

Let  $\alpha$  be a primitive element of  $\mathbb{F}_p$  and  $F(X) = X^{\frac{p-1}{2}+1} + aX^{\frac{p-1}{3}+1} + bX$  be a polynomial over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . We are going to use that  $\alpha^{\frac{p-1}{2}} = -1$ ,  $\alpha^{k(p-1)} = 1$ .

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$$\begin{aligned} F(\alpha^{3k}) &= \alpha^{3k}(\alpha^{\frac{3k(p-1)}{2}} + a\alpha^{\frac{3k(p-1)}{3}} + b) \\ &= \alpha^{3k}(\alpha^{\frac{k(p-1)}{2}} + a + b) \\ &= \alpha^{3k}((-1)^k + a + b) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} F(\alpha^{3k+1}) &= \alpha^{3k+1}(\alpha^{\frac{(k+1)(p-1)}{2}} + a\alpha^{\frac{(p-1)}{3}} + b) \\ &= \alpha^{3k+1}(\alpha^{\frac{(k+1)(p-1)}{2}} + a\alpha^{\frac{p-1}{3}} + b) \\ &= \alpha^{3k+1}((-1)^{k+1} + a\alpha^{\frac{p-1}{3}} + b) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} F(\alpha^{3k+2}) &= \alpha^{3k+2}(\alpha^{\frac{(k+2)(p-1)}{2}} + a\alpha^{\frac{2(p-1)}{3}} + b) \\ &= \alpha^{3k+2}(\alpha^{\frac{(k+2)(p-1)}{2}} + a\alpha^{\frac{2(p-1)}{3}} + b) \\ &= \alpha^{3k+2}((-1)^k + a\alpha^{\frac{2(p-1)}{3}} + b) \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $l_1 = (-1)^k + a + b$ ,  $l_2 = (-1)^{k+1} + a\alpha^{\frac{p-1}{3}} + b$ ,  $l_3 = (-1)^k + a\alpha^{\frac{2(p-1)}{3}} + b$  are constants.

**Example 1.** Note 22 is a primitive root of  $\mathbb{F}_{31}$ . We have  $F(22^{3k}) = \{15, 8, 27, 2, 30, 16, 23, 4, 29, 1\}$ ,  $F(22^{3k+1}) = \{22, 20, 21, 5, 13, 9, 11, 10, 26, 18\}$  and  $F(22^{3k+2}) = \{19, 6, 28, 17, 7, 12, 25, 3, 14, 24\}$ .

Also  $22^{\frac{31-1}{3}} = 5$ ,  $22^{\frac{2(31-1)}{3}} = 25$ . We have  $l_1 = (-1)^k + a + b$ ,  $l_2 = (-1)^{k+1} + 5a + b$ ,  $l_3 = (-1)^k + 25a + b$ . Therefore  $F(22^{3k}) = 22^{3k}((-1)^k + a + b)$ ,  $F(22^{3k+1}) = 22^{3k+1}((-1)^{k+1} + 5a + b)$ ,  $F(22^{3k+2}) = 22^{3k+2}((-1)^k + 25a + b)$ . The number of PP of type  $F$  in  $\mathbb{F}_{31}$  is 0.

**Example 2.** We consider the polynomial  $F(X) = X^{19} + aX^{13} + bX$  over  $\mathbb{F}_{37}$ . In this case  $F$  is PP of  $\mathbb{F}_{37}$  for

$$[a, b] \in \{[3, 31], [4, 31], [7, 6], [9, 4], [12, 4], [16, 4], [21, 33], [25, 33], [28, 33], [30, 31][33, 6], [34, 6]\}.$$

2 We consider the polynomial  $F(X) = X^{19} + aX$  over  $\mathbb{F}_{37}$ . In this case  $F$  is PP of  $\mathbb{F}_{37}$  for

$$a \in \{7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 16, 18, 19, 21, 23, 26, 27, 29, 30, 35\}.$$

Recall  $a^2 - 1$  is quadratic residue. We consider the polynomial  $F(X) = X^{13} + aX$  over  $\mathbb{F}_{37}$ . In this case  $F$  is PP of  $\mathbb{F}_{37}$  for

$$a \in \{9, 12, 16\}.$$

5 is a primitive root of  $\mathbb{F}_{37}$ . Then

$$F(5^{3k}) = \{1, 14, 11, 6, 10, 29, 36, 23, 26, 31, 27, 8\}.$$

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$$F(5^{3k+1}) = \{5, 33, 18, 30, 13, 34, 32, 4, 19, 7, 24, 3\}.$$

Then

$$F(5^{3k+2}) = \{25, 17, 16, 2, 28, 22, 12, 20, 21, 35, 9, 15\}.$$

We have  $A_1(a, b) = \{5^{3k}((-1)^k + a + b)\}$ ,  $A_2(a, b) = \{5^{3k+1}((-1)^k + 10a + b)\}$ ,  $A_3(a, b) = \{5^{3k+2}((-1)^k + 26a + b)\}$ . Find  $(a, b)$  such that  $A_i(a, b) \cap A_j(a, b) = \{\}$ .

Let  $h = \alpha^{\frac{p-1}{3}}$ . We need to find the pairs  $(k, k')$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha^{3k}((-1)^k + a + b) &= \alpha^{3k'+1}((-1)^{k'+1} + ha + b) \\ (\alpha^{k-k'})^3 &= \alpha \left( \frac{(-1)^{k'+1} + ha + b}{(-1)^k + a + b} \right), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha^{3k}((-1)^k + a + b) &= \alpha^{3k'+2}((-1)^{k'} + h^2a + b) \\ (\alpha^{k-k'})^3 &= \alpha^2 \left( \frac{(-1)^{k'} + h^2a + b}{(-1)^k + a + b} \right), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha^{3k+1}((-1)^{k+1} + ha + b) &= \alpha^{3k'+2}((-1)^k + h^2a + b) \\ (\alpha^{k-k'})^3 &= \alpha \left( \frac{(-1)^{k'} + h^2a + b}{(-1)^{k+1} + ha + b} \right), \end{aligned}$$

We obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= h \left( \frac{(-1)^{k'+1} + ha + b}{(-1)^k + a + b} \right)^{\frac{p-1}{3}}, \\ 1 &= h^2 \left( \frac{(-1)^{k'} + h^2a + b}{(-1)^k + a + b} \right)^{\frac{p-1}{3}}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$1 = h \left( \frac{(-1)^{k'+1} + h^2a + b}{(-1)^k + ha + b} \right)^{\frac{p-1}{3}}.$$

Hence necessities conditions are

$$\begin{aligned} h^2 &\neq \left( \frac{(-1)^{k'+1} + ha + b}{(-1)^k + a + b} \right)^{\frac{p-1}{3}}, \\ h &\neq \left( \frac{(-1)^{k'+1} + h^2a + b}{(-1)^k + a + b} \right)^{\frac{p-1}{3}}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$h^2 \neq \left( \frac{(-1)^{k'+1} + h^2a + b}{(-1)^k + ha + b} \right)^{\frac{p-1}{3}}.$$

Let  $\eta$  be the legendre character, i.e.,  $\eta(a) = a^{\frac{p-1}{2}}$ . Then

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$$\begin{aligned} \eta(\alpha^{3k}((-1)^k + a + b)) &= \eta(\alpha^{3k'+1}((-1)^{k'+1} + ha + b)) \\ (-1)^k \eta((-1)^k + a + b) &= (-1)^{k'+1} \eta((-1)^{k'+1} + ha + b) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\eta(\alpha^{3k}((-1)^k + a + b)) &= \eta(\alpha^{3k'+2}((-1)^{k'+1} + h^2a + b)) \\ (-1)^k \eta((-1)^k + a + b) &= (-1)^{k'} \eta((-1)^{k'+1} + h^2a + b)\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\eta(\alpha^{3k+1}((-1)^k + ha + b)) &= \eta(\alpha^{3k'+2}((-1)^{k'+1} + h^2a + b)) \\ (-1)^{k+1} \eta((-1)^k + ha + b) &= (-1)^{k'} \eta((-1)^{k'+1} + h^2a + b)\end{aligned}$$