

Building Correlation Immune Functions from Sets of Mutually Orthogonal CA

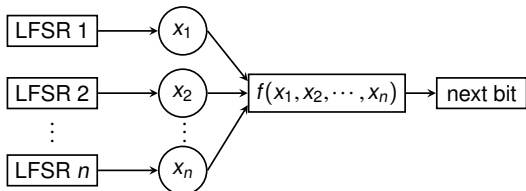
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Correlation Immune Boolean Functions in Crypto

- ▶ **Boolean function:** mapping $f : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$
- ▶ **Correlation Immunity of order t :** output of f is statistically independent from any subset of at most t inputs



Applications in symmetric crypto:

- ▶ Combine the output of n LFSR for **stream encryption** [C21]
- ▶ CA-based **pseudorandom number generators** [L13, F14]
- ▶ Masking countermeasures for **side-channel analysis** [C12, K14]

Representation of Boolean Functions

- ▶ **Truth table:** vector Ω_f specifying $f(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$
- ▶ **Walsh Transform:** correlation with the *linear* functions defined as $\omega \cdot x = \omega_1 x_1 \oplus \dots \oplus \omega_n x_n$

$$\hat{F}(\omega) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_2^n} (-1)^{f(x) \oplus \omega \cdot x}$$

(x_1, x_2, x_3)	000	100	010	110	001	101	011	111
Ω_f	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1
$\hat{F}(\omega)$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8

Example: $n = 3$, $f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1 \oplus x_2 \oplus x_3$

Correlation Immunity: Walsh Characterization

- ▶ f is t -correlation immune iff $W_f(a) = 0$ for all a s.t. $1 \leq HW(a) \leq t$, where HW is the Hamming weight of a [X88]

Example: $t = 2$

(x_1, x_2, x_3)	000	100	010	110	001	101	011	111
Ω_f	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1
$\hat{F}(\omega)$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8



f is 2-order correlation immune

- ▶ Relevance in side-channel: t -order CI functions \Rightarrow Boolean masking resistant to SCA attacks of order t

Orthogonal Arrays (OA)

- ▶ (N, k, s, t) **Orthogonal Array**: $N \times k$ matrix A such that each t -uple occurs $\lambda = N/s^t$ times in each $N \times t$ submatrix.

1	0	0	0
0	1	0	0
0	0	1	0
0	0	0	1
0	1	1	1
1	0	1	1
1	1	0	1
1	1	1	0

Example: OA $(8, 4, 2, 3)$

Each 3-bit vector
 $\Rightarrow (x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \{0, 1\}^3$
appears once in
the submatrix with
columns 1, 3, 4

- ▶ Applications in statistics, coding theory, cryptography

Correlation Immunity: OA Characterization

- **Support** of f : sets of input vectors x that map to 1 under f

Truth table			
x_1	x_2	x_3	$f(x)$
0	0	0	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1

Support		
x_1	x_2	x_3
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

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$OA(4, 3, 2, 2)$

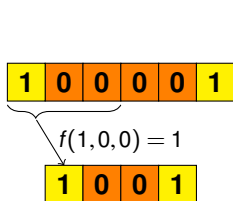
Theorem ([C92])

$f : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ is t -order CI \Leftrightarrow Support of f is an $OA(N, n, 2, t)$, with $N = |\text{Supp}(f)|$

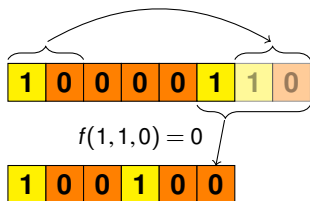
Cellular Automata

- ▶ One-dimensional **Cellular Automaton** (CA): a discrete parallel computation model composed of a finite array of n **cells**

Example: $n = 6$, $d = 3$, $f(s_i, s_{i+1}, s_{i+2}) = s_i \oplus s_{i+1} \oplus s_{i+2}$ (rule 150)



No Boundary CA – NBCA



Periodic Boundary CA – PBCA

- ▶ Each cell updates its **state** $s \in \{0, 1\}$ by evaluating a **local rule** $f : \{0, 1\}^d \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ on itself and the $d - 1$ cells on its right

Mutually Orthogonal Latin Squares (MOLS)

Definition

A *Latin square* is a $n \times n$ matrix where all rows and columns are permutations of $[n] = \{1, \dots, n\}$. Two Latin squares are *orthogonal* if their superposition yields all the pairs $(x, y) \in [n] \times [n]$.

1	3	4	2
4	2	1	3
2	4	3	1
3	1	2	4

1	4	2	3
3	2	4	1
4	1	3	2
2	3	1	4

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- ▶ **k-MOLS**: set of k pairwise orthogonal Latin squares
- ▶ k -MOLS are equivalent to $OA(n^2, k, n, 2)$

Latin Squares through Bipermutive CA (1/2)

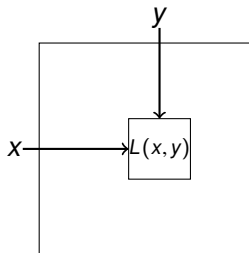
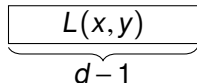
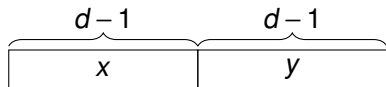
- ▶ **Bipermutive CA**: denoting $\mathbb{F}_2 = \{0, 1\}$, local rule f is defined as

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_d) = x_1 \oplus \varphi(x_2, \dots, x_{d-1}) \oplus x_d$$

- ▶ $\varphi : \mathbb{F}_2^{d-2} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_2$: **generating function** of f

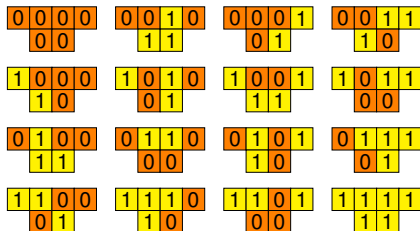
Lemma ([E93, M16])

A CA $F : \mathbb{F}_2^{2(d-1)} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_2^d$ with bipermutive rule $f : \mathbb{F}_2^d \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_2$ generates a Latin square of order $N = 2^{d-1}$



Latin Squares through Bipermutive CA (2/2)

- ▶ **Example:** CA $F : \mathbb{F}_2^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_2^2$, $f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1 \oplus x_2 \oplus x_3$ (Rule 150)
- ▶ Encoding: $00 \mapsto 1, 10 \mapsto 2, 01 \mapsto 3, 11 \mapsto 4$



(a) Rule 150 on 4 bits

1	4	3	2
2	3	4	1
4	1	2	3
3	2	1	4

(b) Latin square L_{150}

k -Mutually Orthogonal Cellular Automata (MOCA): k bipermutive CA F, G generating a set of k -MOLS

Example with Linear CA: Rules 90-150

- ▶ **Bipermutive Linear rule:** $f(x) = x_1 \oplus a_2 x_2 \oplus \dots \oplus a_{d-1} x_{d-1} \oplus x_d$
- ▶ **Polynomial rule:** $P_f(X) = 1 + a_2 X + \dots + a_{d-1} X^{d-2} + X^{d-1}$

Theorem ([M20])

Two bipermutive linear rules generates OCA if and only if their associated polynomials are coprime

1	4	3	2
2	3	4	1
4	1	2	3
3	2	1	4

(a) Rule 150

1	2	3	4
2	1	4	3
3	4	1	2
4	3	2	1

(b) Rule 90

1	4	3	2
1	2	3	4
2	3	4	1
4	1	2	3
3	4	1	2
3	2	3	1
4	3	2	1

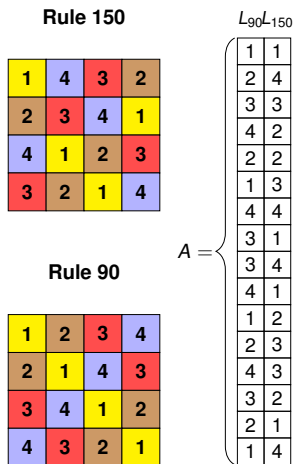
(c) Superposition

Figure: $P_{150}(X) = 1 + X + X^2$, $P_{90}(X) = 1 + X^2$ (coprime)

Construction of CI functions from MOCA

Procedure:

- ▶ **Input:** k -MOCA $F_1, \dots, F_k : \mathbb{F}_2^{2b} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_2^b$ of diameter $d = b + 1$
- ▶ Construct the set of k -MOLS over $[2^b]$ using the combinatorial algorithms from [M17, M18]
- ▶ "Linearize" the k -MOLS in a $2^b \times k$ OA
- ▶ Convert each entry in the OA in **binary**
- ▶ **Output:** the converted binary array



Lemma

The output array is an $OA(2^b, kb, 2, 2)$.

Computational Search Results

- ▶ **Consequence:** k -MOCA generate supports of Boolean functions with $n = kb$ variables with CI order at least 2
- ▶ Exhaustive search of 3-MOCA with $d = 4, 5$, $d = b + 1$
- ▶ Checked CI order with Walsh Transform

Table: Classification of correlation immune functions generated by 3-MOCA of diameter $d \in \{4, 5\}$.

d	#3-MOCA	n	w_H	CI	#CI	Min w_H
4	2	9	64	3	2	20
5	36	12	256	3	27	24
5	36	12	256	4	9	24

- ▶ **Main finding:** all functions are at least 3-CI

Wrapping up:

- ▶ We proved that k -MOCA generate correlation immune functions of order at least 2
- ▶ Experimentally, we noticed that k -MOCA functions actually have order at least 3

Future directions:

- ▶ Theoretically: are there MOCA that give CI functions with $t = 2$?
- ▶ Practically: reduce the Hamming weight of the functions, using evolutionary algorithms [M21]

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