

## ON IDENTIFICATION OF IRREDUCIBLE POLYNOMIALS OVER FINITE FIELDS WITH CHARACTERISTIC $p$

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### Abstract

We give two different structures of  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}^*$ , where  $p$  is prime and  $n$  is a positive integer. Further, we characterize the elements of both the structures of  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}^*$  to identify the irreducible polynomials of degree  $n$  over finite fields  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . Also, we show the correspondence of the elements of these structures.

### 1. Introduction

Irreducible polynomials play an important role to construct the elements of extension fields and have wide applications in many areas such as design theory [10, 11, 15], combinatorics [8] and cryptography [6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16]. Irreducible polynomials are also used to form the generator polynomials which are important in the construction of cyclic codes and BCH codes in coding theory over binary and non-binary finite fields, see [1, 3, 4, 7]. The security of many cryptographic schemes, such as identity-based encryption, attribute-based encryption, keyword searchable encryption, short signature,

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functional encryption depends on the difficulty of the discrete logarithm problem (DLP) over finite fields  $GF(3)$ , see [5, 22]. Beuchat et al.[2] discuss irreducible polynomials over  $GF(3)$  to develop an accelerator for pairing-based cryptosystem. Several authors have studied the counting and construction of irreducible polynomials over finite fields. Sharma et al. [17] discuss the counting of irreducible polynomials with some prescribed coefficients, and show the construction of infinite sequences of irreducible polynomials, see [18] and references therein.

In case of  $F_{2^n}$ , the non zero elements of  $F_{2^n}^* = \{\alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{2^n-2}, \alpha^{2^n-1}\}$  are arranged as follows [20],

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc}
 & \alpha & & & & & & \\
 & \alpha^2 & & & & & \alpha^3 & \\
 & \alpha^{2^2} & & \alpha^5 & & \alpha^6 & & \alpha^7 \\
 \alpha^{2^3} & \alpha^9 & \alpha^{10} & \alpha^{11} & \alpha^{12} & \alpha^{13} & \alpha^{14} & \alpha^{15} \\
 \dots & & & & & & & 
 \end{array}$$

### Structure of $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}^*$

The structure of  $\mathbb{F}_{3^n}^*$  is also discussed in [20]. The characterization of the structure  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}^*$  to obtain the irreducible polynomials is discussed in [21]. Further, Sharma et al. [19] discuss the characterization of the structure  $\mathbb{F}_{3^n}^*$  to identify the irreducible polynomials of degree  $n$  over  $\mathbb{F}_3$ . In this paper we arrange the non zero elements of  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$  that is  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}^* = \{\alpha, \alpha^2, \alpha^3, \alpha^4, \dots, \alpha^{p^n-2}, \alpha^{p^n-1}\}$  in two different structures. We construct these structures by beginning with elements  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha^{p^n-1}$  respectively. Further, we characterize both the structures in conjugate classes. Let  $[\alpha^i]$  or  $[[i]]$  be the conjugate classes of  $\alpha^i$ , and  $[[[i]]]$  be the  $i^{th}$  row containing  $\alpha^i$ . Therefore, we show that

$$[\alpha^{p^{n-1}+r}] = [\alpha^{pr+1}] \quad (1)$$

that is  $\alpha^{p^{n-1}+r}$ ,  $\alpha^{pr+1}$  lie in the same conjugate class for  $r = 0, 1, \dots, ((p-1).p^{n-1})-1$ . We also show that

$$[\alpha^{p^n-r}] = [\alpha^{p^n-(pr-p+1)}] \quad (2)$$



$$\begin{array}{cccccccc}
& & & & & & & \alpha^{p^{n-3}+1} \\
& & & & & & & \alpha^{p^{n-2}+p} \\
& & & & \alpha^{p^{n-2}+3} & & & \\
\alpha^{p^{n-1}+2p+1} & \alpha^{p^{n-1}+2p+2} & \dots & \alpha^{p^{n-1}+2p+p} & \dots & \alpha^{p^{n-1}+p.p} & \dots & \alpha^{p^{n-1}+p^2+1} & \alpha^{p^{n-1}+p^2+2} & \dots
\end{array}$$

Structure of  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}^* - (I) - Part(2)$

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc}
& & & & & & & \alpha^{p^{n-2}+p+2} \\
& & & & & & & \alpha^{p^{n-2}+p+2} \\
& & & & & & & \alpha^{p^{n-1}+p^2+p} & \alpha^{p^{n-1}+p^2+p+1} & \alpha^{p^{n-1}+p^2+p+2} & \dots & \alpha^{p^{n-1}+p^2+p+p} & \alpha^{p^{n-1}+p^2+2p+1}
\end{array}$$

Structure of  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}^* - (I) - Part(3)$

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc}
& & & & & & & \alpha^{p^{n-3}+2} \\
& & & & & & & \alpha^{p^{n-2}+p+3} & \dots & \alpha^{p^{n-2}+p+p} \\
& & & & & & & \alpha^{p^{n-1}+p^2+2p+2} & \dots & \alpha^{p^{n-1}+p^2+2p+p} & \dots & \alpha^{p^{n-1}+p^2+p.p} & \alpha^{p^{n-1}+p^2+p^2+1} & \dots
\end{array}$$

Structure of  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}^* - (I) - Part(4)$ .

## 2.2 Structure of the elements of $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}^*$ beginning with the element $\alpha^{p^n-1}$

The elements of the structure of  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}^*$  are arranged in  $(p^n - p^{n-1})$  columns and  $n$  rows beginning from the element  $\alpha^{p^n-1}$ . In the  $p^{th}$  column, we obtain one more element in the  $(n-1)^{th}$  row whose conjugate lies in the same column under the  $n^{th}$  row, and in the  $(p^2)^{th}$  column, we obtain one element in  $(n-2)^{th}$  row whose conjugate lies in the same column under the  $(n-1)^{th}$  row. Also, the elements in the rows are in geometric progression with common ratio  $1/\alpha$ . The structure of  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}^*$  beginning from the element  $\alpha^{p^n-1}$  is as follows:

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc}
& & & & & & & \alpha^{p^{n-1}-2} \\
& & & & & & & \alpha^{p^{n-1}-1} \\
\alpha^{p^n-1} & \alpha^{p^n-2} & \alpha^{p^n-3} & \dots & \alpha^{p^n-p} & \alpha^{p^n-p-1} & \alpha^{p^n-p-2} & \alpha^{p^n-p-3} & \dots & \alpha^{p^n-p-p}
\end{array}$$

Structure of  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}^*$  – (II) – Part(1)

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc} & & & & \alpha^{p^{n-2}-1} & & & \\ & & & & \alpha^{p^{n-1}-p} & & & \alpha^{p^{n-1}-p-1} \\ \alpha^{p^n-2p-1} & \alpha^{p^n-2p-2} & \dots & \alpha^{p^n-p.p} & \alpha^{p^n-p^2-1} & \alpha^{p^n-p^2-2} & \dots & \alpha^{p^n-p^2-p} \dots \end{array}$$

Structure of  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}^*$  – (II) – Part(2)

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc} & & & & & & & \alpha^{p^{n-1}-p-2} \\ \alpha^{p^n-p^2-p-1} & \alpha^{p^n-p^2-p-2} & \alpha^{p^n-p^2-p-3} & \dots & \alpha^{p^n-p^2-p-p} & \alpha^{p^n-p^2-2p-1} & \dots & \end{array}$$

Structure of  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}^*$  – (II) – Part(3)

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc} & & & & & & & \alpha^{p^{n-2}-2} \\ \alpha^{p^{n-1}-p-p} & & & & & & & \alpha^{p^{n-1}-2p-1} \\ \alpha^{p^n-p^2-p.p} & \alpha^{p^n-p^2-p^2-1} & \alpha^{p^n-p^2-p^2-2} & \dots & \alpha^{p^n-2p^2-p} & \alpha^{p^n-2p^2-p-1} & \dots & \end{array}$$

Structure of  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}^*$  – (II) – Part (4)

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc} & & & & & & & \alpha^{p^{n-3}-1} \\ & & & & & & & \alpha^{p^{n-2}-p} \\ & & & & \alpha^{p^{n-2}-3} & & & \alpha^{p^{n-1}-3p-1} & \alpha^{p^{n-1}-p.p} \\ & & & & \alpha^{p^{n-1}-2p-p} & & & \alpha^{p^n-2p^2-p^2-1} \dots & \alpha^{p^n-3p^2-p} \dots & \alpha^{p^n-p^3} \dots \end{array}$$

Structure of  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}^*$  – (II) – Part (5).**3. Characterization of the Structure  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}^*$  beginning with the element  $\alpha$** 

In this section, we characterize the structure of  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}^*(I)$  and show some conjugate classes. We also give an illustration which show the identification of irreducible polynomials of degree 2 over  $\mathbb{F}_5$ .

**Proposition 3.1 :** The elements  $\alpha^{p^{n-1}+r}$  and  $\alpha^{pr+1}$  are in the same conjugate class for  $r = 0, 1, \dots, ((p-1).p^{n-1}) - 1$ .

**Proof :**

$$\begin{aligned} [\alpha^{p^{n-1}+r}] &= [(\alpha^{p^{n-1}+r})^p] \\ &= [\alpha^{p \cdot p^{n-1}+pr}] \\ &= [\alpha^{p^n+pr}]. \end{aligned}$$

Since,

$$\alpha^{p^n} = \alpha^1$$

Therefore,

$$[\alpha^{p^{n-1}+r}] = [\alpha^{pr+1}]. \quad (3.1.1)$$

**3.1 Classes of type  $[[p^{n-1} + r]]$  for  $r = 0, 1, \dots, ((p-1) \cdot p^{n-1}) - 1$ .**

From the above proposition, we get the conjugates of every element in the  $n^{\text{th}}$  row as below:

For  $r = 0$ , the equation (3.1.1) becomes

$$[\alpha^{p^{n-1}}] = [\alpha^1] = [\alpha^{p^n}].$$

The length of  $[[[1]]]$  is  $n$  and there are  $n$  conjugates of  $\alpha^{p^{n-1}}$  in  $[[[1]]]$ .

For  $r = 1$ , the equation (3.1.1) becomes

$$[\alpha^{p^{n-1}+1}] = [\alpha^{p+1}].$$

The length of  $[[[p+1]]]$  is  $n - \lfloor \log_p(p+1) \rfloor$  and there are  $n - \lfloor \log_p(p+1) \rfloor$  conjugates of  $\alpha^{p^{n-1}+1}$  in  $[[[p+1]]]$ .

For  $r = 2$ , the equation (3.1.1) becomes

$$[\alpha^{p^{n-1}+2}] = [\alpha^{2p+1}].$$

The length of  $[[[2p+1]]]$  is  $n - \lfloor \log_p(2p+1) \rfloor$  and there are  $n - \lfloor \log_p(2p+1) \rfloor$  conjugates of  $\alpha^{p^{n-1}+2}$  in  $[[[2p+1]]]$ .

⋮

For  $r = p^{n-1}$ , the equation (3.1.1) becomes

$$[\alpha^{p^{n-1}+p^{n-1}}] = [\alpha^{p \cdot p^{n-1}+1}] = [\alpha^{p^n+1}] = [\alpha^2].$$

The length of  $[[[p^n + 1]]]$  is  $n - \lfloor \log_p(2) \rfloor$  and there are  $n - \lfloor \log_p(2) \rfloor$  conjugates of  $\alpha^{p^{n-1}+p^{n-1}}$  in  $[[[p^n + 1]]]$ .

For  $r = p^{n-1} + 1$ , the equation (3.1.1) becomes

$$[\alpha^{p^{n-1}+p^{n-1}+1}] = [\alpha^{p \cdot (p^{n-1}+1)+1}] = [\alpha^{p^n+p+1}] = [\alpha^{p+2}].$$

The length of  $[[[p + 2]]]$  is  $n - \lfloor \log_p(p + 2) \rfloor$ .

⋮

For  $r = p^{n-1} + p^{n-1}$ , the equation (3.1.1) becomes

$$[\alpha^{p^{n-1}+p^{n-1}+p^{n-1}+1}] = [\alpha^{p \cdot (p^{n-1}+p^{n-1})+1}] = [\alpha^{p^n+p^n+1}] = [\alpha^3].$$

The length of  $[[[p^n + p^n + 1]]]$  is  $n - \lfloor \log_p(p^n + p^n + 1) \rfloor$ .

and so on.

Now using Proposition 3.1, we give an illustration which shows the identification of the irreducible polynomials of the structure of  $\mathbb{F}_{5^n}^*$ .

**3.2 Illustration: Identification of irreducible polynomials of degree 2 over  $\mathbb{F}_5$ :**

Here, we illustrate the structure discussed in 2.1 for  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}^* - (I)$ , where  $p = 5$  and  $n = 2$ . Further, we identify all the irreducible polynomials of degree 2 over  $\mathbb{F}_5$ . We allocate the number for each column ranging from (0 – 9) in the brackets and empty bracket ( ) according to the Proposition 3.1. The elements lying in the same conjugate class are denoted by the same number. Further, using these elements of the same conjugate class, we obtain irreducible polynomials as discussed above. The illustration of the structure is as follows:

	$\alpha$					$\alpha^2$					$\alpha^3$	
	$\alpha^5$	$\alpha^6$	$\alpha^7$	$\alpha^8$	$\alpha^9$	$\alpha^{10}$	$\alpha^{11}$	$\alpha^{12}$	$\alpha^{13}$	$\alpha^{14}$	$\alpha^{15}$	$\alpha^{16}$
	(0)	( )	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(1)	( )	(5)	(6)	(7)	(2)

Structure of  $\mathbb{F}_{5^2}^* - Part(1)$

					$\alpha^4$		
$\alpha^{17}$	$\alpha^{18}$	$\alpha^{19}$	$\alpha^{20}$	$\alpha^{21}$	$\alpha^{22}$	$\alpha^{23}$	$\alpha^{24}$
(5)	( )	(8)	(9)	(3)	(6)	(8)	( )

Structure of  $\mathbb{F}_{5^2}^*$  – Part(2)

Proposition 3.1 suggests that the elements  $\alpha^7$  and  $\alpha^{11}$  lie in the same conjugate class. Therefore, we denote the conjugates of the same class by the same number. Here  $\alpha^7$  and  $\alpha^{11}$ , we denote by (1) and so on. Such elements are combined to obtain an irreducible polynomial as shown below in  $p_1(x)$ . The empty bracket “( )” indicates that no irreducible polynomial can be formed by using the corresponding element. Thus, we obtain the irreducible polynomials of degree 2 over  $\mathbb{F}_5$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
p_0(x) &= (x - \alpha)(x - \alpha^5) = (x^2 + 4x + 2), \\
p_1(x) &= (x - \alpha^7)(x - \alpha^{11}) = (x^2 + 3x + 3), \\
p_2(x) &= (x - \alpha^8)(x - \alpha^{16}) = (x^2 + x + 1), \\
p_3(x) &= (x - \alpha^9)(x - \alpha^{21}) = (x^2 + 2), \\
p_4(x) &= (x - \alpha^2)(x - \alpha^{10}) = (x^2 + 3x + 4), \\
p_5(x) &= (x - \alpha^{13})(x - \alpha^{17}) = (x^2 + x + 2), \\
p_6(x) &= (x - \alpha^{14})(x - \alpha^{22}) = (x^2 + 2x + 4), \\
p_7(x) &= (x - \alpha^3)(x - \alpha^{15}) = (x^2 + 3), \\
p_8(x) &= (x - \alpha^{19})(x - \alpha^{23}) = (x^2 + 2x + 3),
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$p_9(x) = (x - \alpha^4)(x - \alpha^{20}) = (x^2 + 4x + 1).$$

#### 4. Characterization of the Structure $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}^*$ beginning with the element $\alpha^{p^n-1}$

Here, first we discuss the conjugate classes and then show the irreducible polynomial of degree 2 over  $\mathbb{F}_7$  with the help of an illustration.

**Proposition 4.1** : The elements  $\alpha^{p^n-r}$  and  $\alpha^{p^n-(pr-p+1)}$  are in the same conjugate class, for  $r = 1, 2, 3, \dots, (p-1)p^{n-1}$ .

**Proof** : Let

$$\beta = \alpha^{p^n-r}$$



then

$$\begin{aligned}
\beta^p &= (\alpha^{p^n-r})^p \\
&= (\alpha^{p \cdot p^n - p \cdot r}) \\
&= (\alpha^{p^n + p^n + p^n + \dots + p^n (p \text{ times}) - p \cdot r}) \\
&= (\alpha^{p^n + (p-1) \cdot p^n - p \cdot r}) \\
&= \alpha^{p^n - (pr - p + 1)}.
\end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 4.2 :** Let  $l_1, l_2, l_3, \dots, l_t$  be positive integers such that  $l_1 > l_2 > l_3 > \dots > l_t \geq 0$  and  $r + l \leq n - 2$ , where  $r$  is a non negative integer. Then conjugate of

$$\alpha^{p^n - (p^{r+l_1} + p^{r+l_2} + p^{r+l_3} + \dots + p^{r+l_t} + 1)}$$

is

$$\alpha^{p^n - (p^{r+l_1+1} + p^{r+l_2+1} + p^{r+l_3+1} + \dots + p^{r+l_t+1} + 1)}.$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned}
[[p^n - (p^{l_1} + p^{l_2} + p^{l_3} + \dots + p^{l_t} + 1)]] &= [[p^n - (p^{l_1+1} + p^{l_2+1} + p^{l_3+1} + \dots + p^{l_t+1} + 1)]] \\
&= [[p^n - (p^{l_1+2} + p^{l_2+2} + p^{l_3+2} + \dots + p^{l_t+2} + 1)]] \\
&= \dots
\end{aligned}$$

**Proof :** Since,

$$\begin{aligned}
(\alpha^{p^n - (p^{r+l_1} + p^{r+l_2} + p^{r+l_3} + \dots + p^{r+l_t} + 1)})^p &= \alpha^{p^{n+1} - (p^{r+l_1+1} + p^{r+l_2+1} + p^{r+l_3+1} + \dots + p^{r+l_t+1} + p)} \\
&= \alpha^{p \cdot p^n - (p^{r+l_1+1} + p^{r+l_2+1} + p^{r+l_3+1} + \dots + p^{r+l_t+1} + p)} \\
&= \frac{\alpha^{p^n + p^n + p^n + \dots + p^n (p \text{ times})}}{\alpha^{p^{r+l_1+1} + p^{r+l_2+1} + p^{r+l_3+1} + \dots + p^{r+l_t+1} + p}} \\
&= \alpha^{p^n + (p-1) \cdot p^n - (p^{r+l_1+1} + p^{r+l_2+1} + p^{r+l_3+1} + \dots + p^{r+l_t+1} + p)} \\
&= \alpha^{p^n - (p^{r+l_1+1} + p^{r+l_2+1} + p^{r+l_3+1} + \dots + p^{r+l_t+1} + 1)},
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
[[p^n - (p^{l_1} + p^{l_2} + p^{l_3} + \dots + p^{l_t} + 1)]] &= [[p^n - (p(p^{l_1} + p^{l_2} + p^{l_3} + \dots + p^{l_t} + 1) - (p-1))] \\
&= [[p^n - (p^{l_1+1} + p^{l_2+1} + p^{l_3+1} + \dots + p^{l_t+1} + p - p + 1)]] \\
&= [[p^n - (p^{l_1+1} + p^{l_2+1} + p^{l_3+1} + \dots + p^{l_t+1} + 1)]].
\end{aligned}$$

□

Now, we discuss the special cases of the above theorem.

**Classes of type  $\alpha^{p^n-(p^r+1)}$**  : Theorem 4.2, suggests that the conjugates of  $\alpha^{p^n-2}$  are given by  $\alpha^{p^n-(p^r+1)}$  for  $r = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ , that is,

$$\begin{aligned} [[p^n - 2]] &= [[p^n - (p + 1)]] \\ &= [[p^n - (p^2 + 1)]] \\ &\quad \cdot \\ &\quad \cdot \\ &\quad \cdot \\ &= [[p^n - (p^{n-1} + 1)]]. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the irreducible polynomial is

$$\prod_{r=0}^{n-1} (x - \alpha^{p^n-(p^r+1)}).$$

In the same way, we obtain the following irreducible polynomials:

**Class of type  $\alpha^{p^n-(p^{r+1}+p^r+1)}$**  : The irreducible polynomial is

$$\prod_{r=0}^{n-1} (x - \alpha^{p^n-(p^{r+1}+p^r+1)}).$$

**Class of type  $\alpha^{p^n-(p^{r+2}+p^r+1)}$**  : The irreducible polynomial is

$$\prod_{r=0}^{n-1} (x - \alpha^{p^n-(p^{r+2}+p^r+1)}).$$

**Class of type  $\alpha^{p^n-(p^{r+3}+p^r+1)}$**  : The irreducible polynomial is

$$\prod_{r=0}^{n-1} (x - \alpha^{p^n-(p^{r+3}+p^r+1)}).$$

**Class of type  $\alpha^{p^n-(p^{r+4}+p^r+1)}$**  : The irreducible polynomial is

$$\prod_{r=0}^{n-1} (x - \alpha^{p^n-(p^{r+4}+p^r+1)}).$$

**4.3 Illustration** : Identification of irreducible polynomials of degree 2 over  $\mathbb{F}_7$ :

Here, we illustrate the structure discussed in 2.2 for  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}^* - (II)$ , where  $p = 7$  and  $n = 2$ . Further, we identify all the irreducible polynomials of degree 2 over  $\mathbb{F}_7$ . We allocate the number for each column ranging from (0 – 20) in the brackets and empty bracket ( ) according to the Proposition 4.1. The elements lying in the same conjugate class are denoted by the same number. Further, using the elements of the same conjugate class, we obtain irreducible polynomials as discussed above. The illustration of the structure is as follows:

$$\begin{array}{cccccccccccc}
 & & & & & & \alpha^6 & & & & & \\
 \alpha^{48} & \alpha^{47} & \alpha^{46} & \alpha^{45} & \alpha^{44} & \alpha^{43} & \alpha^{42} & \alpha^{41} & \alpha^{40} & \alpha^{39} & \alpha^{38} & \alpha^{37} \\
 ( ) & (1) & (2) & (3) & (4) & (5) & (6) & (1) & ( ) & (7) & (8) & (9)
 \end{array}$$

Structure of  $\mathbb{F}_{7^2}^* - Part (1)$

$$\begin{array}{cccccccccccc}
 & & \alpha^5 & & & & & & \alpha^4 & & & \\
 \alpha^{36} & \alpha^{35} & \alpha^{34} & \alpha^{33} & \alpha^{32} & \alpha^{31} & \alpha^{30} & \alpha^{29} & \alpha^{28} & \alpha^{27} & \alpha^{26} & \alpha^{25} \\
 (10) & (11) & (2) & (7) & ( ) & (12) & (13) & (14) & (15) & (3) & (8) & (12)
 \end{array}$$

Structure of  $\mathbb{F}_{7^2}^* - Part (2)$

$$\begin{array}{cccccccccccc}
 & & & & \alpha^3 & & & & & & \alpha^2 & \\
 \alpha^{24} & \alpha^{23} & \alpha^{22} & \alpha^{21} & \alpha^{20} & \alpha^{19} & \alpha^{18} & \alpha^{17} & \alpha^{16} & \alpha^{15} & \alpha^{14} & \alpha^{13} \\
 ( ) & (16) & (17) & (18) & (4) & (9) & (13) & (16) & ( ) & (19) & (20) & (5)
 \end{array}$$

Structure of  $\mathbb{F}_{7^2}^* - Part (3)$

$$\begin{array}{cccccc}
 & & & & \alpha^1 & \\
 \alpha^{12} & \alpha^{11} & \alpha^{10} & \alpha^9 & \alpha^8 & \alpha^7 \\
 (10) & (14) & (17) & (19) & ( ) & (0)
 \end{array}$$

Structure of  $\mathbb{F}_{7^2}^* - Part (4)$

Proposition 4.1 suggests that the elements  $\alpha^{47}$  and  $\alpha^{41}$  lie in the same conjugate class. Therefore, we denote the conjugates of the same class by the same number. Here  $\alpha^{47}$  and  $\alpha^{41}$ , we denote by (1) and so on. Such elements are combined to obtain an irreducible polynomial. The empty bracket “( )” indicates that no irreducible polynomial can be formed by using the corresponding element. Therefore, the irreducible polynomials of degree 2 over  $\mathbb{F}_7$  are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
p_0(x) &= (x - \alpha)(x - \alpha^7) = (x^2 + x + 3), \\
p_1(x) &= (x - \alpha^{41})(x - \alpha^{47}) = (x^2 + 5x + 5), \\
p_2(x) &= (x - \alpha^{34})(x - \alpha^{46}) = (x^2 + 6x + 4), \\
p_3(x) &= (x - \alpha^{27})(x - \alpha^{45}) = (x^2 + x + 6), \\
p_4(x) &= (x - \alpha^{20})(x - \alpha^{44}) = (x^2 + 2), \\
p_5(x) &= (x - \alpha^{13})(x - \alpha^{43}) = (x^2 + 2x + 3), \\
p_6(x) &= (x - \alpha^6)(x - \alpha^{42}) = (x^2 + 4x + 1), \\
p_7(x) &= (x - \alpha^{33})(x - \alpha^{39}) = (x^2 + 4x + 6),
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
p_8(x) &= (x - \alpha^{26})(x - \alpha^{38}) = (x^2 + 2x + 2), \\
p_9(x) &= (x - \alpha^{19})(x - \alpha^{37}) = (x^2 + 5x + 3), \\
p_{10}(x) &= (x - \alpha^{12})(x - \alpha^{36}) = (x^2 + 1), \\
p_{11}(x) &= (x - \alpha^5)(x - \alpha^{35}) = (x^2 + 3x + 5), \\
p_{12}(x) &= (x - \alpha^{25})(x - \alpha^{31}) = (x^2 + 6x + 3), \\
p_{13}(x) &= (x - \alpha^{18})(x - \alpha^{30}) = (x^2 + 3x + 1), \\
p_{14}(x) &= (x - \alpha^{11})(x - \alpha^{29}) = (x^2 + 4x + 5), \\
p_{15}(x) &= (x - \alpha^4)(x - \alpha^{28}) = (x^2 + 4), \\
p_{16}(x) &= (x - \alpha^{17})(x - \alpha^{23}) = (x^2 + 2x + 5), \\
p_{17}(x) &= (x - \alpha^{10})(x - \alpha^{22}) = (x^2 + x + 4), \\
p_{18}(x) &= (x - \alpha^3)(x - \alpha^{21}) = (x^2 + 6x + 6), \\
p_{19}(x) &= (x - \alpha^9)(x - \alpha^{15}) = (x^2 + 3x + 6),
\end{aligned}$$

and  $p_{20}(x) = (x - \alpha^2)(x - \alpha^{14}) = (x^2 + 5x + 2)$ .

### 5. Correspondence Between the Elements of Columns and Rows of Structure $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}^* - (I)$

The elements of  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}^* - (I)$  are arranged in its structure with some criteria and are associated with some correspondence which is discussed in this section. Let

$$\alpha(i, j, k) = \alpha^{p^{i-1}+pj-k}$$

be the elements introduced in new columns of the  $i^{th}$  row, where  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $j$  stands for number of spells in which new columns are to be introduced (for example, in first row of the structure  $F_{5^2}^*$  has four spells),

$$j = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 1 & \text{for } i = 1 \\ 1, 2, \dots, p^{i-2}(p-1) & \text{for } i > 1 \end{array} \right\};$$

$$k = 1, 2, \dots, (p-1).$$

Now, we consider  $n^{th}$  row and  $(n-1)^{th}$  row for detail description.

**For  $i = n$ ;**

$$j = 1, 2, \dots, p^{i-2}(p-1); k = 1, 2, \dots, (p-1),$$

the elements in the new columns are introduced as follows:

Let us take  $j = 1; k = 1, 2, \dots, (p-1)$ , therefore  $\alpha(i, j, k)$  becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha^{p^{i-1}+pj-1} &= \alpha^{p^{n-1}+p.1-1} = \alpha^{p^{n-1}+p-1}, \\ \alpha^{p^{i-1}+pj-2} &= \alpha^{p^{n-1}+p.1-2} = \alpha^{p^{n-1}+p-2}, \\ &\vdots \\ \alpha^{p^{i-1}+pj-(p-1)} &= \alpha^{p^{n-1}+p.1-(p-1)} = \alpha^{p^{n-1}+1}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $j = 2; k = 1, 2, \dots, (p-1)$ ,  $\alpha(i, j, k)$  becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha^{p^{i-1}+pj-1} &= \alpha^{p^{n-1}+p.2-1} = \alpha^{p^{n-1}+2p-1}, \\ \alpha^{p^{i-1}+pj-2} &= \alpha^{p^{n-1}+p.2-2} = \alpha^{p^{n-1}+2p-2}, \\ &\vdots \\ \alpha^{p^{i-1}+pj-(p-1)} &= \alpha^{p^{n-1}+p.2-(p-1)} = \alpha^{p^{n-1}+p+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Likewise, we can obtain the corresponding elements for  $j = 3, 4, \dots, p^{i-2}(p-1)$ . Here, the number of new columns introduced for  $i = n$  are  $p^{n-1}(p-2) + p^{n-2}$ .

**For  $i = n - 1$ .**

Let us take  $j = 1$ ;  $k = 1, 2, \dots, (p - 1)$ , therefore  $\alpha(i, j, k)$  becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha^{p^{i-1}+pj-1} &= \alpha^{p^{n-1-1}+p.1-1} = \alpha^{p^{n-2}+p-1}, \\ \alpha^{p^{i-1}+pj-2} &= \alpha^{p^{n-1-1}+p.1-2} = \alpha^{p^{n-2}+p-2}, \\ &\vdots \\ \alpha^{p^{i-1}+pj-(p-1)} &= \alpha^{p^{n-1-1}+p.1-(p-1)} = \alpha^{p^{n-2}+1}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $j = 2$ ;  $k = 1, 2, \dots, (p - 1)$ ,  $\alpha(i, j, k)$  becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha^{p^{i-1}+pj-1} &= \alpha^{p^{n-1-1}+p.2-1} = \alpha^{p^{n-2}+2p-1}, \\ \alpha^{p^{i-1}+pj-2} &= \alpha^{p^{n-1-1}+p.2-2} = \alpha^{p^{n-2}+2p-2}, \\ &\vdots \\ \alpha^{p^{i-1}+pj-(p-1)} &= \alpha^{p^{n-1-1}+p.2-(p-1)} = \alpha^{p^{n-2}+p+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Likewise, we can obtain the corresponding elements for  $j = 3, 4, \dots, p^{i-2}(p - 1)$ . Here, the number of new columns introduced for  $i = n - 1$  are  $p^{n-2}(p - 2) + p^{n-3}$ .

Similarly, we can proceed for  $i = (n - 2), (n - 3), \dots, 3, 2, 1$ . The number of columns introduced for  $i = 3, 2, 1$  are respectively  $p^2(p - 2) + p, p(p - 2) + 1, p - 2$ .

## 6. Correspondence Between the Elements of Columns and Rows of Structure $F_{p^n}^* - (II)$

The elements of  $F_{p^n}^* - (II)$  are associated with some correspondence in the structure which is discussed in this section. Let

$$\alpha(i, j, k) = \alpha^{p^i+pj-k}$$

be the elements introduced in new columns of the  $i^{th}$  row, where  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $j$  stands for number of spells in which new columns are to be introduced (for example, in first row of the structure  $F_{7_2}^*$  has six spells,

$$j = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 1 & \text{for } i = 1 \\ 0, -1, -2, \dots, -[p^{i-2}(p - 1) - 1] & \text{for } i > 1 \end{array} \right\};$$

$k = 1, 2, \dots, (p - 1)$ .

We consider  $n^{th}$  row and  $(n - 1)^{th}$  row for detail description.

**For  $i = n$ ;**

$$j = 0, -1, -2, \dots, -[p^{i-2}(p - 1) - 1]; k = 1, 2, \dots, (p - 1),$$

the elements in the new columns are introduced as follows:

Let us take  $j = 0; k = 1, 2, \dots, (p - 1)$ , therefore  $\alpha(i, j, k)$  becomes

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha^{p^i+pj-1} &= \alpha^{p^n-1}, \\ \alpha^{p^i+pj-2} &= \alpha^{p^n-2}, \\ &\vdots \\ \alpha^{p^i+pj-(p-1)} &= \alpha^{p^n-p+1}.\end{aligned}$$

For  $j = -1; k = 1, 2, \dots, (p - 1)$ ,  $\alpha(i, j, k)$  becomes

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha^{p^i+pj-1} &= \alpha^{p^n-p.1-1} = \alpha^{p^n-p-1}, \\ \alpha^{p^i+pj-2} &= \alpha^{p^n-p.1-2} = \alpha^{p^n-p-2}, \\ &\vdots \\ \alpha^{p^i+pj-(p-1)} &= \alpha^{p^n-p.1-(p-1)} = \alpha^{p^n-2p+1}.\end{aligned}$$

Likewise, we can obtain the corresponding elements for  $j = -2, \dots, -[p^{i-2}(p - 1) - 1]$ .

Here, the number of new columns introduced for  $i = n$  are  $p^{n-1}(p - 2) + p^{n-2}$ .

**For  $i = n - 1$ .**

Let us take  $j = 0; k = 1, 2, \dots, (p - 1)$ , therefore  $\alpha(i, j, k)$  becomes

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha^{p^i+pj-1} &= \alpha^{p^{n-1}-1}, \\ \alpha^{p^i+pj-2} &= \alpha^{p^{n-1}-2}, \\ &\vdots \\ \alpha^{p^i+pj-(p-1)} &= \alpha^{p^{n-1}-(p-1)} = \alpha^{p^{n-1}-p+1}.\end{aligned}$$

For  $j = -1; k = 1, 2, \dots, (p - 1)$ ,  $\alpha(i, j, k)$  becomes

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha^{p^i+pj-1} &= \alpha^{p^n-p.1-1} = \alpha^{p^{n-1}-p-1}, \\ \alpha^{p^i+pj-2} &= \alpha^{p^n-p.1-2} = \alpha^{p^{n-1}-p-2}, \\ &\vdots \\ \alpha^{p^i+pj-(p-1)} &= \alpha^{p^{n-1}-p.1-(p-1)} = \alpha^{p^{n-1}-2p+1}.\end{aligned}$$

Likewise, we can obtain the corresponding elements for  $j = -2, -3, \dots, -[p^{i-2}(p - 1) - 1]$ .

Here, the number of new columns introduced for  $i = n - 1$  are  $p^{n-2}(p - 2) + p^{n-3}$ .

Similarly, we can proceed for  $i = (n - 2), (n - 3), \dots, 3, 2, 1$ . The number of columns introduced for  $i = 3, 2, 1$  are respectively  $p^2(p - 2) + p, p(p - 2) + 1, p - 1$ .

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