

# Efficient Computation of Fixed and Mixed Polarity Reed-Muller Function Vector over $GF(p)$

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**Abstract :** This paper proposes an efficient computation method for fixed and mixed polarity Reed-Muller function vector over Galois field  $GF(p)$ . Function vectors of fixed polarity Reed-Muller function with single variable can be generated by proposed method. The  $n$ -variable function vectors can be calculated by means of the Kronecker product of a single variable function vector corresponding to each variable. Thus, all fixed and mixed polarity Reed-Muller function vectors are calculated directly without using a polarity function vector table or polarity coefficient matrix.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

It is well known that any binary and multiple valued functions can be expressed by a Reed-Muller expansion and by more general exclusive-OR sum of products. This representation has various advantages over the conventional description[1-4]. The Reed-Muller transform is a method by which finite fields may play a more significant role in logic design. The transform involves representation of logic functions as polynomials over finite fields. The concepts of fixed and mixed polarity Reed-Muller expansions have recently been extended to a finite field  $GF(p)$ [5-11], this is known as the Galois field of order  $p=q^k$  where  $q$  is a prime number and  $k$  is a positive integer.

A lot of work has been done on optimizing

fixed or mixed polarity Reed-Muller expansion[1-11], however, little research has been done on how to find out the function vector from a given Reed-Muller expansion[6,12]. Fei[12] introduced a calculation method of function vector for ternary mixed polarity Reed-Muller expansions using a function vector table. This approach has the value of all element of a vector are not zero and not same value. In this case, they are represented in a two term even mixed polarity, this representation is not unique. Also, in the  $p$  valued logic system, the table vector size is  $p^p$ . Thus, for  $p>3$ , this approach is very difficult to use to generate a function vector table because vector table size becomes very large. In order to overcome these limitations,

this paper proposes an equation for calculation of fixed and mixed polarity Reed-Muller function vector. A computationally efficient alternative for calculating multiple valued fixed or mixed polarity Reed-Muller function vector is presented.

## 2. BASIC DEFINITIONS

Binary Reed-Muller expansion can be easily extended to the general case.  $p$ -valued switching circuits, provided  $p$  is a prime number. The prime fields  $GF(p)$  can be represented by the intergers modulo- $p$ , and  $GF(p)$  the operations of modulo- $p$  addition and multiplication. The nonprime fields  $GF(q)$ ,  $q=p^k$ , cannot be represented in this way. One possible form of representation employs the  $p^k$  polynomials of degree  $k-1$  or less with coefficients from  $GF(p)$  as basic elements. The operations of polynomial addition and multiplication are performed modulo a primitive polynomial of degree  $k$  with coefficients from  $GF(p)$ [6,11].

**Definition 1 :** In a  $q$ -valued logic system, the Reed-Muller expansion for a one variable function in polarity  $\langle k \rangle$  is

$$f(\tilde{x}) = a_0^{\langle k \rangle} + a_1^{\langle k \rangle} \tilde{x} + a_2^{\langle k \rangle} \tilde{x}^2 + a_3^{\langle k \rangle} \tilde{x}^3 + \dots + a_{q-1}^{\langle k \rangle} \tilde{x}^{q-1} \quad (1)$$

where  $\tilde{x}$  is the literal of a variable  $x$ , and all operations are in  $GF(q)$ .

**Definition 2 :** The generalized Reed-Muller

expansion for an  $n$ -variable  $q$ -valued function in polarity  $\langle k \rangle$  takes the form

$$f(\tilde{x}_n, \tilde{x}_{n-1}, \dots, \tilde{x}_1) = \sum_{i=0}^{q^n-1} a_i^{\langle k \rangle} \prod_{j=1}^n \tilde{x}_j^{i_j} \quad (2)$$

where

$$\tilde{x}_j^0 = 1, \tilde{x}_j^1 = \tilde{x}_j, \tilde{x}_j^2 = \tilde{x}_j \times \tilde{x}_j, \dots,$$

$$\tilde{x}_j^n = \tilde{x}_j \times \tilde{x}_j \times \dots \times \tilde{x}_j \quad n \text{ times}, \quad i_j, \tilde{x}_j,$$

$$a_i \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, q-1\} \text{ and } \langle i_n, i_{n-1}, \dots, i_1 \rangle$$

denotes the respective  $q$ -ray expression of the decimal number  $i$ , i.e.,

$$\langle i \rangle_{10} = \langle i_n, i_{n-1}, \dots, i_1 \rangle_q \text{ and the term } \tilde{x}_j^{i_j}$$

denotes the  $i_j$ th power of the variable  $x_j$ .

If  $\tilde{x}_j$  takes the value of

$$x_j + \delta_j (\delta_j \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, q-1\}), \text{ eqn.(2) can be rewritten as}$$

$$f(\tilde{x}_n, \tilde{x}_{n-1}, \dots, \tilde{x}_1) = \sum_{i=0}^{q^n-1} a_i^{\langle k \rangle} \prod_{j=1}^n (x_j + \delta_j)^{i_j} \quad (3)$$

where  $\langle k \rangle_{10} = \langle \delta_1 \delta_2 \dots \delta_n \rangle_q$ . According to the different values of  $\delta_1 \delta_2 \dots \delta_n$ ,

$f(\tilde{x}_n, \tilde{x}_{n-1}, \dots, \tilde{x}_1)$  has the  $q^n$  kinds of polarity.

**Definition 3 :** The coefficient vector of the function  $f(\tilde{x}_n, \tilde{x}_{n-1}, \dots, \tilde{x}_1)$  in polarity

$\langle k \rangle$  is denoted as  $\mathbf{a}^{\langle k \rangle}$ , where

$$\mathbf{a}^{\langle k \rangle} = [a_0^{\langle k \rangle}, a_1^{\langle k \rangle}, \dots, a_{q^n-1}^{\langle k \rangle}],$$

$$k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, q^n - 1.$$

The individual product terms in the  $n$ -variable expansion can also be generated by

using a Kronecker product on  $n$  basis vectors of the form [6],

$$f(\tilde{x}_n, \tilde{x}_{n-1}, \dots, \tilde{x}_1) = ([1 \ \tilde{x}_n \ \tilde{x}_n^2 \ \dots \ \tilde{x}_n^{q-1}] * [1 \ \tilde{x}_{n-1} \ \tilde{x}_{n-1}^2 \ \dots \ \tilde{x}_{n-1}^{q-1}] * \dots * [1 \ \tilde{x}_1 \ \tilde{x}_1^2 \ \dots \ \tilde{x}_1^{q-1}]) \mathbf{a}^{(k)} \quad (4)$$

### 3. COMPUTATION OF FUNCTION VECTOR

A switching function of  $n$ -variables is completely defined by a set of  $q^n$  coefficients  $d_i (0 \leq i \leq q^n - 1)$  which represents the values in the output column of the truth table of the function. When represented in vector form  $\mathbf{d}$ , this will be termed the truth vector. The Reed-Muller canonical form also has  $q^n$  coefficients  $d_i (0 \leq i \leq q^n - 1)$  represented in vector form as  $\mathbf{a}$ , the function vector.

**Definition 4 :** Let

$\mathbf{d} = [f_0, f_1, \dots, f_{q^n-1}] = [d_0, d_1, \dots, d_{q^n-1}]$  be a  $n$  variable function vector with  $q^n$  elements, where

$$f_0 = f(0, \dots, 0), \quad f_1 = f(0, \dots, 1), \quad \dots, \\ f_{q^n-1} = f(q-1, \dots, q-1).$$

**Definition 5 :** For an one variable function  $f(\tilde{x})$ , let the  $\mathbf{e}_i$  be the function vector corresponding to  $\tilde{x}^i$ , and let a  $e_j$  be elements of function vector  $\mathbf{e}_i$ , where  $i, j \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, q-1\}$ .

**Theorem 1 :** For a single variable function  $f(\tilde{x}) = \tilde{x}^n$  in polarity  $\langle k \rangle$ , the value of elements  $e_j$  of function vector is directly given by

$$e_j = (j+k)^n \quad (5)$$

where  $j, k, n \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, q-1\}$

**Proof :** When  $f(x) = l, l \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, q-1\}$ , the value of elements of function vector is  $e_j = l$ . In the case of Zero polarity, the function vectors are, by Definition 2, given by

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = [e_0, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{q-1}] \text{ where } e_j = j \\ \mathbf{e}_2 = \mathbf{e}_1 \times \mathbf{e}_1 = [e_0^2, e_1^2, e_2^2, \dots, e_{(q-1)}^2] \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{e}_n = \mathbf{e}_1 \times \mathbf{e}_1 \times \dots \times \mathbf{e}_1 \quad n \text{ times} \\ = [e_0^n, e_1^n, e_2^n, \dots, e_{(q-1)}^n]$$

In the case of polarity  $\langle k \rangle$ , performing the additive transform of replacing  $e_j$  by  $e_j + k, k \in GF(q)$

$$\mathbf{e}_1 = [(e_0 + k), (e_1 + k), (e_2 + k), \dots, (e_{q-1} + k)] \\ \mathbf{e}_2 = [(e_0 + k)^2, (e_1 + k)^2, (e_2 + k)^2, \dots, (e_{q-1} + k)^2] \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{e}_n = [(e_0 + k)^n, (e_1 + k)^n, (e_2 + k)^n, \dots, (e_{q-1} + k)^n]$$

The value of element of function vector is defined as follows,

$$e_j = (j+k)^n \quad \text{QED}$$

**[Example 1]** The function vectors of fixed polarity Reed-Muller expansion with single

variable over GF(3) are as follows;

polarity  $\langle k \rangle = 0$

$$e_1 = [0, 1, 2]$$

$$e_2 = [0^2, 1^2, 2^2] = [0, 1, 1]$$

polarity  $\langle k \rangle = 1$

$$e_1 = [(0+1), (1+1), (2+1)] = [1, 2, 0]$$

$$e_2 = [(0+1)^2, (1+1)^2, (2+1)^2] = [1, 1, 0]$$

polarity  $\langle k \rangle = 2$

$$e_1 = [(0+2), (1+2), (2+2)] = [2, 0, 1]$$

$$e_2 = [(0+2)^2, (1+2)^2, (2+2)^2] = [1, 0, 1] \blacksquare$$

**Theorem 2 :** For  $n$  variables, the function vector of  $f(\tilde{x}_n, \tilde{x}_{n-1}, \dots, \tilde{x}_1)$  is

$$\begin{aligned} d &= [d_0, d_1, \dots, d_{q^n-1}] \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{q^n-1} a_i^{\langle k \rangle} [e_{j_n} * e_{j_{n-1}} * \dots * e_{j_1}] \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

, where  $\langle i \rangle_{10} = \langle j_n j_{n-1} \dots j_1 \rangle_q$

**Proof :** By using induction, the function vector of  $f(\tilde{x})$  is, by eqn.(1), given by

$$\begin{aligned} d &= [d_0, d_1, \dots, d_{q^n-1}] \\ &= a_0^{\langle k \rangle} e_0 + a_1^{\langle k \rangle} e_1 + \dots + a_{q^n-1}^{\langle k \rangle} e_{q^n-1} \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

For two variable function, the function vector is  $q \times q$  dimensional. This function vector can be calculated by the Kronecker product of function vector corresponding to  $x_2^j, x_1^j$  [12]. Thus eqn.(7) can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} d &= [d_0, d_1, \dots, d_{q^2-1}] \\ &= a_0(e_0 * e_0) + a_1(e_0 * e_1) + a_2(e_0 * e_2) + \\ &\quad a_3(e_0 * e_3) + \dots + a_{q-1}(e_0 * e_{q-1}) + \\ &\quad a_q(e_1 * e_0) + a_{q+1}(e_1 * e_1) + \end{aligned}$$

$$a_{q+2}(e_1 * e_2) + \dots + a_{q^2-1}(e_{q-1} * e_{q-1})$$

For  $n$  variable function, the function vector is

$$\begin{aligned} d &= [d_0, d_1, \dots, d_{q^n-1}] \\ &= a_0(e_0 * e_0 * \dots * e_0) + a_1(e_0 * e_0 * \dots * e_1) + \\ &\quad a_2(e_0 * e_0 * \dots * e_2) + \dots + \\ &\quad a_{q-1}(e_0 * e_0 * \dots * e_{q-1}) + \\ &\quad a_q(e_0 * e_0 * \dots * e_1 * e_0) + \\ &\quad a_{q+1}(e_0 * e_0 * \dots * e_1 * e_1) + \dots + \\ &\quad a_{q^n-1}(e_{q-1} * e_{q-1} * \dots * e_{q-1}) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{q^n-1} a_i [e_{j_n} * e_{j_{n-1}} * \dots * e_{j_1}] \quad \text{QED.} \end{aligned}$$

**[Example 2]** Consider an  $n$  variable single product term function vector over GF(4).

$$f(x_3, x_2, x_1) = A^{\langle 27 \rangle} \tilde{x}_3^2 \tilde{x}_2 \tilde{x}_1^3$$

$$\begin{aligned} d &= A[(0+1)^2(1+1)^2(A+1)^2(B+1)^2] * \\ &\quad [(0+A)(1+A)(A+A)(B+A)] * \\ &\quad [(0+B)^3(1+B)^3(A+B)^3(B+B)^3] \\ &= [A0B1] * [AB01] * [1110] \\ &= [BBB011100000AAA000000000000001110 \\ &\quad AAA00000BBB0AAA0BBB000001110] \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

**[Example 3]** Consider an  $n$ -variable multiple product term function vector over GF(3).

$$f(x_3, x_2, x_1) = 2^{\langle 4 \rangle} \tilde{x}_2^2 \tilde{x}_1 + 2^{\langle 14 \rangle} \tilde{x}_3 \tilde{x}_2^2 \tilde{x}_1^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} d &= [222] * [(0+1)^2(1+1)^2(2+1)^2] * \\ &\quad [(0+1)(1+1)(2+1)] + \\ &\quad 2 * [(0+1)(1+1)(2+1)] * \\ &\quad [(0+1)^2(1+1)^2(2+1)^2] * \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& [(0+2)^2(1+2)^2(2+2)^2] \\
& = [222]*[110]*[120] + [210]*[110]*[101] \\
& = [210210000210210000210210000] + \\
& \quad [202202000101101000000000000] \\
& = [112112000011011000210210000] \blacksquare
\end{aligned}$$

#### 4. CONCLUSION

A new method to calculate the function vectors of multiple valued fixed and mixed polarity Reed-Muller expansion has been presented. The function vectors of fixed polarity Reed-Muller expansion with single variable over  $GF(q)$  can be generated by the proposed equation. By using the Kronecker product of a single variable function vector, an  $n$  variable function vector can be calculated. The new approach is especially advantageous in comparison to the existing approach [12] for  $q > 3$  in over  $GF(q)$ . Another advantage of the presented method is that it is more efficient for mixed polarity Reed Muller function and can be applied to multiple valued Reed-Muller function. Also, this method is very convenient because there is no need to make vector table or transform matrix for calculations.

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