

# On Alltop functions

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## Definition

Let  $p$  be an odd prime and  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$ . Derivative of a function  $f$  at a point  $a \in \mathbf{F}$  is defined as

$$D_a f(x) = f(x + a) - f(x)$$

$f: \mathbf{F} \rightarrow \mathbf{F}$  is called a planar function or perfectly nonlinear (PN) if for each  $a \neq 0$ ,

$$D_a f(x)$$

is bijective.

## Definition

Two functions  $f, g : \mathbb{F}_{p^n} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$  are EA-equivalent (extended affine) if there are two linearized permutation polynomials  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  and an affine polynomial  $L_3$  such that

$$g = L_1 \circ f \circ L_2 + L_3$$

which defines an equivalence relation.

## Definition

A Dembowski-Ostrom polynomial (quadratic polynomial) is a polynomial  $f(x) \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}[x]$  with the shape

$$f(x) = \sum_{i,j=0}^{n-1} a_{ij} x^{p^j + p^i}$$

with  $a_{ij} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$

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# Alltop Functions

## Definition

Let  $p$  be an odd prime. A function  $f: \mathbb{F}_{p^n} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$  is called an Alltop function if  $D_a f(x) = f(x+a) - f(x)$  is planar for all  $a \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}^*$ . Equivalently,  $f(x)$  is an Alltop function if  $D_b D_a f(x) = f(x+a+b) - f(x+a) - f(x+b) + f(x)$  is permutation for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}^*$ .

## Example

$x^3$  is an Alltop function over  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$  for an odd prime  $p > 3, n \geq 1$ . This was the only known one up to 2013.



## Theorem

*There are no Alltop type polynomials over  $\mathbb{F}_{3^n}$ .  
(Hall, Rao, Donovan, 2012)*

## Theorem

*(New result by Hall, Rao, Gagola, 2013) Let  $p \geq 5$  be an odd prime and  $n$  an integer such that 3 does not divide  $p^n + 1$ . Then  $f(x) = x^{p^n+2}$  is an Alltop polynomial on  $\mathbb{F}_{p^{2n}}$ .*

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## Over $\mathbb{F}_{q^2}$

Let  $q = p^n$ , for  $p$  prime,  $n$  positive integer.

**All inequivalent cubic  $q$ -monomials over  $\mathbb{F}_{q^2}$ :**

- $x^3$ - Alltop in everywhere (Alltop, 1980)
- $x^{q+2}$ - Alltop if and only if 3 does not divide  $q + 1$  (2013, Hall, Rao, Gagola)

## Over $\mathbb{F}_{q^2}$

### All inequivalent cubic q-binomials over $\mathbb{F}_{q^2}$ :

- 1)  $x^3 + cx^{3q}$ - Alltop if and only if  $c$  is not  $q - 1$  power
- 2)  $x^{q+2} + cx^{2q+1}$ - Alltop if and only if  $c$  is not a  $q - 1$  power and 3 does not divide  $q + 1$
- 3)  $x^3 + cx^{2q+1}$ :(MAGMA Calculations)  
Alltop when  $q = 5$  and  $c=2, \omega^{14}, \omega^{22}$  (Equivalent to  $x^3$  in all cases)  
Alltop when  $q = 7$  and  $c = \omega^2, \omega^6, \omega^{14}, \omega^{18}, \omega^{26}, \omega^{30}, \omega^{38}, \omega^{42}$  (Equivalent to either  $x^3$  or  $x^{7+2}$  )
- 4)  $x^3 + cx^{q+2}$ :  
Not Alltop when  $q = 5, 7, 11, 13$  (MAGMA calculations)

## Over $\mathbb{F}_{q^2}$

**Theorem:** Let  $f(x) = x^3 + ux^{2q+1}$  from  $\mathbb{F}_{q^2}$  to itself, where  $u \in \mathbb{F}_{q^2}^*$  and let  $\omega$  be a cyclic generator of a field  $\mathbb{F}_{q^2}$ .

**a)** there exist maps  $L_1(x) = ax + bx^q$  and  $L_2(x) = cx + dx^q$  in  $\mathbb{F}_{q^2}$  such that  $L_1 \circ x^3 \circ L_2 = f(x)$  if and only if  $u = 3\omega^{k(1-q)}$  for any odd integer  $k \in [1, 2, 3, \dots, q+1]$

**b)** there exist maps  $L_1(x) = ax + bx^q$  and  $L_2(x) = cx + dx^q$  in  $\mathbb{F}_{q^2}$  such that  $L_1 \circ x^{q+2} \circ L_2 = f(x)$  if and only if  $u = \omega^{k(1-q)}$  for any odd integer  $k \in [1, 2, 3, \dots, q+1]$

## Over $\mathbb{F}_{q^2}$

**Corollary:** Let  $f(x) = x^3 + ux^{2q+1}$  from  $\mathbb{F}_{q^2}$  to itself, where  $u \in \mathbb{F}_{q^2}^*$  and let  $\omega$  be a cyclic generator of a field  $\mathbb{F}_{q^2}$ .

- if  $u = 3\omega^{n(1-q)}$  for any odd integer  $n \in [1, 2, \dots, q+1]$  then  $f$  is an Alltop function, which is EA-equivalent to  $x^3$ .
- if  $u = \omega^{n(1-q)}$  for any odd integer  $n \in [1, 2, \dots, q+1]$  and 3 does not divide  $q+1$ , then  $f$  is an Alltop function, which is EA-equivalent to  $x^{q+2}$ .

# Over $\mathbb{F}_{q^3}$

## Theorem

*Except  $x^3$  and its EA-equivalence class, there is no Alltop cubic  $q$ -monomials in  $\mathbb{F}_{q^3}$ .*

- $x^3$
- $x^{q+2}$  -not Alltop
- $x^{2q+1}$  -not Alltop
- $x^{q^2+q+1}$  -not Alltop



## Over $\mathbb{F}_{q^3}$

### All inequivalent cubic q-binomials over $\mathbb{F}_{q^3}$ :

- 1)  $x^3 + cx^{q+2}$  - Not Alltop for  $q = 5, 7$
- 2)  $x^3 + cx^{q^2+2}$  - Not Alltop for  $q = 5, 7$
- 3)  $x^3 + cx^{2q+1}$  - Not Alltop for  $q = 5, 7$
- 4)  $x^3 + cx^{q^2+q+1}$  - Not Alltop for  $q = 5, 7$
- 5)  $x^3 + cx^{2q^2+1}$  - Not Alltop for  $q = 5, 7$

## Over $\mathbb{F}_{q^3}$

### All inequivalent cubic q-binomials over $\mathbb{F}_{q^3}$ :

- 6)  $x^3 + cx^{3q}$  - Alltop if and only if  $c$  is not  $q - 1$  power, EA-equivalent to  $x^3$ .
- 7)  $x^3 + cx^{q^2+2q}$  - Not Alltop for  $q = 5, 7$
- 8)  $x^3 + cx^{2q^2+q}$  - Not Alltop for  $q = 5, 7$
- 9)  $x^{q+2} + cx^{q^2+2}$  - Not Alltop for  $q = 5, 7$
- 10)  $x^{q+2} + cx^{2q+1}$  - Not Alltop for  $q = 5, 7$

## Over $\mathbb{F}_{q^3}$

### All inequivalent cubic q-binomials over $\mathbb{F}_{q^3}$ :

- 11)  $x^{q+2} + cx^{q^2+q+1}$  - Not Alltop for  $q = 5, 7$
- 12)  $x^{q+2} + cx^{2q^2+1}$  - Not Alltop for  $q = 5, 7$
- 13)  $x^{q+2} + cx^{2q^2+q}$  - Not Alltop for  $q = 5, 7$
- 14)  $x^{q^2+2} + cx^{2q+1}$  - Not Alltop for  $q = 5, 7$
- 15)  $x^{q^2+2} + cx^{q^2+q+1}$  - Not Alltop for  $q = 5, 7$

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# p-ary Alltop Functions

## Definition

1) Let  $p$  be an odd prime,  $n > 0$  and  $f$  be a function from  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$  to  $\mathbb{F}_p$ .  $f$  is called p-ary bent (perfectly nonlinear) if  $D_a f(x) = f(x + a) - f(x)$  is balanced for any  $a \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}^*$ .

## Definition

2) (New)  $f$  is called p-ary Alltop if  $D_a f(x)$  is p-ary bent for any  $a \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}^*$ , that is  $D_b(D_a(f(x)))$  is balanced for any  $a, b \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}^*$ .

**Observation:**  $f : \mathbb{F}_{p^n} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_p$  is p-ary Alltop if and only if

$$\sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}} \epsilon_p^{D_b D_a f(x)} = 0,$$

for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}^*$ , where  $\epsilon_p$  is a p-th root of unity in  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$ .

## Characterizations of cubic p-ary Alltop functions

Let  $f$  be an arbitrary cubic function from  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$  to  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . Then  $f$  can be written as

$$f(x) = \text{Tr}^n(xD(x)) + \text{Tr}^n(xA(x)) + \alpha(x),$$

where  $D(x)$  is Dembowski-Ostrom polynomial,  $A(x)$  is a linearized polynomial given by

$$A(x) = \sum_{0 \leq j \leq n-1} a_j x^{p^j}$$

with  $a_j \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$  and  $\alpha(x)$  is an affine polynomial for  $x \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$ .

## Characterizations of cubic p-ary Alltop functions

Let  $B : \mathbb{F}_{p^n} \times \mathbb{F}_{p^n} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_p$  be the quadratic map depending on  $D$  defined as

$$B(x, y) = D(x + y) - D(x) - D(y)$$

for  $x, y \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$ . For  $a, b \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$ , let

$$L_{a,b,B}f(x) = \text{Tr}^n(xB(a, b)) + \text{Tr}^n(aB(x, b)) + \text{Tr}^n(bB(x, a))$$

for every  $x \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$ .

For  $a, b \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$  let  $C_{a,b,D}$  and  $C_{a,b,A}$  be the constant functions from  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$  to  $\mathbb{F}_p$  defined as

$$C_{a,b,D} = \text{Tr}^n(aB(a, b)) + \text{Tr}^n(bB(a, b)) + \text{Tr}^n(aD(b)) + \text{Tr}^n(bD(a))$$

$$C_{a,b,A} = \text{Tr}^n(aA(b)) + \text{Tr}^n(bA(a))$$

# Characterizations of cubic p-ary Alltop functions

## Lemma (Mesnager, Özbudak, Sinak)

Let  $f$  be an arbitrary cubic function in the form  $f(x) = \text{Tr}^n(xD(x)) + \text{Tr}^n(xA(x)) + \alpha(x)$ . The second order derivative of  $f$  at  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}^2$  is the affine function defined as

$$D_b D_a f(x) = L_{a,b,B} f(x) + C_{a,b,D} + C_{a,b,A}$$

for  $x \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$ .



**Result 1:**  $f : \mathbb{F}_{p^n} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_p$  is a p-ary Alltop function if and only if

$$\sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}} \epsilon_p^{L_{a,b,B}f(x)} = 0$$

Let  $S = \{(a, b) : L_{a,b,B}f(x) = 0, \text{ for any } x \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}\}$

**Result 2:**  $f : \mathbb{F}_{p^n} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_p$  is p-ary Alltop function if and only if

$$S = \{(0, y) : y \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}\} \cup \{(x, 0) : x \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}\}$$

Let  $f : \mathbb{F}_{p^n} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_p$  so that  $f(x) = \text{Tr}(F(x))$ , where  $F : \mathbb{F}_{p^n} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$  is a cubic function.

### Example

1.  $F(x) = x^3, f(x) = \text{Tr}(x^3)$

Then  $D(x) = x^2, B(x, y) = 2xy$  and

$$L_{a,b,B}f(x) = \text{Tr}(x^2ab) + \text{Tr}(a^2bx) + \text{Tr}(b^2ax) = 6 \text{Tr}(abx)$$

When  $p \neq 3$ ,  $f$  is a p-ary Alltop function.

## Example

2.  $n = 2$ ,  $F(x) = x^{p+2}$  and  $f(x) = \text{Tr}(x^{p+2})$ . Then  
 $D(x) = x^{p+1}$ ,  $B(x, y) = xy^p + x^p y$  and

$$L_{a,b,B}f(x) = \text{Tr}(x(a^p b + ab^p)) + \text{Tr}(a(x^p b + xb^p)) + \text{Tr}(b(a^p x + ax^p))$$

After simplifications,

$$L_{a,b,B}f(x) = \text{Tr}(2x(ab^p + a^p b + a^{1/p} b^{1/p}))$$

$f$  is p-ary Alltop if and only if  $ay^p + a^p y + ay$  has no nonzero solution  $y$  in  $\mathbb{F}_{p^2}$ . If 3 does not divide  $p + 1$ , then condition is satisfied and  $f$  is p-ary Alltop. In this case  $F$  will be Alltop in  $\mathbb{F}_{p^2}$ .

## Example

3. Let  $F(x) = x^3 + cx^{2p+1}$ ,  $f(x) = \text{Tr}(F(x))$  where  $c \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$  and  $\omega$  is a cyclic generator of a field  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$

- If  $n = 2$ ,  $p = 5$ ,  $c = \omega^{13}$  then  $f(x)$  is p-ary Alltop but  $F(x)$  is not Alltop.
- If  $n = 3$ ,  $p = 7$ ,  $c = \omega^{49}$  then  $f(x)$  is p-ary Alltop but  $F(x)$  is not Alltop.

## Theorem

*Let  $F : \mathbb{F}_{p^n} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$  be any function and  $f_\alpha : \mathbb{F}_{p^n} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_p$  be defined as  $f_\alpha(x) = \text{Tr}(\alpha F(x))$  for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}^*$ . Then  $F$  is Alltop if and only if  $f_\alpha$  is p-ary Alltop for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}_{p^n}^*$ .*

THANK YOU!