

# Rédei permutations with the same cycle structure

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## Rédei functions

- ▶ Let  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_q) := \mathbb{F}_q \cup \{\infty\}$ .
- ▶ Write  $(x + \sqrt{y})^m$  as  $N(x, y) + D(x, y)\sqrt{y}$ .
- ▶ For  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $a \in \mathbb{F}_q$ , the *Rédei function* is  $R_{m,a} : \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_q) \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_q)$  where

$$R_{m,a}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{N(x, a)}{D(x, a)} & \text{if } D(x, a) \neq 0, x \neq \infty \\ \infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- ▶ When  $a \neq 0$  and  $q$  is odd, Carlitz showed that

$$R_{m,a}(x) = \sqrt{a} \frac{(x + \sqrt{a})^m + (x - \sqrt{a})^m}{(x + \sqrt{a})^m - (x - \sqrt{a})^m}.$$

## Rédei functions

$$R_{1,a}(x) = x$$

$$R_{2,a}(x) = \frac{x^2 + a}{2x}$$

$$R_{3,a}(x) = \frac{x^3 + 3ax}{3x^2 + a}$$

$$R_{4,a}(x) = \frac{x^4 + 6ax^2 + a^2}{4x^3 + 4ax}$$

$$R_{5,a}(x) = \frac{x^5 + 10ax^3 + 5a^2x}{5x^4 + 10ax^2 + a^2}$$

$$R_{6,a}(x) = \frac{x^6 + 15ax^4 + 15a^2x^2 + a^3}{6x^5 + 20ax^3 + 6a^2x}$$

$$R_{7,a}(x) = \frac{x^7 + 21ax^5 + 35a^2x^3 + 7a^3x}{7x^6 + 35ax^4 + 21a^2x^2 + a^3}$$

## Rédei functions

- ▶ From now on,  $q$  is odd.
- ▶ Let  $\chi(a)$  be the quadratic character of  $a \in \mathbb{F}_q^*$ , that is,

$$\chi(a) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a \text{ is a square in } \mathbb{F}_q^* \\ -1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- ▶  $R_{m,a}$  and  $R_{n,a}$  induce the same function if and only if  $m \equiv n \pmod{q - \chi(a)}$ .

## Rédei permutations

- ▶ For  $a \neq 0$ ,  $R_{m,a}$  induces a permutation of  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_q)$  if and only if  $\gcd(m, q - \chi(a)) = 1$ .
- ▶ If  $q$  is odd, then  $m$  is odd.

## The cycle structure of a Rédei permutation

Proposition (Qureshi and Panario, 2015)

(a) *The decomposition of the Rédei permutation  $R_{m,a}$  into cycles is*

$$\bigoplus_{d|q-\chi(a)} \left\{ \frac{\varphi(d)}{o_d(m)} \times \text{Cyc}(o_d(m)) \right\} \oplus (\chi(a) + 1) \times \{\bullet\}$$

where  $\text{Cyc}(c)$  denotes a  $c$ -cycle.

(b) *The number of fixed points of  $R_{m,a}$  is  $\gcd(m-1, q-\chi(a)) + \chi(a) + 1$ .*

## Main question

When do  $R_{m,a}$  and  $R_{n,b}$  have the same cycle structure?

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★ Recall: The decomposition of the Rédei permutation  $R_{m,a}$  into cycles is

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where  $\text{Cyc}(c)$  denotes a  $c$ -cycle.

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## A general criterion

Proposition (Deng, 2013)

Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be finite sets, and  $f_1: X_1 \rightarrow X_1$  and  $f_2: X_2 \rightarrow X_2$  be permutations.

Then  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  have the same cycle structure if and only if  $f_1^r$  and  $f_2^r$  have the same number of fixed points for every positive integer  $r$ .



## The number of fixed points of $R_{m,a}^r$

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★ Recall:  $R_{m,a}$  has  $\gcd(m-1, q - \chi(a)) + \chi(a) + 1$  fixed points.

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▶  $R_{m,a} \circ R_{n,a} = R_{mn,a}$

▶  $\underbrace{R_{m,a} \circ \cdots \circ R_{m,a}}_{r \text{ times}} = R_{m^r,a}$

▶ The number of fixed points in the  $r^{\text{th}}$  iterate of  $R_{m,a}$  is

$$\gcd(m^r - 1, q - \chi(a)) + \chi(a) + 1.$$

# A criterion for Rédei permutations

## Proposition

The Rédei permutations  $R_{m,a}$  and  $R_{n,b}$  have the same cycle structure if and only if

$$\gcd(m^r - 1, q - \chi(a)) + \chi(a) = \gcd(n^r - 1, q - \chi(b)) + \chi(b)$$

for all positive integers  $r$ .

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- ▶ In this talk, we focus on the case  $\chi(a) = \chi(b) = \chi$ . We need

$$\gcd(m^r - 1, q - \chi) = \gcd(n^r - 1, q - \chi)$$

for all positive integers  $r$ .

- ▶ Work in progress: the case  $\chi(a) \neq \chi(b)$ .

## Example: $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_{49})$

[3, 13, 17, 23, 27, 33, 37, 47]
[7, 43]
[9, 19, 29, 39]
[11, 21, 31, 41]

(a)  $\chi = -1$

[5, 29]
[7, 31]
[11, 35]
[13, 37]
[19, 43]
[23, 47]

(b)  $\chi = 1$

Lists with values of  $m$  and  $n$  for which  $R_{m,a}$  and  $R_{n,b}$  have the same cycle structure when  $\chi(a) = \chi(b) = \chi$  over  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_{49})$ .

- $\chi = -1$ ; Pattern: +10, +10, +10, +10

[3, 13, 17, 23, 27, 33, 37, 47]
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[9, 19, 29, 39]
[11, 21, 31, 41]

numbers in symmetric positions add up to 50

numbers in symmetric positions add up to 50

numbers in symmetric positions add up to 48

numbers in symmetric positions add up to 52, the above list +2

- $\chi = 1$ ; Pattern: +24, +24, +24, +24, +24, +24

[5, 29]
[7, 31]
[11, 35]
[13, 37]
[19, 43]
[23, 47]

the above list +2

the above list +4

the above list +2

the above list +6

the above list +4

## Question 1

Can we find **families** of Rédei permutations with the same cycle structure?

## Families of Rédei permutations with the same cycle structure

$q$	$m$	$n$	Conditions
$p^k$	$p^{\ell_1}$	$p^{\ell_2}$	$1 \leq \ell_1, \ell_2 < k$ , $\gcd(\ell_1, k) = \gcd(\ell_2, k)$ If $\chi = -1$ , then $\nu_2(\ell_1), \nu_2(\ell_2)$ is either $>$ or $\leq \nu_2(k)$ .
$p^{2k}$	$p$	$p^{2k} - p + 1$	$\chi = -1$
$\chi \pmod{8}$	$\frac{q - \chi}{4} + 1$	$\frac{3(q - \chi)}{4} + 1$	None
$\chi \pm 2 \pmod{8}$	$\frac{q - \chi \pm 2}{4}$	$\frac{q - \chi \pm 4}{2}$	None

# The cycle structure of the families

$\chi$	$q$	$m$	$n$	Cycle Structure
-1	$p^k$ $k$ odd prime	$p^{\ell_1}$ $1 \leq \ell_1 < k$ $\ell_1$ odd	$p^{\ell_2}$ $1 \leq \ell_2 < k$ $\ell_2$ odd	$(2 \times \{\bullet\}) \oplus \left(\frac{p-1}{2} \times \text{Cyc}(2)\right) \oplus \left(\frac{p^k-p}{2k} \times \text{Cyc}(2k)\right)$
-1	$p^k$ $k$ odd prime	$p^{\ell_1}$ $1 \leq \ell_1 < k$ $\ell_1$ even	$p^{\ell_2}$ $1 \leq \ell_2 < k$ $\ell_2$ even	$((p+1) \times \{\bullet\}) \oplus \left(\frac{p^k-p}{k} \times \text{Cyc}(k)\right)$
1	$p^k$ $k$ prime	$p^{\ell_1}$ $1 \leq \ell_1 < k$	$p^{\ell_2}$ $1 \leq \ell_2 < k$	$((p+1) \times \{\bullet\}) \oplus \left(\frac{p^k-p}{k} \times \text{Cyc}(k)\right)$
-1	$p^{2k}$	$p$	$p^{2k} - p + 1$	$(2 \times \{\bullet\}) \oplus \bigoplus_{\substack{d 2k \\ \nu_2(d)=\nu_2(2k)}} (N_{2d} \times \text{Cyc}(2d))$ where $2dN_{2d} = p^d + 1 - \sum_{\substack{s 2d \\ \nu_2(s)=\nu_2(2d)}} 2sN_{2s} - 2$
$\chi$	$\chi \pmod{8}$	$\frac{q-\chi}{4} + 1$	$\frac{3(q-\chi)}{4} + 1$	$\begin{cases} \left( \left( \frac{q-\chi}{4} + \chi + 1 \right) \times \{\bullet\} \right) \oplus \left( \frac{3(q-\chi)}{8} \times \text{Cyc}(2) \right) & \text{if } \frac{q-\chi}{8} \text{ is odd} \\ \left( \left( \frac{q-\chi}{4} + \chi + 1 \right) \times \{\bullet\} \right) \oplus \left( \frac{q-\chi}{8} \times \text{Cyc}(2) \right) \oplus \left( \frac{q-\chi}{8} \times \text{Cyc}(4) \right) & \text{if } \frac{q-\chi}{8} \text{ is even} \end{cases}$

## Example: $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_{360})$

$R_{3,a}$  and  $R_{360-2,b}$  have the same cycle structure on  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_{360})$  when  $\chi(a) = \chi(b) = -1$ . To obtain the number of cycles and their corresponding lengths, we consider every positive divisor  $d$  of  $2k = 60$  with  $\nu_2(d) = \nu_2(60) = 2$ .

- For  $d = 4$ , we get  $N_8 = (3^4 + 1 - 2) / 8$ , so  $N_8 = 10$ .
- For  $d = 12$ , we get  $N_{24} = (3^{12} + 1 - 8N_8 - 2) / 24$ , so  $N_{24} = 22, 140$
- For  $d = 20$ , we get  $N_{40} = (3^{20} + 1 - 8N_8 - 2) / 40$ , so  $N_{40} = 87, 169, 608$ .
- For  $d = 60$ , we get  $N_{120} = (3^{60} + 1 - 8N_8 - 24N_{24} - 40N_{40} - 2) / 120$ , so

$$N_{120} = 353, 259, 652, 293, 468, 362, 590, 059, 312.$$

Hence the cycle structure is

$$(2 \times \{\bullet\}) \oplus (10 \times \text{Cyc}(8)) \oplus (22, 140 \times \text{Cyc}(24)) \oplus (87, 169, 608 \times \text{Cyc}(40)) \\ \oplus (353, 259, 652, 293, 468, 362, 590, 059, 312 \times \text{Cyc}(120)).$$



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initial families

(a)  $\chi = -1$

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initial families

(b)  $\chi = 1$

Lists with values of  $m$  and  $n$  for which  $R_{m,a}$  and  $R_{n,b}$  have the same cycle structure when  $\chi(a) = \chi(b) = \chi$  over  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_{49})$ .

$\chi$	$q$	$m$	$n$	Cycle Structure
-1	$p^k$ $k$ odd prime	$p^{\ell_1}$ $1 \leq \ell_1 < k$ $\ell_1$ odd	$p^{\ell_2}$ $1 \leq \ell_2 < k$ $\ell_2$ odd	$(2 \times \{\bullet\}) \oplus \left(\frac{p-1}{2} \times \text{Cyc}(2)\right) \oplus \left(\frac{p^k-p}{2k} \times \text{Cyc}(2k)\right)$
-1	$p^k$ $k$ odd prime	$p^{\ell_1}$ $1 \leq \ell_1 < k$ $\ell_1$ even	$p^{\ell_2}$ $1 \leq \ell_2 < k$ $\ell_2$ even	$((p+1) \times \{\bullet\}) \oplus \left(\frac{p^k-p}{k} \times \text{Cyc}(k)\right)$
1	$p^k$ $k$ prime	$p^{\ell_1}$ $1 \leq \ell_1 < k$	$p^{\ell_2}$ $1 \leq \ell_2 < k$	$((p+1) \times \{\bullet\}) \oplus \left(\frac{p^k-p}{k} \times \text{Cyc}(k)\right)$
-1	$p^{2k}$	$p$	$p^{2k} - p + 1$	$(2 \times \{\bullet\}) \oplus \bigoplus_{\substack{d 2k \\ \nu_2(d)=\nu_2(2k)}} (N_{2d} \times \text{Cyc}(2d))$ where $2dN_{2d} = p^d + 1 - \sum_{\substack{s 2d \\ \nu_2(s)=\nu_2(2d)}} 2sN_{2s} - 2$
$\chi$	$\chi \pmod{8}$	$\frac{q-\chi}{4} + 1$	$\frac{3(q-\chi)}{4} + 1$	$\begin{cases} \left(\left(\frac{q-\chi}{4} + \chi + 1\right) \times \{\bullet\}\right) \oplus \left(\frac{3(q-\chi)}{8} \times \text{Cyc}(2)\right) & \text{if } \frac{q-\chi}{8} \text{ is odd} \\ \left(\left(\frac{q-\chi}{4} + \chi + 1\right) \times \{\bullet\}\right) \oplus \left(\frac{q-\chi}{8} \times \text{Cyc}(2)\right) \oplus \left(\frac{q-\chi}{8} \times \text{Cyc}(4)\right) & \text{if } \frac{q-\chi}{8} \text{ is even} \end{cases}$

## Question 2

Can we describe the Rédei permutations that decompose into 1- and  $j$ -cycles?

## 1- and $j$ -cycles

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★ Recall: The  $j^{\text{th}}$  iterate of  $R_{m,a}$  has  $\gcd(m^j - 1, q - \chi(a)) + \chi(a) + 1$  fixed points.

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► If  $R_{m,a}$  decomposes into 1- and  $j$ -cycles, then

$$\gcd(m^j - 1, q - \chi(a)) + \chi(a) + 1 = q + 1.$$

## $(q, \chi, j)$ -admissible integers

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★ Recall:  $R_{m,a}$  has  $\gcd(m-1, q - \chi(a)) + \chi(a) + 1$  fixed points.

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### Definition

An integer  $d$  is  $(q, \chi, j)$ -admissible if there exists an  $R_{m,a}$  that decomposes into 1- and  $j$ -cycles with  $d + \chi + 1$  fixed points and  $\chi(a) = \chi$ .

▶  $d = \gcd(m-1, q - \chi)$

When  $j = p$  is prime

### Proposition

Let  $p$  be a prime,  $q - \chi = p_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots p_r^{\alpha_r}$  and  $d = p_1^{\beta_1} \cdots p_r^{\beta_r}$  with  $0 \leq \beta_i \leq \alpha_i$ . Then  $d$  is  $(q, \chi, p)$ -admissible if and only if

$$\beta_i = \begin{cases} \alpha_i - 1 \text{ or } \alpha_i & \text{if } p_i = p > 2 \text{ and } \alpha_i \geq 2 \\ 1, \alpha_i - 1 \text{ or } \alpha_i & \text{if } p_i = p = 2 \text{ and } \alpha_i \geq 2 \\ 0 \text{ or } \alpha_i & \text{if } p_i \equiv 1 \pmod{p} \\ \alpha_i & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for each  $i \in \{1, \dots, r\}$ .

## An existence condition

- ▶ Case  $p = 2$ : Rédei involutions always exist.

### Corollary

*Let  $p$  be an odd prime. There exists a Rédei permutation with 1- and  $p$ -cycles if and only if  $q - 1$  or  $q + 1$  has a prime factor of the form  $pk + 1$  or is divisible by  $p^2$ .*

## A characterization of Rédei permutations with 1- and $p$ -cycles

### Theorem

Let  $p$  be a prime and  $d$  be a  $(q, \chi, p)$ -admissible integer. The Rédei permutation  $R_{m,a}$  has  $d + \chi + 1$  fixed points and  $p$ -cycles if and only if

(i)  $m$  is a solution to

$$\begin{cases} m \equiv 1 & (\text{mod } d) \\ m^{p-1} + m^{p-2} + \dots + m + 1 \equiv 0 & (\text{mod } (q - \chi)/d) \end{cases}$$

(ii)  $p^{\nu_p(q-\chi)} \nmid m - 1$ , if  $\nu_p(d) = \nu_p(q - \chi) - 1$ .



# Counting

## Proposition

Let  $p$  be an odd prime and  $d$  be  $(q, \chi, p)$ -admissible. Let  $M_d$  be the number of Rédei permutations with fixed parameter  $a$ ,  $d + \chi + 1$  fixed points, and  $p$ -cycles. Then

$$M_d = \begin{cases} (p-1)^u & \text{if } \nu_p(d) = \nu_p(q - \chi) \\ (p-1)^{u+1} & \text{if } \nu_p(d) = \nu_p(q - \chi) - 1, \end{cases}$$

where  $u = |\{p' \text{ prime: } p' \equiv 1 \pmod{p}, p' \mid q - \chi \text{ and } p' \nmid d\}|$ .

# Rédei involutions

## Theorem

Let  $q - \chi = 2^{\alpha_0} p_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots p_r^{\alpha_r}$  be the prime factorization of  $q - \chi$ , and  $d = 2^{\beta_0} p_1^{\beta_1} \cdots p_r^{\beta_r}$  be a proper divisor of  $q - \chi$ . Then there exists a Rédei involution  $R_{m,a}$  with  $d + \chi + 1$  fixed points over  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_q)$  if and only if  $\beta_i \in \{0, \alpha_i\}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq r$  and one of the following situations occurs:

(i)  $\beta_0 \in \{\alpha_0 - 1, \alpha_0\}$  and  $\beta_0 \geq 1$ . In this case,  $R_{m,a}$  has a unique cycle structure and  $m \equiv k(q - \chi)/d - 1 \pmod{q - \chi}$  for

$$k = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{q - \chi}{2d}\right)^{\varphi(d)-1} + \frac{d}{2} & \text{if } \beta_0 = \alpha_0 - 1 \\ 2 \left(\frac{q - \chi}{d}\right)^{\varphi(d)-1} & \text{if } \beta_0 = \alpha_0 \end{cases}$$

with  $k$  reduced modulo  $d$ .

(ii)  $\alpha_0 \geq 3$  and  $\beta_0 = 1$ . In this case,  $R_{m,a}$  and  $R_{n,b}$  have the same cycle structure, where  $m$  or  $n \equiv k(q - \chi)/d - 1 \pmod{q - \chi}$  for

$$k = \left( \frac{q - \chi}{2d} \right)^{\varphi(d)-1}$$

with  $k$  reduced modulo  $d$ , and  $m \equiv n + (q - \chi)/2 \pmod{q - \chi}$ .

## Example: $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_{125})$

►  $\chi(a) = 1: q - 1 = 2^2 \cdot 31$

$j$	prime $jk + 1$ , $jk + 1 \mid q - 1$ ?	$j^2 \mid q - 1$ ?	$d$	$M_d$	$m$	# fixed points	# $j$ -cycles
2	N/A		2	1	123	4	61
			4	1	61	6	60
			62	1	63	64	31
3	yes, 31	no	4	2	5, 25	6	40
4	no	N/A					
5	yes, 31	no	4	4	33, 97, 101, 109	6	24
prime $\geq 7$	no	no					

## Example: $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_{125})$

►  $\chi(a) = -1: q + 1 = 2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7$

$j$	prime $jk + 1$ , $jk + 1 \mid q + 1$ ?	$j^2 \mid q + 1$ ?	$d$	$M_d$	$m$	# fixed points	# $j$ -cycles
2	N/A		2	1	125	2	62
			14	1	71	14	56
			18	1	55	18	54
3	yes, 7	yes	6	4	25, 67, 79, 121	6	40
			18	2	37, 109	18	36
			42	2	43, 85	42	28
4	no	N/A					
prime $\geq 5$	no	no					

## Example: $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_{49})$

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[7, 43]	initial families
[9, 19, 29, 39]	
[11, 21, 31, 41]	1-and 5-cycles

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[7, 31]	
[11, 35]	
[13, 37]	initial families
[19, 43]	
[23, 47]	involutions

(b)  $\chi = 1$

Lists with values of  $m$  and  $n$  for which  $R_{m,a}$  and  $R_{n,b}$  have the same cycle structure when  $\chi(a) = \chi(b) = \chi$  over  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_{49})$ .

Back to the main question

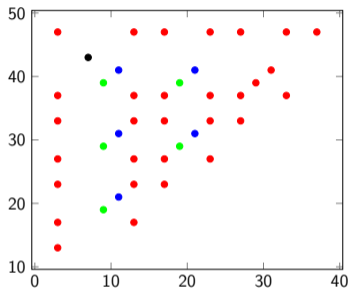
When do  $R_{m,a}$  and  $R_{n,b}$  have the same cycle structure?

## The set $S_\chi^q$

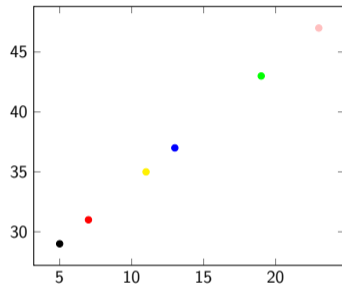
- ▶  $S_\chi^q = \{(m, n) \in \mathbb{N}^2 : R_{m,a} \text{ and } R_{n,b} \text{ are Rédei permutations with the same cycle structure for some } a, b \in \mathbb{F}_q \text{ with } \chi(a) = \chi(b) = \chi\}$ .
- ▶ Clearly,  $(m, n) \in S_\chi^q$  if and only if  $(n, m) \in S_\chi^q$ .



# Plotting the points in $S_{\chi}^{49}$



(a)  $\chi = -1$



(b)  $\chi = 1$

Pairs  $(m, n) \in S_{\chi}^{49}$  with  $1 < m < n < 49 - \chi$ , color-coded by their cycle structures.

## The distribution of the points in $S_{-1}^{49}$ over lines

Equation of the line	Pairs $(m, n)$ lying on the line
$y = x + 4$	$(13, 17), (23, 27), (33, 37)$
$y = x + 6$	$(17, 23), (27, 33)$
$y = x + 10$	$(3, 13), (9, 19), (11, 21), (13, 23), (17, 27), (19, 29), (21, 31), (23, 33), (27, 37), (29, 39), (31, 41), (37, 47)$
$y = x + 14$	$(3, 17), (13, 27), (23, 37), (33, 47)$
$y = x + 16$	$(17, 33)$
$y = x + 20$	$(3, 23), (9, 29), (11, 31), (13, 33), (17, 37), (19, 39), (21, 41), (27, 47)$
$y = x + 24$	$(3, 27), (13, 37), (23, 47)$
$y = x + 30$	$(3, 33), (9, 39), (11, 41), (17, 47)$
$y = x + 34$	$(3, 37), (13, 47)$
$y = x + 36$	$(7, 43)$
$y = x + 44$	$(3, 47)$

The distribution of the pairs  $(m, n) \in S_{-1}^{49}$  over eleven lines.

## A complete characterization of $S_{\chi}^q$

### Theorem

Suppose  $q - \chi = p_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots p_t^{\alpha_t}$  is the prime factorization of  $q - \chi$ ,  $m$  is coprime with  $q - \chi$ , and  $\theta_i = o_{p_i}(m)$ . Then  $(m, n) \in S_{\chi}^q$  if and only if  $n = m + k(q - \chi)/d$ , where  $d$  is a proper divisor of  $q - \chi$  and  $k$  is an integer, and for each  $p_i$  that divides  $d$  the following conditions hold:

- (i)  $p_i \nmid n$  and  $o_{p_i}(n) = \theta_i$ ,
- (ii)  $\gcd(m^{\theta_i} - 1, p_i^{\alpha_i}) = \gcd(n^{\theta_i} - 1, p_i^{\alpha_i})$ .
- (iii) If  $p_i = 2$ ,  $\alpha_i > 1$  and  $\nu_2(m - 1) = 1$ , then  $\gcd(m^2 - 1, 2^{\alpha_i}) = \gcd(n^2 - 1, 2^{\alpha_i})$ .

## Idea of the proof

▶ Recall:  $(m, n) \in S_\chi^q$  if and only if  $\gcd(m^r - 1, q - \chi) = \gcd(n^r - 1, q - \chi)$  for all positive integers  $r$ .

▶  $q - \chi = p_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots p_t^{\alpha_t} \implies \gcd(m^r - 1, q - \chi) = \prod_{i=1}^t \gcd(m^r - 1, p_i^{\alpha_i})$

▶ If  $p$  is odd and  $\theta = o_p(m)$ , then  $\nu_p(m^r - 1) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } \theta \nmid r \\ \nu_p(m^\theta - 1) + \nu_p(r) & \text{if } r = t\theta \end{cases}$

▶ If  $p = 2$ , then  $\nu_2(m^r - 1) = \begin{cases} \nu_2(m - 1) & \text{if } r \text{ is odd} \\ \nu_2(m^2 - 1) + \nu_2(r) - 1 & \text{if } r \text{ is even} \end{cases}$

## Symmetries in $S_\chi^q$

### Proposition

Suppose  $q - \chi = p_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots p_r^{\alpha_r}$  is the prime factorization of  $q - \chi$  and  $d$  is a proper divisor of  $q - \chi$ . If  $(m, n) \in S_\chi^q$ , then  $(m + k(q - \chi)/d, n + k(q - \chi)/d) \in S_\chi^q$  if and only if for each  $p_i$  that divides  $d$  the following conditions hold:

- (i)  $p_i \nmid m + k(q - \chi)/d, n + k(q - \chi)/d$  and  
 $\theta_i := o_{p_i}(m + k(q - \chi)/d) = o_{p_i}(n + k(q - \chi)/d)$ ,
- (ii)  $\gcd((m + k(q - \chi)/d)^{\theta_i} - 1, p_i^{\alpha_i}) = \gcd((n + k(q - \chi)/d)^{\theta_i} - 1, p_i^{\alpha_i})$ .
- (iii) If  $p_i = 2$ ,  $\alpha_i > 1$  and  $\nu_2((m + k(q - \chi)/d) - 1) = 1$ , then  
 $\gcd((m + k(q - \chi)/d)^2 - 1, 2^{\alpha_i}) = \gcd((n + k(q - \chi)/d)^2 - 1, 2^{\alpha_i})$ .

Equation of the line	Generator $(m, n)$	$d$	$(m + k \cdot 50/d, n + k \cdot 50/d),$ $(n + k \cdot 50/d, m + k \cdot 50/d)$ in $\mathbb{Z}_{50}^2$
$y = x + 4$	(13, 17)	5	(23, 27), (33, 37)
$y = x + 44$ $y = x + 6$	(3, 47)	5	(17, 23), (27, 33)
$y = x + 10$	(3, 13)	25	(9, 19), (11, 21), (13, 23), (17, 27), (19, 29), (21, 31), (23, 33), (27, 37), (29, 39), (31, 41), (37, 47)
$y = x + 14$ $y = x + 36$	(3, 17)	5	(13, 27), (23, 37), (33, 47) (7, 43)
$y = x + 34$ $y = x + 16$	(3, 37)	5	(13, 47) (17, 33)
$y = x + 20$	(3, 23)	25	(9, 29), (11, 31), (13, 33), (17, 37), (19, 39), (21, 41), (27, 47)
$y = x + 24$	(3, 27)	5	(13, 37), (23, 47)
$y = x + 30$	(3, 33)	25	(9, 39), (11, 41), (17, 47)

The distribution of the points over eleven lines and their corresponding generators.

All Rédei permutations  $R_{m,a}$  over  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_{49})$ , with  $1 \leq m < 49 - \chi(a)$

$\chi(a)$	$m$	Cycle Structure
-1	1	$50 \times \{\bullet\}$
-1	3, 13, 17, 23, 27, 33, 37, 47	$(2 \times \{\bullet\}) \oplus (2 \times \text{Cyc}(4)) \oplus (2 \times \text{Cyc}(20))$
-1	7, 43	$(2 \times \{\bullet\}) \oplus (12 \times \text{Cyc}(4))$
-1	9, 19, 29, 39	$(2 \times \{\bullet\}) \oplus (4 \times \text{Cyc}(2)) \oplus (4 \times \text{Cyc}(10))$
-1	11, 21, 31, 41	$(10 \times \{\bullet\}) \oplus (8 \times \text{Cyc}(5))$
-1	49	$(2 \times \{\bullet\}) \oplus (24 \times \text{Cyc}(2))$
1	1	$50 \times \{\bullet\}$
1	5, 29	$(6 \times \{\bullet\}) \oplus (10 \times \text{Cyc}(2)) \oplus (6 \times \text{Cyc}(4))$
1	7, 31	$(8 \times \{\bullet\}) \oplus (21 \times \text{Cyc}(2))$
1	11, 35	$(4 \times \{\bullet\}) \oplus (11 \times \text{Cyc}(2)) \oplus (6 \times \text{Cyc}(4))$
1	13, 37	$(14 \times \{\bullet\}) \oplus (6 \times \text{Cyc}(2)) \oplus (6 \times \text{Cyc}(4))$
1	17	$(18 \times \{\bullet\}) \oplus (16 \times \text{Cyc}(2))$
1	19, 43	$(8 \times \{\bullet\}) \oplus (9 \times \text{Cyc}(2)) \oplus (6 \times \text{Cyc}(4))$
1	23, 47	$(4 \times \{\bullet\}) \oplus (23 \times \text{Cyc}(2))$
1	25	$(26 \times \{\bullet\}) \oplus (12 \times \text{Cyc}(2))$
1	41	$(10 \times \{\bullet\}) \oplus (20 \times \text{Cyc}(2))$

## Theorem

*The only isolated Rédei permutations are the isolated Rédei involutions.*

► Idea of the proof:

If  $R_{m,a}$  is not an involution, then  $\rho := o_{q-\chi}(m) > 2$ . In this case, the pair  $(m, m^{\rho-1})$  is in  $S_\chi^q$ .



## Final remark

The mappings

$$\begin{aligned} R_{m,a}: \mathbb{D}_q &\rightarrow \mathbb{D}_q \\ f_m: \mathbb{Z}_{q-\chi} &\rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{q-\chi}, & x &\mapsto mx \\ g_m: \mathbb{C}_q &\rightarrow \mathbb{C}_q, & x &\mapsto x^m \end{aligned}$$

have the same cycle structure, where

$$\mathbb{D}_q = \begin{cases} \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_q) & \text{if } \chi(a) = -1 \\ \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_q) \setminus \{\pm\sqrt{a}\} & \text{if } \chi(a) = 1, \end{cases} \quad \mathbb{C}_q = \begin{cases} U_{q+1} & \text{if } \chi(a) = -1 \\ \mathbb{F}_q^* & \text{if } \chi(a) = 1, \end{cases}$$

and  $U_{q+1}$  is the subgroup of order  $q+1$  in  $\mathbb{F}_{q^2}$ .

Thank you!

