

# New construction of single-cycle T-function families

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## Abstract

The single cycle T-function is a particular permutation function with complex algebraic structures, maximum period and efficient implementation in software and hardware. In this paper, on the basis of existing methods, we present a new construction using a class of single cycle T-functions meeting certain conditions to construct a family of new single cycle T-functions, and we also give the numeration lower bound for the newly constructed single cycle T-functions.

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## 1 Introduction

Permutation functions are widely used in cryptography. It can be used for the construction and analysis of symmetric cryptography such as the stream cipher, block cipher, hash function and PRNG(Pseudo Random Number Generator). It also has played an important role in the analysis of public key cryptography and the construction of special code in communication system. In 2002, Klimov and Shamir proposed a new class of particular permutation functions called T-function [1]. As it is able to mix arithmetic operations (negation, addition, subtraction, multiplication) and boolean operations (not, xor, and, or), it has a naturally complex nonlinear structure. In addition, T-functions can generate maximum period sequences and have high software and hardware implementation speed. Since T-functions have so many desirable cryptographic properties, the sequence derived from T-functions is a good type of nonlinear sequence source for stream cipher design, which has a promising prospect in practice.

T-function, since its introduction, has gained much attention. In [2–6], researches on the cycle structure of T-functions were conducted; [7–11] examined configuration of sequences derived from T-functions; while properties of these sequences were discussed in [12–15]. However, in recent years, with further studies on T-functions,

new research perspectives have been brought up. Rishakani introduced a family of T-functions similar to modular multiplication, which is called M-functions[16]; Liu proposed a fast algorithm for computing walsh spectrum and differential probability of T-functions[17], and You discussed the 2-adic complexity and the 1-error 2-adic complexity of single cycle T-functions[18], etc.

Current single cycle T-functions mainly fall into the following several categories. The first uses parameters. Parameter as an important tool for the research on T-functions was proposed by Klimov and Shamir [19]. By using parameters, single-word single cycle T-functions can be constructed, such as the Klimov-Shamir T-function [1] and the functions proposed by Yang [20]. The second uses algebraic dynamical system. Anashin described a method using current T-functions to construct single cycle T-functions, which used  $p$ -adic analysis and infinite power series [21]. The method is also a necessary and sufficient condition to determine whether a T-function has a single cycle. Practically, however, this method is not easy-to-use. The third is polynomial functions. The necessary and sufficient conditions of a single cycle function is a polynomial function  $f(x) = \sum_{k \geq 0} a_k x^k$  over  $\mathbb{Z}/(2^n)$  was given [23–25]. The fourth is multiword single cycle T-functions. It was first introduced by Klimov and Shamir in [25], then more and more multiword single cycle T-functions were proposed and had wide applications in cipher design. For example, Mir-1 uses the multiword single cycle T-function proposed in [26], while TSC series ciphers are based on the T-function introduced in [27]. As the characteristics of multiword single cycle T-functions can also be reflected in single-word single cycle T-functions, and single-word single cycle T-functions have high algebraic degree, good stability and other excellent properties, nowadays researches mainly focus on single-word single cycle T-functions.

Klimov and Shamir presented a method to increase the period of single cycle T-functions[19]. Using its idea of construction, this paper discovered a new construction of single cycle T-functions. Using several single cycle T-functions which meet certain conditions, it is able to construct new single cycle T-function families. Meanwhile, we give the proof by induction and the numeration lower bound for this construction.

## 2 Notations and Definitions

**Definition 1.** Let  $\underline{x} = (x_0, \dots, x_{m-1})^T \in \mathbb{F}_2^{mn}$ ,  $\underline{y} = (y_0, \dots, y_{l-1})^T \in \mathbb{F}_2^{ln}$ , where  $x_i = (x_{i,0}, \dots, x_{i,n-1})$ ,  $y_i = (y_{i,0}, \dots, y_{i,n-1})$ . Let  $f$  be a mapping from  $\mathbb{F}_2^{mn}$  to  $\mathbb{F}_2^{ln}$ , that is

$$f : \begin{pmatrix} x_{0,0} & x_{0,1} & \dots & x_{0,n-1} \\ x_{1,0} & x_{1,1} & \dots & x_{1,n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ x_{m-1,0} & x_{m-1,1} & \dots & x_{m-1,n-1} \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} y_{0,0} & y_{0,1} & \dots & y_{0,n-1} \\ y_{1,0} & y_{1,1} & \dots & y_{1,n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ y_{l-1,0} & y_{l-1,1} & \dots & y_{l-1,n-1} \end{pmatrix},$$

for  $0 \leq j \leq n-1$ , if the  $j$ -th column of the output  $\mathbf{R}_j(\underline{y})$  depends only on the first  $j$  columns of the input:  $\mathbf{R}_j(\underline{x}), \dots, \mathbf{R}_0(\underline{x})$ , then  $f$  is called a T-function.

**Definition 2.** A T-function  $f(x) : \mathbb{F}_2^n \longrightarrow \mathbb{F}_2^n$  is called invertible if  $f(x) = f(y) \iff x = y$ .

**Definition 3.** Let  $f : \mathbb{F}_2^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_2^n$  be a T-function. Given the initial state  $x_0 = (x_{0,n-1}, x_{0,n-2}, \dots, x_{0,0})^T$ , for  $i \geq 0$ , let  $x_{i+1} = f(x_i)$ . If the sequence  $\underline{x} = (x_0, x_1, \dots)$  has the period of  $2^n$ , then  $f(x)$  is called a single cycle T-function and sequence  $\underline{x}$  is called to be generated by the single cycle T-function  $f(x)$  and the initial state  $x_0$ .

**Theorem 1.** Let  $f(x) = (f_{n-1}(x), \dots, f_1(x), f_0(x))$  be an invertible T-function over  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$ , then  $f(x)$  is a single cycle T-function if and only if its ANF(Algebraic Norm Form) has the following form

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= (f_{n-1}(x), \dots, f_1(x), f_0(x)) \\ &= (x_{n-1} \oplus x_0 x_1 \dots x_{n-2} \oplus \varphi_{n-1}(x_{n-2}, \dots, x_1, x_0), \dots, x_1 \oplus x_0 \oplus \varphi_1(x_0), x_0 \oplus 1), \end{aligned}$$

where  $f_j(x) = x_j \oplus x_0 x_1 \dots x_{j-1} \oplus \varphi_j(x_{j-1}, \dots, x_1, x_0)$ ,  $\deg(\varphi_j) \leq j-1$ ,  $j \geq 1$ .

**Theorem 2.** Let sequence  $\underline{x} = (x_0, x_1, \dots)$  generated by single cycle T-function  $f(x)$  and  $x_0$  is the initial state, then the  $j$ -th coordinate sequence of  $\underline{x}$ ,  $\underline{x}_j$  ( $0 \leq j \leq n-1$ ) has the period of  $2^{j+1}$ . Meanwhile, for  $0 \leq j \leq n-1$ , the two parts of the sequence  $\underline{x}_j$  are complementary, that is  $x_{i+2^j,j} = x_{i,j} \oplus 1$ ,  $i \geq 0$ .

In [1], T-functions like  $f(x) = x + (x^2 \vee C) \bmod 2^n$  were studied, and the authors presented the equivalency conditions of this type is invertible or has a single cycle.

**Lemma 1.** The mapping  $f(x) = x + (x^2 \vee C) \bmod 2^n$  is invertible if and only if  $[C]_0 = 1$ . For  $n \geq 3$ ,  $f(x)$  is a single cycle T-function if and only if  $[C]_0 = [C]_2 = 1$ , that is  $C \bmod 8 = 5$  or  $7$ , where  $x$  is a  $n$ -bit word and  $C$  is some constant.

Before multiword single cycle T-functions were introduced, Klimov and Shamir presented a method to increase the period of single-word single cycle T-functions [19]. By using  $m$  ( $m$  is odd) invertible functions over  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$ , it can construct sequences of period  $m2^n$ .

Consider the sequence  $\{(x_i)\}$  defined by iterating

$$x_{i+1} = x_i + (x_i^2 \vee C_{k_i}) \bmod 2^n, k_{i+1} = k_i + 1 \bmod m \quad (1)$$

where for any  $k = 0, \dots, m-1$ ,  $C_k$  is some constant.

**Lemma 2.** For the sequence  $\{(x_i)\}$  defined in (1), the sequence of pairs  $(x_i, k_i)$  has the maximal period  $m2^n$  if and only if  $m$  is odd, and for all  $k$ ,  $[C_k]_0 = 1$ ,  $\bigoplus_{k=0}^{m-1} [C_k]_2 = 1$ .

### 3 The New Construction

Unlike [19], which used odd invertible functions to increase the period of T-functions, during our study on the construction of single cycle T-functions, we found that when  $m$  is an even number, in particular,  $m = 2^l$  ( $l \in \mathbb{N}^+$ ), by using  $m$  single cycle T-functions meeting certain conditions of period  $2^n$ , we can construct  $m$  pairwise different new single cycle T-functions of period  $2^n$ .

Assume  $F(x)$  is the corresponding function to the sequence  $\{(x_i)\}$  defined by (1), the component functions are  $f_{k_i}(x_i) = x_{i+1}$ ,  $k_{i+1} = k_i + 1 \bmod m$ ,  $k = 0, \dots, m-1$ .

**Theorem 3.** (New Construction) When  $m = 2^l$ , if each component function  $f_{k_i}(x_i)$  is a single cycle T-function and the ordered set  $\langle C_k \rangle$  simultaneously satisfies

- 1) for all  $k$ ,  $C_k$  is congruence modulo 8;
- 2) for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, m-1$ ,  $[C_{k_i}]_3 \oplus [C_{k_{i+1}}]_3 = 1$ ,  $\oplus_{j=0}^{2^{r-1}-1} [C_{k_{i+j}}]_{r+1} = 0$  ( $2 < r < l$ ),  $\oplus_{i=0}^{m-1} [C_{k_i}]_{n-2} = 0$ ; then for different input initial state  $x_0$  modulo  $m$ ,  $F(x)$  can generate  $m$  pairwise different single cycle T-functions of period  $2^n$ , where  $n \geq 4$ ,  $1 \leq l \leq n-3$ .

**Proof.** First we determine the ranges of  $n$  and  $l$ .

Note that each  $f_{k_i}(x_i)$  is a single cycle T-function and is congruence modulo 8, so for all  $k$ ,  $C_k$  simultaneously satisfies  $C_k \bmod 8 = 5$  or  $7$ , thus  $n \geq 3$ . Trivially,  $l \geq 1$ , that is  $m \geq 2$ . Also, since  $C_k$  is different from each other,  $l \leq n-3$ ,  $n \geq 4$ , thus we have  $1 \leq l \leq n-3$ .

Then, from the iterative relation we have,

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_{i+1} &= x_i + (x_i^2 \vee C_{k_i}) \bmod 2^n, \\
 x_{i+2} &= x_i + (x_i^2 \vee C_{k_i}) + (x_{i+1}^2 \vee C_{k_{i+1}}) \bmod 2^n, \\
 &\vdots \\
 x_{i+2^{n-1}} &= x_i + (x_i^2 \vee C_{k_i}) + (x_{i+1}^2 \vee C_{k_{i+1}}) + \dots + (x_{i+2^{n-1}-1}^2 \vee C_{k_{i+2^{n-1}-1}}) \\
 &= x_i + \sum_{j=0}^{2^{n-1}-1} (x_{i+j}^2 \vee C_{k_{i+j}}) \bmod 2^n,
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $i+j$  needs modulo  $m$ . To prove  $F(x)$  is a single cycle T-function, we only need to prove that  $x_{i+2^{n-1}} \neq x_i \bmod 2^n$ . And as the property of the sequence generated by single cycle T-functions, it's only necessary to prove that  $\sum_{j=0}^{2^{n-1}-1} (x_{i+j}^2 \vee C_{k_{i+j}}) = 2^{n-1} \bmod 2^n$ .

For  $\sum_{j=0}^{2^{n-1}-1} (x_{i+j}^2 \vee C_{k_{i+j}}) = \sum_{t=0}^{2^{n-l-1}-1} \sum_{j=0}^{2^l-1} (x_{2^l t+j}^2 \vee C_{k_j}) = \sum_{j=0}^{2^l-1} \sum_{t=0}^{2^{n-l-1}-1} (x_{2^l t+j}^2 \vee C_{k_j}) \bmod 2^n$ , it suffices to show that  $\sum_{t=0}^{2^{n-l-1}-1} \sum_{j=0}^{2^l-1} (x_{2^l t+j}^2 \vee C_{k_j}) = \sum_{j=0}^{2^l-1} \sum_{t=0}^{2^{n-l-1}-1} (x_{2^l t+j}^2 \vee C_{k_j}) = 2^{n-1} \bmod 2^n$ .

1. Firstly we prove that when theorem conditions are met, for any initial state,  $F(x)$  can always generate single cycles. We prove it by dual induction on  $n$  and  $l$ . Let  $s$  and  $l$  denote the value of  $n$  and  $l$ , respectively.

1) When  $s = 4$ ,  $l = 1$ , we have the conclusion by enumeration.

2) Assume by the induction that the conclusion is true when  $s = n$  and  $r = l$ , that is  $\sum_{t=0}^{2^{n-l-1}-1} \sum_{j=0}^{2^l-1} (x_{2^l t+j}^2 \vee C_{k_j}) = \sum_{j=0}^{2^l-1} \sum_{t=0}^{2^{n-l-1}-1} (x_{2^l t+j}^2 \vee C_{k_j}) = 2^{n-1} \bmod 2^n$ ,

a) when  $s = n + 1, r = l$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{j=0}^{2^r-1} \sum_{t=0}^{2^{s-r-1}-1} (x_{2^l t+j}^2 \vee C_{k_j}) &= \sum_{j=0}^{2^l-1} \sum_{t=0}^{2^{n-l}-1} (x_{2^l t+j}^2 \vee C_{k_j}) \\
&= \sum_{j=0}^{2^l-1} \left( \sum_{t=0}^{2^{n-l-1}-1} (x_{2^l t+j}^2 \vee C_{k_j}) + \sum_{t=2^{n-l}-1}^{2^{n-l}-1} (x_{2^l t+j}^2 \vee C_{k_j}) \right) \\
&= \sum_{j=0}^{2^l-1} \sum_{t=0}^{2^{n-l-1}-1} (x_{2^l t+j}^2 \vee C_{k_j}) + \sum_{j=0}^{2^l-1} \sum_{t'=0}^{2^{n-l-1}-1} (x_{2^l t'+j}^2 \vee C_{k_j}) \\
&= 2^{n-1} + 2^{n-1} \\
&= 2^n \text{ mod } 2^{n+1}
\end{aligned}$$

where  $x_i$  is modulo  $2^{n+1}$  and the subscript  $j$  of  $C_{k_j}$  is modulo  $2^l$ . Hence the conclusion is true for  $s = n + 1, r = l$ .

b) When  $s = n, r = l + 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{t=0}^{2^{s-r-1}-1} \sum_{j=0}^{2^r-1} (x_{2^{l+1} t+j}^2 \vee C_{k_j}) &= \sum_{t=0}^{2^{n-l-2}-1} \sum_{j=0}^{2^{l+1}-1} (x_{2^{l+1} t+j}^2 \vee C_{k_j}) \\
&= \sum_{t=0}^{2^{n-l-2}-1} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{2^l-1} (x_{2^{l+1} t+j}^2 \vee C_{k_j}) + \sum_{j=2^l}^{2^{l+1}-1} (x_{2^{l+1} t+j}^2 \vee C_{k_j}) \right) \\
&= \sum_{t=0}^{2^{n-l-2}-1} \sum_{j=0}^{2^l-1} (x_{2^{l+1} t+j}^2 \vee C_{k_j}) + \sum_{t=0}^{2^{n-l-2}-1} \sum_{j'=0}^{2^l-1} (x_{2^{l+1} t+j'+2^l}^2 \vee C_{k_{j'+2^l}}) \text{ mod } 2^n
\end{aligned}$$

where  $x_i$  is modulo  $2^n$ , the subscript  $j$  of  $C_{k_j}$  is modulo  $2^{l+1}$ .

It should be noted that due to the theorem condition  $l \leq n - 3$ , in this part of the proof, we require  $l - 1 \leq n - 3$ . We might as well let  $l - 1 = n - 3$ , then for  $s > n$ , we can have the conclusion by induction on  $n$ .

From the induction on  $l$ , we can separate  $\langle C_{k_j} \rangle$  and  $\langle C_{k_{j'+2^l}} \rangle$  into two independent constant sets which both meet the suppose, and their values are different from each other. Therefore, both  $x_{2^{l+1} t+j}$  and  $x_{2^{l+1} t+j'+2^l}$  can traverse all the states modulo  $2^{n-1}$ , which makes the value of (2) irrelevant to the order of the subscript of  $x_i$ . And according to the induction on  $n$ , we have

$$\sum_{t=0}^{2^{n-l-2}-1} \sum_{j=0}^{2^l-1} (x_{2^{l+1} t+j}^2 \vee C_{k_j}) = \sum_{t=0}^{2^{n-l-2}-1} \sum_{j'=0}^{2^l-1} (x_{2^{l+1} t+j'+2^l}^2 \vee C_{k_{j'+2^l}}) = 2^{n-2} \text{ mod } 2^{n-1},$$

thus the left part of (2) equals to  $2^{n-2} + 2^{n-2} + \alpha(2^{n-1}) = 2^{n-1} + \alpha(2^{n-1}) \text{ mod } 2^n$ , where  $\alpha(2^{n-1})$  stands for the carry carried by  $\sum_{t=0}^{2^{n-l-2}-1} \sum_{j=0}^{2^l-1} (x_{2^{l+1} t+j}^2 \vee C_{k_j})$  and  $\sum_{t=0}^{2^{n-l-2}-1} \sum_{j'=0}^{2^l-1} (x_{2^{l+1} t+j'+2^l}^2 \vee C_{k_{j'+2^l}})$  after  $2^{n-2}$  iterative additions respectively. Note that  $C_k$  is congruence modulo 8, it is also required to consider that after iterative

additions whether there will be a carry generated by the 3rd bit to the  $(n - 2)$ -th bit. (Remark the least bit is the 0-th bit)

Apparently, when  $\langle C_k \rangle$  meets the theorem conditions, there won't be a carry to the  $(n - 1)$ -th bit. Meanwhile, it's easy to show for any  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ , the binary expansion of  $x^2$  must have  $[x^2]_1 = 0$ , thus  $[x^2 \vee C]_0 = [x^2 \vee C]_2 = 1$ ,  $[x^2 \vee C]_1 = [C]_1$ . At the same time, different adjacent  $[C_{k_i}]_3$  ensures the next state differs from the previous state.

So when  $s = n$ ,  $r = l + 1$ ,

$$\sum_{t=0}^{2^{s-r-1}-1} \sum_{j=0}^{2^{r-1}-1} (x_{2^{l+1}t+j}^2 \vee C_{k_j}) = \sum_{t=0}^{2^{n-l-2}-1} \sum_{j=0}^{2^{l+1}-1} (x_{2^{l+1}t+j}^2 \vee C_{k_j}) = 2^{n-1} \bmod 2^n,$$

and the conclusion is true for the case  $s = n$ ,  $r = l + 1$ .

Therefore, for any positive integer  $n$  and  $l$ ,  $\sum_{j=0}^{2^{n-1}-1} (x_{i+j}^2 \vee C_{k_{i+j}}) = 2^{n-1} \bmod 2^n$ , thus  $F(x)$  is a single cycle T-function for any initial state.

2. Secondly, we give the proof that these  $m$  cycles are pairwise different.

Make the residue system  $\{x_0^0, x_0^1, \dots, x_0^{m-1}\}$  modulo  $m$  initial states, where  $x_0^i = 0, 1, \dots, m - 1 (i = 0, 1, \dots, m - 1)$ , when  $i \neq j \bmod m$ ,  $x_0^i \neq x_0^j \bmod m$ . Consider  $F(x)$  is a single cycle T-function, so all the states modulo  $m$  will appear on the cycle generated by  $F(x)$ . We might as well assume these states are in dictionary order, then the state  $x_0^i$  will always be the input of the component function  $f_{k_i \bmod m}(x_i)$ . Thus in a single cycle, we can always make an arbitrary state the initial state, it generates a single cycle. So, for the same initial states  $x_0^i$  modulo  $m$ , they generate the exactly same single cycle.

Since each component function is different T-function, we can at least find two states  $x_i, x_j$ , so that  $f_{k_i}(x_i) \neq f_{k_j}(x_i) (i \neq j \bmod m)$ . Thus for different initial states  $x_0^i, x_0^j$ , we are able to find such a state which has different subsequent states on the two cycles they generated. Therefore, for different initial states  $x_0^i$  and  $x_0^j$  modulo  $m$ , they generate totally different single cycles.

In summary, these  $m$  single cycles are different from each other.  $\#$

**Corollary 1.** When  $\langle C_k \rangle, k = 0, 1, \dots, m - 1$  is in dictionary order,  $F(x)$  generates  $m$  new pairwise different single cycles.

**Proof.** Apparently, dictionary order satisfies the conditions in **Theorem 3**, so the conclusion is true.  $\#$

According to **Theorem 3**, we can give a numeration lower bound  $N$  for this construction. Easy to know when we construct cycles in dictionary order, the lower bound is reached.

**Theorem 4.** Given the same conditions as **Theorem 3**, sort  $m$  in dictionary order, we can get  $C_{2^n}^m$  cases. Consider rotation, we have  $N \geq mC_{2^n}^m$ .

Obviously, a large number of single cycle T-functions can be constructed through this method.

**Corollary 2.** When  $m = 2^l$ , if for all  $k$ ,

1) each component function  $f_{k_i}(x_i)$  is a single cycle T-function,

2)  $C_k$  is congruence modulo  $2^m$ ,

then, for different initial state  $x_0$  modulo  $m$ ,  $F(x)$  can generate  $m$  pairwise different single cycle T-functions of period  $2^n$ , where  $n \geq 4$ ,  $1 \leq l \leq n - m$ . Note here  $\{C_k\}$  is out-of-order.

**Proof.** Similar to the proof procedure of **Theorem 2**, it only needs to consider the induction part on  $l$ . According to the induction hypothesis, if and only if for all  $k$ ,  $C_k$  is congruence modulo  $2^m$ , when we take  $2^l C_{k_i}$  in arbitrary order, it won't carry  $2^{n-1}$  from the 3rd bit to the  $(n - 2)$ -th bit after iterative additions.  $\#$

Through the method proposed in **Corollary 2**,  $2 \cdot 2^{m-3} \cdot C_{2^{n-m}}^m = 2^{m-2} C_{2^{m-3}}^m$  new single cycles can be constructed.

**Theorem 5.** For any  $m$ , might as well let  $m = 2^l m'$ ,  $0 \leq l \leq n - m$ , where  $m'$  is an odd number. If each component function  $f_{k_i}(x_i)$  is a single cycle T-function and for all  $k$ ,  $C_k$  is congruence modulo  $2^m$ , then the sequence of pairs  $\{(x_i, k_i)\}$  has the maximal period of  $m'2^n$ . At the same time, for different initial state  $x_0$  modulo  $2^l$ , there are  $2^l$  pairwise different cycles.

**Proof.** It's easy to prove by **Lemma 2** and **Corollary 2**.  $\#$

## 4 Conclusion

In this paper, we summarize the existing construction methods of single cycle T-functions, and propose a method using  $m$  single cycle T-functions meeting certain conditions of period  $2^n$  to construct  $m$  new and distinct pairwise single cycle T-functions of period  $2^n$ , where  $m = 2^l (l \in \mathbb{N}^+)$ . The newly constructed single cycle T-functions have preserved all the information inherited from the original component functions, it is a kind of efficient, simple and easy-to-do method, and is provided with a large optional parameter space. Furthermore, by applying this construction method for other functions, we may get a lot of new function families.

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## A

### A.1

Taking  $m = 2$ ,  $n = 4$  as an example, the construction is given as follows. Select  $C_k = \langle 5, 13 \rangle$ , then the component functions are

$$f_{k_0} = x + (x^2 \vee 5) \bmod 2^4, f_{k_1} = x + (x^2 \vee 13) \bmod 2^4.$$

Sequences generated by  $f_{k_0}$  and  $f_{k_1}$  are as follows. **Figure 1** which has red figures with black solid circle is generated by  $f_{k_0}$ , **Figure 2** which has blue figures with black hollow circle is generated by  $f_{k_1}$ . Figures in brackets outside the cycles are the current states, and figures inside the cycles are the numbers of the states (0 stands for the initial state).

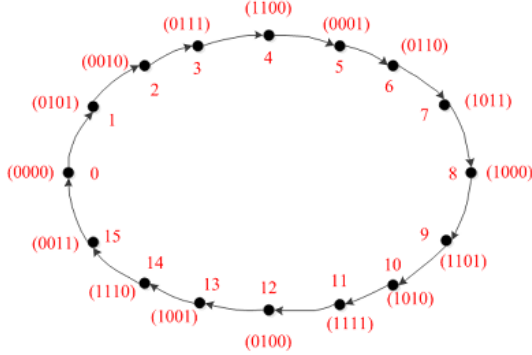


Figure 1 Cycle structure of  $f_{k_0}$

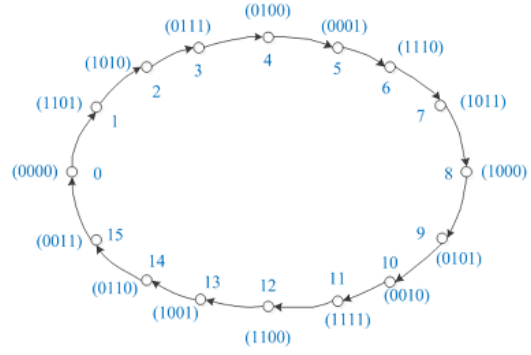


Figure 2 Cycle structure of  $f_{k_1}$

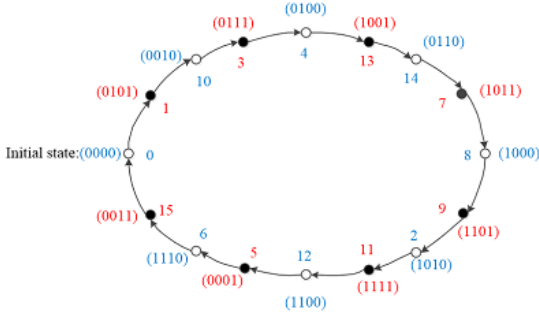


Figure 3 Output when initial state 0

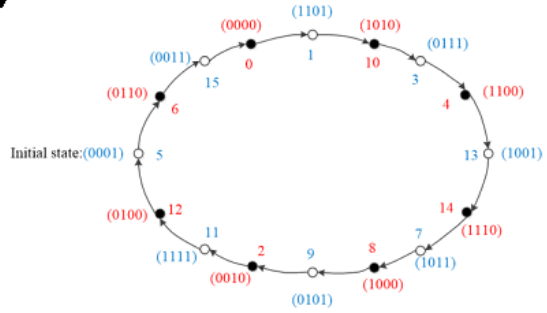


Figure 4 Output when initial state 1

When  $x_{i+1} = x_i + (x_i^2 \vee C_{k_i}) \bmod 2^4$ ,  $C_k = \langle 5, 13 \rangle$ ,  $k_{i+1} = k_i + 1 \bmod 2$  respectively takes (0000) and (0001) as its initial state, it generates cycles as **Figure 3** and **Figure 4** above. Red figures with black solid circle are output from  $f_{k_0}$ , blue figures with hollow circle are output from  $f_{k_1}$ , and figures inside the cycles are numbers in their original component functions. We can tell that the newly constructed cycles are recombination of the original component functions' output.

## A.2

Taking  $m = 4, n = 5$  as an example, the construction is given as follows. Select  $C_k = \langle 5, 13, 21, 29 \rangle$ , then the component functions are

$$\begin{aligned} f_{k_0} &= x + (x^2 \vee 5) \bmod 2^5, \quad f_{k_1} = x + (x^2 \vee 13) \bmod 2^5, \\ f_{k_2} &= x + (x^2 \vee 21) \bmod 2^5, \quad f_{k_3} = x + (x^2 \vee 29) \bmod 2^5. \end{aligned}$$

Sequences generated by  $f_{k_0}$ ,  $f_{k_1}$ ,  $f_{k_2}$  and  $f_{k_3}$  are as follows. **Figure 5** which has red figures with black solid circle is generated by  $f_{k_0}$ , **Figure 6** which has blue figures with black hollow circle is generated by  $f_{k_1}$ , **Figure 7** which has yellow figures with grey solid circle is generated by  $f_{k_2}$ , **Figure 8** which has green figures with green

hollow circle is generated by  $f_{k_3}$ . Figures in brackets outside the cycle are the current states, and figures inside the cycle are the numbers of the states (0 stands for the initial state).

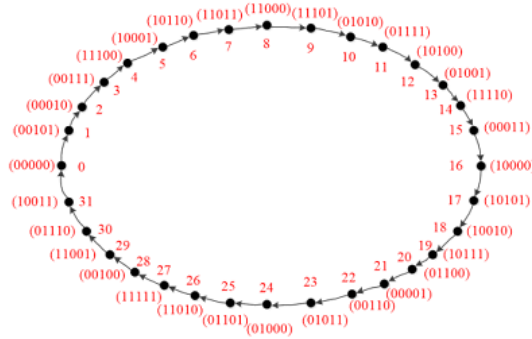


Figure 5 Cycle structure of  $f_{k_0}$

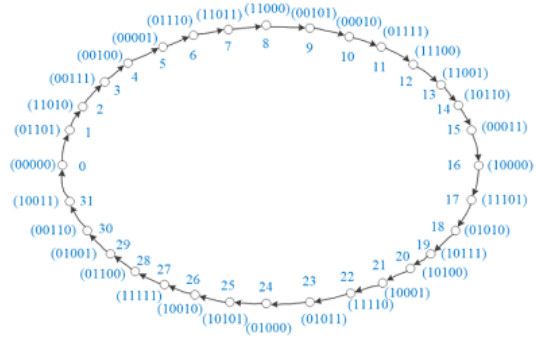


Figure 6 Cycle structure of  $f_{k_1}$

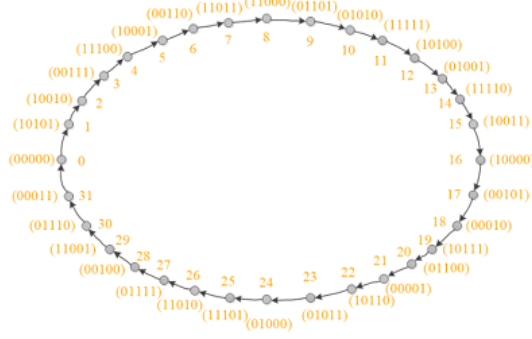


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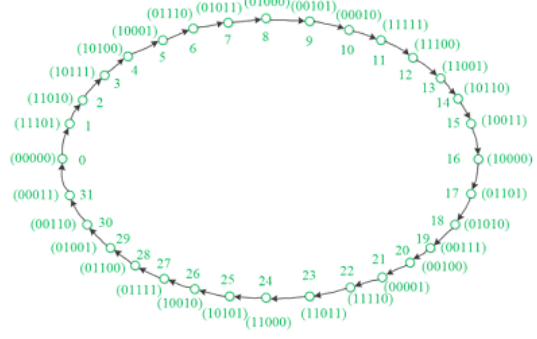


Figure 8 Cycle structure of  $f_{k_3}$

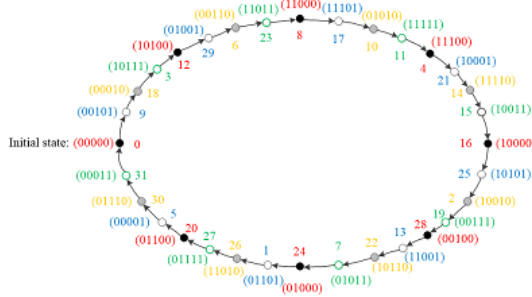


Figure 9 Output when initial state 0

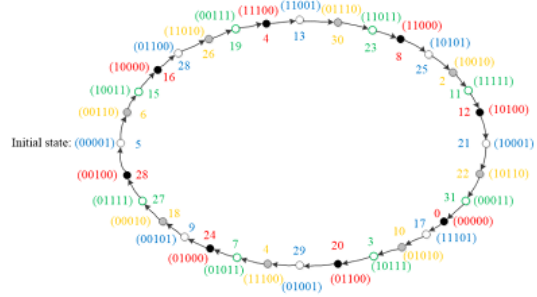


Figure 10 Output when initial state 1

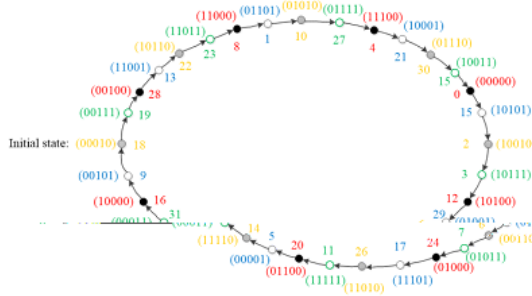


Figure 11 Output when initial state 2

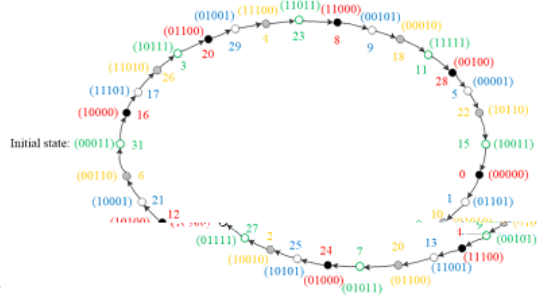


Figure 12 Output when initial state 3

When  $x_{i+1} = x_i + (x_i^2 \vee C_{k_i}) \bmod 2^5$ ,  $C_k = \langle 5, 13, 21, 29 \rangle$ ,  $k_{i+1} = k_i + 1 \bmod 4$  respectively takes (00000), (00001), (00010) and (00011) as its initial state, it generates cycles as **Figure 9**, **Figure 10**, **Figure 11** and **Figure 12** above. Red figures with black solid circle are output from  $f_{k_0}$ , blue figures with hollow circle are output from  $f_{k_1}$ , yellow figures with grey solid circle are output from  $f_{k_2}$ , green figures with green hollow circle are output from  $f_{k_3}$ . And figures inside the cycles are numbers in their original component functions. It is obviously to see that for an ordered  $\langle C_k \rangle$ , states selected from each component functions are fixed, it is just the combination order different.