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## **Abstract**

Pseudorandom sequences have many applications in fields such as wireless communication and cryptography. Maximal length sequences (m-sequences) are the commonly employed pseudorandom sequences because they have ideal randomness properties like balance, run and autocorrelation. However, the linear complexity of m-sequences is poor. This thesis considers the use of one dimensional Cellular Automata (CA) to generate pseudorandom sequences that have high linear complexity and good random-ness. The properties of these sequences are compared with those of the corresponding m-sequences to determine their suitability.