

## ON THE NUMBER OF DISCRETE FUNCTIONS WITH A GIVEN $\mathcal{C}$ -SPECTRUM OR WITH A GIVEN SPECTRUM\*

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In this paper, results of [5] are generalized. Let  $M$  be the set of variables of a discrete function. Range or the spectrum of  $M$  with respect to the function is continuation of the research connected with the essential set of variables for the function (see [1] and [4]) and can be used as a measure of essentiality.

**1. Introduction.** Let  $K, K_1, K_2, \dots, K_n$  be finite, non-empty sets, and  $K = \{0, 1, \dots, k-1\}$ ,  $|K| = k \geq 2$ ,  $K_i = \{0, 1, \dots, k_i-1\}$ ,  $|K_i| = k_i \geq 1$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ , where the cardinality of the set  $K$  is denoted by  $|K|$ .

Let us set  $X = K_1 \times K_2 \times \dots \times K_n = \{(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n) \mid c_i \in K_i, i = 1, \dots, n\}$  and let  $F_n^k$  be the set of all functions of  $n$  variables defined in the set  $X$  and having values in the set  $K$ .

In the special case  $K_1 = K_2 = \dots = K_n = K = \{0, 1, \dots, k-1\}$ , we obtain the set of all functions of the  $k$ -valued logic, which is denoted by  $F_n^k$ .

**Definition 1.1** [1] *The number of all different values of the function  $f$  is called the range of  $f$ .*

We will denote the **range** of the function  $f$  by  $\mathbf{Rng}(f)$  and by  $X_f$  we will denote the set of variables of the function  $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ , i.e.  $X_f = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ .

We will denote [1] by  $\lambda$  the number of all possible sets of constants for the variables of the functions of  $F_n^k$ , where

$$(1) \quad \lambda = |X| = k_1 k_2 \dots k_n,$$

and by  $\lambda_M$  the number of all possible sets of constants for the variables of the set  $M = \{x_{j_1}, x_{j_2}, \dots, x_{j_m}\}$ ,  $M \subseteq X_f$ , where

$$(2) \quad \lambda_M = k_{j_1} k_{j_2} \dots k_{j_m}.$$

**Definition 1.2** [3] *The function  $h$  is called a subfunction of the function  $f$  with respect to  $R$ ,  $R \subseteq X_f$ , if  $h$  is obtained from  $f$  by substitution of the variables of the set  $R$  with constants, and this is denoted by  $h \xrightarrow{R} f$ .*

Let  $M, M \subseteq X_f$ , be a set of variables of the function  $f \in F_n^k$  and  $G$  be the set of all subfunctions of  $f$  with respect to  $X_f \setminus M$ , i.e.  $G = G(M, f) = \{g : g \xrightarrow{X_f \setminus M} f\}$ .

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**Definition 1.3** [1] If  $g \in G$ , then the **range** of the subfunction  $g$  is called **range** of the set  $M$  for the function  $f$  with respect to  $g$ .

By  $\mathbf{Rng}(M, f; g)$  we denote the **range** of the set  $M$  for  $f$  with respect to  $g$ , and

$$\mathbf{Rng}(M, f; g) = \mathbf{Rng}(g).$$

**Definition 1.4** [1] The set  $\mathbf{Spr}(M, f) = \bigcup_{g \in G} \mathbf{Rng}(M, f; g) = \bigcup_{g \in G} \mathbf{Rng}(g)$  is called **spectrum** of the set  $M$  for the function  $f$ .

**Definition 1.5** [1] The number  $\max \mathbf{Spr}(M, f)$  is called the **range** of  $M$  for the function  $f$ .

The range of  $M$  for the function  $f$  will be denoted by  $\mathbf{Rng}(M, f)$ , and

$$\mathbf{Rng}(M, f) = \max \mathbf{Spr}(M, f) = \max_{g \in G} (\mathbf{Rng}(M, f; g)) = \max_{g \in G} (\mathbf{Rng}(g))$$

**Definition 1.6** [5] The set  $\{1^{p_1}, 2^{p_2}, \dots, k^{p_k}\}$  is called **C-spectrum** of  $M$  for  $f$ , where  $p_t$ ,  $p_t \geq 0$ ,  $t = 1, \dots, k$ , is the number of the different sets of values for the variables of the set  $X_f \setminus M$ , by which from  $f$  we obtain subfunctions with a range equal to  $t$ , and

$$p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_k = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda_M} \text{ for } f \in F_n^k, \text{ and } p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_k = k^{n-|M|} \text{ for } f \in P_n^k.$$

The  $C$ -spectrum of  $M$  for  $f$  is denoted by  $\mathbf{C-Spr}(M, f)$ , where  $\mathbf{C-Spr}(M, f) = \{1^{p_1}, \dots, k^{p_k}\}$ .

**2. Results.** If  $M$  is a non-empty set of variables of a function of  $F_n^k$  and  $M = \{x_{j_1}, x_{j_2}, \dots, x_{j_m}\}$ , then let  $X_M = K_{j_1} \times K_{j_2} \times \dots \times K_{j_m}$  and  $F_M^k = \{h : X_M \rightarrow K\}$  be the set of all functions of the variables of the set  $M$  defined in the set  $X_M$  and having values in the set  $K$ .

For  $\lambda_M \geq q$  and  $q \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ , let us denote [2] by  $\mu_M^k(q)$  the number of functions of  $F_M^k$  with a range equal to  $q$ , where for  $\mu_M^k(q)$  we have

$$(3) \quad \mu_M^k(q) = C_k^q \cdot \sum_{\substack{r_1 + r_2 + \dots + r_q = \lambda_M \\ r_i \geq 1, i=1, 2, \dots, q}} \frac{\lambda_M!}{r_1! r_2! \dots r_q!} = C_k^q \cdot \sum_{j=1}^q (-1)^{q-j} C_q^j j^{\lambda_M}.$$

**Theorem 2.1.** If  $\emptyset \neq M = \{x_{j_1}, x_{j_2}, \dots, x_{j_m}\}$ ,  $M \subset X_f$ , then the number of functions  $f \in F_n^k$  for which  $\mathbf{C-Spr}(M, f) = \{1^{p_1}, 2^{p_2}, \dots, k^{p_k}\}$  is equal to

$$\frac{(\lambda/\lambda_M)!}{p_1! p_2! \dots p_k!} \alpha_1^{p_1} \cdot \alpha_2^{p_2} \dots \alpha_k^{p_k}, \text{ where } \alpha_t = \mu_M^k(t), t = 1, \dots, k.$$

**Proof.** Let  $M = \{x_{j_1}, x_{j_2}, \dots, x_{j_m}\}$  and that  $X_f \setminus M = \{x_{j_{m+1}}, \dots, x_{j_n}\}$ .

Let us denote the number of the different sets of constants for the variables of  $X_f \setminus M$  by  $s$ . Under the terms of formula (2) we have

$$\lambda_{X_f \setminus M} = s = k_{j_{m+1}} \cdot k_{j_{m+2}} \dots k_{j_n} = (k_1 k_2 \dots k_n) / (k_{j_1} k_{j_2} \dots k_{j_m}) = \lambda / \lambda_M.$$

Let all possible sets of constants for the variables of  $X_f \setminus M$  be  $(c_{m+1}^i, \dots, c_n^i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, s$ . If the function  $f$  is from the ones we look for and

$$(4) \quad g_i = f(x_{j_{m+1}} = c_{m+1}^i, \dots, x_{j_n} = c_n^i), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, s,$$

then it is obvious that

$$g_i \xrightarrow{X_f \setminus M} f, \quad g_i \in G \quad \text{and} \quad g_i \in F_n^k, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, s.$$

In Table 2.1 the function  $f$  is presented in tabular form, in accordance with the equations (4). From Table 2.1 we can see that the function  $f$  consists of  $s$  parts, and the parts are the subfunctions  $g_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, s$ .

The function  $f$  depends on the subfunctions  $g_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, s$ , and on the place they take.

Let us associate the number  $t$ ,  $t = 1, \dots, k$ , to the sets of constants for the variables of  $X_f \setminus M$ , to which subfunctions with a range equal to  $t$  correspond.

From  $\mathbf{C-Spr}(M, f) = \{1^{p_1}, 2^{p_2}, \dots, k^{p_k}\}$  it follows that we have  $p_t$ ,  $t = 1, \dots, k$ , sets of constants for the variables of  $X_f \setminus M$ , to which we have associated the number  $t$  (or we have an  $s$ -dimensional vector, in which the number  $t$  occurs  $p_t$  times,  $t = 1, \dots, k$ ).

The number of the different mappings, in which we associate the number  $t$  to  $p_t$ ,  $t = 1, \dots, k$ , sets of constants for the variables of  $X_f \setminus M$  is equal to

$$\frac{(p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_k)!}{p_1! p_2! \dots p_k!} = \frac{(\lambda/\lambda_M)!}{p_1! p_2! \dots p_k!}$$

Since we associate to every number  $t$  subfunction of  $F_M^k$  with a range equal to  $t$ , which we can choose among  $\alpha_t = \mu_M^k(t)$  such subfunctions (under the terms of (3)),  $t = 1, \dots, k$ , and having in mind that a subfunction with a range equal to  $t$  must be associated to  $p_t$  sets of constants for the variables of  $X_f \setminus M$ , then finally for the number of the functions  $f \in F_n^k$ , for which  $\mathbf{C-Spr}(M, f) = \{1^{p_1}, 2^{p_2}, \dots, k^{p_k}\}$ , we get

$$(5) \quad \frac{(\lambda/\lambda_M)!}{p_1! p_2! \dots p_k!} \alpha_1^{p_1} \cdot \alpha_2^{p_2} \dots \alpha_k^{p_k},$$

where  $\alpha_t = \mu_M^k(t)$ ,  $t = 1, \dots, k$  and  $p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_k = \lambda/\lambda_M$ .

If  $p_i = 0$ ,  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  then  $(p_i)! = 1$ ,  $\alpha_i^{p_i} = \alpha_i^0 = 1$  and it follows that the result from formula (5) does not depend on  $p_i$ .

**Corollary 2.1.** *If  $\emptyset \neq M = \{x_{j_1}, x_{j_2}, \dots, x_{j_m}\}$ ,  $M \subset X_f$ , then the number of functions  $f \in F_n^k$ , for which  $\mathbf{C-Spr}(M, f) = \{q_1^{v_1}, q_2^{v_2}, \dots, q_s^{v_s}\}$ ,  $v_i > 0$ ,  $q_i \leq k$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, s$ , is equal to*

$$\frac{(\lambda/\lambda_M)!}{v_1! v_2! \dots v_s!} \cdot \rho_1^{v_1} \cdot \rho_2^{v_2} \dots \rho_s^{v_s}, \quad \text{where } \rho_t = \mu_M^k(q_t), \quad t = 1, 2, \dots, s \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i=1}^s v_i = \lambda/\lambda_M.$$

For the functions of  $P_n^k$  the numbers  $\lambda_M$  and  $\mu_M^k(q)$  do not depend on the variables in the set  $M$ , but they depend on the cardinality of the set  $M$  only.

If  $|M| = m$  for the functions of  $P_n^k$  we have:

$$\lambda_m = \lambda_M = \lambda_{|M|} = k^m, \quad \lambda = k^n, \quad \lambda/\lambda_M = k^{n-|M|} = k^{n-m} \quad \text{and}$$

$$\mu_m^k(q) = \mu_M^k(q) = C_k^q \cdot \sum_{\substack{r_1 + r_2 + \dots + r_q = k^m \\ r_i \geq 1, \quad i=1, 2, \dots, q}} \frac{k^m!}{r_1! r_2! \dots r_q!} = C_k^q \cdot \sum_{j=1}^q (-1)^{q-j} C_q^j j^{k^m}.$$

$x_{j_1}$	$x_{j_2}$	$\dots$	$x_{j_m}$	$x_{j_{m+1}}$	$\dots$	$x_{j_n}$	$f(x_{j_1}, x_{j_2}, \dots, x_{j_m}, x_{j_{m+1}}, \dots, x_{j_n})$	$g_i$
0	0	$\dots$	0	$c_{m+1}^1$	$\dots$	$c_n^1$	$f(0, 0, \dots, 0, c_{m+1}^1, \dots, c_n^1) = g_1(0, 0, \dots, 0)$	$g_1$
0	0	$\dots$	1	$c_{m+1}^1$	$\dots$	$c_n^1$	$f(0, 0, \dots, 1, c_{m+1}^1, \dots, c_n^1) = g_1(0, 0, \dots, 1)$	
$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	
$k_{j_1}-1$	$k_{j_2}-1$	$\dots$	$k_{j_m}-1$	$c_{m+1}^1$	$\dots$	$c_n^1$	$f(k_{j_1}-1, k_{j_2}-1, \dots, k_{j_m}-1, c_{m+1}^1, \dots, c_n^1) = g_1(k_{j_1}-1, k_{j_2}-1, \dots, k_{j_m}-1)$	
0	0	$\dots$	0	$c_{m+1}^2$	$\dots$	$c_n^2$	$f(0, 0, \dots, 0, c_{m+1}^2, \dots, c_n^2) = g_2(0, 0, \dots, 0)$	$g_2$
0	0	$\dots$	1	$c_{m+1}^2$	$\dots$	$c_n^2$	$f(0, 0, \dots, 1, c_{m+1}^2, \dots, c_n^2) = g_2(0, 0, \dots, 1)$	
$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	
$k_{j_1}-1$	$k_{j_2}-1$	$\dots$	$k_{j_m}-1$	$c_{m+1}^2$	$\dots$	$c_n^2$	$f(k_{j_1}-1, k_{j_2}-1, \dots, k_{j_m}-1, c_{m+1}^2, \dots, c_n^2) = g_2(k_{j_1}-1, k_{j_2}-1, \dots, k_{j_m}-1)$	
$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$
0	0	$\dots$	0	$c_{m+1}^s$	$\dots$	$c_n^s$	$f(0, 0, \dots, 0, c_{m+1}^s, \dots, c_n^s) = g_s(0, 0, \dots, 0)$	$g_s$
0	0	$\dots$	1	$c_{m+1}^s$	$\dots$	$c_n^s$	$f(0, 0, \dots, 1, c_{m+1}^s, \dots, c_n^s) = g_s(0, 0, \dots, 1)$	
$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	$\dots$	
$k_{j_1}-1$	$k_{j_2}-1$	$\dots$	$k_{j_m}-1$	$c_{m+1}^s$	$\dots$	$c_n^s$	$f(k_{j_1}-1, k_{j_2}-1, \dots, k_{j_m}-1, c_{m+1}^s, \dots, c_n^s) = g_s(k_{j_1}-1, k_{j_2}-1, \dots, k_{j_m}-1)$	

Table 2.1

**Corollary 2.2.** If  $\emptyset \neq M \subset X_f$ ,  $|M| = m$ , then the number of functions  $f \in P_n^k$ , for which  $\mathbf{C}\text{-}\mathbf{Spr}(M, f) = \{q_1^{v_1}, q_2^{v_2}, \dots, q_s^{v_s}\}$ ,  $v_i > 0$ ,  $q_i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, s$  is equal to

$$\frac{k^{n-m}!}{v_1!v_2!\dots v_s!} \cdot \rho_1^{v_1} \cdot \rho_2^{v_2} \dots \rho_s^{v_s},$$

where  $\rho_t = \mu_m^k(q_t)$ ,  $t = 1, 2, \dots, s$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^s v_i = k^{n-m}$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** If  $\emptyset \neq M = \{x_{j_1}, x_{j_2}, \dots, x_{j_m}\}$ ,  $M \subseteq X_f$ , then the number of functions  $f \in F_n^k$ , for which  $\mathbf{Spr}(M, f) = \{q_1, q_2, \dots, q_s\}$ ,  $s \leq k$ ,  $q_i \leq k$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, s$  is equal to

$$\sum_{\substack{r_1+r_2+\dots+r_s=\lambda/\lambda_M \\ r_i \geq 1, \ i=1,2,\dots,s}} \frac{(\lambda/\lambda_M)!}{r_1!r_2!\dots r_s!} \cdot \rho_1^{r_1} \cdot \rho_2^{r_2} \dots \rho_s^{r_s}, \quad \text{where } \rho_I = \mu_M^k(q_i), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, s.$$

**Proof.** Let us denote by  $r_i$  the number of the sets of constants for the variables of  $X_f \setminus M$ , by which from  $f$  we obtain subfunctions with a range equal to  $q_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, s$ .

In this case for the set  $M$  and the function  $f$  we have

$$\mathbf{C}\text{-}\mathbf{Spr}(M, f) = \{q_1^{r_1}, q_2^{r_2}, \dots, q_s^{r_s}\}.$$

Taking into consideration that every function  $f$ , for which  $C-\mathbf{Spr}(M, f) = \{q_1^{r_1}, q_2^{r_2}, \dots, q_s^{r_s}\}$ , where  $r_1 + r_2 + \dots + r_s = \lambda/\lambda_M$ ,  $r_i \geq 1$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, s$ , has  $\mathbf{Spr}(M, f) = \{q_1, q_2, \dots, q_s\}$ , and applying Theorem 2.1, we get the proof of the theorem.

**Corollary 2.3.** [5] *If  $\emptyset \neq M \subseteq X_f$ ,  $|M| = m$ , then the number of functions  $f \in P_n^k$ , for which  $\mathbf{Spr}(M, f) = \{q_1, q_2, \dots, q_s\}$ ,  $q_i \leq k$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, s$ ,  $s \leq k$ , is equal to*

$$\sum_{\substack{v_1 + v_2 + \dots + v_s = k^{n-m} \\ v_i \geq 1, \quad i=1, 2, \dots, s}} \frac{k^{n-m}!}{v_1! v_2! \dots v_s!} \rho_1^{v_1} \rho_2^{v_2} \dots \rho_s^{v_s},$$

where

$$\rho_t = \mu_m^k(q_t), \quad t = 1, 2, \dots, s \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i=1}^s v_i = k^{n-m}.$$

The proof of Theorem 2.1 can be used for the “construction”, i.e. the tabular presentation of functions with a given  $C$ -spectrum.

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## ВЪРХУ БРОЯ НА ДИСКРЕТНИ ФУНКЦИИ С ДАДЕН $C$ -СПЕКТЪР ИЛИ С ДАДЕН СПЕКТЪР

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В настоящата статия се обобщават резултати от [5]. Нека  $M$  е множество от променливи на дискретна функция. Рангът или спектърът на  $M$  относно функцията, освен че са продължение на изследванията свързани със съществено множество от променливи на функция (виж [1] и [4]), могат да се използват и като мярка за същественост.