

# Redundant Representation of Finite Fields

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**Abstract.** A redundant representation of finite fields with  $2^n$  elements is presented. It unifies the advantages of polynomial and normal bases by the cost of redundancy. The arithmetic, especially exponentiation, in this representation is perfectly suited for low power computing: multiplication can be built up with reversible gates very efficient and squaring is a cyclic shift.

## 1 Introduction

Hardware implementations of cryptographic schemes based on the Discrete Logarithm Problem in  $\mathbf{F}_{2^n}$ , the field with  $2^n$  elements, (see e.g. [1,2]), require efficient exponentiation architectures.

On the one hand, research has been particularly attracted to the choice of the representation of the field. Dual basis multipliers in  $\mathbf{F}_{2^n}$  were first suggested by Berlekamp [14] for encoding Reed-Solomon codes. A representation in a polynomial basis is the standard representation, usually the best choice for general-purpose applications. A very promising approach is the use of a normal basis, where squaring is an extremely simple operation [6,8,11,13]. However, normal basis multiplication can become very complex and good normal bases have to be selected carefully [13]. Especially for exponentiation with low weight exponents the advantage of a normal basis is pronounced.

On the other hand, work on low power computing is coming up more and more. One reason is the problem of cooling of the chips with the increasing integration; another problem in cryptology is the resistance of encryption units against differential power analysis [9].

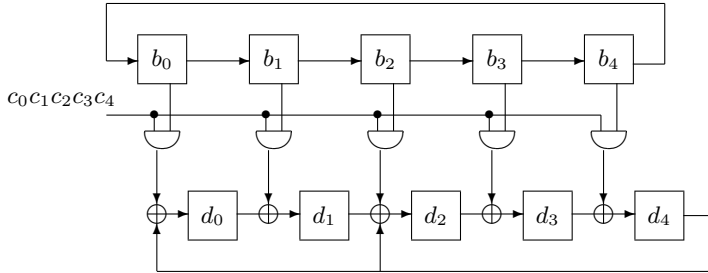
### 1.1 Classical Multiplication

In this section a brief overview on different representations of finite fields and the resulting circuits is given. More details can be found in [5,8,15].

**Polynomial Basis Multiplication** The standard representation of an extension field is the polynomial basis:

**Definition 1.** For  $n \in \mathbf{N}, n \geq 2$  it holds  $\mathbf{F}_{2^n} \simeq \mathbf{F}_2[x]/f(x)$  where  $f(x) \in \mathbf{F}_2[x]$  is an irreducible polynomial of degree  $n$ . Let  $\alpha \in \mathbf{F}_{2^n}$  be a zero of  $f(x)$ , then  $(1, \alpha, \dots, \alpha^{n-1})$  is an  $\mathbf{F}_2$  (vector space) basis of  $\mathbf{F}_{2^n}$ , called a polynomial basis.

In this representation multiplication can easily be performed by linear feedback shift registers (LFSRs), where  $f(x)$  is used as the feedback polynomial. One of the possible realizations is given in Figure 1.



**Fig. 1.** A polynomial basis multiplier for  $\mathbb{F}_{2^5} : \mathbb{F}_2 \text{ mod } f(x) := x^5 + x^2 + 1$ .

**Normal Basis Multiplication** A normal basis of  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$  is defined as follows.

**Definition 2.** A basis  $N = (\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{n-1})$  of  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$  is called a normal basis (over  $\mathbb{F}_2$ ) if there exists some  $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}$  with  $\alpha_i = \alpha^{2^i}$  for all  $i, 0 \leq i < n$ .

In a normal basis  $(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{n-1})$  of  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$  squaring is a cyclic shift of coefficients due to

$$\left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} u_i \alpha_i \right)^2 = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} u_i \alpha_{i+1} \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha_n := \alpha^{2^n} = \alpha_0. \tag{1}$$

Multiplication is more difficult as the products  $\alpha_i \alpha_j$  are, in general, not elements of the normal basis. The cost of normal basis multiplication is frequently measured by the complexity of the linear combinations needed to represent the elements  $\alpha_0 \alpha_i$  in the normal basis [13]. The efficiency of any normal basis multiplier suggested uses field extensions in which good (optimal) normal bases exist [3,13]; in many fields such good normal bases are not available.

### 1.2 Reversible Computing

From physics it is known that erasure of information (deleting or resetting of storage cells) results in heating up the system. Therefore one approach to design low power computing devices is to use reversible gates [4,12,10]. These gates keep all information, i. e. they are bijections.

Permutations and shifts obviously fulfill this condition.

One basic gate is the Fredkin gate: the inputs  $(a, b, c)$  are mapped to the outputs  $(a, b, c)$  if  $a = 0$ ; if the input  $a = 1$  the outputs  $b, c$  are exchanged, i.e. the output is  $(a, c, b)$ .

Another reversible gate is the CNOT (Controlled NOT), the reversible version of the XOR  $((a, b) \mapsto (a, a \oplus b))$ . It is self inverse and can be built up with Fredkin gates.

The generalization of the CNOT is the Toffoli gate, it is a “double controlled NOT”  $((a, b, c) \mapsto (a, b, c \oplus (a \wedge b)))$  and is self inverse.

All these gates are shown in Figure 2.

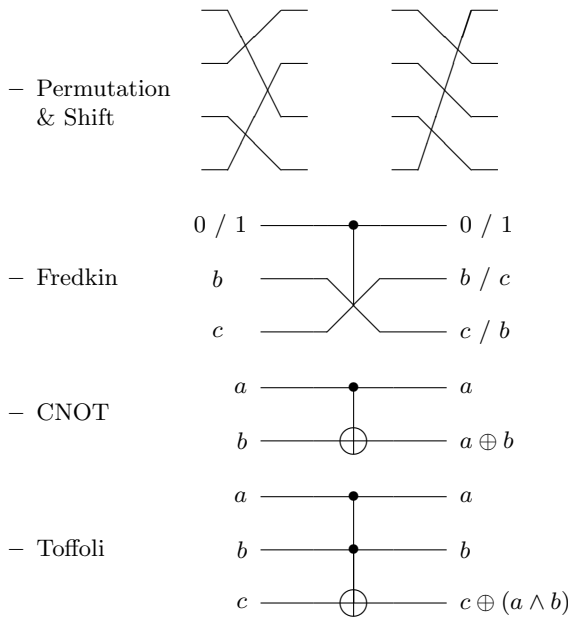
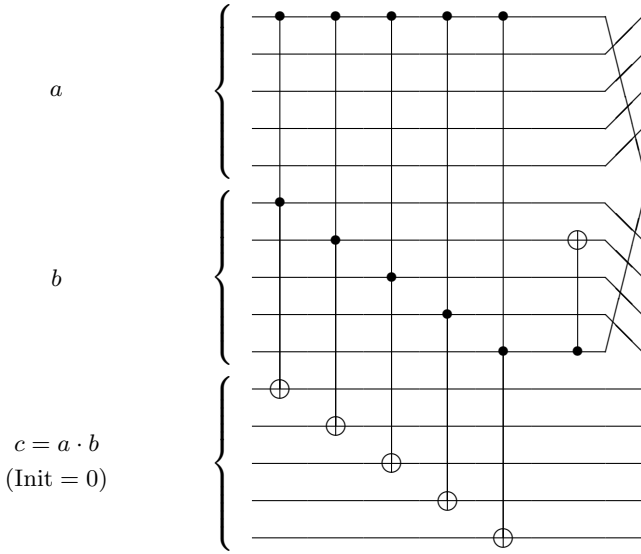


Fig. 2. Basic reversible gates

A polynomial basis multiplier, built up with reversible gates can be found in Figure 3. There are  $n = 5$  steps required, each step needs

- 2  $\text{shift}(n)$  operations;
- $\text{wgt}(f(x)) - 2 = 1$  CNOT gates (the feedback operation) and
- $n = 5$  Toffoli gates.

The normal basis multiplier suggested by Massey and Omura [11], modified for reversible gates, is shown in Figure 4. There are  $n = 5$  steps required, each step needs



**Fig. 3.** A polynomial basis multiplier modulo  $f(x) = x^5 + x^2 + 1$

- 3 shift( $n$ ) operations and
- “normal basis complexity ( $f(x)$ )” = 9 Toffoli gates.

There are other realizations of normal basis multipliers, but the “normal basis complexity”, as defined in [13], is a lower bound for the number of gates needed. This bound is for optimal normal bases of  $\mathbf{F}_{2^n}$  equal to  $2n - 1$ . In most field extensions such a basis does not exist and in some cases the best known normal basis of  $\mathbf{F}_{2^n}$  is not much smaller than  $n^2/2$ . More details in this topic can be found in [6,8].

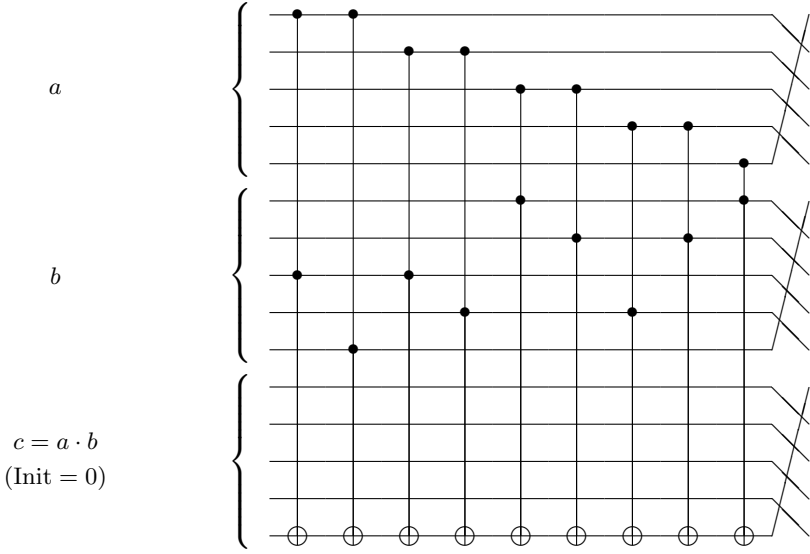
## 2 Redundant Representation of Finite Fields

The representation of  $\mathbf{F}_{2^n}$  given in this section can perfectly be used in reversible circuits; but the representation can as well be used for very efficient classical circuits.

The main reason to use a normal basis is the easy procedure for squaring as a cyclic shift. The advantage of a polynomial basis is the easy realization of the multiplication as linear feedback shift register.

A representation that merges these two advantages is the following:

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $m \in \mathbf{N}$  be minimal with  $x^m - 1 \in \mathbf{F}_2[x]$  has an irreducible factor  $f(x)$  of degree  $n$ ; let  $\alpha \in \mathbf{F}_{2^n}$  be a zero of  $f(x)$ . Then the elements of  $\mathbf{F}_{2^n}$  can be represented as  $\mathbf{F}_2$ -vectors of size  $m$  according to the following embedding:*



**Fig. 4.** The Massey-Omura normal basis multiplier with  $f(x) = x^5 + x^4 + x^2 + x + 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{F}_2[x]/f(x) &\simeq \mathbb{F}_2[\alpha] \leftrightarrow \mathbb{F}_2[x]/(x^m - 1) \\
 \phi : \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i \cdot \alpha^i &\mapsto \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i \cdot x^i \hat{=} (a_0, \dots, a_{n-1}, 0, \dots, 0) \\
 \bar{\phi} : \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} b_i \cdot \alpha^i &\leftarrow \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} b_i \cdot x^i \hat{=} (b_0, \dots, b_{m-1}).
 \end{aligned}$$

It holds:

- (a)  $\bar{\phi}(\phi(a) + \phi(b)) = a + b$  for  $a, b \in \mathbb{F}_2[\alpha]$ ,
- (b)  $\bar{\phi}(\phi(a) \cdot \phi(b)) = a \cdot b$  for  $a, b \in \mathbb{F}_2[\alpha]$ .

*Proof.* Property (a) obviously holds.

To prove (b), note that  $f(x) \mid (x^m - 1)$  and thus  $\alpha^m = 1$ . ■

The arithmetic in  $\mathbb{F}_2[x]/(x^{n+1} + 1)$ , can be performed as follows:

- Addition: Is the XOR of the vectors.
- Multiplication with  $x$ : Is a cyclic shift.

With  $b := \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} b_i \cdot x^i$  it holds:  $b \hat{=} (b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{m-1})$   
 $\Rightarrow x \cdot b \hat{=} (b_{m-1}, b_0, \dots, b_{m-2})$ .

- Multiplication: Is performed with an LFSR with trivial feedback polynomial  $x^m - 1$ .

– Squaring: Is a permutation (“stretching”).

(Note  $m$  is odd, because of  $m$  being minimal with  $f(x) \mid (x^m - 1)$ .) Let

$$b := \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} b_i \cdot x^i, \text{ then}$$

$$b^2 = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} b_i \cdot x^{2i} = \sum_{i=0}^{(m-1)/2} b_i \cdot x^{2i} + \sum_{i=(m+1)/2}^{m-1} b_i \cdot x^{2i-m}.$$

Written as vectors this is:

$$\begin{aligned} b &\hat{=} (b_0, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{m-1}) \\ \Rightarrow b^2 &\hat{=} (b_0, b_{(m+1)/2}, b_1, b_{(m+3)/2}, b_2, \dots, b_{m-1}, b_{(m-1)/2}). \end{aligned}$$

*Example 1.* The elements of the field  $\mathbb{F}_{2^4}$  can be represented as vectors of length 5 according to the factorization of  $x^5 + 1 \in \mathbb{F}_2[x]$  to  $x^5 + 1 = (x + 1)(x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1)$ . Let  $\alpha$  be a zero of  $x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$ , then  $(1 + \alpha^3)^3$  can be calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{F}_2[\alpha] &\hookrightarrow \mathbb{F}_2[x] / (x^5 + 1) \\ 1 + \alpha^3 &\hat{=} (1, 0, 0, 1, 0) \\ (1 + \alpha^3)^2 &\hat{=} (1, 1, 0, 0, 0) \quad (\text{by stretching}) \\ (1 + \alpha^3)^2 \cdot (1 + \alpha^3) &\hat{=} (1, 1, 0, 0, 0) \oplus (0, 0, 0, 1, 1) \\ &\hat{=} (1, 1, 0, 1, 1) \quad (\text{with } \alpha^4 = \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 \\ &\quad \text{this reduces to}) \\ \alpha^2 &\hat{=} (1, 1, 0, 1, 1). \end{aligned}$$

In the appendix a list of the minimal required length  $m$  of the redundant representation is given for  $n \leq 250$  and for primes  $n \leq 2000$ .

### 3 Multiplication with a Fixed Element

For crypto systems based on a discrete logarithm problem in  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$  exponentiation of one fixed element  $a \in \mathbb{F}_{2^n}$  is one of the operations required. This is an operation perfectly suited to reversible computing when squaring is a permutation. The multiplication with  $a$  is a linear mapping and can be performed without any intermediate results that need to be deleted.

One way to generate a reversible implementation of a linear mapping (represented as multiplication  $\phi(a) \mapsto A \cdot \phi(a)$  with  $A$  an  $m \times m$  matrix and  $\phi(a)$  a vector of size  $m$ ) is to decompose  $A$  into  $A = P \cdot L \cdot U$  with  $P$  a permutation matrix,  $L$  a lower triangular matrix and  $U$  an upper triangular matrix.

For the multiplication  $U \cdot \phi(a)$  first calculate the first component by adding the required components to it (first row of  $U$ ). After this step one bit of the result is stored in the first component – the previous value is lost, but not needed any more because of the trinagular structere of  $U$ . Proceeding with the other components of  $\phi(a)$  in the same way gives  $U \cdot \phi(a)$  without any intermediate

result to be deleted. The number of CNOT gates required is the weight of  $U - I_m$ , where  $I_m$  denotes the unity matrix of size  $m$ .

The multiplication with  $L$  is performed in the same way, but the resulting bits are calculated in the reverse order.

In the rest of this section we give some examples for normal basis multiplication and the multiplication in the corresponding redundant representation with reversible gates according to the decomposition of matrices.

*Example 2.* For the smaller examples the decomposition of the matrices is given, for the larger ones we restrict ourself to the complexity only.

–  $\mathbf{F}_{2^4}$ :

Let  $\alpha$  be a zero of  $x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$ , then  $\alpha$  generates a normal basis with the multiplication matrix

$$A_4 := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $\alpha + 1$  is a primitive element and the multiplication with  $A_4 + I_4$  decomposes as follows:

$$A_4 + I_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

This decomposition results in a multiplication circuit with  $1 + 3 = 4$  CNOT gates and 1 permutation of two elements.

For the redundant representation  $m = 5$  (note:  $x^5 = (x + 1)(x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1)$ ). The matrix  $R_4 \in \mathbf{F}_2^{5 \times 5}$  corresponding to multiplication with  $x$  has to perform a cyclic shift and thus is the circulant matrix with first row  $(0, 1, 0, 0, 0)$ . The element  $1 + x + x^2$  is primitive, and the decomposition of the corresponding matrix is:

$$I_5 + R_4 + R_4^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Here the multiplication circuit requires  $4 + 6 = 10$  CNOT gates and 1 permutation of two elements.

–  $\mathbf{F}_{2^6}$ :

In this field an optimal normal basis exists with the multiplication matrix:

$$A_6 := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The corresponding field element is primitive and  $A_6$  decomposes to:

$$A_6 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

giving a reversible realization with  $3+4 = 7$  CNOT gates and 3 permutations of two elements.

For the redundant representation  $m = 9$  (note:  $x^9 + 1 = (x + 1)(x^2 + x + 1)(x^6 + x^3 + 1)$ ). The element  $1 + x + x^3$  is primitive, and the decomposition of the corresponding matrix is:

$$I_9 + R_6 + R_6^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Here the multiplication circuit requires  $12 + 12 = 24$  CNOT gates and no permutation.

–  $\mathbf{F}_{2^{54}}$ :

In  $\mathbf{F}_{2^{54}}$  a good normal basis (with complexity 209) exists. The generator  $\alpha$  is not primitive, thus we choose the primitive Element:  $1 + \alpha$ . The decomposition of the corresponding matrix gives us a circuit with  $236 + 255 = 491$  CNOT gates and a very irregular permutation.

The redundant representation with  $m = 81$  and the primitive element  $x + x^3 + x^4$  gives a circuit with  $135 + 159 = 294$  CNOT gates and a very regular permutation, a cyclic shift on all but 3 elements.



- $\mathbf{F}_{2^{121}}$ :  
 In  $\mathbf{F}_{2^{121}}$  a good normal basis (with complexity 705) exists. The generator  $\alpha$  is primitive and the decomposition of the corresponding matrix gives us a circuit with  $1183 + 1126 = 2309$  CNOT gates and a very irregular permutation.

The redundant representation with  $m = 727$  and the primitive element  $x + x^2 + x^3$  gives a circuit with  $968 + 550 = 1518$  CNOT gates and a very regular permutation, close to a cyclic shift.

- $\mathbf{F}_{2^{239}}$ :  
 In  $\mathbf{F}_{2^{239}}$  a good normal basis (with complexity 477) exists. The generator  $\alpha$  is primitive and the decomposition of the corresponding matrix gives us a circuit with  $233 + 234 = 467$  CNOT gates and a very irregular permutation.

The redundant representation with  $m = 479$  and the primitive element  $x + x^2 + x^3$  gives a circuit with  $637 + 955 = 1592$  CNOT gates and a very regular permutation, close to a cyclic shift.

- $\mathbf{F}_{2^{240}}$ :  
 In  $\mathbf{F}_{2^{240}}$  no good normal basis exists. We chose the best we found, with complexity 28433. The generator  $\alpha$  is primitive and the decomposition of the corresponding matrix gives us a circuit with  $14213 + 14370 = 28583$  CNOT gates and a very irregular permutation.

The redundant representation with  $m = 1067$  and the primitive element  $1 + x + x^2$  gives a circuit with  $1420 + 2130 = 3550$  CNOT gates and a very regular permutation, close to a cyclic shift.

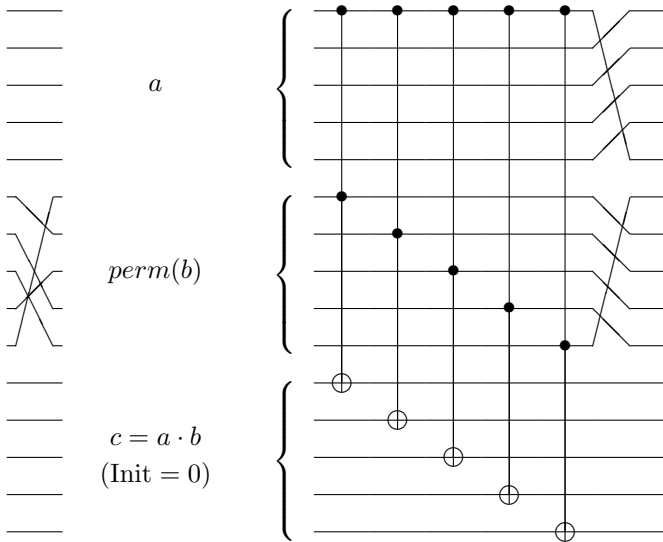
If a good normal bases exists in a field extension, it depends very much on the degree of redundancy required, if the normal basis representation or the redundant representation is better. If an optimal normal basis of type 1 (see. [13]) exists for the extension degree  $n$ , the redundant representation with  $m = n + 1$  is the best choice for implementation; if an optimal normal basis of type 2 (see. [13]) exists, the best redundant representation is with  $m = 2n - 1$  and the normal basis multiplication (with complexity  $2n - 1$ ) is the better choice.

If no good normal basis exists in the field in question even a high degree of redundancy will result in a better performance than a normal basis multiplier.

## 4 General Multiplication

The general multiplication (with two variable inputs) can be realized with reversible gates in a straight forward manner. There are exactly  $m$  Toffoli gates and 2 cyclic shifts of  $m$  signals needed. It corresponds directly to a LFSR with trivial feedback polynomial.

The major problem of any normal basis multiplier is the irregular structure. In hardware it results in additional area needed for wiring, in software unregular access to the bits causes additional operations. With the redundant representation these problems do not occur at all. The highly regular structure can be seen best in some example: The field  $\mathbb{F}_{2^4}$  is represented as  $\mathbb{F}_2[x]/(x^5 - x)$ :



The corresponding normal basis multiplier needs “normal basis complexity  $(f(x))$ ” many Toffoli gates, in this example this is 9. The permutation of the input  $b$  seems to reduce the advantage of the redundant representation; in cryptography in most cases an exponentiation is required, and thus the permutation has to be performed only once and not for each multiplication.

In this setting the redundant representation has often a better performance than a normal basis representation if the number of gates is the measure to be used. If the regularity of the design is taken into account the advantage is even more pronounced.

### 5 Conclusion

The presented redundant representation of finite extension fields via roots of unity joins the two good properties of normal and polynomial bases. On the one hand squaring can be performed by a simple and very structured permutation – a stretching; on the other hand multiplication can be performed with an LFSR with trivial feedback polynomial.

The price to pay is the additional place required for storage of the redundancy. The level of redundancy depends very much on the degree of the field and in many cases it is a perfect choice for exponentiation.

## A Degree of Redundancy

In the following table for all fields  $\mathbf{F}_{2^n}$  with  $n \leq 250$  and extension degrees with  $n \leq 2000$  being a prime, the smallest degree of redundancy  $m$  is given, that allows a representation with roots of unity. In some cases even the field  $\mathbf{F}_{2^{n_1}} \supset \mathbf{F}_{2^n}$  can be represented with the smallest  $m$ -th roots of unity where  $\mathbf{F}_{2^n}$  can be embedded.

$n$	$n_1$	$m$	$n$	$n_1$	$m$	$n$	$n_1$	$m$	$n$	$n_1$	$m$
2	2	3	41	82	83	81	162	163	121	121	727
3	3	7	42	42	147	82	82	83	122	244	733
4	4	5	43	172	173	83	83	167	123	246	581
5	10	11	44	44	115	84	84	203	124	372	373
6	6	9	45	180	181	85	340	1021	125	500	625
7	28	29	46	138	139	86	172	173	126	378	379
8	8	17	47	94	283	87	348	349	127	508	509
9	18	19	48	48	97	88	88	353	128	384	769
10	10	11	49	196	197	89	178	179	129	258	1033
11	11	23	50	100	101	90	180	181	130	130	131
12	12	13	51	51	103	91	546	547	131	131	263
13	52	53	52	52	53	92	92	235	132	132	299
14	28	29	53	106	107	93	372	373	133	532	1597
15	60	61	54	54	81	94	94	283	134	268	269
16	48	97	55	110	121	95	95	191	135	135	271
17	51	103	56	224	449	96	96	193	136	136	289
18	18	19	57	342	361	97	388	389	137	411	823
19	95	191	58	58	59	98	196	197	138	138	139
20	20	25	59	708	709	99	99	199	139	556	557
21	21	49	60	60	61	100	100	101	140	140	319
22	66	67	61	183	367	101	303	607	141	564	1129
23	23	47	62	372	373	102	102	307	142	284	569
24	48	97	63	378	379	103	618	619	143	858	859
25	100	101	64	64	641	104	104	901	144	144	577
26	52	53	65	130	131	105	210	211	145	290	649
27	54	81	66	66	67	106	106	107	146	292	293
28	28	29	67	268	269	107	214	643	147	147	343
29	58	59	68	68	137	108	108	405	148	148	149
30	60	61	69	138	139	109	1090	1091	149	298	1193
31	155	311	70	210	211	110	110	121	150	300	707
32	96	193	71	284	569	111	444	1043	151	906	907
33	66	67	72	72	323	112	224	449	152	152	1217
34	68	137	73	292	293	113	226	227	153	612	613
35	35	71	74	148	149	114	342	361	154	154	617
36	36	37	75	300	707	115	460	461	155	155	311
37	148	149	76	76	229	116	116	295	156	156	169
38	76	229	77	231	463	117	117	937	157	1570	1571
39	39	79	78	156	169	118	708	709	158	316	317
40	40	187	79	316	317	119	119	239	159	318	749
			80	240	1067	120	120	1037	160	480	2123

$n$	$n_1$	$m$	$n$	$n_1$	$m$	$n$	$n_1$	$m$	$n$	$n_1$	$m$
161	483	967	206	618	619	251	251	503	523	2615	5231
162	162	163	207	828	829	257	771	1543	541	3246	9739
163	652	653	208	1040	2081	263	526	1579	547	547	5471
164	164	415	209	418	419	269	1076	2153	557	557	3343
165	660	661	210	210	211	271	542	1627	563	7882	7883
166	166	499	211	1055	2111	277	1108	1109	569	6828	6829
167	2338	2339	212	212	535	281	562	563	571	571	5711
168	168	833	213	852	853	283	566	1699	577	2308	2309
169	676	677	214	214	643	293	586	587	587	8218	8219
170	340	1021	215	1290	1291	307	1228	1229	593	1186	1187
171	342	361	216	648	1297	311	1866	1867	599	2396	4793
172	172	173	217	651	1303	313	939	1879	601	601	3607
173	346	347	218	1090	1091	317	8242	8243	607	3642	3643
174	348	349	219	876	877	331	1986	1987	613	6130	6131
175	700	701	220	220	575	337	3370	3371	617	1234	4937
176	704	1409	221	442	443	347	2082	2083	619	2476	2477
177	708	709	222	444	1043	349	3490	3491	631	3155	6311
178	178	179	223	2676	2677	353	2471	4943	641	1282	1283
179	179	359	224	224	449	359	359	719	643	7716	7717
180	180	181	225	900	1919	367	734	2203	647	9058	9059
181	543	1087	226	226	227	373	1492	1493	653	1306	1307
182	546	547	227	908	5449	379	1516	4549	659	659	1319
183	183	367	228	228	1603	383	1532	4597	661	1983	3967
184	184	799	229	916	2749	389	2334	9337	673	2692	2693
185	370	1481	230	460	461	397	397	2383	677	2708	5417
186	372	373	231	231	463	401	1604	3209	683	683	1367
187	1122	1123	232	464	929	409	1636	1637	691	3455	6911
188	940	941	233	466	467	419	419	839	701	12618	12619
189	378	379	234	468	1007	421	842	4211	709	2836	2837
190	190	573	235	940	941	431	431	863	719	719	1439
191	191	383	236	708	709	433	1732	1733	727	2908	2909
192	384	769	237	237	1423	439	2195	4391	733	7330	7331
193	772	773	238	238	717	443	443	887	739	2956	2957
194	388	389	239	239	479	449	1796	3593	743	743	1487
195	390	869	240	240	1067	457	6855	13711	751	4506	4507
196	196	197	241	723	1447	461	461	2767	757	6056	12113
197	3546	3547	242	1210	1331	463	5556	5557	761	1522	1523
198	198	437	243	243	487	467	2802	2803	769	7690	7691
199	796	797	244	244	733	479	958	3833	773	2319	4639
200	200	401	245	490	491	487	1948	1949	787	4722	4723
201	201	1609	246	246	581	491	491	983	797	2391	4783
202	404	809	247	1482	1483	499	1996	1997	809	1618	1619
203	812	841	248	744	1489	503	3018	3019	811	4055	8111
204	204	409	249	249	1169	509	1018	1019	821	1642	6569
205	820	821	250	500	625	521	2084	16673	823	4115	8231

$n$	$n_1$	$m$	$n$	$n_1$	$m$	$n$	$n_1$	$m$	$n$	$n_1$	$m$
827	11578	11579	1097	7679	15359	1423	5692	5693	1693	1693	10159
829	8290	8291	1103	1103	2207	1427	8562	8563	1697	6788	13577
839	10068	10069	1109	4436	13309	1429	5716	5717	1699	6796	20389
853	3412	3413	1117	3351	6703	1433	4299	8599	1709	20508	20509
857	857	6857	1123	4492	4493	1439	1439	2879	1721	34420	34421
859	18898	18899	1129	4516	4517	1447	17364	34729	1723	1723	17231
863	5178	5179	1151	6906	6907	1451	1451	2903	1733	3466	3467
877	7016	14033	1153	12683	25367	1453	5812	5813	1741	19151	38303
881	15858	15859	1163	4652	37217	1459	1459	14591	1747	8735	17471
883	3532	3533	1171	7026	7027	1471	5884	23537	1753	7012	7013
887	1774	5323	1181	14172	14173	1481	2962	2963	1759	15831	31663
907	5442	5443	1187	4748	9497	1483	7415	14831	1777	7108	7109
911	911	1823	1193	3579	7159	1487	8922	8923	1783	21396	21397
919	3676	3677	1201	3603	7207	1489	14890	14891	1787	10722	10723
929	3716	7433	1213	14556	14557	1493	10451	20903	1789	17890	17891
937	2811	5623	1217	3651	29209	1499	1499	2999	1801	21612	21613
941	2823	5647	1223	1223	2447	1511	1511	3023	1811	1811	3623
947	5682	5683	1229	2458	2459	1523	3046	21323	1823	3646	10939
953	1906	1907	1231	9848	19697	1531	3062	9187	1831	10986	10987
967	7736	15473	1237	2474	19793	1543	6172	6173	1847	11082	11083
971	5826	5827	1249	12490	12491	1549	6196	6197	1861	18610	74441
977	1954	7817	1259	17626	17627	1553	4659	9319	1867	9335	18671
983	13762	13763	1277	25540	25541	1559	1559	3119	1871	1871	14969
991	8919	17839	1279	6395	12791	1567	6268	6269	1873	5619	11239
997	3988	3989	1283	2566	7699	1571	3142	12569	1877	1877	15017
1009	10090	10091	1289	2578	2579	1579	6316	6317	1879	7516	7517
1013	2026	2027	1291	6455	12911	1583	1583	3167	1889	3778	3779
1019	1019	2039	1297	5188	5189	1597	6388	6389	1901	3802	3803
1021	2042	10211	1301	26020	26021	1601	3202	3203	1907	11442	11443
1031	1031	2063	1303	10424	20849	1607	9642	9643	1913	13391	26783
1033	4132	4133	1307	2614	10457	1609	3218	16091	1931	1931	3863
1039	4156	4157	1319	3957	23743	1613	4839	9679	1933	23196	23197
1049	2098	2099	1321	1321	7927	1619	6476	12953	1949	35082	35083
1051	12612	12613	1327	5308	5309	1621	3242	29179	1951	42922	42923
1061	3183	6367	1361	1361	8167	1627	4881	29287	1973	3946	3947
1063	4252	4253	1367	1367	10937	1637	31103	62207	1979	39580	39581
1069	10690	10691	1373	16476	16477	1657	6628	26513	1987	7948	7949
1087	4348	4349	1381	1381	8287	1663	6652	6653	1993	1993	11959
1091	6546	6547	1399	12591	25183	1667	1667	13337	1997	87868	87869
1093	4372	4373	1409	2818	2819	1669	3338	16691	1999	9995	19991

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