

# Constructions of Complete Permutation Polynomials

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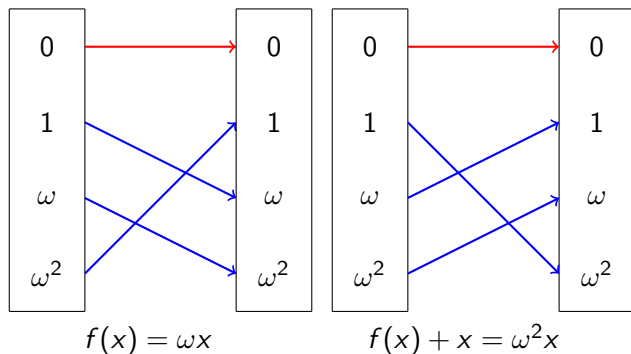
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- $\mathbb{F}_q$  is the finite field with  $q$  elements where  $q$  is a prime power.
- A polynomial  $f(x)$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  is called a *permutation polynomial (PP)* if the induced polynomial function  $f: c \mapsto f(c)$  from  $\mathbb{F}_q$  to itself permutes  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .
- A polynomial  $f(x)$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  is called a *complete permutation polynomial (CPP)* if both  $f(x)$  and  $f(x) + x$  are permutations of  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .

## Example for PP and CPP



- $f(x)$  is a linear CPP of  $\mathbb{F}_{2^2}$ .

# A brief history of CPPs

- CPPs of groups were introduced by Mann [Ann. Math. Stat. 1942];
- A detailed study of CPPs of finite fields was initially carried out by Niederreiter and Robinson [J. Aust. Math. Soc. A, 1982];
- The reduced degree of complete mapping of finite fields with even characteristic was studied by Wan [J. Aust. Math. Soc. A, 1986];

## A brief history of CPPs

- Mullen and Niederreiter proved that a Dickson polynomial can be a complete mapping only in some special cases [Cana. Math. Bull. 1987];
- CPPs over  $\mathbb{F}_{16}$  were given in [Yuan-Tong-Zhang, LNCS, 2007];
- Monomial CPPs of type  $ax^{\frac{q-1}{k}+1}$  were investigated in [Laigle-Chapuy, FFA, 2007; Sarkar-Bhattacharya-Cesmelioglu, LNCS, 2012];

## A brief history of CPPs

- By using the technique of polar coordinate representation, monomial CPPs and trinomial CPPs of  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$  were given in [Tu-Zeng-Hu, FFA, 2014];
- The constructions and proof methods of the above paper triggered a series of investigations on sparse CPPs [Wu-Li-Helleseth-Zhang, FFA, 2014; Xu-Cao, FFA, 2015; Wu-Lin, Discret. Appl. Math. 2015; Bartolia-Giulietti-Zinib, FFA, 2016...];
- CPPs were generated by recursive methods in [Muratovic-Pasalic, FFA, 2014; Zha-Hu-Cao, FFA, 2015]  
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# The applications of CPPs in cryptography

CPPs have been widely used in cryptography. For examples:

- in the design of **nonlinear dynamic substitution device** [Mittenthal, Adv.Appl.Math. 1995];
- in the design of **Hash functions** [Schnorr-Vaudenay, Advances in Cryptology-Eurocrypt'94, 1995; Vaudenay, LNCS, 1994];
- in the **Lay-Massey scheme** [Vaudenay, Advances in Cryptology-Asiacrypt'99, 1999];
- in block ciphers **SMS4**  
[<http://www.oscca.gov.cn/UpFile/200621016423197990.pdf>];
- in stream ciphers **Loiss** [Feng-Feng-Zhang, et al, LNCS, 2011].

# Algebraic degree

## Definition 1

*Any function from  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$  to  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$  can be uniquely expressed by a univariate polynomial*

$$F(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{p^n-1} b_i x^i \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}[x]/(x^{p^n} - x)$$

*and the algebraic degree of  $F$  is defined as*

$$\deg(F) = \max_{0 \leq i < p^n} \{wt_p(i) : b_i \neq 0\},$$

*where  $wt_p(s)$  is the  $p$ -weight of an integer  $s$ ,  $0 \leq s < p^n$ , defined as  $wt_p(s) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} s_i$  by its  $p$ -ary expansion  $s = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} s_i p^i$ .*

For cryptographic applications, it is usually desirable that the PPs in use have **high algebraic degree**.

# The upper bound of algebraic degree of CPPs

- Any CPP of  $\mathbb{F}_q$  with  $q > 3$  has reduced degree at most  $q - 3$  [Niederreiter-Robinson, J. Aust. Math. Soc. A, 1982; Wan, J. Aust. Math. Soc. A, 1986].
- Any CPP of  $\mathbb{F}_{p^{kn}}$  with  $p^{kn} > 3$  has maximum algebraic degree  $kn(p - 1) - 1$ .

# The algebraic degree of some known CPPs

CPPs	Finite field	Algebraic degree	Literature
Monomial CPPs	$\mathbb{F}_{2^{2n}}$	$\deg \leq n - 1$	[Sarkar et al., LNCS, 2012]
Sparse CPPs	$\mathbb{F}_{2^{2n}}$	$\deg \leq 3$	[Tu-Zeng-Hu, FFA, 2014]
Monomial CPPs	$\mathbb{F}_{2^{kn}}$	$\deg \leq k$	[Wu-Li-Helleseth-Zhang, FFA, 2014]
Sparse CPPs	$\mathbb{F}_{2^{2n}}$	$\deg \leq n + 1$	[Wu-Lin, Discret. Appl. Math. 2015]
Sparse CPPs	$\mathbb{F}_{3^{2n}}$	$\deg \leq 2n + 1$	[Xu-Cao, FFA, 2015]
Monomial CPPs	$\mathbb{F}_{p^{kn}}$	$\deg \leq 4$	[Bassalygo-Zinoviev, FFA, 2015]
Sparse CPPs	$\mathbb{F}_{p^{kn}}$	$\deg \leq n + 1$	[Bartolia-Giulietti-Zini, FFA, 2016]
Recursive CPPs	$\mathbb{F}_{p^{kn}}$	$\deg \leq kn$	[Zha-Hu-Cao, FFA, 2015]

Table: The algebraic degree of some known CPPs

# Motivation

- A limited number  $\rightarrow$  known constructions of CPPs.
- The cryptographic properties of CPPs  $\rightarrow$  not taken into consideration.
- None of the known (infinite) classes of CPPs  $\rightarrow$  sufficiently high algebraic degree.

# Questions

- New approaches  $\dashrightarrow$  CPPs?
- Upper bound on the algebraic degree  $\dashrightarrow$  CPPs?
- CPPs  $\dashrightarrow$  nearly optimal algebraic degree?

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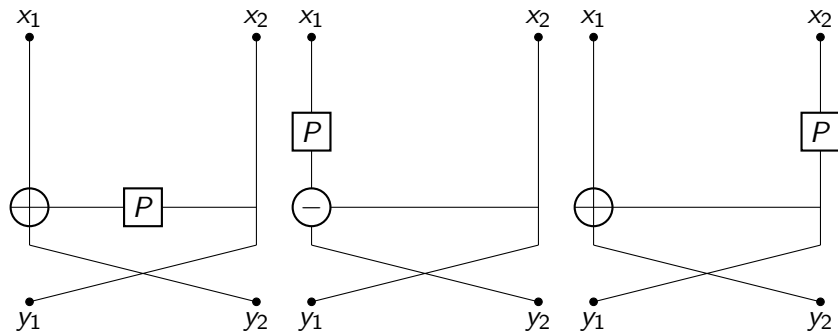
# The applications of Feistel and MISTY structures

The Feistel and MISTY structures have been used in the design of many block ciphers. For examples:

- in DES algorithm;
- in ZUC algorithm;
- in Lightweight S-Boxes;  
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# 1-round Feistel and MISTY structures



$$\Omega_p = (x_2, p(x_2) + x_1) \quad \Phi_p = (x_2, p(x_1) - x_2) \quad \Psi_p = (p(x_2), p(x_2) + x_1)$$

1-round Feistel structure    1-round L- MISTY structure    1-round R-MISTY structure

Figure: Balanced Feistel and MISTY structure without round key

# CPPs from one-round Feistel and MISTY structions

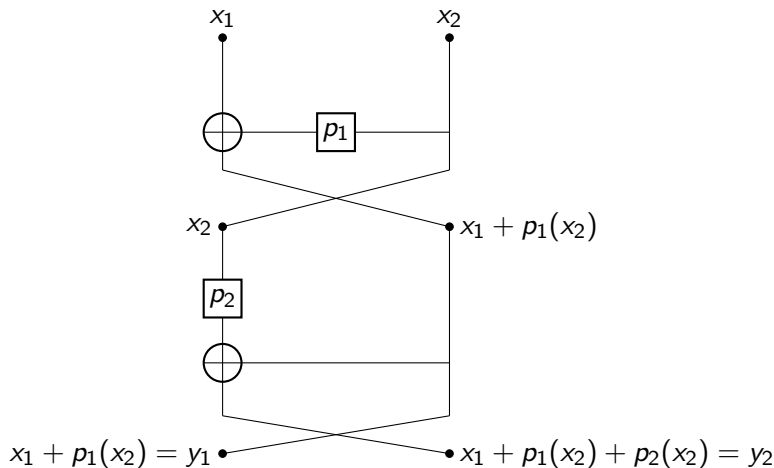
## Lemma 1

Let  $p(z)$  be a polynomial from  $\mathbb{F}_q$  to itself. Let  $\Omega_p$ ,  $\Phi_p$  and  $\Psi_p$  be three mappings from  $\mathbb{F}_q^2$  to itself defined by

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega_p(x_1, x_2) &= (x_2, p(x_2) + x_1), \\ \Phi_p(x_1, x_2) &= (x_2, p(x_1) - x_2), \\ \Psi_p(x_1, x_2) &= (p(x_2), p(x_2) + x_1),\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

where  $x = (x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{F}_q^2$ . Then the mappings  $\Omega_p$ ,  $\Phi_p$  and  $\Psi_p$  are CPPs of  $\mathbb{F}_q^2$  when  $p(z)$  permutes  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .

# Two-round Feistel and MISTY structures



$$\Phi_{p_2} \circ \Omega_{p_1} = \left( x_1 + p_1(x_2), x_1 + p_1(x_2) + p_2(x_2) \right)$$

Figure:  $\Phi_{p_2} \circ \Omega_{p_1}$  from two-round structure

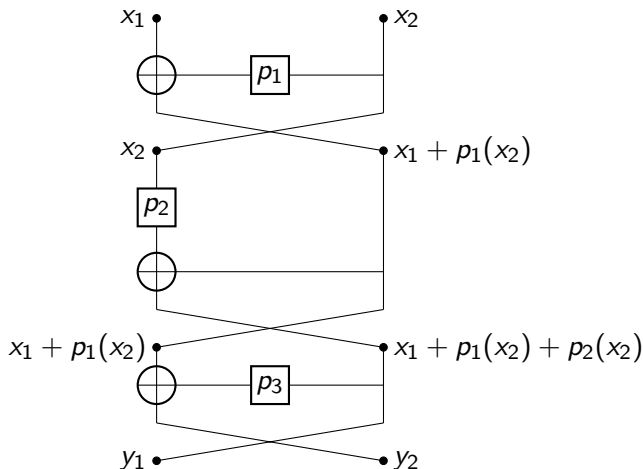
# Two-round constructions

## Proposition 1

Let  $p_1(z), p_2(z)$  be two permutations of  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$ . Then each mapping in  $\mathcal{S} = \{\Psi_{p_2} \circ \Omega_{p_1}, \Omega_{p_2} \circ \Phi_{p_1}, \Psi_{p_2} \circ \Phi_{p_1}, \Omega_{p_2} \circ \Omega_{p_1}, \Phi_{p_2} \circ \Omega_{p_1}, \Omega_{p_2} \circ \Psi_{p_1}, \Phi_{p_2} \circ \Psi_{p_1}\}$  is a CPP of  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}^2$ .

- $\Phi_{p_2} \circ \Phi_{p_1}$  is a CPP of  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}^2$  if  $p_1(z) + p_2(p_1(z) + z + \gamma)$  permutes  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$  for any  $\gamma \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}$  where  $p_1(z)$  and  $p_2(z)$  are two permutations of  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$ .
- $\Psi_{p_2} \circ \Psi_{p_1}$  is a CPP of  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}^2$  if  $p_1(z) + z + p_2(z + \gamma)$  permutes  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$  for any  $\gamma \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}$  where  $p_1(z)$  and  $p_2(z)$  are two permutations of  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$ .

# Three-round Feistel and MISTY structures



$$(y_1, y_2) = \left( p_2(x_2) + p_1(x_2) + x_1, p_3(p_2(x_2) + p_1(x_2) + x_1) + p_1(x_2) + x_1 \right)$$
$$(y_1, y_2) = \Omega_{p_3} \circ \Phi_{p_2} \circ \Omega_{p_1}(x_1, x_2)$$

# Three-round constructions

## Theorem 1

Let  $p_2(z)$  and  $p_3(z) + z$  be two permutations of  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$ . Let  $p_1(z)$  be a polynomial over  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$  such that  $p_1(z) + p_2(z)$  is a permutation. Then  $\Omega_{p_3} \circ \Phi_{p_2} \circ \Omega_{p_1}$  is a CPP of  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}^2$ .

## Useful results about $p_1(z) + p_2(z)$

### Proposition 2

Let  $m$  and  $k$  be two odd positive integers with  $\gcd(k(k-1), m) = 1$  and let  $n = 2m$ . Suppose  $p_1(z) = uz^{2^k-1}$  for a non-cubic element  $u$  in the unit circle  $U = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n} : \lambda^{2^m+1} = 1\}$  and  $p_2(z) = z^{(2^{k-1}-1)(2^m-1)+2^k-1}$ . Then  $p_1(z)$ ,  $p_2(z)$  and  $p_1(z) + p_2(z)$  are all permutation polynomials over  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$ .

### Proposition 3

Let  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  be polynomials over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  with  $q$  being a power of 2. Let  $\Phi_{g_1}$  and  $\Psi_{g_2}$  be defined as in (1). If  $g_1(z)$  and  $g_2(z)$  are CPPs of  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , then  $\Phi_{g_1}$ ,  $\Psi_{g_2}$  and  $\Phi_{g_1} + \Psi_{g_2}$  are PPs of  $\mathbb{F}_q^2$ .

# Generalized construction

## Theorem 2

Let  $p_1(z), p_2(z), p_3(z)$  be polynomials over  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$  for any prime  $p$ . Let  $F$  be a function from  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}^2$  to itself given by

$$F(x) = (p_1(-x_2) - x_1 - p_3(p_2(p_1(-x_2) - x_1) - x_2), p_2(p_1(-x_2) - x_1) - x_2)$$

where  $x = (x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}^2$ .

The polynomial  $F(x)$  is a CPP of  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}^2$  if the following two conditions are satisfied:

- (1)  $p_1(z) - p_3(z + \gamma)$  is a permutation of  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$  for any  $\gamma \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$ ;
- (2)  $p_2(z)$  is a permutation of  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$ .

The function  $F(x)$  is closely related to the mapping  $\Omega_p$  in Definition 2.



## Some trivial examples of $p_1(z)$ and $p_3(z)$

- Let  $p_1(z) = p(z) + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i z^{p^i}$  in  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}[z]$  with a PP  $p(z)$  of  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$ .
- Let  $p_3(z) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i z^{p^i}$ .
- $p_1(z) - p_3(z + \gamma) = p(z) - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i \gamma^{p^i}$  is a PP of  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$  for any  $\gamma \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$ .

## Non-trivial examples of $p_1(z)$ and $p_3(z)$ for $p = 2$

### Proposition 4

Let  $n = 2m$  with an odd positive integer  $m$  and  $d = 2^k + 1$  with an even positive integer  $k$ . Let  $\omega$  be a primitive root of  $\mathbb{F}_{2^2}$ ,  $p_1(z) = z^d$  and  $p_3(z) = \omega z^d$ . Then  $p_1(z) + p_3(z + \gamma)$  for any  $\gamma \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}$  is a permutation of  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$ .

# Non-trivial examples of $p_1(z)$ and $p_3(z)$ for $p = 3$

## Proposition 5

For a positive odd integer  $n$  with  $n \geq 3$ , if  $d \equiv -1 \pmod{3}$  and  $\gcd(d, 3^{2n} - 1) = 1$ , then

$$(z + 1)^d + (z - 1)^d = 2D_d(z, 1)$$

is a permutation of  $\mathbb{F}_{3^n}$ , where  $D_d(z, 1)$  is the *Dickson polynomial*.

## Corollary

Let  $n$  and  $k$  be two positive odd integers with  $k \leq n - 2$ . Let  $d = \frac{3^{k+1} + 1}{2}$  and  $p_1(z) = z^d$ ,  $p_3(z) = -z^d$  be polynomials over  $\mathbb{F}_{3^n}$ . Then  $p_1(z) - p_3(z + \gamma)$  is a permutation of  $\mathbb{F}_{3^n}$  for any  $\gamma$  in  $\mathbb{F}_{3^n}$ .

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# The upper bounds on algebraic degree

- Let  $n$  be any positive integer.
- Any CPP of  $\mathbb{F}_{p^{2n}}$   $\rightarrow \text{deg} \leq 2n(p-1) - 1$ .

CPPs	Finite field	Upper bound
Any one-round CPPs	$\mathbb{F}_{2^{2n}}$	$n - 1$
Any two-round CPPs	$\mathbb{F}_{2^{2n}}$	$2n - 3$
12 classes of three-round CPPs	$\mathbb{F}_{2^{2n}}$	$2n - 3$
4 classes of three-round CPPs	$\mathbb{F}_{2^{2n}}$	$2n - 2$
A class of general CPPs	$\mathbb{F}_{p^{2n}}$	$2n(p-1) - 3$

**Table:** The upper bounds of algebraic degree of the proposed CPPs

- The upper bounds are achievable by carefully choosing the polynomials  $p_i(z)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ .

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# Conclusion

- Feistel and MISTY structures  $\rightarrow$  CPPs;
- Upper bounds on the algebraic degree  $\rightarrow$  CPPs;
- CPPs  $\rightarrow$  nearly optimal algebraic degree.



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# Open problems

## Open Problem 1

Find polynomials  $p_1(z)$ ,  $p_2(z)$  in  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}[z]$  with other forms such that  $p_1(z) - p_2(z + \gamma)$  is a permutation of  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$  for any  $\gamma \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$ .

## Open Problem 2

For a PP  $p(z)$  in  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}[z]$ , if  $p(z) - \beta p(z + \gamma)$  permutes  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$  for any  $\gamma \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$  with  $\beta \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n} \setminus \{0, 1\}$ , do there exist some relationship between  $p(z)$  and *perfect nonlinear functions*?

## Open problem 3

Do there exist CPPs with maximum possible algebraic degree constructed from the Feistel structure and/or MISTY structure?



Thanks

Thanks for your attention!