Algebraic properties of symmetric ciphers and of their non-linear components

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Symmetric cryptography

Assumption

Common secret 🔍 shared beforehand.



Goal

Ensure confidentiality and/or authenticity and/or integrity

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Goal Ensure confidentiality



Constraints

- Secure
- Easily implemented
- Arbitrary-long messages

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Primitives

Definition (Primitive)

Low-level algorithm for very specific tasks

Example (Block cipher)

Encrypts fixed-size messages

 \rightsquigarrow A block cipher \mathcal{E} is a family of bijections $\mathcal{E} = \left(\mathcal{E}_{\mathbf{k}} \colon \mathbb{F}_{2}^{n} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{F}_{2}^{n} \right)_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{F}_{2}^{\kappa}}$.



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Modes of operation



Definition (Mode of operation)

High-level algorithm based on primitives to provide e.g. confidentiality

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Building a block cipher



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 $F_{k(i)} = T_{k(i)} \circ L \circ S$

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Indistinguishability



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Indistinguishability

Recap (Block cipher) A family of bijections $\mathcal{E} = \left(E_{\mathbf{k}} \colon \mathbb{F}_{2}^{n} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{F}_{2}^{n} \right)_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{F}_{2}^{\kappa}}$ Should be efficient and secure. $\operatorname{Bij}(\mathbb{F}_2^n)$ E × Ek

Definition (Indistinguishability)

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

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Contributions

Cryptanalysis

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Outline

I - Introduction

II - Differential cryptanalysis

III - Differential cryptanalysis of conjugate ciphers

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II - Differential cryptanalysis

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Differential distinguisher

[BihSha91]

 $\Delta^{\text{in}} \neq 0, \Delta^{\text{out}}$ s.t for many k, $E_k(x + \Delta^{\text{in}}) + E_k(x) = \Delta^{\text{out}}$ has many solutions x.

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 $F_{k^{(i)}} = F \circ T_{k^{(i)}}$ for $i \ge 0$.

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On average over all key sequences [LaiMasMur91] $\mathbb{E}\left[\Delta^{(0)} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{E}} \Delta^{(r)}\right] \ge \mathbb{E}\left[\Delta^{(0)} \xrightarrow{F} \Delta^{(1)} \to \cdots \xrightarrow{F} \Delta^{(R)}\right] = \prod_{i=0}^{R-1} \mathbb{P}\left[\Delta^{(i)} \xrightarrow{F} \Delta^{(i+1)}\right]$

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Resisting differential cryptanalysis



As a designer

Low differential uniformity:

$$\delta(S) = \max_{\Delta^{\text{in}} \neq 0, \Delta^{\text{out}}} \left| \left\{ x, S(x + \Delta^{\text{in}}) + S(x) = \Delta^{\text{out}} \right\} \right|$$

• Minimum number of active Sboxes determined by L

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[DaeRij00]

[Nyberg94]



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- $\delta(S) = 4.$
- Structured linear layer MC \circ SR: $\implies \mathbb{E}\left[\Delta^{(0)} \xrightarrow{F^{(0)}} \Delta^{(1)} \rightarrow \cdots \xrightarrow{F^{(3)}} \Delta^{(3)}\right] \leq 2^{-150}.$

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[BBISHAR15]

- 4 × 4 matrix of *nibbles* = 64-bit state
- $F_{k^{(i)}} = T_{k^{(i)}} \circ \mathsf{MC} \circ \mathsf{SC} \circ \mathcal{S}.$
- Repeat 16 times.
- $\delta(S) = 4.$

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$$\mathbb{E}\left[\Delta^{(0)} \xrightarrow{F^{(0)}} \Delta^{(1)} \to \cdots \xrightarrow{F^{(6)}} \Delta^{(7)}\right] \le 2^{-70}.$$

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Chosen plaintext access = freedom of study

- 1) Encrypt $H(x) \longrightarrow E_k \circ H(x)$
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Proof left as exercice. \Box

$$(\mathbf{G}^{-1} \circ \mathbf{G} = \mathrm{Id})$$

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Is it simpler to attack E_k^G than E_k ?

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Recap

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Corollary

• If G linear, $\delta(F) = \delta(F^{G})$ and $\mathcal{L}(F) = \mathcal{L}(F^{G})$

 \implies Fine-grained arguments are needed.

• If G non-linear?

- \implies Linear attack cf. [BeiCanLea18]
- ⇒ Differential attack cf. [BFLNPS23,BBFLNPS24]

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Non-linear change of variables (1/2)

$$F_{k^{(i)}} = T_{k^{(i)}} \circ \mathsf{MC} \circ \mathsf{SC} \circ \mathcal{S} \qquad \checkmark \qquad F_{k^{(i)}}^{\mathsf{G}} = T_{k^{(i)}}^{\mathsf{G}} \circ \mathsf{MC}^{\mathsf{G}} \circ \mathsf{SC}^{\mathsf{G}} \circ \mathcal{S}^{\mathsf{G}}$$

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Recap

 T_k^G with linear structures $\longrightarrow G$ should be sparse

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Our explored space

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g quadratic $\implies T_k^G$ linear \implies constant derivatives $D_{\Delta} T_k^G$

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The case of Midori

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Linear layer

$$M = \left(\begin{array}{cccc} 0 & \mathrm{Id} & \mathrm{Id} & \mathrm{Id} \\ \mathrm{Id} & 0 & \mathrm{Id} & \mathrm{Id} \\ \mathrm{Id} & \mathrm{Id} & 0 & \mathrm{Id} \\ \mathrm{Id} & \mathrm{Id} & \mathrm{Id} & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

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Probability-1 distinguisher for infinitely many rounds \star

$$\mathbb{P}\left[\nabla \xrightarrow{\mathcal{S}^{\mathsf{G}}} \nabla \xrightarrow{(\mathsf{MC} \circ \mathsf{SC})^{\mathsf{G}}} \nabla \xrightarrow{\mathcal{T}^{\mathsf{G}}_{k(0)}} \nabla \xrightarrow{\mathcal{S}^{\mathsf{G}}} \nabla \xrightarrow{(\mathsf{MC} \circ \mathsf{SC})^{\mathsf{G}}} \nabla \xrightarrow{\mathcal{T}^{\mathsf{G}}_{k(1)}} \nabla \xrightarrow{\mathcal{S}^{\mathsf{G}}} \nabla \xrightarrow{(\mathsf{MC} \circ \mathsf{SC})^{\mathsf{G}}} \nabla \xrightarrow{\mathcal{T}^{\mathsf{G}}_{k(0)}} \cdots\right] = 1$$

* If the two round keys are weak. $\frac{|W(\nabla)|}{2^{64}} = 2^{-16} \implies 2^{96}$ weak-keys for variants of Midori

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$$\iff \quad \mathbf{G} \circ F \circ \mathbf{G}^{-1} \circ \mathbf{T}_{\Delta^{\mathrm{in}}} = \mathbf{T}_{\Delta^{\mathrm{out}}} \circ \mathbf{G} \circ F \circ \mathbf{G}^{-1}$$

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$$\iff \begin{array}{c} \mathsf{G} \circ F \circ \mathsf{G}^{-1} \circ \mathsf{T}_{\Delta^{\mathrm{in}}} = \mathsf{T}_{\Delta^{\mathrm{out}}} \circ \mathsf{G} \circ F \circ \mathsf{G}^{-1} \\ \Leftrightarrow F \circ \underbrace{(\mathsf{G}^{-1} \circ \mathsf{T}_{\Delta^{\mathrm{in}}} \circ \mathsf{G})}_{A} = \underbrace{(\mathsf{G}^{-1} \circ \mathsf{T}_{\Delta^{\mathrm{out}}} \circ \mathsf{G})}_{B} \circ F \end{array}$$

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Equivalent points of view

• "Commutation" $F \circ A = B \circ F$

[BFLNPS23]

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The case of Midori

- $A = B \implies$ "commutation" makes sense
- A and B are affine \implies Self-equivalence makes sense

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Linear self-equivalences of APN functions



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Alternative group law for key addition layer

Bounds on the dimension of $W(\Delta)$. [CivBloSal19]

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Take away

Theorem (Relationships between cryptanalysis techniques)

Commutative \supset Affine commutative \approx Differential for conjugates = Differential w.r.t $(\mathbb{F}_2^n,\diamond)$

Sum up

- Conjugates of ciphers do play a role in cryptanalysis
- **A** $B \circ S \circ A = S$ with sparse linear layer and sparse key-schedule

Open questions

- Efficient ways of finding "good' G?
- Probabilistic cryptanalysis
- Associated security criteria ?



IV - Self-linear equivalences among known infinite APN families

Almost perfect non-linear (APN) functions

 $F(x + \Delta^{\text{in}}) + F(x) = \Delta^{\text{out}}$

APN function

[NybKnu92]

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Even harder with more constraints

1) $F: \mathbb{F}_2^n \to \mathbb{F}_2^n$, *n* even, *F* APN & bijective ?

- [Big APN problem, BDMW10]
- 2) *F* equivalent to neither a power function nor a quadratic function ?

For both, a single example is known (for now ?)

[BDMW10] & [BriLea08,EdePot09]

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Tool #1: Equivalence relations

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Recap (Affine equivalence)

 $F_1 \sim_{\text{aff}} F_2$ if $\exists A, B$, bijective affine s.t. $A \circ F_1 \circ B = F_2$.

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Freedom of representation

 $F: \mathbb{F}_{2^n} \to \mathbb{F}_{2^n} \simeq F: \mathbb{F}_2^n \to \mathbb{F}_2^n \simeq F: (\mathbb{F}_{2^k})^{\ell} \to (\mathbb{F}_{2^k})^{\ell}, n = \ell k$

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	Multivariate									
Univariate	$\left \begin{array}{c} (x,y) \mapsto \left(\begin{array}{c} x^{2^{s}+1} + ay^{(2^{s}+1)2^{i}} \\ xy \end{array} \right) \right.$									
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$ax^{2^{s}+1} + a^{2^{k}}x^{2^{2k}+2^{k+s}} + bx^{2^{2k}+1} + ca^{2^{k}+1}x^{2^{s}+2^{k+s}}$	$(x, y) \xrightarrow{r} \left(x^{2^{s+k/2}} y + \frac{a}{b} x y^{2^{s+k/2}} \right)$									
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$x^{3} + ax^{2^{s+i}+2^{i}} + a^{2}x^{2^{k+1}+2^{k}} + x^{2^{s+i+k}+2^{i+k}}$	$(x, y, z) = \begin{pmatrix} x^{2^{s}+1} + x^{2^{s}}z + yz^{2^{s}} \\ x^{2^{s}}z + x^{2^{s}+1} \end{pmatrix}$									
$a\mathrm{Tr}_{\mathbb{F}_{2^n}/\mathbb{F}_{2^k}}(b x^{2^i+1}) + a^{2^k}\mathrm{Tr}_{\mathbb{F}_{2^n}/\mathbb{F}_{2^k}}(c x^{2^s+1})$	$(x, y, z) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} x^{-z} + y^{-z} \\ xy^{2s} + y^{2s} z + z^{2s+1} \end{pmatrix}$									
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First examples of APN functions

 $n = 12 = 3 \times 4 = 2 \times 6$

Power function

[Gold68, Nyberg94]

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• F behaves as $x\mapsto x^3$ on each coset $\gamma\mathbb{F}_{2^4}$

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One of the first bivariate functions

$$\mathit{F} \colon \mathbb{F}^2_{64} \to \mathbb{F}^2_{64}, (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \mapsto (\mathbf{x}\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}^3 + \mathbf{a}\mathbf{y}^3)$$

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Linear self-equivalences of APN functions

[ZhoPot13]

Linear self-equivalence

Power mapping

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Cyclotomic mapping w.r.t a subfield

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[Wang07]

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Cyclotomic mapping w.r.t a subfield

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ℓ -projective mapping

[BCP24,Göloğlu22]

$$F: \mathbb{F}_{2^k}^\ell \to \mathbb{F}_{2^k}^\ell (v_1, \ldots, v_\ell) \mapsto (F_1(v), \ldots, F_\ell(v)),$$

 $\forall i, F_i \text{ is homogeneous of order } e_i.$ $A \circ \widetilde{F} \circ B = \widetilde{F} \text{ with } B(v) = (\lambda v_1, \dots, \lambda v_\ell), \quad A(v) = (\lambda^{-e_1} v_1, \dots, \lambda^{-e_\ell} v_\ell)$

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[Wang07]

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$x^{2^{s}+1}+ax^{2^{(4-i)k+s}+2^{ik}}$		
$ax^{2^{k}+1} + x^{2^{s}+1} + x^{2^{s+k}+2^{k}} + bx^{2^{k+s}+1} + b^{2^{k}}x^{2^{s}+2^{k}}$		
$x^3 + a^{-1} \mathrm{Tr}_{\mathbb{F}_{2^n}/\mathbb{F}_2}(a^3 x^9)$		
$x^3 + a^{-1} \mathrm{Tr}_{\mathbb{F}_{2^n}/\mathbb{F}_{2^3}}(a^3 x^9 + a^6 x^{18})$		
$x^3 + a^{-1} \mathrm{Tr}_{\mathbb{F}_{2^n}/\mathbb{F}_{2^3}}(a^6 x^{18} + a^{12} x^{36})$		
$ax^{2^{s}+1} + a^{2^{k}}x^{2^{2k}+2^{k+s}} + bx^{2^{2k}+1} + ca^{2^{k}+1}x^{2^{s}+2^{k+s}}$		
$a^{2}x^{2^{2^{k+1}}+1} + b^{2}x^{2^{k+1}+1} + ax^{2^{2^{k}}+2} + bx^{2^{k}+2} + dx^{3}$		
$x^{3} + ax^{2^{s+i}+2^{i}} + a^{2}x^{2^{k+1}+2^{k}} + x^{2^{s+i+k}+2^{i+k}}$		
$\mathbf{a}\mathrm{Tr}_{\mathbb{F}_{2^n}/\mathbb{F}_{2^k}}(\mathbf{b}\mathbf{x}^{2^i+1}) + \mathbf{a}^{2^k}\mathrm{Tr}_{\mathbb{F}_{2^n}/\mathbb{F}_{2^k}}(\mathbf{c}\mathbf{x}^{2^s+1})$		
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$(x,y)\mapsto \left(egin{array}{c} x^{2^{s}+1}+xy^{2^{s}}+y^{2^{s}+1}\ x^{2^{2s}+1}+x^{2^{2s}}y+y^{2^{2s}+1}\end{array} ight)$	biprojective
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$(x,y) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} x^{2^{s}+1} + by^{2^{s}+1} \\ x^{2^{s+k/2}}y + \frac{a}{b}xy^{2^{s+k/2}} \end{pmatrix}$	biprojective
$(x,y) \mapsto \left(\begin{array}{c} x^{2^{s+1}} + xy^{2^{s}} + ay^{2^{s+1}} \\ x^{2^{2s}+1} + ax^{2^{2s}}y + (1+a)^{2^{s}}xy^{2^{2s}} + ay^{2^{2s}+1} \end{array}\right)$	biprojective
$(x, y, z) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} x^{2^{s}+1} + x^{2^{s}}z + yz^{2^{s}} \\ x^{2^{s}}z + y^{2^{s}+1} \\ xy^{2^{s}} + y^{2^{s}}z + z^{2^{s}+1} \end{pmatrix}$	3-projective $\sim_{ m lin}$ cyclotomic
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Open questions

Link between self-equivalence and APN-ness

[BeiBriLea21, Conjecture 1]

- Cyclotomic mappings outside the known classes? (from non-quadratic APN monomial)
- Projective mappings outside the known classes? (with more coordinates)

Conclusion: alternative representations in symmetric cryptography

$$E_{k} = F_{k^{(R-1)}} \circ \ldots \circ F_{k^{(1)}} \circ F_{k^{(0)}} \quad \iff \quad E_{k}^{G} = F_{k^{(R-1)}}^{G} \circ \ldots \circ F_{k^{(1)}}^{G} \circ F_{k^{(0)}}^{G}$$

In cryptanalysis

- New vector of attacks
- New security criteria are needed

$$F = A \circ F \circ B \iff F^G = A^G \circ F^G \circ B^G$$

In design

- Better understanding of optimal objects
- New directions to find new instances?

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The permutation



...studied algebraically

 $y_0 = x_4 x_1 + x_3 + x_2 x_1 + x_2 + x_1 x_0 + x_1 + x_0$ $y_1 = x_4 + x_3 x_2 + x_3 x_1 + x_3 + x_2 x_1 + x_2 + x_1 + x_0$ $y_2 = x_4 x_3 + x_4 + x_2 + x_1 + 1$ $y_3 = x_4 x_0 + x_4 + x_3 x_0 + x_3 + x_2 + x_1 + x_0$ $y_4 = x_4 x_1 + x_4 + x_3 + x_1 x_0 + x_1$

Algebraic Normal Form (ANF) of the S-box

 $X_0 = X_0 \oplus (X_0 \gg 19) \oplus (X_0 \gg 28)$ $X_1 = X_1 \oplus (X_1 \gg 61) \oplus (X_1 \gg 39)$ $X_2 = X_2 \oplus (X_2 \gg 1) \oplus (X_2 \gg 6)$ $X_3 = X_3 \oplus (X_3 \gg 10) \oplus (X_3 \gg 17)$ $X_4 = X_4 \oplus (X_4 \gg 7) \oplus (X_4 \gg 41)$

ANF of the linear layer *p*

The nonce-misuse scenario

Simplified setting of Ascon-128



- Many reuse of the same (k, N) pair.
- State recovery = compromised confidentiality without interaction.
- No trivial key-recovery nor forgery in that case.
- Different from the generic attack [ACNS:VauViz18].

Conditional cube

- We look for α_u with a simple divisor: β_0 .
- α_u mostly unknown, but we still get: $\alpha_u = 1 \implies \beta_0 = 1$.
- If β_0 is linear, we get a linear system.



1st round

$$\begin{array}{c} \hline v_{0} \\ a_{0} \\ b_{0} \\ c_{0} \\ d_{0} \\ \end{array} \rightarrow \overbrace{S_{1}}^{(a_{0}+1)v_{0}+\cdots} \\ \hline \hline (c_{0}+d_{0}+1)v_{0}+\cdots} \\ \hline (c_{0}+d_{0}+1)v_{0}+\cdots} \\ \hline a_{0}v_{0}+\cdots \\ \hline \end{array} \rightarrow \overbrace{S_{1}}^{(a_{0}+1)v_{0}+\cdots} \\ \hline (c_{0}+d_{0}+1)v_{0}+\cdots} \\ \hline (c_{0}+d_{0}+1)v_{0}+\cdots \\ \hline (c_{0}+d_{0}+1)v_{0}+\cdots} \\ \hline \end{array} \rightarrow \overbrace{S_{1}}^{(a_{0}+1)v_{0}+\cdots} \\ \hline (c_{0}+d_{0}+1)v_{0}+\cdots} \\ \hline (c_{0}+d_{0}+1)v_{0}+\cdots \\ \hline (c_{0}+d_{0}+1)v_{0}+\cdots} \\ \hline \end{array} \rightarrow \overbrace{S_{1}}^{(a_{0}+1)v_{0}+\cdots} \\ \hline (c_{0}+d_{0}+1)v_{0}+\cdots} \\ \hline \end{array} \rightarrow \overbrace{S_{1}}^{(a_{0}+1)v_{0}+\cdots} \\ \hline$$

1st round



2nd round

- For any $v_0 v_i$, $i \neq 0$: $\beta_0 P + 1Q + \gamma_0 R + (\beta_0 + 1)S$.
- But for some *i*: $\beta_0 P$ or $\gamma_0 R$.

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- In practice, reciprocal also true! $[\alpha_{u, j} = 0, \forall j] \implies \beta_0 = 0 \text{ and } \gamma_0 = 0$





Midori

$$\Delta_i := x_i \oplus z_i = x_i \oplus \mathcal{A}^{\star}(x_i)$$

Surprising differential interpretation $\delta = 0xf, \quad \delta' = 0xa.$ $\forall \Delta \in \{\delta, \delta'\}^{16}, \mathbb{P}_{x \xleftarrow{5} X}(x + \mathcal{A}^{*}(x) = \Delta) = 2^{-16} \iff (x, x + \Delta) = (x, \mathcal{A}^{*}(x)) \text{ with proba } 2^{-16}$ $\Delta \xrightarrow{2^{-16}} \mathcal{A}^{*} \xrightarrow{1} \cdots \xrightarrow{1} \mathcal{A}^{*} \xrightarrow{2^{-16}} \Delta$

Midori

Recap

If k is weak:

 $- \mathbb{P}_{x \xleftarrow{} X} (\Delta \to \Delta') = 2^{-32} \text{ for any } \Delta, \Delta' \in \{\delta, \delta'\}^{16}.$

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$$\mathbb{P}_{x \xleftarrow{\$} X} \left(\Delta \to \{\delta, \delta'\}^{16} \right) = 2^{-16}$$
 for any $\Delta \in \{\delta, \delta'\}^{16}$

- For any number of rounds, activate all S-boxes.





Midori



Walsh spectrum of cyclotomic mappings



Streebog

$$\begin{split} & \blacksquare \ \pi|_{\mathbb{L}\backslash\mathbb{F}} \colon \ \gamma\varphi \mapsto G(\gamma) + F(\varphi) & \sqcap, \mathcal{O}, \text{ sys. of reps.} \qquad \lambda \in \mathbb{L}, \gamma \in \Gamma, \varphi \in \mathbb{F} \\ & \text{Generalizing } \pi \\ & [\mathbb{L} : \mathbb{F}] = 2 & |\mathbb{L}^*| = 2^{2t} - 1 = (2^t - 1)(2^t + 1) & |\Gamma| = 2^t + 1, \quad |\mathcal{O}| = |\mathbb{F}| = 2^t. \\ & \Pi|_{\mathbb{L}\backslash\mathbb{F}} \colon \ \gamma\varphi \mapsto G(\gamma) + F(\varphi) \\ & \text{where } G \colon \Gamma \setminus \mathbb{F} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{O}, \quad F \colon \mathbb{F} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbb{F}, \text{ with } F(0) = 0 \text{ and } \Pi(\mathbb{F}) = \mathcal{O}. \end{split}$$

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$$\begin{split} & \text{Walsh coefficients of } \Pi \\ & \widehat{\Pi}_{\beta}(\alpha) \coloneqq \sum_{\lambda \in \mathbb{L}} (-1)^{\mathrm{Tr}_{\mathbb{L}/\mathbb{F}_2}(\alpha\lambda + \beta\Pi(\lambda))} & H \colon \mathbb{F} \to \mathbb{F}, \ x \mapsto \mathrm{Tr}_{\mathbb{L}/\mathbb{F}}(\gamma_{\beta}\Pi(x)) \\ & \widehat{\Pi}_{\beta}(\alpha) \coloneqq \widehat{H}_{\varphi\beta}(\mathrm{Tr}_{\mathbb{L}/\mathbb{F}}(\alpha)) - \widehat{H}_{\varphi\beta}(0) & + \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma \setminus \mathbb{F}} (-1)^{\mathrm{Tr}_{\mathbb{L}/\mathbb{F}}(\beta G(\gamma))} \widehat{F}_{\mathrm{Tr}_{\mathbb{L}/\mathbb{F}}(\beta)}(\mathrm{Tr}_{\mathbb{L}/\mathbb{F}}(\alpha\gamma)) \end{split}$$

Appendix

ID	Functions	Obs.	Ref.
(CLV22b)	$(x,y) \mapsto \left(\begin{array}{c} x^3 + xy + xy^2 + ay^3 \\ x^5 + xy + ax^2y^2 + ax^4y + (1+a)^2xy^4 + ay^5 \end{array}\right)$?	[CLV22]
(LZLQ22b)	$(x,y)\mapsto \left(egin{array}{c} x^3+xy^2+y^3+xy\ x^5+x^4y+y^5+xy+x^2y^2 \end{array} ight)$?	[Li+22]
(LZLQ22a)	$L(x)^{2^k+1} + bx^{2^k+1}$?	[Li+22]

Table 6.4: Remaining infinite families to classify.

ID	GCD for Walsh	GCDs for Walsh and differential	Number of
	spectrum of F	spectra of the ortho-derivative π_F	mappings
BL-1	340	(1, 3)	8667
BL-2	2	(1, 3)	3206
BL-3	340	(1, 6)	403
BL-4	4	(1, 3)	311
BL-5	340	(1, 1)	204
BL-6	2	(1, 1)	45
BL-7	340	(1, 12)	26
BL-8	4	(1, 6)	11
BL-9	4	(1, 1)	11
BL-10	340	(1, 15)	10
BL-11	340	(1, 2)	7
BL-12	1	(1, 3)	4
BL-13	340	(1, 24)	3
BL-14	2	(1, 15)	3
BL-15	2	(1, 6)	3
BL-16	340	(1, 5)	2
BL-17	340	(1, 30)	2
BL-18	340	(5, 15)	2

QAM-1	340	(1, 1)	12201
QAM-2	2	$(1,\ 1)$	796
QAM-3	340	(1, 2)	359
QAM-4	340	(1, 3)	160
QAM-5	340	(1, 4)	17
QAM-6	2	(1, 3)	14
QAM-7	4	$(1, \ 1)$	14
QAM-8	340	(1, 6)	8
QAM-9	340	(1, 5)	8
QAM-10	340	$(1,\ 12)$	3
QAM-11	4	(1, 3)	2
QAM-12	340	(1, 10)	2
QAM-13	340	(85, 510)	1
QAM-14	340	$(85, \ 1020)$	1
QAM-15	340	$(5, \ 60)$	1
QAM-16	340	$(2,\ 2)$	1
QAM-17	340	(1, 24)	1
QAM-18	340	(1, 8)	1
QAM-19	2	(1, 2)	1
Brinckmann-Leander-Edel-Pott APN cubic

- 7 non-trivial automorphisms
- Elementary divisors for \mathcal{L} : (X + 1) multiplicity 2, $(X + 1)^2$ multiplicity 5
- If $\mathcal{L} \sim \operatorname{diag}(A, B)$ then $(X + 1)^2$ is among the elementary divisors of $A \implies \min(A) = (X + 1)^2$ not irreducible.
- Cannot be cyclotomic mappings nor $\ell\text{-projective}$ mappings.





Figure 7.3: A high level view of Transistor.