

# On the existence of Aperiodic Perfect Maps for $2 \times 2$ Windows

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**Abstract.** An aperiodic perfect map (APM) is an array with the property that each possible array of certain size, called a window, arises exactly once as a subarray in the array. In this article, we give some constructions which imply a complete answer for the existence of APMs with  $2 \times 2$  windows for any alphabet size.

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# 1 Introduction

An Aperiodic Perfect Map (APM) is a  $c$ -ary  $m \times n$  array such that for some  $u \leq m$  and  $v \leq n$  every  $c$ -ary  $u \times v$  array occurs exactly once as a contiguous subarray or a window. This is called the perfect window property. An analogous perfect window property is also applicable to a periodic array: in a Periodic Perfect Map (PM), each window of a certain size occurs exactly once in a single period of the array.

The perfect window property was first studied mainly in the periodic case. De Bruijn considered periodic sequences [1] - a sequence of period  $n$  is called a *de Bruijn sequence* if for some  $v \leq n$  every possible  $v$ -tuple array occurs exactly once in a period. Many construction methods for de Bruijn sequences have been devised [4], and whenever the parameters satisfy certain necessary conditions, the existence of de Bruijn sequences has been established ([1], [3], [10]). It is also shown by K. Paterson ([8], [9]) that a PM exists for every possible parameter set when the alphabet size  $c$  is a prime power.

According to S. Kanetkar and M. Wagh [6], a PM can be transformed into an APM of a slightly larger size by simple extension (this APM is called the *closure* of the PM). However, if the window size of APM is small enough or the alphabet size is not a prime power, there are still sets of parameters satisfying necessary conditions for existence of APM for which there does not exist a closure of any PM. This means that the general existence question for APM is still unsolved.

In this article, we give a complete answer for the question of the existence of APM with  $2 \times 2$  windows for any alphabet size. We begin with some formal definitions and go on to give a brief introduction to the subject of aperiodic perfect maps and periodic perfect maps.

Most of terminologies follow C. Mitchell [7].

Let  $C$  be a finite set with  $|C| = c$ . Conventionally, we represent a  $c$ -ary  $m \times n$  array as

$$A = (a_{i j}) \quad (0 \leq i \leq m - 1, 0 \leq j \leq n - 1),$$

where each entry  $a_{i j}$  satisfies  $0 \leq a_{i j} \leq c - 1$ . For given integers  $s$  and  $t$  with  $0 \leq s \leq m - 1, 0 \leq t \leq n - 1$ , we define the  $(s, t)$ -th  $u \times v$  window of  $A$  to be the  $u \times v$  subarray

$$A_{s t} = (\alpha_{i j}) \quad (0 \leq i \leq u - 1, 0 \leq j \leq v - 1)$$

defined by

$$\alpha_{i j} = a_{i+s j+t},$$

where  $i + s$  is computed modulo  $m$  and  $j + t$  is computed modulo  $n$ . For integers  $m_0$  and  $n_0$  with  $1 \leq m_0 \leq m, 1 \leq n_0 \leq n$ , we denote by  $[A_{m_0 \times n_0}]_{u \times v}$

the set of  $u \times v$  windows  $A_{s t}$  for  $0 \leq s \leq m_0 - 1$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq n_0 - 1$ , i.e.

$$[A_{m_0 \times n_0}]_{u \times v} = \{A_{s t} \mid 0 \leq s \leq m_0 - 1, 0 \leq t \leq n_0 - 1\}.$$

Note that following bounds

$$1 \leq |[A_{m_0 \times n_0}]_{u \times v}| \leq m_0 n_0$$

are immediate since the lower bound holds only if all windows  $A_{s t}$ ,  $0 \leq s \leq m_0 - 1$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq n_0 - 1$ , are identical and the upper bound holds if they are all distinct.

In the case of a finite sequence  $A$  of length  $n$ ,  $A$  may be denoted by

$$A = (a_0 a_1 \dots a_{n-1}) = (a_0 a_1 \dots a_{n-1}) = (a_i)$$

where  $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$ . For integers  $n_0$  and  $t$  with  $1 \leq n_0 \leq n$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq n_0 - 1$ , we also simplify  $A_{1 t}$  as  $A_t$  and  $[A_{m_0 \times n_0}]_{1 \times v}$  as  $[A_{n_0}]_v$ .

A  $c$ -ary span  $v$  de Bruijn sequence  $B = (b_i)$  is defined as a periodic sequence of length  $n = c^v$  with entries from  $\{0, 1, \dots, c - 1\}$  in which every distinct  $c$ -ary  $v$ -tuple occurs exactly once as a window  $B_t$  for some integer  $t$  with  $0 \leq t \leq c^v - 1$ . The well-known result on the existence of de Bruijn sequence is as follows.

**Result 1** ([1], [3] and [10]) *For any given  $c \geq 2$  and  $v \geq 1$ , there exists a  $c$ -ary span  $v$  de Bruijn sequence.*

Let  $c$ ,  $m$ ,  $n$ ,  $u$  and  $v$  be integers satisfying  $c \geq 2$ ,  $m \geq u \geq 1$ , and  $n \geq v \geq 1$ . A  $c$ -ary  $m \times n$  array  $A = (a_{i j})$  is called a  $c$ -ary  $(m, n; u, v)$  Perfect Map (or simply PM) if each possible  $c$ -ary  $u \times v$  array occurs exactly once as a  $u \times v$  window  $A_{s t}$  of  $A$  with  $0 \leq s \leq m - 1$  and  $0 \leq t \leq n - 1$ . As has been observed, a  $c$ -ary span  $v$  de Bruijn sequence is a  $c$ -ary  $(1, c^v; 1, v)$ PM.

Now we immediately have the following necessary conditions for the existence of PM.

**Result 2** ([7]) *If  $A$  is a  $c$ -ary  $(m, n; u, v)$ PM, then the parameters satisfy the following.*

- (i)  $m > u$  or  $m = u = 1$ ,
- (ii)  $n > v$  or  $n = v = 1$ , and
- (iii)  $mn = c^{uv}$ .

If the positive integers  $c, m, n, u$  and  $v$  satisfy the necessary conditions for the existence of a PM in Lemma 2, the set of ordered integers  $(c; m, n; u, v)$  is called an *admissible parameter set* for PM.

When the window of size is  $2 \times 2$ , the complete answer for the existence of PM is given by G.Hurlbert, C.J.Mitchell, and K.G.Paterson [5], as follows.

**Result 3** *The necessary conditions of Result 2 are sufficient for the existence of a  $c$ -ary  $(m, n; 2, 2)$  PM, i.e. for all  $m > 2$ ,  $n > 2$  and  $c$  with  $mn = c^4$ , there exists a  $c$ -ary  $(m, n; 2, 2)$  PM.*

We define an APM as follows. Let  $c$ ,  $m$ ,  $n$ ,  $u$  and  $v$  be integers satisfying  $c \geq 2$ ,  $m \geq u \geq 1$ , and  $n \geq v \geq 1$ . A  $c$ -ary  $m \times n$  array  $A = (a_{ij})$  is called a  $c$ -ary  $(m, n; u, v)$  *Aperiodic Perfect Map* (or simply APM) if each possible  $c$ -ary  $u \times v$  array occurs exactly once as a window  $A_{st}$  of  $A$  with  $0 \leq s \leq m - u$  and  $0 \leq t \leq n - v$ . We also define  $(c; m, n; u, v)$  as an admissible parameter set for APM if it satisfies the conditions given in the following lemma.

**Result 4** ([7]) *If  $A$  is a  $c$ -ary  $(m, n; u, v)$  APM, then the parameters satisfy the following.*

- (i)  $m \geq u$ ,
- (ii)  $n \geq v$  and
- (iii)  $(m - u + 1)(n - v + 1) = c^{uv}$ .

In 1995, C.Mitchell [7] proved the existence theorem of 2-ary(binary) APMs as follows.

**Result 5** *A 2-ary  $(m, n; u, v)$  APM exists for every admissible parameter set  $(c; m, n; u, v)$  for APM, i.e. the necessary condition for PM in Result 4 is sufficient when the alphabet size  $c$  is 2.*

Now we describe a construction of an APM from the simple extension of a PM. Note that the construction was suggested by S.Kanetkar and M.Wagh [6], and the notation follows C.Mitchell [7].

**Definition 6** *Suppose  $m, n, u, v$  are positive integers satisfying  $1 \leq u \leq m$  and  $1 \leq v \leq n$ . Suppose that  $A = (a_{ij})$  ( $0 \leq i \leq m - 1$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq n - 1$ ) is an  $m \times n$  array. Let  $E_{u,v}(A) = (b_{ij})$  ( $0 \leq i \leq m + u - 2$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq n + v - 2$ ) be the  $(m + u - 1) \times (n + v - 1)$  array defined by*

$$b_{ij} = a_{st}$$

where  $s \equiv i \pmod{m}$  and  $t \equiv j \pmod{n}$ .

Then we can state the following lemma which follows immediately from the definitions.

**Lemma 7** *If  $A$  is a  $c$ -ary  $(m, n; u, v)$  PM then  $E_{u,v}(A)$  is a  $c$ -ary  $(m + u - 1, n + v - 1; u, v)$  APM.*

Let  $A = (a_{ij})$  be a given  $c$ -ary  $(m, n; u, v)$ PM. Then we denote  $E_{u,v}(A) = (b_{ij})$  by  $\bar{A} = (\bar{a}_{ij})$  where  $b_{ij} = \bar{a}_{ij}$ , and  $\bar{A}$  is called the *closure* of a periodic perfect map  $A$ .

**Remark 8** Let  $A = (a_{ij})$  be a  $c$ -ary  $m \times n$  array. The transpose  $A^T$  of  $A$  is the  $c$ -ary  $n \times m$  array  $A^T = (a_{ij}^T)$  where  $a_{ij}^T = a_{ji}$ . If  $A$  is a PM (or an APM) then  $A^T$  is also a PM (or an APM, respectively). Hence, without loss of generality, we need only consider those  $c$ -ary  $(m, n, u, v)$ PM (or APM) with  $n \geq m$  and we restrict our definition of admissible parameter set for PM (or APM) to those with  $n \geq m$ .

**Remark 9** Note that a  $c$ -ary  $(m, n, u, v)$ APM arises, by Result 7, from a  $c$ -ary  $(m - u + 1, n - v + 1, u, v)$ PM. The latter must satisfy the conditions  $u = m - u + 1 = 1$  or  $m - u + 1 > u$ , and  $v = n - v + 1 = 1$  or  $n - v + 1 > v$  i.e. the parameters of the APM that arises satisfy  $m = u = 1$  or  $m \geq 2u$ , and  $n = v = 1$  or  $n \geq 2v$ .

## 2 Existence of APMs for $2 \times 2$ Windows

We give two constructions of APMs to show that they exist for all admissible parameter sets when the window size is  $2 \times 2$ , which means the necessary conditions in Result 4 are sufficient for the existence of an APM for those parameters. Note that the first construction is also given in [7] for the binary case.

Suppose that  $u = v = 2$  for the admissible parameter set  $(c; m, n; u, v)$  for APM. By the necessary condition for an APM in Result 4 (iii), we have

$$(m - 1)(n - 1) = c^4. \tag{1}$$

We break the problem into three cases for possible values of  $m$  when  $m = 2$ ,  $m = 3$  and  $m \geq 4$ . Recall that by Remark 8 we need only consider  $n \geq m$ .

Consider the case  $m \geq 4$ . Since  $n - 1 \geq m - 1 > 2 = u$ , Result 3, [7] implies that  $c$ -ary  $(m - 1, n - 1; 2, 2)$ PM always exists if  $(c; m - 1, n - 1; 2, 2)$  is an admissible set for PM. Hence, whenever  $m > 3$  and  $n > 3$ , this PM gives rise to its closure which is a  $c$ -ary  $(m, n; 2, 2)$ APM as described in Definition 6 (see Remark 9). In order to complete our analysis of the existence of APM, therefore, it is sufficient to consider the other two cases,  $m = 2$  and  $m = 3$ .

In the following two subsections, we deal with two general constructions which cover the cases  $m = 2$  and  $m = 3$ , respectively. From these results, we conclude that there exists an APM for  $2 \times 2$  windows if and only if the parameters form an admissible parameter set for APM. (i.e. the necessary conditions for APM (Result 4) are sufficient for the existence of  $c$ -ary  $(m, n; 2, 2)$ APM.

## 2.1 The existence of $c$ -ary $(m, n; 2, 2)$ APM when $m = 2$

Before we deal with the case  $m = 2$ , we consider a more general construction that implies the existence of  $c$ -ary  $(2, n; 2, 2)$ APM. The following construction is obtained directly from the existence of a  $c^u$ -ary span  $v$  de Bruijn sequence. Notice that for the binary case it was suggested by J.Burns and C.J.Mitchell [7]. From now on, we use the notation that  $\mathbb{N}_l = \{0, 1, \dots, l-1\}$  and  $\mathbb{N}_l^n = \mathbb{N}_l \times \mathbb{N}_l^{n-1}$  for given positive integers  $l$  and  $n$ .

### Construction 10 ( $c$ -ary $(u, n; u, v)$ APM)

Suppose that  $(c; m = u, n; u, v)$  is an admissible parameter set for APM (i.e.  $n - v + 1 = c^{uv}$  from Result 4). We construct a  $c$ -ary  $(u, n; u, v)$ APM. Let  $B = (b_k)$  be a  $c^u$ -ary span  $v$  de Bruijn sequence. Then, by Lemma 7,  $\bar{B} = (\bar{b}_j)$  (the closure of  $B$ ) is a  $c^u$ -ary  $(1, c^{uv} + v - 1; 1, v)$ APM where  $\bar{b}_j = b_k$  if  $k \equiv j \pmod{c^{uv}}$ . Since  $\bar{b}_j \in \mathbb{N}_{c^u}$ , each  $\bar{b}_j$  can be written as an integer representation in base  $c$ , i.e. let  $\bar{b}_j = \sum_{i=0}^{u-1} b_{i,j} c^i$  ( $0 \leq b_{i,j} \leq c-1$ ). Using the one-to-one correspondence  $\phi$  between  $\mathbb{N}_{c^u}$  and  $\mathbb{N}_c^u$ , we can write  $\bar{b}_j$  as a  $u$ -bit  $c$ -ary tuple  $(b_{0,j}, \dots, b_{u-1,j})$ , i.e.

$$\phi(\bar{b}_j) = \phi\left(\sum_{i=0}^{u-1} b_{i,j} c^i\right) = (b_{0,j} b_{1,j} \dots b_{u-1,j}) \in \mathbb{N}_c^u.$$

We define a  $u \times (c^{uv} + v - 1)$  array  $A = (a_{i,j})$  by  $a_{i,j} = b_{i,j}$  where  $0 \leq i \leq u-1, 0 \leq j \leq c^{uv} + v - 2$ , and  $\bar{b}_j = b_k$  with  $j = k \pmod{c^{uv}}$ , i.e.

$$A = \left( \phi(\bar{b}_0)^T \mid \phi(\bar{b}_1)^T \mid \dots \mid \phi(\bar{b}_{c^{uv}+v-3})^T \mid \phi(\bar{b}_{c^{uv}+v-2})^T \right)$$

where  $(\cdot \mid \cdot)$  denotes the concatenation of column vectors.

**Theorem 11** Let  $(c; m = u, n; u, v)$  be an admissible parameter for APM. Let  $B$  be a  $c^u$ -ary span  $v$  de Bruijn sequence. Then the  $u \times (c^{uv} + v - 1)$  array constructed from  $B$  by Construction 10 is a  $c$ -ary  $(u, n; u, v)$ APM.

**Proof.** Note that by Result 1 there always exists a  $c^u$ -ary span  $v$  de Bruijn sequence  $B = (b_k)$ . We prove that  $A = (a_{i,j})$  in Construction 10 is a  $c$ -ary  $(u, n; u, v)$ APM. Note that since we suppose  $m = u$  and  $n - v + 1 = c^{uv}$ , any  $u \times v$  window  $A_{s,t}$  in  $[A_{1 \times (n-v+1)}]_{u \times v}$  has  $s = 0$  and  $0 \leq t \leq c^{uv} - 1$ . Let  $A_{0,t} = (\alpha_{i,j})$  and  $A_{0,t'} = (\beta_{i,j})$  be any two  $u \times v$  windows in  $[A_{1 \times c^{uv}}]_{u \times v}$  where  $0 \leq t, t' \leq c^{uv} - 1$ . Suppose that  $A_{0,t} = A_{0,t'}$ . Then, for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, u-1, j = 0, 1, \dots, v-1$ , we have  $\alpha_{i,j} = a_{i,j+t} = a_{i,j+t'} = \beta_{i,j}$  so that  $b_{i,j+t} = b_{i,j+t'}$ .

The one-to-one correspondence  $\phi$  implies that  $\bar{b}_{j+t} = \bar{b}_{j+t'}$  for  $0 \leq j \leq v-1$ . Hence,  $B_t = B_{t'}$  in  $[B_{c^{uv}}]_v$ . From the definition of a de

Bruijn sequence, it follows that  $t = t'$ . Therefore, all windows  $A_{0,t}$  in  $[A_{1 \times (n-v+1)}]_{u \times v}$  are distinct so that  $|[A_{1 \times (n-v+1)}]_{u \times v}| = n - v + 1$ . Since  $n - v + 1 = c^{uv}$ , it follows that each  $c$ -ary  $u \times v$  array occurs exactly once in  $[A_{1 \times (n-v+1)}]_{u \times v}$  and so  $A$  is a  $c$ -ary  $(u, n; u, v)$ APM. ■

We have a simple example as follows.

**Example 12** For a given  $2^2$  - ary span 2 de Bruijn sequence

$$B = (0011223321031302),$$

Construction 10 gives rise to a 2-ary  $(2, 17, 2, 2)$ APM which is

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 00001111100101010 \\ 00110011010111000 \end{pmatrix}$$

where the  $j$ -th column is  $\phi(\bar{b}_j) = \begin{pmatrix} a_{0j} \\ a_{1j} \end{pmatrix}$  where  $\bar{b}_j = a_{0j} + 2a_{1j}$  with  $a_{0j}, a_{1j} \in \mathbb{N}_2$  is the  $j$ -th entry of  $\bar{B}$ .

Now we return to the main interest on the existence of APM for all  $2 \times 2$  window size when  $m = 2$ . From Construction 10 and Theorem 11, we obtain the following corollary which shows the existence of a  $c$ -ary  $(2, n; 2, 2)$ APM for arbitrary  $c$ .

**Corollary 13** For any given admissible parameter set  $(c; m = 2, n; u = 2, v = 2)$  for APM, there exists a  $c$ -ary  $(2, n; 2, 2)$ APM.

This establishes the case  $m = 2$  of APM for  $2 \times 2$  windows.

## 2.2 The existence of $c$ -ary $(m, n; 2, 2)$ APM when $m = 3$

Let  $(c; m = 2u - 1, n; u, v)$  be an admissible parameter set. We first deal with a new construction of  $c$ -ary  $(2u - 1, n; u, v)$ APM which covers the case  $m = 3$ .

**Construction 14** ( $c$ -ary  $(2u - 1, n; u, v)$ APM)

We construct an array with entries from  $\mathbb{N}_c$  where  $c \geq 2$ . Let  $(c; 2u - 1, n; u, v)$  be an admissible set of parameters for APM, i.e.  $n = c^{uv}/u + v - 1$ . Let  $B = (b_i)$  be a  $c$ -ary span  $uv$  de Bruijn sequence and let  $\bar{B} = (\bar{b}_k)$  be the closure of  $B$  which is a  $1 \times (c^{uv} + uv - 1)$  array. Define a  $(2u - 1) \times (\frac{c^{uv}}{u} + v - 1)$  array  $A = (a_{ij})$  by

$$a_{ij} = \bar{b}_{i+uj}$$

for  $0 \leq i \leq 2u - 2$  and  $0 \leq j \leq \frac{c^{uv}}{u} + v - 2$ . Thus,

$$A = (a_{i j}) = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{b}_0 & \bar{b}_u & \cdot & \cdot & \bar{b}_{c^{uv}+uv-2u} \\ \bar{b}_1 & \bar{b}_{u+1} & & & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & & \cdot \\ \bar{b}_{2u-2} & \bar{b}_{3u-2} & \cdot & \cdot & \bar{b}_{c^{uv}+uv-2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Note that  $\bar{b}_k = b_l$  for  $l \equiv k \pmod{c^{uv}}$ .

**Theorem 15** Let  $(c; m = 2u - 1, n; u, v)$  be an admissible parameter for APM. Let  $B$  be a  $c$ -ary span  $uv$  de Bruijn sequence. Then the  $u \times (c^{uv} + v - 1)$  array constructed from  $B$  by Construction 14 is a  $c$ -ary  $(2u - 1, \frac{c^{uv}}{u} + v - 1; u, v)$ APM.

**Proof.** Note that there always exists a  $c$ -ary span  $uv$  de Bruijn sequence  $B$ . Let  $A_{s t}$  and  $A_{s' t'}$  be  $u \times v$  windows for  $0 \leq s, s' \leq u - 1$  and  $0 \leq t, t' \leq c^{uv}/u - 1$ , and let  $A_{s t} = (\alpha_{i j})$  and  $A_{s' t'} = (\beta_{i j})$  where  $0 \leq i \leq u - 1$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq v - 1$ . Suppose that  $A_{s t} = A_{s' t'}$ . Then, for all  $0 \leq i \leq u - 1$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq v - 1$ , we have  $\alpha_{i j} = \beta_{i j}$  i.e.  $a_{s+i t+j} = a_{s'+i t'+j}$ , and hence  $\bar{b}_{(i+uj)+s+tu} = \bar{b}_{(i+uj)+s'+t'u}$ . This implies that  $\bar{b}_{s+tu+l} = \bar{b}_{s'+t'u+l}$  for all  $l$  with  $0 \leq l \leq uv - 1$ . This implies that  $B_{s+tu} = B_{s'+t'u}$ . Since  $0 \leq s, s' \leq u - 1$  and  $0 \leq t, t' \leq (c^{uv}/u) - 1$  so that  $0 \leq s+tu, s'+t'u \leq c^{uv} - 1$ , it follows from the definition of the given de Bruijn sequence that  $s + tu = s' + t'u$  and hence  $s = s'$  and  $t = t'$ . Therefore, we conclude that  $A_{s t}$  and  $A_{s' t'}$  are identical if and only if  $s = s'$  and  $t = t'$ , which implies that

$$u(c^{uv} + v - 1) = |[A_{(m-u+1) \times (n-v+1)}]| = \left| [A_{u \times (\frac{c^{uv}}{u})}] \right| = c^{uv}.$$

It follows that every  $c$ -ary  $u \times v$  array occurs exactly once as a window i.e.  $A$  is a  $c$ -ary  $(2u - 1, \frac{c^{uv}}{u} + v - 1; u, v)$ APM. ■

The following example is established directly from Construction 14.

**Example 16** ( $A$  2-ary  $(3, 9; 2, 2)$ APM)

This is the case  $u = v = 2$  in Construction 14. Then  $uv = 4$  and  $c^{uv} + uv - 1 = 19$ . We take  $\bar{B} = (\bar{b}_k)$  the closure of a 2-ary span  $4 (= uv)$  de Bruijn sequence  $B = (b_l)$  such as

$$\bar{B} = (b_0 b_1 \dots b_{15} b_0 b_1 b_2) = (0000111100101101000).$$

By Construction 14, we obtain the following 2-ary  $(3, 9; 2, 2)$ APM  $A = (a_{i j})$  where  $a_{i j} = \bar{b}_{i+2j}$ .

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



By Theorem 15, we have the following corollary concerning the existence for an APM when  $m = 3$  and  $u = 2, v = 2$ .

**Corollary 17** *For any given admissible parameter set  $(c; m = 3, n; u = 2, v = 2)$  for APM, there exists a  $c$ -ary  $(3, n; 2, 2)$ APM.*

**Proof.** Clearly,  $m = 3 = 2u - 1$  and the result follows by Theorem 15. ■

By Corollary 13, Corollary 17 and Result 3, therefore, the following result on the existence of APM for  $2 \times 2$  window size is immediate.

**Theorem 18** *For every admissible parameter set  $(c; m, n; 2, 2)$  for APM, there exists a  $c$ -ary  $(m, n; 2, 2)$ APM. (i.e. the necessary condition for APM (Result 4) is sufficient for the existence of a  $c$ -ary  $(m, n; 2, 2)$ APM)*

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