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# Vectorial Resilient PC(l) of Order kBoolean Functions from AG-Codes\*

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Abstract Propagation criteria and resiliency of vectorial Boolean functions are important for cryptographic purpose (see [1–4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 16]). Kurosawa, Stoh [8] and Carlet [1] gave a construction of Boolean functions satisfying PC(l) of order k from binary linear or nonlinear codes. In this paper, the algebraic-geometric codes over  $GF(2^m)$  are used to modify the Carlet and Kurosawa-Satoh's construction for giving vectorial resilient Boolean functions satisfying PC(l) of order k criterion. This new construction is compared with previously known results.

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# 1 Introduction

In cryptography, vectorial Boolean functions are used in many applications (see [2, 3]). Propagation criterion of degree l and order k is one of the most general properties of Boolean functions, which has to be satisfied for cryptographic purpose. It was introduced in Preneel et al [11], which extends the property strictly avalanche criterion SAC in [16]. The weight of a Boolean function f of n variables is the number of vectors in  $v \in \mathrm{GF}(2)^n$  such that f(v) = 1. A Boolean function f of n variables, set  $\frac{Df}{D\alpha} = f(x) + f(x+\alpha)$ . f satisfies  $\mathrm{PC}(l)$  if  $\frac{Df}{D\alpha}$  is a balanced Boolean function for any  $\alpha$  with  $1 \leq \mathrm{wt}(\alpha) \leq l$ . When the function obtained from f by keeping any k variables fixed satisfies  $\mathrm{PC}(l)$ , we say that f has the property  $\mathrm{PC}(l)$  of order k. For a vectorial Boolean function  $\mathbf{f} = (f_1(x_1, \cdots, x_n), \cdots, f_m(x_1, \cdots, x_n))$  it is called  $(n, m) - \mathrm{PC}(l)$  of order k if any nonzero linear combination of  $f_1, \cdots, f_m$  satisfies  $\mathrm{PC}(l)$  of order k. We say that  $\mathbf{f}$  satisfies  $\mathrm{SAC}(k)$  if it has  $\mathrm{PC}(1)$  of order k property. A Boolean function f of n variables is called k-resilient if it is balanced and  $\mathrm{wt}(f') = \frac{\mathrm{wt}(f)}{2^k}$  where f' is the n-k variable Boolean function obtained from f by substituting constants for any k variables in  $f(x_1, \cdots, x_n)$ . A vectorial Boolean function  $f = (f_1(x_1, \cdots, x_n), \cdots, f_m(x_1, \cdots, x_n))$  is called k-resilient, if any nonzero linear combination  $f = (f_1(x_1, \cdots, x_n), \cdots, f_m(x_1, \cdots, x_n))$  is called k-resilient, if any nonzero linear combination  $f = (f_1(x_1, \cdots, x_n), \cdots, f_m(x_1, \cdots, x_n))$  is called f-resilient, if any nonzero linear combination  $f = (f_1(x_1, \cdots, x_n), \cdots, f_m(x_1, \cdots, x_n))$  is called f-resilient, if any nonzero linear combination f is a f-resilient Boolean function. Resiliency of vectorial Boolean

functions are relevant to quantum key distribution and pseudo-random sequence generators for stream ciphers (see [1–4, 17]).

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We recall the Maiorana-MacFarland construction of vectorial Boolean functions. Let  $\phi_i$ :  $\mathrm{GF}(2)^s \to \mathrm{GF}(2)^r$  be vectorial Boolean functions for  $i=1,\cdots,m$ , the class of Maiorana-MacFarland (r+s,m) Boolean functions is the set of the functions F(x,y) of the form  $F(x,y)=(x\cdot\phi_1(y)+h_1(y),\cdots,x\cdot\phi_m(y)+h_m(y)): \mathrm{GF}(2)^{r+s}\to\mathrm{GF}(2)^m, (x,y)\in\mathrm{GF}(2)^r\times\mathrm{GF}(2)^s,$  where  $h_1,\cdots,h_m$  are Boolean functions of s variables. It is well-known that F(x,y) is at least t-resilient if  $a_1\phi_1(y)+\cdots+a_m\phi_m(y)$ , for any nonzero  $(a_1,\cdots,a_m)\in\mathrm{GF}(2)^m$  and any  $y\in\mathrm{GF}(2)^s$ , has its Hamming weight at least t+1 (see [1–3]).

In this paper, the functions  $\phi_i$ 's in the Mairana-MacFarland construction are of the form  $A_i y + v_i$ , where  $A_i$  is a fixed  $r \times s$  matrix over GF(2) and  $v_i$  is a fixed vector in  $GF(2)^r$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ .

PC(n) Boolean functions of n variables are just the perfect nonlinear functions introduced by Meier and Staffebach [10]. They exist only when n is even. Bent functions are the examples of this kind of functions (see [10, 16]). People only have few constructions of PC(l) of order kBoolean functions. In [1, 8], PC(l) of order k (vectorial) Boolean functions were constructed from binary linear or nonlinear codes. For satisfying the conditions of the construction the minimum distances of the binary codes and its dual have to be lower bounded. Some lower bounds on the minimum length (which is the half of the variable number in the Kurosawa-Satoh construction) of these binary linear codes were studied in [9].

From [1, 8], we know the following results.

**Theorem 1.1** (Kurosawa-Satoh Theorem) (see [8]) Let  $C_1$  be a linear binary code of length s and minimum distance  $d_1$  and dual distance  $d'_1$ ,  $C_2$  be a linear binary code of length t with minimum distance  $d_2$  and dual distance  $d'_2$ . Set  $l = \min\{d'_1, d'_2\} - 1$  and  $k = \min\{d_1, d_2\} - 1$ . Then the Boolean functions of s + t variables satisfying PC(l) of order k can be explicitly given.

**Corollary 1.1** (see [8, 9]) Let C be a linear binary code with length n, minimum distance at least k+1 and dual distance at least l+1. Then Boolean functions of 2n variables satisfying PC(l) of order k can be explicitly given.

**Theorem 1.2** (Carlet Theorem) (see [1]) For a Boolean function  $f(x,y) = x \cdot \phi(y) + g(y)$  from  $GF(2)^{r+s}$  to GF(2), where  $\phi$  and g are (vectorial) Boolean functions of the forms  $\phi$ :  $GF(2)^s \to GF(2)^r$  and  $g: GF(2)^s \to GF(2)$ , f satisfies PC(l) of order k if the following two conditions are satisfied:

- (1) the sum of at least 1 and at most l coordinates of  $\phi$  is k-resilient;
- (2) if  $b \in GF(2)^s$  is nonzero and has its weight smaller than or equal to l, at least k+1 coordinates of the words  $\phi(y+b)$  and  $\phi(y)$  differ.

Let us now recall some basic facts about AG-codes (algebraic-geometric codes, see [12–14]). Let X be an absolutely irreducible, projective and smooth curve defined over GF(q) with genus  $g, P = \{P_1, \cdots, P_n\}$  be a set of GF(q)-rational points of X, and G be a GF(q)-rational divisor satisfying  $\operatorname{supp}(G) \cap P = \emptyset$ ,  $2g - 2 < \deg(G) < n$ . Let  $L(G) = \{f : (f) + G \geq 0\}$  be the linear space (over GF(q)) of rational functions associated with the divisor G, and  $\Omega(B) = \{\omega : (\omega) \geq B\}$  be the linear space of differentials associated with the divisor G. Then the functional AG-code  $C_L(P,G) \subset GF(q)^n$  and residual AG-code  $C_\Omega(P,G) \subset GF(q)^n$  can be defined (see [12]).  $C_L(D,G)$  is a linear  $[n,k=\deg(G)-g+1,d\geq n-\deg(G)]$  code over GF(q) and  $C_\Omega(P,G)$  is a linear  $[n,k=n-\deg(G)+g-1,d\geq \deg(G)-2g+2]$  code over GF(q). We know that the functional code is just the evaluations of functions in L(G) at the points in P and the residual code is just the residues of differentials in  $\Omega(G-P)$  at the points in P.

We also know that  $C_L(P,G)$  and  $C_{\Omega}(P,G)$  are dual codes. It is known that for a differential  $\eta$  that has poles at  $P_1, \dots P_n$  with residue 1 (there always exists such a  $\eta$  (see [12])), we have  $C_{\Omega}(P,G) = C_L(P,P-G+(\eta))$ , the function f corresponds to the differential  $f\eta$ . This means that functional codes and residue codes are essentially the same. For many examples of AG codes, we refer to [12–14].

From the theory of algebraic curves over finite fields, there exist algebraic curves  $\{X_t\}$ 

defined over  $\mathrm{GF}(q^2)$  with the property  $\lim \frac{N(X_t)}{g(X_t)} = q-1$  (Drinfeld-Vladut bound) (see [5, 13]), where  $N(X_t)$  is the number of  $\mathrm{GF}(q^2)$  rational points on the curve  $X_t$  and  $g(X_t)$  is the genus of the curve  $X_t$ . Actually for this family of curves  $N(X_t) \geq (q-1)q^t + 1$ ,  $g(X_t) = q^t - 2q^{\frac{t}{2}} + 1$  for t even and  $g(X_t) = q^t - q^{\frac{t+1}{2}} - q^{\frac{t-1}{2}} + 1$  for t odd (see [5]).

For an AG-code over  $GF(2^m)$ , its expansion to some base B of  $GF(2^m)$  over GF(2) will be used in our construction. Let  $\{e_1, \cdots, e_m\}$  be a base of  $GF(2^m)$  as a linear space over GF(2). For an [n, k, d] linear code  $C \subseteq GF(2^m)^n$ , the expansion with respect to the base B is a binary linear code  $B(C) \subseteq GF(2)^{mn}$  consisting of all codewords  $B(x) = (B(x_1), \cdots, B(x_n)), x = (x_1, \cdots, x_n) \in C$ . Here  $B(x_i)$  is a length m binary vector  $(x_i^1, \cdots, x_i^m)$ , where  $x_i = \sum_{j=1}^m x_i^j e_j \in GF(2^m)$ . It is easy to verify that the binary linear code B(C) is  $[mn, mk, \geq d]$  code. It is well-known that there exists a self-dual base B for any finite field  $GF(2^m)$  of characteristic 2. The following result is useful in our construction.

**Proposition 1.1** (see [6]) Let B be a self-dual base of  $GF(2^m)$  over GF(2) and C be a linear code over  $GF(2^m)$ . Then the dual code  $B(C)^{\perp}$  is just  $B(C^{\perp})$ .

A divisor G on the curve X is called effective if the coefficients of all points in the support G are non-negative. We say  $G_1 \geq G_2$  if  $G_1 - G_2$  is an effective divisor. This gives a partial order relation on the set of all divisors. Let  $U_1, \dots, U_m$  be divisors on the curve X, set  $\max\{U_1, \dots, U_m\}$  the smallest divisor U such that  $U - U_i$  is effective for all  $i = 1, \dots, m$ . It is clear that the linear span of  $L(U_1), \dots, L(U_m)$  is in  $L(\max\{U_1, \dots, U_m\})$ . The following lemma is useful in our construction.

- **Lemma 1.1** (1) Let X be an absolutely irreducible, projective and smooth curve defined over GF(q) with genus g, G = G' G'' and H = H' H'' be two GF(q) rational divisors on X, where G', G'', H', H'' are nonzero effective divisors satisfying  $supp(G') \cap supp(G'') = \emptyset$  and  $supp(H') \cap supp(H'') = \emptyset$ . Suppose  $supp(G) \cap supp(H) = \emptyset$ . Then  $L(G) \cap L(H) = 0$ .
- (2) For any positive integer t and any set P of points on X, there exists a GF(q) rational divisor G of degree t with the form G = G' G'', where G' and G'' are GF(q) rational effective divisors, such that  $supp(G) \cap P = \emptyset$ .

**Proof** Let f be a function in  $L(G) \cap L(H)$ . Then f has no pole, since  $\operatorname{supp}(G') \cap \operatorname{supp}(H') = \emptyset$ . Thus f is a constant function. On the other hand, f has to be zero at G'' and H''. Thus f = 0. The first conclusion is proved.

The second conclusion follows from Weak Approximation Theorem directly (see [12]).

#### 2 Main Results

The following Theorem 2.1 and Corollary 3.2 are the main results of this paper.

Theorem 2.1 Let X (resp. X') be a projective, absolutely irreducible smooth curve of genus g (resp. g') defined over  $GF(2^w)$  (resp.  $GF(2^{w'})$ ), P (resp. P') be a set of n  $GF(2^w)$  (resp. n',  $GF(2^{w'})$ ) rational points on X (resp. X'),  $U_1, \dots, U_m$  (resp.  $U'_1, \dots, U'_m$ ) be  $GF(2^w)$  (resp.  $GF(2^w)$ ) rational divisors on X (resp. X') satisfying  $2g - 2 < \deg(U_i) < n$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, m$  and  $\sup(\max\{U_1, \dots, U_m\}) \cap P = \emptyset$  (resp.  $2g' - 2 < \deg(\max\{U'_i\} < n'$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ ,  $\sup(\max\{U'_1, \dots, U'_m\}) \cap P' = \emptyset$ ). Suppose that  $U_i$  and  $U'_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, m$ ) are divisors of the form  $T_1 - T_2$  where  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are nonzero effective rational divisors satisfying  $\sup(T_1) \cap \sup(T_2) = \emptyset$ . We also assume  $w(\deg(U_i) - g + 1) = w'(\deg(U'_i) - g' + 1)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ . H is another  $GF(2^{w'})$ -rational divisor on X' satisfying  $\deg(H) + \deg(\max\{U'_1, \dots, U'_m\}) < n'$  and  $w'(\deg(H) - g' + 1) \ge m$ . Suppose that H is of the form  $H_1 - H_2$  where  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  are effective rational divisors. It is assumed that  $U_1, \dots, U_m$  and  $U'_1, \dots, U'_m$ , H are disjoint divisors (that is, their supports are disjoint). Then we have (wn + w'n', m) vectorial t-resilient PC(l) of order

k Boolean functions with wn + w'n' variables, where

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l = \min\{\deg(\max\{U_1, \dots, U_m\}) - 2g + 1, \deg(\max\{U'_1, \dots, U'_m\}) - 2g' + 1\},\
k = \min\{n - \deg(\max\{U_1, \dots, U_m\}) - 1, n' - \deg(\max\{U'_1, \dots, U'_m\}) - 1\},\
t = n' - \deg(\max\{U'_1, \dots, U'_m, H\}) - 1.
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If the curves, the bases of the linear space  $L(U_i)$ 's and  $\Omega(U_i)$ 's (resp.  $L(U_i')$ 's, L(H) and  $\Omega(U_i')$ 's) are explicitly given, the (wn + w'n', m) vectorial t-resilient PC(l) of order k Boolean functions can be explicitly given.

**Proof** We consider the linear codes  $D_1^i = C_L(P, U_i)$ ,  $D_2^i = C_L(P', U_i')$ . Then  $(D_1^i)^{\perp} = C_{\Omega}(P, U_i)$ ,  $(D_2^i)^{\perp} = C_{\Omega}(P', U_i')$ . Let B and B' be the self dual bases of  $GF(2^w)$  and  $GF(2^{w'})$  over GF(2). We use the linear binary codes  $C_1^i = B(D_1^i)$ ,  $C_2^i = B'(D_2^i)$ . From Proposition 1.1, we have  $(C_1^i)^{\perp} = B(C_{\Omega}(P, U_i))$ ,  $(C_2^i)^{\perp} = B'(C_{\Omega}(P', U_i'))$ . The code parameters of  $C_1^i$  and  $C_2^i$  are  $[wn, w(\deg(U_i - g + 1), \geq n - \deg(U_i)]$  and  $[w'n', m'(\deg(U_i') - g' + 1), \geq n' - \deg(U_i')]$ . The code parameters of  $(C_1^i)^{\perp}$  and  $(C_2^i)^{\perp}$  are  $[wn, w(n - \deg(U_i) + g - 1), \geq \deg(U_i) - 2g + 2]$  and  $[w'n', w'(n' - \deg(U_i') + g' - 1), \geq \deg(U_i') - 2g' + 2]$ .

Let  $Q_i$  and  $R_i$  be the generator matrices of the binary linear codes  $C_1^i$  and  $C_2^i$  respectively, for  $i=1,\cdots,m$ . Here, we note that  $Q_i$ 's (resp.  $R_i$ 's) are  $w(\deg(U_i)-g+1)\times wn$  matrices (resp.  $w'(\deg(U_i')-g'+1)\times w'n'$  matrices). Since  $w'(\deg(H)-g'+1)\geq m$ , we can find m linear independent vectors  $v_1,\cdots,v_m$  in the binary linear code  $B(C_L(H,P'))$ . Set  $\phi_i(y)=(R_i)^{\tau}Q_i(y)+v_i,\ y\in \mathrm{GF}(2)^{wn}$  for  $i=1,\cdots,m$ . In Maiorana-MacFarland construction, we get our (wn+w'n',m) Boolean function  $\mathbf{f}=(f_1,\cdots,f_m)$ . Here  $\phi_i$ 's are mappings from  $\mathrm{GF}(2)^{wn}$  to  $\mathrm{GF}(2)^{w'n'}$ . The image of  $\phi_i$  is the coset  $v_i+C_2^i$  for  $i=1,\cdots,m$ .

For any nonzero linear combination  $a_1f_1 + \cdots + a_mf_m$ , we set  $\phi(y) = \sum_i a_i\phi_i(y) + \sum_i a_iv_i$ . Then it is clear that  $\sum_i a_i\phi_i(y)$  is in the binary linear code  $B'(C_L(P', \max\{U'_1, \cdots, U'_m\}))$  and  $\sum_i a_iv_i$  is in the binary linear code  $B'(C_L(P', H))$ . Because  $\max\{U'_1, \cdots, U'_m\}$  and H are disjoint,  $\sum_i a_i\phi_i(y) + \sum_i a_iv_i$  is not zero from Lemma 1.1. On the other hand, this is a nonzero code word in  $B'(C_L(P', \max\{U'_1, \cdots, U'_m, H\}))$ , its weight is at least  $n' - \deg(\max\{U'_1, \cdots, U'_m, H\})$ . Hence  $\mathbf{f}$  is t-resilient.

From the above argument, it is also known that  $\phi(y) = \sum_i a_i \phi_i(y) + \sum_i a_i v_i$  is in the coset of the binary linear code  $B'(C_L(P', \max\{U'_1, \cdots, U'_m\}))$ , for any  $y \in GF(2)^{wn}$ . Thus the sum of arbitrary j (where,  $1 \le j \le l$ ) coordinates  $\gamma \cdot \phi(y)$  (here  $\gamma \in GF(2)^{w'n'}, 1 \le \operatorname{wt}(\gamma) \le l$ ) of this function  $\phi(y)$  is a nonzero function, since l is less than the Hamming distance of the code  $B'(C_{\Omega}(P', \max\{U'_1, \cdots, U'_m\})) = (B'(C_L(P', \max\{U'_1, \cdots, U'_m\}))^{\perp})$ . On the other hand,  $\gamma \cdot \phi(y)$  is of the form  $u \cdot y + 1$  or  $u \cdot y$  (depending on  $\gamma \cdot \left(\sum_i a_i v_i\right) = 1$  or 0), where u is a nonzero codeword in  $B(C_L(P, \max\{U_1, \cdots, U_m\}))$  with weight at least k + 1. Thus  $\gamma \cdot \phi(y)$  is a k-resilient function. The 1st condition of the Carlet Theorem is satisfied.

For any  $b \in \mathrm{GF}(2)^{wn}$ ,  $\phi(y+b)+\phi(y)=\sum_i a_i(R_i)^{\tau}Q_ib$ . If b has its weight smaller than or equal to l, it is not in  $B(C_{\Omega}(P,\max\{U_1,\cdots,U_m\}))$ , thus  $Q_ib$  can not be zero for all  $i=1,\cdots,m$ . Thus at least one  $(R_i)^{\tau}Q_ib$  is not zero. From the conditions on  $U'_1,\cdots,U'_m$  and Lemma 1.1, we know that  $\sum_i a_i(R_i)^{\tau}Q_ib$  is a nonzero codeword in  $B(C_L(P',\max\{U'_1,\cdots,U'_m\}))$ . Thus  $\phi(b)$  has its weight at least k+1. The 2nd condition of the Carlet Theorem is satisfied. The conclusion is proved.

It is well-known that in the theory of algebraic curves over finite fields, there are many curves over  $GF(2^w)$  (see [12–14]) with various numbers of rational points and genuses. Thus when we use Theorem 2.1 for constructing vectorial t-resilient PC(l) of order k functions, we have very

flexible choices of parameters l, k, wn + w'n'. This is quite similar to the role of algebraic curves in the theory of error-correcting codes. Therefore the algebraic-geometric method offer us numerous vectorial t-resilient PC(l) of order k functions. Moreover, the supports of the divisors  $U_1, \dots, U_m, U'_1, \dots, U'_m, H$  need not to be the  $GF(2^w)$  (or  $GF(2^{w'})$ ) rational points from Lemma 1.1. It is sufficient that the divisors are  $GF(2^w)$  (or  $GF(2^{w'})$ ) rational. Thus we can easily choose the sets P and P' of points and the divisors to construct vectorial resilient PC(l) of order k Boolean functions.

# 3 Constructions

In this section, some examples of vectorial t-resilient PC(l) of order k Boolean functions are constructed from Theorem 2.1. Comparing our constructions with the previously known PC(l) of order k functions in [1, 8], it seems that our constructed vectorial t-resilient PC(l) of order k functions are quite good.

When X=X' is the genus g curve which is defined over  $\mathrm{GF}(2^w)$ ,  $\deg(U_i)=\deg(U_i')=t$   $(i=1,\cdots,m)$  are m divisors with disjoint supports which are rational over  $\mathrm{GF}(2^w)$  and satisfying the conditions in Theorem 2.1. From Lemma 1.1 we can find such divisors. In the following example, P=P' are n  $\mathrm{GF}(2^w)$  points of X. So the only restriction is the upper bound of  $n\leq N(X)$ , the number of  $\mathrm{GF}(2^w)$ -rational points of X. Set H another degree t' divisor which is  $\mathrm{GF}(2^w)$ -rational divisor satisfying  $2g-2<\deg(H)< n, \ w(t'-g+1)\geq m$  and the conditions in Theorem 2.1 (from Lemma 1.1). Moreover it is assumed that its support is the set of  $\mathrm{GF}(2^{2w})$ -rational points and disjoint to the supports of  $U_1,\cdots,U_m$  from Lemma 1.1. In this construction, we have (2wn,m) vectorial (n-mt-t'-1)-resilient Boolean functions satisfying  $\mathrm{PC}(mt-2g+1)$  of order n-mt-1.

**Example 3.1** We use the genus 0 curve over GF(4) in the construction. Then (20, 2) vectorial PC(5) function is constructed if we take m = 2, t = 2, n = 5.

**Example 3.2** We use the genus 1 curve over GF(4) in the construction. Then  $n \leq 9$  (see [12, 14]). We have (4n, m) vectorial (n - mt - t' - 1)-resilient PC(mt - 1) of order n - mt - 1 Boolean functions, where  $2t' \geq m$ . Thus (36, 4) vectorial PC(7) Boolean functions are constructed, (36, 3) vectorial PC(5) of order 1 Boolean functions are constructed, (24, 2) vectorial PC(3) of order 1 Boolean functions are constructed.

When m=1, t=2 we have (n-5)-resilient  $\mathrm{SAC}(n-3)$  functions of 4n variables for n=5,6,7,8,9.

**Example 3.3** We use the genus 4 curve over GF(4) in the construction. Then  $n \le 15$  (see [14]). Suppose t > 6, t' > 6, then (4n, m) vectorial (n - mt - t' - 1)-resilient PC(mt - 7) of order n - mt - 1 Boolean functions are constructed, where  $2(t' - 3) \ge m$ . Thus we have (60, 2) vectorial PC(7) Boolean functions.

**Example 3.4** We use the Klein quartic X, an algebraic curve over GF(8) of genus 3, then  $n \leq 24$ . Suppose t > 4, t' > 4, from the construction (6n, m) vectorial (n - mt - t' - 1)-resilient PC(mt - 5) of order n - mt - 1, Boolean functions are constructed for  $n = 7, 8, \dots, 24$ , where  $3(t' - 2) \geq m$ . Thus we have (96, 3) vectorial PC(10) Boolean functions. When  $n = 16, \dots, 24$ , we have (6n, 3) vectorial (n - 21)-resilient PC(10) of order n - 16 Boolean functions.

**Corollary 3.1** Let X be an algebraic curve over  $GF(2^w)$  with genus g and n  $GF(2^w)$  rational points, and there are at least  $2g GF(2^{2w})$ -rational points on X. Then we have (2wn, g) vectorial  $(n - \lceil \frac{7g}{2} \rceil - 1)$ -resilient SAC(n - 2g - 1) Boolean functions.

Applying Theorem 2.1 to Garcia-Stichtenoth curves [5] over  $GF(2^{2w})$ , we have the following result.

**Corollary 3.2** For positive integers  $w \ge 2$  and  $h \ge 1$ , we have (4wn, m) vectorial Boolean

functions satisfying  $PC(mt-2^{2wh+1}+1)$  of order (n-mt-1) for m and n satisfying  $2^{2wh+1}+1 \le n \le (2^w-1)2^{2wh}$  and  $m \le n$ .

Comparing with the constructions in [1, 8], we can see that our method based on AG-codes offers more flexibilities for the parameters wn + w'n', m, t, k and l. The main result is more suitable for constructing vectorial resilient Boolean functions satisfying propagation criteria, because there are many  $GF(2^w)$ -rational divisors on the algebraic curves.

#### 4 Conclusion

In this paper, we present a method based on AG-codes for constructing (n, m) vectorial t-resilient Boolean functions satisfying PC(l) of order k functions. The parameters n, m, t, k and l in our constructions can be chosen quite flexibly. Many such functions of less than 100 variables have been given in our examples. The constructed Boolean functions in our paper can be given explicitly and simply implemented.

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