

Two classes of rotation symmetric semi-bent functions

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Appendix A Proof of Theorem 1

Lemma 1 ([1]). Let f be a $2m$ -variable Boolean function which can be expressed in the form : $f(x, y) = \pi(x) \cdot y \oplus h(x)$, where $x, y \in \mathbb{F}_2^m$, π is a mapping on \mathbb{F}_2^m and h is an m -variable Boolean function. We have

1. If π is a 2-to-1 mapping, then f is a semi-bent function.

2. For $w \in \mathbb{F}_2^m$, if the set $S_w = \{x \in \mathbb{F}_2^m \mid \pi(x) = w\}$ is either empty or an s -dimensional affine subspace of \mathbb{F}_2^m , then f is a semi-bent function if and only if one of the following two conditions holds: (a) $s = 1$; (b) $s = 2$ and the restriction of h to S_w , viewed as a 2-variable function, has algebraic degree 2.

Lemma 2 (Theorem 1 in [2, p. 190]). Let \mathcal{L} be a cyclic code of length n in $\mathbb{F}_2[x]/(x^n - 1)$. Then

- (1) There is a unique monic polynomial $g(x)$ of minimal degree in \mathcal{L} . $g(x)$ is a generator polynomial of \mathcal{L} .
- (2) $g(x)$ is a factor of $x^n - 1$.
- (3) The dimension of \mathcal{L} is $n - s$, $s = \deg(g)$.
- (4) If $g(x) = g_0 + g_1x + \dots + g_sx^s$, then \mathcal{L} is generated by the rows of the generator matrix

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} g_0 & g_1 & g_2 & \dots & g_s & 0 \\ & g_0 & g_1 & \dots & g_{s-1} & g_s \\ & & & \dots & & \\ 0 & g_0 & \dots & & & g_s \end{bmatrix}$$

Let $W = \{x \in \mathbb{F}_2^{2m} \mid x_{m+i} = 0, 0 \leq i \leq m-1\}$ and $V = \{x \in \mathbb{F}_2^{2m} \mid x_i \oplus x_{m+i} = 0, 0 \leq i \leq m-1\}$. Since W and V are two supplementary m -dimensional vector subspaces of \mathbb{F}_2^{2m} , the direct sum of W and V is $2m$ -dimensional vector subspace. Hence, for any vector $x \in \mathbb{F}_2^{2m}$, x can be uniquely expressed by $x = a \oplus y$ with $a = (x_0 \oplus x_m, x_1 \oplus x_{m+1}, \dots, x_{m-1} \oplus x_{2m-1}, 0, 0, \dots, 0) \in W$ and $y = (x_m, x_{m+1}, \dots, x_{2m-1}, x_m, x_{m+1}, \dots, x_{2m-1}) \in V$. This substitution will be used in the proofs of our main theorems.

The proof of Theorem 1: Replacing x by $a \oplus y$ where $a \in W$ and $y \in V$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \bigoplus_{k=0}^{n-1} \rho_n^k(x_0x_{t_0}) &= \bigoplus_{k=0}^{n-1} \rho_n^k[(a_0 \oplus y_0)(a_{t_0} \oplus y_{t_0})] \\ &= \bigoplus_{k=0}^{n-1} \rho_n^k(a_0a_{t_0}) \oplus \bigoplus_{k=0}^{n-1} \rho_n^k(a_0y_{t_0}) \oplus \bigoplus_{k=0}^{n-1} \rho_n^k(a_{t_0}y_0) \oplus \bigoplus_{k=0}^{n-1} \rho_n^k(y_0y_{t_0}) \\ &= \left[\bigoplus_{k=0}^{m-t_0-1} \rho_n^k(a_0a_{t_0}) \oplus \bigoplus_{k=m-t_0}^{m-1} \rho_n^k(a_0a_{t_0}) \oplus \bigoplus_{k=m}^{2m-1} \rho_n^k(a_0a_{t_0}) \right] \\ &\quad \oplus \left[\bigoplus_{k=0}^{m-1} \rho_n^k(a_0y_{t_0}) \oplus \bigoplus_{k=m}^{2m-1} \rho_n^k(a_0y_{t_0}) \right] \\ &\quad \oplus \left[\bigoplus_{k=0}^{m-t_0-1} \rho_n^k(a_{t_0}y_0) \oplus \bigoplus_{k=m-t_0}^{2m-t_0-1} \rho_n^k(a_{t_0}y_0) \oplus \bigoplus_{k=2m-t_0}^{2m-1} \rho_n^k(a_{t_0}y_0) \right] \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \oplus 2 \bigoplus_{k=0}^{m-1} \rho_m^k(y_0 y_{t_0}) \\
 &= \bigoplus_{k=0}^{m-t_0-1} \rho_m^k(a_0 a_{t_0}) \oplus \bigoplus_{k=0}^{m-1} \rho_m^k(a_0 y_{t_0}) \oplus \bigoplus_{k=0}^{m-1} \rho_m^k(a_{t_0} y_0) \\
 &= \bigoplus_{k=0}^{m-t_0-1} \rho_m^k(a_0 a_{t_0}) \oplus \bigoplus_{k=0}^{m-1} \rho_m^k[(a_{m-t_0} \oplus a_{t_0}) y_0].
 \end{aligned} \tag{A1}$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_1(x) &= f_1(a \oplus y) \\
 &= g_1(a_0 \oplus y_0 \oplus a_m \oplus y_m, \dots, a_{m-1} \oplus y_{m-1} \oplus a_{2m-1} \oplus y_{2m-1}) \oplus \bigoplus_{k=0}^{n-1} \rho_n^k[(a_0 \oplus y_0)(a_{t_0} \oplus y_{t_0})] \\
 &= g_1(a_0, \dots, a_{m-1}) \oplus \bigoplus_{k=0}^{m-t_0-1} \rho_m^k(a_0 a_{t_0}) \oplus \bigoplus_{k=0}^{m-1} \rho_m^k[(a_{m-t_0} \oplus a_{t_0}) y_0] \\
 &= \pi(a) \cdot y \oplus h_1(a),
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\pi(a) = (a_{m-t_0} \oplus a_{t_0}, a_{m-t_0+1} \oplus a_{t_0+1}, \dots, a_{m-t_0-1} \oplus a_{t_0-1})$$

and

$$h_1(a) = g_1(a_0, \dots, a_{m-1}) \oplus \bigoplus_{k=0}^{m-t_0-1} \rho_m^k(a_0 a_{t_0}). \tag{A2}$$

Next we need only consider the case $1 \leq t_0 \leq q$ since it is similar to the case $q+1 \leq t_0 \leq 2q$. Let $s = \gcd(2t_0, m)$. According to Lemma 2, π is a 2^s -to-1 mapping since $\gcd(x^{m-t_0} \oplus x^{t_0}, x^m \oplus 1) = x^s \oplus 1$. Since m is odd, we have that $s \neq 2$. Hence, by Lemma 1, $f_1(x)$ is a semi-bent function if and only if $\gcd(2t_0, m) = 1$.

Appendix B Proof of Theorem 2

In order to investigate the degree of the constructed $2m$ -variable RotS semi-bent functions for even m , we first give the following lemma.

Lemma 3. Let $m \geq 4$ be even, and $n = 2m$. Let $g(x)$ be an m -variable quadratic RotS Boolean function with the form

$$g(x) = \bigoplus_{t=1}^{\frac{m}{2}-1} c_t \left[\bigoplus_{k=0}^{m-1} \rho_m^k(x_0 x_t) \right] \oplus c_{\frac{m}{2}} \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\frac{m}{2}-1} \rho_m^k(x_0 x_{\frac{m}{2}}), \tag{B1}$$

where $c_{\frac{m}{2}}, c_t \in \mathbb{F}_2$. Then $\widehat{g}(x)$ can be expressed as the following form

$$\widehat{g}(x) = \bigoplus_{t=1}^{m-1} c_t \left[\bigoplus_{k=0}^{n-1} \rho_n^k(x_0 x_t) \right], \tag{B2}$$

where $c_t = c_{m-t}$.

Proof. According to (B1), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \widehat{g}(x) &= g(x_0 \oplus x_m, \dots, x_{m-1} \oplus x_{2m-1}) \\
 &= \bigoplus_{t=1}^{\frac{m}{2}-1} c_t \left\{ \bigoplus_{k=0}^{m-1} \rho_n^k[(x_0 + x_m)(x_t + x_{t+m})] \right\} \oplus c_{\frac{m}{2}} \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\frac{m}{2}-1} \rho_n^k[(x_0 + x_m)(x_{\frac{m}{2}} + x_{\frac{m}{2}+m})] \\
 &= \bigoplus_{t=1}^{\frac{m}{2}-1} \left[c_t \bigoplus_{k=0}^{n-1} \rho_n^k(x_0 x_{m-t} \oplus x_0 x_t) \right] \oplus c_{\frac{m}{2}} \bigoplus_{k=0}^{n-1} \rho_n^k(x_0 x_{\frac{m}{2}}) \\
 &= \bigoplus_{\substack{t=1, \\ t \neq \frac{m}{2}}}^{m-1} \left[c_t \bigoplus_{k=0}^{n-1} \rho_n^k(x_0 x_t) \right] \oplus c_{\frac{m}{2}} \bigoplus_{k=0}^{n-1} \rho_n^k(x_0 x_{\frac{m}{2}}) \\
 &= \bigoplus_{t=1}^{m-1} c_t \left[\bigoplus_{k=0}^{n-1} \rho_n^k(x_0 x_t) \right],
 \end{aligned}$$

where $c_t = c_{m-t}$.

The proof of Theorem 2: By replacing x by $a \oplus y$ where $a \in W$ and $y \in V$, we have the following equation.

$$f_2(x) = f_2(a \oplus y)$$

$$=g_2(a_0, \dots, a_{m-1}) \oplus \bigoplus_{t=1}^{m-1} \left\{ c_t \bigoplus_{k=0}^{n-1} \rho_n^k [(a_0 \oplus y_0)(a_t \oplus y_t)] \right\} \oplus \bigoplus_{k=0}^{n-1} \rho_n^k (a_0 \oplus y_0)(a_{t_0} \oplus y_{t_0}). \quad (\text{B3})$$

Note that $c_t = c_{m-t}$, for $0 < t < m$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \bigoplus_{t=1}^{m-1} \left\{ c_t \bigoplus_{k=0}^{n-1} \rho_n^k [(a_0 \oplus y_0)(a_t \oplus y_t)] \right\} \\ &= \bigoplus_{t=1}^{\frac{m}{2}-1} c_t \left[\bigoplus_{k=0}^{n-1} \rho_n^k (a_0 \oplus y_0)(a_t \oplus y_t) \oplus \bigoplus_{k=0}^{n-1} \rho_n^k (a_0 \oplus y_0)(a_{m-t} \oplus y_{m-t}) \right] \oplus c_{\frac{m}{2}} \bigoplus_{k=0}^{n-1} \rho_n^k (a_0 \oplus y_0)(a_{\frac{m}{2}} \oplus y_{\frac{m}{2}}) \\ & \text{(by Equation(A1) with } t_0 \text{ replaced by } t) \\ &= \bigoplus_{t=1}^{\frac{m}{2}-1} c_t \left\{ \bigoplus_{k=0}^{m-t-1} \rho_m^k (a_0 a_t) \oplus \bigoplus_{k=0}^{m-1} \rho_m^k [(a_{m-t} \oplus a_t) y_0] \oplus \bigoplus_{k=0}^{m-(m-t)-1} \rho_m^k (a_0 a_{m-t}) \oplus \bigoplus_{k=0}^{m-1} \rho_m^k [(a_t \oplus a_{m-t}) y_0] \right\} \\ & \quad \oplus c_{\frac{m}{2}} \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\frac{m}{2}-1} \rho_m^k (a_0 a_{\frac{m}{2}}) \\ &= \bigoplus_{t=1}^{\frac{m}{2}-1} c_t \left[\bigoplus_{k=0}^{m-t-1} \rho_m^k (a_0 a_t) \oplus \bigoplus_{k=0}^{t-1} \rho_m^k (a_0 a_{m-t}) \right] \oplus c_{\frac{m}{2}} \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\frac{m}{2}-1} \rho_m^k (a_0 a_{\frac{m}{2}}) \\ &= \bigoplus_{t=1}^{\frac{m}{2}-1} c_t \bigoplus_{k=0}^{m-1} \rho_m^k (a_0 a_t) \oplus c_{\frac{m}{2}} \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\frac{m}{2}-1} \rho_m^k (a_0 a_{\frac{m}{2}}). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B4})$$

Substituting (A1) and (B4) into (B3), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} f_2(x) &= g_2(a_0, \dots, a_{m-1}) \oplus \bigoplus_{t=1}^{\frac{m}{2}-1} \left\{ c_t \bigoplus_{k=0}^{m-1} \rho_m^k (a_0 a_t) \right\} \oplus c_{\frac{m}{2}} \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\frac{m}{2}-1} \rho_m^k (a_0 a_{\frac{m}{2}}) \\ & \quad \oplus \bigoplus_{k=0}^{m-t_0-1} \rho_m^k (a_0 a_{t_0}) \oplus \bigoplus_{k=0}^{m-1} \rho_m^k [(a_{m-t_0} \oplus a_{t_0}) y_0] \\ &= \pi(a) \cdot y \oplus h_2(a), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\pi(a) = (a_{m-t_0} \oplus a_{t_0}, a_{m-t_0+1} \oplus a_{t_0+1}, \dots, a_{m-t_0-1} \oplus a_{t_0-1})$$

and

$$h_2(a) = g_2(a_0, \dots, a_{m-1}) \oplus \bigoplus_{t=1}^{\frac{m}{2}-1} \left[c_t \bigoplus_{k=0}^{m-1} \rho_m^k (a_0 a_t) \right] \oplus c_{\frac{m}{2}} \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\frac{m}{2}-1} \rho_m^k (a_0 a_{\frac{m}{2}}) \oplus \bigoplus_{k=0}^{m-t_0-1} \rho_m^k (a_0 a_{t_0}).$$

Note that f_2 is not semi-bent when $t_0 = \frac{m}{2}$ (which implies $\pi = 0$). Without loss of generality, we suppose that $0 < t_0 < \frac{m}{2}$. Similarly to the discussion of Theorem 1, we deduce that f_2 can be semi-bent only if $s = 2$ since m is even, where $s = \gcd(2t_0, m)$.

When $s = 2$, let G be the kernel of π . Then

$$G = \{x \mid \pi(x) = \mathbf{0}, x \in \mathbb{F}_2^m\} = \{\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}, (0, 1, 0, 1, \dots, 0, 1), (1, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 1, 0)\}$$

where $\mathbf{0}$ is the all zero vector and $\mathbf{1}$ is the all one vector. For any $w \in \mathbb{F}_2^m$, let $S_w = \{x \in \mathbb{F}_2^m \mid \pi(x) = w\}$. There must exist some $b \in \mathbb{F}_n^m$ such that, for any $a \in S_w$, there exists a unique $e \in G$ such that $a = b \oplus e$. We represent the restriction of $h_2(a)$ to S_w as

$$h'_2 = A \oplus B \oplus C$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \bigoplus_{a_0 a_{i_1 r} \dots a_{i_l r} \in \Gamma'(m)} v_{a_0 a_{i_1 r} \dots a_{i_l r}} \bigoplus_{k=0}^{|O_m(a_0 a_{i_1 r} \dots a_{i_l r})|-1} \rho_m^k [(b_0 \oplus e_0) \dots (b_{i_l r} \oplus e_{i_l r})], \\ B &= \bigoplus_{t=1}^{\frac{m}{2}-1} \left\{ c_t \bigoplus_{k=0}^{m-1} \rho_m^k [(b_0 \oplus e_0)(b_t \oplus e_t)] \right\}, \\ C &= c_{\frac{m}{2}} \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\frac{m}{2}-1} \rho_m^k [(b_0 \oplus e_0)(b_{\frac{m}{2}} \oplus e_{\frac{m}{2}})] \oplus \bigoplus_{k=0}^{m-t_0-1} \rho_m^k [(b_0 \oplus e_0)(b_{t_0} \oplus e_{t_0})]. \end{aligned}$$

In order to discuss the non-linearized part of h'_2 , we begin from the first part A , which is the restriction of $g_2(a)$ to S_w . Note that i_1, \dots, i_l are even when r is odd, and $e_i = e_j$ when $i \equiv j \pmod{2}$. We have $e_{i_j r} = e_0, 1 \leq j \leq l$ for both odd r and

even r . So there is no non-linearized part relative to e in part A . Next we discuss the second part B . For $1 \leq t \leq \frac{m}{2} - 1$, we have

$$\bigoplus_{k=0}^{m-1} \rho_m^k [(b_0 \oplus e_0)(b_t \oplus e_t)] = \bigoplus_{k=0}^{m-1} \rho_m^k (b_0 b_t \oplus b_0 e_t \oplus b_t e_0 \oplus e_0 e_t).$$

If t is even, then

$$\bigoplus_{k=0}^{m-1} \rho_m^k (e_0 e_t) = \bigoplus_{k=0}^{m-1} \rho_m^k (e_0 e_0) = \left(\frac{m}{2} \bmod 2\right) (e_0 \oplus e_1).$$

If t is odd, then

$$\bigoplus_{k=0}^{m-1} \rho_m^k (e_0 e_t) = \bigoplus_{k=0}^{m-1} \rho_m^k (e_0 e_1) = (m \bmod 2) (e_0 e_1) = 0.$$

According to the above remark, we see that there is no non-linearized part in part B .

Therefore, the non-linearized part of h'_2 is the non-linearized part NC in part C :

$$NC = c \frac{m}{2} \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\frac{m}{2}-1} \rho_m^k (e_0 e_{\frac{m}{2}}) \oplus \bigoplus_{k=0}^{m-t_0-1} \rho_m^k (e_0 e_{t_0}).$$

We investigated it in two cases.

Case 1. When $c \frac{m}{2} = 0$, we have $NC = \bigoplus_{k=0}^{m-t_0-1} \rho_m^k (e_0 e_{t_0})$. When $\gcd(t_0, m) = 2$, t_0 is even and $NC = \left(\frac{m-t_0}{2} \bmod 2\right) (e_0 \oplus e_1)$. By Case 2 of Lemma 1, f can not be semi-bent when $\gcd(t_0, m) = 2$. When $\gcd(t_0, m) = 1$, t_0 and $m - t_0$ are odd. We have $NC = ((m - t_0) \bmod 2) (e_0 e_1) = e_0 e_1$ which implies $\deg(h'_2) = 2$. So f is semi-bent if and only if $\gcd(2t_0, m) = 2$ and $\gcd(t_0, m) = 1$.

Case 2. When $c \frac{m}{2} = 1$, we have $NC = \bigoplus_{k=0}^{\frac{m}{2}-1} \rho_m^k (e_0 e_{\frac{m}{2}}) \oplus \bigoplus_{k=0}^{m-t_0-1} \rho_m^k (e_0 e_{t_0})$. Furthermore, when $m \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$, $\bigoplus_{k=0}^{\frac{m}{2}-1} \rho_m^k (e_0 e_{\frac{m}{2}}) = \left(\frac{m}{4} \bmod 2\right) (e_0 \oplus e_1)$. When $\gcd(t_0, m) = 2$, $NC = \left(\frac{m}{4} \bmod 2\right) (e_0 \oplus e_1) \oplus \left(\frac{m-t_0}{2} \bmod 2\right) (e_0 \oplus e_1)$, which implies $\deg(h'_2) < 2$. When $\gcd(t_0, m) = 1$, $NC = \left(\frac{m}{4} \bmod 2\right) (e_0 \oplus e_1) \oplus e_0 e_1$, which implies $\deg(h'_2) = 2$. Therefore, when $c \frac{m}{2} = 1$ and $m \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$, f_2 is semi-bent if and only if $\gcd(2t_0, m) = 2$ and $\gcd(t_0, m) = 1$.

When $m \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$, $\bigoplus_{k=0}^{\frac{m}{2}-1} \rho_m^k (e_0 e_{\frac{m}{2}}) = e_0 e_1$, and in the same manner we conclude that f_2 is semi-bent if and only if $\gcd(2t_0, m) = 2$ and $\gcd(t_0, m) = 2$, which completes the proof of part(2) of Theorem 2.

By Lemma 3, for convenience, we suppose that there is no quadratic monomial in g_2 . If $\deg(g_2)$ is 0 or 1, then $\deg(f_2) = 2$. If $\deg(g_2) \geq 3$, then $\deg(f_2) = \deg(g_2)$.

Appendix C Construction of balanced RotS semi-bent functions

We only give a construction of balanced RotS semi-bent functions based on Theorem 1 as instance.

Corollary 1. With the same notations as in Theorem 2, we have

- (1) For $g_1(\mathbf{0}) \oplus g_1(\mathbf{1}) = 0$, f_1 is a balanced RotS semi-bent function if and only if $\gcd(2t_0, m) = 1$ and t_0 is even.
- (2) For $g_1(\mathbf{0}) \oplus g_1(\mathbf{1}) = 1$, f_1 is a balanced RotS semi-bent function if and only if $\gcd(2t_0, m) = 1$ and t_0 is odd.

Proof. From the proof of Theorem 1, we conclude that $\pi(\mathbf{0}) = \pi(\mathbf{1}) = \mathbf{0}$ if $s = \gcd(2t_0, m) = 1$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} W_{f_1}(\mathbf{0}) &= \sum_{a \in W, y \in V} (-1)^{\pi(a) \cdot y \oplus h_1(a)} \\ &= \sum_{a \in W} (-1)^{h_1(a)} \sum_{y \in V} (-1)^{\pi(a) \cdot y} \\ &= ((-1)^{h_1(\mathbf{0})} + (-1)^{h_1(\mathbf{1})}) 2^m. \end{aligned}$$

By Equation (A2), it is followed that f_1 is balanced if $g_1(\mathbf{0}) + g_1(\mathbf{1}) + m - t_0 = 1 \pmod{2}$. Hence the conclusions hold.

Similarly, a balanced RotS semi-bent function can be constructed from Theorem 2 by restricting the value of $g_2(\mathbf{1})$, $g_2(\mathbf{0})$, $g_2(0, 1, 0, 1, \dots, 0, 1)$, $g_2(1, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 1, 0)$, and t_0 .

Appendix D Examples

The following Example 1 and Example 2 belongs to the class of RotS semi-bent functions constructed by Theorem 1 and Theorem 2 respectively.

Example 1. Let $n = 10$, and $\widehat{g}(x)$ be a function with the form given by (4). Then

$$f_1(x) = \widehat{g}(x) \oplus \bigoplus_{k=0}^9 \rho_{10}^k(x_0x_1)$$

is a RotS semi-bent function with degree 4.

Example 2. Let $n = 12$, $m = 6$, $p = 6$, $r = 1$ and $g_2(x) = \bigoplus_{k=0}^5 \rho_6^k(x_0x_2x_4)$. By the Case 2 of Theorem 2,

$$\begin{aligned} f_2(x) &= g_2(x_0 \oplus x_6, \dots, x_5 \oplus x_{11}) \oplus \bigoplus_{k=0}^{11} \rho_{12}^k(x_0x_3) \oplus \bigoplus_{k=0}^{11} \rho_{12}^k(x_0x_2) \\ &= \bigoplus_{k=0}^{11} \rho_{12}^k(x_0x_2x_4) \oplus \bigoplus_{k=0}^3 \rho_{12}^k(x_0x_4x_8) \oplus \bigoplus_{k=0}^{11} \rho_{12}^k(x_0x_3) \oplus \bigoplus_{k=0}^{11} \rho_{12}^k(x_0x_2), \end{aligned}$$

is a RotS semi-bent function.

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