A New Randomness Test Based on the Overlapping Blocks

Let $\{r_i\} = r_1, r_2, r_3, \ldots$ be a binary sequence and fix a pattern say $P = b_1 b_2 \cdots b_l$ of length l. The probability that the pattern P appears for the first time at a specific position k has been studied by various researchers by making use of different techniques. In this work we present a graph theoretical approach for the solution of the problem. In particular, we compute the probability values for l = 3 and l = 4 explicitly.

Depending on the computed values we define a statistical randomness test for binary sequences.