On a Generalisation of Dillon's APN Permutation

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S-Box

Definition 1 (S-Box)

We will call *Substitution-Box* or *S-Box* any mapping from $\mathbb{F}_2^m$ into $\mathbb{F}_2^n$, $n, m \geq 0$.

Main Desirable Properties

- Permutation ($\Rightarrow n = m$)
- Non-linear ($\Rightarrow n$ small)
- Resistant to differential attacks
- Resistant to linear attacks
- High algebraic degree

Differential Properties

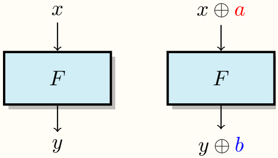
Definition 2 (Differential Uniformity)

Let F be a function over $\mathbb{F}_2^n$. The table of differences of F is:

$$\delta_F(a, b) = \#\{x \in \mathbb{F}_2^n \,|\, F(x \oplus a) = F(x) \oplus b\}.$$

Moreover, the differential uniformity of F is

$$\boldsymbol{\delta(F)} = \max_{a \neq 0, b} \delta_F(a, b).$$



- F is resistant against differential attacks if $\delta(F)$ is small
- F is called APN if $\delta(F) = 2$

The Big APN Problem

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We know how to get:

- APN functions on $\mathbb{F}_2^n$,
- APN permutations on $\mathbb{F}_2^n$, n odd,
- permutations with $\delta = 4$ on $\mathbb{F}_2^n$.

Are there any APN permutations on $\mathbb{F}_2^n$, n even ?

2009: Dillon S-Box

Browning, Dillon, McQuistan, Wolfe: APN permutation on $\mathbb{F}_2^6$.

The Still Big APN Problem

Are there any other APN permutations on $\mathbb{F}_2^n$, n even ?

Linear Properties

Definition 3 (Linearity)

Let F be a function over $\mathbb{F}_2^n$. The table of linear biases of F is:

$$\lambda_F(a, b) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_2^n} (-1)^{a \cdot x \oplus b \cdot F(x)}.$$

Moreover, the linearity of F is

$$\boldsymbol{\mathcal{L}(F)} = \max_{a,b \neq 0} |\lambda_F(a, b)|.$$

- F is resistant to linear attacks if $\mathcal{L}(F)$ is small

Algebraic Degree

Definition 4 (Univariate degree vs algebraic degree)

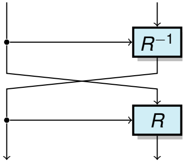
Let F be a function from $\mathbb{F}_2^n$ into $\mathbb{F}_2^n$.

The *algebraic degree* (aka multivariate degree) of F is the maximal degree of the algebraic normal forms of its coordinates.

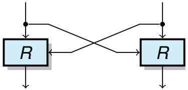
The *univariate degree* of F is the degree of the univariate polynomial in $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}[X]$ representing F when it is identified with a function from $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$ into itself.

The algebraic degree of the univariate polynomial $x \mapsto x^e$ of $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$ is the Hamming weight of the binary expansion of e.

Butterflies: Definitions (1) [Perrin et al.]



H_R: *Open Butterfly*



V_R: *Closed Butterfly*

$R_k : x \mapsto R(x, k)$ permutation $\forall k$.

Open Butterfly and Closed Butterfly are CCZ-equivalent $\Rightarrow$ share the same sets

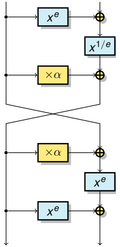
$$\{\delta_{\mathsf{H}_R}(a,\ b)\}_{a,b} = \{\delta_{\mathsf{V}_R}(a,\ b)\}_{a,b},$$

$$\{\mathcal{L}_{\mathsf{H}_R}(a,\ b)\}_{a,b} = \{\mathcal{L}_{\mathsf{V}_R}(a,\ b)\}_{a,b}.$$

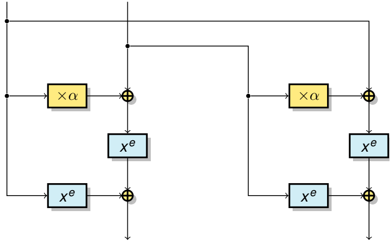
In particular, $\delta(\mathsf{H}_R) = \delta(\mathsf{V}_R)$ and $\mathcal{L}(\mathsf{H}_R) = \mathcal{L}(\mathsf{V}_R)$.

Butterflies: Definitions (2)

$$R_k[e, \alpha] = (x \oplus \alpha k)^e \oplus k^e, \text{ with } gcd(e, 2^n - 1) = 1.$$



H_R: Open Butterfly



V_R: Closed Butterfly

Most interesting case for study: $e = 3 \times 2^t$.
Then R is **quadratic**, and V_R is **quadratic**.

Butterflies: Properties

Theorem 1 (Properties of Butterflies)

Let $e = 3 \times 2^t$, $\alpha \notin \{0, 1\}$, n odd.

- $\delta(\mathrm{H}_R) \leq 4$, $\delta(\mathrm{V}_R) \leq 4$,
- V_R *is quadratic,*
- H_R *has algebraic degree* $n + 1$.

Theorem 2 (APN Butterflies)

If $n = 3$ and $x \mapsto x^e$ is APN, then H_R is an APN permutation (affine equivalent to the Dillon permutation).

Open Questions of [Perrin et al.]

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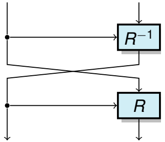
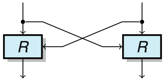
- Nonlinearity/Linearity of H_R (and V_R),
- Can we find α such that H_R is APN for some $n > 6$?

Generalised Butterflies: Definitions



$\mathrm{H}_{\alpha,\beta}$: *Open Butterfly*



$\mathrm{V}_{\alpha,\beta}$: *Closed Butterfly*

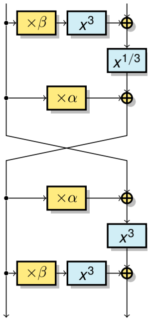
Degree restriction:

- $R_y : x \mapsto R(x, y)$ permutation $\forall y$.
- Degree of R is at most 3:
- Then R can be written:

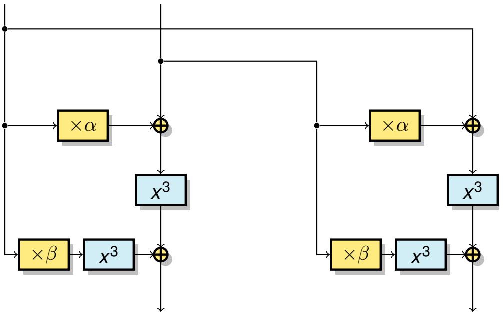
$$R(x, y) = (x \oplus \alpha y)^3 \oplus \beta y^3$$

with $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$.

Generalised Butterflies: Definitions (2)



$H_{\alpha,\beta}$: *Open Butterfly*



$V_{\alpha,\beta}$: *Closed Butterfly*

Equivalences

- $H_{\alpha,\beta}$ and $V_{\alpha,\beta}$ are CCZ-equivalent.
- When $\alpha = 1$, $H_{\alpha,\beta}$ is equivalent to a 3-round Feistel network.

- Butterfly with $e = 3 \times 2^t$ is affine-equivalent to Butterfly with $e = 3$.
- $V_{\alpha,\beta}$ and V_{α^2,β^2} are affine-equivalent.
- If $\alpha \neq 1$, $V_{\alpha,\beta}$ and $V_{\alpha,\beta^{-1}(1+\alpha)^6}$ are affine-equivalent.

Property of Quadratic Functions

Property 1 (Linearity of Quadratic Functions)

Let f be a quadratic Boolean function of n variables.

$$\mathrm{LS}(f) = \{a \in \mathbb{F}_2^n : D_a f \text{ is constant}\}$$

$$\text{Then } \mathcal{L}(f) = 2^{\frac{n+s}{2}}, \text{ with } s = \dim \mathrm{LS}(f).$$

Moreover, the Walsh coefficients of f only the values $\pm 2^{\frac{n+s}{2}}$ and 0.

Linear Properties

Theorem 3

Let $n > 1$ be an odd integer and (α, β) be a pair of nonzero elements in $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$.

- *If $\beta \neq (1+\alpha)^3$,*
$$\mathcal{L}(V_{\alpha,\beta}) = 2^{n+1}$$
and the Walsh coefficients of $V_{\alpha,\beta}$ belong to $\{0, \pm 2^n, \pm 2^{n+1}\}$.
- *If $\beta = (1+\alpha)^3$,*
$$\mathcal{L}(V_{\alpha,\beta}) = 2^{\frac{3n+1}{2}}.$$

Differential Properties

Theorem 4 (Differential uniformity)

Let $n > 1$ odd, $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n} \setminus \{0\}$. Then:

- *If $\beta \neq (1+\alpha)^3$, $\delta(\mathrm{H}_{\alpha,\beta}) \leq 4$.*
- *If $\beta = (1+\alpha)^3$, $\delta(\mathrm{H}_{\alpha,\beta}) = 2^{n+1}$.*

Theorem 5 (APN Condition)

Let $\alpha \neq 0, 1$. $\mathrm{H}_{\alpha,\beta}$ is APN if and only if:

$$\beta \in \{(\alpha + \alpha^3), (\alpha^{-1} + \alpha^3)\} \text{ and } \mathrm{Tr}\left(\mathcal{A}_\alpha(e)\right) = 1, \forall\, e \notin \{0, \alpha, 1/\alpha\},$$

where $\mathcal{A}_\alpha(e) = \frac{e\alpha(1+\alpha)^2}{(1+\alpha e)(\alpha+e)^2}$.

This condition implies that $n = 3$.

Algebraic Degree

Theorem 6

Let α and β be two nonzero elements in $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$.

$\mathsf{H}_{\alpha,\beta}$ *has an algebraic degree equal to n or $n+1$.*

It is equal to n if and only if

$$(1+\alpha\beta+\alpha^4)^3 \;=\; \beta(\beta+\alpha+\alpha^3)^3.$$

$\alpha = 1$: 3-round Feistel Network

Proposition 1

For $\alpha = \beta = 1$, the difference distribution tables of the butterflies $\mathsf{V}_{1,1}$ and $\mathsf{H}_{1,1}$ contain the values 0 and 4 only.

Generalised Butterflies

Corollary 7 (Walsh and differential spectra of generalised butterflies)

Let α and β be two nonzero elements in $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$ such that $\beta \neq (1+\alpha)^3$.

- *Walsh spectrum:*

$$\left|\widehat{\mathsf{H}_{\alpha,\beta}}(u,v)\right| = \begin{cases} 0, & 3 \times 2^{2n-2}(2^n-1)(2^n+1-C) \text{ times} \\ 2^n, & 2^{2n}(2^n-1)C \text{ times} \\ 2^{n+1}, & 2^{2n-2}(2^n-1)(2^n+1-C) \text{ times.} \end{cases}$$

where $(2^n-1)C$ is the number of bent components of $\mathsf{V}_{\alpha,\beta}$.

- *Table of differences:*

$$\delta_{\mathsf{H}_{\alpha,\beta}}(a,b) = \begin{cases} 2, & 2^{2n-2}(2^n-1) \times 3C \text{ times} \\ 4, & 2^{2n-3}(2^n-1)(2^{n+2}+4-3C) \text{ times} \end{cases}$$

New Permutations

Value of C for a Butterfly on 6 bits ($\mathbb{F}_{2^3}$ defined by the primitive element a such that $a^3 + a + 1 = 0$).

$\alpha \backslash \beta$	1	a	a^2	a^3	a^4	a^5	a^6
1	0	4	4	4	4	4	4
a	**6**	2	0	2	**6**	0	0
a^3	2	4	2	0	2	4	2

These permutations are new:

- The value of C determines the differential and Walsh spectra,
- The case $\beta = 1$ does not include all possible values for C $\Rightarrow$ the generalisation gives new permutations,
- Differential/Linear spectra are different from any other studied permutations, for example:
  - For $n = 3$, the number of 4 in the differential spectrum is in $\{0, 336, 672, 1008\}$,
  - Gold and Kasami permutations: number of $4 = 1008$,
  - Inverse mapping: number of $4 = 63$,

Conclusion

This work in brief:

- We answered the 2 open questions from Perrin et al.,
- We identified a new family of $2n$ bit-functions, $n \geq 3$ odd with:
  - differential uniformity 4,
  - linearity 2^{n+1},
  - a simple representation (easier implementation and analysis),
  - the permutation from Dillon et al. included.
- We proved that this natural generalisation does not contain any new APN permutation. :-(

Questions ?