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A non-alternate 3D structure and its practical security evaluation against differential and linear cryptanalysis

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Appendix A Proofs of Theorem 3 and Theorem 4

Lemma 1. Let $B = (b_{i,j})_{n \times n}$ be an $n \times n$ binary matrix, $b_{i,\cdot}$ and $b_{\cdot,j}$ denote the i -th row vector and the j -th column vector of B respectively, and $wt(\cdot)$ denotes the Hamming Weight. Let

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \max\{wt(b_{i,\cdot}) : 0 \leq i < n, b_{i,\cdot} \neq 0\}, v = \max\{wt(b_{\cdot,j}) : 0 \leq j < n, b_{\cdot,j} \neq 0\}, \\ t_1 &= \min\{wt(b_{i,\cdot}) : 0 \leq i < n, b_{i,\cdot} \neq 0\}, t_2 = \min\{wt(b_{\cdot,j}) : 0 \leq j < n, b_{\cdot,j} \neq 0\}, \\ M &= \#\{0 \leq i < n : b_{i,\cdot} \neq 0\}, N = \#\{0 \leq j < n : b_{\cdot,j} \neq 0\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then,

- (1) $N \geq \max\{wt(b_{i,\cdot}) : 0 \leq i < n\}$;
- (2) $wt(B) \geq \max\{Nt_2 + v - t_2, Mt_1 + u - t_1\}$.

Proof. (1) If $b_{i,j} \neq 0$, then $b_{\cdot,j} \neq 0$. Therefore,

$$wt(b_{i,\cdot}) = \#\{0 \leq j < n : b_{i,j} \neq 0\} \leq \#\{0 \leq j < n : b_{\cdot,j} \neq 0\} = N.$$

Obviously, $N \geq \max\{wt(b_{i,\cdot}) : 0 \leq i < n\}$.

(2) Suppose $wt(b_{\cdot,h}) = v$. Build a set with indexes (i, j) of non-zero components of $b_{\cdot,h}$, denoted by F . Choosing t_2 non-zero components from every non-zero column vector of B , build a set with indexes (i, j) of these $N \times t_2$ non-zero components, denoted by E . Then we get

$$wt(B) \geq |E \cup F| = |E| + |F| - |E \cap F| = Nt_2 + v - |E \cap F| \geq Nt_2 + v - t_2.$$

Similarly, apply above result to B^T , then we get $w(B) \geq Mt_1 + u - t_1$, where B^T represents the transposition of matrix B . Thus statement (2) is true.

Corollary 1. For a state cube $A = (a_{i,j,t})$, let $t_2 = \min\{N_{XY}(a_{i,\cdot,\cdot}) : 0 \leq i < n, a_{i,\cdot,\cdot} \neq 0\}$, $v = \max\{N_{XY}(a_{i,\cdot,\cdot}) : 0 \leq i < n\}$, $t_1 = \min\{N_{XY}(a_{\cdot,j,\cdot}) : 0 \leq j < n, a_{\cdot,j,\cdot} \neq 0\}$, $u = \max\{N_{XY}(a_{\cdot,j,\cdot}) : 0 \leq j < n\}$, and $N_X(A) = p_1$, $N_Y(A) = q_1$, $N_Z(A) = q$. When $A \neq 0$, we have

- (1) $\sum_{0 \leq j < n, a_{\cdot,\cdot,j} \neq 0} \max\{1, B_d - \min_{0 \leq i < n, a_{i,\cdot,j} \neq 0} w(a_{i,\cdot,j})\} \geq (q-1) \max\{1, B_d - v\} + \min\{1, B_d - t_2\} \geq q \max\{1, B_d - q_1\}$;
- (2) $\sum_{0 \leq t < n, a_{\cdot,\cdot,t} \neq 0} \max\{1, B_d - \min_{0 \leq j < n, a_{\cdot,j,t} \neq 0} w(a_{\cdot,j,t})\} \geq (q-1) \max\{1, B_d - u\} + \min\{1, B_d - t_1\} \geq q \max\{1, B_d - p_1\}$;
- (3) $N_{XY}(A) \geq \max\{p_1 t_2 + v - t_2, q_1 t_1 + u - t_1\}$.

Proof.

(1) Since $N_Z(A) = q$, there exist $0 \leq s_1 < s_2 < \dots < s_q < n$ satisfying $a_{\cdot,\cdot,s_c} \neq 0$ for $1 \leq c \leq q$. For $1 \leq c \leq q$, let $j_c = \min\{w(a_{i,\cdot,s_c}) : 0 \leq i < n, a_{i,\cdot,s_c} \neq 0\}$.

We may assume $j_1 \leq j_2 \leq \dots \leq j_q$. For $1 \leq c \leq q$, let $w(a_{i^c,\cdot,s_c}) = j_c$ and $e_c = \#\{0 \leq j < n : a_{i^c,j,\cdot} \neq 0\}$. Then $v = \max\{\#\{0 \leq j < n : a_{i,j,\cdot} \neq 0\} : 0 \leq i < n\} \geq e_c$ for all $1 \leq c \leq q$.

For a given i^c , define a binary matrix $B = (b_{t,j})_{n \times n}$, where $b_{t,j} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } a_{i^c,j,t} = 0; \\ 1, & \text{else} \end{cases}$, then by Lemma 1.(1),

$$e_c = N_{XY}(a_{i^c,\cdot,\cdot}) = \#\{0 \leq j < n : b_{\cdot,j} \neq 0\} \geq \max\{wt(b_{t,\cdot}) : 0 \leq t < n\} = \max\{w(a_{i^c,\cdot,t}) : 0 \leq t < n\} \geq w(a_{i^c,\cdot,s_c}) = j_c.$$

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Thus $j_c \leq e_c \leq v$.

Besides, since $A \neq 0$, we know $t_2 = \min\{N_{XY}(a_{i,\cdot,\cdot}) : 0 \leq i < n, a_{i,\cdot,\cdot} \neq 0\} \geq 1$. Hence, there exist $0 \leq i' < n$ satisfying $N_{XY}(a_{i',\cdot,\cdot}) = t_2$, and $0 \leq h < n$ satisfying $a_{i',\cdot,h} \neq 0$. Since $a_{\cdot,\cdot,h} \neq 0$, $h = s_k$ holds for certain $1 \leq k \leq q$.

Now define a binary matrix $B = (b_{t,j})_{n \times n}$, where $b_{t,j} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } a_{i',j,t} = 0; \\ 1, & \text{else.} \end{cases}$, then by Lemma 1.(1), we get

$$t_2 = N_{XY}(a_{i',\cdot,\cdot}) = \#\{0 \leq j < n : b_{\cdot,j} \neq 0\} \geq \max\{wt(b_{t,\cdot}) : 0 \leq t < n\} = \max\{w(a_{i',\cdot,t}) : 0 \leq t < n\} \geq w(a_{i',\cdot,s_k}).$$

Since $j_k = \min\{w(a_{t,\cdot,s_k}) : 0 \leq t < n, a_{t,\cdot,s_k} \neq 0\} \leq w(a_{i',\cdot,s_k}) \leq t_2$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{0 \leq j < n, a_{\cdot,\cdot,j} \neq 0} \max\{1, B_d - \min_{0 \leq i < n, a_{i,\cdot,j} \neq 0} w(a_{i,\cdot,j})\} \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq c \leq q} \max\{1, B_d - \min_{0 \leq i < n, a_{i,\cdot,s_c} \neq 0} w(a_{i,\cdot,s_c})\} = \sum_{1 \leq c \leq q} \max\{1, B_d - j_c\} \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq c \leq q, c \neq k} \max\{1, B_d - j_c\} + B_d \max\{1, B_d - j_k\} \geq \sum_{1 \leq c \leq q, c \neq k} \max\{1, B_d - v\} + B_d \max\{1, B_d - t_2\} \\ &= (q-1) \max\{1, B_d - v\} + \max\{1, B_d - t_2\}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, define a binary matrix $B = (b_{i,j})_{n \times n}$, where $b_{i,j} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } a_{i,j,\cdot} = 0; \\ 1, & \text{else} \end{cases}$, and by Lemma 1.(1), we get

$$q_1 = N_Y(A) = \#\{0 \leq j < n : b_{\cdot,j} \neq 0\} \geq \max\{wt(b_{i,\cdot}) : 0 \leq i < n\} = \max\{\#\{0 \leq j < n : a_{i,j,\cdot} \neq 0\} : 0 \leq i < n\} = v.$$

And by the definitions of v and t_2 , we have $q_1 \geq v \geq t_2$. And then, $(q-1) \max\{1, B_d - v\} + \max\{1, B_d - t_2\} \geq (q-1) \max\{1, B_d - q_1\} + \max\{1, B_d - q_1\} = q \max\{1, B_d - q_1\}$.

Meanwhile, by Lemma 1.(2), we get $N_{XY}(A) = wt(B) \geq \max\{p_1 t_2 + v - t_2, q_1 t_1 + u - t_1\}$. That is to say statement (3) is true.

(2) Apply statement (1) to $(\{a_{i,j,t}\}_{i,j,t=0}^{n-1})^T = \{a_{j,t,i}\}_{i,j,t=0}^{n-1}$, and we know that statement (2) is true immediately.

(3) Already proved at the end of (1).

Lemma 2. For the differential $(a_{i,j,t}) \xrightarrow{\pi} (b_{i,j,t})$, let $p = N_Z(A)$, and $q = N_Z(B)$, then we get $p + q \geq B_d$ when $(a_{i,j,t}) \neq 0$.

Proof. For all $0 \leq i, j, t < n$, if $a_{i,j,t} \neq 0$, then $a_{\cdot,\cdot,t} \neq 0$. Thus $\#\{0 \leq t < n : a_{i,j,t} \neq 0\} \leq \#\{0 \leq t < n : a_{\cdot,\cdot,t} \neq 0\} = N_Z(A) = p$.

Since $(a_{i,j,t}) \neq 0$, there exist $0 \leq i_0, j_0, t_0 < n$ such that $a_{i_0, j_0, t_0} \neq 0$, $a_{i_0, j_0, \cdot} \neq 0$. Since the differential branch number of π is d and $b_{i,j,\cdot} = \pi(a_{i,j,\cdot})$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} p + q &= \#\{0 \leq t < n : a_{\cdot,\cdot,t} \neq 0\} + \#\{0 \leq t < n : b_{\cdot,\cdot,t} \neq 0\} \\ &\geq \#\{0 \leq t < n : a_{i_0, j_0, t} \neq 0\} + \#\{0 \leq t < n : b_{i_0, j_0, t} \neq 0\} \\ &= w(a_{i_0, j_0, \cdot}) + w(b_{i_0, j_0, \cdot}) = w(a_{i_0, j_0, \cdot}) + w(\pi(a_{i_0, j_0, \cdot})) \geq B_d. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 3. For the differential trail $A^1 \xrightarrow{\theta} A^2 \xrightarrow{\pi} A^3 \xrightarrow{\theta} A^4$, let $p = N_Z(A^1)$, $q = N_Z(A^4)$. When $A^1 \neq 0$, we get

(1) If $\theta \in \tau_1$, then $a_{i,\cdot,t}^1 \neq 0$ iff $a_{\sigma(i,\cdot,t)}^4 \neq 0$ for all $0 \leq i, t < n$, and $w(a_{i,\cdot,t}^1) + w(a_{\sigma(i,\cdot,t)}^4) \geq B_d$ holds when $a_{i,\cdot,t}^1 \neq 0$. If $\theta \in \tau_2$, then $a_{i,\cdot,t}^1 \neq 0$ iff $a_{\sigma(\cdot,i,t)}^4 \neq 0$ for all $0 \leq i, t < n$, and $w(a_{i,\cdot,t}^1) + w(a_{\sigma(\cdot,i,t)}^4) \geq B_d$ holds when $a_{i,\cdot,t}^1 \neq 0$.

(2) $w(A^1) + w(A^4) \geq B_d \times \max\{p, q\}$ holds whatever $\theta \in \tau_1$ or τ_2 .

(3) If $\theta \in \tau_1$, $N_Z(A^1) = N_Y(A^4)$, $N_X(A^1) = N_Z(A^4)$. If $\theta \in \tau_2$, $N_Z(A^1) = N_X(A^4)$, $N_Y(A^1) = N_Z(A^4)$.

Proof. Firstly, let $\theta \in \tau_1$.

(1) By the definitions of θ and π , for all $0 \leq i, t < n$, $a_{i,\cdot,t}^1 = a_{\sigma(i,\cdot,t)}^2$, $a_{i,\cdot,t}^3 = a_{\sigma(i,\cdot,t)}^4$ and $a_{i,\cdot,t}^3 = \pi(a_{i,\cdot,t}^2)$, thus $a_{i,\cdot,t}^1 \neq 0$ iff $a_{\sigma(i,\cdot,t)}^4 \neq 0$. When $a_{i,\cdot,t}^1 \neq 0$, following inequality holds on the property of branch number $w(a_{i,\cdot,t}^1) + w(a_{\sigma(i,\cdot,t)}^4) = w(a_{\sigma(i,\cdot,t)}^2) + w(a_{\sigma(i,\cdot,t)}^3) = w(a_{\sigma(i,\cdot,t)}^2) + w(\pi(a_{\sigma(i,\cdot,t)}^2)) \geq B_d$.

(2) Since $N_Z(A^1) = p$, there exist $0 \leq t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_p < n$ satisfying $a_{\cdot,\cdot,t_s}^1 \neq 0$ for $1 \leq s \leq p$. For $1 \leq s \leq p$, $a_{\cdot,\cdot,t_s}^1 \neq 0$ means that there exists $0 \leq i_s < n$ satisfying $a_{i_s,\cdot,t_s}^1 \neq 0$, besides, $w(a_{i_s,\cdot,t_s}^1) + w(a_{\sigma(\cdot,\cdot,t_s)}^4) \geq w(a_{i_s,\cdot,t_s}^1) + w(a_{\sigma(i_s,\cdot,t_s)}^4) \geq B_d$ holds according to statement (1). Furthermore, we have $w(A^1) + w(A^4) = \sum_{t=0}^{n-1} [w(a_{\cdot,\cdot,t}^1) + w(a_{\sigma(\cdot,\cdot,t)}^4)] \geq$

$$\sum_{s=1}^p [w(a_{\cdot,\cdot,t_s}^1) + w(a_{\sigma(\cdot,\cdot,t_s)}^4)] \geq B_d \times p.$$

Similarly, since $N_Z(A^4) = q$, there exist $0 \leq r_1 < r_2 < \dots < r_q < n$ satisfying $a_{\cdot,\cdot,r_s}^4 \neq 0$ for $1 \leq s \leq q$. For $1 \leq s \leq q$, $a_{\cdot,\cdot,r_s}^4 \neq 0$ means that there exists $0 \leq j_s < n$ satisfying $a_{j_s,\cdot,r_s}^4 \neq 0$, besides, $w(a_{j_s,\cdot,r_s}^4) + w(a_{\sigma^{-1}(\cdot,\cdot,r_s)}^1) \geq w(a_{j_s,\cdot,r_s}^4) + w(a_{\sigma^{-1}(j_s,\cdot,r_s)}^1) + w(a_{\sigma^{-1}(\cdot,\cdot,r_s)}^1) \geq B_d$ holds. Furthermore, we have $w(A^1) + w(A^4) = \sum_{t=0}^{n-1} [w(a_{\sigma^{-1}(\cdot,\cdot,t)}^1) + w(a_{\cdot,\cdot,t}^4)] \geq$

$$\sum_{s=1}^q [w(a_{\sigma^{-1}(\cdot,\cdot,r_s)}^1) + w(a_{\cdot,\cdot,r_s}^4)] \geq B_d \times q.$$

(3) We already proved in (1) that $a_{i,\cdot,t}^1 \neq 0$ iff $a_{\sigma(\sigma(i,\cdot),t)}^4 \neq 0$, therefore $a_{\cdot,\cdot,t}^1 \neq 0$ iff $a_{\sigma(\sigma(\cdot,\cdot),t)}^4 \neq 0$, and $a_{i,\cdot,\cdot}^1 \neq 0$ iff $a_{\sigma(\sigma(i,\cdot,\cdot))}^4 \neq 0$. Its easy to get $N_Z(A^1) = N_Y(A^4)$, $N_X(A^1) = N_Z(A^4)$.

Secondly, let $\theta \in \tau_2$. Since $\theta^{-1} \in \tau_1$, when applying above three conclusions to the inverse trail $A^4 \xrightarrow{\theta^{-1}} A^3 \xrightarrow{\pi^{-1}} A^2 \xrightarrow{\theta^{-1}} A^1$, we get the results for $\theta \in \tau_2$ immediately.

Lemma 4. For the differential $A^1 \xrightarrow{\pi} A^2$, we have

- (1) $w(A^1) + w(A^2) \geq B_d \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} N_{XY}(a_{\cdot,j,\cdot}^1) = B_d \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} N_{XY}(a_{\cdot,j,\cdot}^2)$;
- (2) $w(A^1) + w(A^2) \geq B_d \max\{\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \max\{w(a_{\cdot,j,i}^1) : 0 \leq i < n\}, \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \max\{w(a_{i,\cdot,t}^1) : 0 \leq t < n\}\}$.

Proof. (1)

$$\begin{aligned} w(A^1) + w(A^2) &= \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} [w(a_{i,j,\cdot}^1) + w(a_{i,j,\cdot}^2)] = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} [w(a_{i,j,\cdot}^1) + w(\pi(a_{i,j,\cdot}^1))] \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \sum_{0 \leq i < n, a_{i,j,\cdot}^1 \neq 0} [w(a_{i,j,\cdot}^1) + w(\pi(a_{i,j,\cdot}^1))] \geq \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \sum_{0 \leq i < n, a_{i,j,\cdot}^1 \neq 0} B_d = B_d \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} N_{XY}(a_{\cdot,j,\cdot}^1). \end{aligned}$$

Since $\pi(a_{i,j,\cdot}^1) = a_{i,j,\cdot}^2$, $\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} N_{XY}(a_{\cdot,j,\cdot}^1) = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} N_{XY}(a_{\cdot,j,\cdot}^2)$.

- (2) For a given $0 \leq j < n$, define a binary matrix $B = (b_{t,i})_{n \times n}$, where $b_{t,i} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } a_{i,j,t}^1 = 0; \\ 1, & \text{else} \end{cases}$,

and by Lemma 1.(1), we have $N_{XY}(a_{\cdot,j,\cdot}^1) = \#\{0 \leq i < n : b_{\cdot,i} \neq 0\} \geq \max\{wt(b_{\cdot,\cdot}) : 0 \leq i < n\} = \max\{w(a_{\cdot,j,i}^1) : 0 \leq i < n\}$.

And then, by statement (1), we get

$$w(A^1) + w(A^2) \geq B_d \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \max\{w(a_{\cdot,j,i}^1) : 0 \leq i < n\}.$$

Similarly, apply above conclusion to $(\{a_{i,j,t}^1\}_{i,j,t=0}^{n-1})^T = \{a_{j,i,t}^1\}_{i,j,t=0}^{n-1}$, we get

$$w(A^1) + w(A^2) \geq B_d \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \max\{w(a_{i,\cdot,t}^1) : 0 \leq t < n\}.$$

Corollary 2. For the differential trail $A^1 \xrightarrow{\theta \circ \pi \circ \theta} A^2 \xrightarrow{\sim} A^3$, $A^1 \neq 0$, let $t_2 = \min\{N_{XY}(a_{i,\cdot,\cdot}^1) : 0 \leq i < n, a_{i,\cdot,\cdot}^1 \neq 0\}$, $v = \max\{N_{XY}(a_{i,\cdot,\cdot}^1) : 0 \leq i < n\}$, $t_1 = \min\{N_{XY}(a_{\cdot,j,\cdot}^1) : 0 \leq j < n, a_{\cdot,j,\cdot}^1 \neq 0\}$, $u = \max\{N_{XY}(a_{\cdot,j,\cdot}^1) : 0 \leq j < n\}$, and $N_X(A^1) = p_1$, $N_Y(A^1) = q_1$, $N_Z(A^1) = q$. We have

- (1) For $\theta \in \tau_1$, $w(A^2) + w(A^3) \geq (q-1)B_d(\max\{1, B_d - v\} + \max\{1, B_d - t_2\}) \geq qB_d \max\{1, B_d - q_1\}$;
- (2) For $\theta \in \tau_2$, $w(A^2) + w(A^3) \geq (q-1)B_d \max\{1, B_d - u\} + B_d \max\{1, B_d - t_1\} \geq qB_d \max\{1, B_d - p_1\}$.

Proof. Let $A^2_\gamma = (a_{\cdot,j,t}^2)$,

- (1) By Lemma 4.(2), $w(A^2) + w(A^3) = w(A^2_\gamma) + w(A^3) \geq B_d \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \max\{w(a_{\cdot,j,i}^2) : 0 \leq i < n\}$.

By Lemma 3.(1), if $a_{\cdot,j,t}^2 \neq 0$, then $a_{\sigma^{-1}(\sigma^{-1}(\cdot,j,t))}^1 \neq 0$ and $w(a_{\sigma^{-1}(\sigma^{-1}(\cdot,j,t))}^1) + w(a_{\cdot,j,t}^2) \geq B_d$, indicating that $w(a_{\cdot,j,i}^2) \geq \max\{1, B_d - w(a_{\sigma^{-1}(\sigma^{-1}(\cdot,j,i))}^1)\}$.

If $a_{\cdot,j,\cdot}^2 = 0$, then $a_{\cdot,j,i}^2 = 0$ for all $0 \leq i < n$. Obviously, $\max\{w(a_{\cdot,j,i}^2) : 0 \leq i < n\} = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} w(A^2) + w(A^3) &\geq B_d \sum_{0 \leq j < n, a_{\cdot,j,\cdot}^2 \neq 0} \max\{w(a_{\cdot,j,i}^2) : 0 \leq i < n\} \\ &\geq B_d \sum_{0 \leq j < n, a_{\cdot,j,\cdot}^2 \neq 0} \max_{0 \leq i < n, a_{\cdot,j,i}^2 \neq 0} \max\{1, B_d - w(a_{\sigma^{-1}(\sigma^{-1}(\cdot,j,i))}^1)\} \\ &\geq B_d \sum_{0 \leq j < n, a_{\sigma^{-1}(\sigma^{-1}(\cdot,j,\cdot))}^1 \neq 0} \max_{0 \leq i < n, a_{\sigma^{-1}(\sigma^{-1}(\cdot,j,i))}^1 \neq 0} \max\{1, B_d - w(a_{\sigma^{-1}(\sigma^{-1}(\cdot,j,i))}^1)\} \\ &= B_d \sum_{0 \leq t < n, a_{\cdot,\cdot,t}^1 \neq 0} \max_{0 \leq i < n, a_{i,\cdot,t}^1 \neq 0} \max\{1, B_d - w(a_{i,\cdot,t}^1)\} \\ &= B_d \sum_{0 \leq t < n, a_{\cdot,\cdot,t}^1 \neq 0} \max\{1, B_d - \min_{0 \leq i < n, a_{i,\cdot,t}^1 \neq 0} w(a_{i,\cdot,t}^1)\}. \end{aligned}$$

By Corollary 1.(1), we get

$$w(A^2) + w(A^3) \geq (q-1)B_d(\max\{1, B_d - v\} + \max\{1, B_d - t_2\}) \geq qB_d \max\{1, B_d - q_1\}.$$

(2) By Lemma 4.(2),

$$w(A^2) + w(A^3) = w(A_7^2) + w(A^3) \geq B_d \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \max\{w(a_{i,\cdot,t}^2, \gamma) : 0 \leq t < n\} = B_d \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \max\{w(a_{i,\cdot,t}^2) : 0 \leq t < n\}.$$

By Lemma 3.(1), if $a_{i,\cdot,t}^2 \neq 0$, then $a_{\sigma^{-1}(\sigma^{-1}(i,\cdot,t))}^1 \neq 0$ and $w(a_{i,\cdot,t}^2) + w(a_{\sigma^{-1}(\sigma^{-1}(i,\cdot,t))}^1) \geq B_d$, indicating that $w(a_{i,\cdot,t}^2) \geq \max\{1, B_d - w(a_{\sigma^{-1}(\sigma^{-1}(i,\cdot,t))}^1)\}$.

If $a_{i,\cdot,t}^2 = 0$, then $a_{i,\cdot,t}^2 = 0$ for all $0 \leq t < n$. Obviously, $\max\{w(a_{i,\cdot,t}^2) : 0 \leq t < n\} = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} w(A^2) + w(A^3) &\geq B_d \sum_{0 \leq i < n, a_{i,\cdot,t}^2 \neq 0} \max\{w(a_{i,\cdot,t}^2) : 0 \leq t < n\} \\ &\geq B_d \sum_{0 \leq i < n, a_{i,\cdot,t}^2 \neq 0} \max_{0 \leq t < n, a_{i,\cdot,t}^2 \neq 0} \max\{1, B_d - w(a_{\sigma^{-1}(\sigma^{-1}(i,\cdot,t))}^1)\} \\ &= B_d \sum_{0 \leq i < n, a_{\sigma^{-1}(\sigma^{-1}(i,\cdot,t))}^1 \neq 0} \max_{0 \leq t < n, a_{\sigma^{-1}(\sigma^{-1}(i,\cdot,t))}^1 \neq 0} \max\{1, B_d - w(a_{\sigma^{-1}(\sigma^{-1}(i,\cdot,t))}^1)\} \\ &= B_d \sum_{0 \leq i < n, a_{i,\cdot,t}^1 \neq 0} \max_{0 \leq t < n, a_{i,\cdot,t}^1 \neq 0} \max\{1, B_d - w(a_{i,\cdot,t}^1)\} \\ &= B_d \sum_{0 \leq i < n, a_{i,\cdot,t}^1 \neq 0} \max\{1, B_d - \min_{0 \leq t < n, a_{i,\cdot,t}^1 \neq 0} w(a_{i,\cdot,t}^1)\}. \end{aligned}$$

By Corollary 1.(2), we get

$$w(A^2) + w(A^3) \geq (q-1)B_d \max\{1, B_d - u\} + B_d \max\{1, B_d - t_1\} \geq qB_d \max\{1, B_d - p_1\}.$$

For simplicity, we introduce the following three similar lemmas, and detailed proofs of them based on the ‘‘branch and bound’’ method are completed in the Appendix B.

Lemma 5. For function

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= (x_1 - 1) \max\{1, B_d - x_3\} + (x_2 - 1) \max\{1, B_d - x_4\} + \max\{1, B_d - x_5\} \\ &\quad + \max\{1, B_d - x_6\} + \max\{x_3x_6 + x_4 - x_6, x_4x_5 + x_3 - x_5\}, \end{aligned}$$

with $x \in R = \{(x_1, \dots, x_6) : x_i \in Z^+, x_1 + x_2 \geq B_d, x_6 \leq x_4, x_5 \leq x_3\}$, we have $f(x) \geq 3(B_d - 1)$, and $f(x) = 3(B_d - 1)$ iff $(x_1, \dots, x_6) \in \{(B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1), (1, B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1)\}$.

Lemma 6. For function

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= x_8 \max\{1, B_d - x_2\} + (x_1 - 1) \max\{1, B_d - x_3\} + (x_2 - 1) \max\{1, B_d - x_4\} \\ &\quad + \max\{1, B_d - x_5\} + \max\{1, B_d - x_6\} + \max\{x_7x_6 + x_4 - x_6, x_4x_5 + x_3 - x_5\}, \end{aligned}$$

with $x \in R = \{(x_1, \dots, x_8) : x_i \in Z^+, x_1 + x_2 \geq B_d, x_7 + x_8 \geq B_d, x_6 \leq x_4, x_5 \leq x_3 \leq x_7\}$, we have $f(x) \geq 4(B_d - 1)$ and $f(x) = 4(B_d - 1)$ iff $(x_1, \dots, x_8) \in \{(B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1), (1, B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1)\}$ when $B_d > 3$, or $(x_1, \dots, x_8) \in \{(2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1), (1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2), (1, 2, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1), (1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1)\}$ when $B_d = 3$.

Lemma 7. For function

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= x_{10} \max\{1, B_d - x_1\} + x_8 \max\{1, B_d - x_2\} + (x_1 - 1) \max\{1, B_d - x_3\} + (x_2 - 1) \max\{1, B_d - x_4\} \\ &\quad + \max\{1, B_d - x_5\} + \max\{1, B_d - x_6\} + \max\{x_7x_6 + x_4 - x_6, x_9x_5 + x_3 - x_5\}, \end{aligned}$$

with $x \in R = \{(x_1, \dots, x_{10}) : x_i \in Z^+, x_1 + x_2 \geq B_d, x_7 + x_8 \geq B_d, x_9 + x_{10} \geq B_d, x_6 \leq x_4 \leq x_9, x_5 \leq x_3 \leq x_7\}$, we have $f(x) \geq 5(B_d - 1)$, and $f(x) = 5(B_d - 1)$ iff $(x_1, \dots, x_{10}) \in \{(B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1, 1, B_d - 1), (1, B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1, 1, B_d - 1)\}$ when $B_d > 3$, or $(x_1, \dots, x_{10}) \in \{(2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 1, 2), (1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 2, 1), (1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 2), (2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 2, 1), (2, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 2, 1)\}$ when $B_d = 3$.

Constraints on those ten parameters $(p, q, u, v, t_1, t_2, N, h, M, r)$ of the trail (*):

Since $A_{\gamma,\theta}^5 \xrightarrow{\pi} A^6$, by Lemma 2 and definitions of parameters, we get

$$p + q \geq B_d, n \geq p \geq 1, n \geq q \geq 1 \tag{a}$$

Define a binary matrix $B = (b_{i,j})_{n \times n}$ for the state A^6 , where $b_{i,j} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } a_{i,j,\cdot}^6 = 0; \\ 1, & \text{else.} \end{cases}$, by Lemma 1.(1) and definitions of parameters, we get

$$n \geq N \geq u \geq t_1 \geq 1, n \geq M \geq v \geq t_2 \geq 1 \tag{b}$$

Since $A_{\gamma,\theta}^7 \xrightarrow{\pi} A^8$, by Lemma 2, we get

$$N + h \geq B_d, n \geq h \geq 1 \tag{d}$$

Since $A_{\gamma,\theta}^3 \xrightarrow{\pi} A^4$, by Lemma 2, we get

$$M + r \geq B_d, n \geq r \geq 1 \tag{e}$$

Theorem 1. The lower bound of the number of active S-boxes in a 6-round non-trivial differential trail of the new 3D structure is $3B_d(B_d - 1)$, and the necessary condition for a trail to reach the lower bound is that parameters (p, q, u, v, t_1, t_2) characterizing the trail take extreme points of corresponding function in Lemma 5. Here, B_d is the differential branch number of the MixColumn transformation π .

Proof. Consider the following 5-round subtrail of the trail (*),

$$A_{\gamma,\theta}^3 \xrightarrow{\pi} A^4 \xrightarrow{\sim} A_{\gamma}^4 \xrightarrow{\theta \circ \pi \circ \theta} A_{\theta}^5 \xrightarrow{\sim} A_{\gamma,\theta}^5 \xrightarrow{\pi} A^6 \xrightarrow{\sim} A_{\gamma}^6 \xrightarrow{\theta \circ \pi \circ \theta} A_{\theta}^7 \xrightarrow{\sim} A_{\gamma,\theta}^7 \xrightarrow{\pi} A^8.$$

For the inverse trail $A_{\theta}^5 \xrightarrow{\theta^{-1} \circ \pi^{-1} \circ \theta^{-1}} A_{\gamma}^4 \xrightarrow{\sim} A^4 \xrightarrow{\pi^{-1}} A_{\gamma,\theta}^3$, since $\theta^{-1} \in \tau_2$, by Corollary 2.(2), we get

$$w(A^3) + w(A^4) = w(A_{\gamma,\theta}^3) + w(A^4) \geq (p-1)B_d \max\{1, B_d - u\} + B_d \max\{1, B_d - t_1\}.$$

For $A_{\gamma}^6 \xrightarrow{\theta \circ \pi \circ \theta} A_{\theta}^7 \xrightarrow{\sim} A_{\gamma,\theta}^7 \xrightarrow{\pi} A^8$, by Corollary 2.(1), we get

$$w(A^7) + w(A^8) = w(A_{\gamma,\theta}^7) + w(A^8) \geq (q-1)B_d \max\{1, B_d - v\} + B_d \max\{1, B_d - t_2\}.$$

For $A_{\gamma,\theta}^5 \xrightarrow{\pi} A^6$, by Corollary 1.(3), we get

$$\begin{aligned} w(A^5) + w(A^6) &= w(A_{\gamma,\theta}^5) + w(A^6) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} [w(\pi^{-1}(a_{i,j}^6)) + w(a_{i,j}^6)] \\ &\geq N_{XY}(A^6)B_d \geq \max\{Nt_2 + v - t_2, Mt_1 + u - t_1\}B_d. \end{aligned}$$

The number of active S-boxes in a 6-round trail, denoted by W_6 , satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} W_6 &= w(A^3) + w(A^4) + w(A^5) + w(A^6) + w(A^7) + w(A^8) \\ &\geq (p-1)B_d \max\{1, B_d - u\} + B_d \max\{1, B_d - t_1\} + B_d \max\{Nt_2 + v - t_2, Mt_1 + u - t_1\} \\ &\quad + (q-1)B_d \max\{1, B_d - v\} + B_d \max\{1, B_d - t_2\} \\ &\geq (p-1)B_d \max\{1, B_d - u\} + B_d \max\{1, B_d - t_1\} + B_d \max\{ut_2 + v - t_2, vt_1 + u - t_1\} \\ &\quad + (q-1)B_d \max\{1, B_d - v\} + B_d \max\{1, B_d - t_2\}. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 5, the lower bound of W_6 under constraints (a)(b) is $3B_d(B_d - 1)$, the necessary condition for W_6 to reach the lower bound is that (p, q, u, v, t_1, t_2) take extreme points in Lemma 5.

Theorem 2. The lower bound of the number of active S-boxes in an 8-round non-trivial differential trail of the new 3D structure is $4B_d(B_d - 1)$, and the necessary condition for a trail to reach the lower bound is that parameters $(p, q, u, v, t_1, t_2, N, h)$ characterizing the trail take extreme points of corresponding function in Lemma 6. Here, d is the differential branch number of the MixColumn transformation π .

Proof. Consider the following 7-round subtrail of the trail (*),

$$A_{\gamma,\theta}^3 \xrightarrow{\pi} A^4 \xrightarrow{\sim} A_{\gamma}^4 \xrightarrow{\theta \circ \pi \circ \theta} A_{\theta}^5 \xrightarrow{\sim} A_{\gamma,\theta}^5 \xrightarrow{\pi} A^6 \xrightarrow{\sim} A_{\gamma}^6 \xrightarrow{\theta \circ \pi \circ \theta} A_{\theta}^7 \xrightarrow{\sim} A_{\gamma,\theta}^7 \xrightarrow{\pi} A^8 \xrightarrow{\sim} A_{\gamma}^8 \xrightarrow{\theta \circ \pi \circ \theta} A_{\theta}^9 \xrightarrow{\sim} A_{\gamma,\theta}^9 \xrightarrow{\pi} A^{10}.$$

For $A_{\gamma}^8 \xrightarrow{\theta \circ \pi \circ \theta} A_{\theta}^9 \xrightarrow{\sim} A_{\gamma,\theta}^9 \xrightarrow{\pi} A^{10}$, by Corollary 2.(1), we get

$$w(A^9) + w(A^{10}) = w(\theta(A_{\gamma}^9)) + w(A^{10}) \geq hB_d \max\{1, B_d - q\}.$$

By Theorem 1, the number of active S-boxes in an 8-round trail, denoted by W_8 , satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} W_8 &= W_6 + w(A^9) + w(A^{10}) \\ &\geq (p-1)B_d \max\{1, B_d - u\} + B_d \max\{1, B_d - t_1\} + \max\{Nt_2 + v - t_2, Mt_1 + u - t_1\}B_d \\ &\quad + (q-1)B_d \max\{1, B_d - v\} + B_d \max\{1, B_d - t_2\} + hB_d \max\{1, B_d - q\} \\ &\geq (p-1)B_d \max\{1, B_d - u\} + B_d \max\{1, B_d - t_1\} + \max\{Nt_2 + v - t_2, vt_1 + u - t_1\}B_d \\ &\quad + (q-1)B_d \max\{1, B_d - v\} + B_d \max\{1, B_d - t_2\} + hB_d \max\{1, B_d - q\}. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 6, the lower bound of W_8 under constraints (a)(b)(d) is $4B_d(B_d - 1)$, the necessary condition for W_8 to reach the lower bound is that $(p, q, u, v, t_1, t_2, N, h)$ take extreme points in Lemma 6.

Theorem 3. The lower bound of the number of active S-boxes in a 10-round non-trivial differential trail of the new 3D structure is $5B_d(B_d - 1)$, and the necessary condition for a trail to reach the lower bound is that parameters $(p, q, u, v, t_1, t_2, N, h, M, r)$ characterizing the trail take extreme points of corresponding function in Lemma 7. Here, d is the differential branch number of the MixColumn transformation π .

Proof. Consider the 9-round trail (*).

For the inverse trail $A_{\theta}^3 \xrightarrow{\theta^{-1} \circ \pi^{-1} \circ \theta^{-1}} A_{\gamma}^2 \xrightarrow{\sim} A^2 \xrightarrow{\pi^{-1}} A_{\gamma,\theta}^1$, since $\theta^{-1} \in \tau_2$, by Corollary 2.(2), we get

$$w(A^1) + w(A^2) = w(A_{\gamma,\theta}^1) + w(A^2) \geq rB_d \max\{1, B_d - p\}.$$

By Theorem 2, the number of active S-boxes in a 10-round trail, denoted by W_{10} , satisfies

$$W_{10} = w(A^1) + w(A^2) + W_8$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\geq rB_d \max\{1, B_d - p\} + (p-1)B_d \max\{1, B_d - u\} + B_d \max\{1, B_d - t_1\} \\ &\quad + \max\{Nt_2 + v - t_2, Mt_1 + u - t_1\}B_d + (q-1)B_d \max\{1, B_d - v\} + B_d \max\{1, B_d - t_2\} + hB_d \max\{1, B_d - q\}. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 7, the lower bound of W_{10} under constraints (a)(b)(d)(e) is $5B_d(B_d - 1)$, the necessary condition for W_{10} to reach the lower bound is that $(p, q, u, v, t_1, t_2, N, h, M, r)$ take extreme points in Lemma 7.

Theorem 4. The lower bound of the number of active S-boxes in a $2k$ -round non-trivial differential trail of the new 3D structure is $kB_d(B_d - 1)$, where $k \geq 3$, d denotes the differential branch number of the MixColumn transformation π .

Proof. We need to prove that for all $k \geq 3$, there exists (k_1, k_2, k_3) such that $2k = 6k_1 + 8k_2 + 10k_3$ using mathematical induction at first.

1. For $k = 3$, $(k_1, k_2, k_3) = (1, 0, 0)$;
2. Suppose that for $k' \geq 3$, there exists (k'_1, k'_2, k'_3) such that $2k' = 6k'_1 + 8k'_2 + 10k'_3$;
3. For $k' + 1$, if $k'_2 \neq 0$, $2(k' + 1) = 6k'_1 + 8(k'_2 - 1) + 10(k'_3 + 1)$; if $k'_2 = 0$ and $k'_3 \neq 0$, $2(k' + 1) = 6(k'_1 + 2) + 8k'_2 + 10(k'_3 - 1)$; if $k'_2 = 0$ and $k'_3 = 0$, $2(k' + 1) = 6(k'_1 - 1) + 8(k'_2 + 1) + 10k'_3$.

Therefore, for all $k \geq 3$, there exists (k_1, k_2, k_3) such that $2k = 6k_1 + 8k_2 + 10k_3$, which means that any $2k$ -round trail can be cut into some 6-round, 8-round and 10-round subtrails. By Theorem 1, Theorem 2 and Theorem 3, we know that the number of active S-boxes in a $2k$ -round trail, denoted by W_{2k} , satisfies

$$W_{2k} = W_6k_1 + W_8k_2 + W_{10}k_3 \geq B_d(B_d - 1)(3k_1 + 4k_2 + 5k_3) = kB_d(B_d - 1).$$

Appendix B Other lemmas

Lemma 8. For $x_1, x_2 \geq 1, x_1 + x_2 \geq B_d$, let $y_i = \min\{x_i, B_d - 1\}$, then $y_1 + y_2 \geq B_d$.

Proof.

$$y_1 + y_2 = \begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 & \text{if } x_1 < B_d \text{ and } x_2 < B_d \\ x_1 + B_d - 1 & \text{if } x_1 < B_d \text{ and } x_2 \geq B_d \\ x_2 + B_d - 1 & \text{if } x_1 \geq B_d \text{ and } x_2 < B_d \\ 2B_d - 2 & \text{if } x_1 \geq B_d \text{ and } x_2 \geq B_d \end{cases} \geq B_d.$$

Lemma 9. For function

$$\begin{aligned} g(x) = &x_{10} \max\{1, B_d - x_1\} + x_8 \max\{1, B_d - x_2\} + (x_1 - 1) \max\{1, B_d - x_3\} + (x_2 - 1) \max\{1, B_d - x_4\} \\ &+ \max\{1, B_d - x_5\} + \max\{1, B_d - x_6\} + \max\{x_7x_6 + x_4 - x_6, x_9x_5 + x_3 - x_5\}, \end{aligned}$$

with $x \in D = \{(x_1, \dots, x_{10}) : x_i \in N, x_1 \geq 1, x_2 \geq 1, x_1 + x_2 \geq B_d, x_5 \leq x_3 \leq x_7, x_6 \leq x_4 \leq x_9\}$, define mapping φ over D that $\varphi : x = (x_1, \dots, x_{10}) \rightarrow y = (y_1, \dots, y_{10}), y_i = \min\{x_i, B_d - 1\}$. Then

- (1) $\varphi(D) \subseteq D$;
- (2) $\forall x \in D, g(x) \geq g(\varphi(x))$;
- (3) For $x \in D$, if $y = \varphi(x)$ satisfies $y_3 = y_5 = y_7$ and $y_9 = y_4 = y_6$, then $g(x) = g(y)$ iff $x = y$;
- (4) For any $R \subseteq D$ such that $\varphi(R) \subseteq R$, let $g_{\min} = \min\{g(x) : x \in \varphi(R)\}$, $\Lambda = \{x \in \varphi(R) : g(x) = g_{\min}\}$, if each element in Λ satisfies $x_3 = x_5 = x_7$ and $x_9 = x_4 = x_6$, then $\{x \in R : g(x) = g_{\min}\} = \Lambda$.

Proof. (1) $\forall x \in D, y = \varphi(x)$. For all $1 \leq i \leq 10$, its clear that $y_i \leq x_i$. By $x_5 \leq x_3 \leq x_7$ and $x_6 \leq x_4 \leq x_9$, we get $y_5 \leq y_3 \leq y_7$ and $y_6 \leq y_4 \leq y_9$.

By Lemma 8, we know that statement (1) is true.

(2) $\forall x \in D, y = \varphi(x)$. For all $1 \leq i \leq 10$, we have $y_i \leq x_i, y_i < B_d$ and $\max\{1, B_d - x_i\} = B_d - y_i$, then

$$\begin{aligned} g(x) = &x_{10}(B_d - y_1) + x_8(B_d - y_2) + (x_1 - 1)(B_d - y_3) + (x_2 - 1)(B_d - y_4) + (B_d - y_5) + (B_d - y_6) \\ &+ \max\{x_7x_6 + x_4 - x_6, x_9x_5 + x_3 - x_5\} \\ \geq &y_{10}(B_d - y_1) + y_8(B_d - y_2) + (y_1 - 1)(B_d - y_3) + (y_2 - 1)(B_d - y_4) + (B_d - y_5) + (B_d - y_6) \\ &+ \max\{y_7y_6 + y_4 - y_6, y_9y_5 + y_3 - y_5\} \\ = &g(y). \end{aligned}$$

(3) For $y = \varphi(x)$ satisfying $y_3 = y_5 = y_7$ and $y_9 = y_4 = y_6$, by the proof of (2), we know that $g(x) = g(y)$ iff $(x_1, x_2, x_8, x_{10}) = (y_1, y_2, y_8, y_{10})$ and $\max\{x_7x_6 + x_4 - x_6, x_9x_5 + x_3 - x_5\} = y_5y_6$. If there exists $j \in \{3, 5, 7\}$ such that $x_j > y_j$, then $x_7 > y_7 = y_5$, $\max\{x_7x_6 + x_4 - x_6, x_9x_5 + x_3 - x_5\} \geq x_7x_6 + x_4 - x_6 > y_5y_6$. Similarly, if there exists $j \in \{4, 6, 9\}$ such that $x_j > y_j$, then $x_9 > y_9 = y_6$, $\max\{x_7x_6 + x_4 - x_6, x_9x_5 + x_3 - x_5\} \geq x_9x_5 + x_3 - x_5 > y_5y_6$. Thus, $g(x) = g(y)$ iff $x = y$.

(4) $\forall x \in R$, by above statement (2), we know $g(x) \geq g(\varphi(x))$. By above statement (3), we know that $\forall x \in R - \varphi(R)$, if $\varphi(x) \in \Lambda$, then $g(x) > g(\varphi(x)) = g_{\min}$; if $\varphi(x) \notin \Lambda$, then $g(x) \geq g(\varphi(x)) > g_{\min}$. Thus, $\{x \in R : g(x) = g_{\min}\} = \{x \in \varphi(R) : g(x) = g_{\min}\} = \Lambda$.

The proof of Lemma 5. Let $g(x)$ be the function defined in Lemma 9, then,

$$f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6) = g(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, x_3, 0, x_4, 0).$$

Let $f_{\min} = \min\{f(x) : x \in R\}$, then $\min\{f(x) : x \in \varphi(R)\} = f_{\min}$ following from Lemma 9.(2). Let $\Lambda = \{x \in \varphi(R) : f(x) = f_{\min}\}$. We need to consider function f_1 over $\varphi(R)$, where

$$f_1 = (x_1 - 1)(B_d - x_3) + (x_2 - 1)(B_d - x_4) + (B_d - x_5) + (B_d - x_6) + (x_3x_6 + x_4 - x_6),$$

and $f(x) \geq f_1(x)$, “=” holds iff $x_3x_6 + x_4 - x_6 \geq x_4x_5 + x_3 - x_5$.

$$\begin{aligned} f_1 &= (x_1 - 1)(B_d - x_3) + (B_d - x_5) + (x_3x_6 + x_4 - x_6) + (x_2 - 1)(B_d - x_4) + (B_d - x_6) \\ &\geq (x_1 - 1)(B_d - x_3) + (B_d - x_5) + (x_3x_6 + x_4 - x_6) + (B_d - x_1 - 1)(B_d - x_4) + (B_d - x_6) \\ &\geq (x_1 - 1)(B_d - x_3) + (B_d - x_3) + (x_3x_6 + x_4 - x_6) + (B_d - x_1 - 1)(B_d - x_4) + (B_d - x_6) \\ &= x_1(B_d - x_3) + (x_3 - 2)x_6 + x_4 + (B_d - x_1 - 1)(B_d - x_4) + B_d, \end{aligned}$$

“=” holds only if $x_1 + x_2 = B_d, x_3 = x_5$, then,

1.1 If $x_3 = 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} f_1 &= x_1(B_d - 1) + x_4 + (B_d - x_1 - 1)(B_d - x_4) + (B_d - x_6) \\ &\geq x_1(B_d - 1) + x_4 + (B_d - x_1 - 1)(B_d - x_4) + (B_d - x_4) = (x_4 - 1)x_1 + B_d^2 + (1 - B_d)x_4, \end{aligned}$$

“=” holds only if $x_4 = x_6$, then,

1.1.1 If $x_4 = 1, f_1 = B_d^2 - B_d + 1 > 3B_d - 3$.

1.1.2 If $x_4 > 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} f_1 &= (x_4 - 1)x_1 + B_d^2 + (1 - B_d)x_4 \geq x_4 - 1 + B_d^2 + (1 - B_d)x_4 = (2 - B_d)x_4 - 1 + B_d^2 \\ &\geq (2 - B_d)(B_d - 1) - 1 + B_d^2 = 3B_d - 3, \end{aligned}$$

“=” holds only if $x_1 = 1, x_4 = B_d - 1$. It means $f_1(x) = 3(B_d - 1)$ when $x = (1, B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1)$, where $(x_3x_6 + x_4 - x_6) \geq (x_4x_5 + x_3 - x_5)$, thus $f(x) = 3(B_d - 1)$.

1.2 If $x_3 = 2, f_1 = x_1(x_4 - 2) + x_4 + (B_d - 1)(B_d - x_4) + B_d$.

1.2.1 If $x_4 = 1, f_1 = -x_1 + B_d^2 - B_d + 2 \geq B_d^2 - 2B_d + 3 \begin{cases} = 3B_d - 3 & \text{if } B_d = 3 \\ > 3B_d - 3 & \text{if } B_d > 3 \end{cases}$, “=” holds only if $B_d = 3$ and

$x_1 = B_d - 1$. It means $f_1(x) = 3(B_d - 1)$ when $B_d = 3$ and $x = (2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1)$, where $(x_3x_6 + x_4 - x_6) \geq (x_4x_5 + x_3 - x_5)$, thus $f(x) = 3(B_d - 1)$.

1.2.2 If $x_4 = 2, f_1 = 2 + (B_d - 1)(B_d - 2) + B_d = B_d^2 - 2B_d + 4 > 3B_d - 3$.

1.2.3 If $x_4 > 2$ (only if $B_d > 3$, this happens),

$$\begin{aligned} f_1 &= x_1(x_4 - 2) + x_4 + (B_d - 1)(B_d - x_4) + B_d \geq x_4 - 2 + x_4 + (B_d - 1)(B_d - x_4) + B_d \\ &= (3 - B_d)x_4 + B_d^2 - 2 \geq (3 - B_d)(B_d - 1) + B_d^2 - 2 = 4B_d - 5 > 3B_d - 3. \end{aligned}$$

1.3 If $x_3 > 2$ (only if $B_d > 3$, this happens),

$$\begin{aligned} f_1 &= x_1(B_d - x_3) + (x_3 - 2)x_6 + x_4 + (B_d - x_1 - 1)(B_d - x_4) + B_d \\ &\geq x_1(B_d - x_3) + x_3 - 2 + x_4 + (B_d - x_1 - 1)(B_d - x_4) + B_d \\ &= (1 - x_1)x_3 + B_dx_1 - 2 + x_4 + (B_d - x_1 - 1)(B_d - x_4) + B_d, \end{aligned}$$

“=” holds only if $x_6 = 1$, then,

1.3.1 If $x_1 = 1$,

$$f_1 = B_d - 2 + x_4 + (B_d - 2)(B_d - x_4) + B_d = (3 - B_d)x_4 + B_d^2 - 2 \geq (3 - B_d)(B_d - 1) + B_d^2 - 2 = 4B_d - 5 > 3B_d - 3.$$

1.3.2 If $x_1 > 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} f_1 &= (1 - x_1)x_3 + B_dx_1 - 2 + x_4 + (B_d - x_1 - 1)(B_d - x_4) + B_d \\ &\geq (1 - x_1)(B_d - 1) + B_dx_1 - 2 + x_4 + (B_d - x_1 - 1)(B_d - x_4) + B_d \\ &= (x_4 + 1 - B_d)x_1 + 2B_d - 3 + x_4 + (B_d - 1)(B_d - x_4), \end{aligned}$$

“=” holds only if $x_3 = B_d - 1$, then,

1.3.2.1 If $x_4 = B_d - 1, f_1 = 4B_d - 5 > 3B_d - 3$.

1.3.2.2 If $x_4 < B_d - 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} f_1 &= (x_4 + 1 - B_d)x_1 + 2B_d - 3 + x_4 + (B_d - 1)(B_d - x_4) \\ &\geq (x_4 + 1 - B_d)(B_d - 1) + 2B_d - 3 + x_4 + (B_d - 1)(B_d - x_4) = x_4 + 3B_d - 4 \geq 3(B_d - 1), \end{aligned}$$

“=” holds only if $x_1 = B_d - 1, x_4 = 1$. It means $f_1(x) = 3(B_d - 1)$ when $x = (B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1)$, where $(x_3x_6 + x_4 - x_6) \geq (x_4x_5 + x_3 - x_5)$, thus $f(x) = 3(B_d - 1)$.

Therefore, $f_{\min} = 3(B_d - 1), \Lambda = \{(1, B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1), (B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1)\}$.

And then, $\forall x \in R, f(x) \geq 3(B_d - 1)$. By Lemma 9.(1), we know $\varphi(R) \subseteq R$. Since $R, \varphi(R)$ and Λ satisfy the conditions in Lemma 9.(4), $f(x) = 3(B_d - 1)$ iff $x \in \Lambda$.

The proof of Lemma 6 : Let $g(x)$ be the function defined in Lemma 9, then

$$f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7, x_8) = g(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7, x_8, x_4, 0).$$

Let $f_{\min} = \min\{f(x) : x \in R\}$, by Lemma 9.(2), $\min\{f(x) : x \in \varphi(R)\} = f_{\min}$. Let $\Lambda = \{x \in \varphi(R) : f(x) = f_{\min}\}$. We need to consider function f_2 over $\varphi(R)$, where

$$f_2 = x_8(B_d - x_2) + (x_1 - 1)(B_d - x_3) + (B_d - x_5) + (x_2 - 1)(B_d - x_4) + (B_d - x_6) + (x_7x_6 + x_4 - x_6),$$

and $f(x) \geq f_2(x)$, “=” holds iff $x_7x_6 + x_4 - x_6 \geq x_4x_5 + x_3 - x_5$.

$$\begin{aligned} f_2 &= x_8(B_d - x_2) + (x_1 - 1)(B_d - x_3) + (B_d - x_5) + (x_2 - 1)(B_d - x_4) + (B_d - x_6) + (x_7x_6 + x_4 - x_6) \\ &\geq (B_d - x_7)(B_d - x_2) + (B_d - x_2 - 1)(B_d - x_7) + (d - x_7) + (x_2 - 1)(d - x_4) + (d - x_6) + (x_7x_6 + x_4 - x_6) \\ &= 2(B_d - x_2)(B_d - x_7) + (x_7 - 2)x_6 + x_4 + (x_2 - 1)(B_d - x_4) + B_d, \end{aligned}$$

“=” holds only if $x_1 + x_2 = B_d, x_7 = x_3 = x_5, x_7 + x_8 = d$, then,

2.1 If $x_7 = 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} f_2 &= 2(B_d - x_2)(B_d - 1) - x_6 + x_4 + (x_2 - 1)(B_d - x_4) + d \\ &\geq 2(B_d - x_2)(B_d - 1) - x_4 + x_4 + (x_2 - 1)(B_d - x_4) + B_d \\ &= 2(B_d - x_2)(B_d - 1) + (x_2 - 1)(B_d - x_4) + B_d, \end{aligned}$$

“=” holds only if $x_4 = x_6$, then,

2.1.1 If $x_2 = 1, f_2 = 2B_d^2 - 3B_d + 2 > 4B_d - 4$.

2.1.2 If $x_2 > 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} f_2 &= 2(B_d - x_2)(d - 1) + (x_2 - 1)(d - x_4) + d \geq 2(d - x_2)(d - 1) + x_2 - 1 + d \\ &= (3 - 2B_d)x_2 + 2B_d^2 - B_d - 1 \geq (3 - 2B_d)(B_d - 1) + 2B_d^2 - B_d - 1 = 4B_d - 4, \end{aligned}$$

“=” holds only if $x_4 = B_d - 1, x_2 = B_d - 1$. It means $f_1(x) = 4(B_d - 1)$ when $x = (1, d - 1, 1, d - 1, 1, d - 1, 1, d - 1)$, where $(x_7x_6 + x_4 - x_6) \geq (x_4x_5 + x_3 - x_5)$, thus $f(x) = 4(d - 1)$ also.

2.2 If $x_7 = 2, f_2 = (2 - x_2)x_4 + 2(B_d - x_2)(B_d - 2) + (x_2 - 1)B_d + B_d$.

2.2.1 If $x_2 = 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} f_2 &= 2(B_d - x_2)(d - 2) + x_4 + (x_2 - 1)(d - x_4) + d = x_4 + 2d^2 - 5d + 4 \\ &= 2(B_d - x_2)(B_d - 2) + x_4 + (x_2 - 1)(B_d - x_4) + d = x_4 + 2d^2 - 5d + 4 \geq 2B_d^2 - 5B_d + 5 \begin{cases} = 4B_d - 4 & \text{if } B_d = 3 \\ > 4B_d - 4 & \text{if } B_d > 3 \end{cases}, \end{aligned}$$

“=” holds only if $B_d = 3$ and $x_4 = 1$. It means $f_1(x) = 4(B_d - 1)$ when $B_d = 3$ and $x = (2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1)$, where $(x_7x_6 + x_4 - x_6) \geq (x_4x_5 + x_3 - x_5)$, thus $f(x) = 4(B_d - 1)$ also.

2.2.2 If $x_2 = 2, f_2 = 2(B_d - 2)^2 + B_d + B_d = 2B_d^2 - 6B_d + 8 \begin{cases} = 4B_d - 4 & \text{if } B_d = 3 \\ > 4B_d - 4 & \text{if } B_d > 3 \end{cases}$, “=” holds only if $B_d = 3$. It means

$f_1(x) = 4(B_d - 1)$ when $B_d = 3$ and $x = (1, 2, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1)$ or $(1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1)$, where $(x_7x_6 + x_4 - x_6) \geq (x_4x_5 + x_3 - x_5)$, thus $f(x) = 4(B_d - 1)$ at these two points.

2.2.3 If $x_2 > 2$ (only if $B_d > 3$, this happens),

$$\begin{aligned} f_2 &= 2(B_d - x_2)(B_d - 2) + x_4 + (x_2 - 1)(B_d - x_4) + B_d \\ &= (2 - x_2)x_4 + 2(B_d - x_2)(B_d - 2) + (x_2 - 1)B_d + B_d \\ &\geq (2 - x_2)(B_d - 1) + 2(B_d - x_2)(B_d - 2) + (x_2 - 1)B_d + B_d \\ &= (5 - 2B_d)x_2 + 2B_d^2 - 2B_d - 2 \geq (5 - 2B_d)(B_d - 1) + 2B_d^2 - 2B_d - 2 = 5B_d - 7 > 4B_d - 4. \end{aligned}$$

2.3 If $x_7 > 2$ (only if $B_d > 3$, this happens),

$$\begin{aligned} f_2 &= 2(B_d - x_2)(B_d - x_7) + (x_7 - 2)x_6 + x_4 + (x_2 - 1)(B_d - x_4) + B_d \\ &\geq 2(B_d - x_2)(B_d - x_7) + x_7 - 2 + x_4 + (x_2 - 1)(B_d - x_4) + B_d \\ &= (2 - x_2)x_4 + 2(B_d - x_2)(B_d - x_7) + x_7 - 2 + B_dx_2, \end{aligned}$$

“=” holds only if $x_6 = 1$, then,

2.3.1 If $x_2 = 1, f_2 = x_4 + (3 - 2B_d)x_7 + 2B_d^2 - 2 - B_d \geq 1 + (3 - 2B_d)(B_d - 1) + 2B_d^2 - 2 - B_d = 4B_d - 4$, “=” holds only if $x_4 = 1, x_7 = B_d - 1$. It means $f_1(x) = 4(B_d - 1)$ when $x = (B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1)$, where $(x_7x_6 + x_4 - x_6) \geq (x_4x_5 + x_3 - x_5)$, thus $f(x) = 4(B_d - 1)$ too.

2.3.2 If $x_2 = 2$,

$$\begin{aligned} f_2 &= 2(B_d - 2)(B_d - x_7) + x_7 - 2 + 2B_d = (5 - 2B_d)x_7 + 2B_d^2 - 2B_d - 2 \\ &\geq (5 - 2B_d)(B_d - 1) + 2B_d^2 - 2B_d - 2 = 5B_d - 7 > 4B_d - 4. \end{aligned}$$

2.3.3 If $x_2 > 2$ (only if $B_d > 3$, this happens),

$$\begin{aligned} f_2 &= (2 - x_2)x_4 + 2(B_d - x_2)(B_d - x_7) + x_7 - 2 + B_dx_2 \\ &\geq (2 - x_2)(B_d - 1) + 2(B_d - x_2)(B_d - x_7) + x_7 - 2 + B_dx_2 \\ &= (1 + 2x_7 - 2B_d)x_2 + 2B_d - 4 + 2B_d^2 - 2B_dx_7 + x_7 \\ &\geq (1 + 2x_7 - 2B_d)(B_d - 1) + 2B_d - 4 + 2B_d^2 - 2B_dx_7 + x_7 = -x_7 + 5B_d - 5 \geq 4B_d - 4, \end{aligned}$$

“=” holds only if $x_4 = B_d - 1, x_2 = B_d - 1, x_7 = B_d - 1$. It means $f_1(x) = 4(B_d - 1)$ when $x = (1, B_d - 1, B_d - 1, B_d - 1, B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1)$, where $(x_7x_6 + x_4 - x_6) < (x_4x_5 + x_3 - x_5)$, thus $f(x) > 4(B_d - 1)$.

Therefore, $f_{\min} = 4(B_d - 1)$. If $B_d > 3$, $\Lambda = \{(B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1), (1, B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1)\}$; if $B_d = 3$, $\Lambda = \{(2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1), (1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2), (1, 2, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1), (1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1)\}$.

And then, for all $x \in R$, $f(x) \geq 4(B_d - 1)$. By Lemma 8 and Lemma 9.(1), we know $\varphi(R) \subseteq R$. Since $R, \varphi(R)$ and Λ satisfy the conditions in Lemma 9.(4), $f(x) = 4(B_d - 1)$ iff $x \in \Lambda$.

The proof of Lemma 7 Let $f_{\min} = \min\{f(x) : x \in R\}$, by Lemma 9.(2), $\min\{f(x) : x \in \varphi(R)\} = f_{\min}$. Let $\Lambda = \{x \in \varphi(R) : f(x) = f_{\min}\}$. We need to consider function f_3 over $\varphi(R)$, where

$$f_3 = x_{10}(B_d - x_1) + x_8(B_d - x_2) + (x_1 - 1)(B_d - x_3) + (B_d - x_5) + (x_2 - 1)(B_d - x_4) + (B_d - x_6) + (x_7x_6 + x_4 - x_6),$$

and $f(x) \geq f_3(x)$, “=” holds iff $x_7x_6 + x_4 - x_6 \geq x_9x_5 + x_3 - x_5$.

$$\begin{aligned} f_3 &= x_{10}(B_d - x_1) + x_8(B_d - x_2) + (x_1 - 1)(B_d - x_3) + (B_d - x_5) + (x_2 - 1)(B_d - x_4) + (B_d - x_6) + (x_7x_6 + x_4 - x_6) \\ &\geq (B_d - x_9)(B_d - x_1) + (B_d - x_7)(B_d - x_2) + x_1(B_d - x_7) + (x_2 - 1)(B_d - x_4) + (B_d - x_6) + (x_7x_6 + x_4 - x_6) \\ &= (x_1 - B_d)x_9 + (x_2 - B_d)x_7 - x_1x_7 + 2B_d^2 + (2 - x_2)x_4 + (x_7 - 2)x_6, \end{aligned}$$

“=” holds only if $x_9 + x_{10} = B_d, x_7 + x_8 = B_d, x_7 = x_3 = x_5$, then,

3.1 If $x_7 = 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} f_3 &= (x_1 - B_d)x_9 + x_2 - B_d - x_1 + 2B_d^2 + (2 - x_2)x_4 - x_6 \\ &\geq (x_1 - B_d)x_9 + x_2 - B_d - x_1 + 2B_d^2 + (2 - x_2)x_4 - x_4 \\ &= (x_1 - B_d)x_9 + x_2 - B_d - x_1 + 2B_d^2 + (1 - x_2)x_4, \end{aligned}$$

“=” holds only if $x_4 = x_6$, then,

3.1.1 If $x_2 = 1$, $f_3 = -x_9 + 2 - 2B_d + 2B_d^2 \geq 3 - 3B_d + 2B_d^2 > 5B_d - 5$.

3.1.2 If $x_2 > 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} f_3 &= (x_1 - B_d)x_9 + x_2 - B_d - x_1 + 2B_d^2 + (1 - x_2)x_4 \\ &\geq (x_1 - B_d)x_9 + x_2 - B_d - x_1 + 2B_d^2 + (1 - x_2)x_9 \\ &= -B_dx_9 + x_2 - B_d + (x_9 - 1)x_1 + 2B_d^2 + (1 - x_2)x_9, \end{aligned}$$

“=” holds only if $x_9 = x_4$, then,

3.1.2.1 If $x_9 = 1$, $f_3 = 2B_d^2 - 2B_d + 1 > 5B_d - 5$.

3.1.2.2 If $x_9 > 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} f_3 &= -B_dx_9 + x_2 - B_d + (x_9 - 1)x_1 + 2B_d^2 + (1 - x_2)x_9 \\ &\geq -B_dx_9 + x_2 - B_d + (x_9 - 1)(B_d - x_2) + 2B_d^2 + (1 - x_2)x_9 \\ &= 2(1 - x_9)x_2 - 2B_d + 2B_d^2 + x_9 \geq 2(1 - x_9)(B_d - 1) - 2B_d + 2B_d^2 + x_9 \\ &= -2 + 2B_d^2 + (3 - 2B_d)x_9 \geq -2 + 2B_d^2 + (3 - 2B_d)(B_d - 1) = 5B_d - 5, \end{aligned}$$

“=” holds only if $x_1 + x_2 = B_d, x_2 = B_d - 1, x_9 = B_d - 1$. It means $f_1(x) = 5(B_d - 1)$ when $x = (1, B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1, B_d - 1, 1)$, where $x_7x_6 + x_4 - x_6 \geq x_9x_5 + x_3 - x_5$, thus $f(x) = 5(B_d - 1)$ also.

3.2 If $x_7 = 2$, $f_3 = (x_1 - B_d)x_9 + 2(x_2 - B_d) - 2x_1 + 2B_d^2 + (2 - x_2)x_4$,

3.2.1 If $x_2 = 1$, $f_3 = -x_9 + 4(1 - B_d) + 2B_d^2 + x_4$. Since $(x_9x_5 + x_3 - x_5) - (x_7x_6 + x_4 - x_6) = 2x_9 - x_4 - x_6 \geq 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= f_3 + (x_9x_5 + x_3 - x_5) - (x_7x_6 + x_4 - x_6) = 4(1 - B_d) + 2B_d^2 + x_9 - x_6 \\ &\geq 4(1 - B_d) + 2B_d^2 \begin{cases} = 5B_d - 5 & \text{if } B_d = 3 \\ > 5B_d - 5 & \text{if } B_d > 3 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

“=” holds only if $B_d = 3$ and $x_9 = x_4 = x_6$. It means $f(x) = 5(B_d - 1)$ when $B_d = 3$ and $x = (2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 1, 2)$ or $(2, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 2, 1)$.

3.2.2 If $x_2 = 2$,

$$\begin{aligned} f_3 &= (x_1 - B_d)x_9 + 4 - 2B_d - 2x_1 + 2B_d^2 \geq (x_1 - B_d)(B_d - 1) + 4 - 2B_d - 2x_1 + 2B_d^2 \\ &= (B_d - 3)x_1 + 4 - B_d + B_d^2 \begin{cases} = 5B_d - 5 & \text{if } B_d = 3 \\ > 5B_d - 5 & \text{if } B_d > 3 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

“=” holds only if $B_d = 3$ and $x_9 = B_d - 1$. It means $f_1(x) = 5(B_d - 1)$ when $B_d = 3$ and $x = (1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 2, 1)$ or $(2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 2, 1)$, where $x_7x_6 + x_4 - x_6 \geq x_9x_5 + x_3 - x_5$, thus $f(x) = 5(B_d - 1)$ at these two points also.

3.2.3 If $x_2 > 2$ (only if $B_d > 3$, this happens),

$$\begin{aligned} f_3 &= (x_1 - B_d)x_9 + 2(x_2 - B_d) - 2x_1 + 2B_d^2 + (2 - x_2)x_4 \\ &\geq (x_1 - B_d)x_9 + 2(x_2 - B_d) - 2x_1 + 2B_d^2 + (2 - x_2)x_9 \\ &= (x_1 - x_2 - B_d + 2)x_9 + 2(x_2 - B_d) - 2x_1 + 2B_d^2 \\ &\geq (x_1 - x_2 - B_d + 2)(B_d - 1) + 2(x_2 - B_d) - 2x_1 + 2B_d^2 = (B_d - 3)x_1 + (3 - B_d)x_2 + B_d + B_d^2 - 2 \\ &\geq (B_d - 3) + (3 - B_d)(B_d - 1) + B_d + B_d^2 - 2 = 6B_d - 8 > 5B_d - 5. \end{aligned}$$

3.3 If $x_7 > 2$ (only if $B_d > 3$, this happens),

$$\begin{aligned} f_3 &= (x_1 - B_d)x_9 + (x_2 - B_d)x_7 - x_1x_7 + 2B_d^2 + (2 - x_2)x_4 + (x_7 - 2)x_6 \\ &\geq (x_1 - B_d)x_9 + (x_2 - B_d)x_7 - x_1x_7 + 2B_d^2 + (2 - x_2)x_4 + (x_7 - 2) \\ &= (x_1 - B_d)x_9 + (x_2 - x_1 - B_d + 1)x_7 + 2B_d^2 + (2 - x_2)x_4 - 2 \\ &\geq (x_1 - B_d)x_9 + (x_2 - x_1 - B_d + 1)(B_d - 1) + 2B_d^2 + (2 - x_2)x_4 - 2 \\ &= (x_1 - B_d)x_9 + (B_d - 1)x_2 - x_1(B_d - 1) + B_d^2 + (2 - x_2)x_4 + 2B_d - 3, \end{aligned}$$

“=” holds only if $x_6 = 1, x_7 = B_d - 1$, then,

3.3.1 If $x_2 = 1, f_3 = -x_9 + x_4 + 5B_d - 5$. Since $(x_9x_5 + x_3 - x_5) \geq (x_7x_6 + x_4 - x_6)$, $f(x) = f_3 + (x_9x_5 + x_3 - x_5) - (x_7x_6 + x_4 - x_6) = 5B_d - 5 + (B_d - 2)(x_9 - 1) \geq 5B_d - 5$, “=” holds only if $x_9 = 1$. It means $f(x) = 5(B_d - 1)$ when $x = (B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1)$.

3.3.2 If $x_2 = 2$,

$$f_3 = (x_1 - B_d)x_9 - x_1(B_d - 1) + B_d^2 + 4B_d - 5 \geq (x_1 - B_d)(B_d - 1) - x_1(B_d - 1) + B_d^2 + 4B_d - 5 = 5B_d - 5,$$

“=” holds only if $x_9 = B_d - 1$, where $(x_9x_5 + x_3 - x_5) > (x_7x_6 + x_4 - x_6)$, thus $f(x) > 5B_d - 5$.

3.3.3 If $x_2 > 2$ (only if $B_d > 3$, this happens),

$$\begin{aligned} f_3 &= (x_1 - B_d)x_9 + (B_d - 1)x_2 - x_1(B_d - 1) + B_d^2 + (2 - x_2)x_4 + 2B_d - 3 \\ &\geq (x_1 - B_d)x_9 + (B_d - 1)x_2 - x_1(B_d - 1) + B_d^2 + (2 - x_2)x_9 + 2B_d - 3 \\ &= (x_1 - x_2 - B_d + 2)x_9 + (B_d - 1)x_2 - x_1(B_d - 1) + B_d^2 + 2B_d - 3 \\ &\geq (x_1 - x_2 - B_d + 2)(B_d - 1) + (B_d - 1)x_2 - x_1(B_d - 1) + B_d^2 + 2B_d - 3 = 5B_d - 5, \end{aligned}$$

“=” holds only if $x_9 = x_4 = B_d - 1$, where $(x_9x_5 + x_3 - x_5) > (x_7x_6 + x_4 - x_6)$, thus $f(x) > 5B_d - 5$.

Therefore, $f_{\min} = 5(B_d - 1)$. If $B_d > 3, \Lambda = \{(B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1, 1, B_d - 1), (1, B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1, B_d - 1, 1)\}$; if $B_d = 3, \Lambda = \{(2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2), (1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 2, 1), (1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 2, 1), (2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 2, 1), (2, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 2, 1)\}$.

And then, for all $x \in R, f(x) \geq 5(B_d - 1)$. By Lemma 8 and Lemma 9.(1), we know $\varphi(R) \subseteq R$. Since $R, \varphi(R)$ and Λ satisfy the conditions in Lemma 9.(4), $f(x) = 5(B_d - 1)$ iff $x \in \Lambda$.