### Polynomials Having Sparse Multiples

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## Introduction

Stream ciphers form an important class of secret-key encryption schemes. They are widely used in applications since they present many advantages: they are usually faster than common block ciphers and they have less complex hardware circuitry. Moreover, their use is particularly wellsuited when errors may occur during the transmission because they avoid error propagation. In a binary ad ditive stream cipher the ciphertext is obtained by adding bitwise the plaintext to a pseudorandom sequence s, called the key stream (or the running-key). The runningkey is produced by a pseudorandom generator whose initialization is the secret key shared by the users. Most attacks on such ciphers therefore consist in recovering the initialization of the pseudorandom generator from the knowledge of a few cipher text bits (or of some bits of the running-key in known-plaintext attacks).

Linear feedback shift registers (LFSRs) are the basic components of most keystream generators since they are appropriate to hardware implementations, produce sequences with good statistical properties and can be easily analyzed.

Linear Feedback Shift Register (LFSR) is a system which generates a pseudorandom bit-sequence using a binary recurrence-relation of the form

$$a_n = c_1 a_{n-1} + c_2 a_{n-2} + \dots + c_{k-1} a_{n-k+1} + c_k a_{n-k}$$
 (1.1)

where  $c_k = 1$  and for  $1 \le i < k$ ,  $c_i \in \{0,1\}$ . The length of a LFSR correspond to the order k of the linear-recurrence-relation used. The number of taps t of an LFSR is the number of non-zero bits in  $\{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k\}$ . The successive bits of the LFSR are emitted using the chosen recurrence relation after intialising the seed  $(a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{k-1})$  of LFSR.

The (1.1) is related to the following polynomial over GF(2)

$$C(x) = 1 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2 + \dots + c_k x^k$$
 (1.2)

The (1.2) is called the Connection Polynomial of the LFSR.

The LFSR-generated sequence of the linear-recurrence-relation(lrr) related to a connection polynomial is same as the one for the corresponding lrr of multiple polynomial of the connection polynomial.

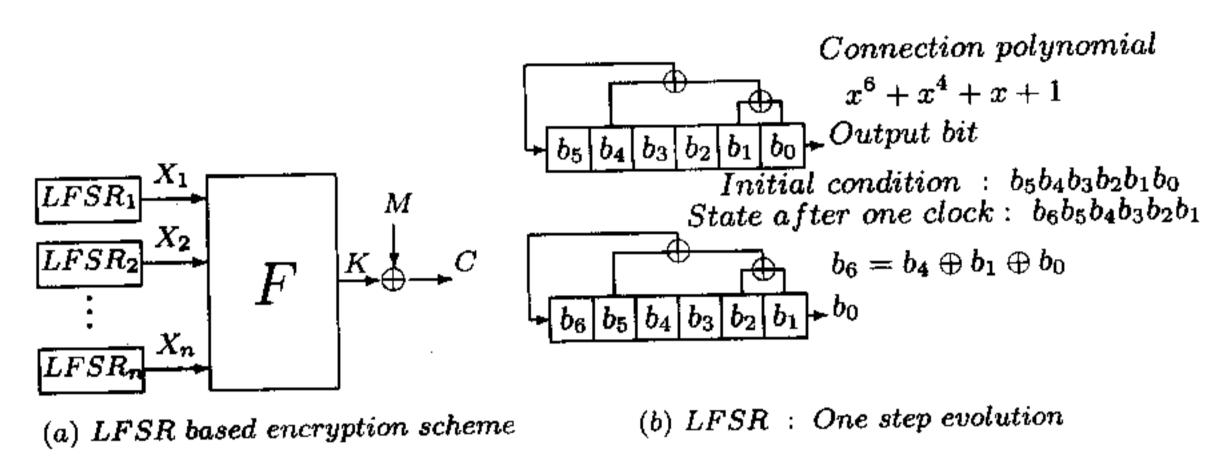


Figure 1.1: Stream Cipher System

In the stream-cipher systems, the key-stream is usually generated by combining the outputs of more than one LFSR using a nonlinear boolean function. This arrangement significantly increases the robustness of the system against possible attacks. This keystream is bitwise XORed with the message bitstream to produce the cipher. The decryption machinery is identical to the encryption machinery (see Figure 1.1).

In such a system, n bits from n different LFSRs are generated at each clock. These n bits are the input to the boolean function  $F(X_1, X_2, X_3, ..., X_n)$ . The output of the boolean function F is the key-straem K. The cipher stream C is the XORing of K and the message stream M. i.e.,  $C = K \oplus M$ .

Consider the connection polynomial of degree d

$$x^{d} + a_{d-1}x^{d-1} + a_{d-2}x^{d-2} + \dots + a_{1}x + 1 \tag{1.3}$$

where  $a_i \in \{0,1\}, \forall i, 1 \leq i \leq d-1$ . We take an LFSR corresponding to the connection polynomial of size d with least significant bit starts from the right hand side and the most significant bit at the leftmost postion. There is a tap at  $i^{th}$  position if and only if  $a_i = 1$ . The output b, XORing of all taps is connected to the leftmost bit. The rightmost bit is the output of the LFSR system and all the bits are shifted by one bit towards the right hand side.

To resist cryptanalytic attacks on LFSR system, the connection polynomial must be primitive polynomial over GF(2) with high weight and also there should not be any sparse multiple of moderate degree for the connection polynomial.

Various types of attacks exist on stream-cipher systems that use LF\$Rs for key-stream generation. These attacks try to infer the cryptosystem parameters i.e., the connection-polynomials and the seeds of the LF\$Rs using various known information like the statistical nature of the message source, the encrypted text, the actual combining-function used etc.

A category of theses attacks, known as "fast-correlation" attack, assume that the number of LFSRs in the system and their connection-polynomials are

known. The attack takes the key-stream sequence i.e., the output of the combining function as input and tries to identify the seed of one of the LFSRs. The attack works only for those cases where the output-sequence of the attacked LFSR is strongly correlated with key-stream. The attack views the key-stream sequence as a pertubation of the original LFSR sequence by a binary symmetric memoryless noise source with prob(0)=correlation probability. The "fast-correlation attack" algorithm (see [5]) for the attack systematically constructs at least as many digits in the actual LFSR sequence as there are number of terms in the associated recurrence-relation. It uses these actual digits and the actual recurrence-relation employed and solves for the seed of LFSR using linear-algebra.

In [2], it has been shown that there exist exactly  $2^{d-1}-1$  distinct trinomial multiples of degree at most  $2^d-2$  for a given primitive polynomial of degree d. We give an algorithm for finding the least degree trinomial multiple of a given primitive polynomial. We give the list of least degree trinomial multiples of their corresponding primitive polynomials. Also they proved that the number of cyclotomic cosets  $mod(2^d-1)$  of prime length p is  $\frac{2^p-2}{p}$ . Here, we prove that the number of cyclotomic cosets  $mod(2^d-1)$  of length l, where l is any positive integer (l>1) is

$$\frac{1}{l} \left[ 2^{l} + 2n - 4 - \sum_{i=1}^{n} 2^{\frac{l}{p_{i}}} + 2^{gcd \left(\frac{l}{p_{1}}, \frac{l}{p_{2}}, \cdots, \frac{l}{p_{n}}\right)} \right],$$

where the prime factorization of l is  $p_1^{\alpha_1}p_2^{\alpha_2}\cdots p_n^{\alpha_n}, \alpha_i \geq 1, n \geq 1$ .

#### 1.1 Motivation

In the previous section, it was remarked that LFSR systems with their connection polynomials very sparse are particularly very vulnerable to various known attacks. There are trinomial multiples of very low degree for connection polynomial of high weight for a reasonable degrees.

The main motivation of this dissertation work is to find the primitive polynomials for designing "good" stream cipher system. My motivation in this effort is finding the least degree trinomial multiple of a given primitive polynomial.

 $<sup>^1</sup>$ two sequences are correlated if the probability that a randomly chosen bit in one sequence is same as the corresponding bit in the other sequence is >0.5

## Preliminaries

#### 2.1 Definitions

In this section, the definitions of basic terms and with some basic results which are used in this document are provided. Most of these definitions are taken from [6, 7, 8]. We denote the field of prime order p by GF(p) and we denote the extention field of dimension d over GF(p) by  $GF(p^d)$ . In the rest of document, the base field is GF(2).

#### Definition: Galois Field of order $p^d$

Let p be a prime and let d be any positive integer. Then there exists a field (It is unique up to Isomorphism) of order  $p^d$ . This field is called Galois Field of order  $p^d$  and it is denoted by  $GF(p^d)$ .

The set  $GF(2^d)^*$  of non zero elements of  $GF(2^d)$  is a cyclic group under multiplication with a generator  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha^{p^d-1}=1$ . Generator  $\alpha$  is called *Group Primitive Element* of  $GF(2^d)$ .  $GF(2^d)=\{0,1,\alpha,\alpha^2,\alpha^3,\cdots,\alpha^{2^d-2}\}$ .

#### Definition: Irreducible Polynomial over GF(2)

A polynomial of degree d is called an *Irreducible Polynomial over* GF(2) if it is not a product of two polynomials of degree < d over the field GF(2).

#### Definition: Primitive Polynomial over GF(2)

Let f(x) be an irreducible polynomial of degree d. Then f(x) is said to be a Primitive Polynomial of degree d if the roots of f(x) are the generators of the field  $GF(2^d)$ .

The number of primitive polynomials is  $\frac{\phi(p^d-1)}{d}$ , where  $\phi$  is an Euler phifunction.

#### Definition: Euler phi function

The Euler phi function  $\phi$  is defined by letting  $\phi(n)$  be the number of positive integers less than or equal to n that are relatively prime to n, where n is any

positive integer.

The Euler phi function  $\phi$  is completely determined by the properties:  $\phi(mn) = \phi(m)\phi(n) \Leftrightarrow \gcd(m,n) = 1$  and  $\phi(p^n) = p^{n-1}(p-1), p$  prime, n > 0.

#### Definition: Polynomial belongs to an Exponent

Let f(x) be a polynomial of degree d  $(d \ge 1)$  with  $f(0) \ne 0$ . Then there exists a least positive integer e  $(e \le p^d - 1)$  such that f(x) divides  $x^e - 1$ . The e is called an exponent/order of the f(x) and we say the polynomial f(x) belongs to exponent e.

If f(x) is a primitive polynomial of degree d then f(x) belongs to an exponent  $e = 2^d - 1$ .

## Definition : Cyclotomic Coset $mod~(2^d-1)$ of length l containing m

For a given positive integer d, Cyclotomic Coset mod  $(2^d-1)$  of length l containing m is defined as the set  $\{2^x m \mod (2^d-1) | x=0,1,2,\cdots,(l-1)\}$ , where l and m are positive integers.

i.e., The cyclotomic coset containing m consists the elements m,  $2^1m$ ,  $2^2m$ ,  $2^3m$ , ...,  $2^(l-1)m$  with mod  $(2^d-1)$  where l is the smallest positive integer such that  $m2^l \equiv m \mod (2^d-1)$ .

#### Definition: t-nomial over GF(2)

A polynomial with t non zero terms, one of them being the constant term is called t-nomial, or in other words a polynomial of weight t.

Note that, in literature, by a polynomial with sparse weight generally means  $t \leq 10$ .

The general form of a Trinomial of degree m is  $x^m + x^n + 1$ , where m.n are positive integers and m > n.

### Definition: Least Degree Trinomial Multiple of a Polynomial

Let f(x) be a polynomial. Then the trinomial  $x^m + x^n + 1$  of degree m is said to be the Least Degree Trinomial Multiple of f(x) if f(x) devides  $x^m + x^n + 1$  and if t(x) is a trinomial multiple ( of degree k ) of f(x) then  $m \leq k$ .

#### Definition: Maximal Divisor

A divisor m of l is said to be a  $Maximal\ Divisor$  if for every divisor k of l , m < k < l, m does not divides k.

#### 2.2 Notations

In this section, the notations which are used in this document are provided.

1. Let l and d be any two positive integers. Then the set  $\{m \mid m(2^l - 1) \equiv 0 \mod (2^d - 1), 1 \leq m \leq 2^d - 2\}$  is denoted by  $S_{l,d}$ .

i.e.,  $S_{l,d} = \{m \mid m(2^l - 1) \equiv 0 \mod (2^d - 1), 1 \leq m \leq 2^d - 2\}$ .

- 2. For a given positive integer d, The Cyclotomic Coset  $mod (2^d 1)$  of length l containing m is denoted by  $C_{m,l}$ .

  i.e.,  $C_{m,l} = \{2^x m \mod (2^d 1) \mid x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, (l-1)\}$ .
- 3. For a given set S, The cardinality of S is denoted by |S|. ie., |S| is number of elements in the set S.
- 4. If l divides m then we denote  $l \mid m$ .
- 5. We denote  $gcd_{k|l,k}$  is  $maximal(2^k 1)$  for the greatest common divisor (GCD) of all numbers of the form  $2^k 1$ , where kis maximal divisor of l. We define gcd of a number is 1. i.e., if there is only one maximal divisor of l then  $gcd_{k|l,k}$  is  $maximal(2^k 1) = 1$

## 2.3 Relationship between $S_{l,d}$ and $C_{m,l}$

In this section, I provide some results on the sets  $S_{l,d}$  and  $C_{m,l}$ . We see the relationship between the sets  $S_{l,d}$  and  $C_{m,l}$ .

**Lemma 1**: Let l and d be any two positive integers such that  $l \mid d$ . Then  $|S_{l,d}| = 2^l - 2$ .

**Proof**: Since  $l \mid d$ ,  $(2^{l} - 1) \mid (2^{d} - 1)$ . and hence  $S_{l,d}$  can be written as the set  $T = \{m \mid m \equiv 0 \mod \frac{(2^{d} - 1)}{(2^{l} - 1)}, 1 \leq m \leq 2^{d} - 2\}$ .

Since the congruence  $m \equiv 0 \mod \frac{(2^d-1)}{(2^l-1)}$  has  $2^l-2$  many number of non zero solutions in between 1 and  $2^d-2$ . Therefore  $|T|=2^l-2$ . Hence  $|S_{l,d}|=2^l-2$ .

**Corollary 1**: Let  $l, d_1$  and  $d_2$  be any three positive integers such that  $l \mid d_1$  and  $l \mid d_2$ . Then  $|S_{l,d_1}| = |S_{l,d_2}|$ .

**Proof**: By lemma 1,  $|S_{l,d_1}| = 2^l - 2$  and  $|S_{l,d_2}| = 2^l - 2$  and hence  $|S_{l,d_1}| = |S_{l,d_2}|$ .

**Lemma 2**: Let  $l_1, l_2$  and d be any three positive integers such that  $l_1 \mid l_2, l_1 \mid d$  and  $l_2 \mid d$ . Then  $S_{l_1,d} \subseteq S_{l_2,d}$ .

**Proof**: Let  $x \in S_{l_1,d}$ . Then x satisfies the congruence relation  $x(2^{l_1}-1) \equiv 0 \mod (2^d-1)$  and hence  $(2^d-1) \mid x(2^{l_1}-1)$ . Since  $l_1 \mid l_2, (2^{l_1}-1) \mid (2^{l_2}-1)$ . By transitivity property,  $(2^d-1) \mid x(2^{l_2}-1)$ . This implies that x satisfies the congruence relation  $x(2^{l_2}-1) \equiv 0 \mod (2^d-1)$  and hence  $x \in S_{l_2,d}$ .

#### Corollary 1:

$$\bigcup_{k|l} S_{k,d} \subseteq S_{l,d}$$

**Proof**: The proof follows from the above Lemma 2.

**Lemma 3**: Let d and l be two positive intgers. Then for any integer m,  $C_{m,l} \subseteq S_{l,d}$ .

**Proof**: Let  $x \in C_{m,l}$  then x satisfies the congruence  $x(2^l-1) \equiv 0 \mod (2^d-1)$ . Therefore  $C_{m,l} \subseteq \{x \mid x(2^l-1) \equiv 0 \mod (2^d-1), 1 \leq x \leq 2^d-2\} = S_{l,d}$ .

#### Corollary 1:

$$\bigcup_{m} C_{m,l} \subseteq S_{l,d}.$$

**Proof**: The proof follows from the above Lemma 3.

Lemma 4 :  $C_{m,l} = C_{x,l}$ ,  $\forall x \in C_{m,l}$ .

**Proof**: Let  $x \in C_{m,l}$ . Since  $x \in C_{x,l}$ , so  $C_{m,l} \subseteq C_{x,l}$ . Let  $y \in C_{x,l}$ . Then  $y = 2^k x \mod (2^d - 1)$  for some integer k,  $(0 \le k \le (l - 1))$ . Since  $x \in C_{m,l}$ , so  $x = 2^q m \mod (2^d - 1)$ . Therefore  $y = 2^{k+q} m \mod (2^d - 1) \equiv 2^r m \mod (2^d - 1)$ , where r is the remainder when l divides k + q. Hence  $C_{m,l} \subseteq C_{x,l}$ .

Corollary 1:  $C_{m,l} \cap C_{x,l} = \emptyset$ ,  $\forall x \notin C_{m,l}$ .

**Proof**: Let  $x \notin C_{m,l}$ . Suppose  $y \in C_{m,l} \cap C_{x,l}$ . Then by above Lemma 4,  $C_{m,l} = C_{y,l}$  and  $C_{x,l} = C_{y,l}$ . This implies that  $C_{m,l} = C_{x,l}$  and hence  $x \in C_{m,l}$ . A contradiction. Hence the Corollary.

## On Number of Cyclotomic Cosets

In this chapter, I provide the result related to number of cyclotomic cosets for a given integer d.

Lemma 1:

Lemma 1: 
$$\bigcup_{m} C_{m,l} = S_{l,d} - \bigcup_{k|l, \ k \ is \ maximal} S_{k,d}.$$
 Proof: Suppose  $x \in \bigcup_{m} C_{m,l},$ 

then  $x \in C_{m,l}$  for some m. Let k be any maximal divisor of l. It is enough if we prove  $x \notin S_{k,d}$ . Suppose that  $x \in S_{k,d}$ then x satisfies the congruence  $x(2^k-1)\equiv 0\ mod\ (2^d-1)$ . Since  $x\in C_{m,l}$ , so l is the least positive integer such that  $x(2^l-1)\equiv 0\ mod\ (2^d-1)$ , this implies that l < k, A contradiction.

Hence 
$$x \notin \bigcup_{k|l, \ k \ is \ maximal} S_{k,d}$$
.

We proved that

$$\bigcup_{m} C_{m,l} \subseteq S_{l,d} - \bigcup_{k|l, \ k \ is \ maximal} S_{k,d}.$$

Now we will prove that

$$S_{l,d} - \bigcup_{k|l, \ k \ is \ maximal} S_{k,d} \subseteq \bigcup_{m} C_{m,l}.$$
  $x \in S_{l,d} - \bigcup S_{k,d}.$ 

Let

k|l, k is maximal

Then x satisfies the  $x(2^l-1)\equiv 0 \mod (2^d-1)$  and  $x\notin S_{k,d} \ \forall k$ , k is a maximal divisor of l. Therefore  $x\notin S_{q,d}$  for any proper divisor q of l (by Lemma2,Chapter 3). This implies that l is the least positive integer such that x satisfies  $x(2^l-1)\equiv 0 \mod (2^d-1)$  and hence  $x\in C_{m,l}$ .

#### Lemma 2:

$$\left| \bigcup_{k|l,\ k\ is\ maximal} S_{k,d} \right| = \sum_{k|l,\ k\ is\ maximal} |S_{k,d}| - (2^{\gcd_{k|l,k\ is\ maximal}k} - 2)$$

**Proof**: Since the congruences  $x(2^k-1) \equiv 0 \mod (2^d-1)$ , where k is maximal divisor of l are having  $gcd_k(2^k-1)-1$  many number of common non zero solutions of these relations, so we have

$$\left| \bigcup_{k|l, \ k \ is \ maximal} S_{k,d} \right| = \sum_{k|l, \ k \ is \ maximal} |S_{k,d}| - gcd_{k|l,k \ is \ maximal} (2^k - 1) - 1)$$

Since  $gcd_k(2^k-1)=2^{gcd_kk}-1$  (see [8], volume 1,Chapter 4) So Lemma 2 holds.

**Theorem 1:** The number of cyclotomic cosets  $mod~(2^d-1)$  of length l, where l is any positive integer (l>1) is

$$\frac{1}{l} \left[ 2^{l} + 2n - 4 - \sum_{i=1}^{n} 2^{\frac{l}{p_{i}}} + 2^{gcd \left(\frac{l}{p_{1}}, \frac{l}{p_{2}}, \cdots, \frac{l}{p_{n}}\right)} \right],$$

where the prime factorization of l is  $p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_n^{\alpha_n}, \alpha_i \geq 1, n \geq 1$ .

**Proof**: Let N be the number of cyclotomic cosets mod  $(2^d - 1)$  of length l, where l is any positive integer (l > 1). By above Lemma 1,

$$\bigcup_{m} C_{m,l} = S_{l,d} - \bigcup_{k|l, \ k \ is \ maximal} S_{k,d}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\bigcup_{m} C_{m,l}| = |S_{l,d} - \bigcup_{k|l, \ k \ is \ maximal} S_{k,d}|$$

$$\Rightarrow |\bigcup_{m} C_{m,l}| = |S_{l,d}| - |\bigcup_{k|l, \ k \ is \ maximal} S_{k,d}|$$

$$\Rightarrow |N = (2^{l}-2) - \left[\sum_{k|l, \ k \ is \ maximal} |S_{k,d}| - (2^{gcd_{k|l,k \ is \ maximal}k} - 2)\right]$$

Let  $p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_n^{\alpha_n}$ ,  $(\alpha_i \ge 1, n \ge 1)$  be the prime factorization of l.

Then the maximal divisors of l are  $\frac{l}{p_1}, \frac{l}{p_2}, \frac{l}{p_3}, \cdots, \frac{l}{p_n}$ .

So 
$$lN = (2^{l} - 2) - \left[ \sum_{i}^{n} |S_{\frac{l}{p_{i}},d}| - (2^{gcd_{i}\frac{l}{p_{i}}} - 2) \right]$$

$$= (2^{l} - 2) - \left[ \sum_{i}^{n} (2^{\frac{l}{p_{i}}} - 2) - (2^{gcd_{i}\frac{l}{p_{i}}} - 2) \right]$$

$$= 2^{l} + 2n - 4 - \sum_{i}^{n} 2^{\frac{l}{p_{i}}} + 2^{gcd_{i}\frac{l}{p_{i}}}$$

Hence

$$N = \frac{1}{l} \left[ 2^{l} + 2n - 4 - \sum_{i=1}^{n} 2^{\frac{l}{p_{i}}} + 2^{gcd \left( \frac{l}{p_{1}}, \frac{l}{p_{2}}, \cdots, \frac{l}{p_{n}} \right)} \right].$$

Corollary 1: The number of cyclotomic cosets of prime length p is  $\frac{2^p-2}{p}$ 

**Proof**: Take l=p in the above theorem. Then n=1 and  $N=\frac{1}{p}(2^p+2-4-2+2)=\frac{1}{p}(2^p-2)$ .

Corollary 2: For a given d, There are

$$\sum_{\substack{l \mid d, \ l = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdots p_n^{\alpha_n}}} \left[ \frac{1}{l} \left( 2^l + 2n - 4 - \sum_{i=1}^n 2^{\frac{l}{p_i}} \right. + \left. 2^{\gcd\left(\frac{l}{p_1}, \frac{l}{p_2}, \cdots, \frac{l}{p_n}\right)} \right) \right]$$

many number of cyclotomic cosets.

**Proof:** By the proposition 3.1 of [2], cyclotomic cosets of length l exists  $\Leftrightarrow l|d$ . Hence the Corollary holds by above theorem.

# On Least Degree Trinomial Multiples

## 4.1 Algorithm for finding Least Degree Trinomial Multiple

In this section, an algorithm to find the Least Degree Trinomial Multiple (LDTM) for a given primitive polynomial is provided.

We represent primitive polynomial over GF(2) as a string of 0's and 1's. Suppose (1.3) is a primitive polynomial of degree d. Then we can represent (1.3) as a string "1  $a_{d-1}$   $a_{d-2}$   $a_{d-3}$   $\cdots$   $a_2$   $a_1$  1" of length d+1. The input to this algorithm is a primitive polynomial with string representation. Let  $\alpha$  be a root of the primitive polynomial.

#### Algorithm:

- 1. Generate alpha table up to degree d (i.e., generate  $\alpha^1, \alpha^2, \alpha^3, \dots, \alpha^d$ )
- 2. i = d + 1
- 3. Find  $\alpha^i$  and store the string  $\alpha^i$  (by using left shift operation on  $\alpha^{(i-1)}$  and if the left most bit of  $\alpha^{(i-1)}$  is '1' then bitwise XOR operation with  $\alpha^d$ )
- 4. Compute  $\alpha^i + 1$  (by XORing the rightmost bit of  $\alpha^i$  with bit '1')
- 5. Search the alpha table for the string  $\alpha^i+1$ . If there is any string  $\alpha^j$  equal to the string  $\alpha^i+1$ , then  $x^i+x^j+1$  is the Least Degree Trinomial Multiple and terminate the program. Otherwise increase the value of i by 1 and Go to Step 3

We suggest the following data structure to implement this algorithm.

```
struct GFElementNode
```

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int *Alpha; /* Alpha is a pointer to array which represents \alpha^i */
long int Index; /* The power of \alpha (i.e., \alpha^{Index}) */
struct GFElementNode *next; /* Pointer to next node \alpha^{(i+1)} */
};
```

In this algorithm, we are searching for the least degree trinomial constructing the alpha table on-the-fly. So we can allocate the space for GFElementNode whenever it is necessary. If we generate a 'reasonable' number of  $\alpha^i$ 's before searching j then we can reduce the number of iterations required to search j. With the above proposed algorithm, we observed that the results are coming in a 'reasonable time' up to degree 32. The list of least degree trinomial multiples for some primitive polynomials of degree upto 32 is provided in section 4.2.

In [1], it has been shown that if  $x^i + x^j + 1$  is a trinomial multiple of a primitive polynomial then i and j belong to the same length cyclotomic coset. Hence we can modify this algorithm slightly at step 5. Suppose i belongs to the cyclotomic coset of length l. We can search for j in cyclotomic cosets whose length is l.

## 4.2 List of Least Degree Trinomial Multiples of Primitive Polynomials

In this section, List of least degree trinomial multiples of corresponding primitive polynomials are provided. We represent polynomials in index form.

For example, If  $x^{12} + x^6 + x^4 + x^4 + x^1 + 1$  is a primitive polynomial of degree 12, then we write 12,6,4,1,0.

All primitive polynomials over GF(2) contains constant term  $x^0 = 1$ . So each polynomial (index form representation) contains 0. We denote LDTM for Least Degree Trinomial Multiple in the table.

Degree	Primitive Polynomial	LDTM
$\overline{2}$	2,1,0	4,2,0
3	3,1,0	5,4,0
	3,2,0	5,1,0
4	4,1,0	8,2,0
	4,3,0	8,6,0
	5,2,0	10,4,0
5	5,3,0	10,6,0
	5,4,3,2,0	8,5,0
	6,1,0	12,2,0
6	6,4,3,1,0	8,7,0
	6,5,4,1,0	11,3,0
	7,1,0	14,2,0
7	7,4,3,2,0	10,9,0
, <u>.</u>	7,6,5,4,2,1,0	19,2,0
	8,4,3,2,0	21,10,0
8	8,7,6,5,4,2,0	13,2,0
	8,7,6,1,0	27,19,0
	9,4,3,1,0	29,24,0
9	9,7,5,4,2,1,0	27,15,0
	9,8,7,6,5,4,3,1,0	55,5,0
	10,3,0	20,6,0
10	10,9,8,4,2,1,0	55,14,0
	10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,0	65,59,0
	11,9,8,6,3,1,0	88,75,0
11	11,10,9,8,7,6,5,4,0	101,19,0
	11,10,9,7,6,5,4,1,0	31,11,0
	12,6,4,1,0	107,97,0
12	12,10,9,8,6,1,0	115,2,0
	12,10,9,6,2,1,,0	161,84,0
·	13,4,3,1,0	94,13,0
13	13,9,8,7,2,1,0	239,12,0
	13,12,11,10,9,8,7,6,5,1,0	141,82,0
	14,5,3,1,0	224,77,0
14	14,8,7,5,4,2,0	101,65,0
	14,11,10,9,8,7,5,4,3,1,0	266,265,0
	15,1,0	30,2,0
15	15,8,7,6,4,3,2,1,0	197,53,0
	15,12,10,9,4,2,0	644,561,0
	16,5,3,2,0	567,543,0
16	16,9,8,7,2,1,0	452,431,0
	16,14,12,11,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1,0	$461,\!368,\!\overline{0}$
	17,3,0	34,6,0
17	17,8,6,5,3,2,0	328,103
	17,14,12,8,6,5,3,1,0	682,493
		, , 0

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Degree	Primitive Polynomial	LDTM
	18,5,2,1,0	1347,1020,0
18	18,10,5,4,3,2,0	313,94,0
	18,14,8,5,4,2,0	179,8,0
	19,5,4,3,2,1,0	1549,540,0
19	19,9,8,6,5,3,0	1241,669,0
	19,11,7,5,4,3,0	77,34
,	20,3,0	40,6,0
20	20,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1,0	1831,221,0
	20,10,8,7,4,3,2,1,0	667,588,0
21	21,2,0	42,4,0
	21,8,6,3,2,1,0	2531,2284,0
	21,9,8,4,3,1,0	3301,316,0
	22,10,9,8,7,6,2,1,0	4871,598,0
22	22,11,8,7,6,1,0	4102,343,0
	22,12,10,9,8,6,5,4,0	4279,122,0
<del></del>	23,5,0	46,10,0
23	23,8,5,3,2,1,0	1434,171,0
	23,9,6,4,3,1,0	5375,0
	24,4,3,1,0	5839,5530,0
24	24,7,6,5,4,2,0	4422,3843,0
	24,23,20,16,15,10,9,6,5,3,2,1,0	4643,1498,0
25	25,3,0	50,6,0
	$25,\overline{3},\overline{2},\overline{1},0$	3590,1729,0
	25,24,22,18,17,16,12,9,6,5,4,2,0	15113,892,0
	26,6,2,1,0	2603,476,0
26	26,6,3,2,0	11141,6634,0
ļ	26,25,24,23,22,21,17,15,14,11,8,7,5,2,0	21099,14702,0
27	27,8,5,4,0	1095,120,0
	27,8,6,4,3,2,0	28849,8192,0
	27,8,6,5,4,3,0	11441,9220,0
	28,3,0	56,6,0
28	28,6,4,1,0	34033,29967,0
j	28,8,7,6,4,3,2,1,0	31160,12809,0
<del></del>	29,2,0	58,4,0
29	29,20,11,2,0	31648,2719,0
	$29,\!26,\!5,\!2,\!0$	30587,27485,0
	30,6,4,1,0	12033,1181,0
30	30,8,4,1,0	18478,1017,0
ţ	30,7,5,4,3,2,0	33558,24505,0
31	31,3,2,1,0	341,5,0
	31,6,0	62,12,0
	31,7,0	$\frac{62,12,0}{62,14,0}$
<del></del>	32,8,5,2,0	120301,73148,0
20	32,9,5,3,0	56500,36121,0
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