this form as *Golay numbers*. No Golay pairs of other lengths are presently known [3].

We are interested in an analogue of Golay pairs to which we refer as periodic Golay pairs. They can be defined over any finite abelian group, but we will consider only the finite cyclic groups. To be specific, we shall use only the cyclic group $\mathbf{Z}_v = \{0, 1, \dots, v - 1\}$ of integers modulo v . The group operation is addition modulo v . From now on we shall consider the indices of sequences as members of \mathbf{Z}_v . A *periodic Golay pair* is a pair of binary sequences (1) such that for each $k = 1, 2, \dots, v - 1$:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{v-1} (a_i a_{i+k} + b_i b_{i+k}) = 0. \tag{2}$$

Since for any sequence x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{v-1} we have

$$\sum_{i=0}^{v-1} x_i x_{i+k} = \sum_{i=0}^{v-k-1} x_i x_{i+k} + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} x_i x_{i+v-k},$$

any Golay pair is also a periodic Golay pair. Therefore periodic Golay pairs of length v exist whenever v is a Golay number. However, it is known that they also exist for some other lengths as well. The first such example was of length 34 (see [5]). At the present time, only finitely many periodic Golay pairs are known whose length v is not a Golay number. The smallest length v for which the existence of periodic Golay pairs of length v is undecided is $v = 68$. In this note we show that such pairs exist.

3.2. The role of charm bracelets in the search for periodic Golay pairs

Our objective in this subsection is to explain the role of bracelets in the search for Golay pairs. In order to do that, we first briefly review some background material.

For an integer sequence $A = [a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{v-1}]$ of length v , the function $\mathbf{Z}_v \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$ which sends $s \rightarrow \sum_{i=0}^{v-1} a_i a_{i+s}$ is known as the *periodic autocorrelation function* (PAF) of A . If (A, B) is a periodic Golay pair of length v , then Eq. (2) can be written as

$$(PAF_A + PAF_B)(s) = 0, \quad s = 1, 2, \dots, v - 1. \tag{3}$$

The *discrete Fourier transform* (DFT) of the above sequence A is the function $\mathbf{Z}_v \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ which sends $s \rightarrow \sum_{k=0}^{v-1} a_k \omega^{ks}$, where $\omega = e^{2\pi i/v}$. The *power spectral density* (PSD) of the sequence A is the function $\mathbf{Z}_v \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ defined by $PSD_A(s) = |DFT_A(s)|^2$. By using [8, Theorem 2], we deduce that (3) implies

$$(PSD_A + PSD_B)(s) = 2v, \quad s = 0, 1, 2, \dots, v - 1. \tag{4}$$

Occasionally we shall write $PSD(A, s)$ instead of $PSD_A(s)$, and similarly for the PAF function.

Our search for a periodic Golay pair (A, B) is based on the compression method which is described in detail in the very recent paper of two of the authors [8]. We refer the reader to this paper also for some additional facts concerning A and

B that we shall use below. In this computation we used the compression factor $m = 2$, and so the compressed sequences have length $d = v/m = 34$. If a and b are the sums of the terms of the sequence A and B , respectively, it is known that $a^2 + b^2 = 4v = 136$, and so we may assume that $a = 6$ and $b = 10$.

In the first stage of the computation we search for suitable compressed sequences $(A^{(34)}, B^{(34)})$. This is a pair of ternary sequences of length 34,

$$A^{(34)} = [a_0 + a_{34}, a_1 + a_{35}, \dots, a_{33} + a_{67}], \quad B^{(34)} = [b_0 + b_{34}, b_1 + b_{35}, \dots, b_{33} + b_{67}],$$

whose terms $a_i^{(34)} = a_i + a_{i+34}$ and $b_i^{(34)} = b_i + b_{i+34}$ belong to the set $\{0, 2, -2\}$. Another known fact that we need is that the total number of 0 terms in these two compressed sequences is equal to 34. For instance, we can choose the case where each of A and B has seventeen 0 terms. As $a = 6$ the sequence $A^{(34)}$ must have the content $(17, 10, 7)$, i.e., it has seventeen terms equal to 0, ten terms equal to 2, and seven terms equal to -2 . Similarly, $B^{(34)}$ must have the content $(17, 11, 6)$.

We can perform on (A, B) , as well as on the compressed sequences, the following operations which preserve the set of periodic Golay pairs. First, we can permute cyclically A or B (independently of one another). Second, we can reverse independently the sequence A or B . Third, we can apply the transformation $x_i \rightarrow x_{ki \pmod v}$ to both A and B simultaneously, where k is a fixed integer relatively prime to v . By using these transformations on the compressed sequences, we deduce that we can restrict our search for the pairs $(A^{(34)}, B^{(34)})$ to the case where $A^{(34)}$ is a charm bracelet and $B^{(34)}$ is an ordinary bracelet. (The alphabet used for these bracelets is $\{0, 2, -2\}$.) Since the number of bracelets is much smaller than the number of all sequences with the same content, our search will be much faster. There is an additional speed-up when we restrict (as we may) $A^{(34)}$ to be a charm bracelet. The searches for the bracelets $A^{(34)}$ and $B^{(34)}$ are performed separately and the bracelets are written in two files. The search is aborted if the output file becomes too large. Some of the bracelets do not need to be recorded. This happens when they fail the so called PSD test. In our case this test is based on the fact that we must have $\text{PSD}(A^{(34)}, s) + \text{PSD}(B^{(34)}, s) = 136$. Hence, the bracelets for which one of its PSD values is larger than 136 can be safely discarded. By implementing this test into the search for (charm) bracelets, the size of the output file is considerably reduced.

3.3. Periodic Golay pairs of length 68

In this section we present one of the periodic Golay pairs that we found for length $v = 68$.

Consider the following two sequences of length 34 each, with $\{-2, 0, +2\}$ elements:

$$A^{(34)} = [0, 0, 0, 2, 0, 0, -2, 0, 0, 0, 2, -2, 0, 0, -2, 0, 0, 2, 0, 0, 0, 2, 2, -2, 0, 0, -2, 0, 0, 2, 0, 2, 0, 2]$$

$$B^{(34)} = [0, 0, -2, 2, 0, 2, 0, -2, -2, 0, 2, 2, 0, 2, -2, 0, 2, 0, -2, 2, 0, 2, 2, 0, 2, 0, 2, 2, 0, -2, 2, 0, -2, -2].$$

These two sequences satisfy the following properties:

1. $\text{PAF}(A^{(34)}, s) + \text{PAF}(B^{(34)}, s) = 0, s = 0, 1, \dots, 33;$
2. $\text{PSD}(A^{(34)}, s) + \text{PSD}(B^{(34)}, s) = 2 \cdot 68 = 136, s = 0, 1, \dots, 33;$
3. $\text{PSD}(A^{(34)}, 17) = 100$ and $\text{PSD}(B^{(34)}, 17) = 36;$
4. $\sum_{i=1}^{34} A_i^{(34)} = 6$ and $\sum_{i=1}^{34} B_i^{(34)} = 10;$
5. The total number of 0 elements in $A^{(34)}$ and $B^{(34)}$ is equal to 34;
6. The total number of ± 2 elements in $A^{(34)}$ and $B^{(34)}$ is equal to 34;
7. $A^{(34)}$ contains 21 zeros and $B^{(34)}$ contains 13 zeros.

We claim that the sequences $A^{(34)}$ and $B^{(34)}$ are in fact the 2-compressed sequences of two $\{-1, +1\}$ sequences of length 68 each, that form a particular periodic Golay pair. Here is this particular periodic Golay pair of length 68:

$$A = \begin{matrix} - & - & + & + & - & + & - & + & - & + & + & - & - & + & - & - & + & + & - & - & + & + & - & - & + & + & - & - & - & - & + & - & + & + & + \\ + & + & - & + & + & - & - & - & + & - & + & - & + & - & - & + & - & + & + & + & + & + & - & + & - & + & + & + & + & + & - & + & + & + & + & - & + \end{matrix}$$

$$B = \begin{matrix} - & - & - & + & + & + & - & - & - & + & + & + & + & + & - & - & + & + & - & + & - & + & + & + & + & + & + & + & - & - & + & - & - & - & - \\ + & + & - & - & + & + & - & - & - & + & + & - & + & - & + & + & - & + & + & - & + & + & + & - & + & + & + & - & - & + & + & + & + & - & + & + & - \end{matrix}$$

In the above periodic Golay pair we use the customary notation of representing -1 by $-$ and $+1$ by $+$, so as to achieve a constant length encoding of the sequences.

In order to find the periodic Golay pair given above, starting from the two sequences $A^{(34)}$ and $B^{(34)}$, we needed to write a program that looks at every individual element of $A^{(34)}$ and $B^{(34)}$ and generates all corresponding potential $\{-1, +1\}$ sequences of length 68. If we encounter an element equal to -2 then this implies that we can set two elements of the length 68 sequences equal to -1 . If we encounter an element equal to $+2$ then this implies that we can set two elements of the length 68 sequences equal to $+1$. If we encounter an element equal to 0, then this implies that we have two possibilities for

the two elements of the length 68 sequences, either $(-1, +1)$ or $(+1, -1)$. Therefore $A^{(34)}$ generates 2^{21} sequences of length 68 and $A^{(34)}$ generates 2^{13} sequences of length 68. Subsequently we filter these two sets of sequences using the PSD test with PSD constant equal to 136, since we know from compression theory [8] that the PSD constants of the compressed sequences and the original sequences are equal. The PSD test typically eliminates anywhere between 95% to 99% of the sequences, so we are left with a very small number of sequences and then it is easy to locate a solution.

Note that there are several thousands (possibly several millions) of pairs of sequences that satisfy properties 1–6 (and a variant of property 7) of the pair $A^{(34)}, B^{(34)}$, but which do not correspond (via 2-compression) to periodic Golay pairs of order 68. Both bracelets and charm bracelets are an essential tool for locating such pairs in a systematic manner. On the other hand, all periodic Golay pairs of order 68 must necessarily be obtained from a pair of sequences of length 34 that satisfies property 1 up to 6 and an appropriate version of property 7. Note that property 7 reflects the distribution of the 34 zeros in $A^{(34)}, B^{(34)}$ and is directly related with the corresponding bracelets content.

3.4. Connection with supplementary difference sets

The periodic Golay pairs of fixed length v are in one-to-one correspondence with a special class of combinatorial objects known as supplementary difference sets (SDS). For the definition of SDSs in general we refer the reader to [8]. Here we shall just explain, in the context of this paper, the meaning of SDSs with parameters $(v; r, s; \lambda) = (68; 31, 29; 26)$. Each of our SDSs consists of two base blocks, say X and Y . They are subsets of the additive group $\mathbf{Z}_v = \mathbf{Z}_{68} = \{0, 1, \dots, 67\}$ of sizes $|X| = r = 31$ and $|Y| = s = 29$. Each nonzero integer in \mathbf{Z}_v can be represented as a difference $x_1 - x_2$ with $x_1, x_2 \in X$ or as a difference $y_1 - y_2$ with $y_1, y_2 \in Y$ in total in exactly $\lambda = 26$ ways. These particular SDSs are in one-to-one correspondence with periodic Golay pairs of length $v = 68$. Let us make this correspondence explicit. Given an SDS (X, Y) with the above parameters, we associate to it a periodic Golay pair (A, B) . The first binary sequence $A = [a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{v-1}]$ is constructed from the set X by setting $a_j = -1$ if $j \in X$ and $a_j = 1$ otherwise. The sequence B is constructed from the set Y in the same way.

We point out that there exist SDSs with two base blocks which do not correspond to periodic Golay pairs. The SDS's which do correspond to periodic Golay pairs are exactly those whose parameters satisfy the condition $v = 2(r + s - \lambda)$.

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Appendix A. List of 29 solutions

For convenience we list only the 29 SDSs which correspond to the 29 periodic Golay sequences that we found. All 29 SDSs are given in the normal form defined in [6]. The solution discussed in Section 3.3 is equivalent to the solution no. 15 in the list below.

- (1) $[[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 20, 21, 25, 28, 31, 33, 34, 40, 41, 42, 45, 46, 50, 52, 54, 56, 57, 60],$
 $[0, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 16, 18, 20, 21, 23, 25, 27, 28, 29, 35, 36, 38, 40, 44, 45, 50, 51, 58, 59, 62]],$
- (2) $[[0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 19, 20, 21, 25, 28, 31, 33, 34, 35, 40, 45, 48, 49, 50, 55, 58, 61],$
 $[0, 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16, 18, 19, 20, 22, 27, 30, 35, 37, 39, 41, 42, 43, 48, 50, 52, 53, 56, 59, 62]],$
- (3) $[[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 27, 29, 30, 32, 36, 38, 39, 42, 43, 44, 47, 48, 52, 54, 55, 60, 62],$
 $[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 21, 22, 25, 31, 33, 35, 38, 42, 44, 50, 52, 55, 56, 57, 60]],$
- (4) $[[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 27, 30, 31, 32, 37, 39, 42, 46, 48, 52, 55, 56, 57, 59],$
 $[0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 14, 17, 20, 23, 24, 27, 29, 31, 33, 34, 35, 39, 40, 42, 43, 47, 52, 55, 57, 63]],$
- (5) $[[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 11, 13, 16, 19, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 35, 38, 39, 42, 43, 46, 48, 49, 51, 56, 58, 64],$
 $[0, 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 21, 24, 26, 27, 31, 32, 35, 36, 39, 45, 46, 48, 49, 53, 55, 64]],$
- (6) $[[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 28, 31, 32, 33, 35, 37, 38, 41, 43, 45, 49, 56, 57, 58, 63],$
 $[0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 16, 20, 23, 24, 26, 27, 33, 34, 36, 41, 42, 45, 48, 50, 52, 53, 58, 65]],$
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Appendix B. C code to generate charm bracelets

```

#include <stdio.h>
int a[100],b[100];
int N,K,total=0;
//-----
int Gcd(int x, int y){
    int t;

    while( y != 0 ) {
        t = y; y = x % y; x = t;
    }
    return x;
}
//-----
void Print() {
    int i;

    total++;
    for (i=1; i<=N; i++) printf("%d", a[i]);
    printf("\n");
}
//-----
// Find the necklace of the string b[1..n] by concatenating two
// copies of b[1..n] together. The necklace will be start at
// index t. O(n) time.
//-----
int Necklace(){
    int j,t,p;

    for (j=1; j<=N; j++) b[N+j] = b[j];

    j=t=p=1;
    do {
        t = t + p*((j-t)/p);
        j = t + 1;
        p = 1;
        while (j <= 2*N && b[j-p] <= b[j]) {
            if (b[j-p] < b[j]) p = j-t+1;
            j++;
        }
    } while (p * ((j-t)/p) < N);

    return t;
}
//-----
// For each i relatively prime to N, map index j to (ij mod N)
// Then find the necklace of the resulting string, if that
// necklace is less than the necklace a[1..n] - reject
//-----
int IsCharm(){
    int i,j,offset;

    for(i=2; i<=N-1; i++){
        if ( Gcd(i,N) == 1) {

            // Perform the mapping then determine the necklace
            for(j=0; j<N; j++) b[(j*i)%N + 1] = a[j+1];
            offset = Necklace();

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        for (j=1; j<=N; j++){
            if (a[j] < b[offset + j-1]) break;
            else if (a[j] > b[offset + j-1]) return 0;
        }
    }
}
return 1;
}
}
//-----
// Generate necklaces and then check if they are charm bracelets
//-----
int GenCharm(int t, int p) {
    int i;

    if (t > N) {
        if (N%p == 0 && IsCharm()) Print();
    }
    else {
        for (i=a[t-p]; i<K; i++) {
            a[t] = i;
            if (i == a[t-p]) GenCharm(t+1,p);
            else GenCharm(t+1,t);
        }
    }
}
//-----
int main() {

    printf("Enter N K: ");
    scanf("%d %d", &N, &K);

    a[0] = 0;
    GenCharm(1,1);
    printf("Total = %d\n", total);
}

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