

Geometrical structures among known APN functions

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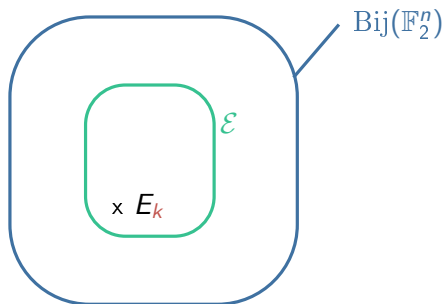
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A bit of context

Block cipher

A family of bijections $\mathcal{E} = (E_k)_{k \in K}$: $\forall k \in K, \quad E_k: \mathbb{F}_2^n \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{F}_2^n.$



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Kerckhoffs

- Publicly known bijections \mathcal{E}
- Only the choice of E_k by A and B is unknown

Block ciphers in practice

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Indistinguishability

$[E \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{E}]$ indistinguishable from $[F \xleftarrow{\$} \text{Bij}(\mathbb{F}_2^n)]$.

Major constraints

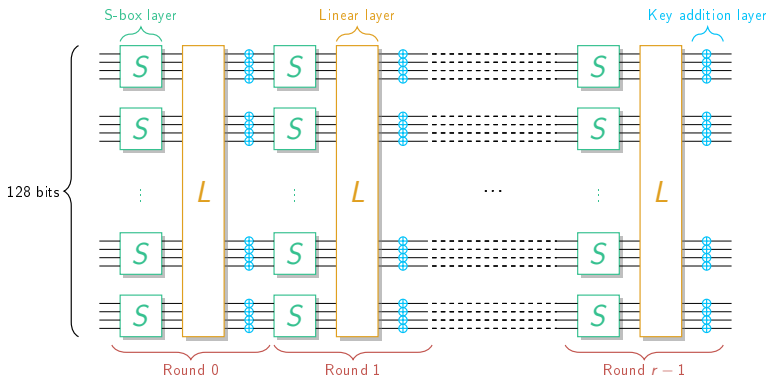
$$|K| = 2^{128}, n = 64, 128$$

- \mathcal{E} should be easily implemented,
- \mathcal{E} should be “easily” analyzed.

Substitution Permutation Network (SPN)

3-step round function

- Local non-linear layer, global linear layer, and key/constant addition
- Repeat r times



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How much differentially-resistant can an Sbox be?

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$$\vdots$$

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F APN. Then $\forall \alpha \neq 0, \quad |\{\beta, \delta_F(\alpha, \beta) > 0\}| = 2^{n-1}$.

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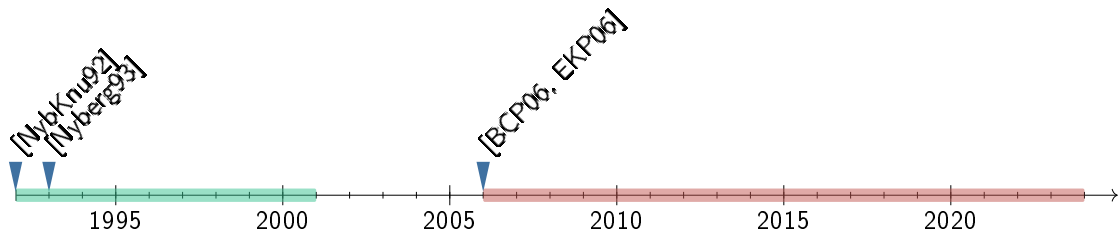
Invariants

$$F \sim_{\text{CCZ}} G \implies \Delta_F = \Delta_G.$$

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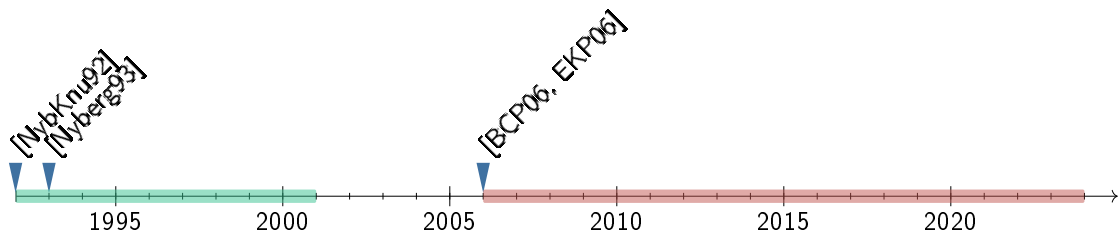
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- 2006: First APN functions CCZ-inequivalent to a power function. [BCP06, EKP06]
- 2007-2024 : $\simeq 20$ infinite families of quadratic APN functions.

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APN bijections

- Some are known for odd n (e.g. APN powers)
- None are known for even n ... **except one**.

Big APN problem: More APN bijections in **even** dimension ?

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F1-F2	$x^{2^s+1} + u^{2^k-1}x^{2^{s+k}+2^{m+k+s}}$	$n = pk, \gcd(k, 3) = \gcd(s, 3k) = 1, p \in \{3, 4\}, i = sk \pmod{p}, m = p - i, n \geq 12, u$ primitive in $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}^*$	[10]
F3	$sx^{q+1} + x^{2^i+1} + x^{q(2^i+1)} + cx^{2^i q+1} + c^q x^{2^i+q}$	$q = 2^m, n = 2m, \gcd(i, m) = 1, c \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}, s \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n} \setminus \mathbb{F}_q, X^{2^i+1} + cX^{2^i} + c^q X + 1$ has no solution x s.t. $x^{q+1} = 1$	[9]
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F10	$a^2 x^{2^{2m+1}+1} + b^2 x^{2^{2m+1}+1} + ax^{2^{2m}+2} + bx^{2^{2m}+2} + (c^2 + c)x^3$	$n = 3m, m$ odd, $L(x) = ax^{2^{2m}} + bx^{2^{2m}} + cx$ satisfies the conditions of Lemma 8 of [8]	[8]
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F12	$a\text{Tr}_n^n(bx^{2^l+1}) + a^q\text{Tr}_m^n(cx^{2^l+1})$	$n = 2m, m$ odd, $q = 2^m, a \notin \mathbb{F}_q, \gcd(i, n) = 1, i, s, b, c$ satisfy the conditions of Theorem 2	[37]
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Relationships between each others?

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F14	$(xy, x^{2^k+1} + \alpha y^{(2^k+1)2^l})$	$\gcd(k, m) = 1, m$ even, α not a cube	[38]
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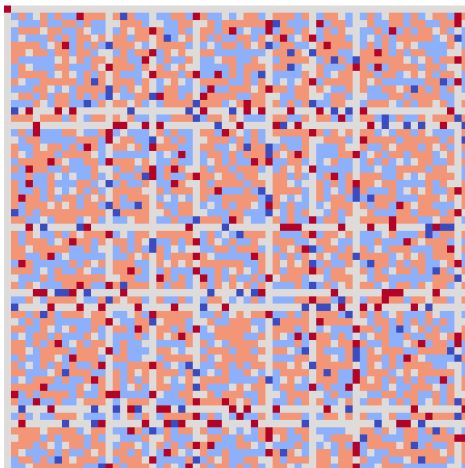
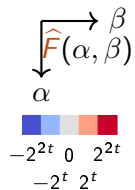
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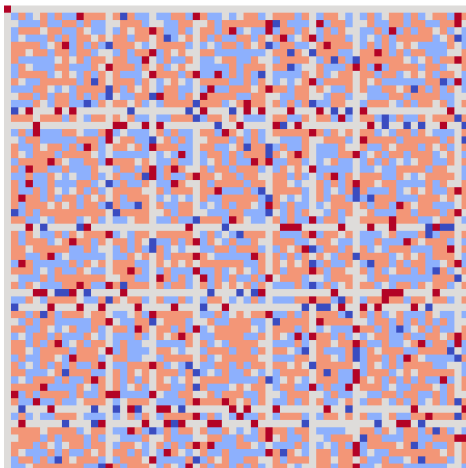
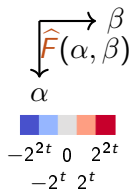
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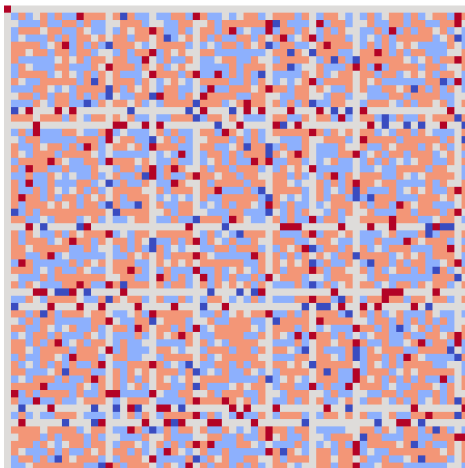
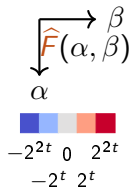
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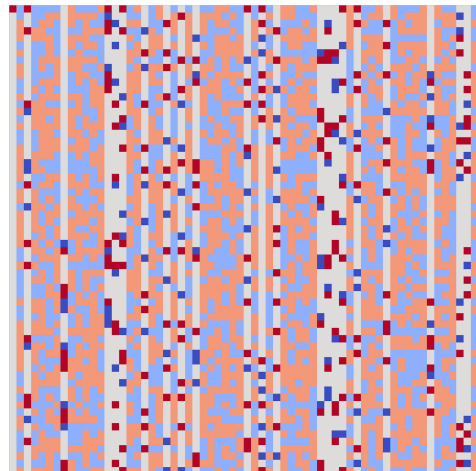
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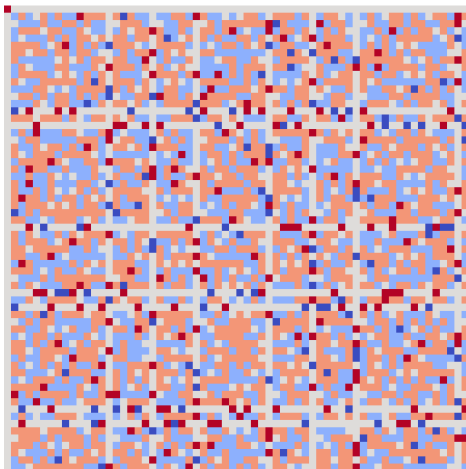
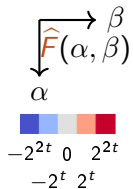
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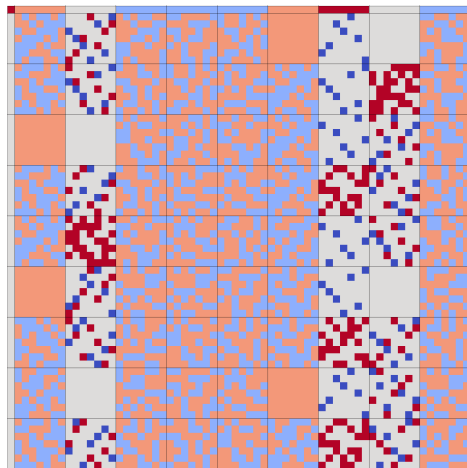
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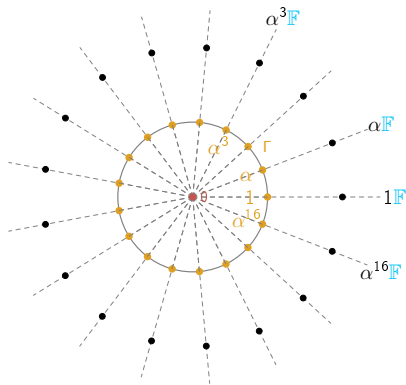
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Cosets of a subfield

Partition into cosets

- $\mathbb{F} \subset \mathbb{L}$ finite fields of characteristic 2.
- \mathbb{F}^* multiplicative subgroup of $\mathbb{L}^* \implies \mathbb{L}^* = \bigsqcup_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \gamma \mathbb{F}^*$

Any $\lambda \in \mathbb{L}^*$ can be uniquely written as $\lambda = \gamma \varphi$ with $\gamma \in \Gamma, \varphi \in \mathbb{F}^*$.



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- Also known as **Wan Lidl polynomials**
- Studies about **graphs** or **permutations**
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[WanLidl91]

[AkbWan07, BorPanWan23, Laigle-Chapuy07]

[ChenCoulter23, Gologlu23, BeiBriLea21]

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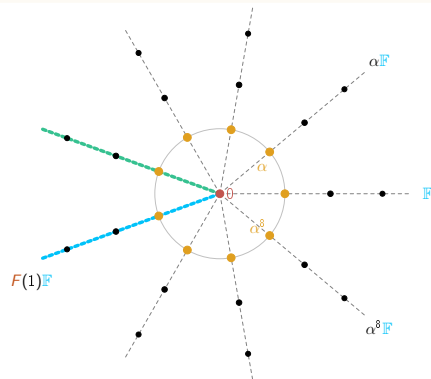
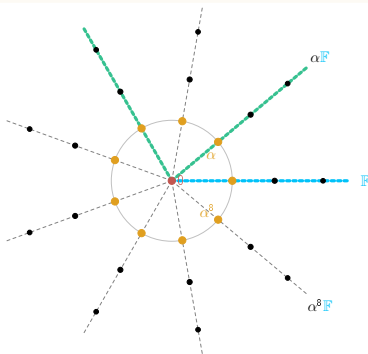
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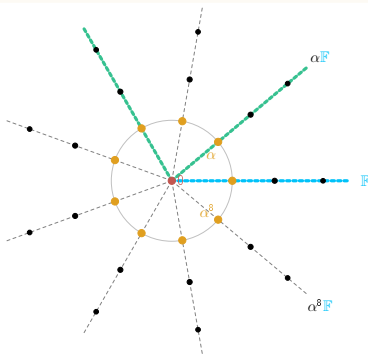
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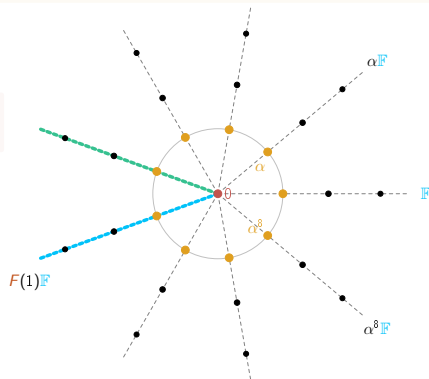
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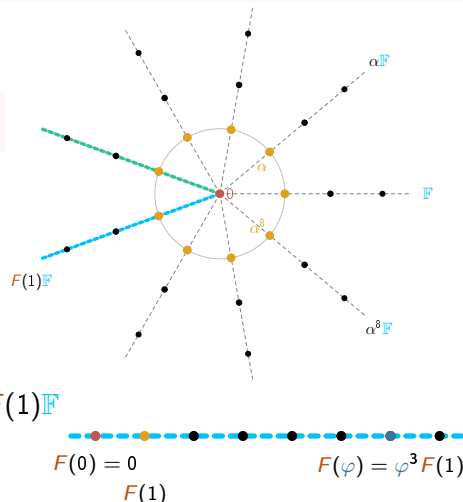
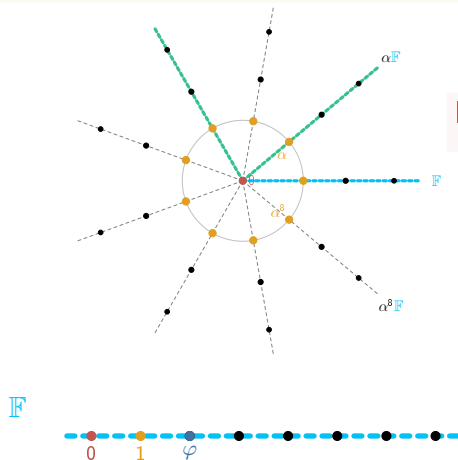
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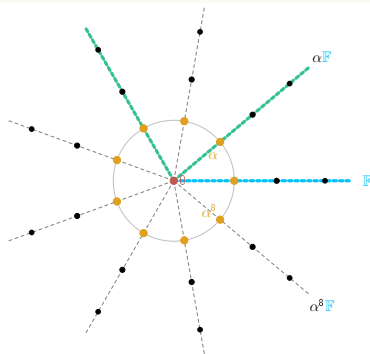


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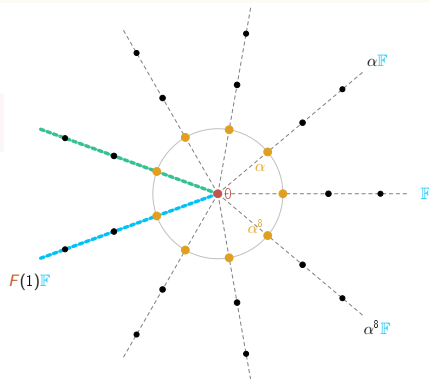


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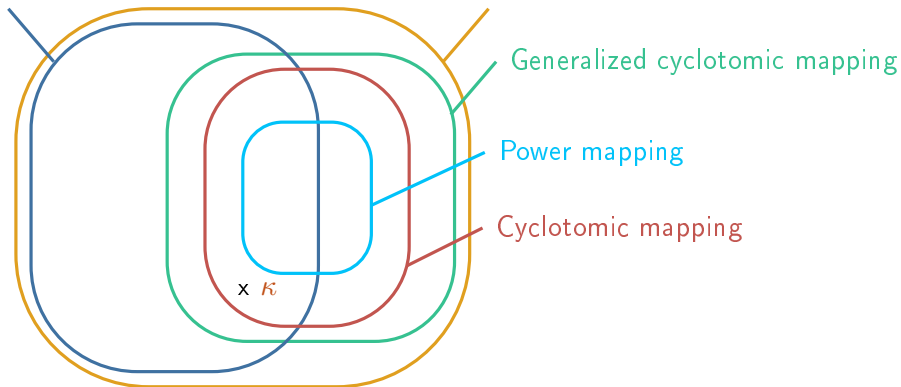
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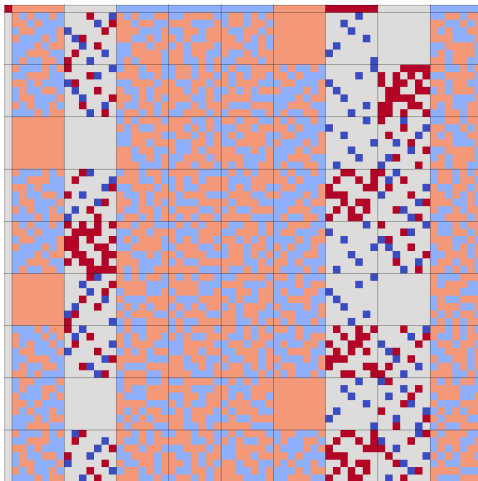
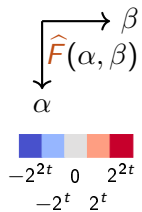
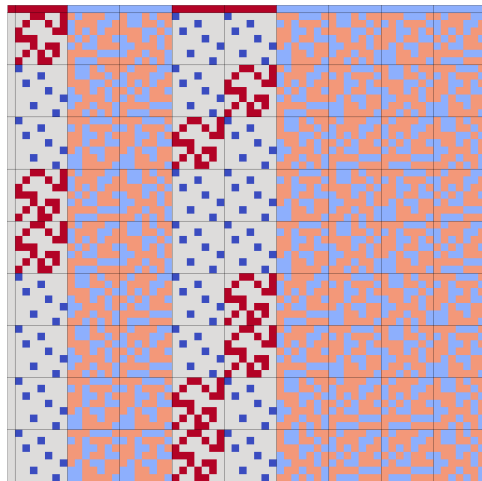
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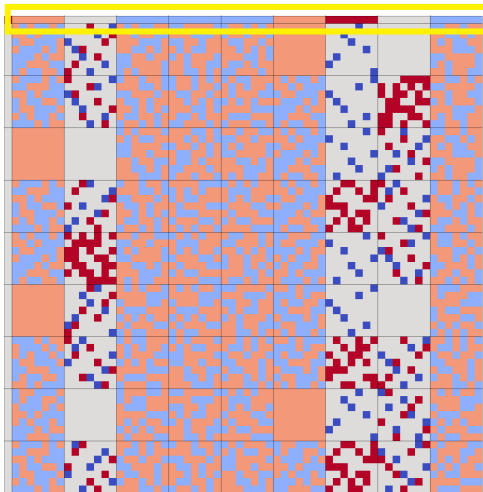
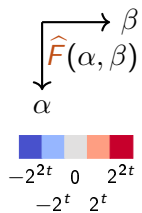
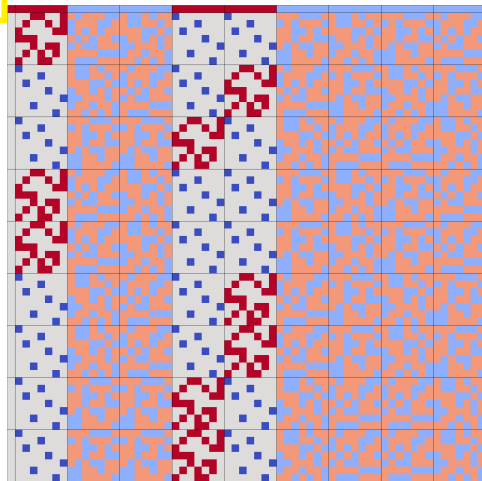
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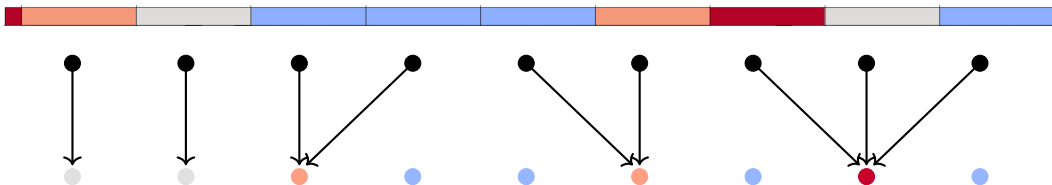
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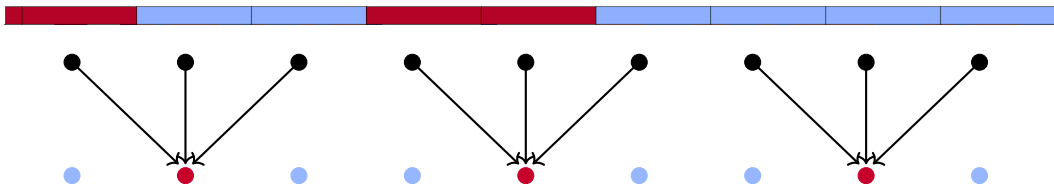
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One already-solved case

[Gologlu2023, ChaLis21]

F quadratic cyclotomic when $[\mathbb{L} : \mathbb{F}] = 2$.

- If $t \neq 3$: F APN $\iff F \sim_{\text{CCZ}}$ Gold power
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Cyclotomic mappings among the zoo of APN functions

 $F: \lambda \mapsto \sum_{i=0}^{2^n-1} a_i \lambda^i$ is cyclotomic of order d over \mathbb{G} iff $a_i \neq 0 \implies i \equiv d \pmod{|\mathbb{G}|}$

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F1- F2	$x^{2^q+1} + u^{2^k-1} x^{2^{i+k}+2^{m+k+s}}$	$n = pk, \gcd(k, 3) = \gcd(s, 3k) = 1, p \in \{3, 4\}, i = sk \pmod p, m = p - i, n \geq 12, u$ primitive in $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}^*$	[10]
F3	$sx^{q+1} + x^{2^q+1} + x^{q(2^q+1)} + cx^{2^q q+1} + c^q x^{2^q+q}$	$q = 2^m, n = 2m, \gcd(i, m) = 1, c \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}, s \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n} \setminus \mathbb{F}_q, X^{2^q+1} + cX^{2^q} + c^q X + 1$ has no solution x s.t. $x^{q+1} = 1$	[9]
F4	$x^3 + a^{-1} \text{Tr}_n(a^3 x^9)$	$a \neq 0$	[11]
F5	$x^3 + a^{-1} \text{Tr}_3^9(a^3 x^9 + a^6 x^{18})$	$3 n, a \neq 0$	[12]
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F7- F9	$ux^{2^q+1} + u^k x^{2^q-k+2^{k+s}} + vx^{2^q-k+1} + wu^{2^k+1} x^{2^q+2^k+s}$	$n = 3k, \gcd(k, 3) = \gcd(s, 3k) = 1, v, w \in \mathbb{F}_{2^k}, vw \neq 1, 3 (k+s), u$ primitive in $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}^*$	[7]
F10	$a^2 x^{2^{2m+1}+1} + b^2 x^{2^{2m+1}+1} + ax^{2^{2m}+2} + bx^{2^{2m}+2} + (c^2 + c)x^3$	$n = 3m, m$ odd, $L(x) = ax^{2^{2m}} + bx^{2^m} + cx$ satisfies the conditions of Lemma 8 of [8]	[8]
F11	$x^3 + a(x^{2^i+1})^{2^k} + bx^{3 \cdot 2^m} + c(x^{2^i+m+2^m})^{2^k}$	$n = 2m = 10, (a, b, c) = (\beta, 1, 0, 0), i = 3, k = 2, \beta$ primitive in \mathbb{F}_{2^2} $n = 2m, m$ odd, $3 \nmid m, (a, b, c) = (\beta, \beta^2, 1), \beta$ primitive in $\mathbb{F}_{2^2}, i \in \{m-2, m, 2m-1, (m-2)^{-1} \pmod n\}$	[13]
F12	$a \text{Tr}_m^n(bx^{2^i+1}) + a^q \text{Tr}_m^n(cx^{2^q+1})$	$n = 2m, m$ odd, $q = 2^m, a \notin \mathbb{F}_q, \gcd(i, n) = 1, i, s, b, c$ satisfy the conditions of Theorem 2	[37]
F13	$L(z)^{2^{m+1}} + vz^{2^{m+1}}$	$\gcd(s, m) = 1, v \in \mathbb{F}_{2^m}^*, \mu \in \mathbb{F}_{2^{3m}}^*, L(z) = z^{2^{m+s}} + \mu z^{2^s} + z$ permutes $\mathbb{F}_{2^{3m}}$	[30]

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F14	$(xy, x^{2^k+1} + \alpha y^{(2^k+1)2^i})$	$\gcd(k, m) = 1, m$ even, α not a cube	[38]
F15	$(xy, x^{2^{2m}+2^{2m}} + ax^{2^{2m}} y^{2^m} + by^{2^m+1})$	$x^{2^m+1} + ax + b$ has no root in \mathbb{F}_{2^m}	[34]
F16	$(xy, x^{2^i+1} + cy^{2^i+1}) + (cx^{2^i+1} + bx^{2^i} + 1)^{2^{m/2}+1} + x^{2^{m/2}+1}$	has no roots in \mathbb{F}_{2^m}	[15]
F17	$(x^{2^i+1} + y^{2^i+1}, x^{2^{2i}+1} + x^{2^{2i}} y + y^{2^{2i}+1})$	$\gcd(3i, m) = 1$	[26]
F18	$(x^{2^i+1} + y^{2^i+1}, x^{2^{3i}} y + xy^{2^{3i}})$	$\gcd(3i, m) = 1, m$ odd	[26]
F19	$(x^3 + xy^2 + y^3 + xy, x^5 + x^4 y + y^5 + xy + x^2 y^2)$	$\gcd(3, m) = 1$	[30]
F20	$(x^{q+1} + B y^{q+1}, x^r y + \frac{a}{B} x y^r)$	$0 < k < m, q = 2^k, r = 2^{k+m/2}, m \equiv 2 \pmod 4, \gcd(k, m) = 1, a \in \mathbb{F}_{2^{m/2}}^*, B \in \mathbb{F}_{2^m}, B$ not a cube, $B^{q+r} \neq a^{q+1}$	[27]
F21	$(x^{q+1} + \alpha y^{q+1}, x^{q^2+1} + \alpha x^{q^2} y + (1 + \alpha)^q x y^{q^2} + \alpha y^{q^2+1})$	$k, m > 0, \gcd(k, m) = 1, q = 2^k, \alpha \in \mathbb{F}_{2^m}, x^{q^2+1} + x + \alpha$ has no roots in \mathbb{F}_{2^m}	[16]
F22	$(x^3 + xy + xy^2 + \alpha x^3 y^2 + \alpha x^4 y + (1 + \alpha)^2 x y^4 + \alpha y^5)$	$\alpha \in \mathbb{F}_{2^m}, x^3 + x + \alpha$ has no roots in \mathbb{F}_{2^m}	[16]

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[LiKaleyski23]

Let $\gcd(m, 7) = 1$,

$$F(x, y, z) = (x^3 + x^2z + yz^2, x^2z + y^3, xy^2 + y^2z + z^3).$$

Conclusion

Cyclotomic mappings and APNness

- Natural generalization of monomials
- **WANTED** : more necessary conditions to be APN (in the quadratic case).

“Pen and paper” APN functions

- A lot of them are cyclotomic mappings \rightsquigarrow is the zoo **that broad after all** ?
- **PROBLEM** : geometrical structure **not** CCZ-invariant
- Some ideas to detect it. But can we prove it ?

Computer search

- Most of the APN functions found are **not** cyclotomic (at first sight)
- Cyclotomic (with more conditions) seems a good search heuristic !

Thanks ! 😊