

# Classification of Cubic $(n - 4)$ -resilient Boolean Functions

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**Abstract.** Carlet and Charpin classified in [5] the set of cubic  $(n - 4)$ -resilient Boolean functions into four different types with respect to the Walsh spectrum and the dimension of the linear space. Based on the classification of  $RM(3, 6)/RM(1, 6)$ , we completed the classification of the cubic  $(n - 4)$ -resilient Boolean function by deriving the corresponding ANF and autocorrelation spectrum for each of the four types. In the same time, we solved an open problem of [5] by proving that all plateaued cubic  $(n - 4)$ -resilient Boolean functions have dimension of the linear space equal either to  $n - 5$  or  $n - 6$ .

## 1 Introduction

The properties of quadratic Boolean functions (i.e. the second order Reed-Muller code  $RM(2, n)$ ) are well studied, (e.g. the weight distribution [13], the affine equivalence classes [13], the classification of resilient functions [4] and functions satisfying propagation characteristics [16], etc.) However, it is not trivial to extend these results for functions of higher degrees and even for cubic functions. It is important to understand how the properties behave for the different degrees of functions.

In this paper we focus on the study of cubic functions which satisfy the highest order of resiliency. Resiliency is an important property related to (fast) correlation attacks in stream ciphers [19, 15], which we define in the next section. In [5], Charpin and Carlet made the first step in classifying the set of  $(n - 4)$ -resilient cubic Boolean functions by distinguishing four types of functions with respect to their Walsh spectrum and linear space. In this paper, we extend their classification by deriving the ANF and autocorrelation spectrum of each type. Moreover, we solve the open problem presented in the conclusions of [5]. We prove that the linear space of functions of type IV (i.e., the plateaued cubic  $(n - 4)$ -resilient functions) has dimension either equal to  $n - 5$  or  $n - 6$ . This result implies that any plateaued cubic  $(n - 4)$ -resilient

Boolean function for  $n \geq 7$  has a non-trivial linear structure. Our approach is based on the classification of the equivalence classes of  $RM(3, 6)/RM(1, 6)$  [14, 9].

The paper is organized as follows. We present in Sect. 2 some background and definitions on Boolean functions. In Sect. 3, we extend the classification of [5]. Finally we conclude in Sect. 4.

## 2 Background and Definitions

Let  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$  be the set of all  $n$ -tuples  $\bar{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  of elements in the field  $\mathbb{F}_2$  (Galois field with two elements), endowed with the natural vector space structure over  $\mathbb{F}_2$ . For the sake of clarity, we use “ $\oplus, \bigoplus$ ” for the addition in characteristic 2 and “ $+, \sum$ ” for the addition in  $\mathbb{C}$  or in the finite field  $\mathbb{F}_{2^n}$ .

A Boolean function  $f$  is a mapping from  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$  into  $\mathbb{F}_2$ . Any Boolean function is uniquely represented by a polynomial in  $\mathbb{F}_2[x_1, \dots, x_n]/(x_1^2 - x_1, \dots, x_n^2 - x_n)$ , which is called the *algebraic normal form* (ANF):

$$f(\bar{x}) = \bigoplus_{(a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{F}_2^n} h(a_1, \dots, a_n) x_1^{a_1} \dots x_n^{a_n},$$

with  $h$  a function on  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$  defined by  $h(\bar{a}) = \bigoplus_{\bar{x} \preceq \bar{a}} f(\bar{x})$ . The *algebraic degree* of  $f$ , denoted by  $\deg(f)$  or shortly  $d$ , is defined as the number of variables in the longest term  $x_1^{a_1} \dots x_n^{a_n}$  in the ANF of  $f$ . The study of properties of Boolean functions is related to the study of the binary *Reed-Muller codes*. Each codeword of the binary Reed-Muller code of order  $r$  in  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$ , denoted by  $RM(r, n)$ , is the truth table of the corresponding Boolean function with degree less or equal to  $r$ .

A Boolean function  $f$  is also uniquely determined by its Walsh transform, which is a real-valued function over  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$  that can be defined for all  $\bar{\omega} \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$  as

$$W_f(\bar{\omega}) = \sum_{\bar{x} \in \mathbb{F}_2^n} (-1)^{f(\bar{x}) \oplus \bar{x} \cdot \bar{\omega}} = 2^n - 2wt(f \oplus \bar{x} \cdot \bar{\omega}), \quad (1)$$

Here the *dot product* or scalar product of the vectors  $\bar{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  and  $\bar{\omega} = (\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n)$  is defined as  $\bar{x} \cdot \bar{\omega} = x_1 \omega_1 \oplus x_2 \omega_2 \oplus \dots \oplus x_n \omega_n$ . The *weight* of a vector  $\bar{x}$  (resp. function  $f$ ) is equal to the number of nonzero positions in the vector (resp. truth table) and is denoted by  $wt(\bar{x})$  (resp.  $wt(f)$ ).

Related to the Walsh spectrum, we have the definitions of plateauedness, balancedness, correlation-immunity, and resiliency.

**Plateaued Functions** [22] A Boolean function  $f$  is said to be a plateaued function if its Walsh transform  $W_f$  takes only three values 0 and  $\pm 2^\lambda$ , where  $\lambda$  is a positive integer, called the amplitude of the plateaued function.

**Balancedness** A Boolean function is balanced if its output is equally distributed, i.e., its weight is equal to  $2^{n-1}$ . This translates to  $W_f(0) = 0$  in the Walsh spectrum.

**Correlation-Immunity** [18] A function  $f$  is said to be correlation-immune of order  $t$ , denoted by  $CI(t)$ , if the output of the function is statistically independent of the combination of any  $t$  of its inputs. For the Walsh spectrum, it holds that  $W_f(\bar{w}) = 0$ , for  $1 \leq wt(\bar{w}) \leq t$  [10].

**Resiliency** [18] The combination of correlation-immunity of order  $t$  and balancedness results in the property of resiliency of order  $t$ , denoted by  $R(t)$ . Or also,  $W_f(\bar{w}) = 0$ , for  $0 \leq wt(\bar{w}) \leq t$  [10].

We now present several important relations that will be used throughout the paper. Let  $f$  be a Boolean function on  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$  and  $\bar{w}$  be a vector in  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$ , such that  $wt(\bar{w}) = r$ . By  $f_{\bar{w}}$  we denote the Boolean function on  $\mathbb{F}_2^{n-r}$ , defined as follows. Let  $i_1, \dots, i_r$  be such that  $\omega_{i_1} = \dots = \omega_{i_r} = 1$  and  $\omega_j = 0$  for  $j \notin \{i_1, \dots, i_r\}$ . Then  $f_{\bar{w}}$  is formed from  $f$  by setting the variable  $x_j$  to 0 if and only if  $j \in \{i_1, \dots, i_r\}$ . This function is also called the subfunction of  $f$  with respect to the vector  $\bar{w}$  or the restriction defined by  $\bar{w}$ .

**Theorem 1.** [6] *Let  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  be a Boolean function and  $\bar{w} \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$ . Then*

$$\sum_{\bar{\theta} \leq \bar{w}} W_f(\bar{\theta}) = 2^n - 2^{wt(\bar{w})+1} wt(f_{\bar{w}}). \quad (2)$$

This theorem leads to the divisibility result on the Walsh coefficients  $W_f(\bar{w}) = 0 \pmod{2^{t+2+\lceil \frac{n-t-2}{d} \rceil}}$  of  $t$ -resilient functions of degree  $d$ .

Finally, also the autocorrelation function (or spectrum) of  $f$  is an important tool in the study of Boolean functions, which is a real-valued function over  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$  that can be defined for all  $\bar{w} \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$  as

$$r_f(\bar{w}) = \sum_{\bar{x} \in \mathbb{F}_2^n} (-1)^{f(\bar{x}) \oplus f(\bar{x} \oplus \bar{w})}.$$

However, note that the autocorrelation spectrum does not uniquely determine the function in contrast to the previous transformations. Related to the autocorrelation spectrum are the definitions of derivative and linear structure:

**Derivative** The function  $D_{\bar{w}}f(\bar{x}) = f(\bar{x}) \oplus f(\bar{x} \oplus \bar{w})$  is called the derivative of  $f$  with respect to the vector  $\bar{w}$ .

**Linear Structure** [8, 12] If the derivative  $D_{\bar{w}}f$  is a constant function, the vector  $\bar{w}$  is called a linear structure of  $f$ . The set of linear structures forms a subspace which is called linear space of the function and is denoted by  $\mathcal{LS}_f$ .

A particular type of functions that satisfy  $|W_f(\bar{w})| = 2^{n/2}$  for all  $\bar{w} \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$  are called *bent functions* [7, 17]. It is well known that  $D_{\bar{w}}f$  is balanced for all  $\bar{w} \in \mathbb{F}_2^n \setminus \{0\}$ .

Two Boolean functions  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  on  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$  are called *equivalent* with respect to the general affine group  $AGL(2, n)$  if and only if

$$f_1(\bar{x}) = f_2(\bar{x}A \oplus \bar{a}) \oplus \bar{x}\bar{B}^t \oplus b, \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{F}_2^n, \quad (3)$$

where  $A$  is a nonsingular binary  $n \times n$ -matrix,  $b$  is a binary constant, and  $\bar{a}, \bar{B}$  are  $n$ -dimensional binary vectors. If  $\bar{B}, b$  are zero, the functions  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are said to be affine equivalent. We shall also say that  $f_2$  is transformable into  $f_1$ . If in the above equation also  $\bar{a} = \bar{0}$ , then  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  are said to be linearly equivalent. Note also that the action of  $AGL(2, n)$  on  $RM(r, m)/RM(r-1, m)$  is reduced to the action of the general linear group  $GL(2, n)$ , since translations leave every element of  $RM(r, m)/RM(r-1, m)$  fixed.

### 3 Classification of $(n-4)$ -resilient cubic Boolean Functions

Carlet and Charpin have proved in [5] that the set of  $(n-4)$ -resilient cubic Boolean functions can be divided into four different types based on the Walsh spectrum and the dimension of the linear space.

The set of tuples in which the first element denotes the absolute Walsh value and the second element the number of times it occurs form the absolute Walsh spectrum of  $f$ . The four types of  $(n-4)$ -resilient cubic Boolean functions on  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$  have the following absolute Walsh spectra and linear dimensions:

- I. Walsh spectrum:  $\{(2^{n-2}, 7), (3 \cdot 2^{n-2}, 1), (0, 2^n - 8)\}$ ,  $\dim(\mathcal{LS}_f) = n - 3$ .
- II. Walsh spectrum:  $\{(2^{n-2}, 8), (2^{n-1}, 2), (0, 2^n - 10)\}$ ,  $\dim(\mathcal{LS}_f) = n - 4$ .
- III. Walsh spectrum:  $\{(2^{n-2}, 12), (2^{n-1}, 1), (0, 2^n - 13)\}$ ,  $\dim(\mathcal{LS}_f) = n - 5$ .
- IV. Walsh spectrum:  $\{(2^{n-2}, 16), (0, 2^n - 16)\}$ ,  $n - 9 \leq \dim(\mathcal{LS}_f) \leq n - 5$ .

Notice that functions of type IV are plateaued. We now complete this classification by computing the ANF and the autocorrelation spectrum of each type. Moreover, we prove that  $\dim(\mathcal{LS}_f) = n - 5$  or  $n - 6$  for functions of type IV.

Further on in our investigations we will use the following Lemma, which slightly strengthens Lemma 3 in [5].

**Lemma 1.** *Any cubic function whose Walsh values are divisible by  $2^{n-2}$  has autocorrelation spectrum with values also divisible by  $2^{n-2}$ .*

The proof in [5] exploits only the divisibility property of the Walsh spectrum. That is why it is also valid for functions, with all Walsh values divisible by  $2^{n-2}$ .

### 3.1 The Dimension of Linear Space of Functions of Type IV

The proofs of the next theorems make use of the representatives of the affine equivalence classes of  $RM(3, n)/RM(2, n)$ ,  $n = 6, 7$  and 8 (see Appendix A). Denote the class with representative  $f_i \oplus RM(2, n)$  by  $C_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 6, 12$ , and 32 in dimensions 6, 7, and 8 respectively.

**Theorem 2.** *Cubic functions of 7 variables with Walsh values divisible by 32 can only belong to the affine equivalence classes  $C_2, C_3$  or  $C_5$  of  $RM(3, 7)/RM(2, 7)$ .*

*Proof.* In [2], we have already proved that functions linearly equivalent to functions with cubic part among  $f_4, f_6, f_8, f_{10}, f_{11}$ , and  $f_{12}$  have a Walsh value that is not divisible by 16 as well as functions linearly equivalent to a function from  $f_9 \oplus RM(2, 7)$  have a Walsh value non-divisible by 32.

To show that also class  $C_7$  does not contain such functions, we use Lemma 1. Let  $g(\bar{x}) = f_7(\bar{x}) \oplus q(\bar{x})$ , where  $q(\bar{x})$  is quadratic. The derivative of  $g(\bar{x})$  with respect to the vector  $\bar{\omega} = (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1)$  is  $D_{\bar{\omega}}f(\bar{x}) = x_1x_2 \oplus x_3x_4 \oplus x_5x_6 \oplus l(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6)$  where  $l$  is an affine function of the variables  $x_1, \dots, x_6$ . This derivative represents a bent function of 6 variables and thus  $|r_f(\bar{\omega})| = 16$ . Since the autocorrelation spectrum of the set of first order derivatives is affine invariant of  $RM(r, n)/RM(r - 1, n)$  [3, Proposition 2], this holds for all functions linearly equivalent to functions from  $f_7 \oplus RM(2, 7)$ . If  $C_7$  contains a function, satisfying the divisibility condition according to Lemma 1, all the values of its autocorrelation spectrum are divisible by 32, which is a contradiction.  $\square$

In order to show that Theorem 2 can be generalized for dimensions  $n \geq 7$ , we need the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $f$  be a cubic form of  $n$  variables,  $n \geq 7$  which does not belong to the affine equivalence classes  $C_2, C_3, C_5$  in  $RM(3, n)/RM(2, n)$ . Then at least one of the following properties is satisfied:*

1.  *$f$  is linearly equivalent to a function having a subfunction with respect to a vector of weight  $n - 6$  which belongs to  $C_4$  or  $C_6$  in  $RM(3, 6)/RM(2, 6)$ ;*
2.  *$f$  is linearly equivalent to a function having a subfunction with respect to a vector of weight  $n - 7$  which belongs to  $C_7$  or  $C_9$  in  $RM(3, 7)/RM(2, 7)$ .*

*Proof.* The proof goes by induction with respect to  $n$ . For  $n = 7$ , it is easy to check that the functions  $f_4, f_6, f_8, f_{10}, f_{11}$ , and  $f_{12}$  have a subfunction with respect to  $x_7 = 0$  which is either  $f_4$  or  $f_6$ . We will use Proposition 6 of [3], which shows that the function  $f$  is linearly equivalent to a function of the form  $f_i \oplus x_nq$ , where  $f_i \oplus RM(2, n - 1)$  is a representative of the class in  $RM(3, n - 1)/RM(2, n - 1)$  and  $q$  a non-zero quadratic function of the variables  $x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}$ . If  $i \notin \{1, 2, 3, 5\}$  substituting

$x_n = 0$  and using the inductive assumption we conclude that the theorem holds. So, we only have to show that the theorem also holds when  $f_i$  is one of the functions  $f_1, f_2, f_3, f_5$ . If  $f = f_1 \oplus x_n q = x_n q$  and if  $f$  depends in a nonlinear way on all  $n$  variables, by Dickson's theorem  $f$  is linearly equivalent to a function of the form  $x_n(x_1 x_2 \oplus x_3 x_4 \oplus \cdots \oplus x_{n-2} x_{n-1})$  (for  $n$  odd). Therefore there exists a subfunction with respect to a vector of weight  $n - 7$ , which is linearly equivalent to  $f_7$ .

Let  $f$  be linearly equivalent to  $f_i \oplus x_n q$  for  $i = \{2, 3, 5\}$ . Since  $f$  depends in a nonlinear way on  $n$  variables,  $f$  should contain at least the term  $x_n x_{n-1} x_j$  where  $j \in \{1, \dots, n-2\}$ . Since, none of the variables  $x_i$  for  $i \in \{1, \dots, 6\}$  is contained in each term of  $f_5$ , we can obtain a subfunction with respect to the restriction  $x_k = 0$  for  $k \notin \{j, n, n-1, a, b, c\}$  where  $x_a x_b x_c$  is a term in  $f_5$  which does not contain the variable  $x_j$ , i.e., the subfunction  $x_a x_b x_c \oplus x_n x_{n-1} x_j \oplus x_n q'(x_j, x_n, x_{n-1}, x_a, x_b, x_c)$ , with  $q'$  a quadratic function in its arguments. This function is linearly equivalent to  $f_4$ .

For  $f_3$ , the same reasoning as above can be applied, except if  $x_j = x_2$ . Let  $x_j = x_2$ . If  $f$  depends in a nonlinear way on  $n$  variables with  $n \geq 8$ , then also the term  $x_n x_{n-2} x_l$  with  $l \in \{1, \dots, n-1\} \setminus \{2\}$  is contained in the ANF since  $f_3$  depends in a nonlinear way on 5 variables. Taking the restriction with respect to  $x_{n-1}$ , we are in the same situation as for  $f_5$ .

Finally, for  $f_2$ , in order to obtain a function that depends in a nonlinear way on  $n$  variables with  $n \geq 8$ , there exists a term  $x_n x_l x_j$  in the ANF of  $f$  with  $l \in \{4, 5, \dots, n-1\}$  such that the variable  $x_j$  is not equal to  $\{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ . Therefore, we can apply the same approach as explained for the function  $f_5$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.** *Any cubic function of  $n$  variables with Walsh values divisible by  $2^{n-2}$  belongs to one of the affine equivalence classes  $C_2, C_3$  or  $C_5$  in  $RM(3, n)/RM(2, n)$  for  $n \geq 7$ .*

*Proof.* Taking into account Lemma 2 we have to consider the following two cases:

1. When there exists a vector  $\bar{w}$  of weight  $n - 6$  for which the restriction  $f_{\bar{w}}$  belongs to the classes  $C_4$  or  $C_6$  in  $RM(3, 6)/RM(2, 6)$ ;
2. When there exists a vector  $\bar{w}$  of weight  $n - 7$  for which the restriction  $f_{\bar{w}}$  belongs to the classes  $C_7$  or  $C_9$  in  $RM(3, 7)/RM(2, 7)$ .

In the first case we can even prove that there are no cubic functions with Walsh values divisible by  $2^{n-3}$ . Suppose that  $f$  is such a function and let  $\tilde{f}$  be the image of  $f$  under the invertible linear transformation, described in Lemma 2. Now applying equation (2) we obtain

$$\sum_{\bar{v} \preceq \bar{w}} W_{\tilde{f}}(\bar{v}) = 2^n - 2^{n-5} \cdot wt(\tilde{f}_{\bar{w}}).$$

The Walsh transform values of  $\tilde{f}$  are divisible by  $2^{n-3}$  and thus, 4 is a divisor of  $wt(\tilde{f}_{\bar{w}})$ . But from [11, p. 113] we see that there is no weight divisible by 4 in the cosets  $f_4 \oplus RM(2, 6)$  and  $f_6 \oplus RM(2, 6)$ . Since the weight of a function is linear invariant we reach a contradiction.

Proceeding in a similar way in the second case we obtain that all Walsh values of  $\tilde{f}_{\bar{w}}$  (which belongs to the classes  $C_7$  or  $C_9$ ) are divisible by 32. This is a contradiction with Theorem 2 and the proof is completed.  $\square$

**Corollary 1.** *Any  $(n-4)$ -resilient cubic function belongs to one of the affine equivalence classes  $C_2, C_3$  or  $C_5$  of  $RM(3, n)/RM(2, n)$  for  $n \geq 7$ .*

From now on we will consider only functions of type IV. Recall that these functions are plateaued.

**Theorem 4.** *Each of the classes  $C_2, C_3$  and  $C_5$  contains functions of type IV.*

*Proof.* The functions  $f_2 \oplus x_2x_4 \oplus x_1x_5$ ,  $f_3 \oplus x_2x_6 \oplus x_1x_3$ ,  $f_5 \oplus x_1x_2 \oplus x_1x_3 \oplus x_2x_5$  on  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$  are functions of type IV in the classes  $C_2$ ,  $C_3$  and  $C_5$ , respectively.

We will now prove the linear dimension of functions of the class  $C_2$ . Let us first investigate the functions which belong to the class  $C_2$ .

**Lemma 3.** *Any function from  $x_1x_2x_3 \oplus RM(2, n)/RM(1, n)$  for  $n \geq 6$  is transformable into direct sum  $f_1(\bar{x}) \oplus f_2(\bar{y})$ , where the function  $f_1(\bar{x})$  belongs to the set  $\{x_1x_2x_3, x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_1x_4, x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_1x_4 \oplus x_2x_5, x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_1x_4 \oplus x_2x_5 \oplus x_3x_6\}$  and  $f_2(\bar{y})$  belongs to the set  $\{0, y_1y_2, \dots, y_1y_2 \oplus \dots \oplus y_{k-1}y_k\}$ .*

*Proof.* Any function  $g$ , which belongs to the coset  $f_2 \oplus RM(2, n)$  can be decomposed as  $g_3 \oplus g_c \oplus g_{n-3}$ , where the function  $g_3$  contains the term  $x_1x_2x_3$  together with a quadratic function  $g'_3$  of the variables  $\{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ , the function  $g_{n-3}$  is a quadratic function of the variables  $\{x_4, \dots, x_n\}$  with rank  $2k$  for  $k \geq 0$ , and the function  $g_c$  contains cross terms from both sets of variables.

First, the function  $g'_3$  can be absorbed in the cubic term  $x_1x_2x_3$ . Then, there exists a linear transformation that maps  $g_{n-3}$  onto  $0, x_nx_{n-1}, \dots, x_nx_{n-1} \oplus \dots \oplus x_5x_4$  and maps the variables  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  onto itself. Suppose  $g_{n-3}$  is equal to  $x_nx_{n-1} \oplus \dots \oplus x_lx_{l-1}$  for  $5 \leq l \leq n$ . The terms in  $g_c$  that contain the variables  $x_{l-1}, \dots, x_n$  can be absorbed in  $g_{n-3}$ . Consequently,  $g_c$  is of the form  $x_1l_1 \oplus x_2l_2 \oplus x_3l_3$  where  $l_1, l_2, l_3$  are linear functions in the variables  $x_4, \dots, x_{l-2}$ . Thus, after applying a suitable linear transformation, the functions  $l_1, l_2, l_3$  can be mapped onto

$$\begin{aligned} l_1 = 0 \quad l_2 = 0 \quad l_3 = 0 \\ l_1 = x_4 \quad l_2 = 0 \quad l_3 = 0 \quad \text{if } l-1 > 4; \\ l_1 = x_4 \quad l_2 = x_5 \quad l_3 = 0 \quad \text{if } l-1 > 5; \\ l_1 = x_4 \quad l_2 = x_5 \quad l_3 = x_6 \quad \text{if } l-1 > 6. \end{aligned}$$

This will lead to the form as stated in the theorem.  $\square$

**Theorem 5.** *The dimension of the linear space of the functions on  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$  from type IV in class  $C_2$  is equal to  $n - 5$ .*

*Proof.* From Lemma 3, we derive the form of the functions from the coset  $x_1x_2x_3 \oplus RM(2, n)$  for  $n \geq 6$ . The Walsh spectrum of  $f_1(\bar{x}) \oplus f_2(\bar{y})$  is equal to the product of the Walsh spectra of  $f_1(\bar{x})$  and  $f_2(\bar{y})$ . Consequently, the only plateaued functions with amplitude  $2^{n-2}$  which belongs to  $C_2$  are the functions equivalent to the function  $x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_1x_4 \oplus x_2x_5$ . Therefore, the dimension of the linear space of these functions is equal to  $n - 5$ .  $\square$

From now on we will denote by  $\bar{e}_i$  the binary vector of weight 1, which  $i$ -th coordinate is "1". In order to derive the dimension of the linear space for plateaued functions of classes  $C_3$  and  $C_5$ , we make use of the following three basic lemmas.

**Lemma 4.** *Let  $g$  be a function of type IV on  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$  and  $W_g(\bar{0}) = 2^{n-2}$ . Then the weight of  $g$  is equal to  $2^{n-1} - 2^{n-3}$  and there are three possible weights for the subfunctions of  $g$ :*

- if  $W_g(\bar{e}_i) = 2^{n-2}$ , then  $wt(g(\bar{x}|x_i = 0)) = 2^{n-3}$ ;
- if  $W_g(\bar{e}_i) = -2^{n-2}$ , then  $wt(g(\bar{x}|x_i = 0)) = 2^{n-2}$ ;
- if  $W_g(\bar{e}_i) = 0$ , then  $wt(g(\bar{x}|x_i = 0)) = 3 \cdot 2^{n-4}$ .

*Proof.* The proof follows from equation (2).  $\square$

**Lemma 5.** *(Kasami et al., van Tilborg [20, 21]) Let us denote by  $P_{3,1}$  the functions which are transformable to a function of degree 3 with ANF in which each term involves the same variable. If  $f \in RM(3, n)$  and  $wt(f) = 2^{n-2}$  then either  $f \in P_{3,1}$  or  $f$  is transformable into one of the following forms:*

1.  $x_2(x_1x_3 \oplus x_4x_5) \oplus x_1x_3$ ;
2.  $x_2(x_1x_3 \oplus x_4x_5) \oplus x_3x_4x_6$ ;
3.  $x_2(x_1x_3 \oplus x_4x_5) \oplus x_4x_6x_7$ .

**Lemma 6.** *[21, Th.1.3.2] If  $f(x_1, \dots, x_m) = x_1x_2 \oplus \dots \oplus x_{2k-1}x_{2k} \oplus (a_0 \oplus \sum_{i=1}^m a_i x_i)(b_0 \oplus \sum_{i=1}^m b_i x_i)$ , ( $2k \leq m$ ), then  $f$  is transformable into one of the following forms:*

$x_1x_2 \oplus \dots \oplus x_{2k-3}x_{2k-2}$ ,	$wt(f) = 2^{m-1} - 2^{m-k}$
$x_1x_2 \oplus \dots \oplus x_{2k-3}x_{2k-2} \oplus 1$ ,	$wt(f) = 2^{m-1} + 2^{m-k}$
$x_1x_2 \oplus \dots \oplus x_{2k-3}x_{2k-2} \oplus x_{2k-1}$ ,	$wt(f) = 2^{m-1}$
$x_1x_2 \oplus \dots \oplus x_{2k-3}x_{2k-2} \oplus x_{2k-1}x_{2k}$ ,	$wt(f) = 2^{m-1} - 2^{m-k-1}$
$x_1x_2 \oplus \dots \oplus x_{2k-1}x_{2k} \oplus 1$ ,	$wt(f) = 2^{m-1} + 2^{m-k-1}$
$x_1x_2 \oplus \dots \oplus x_{2k-1}x_{2k} \oplus x_{2k+1}$ ,	$wt(f) = 2^{m-1}$
$x_1x_2 \oplus \dots \oplus x_{2k-1}x_{2k} \oplus x_{2k+1}x_{2k+2}$ ,	$wt(f) = 2^{m-1} - 2^{m-k-2}$



**Theorem 6.** *The dimension of the linear space of the functions on  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$  from type IV in class  $C_3$  is either equal to  $n - 5$  or  $n - 6$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $g$  be a function of type IV, which belongs to the coset  $f_3 \oplus RM(2, n)$ , i.e.  $g(\bar{x}) = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_2x_4x_5 \oplus q(\bar{x})$ , where  $q(\bar{x})$  is a quadratic function. We can assume without loss of generality that  $W_g(\bar{0}) = 2^{n-2}$ . It is well known that if all the Walsh values of a given function are divisible by  $2^l$  then all the Walsh values of its subfunctions with respect to a vector of weight  $w$  are divisible by  $2^{l-w}$ . Let  $\nu$  be the following vector:  $\nu = (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, \dots, 1)$ . Consequently, since all the Walsh values of  $g$  are divisible by  $2^{n-2}$ , we obtain that  $g_\nu(\bar{x}) = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_2x_4x_5 \oplus q_\nu(\bar{x})$  is such that all its Walsh values are divisible by 8.

From the classification of Berlekamp and Welch [1] for Boolean functions of 5 variables we see that the only possible cosets of  $RM(1, n)$  for  $g_\nu$  are the cosets with representatives  $x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_2x_4x_5 \oplus x_1x_3$  and  $x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_2x_4x_5 \oplus x_1x_3 \oplus x_1x_4 \oplus x_3x_5$ . Therefore we have to consider the following two cases for  $g$ :

1.  $g(\bar{x}) = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_2x_4x_5 \oplus x_1x_3 \oplus q_1(\bar{x})$ ,
2.  $g(\bar{x}) = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_2x_4x_5 \oplus x_1x_3 \oplus x_1x_4 \oplus x_3x_5 \oplus q_2(\bar{x})$ ,

where each quadratic term of  $q_i(\bar{x})$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  contains a variable  $x_j$ , for  $j \geq 6$ .

Let us consider the *first case*. By Lemma 4 there are three possibilities for the weights of the subfunctions of  $g(\bar{x})$  with respect to the variable  $x_2$ . If  $wt(g(\bar{x}|x_2 = 0)) = 2^{n-3} = d_{min}(RM(2, n - 1))$ , we substitute  $x_2 = 0$  and get  $g(\bar{x}|x_2 = 0) = x_1x_3 \oplus q_1(\bar{x}|x_2 = 0)$ . By Lemma 6 the function  $g(\bar{x})$  must be equal to let say  $x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_2x_4x_5 \oplus x_1x_3 \oplus x_1y_1 \oplus x_2y_2$ , where  $y_1, y_2$  are some affine functions of  $x_j$ , for  $j \geq 6$ . If  $y_1$  or/and  $y_2$  vanish then  $\dim(\mathcal{LS})_g \leq n - 6$ . If both  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are non-zero, since by Lemma 4  $g(\bar{x}|x_2 = 1)$  is balanced they will be linearly independent. Then  $g(\bar{x})$  cannot be a plateaued function since the Walsh spectrum of the function  $x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_2x_4x_5 \oplus x_2x_6 \oplus x_1x_7$  on  $\mathbb{F}_2^7$  is not three-valued. Therefore  $\dim(\mathcal{LS})_g \leq n - 6$ . Proceeding in a similar way, if  $wt(g(\bar{x}|x_2 = 0)) = 2^{n-2}$  we arrive at the same conclusion, i.e.  $\dim(\mathcal{LS})_g \leq n - 6$ . Finally, by using Lemma 6 and consecutively substituting  $x_2 = 0$  and  $x_2 = 1$  we conclude that a function  $g(\bar{x})$ , with  $wt(g(\bar{x}|x_2 = 0)) = wt(g(\bar{x}|x_2 = 1)) = 3 \cdot 2^{n-4} = 1.5d_{min}(RM(2, n - 1))$  cannot be plateaued.

Consider now the *second case*, when  $g(\bar{x}) = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_2x_4x_5 \oplus x_1x_3 \oplus x_1x_4 \oplus x_3x_5 \oplus q_2(\bar{x})$ . The subfunction  $g(\bar{x}|x_2 = 0) = x_1x_3 \oplus x_1x_4 \oplus x_3x_5 \oplus q_2(\bar{x}|x_2 = 0)$  has weight  $1.5 d_{min}(RM(2, n - 1))$ . Then using Lemma 6 the function  $g(\bar{x})$  is equal for example to  $x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_2x_4x_5 \oplus x_1(x_3 \oplus x_4 \oplus y_1) \oplus x_3x_5 \oplus x_2y_2$ , where  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  are some affine functions of  $x_j$ , for  $j \geq 6$ . By substituting  $x_2 = 1$  we get that  $g(\bar{x}|x_2 = 1) = x_5(x_3 \oplus x_4) \oplus x_1x_4 \oplus x_1y_1 \oplus y_2$  and by Lemma 6 we can conclude that  $y_2 = 0$ , and if  $y_1 \neq 0$  the function  $g(\bar{x})$  is not plateaued. Hence the dimension of the linear space is  $n - 5$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 7.** *The dimension of the linear space of the functions from type IV in class  $C_5$  on  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$  is equal to  $n - 6$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $g$  be a function of type IV, which belongs to the coset  $f_5 \oplus RM(2, n)$ , i.e.  $g(\bar{x}) = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_2x_4x_5 \oplus x_3x_4x_6 \oplus q(\bar{x})$ , where  $q(\bar{x})$  is a quadratic function. Similarly as in the proof above, we assume that  $W_g(\bar{0}) = 2^{n-2}$ . We consider the vector  $\nu = (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, \dots, 1)$  and obtain that  $g_\nu(\bar{x}) = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_2x_4x_5 \oplus x_3x_4x_6 \oplus q_\nu(\bar{x})$  satisfies the property that all its Walsh values are divisible by 16.

From the classification of cubic functions of 6 variables, we conclude that only the following function has to be investigated:  $g(\bar{x}) = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_2x_4x_5 \oplus x_3x_4x_6 \oplus x_1x_2 \oplus x_1x_3 \oplus x_2x_5 \oplus q(\bar{x})$ , where each quadratic term of  $q(\bar{x})$  contains a variable  $x_j$  for  $j \geq 7$ .

Let us first consider the subfunctions with respect to the variable  $x_3$ . We have that  $g(\bar{x}|x_3 = 0) = x_2x_4x_5 \oplus x_2(x_1 \oplus x_5) \oplus q(\bar{x}|x_3 = 0)$ . Suppose that  $W_g(\bar{e}_3) = 2^{n-2}$  (the case  $W_g(\bar{e}_3) = -2^{n-2}$  is treated in a similar way, substituting  $x_3 = 1$ ) then  $wt(g(\bar{x}|x_3 = 0)) = 2^{n-3} = 2d_{min}RM(3, n-1)$ . Then by Lemma 5 the function  $g(\bar{x}) = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_2x_4x_5 \oplus x_3x_4x_6 \oplus x_1x_2 \oplus x_1x_3 \oplus x_2x_5 \oplus x_2y_1 \oplus x_3y_2$ , where  $y_1, y_2$  are affine functions of  $x_j$ ,  $j \geq 7$ . If one of  $y_1$  or  $y_2$  is not equal to zero then by computing the Walsh spectra we see that  $g(\bar{x})$  cannot be a plateaued function.

It remains the case, when  $W_g(\bar{e}_3) = 0$ . We will show that this is impossible. Consider the subfunctions with respect to the variable  $x_4$ . We obtain that  $g(\bar{x}|x_4 = 0) = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_1x_2 \oplus x_1x_3 \oplus x_2x_5 \oplus q(\bar{x}|x_4 = 0)$ . By Lemma 5 we see that  $wt(g(\bar{x}|x_4 = 0))$  cannot be  $2d_{min}RM(3, n-1)$ . If this weight is equal to  $2^{n-2}$ , then  $wt(g(\bar{x}|x_4 = 1)) = 2d_{min}RM(3, n-1)$ , but since  $g(\bar{x}|x_4 = 1) = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_1x_2 \oplus x_1x_3 \oplus x_3x_6 \oplus q(\bar{x}|x_4 = 1)$  we arrive at a contradiction with Lemma 5. Therefore  $wt(g(\bar{x}|x_4 = 0)) = wt(g(\bar{x}|x_4 = 1)) = 3 \cdot 2^{n-4}$  and the Walsh value  $W_g(\bar{e}_4) = 0$ .

Now by using (2) for the vector  $\bar{w} = (0, 0, 1, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$  we obtain  $W_g(\bar{0}) + W_g(\bar{e}_3) + W_g(\bar{e}_4) + W_g(\bar{w}) = 2^n - 8wt(g_{\bar{w}})$ . Then

$$wt(g_{\bar{w}}) = 3 \cdot 2^{n-5} - \frac{W_g(\bar{w})}{8}.$$

We have to consider 3 cases according to the values of  $W_g(\bar{w})$ . The corresponding weights for  $g_{\bar{w}}$  are:  $3 \cdot 2^{n-5}$ ,  $2^{n-4}$ ,  $2^{n-3}$ . Since  $(g(\bar{x}|x_3 = 1, x_4 = 1)) = x_1 \oplus x_6$ , the weight  $2^{n-3}$  for  $g_{\bar{w}}$  will not appear. Consider the most complex case, when  $wt(g_{\bar{w}}) = 3 \cdot 2^{n-5}$ . It is easy to verify that also the weights of  $g(\bar{x}|x_3 = 0, x_4 = 1)$ ,  $(g(\bar{x}|x_3 = 1, x_4 = 0))$  and  $(g(\bar{x}|x_3 = 1, x_4 = 1))$  are equal to  $3 \cdot 2^{n-5}$ . By using Lemma 6 we have  $g(\bar{x}) = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_2x_4x_5 \oplus x_3x_4x_6 \oplus x_1x_2 \oplus x_1x_3 \oplus x_2x_5 \oplus x_3y_1 \oplus x_4y_2 \oplus y_3y_4$ , where  $y_1, y_2$  are affine functions of  $x_j$ ,  $j \geq 7$  and  $y_3, y_4$  are affine functions independent from  $x_2$  and  $x_1 \oplus x_5$ .

Since the weights of the restrictions of  $g(\bar{x})$  over the hyperplanes  $a_3x_3 \oplus a_4x_4 = 1$ ,  $(a_3, a_4) \in \mathbb{F}_2^2 \setminus \bar{0}$  are equal to  $3 \cdot 2^{n-4}$  and by using the randomization Lemma from

[13, pp. 372] we obtain that  $y_1, y_2$  are linearly dependent on  $y_3, y_4$ . Considering all the possible linear combinations of  $y_3$  and  $y_4$  we see that  $g(\bar{x})$  cannot be a plateaued function. The other possible weight of  $g_{\bar{w}}$  leads to the same conclusion and hence  $W_g(\bar{e}_3) = 0$  is impossible. So,  $g(\bar{x})$  is plateaued only if  $q(\bar{x}) \equiv 0$  and therefore the dimension of the linear space is  $n - 6$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.** *Plateaued cubic functions with amplitude  $n - 2$  without linear structure for  $n \geq 7$  do not exist.*

### 3.2 ANF

**Theorem 8.** *The 4 types of  $(n - 4)$ -resilient cubic Boolean functions on  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$  belong (up to linear transformations) to the following cosets of  $RM(1, n)$ :*

- I.  $x_1x_2x_3 \oplus RM(1, n)$
- II.  $x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_1x_4 \oplus RM(1, n)$
- III.  $x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_2x_4x_5 \oplus x_1x_3 \oplus RM(1, n)$
- IV. *If  $\dim(\mathcal{LS}_f) = n - 5$ :*
  - (i)  $x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_2x_4 \oplus x_1x_5 \oplus RM(1, n)$
  - (ii)  $x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_2x_4x_5 \oplus x_3x_4 \oplus x_1x_3 \oplus x_1x_5 \oplus RM(1, n)$
- If  $\dim(\mathcal{LS}_f) = n - 6$ :*
  - (i)  $x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_2x_4x_5 \oplus x_2x_6 \oplus x_1x_3 \oplus RM(1, n)$
  - (ii)  $x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_2x_4x_5 \oplus x_3x_4x_6 \oplus x_1x_2 \oplus x_1x_3 \oplus x_2x_5 \oplus RM(1, n)$

*Proof.* It is well-known (see for instance [8],[12]) that any function with linear space of dimension  $k$  can be transformed by an affine transformation in the sum of two functions  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  where  $f_1$  is a nonlinear function that nonlinearly depends on  $n - k$  variables and  $f_2$  a linear function. As a consequence, up to an affine transformation, the nonlinear part of the functions of type I, II, and III depends on 3, 4, resp. 5 variables, while the nonlinear part of the functions of type IV depends on 5 or 6 variables. From Table 1 in Appendix B, we derive the corresponding ANF.  $\square$

### 3.3 Autocorrelation Spectrum

The set of tuples in which the first element denotes the absolute value in the autocorrelation spectrum and the second element the number of times it occurs form the absolute autocorrelation spectrum of  $f$ . Since all the functions in a fixed coset of  $RM(1, n)$  have the same absolute autocorrelation spectrum, we immediately obtain:

**Theorem 9.** *The 4 types of  $(n - 4)$ -resilient cubic Boolean functions on  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$  have the following absolute autocorrelation spectrum*

- I.  $\{(2^n, 2^{n-3}), (2^{n-1}, 2^n - 2^{n-3})\}$

- II.  $\{(2^n, 2^{n-4}), (2^{n-1}, 2^{n-1} - 2^{n-3}), (0, 2^{n-1} + 2^{n-4})\}$   
 III.  $\{(2^n, 2^{n-5}), (2^{n-1}, 2^{n-2} - 2^{n-4}), (2^{n-2}, 2^{n-1}), (0, 2^{n-2} + 2^{n-5})\}$   
 IV. If  $\dim(\mathcal{LS}_f) = n - 5$ :  
     (i)  $\{(2^n, 2^{n-5}), (2^{n-1}, 2^{n-3}), (0, 2^n - 2^{n-5} - 2^{n-3})\}$   
     (ii)  $\{(2^n, 2^{n-5}), (2^{n-2}, 2^{n-1}), (0, 2^n - 2^{n-5} - 2^{n-1})\}$   
 If  $\dim(\mathcal{LS}_f) = n - 6$ :  
     (i)  $\{(2^n, 2^{n-6}), (2^{n-1}, 2^{n-2} - 2^{n-4}), (0, 2^n - 2^{n-3} - 2^{n-4} - 2^{n-6})\}$   
     (ii)  $\{(2^n, 2^{n-6}), (2^{n-1}, 2^{n-4}), (2^{n-2}, 2^{n-1}), (0, 2^{n-1} - 2^{n-4} - 2^{n-6})\}$

For classes I and II, we note that the autocorrelation values are all divisible by  $2^{n-1}$ . This can be proven similarly as in [5, Lemma 3], but by taking into account that the 8 vectors which yield non-zero value in the Walsh spectrum of a function of type I, and the 8 vectors with value  $2^{n-2}$  in the Walsh spectrum of a function of type II belong to a flat of dimension 3, also proven in [5].

## 4 Conclusion

Based on the classification of  $RM(3, 6)/RM(1, 6)$ , we have solved the open problem from [5] concerning the dimension of the linear space of cubic plateaued  $(n - 4)$ -resilient Boolean functions. Moreover, we have extended the classification of the cubic  $(n - 4)$ -resilient functions with the ANF representation and autocorrelation spectrum.

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## A Representatives of the $GL(n, 2)$ orbits in $RM(3, n)/RM(2, n)$ with $n \leq 8$

**Theorem 10.** [11] Let  $s(r, n)$  denote the number of  $GL(n, 2)$ -orbits in  $RM(3, n)/RM(2, n)$ . Then

1.  $s(3, 6) = 6$  and  $f_i \oplus RM(2, 6)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 6$  are the representatives of the  $GL(6, 2)$ -orbits in  $RM(3, 6)/RM(2, 6)$ ,
2.  $s(3, 7) = 12$  and  $f_i \oplus RM(2, 7)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 12$  are the representatives of the  $GL(7, 2)$ -orbits in  $RM(3, 7)/RM(2, 7)$ ,
3.  $s(3, 8) = 32$  and  $f_i \oplus RM(2, 8)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 32$  are the representatives of the  $GL(8, 2)$ -orbits in  $RM(3, 8)/RM(2, 8)$ , where the Boolean functions  $f_i$  are given by

$$f_1 = 0$$

$$f_2 = x_1x_2x_3$$

$$f_3 = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_2x_4x_5$$

$$f_4 = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_4x_5x_6$$

$$f_5 = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_2x_4x_5 \oplus x_3x_4x_6$$

$$f_6 = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_1x_4x_5 \oplus x_2x_4x_6 \oplus x_3x_5x_6 \oplus x_4x_5x_6$$

$$f_7 = x_1x_2x_7 \oplus x_3x_4x_7 \oplus x_5x_6x_7$$

$$f_8 = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_4x_5x_6 \oplus x_1x_4x_7$$

$$f_9 = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_2x_4x_5 \oplus x_3x_4x_6 \oplus x_1x_4x_7$$

$$f_{10} = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_4x_5x_6 \oplus x_1x_4x_7 \oplus x_2x_5x_7$$

$$f_{11} = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_1x_4x_5 \oplus x_2x_4x_6 \oplus x_3x_5x_6 \oplus x_4x_5x_6 \oplus x_1x_6x_7$$

$$f_{12} = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_1x_4x_5 \oplus x_2x_4x_6 \oplus x_3x_5x_6 \oplus x_4x_5x_6 \oplus x_1x_6x_7 \oplus x_2x_4x_7$$

$$f_{13} = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_4x_5x_6 \oplus x_1x_7x_8$$

$$f_{14} = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_4x_5x_6 \oplus x_1x_7x_8 \oplus x_4x_7x_8$$

$$f_{15} = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_2x_4x_5 \oplus x_6x_7x_8 \oplus x_1x_4x_7$$

$$f_{16} = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_2x_4x_5 \oplus x_3x_4x_6 \oplus x_3x_7x_8$$

$$f_{17} = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_1x_4x_5 \oplus x_2x_4x_6 \oplus x_3x_5x_6 \oplus x_4x_5x_6 \oplus x_1x_7x_8$$

$$f_{18} = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_1x_4x_5 \oplus x_2x_4x_6 \oplus x_3x_5x_6 \oplus x_4x_5x_6 \oplus x_1x_6x_7 \oplus x_2x_3x_8$$

$$f_{19} = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_1x_4x_5 \oplus x_2x_4x_6 \oplus x_3x_5x_6 \oplus x_4x_5x_6 \oplus x_1x_5x_8 \oplus x_2x_3x_7 \oplus x_6x_7x_8$$

$$f_{20} = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_1x_4x_5 \oplus x_2x_4x_6 \oplus x_3x_5x_6 \oplus x_4x_5x_6 \oplus x_2x_7x_8 \oplus x_2x_4x_7 \oplus x_1x_6x_8$$

$$f_{21} = x_1x_4x_5 \oplus x_2x_4x_6 \oplus x_3x_5x_6 \oplus x_4x_5x_6 \oplus x_2x_7x_8 \oplus x_3x_4x_7 \oplus x_1x_6x_8 \oplus x_2x_3x_7 \oplus x_1x_4x_7$$

$$f_{22} = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_2x_3x_4 \oplus x_3x_4x_5 \oplus x_4x_5x_6 \oplus x_5x_6x_7 \oplus x_6x_7x_8 \oplus x_1x_2x_8 \oplus x_2x_3x_8$$

$$\oplus x_3x_4x_8 \oplus x_4x_5x_8 \oplus x_5x_6x_8 \oplus x_1x_7x_8$$

$$f_{23} = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_1x_4x_5 \oplus x_2x_4x_6 \oplus x_3x_5x_6 \oplus x_4x_5x_6 \oplus x_1x_6x_7 \oplus x_5x_7x_8$$

$$f_{24} = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_1x_4x_5 \oplus x_2x_4x_6 \oplus x_3x_5x_6 \oplus x_4x_5x_6 \oplus x_1x_6x_7 \oplus x_5x_6x_8$$

$$f_{25} = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_1x_4x_5 \oplus x_2x_4x_6 \oplus x_3x_5x_6 \oplus x_4x_5x_6 \oplus x_1x_6x_7 \oplus x_2x_4x_8$$

$$f_{26} = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_4x_5x_6 \oplus x_1x_4x_7 \oplus x_2x_5x_7 \oplus x_2x_6x_8 \oplus x_2x_7x_8 \oplus x_3x_4x_8$$

$$f_{27} = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_4x_5x_6 \oplus x_1x_4x_7 \oplus x_2x_5x_7 \oplus x_1x_6x_8 \oplus x_1x_7x_8 \oplus x_2x_4x_8 \oplus x_3x_5x_8$$

$$f_{28} = x_1x_2x_7 \oplus x_3x_4x_7 \oplus x_5x_6x_7 \oplus x_2x_5x_8 \oplus x_3x_6x_8$$

$$f_{29} = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_4x_5x_6 \oplus x_1x_4x_7 \oplus x_3x_6x_8$$

$$f_{30} = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_4x_5x_6 \oplus x_1x_4x_7 \oplus x_3x_6x_8 \oplus x_5x_7x_8$$

$$f_{31} = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_4x_5x_6 \oplus x_1x_4x_7 \oplus x_3x_6x_8 \oplus x_4x_7x_8 \oplus x_5x_6x_8$$

$$f_{32} = x_1x_2x_3 \oplus x_4x_5x_6 \oplus x_1x_4x_7 \oplus x_1x_6x_8 \oplus x_2x_5x_8 \oplus x_3x_4x_8$$

## B Classification of $RM(3, 6)/RM(1, 6)$ under the action of $AGL(2, 6)$

**Table 1.** The number of cosets, weight distribution and autocorrelation spectra of affine equivalent classes of  $RM(3, 6)/RM(1, 6)$ . The functions are represented in abbreviated notation (only the number of the variables) and the sum should be considered modulo 2.

	Representative	Number of Cosets	Walsh transform	Autocorrelation Transform
$f_1$	0	1	(0,63),(64,1)	(0,63),(64,1)
	12	651	(0,60),(32,4)	(0,48),(64,16)
	14+23	18 228	(0,48),(16,16)	(0,60),(64,16)
	16+25+34	13 888	(8,64)	(0,63),(64,1)
$f_2$	0	$1\,395 \times 8$	(0,56),(16,7),(48,1)	(32,56),(64,8)
	14	$1\,395 \times 392$	(0,54),(16,8),(32,2)	(0,36),(32,24),(64,4)
	24+15	$1\,395 \times 2\,352$	(0,48),(16,16)	(0,54),(32,8),(64,2)
	16+25+34	$1\,395 \times 1\,344$	(64,8)	(0,63),(64,1)
	45	$1\,395 \times 3\,584$	(0,32),(8,28),(24,2)	(0,48),(32,14),(64,2)
	16+45	$1\,395 \times 25\,088$	(0,24),(8,32),(16,8)	(0,57),(32,6),(64,1)
$f_3$	0	$54\,684 \times 32$	(0,32),(8,30),(24,1),(40,1)	(16,32),(32,30),(64,2)
	13	$54\,684 \times 320$	(0,51),(16,12),(32,1)	(0,18),(16,32),(32,12),(64,2)
	14	$54\,684 \times 480$	(0,32),(8,28),(24,4)	(0,24),(16,32),(32,6),(64,2)
	16	$54\,684 \times 7\,680$	(0,28),(8,30),(16,4),(24,2)	(0,39),(16,16),(32,8),(64,1)
	26	$54\,684 \times 32$	(0,30),(8,32),(32,2)	(0,32),(32,30),(64,2)
	26+13	$54\,684 \times 320$	(0,48),(16,16)	(0,51),(32,12),(64,1)
	26+14	$54\,684 \times 480$	(0,24),(8,32),(16,8)	(0,57),(32,6),(64,1)
	13+15+26+34	$54\,684 \times 192$	(8,64)	(0,63),(64,1)
	34+13+15	$54\,684 \times 23\,040$	(0,48),(16,16)	(0,30),(16,32),(64,2)
	34+16	$54\,684 \times 192$	(0,24),(8,32),(16,8)	(0,45),(16,16),(64,1)
$f_4$	0	$357\,120 \times 64$	(4,49),(12,14),(36,1)	(16,49),(32,14),(64,1)
	14	$357\,120 \times 3\,136$	(4,49),(12,12),(28,1),(20,2)	(0,24),(16,33),(32,6),(64,1)
	15+24	$357\,120 \times 64$	(4,46),(20,3),(12,15)	(0,36),(16,25),(32,2),(64,1)
	34+25+16	$357\,120 \times 64$	(4,42),(12,21),(20,1)	(0,42),(16,21),(64,1)
$f_5$	0	$468\,720 \times 448$	(0,27),(8,32),(16,4),(32,1)	(0,9),(16,48),(32,6),(64,1)
	12+13	$468\,720 \times 18$	(0,28),(8,30),(16,4),(24,2)	(0,27),(16,32),(32,4),(64,1)
	15	$468\,720 \times 14\,336$	(0,26),(8,31),(24,1),(16,6)	(0,30),(16,32),(32,1),(64,1)
	12+13+25	$468\,720 \times 2\,222$	(0,48),(16,16)	(0,27),(16,32),(32,4),(64,1)
	14+25	$468\,720 \times 1\,344$	(0,24),(8,32),(16,8)	(0,45),(16,16),(64,1)
	35+26+25+12+13+14	$468\,720 \times 14\,336$	(8,64)	(0,63),(64,1)
$f_6$	25+15+16	$468\,720 \times 64$	(0,24),(8,32),(16,8)	(0,39),(16,24),(64,1)
	0	$166\,656 \times 3\,584$	(4,45),(12,18),(28,1)	(0,18),(16,45),(64,1)
	12+13	$166\,656 \times 21\,504$	(4,46),(12,15),(20,3)	(0,30),(16,33),(64,1)
	23+15+14	$166\,656 \times 7\,680$	(4,42),(12,21),(20,1)	(0,42),(16,21),(64,1)