# Constructing Recursive MDS Matrices Effective for Implementation from Reed-Solomon Codes and Preserving the Recursive Property of MDS Matrix of Scalar Multiplication 

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#### Abstract

MDS matrices from Maximum Distance Separable codes (MDS codes) and MDS matrix transformations have important applications in cryptography. However, MDS matrices always have a large description and cannot be sparse, causing costly hardware/software implementations. Recursive MDS matrices allow to solve this problem as they can be a power of a simple serial matrix, so there is a compact description suitable even for constrained processing environments. In this paper, the method for constructing recursive MDS matrices effective for implementation from Reed-Solomon codes is presented. In addition, preserving the recursive property of MDS matrix of scalar multiplication transformation is given. The recursive MDS matrices effective for implementation are meaningful in hardware implementation, and the ability to preserve recursive property of MDS matrix of scalar multiplication transformation also has important applications for efficiently building dynamic block ciphers to improve the security of block ciphers.


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## 1. Introduction

Using MDS matrices in block ciphers was first introduced by Serge Vaudenay in FSE'95 [13] as a linear case of multipermutations. These multipermutations characterize the notion of perfect diffusion [12] which requires that the change of any $t$ out of $m$ input bits must affect at least $m-t+1$ output bits.

For block ciphers, the security against strong attacks (such as linear and differential attacks) depends on branchnumber [5, 15] of diffusion layer. The larger the branch number, the higher the security.As MDS matrices give maximum branch numbers for the linear transformations corresponding with them, they have been used for diffusion layer in many block ciphers such as: AES, SHARK, Square, Twofish, Anubis, Khazad, Manta, Hierocrypt. They are also used in stream ciphers like MUGI and cryptographic hash functions like WHIRLPOOL.

In addition, recursive MDS matrices (powers of serial matrices) [9] have been studied by many authors in the literature because of its important applications in lightweight cryptography, such as [1, 2, 6, 11, 14]. However, according to these studies, searching for such recursive MDS matrices required to perform an exhaustive search on families of serial matrices, thus limiting the size of MDS matrices one could look for [2] or to use some other rather complex methods such as constructing recursive MDS matrices from shortened BCH codes [1]. In [8], we gave a method for efficiently and simply constructing recursive MDS matrices from Reed-Solomon (RS) codes, but not to mention to finding recursive MDS matrices effective for implementation from this method.

To further enhance the security of the block ciphers, some MDS matrix transformations have been studied to generate dynamic block ciphers later such as: scalar multiplication [10], permutations of rows and columns [3,4], direct exponent [10]. The scalar multiplication for MDS matrix was first published by Murtaza and Ikram [10] but the authors did not show the preservation of some good cryptographic properties of MDS matrix by the transformation. In [7], we showed that the scalar multiplication is capable of preserving some good cryptographic properties of the MDS matrix, but not to mention to preservation of recursive property of MDS matrix of the scalar multiplication transformation.

In this paper, the method for constructing recursive MDS matrices effective for implementation (meaning that inverse diffusion layer can use the same circuit as the diffusion layer itself in hardware implementation) from Reed-Solomon codes is presented. In addition, preserving the recursive property of MDS matrix of the scalar multiplication transformation is given. The recursive MDS matrices effective for implementation are meaningful in hardware implementation, and the ability to preserve recursive property of MDS matrix of scalar multiplication transformation also has important applications for efficiently building dynamic block ciphers to improve the security of block ciphers.

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, preliminaries and related works are introduced. Section 3 presents the method for constructing recursive MDS matrices effective for implementation from Reed-Solomon codes and experimental results. Section 4 provides preserving the recursive property of MDS matrix of the scalar multiplication transformation. Finally, conclusion is given in Section5.

## 2. Preliminaries and Related Works

### 2.1 RS Code

A $R S$ code over $G F(q)=G F\left(p^{m}\right)$ is a BCH code of length $n=q-1$. Suppose $\alpha$ is a primitive element of the field. A $R S$ code of length $n=q-1$ designed with distance $d$ will have a corresponding generator polynomial of degree $d-1$ as follow:

$$
\begin{equation*}
g(x)=\left(x-\alpha^{b}\right)\left(x-\alpha^{b+1}\right) \ldots\left(x-\alpha^{b+d-2}\right) \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $b$ is a pre-selected value ( $b \in N, b \geq 1$ ).
In [9], the authors showed that a $R S[n, k, d]$ code generated from the polynomial of the form (1) is an MDS code i.e. it satisfies the condition: $d=n-k+1$.

### 2.2 Recursive MDS Matrix

It can be definited a general recursive MDS matrixanda recursive MDS matrix as a power of aserial matrix as follows:

Definition 1. Let $A=\left[a_{i, j}\right]_{m \times m}, a_{i, j} \in G F\left(p^{r}\right)$, be an MDS matrix. $A$ is called a recursive MDS matrix if there exists a matrix $S$ of size $m$ over $G F\left(p^{r}\right)$ and a non-negative integer $k$ such that: $A=S^{k}$.

Definition 2. Let $A=\left[a_{i, j}\right]_{m \times m}, a_{i, j} \in G F\left(p^{r}\right)$ be an MDS matrix. $A$ is called a recursive MDS matrix as a power of a serial matrix if there exists a serial matrix $S$ of size $m$ over $G F\left(p^{r}\right)$ such that: $A=S^{m}$, where the serial matrix $S$ associated with a polynomial $c(x)=z_{0}+z_{1} x+z_{2} x^{2}+\cdots+z_{d-1} x^{d-1}+x^{d}$ has the following form:

$$
S=\operatorname{Serial}\left(z_{0}, \ldots, z_{m-1}\right)=\left[\begin{array}{lllll}
0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0  \tag{2}\\
0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\
\vdots & & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\
0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 \\
z_{0} z_{1} z_{2} & \cdots & z_{m-1}
\end{array}\right]
$$

and the inverse matrix of $S$ has the following form:

$$
\operatorname{Serial}\left(z_{0}, \ldots, z_{m-1}\right)^{-1}=\left[\begin{array}{cccccc}
\frac{z_{1}}{z_{0}} \frac{z_{2}}{z_{0}} & & & \cdots & \frac{1}{z_{0}}  \tag{3}\\
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\
\vdots & & & & \ddots & \vdots \\
0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 & 0
\end{array}\right]
$$

Notice that the polynomial $c(x)$ having the constant term equal to $1\left(z_{0}=1\right)$ is particularly interesting as the diffusion layer and its inverse share the same coefficients:

$$
\operatorname{Serial}\left(z_{0}, \ldots, z_{m-1}\right)^{-1}=\left[\begin{array}{ccccc}
0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0  \tag{4}\\
0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\
\vdots & & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\
0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 \\
1 & z_{1} z_{2} & \cdots & z_{m-1}
\end{array}\right]^{-1}=\left[\begin{array}{ccccccc}
z_{1} z_{2} & & & \cdots & z_{m-1} & 1 \\
1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\
\vdots & & & & \ddots & \vdots \\
0 & 0 & 0 & & \cdots & 1 & 0
\end{array}\right]
$$

Definition 3. A matrix serial-like $S$ of size $m$ over $G F\left(p^{r}\right)$ has the following form:

$$
\dot{S}=\text { Serial_like }\left(z_{0}, \ldots, z_{m-1}, e\right)=\left[\begin{array}{ccccc}
0 & e & 0 & \cdots & 0  \tag{5}\\
0 & 0 & e & \cdots & 0 \\
\vdots & & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\
0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & e \\
e z_{0} e z_{1} e z_{2} & \cdots & e z_{m-1}
\end{array}\right]
$$

where $e \neq 0$ is an arbitrary element in $G F\left(p^{r}\right)$.
The inverse matrix of $\dot{S}$ has the following form:

$$
\text { Serial_like }\left(z_{0}, \ldots, z_{m-1}, e\right)^{-1}=\left[\begin{array}{cccccc}
e^{-1} \frac{z_{1}}{z_{0}} e^{-1} \frac{1 z_{2}}{z_{0}} & \cdots & e^{-1} \frac{z_{m-1}}{z_{0}} \frac{e^{-1}}{z_{0}}  \tag{6}\\
e^{-1} & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\
0 & e^{-1} & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\
\vdots & & \ddots & & \vdots & \vdots \\
0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & e^{-1} & 0
\end{array}\right]
$$

It can be seen that the serial-like matrix is very sparse similar to the serial matrix. Therefore, the advantage of recursive MDS matrices as powers of such matrices is that the diffusion layer can be implemented as a linear feedback shift register (LFSR) that is clocked $m$ times, using a very small number of gates in hardware implementations, or a very small amount of memory for software. The inverse of the diffusion layer also benefits from a similar structure.

In particular, if $c(x)$ is a symmetric polynomial (i.e. having coefficients symmetric each other) and having the constant term equal to 1 , the inverse diffusion layer with the recursive MDS matrix as a power of the serial matrix can use the exact same circuit as the diffusion layer itself by simply reversing the order of the input and output symbols. If the hardware implementation uses LFSR registers, encryption and decryption can use the exact same circuit thus saving hardware resources and implementation cost. Then, the encryption is done from left to right and decryption is done from right to left.

In [8], we presented a method for efficiently constructing recursive MDS matrices from the RS codes based on the following propositions:

Proposition 1. If $m \times m$ MDS matrices can be generated from a $R S\left[2^{r}-1,2^{r}-d, d\right]$ code over $G F\left(2^{r}\right)$ then $r, m$ and $d$ must satisfy: $r \geq \log _{2}(2 m+1)$ and $m+1 \leq d \leq 2^{r}-m$.

Proposition 2. Let $C[n, k, d]$ be an MDS code (i.e. $d=n-k+1$ ). If $k \geq n-k$ then a recursive MDS matrix of size $n-k$ can be generated from this code.

### 2.3 Recursive MDS Matrix

Murtaza and Ikram [10] defined the scalar multiplication for MDS matrix as follows:
Let $A=\left[A_{1}, \ldots, A_{m}\right]^{T}$ be an MDS matrix and $A_{i}=\left[a_{i, 1} \cdots a_{i, n}\right], a_{i, j} \in F_{q}$. Denote vector $E=\left[e_{i}\right], i=1,2$, dots, $m$ where $e_{i} \neq 0 \in F_{q}, i=1,2, \ldots, m$. Then the scalar multiplication of $E$ and $A$ generates an MDS matrix denoted by:

$$
E A=\left[e_{1} A_{1} \ldots e_{m} A_{m}\right]^{T},
$$

where $e_{i} A_{i}=\left[e_{i} a_{i, 1} \cdots e_{i} a_{i, n}\right]$.

In [7], we define our scalar multiplication as follows:
Let $A=\left[a_{i, j}\right]_{m \times m}, a_{i, j} \in G F\left(p^{r}\right)$ be an MDS matrix. Denote vectors $E=\left(e_{1}, e_{2}, \ldots, e_{m}\right)$, $F=\left(f_{1}, f_{2}, \ldots, f_{m}\right)$, (where $e_{i}, f_{i} \in G F^{*}\left(p^{r}\right)$ ). Then the scalar multiplication of $E, F$ and $A$ generates an MDS matrix denoted by: $(E, F)(A)=\left[b_{i, j}\right]_{m \times m}$, where $b_{i, j}=e_{i} f_{j} a_{i, j}$.

## 3. Constructing Recursive MDS Matrices Effective for Implementation from RS Codes

In this section, specifying directly recursive MDS matrices effective for implementation from $R S$ codes is presented.

Firstly, from (1) it can be found that $b \in N, b \geq 1$ is a pre-selected value. On the other hand $\alpha^{q-1}=1$, it is to have:

$$
1 \leq b \leq q-1
$$

where $q=2^{r}$ in this case.
In order to find the recursive MDS matrices built from the RS codes, just need to find the corresponding generator polynomials of these codes. Essentially these polynomials are the polynomials that generate the serial matrices corresponding to the recursive MDS matrices (see [8]).

The following proposition specifies the specific cases in which symmetric polynomials having the constant term equal to 1 can be directly selected from the $R S$ codes without performing an exhaustive search for $4 \times 4$ recursive MDS matrices over $\operatorname{GF}\left(2^{4}\right)$ and $G F\left(2^{8}\right)$.

Proposition 3. On constructing $4 \times 4$ recursive MDS matrices over $\operatorname{GF}\left(2^{4}\right)$ or $G F\left(2^{8}\right)$ from $R S$ codes, the generator polynomial $g(x)$ of the form (1) is a symmetric polynomial having the constant term equal to 1 if and only if $b=6$ or $b=126$, respectively.

Proof. For the construction of a $4 \times 4$ recursive MDS matrix from $R S$ codes, the generator polynomial $g(x)$ of the form (1) is a polynomial of degree 4 and has the following form:

$$
\begin{equation*}
g(x)=\left(x+\alpha^{b}\right)\left(x+\alpha^{b+1}\right)\left(x+\alpha^{b+2}\right)\left(x+\alpha^{b+3}\right) \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $1 \leq b \leq q-1, b \in N$, for $q=16$ or $q=256$.
Expand the above expression, it is to have:

$$
\begin{align*}
g(x)= & x^{4}+\alpha^{b}\left(1+\alpha+\alpha^{2}+\alpha^{3}\right) x^{3}+\alpha^{2 b+1}\left(\alpha^{4}+\alpha^{3}+\alpha+1\right) x^{2} \\
& +\alpha^{b} \alpha^{2 b+3}\left(1+\alpha+\alpha^{2}+\alpha^{3}\right) x+\alpha^{4 b+6} . \tag{8}
\end{align*}
$$

From (8), $g(x)$ is symmetric and has the constant term equal to 1 if and only if:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \left\{\begin{array}{l}
\alpha^{b} \alpha^{2 b+3}\left(1+\alpha+\alpha^{2}+\alpha^{3}\right)=\alpha^{b}\left(1+\alpha+\alpha^{2}+\alpha^{3}\right) \\
\alpha^{4 b+6}=1
\end{array}\right.  \tag{9}\\
& \Longleftrightarrow  \tag{10}\\
& \left\{\begin{array}{l}
\alpha^{2 b+3}=1 \\
\alpha^{4 b+6}=1
\end{array}\right.
\end{align*}
$$

where $1 \leq b \leq q-1, b \in N$.

Since $\alpha$ is a primitive element of the field, it is to infer that:

$$
\begin{align*}
(10) & \Longleftrightarrow\left\{\begin{array}{l}
(q-1) \mid(2 b+3) \\
(q-1) \mid(4 b+6)
\end{array}\right. \\
& \Longleftrightarrow(q-1) \mid(2 b+3) \tag{11}
\end{align*}
$$

where $1 \leq b \leq q-1, b \in N$.

- For $G F\left(2^{4}\right)$, it is to have:

$$
\begin{align*}
(11) & \Longleftrightarrow\left\{\begin{array}{l}
2 b+3=15 k \\
1 \leq b \leq 15 ; k \geq 1 ; b, k \in N
\end{array}\right. \\
& \Longleftrightarrow\left\{\begin{array}{l}
2 b+3=15 k \\
1 \leq b=\frac{15 k-3}{2} \leq 15 ; k \geq 1 ; b, k \in N
\end{array}\right. \\
& \Longleftrightarrow\left\{\begin{array}{l}
2 b+3=15 k \\
1 \leq k \leq 2 ; b, k \in N
\end{array}\right. \\
& \Longleftrightarrow\left\{\begin{array}{l}
b=6 \\
k=1
\end{array}\right. \tag{12}
\end{align*}
$$

- For $G F\left(2^{8}\right)$, prove similarly from (11), it is to have:

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
b=126  \tag{13}\\
k=1
\end{array}\right.
$$

From (12), (13), the proposition is proven.
Similarly, the following proposition can be proven for the cases of $8 \times 8,16 \times 16$ and $32 \times 32$ recursive MDS matrices over $G F\left(2^{8}\right)$ from the RS codes.

Proposition 4. On constructing $8 \times 8,16 \times 16$ or $32 \times 32$ recursive MDS matrices over $G F\left(2^{8}\right)$ from $R S$ codes, the generator polynomial $g(x)$ of the form (1) is a symmetric polynomial having the constant term equal to 1 if and only if $b=124$ or $b=120$ or $b=112$, respectively.

From Proposition 3 and Proposition 4, we found immediately the polynomials are both symmetric and have the constant term equal to 1 . Table 1 shows 66 such polynomials that we found after experimenting on Maple for sizes of 4, 8, 16, 32 (the symbol $a$ in Table 1 is a primitive element of the field).

For larger sizes, it is possible to use the $R S$ codes to find the corresponding recursive MDS matrices in our way. It can be said that these are recursive MDS matrices effective for hardware implementation which may have important applications for cryptographic applications in general and in particular lightweight cryptography. With such matrices, just use the exact same circuit for encryption and decryption in hardware implementation, thus saving resources and implementation cost.

Table 1. Symmetric polynomials havingthe constant term equal to 1 from $R S$


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| 12 | $G F\left(2^{8}\right)$ | $x^{8}+x^{7}+x^{6}+x^{3}+x^{2}+x+1$ | $4 \times 4$ | RS(255, 251, 5) | $g_{126}:=x^{4}+a^{39} x^{3}+a^{187} x^{2}+a^{39} x+1$ |
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| 13 | $G F\left(2^{8}\right)$ | $x^{8}+x^{6}+x^{3}+x^{2}+1$ | $4 \times 4$ | RS(255, 251, 5) | $g_{126}:=x^{4}+a^{195} x^{3}+a^{127} x^{2}+a^{195} x+1$ |
| 14 | $G F\left(2^{8}\right)$ | $x^{8}+x^{7}+x^{3}+x^{2}+1$ | $4 \times 4$ | $\operatorname{RS}(255,251,5)$ | $g_{126}:=x^{4}+a^{48} x^{3}+a^{10} x^{2}+a^{48} x+1$ |
| 15 | $G F\left(2^{8}\right)$ | $x^{8}+x^{7}+x^{6}+x^{5}+x^{4}+x^{2}+1$ | $4 \times 4$ | RS(255, 251, 5) | $g_{126}:=x^{4}+a^{18} x^{3}+a^{87} x^{2}+a^{18} x+1$ |
| 16 | $G F\left(2^{8}\right)$ | $x^{8}+x^{7}+x^{5}+x^{3}+1$ | $4 \times 4$ | RS(255, 251, 5) | $g_{126}:=x^{4}+a^{165} x^{3}+a^{202} x^{2}+a^{165} x+1$ |
| 17 | $G F\left(2^{8}\right)$ | $x^{8}+x^{5}+x^{3}+x^{2}+1$ | $4 \times 4$ | RS(255, 251, 5) | $g_{126}:=x^{4}+a^{81} x^{3}+a^{21} x^{2}+a^{81} x+1$ |
| 18 | $G F\left(2^{8}\right)$ | $x^{8}+x^{6}+x^{5}+x^{4}+1$ | $4 \times 4$ | $\operatorname{RS}(255,251,5)$ | $g_{126}:=x^{4}+a^{54} x^{3}+a^{9} x^{2}+a^{54} x+1$ |
| 19 | $G F\left(2^{8}\right)$ | $x^{8}+x^{4}+x^{3}+x^{2}+1$ | $8 \times 8$ | $\operatorname{RS}(255,254,9)$ | $\begin{aligned} g_{124} & :=x^{8}+a^{44} x^{7}+a^{231} x^{6}+a^{70} x^{5}+a^{235} x^{4}+a^{70} x^{3}+a^{231} x^{2} \\ & +a^{44} x+1 \end{aligned}$ |
| 20 | $G F\left(2^{8}\right)$ | $x^{8}+x^{6}+x^{5}+x^{3}+1$ | $8 \times 8$ | RS(255, 247, 9) | $\begin{aligned} g_{124} & :=x^{8}+a^{236} x^{7}+a^{175} x^{6}+a^{11} x^{5}+a^{115} x^{4}+a^{11} x^{3}+a^{175} x^{2} \\ & +a^{236} x+1 \end{aligned}$ |
| 21 | $G F\left(2^{8}\right)$ | $x^{8}+x^{7}+x^{6}+x^{5}+x^{2}+x+1$ | $8 \times 8$ | $\mathrm{RS}(255,247,9)$ | $\begin{aligned} g_{124} & :=x^{8}+a^{164} x^{7}+a^{242} x^{6}+a^{68} x^{5}+a^{158} x^{4}+a^{68} x^{3}+a^{242} x^{2} \\ & +a^{164} x+1 \end{aligned}$ |

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| 42 | $G F\left(2^{8}\right)$ | $x^{8}+x^{6}+x^{5}+x+1$ | $16 \times 16$ | RS(255, 239, 17) | $\begin{aligned} g_{120} & :=x^{16}+a^{15} x^{15}+a^{166} x^{14}+a^{70} x^{13}+a^{135} x^{12}+a^{138} x^{11} \\ & +a^{154} x^{10}+a^{241} x^{9}+a^{87} x^{8}+a^{241} x^{7}+a^{154} x^{6}+a^{138} x^{5} \\ & +a^{135} x^{4}+a^{70} x^{3}+a^{166} x^{2}+a^{15} x+1 \end{aligned}$ |
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| 43 | $G F\left(2^{8}\right)$ | $x^{8}+x^{7}+x^{2}+x+1$ | $16 \times 16$ | RS(255, 239, 17) | $\begin{aligned} g_{120} & :=x^{16}+a^{75} x^{15}+a^{235} x^{14}+a^{213} x^{13}+a^{239} x^{12}+a^{76} x^{11} \\ & +a^{113} x^{10}+x^{9}+a^{244} x^{8}+x^{7}+a^{113} x^{6}+a^{76} x^{5}+a^{239} x^{4} \\ & +a^{213} x^{3}+a^{235} x^{2}+a^{75} x+1 \end{aligned}$ |
| 44 | $G F\left(2^{8}\right)$ | $x^{8}+x^{7}+x^{6}+x^{3}+x^{2}+x+1$ | $16 \times 16$ | RS(255, 239, 17) | $\begin{aligned} g_{120} & :=x^{16}+a^{195} x^{15}+a^{237} x^{14}+a^{214} x^{13}+a^{236} x^{12}+a^{205} x^{11} \\ & +a^{102} x^{10}+a^{78} x^{9}+a^{128} x^{8}+a^{78} x^{7}+a^{102} x^{6}+a^{205} x^{5} \\ & +a^{236} x^{4}+a^{214} x^{3}+a^{237} x^{2}+a^{195} x+1 \end{aligned}$ |
| 45 | $G F\left(2^{8}\right)$ | $x^{8}+x^{6}+x^{3}+x^{2}+1$ | $16 \times 16$ | RS(255, 239, 17) | $\begin{aligned} g_{120} & =x^{16}+a^{210} x^{15}+a^{216} x^{14}+a^{166} x^{13}+a^{12} x^{12}+a^{14} x^{11} \\ & +a^{54} x^{10}+a^{30} x^{9}+a^{38} x^{8}+a^{30} x^{7}+a^{54} x^{6}+a^{14} x^{5}+a^{12} x^{4} \\ & +a^{166} x^{3}+a^{216} x^{2}+a^{210} x+1 \end{aligned}$ |
| 46 | $G F\left(2^{8}\right)$ | $x^{8}+x^{7}+x^{3}+x^{2}+1$ | $16 \times 16$ | RS(255, 239, 17) | $\begin{aligned} g_{120} & =x^{16}+a^{240} x^{15}+a^{89} x^{14}+a^{185} x^{13}+a^{120} x^{12}+a^{117} x^{11} \\ & +a^{101} x^{10}+a^{14} x^{9}+a^{168} x^{8}+a^{14} x^{7}+a^{101} x^{6}+a^{117} x^{5} \\ & +a^{120} x^{4}+a^{185} x^{3}+a^{89} x^{2}+a^{240} x+1 \end{aligned}$ |
| 47 | $G F\left(2^{8}\right)$ | $x^{8}+x^{7}+x^{6}+x^{5}+x^{4}+x^{2}+1$ | $16 \times 16$ | RS(255, 239, 17) | $\begin{aligned} g_{120} & =x^{16}+a^{90} x^{15}+a^{95} x^{14}+a^{181} x^{13}+a^{25} x^{12}+a^{81} x^{11}+a^{39} x^{10} \\ & +a^{109} x^{9}+a^{77} x^{8}+a^{109} x^{7}+a^{39} x^{6}+a^{81} x^{5}+a^{25} x^{4}+a^{181} x^{3} \\ & +a^{95} x^{2}+a^{90} x+1 \end{aligned}$ |

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| 65 | $G F\left(2^{8}\right)$ | $x^{8}+x^{5}+x^{3}+x^{2}+1$ | $32 \times 32$ | RS(255, 223, 33) | $\begin{aligned} g_{112} & :=x^{32}+a^{157} x^{31}+a^{128} x^{30}+a^{236} x^{29}+a^{63} x^{28}+a^{94} x^{27} \\ & +a^{240} x^{26}+a^{54} x^{25}+a^{14} x^{24}+a^{109} x^{23}+a^{91} x^{22}+a^{155} x^{21} \\ & +a^{103} x^{20}+a^{27} x^{19}+a^{214} x^{18}+a^{217} x^{17}+a^{142} x^{16}+a^{217} x^{15} \\ & +a^{214} x^{14}+a^{27} x^{13}+a^{103} x^{12}+a^{155} x^{11}+a^{91} x^{10}+a^{109} x^{9} \\ & +a^{14} x^{8}+a^{54} x^{7}+a^{240} x^{6}+a^{94} x^{5}+a^{63} x^{4}+a^{236} x^{3}+a^{128} x^{2} \\ & +a^{157} x+1 \end{aligned}$ |
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| 66 | $G F\left(2^{8}\right)$ | $x^{8}+x^{6}+x^{5}+x^{4}+1$ | $32 \times 32$ | RS(255, 223, 33) | $\begin{aligned} g_{112} & :=x^{32}+a^{133} x^{31}+a^{25} x^{30}+a^{68} x^{29}+a^{127} x^{28}+a^{211} x^{27} \\ & +a^{181} x^{26}+a^{232} x^{25}+a^{57} x^{24}+a^{58} x^{23}+a^{17} x^{22}+a^{160} x^{21} \\ & +a^{154} x^{20}+a^{87} x^{19}+a^{94} x^{18}+a^{16} x^{17}+a^{221} x^{16}+a^{16} x^{15} \\ & +a^{94} x^{14}+a^{87} x^{13}+a^{154} x^{12}+a^{160} x^{11}+a^{17} x^{10}+a^{58} x^{9} \\ & +a^{57} x^{8}+a^{232} x^{7}+a^{181} x^{6}+a^{211} x^{5}+a^{127} x^{4}+a^{68} x^{3}+a^{25} x^{2} \\ & +a^{133} x+1 \end{aligned}$ |

## Compare our Results with Results in [1]

In [1], the authors proposed the construction of recursive MDS matrices using shortened BCH codes. In general, this construction is complicated because finding the generator polynomial of BCH codes is not straightforward. However, for the RS codes, it is very straightforward to compute the generator polynomial of these codes according to the formula (1). In addition, in [1] the authors found a number of symmetric polynomials, however there is a case where the constant termis not equal to 1 . Table 2 shows these polynomials (the symbol $\alpha$ in Table 2 is a root element of the field).

Table 2. Some symmetric polynomials are the results in [1]

| No. | Field $G F$ | Primitive polynomial | Size of matrix | Symmetric polynomial |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $G F\left(2^{4}\right)$ | $x^{4}+x^{3}+1$ | $4 \times 4$ | $g_{1}=x^{4}+\alpha^{3} x^{3}+\alpha x^{2}+\alpha^{3} x+1$ |
| 2 | $G F\left(2^{4}\right)$ | $x^{4}+x^{3}+1$ | $4 \times 4$ | $g_{2}=x^{4}+\alpha^{3} x^{3}+\alpha x^{2}+x+\alpha^{3}+\alpha$ |
| 3 | $G F\left(2^{8}\right)$ | $x^{8}+x^{4}+x^{3}+x^{2}+1$ | $4 \times 4$ | $g_{3}=x^{4}+\alpha^{3} x^{3}+\alpha^{-3} x^{2}+\alpha^{3} x+1$ |
| 4 | $G F\left(2^{8}\right)$ | $x^{8}+x^{4}+x^{3}+x^{2}+1$ | $4 \times 4$ | $g_{4}=x^{4}+\left(\alpha^{2}+\alpha^{3}\right) x^{3}+\alpha^{3} x^{2}+\left(\alpha^{3}+\alpha^{2}\right) x+1$ |
| 5 | $G F\left(2^{8}\right)$ | $x^{8}+x^{4}+x^{3}+x^{2}+1$ | $4 \times 4$ | $g_{4}=x^{4}+\alpha^{202} x^{3}+\left(\alpha^{202}+1\right) x^{2}+x+\alpha+1$ |

In Table 1, we found 66 symmetric polynomials having the constant term equal to 1 . Thereby, there will be many options to choose recursive MDS matrices effective for implementation for cryptographic applications.

## 4. Preserving the Recursive Property of MDS Matrix of Scalar Multiplication

This section presents the ability to preserve the recursive property of MDS matrix of the scalar multiplication transformation. Specifically, from a recursive MDS matrix which is a power of a serial matrix, by scalar multiplication many other recursive MDS matrices as powers of seriallike matrices can be generated. Serial-like matrices are very sparse similar to serial matrices. Thus, the recursive MDS matrices from such matrices are very meaningful in implementation, especially in hardware implementation when they are applied to design the diffusion layer of block ciphers.

It is to have the following proposition:
Proposition 5. Let $A=\left[a_{i, j}\right]_{m \times m}, a_{i, j} \in G F\left(p^{r}\right)$, be an MDS matrix such that $A=S^{m}$, where $S$ is a serial matrix of the form (2). Let matrix $A=c . A$ for $c \in G F\left(p^{r}\right) \backslash 0$. If there exists $e \in G F\left(p^{r}\right): e^{m}=c$ then $\dot{A}=\dot{S}^{m}$, where $\dot{S}$ is a serial-like matrix of the form (5).

Proof. By assumption, it is to have:

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\begin{equation*}
A=S^{m} \tag{14}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $S$ is a serial matrix of the form (2).
If there exists $e \in G F\left(p^{r}\right): e^{m}=c$, it is to have:

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\begin{equation*}
A^{\prime}=c . A=e^{m} A \tag{15}
\end{equation*}
$$

From (14) and (15) it is to infer that:

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\begin{equation*}
\dot{A}=e^{m} S^{m}=(e S)^{m}=\dot{S}^{m} \tag{16}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $S^{\prime}=e S$. Therefore, it is to obtain $S^{\prime}$ of the form (5).
On the other hand, two vectors of $m$ elements can be defined as follows: $E=\left[e^{m}, e^{m}, \ldots, e^{m}\right]$, $F=[1,1, \ldots, 1]$. From (15), it is to infer:

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\begin{equation*}
\dot{A}=(E, F) A \tag{17}
\end{equation*}
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Hence, it is possible to generate $A$ from $A$ by the scalar multiplication, then $A$ is also an MDS matrix.

Therefore, from a recursive MDS matrix which is a power of a serial matrix, by scalar multiplication another recursive MDS matrix as a power of a serial-like matrix can be generated.

Example 1. Consider the field $G F\left(2^{8}\right)$ with the primitive polynomial: $x^{8}+x^{7}+x^{6}+x+1$.
Let $A$ be a recursive MDS matrix as a power of a serial matrix of size $m=4$ over the field:
$A=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}8 A & 46 & D 8 & 1 E \\ 17 & 42 & C 2 & 4 F \\ F 5 & 5 D & 78 & E 4 \\ A 2 & 4 B & F & 11\end{array}\right]$

The corresponding serial matrix is: $S=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 8 A & 46 & D 8 & 1 E\end{array}\right]$ such that: $A=S^{4}$.
Consider element $c=0 \times 10$. It is to have $c=(0 \times 02)^{4}$ then it has the form $c=e^{4}$.
Compute the matrix $A ́=c A$. It is to obtain: $A ́=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}77 & E A & 1 E & 23 \\ B 3 & A A & 7 D & 7 A \\ 8 B & 99 & 8 C & 58 \\ B 2 & 3 A & F 0 & D 3\end{array}\right]$.
Compute the serial-like matrix $\dot{S}$ as follow: $\dot{S}=(0 \times 02) . S=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ D 7 & 8 C & 73 & 3 C\end{array}\right]$.
Check and see that $\dot{A}=\dot{S}^{4}$, so $\dot{A}$ is a recursive MDS matrix which is a power of the serial-like matrix $S$.

Comment 1. To be able to select a matrix $A ́ \neq A$, it is to need to select the element $c \neq 1$ or $e^{m} \neq 1$ or ord(e) is not a divisor of $m$.

Comment 2. Suppose there exists two elements $e_{1}, e_{2} \in G F\left(p^{r}\right)$ such that: $\left(e_{1}\right)^{m}=\left(e_{2}\right)^{m}$ (i.e. $A_{1}=\left(e_{1}\right)^{m} A=A_{2}=\left(e_{2}\right)^{m} A$. It is to infer that: $\left(e_{1} e_{2}^{-1}\right)^{m}=1$ or ord $\left(e_{1} e_{2}^{-1}\right) \mid m$. Then, in order to obtain $A_{1} \neq A_{2}$, it is to need to choose an element $a=e_{1} e_{2}^{-1} \in G F\left(p^{r}\right) \backslash\{0,1\}$ such that ord(a) is not a divisor of $m$ where $e_{1}, e_{2} \in G F\left(p^{r}\right) \backslash\{0,1\}$.

The question is that how many recursive MDS matrices (powers of serial-like matrices) can be generated from an original recursive MDS matrix (power of a serial matrix) by the scalar multiplication transformation?

Let $A=\left[a_{i, j}\right]_{m \times m}, a_{i, j} \in G F\left(p^{r}\right)$, be a recursive MDS matrix as a power of a serial matrix. Choose an element $a \in G F\left(p^{r}\right) \backslash\{0,1\}$ such that $\operatorname{ord}(a)$ is not a divisor of $m$ and $a=e_{1} e_{2}^{-1}$, where $e_{1}, e_{2} \in G F\left(p^{r}\right) \backslash\{0,1\}$.

Select and fix an element $e_{1}$ other than $0,1 \in G F\left(p^{r}\right)$ then compute $e_{2}=e_{1} a^{-1}$. Obviously $e_{2} \neq 0$, so if $e_{2}=1$ or $e_{2}$ does not satisfy the condition: $\operatorname{ord}\left(e_{2}\right)$ is not a divisor of $m$ (to make $\left(e_{2}\right)^{m} A \neq A$ ) then choose another element $e_{1}$ until $e_{2}$ satisfies the above condition (i.e. $e_{2} \neq 1$ and $\operatorname{ord}\left(e_{2}\right)$ is not a divisor of $m$ ).

Consider a sequence of matrices: $A_{0}=\left(e_{2}\right)^{m} A, A_{1}=\left(e_{2} a\right)^{m} A, A_{2}=\left(e_{2} a^{2}\right)^{m} A, \ldots, A_{k}=$ $\left(e_{2} a^{k}\right)^{m} A$, and so on. It is to have the following result:

Proposition 6. The sequence of matrices $A_{0}, A_{1}, A_{2}, \ldots$ has a finite cycle, that is $d=\operatorname{ord}(\alpha)$.
Proof. By assumption, $\operatorname{ord}(\alpha)$ is not a divisor of $m$, so according to Comment 2, the sequence of matrices $A_{0}, A_{1}, A_{2}, \ldots$ are different matrices in pairs.

For $d=\operatorname{ord}(a)$, it is to have $\left(e_{2} a^{d}\right)^{m} A=\left(e_{2}\right)^{m} A$ or $A_{d}=A_{0}$.
Now, suppose that $\exists d_{1} \in N^{+}:\left(e_{2} a^{d_{1}}\right)^{m} A=\left(e_{2}\right)^{m} A$. Then, $a^{m d_{1}}=1$. Therefore $d \mid\left(m d_{1}\right)$. By assumption, $d$ is not a divisor of $m$, it is to infer that $d \mid d_{1}$ or $d$ is the smallest positive integer that satisfies the condition $\left(e_{2} a^{d}\right)^{m} A=\left(e_{2}\right)^{m} A$.

Consequently, for an element $a \in G F\left(p^{r}\right) \backslash\{0,1\}$ such that $\operatorname{ord}(\alpha)$ is not a divisor of $m$, one can obtain $\operatorname{ord}(a)$ recursive MDS matrices (powers of serial-like matrices) from the original recursive MDS matrix $A$ (power of a serial matrix).
The next question is how to select elementa so that the cycle of the above sequence of matrices is as large as possible?

Suppose that the size of the matrices satisfies $m<p^{r}-1$. As $\leq p^{r}-1$, so if $d=p^{r}-1$ (i.e. $a$ is a root element of the field), it is always to have $d$ is not a divisor of $m$, so the cycle of the above matrices reaches a maximum value that is $p^{r}-1$.

The following Algorithm 1 will show how to find the sequence including $p^{r}-1$ different recursive MDS matrices (powers of serial-like matrices) from an original recursive MDS matrix (power of a serial matrix) over $G F\left(p^{r}\right)$.

## Algorithm 1 (Finding a set of $p^{r-1}$ different recursive MDS matrices from an original recursive MDS matrix $A$ ).

Input: the recursive MDS matrix $A$ (power of a serial matrix) over $G F\left(p^{r}\right) ; C=\{$ Set of root elements of the field $G F\left(p^{r}\right)$ \}.

Output: a set $T$ of $p^{r}-1$ different recursive MDS matrices (powers of serial-like matrices) generated from $A$.

Step 1: Select any element $a \in C$.
Step 2: Step 2.1: Select an element $e_{1} \in G F\left(p^{r}\right) \backslash\{0,1\}$.
Step 2.2: Compute $e_{2}=e_{1} a^{-1}$.
Step 2.3: If $e_{2} \neq 1$ and $\operatorname{ord}\left(e_{2}\right)$ is not a divisor of $m$ then go to Step 3, otherwise go back to Step 2.1.

Step 3: Return $T=\left\{A_{0}=\left(e_{2}\right)^{m} A, A_{1}=\left(e_{2} a\right)^{m} A, A_{2}=\left(e_{2} a^{2}\right)^{m} A, \ldots, A_{p^{r}-2}=\left(e_{2} a^{p^{r}-2}\right)^{m} A\right\}$.
Example 2. Consider the field $G F\left(2^{8}\right)$ with the primitive polynomial: $x^{8}+x^{5}+x^{3}+x+1$.
Let $A$ be a recursive MDS matrix as a power of a serial matrix of size $m=4$ over the field:
$A=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}A C & B D & D 8 & 1 E \\ 97 & E E & 75 & A 7 \\ 21 & 44 & 85 & 30 \\ 4 & 68 & D 8 & F 3\end{array}\right]$.
The corresponding serial matrix is: $S=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ A C & B D & D 8 & 1 E\end{array}\right]$.
Matrices $A$ and $S$ satisfy: $A=S^{4}$.
Consider an element $a=0 \times 80 \in G F\left(2^{8}\right)$ is a root element of the field, i.e. its order is 255 .
Next, select $e_{1} \in G F\left(2^{8}\right) \backslash\{0,1\}$, for example $e_{1}=0 \times 53$. Compute $e_{2}=e_{1} a^{-1}=(0 \times 53) .(0 \times 60)=$ $0 \times C F$.

It can be seen that $e_{2} \neq 1$ and $\operatorname{ord}\left(e_{2}\right)=85$ is not a divisor of 4 . Then, a set of 255 recursive MDS matrices can be built as follows:

$$
T=\left\{A_{0}=\left(e_{2}\right)^{4} A, A_{1}=\left(e_{2} a\right)^{4} A, A_{2}=\left(e_{2} a^{2}\right)^{4} A, \ldots, A_{254}=\left(e_{2} a^{254}\right)^{4} A\right\} .
$$

Let $S_{i}$ be the serial-like matrix corresponding to matrix $A_{i}$ such that: $A_{i}=\left(S_{i}\right)^{4}, 0 \leq i \leq 254$.
Table 3 gives some of recursive MDS matrices (powers of serial-like matrices) from the set $T$.
Table 3. Some of recursive MDS matrices obtained over $G F\left(2^{8}\right)$

| No. | Recursive MDS matrix | Corresponding serial-like matrix |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $A_{0}=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}B E & 3 & B 0 & D 6 \\ 60 & 9 C & D 7 & C C \\ 11 & A 2 & 9 D & A C \\ 19 & 41 & B 0 & A\end{array}\right]$ | $S_{0}=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}0 & C F & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & C F & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & C F \\ C E & 2 E & 42 & 59\end{array}\right]$ |
| 2 | $A_{1}=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}36 & E 9 & B 8 & 73 \\ 32 & 96 & C D & B D \\ 50 & 1 & 28 & 8 F \\ 27 & 7 B & B 8 & 20\end{array}\right]$ | $S_{1}=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}0 & 53 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 53 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 53 \\ D 3 & 37 & C C & B 8\end{array}\right]$ |
| 3 | $A_{2}=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}E 0 & 5 A & C F & 35 \\ 4 E & B 6 & 3 & D F \\ 2 B & B E & 80 & 91 \\ B 0 & 42 & C F & F 7\end{array}\right]$ | $S_{2}=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}0 & 3 F & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 F & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 F \\ D A & 68 & F 8 & D C\end{array}\right]$ |
| 255 | $A_{254}=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}1 & C D & 27 & 88 \\ 1 E & 64 & 2 A & 75 \\ A 7 & 4 D & C 6 & 6 B \\ 30 & B 6 & 27 & F 8\end{array}\right]$ | $S_{254}=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}0 & E 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & E 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & E 2 \\ 82 & C 9 & 55 & 72\end{array}\right]$ |

## 5. Conclusion

In this paper, the method for constructing recursive MDS matrices effective for implementation from Reed-Solomon codes is presented. In addition, the ability to preserve the recursive property of MDS matrix of the scalar multiplication transformation is given. The recursive MDS matrices effective for implementation are meaningful in hardware implementation, and preserving recursive property of MDS matrix of the scalar multiplication transformation also has important applications for efficiently building dynamic block ciphers later. The strength of the ciphers against developing cryptanalytic techniques can be enhanced by the dynamic block ciphers.

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