

On a Class of Irreducible Polynomials Over \mathcal{F}_p

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Abstract

The paper presents some results regarding constructive theory of synthesis of irreducible polynomials of degree pt over \mathcal{F}_p from the given primitive elements in \mathcal{F}_p , where p is an odd prime and t is an integer whose prime factors all divide $p-1$.

1 Introduction

Let \mathcal{F}_q be the Galois field of order $q = p^s$, where p is a prime, s is a natural number, and \mathcal{F}_q^* be its multiplicative group. Recall that the set \mathcal{F}_q^* of nonzero elements of \mathcal{F}_q forms a cyclic group under multiplication. Any generator of this group is called a primitive element of \mathcal{F}_q , and a polynomial $f(x) \in \mathcal{F}_q[x]$ of degree $n \geq 1$ is then called a primitive polynomial over \mathcal{F}_q if it is the minimal polynomial over \mathcal{F}_q of a primitive element of \mathcal{F}_q^* .

The problem of explicitly constructing irreducible polynomials over finite fields is of particular importance in the theory of irreducible polynomials. The main result of the paper consists in giving a general concept of explicitly constructing sequences of irreducible polynomials of degree pt over \mathcal{F}_p from given primitive elements in \mathcal{F}_p , where p is an odd prime and t is an integer whose prime factors all divide $p-1$.

2 Preliminaries

Varshamov's operator L^θ , whose domain of definition is $\mathcal{F}_q[x]$, is defined as follows: Denote by $L^\theta f(x)$ the expression

$$L^\theta f(x) = \sum_{u=0}^n a_u (\theta(x))^{q^u-1} = F(x) \quad (1)$$

or

$$L^\theta f(x) = \frac{1}{\theta(x)} \sum_{u=0}^n \sum_{v=0}^{m-1} a_u \theta_v x^{vq^u}, \quad (2)$$

where $f(x) = \sum_{u=0}^n a_u x^u$ and $\theta(x) = \sum_{v=0}^{m-1} \theta_v x^v$, $a_u, \theta_v \in \mathcal{F}_q$, $\theta(x) \neq \text{const}$.

We shall now introduce some properties of $L^\theta f(x)$ derived by Varshamov in [3] with no proofs however. In this paper these known results will be given along with their proofs which will naturally provide more validity to the overall assessment.

- **Linearity.** For any two polynomials $f(x) = \sum_{u=0}^n a_u x^u$ and $g(x) = \sum_{u=0}^k b_u x^u$ from the ring $\mathcal{F}_q[x]$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \mathcal{F}_q$ the equality

$$L^\theta(\alpha f(x) + \beta g(x)) = \alpha L^\theta f(x) + \beta L^\theta g(x).$$

is true.

Proof. Indeed, since

$$\begin{aligned} L^\theta(\alpha f(x) + \beta g(x)) &= \frac{1}{\theta(x)} \sum_{u=0}^{\max(n,k)} (\alpha a_u + \beta b_u) (\theta(x))^{q^u} = \\ &= \alpha \frac{1}{\theta(x)} \sum_{u=0}^n a_u (\theta(x))^{q^u} + \beta \frac{1}{\theta(x)} \sum_{u=0}^k b_u (\theta(x))^{q^u} = \\ &= \alpha L^\theta f(x) + \beta L^\theta g(x). \end{aligned}$$

- **Multiplicativity.** For any function $f(x)$ over the field \mathcal{F}_q the equality

$$L^\theta f(x) = L^\theta r(x) L^{\theta L^\theta r(x)} h(x), \quad (3)$$

where $f(x) = r(x)h(x)$ holds. Substituting $f(x) = r(x)h(x)$ where $r(x) = \sum_{i=0}^r r_i x^i$ and $h(x) = \sum_{j=0}^h h_j x^j$ into (2), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} L^\theta f(x) &= \frac{1}{\theta(x)} \sum_{u=0}^m \sum_{i=0}^r \sum_{j=0}^h \theta_u r_i h_j x^{uq^i+j} = \frac{1}{\theta(x)} \sum_{j=0}^h h_j \theta(x)^{q^j} (L^\theta r(x))^{q^j} = \\ &= L^\theta r(x) \sum_{j=0}^h h_j (\theta(x) L^\theta r(x))^{q^j-1}, \end{aligned}$$

whence by (1) we will have

$$L^\theta f(x) = L^\theta r(x) L^{\theta L^\theta r(x)} h(x).$$

Definition 1 A polynomial $f(x)$ is called separable if it has no multiple roots.

- **Separability.** The multiplicity of any root of the polynomial $xL^\sigma f(x)$ exactly equals to q^σ , where σ is the largest integer satisfying the condition $f(x) = x^\sigma f_1(x)$, i.e. $a_\omega \neq 0$ ($a_\omega = 0$, $\omega < \sigma$). Under the assumption and due to the property of multiplicativity (i.e. by (3)) we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} xL^\sigma x^\sigma f_1(x) &= xL^\sigma x^\sigma \cdot L^{\sigma L^\sigma x^\sigma} f_1(x) = x^{q^\sigma} \sum_{u=0}^{n_1} f_u(x^{q^\sigma})^{q^u-1} = \\ &= \left(\sum_{u=0}^{n_1} f_u x^{q^u} \right)^{q^\sigma} = (xL^\sigma f_1(x))^{q^\sigma}, \end{aligned}$$

that is

$$xL^\sigma f(x) = (xL^\sigma f_1(x))^{q^\sigma}, \quad (4)$$

where $f_1(x) = \sum_{u=0}^{n_1} f_u x^u = \sum_{u=0}^{n_1} a_{u+\sigma} x^u$ and $\sigma + n_1 = n$, wherefrom, since

$$(xL^{\sigma}f_1(x))' = L^{\sigma}f_1(x) + x(L^{\sigma}f_1(x))' = a_{\sigma}$$

and $a_{\sigma} \neq 0$, we find that $(xL^{\sigma}f_1(x), (xL^{\sigma}f_1(x))') = \text{const}$, which implies that $xL^{\sigma}f_1(x)$ has no multiple roots, i.e. $xL^{\sigma}f_1(x)$ is separable. Hence, by (4), the multiplicity of any root of the polynomial $xL^{\sigma}f(x)$ is exactly equal to q^{σ} . Thus we have proved the property of separability.

The above-mentioned properties of the operator L^{θ} imply the following corollary.

Corollary 1

$$\text{I. } g.c.d.(L^{\theta}f(x), L^{\theta}g(x)) = L^{\theta}g.c.d.(f(x), g(x)) \quad (5)$$

and

$$\text{II. } L^{\theta}L^{\theta}g(x)f(x) = \frac{L^{\theta}L^{\theta}\lambda_1(x)f(x)}{L^{\theta}L^{\theta}\lambda_1(x)\lambda_2(x)} L^{\theta}L^{\theta}\lambda_1(x)L^{\theta}L^{\theta}\lambda_1(x)f(x)\lambda_2(x), \quad (6)$$

where $g(x) = \lambda_1(x)\lambda_2(x)$ and $g.c.d.(\lambda_2(x), f(x)) = 1$.

Proof. I. Let $d(x) = g.c.d.(f(x), g(x))$ in the ring $\mathcal{F}_q[x]$. The greatest common divisor $d(x)$ of two polynomials $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ can be always represented in the form

$$d(x) = a(x)f(x) + b(x)g(x), \quad (7)$$

where $a(x)$ and $b(x)$ are polynomials in the ring $\mathcal{F}_q[x]$. By the property of multiplicativity (formula (3)) and the property of linearity it is evident that

$$L^{\theta}d(x) = L^{\theta}f(x) \cdot L^{\theta}L^{\theta}f(x)a(x) + L^{\theta}g(x) \cdot L^{\theta}L^{\theta}g(x)b(x), \quad (8)$$

wherefrom, because $L^{\theta}d(x)|L^{\theta}f(x)^1$ and $L^{\theta}d(x)|L^{\theta}g(x)$, it is clearly seen that

$$L^{\theta}d(x)|g.c.d.(L^{\theta}f(x), L^{\theta}g(x)).$$

From (8) follows directly the expression

$$g.c.d.(L^{\theta}f(x), L^{\theta}g(x)) | L^{\theta}d(x).$$

Thus identity (5) is proved, that is

$$g.c.d.(L^{\theta}f(x), L^{\theta}g(x)) = L^{\theta}g.c.d.(f(x), g(x)).$$

II. Since $g(x) = \lambda_1(x)\lambda_2(x)$, then it follows from (3) that

$$L^{\theta}L^{\theta}g(x)f(x) = L^{\theta}L^{\theta}\lambda_1(x)\lambda_2(x)f(x) = L^{\theta}L^{\theta}\lambda_1(x)L^{\theta}L^{\theta}\lambda_1(x)\lambda_2(x)f(x)$$

and

$$L^{\theta}L^{\theta}\lambda_1(x)\lambda_2(x)f(x) = L^{\theta}L^{\theta}\lambda_1(x)\lambda_2(x)L^{\theta}L^{\theta}\lambda_1(x)L^{\theta}L^{\theta}\lambda_1(x)\lambda_2(x)f(x),$$

¹Hereinafter the notation $g(x)|f(x)$ denotes that $f(x)$ is divisible by $g(x)$ and $g(x) \nmid f(x)$ that it is not.

which yields

$$\begin{aligned} L^{\theta} L^{\theta} g(x) f(x) &= \frac{L^{\theta} L^{\theta} \lambda_1(x) \lambda_2(x) f(x)}{L^{\theta} L^{\theta} \lambda_1(x) \lambda_2(x)} = \\ &= \frac{L^{\theta} L^{\theta} \lambda_1(x) f(x) L^{\theta} L^{\theta} \lambda_1(x) L^{\theta} L^{\theta} \lambda_1(x) f(x) \lambda_2(x)}{L^{\theta} L^{\theta} \lambda_1(x) \lambda_2(x)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus identity (6) is proved, i.e.

$$L^{\theta} L^{\theta} g(x) f(x) = \frac{L^{\theta} L^{\theta} \lambda_1(x) f(x)}{L^{\theta} L^{\theta} \lambda_1(x) \lambda_2(x)} \cdot L^{\theta} L^{\theta} \lambda_1(x) L^{\theta} L^{\theta} \lambda_1(x) f(x) \lambda_2(x).$$

Lemma 1 The polynomial $L^{\theta} L^{\theta} g(x) + \alpha_1 f(x)$ is divisible by the polynomial $L^{\theta} L^{\theta} \lambda_2(x) + \alpha_r(x)$, where $r(x) | f(x)$, $g(x) = \lambda_1(x) \lambda_2(x)$, $\alpha_1 = \alpha \lambda_1(1)$, $\alpha \in \mathcal{F}_q$, $\text{g.c.d.}(\lambda_1(x), r(x)) = 1$ and $r(0) \neq 0$, i.e.

$$L^{\theta} L^{\theta} \lambda_2(x) + \alpha_r(x) | L^{\theta} L^{\theta} g(x) + \alpha_1 f(x).$$

Proof. From (3), due to the fact that $f(x) = r(x)h(x)$, we find that

$$\begin{aligned} L^{\theta} L^{\theta} g(x) + \alpha_1 f(x) &= L^{\theta} L^{\theta} g(x) + \alpha_1 r(x)h(x) = \\ &= L^{\theta} L^{\theta} g(x) + \alpha_1 r(x) L^{\theta} L^{\theta} g(x) + \alpha_1 L^{\theta} L^{\theta} g(x) + \alpha_1 r(x)h(x). \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

By definition of L^{θ}

$$L^{\theta} L^{\theta} g(x) + \alpha_1 r(x) = \sum_{u=0}^r r_u (\theta L^{\theta} g(x) + \alpha_1)^{q^u - 1}, \quad (10)$$

where $r(x) = \sum_{u=0}^r r_u x^u$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \theta L^{\theta} g(x) + \alpha_1 &= \theta L^{\theta} \lambda_1(x) \lambda_2(x) + \alpha_1 = \theta L^{\theta} \lambda_2(x) L^{\theta} L^{\theta} \lambda_2(x) \lambda_1(x) + \alpha_1 = \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n \lambda_{1i} (\theta L^{\theta} \lambda_2(x) + \alpha)^{q^i}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\lambda_1(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n \lambda_{1i} x^i$, i.e.

$$\theta L^{\theta} g(x) + \alpha_1 = \sum_{i=0}^n \lambda_{1i} (\theta L^{\theta} \lambda_2(x) + \alpha)^{q^i}. \quad (11)$$

Substituting relation (11) into formula (10), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 L^{\theta} L^{\theta} g(x) + \alpha_1 r(x) &= \sum_{u=0}^r r_u \left(\sum_{i=0}^n \lambda_{1i} \left(\theta L^{\theta} \lambda_2(x) + \alpha \right)^{q^i} \right)^{q^n-1} = \\
 &= \frac{1}{\theta L^{\theta} g(x) + \alpha_1} \cdot \sum_{u=0}^r r_u \left(\sum_{i=0}^n \lambda_{1i} \left(\theta L^{\theta} \lambda_2(x) + \alpha \right)^{q^i} \right)^{q^n} = \\
 &= \frac{1}{\theta L^{\theta} g(x) + \alpha_1} \cdot \sum_{i=0}^n \lambda_{1i} \left(\sum_{u=0}^r r_u \left(\theta L^{\theta} \lambda_2(x) + \alpha \right)^{q^u} \right)^{q^i} = \\
 &= \frac{1}{\theta L^{\theta} g(x) + \alpha_1} \cdot \sum_{i=0}^n \lambda_{1i} \left(L^{\theta} L^{\theta} \lambda_2(x) + \alpha r(x) \right)^{q^i},
 \end{aligned}$$

or by (1)

$$\begin{aligned}
 L^{\theta} L^{\theta} g(x) + \alpha_1 r(x) &= \frac{(\theta L^{\theta} \lambda_2(x) + \alpha) L^{\theta} L^{\theta} \lambda_2(x) + \alpha r(x)}{\theta L^{\theta} g(x) + \alpha_1} \times \\
 &\times L^{\theta} (\theta L^{\theta} \lambda_2(x) + \alpha) L^{\theta} L^{\theta} \lambda_2(x) + \alpha r(x) \lambda_1(x).
 \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Next, since

$$\begin{aligned}
 \theta L^{\theta} g(x) + \alpha_1 &= \theta L^{\theta} \lambda_1(x) \lambda_2(x) + \alpha_1 = \theta L^{\theta} \lambda_2(x) L^{\theta} L^{\theta} \lambda_2(x) \lambda_1(x) + \alpha_1 = \\
 &= \sum_{i=0}^n \lambda_{1i} (\theta L^{\theta} \lambda_2(x))^{q^i} + \alpha \sum_{i=0}^n \lambda_{1i} = \sum_{i=0}^n \lambda_{1i} (\theta L^{\theta} \lambda_2(x) + \alpha)^{q^i},
 \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\theta L^{\theta} g(x) + \alpha_1 = (\theta L^{\theta} \lambda_2(x) + \alpha) L^{\theta} L^{\theta} \lambda_2(x) + \alpha \lambda_1(x), \tag{13}$$

then setting relation (13) into formula (12), we reach

$$\begin{aligned}
 L^{\theta} L^{\theta} g(x) + \alpha_1 r(x) &= \\
 &= \frac{L^{\theta} L^{\theta} \lambda_2(x) + \alpha r(x)}{L^{\theta} L^{\theta} \lambda_2(x) + \alpha \lambda_1(x)} L^{\theta} (\theta L^{\theta} \lambda_2(x) + \alpha) L^{\theta} L^{\theta} \lambda_2(x) + \alpha r(x) \lambda_1(x),
 \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

as

$$g.c.d.(L^{\theta} L^{\theta} \lambda_2(x) + \alpha \lambda_1(x), L^{\theta} L^{\theta} \lambda_2(x) + \alpha r(x)) = 1 \text{ for } g.c.d.(\lambda_1(x), r(x)) = 1.$$

It follows directly from (14) that

$$L^{\theta} L^{\theta} \lambda_2(x) + \alpha r(x) \mid L^{\theta} L^{\theta} g(x) + \alpha_1 r(x). \tag{15}$$

Thus, relying on (9) and (15), we have stated that the polynomial $L^{\theta}L^{\theta}\lambda_2(x) + \alpha_r(x)$ is a divisor of the polynomial $L^{\theta}L^{\theta}g(x) + \alpha_1 f(x)$, i.e.

$$L^{\theta}L^{\theta}\lambda_2(x) + \alpha_r(x) \mid L^{\theta}L^{\theta}g(x) + \alpha_1 f(x).$$

The Lemma is proved.

Lemma 2 For any two polynomials $\lambda(x)$ and $f(x)$ ($f(0) \neq 0$, $f(1) \neq 0$) the equality

$$L^{\theta}L^{\theta}(x-1)\lambda(x)f(x) = \prod_{\alpha \in \mathcal{F}_q} L^{\theta}L^{\theta}\lambda(x) + \alpha f(x) \quad (16)$$

holds.

Proof. Assume that $g(x) = (x-1)\lambda(x)$, $\lambda_1(x) = x-1$, $\lambda_2(x) = \lambda(x)$, $r(x) = f(x)$, $\alpha_1 = \alpha \cdot \lambda_1(1) = 0$, $f(1) \neq 0$ and $f(0) \neq 0$. Observe that all conditions of Lemma 1 are satisfied then. This implies that for all $\alpha \in \mathcal{F}_q$ the polynomial $L^{\theta}L^{\theta}(x-1)\lambda(x)f(x)$ is divisible by the polynomials $L^{\theta}L^{\theta}\lambda(x) + \alpha f(x)$ by Lemma 1. Moreover, due to the fact that the left-hand and right-hand sides of expression (16) are monic polynomials of equal degree, we conclude that these polynomials are equal. Thus the Lemma is proved.

Corollary 2

$$g.c.d. \left(\theta L^{\theta}(x-1)\lambda(x), L^{\theta}L^{\theta}\lambda(x) + \alpha f(x) \right) = 1 \quad (17)$$

is true for any $\alpha \in \mathcal{F}_q$ if $f(0) \neq 0$.

Proof. By definition of L^{θ}

$$L^{\theta}L^{\theta}(x-1)\lambda(x)f(x) = \sum_{u=0}^n a_u \left(\theta L^{\theta}(x-1)\lambda(x) \right)^{q^u-1}, \quad (18)$$

where $f(x) = \sum_{u=0}^n a_u x^u$ and $f(0) = a_0 \neq 0$.

Therefore, by (18), it is evident that

$$g.c.d. \left(\theta L^{\theta}(x-1)\lambda(x), L^{\theta}L^{\theta}(x-1)\lambda(x)f(x) \right) = 1.$$

Thus, it follows directly from (16) that

$$g.c.d. \left(\theta L^{\theta}(x-1)\lambda(x), L^{\theta}L^{\theta}\lambda(x) + \alpha f(x) \right) = 1.$$

The corollary is proved.

Theorem 1 ([3], Varshamov's Theorem). Let $\theta(x) = p(x)L^{\theta}\lambda(x) + \alpha$, where $p(x) \in \mathcal{F}_q[x]$ and $p(x) \neq \text{const}$ is an arbitrary polynomial, $\lambda(x)$ and $f(x)$ be polynomials with nonzero free terms from the ring $\mathcal{F}_q[x]$, $f(1) \neq 0$, α be an arbitrary element in the field \mathcal{F}_q , $K(\lambda_u, f_u) = L^{\theta}L^{\theta}\varepsilon(\alpha)\lambda_u(x)f_u(x)$, where $\lambda_u(x) \mid \lambda(x)$, $f_u(x) \mid f(x)$, $\varepsilon(\alpha) = \alpha^{q-1}x-1$, $\lambda_u(x)f_u(x) \neq \lambda(x)f(x)$ and N is the polynomial period, $S(x) = \varepsilon(\alpha)\lambda(x)f(x)$. Then the degree c of any irreducible divisor $g(x)$ of the polynomial $L^{\theta}f(x)$, satisfying the condition $g(x) \nmid K(\lambda_u, f_u)$, is divisible by N .

Proof. Assume the contrary, that is $\text{g.c.d.}(c, N) \neq N$, where c is the degree of the irreducible (over the field \mathcal{F}_q) polynomial $g(x)$. Then, from the expression $h(x) = \text{g.c.d.}(x^c - 1, S(x))$ we shall have that $h(x) \neq S(x)$, and due to the properties of linearity and multiplicativity

$$L^p h(x) = L^p(x^c - 1) \cdot L^p L^p(x^c - 1) h_1(x) + L^p S(x) L^p L^p S(x) h_2(x), \quad (19)$$

since $h(x) = h_1(x)(x^c - 1) + h_2(x)S(x)$.

By definition of operator L^p , $p(x)L^p(x^c - 1) = \sum_{u=0}^k p_u(x^{uq^c} - x^u)$, where $p(x) = \sum_{u=0}^k p_u x^u$, which implies that $x^{q^c-1} - 1 \mid p(x)L^p(x^c - 1)$, while $g(x) \mid p(x)L^p(x^c - 1)$. We shall now show that $\text{g.c.d.}(p(x), g(x)) = \text{const.}$ Indeed, in view of (3), we achieve

$$L^p S(x) = L^p \varepsilon(\alpha) \lambda(x) f(x) = L^p \varepsilon(\alpha) \lambda(x) L^p(x) L^p \varepsilon(\alpha) \lambda(x) f(x). \quad (20)$$

However, by (20), if $\lambda(0) \neq 0$ and $f(0) \neq 0$, then $p(x) \mid p(x)L^p \varepsilon(\alpha) \lambda(x)$ and

$$\text{g.c.d.} \left(p(x)L^p \varepsilon(\alpha) \lambda(x), L^p(x)L^p \varepsilon(\alpha) \lambda(x) f(x) \right) = 1. \quad (21)$$

Hence

1. If $\alpha = 0$

$$\varepsilon(0) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for fields of even characteristic} \\ -1 & \text{for fields of odd characteristic,} \end{cases}$$

we shall obtain

$$\begin{aligned} L^p(x)L^p \varepsilon(0) \lambda(x) f(x) &= \sum_{u=0}^n a_u (p(x)L^p \lambda(x))^{q^u-1} = \\ &= \sum_{u=0}^n a_u (p(x)L^p \lambda(x))^{q^n-1} = L^p(x)L^p \lambda(x) f(x), \end{aligned}$$

whence, because $g(x) \mid L^p(x)L^p \lambda(x) f(x)$, we find that $(g(x), p(x)) = 1$.

2. If $\alpha \neq 0$, since $\varepsilon(\alpha) = \alpha^{q-1}x - 1 = x - 1$ in the ring $\mathcal{F}_q[x]$, we shall have

$$L^p(x)L^p \varepsilon(\alpha) \lambda(x) f(x) = L^p(x)L^p(x-1) \lambda(x) f(x).$$

By Lemma 2 (since all the conditions of the lemma are satisfied), we obtain

$$L^p(x)L^p(x-1) \lambda(x) f(x) = \prod_{\beta \in \mathcal{F}_q} L^p(x)L^p \lambda(x) + \beta f(x). \quad (22)$$

For $\beta = \alpha$, under hypothesis of the theorem, $g(x) \mid L^p L^p \lambda(x) + \alpha f(x)$, which implies that $g(x) \mid L^p(x)L^p \varepsilon(\alpha) \lambda(x) f(x)$ due to (22). Thus, by (21), we establish that the polynomials $g(x)$ and $p(x)$ are relatively prime. Hence

$$g(x) \mid L^p(x^c - 1). \quad (23)$$

We shall now show that $g(x) \mid L^p h(x)$. Indeed, by (20), (22), it is clear that

$$g(x) \mid L^p S(x). \quad (24)$$

From (23), (24) and (19) it follows directly that

$$g(x) \mid L^p h(x), \quad (25)$$

wherefrom, under hypothesis of the theorem that $g.c.d(c, N) \neq N$, we find:

1. For $\alpha \neq 0$ it is evident that

$$h(x) = g.c.d.((x-1)\lambda(x)f(x), x^c - 1) = (x-1)\lambda_u(x)f_u(x).$$

By (3)

$$\begin{aligned} L^p h(x) &= L^p(x-1)\lambda_u(x)f_u(x) = \\ &= L^p(x-1)\lambda_u(x)L^p L^p(x-1)\lambda_u(x)f_u(x). \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

On the other hand, by the property of multiplicativity

$$L^p(x-1)\lambda_u(x) \mid L^p(x-1)\lambda(x).$$

Hence, from (21) we shall have that

$$g.c.d.(L^p(x-1)\lambda_u(x), L^p L^p(x-1)\lambda(x)f(x)) = 1.$$

Similarly, from (22) we obtain that

$$g.c.d.(L^p(x-1)\lambda_u(x), g(x)) = 1. \quad (27)$$

2. For $\alpha = 0$ it is clear that

$$h(x) = g.c.d.(-\lambda(x)f(x), x^c - 1) = \lambda_u(x)f_u(x).$$

By (3)

$$L^p h(x) = L^p \lambda_u(x) L^p(x) L^p \lambda_u(x) f_u(x). \quad (28)$$

Since $L^p \lambda_u(x) \mid L^p \lambda(x)$, then it follows from (21) that

$$g.c.d.(L^p \lambda_u(x), L^p L^p \lambda(x) f(x)) = 1.$$

Evidently,

$$(L^p \lambda_u(x), g(x)) = 1. \quad (29)$$

Thus, formulas (25-29) yield

$$g(x) \mid L^p L^p \varepsilon(\alpha) \lambda_u(x) f_u(x) = K(\lambda_u, f_u),$$

which contradicts the hypothesis of our theorem that $g(x) \nmid K(\lambda_u, f_u)$. Thus our assumption was not true, consequently $(c, N) = N$. The theorem is proved.

The result below will be very helpful in our further research.

Theorem 2 ([1]) Let $f_1(x), f_2(x), \dots, f_{\sigma}(x)$ be the $\sigma = m^{-1}\varphi(e)$ (where $\varphi(x)$ is Euler's function) distinct irreducible monic polynomials of degree m over \mathcal{F}_q belonging to the exponent $e = (q^m - 1)d^{-1}$ and t be an integer whose prime factors all divide e but not d . Assume also that $t \not\equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ if $q^m \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$. Then the polynomials $f_1(x^t), f_2(x^t), \dots, f_{\sigma}(x^t)$ are a complete set of monic irreducible polynomials of degree mt over \mathcal{F}_q , belonging to the exponent et .

Proposition 1 ([2]) If β is an element of an extension of the field \mathcal{F}_q , then the order e of β divides $q^n - 1$ but not any smaller number of the form $q^k - 1$, $k < n$, where n is the degree of the minimal function of β .

3 An application of Varshamov's theorem to the construction of irreducible polynomials over Galois fields and finding the periods of these polynomials

Our goal in this section is to describe a general technique of constructing sequences of irreducible polynomials of degree pt over \mathcal{F}_p from given primitive elements in \mathcal{F}_p , where p is an odd prime, t is an integer whose prime factors all divide $p - 1$, relying on the results of Theorem 1 and 2.

Theorem 3 Let p be an odd prime, α be a primitive element of \mathcal{F}_q and t be an integer whose prime factors all divide $p - 1$. Assume also that $t \not\equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ if $p^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$. Then $f_t(x) = \sum_{u=0}^{p-1} \alpha^u x^{(p-u)t} - \alpha$ is an irreducible polynomial of degree pt over \mathcal{F}_q belonging to the exponent et , where e is the exponent of $f_1(x)$.

Proof. First, we consider the case where $t = p - 1$. Then we shall have

$$f_{p-1}(x) = \sum_{u=0}^{p-1} \alpha^u x^{(p-u)(p-1)} - \alpha = L^x L^x(x - \alpha)(x - \alpha).$$

Next we shall show that the polynomial $f_{p-1}(x)$ is relatively prime to

$$L^x L^x \varepsilon(0) \lambda_u(x) f_u(x) = L^x L^x \lambda_u(x) f_u(x),$$

where $\varepsilon(0) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for fields of even characteristics} \\ -1 & \text{for fields of odd characteristics} \end{cases}$ and $\lambda_u(x) \mid (x - \alpha)$, $f_u(x) \mid (x - \alpha)$, $\lambda_u(x) f_u(x) \neq (x - \alpha)^2$.

Indeed, by the property of multiplicativity of operator L^x we have that $L^x(x-1)(x-\alpha)^2 = L^x(x-1)L^x(x-1)(x-\alpha)L^x(x-1)(x-\alpha)(x-\alpha)$, and by the property of separability the polynomial $L^x(x-1)(x-\alpha)^2$ is separable, which implies that

$$\text{g.c.d.}(L^x L^x(x-1)(x-\alpha), L^x L^x(x-1)(x-\alpha)(x-\alpha)) = 1. \quad (30)$$

Moreover, by Lemma 2

$$L^x L^x(x-1)(x-\alpha)(x-\alpha) = \prod_{\beta \in \mathcal{F}_q} L^x L^x(x-\alpha) + \beta(x-\alpha)$$

and

$$L^x L^z (x-1)(x-\alpha) = \prod_{\beta \in \mathcal{F}_q} L^x + \beta (x-\alpha)$$

which produces

$$g.c.d.(L^x L^z (x-1)(x-\alpha), L^x L^z (x-\alpha)(x-\alpha)) = 1.$$

Next, since $L^x L^z (x-1)_1 = 1$ we shall obtain

$$g.c.d.(L^x L^z \lambda_u(x) f_u(x), f_{p-1}(x)) = 1.$$

We now observe that the degree of the polynomial $f_{p-1}(x)$ equal to $p(p-1)$ is congruent to the exponent of the polynomial $\varepsilon(0)(x-\alpha)^2$, therefore according to Theorem 1, the polynomial $f_{p-1}(x)$ is irreducible over \mathcal{F}_p .

Suppose that β_1 and β are the roots of the polynomials $f_{p-1}(x)$ and $f_1(x)$, respectively and the exponent of the polynomial $f_{p-1}(x)$ is equal to e_1 . Since $f_{p-1}(x) = f_1(x^{p-1})$, then the polynomial $f_1(x)$ is irreducible over \mathcal{F}_p and $\beta = \beta_1^{p-1}$. From the relation $\beta^{e_1} = \beta_1^{(p-1)e_1} = 1$ we have that $e \mid e_1$ and from the relation $\beta_1^{(p-1)e} = \beta^e = 1$ that $e_1 \mid (p-1)e$, hence $e_1 = \sigma e$, where $\sigma \mid p-1$. Next by the identity

$$p^{p^\sigma} - 1 = (p^\sigma - 1)((p^{p(\sigma-1)} - 1) + (p^{p(\sigma-2)} - 1) + \dots + (p^\sigma - 1 + \sigma))$$

we shall achieve: $e_1 = \sigma e \mid p^{p^\sigma} - 1$, however by Proposition 1 $e_1 \nmid p^k - 1$ if $k < p(p-1)$, whence it follows that $\sigma = p-1$, hence $e_1 = (p-1)e$. By Viète theorem

$$\beta^{\frac{p^p-1}{p-1}} = (-1)^p(-\alpha) = \alpha, \quad (31)$$

therefore $e \nmid \frac{p^p-1}{p-1}$. Since $g.c.d.(p-1, \frac{p^p-1}{p-1}) = 1$, then $p^p - 1 = e t_1 M$, where $g.c.d.(M, p-1) = 1$, $t_1 \mid p-1$ and $t_1 \neq p-1$. On the other hand, if $1 < t_1 < p-1$, then by (31) $\alpha^{\frac{p-1}{t_1}} = \beta^{\frac{p-1}{t_1} \frac{e t_1 M}{p-1}} = \beta^{eM} = 1$, which is impossible, since $\frac{p-1}{t_1} < p-1$ and α is primitive in \mathcal{F}_p . Thus $p^p - 1 = eM$, $p-1 \mid e$ and $g.c.d.(p-1, M) = 1$, wherefrom, by Theorem 2, if t satisfies the hypothesis of the theorem, it follows that the polynomial $f_t(x)$ of degree pt is irreducible over \mathcal{F}_p and belongs to the exponent te . The theorem is proved.

Theorem 4 Let p be an odd prime, α be an arbitrary primitive element in \mathcal{F}_p , and β be an arbitrary element of \mathcal{F}_p . Then the polynomial

$$F(x) = \sum_{u=0}^{p-1} x^{p(p-1-u)} (\alpha x - \beta)^u - \alpha$$

of degree $p(p-1)$ is irreducible over \mathcal{F}_p .

Proof. It is easily seen that

$$\sum_{u=0}^{p-1} x^{p(p-1-u)} (\alpha x - \beta)^u - \alpha = (x^p - \alpha x + \beta)^{p-1} - \alpha = L^x L^z (x-\alpha) + \beta (x-\alpha).$$

We now show that the polynomial $F(x)$ is relatively prime to $L^{xL^{\varepsilon(\beta)}\lambda_u(x)}f_u(x)$, where $\lambda_u(x) \mid (x - \alpha)$, $f_u(x) \mid (x - \alpha)$, $\lambda_u(x)f_u(x) \neq (x - \alpha)^2$ and $\varepsilon(\beta) = \beta^{p-1}x - 1$.

Indeed, by formula 30 and Lemma 2 we have that

$$g.c.d.(L^{xL^{\varepsilon(\beta)}(x-1)}(x-\alpha), L^{xL^{\varepsilon(\beta)}(x-\alpha)+\beta(x-\alpha)}) = 1$$

for any $\beta \in \mathcal{F}_p$. Moreover,

$$L^{xL^{\varepsilon(\beta)}(x-1)}(x-\alpha)_1 = 1.$$

Hence

$$g.c.d.(L^{xL^{\varepsilon(\beta)}\lambda_u(x)}f_u(x), F(x)) = 1.$$

Since the exponent $p(p-1)$ of the polynomial $\varepsilon(\beta)(x-\alpha)^2$ is congruent to the degree of the polynomial $F(x)$, then, by Theorem 1, the polynomial $F(x)$ is irreducible over \mathcal{F}_p . The theorem is proved.

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