

On relations between CCZ and EA-equivalences

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Notations and definitions

PN and APN functions:

Let $F : \mathbb{F}_2^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_2^m$ be a Vectorial Boolean function. We define

$$\delta_F(a, b) = |\{x \in \mathbb{F}_2^n : F(x + a) - F(x) = b\}|.$$

The **differential uniformity** of F is

$$\delta(F) = \max_{a \in \mathbb{F}_2^n \setminus \{0\}, b \in \mathbb{F}_2^m} \delta_F(a, b).$$

If $\delta(F) = 2^{n-m}$ then F is said **Perfect Nonlinear** (PN) or **Bent**.
Best resistance to differential attack.

K. Nyberg: Bent functions exist only when n is even and $m \leq n/2$.

If $m = n$, then $\delta(F) \geq 2$.

If $\delta(F) = 2$, then F is called **almost perfect nonlinear** (APN).

AB functions:

The **nonlinearity** of a vectorial Boolean function F is the minimum Hamming distance between

- ▶ all component functions $v \cdot F(x)$, $v \neq 0$ and
- ▶ all affine functions $u \cdot x + \varepsilon$, $u \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$ $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{F}_2$.

The nonlinearity can be given in terms of the **Walsh transform** of F

$$\mathcal{W}_F(a, b) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_2^n} (-1)^{a \cdot x + b \cdot F(x)}.$$

The nonlinearity equals:

$$\mathcal{Nl}(F) = 2^{n-1} - \frac{1}{2} \max_{\substack{a \in \mathbb{F}_2^n, \\ b \in \mathbb{F}_2^m \setminus \{0\}}} |\mathcal{W}_F(a, b)|.$$

Bounds on nonlinearity

$$\mathcal{Nl}(F) \leq 2^{n-1} - 2^{n/2-1}.$$

The equality holds iff F is bent (best resistance to linear attack).

If $n = m$ the Sidelnikov-Chabaud-Vaudenay bound states

$$\mathcal{Nl}(F) \leq 2^{n-1} - 2^{\frac{n-1}{2}}.$$

In case of equality (n necessarily odd) F is called **almost bent** (AB).

AB \Rightarrow APN

From now on, we assume that $m = n$. In this case we can identify \mathbb{F}_2^n with \mathbb{F}_{2^n} and then we can take $x \cdot y = \text{tr}(xy)$.

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Welch	$2^t + 3$	$n = 2t + 1$	3
Niho	$2^t + 2^{\frac{t}{2}} - 1, t \text{ even}$ $2^t + 2^{\frac{3t+1}{2}} - 1, t \text{ odd}$	$n = 2t + 1$	$\frac{t+2}{2}$ $t+1$
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Gold, Kasami, Welch and Niho functions are AB for n odd

Equivalence relations

Two functions $F, G : \mathbb{F}_{2^n} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_{2^n}$ are **EA-equivalent** iff

$$G = A_2 \circ F \circ A_1(x) + A(x),$$

with A, A_1 and A_2 affine maps and A_1 and A_2 permutations.

Let $\Gamma_f = \{(x, f(x)) \mid x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}\}$.

Two functions $F, G : \mathbb{F}_{2^n} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_{2^n}$ are **CCZ-equivalent** if and only if Γ_F and Γ_G are affine-equivalent, i.e. let \mathcal{L} an affine permutation on $(\mathbb{F}_{2^n})^2$,
 $\mathcal{L}(\Gamma_F) = \Gamma_G$.

EA and CCZ-equivalence preserve the nonlinearity and the differential uniformity.

CCZ-equivalence

Let \mathcal{L} be a linear permutation of $(\mathbb{F}_{2^n})^2$ such that $\mathcal{L}(\Gamma_F) = \Gamma_G$.
 $\mathcal{L} = (L_1, L_2)$ for some linear $L_1, L_2 : (\mathbb{F}_{2^n})^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_{2^n}$. Then

$$\mathcal{L}(x, F(x)) = (F_1(x), F_2(x)),$$

where $F_1(x) = L_1(x, F(x))$ and $F_2(x) = L_2(x, F(x))$.

$$\mathcal{L}(\Gamma_F) = \{(F_1(x), F_2(x)) : x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}\}.$$

$\mathcal{L}(\Gamma_F)$ is the graph of G iff the function F_1 is a permutation and
 $G = F_2 \circ F_1^{-1}$

EA-equivalence \subset CCZ-equivalence

EA \Rightarrow CCZ:

- ▶ If $(L_1(x, y), L_2(x, y)) = (x, A(x) + y)$ then $\mathcal{L}(x, F(x)) = (x, F(x) + A(x))$ and $G(x) = F(x) + A(x)$.
- ▶ If $(L_1(x, y), L_2(x, y)) = (A(x), y)$ then $\mathcal{L}(x, F(x)) = (A(x), F(x))$ and $G(x) = F \circ A^{-1}(x)$.
- ▶ If $(L_1(x, y), L_2(x, y)) = (x, A(y))$ then $\mathcal{L}(x, F(x)) = (x, A \circ F(x))$ and $G(x) = A \circ F(x)$.

inversion is a particular case of CCZ:

- ▶ $(L_1(x, y), L_2(x, y)) = (y, x)$ then $\mathcal{L}(x, F(x)) = (F(x), x)$ and $G(x) = F^{-1}(x)$.

Relation between CCZ- and EA-equivalences

Cases when CCZ-equivalence coincides with EA-equivalence:

- ▶ Boolean functions, $m = 1$. (Budaghyan and Carlet)
- ▶ Bent functions. (Budaghyan and Carlet)
- ▶ Two quadratic APN functions. (Yoshiara)
- ▶ A power function F is CCZ-equivalent to a power function F' iff F is EA-equivalent to F' or F'^{-1} . (for APN and $p = 2$ Yoshiara, any p and any power Dempwolff)
- ▶ A quadratic APN function is CCZ-equivalent to a power function iff it is EA-equivalent to one of the Gold functions. (Yoshiara)
- ▶ If n is even, a plateaued APN function is CCZ-equivalent to a power function iff it is EA-equivalent to it. (Yoshiara)

Cases when CCZ-equivalence differs from EA-equivalence:

- ▶ For functions from \mathbb{F}_2^n to \mathbb{F}_2^m with $m \geq 2$.

EA-equivalence preserves algebraic degree while inverse and CCZ-equivalence do not.

Relation between CCZ and EA-equivalence + Inverse

Proposition (L. Budaghyan, C. Carlet, A. Pott)

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If we want to construct G which cannot be constructed from F via EA-equivalence and inverse transformation:

- ▶ To find a permutation $L_1(x, F(x)) = L(x) + R \circ F(x)$ where $L, R \neq 0$ are linear.
- ▶ Then find linear function $L_2(x, y) = L'(x) + R'(y)$ such that \mathcal{L} is a permutation. (Found L_1 then there always exists suitable L_2)

Fixed L_1 , different L' and R' produce EA-equivalent functions.

The condition that L_1 depends on both variables is necessary but not sufficient.

Example: Let $n = 2m + 1$ and $s = m \pmod 2$. Then

$$\mathcal{L}(x, y) = (x + \text{tr}(x) + \sum_{i=0}^{m-s} y^{2^{2i+s}}, y + \text{tr}(x))$$

is a linear permutation and maps the graph of $F(x) = x^3$ to the graph of G which is EA-equivalent to F^{-1} .

CCZ-equivalence more general than EA-equivalence with inverse transformation

APN functions CCZ-equivalent to Gold functions and EA-inequivalent to power functions on \mathbb{F}_{2^n}

Function	conditions
$x^{2^i+1} + (x^{2^i} + x + \text{tr}(1) + 1)\text{tr}(x^{2^i} + 1 + x\text{tr}(1))$	$n \geq 4,$ $\text{gcd}(n, i) = 1$
$[x + \text{tr}_3^n(x^{2(2^i+1)} + x^{4(2^i+1)}) + \text{tr}(x)\text{tr}_3^n(x^{2^i+1} + x^{2^{2i(2^i+1)}})]^{2^i+1}$	$6 \mid n,$ $\text{gcd}(n, i) = 1$
$x^{2^i+1} + \text{tr}_m^n(x^{2^i+1}) + x^{2^i} \text{tr}_m^n(x) + x\text{tr}_m^n(x)^{2^i}$ $+ [\text{tr}_m^n(x)^{2^i+1} + \text{tr}_m^n(x^{2^i+1}) + \text{tr}_m^n(x)]^{1/(2^i+1)} (x^{2^i} + \text{tr}_m^n(x^{2^i}) + 1)$ $+ [\text{tr}_m^n(x)^{2^i+1} + \text{tr}_m^n(x^{2^i+1}) + \text{tr}_m^n(x)]^{2^i/(2^i+1)} (x + \text{tr}_m^n(x) + 1)$	n odd, $m \mid n$ $\text{gcd}(n, i) = 1$

Only for Gold functions it is known that CCZ > EA + inverse. For the rest of power functions it is an open problem.

A procedure for investigating if $CCZ \stackrel{?}{=} EA + Inv$

Let $L_1(x, y) = L(x) + R(y)$. $F_1(x) = L(x) + R(F(x))$ is a permutation iff any of its component is balanced.

In terms of Walsh coefficients

$$\mathcal{W}_{F_1}(0, \lambda) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{\text{tr}(\lambda L(x) + \lambda R \circ F(x))} = 0, \quad \text{for all } \lambda \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}^*.$$

\Downarrow

$$\mathcal{W}_{F_1}(0, \lambda) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}} (-1)^{\text{tr}(L^*(\lambda)x + R^*(\lambda)F(x))} = \mathcal{W}_F(L^*(\lambda), R^*(\lambda)).$$

(L^* is the adjoint operator)

We want to construct L^* and R^* so that F_1 is a permutation.
Let $\mathcal{Z}\mathcal{W}(b) = \{a \mid \mathcal{W}_F(a, b) = 0\}$ for any $b \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}$ and consider

$$S_F = \{b : \mathcal{Z}\mathcal{W}(b) \neq \emptyset\}.$$

Note: if F_1 is a permutation then $Im(R^*) \subseteq S_F$.

For constructing F_1 we need to consider the possible vector subspaces contained in S_F .

Construction of R^*

Let $U \subseteq S_F$ be a vector subspace. Fixed any basis $\{u_1, \dots, u_k\}$ of U , we can suppose that $R^*(e_i) = u_i$ for $i = 1, \dots, k$ and $\text{Ker}(R^*) = \text{Span}(e_{k+1}, \dots, e_n)$.
(e_i is the canonical vector.)

Fixed any basis $\{u_1, \dots, u_k\}$ of U we can suppose that

$$R^* = \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_k \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Construction of L^*

For any a_1, \dots, a_k with $a_1 \in \mathcal{Z}\mathcal{W}(u_1), \dots, a_k \in \mathcal{Z}\mathcal{W}(u_k)$ we need to check if

(P1) $\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i a_i \in \mathcal{Z}\mathcal{W}(\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i u_i)$ with $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{F}_2$ not all zero.

and if there exist a_{k+1}, \dots, a_n satisfying

(P2) a_{k+1}, \dots, a_n are linear independent;

(P3) for any $a \in \text{Span}(a_{k+1}, \dots, a_n)$, $a + \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i a_i \in \mathcal{Z}\mathcal{W}(\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i u_i)$, for any $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k \in \mathbb{F}_2$.

Then,

$$L^* = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Proposition

Let U be a subspace contained in S_F . Then, there exists a permutation of \mathbb{F}_{2^n} $F_1(x) = L(x) + R \circ F(x)$, with L and R linear and $\text{Im}(R^) = U$ iff the procedure above is successful.*

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Proposition

Let F be a function from \mathbb{F}_{2^n} to itself. If for any vector subspace $U \neq \{0\}$ in S_F is not possible to construct any matrix $L^ \neq 0$ with the previous procedure, then any function F' CCZ-equivalent to F can be obtained from F applying only the EA-equivalence and inverse transformation iteratively.*

Application to non-quadratic functions

Let $n = 6$, and $F : \mathbb{F}_{2^n} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_{2^n}$ be

$$\begin{aligned} F(x) = & x^3 + u^{17}(x^{17} + x^{18} + x^{20} + x^{24}) \\ & + u^{14}((u^{52}x^3 + u^6x^5 + u^{19}x^7 + u^{28}x^{11} + u^2x^{13}) + \\ & (u^{52}x^3 + u^6x^5 + u^{19}x^7 + u^{28}x^{11} + u^2x^{13})^2 \\ & + (u^{52}x^3 + u^6x^5 + u^{19}x^7 + u^{28}x^{11} + u^2x^{13})^4 + \\ & (u^{52}x^3 + u^6x^5 + u^{19}x^7 + u^{28}x^{11} + u^2x^{13})^8 \\ & + (u^{52}x^3 + u^6x^5 + u^{19}x^7 + u^{28}x^{11} + u^2x^{13})^{16} + \\ & (u^{52}x^3 + u^6x^5 + u^{19}x^7 + u^{28}x^{11} + u^2x^{13})^{32} \\ & + (u^2x)^9 + (u^2x)^{18} + (u^2x)^{36} + x^{21} + x^{42}, \end{aligned}$$

where u is a primitive element of \mathbb{F}_{2^n} .

F is the first example of APN function CCZ-inequivalent to a quadratic function.

Using the procedure it is possible to construct the functions L and R given by

$$L(x) = u^{50}x^{32} + u^{51}x^{16} + u^{43}x^8 + ux^4 + u^{26}x^2 + u^{26}x$$

and

$$R(x) = u^{26}x^{32} + u^{17}x^{16} + u^{56}x^8 + u^9x^4 + u^{54}x^2 + u^{46}x,$$

Considering the function $F_2(x) = L_2(x, F(x)) = F(x)$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} F'(x) = & u^{41}x^{60} + u^{29}x^{58} + u^{46}x^{57} + u^3x^{56} + u^{39}x^{54} + u^{47}x^{53} \\ & + u^3x^{52} + u^{62}x^{51} + u^{54}x^{50} + u^{62}x^{49} + u^{53}x^{48} + u^{14}x^{46} \\ & + u^{39}x^{45} + u^{20}x^{44} + u^{26}x^{43} + u^{11}x^{42} + u^{31}x^{41} + u^{53}x^{40} \\ & + u^{59}x^{39} + u^{53}x^{38} + u^{41}x^{37} + u^{19}x^{36} + u^{58}x^{35} + u^2x^{34} + \\ & u^7x^{33} + u^{39}x^{32} + u^{15}x^{30} + u^{17}x^{29} + u^{45}x^{28} + u^{39}x^{27} \\ & + u^{57}x^{26} + u^{33}x^{25} + u^{61}x^{24} + u^{41}x^{23} + u^{50}x^{22} + u^{58}x^{21} \\ & + u^{55}x^{20} + u^{26}x^{19} + u^{17}x^{18} + u^{37}x^{17} + u^{30}x^{16} + ux^{15} \\ & + u^{46}x^{14} + u^{21}x^{13} + u^{13}x^{12} + u^{61}x^{11} + u^{20}x^{10} + u^9x^9 + u^{61}x^8 \end{aligned}$$

The function F' cannot be constructed from F via EA-equivalence and inverse transformation.

F has algebraic degree equals to 3 and F' equals to 4.

Moreover to apply the inverse transformation at least once we need $F \sim_{EA} G$ with G permutation, but since F has quadratic components this cannot be possible.

Then we have that $CCZ \succ EA + \text{inversion}$ also for APN functions inequivalent to quadratic functions

Note: F has quadratics components, that may be useful to crate the function F_1 .

APN power functions

Power functions

Let $n = 7$ and $F(x) = x^d$ with d not a Gold exponent, i.e., $d = 11, 13, 39, 57, 126$. Then, in these cases the CCZ-equivalence coincide with the EA-equivalence and the inverse transformation.

Let $n = 8$ and $F(x) = x^{57}$ (Kasami). Then in this case the CCZ-equivalence coincide with the EA-equivalence and the inverse transformation.

EA-equivalence to a permutation

If $S_F = \mathbb{F}_{2^n}$ we can check if F is EA-equivalent to a permutation.

Theorem (Y. Li, M. Wang)

Suppose $F(x) = x^{2^i+1}$, with $\gcd(i, n) = 1$ and $L(x)$ is a linearized polynomial on \mathbb{F}_{2^n} . Then $F(x) + L(x)$ is a permutation polynomial iff n is odd and $L(x) = \alpha^{2^i}x + \alpha x^{2^i}$ for some $\alpha \neq 0$.

Theorem (Y. Li, M. Wang)

$x^{-1} + L(x)$ is not a permutation on \mathbb{F}_{2^n} whenever $L \neq 0$ when $n \geq 5$.

Proposition

All known APN functions, except the Gold cases, for $n = 7, 9, 11$ are such that $F(x) + L(x)$ is not a permutation on \mathbb{F}_{2^n} whenever $L \neq 0$. Moreover, $F(x) = x^3 + \text{Tr}(x^9)$ is not CCZ-equivalent to a permutation over \mathbb{F}_{2^7} .

Classification of APN functions

APN polynomial families CCZ-inequivalent to power functions

N°	Functions	Conditions
C1-C2	$x^{2^s+1} + u^{2^k-1}x^{2^{ik}+2^{mk+s}}$	$n = pk$, $\gcd(k, p) = \gcd(s, pk) = 1$, $p \in \{3, 4\}$, $i = sk \pmod p$, $m = p - i$, $n \geq 12$, u primitive in $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}^*$
C3	$x^{2^{2i}+2^i} + cx^{q+1} + dx^{q(2^{2i}+2^i)}$	$q = 2^m$, $n = 2m$, $\gcd(i, m) = 1$, $\gcd(2^i + 1, q + 1) \neq 1$, $dc^q + c \neq 0$, $d \notin \{\lambda^{(2^i+1)(q-1)}, \lambda \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}\}$, $d^{q+1} = 1$
C4	$x(x^{2^i} + x^q + cx^{2^i q})$ $+ x^{2^i}(c^q x^q + sx^{2^i q}) + x^{(2^i+1)q}$	$q = 2^m$, $n = 2m$, $\gcd(i, m) = 1$, $c \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}$, $s \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n} \setminus \mathbb{F}_q$, $X^{2^i+1} + cX^{2^i} + c^q X + 1$ is irreducible over \mathbb{F}_{2^n}
C5	$x^3 + a^{-1} \text{Tr}(a^3 x^9)$	$a \neq 0$
C6	$x^3 + a^{-1} \text{Tr}_n^3(a^3 x^9 + a^6 x^{18})$	$3 n$, $a \neq 0$
C7	$x^3 + a^{-1} \text{Tr}_n^3(a^6 x^{18} + a^{12} x^{36})$	$3 n$, $a \neq 0$

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C8-C10	$ux^{2^s+1} + u^{2^k} x^{2^{-k}+2^{k+s}} + vx^{2^{-k}+1} + wu^{2^k+1} x^{2^s+2^{k+s}}$	$n = 3k, \gcd(k, 3) = \gcd(s, 3k) = 1,$ $v, w \in \mathbb{F}_{2^k}, vw \neq 1,$ $3 (k + s)$ u primitive in $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}^*$
C11	$dx^{2^s+1} + d^{2^k} x^{2^{k+s}+2^k} + cx^{2^k+1} + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \gamma_i x^{2^{k+i}+2^i}$	$n = 2k, \gcd(s, k) = 1, s, k$ odd, $c \notin \mathbb{F}_{2^k}, \gamma_i \in \mathbb{F}_{2^k},$ d not a cube
C12	$(x + x^{2^m})^{2^k+1} + u'(ux + u^{2^m} x^{2^m})(2^k+1)2^i + u(x + x^{2^m})(ux + u^{2^m} x^{2^m})$	$n = 2m, m \geq 2$ even, $\gcd(k, m) = 1$ and i even u primitive in $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}^*, u' \in \mathbb{F}_{2^m}$ not cube
C13	$x^{2^k+1} + tr_m^n(x)^{2^k+1}$	$n = 2m = 4t, \gcd(k, n) = 1$
C14	$a^2 x^{2^{2m+1}+1} + b^2 x^{2^{m+1}+1} + ax^{2^{2m}+2} + bx^{2^m+2} + (c^2 + c)x^3$	$n = 3m, m$ odd Irene Villa's talk

Classification of APN functions

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C13 is equivalent to $x^{2^{m-k}+1}$ (L. Budaghyan, T. Helleseht, N. Li, B. Sun)

C3, C4 and C11

C3	$x^{2^{2i}+2^i} + cx^{q+1} + dx^{q(2^{2i}+2^i)}$	$q = 2^m, n = 2m, \gcd(i, m)=1,$ $\gcd(2^i + 1, q + 1) \neq 1, dc^q + c \neq 0,$ $d \notin \{\lambda^{(2^i+1)(q-1)}, \lambda \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}\}, d^{q+1} = 1$
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C11	$dx^{2^s+1} + d^{2^k} x^{2^{k+s}+2^k} +$ $cx^{2^k+1} + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \gamma_i x^{2^{k+i}+2^i}$	$n = 2k, \gcd(s, k)=1, s, k \text{ odd},$ $c \notin \mathbb{F}_{2^k}, \gamma_i \in \mathbb{F}_{2^k},$ <p>d not a cube</p>

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up to multiply F' by some $\delta \in \mathbb{F}_q$, \Downarrow there exist γ and $\lambda \neq 0$ such that $\lambda^{2^i+1} = (d + d^q \gamma^{q(2^i+1)})$ and substituting $x \mapsto \lambda^{-1}x$ we obtain

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Theorem

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Moreover we can rewrite the family of the hexanomials as:

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Particular case: C12 with $i = 0$

When $i = 0$ for the family C12 we have that

$$F(x) = (x + x^q)^{2^k+1} + u'(ux + u^q x^q)^{2^k+1} + u(x + x^q)(ux + u^q x^q),$$

and it is possible to prove in a similar way that F is EA equivalent to $H(x)$ in the previous theorem.

Thanks for your attention!