How to Take a Function Apart with SboxU

(Also Featuring some New Results on Ortho-Derivatives)

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Boolean **F**unctions and their **A**pplications 2020

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What do you do?

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How to

- You need to have SAGE installed
- Then head to `https://github.com/lpp-crypto/sboxU`

`Demo`

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SAGE SBox

- Supports output size $\neq$ input size
- Sub-routines written in Python or Cython
- Built-in SAGE

sboxU

- **Assumes** output size $=$ input size
- Sub-routines written in Python or multi-threaded C++
- Cutting functionalities functionalities

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Some Tools

1. DDT/LAT (+ Pollock representation thereof)
2. ANF, algebraic degree
3. Finite field arithmetic
4. Linear mappings

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Definition (EA-Equivalence; EA-mapping)

F and G are *E(xtented) A(ffine) equivalent* if $G(x) = (B \circ F \circ A)(x) + C(x)$, where A, B, C are affine and A, B are permutations; so that

$$\{(x, G(x)), \forall x \in \mathbb{F}_2^n\} = \begin{bmatrix} A^{-1} & 0 \\ CA^{-1} & B \end{bmatrix} \left(\{(x, F(x)), \forall x \in \mathbb{F}_2^n\}\right).$$

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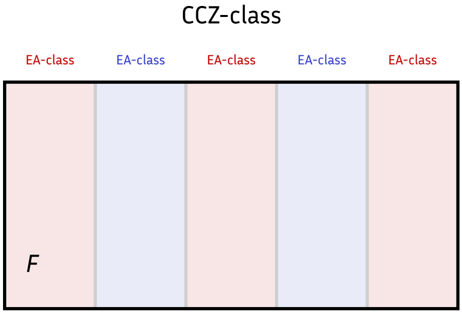

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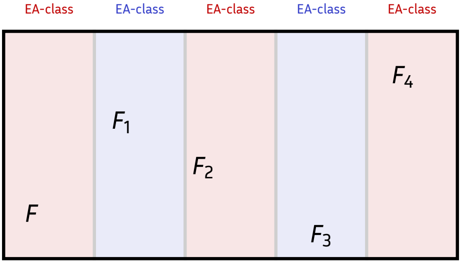

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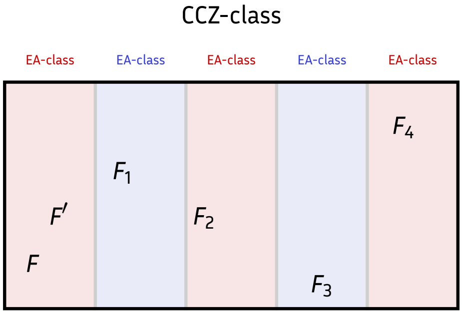

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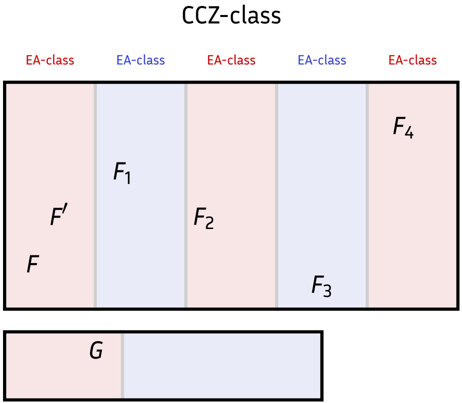

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- The algebraic degree and the **thickness spectrum** are constant in an **EA**-class.

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- $\pi_F(a)$ is orthogonal to the linear part of the hyperplane $\mathrm{Im}(\Delta_a F)$
- π_F can take any value in 0.

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It seems like[1] the algebraic degree of the ortho-derivative of an APN function is **always** $n - 2$.

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Preimages of the Ortho-Derivative

Theorem (Linear Structures (APN case))

If

$$T_F(b) = \left\{x \in \mathbb{F}_2^n : \pi_F(x) = b\right\},$$

then $T_F(b) = \mathrm{LS}(x \mapsto b \cdot F(x))$.

Corollary

For any b, $T_F(b)$ *is a linear subspace of* $\mathbb{F}_2^n$ *whose dimension has the same parity as* n*. Furthermore,*

$$\left(\mathcal{W}_F[a,b]\right)^2 \in \left\{0,\ 2^{n+\dim T_F(b)}\right\}$$

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We represent F as a vector of $\mathbb{F}_2^{n2^n}$ by concatenating the n-bit representation of each of the 2^n values $F(x)$:

$$\mathrm{vec}(F) = \begin{bmatrix} F_0(0) \\ F_1(0) \\ \dots \\ F_{n-1}(0) \\ F_0(1) \\ \dots \\ F_{n-1}(2^n - 1) \end{bmatrix} .$$

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from which we deduce that if π_F is an ortho-derivative of F then

$$\mathrm{vec}(F) \in \ker\left(\zeta(\pi_F)\right) \text{ where } \zeta(\pi_F) = \begin{bmatrix} \zeta_0(\pi_F) \\ \cdots \\ \zeta_{2^n-1}(\pi_F) \end{bmatrix}.$$

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In practice, starting from “cleverly” built functions π yields $\zeta(\pi)$ with empty[2] kernels...

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