# Lower Bounds from Cyclotomic Divisors of Mask Polynomials

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For such a B we have |A||B|=M and  $A\oplus B=\mathbb{Z}_M$ . All results on  $\mathbb{Z}_M$  can be translated back to the integer setting. Thus, from now on, we will work on  $\mathbb{Z}_M$ .

For any s|M, we have  $\Phi_s \mid (X^M - 1)$ , so that  $\Phi_s \mid A$  if and only if  $\Phi_s \mid (A \mod M)$ .

Note that  $A \mod M$  need not be a set hence we introduce the multiset notation.

- $\mathcal{M}(\mathbb{Z}_M)$  denote the set of all multisets in  $\mathbb{Z}_M$  with weights in  $\mathbb{Z}$  (so that both positive and negative weights are allowed)
- $\mathcal{M}^+(\mathbb{Z}_M)$  if we only allow positive weights.

For  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_M$ , let  $w_A(a)$  denote the weight of a in A.

The mask polynomial of the multiset A by

$$A(X) = \sum_{a \in \mathbb{Z}_M} w_A(a) X^a.$$

In particular,  $A \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{Z}_M)$  is a set if and only if  $w_A(x) \in \{0,1\}$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_M$ .

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Our goal would be to decide whether there exists a set / tile A satisfying  $\Phi_{s_i}(X) \mid A(X)$   $(1 \le j \le k)$ , and

$$|A| = A(1) = \prod_{p_i^{m_i} \in S} \Phi_{p_i^{m_i}}(1).$$

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- If A tiles  $\mathbb{Z}$ , and |A| has at most two prime factors, then it satisfies (T2).

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# Theorem (Łaba-Londner, 2025)

The Coven-Meyerowitz conjecture is true in  $\mathbb{Z}_M$  if any of the following conditions holds.

- $M \mid p_1^m p_2^n \prod_{i=3}^L p_i$ ,
- $M \mid p_1^2 p_2^2 p_3^2 \prod_{i=4}^L p_i$ ,

where  $p_1, p_2, p_3, p_i$ 's are distinct primes.

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Let  $A \subset \mathbb{Z}_M$ , and let  $\Phi_s(X) \mid A(X)$  for some  $s \mid M$ . We say that  $\Phi_s$  is an *unsupported divisor of A* if:

- (i) for every prime p such that  $p \mid s$ , we have  $p \mid |A|$ ,
- (ii) for every prime power  $p^{\alpha}$  such that  $p^{\alpha} \parallel s$ , we have  $\Phi_{p^{\alpha}} \nmid A$ .

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## **Proposition**

Let  $A \oplus B = \mathbb{Z}_M$  such that each prime factor of M divides both |A| and |B|.

- (i) If the answer to Question (A) is negative for this value of M, then both sets A and B satisfy (T2).
- (ii) If the answer to Question (B) is negative for this value of M, then, if (T2) holds for A, it must also hold for B.

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However, in the 'two-prime-divisor' case we can prove the following.

#### **Theorem**

Let  $M = p^n q^m$ . Assume that a nonempty set  $A \subset \mathbb{Z}_M$  satisfies (T1) and (T2). Then A(X) cannot have unsupported cyclotomic divisors.

# Lower bound for the size of sets with given cyclotomic divisors

Let  $S = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_k\}$  be the divisors of M, and A be a nonempty set in  $\mathbb{Z}_M$  such that  $\Phi_{s_j}(X) \mid A(X)$   $(1 \leq j \leq k)$ .

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What is the minimal size of A? i.e,

$$MIN(S) := min\{|A| : A \neq \emptyset \text{ and } \Phi_s(X) \mid A(X) \text{ for all } s \in S\}$$
?

#### Motivation:

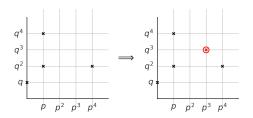
# Proposition (Lam and Leung)

If  $\Phi_s(X)|A(X)$  for some  $1 < s \in \mathbb{N}$ , then

$$|A| \ge \min\{p : p \mid s, p \text{ is prime}\}.$$

**Illustration** 11

Take some cyclomatic divisors of  $M = p^4 q^4$  and we add an extra divisor as below.



$$S = \{q, pq^2, pq^4, p^4q^2\}$$

What is the minimum size of A s.t.  $\Phi_q \Phi_{pq^2} \Phi_{pq^4} \Phi_{p^4q^2} \mid A(X)$ ?

Is it smaller than the min. size of A if  $\Phi_{p^3q^3} \mid A(X)$  is added?

Is 
$$MIN(S) < MIN(S \cup \{p^3q^3\})$$
?

If  $|S| = |\{s_1, s_2\}| = 2$  such that  $s_i \nmid s_j \ (i \neq j \in \{1, 2\})$ , then it is easy to show that  $MIN(S) \ge (\min(p, q))^2$ .



In the first three cases we get that  $MIN(S) \ge pq \min(p, q)$ .

In the last case  $\Phi_{pq}\Phi_{p^2q^2}\Phi_{p^3q^3}\mid A(X)$  holds and we get that  $MIN(S)\geq (\min(p,q))^3$ .

### Proposition

Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}^+(\mathbb{Z}_M)$  with  $M = p^{n_1}q^{n_2}$ . Assume that  $\Phi_{p^{m_1}} \cdots \Phi_{p^{m_r}}\Phi_{p^{\alpha}q^{\beta}}\Phi_{q^{\gamma}}|A$ 

- for some  $1 \leq \alpha < m_1 < \dots < m_r \leq n_1$  and  $1 \leq \beta \neq \gamma \leq n_2$ ,
- for some  $1 \le m_1 < \cdots < m_r < \alpha \le n_1$  and  $1 \le \gamma < \beta \le n_2$ .

Then  $|A| \ge p^r q \min(p, q)$ . Hence  $MIN(S) \ge p^r q \min(p, q)$ .

Let 
$$s = \prod_{i=1}^{L} p_i^{\beta_i}$$
, then  $D(s) = \frac{s}{\prod_{i=1}^{L} p_i}$ 

Let  $M = \prod_{i=1}^L p_i^{n_i}$ . Assume that  $S = \{s_1, \dots, s_m\}$  satisfies  $s_j \mid M$  and

$$s_j \mid D(s_{j+1}) \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, m-1.$$
 (1)

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## Proposition

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 $A \subset \mathbb{Z}_M$  is *fibered* on scale N if there exists a prime  $p_i|N$  and there exists a polynomial Q(X) with nonnegative integer coefficients such that

$$Q(X)F_i^N(X) \equiv A(X) \mod x^N - 1.$$

Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{Z}_M)$ . Then the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $\Phi_N(X)|A(X)$ ,
- (ii) A mod N is a linear combination of N-fibers, so that

$$A(X) = \sum_{i:p_i \mid N} P_i(X) F_i^N(X) \mod X^N - 1,$$

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## Proposition (de Bruin, Lam-Leung)

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$$A(X) = P_1(X)F_1^N(X) + P_2(X)F_2^N(X) \mod X^N - 1,$$

where  $P_1$ ,  $P_2$  are polynomials with nonnegative coefficients.

#### **Definition**

Let  $M = \prod_{i=1}^K p_i^{n_i}$ , and let  $1 \le \alpha \le n_i$ . We say that a set  $F \subset \mathbb{Z}_M$  is a  $p_i^{\alpha}$ -fiber on scale M if  $F \equiv x * F_{i,\alpha} \mod M$  for some  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_M$ , where

$$F_{i,\alpha}(X) := \prod_{\nu=1}^{\alpha} \Phi_{p_i} \big( X^{M/p_i^{\nu}} \big) \equiv \frac{X^M - 1}{X^{M/p_i^{\alpha}} - 1}.$$

We refer to  $p_i^{\alpha}$ -fibers with  $\alpha > 1$  as *long fibers* in the *i* direction.

$$F_{i,\alpha}(X) = 1 + X^{M/p_i^{\alpha}} + X^{2M/p_i^{\alpha}} + \dots + X^{(p_i^{\alpha}-1)M/p_i^{\alpha}}.$$

## Generalization of de Bruin-Rédei-Schoenberg theorem 19

# Proposition

Long fiber decomposition Let  $M = \prod_{i=1}^{K} p_i^{n_i}$ , and let N|M satisfy  $N = \prod_{i=1}^K p_i^{n_i - \alpha_i + 1}$  with  $1 \le \alpha_i \le n_i$ . Let  $A \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{Z}_M)$ , and assume that  $\Phi_L(X) \mid A(X)$  for each  $N \mid L \mid M$ . Then, there exist polynomials  $P_i(X) \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$  such that

$$A(X) = P_1(X)F_{1,\alpha_1}(X) + \cdots + P_K(X)F_{K,\alpha_K}(X) \mod X^M - 1.$$

Moreover, if  $A \in \mathcal{M}^+(\mathbb{Z}_M)$  and K = 2, then we may assume that the polynomials  $P_1(X)$  and  $P_2(X)$  each have non-negative coefficients.

The truncation procedure allows us to reduce proving lower bounds on MIN(S) to proving similar bounds with S replaced by a simpler set.

In order to discuss the statement we need the following definition.

## Definition

Let S be the subset of the div. of M and  $1 \le i \le K$  the number of prim div. of M, we define

$$\mathsf{EXP}_i(S) := \{\alpha \geq 1 : \ \exists \, s \in S \text{ with } p_i^\alpha \mid\mid s\}, \ E_i := \#\mathsf{EXP}_i(S).$$

It will be useful to arrange the sets  $EXP_i(S)$  in increasing order:

$$\mathsf{EXP}_i(S) := \{\alpha_{i,1}, \cdots, \alpha_{i,E_i}\}, \quad 1 \le \alpha_{i,1} < \cdots < \alpha_{i,E_i}.$$

# Proposition (Truncations)

Let S be a subset of the divisors of M, and let  $A \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{Z}_M)$  satisfy  $\Phi_s|A$  for all  $s \in S$ . Define  $M' := p_1^{E_1} \cdots p_K^{E_K}$ . Then, there exists a multiset  $A' \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{Z}_{M'})$  satisfying

- (i) A'(1) = A(1).
- (ii) For every  $N = p_1^{\alpha_{1,\ell_1}} \cdots p_K^{\alpha_{K,\ell_K}} \in S$ , we have  $\Phi_{N'}(X) \mid A'(X)$ , where  $N' := p_1^{\ell_1} \cdots p_K^{\ell_K} \mid M'$ .

Furthermore, if  $A \in \mathcal{M}^+(\mathbb{Z}_M)$ , then  $A' \in \mathcal{M}^+(\mathbb{Z}_{M'})$ .

Suppose that  $\Phi_s|A$  for all  $s \in S$ , where

$$S := \{p_1^3, p_2^2, p_2^4, , p_1^3p_2^4, p_1^{10}, p_2^{10}, p_1^{10}p_2^{10}\}.$$

Then,  $EXP_1(S) = \{3, 10\}$  and  $EXP_2(S) = \{2, 4, 10\}$  so that  $M' := p_1^{E_1} p_2^{E_2} = p_1^2 p_2^3$ .

Then the truncation procedure furnishes a multiset  $A' \in \mathcal{M}(\mathbb{Z}_{p_1^2p_2^3})$  such that A'(1) = A(1) and  $\Phi_s|A'$  for all  $s \in S' := \{p_1, p_2, p_2^2, p_1p_2^2, p_1^2, p_2^3p_1^2p_2^3\}.$ 

The exponent sets associated to A' are  $\{1,2\}$  and  $\{1,2,3\}$ , with no gaps.

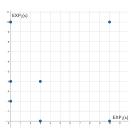


Figure: The cyclotomic divisors of A

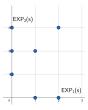


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### **Theorem**

Let  $M=p^{n_1}q^{n_2}$ , and let  $S=\{s_1,s_2,s_3\}$  and  $s_i\mid s_j$  for  $i\neq j\in\{1,2,3\}$ . Then

$$\mathsf{MIN}(S) \geq (\mathsf{min}(p,q))^3$$

**Sketch of proof.** By the truncation procedure and further reduction, we can assume that all of the exponents are at most 2 or we have the diagonal case. So we get the following four cases (up to symmetry):









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B is a sum of p- and q-fibers.

Now we construct a set  $A \subset \mathbb{Z}_M$  such that  $A \equiv B \mod pq$ .

As we have  $\Phi_{p^n}\Phi_{p^{n-1}}\Phi_{p^{n-2}}\mid A(X)$ ,  $A\mod p^n$  must be the union of long  $p^3$ -fibers on scale M. A has to be a set, which is guaranteed if they are disjoint.

If  $n \ge 9$ , then we have enough space for that.

 $\Phi_{q^m}\Phi_{q^{m-1}}\Phi_{q^{m-2}}\mid A(X)$  implies that  $A\mod q^m$  has to be the union of (disjoint) long  $q^3$ -fibers.

If  $m \ge 6$ , then they can be taken to be disjoint.

Now  $M = p^4 q^4$ , p = 2, q = 3.

The following table represents a multiset  $B \in \mathcal{M}^+(\mathbb{Z}_{72})$ , where the cyclic group  $\mathbb{Z}_{72}$  is written as  $\mathbb{Z}_8 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_9$ 

5	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
3	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
0	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	2
0	0	3	2	0	0	0	4	0
0	0	0	0	5	2	0	0	2
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0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	2
0	0	0	4	0	0	3	2	0

The entries in each column add up to 8, and the entries in each row add up to 9. This guarantees that

$$\Phi_p\Phi_{p^2}\Phi_{p^3}\Phi_q\Phi_{q^2}\mid B.$$

Now we construct a set  $A \subset \mathbb{Z}_M$  such that  $B \equiv A \mod p^3 q^2$  and  $\Phi_M \mid A$ .

Each positive entry (2, 3, 4, 5) in the table is a nonnegative integer coefficient linear combination of 2 and 3. Hence, we may define A is each  $\mathbb{Z}_{pq^2}$  coset to be either just a single 2-fiber, or a single 3-fiber, or two 2-fibers, or a 3-fiber and a 2-fiber, where each fiber is on scale M.

If there is two fibers in one  $\mathbb{Z}_{pq^2}$  coset, we place them in different  $\mathbb{Z}_{pq}$  cosets of it, guaranteeing that they do not overlap.

Hence A is a set satisfying the requirements.

The previous construction can be extended to any primes  $p \neq q$ .

## **Theorem**

Let p, q be any two distinct primes. We can choose a, b, n,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  (a << n, b << m) large enough so that there is a set A of size  $|A| = p^a q^b$  that satisfies

$$\Phi_p \Phi_{p^2} \cdots \Phi_{p^a} \Phi_q \Phi_{q^2} \cdots \Phi_{q^b} \Phi_{p^n q^m} \mid A.$$

Two natural directions of generalization.

simultaneous divisibility by a block of the form

$$\prod_{L:L_0|L|M}\Phi_L(X),$$

where  $L_0 = p^{\alpha}q^{\beta} \mid M = p^nq^m$  by replacing the single p- and q-fibers with long  $p^{n-\alpha+1}$ - and  $q^{m-\beta+1}$ -fibers.

• The construction can also be extended inductively to the case of arbitrary finite sets of primes  $\{p_1, \ldots, p_r\}$ , provided that the parameters involved are chosen sufficiently large.

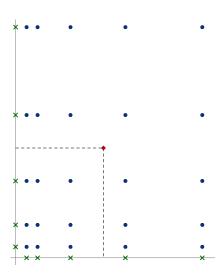
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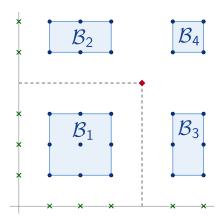
Let  $M=p^mq^n$  and suppose that  $A\in \mathcal{M}^+(\mathbb{Z}_M)$  satisfies (T2). If there exists some  $N=p^\gamma q^\eta$  such that  $\Phi_N(X)\mid A(X)$  and  $\Phi_{p^\gamma}(X), \Phi_{q^\eta}(X)\nmid A(X)$ , then

$$A(1) > \prod_{s \in S_A^*} \Phi_s(1), \tag{2}$$

where  $S_A^*$  is the set of prime powers  $p^{\alpha}$  such that  $\Phi_{p^{\alpha}}(X) \mid A(X)$ 

In other words, if  $A \in \mathcal{M}^+(\mathbb{Z}_{p^mq^n})$  satisfies (T2) and also has an unsupported divisor  $\Phi_N(X) \mid A(X)$ . Then A has the size increase given in (2).





# Corollary

Suppose that  $A \subset \mathbb{N}$  satisfies (T1) and (T2), and that  $lcm(S_A) = p^m q^n$  for two distinct prime factors p, q. Then A does not have any unsupported divisors.

If  $A \oplus B$  is a tile of  $\mathbb{Z}_M$  for  $M = p^m q^n$ , and A satisfies (T2), then B also satisfies (T2).

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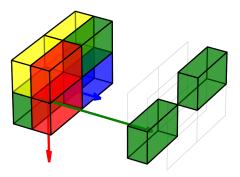
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Let  $N = p_1p_2p_3p_4$  and  $M = N^4$ , where

$$p_1 > 40$$
 and  $p_i < p_{i+1} < 2p_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ .

Then there exists a set  $A \subset \mathbb{Z}_M$  such that:

- (i) the prime power cyclotomic divisors of A(X) are  $\Phi_{p_i^{\alpha}}(X)$  for all i=1,2,3,4 and  $\alpha=2,3,4$ ,
- (ii) A satisfies both (T1) and (T2), so that in particular we have  $|A| = N^3$ ,
- (iii) additionally, A(X) has the unsupported cyclotomic divisor  $\Phi_N(X)$ .



- Let A' be a  $\mathbb{Z}_N^3$  coset, hence  $A' = N^3$ .
- Originally, we have  $\Phi_m \mid A'(X)$  for  $m = p_i^k$   $(i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}, k \in \{2, 3, 4\})$ , and all (T2) divisors given by them.
- The shifted set A preserves this divisibility.
- We divide each side such that the shifted part in the  $p_i$ -direction is divisible by  $p_i$ , and each  $\mathbb{Z}_M/p_i$  coset we shift the same number of  $p_i^3$ -fibers.
- Thus the set is the sum of  $p_i$ -fibers, hence  $\Phi_N \mid A$ .

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