



# COMPLEXITY FOR INFINITE WORDS ASSOCIATED WITH QUADRATIC NON-SIMPLE PARRY NUMBERS\*

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**Abstract.** Studying of complexity of infinite aperiodic words, i.e., the number of different factors of the infinite word of a fixed length, is an interesting combinatorial problem. Moreover, investigation of infinite words associated with  $\beta$ -integers can be interpreted as investigation of one-dimensional quasicrystals. In such a way of interpretation, complexity corresponds to the number of local configurations of atoms.

## 1. Introduction

To study the structure of an infinite word  $u$  on a finite alphabet  $\mathcal{A}$  and to measure the diversity of patterns occurring in this word, it is useful to define complexity of  $u$ . It is a function  $C(n)$  which with every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  associates the number of different words of length  $n$  contained in  $u$ . The simplest infinite word is a constant sequence  $z^\omega$  with  $z \in \mathcal{A}$ . There exists only one word of each length, therefore  $C(n) = 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . One extreme of the opposite side is a random sequence for which, almost surely, the complexity  $C(n) = (\#\mathcal{A})^n$ . Between these two extremes, one can find infinite eventually periodic words for which the complexity  $C(n) \leq n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and the simplest aperiodic words, called *Sturmian words*, with the complexity  $C(n) = n + 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Some kinds of infinite aperiodic words can serve as models for one dimensional quasicrystals, i.e., materials with long-range orientational order and sharp diffraction images of non-crystallographic symmetry. To understand the physical properties of these materials, it is important to describe their combinatorial properties. For instance, complexity corresponds to the number of local configurations of atoms.

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In this paper, we focus on infinite words  $u_\beta$  associated with  $\beta$ -integers  $\mathbb{Z}_\beta$ . It can be shown that for  $\beta$  being a Pisot number, i.e.,  $\beta > 1$  being an algebraic integer such that all its Galois conjugates have modulus strictly less than one,  $\mathbb{Z}_\beta$  is a self-similar uniformly discrete and relatively dense set, with self-similarity factor  $\beta$  ( $\beta\mathbb{Z}_\beta \subset \mathbb{Z}_\beta$ ). Moreover, it satisfies  $\mathbb{Z}_\beta - \mathbb{Z}_\beta \subset \mathbb{Z}_\beta + F$  for a finite set  $F \subset \mathbb{R}$ . In other words, it is a Delone set [3] fulfilling the Meyer property [4], thus it models a one-dimensional quasicrystal. Recall that if  $\beta$  is a Pisot number, then its Rényi expansion of unity (defined in Section 2.1) is eventually periodic, i.e.,  $\beta$  is a Parry number [7]. Therefore we will concentrate on Parry numbers. Complexity of infinite words associates with simple Parry numbers (numbers with a finite Rényi expansion of unity) has been investigated in [2]. Here, the main attention is devoted to description of complexity of the infinite aperiodic word  $u_\beta$  being the fixed point of the substitution  $\varphi(0) = 0^a 1$ ,  $\varphi(1) = 0^b 1$ ,  $a \geq b + 1$ , associated with the Rényi expansion of unity in base  $\beta$ , where  $\beta$  is a quadratic non-simple Parry number.

## 2. Notations and Definitions

An **alphabet**  $\mathcal{A}$  is a finite set of symbols called **letters**. A concatenation of letters is a *word*. The set  $\mathcal{A}^*$  of all finite words (including the empty word  $\varepsilon$ ) provided with the operation of concatenation is a free monoid. The length of a word  $w = w_1 w_2 \dots w_n$  is denoted by  $|w| = n$ . We will deal also with infinite words  $v = v_1 v_2 v_3 \dots$ . A finite word  $w$  is called a *factor* of the word  $u$  (finite or infinite) if there exist a finite word  $w^{(1)}$  and a word  $w^{(2)}$  (finite or infinite) such that  $v = w^{(1)} w w^{(2)}$ . The word  $w$  is a *prefix* of  $u$  if  $w^{(1)} = \varepsilon$ . Analogically,  $w$  is a *suffix* of  $u$  if  $w^{(2)} = \varepsilon$ . A concatenation of  $k$  letters  $z$  (or  $k$  words  $z$ ) will be denoted by  $z^k$ , a concatenation of infinitely many letters  $z$  (or words  $z$ ) by  $z^\omega$ . An infinite word  $v$  is said to be *eventually periodic* if there exist words  $w, z$  such that  $v = wz^\omega$ . Let  $v = v_1 v_2 v_3 \dots$ , then  $v_1^{-1} v = v_2 v_3 \dots$ . A factor  $w$  of  $v$  is called a *left special factor* of  $v$  if there exist distinct letters  $y, z \in \mathcal{A}$  such that  $yw, zw$  are factors of  $v$ . We call  $y, z$  *left extensions* of  $w$ . Similarly for right special factors. **Complexity** of a word  $u$  is a function  $C : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$C(n) = \text{the number of different factors of } u \text{ of length } n. \quad (1)$$

We will denote by  $L(u)$  (language on  $u$ ) the set of all factors of a word  $u$ . A *substitution* on  $\mathcal{A}^*$  is a morphism  $\varphi : \mathcal{A}^* \rightarrow \mathcal{A}^*$  such that there exists at least one letter  $z \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfying  $|\varphi(z)| > 1$  and  $\varphi(z) \neq \varepsilon$  for all  $z \in \mathcal{A}$ . Since a morphism satisfies  $\varphi(vw) = \varphi(v)\varphi(w)$  for all  $v, w \in \mathcal{A}^*$ , it suffices to define the

substitution on the alphabet  $\mathcal{A}$ . An infinite word  $u$  is said to be a fixed point of the substitution  $\varphi$  if it fulfills

$$u = u_1 u_2 u_3 \dots = \varphi(u_1) \varphi(u_2) \varphi(u_3) \dots = \varphi(u). \quad (2)$$

Relation (2) implies that  $\varphi^n(u_1)$  is a prefix of  $u$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and its length grows with growing  $n$ . Formally written

$$u = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi^n(u_1).$$

**Definition 1.** A substitution  $\varphi$  over the alphabet  $\mathcal{A}$  is called primitive if there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for any  $z \in \mathcal{A}$  the word  $\varphi^k(z)$  contains all the letters of  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Definition 2.** An infinite word  $u$  is called uniformly recurrent if for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  exists  $R(n) > 0$  such that any factor of  $u$  of length  $\geq R(n)$  contains all the factors of  $u$  of length  $n$ .

It can be proved that if  $u$  is a fixed point of a primitive substitution  $\varphi$ , then  $u$  is uniformly recurrent [6].

## 2.1. Beta-expansions and Beta-integers

Let  $\beta > 1$  be a real number and let  $x$  be a positive real number. Any convergent series of the form

$$x = \sum_{i=-\infty}^k x_i \beta^i$$

where  $x_i \in \mathbb{N}$ , is called a  $\beta$ -representation of  $x$ . As well as it is usual for the decimal system, we will denote the  $\beta$ -representation of  $x$  by

$$\langle x \rangle_\beta = x_k x_{k-1} \dots x_0 \bullet x_{-1} \dots$$

if  $k \geq 0$ , otherwise

$$\langle x \rangle_\beta = 0 \bullet \underbrace{0 \dots \dots 0}_{(-1-k)-times} x_{-1} \dots .$$

If a  $\beta$ -representation ends with infinitely many zeros, it is said to be finite and the ending zeros are omitted.

If  $\beta \notin \mathbb{N}$ , for a given  $x$  there can exist more  $\beta$ -representations. A representation of  $x$  can be obtained by the following greedy algorithm: There exists  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that

$\beta^k \leq x < \beta^{k+1}$ . Let  $x_k := \lfloor \frac{x}{\beta^k} \rfloor$  and  $r_k := \{ \frac{x}{\beta^k} \}$ , where  $\lfloor . \rfloor$  denotes the lower integer part and  $\{ . \}$  denotes the fractional part. For  $i < k$ , put  $x_i := \lfloor \beta r_{i+1} \rfloor$  and  $r_i := \{ \beta r_{i+1} \}$ . The representation obtained by the greedy algorithm is called  $\beta$ -expansion of  $x$  and the coefficients of a  $\beta$ -expansion satisfy:  $x_k \in \{1, \dots, \lceil \beta \rceil - 1\}$  and  $x_i \in \{0, \dots, \lceil \beta \rceil - 1\}$  for all  $i < k$ , where  $\lceil . \rceil$  denotes the upper integer part. We will use for  $\beta$ -expansion of  $x$  the notation  $\langle x \rangle_\beta$ . If  $x = \sum_{i=-\infty}^k x_i \beta^i$  is the  $\beta$ -expansion of a nonnegative number  $x$ , then  $\sum_{i=-\infty}^{-1} x_i \beta^i$  is called the  $\beta$ -fractional (or simply fractional) part of  $x$ . Let us introduce some important notions connected with  $\beta$ -expansions:

- The set of nonnegative numbers with vanishing fractional part are called nonnegative  $\beta$ -integers, formally

$$\mathbb{Z}_\beta^+ := \{x \geq 0 \mid \langle x \rangle_\beta = x_k x_{k-1} \dots x_0 \bullet\}.$$

- The set of  $\beta$ -integers is then defined by

$$\mathbb{Z}_\beta := -\mathbb{Z}_\beta^+ \cup \mathbb{Z}_\beta^+.$$

The Rényi expansion of unity simplifies description of elements of  $\mathbb{Z}_\beta$ . For its definition, we introduce the transformation  $T_\beta(x) := \{\beta x\}$  for  $x \in [0, 1]$ . The Rényi expansion of unity in base  $\beta$  is defined as

$$d_\beta(1) = t_1 t_2 t_3 \dots \quad \text{where} \quad t_i := \lfloor \beta T_\beta^{i-1}(1) \rfloor.$$

Every number  $\beta > 1$  is characterized by its Rényi expansion of unity. Note that  $t_1 = \lfloor \beta \rfloor \geq 1$ . Not every sequence of nonnegative integers is equal to  $d_\beta(1)$  for some  $\beta$ . Parry studied this problem in his paper [5]: A sequence  $(t_i)_{i \geq 1}$ ,  $t_i \in \mathbb{N}$ , is the Rényi expansion of unity for some number  $\beta$  if and only if the sequence satisfies

$$t_j t_{j+1} t_{j+2} \dots \prec t_1 t_2 t_3 \dots \quad \text{for every } j > 1$$

where  $\prec$  denotes strictly lexicographically smaller.

The Rényi expansion of unity enables us to decide whether a given  $\beta$ -representation of  $x$  is the  $\beta$ -expansion or not. For this purpose, we define the infinite Rényi expansion of unity

$$d_\beta^*(1) = \begin{cases} d_\beta(1) & \text{if } d_\beta(1) \text{ is infinite} \\ (t_1 t_2 \dots t_{m-1} (t_m - 1))^\omega & \text{if } d_\beta(1) = t_1 \dots t_m \text{ with } t_m \neq 0 \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

Parry has proved also the following proposition.

**Proposition 3.** Let  $d_\beta^*(1)$  be an infinite Rényi expansion of unity. Let  $\sum_{i=-\infty}^k x_i \beta^i$  be a  $\beta$ -representation of a positive number  $x$ . Then  $\sum_{i=-\infty}^k x_i \beta^i$  is a  $\beta$ -expansion of  $x$  if and only if  $x_i x_{i-1} \dots \prec d_\beta^*(1)$  for all  $i \leq k$ .

## 2.2. Infinite Words Associated with Beta-integers

If  $\beta$  is an integer, then clearly  $\mathbb{Z}_\beta = \mathbb{Z}$  and the distance between neighboring elements of  $\mathbb{Z}_\beta$  for a fixed  $\beta$  is always one. The situation changes dramatically if  $\beta \notin \mathbb{N}$ . In this case, the number of different distances between neighboring elements of  $\mathbb{Z}_\beta$  is at least two. In [8], it is shown that the distances occurring between neighbors of  $\mathbb{Z}_\beta$  form the set  $\{\Delta_k \mid k \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , where

$$\Delta_k := \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{t_{i+k}}{\beta^i} \quad \text{for } k \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (4)$$

It is evident that the set  $\{\Delta_k \mid k \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is finite if and only if  $d_\beta(1)$  is eventually periodic.

When  $d_\beta(1)$  is eventually periodic, we will call  $\beta$  a **Parry number**. When  $d_\beta(1)$  is finite, it is said to be a **simple Parry number**. Every Pisot number, i.e., a real algebraic integer greater than 1, all of whose conjugates are of modulus strictly less than one, is a Parry number.

From now on, we will restrict our considerations to quadratic Parry numbers. The Rényi expansion of unity for a simple quadratic Pisot number  $\beta$  is equal to  $d_\beta(1) = ab$ , where  $a \geq b$ . Hence,  $\beta$  is exactly the positive root of the polynomial  $x^2 - ax - b$ . Whereas the Rényi expansion of unity for a non-simple quadratic Pisot number  $\beta$  is equal to  $d_\beta(1) = ab^\omega$ , where  $a > b \geq 1$ . Consequently,  $\beta$  is the greater root of the polynomial  $x^2 - (a+1)x + a - b$ . Drawn on the real line, there are only two distances between neighboring points of  $\mathbb{Z}_\beta$ . The longer distance is always  $\Delta_0 = 1$ , the smaller one is  $\Delta_1$ . Conversely, if there are exactly two types of distances between neighboring points of  $\mathbb{Z}_\beta$  for  $\beta > 1$ , then  $\beta$  is a quadratic Pisot number.

If we assign the numbers 0 and 1 to the two types of distances  $\Delta_0$  and  $\Delta_1$ , respectively, and write down the order of distances in  $\mathbb{Z}_\beta^+$  on the real line, we naturally obtain an infinite word; we will denote this word by  $u_\beta$ . Since  $\beta \mathbb{Z}_\beta^+ \subset \mathbb{Z}_\beta^+$ , it can be shown easily that the word  $u_\beta$  is a fixed point of a certain substitution  $\varphi$  (see e.g. [2]). In particular, for the simple quadratic Pisot number  $\beta$ , the generating substitution is

$$\varphi(0) = 0^a 1, \quad \varphi(1) = 0^b \quad (5)$$

for the non-simple quadratic Pisot number  $\beta$ , the generating substitution is

$$\varphi(0) = 0^a 1, \quad \varphi(1) = 0^b 1. \quad (6)$$

### 3. Complexity of $u_\beta$ Associated with $d_\beta(1) = ab^\omega$

We have found inspiration for determination of complexity in the paper [2] where the complexity of a large class of simple Parry numbers is determined. In order to determine complexity of the infinite word  $u_\beta$  being the fixed point of the substitution  $\varphi(0) = 0^a 1, \varphi(1) = 0^b 1$ , we will use the following proposition.

**Proposition 4.** *Let us denote by  $M_n$  the set of all left special factors of  $L(u_\beta)$  of length  $n$ . Then the first difference of the complexity is*

$$C(n+1) - C(n) = \#M_n.$$

**Proof:** Every word  $v \in L(u_\beta)$  can be viewed as  $v = zu$  where  $u \in L(u_\beta)$  and  $z \in \{0, 1\}$ . Therefore the complexity function does not increase for words  $u$  which have a unique left extension. Apparently, every left special word of length  $n$  contributes to the increase of complexity by one. Consequently,  $C(n+1) - C(n) = \#M_n$ . ■

To find the exact values of  $C(n)$ , it suffices to find all the left special factors of length  $n$ . For this purpose, let us define some useful notions.

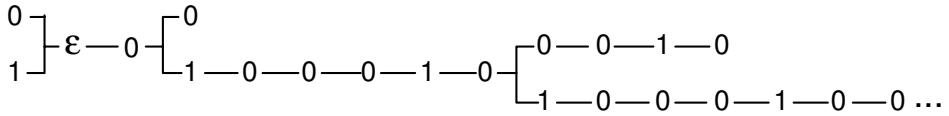
**Definition 5.** *A left special factor  $v \in L(u_\beta)$  is called maximal if neither  $v0$  nor  $v1$  are left special.*

**Definition 6.** *An infinite word  $u$  is called an infinite left special factor of  $u_\beta$  if each prefix of  $u$  is a left special factor of  $L(u_\beta)$ .*

**Example 7.** *Let us illustrate a few of left special factors of*

$$u_\beta = 0001000100010100010001000101\dots$$

*being the fixed point of the substitution  $\varphi(0) = 0001, \varphi(1) = 01$  by construction of the head of a tree containing left special factors. Beginning from the empty word to the right, one can read all left special factors of length  $n \in \{1, 2, \dots, 14\}$ . There are two maximal left special factors 00, 01000100010 having length < 14.*



Since every left special factor is a prefix of a maximal or an infinite left special factor, our aim is to investigate all maximal left special factors and all infinite left special factors of  $L(u_\beta)$ .

If  $b = a - 1$ , then  $\beta$  is the larger root of the polynomial  $x^2 - (a + 1)x + 1$ , i.e.,  $\beta$  is a unit. For quadratic Pisot units, it has been shown in [1] that  $C(n) = n + 1$ , i.e., the corresponding word is Sturmian. Consequently, it suffices to consider the case of  $1 \leq b < a - 1$ .

We will introduce lemmas which enable to determine the form of maximal and infinite left special factors.

**Lemma 8.** *Every left special factor that contains at least one 1 has the prefix  $0^b 1$ . Left special factors which do not contain 1 and are not maximal have the form  $0^r$ ,  $r < 0^{a-1}$ . The maximal left special factor which does not contain 1 has the form  $0^{a-1}$ .*

**Lemma 9.** *For every left special factor  $v$  which has the suffix 1, there exists a left special factor  $w$  such that  $v = 0^b 1 \varphi(w)$ .*

**Proof:** The existence of such  $w \in L(u_\beta)$  is obvious. It suffices to show that  $w$  is left special. Since we can find both  $0v$  and  $1v$  in  $L(u_\beta)$ , we have  $0v = 0^{b+1} 1 \varphi(w)$ , then necessarily  $0^a 1 \varphi(w) = \varphi(0w) \in L(u_\beta)$ , and  $1v = 10^b 1 \varphi(w) = 1 \varphi(1w)$ , hence,  $w$  is a left special factor of  $L(u_\beta)$ . ■

In order to determine complexity, we need to study the so-called total bispecial factors.

**Definition 10.** *A factor  $v$  of  $u_\beta$  is called total bispecial if both  $v0$  and  $v1$  are left special factors of  $u_\beta$ .*

**Lemma 11.** *Let  $w \in L(u_\beta)$  and let us denote by  $T(w) = 0^b 1 \varphi(w) 0^b$ . Then,  $w$  is a left special factor if and only if  $T(w)$  is a left special factor. Moreover,  $w$  is maximal if and only if  $T(w)$  is maximal and  $w$  is total bispecial if and only if  $T(w)$  is total bispecial.*

**Proof:** Let  $w$  be left special, then  $0w, 1w \in L(u_\beta)$ .  $T(0w) = 0^b 1^a 1\varphi(w)0^b$ , hence  $0T(w) \in L(u_\beta)$ .  $T(1w) = 0^b 1^b 1\varphi(w)0^b$ , thus  $1T(w) \in L(u_\beta)$ .

If  $T(w)$  is left special, then  $0T(w), 1T(w) \in L(u_\beta)$ . Consequently,  $0^a 1\varphi(w)0^b = \varphi(0w)0^b \in L(u_\beta)$  and  $10^b 1\varphi(w)0^b = 1\varphi(1w)0^b \in L(u_\beta)$ , i.e.,  $0w, 1w \in L(u_\beta)$ .

If  $w$  is maximal, then neither  $w0$ , nor  $w1$  is left special. Suppose that  $T(w)$  is not maximal, then either  $T(w)0$  or  $T(w)1$  is left special. Either  $0^b 1\varphi(w)0^a$  is left special, hence  $w0$  is left special, which is a contradiction. Or,  $0^b 1\varphi(w)0^b 1$  is left special, thus  $w1$  is left special, which is a contradiction, too.

If  $T(w)$  is maximal, then neither  $T(w)0$ , nor  $T(w)1$  is left special. Suppose that  $w$  is not maximal, then either  $w0$  or  $w1$  is left special. Either  $0^b 1\varphi(w)0^a 10^b$  is left special, hence  $T(w)0$  is left special, which is a contradiction. Or,  $0^b 1\varphi(w)0^b 10^b$  is left special, thus  $T(w)1$  is left special, which is a contradiction, too.

Analogically for total bispecial factors. ■

**Lemma 12.** *Let  $v, w \in L(u_\beta)$  such that  $v$  is a prefix of  $w$ . Then,  $T(v)$  is a prefix of  $T(w)$ .*

Using Lemma 11 and Lemma 12, we can describe the form of maximal and total bispecial factors.

**Corollary 13.** *All maximal left special factors have the form*

$$U^{(1)} = 0^{a-1}, \quad U^{(n)} = T(U^{(n-1)}) = 0^b 1\varphi(U^{(n-1)})0^b \quad \text{for } n \geq 2.$$

*All total bispecial factors have the form*

$$V^{(1)} = 0^b, \quad V^{(n)} = T(V^{(n-1)}) = 0^b 1\varphi(V^{(n-1)})0^b.$$

*Moreover,  $V^{(n-1)}$  is a prefix of  $V^{(n)}$  and  $V^{(n)}$  is a prefix of  $U^{(n)}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .*

**Lemma 14.** *There exists one infinite left special factor of the form  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} V^{(n)}$ .*

**Proof:** Each prefix of  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} V^{(n)}$  is a prefix of  $V^{(k)}$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , therefore it is a left special factor. Assume that there are more infinite left special factors. Let us choose  $v^{(1)}, v^{(2)}$  such that  $d(v^{(1)}, v^{(2)}) := \min\{k \mid v_k^{(1)} \neq v_k^{(2)}\}$  is minimal. Then there exist infinite left special factors  $w^{(1)}, w^{(2)}$  such that  $v^{(1)} = 0^b 1\varphi(w^{(1)})$  and  $v^{(2)} = 0^b 1\varphi(w^{(2)})$ . Necessarily,  $d(w^{(1)}, w^{(2)}) < d(v^{(1)}, v^{(2)})$  which is a contradiction. ■

We know that every left special factor  $w$  is either a prefix of a maximal left special factor or a prefix of an infinite left special factor. For  $n$  such that

$$|V^{(k)}| < n \leq |U^{(k)}| \quad \text{for some } k \in \mathbb{N}$$

there exist two left special factors of length  $n$ . The values  $|V^{(k)}|, |U^{(k)}|$  play an essential role for determining of complexity. Let us derive their values.

### 3.1. Lengths of $V^{(k)}, U^{(k)}$

**Lemma 15.** *Let us denote by  $|V^{(n)}|_0$  the number of 0s of the total bispecial factor  $V^{(n)}$  and by  $|V^{(n)}|_1$  the number of 1s of  $V^{(n)}$ . Then  $|V^{(n)}| = |V^{(n)}|_0 + |V^{(n)}|_1$  and it holds*

$$|V^{(1)}|_0 = b, \quad |V^{(1)}|_1 = 0, \quad \begin{pmatrix} |V^{(n+1)}|_0 \\ |V^{(n+1)}|_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} |V^{(n)}|_0 \\ |V^{(n)}|_1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2b \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Proof:** Let us remind the recursive definition of  $V^{(n)}$ :

$$V^{(1)} = 0^b, \quad V^{(n+1)} = 0^b 1 \varphi(V^n) 0^b.$$

As the substitution considered is  $\varphi(0) = 0^a 1, \varphi(1) = 0^b 1$ , one can see that if we know the values of  $|V^{(n)}|_0, |V^{(n)}|_1$ , then

$$|V^{(n+1)}|_0 = b + a|V^{(n)}|_0 + b|V^{(n)}|_1 + b, \quad |V^{(n+1)}|_1 = 1 + |V^{(n)}|_0 + |V^{(n)}|_1.$$

**Lemma 16.** *Let us denote by  $|U^{(n)}|_0$  the number of 0s of the maximal left special factor  $U^{(n)}$  and by  $|U^{(n)}|_1$  the number of 1s of  $U^{(n)}$ . Then  $|U^{(n)}| = |U^{(n)}|_0 + |U^{(n)}|_1$  and it holds*

$$|U^{(1)}|_0 = a - 1, \quad |U^{(1)}|_1 = 0, \quad \begin{pmatrix} |U^{(n+1)}|_0 \\ |U^{(n+1)}|_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} |U^{(n)}|_0 \\ |U^{(n)}|_1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 2b \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Proof:** Analogical to the proof of Lemma 15. ■

At this moment, we have gained enough information to determine complexity  $u_\beta$  associated with  $d_\beta(1) = ab^\omega, a - 1 > b$ .

**Theorem 17.** *Let  $u_\beta$  be the fixed point of the substitution  $\varphi(0) = 0^a 1, \varphi(1) = 0^b 1$ . Then for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$*

$$\Delta C(n) = C(n+1) - C(n) = \begin{cases} 2 & |V^{(k)}| < n \leq |U^{(k)}| \text{ for a } k \in \mathbb{N} \\ 1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then complexity can be calculated by

$$C(n) = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \Delta C(j) + C(1) = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \Delta C(j) + 2.$$

**Proof:** Using Proposition 4, we have  $\Delta C(n)$  = the number of left special factors of length  $n$  in  $L(u_\beta)$ . There is one left special factor of length  $n$  being a prefix of the infinite left special factor. Since  $|V^{(k)}| < |U^{(k)}| < |V^{(k+1)}|$  and  $V^{(k)}$  is a prefix of  $U^{(k)}$ , then there exists a left special factor of length  $n$  being prefix of  $U^{(k)}$  and not prefix of  $V^{(k)}$  if  $|V^{(k)}| < n \leq |U^{(k)}|$ . Figure 1 illustrates the tree of left special factors for  $u_\beta$  being the fixed point of the substitution  $\varphi(0) = 0001, \varphi(1) = 01$ . We can see total bispecial factors  $V^{(k)}$  and maximal left special factors  $U^{(k)}$  for  $k = 1, 2$ . ■

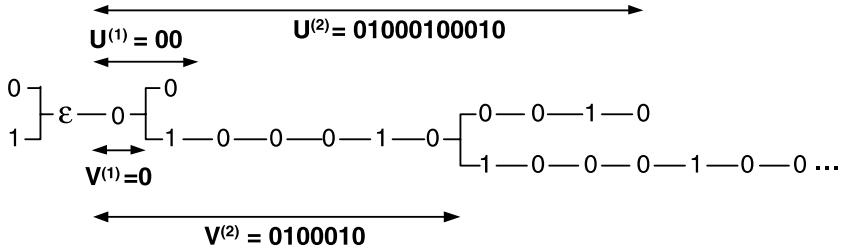


Figure 1.

#### 4. Conclusion

Studying of complexity of infinite aperiodic words is an interesting combinatorial problem. Moreover, investigation of infinite words associated with  $\beta$ -integers  $\mathbb{Z}_\beta$  can be interpreted as investigation of one-dimensional quasicrystals. In this paper, we have considered infinite words  $u_\beta$  associated with  $\mathbb{Z}_\beta$  for  $\beta$  being a quadratic algebraic integer corresponding to an eventually periodic Rényi expansion of unity in base  $\beta$ . We have investigated its complexity using methods which can be applied for any infinite aperiodic words obtained by substitution. This paper together with the study of simple Parry numbers [2] builds up a complete investigation of complexity of infinite aperiodic words connected with quadratic Parry numbers.

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