

## A classification of the set of linear functions in prime-valued logic

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $P_k = \bigcup_{n \in \omega} \{f | f: E_k^n \rightarrow E_k\}$ , where  $E_k = \{0, 1, \dots, k-1\}$ ; i.e.  $P_k$  denotes the set of all  $k$ -valued logical functions. A subset  $G$  of  $P_k$  is said to be *closed* if it is closed under superposition (e.g. see [4]).

Let  $H \subset P_k$  be a fixed closed set. If  $F \subseteq H$  then we say that

- (i)  $F$  is *complete in  $H$*   $\Leftrightarrow$  every element of  $H$  is obtained from  $F$  by superposition;
- (ii)  $F$  is  *$H$ -maximal*  $\Leftrightarrow$   $F$  is closed and no  $G$  exists such that  $F \subset G \subset H$  (proper inclusion) and  $G$  is closed;
- (iii)  $F$  is a *base in  $H$*   $\Leftrightarrow$   $F$  is finite and complete in  $H$  and no complete subset of  $F$  exists;
- (iv)  $F$  is a *pivotal set in  $H$*   $\Leftrightarrow$   $F$  is finite and for every  $f \in F$  there is an  $H$ -maximal  $F'$  such that  $f \notin F'$  but  $F - \{f\} \subseteq F'$ .

From these definitions it follows that a base is a complete pivotal set of functions.

The *rank* of a base (pivotal set) is the number of elements of the base (pivotal set).

Let  $m$  be the cardinality of the set of all  $H$ -maximal sets and suppose that this set is well-ordered. There exist closed sets  $H$  for which  $m$  is not finite ([5]). If  $m$  is finite then a subset  $F$  of  $H$  is complete in  $H$  iff  $F$  is not contained in any  $H$ -maximal set ([4]).

If  $f \in H$ , then the class  $a_f$  determined by  $f$  is an element of  $\{0, 1\}^m$  such that  $a_i = 0$  iff  $f \in H_i$ , where  $a_i$  is the  $i$ -th component of  $a_f$  and  $H_i$  is the  $i$ -th  $H$ -maximal set ( $1 \leq i \leq m$ ) in the well-ordering mentioned above. For  $F \subseteq H$ , one can define the class  $a_F$  determined by  $F$  as the union of classes determined by the elements of  $F$ . Therefore, if  $F = \{f_1, \dots, f_s\}$  then  $a_F = \{a_{f_1}, \dots, a_{f_s}\}$ . This set  $a_F$  can be represented as an element  $a'_F$  of  $\{0, 1\}^m$  such that  $a'_F = \vee (a_{f_1}, \dots, a_{f_s})$ , where bitwise OR operation  $\vee$  is defined in the following way: the  $i$ -th component  $a_i^{(0)}$  of  $a'_F$  is equal to 0 iff the  $i$ -th component of all classes  $a_{f_j}$  ( $1 \leq j \leq s$ ) is equal to 0.

From this definition it follows that the set  $F$  is complete iff  $a'_F = 1^m$ . Also, we infer that  $F$  is a pivotal set if  $a'_F \neq a'_{F \setminus \{f_j\}}$  for all  $j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq s$ . From these considerations one can remark that if  $F$  is complete (pivotal set, base),  $f, f' \in F$  and  $a_f = a_{f'}$  (i.e.  $f$  and  $f'$  are functions of the same class) then  $F \cup \{f'\} \setminus \{f\}$  is complete (pivotal set, base) and  $a_F = a_{F \cup \{f'\} \setminus \{f\}}$ .

All  $P_2$ -maximal sets and maximal sets of  $P_2$ -maximal sets are described in [10].  $P_3$ -maximal sets are determined in [4], and maximal sets of  $P_3$ -maximal sets are exhibited in [7] and other papers.

All different classes  $a_f$  for the set  $P_2$  are investigated in [6], and for  $P_3$  in [8], [9] and [11].

Let us recall some well-known closed sets in  $P_k$ .

The set  $L_k$  of linear functions is defined in the following way:

$$L_k = \left\{ a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i \pmod{k} \mid a_0 \in E_k, a_i \in E'_k, 1 \leq i \leq n, n \in \omega, \text{ where } E'_k = E_k \setminus \{0\} \right\}.$$

Let  $a = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i$ . It is well-known that  $L_k$  is a  $P_k$ -maximal set iff  $k$  is a prime number ([4]).

The set  $S_k$  of selfdual functions is defined as follows:

$$S_k = \{f \mid f(x_1+1, \dots, x_n+1) = f(x_1, \dots, x_n) + 1 \pmod{k}, n = 1, 2, \dots\}.$$

$T_k^j = \{f \mid f(j, \dots, j) = j\}$  is the set of functions preserving  $j$  ( $0 \leq j \leq k-1$ ).

Let  $\bar{X} = L_k \setminus X$  for each  $X \subset L_k$ . The intersection of the sets  $X_1, \dots, X_i \subset L_k$  will be denoted by  $X_1 \dots X_i$ .

From the results in papers [1], [2], [3] it follows

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $p \in \omega$  be an arbitrary prime. Then there are  $p+2$   $L$ -maximal sets. These are:*

- (i)  $L^j = L_p T_p^j$ , for every  $j$ ,  $j=0, 1, \dots, p-1$ ,
- (ii)  $L^p = L_p S_p = \left\{ a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i \mid a = 1 \pmod{p} \right\}$ , the set of linear selfdual functions,
- (iii)  $L^{(1)} = \{a_0 + a_1 x \mid a_0, a_1 \in E_p\}$ , the set of unary linear functions.

Let  $0^f$  denote the sequence  $\underbrace{00 \dots 0}_f$ , and  $1^f$  denote  $\underbrace{11 \dots 1}_f$ .

In this paper we prove that there exist  $2p+4$  different classes determined by functions of  $L_p$ . The number of different classes determined by bases in  $L_p$  is  $4 \binom{p+1}{2}$ , and the number of different classes determined by pivotal noncomplete sets of  $L_p$  is  $\binom{p+4}{2} - 2$ .

### 2. Classification of $L_p$

Theorem 2. Let  $p \in \omega$  be an arbitrary prime. Then there are  $2p+4$  different classes (denoted by  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{2p+4}$ ) of functions in  $L_p$ . These classes and the corresponding sets of functions are:

$$L^0 L^1 \dots L^{p-1} L^p L^{(1)}, \quad c_1 = 0^{p+2};$$

$$L^0 L^1 \dots L^{p-1} L^p \bar{L}^{(1)}, \quad c_2 = 0^{p+1} 1;$$

$$\bar{L}^0 \bar{L}^1 \dots \bar{L}^{i-4} L^{i-3} \bar{L}^{i-2} \dots \bar{L}^p L^{(1)}, \quad c_i = 1^{i-3} 0^{p+3-i} 0, \quad \text{where } 3 \leq i \leq p+3;$$

$$L^0 \bar{L}^1 \dots \bar{L}^{j-p-5} L^{j-p-4} \bar{L}^{j-p-3} \dots \bar{L}^p L^{(1)}, \quad c_j = 1^{j-p-4} 0^{1^{2p+5-j}},$$

where  $p+4 \leq j \leq 2p+4$ .

Proof. Let  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i \pmod p$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i = a$ . Consider the equation  $a_0 + ay = y$ .

Case a) Let  $a_0 = 0, a = 1$ . Then the equation is  $y = y$  which is satisfied by every  $y$ . This implies that  $f \in L^0 L^1 \dots L^p$ . The function  $f(x) = x$  is in the set  $L^{(1)}$ , and it is a function of the class  $c_1$ . The function  $a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_n x_n$  where  $a = 1$  and  $n \geq 2$  is in the set  $\bar{L}^{(1)}$ , and so it is a function of the class  $c_2$ .

Case b)  $a_0 \neq 0, a = 1$ . Then we obtain  $a_0 = 0$ , so it has no solution. Hence, the function  $f$  is in the set  $\bar{L}^0 \bar{L}^1 \dots \bar{L}^{p-1} L^p$ . The function  $a_0 + x$  for  $a_0 \neq 0$  is in the set  $L^{(1)}$  and it is a function of the class  $c_{p+3}$ . The function  $a_0 + a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_n x_n \pmod p$  for  $a_0 \neq 0$  and  $a = 1, n \geq 2$  is in the set  $\bar{L}^{(1)}$ , and it is a function of the class  $c_{2p+4}$ .

Case c)  $a \neq 1, y_1 \neq y_2$  implies  $(a-1)y_1 \neq (a-1)y_2$ . From this it follows that  $(a-1)y$  takes on  $p$  different values, when  $y$  ranges from 0 to  $p-1$ . It follows that there exists exactly one  $y_0$  such that  $(a-1)y_0 = -a_0$ , i.e.  $a_0 + ay_0 = y_0$ . This implies that the function  $f$  is in the set  $L^0$ , and it is not in the sets  $L^i$  for  $i \neq y_0, 1 \leq i \leq p-1$ . Since  $a \neq 1, f$  is not in the set  $L^p$ . The function  $f = i$  (constant) is in the set  $L^{(1)}$ , and it is a function of the class  $c_{i+3}$ . The function  $f = i + ax_1 + (p-a)x_2$  ( $a \neq 0$ ) is in the set  $\bar{L}^{(1)}$  and it is a function of the class  $c_{p+4+i}$ .

Theorem is proved, because all possible cases have been considered.

3. Classes determined by bases of  $L_p$ 

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $p \in \omega$  be an arbitrary prime. Then the number of different classes determined by bases in  $L_p$  and the number of different classes determined by pivotal noncomplete sets in  $L_p$  for each rank are shown in the following table:*

rank	bases	pivotal noncomplete sets
1	0	$2p+3$
2	$3 \binom{p+1}{2}$	$\binom{p+1}{2} + p+1$
3	$\binom{p+1}{2}$	0
$\cong 4$	0	0

**Proof.** From the definitions it is easy to see that the class  $c_1 = 0^{p+2}$  is not included in any pivotal set, and there is no base of rank 1. The classes  $c_2, c_3, \dots, c_{2p+4}$  are different from  $0^{p+2}$  and  $1^{p+2}$ . Hence, these classes define the classes determined by pivotal noncomplete sets of rank 1 of  $L_p$ .

We begin the investigation of bases and pivotal noncomplete sets of rank  $\cong 2$  by the following remarks:

$$\vee(c_i, c_j) = 1^{p+1}0 \quad \text{for } 3 \leq i, j \leq p+3;$$

$$\vee(c_i, c_j) = 1^{p+2} \quad \text{for } p+4 \leq i, j \leq 2p+4;$$

$$\vee(c_2, c_i) \notin \{c_2, c_i, 1^{p+2}\} \quad \text{for } 3 \leq i \leq p+3;$$

$$\vee(c_2, c_i) = c_i \quad \text{for } p+4 \leq i \leq 2p+4;$$

$$\vee(c_i, c_j) = 1^{p+2} \quad \text{for } 3 \leq i \leq p+3, p+4 \leq j \leq 2p+4 \text{ and } j \neq i+p+1;$$

$$\vee(c_i, c_{i+p+1}) = c_{i+p+1} \quad \text{for } 3 \leq i \leq p+3;$$

$$\vee(c_2, c_i, c_j) = 1^{p+2} \quad \text{for } 3 \leq i < j \leq p+3.$$

From these remarks it follows that bases of rank 2 may contain any two functions of classes  $c_i$  and  $c_j$ , where  $i$  and  $j$  satisfy the condition  $p+4 \leq i < j \leq 2p+4$ , or the conditions  $3 \leq i \leq p+3$ ,  $p+4 \leq j \leq 2p+4$  and  $j \neq i+p+1$ .

Also, one can infer that pivotal incomplete sets of rank 2 consist either of two functions of classes  $c_i$  and  $c_j$ ,  $3 \leq i < j \leq p+3$ , or a function of class  $c_2$  and a function of class  $c_i$ ,  $3 \leq i \leq p+3$ .

From the remarks above it follows that no pivotal set of rank  $\cong 3$  exists which contains a function of class  $c_i$  for  $p+4 \leq i \leq 2p+4$ . Hence, pivotal sets of rank  $\cong 3$  may contain only functions of the class  $c_2$  and classes  $c_i$  for  $3 \leq i \leq p+3$ . But, from the first remark we conclude that  $\vee(c_i, c_4, \dots, c_i) = \vee(c_i, c_i) = 1^{p+1}0$  for

$3 \leq i_1, \dots, i_s \leq p+3$ . Hence, a pivotal set cannot contain functions from more than two classes  $c_i$  for  $3 \leq i \leq p+3$ . Therefore, no base or pivotal set of rank  $\geq 4$  exists. From  $\bigvee (c_2, c_i, c_j) = 1^{p+2}$  ( $3 \leq i < j \leq p+3$ ) we conclude that pivotal sets of rank 3 are complete. Thus, no pivotal noncomplete set of rank 3 exists and a base of rank 3 consists of a function of class  $c_2$  and two functions of the classes  $c_i$  and  $c_j$ , where  $3 \leq i < j \leq p+3$ .

From the above considerations the theorem follows.

**Corollary 1.** *The maximal rank of a base of the set  $L_p$  is 3, and the maximal rank of a pivotal noncomplete set is 2.*

**Corollary 2.** *There is no base of rank 1 (i.e. Sheffer function) in the set  $L_p$ .*

**Corollary 3.** *The number of different classes determined by bases in  $L_p$  ( $p$  prime) is  $4 \binom{p+1}{2}$ .*

**Corollary 4.** *The number of different classes determined by pivotal noncomplete sets of  $L_p$  ( $p$  prime) is  $\binom{p+1}{2} + 3p + 4 = \binom{p+4}{2} - 2$ .*

The number of  $n$ -ary linear functions of class  $c_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq 2p+4$ ) will be denoted by  $t_n(i)$ .

**Theorem 4.**  $t_0(i) = 1$  for  $3 \leq i \leq p+2$ ,  $t_0(i) = 0$  otherwise;  $t_1(1) = 1$ ,  $t_1(p+3) = p-1$ ,  $t_1(i) = p-2$  for  $3 \leq i \leq p+2$ ,  $t_1(i) = 0$  otherwise;  $t_n(2) = ((p-1)^n - (-1)^n)/p$ ,  $t_n(2p+4) = (p-1)t_n(2)$ ;  $t_n(i) = ((p-1)^{n+1} + (-1)^n)/p$  for  $p+4 \leq i \leq 2p+3$ ,  $t_n(i) = 0$  otherwise ( $n \geq 2$ ).

**Proof.** The statement follows easily from considerations in the proof of Theorem 2. For  $n=0$  and  $n=1$  the assertion is obvious. For  $n > 1$   $t_n(2)$  is equal to the number of sequences  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  which satisfy the condition  $a_1 + \dots + a_n = 1 \pmod{p}$ . If  $a_1 + \dots + a_{n-1} = 1 \pmod{p}$ , then no solution of the equation  $a_1 + \dots + a_n = 1 \pmod{p}$  exists (since  $a_i \neq 0$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ). If  $a_1 + \dots + a_{n-1} \neq 1 \pmod{p}$ , then there exists exactly one solution of the equation  $a_1 + \dots + a_n = 1 \pmod{p}$ . It follows that  $t_n(2) = (p-1)^{n-1} - t_{n-1}(2)$ ,  $t_2(2) = p-2$ . By induction on  $n$  it is easy to prove that  $t_n(2) = ((p-1)^n - (-1)^n)/p$ . If  $p+4 \leq i \leq 2p+3$ , then from  $t_n(i) = (p-1)^n - t_n(2)$  we obtain  $t_n(i) = ((p-1)^{n+1} + (-1)^n)/p$ .

The number of functions of the class  $c_i$  which depend on at most  $n$  variables is denoted by  $t_{\leq n}(i)$ .

From Theorem 4 the following theorem is easily derived.

**Theorem 5.**  $t_{\leq 0}(i) = t_0(i)$ ;  $t_{\leq 1}(i) = t_0(i) + t_1(i)$ ;

$$t_{\leq n}(1) = 1, \quad t_{\leq n}(i) = p-1 \quad \text{for } 3 \leq i \leq p+3;$$

$$t_{\leq n}(2) = ((p-1)^{n+1} - (p-1)^2)/(p-2) - ((-1)^n + 1)/2/p;$$

$$t_{\leq n}(2p+4) = (p-1)t_{\leq n}(2);$$

$$t_{\leq n}(i) = ((p-1)^2((p-1)^n - 1)/(p-2) + (1 + (-1)^n)/2)/p \quad \text{for } p+4 \leq i \leq 2p+3.$$

Let  $B_i^n$  and  $P_i^n$  denote the number of bases and the number of pivotal incomplete sets of rank  $i$  which consist of functions depending on at most  $n$  variables.

From Theorems 2, 3 and 5 it is easy to prove the following

**Theorem 6.**

$$B_2^n = pt_{\leq n}(2p+4)t_{\leq n}(p+4) + \binom{p}{2} t_{\leq n}^2(p+4) + pt_{\leq n}(p+3)t_{\leq n}(p+4) + pt_{\leq n}(2p+4)t_{\leq n}(3) + t_{\leq n}(p+3)t_{\leq n}(2p+4) + p^2 t_{\leq n}(3)t_{\leq n}(p+4);$$

$$B_3^n = t_{\leq n}(2) \left( pt_{\leq n}(p+3)t_{\leq n}(3) + \binom{p}{2} t_{\leq n}^2(3) \right);$$

$$P_1^n = t_{\leq n}(2) + t_{\leq n}(p+3) + t_{\leq n}(2p+4) + pt_{\leq n}(3) + pt_{\leq n}(p+4);$$

$$P_2^n = t_{\leq n}(2)(t_{\leq n}(p+3) + pt_{\leq n}(3)) + pt_{\leq n}(p+3)t_{\leq n}(3) + \binom{p}{2} t_{\leq n}^2(3);$$

$$B_1^n = B_4^n = B_5^n = \dots = P_3^n = P_4^n = \dots = 0.$$

Analogously one can obtain the numbers of bases and pivotal noncomplete sets which contain functions depending on exactly  $n$  variables.

#### 4. Classification of $L_p$ -maximal sets

We may assume further that  $p \geq 3$  (prime number). The properties of  $L_2$ -maximal sets follow immediately from Post's lattice ([10]).

Let us define some familiar closed sets in  $L_p$ :  $L^{(0)} = \{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}$ ,  $L_{s0} = L^p L^0 = \{a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_n x_n \mid a=1, n=1, 2, \dots\}$ ,  $L_i^{(1)} = L^{(1)} L^i = \{a_0 + a_1 x \mid a_0 + a_1 i = i, a_0, a_1 \in E_p\}$  for  $0 \leq i \leq p-1$ ,  $L_p^{(1)} = L^{(1)} L^p = \{x, x+1, \dots, x+k-1\}$ .

We shall mean by the multiplicative order of  $a \in E_p'$  the least integer  $r(a) = r \geq 1$  for which  $a^r = 1$  holds. If  $p-1$  is divisible by  $j$ , then  $E_p'$  has  $\varphi(j)$  elements of order  $j$  ( $\varphi(j)$  denotes Euler's  $\varphi$ -function). Let  $a_{i0} + a_i x \in L^{(1)} \setminus L^{(0)}$ ,  $i \geq 1$ ,  $r(a_i) = r_i$ . Let us denote by  $\text{lcm}(r_1, r_2, \dots)$  the least common multiple of the numbers  $r_1, r_2, \dots$ .

Let the number  $p-1$  have the decomposition to powers of primes  $p-1 = q_1^{\alpha_1} q_2^{\alpha_2} \dots q_u^{\alpha_u}$  with all  $q_1 = 2 < q_2 < \dots < q_u$  primes,  $\alpha_i \geq 1$ ,  $p_i = (p-1)/q_i$  and  $L^{(1, p)} = \{a_0 + ax \mid r(a) (\geq 1) \text{ divides } p_i\}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, u$ .

The maximal sets for all  $L_p$ -maximal sets are determined by Demetrovics and Bagyinszki ([2]).

**Theorem 7 ([2]).** *There are exactly two  $L^1$ -maximal sets for  $0 \leq i \leq p$  ( $p$  is a prime number):  $L_{s_0}$  and  $L_i^{(1)}$ .*

**Theorem 8.** *If  $1 \leq i \leq p$  then there are exactly four different classes determined by functions in  $L^1$ , two different classes determined by bases of  $L^1$  (one for both of ranks 1 and 2) and two different classes determined by pivotal noncomplete sets in  $L^1$  (both of them are of rank 1).*

**Proof.** The function  $x$  belongs to the set  $L_{s_0}L_i^{(1)}$  and the function  $2x+(p-1)y$  is in the set  $L_{s_0}\bar{L}_i^{(1)}$ . The function  $x+1$  is an element of the set  $\bar{L}_{s_0}L_p^{(1)}$  and the function  $2x-i$  is in the set  $\bar{L}_{s_0}L_i^{(1)}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq p-1$ . Base functions  $x+y+(p-i)$  and  $2x+(p-1)y+1$  ([2]) belong to the sets  $\bar{L}_{s_0}\bar{L}_i^{(1)}$  for  $0 \leq i \leq p-1$  and  $\bar{L}_{s_0}\bar{L}_p^{(1)}$  respectively. Thus all four possible classes determined by the functions in  $L^1$  are non-empty. The other parts of the theorem follow immediately.

We are going to investigate classes determined by functions in  $L^{(1)}$ .

**Theorem 9 ([2]).** *The following  $u+p+1$  sets are  $L^{(1)}$ -maximal:*

$$\begin{aligned} &L^{(1,i)} \cup L^{(0)}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, u, \\ &L_i^{(1)} \cup L^{(0)}, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, p-1, \\ &L^{(1)} \setminus L^{(0)}. \end{aligned}$$

The next three lemmas are useful for the classification of  $L^{(1)}$ .

**Lemma 1.** *For the elements of  $L^{(1)}$  we have:*

- (a)  $a_0 + x \in L_i^{(1)}$  iff  $a_0 = 0$ , for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, p-1$ ;
- (b) If  $a > 1$  then for each  $i$  ( $0 \leq i \leq p-1$ ) there exists exactly one  $a_0$  for which  $a_0 + ax \in L_i^{(1)}$ ;
- (c)  $a_0 \in L_i^{(1)}$  iff  $a_0 = i$ .

The proof is omitted.

**Lemma 2.**  $L_i^{(1)}L_j^{(1)} = \{x\}$  for  $0 \leq i < j \leq p-1$ .

**Proof.** From  $a_0 + a_1i = i$  and  $a_0 + a_1j = j$  it follows that  $a_1 = 1$  and  $a_0 = 0$ .

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $t_i$  be a sequence such that  $t_i = q_i$  or  $t_i = 1$  for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, u$ ,  $t = (p-1)/(t_1 \dots t_u)$  and  $a$  is a number for which  $r(a) = t$ . If we define the sets  $A_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq u$ ) such that  $A_i = \bar{L}^{(1,i)}$  for  $t_i = 1$  and  $A_i = L^{(1,i)}$  for  $t_i = q_i$  then the function  $f = a_0 + ax$  is in the set  $A_1A_2 \dots A_u$ .*

**Proof.** If  $t_i = 1$  then  $p_i$  is not divisible by  $r(a)$ . Hence  $a_0 + ax \in \bar{L}^{(1,i)} = A_i$ . If  $t_i = q_i$  then  $r(a)$  divides  $p_i$ . Thus  $a_0 + ax \in L^{(1,i)} = A_i$ .

**Theorem 10.** *The number of different classes determined by functions in  $L^{(1)}$  is  $p2^u+3$  if  $p-1 \neq q_1 q_2 \dots q_u$  and  $p(2^u-1)+3$  otherwise.*

**Proof.** Suppose that the  $L^{(1)}$ -maximal sets are ordered as in Theorem 9.  $0^{u+p}1$  is the class determined by the functions in the set  $L^{(1)}$ . The  $(u+p+1)$ -component of all other classes is 0. From Lemmas 1—3 we infer that the class  $0^{u+p+1}$  is determined only by the function  $x$  and the class  $0^u 1^p 0$  is determined by functions  $a_0+x$  for  $a_0 \neq 0$ . We may assume further that  $f=a_0+ax$  and  $a>1$ . From Lemma 2 it follows that exactly one component among the components  $u+1, u+2, \dots, u+p$  is equal to 0. We derive from Lemma 3 that all the  $2^u$  possible classes with respect to the first  $u$   $L^{(1)}$ -maximal sets are nonempty. But, if  $p-1=q_1 \dots q_u$  for  $t_i=q_i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq u$ ) we get  $t=a=1$  in Lemma 3. It follows from Lemma 1 (b) and Lemma 2 that each of these classes with respect to the first  $u$   $L^{(1)}$ -maximal sets can be supplemented to a class determined by functions in  $L^{(1)}$  in  $p$  different ways.

The proof is complete.

**Corollary 5.** *Each base of  $L^{(1)}$  contains a constant.*

**Corollary 6.** *For  $p=3$  there are exactly 6 classes determined by functions in  $L^{(1)}$ :  $0^5, 0^4 1, 01^3 0, 10110, 11010, 1^3 00$ .*

**Theorem 11 ([2]).** *The cardinality of the bases of  $L^{(1)}$  is  $\cong 3$ .*

**Theorem 12.** *The maximal rank of classes determined by bases in  $L^{(1)}$  is  $u+2$ .*

**Proof.** Each base of  $L^{(1)}$  contains a function of the class  $0^{u+p}1$ . There is a subset of the base containing no more than  $u$  functions for which bitwise OR gives the value  $1^u$  with respect to the first  $u$  components. From Lemmas 1 and 3 we obtain that no more than one component among components  $u+1, \dots, u+p$  has the value 0. Hence, except the  $u+1$  functions considered above, this base may contain at most one function. Thus, each base of  $L^{(1)}$  consists of at most  $u+2$  functions.

**Theorem 13.** *If  $p-1=q_1^{a_1}$  (for example, if  $p=3$  or  $p=5$ ) then each base in  $L^{(1)}$  contains exactly three functions.*

**Proof.** In the case  $p-1=q_1^{a_1}$  we have  $u=1$  and so this theorem is proved by using Theorems 11 and 12.

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