

869, 922, 961, 1057, 1105, 1121, 1122, 1227, 1228, 1291, 1303, 1306, 1316, 1333, 1389, 1413, 1436, 1478, 1480, 1509, 1510, 1511, 1515, 1521, 1558, 1560, 1563, 1570, 1584, 1631, 1636, 1694, 1701, 1756, 1773, 1774, 1843, 1845, 1848, 1875, 1922, 1928, 1936, 1938, 1939, 1943, 1945, 1991, 2017, 2049, 2052, 2054, 2076, 2077, 2080, 2107, 2144, 2179, 2181, 2182, 2184, 2185, 2187, 2197, 2223, 2252, 2280, 2281, 2343, 2404, 2405, 2445, 2548, 2632, 2637, 2641, 2644, 2667, 2670, 2672, 2681, 2711, 2714, 2719, 2720, 2781, 2793, 2819, 2820, 2849, 2851, 2920, 2921, 2923, 2949, 2950]

2.2 Tables

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2.2.1 Remark Unless otherwise stated, all of the data given in this section was created by the author and, when possible, was verified with known results. Basic algorithms (for example, brute force) were preferred due to their reliability and ease of verification. Unless stated, all simulations were done in C/C++ using the NTL version 5.5.2 library [2633] for modular computations. NTL was compiled using the GMP version 4.3.2 library [2797] for multi-precision arithmetic. Extended and machine-readable versions of the tables found in this section can be found on the book's website [2180].

2.2.2 Remark Since most computer algebra packages can readily handle basic finite field computations, our aim is not to repeat tables whose purpose is to improve hand-calculations. For reference, we briefly recall the list of tables found in [1939].

Tables A and B are aids to perform fast arithmetic by hand over small finite fields. Table A is a list of all elements over small finite fields and their discrete logarithms with respect to a primitive element. Table B provides a list of *Jacobi's logarithms* $L(\cdot)$ for \mathbb{F}_{2^n} , $2 \leq n \leq 6$. These logarithms allow the computation of field elements by the relationship $\zeta^\alpha + \zeta^\beta = \zeta^{\alpha+L(\beta-\alpha)}$.

Table C provides a list of all monic irreducible polynomials of degree n over small prime fields. Particularly, these tables cover $p = 2$ and $n \leq 11$, $p = 3$ and $n \leq 7$, $p = 5$ and $n \leq 5$, $p = 7$ and $n \leq 4$.

Tables D, E and F deal with primitive polynomials. Table D lists one primitive polynomial over \mathbb{F}_2 for degrees $n \leq 100$. Table E lists all quadratic primitive polynomials for $11 \leq p \leq 31$ and Table F lists one primitive polynomial of degree n over \mathbb{F}_p for all $n \geq 2$ with $p < 50$ and $p^n < 10^9$.

2.2.1 Low-weight irreducible and primitive polynomials

2.2.3 Remark Low-weight irreducible polynomials are highly desired due to their efficiency in hardware and software implementations of finite fields. Irreducible polynomials of degree at least 2 over \mathbb{F}_2 must have an odd number of terms. The use of irreducible trinomials (having 3 terms) and, in their absence, irreducible pentanomials (having 5 terms) are useful; see, for example, [1413, Chapter 2]. For cryptographic use, the irreducible trinomial or pentanomial of lowest lexicographical order (for a fixed n , prefer the trinomial $x^n + x^k + 1$ over $x^n + x^{k_1} + 1$ when $k < k_1$, the analogue for pentanomials is obvious) is often preferred for transparency reasons. However, the irreducible with the optimal performance for a given implementation is not necessarily the lowest lex-order, see [2573] and Section 11.1. A list of the lowest-weight

lowest-lex-order irreducible over \mathbb{F}_2 is given in [2582] for degree $n \leq 10000$. Table 2.2.1 gives the lowest-weight, lowest-lex-order irreducible polynomial for $n \leq 1025$. The output of the table follows the format n, k (for trinomials $x^n + x^k + 1$) or n, k_1, k_2, k_3 (for pentanomials $x^n + x^{k_1} + x^{k_2} + x^{k_3} + 1$). We have extended these tables to larger n and to larger q for small values of n . Furthermore, the computer algebra package Magma [712] contains similar tables, due to Steel (2004-2007), for the following values of q and n :

q	$n \leq$	q	$n \leq$	q	$n \leq$	q	$n \leq$
2	120,000	3	50,000	4, 5, 7	2000	$9 \leq q \leq 127$	1000 (or more).

Sections 3.4 and 4.3 give more information on weights of irreducible and primitive polynomials.

2,1	3,1	4,1	5,2	6,1	7,1	8,4,3,1	9,1
10,3	11,2	12,3	13,4,3,1	14,5	15,1	16,5,3,1	17,3
18,3	19,5,2,1	20,3	21,2	22,1	23,5	24,4,3,1	25,3
26,4,3,1	27,5,2,1	28,1	29,2	30,1	31,3	32,7,3,2	33,10
34,7	35,2	36,9	37,6,4,1	38,6,5,1	39,4	40,5,4,3	41,3
42,7	43,6,4,3	44,5	45,4,3,1	46,1	47,5	48,5,3,2	49,9
50,4,3,2	51,6,3,1	52,3	53,6,2,1	54,9	55,7	56,7,4,2	57,4
58,19	59,7,4,2	60,1	61,5,2,1	62,29	63,1	64,4,3,1	65,18
66,3	67,5,2,1	68,9	69,6,5,2	70,5,3,1	71,6	72,10,9,3	73,25
74,35	75,6,3,1	76,21	77,6,5,2	78,6,5,3	79,9	80,9,4,2	81,4
82,8,3,1	83,7,4,2	84,5	85,8,2,1	86,21	87,13	88,7,6,2	89,38
90,27	91,8,5,1	92,21	93,2	94,21	95,11	96,10,9,6	97,6
98,11	99,6,3,1	100,15	101,7,6,1	102,29	103,9	104,4,3,1	105,4
106,15	107,9,7,4	108,17	109,5,4,2	110,33	111,10	112,5,4,3	113,9
114,5,3,2	115,8,7,5	116,4,2,1	117,5,2,1	118,33	119,8	120,4,3,1	121,18
122,6,2,1	123,2	124,19	125,7,6,5	126,21	127,1	128,7,2,1	129,5
130,3	131,8,3,2	132,17	133,9,8,2	134,57	135,11	136,5,3,2	137,21
138,8,7,1	139,8,5,3	140,15	141,10,4,1	142,21	143,5,3,2	144,7,4,2	145,52
146,71	147,14	148,27	149,10,9,7	150,53	151,3	152,6,3,2	153,1
154,15	155,62	156,9	157,6,5,2	158,8,6,5	159,31	160,5,3,2	161,18
162,27	163,7,6,3	164,10,8,7	165,9,8,3	166,37	167,6	168,15,3,2	169,34
170,11	171,6,5,2	172,1	173,8,5,2	174,13	175,6	176,11,3,2	177,8
178,31	179,4,2,1	180,3	181,7,6,1	182,81	183,56	184,9,8,7	185,24
186,11	187,7,6,5	188,6,5,2	189,6,5,2	190,8,7,6	191,9	192,7,2,1	193,15
194,87	195,8,3,2	196,3	197,9,4,2	198,9	199,34	200,5,3,2	201,14
202,55	203,8,7,1	204,27	205,9,5,2	206,10,9,5	207,43	208,9,3,1	209,6
210,7	211,11,10,8	212,105	213,6,5,2	214,73	215,23	216,7,3,1	217,45
218,11	219,8,4,1	220,7	221,8,6,2	222,5,4,2	223,33	224,9,8,3	225,32
226,10,7,3	227,10,9,4	228,113	229,10,4,1	230,8,7,6	231,26	232,9,4,2	233,74
234,31	235,9,6,1	236,5	237,7,4,1	238,73	239,36	240,8,5,3	241,70
242,95	243,8,5,1	244,111	245,6,4,1	246,11,2,1	247,82	248,15,14,10	249,35
250,103	251,7,4,2	252,15	253,46	254,7,2,1	255,52	256,10,5,2	257,12
258,71	259,10,6,2	260,15	261,7,6,4	262,9,8,4	263,93	264,9,6,2	265,42
266,47	267,8,6,3	268,25	269,7,6,1	270,53	271,58	272,9,3,2	273,23
274,67	275,11,10,9	276,63	277,12,6,3	278,5	279,5	280,9,5,2	281,93
282,35	283,12,7,5	284,53	285,10,7,5	286,69	287,71	288,11,10,1	289,21
290,5,3,2	291,12,11,5	292,37	293,11,6,1	294,33	295,48	296,7,3,2	297,5
298,11,8,4	299,11,6,4	300,5	301,9,5,2	302,41	303,1	304,11,2,1	305,102
306,7,3,1	307,8,4,2	308,15	309,10,6,4	310,93	311,7,5,3	312,9,7,4	313,79
314,15	315,10,9,1	316,63	317,7,4,2	318,45	319,36	320,4,3,1	321,31
322,67	323,10,3,1	324,51	325,10,5,2	326,10,3,1	327,34	328,8,3,1	329,50
330,99	331,10,6,2	332,89	333,2	334,5,2,1	335,10,7,2	336,7,4,1	337,55
338,4,3,1	339,16,10,7	340,45	341,10,8,6	342,125	343,75	344,7,2,1	345,22
346,63	347,11,10,3	348,103	349,6,5,2	350,53	351,34	352,13,11,6	353,69
354,99	355,6,5,1	356,10,9,7	357,11,10,2	358,57	359,68	360,5,3,2	361,7,4,1
362,63	363,8,5,3	364,9	365,9,6,5	366,29	367,21	368,7,3,2	369,91
370,139	371,8,3,2	372,111	373,8,7,2	374,8,6,5	375,16	376,8,7,5	377,41
378,43	379,10,8,5	380,47	381,5,2,1	382,81	383,90	384,12,3,2	385,6
386,83	387,8,7,1	388,159	389,10,9,5	390,9	391,28	392,13,10,6	393,7
394,135	395,11,6,5	396,25	397,12,7,6	398,7,6,2	399,26	400,5,3,2	401,152
402,171	403,9,8,5	404,65	405,13,8,2	406,141	407,71	408,5,3,2	409,87
410,10,4,3	411,12,10,3	412,147	413,10,7,6	414,13	415,102	416,9,5,2	417,107
418,199	419,15,5,4	420,7	421,5,4,2	422,149	423,25	424,9,7,2	425,12
426,63	427,11,6,5	428,105	429,10,8,7	430,14,6,1	431,120	432,13,4,3	433,33
434,12,11,5	435,12,9,5	436,165	437,6,2,1	438,65	439,49	440,4,3,1	441,7
442,7,5,2	443,10,6,1	444,81	445,7,6,4	446,105	447,73	448,11,6,4	449,134
450,47	451,16,10,1	452,6,5,4	453,15,6,4	454,8,6,1	455,38	456,18,9,6	457,16
458,203	459,12,5,2	460,19	461,7,6,1	462,73	463,93	464,19,18,13	465,31
466,14,11,6	467,11,6,1	468,27	469,9,5,2	470,9	471,1	472,11,3,2	473,200
474,191	475,9,8,4	476,9	477,16,15,7	478,121	479,104	480,15,9,6	481,138

482,9,6,5	483,9,6,4	484,105	485,17,16,6	486,81	487,94	488,4,3,1	489,83
490,219	491,11,6,3	492,7	493,10,5,3	494,17	495,76	496,16,5,2	497,78
498,155	499,11,6,5	500,27	501,5,4,2	502,8,5,4	503,3	504,15,14,6	505,156
506,23	507,13,6,3	508,9	509,8,7,3	510,69	511,10	512,8,5,2	513,26
514,67	515,14,7,4	516,21	517,12,10,2	518,33	519,79	520,15,11,2	521,32
522,39	523,13,6,2	524,167	525,6,4,1	526,97	527,47	528,11,6,2	529,42
530,10,7,3	531,10,5,4	532,1	533,4,3,2	534,161	535,8,6,2	536,7,5,3	537,94
538,195	539,10,5,4	540,9	541,13,10,4	542,8,6,1	543,16	544,8,3,1	545,122
546,8,2,1	547,13,7,4	548,10,5,3	549,16,4,3	550,193	551,135	552,19,16,9	553,39
554,10,8,7	555,10,9,4	556,153	557,7,6,5	558,73	559,34	560,11,9,6	561,71
562,11,4,2	563,14,7,3	564,163	565,11,6,1	566,153	567,28	568,15,7,6	569,77
570,67	571,10,5,2	572,12,8,1	573,10,6,4	574,13	575,146	576,13,4,3	577,25
578,23,22,16	579,12,9,7	580,237	581,13,7,6	582,85	583,130	584,14,13,3	585,88
586,7,5,2	587,11,6,1	588,35	589,10,4,3	590,93	591,9,6,4	592,13,6,3	593,86
594,19	595,9,2,1	596,273	597,14,12,9	598,7,6,1	599,30	600,9,5,2	601,201
602,215	603,6,4,3	604,105	605,10,7,5	606,165	607,105	608,19,13,6	609,31
610,127	611,10,4,2	612,81	613,19,10,4	614,45	615,211	616,19,10,3	617,200
618,295	619,9,8,5	620,9	621,12,6,5	622,297	623,68	624,11,6,5	625,133
626,251	627,13,8,4	628,223	629,6,5,2	630,7,4,2	631,307	632,9,2,1	633,101
634,39	635,14,10,4	636,217	637,14,9,1	638,6,5,1	639,16	640,14,3,2	641,11
642,119	643,11,3,2	644,11,6,5	645,11,8,4	646,249	647,5	648,13,3,1	649,37
650,3	651,14	652,93	653,10,8,7	654,33	655,88	656,7,5,4	657,38
658,55	659,15,4,2	660,11	661,12,11,4	662,21	663,107	664,11,9,8	665,33
666,10,7,2	667,18,7,3	668,147	669,5,4,2	670,153	671,15	672,11,6,5	673,28
674,11,7,4	675,6,3,1	676,31	677,8,4,3	678,15,5,3	679,66	680,23,16,9	681,11,9,3
682,171	683,11,6,1	684,209	685,4,3,1	686,197	687,13	688,19,14,6	689,14
690,79	691,13,6,2	692,299	693,15,8,2	694,169	695,177	696,23,10,2	697,267
698,215	699,15,10,1	700,75	701,16,4,2	702,37	703,12,7,1	704,8,3,2	705,17
706,12,11,8	707,15,8,5	708,15	709,4,3,1	710,13,12,4	711,92	712,5,4,3	713,41
714,23	715,7,4,1	716,183	717,16,7,1	718,165	719,150	720,9,6,4	721,9
722,231	723,16,10,4	724,207	725,9,6,5	726,5	727,180	728,4,3,2	729,58
730,147	731,8,6,2	732,343	733,8,7,2	734,11,6,1	735,44	736,13,8,6	737,5
738,347	739,18,16,8	740,135	741,9,8,3	742,85	743,90	744,13,11,1	745,258
746,351	747,10,6,4	748,19	749,7,6,1	750,309	751,18	752,13,10,3	753,158
754,19	755,12,10,1	756,45	757,7,6,1	758,233	759,98	760,11,6,5	761,3
762,83	763,16,14,9	764,6,5,3	765,9,7,4	766,22,19,9	767,168	768,19,17,4	769,120
770,14,5,2	771,17,15,6	772,7	773,10,8,6	774,185	775,93	776,15,14,7	777,29
778,375	779,10,8,3	780,13	781,17,16,2	782,329	783,68	784,13,9,6	785,92
786,12,10,3	787,7,6,3	788,17,10,3	789,5,2,1	790,9,6,1	791,30	792,9,7,3	793,253
794,143	795,7,4,1	796,9,4,1	797,12,10,4	798,53	799,25	800,9,7,1	801,217
802,15,13,9	803,14,9,2	804,75	805,8,7,2	806,21	807,7	808,14,3,2	809,15
810,159	811,12,10,8	812,29	813,10,3,1	814,21	815,333	816,11,8,2	817,52
818,119	819,16,9,7	820,123	821,15,11,2	822,17	823,9	824,11,6,4	825,38
826,255	827,12,10,7	828,189	829,4,3,1	830,17,10,7	831,49	832,13,5,2	833,149
834,15	835,14,7,5	836,10,9,2	837,8,6,5	838,61	839,54	840,11,5,1	841,144
842,47	843,11,10,7	844,105	845,2	846,105	847,136	848,11,4,1	849,253
850,111	851,13,10,5	852,159	853,10,7,1	854,7,5,3	855,29	856,19,10,3	857,119
858,207	859,17,15,4	860,35	861,14	862,349	863,6,3,2	864,21,10,6	865,1
866,75	867,9,5,2	868,145	869,11,7,6	870,301	871,378	872,13,3,1	873,352
874,12,7,4	875,12,8,1	876,149	877,6,5,4	878,12,9,8	879,11	880,15,7,5	881,78
882,99	883,17,16,12	884,173	885,8,7,1	886,13,9,8	887,147	888,19,18,10	889,127
890,183	891,12,4,1	892,31	893,11,8,6	894,173	895,12	896,7,5,3	897,113
898,207	899,18,15,5	900,1	901,13,7,6	902,21	903,35	904,12,7,2	905,117
906,123	907,12,10,2	908,143	909,14,4,1	910,15,9,7	911,204	912,7,5,1	913,91
914,4,2,1	915,8,6,3	916,183	917,12,10,7	918,77	919,36	920,14,9,6	921,221
922,7,6,5	923,16,14,13	924,31	925,16,15,7	926,365	927,403	928,10,3,2	929,11,4,3
930,31	931,10,9,4	932,177	933,16,6,1	934,22,6,5	935,417	936,15,13,12	937,217
938,207	939,7,5,4	940,10,7,1	941,11,6,1	942,45	943,24	944,12,11,9	945,77
946,21,20,13	947,9,6,5	948,189	949,8,3,2	950,13,12,10	951,260	952,16,9,7	953,168
954,131	955,7,6,3	956,305	957,10,9,6	958,13,9,4	959,143	960,12,9,3	961,18
962,15,8,5	963,20,9,6	964,103	965,15,4,2	966,201	967,36	968,9,5,2	969,31
970,11,7,2	971,6,2,1	972,7	973,13,6,4	974,9,8,7	975,19	976,17,10,6	977,15
978,9,3,1	979,178	980,8,7,6	981,12,6,5	982,177	983,230	984,24,9,3	985,222
986,3	987,16,13,12	988,121	989,10,4,2	990,161	991,39	992,17,15,13	993,62
994,223	995,15,12,2	996,65	997,12,6,3	998,101	999,59	1000,5,4,3	1001,17
1002,5,3,2	1003,13,8,3	1004,10,9,7	1005,12,8,2	1006,5,4,3	1007,75	1008,19,17,8	1009,55
1010,99	1011,10,7,4	1012,115	1013,9,8,6	1014,385	1015,186	1016,15,6,3	1017,9,4,1
1018,12,10,5	1019,10,8,1	1020,135	1021,5,2,1	1022,317	1023,7	1024,19,6,1	1025,294

Table 2.2.1 Lowest weight lowest-lexicographical order irreducible polynomial of degree n over \mathbb{F}_2 . Output: n, k (for trinomials $x^n + x^k + 1$) or n, k_1, k_2, k_3 (for pentanomials $x^n + x^{k_1} + x^{k_2} + x^{k_3} + 1$).

2.2.4 Remark Constructions of irreducible low-weight polynomials are rare; see Sections 3.4 and 3.5. Instead, conditions for reducibility are often more tractable; see Section 3.3. Swan [2753] gives conditions for when a trinomial $x^n + x^k + 1 \in \mathbb{F}_2[x]$ is reducible. In particular, the trinomial is reducible when 8 divides n . Only partial results for Swan-like conditions on pentanomials over \mathbb{F}_2 exist in the literature; see, for example, [1777] and Section 3.3.

2.2.5 Conjecture [2582] For every n , there exists either an irreducible trinomial of degree n over \mathbb{F}_2 or, in the absence of an irreducible trinomial, there exists an irreducible pentanomial of degree n over \mathbb{F}_2 .

2.2.6 Remark A polynomial over \mathbb{F}_q is *primitive* if all of its roots are generators of the (cyclic) multiplicative group \mathbb{F}_q^* . We give an analogous table to Table 2.2.1 but instead list the lowest-weight lowest-lexicographical order primitive polynomial of degree $n \leq 577$ over \mathbb{F}_2 . To compute primitivity, we used the *Cunningham project* to find the factorization of $2^n - 1$; see Section 2.2.3 for more details.

2,1	3,1	4,1	5,2	6,1	7,1	8,4,3,2	9,4
10,3	11,2	12,6,4,1	13,4,3,1	14,5,3,1	15,1	16,5,3,2	17,3
18,7	19,5,2,1	20,3	21,2	22,1	23,5	24,4,3,1	25,3
26,6,2,1	27,5,2,1	28,3	29,2	30,6,4,1	31,3	32,7,6,2	33,13
34,8,4,3	35,2	36,11	37,6,4,1	38,6,5,1	39,4	40,5,4,3	41,3
42,7,4,3	43,6,4,3	44,6,5,2	45,4,3,1	46,8,7,6	47,5	48,9,7,4	49,9
50,4,3,2	51,6,3,1	52,3	53,6,2,1	54,8,6,3	55,24	56,7,4,2	57,7
58,19	59,7,4,2	60,1	61,5,2,1	62,6,5,3	63,1	64,4,3,1	65,18
66,9,8,6	67,5,2,1	68,9	69,6,5,2	70,5,3,1	71,6	72,10,9,3	73,25
74,7,4,3	75,6,3,1	76,5,4,2	77,6,5,2	78,7,2,1	79,9	80,9,4,2	81,4
82,9,6,4	83,7,4,2	84,13	85,8,2,1	86,6,5,2	87,13	88,11,9,8	89,38
90,5,3,2	91,8,5,1	92,6,5,2	93,2	94,21	95,11	96,10,9,6	97,6
98,11	99,7,5,4	100,37	101,7,6,1	102,6,5,3	103,9	104,11,10,1	105,16
106,15	107,9,7,4	108,31	109,5,4,2	110,6,4,1	111,10	112,11,6,4	113,9
114,11,2,1	115,8,7,5	116,6,5,2	117,5,2,1	118,33	119,8	120,9,6,2	121,18
122,6,2,1	123,2	124,37	125,7,6,5	126,7,4,2	127,1	128,7,2,1	129,5
130,3	131,8,3,2	132,29	133,9,8,2	134,57	135,11	136,8,3,2	137,21
138,8,7,1	139,8,5,3	140,29	141,13,6,1	142,21	143,5,3,2	144,7,4,2	145,52
146,5,3,2	147,11,4,2	148,27	149,10,9,7	150,53	151,3	152,6,3,2	153,1
154,9,5,1	155,7,5,4	156,9,5,3	157,6,5,2	158,8,6,5	159,31	160,5,3,2	161,18
162,8,7,4	163,7,6,3	164,12,6,5	165,9,8,3	166,10,3,2	167,6	168,16,9,6	169,34
170,23	171,6,5,2	172,7	173,8,5,2	174,13	175,6	176,12,11,9	177,8
178,87	179,4,2,1	180,12,10,7	181,7,6,1	182,8,6,1	183,56	184,9,8,7	185,24
186,9,8,6	187,7,6,5	188,6,5,2	189,6,5,2	190,13,6,2	191,9	192,15,11,5	193,15
194,87	195,8,3,2	196,11,9,2	197,9,4,2	198,65	199,34	200,5,3,2	201,14
202,55	203,8,7,1	204,10,4,3	205,9,5,2	206,10,9,5	207,43	208,9,3,1	209,6
210,12,4,3	211,11,10,8	212,105	213,6,5,2	214,5,3,1	215,23	216,7,3,1	217,45
218,11	219,8,4,1	220,12,10,9	221,8,6,2	222,8,5,2	223,33	224,12,7,2	225,32
226,10,7,3	227,10,9,4	228,12,11,2	229,10,4,1	230,8,7,6	231,26	232,11,9,4	233,74
234,31	235,9,6,1	236,5	237,7,4,1	238,5,2,1	239,36	240,8,5,3	241,70
242,11,6,1	243,8,5,1	244,9,4,1	245,6,4,1	246,11,2,1	247,82	248,15,14,10	249,86
250,103	251,7,4,2	252,67	253,7,3,2	254,7,2,1	255,52	256,10,5,2	257,12
258,83	259,10,6,2	260,10,8,7	261,7,6,4	262,9,8,4	263,93	264,10,9,1	265,42
266,47	267,8,6,3	268,25	269,7,6,1	270,53	271,58	272,9,6,2	273,23
274,67	275,11,10,9	276,6,3,1	277,12,6,3	278,5	279,5	280,9,5,2	281,93
282,35	283,12,7,5	284,119	285,10,7,5	286,69	287,71	288,11,10,1	289,21
290,5,3,2	291,12,11,5	292,97	293,11,6,1	294,61	295,48	296,11,9,4	297,5
298,11,8,4	299,11,6,4	300,7	301,9,5,2	302,41	303,13,12,6	304,11,2,1	305,102
306,7,3,1	307,8,4,2	308,15,9,2	309,10,6,4	310,8,5,1	311,7,5,3	312,11,10,5	313,79
314,15	315,10,9,1	316,135	317,7,4,2	318,8,6,5	319,36	320,4,3,1	321,31
322,67	323,10,3,1	324,6,4,3	325,10,5,2	326,10,3,1	327,34	328,9,7,5	329,50
330,8,7,2	331,10,6,2	332,123	333,2	334,7,4,1	335,10,7,2	336,7,4,1	337,55
338,6,3,2	339,16,10,7	340,11,4,3	341,14,11,5	342,125	343,75	344,11,10,6	345,22
346,11,7,2	347,11,10,3	348,8,7,4	349,6,5,2	350,53	351,34	352,13,11,6	353,69
354,14,13,5	355,6,5,1	356,10,9,7	357,11,10,2	358,14,8,7	359,68	360,26,25,1	361,7,4,1
362,63	363,8,5,3	364,67	365,9,6,5	366,29	367,21	368,17,9,7	369,91
370,139	371,8,3,2	372,15,7,3	373,8,7,2	374,8,6,5	375,16	376,8,7,5	377,41
378,43	379,10,8,5	380,47	381,5,2,1	382,81	383,90	384,16,15,6	385,6
386,83	387,9,8,2	388,14,3,1	389,10,9,5	390,89	391,28	392,13,10,6	393,7
394,135	395,11,6,5	396,25	397,12,7,6	398,14,6,5	399,86	400,5,3,2	401,152
402,9,4,3	403,9,8,5	404,189	405,17,8,7	406,157	407,71	408,7,5,1	409,87
410,10,4,3	411,12,10,3	412,147	413,10,7,6	414,16,13,9	415,102	416,9,5,2	417,107
418,15,3,1	419,15,5,4	420,13,10,8	421,5,4,2	422,149	423,25	424,9,7,2	425,12
426,14,12,11	427,11,6,5	428,105	429,10,8,7	430,15,13,11	431,120	432,13,4,3	433,33
434,12,11,5	435,12,9,5	436,165	437,6,2,1	438,65	439,49	440,4,3,1	441,31

442,7,5,2	443,10,6,1	444,13,12,9	445,7,6,4	446,105	447,73	448,11,6,4	449,134
450,79	451,16,10,1	452,6,5,4	453,15,6,4	454,10,9,5	455,38	456,23,11,2	457,16
458,203	459,12,5,2	460,61	461,7,6,1	462,73	463,93	464,23,9,4	465,59
466,14,11,6	467,11,6,1	468,15,9,4	469,9,5,2	470,149	471,1	472,11,3,2	473,8,6,3
474,191	475,9,8,4	476,15	477,16,15,7	478,121	479,104	480,16,13,7	481,138
482,9,6,5	483,9,6,4	484,105	485,17,16,6	486,14,8,5	487,94	488,4,3,1	489,83
490,219	491,11,6,3	492,8,7,1	493,10,5,3	494,137	495,76	496,16,5,2	497,78
498,11,9,3	499,11,6,5	500,10,6,1	501,5,4,2	502,8,5,4	503,3	504,21,14,2	505,156
506,95	507,13,6,3	508,109	509,8,7,3	510,12,10,9	511,10	512,8,5,2	513,85
514,7,5,3	515,14,7,4	516,7,5,2	517,12,10,2	518,33	519,79	520,17,13,11	521,32
522,15,13,4	523,13,6,2	524,167	525,6,4,1	526,9,5,1	527,47	528,11,6,2	529,42
530,10,7,3	531,12,6,2	532,1	533,4,3,2	534,7,5,1	535,8,6,2	536,7,5,3	537,94
538,5,2,1	539,10,5,4	540,179	541,13,10,4	542,9,3,2	543,16	544,13,9,6	545,122
546,8,2,1	547,13,7,4	548,10,5,3	549,16,4,3	550,193	551,135	552,20,5,2	553,39
554,11,8,3	555,10,9,4	556,153	557,7,6,5	558,14,9,5	559,34	560,11,9,6	561,71
562,11,4,2	563,14,7,3	564,163	565,11,6,1	566,153	567,143	568,17,11,10	569,77
570,67	571,10,5,2	572,12,8,1	573,10,6,4	574,13	575,146	576,13,4,3	577,25

Table 2.2.2 Lowest weight lowest-lexicographical order primitive polynomial of degree $n \leq 577$ over \mathbb{F}_2 . Output: n, k (for trinomials $x^n + x^k + 1$) or n, k_1, k_2, k_3 (for pentanomials $x^n + x^{k_1} + x^{k_2} + x^{k_3} + 1$).

2.2.7 Remark Table 2.2.3 is the analogous table to Table 2.2.1, giving the lowest-weight, lowest-lexicographical order irreducible polynomial of degree $n \leq 516$ over \mathbb{F}_3 .

2,(1)	3,1(2),(1)	4,1(1),(2)	5,1(2),(1)	6,1(1),(2)
7,2(1),(2)	8,2(1),(2)	9,4(1),(2)	10,2(2),(1)	11,2(1),(2)
12,2(1),(2)	13,1(2),(1)	14,1(1),(2)	15,2(1),(2)	16,4(1),(2)
17,1(2),(1)	18,7(1),(2)	19,2(1),(2)	20,5(1),(2)	21,5(2),(1)
22,4(2),(1)	23,3(2),(1)	24,4(1),(2)	25,3(2),(1)	26,2(2),(1)
27,7(2),(1)	28,2(1),(2)	29,4(1),(2)	30,1(1),(2)	31,5(2),(1)
32,5(1),(2)	33,5(2),(1)	34,2(2),(1)	35,2(1),(2)	36,14(1),(2)
37,6(1),(2)	38,4(2),(1)	39,7(2),(1)	40,1(1),(2)	41,1(2),(1)
42,7(1),(2)	43,17(2),(1)	44,3(1),(2)	45,17(2),(1)	46,5(1),(2)
47,15(2),(1)	48,8(1),(2)	49,3(2),2(1),(1)	50,6(2),(1)	51,1(2),(1)
52,7(1),(2)	53,13(2),(1)	54,1(1),(2)	55,11(2),(1)	56,3(1),(2)
57,7(1),2(1),(2)	58,8(2),(1)	59,17(2),(1)	60,2(1),(2)	61,7(2),(1)
62,10(2),(1)	63,26(1),(2)	64,3(1),(2)	65,5(1),3(1),(1)	66,10(2),(1)
67,2(1),(2)	68,3(1),2(1),(1)	69,17(2),(1)	70,4(2),(1)	71,20(1),(2)
72,28(1),(2)	73,1(2),(1)	74,12(2),(1)	75,5(2),4(1),(1)	76,9(1),(2)
77,16(1),(2)	78,13(1),(2)	79,26(1),(2)	80,2(1),(2)	81,40(1),(2)
82,2(2),(1)	83,27(2),(1)	84,14(1),(2)	85,16(1),(2)	86,13(1),(2)
87,26(1),(2)	88,6(1),(2)	89,13(2),(1)	90,19(1),(2)	91,17(2),(1)
92,10(1),(2)	93,23(2),(1)	94,30(2),(1)	95,47(2),(1)	96,16(1),(2)
97,12(1),(2)	98,4(1),3(1),(1)	99,19(2),(1)	100,25(1),(2)	101,31(2),(1)
102,2(2),(1)	103,47(2),(1)	104,5(1),(2)	105,6(1),2(1),(1)	106,26(2),(1)
107,3(2),(1)	108,2(1),(2)	109,9(2),(1)	110,22(2),(1)	111,2(1),(2)
112,6(1),(2)	113,19(2),(1)	114,7(1),(2)	115,32(1),(2)	116,15(1),(2)
117,52(1),(2)	118,34(2),(1)	119,2(1),(2)	120,4(1),(2)	121,1(2),(1)
122,14(2),(1)	123,7(1),4(1),(2)	124,25(1),(2)	125,52(1),(2)	126,49(1),(2)
127,8(1),(2)	128,6(1),(2)	129,3(2),2(1),(1)	130,10(1),6(1),(1)	131,27(2),(1)
132,19(1),14(1),(1)	133,15(2),(1)	134,4(2),(1)	135,44(1),(2)	136,57(1),(2)
137,1(2),(1)	138,34(2),(1)	139,59(2),(1)	140,59(1),(2)	141,5(2),(1)
142,40(2),(1)	143,35(2),(1)	144,56(1),(2)	145,24(1),(2)	146,2(2),(1)
147,8(1),(2)	148,3(1),(2)	149,11(2),10(1),(1)	150,73(1),(2)	151,2(1),(2)
152,18(1),(2)	153,59(2),(1)	154,32(2),(1)	155,12(1),(2)	156,26(1),(2)
157,22(1),(2)	158,52(2),(1)	159,32(1),(2)	160,4(1),(2)	161,9(1),5(1),(1)
162,19(1),(2)	163,59(2),(1)	164,15(1),(2)	165,22(1),(2)	166,54(2),(1)
167,71(2),(1)	168,28(1),(2)	169,24(1),(2)	170,32(2),(1)	171,20(1),(2)
172,19(1),(2)	173,7(2),(1)	174,52(2),(1)	175,10(1),8(1),(1)	176,12(1),(2)
177,52(1),(2)	178,11(1),(2)	179,59(2),(1)	180,38(1),(2)	181,37(2),(1)
182,25(1),(2)	183,2(1),(2)	184,20(1),(2)	185,64(1),(2)	186,46(2),(1)
187,8(1),(2)	188,11(1),(2)	189,9(1),7(1),(1)	190,94(2),(1)	191,71(2),(1)
192,32(1),(2)	193,12(1),(2)	194,24(2),(1)	195,26(1),(2)	196,79(1),(2)
197,9(1),7(1),(1)	198,29(1),(2)	199,35(2),(1)	200,3(1),(2)	201,88(1),(2)
202,62(2),(1)	203,3(2),(1)	204,50(1),(2)	205,9(2),(1)	206,61(1),(2)
207,11(2),8(1),(1)	208,10(1),(2)	209,40(1),(2)	210,7(1),(2)	211,89(2),(1)
212,14(1),3(1),(1)	213,17(2),4(1),(1)	214,6(2),(1)	215,36(1),(2)	216,4(1),(2)
217,85(2),(1)	218,18(2),(1)	219,25(2),(1)	220,15(1),(2)	221,12(1),2(1),(1)
222,4(2),(1)	223,8(1),5(2),(1)	224,12(1),(2)	225,16(1),(2)	226,38(2),(1)
227,11(2),(1)	228,14(1),(2)	229,72(1),(2)	230,64(2),(1)	231,8(1),7(1),(2)
232,30(1),(2)	233,6(1),2(1),(1)	234,91(1),(2)	235,26(1),(2)	236,9(1),(2)
237,70(1),(2)	238,4(2),(1)	239,5(2),(1)	240,8(1),(2)	241,88(1),(2)
242,2(2),(1)	243,121(2),(1)	244,31(1),(2)	245,97(2),(1)	246,13(1),(2)
247,122(1),(2)	248,50(1),(2)	249,59(2),(1)	250,104(2),(1)	251,9(2),(1)
252,98(1),(2)	253,7(2),(1)	254,16(2),(1)	255,26(1),(2)	256,12(1),(2)

257,22(1),(2)	258,7(1),(2)	259,65(2),(1)	260,35(1),(2)	261,119(2),(1)
262,54(2),(1)	263,69(2),(1)	264,23(1),16(1),(1)	265,61(2),(1)	266,30(2),(1)
267,9(1),2(1),(2)	268,15(1),(2)	269,7(2),(1)	270,88(2),(1)	271,50(1),(2)
272,114(1),(2)	273,46(1),(2)	274,2(2),(1)	275,12(1),(2)	276,10(1),2(1),(2)
277,24(1),(2)	278,118(2),(1)	279,7(2),(1)	280,15(1),(2)	281,10(1),7(1),(2)
282,10(2),(1)	283,23(2),(1)	284,5(1),(2)	285,89(2),(1)	286,70(2),(1)
287,101(2),(1)	288,112(1),(2)	289,73(2),(1)	290,43(1),(2)	291,25(2),(1)
292,13(1),12(1),(1)	293,7(2),(1)	294,16(2),(1)	295,83(2),(1)	296,6(1),(2)
297,3(2),2(1),(1)	298,13(1),3(1),(2)	299,51(2),(1)	300,146(1),(2)	301,30(1),(2)
302,4(2),(1)	303,8(1),2(1),(1)	304,36(1),(2)	305,46(1),(2)	306,118(2),(1)
307,17(2),(1)	308,53(1),(2)	309,3(2),2(1),(1)	310,24(2),(1)	311,13(2),12(1),(1)
312,52(1),(2)	313,93(2),(1)	314,44(2),(1)	315,127(2),(1)	316,87(1),(2)
317,7(2),(1)	318,64(2),(1)	319,10(1),9(1),(2)	320,3(1),(2)	321,83(2),(1)
322,71(1),(2)	323,9(2),(1)	324,38(1),(2)	325,157(2),(1)	326,118(2),(1)
327,7(2),(1)	328,3(1),(2)	329,52(1),(2)	330,11(1),(2)	331,2(1),(2)
332,13(1),6(1),(1)	333,94(1),(2)	334,142(2),(1)	335,8(1),(2)	336,56(1),(2)
337,3(2),(1)	338,48(2),(1)	339,49(2),(1)	340,86(1),(2)	341,25(2),(1)
342,40(2),(1)	343,12(1),10(1),(1)	344,38(1),(2)	345,101(2),(1)	346,14(2),(1)
347,18(1),(2)	348,146(1),(2)	349,54(1),(2)	350,157(1),(2)	351,20(1),(2)
352,7(1),(2)	353,142(1),(2)	354,104(2),(1)	355,41(2),(1)	356,15(1),(2)
357,71(2),(1)	358,77(1),(2)	359,15(2),(1)	360,76(1),(2)	361,157(2),(1)
362,74(2),(1)	363,26(1),(2)	364,1(1),(2)	365,88(1),(2)	366,4(2),(1)
367,107(2),(1)	368,27(1),(2)	369,11(2),(1)	370,11(1),(2)	371,27(2),(1)
372,94(1),(2)	373,25(2),(1)	374,16(2),(1)	375,67(2),(1)	376,9(1),(2)
377,160(1),(2)	378,7(1),(2)	379,44(1),(2)	380,9(1),(2)	381,143(2),(1)
382,137(1),(2)	383,80(1),(2)	384,64(1),(2)	385,22(1),(2)	386,24(2),(1)
387,152(1),(2)	388,87(1),(2)	389,76(1),(2)	390,13(1),(2)	391,22(1),21(2),(1)
392,158(1),(2)	393,185(2),(1)	394,14(1),9(1),(1)	395,23(2),(1)	396,58(1),(2)
397,12(1),5(1),(2)	398,70(2),(1)	399,181(2),(1)	400,3(1),(2)	401,11(2),10(1),(1)
402,176(2),(1)	403,161(2),(1)	404,9(1),2(1),(1)	405,25(1),18(1),(2)	406,6(2),(1)
407,48(1),(2)	408,100(1),(2)	409,99(2),(1)	410,18(2),(1)	411,8(1),2(1),(1)
412,79(1),(2)	413,22(1),(2)	414,37(1),(2)	415,13(1),3(1),(1)	416,20(1),(2)
417,40(1),(2)	418,80(2),(1)	419,26(1),(2)	420,14(1),(2)	421,13(2),(1)
422,178(2),(1)	423,68(1),(2)	424,45(1),(2)	425,61(2),(1)	426,9(1),7(1),(2)
427,167(2),(1)	428,71(1),(2)	429,65(2),(1)	430,72(2),(1)	431,66(1),(2)
432,8(1),(2)	433,120(1),(2)	434,67(1),(2)	435,8(1),2(1),(1)	436,13(1),2(1),(1)
437,14(1),3(2),(1)	438,17(1),(2)	439,16(1),3(2),(1)	440,11(1),(2)	441,7(1),6(1),(2)
442,11(1),3(1),(2)	443,188(1),(2)	444,178(1),(2)	445,141(2),(1)	446,1(1),(2)
447,157(2),(1)	448,24(1),(2)	449,52(1),(2)	450,32(2),(1)	451,17(2),(1)
452,17(1),(2)	453,17(2),4(1),(1)	454,22(2),(1)	455,32(1),(2)	456,28(1),(2)
457,67(2),(1)	458,144(2),(1)	459,13(2),6(1),(1)	460,57(1),(2)	461,13(2),(1)
462,73(1),(2)	463,15(1),13(1),(1)	464,60(1),(2)	465,41(2),(1)	466,167(1),(2)
467,48(1),(2)	468,182(1),(2)	469,166(1),(2)	470,52(2),(1)	471,8(1),(2)
472,18(1),(2)	473,73(2),(1)	474,83(1),(2)	475,17(2),(1)	476,10(1),(2)
477,101(2),(1)	478,10(2),(1)	479,221(2),(1)	480,16(1),(2)	481,22(1),(2)
482,127(1),(2)	483,26(1),(2)	484,39(1),(2)	485,1(2),(1)	486,125(1),(2)
487,29(2),(1)	488,62(1),(2)	489,7(1),5(1),(1)	490,194(2),(1)	491,11(2),(1)
492,26(1),(2)	493,4(1),(2)	494,244(2),(1)	495,7(2),(1)	496,85(1),(2)
497,7(2),6(1),(1)	498,118(2),(1)	499,20(1),(2)	500,39(1),(2)	501,88(1),(2)
502,18(2),(1)	503,35(2),(1)	504,196(1),(2)	505,61(2),(1)	506,14(2),(1)
507,80(1),(2)	508,91(1),(2)	509,151(2),(1)	510,52(2),(1)	511,215(2),(1)
512,24(1),(2)	513,14(1),10(1),(1)	514,44(2),(1)	515,8(1),(2)	516,14(1),(2)

Table 2.2.3 Lowest weight lowest lexicographical order irreducible polynomial of degree n over \mathbb{F}_3 . Output: $n, \{\text{degrees}, (\text{coefficients})\}, (\text{constant term})$.

2.2.8 Remark Necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of an irreducible binomial of degree n over finite fields of odd characteristic are given in [1939, Theorem 3.75]. A constructive derivation of the degrees for which there exists an irreducible binomial over \mathbb{F}_q , q odd, is given in [2356]. The following conjecture summarizes empirical observations of extending Tables 2.2.1 and 2.2.3 to higher characteristics.

2.2.9 Conjecture Let $q > 2$. For every n , there is an irreducible polynomial of degree n over \mathbb{F}_q of weight at most 4.

2.2.2 Low-complexity normal bases

2.2.10 Remark Normal bases are often required in hardware implementations of finite fields due to the efficiency of exponentiation when the finite field is represented using a normal basis.

The *complexity* of a normal basis N , C_N , is defined in Definition 5.3.1. Normal bases with low complexity are highly preferred. An *optimal* normal basis of \mathbb{F}_{q^n} over \mathbb{F}_q is a normal basis attaining the minimum complexity $C_N = 2n - 1$. See Sections 5.2 and 5.3 for more details on normal bases and their complexities.

2.2.2.1 Exhaustive search for low complexity normal bases

2.2.11 Remark Table 2.2.4 is due to an exhaustive search for normal bases of \mathbb{F}_{2^n} over \mathbb{F}_2 , $n \leq 39$, originally given in [2015]. The table gives the number of normal bases, the smallest and largest complexities (m_{C_N}, M_{C_N}) , the average and variance (Avg_{C_N}, Var_{C_N}) of complexities and the smallest and largest complexities for self-dual normal elements. In Table 2.2.4, we fix a typo on the minimum complexity of $n = 37$, originally noted in [130], and make some minor corrections to the calculations of the averages and variances. In the “Notes” column, “Optimal” indicates that the basis with minimal complexity is an optimal normal basis (Theorem 5.3.6), and “sd” indicates that the minimal complexity basis is self-dual.

n	# Normal bases	m_{C_N}	M_{C_N}	Avg_{C_N}	Var_{C_N}	self-dual		Notes
						m_{C_N}	M_{C_N}	
2	1	3	3	3.00	0	3	3	Optimal, sd
3	1	5	5	5.00	0	5	5	Optimal, sd
4	2	7	9	8.00	1.00	-	-	
5	3	9	15	11.67	6.22	9	9	Optimal, sd
6	4	11	17	15.00	6.00	11	15	Optimal, sd
7	7	19	27	23.00	9.14	21	21	$m_{C_N} = 3n - 2$
8	16	21	35	29.00	11	-	-	$m_{C_N} = 3n - 3$
9	21	17	45	35.57	41.57	17	29	Optimal, sd
10	48	19	61	44.83	61.31	27	51	
11	93	21	71	55.82	57.65	21	57	Optimal, sd
12	128	23	83	64.13	107.23	-	-	
13	315	45	101	78.38	71.07	45	81	sd
14	448	27	135	91.07	108.42	27	135	Optimal, sd
15	675	45	137	105.89	127.36	45	105	sd
16	2048	85	157	115.82	114.59	-	-	
17	3825	81	177	136.83	136.67	81	171	sd
18	5376	35	243	153.51	185.12	35	243	Optimal, sd
19	13797	117	229	172.00	171.91	117	201	sd
20	24576	63	257	190.81	205.81	-	-	
21	27783	95	277	210.97	216.43	105	237	
22	95232	63	363	231.93	238.56	63	363	$m_{C_N} = 3n - 3$
23	182183	45	325	254.02	254.60	45	309	Optimal, sd
24	262144	105	375	276.89	281.01	-	-	
25	629145	93	383	301.01	300.37	93	357	sd
26	1290240	51	555	325.96	328.59	51	555	Optimal, sd
27	1835001	141	443	351.99	351.38	141	413	
28	3670016	55	517	378.98	379.12	-	-	Optimal
29	9256395	57	521	407.00	406.21	57	465	Optimal, sd
30	11059200	59	759	435.95	438.52	59	759	Optimal, sd
31	28629151	237	587	466.00	465.21	237	537	sd
32	67108864	361	621	497.00	496.07	-	-	
33	97327197	65	693	529.00	528.44	65	693	Optimal, sd
34	250675200	243	819	562.00	561.52	243	819	sd
35	352149515	69	779	596.00	595.08	69	693	Optimal, sd
36	704643060	71	1017	630.99	630.51	-	-	Optimal
37	1857283155	141	823	667	666.04	141		sd
38	3616800703	207	1131	704.00	703.18	207		
39	5282242828	77	933	742.00	741.09	77		Optimal, sd

Table 2.2.4 Statistics for normal bases of \mathbb{F}_{2^n} over \mathbb{F}_2 obtained by exhaustive search, $n \leq 39$.

2.2.12 Remark Our first conjecture based on Table 2.2.4 appears in [3036] and elsewhere. We also summarize the conjectures found in [2015].

2.2.13 Conjecture When no optimal normal basis of \mathbb{F}_{2^n} over \mathbb{F}_2 exists, the minimum complexity of a normal basis of \mathbb{F}_{2^n} over \mathbb{F}_2 is $3n - 3$.

- 2.2.14 Remark** Normal bases of \mathbb{F}_{2^n} over \mathbb{F}_2 achieving a complexity of $3n - 3$ are given in Proposition 5.3.46 and this complexity is the minimal found when $n = 8$ and $n = 22$.
- 2.2.15 Conjecture** The number of normal bases of \mathbb{F}_{2^n} over \mathbb{F}_2 are normally distributed with respect to their complexities. Furthermore, the average complexity of a normal basis of \mathbb{F}_{2^n} over \mathbb{F}_2 is $(n^2 - n + 3)/2$ and the variance is also $n^2/2 - cn$, for a small positive constant c .
- 2.2.16 Remark** We remark that the conspicuous wording in Conjecture 2.2.15, that normal bases are normally distributed, is mostly coincidental. Indeed, as n grows, the number of normal bases grow like $2^n/\log(n)$, see Theorem 5.2.13, so the Central Limit Theorem supports this conjecture. The precise distribution of the complexities is still an open and interesting problem.
- 2.2.17 Remark** Self-dual normal bases are often preferred in normal basis implementations due to their highly symmetric properties; see Sections 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 16.7 as well as [1264, 2925], for more information on self-dual normal bases and their implementations. Exhaustive searches of self-dual normal bases of \mathbb{F}_{2^n} over \mathbb{F}_2 appear in [130, 1263, 1631, 2015] and [130] gives an exhaustive search of self-dual normal bases of \mathbb{F}_{q^n} over \mathbb{F}_q for larger q and odd n . Tables 2.2.5, 2.2.6 and 2.2.7 are directly from [130]; we note that we did not implement their algorithm. Table 2.2.5 gives the minimum complexity C_n of a self-dual normal basis of \mathbb{F}_{2^n} over \mathbb{F}_2 for odd $n \leq 45$, Table 2.2.6 for q a power of 2 and small n , and Table 2.2.7 for \mathbb{F}_{q^n} over \mathbb{F}_q for odd $q \leq 19$ and small n .

n	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	17	19	21	23
C_n	5	9	21	17	21	45	45	81	117	105	45

n	25	27	29	31	33	35	37	39	41	43	45
C_n	93	141	57	237	65	69	141	77	81	165	153

Table 2.2.5 The lowest complexity for self-dual normal bases of \mathbb{F}_{2^n} over \mathbb{F}_2 for odd $n, n \leq 45$.

q/n	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	17	19	21	23	25
2	5	9	21	17	21	45	45	81	117	105	45	93
4	5	9	21	17	21	45	45	81	117	105	45	93
8	9	9	21	45	21	45	81	81				
16	5	9	21	17	21	45						
32	5	19	21	17	21							
64	9	9	21	45								
128	5	9	37									
256	5	9										

Table 2.2.6 Lowest complexity for self-dual normal bases of \mathbb{F}_{q^n} over \mathbb{F}_q where q is a power of 2 for small odd values of n .

q/n	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	17	19	21	23	25
3	7	13	25	37	55	67	–	91	172	–	127	135
5	6	13	25	46	64	85	–	157	153	150		
7	6	16	19	41	61	96	87			–		
11	6	13	25	52	31	100	78					
13	6	13	25	51	64	37						
17	8	13	25	51	64	100		–				
19	8	13	31	51	67				–			

Table 2.2.7 Lowest complexity for self-dual normal bases of \mathbb{F}_{q^n} over \mathbb{F}_q for odd primes $q \leq 19$ and small odd values of n .

2.2.2.2 Minimum type of a Gauss period admitting a normal basis of \mathbb{F}_{2^n} over \mathbb{F}_2

2.2.18 Remark We briefly recall the definition of a Gauss period (Definition 5.3.16). Let $r = nk + 1$ be a prime not dividing q and let γ be a primitive r -th root of unity in $\mathbb{F}_{q^{nk}}$. Furthermore, let K be the unique subgroup of order k in \mathbb{Z}_r^* and $K_i = \{a \cdot q^i : a \in K\} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_r^*$ be cosets of K , $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$. The elements

$$\alpha_i = \sum_{a \in K_i} \gamma^a \in \mathbb{F}_{q^n}, \quad 0 \leq i \leq n - 1,$$

are *Gauss periods* of type (n, k) over \mathbb{F}_q . Gauss periods over finite fields are highly desirable as normal bases since, when they exist, they have low complexity; see Theorem 5.3.23. Normal bases due to Gauss periods of type $(n, 1)$, for all q , and of type $(n, 2)$, for $q = 2$, characterize the *optimal normal bases* (Theorem 5.3.6) and have complexity $2n - 1$. Gauss periods also often have high order, see Remark 5.3.49. For conditions on when Gauss periods of type (n, k) admit normal bases of \mathbb{F}_{q^n} over \mathbb{F}_q , see Theorem 5.3.17. In particular, we note that there is no Gauss period of \mathbb{F}_{2^n} over \mathbb{F}_2 which admits a normal basis when 8 divides n .

Table 2.2.8 gives the lowest k for which a *Gauss period* of type (n, k) admits a normal basis of \mathbb{F}_{2^n} over \mathbb{F}_2 for $n \leq 577$. We give a similar table over \mathbb{F}_3 in Table 2.2.9. This range was chosen to cover degrees for common implementations of finite field arithmetic. The output of the table is in the format “ n, k ” where k is the minimum number admitting a type (n, k) Gauss period over \mathbb{F}_{q^n} , where $q = 2, 3$.

2,1	3,2	4,1	5,2	6,2	7,4	9,2	10,1	11,2	12,1	13,4	14,2
15,4	17,6	18,1	19,10	20,3	21,10	22,3	23,2	25,4	26,2	27,6	28,1
29,2	30,2	31,10	33,2	34,9	35,2	36,1	37,4	38,6	39,2	41,2	42,5
43,4	44,9	45,4	46,3	47,6	49,4	50,2	51,2	52,1	53,2	54,3	55,12
57,10	58,1	59,12	60,1	61,6	62,6	63,6	65,2	66,1	67,4	68,9	69,2
70,3	71,8	73,4	74,2	75,10	76,3	77,6	78,7	79,4	81,2	82,1	83,2
84,5	85,12	86,2	87,4	89,2	90,2	91,6	92,3	93,4	94,3	95,2	97,4
98,2	99,2	100,1	101,6	102,6	103,6	105,2	106,1	107,6	108,5	109,10	110,6
111,20	113,2	114,5	115,4	116,3	117,8	118,6	119,2	121,6	122,6	123,10	124,3
125,6	126,3	127,4	129,8	130,1	131,2	132,5	133,12	134,2	135,2	137,6	138,1
139,4	140,3	141,8	142,6	143,6	145,10	146,2	147,6	148,1	149,8	150,19	151,6
153,4	154,25	155,2	156,13	157,10	158,2	159,22	161,6	162,1	163,4	164,5	165,4
166,3	167,14	169,4	170,6	171,12	172,1	173,2	174,2	175,4	177,4	178,1	179,2
180,1	181,6	182,3	183,2	185,8	186,2	187,6	188,5	189,2	190,10	191,2	193,4
194,2	195,6	196,1	197,18	198,22	199,4	201,8	202,6	203,12	204,3	205,4	206,3
207,4	209,2	210,1	211,10	212,5	213,4	214,3	215,6	217,6	218,5	219,4	220,3
221,2	222,10	223,12	225,22	226,1	227,24	228,9	229,12	230,2	231,2	233,2	234,5
235,4	236,3	237,10	238,7	239,2	241,6	242,6	243,2	244,3	245,2	246,11	247,6
249,8	250,9	251,2	252,3	253,10	254,2	255,6	257,6	258,5	259,10	260,5	261,2
262,3	263,6	265,4	266,6	267,8	268,1	269,8	270,2	271,6	273,2	274,9	275,14
276,3	277,4	278,2	279,4	281,2	282,6	283,6	284,3	285,10	286,3	287,6	289,12
290,5	291,6	292,1	293,2	294,3	295,16	297,6	298,6	299,2	300,19	301,10	302,3
303,2	305,6	306,2	307,4	308,15	309,2	310,6	311,6	313,6	314,5	315,8	316,1
317,26	318,11	319,4	321,12	322,6	323,2	324,5	325,4	326,2	327,8	329,2	330,2
331,6	332,3	333,24	334,7	335,12	337,10	338,2	339,8	340,3	341,8	342,6	343,4
345,4	346,1	347,6	348,1	349,10	350,2	351,10	353,14	354,2	355,6	356,3	357,10
358,10	359,2	361,30	362,5	363,4	364,3	365,24	366,22	367,6	369,10	370,6	371,2
372,1	373,4	374,3	375,2	377,14	378,1	379,12	380,5	381,8	382,6	383,12	385,6
386,2	387,4	388,1	389,24	390,3	391,6	393,2	394,9	395,6	396,11	397,6	398,2
399,12	401,8	402,5	403,16	404,3	405,4	406,6	407,8	409,4	410,2	411,2	412,3
413,2	414,2	415,28	417,4	418,1	419,2	420,1	421,10	422,11	423,4	425,6	426,2
427,16	428,5	429,2	430,3	431,2	433,4	434,9	435,4	436,13	437,18	438,2	439,10
441,2	442,1	443,2	444,5	445,6	446,6	447,6	449,8	450,13	451,6	452,11	453,2
454,19	455,26	457,30	458,6	459,8	460,1	461,6	462,10	463,12	464,4	465,4	467,6
468,21	469,4	470,2	471,8	473,2	474,5	475,4	476,5	477,46	478,7	479,8	481,6
482,5	483,2	484,3	485,18	486,10	487,4	489,12	490,1	491,2	492,13	493,4	494,3
495,2	497,20	498,9	499,4	500,11	501,10	502,10	503,6	505,10	506,5	507,4	508,1
509,2	510,3	511,6	513,4	514,33	515,2	516,3	517,4	518,14	519,2	521,32	522,1
523,10	524,5	525,8	526,3	527,6	529,24	530,2	531,2	532,3	533,12	534,7	535,4
537,8	538,6	539,12	540,1	541,18	542,3	543,2	545,2	546,1	547,10	548,5	549,14
550,7	551,6	553,4	554,2	555,4	556,1	557,6	558,2	559,4	561,2	562,1	563,14
564,3	565,10	566,3	567,4	569,12	570,5	571,10	572,5	573,4	574,3	575,2	577,4

Table 2.2.8 Lowest type of a Gauss period forming a normal basis for $q = 2$ and $n \leq 577$.

2,2	3,2	4,1	5,2	6,1	7,4	8,2	9,2	10,3	11,2	13,4	14,2
15,2	16,1	17,6	18,1	19,10	20,5	21,2	22,3	23,2	25,4	26,2	27,4
28,1	29,2	30,1	31,10	32,8	33,6	34,3	35,2	37,4	38,15	39,2	40,7
41,2	42,1	43,4	44,2	45,4	46,3	47,6	49,4	50,2	51,8	52,1	53,2
54,3	55,6	56,2	57,4	58,4	59,12	61,6	62,21	63,2	64,4	65,2	66,3
67,4	68,2	69,2	70,3	71,8	73,4	74,2	75,8	76,10	77,6	78,1	79,4
80,5	81,2	82,9	83,2	85,16	86,2	87,4	88,1	89,2	90,7	91,10	92,5
93,4	94,3	95,2	97,4	98,2	99,2	100,1	101,6	102,11	103,6	104,5	105,2
106,10	107,6	109,10	110,3	111,2	112,1	113,2	114,5	115,4	116,2	117,8	118,9
119,2	121,6	122,3	123,6	124,13	125,2	126,1	127,4	128,2	129,8	130,4	131,2
133,16	134,2	135,4	136,1	137,6	138,1	139,4	140,2	141,2	142,4	143,6	145,10
146,2	147,10	148,1	149,8	150,5	151,6	152,5	153,14	154,3	155,2	157,10	158,2
159,34	160,4	161,6	162,1	163,4	164,5	165,2	166,3	167,14	169,4	170,8	171,12
172,1	173,2	174,9	175,4	176,2	177,4	178,15	179,2	181,6	182,14	183,4	184,7
185,8	186,15	187,6	188,5	189,2	190,3	191,2	193,4	194,2	195,10	196,1	197,18
198,1	199,4	200,2	201,10	202,3	203,12	205,4	206,3	207,4	208,10	209,2	210,1
211,10	212,5	213,6	214,3	215,6	217,6	218,15	219,4	220,4	221,2	222,1	223,12
224,2	225,8	226,15	227,24	229,12	230,2	231,2	232,1	233,2	234,5	235,4	236,8
237,6	238,4	239,2	241,6	242,3	243,2	244,4	245,24	246,3	247,6	248,11	249,8
250,3	251,2	253,4	254,2	255,12	256,1	257,6	258,5	259,10	260,2	261,6	262,3
263,6	265,4	266,8	267,4	268,1	269,8	270,3	271,6	272,5	273,10	274,3	275,12
277,4	278,2	279,10	280,1	281,2	282,1	283,6	284,2	285,2	286,3	287,6	289,12
290,20	291,6	292,1	293,2	294,5	295,12	296,2	297,8	298,4	299,2	301,10	302,3
303,2	304,4	305,6	306,7	307,4	308,2	309,4	310,15	311,6	313,6	314,14	315,2
316,1	317,26	318,17	319,4	320,2	321,18	322,3	323,2	325,4	326,2	327,10	328,7
329,2	330,1	331,6	332,8	333,6	334,15	335,6	337,10	338,2	339,10	340,4	341,8
342,13	343,4	344,5	345,2	346,3	347,6	349,10	350,2	351,22	352,1	353,14	354,3
355,12	356,11	357,4	358,4	359,2	361,30	362,3	363,4	364,7	365,18	366,5	367,6
368,11	369,2	370,4	371,2	373,4	374,3	375,2	376,7	377,14	378,1	379,12	380,5
381,20	382,10	383,12	385,6	386,2	387,14	388,1	389,24	390,5	391,6	392,8	393,10
394,9	395,6	397,6	398,2	399,12	400,1	401,8	402,5	403,4	404,2	405,2	406,21
407,8	409,4	410,2	411,2	412,19	413,2	414,9	415,30	416,5	417,6	418,15	419,2
421,10	422,21	423,4	424,4	425,12	426,3	427,4	428,2	429,2	430,3	431,2	433,4
434,3	435,4	436,13	437,18	438,9	439,10	440,2	441,6	442,3	443,2	445,6	446,15
447,4	448,1	449,8	450,33	451,6	452,8	453,2	454,28	455,2	457,30	458,15	459,8
460,1	461,6	462,1	463,12	464,2	465,10	466,3	467,6	469,10	470,2	471,8	472,4
473,2	474,3	475,4	476,2	477,14	478,4	479,8	481,28	482,3	483,10	484,7	485,2
486,1	487,4	488,2	489,12	490,15	491,2	493,4	494,3	495,30	496,13	497,14	498,11
499,4	500,8	501,16	502,9	503,6	505,10	506,2	507,18	508,1	509,2	510,7	511,6
512,23	513,4	514,3	515,2	517,4	518,9	519,2	520,1	521,32	522,3	523,10	524,2
525,20	526,3	527,6	529,24	530,2	531,2	532,4	533,12	534,27	535,4	536,8	537,8
538,4	539,12	541,18	542,3	543,2	544,10	545,6	546,5	547,10	548,2	549,18	550,21
551,2	553,4	554,2	555,6	556,1	557,6	558,5	559,4	560,5	561,2	562,9	563,14
565,6	566,3	567,28	568,1	569,12	570,1	571,10	572,5	573,4	574,3	575,2	577,4

Table 2.2.9 Lowest type of a Gauss period forming a normal basis for $q = 3$ and $n \leq 577$.

2.2.2.3 Minimum-known complexity of a normal basis of \mathbb{F}_{2^n} over \mathbb{F}_2 , $n \geq 40$

2.2.19 Remark Table 2.2.10 gives the minimum complexity of a normal basis of \mathbb{F}_{2^n} over \mathbb{F}_2 for $40 \leq n \leq 721$ by using a combination of the exhaustive search data of Table 2.2.4 and theorems from Section 5.3. In each row, we give the degree n , the minimum complexity C_n of a normal basis of \mathbb{F}_{2^n} over \mathbb{F}_2 , the method by which the normal basis was obtained and what property or parameters were used. In the “Method” column, “Optimal” indicates existence of an optimal normal basis, “GNB” indicates the basis arises as a Gauss period and their type is given in the “Property” column. Proposition 5.3.38 constructs normal bases of \mathbb{F}_{q^n} using normal bases of subfields of coprime degree. When this method wins, the values of these coprime factors are indicated in the “Property” column. Corollary 5.3.15 requires an optimal normal basis of $\mathbb{F}_{2^{kn}}$ and the type of the optimal normal basis and the value of k are indicated in the “Property” column. Finally, “sd” indicates that the basis is self-dual.

When n is a power of 2, the best result, when available, is by random search since known methods do not apply. Gauss periods cannot form normal bases when 8 divides n , see Proposition 5.3.20, and n contains no coprime factors with which to apply Proposition 5.3.38. By Conjecture 2.2.15, the complexity of these bases is likely to approach $n^2/2$.

2.2.20 Problem Find constructions of low complexity normal bases of \mathbb{F}_{2^n} over \mathbb{F}_2 when n is a prime power, specifically a power of 2.

n	C_n	Method	Property	n	C_n	Method	Property
40	189	Prop. 5.3.38	5, 8	128	7821	Random	
41	81	Optimal	Type 2, sd	129	825	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 43
42	135	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 14	130	259	Optimal	Type 1
43	165	GNB	$k = 4$, sd	131	261	Optimal	Type 2, sd
44	147	Prop. 5.3.38	4, 11	132	455	Prop. 5.3.38	4, 33
45	153	Search	[130], sd	133	1595	GNB	$k = 12$, sd
46	135	Prop. 5.3.38	2, 23	134	267	Optimal	Type 2, sd
47	261	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	135	269	Optimal	Type 2, sd
48	425	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 16	136	1701	Prop. 5.3.38	8, 17
49	189	GNB	$k = 4$, sd	137	801	GNB	$k = 6$, sd
50	99	Optimal	Type 2, sd	138	275	Optimal	Type 1
51	101	Optimal	Type 2, sd	139	549	GNB	$k = 4$, sd
52	103	Optimal	Type 1	140	483	Prop. 5.3.38	4, 35
53	105	Optimal	Type 2, sd	141	1127	GNB	$k = 8$, sd
54	209	GNB	$k = 3$	142	831	GNB	$k = 6$, sd
55	189	Prop. 5.3.38	5, 11	143	837	GNB	$k = 6$, sd
56	399	Prop. 5.3.38	7, 8	144	1445	Prop. 5.3.38	9, 16
57	497	Search	[1263], sd	145	513	Prop. 5.3.38	5, 29
58	115	Optimal	Type 1	146	291	Optimal	Type 2, sd
59	597	Search	[1263], sd	147	861	GNB	$k = 6$, sd
60	119	Optimal	Type 1	148	295	Optimal	Type 1
61	345	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	149	1191	GNB	$k = 8$, sd
62	351	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	150	495	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 50
63	323	Prop. 5.3.38	7, 9	151	885	GNB	$k = 6$, sd
64	1829	Random		152	2457	Prop. 5.3.38	8, 19
65	129	Optimal	Type 2, sd	153	605	GNB	$k = 4$, sd
66	131	Optimal	Type 1	154	567	Prop. 5.3.38	11, 14
67	261	GNB	$k = 4$, sd	155	309	Optimal	Type 2, sd
68	567	Prop. 5.3.38	4, 17	156	515	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 52
69	137	Optimal	Type 2, sd	157	1561	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 2, $k = 5$, sd
70	207	Prop. 5.3.38	2, 35	158	315	Optimal	Type 2, sd
71	567	GNB	$k = 8$, sd	159	525	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 53
72	357	Prop. 5.3.38	8, 9	160	3249	Prop. 5.3.38	5, 32
73	285	GNB	$k = 4$, sd	161	855	Prop. 5.3.38	7, 23
74	147	Optimal	Type 2, sd	162	323	Optimal	Type 1
75	465	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 25	163	645	GNB	$k = 4$, sd
76	297	GNB	$k = 3$	164	567	Prop. 5.3.38	4, 41
77	399	Prop. 5.3.38	7, 11	165	585	Prop. 5.3.38	5, 33
78	231	Prop. 5.3.38	2, 39	166	495	Prop. 5.3.38	2, 83
79	309	GNB	$k = 4$, sd	167	2325	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 2, $k = 7$, sd
80	765	Prop. 5.3.38	5, 16	168	1995	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 56
81	161	Optimal	Type 2, sd	169	669	GNB	$k = 4$, sd
82	163	Optimal	Type 1	170	999	GNB	$k = 6$, sd
83	165	Optimal	Type 2, sd	171	1989	Prop. 5.3.38	9, 19
84	275	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 28	172	343	Optimal	Type 1
85	729	Prop. 5.3.38	5, 17	173	345	Optimal	Type 2, sd
86	171	Optimal	Type 2, sd	174	347	Optimal	Type 2, sd
87	285	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 29	175	693	GNB	$k = 4$, sd
88	441	Prop. 5.3.38	8, 11	176	1785	Prop. 5.3.38	11, 16
89	177	Optimal	Type 2, sd	177	701	GNB	$k = 4$, sd
90	179	Optimal	Type 2, sd	178	355	Optimal	Type 1
91	525	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	179	357	Optimal	Type 2, sd
92	315	Prop. 5.3.38	4, 23	180	359	Optimal	Type 1
93	365	GNB	$k = 4$, sd	181	1065	GNB	$k = 6$, sd
94	369	GNB	$k = 3$	182	721	GNB	$k = 3$
95	189	Optimal	Type 2, sd	183	365	Optimal	Type 2, sd
96	1805	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 32	184	945	Prop. 5.3.38	8, 23
97	381	GNB	$k = 4$, sd	185	1269	Prop. 5.3.38	5, 37
98	195	Optimal	Type 2, sd	186	371	Optimal	Type 2, sd
99	197	Optimal	Type 2, sd	187	1101	GNB	$k = 6$, sd
100	199	Optimal	Type 1	188	1107	GNB	$k = 5$
101	585	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	189	377	Optimal	Type 2, sd
102	303	Prop. 5.3.38	2, 51	190	567	Prop. 5.3.38	2, 95
103	597	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	191	381	Optimal	Type 2, sd
104	945	Prop. 5.3.38	8, 13	192	9145	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 64
105	209	Optimal	Type 2, sd	193	765	GNB	$k = 4$, sd
106	211	Optimal	Type 1	194	387	Optimal	Type 2, sd
107	621	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	195	645	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 65
108	627	GNB	$k = 5$	196	391	Optimal	Type 1
109	1081	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 2, $k = 5$, sd	197	3529	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 2, $k = 9$, sd
110	399	Prop. 5.3.38	10, 11	198	591	Prop. 5.3.38	2, 99
111	705	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 37	199	789	GNB	$k = 4$, sd
112	1615	Prop. 5.3.38	7, 16	200	1953	Prop. 5.3.38	8, 25
113	225	Optimal	Type 2, sd	201	1305	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 67
114	663	GNB	$k = 5$	202	1191	GNB	$k = 6$, sd
115	405	Prop. 5.3.38	5, 23	203	1083	Prop. 5.3.38	7, 29
116	399	Prop. 5.3.38	4, 29	204	707	Prop. 5.3.38	4, 51
117	765	Prop. 5.3.38	9, 13	205	729	Prop. 5.3.38	5, 41
118	687	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	206	817	GNB	$k = 3$
119	237	Optimal	Type 2, sd	207	765	Prop. 5.3.38	9, 23
120	945	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 40	208	3825	Prop. 5.3.38	13, 16
121	705	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	209	417	Optimal	Type 2, sd
122	711	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	210	419	Optimal	Type 1
123	405	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 41	211	2101	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 2, $k = 5$, sd
124	489	GNB	$k = 3$	212	735	Prop. 5.3.38	4, 53
125	729	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	213	845	GNB	$k = 4$, sd
126	459	Prop. 5.3.38	9, 14	214	849	GNB	$k = 3$
127	501	GNB	$k = 4$, sd	215	1269	GNB	$k = 6$, sd

n	C_n	Method	Property	n	C_n	Method	Property
216	2961	Prop. 5.3.38	8, 27	304	9945	Prop. 5.3.38	16, 19
217	1281	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	305	1809	GNB	$k = 6$, sd
218	1287	GNB	$k = 5$	306	611	Optimal	Type 2, sd
219	869	GNB	$k = 4$, sd	307	1221	GNB	$k = 4$, sd
220	873	GNB	$k = 3$	308	1155	Prop. 5.3.38	11, 28
221	441	Optimal	Type 2, sd	309	617	Optimal	Type 2, sd
222	735	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 74	310	927	Prop. 5.3.38	2, 155
223	2665	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 2, $k = 6$, sd	311	1845	GNB	$k = 6$, sd
224	6859	Prop. 5.3.38	7, 32	312	1617	Prop. 5.3.38	8, 39
225	1581	Prop. 5.3.38	9, 25	313	1857	GNB	$k = 6$, sd
226	451	Optimal	Type 1	314	1863	GNB	$k = 5$
227	5447	GNB	$k = 24$, sd	315	1173	Prop. 5.3.38	9, 35
228	1485	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 76	316	631	Optimal	Type 1
229	2747	GNB	$k = 12$, sd	317	8217	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 2, $k = 13$, sd
230	459	Optimal	Type 2, sd	318	1055	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 106
231	461	Optimal	Type 2, sd	319	1197	Prop. 5.3.38	11, 29
232	1197	Prop. 5.3.38	8, 29	320	16461	Prop. 5.3.38	5, 64
233	465	Optimal	Type 2, sd	321	3105	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 107
234	867	Prop. 5.3.38	9, 26	322	1215	Prop. 5.3.38	14, 23
235	933	GNB	$k = 4$, sd	323	645	Optimal	Type 2, sd
236	937	GNB	$k = 3$	324	1127	Prop. 5.3.38	4, 81
237	1545	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 79	325	1293	GNB	$k = 4$, sd
238	711	Prop. 5.3.38	2, 119	326	651	Optimal	Type 2, sd
239	477	Optimal	Type 2, sd	327	2615	GNB	$k = 8$, sd
240	3825	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 80	328	1701	Prop. 5.3.38	8, 41
241	1425	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	329	657	Optimal	Type 2, sd
242	1431	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	330	659	Optimal	Type 2, sd
243	485	Optimal	Type 2, sd	331	1965	GNB	$k = 6$, sd
244	969	GNB	$k = 3$	332	1155	Prop. 5.3.38	4, 83
245	489	Optimal	Type 2, sd	333	2397	Prop. 5.3.38	9, 37
246	815	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 82	334	2629	GNB	$k = 7$
247	1461	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	335	2349	Prop. 5.3.38	5, 67
248	4977	Prop. 5.3.38	8, 31	336	8075	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 112
249	825	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 83	337	3361	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 2, $k = 5$, sd
250	2187	Prop. 5.3.38	2, 125	338	675	Optimal	Type 2, sd
251	501	Optimal	Type 2, sd	339	1125	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 113
252	935	Prop. 5.3.38	9, 28	340	1353	GNB	$k = 3$
253	945	Prop. 5.3.38	11, 23	341	2727	GNB	$k = 8$, sd
254	507	Optimal	Type 2, sd	342	2031	GNB	$k = 6$, sd
255	909	Prop. 5.3.38	5, 51	343	1365	GNB	$k = 4$, sd
256		No data	Prime power	344	3465	Prop. 5.3.38	8, 43
257	1521	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	345	1233	Prop. 5.3.38	5, 69
258	855	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 86	346	691	Optimal	Type 1
259	2581	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 2, $k = 5$, sd	347	2061	GNB	$k = 6$, sd
260	903	Prop. 5.3.38	4, 65	348	695	Optimal	Type 1
261	521	Optimal	Type 2, sd	349	3481	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 2, $k = 5$, sd
262	783	Prop. 5.3.38	2, 131	350	699	Optimal	Type 2, sd
263	1557	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	351	3501	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 2, $k = 5$, sd
264	1365	Prop. 5.3.38	8, 33	352	7581	Prop. 5.3.38	11, 32
265	945	Prop. 5.3.38	5, 53	353	4929	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 2, $k = 7$, sd
266	1575	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	354	707	Optimal	Type 2, sd
267	885	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 89	355	2109	GNB	$k = 6$, sd
268	535	Optimal	Type 1	356	1239	Prop. 5.3.38	4, 89
269	2151	GNB	$k = 8$, sd	357	1185	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 119
270	539	Optimal	Type 2, sd	358	1071	Prop. 5.3.38	2, 179
271	1605	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	359	717	Optimal	Type 2, sd
272	6885	Prop. 5.3.38	16, 17	360	3213	Prop. 5.3.38	5, 72
273	545	Optimal	Type 2, sd	361	10801	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 2, $k = 15$, sd
274	2403	Prop. 5.3.38	2, 137	362	2151	GNB	$k = 5$
275	1953	Prop. 5.3.38	11, 25	363	1445	GNB	$k = 4$, sd
276	959	Prop. 5.3.38	4, 69	364	1449	GNB	$k = 3$
277	1101	GNB	$k = 4$, sd	365	2565	Prop. 5.3.38	5, 73
278	555	Optimal	Type 2, sd	366	1095	Prop. 5.3.38	2, 183
279	1109	GNB	$k = 4$, sd	367	2181	GNB	$k = 6$, sd
280	1449	Prop. 5.3.38	8, 35	368	3825	Prop. 5.3.38	16, 23
281	561	Optimal	Type 2, sd	369	1377	Prop. 5.3.38	9, 41
282	1671	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	370	1323	Prop. 5.3.38	5, 74
283	1677	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	371	741	Optimal	Type 2, sd
284	1129	GNB	$k = 3$	372	743	Optimal	Type 1
285	945	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 95	373	1485	GNB	$k = 4$, sd
286	1071	Prop. 5.3.38	11, 26	374	1489	GNB	$k = 3$
287	1539	Prop. 5.3.38	7, 41	375	749	Optimal	Type 2, sd
288	6137	Prop. 5.3.38	9, 32	376	5481	Prop. 5.3.38	8, 47
289	3457	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 2, $k = 6$, sd	377	2565	Prop. 5.3.38	13, 29
290	1035	Prop. 5.3.38	5, 58	378	755	Optimal	Type 1
291	1725	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	379	4547	GNB	$k = 12$, sd
292	583	Optimal	Type 1	380	1323	Prop. 5.3.38	4, 95
293	585	Optimal	Type 2, sd	381	2505	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 127
294	975	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 98	382	1143	Prop. 5.3.38	2, 191
295	4719	GNB	$k = 16$, sd	383	4595	GNB	$k = 12$, sd
296	2961	Prop. 5.3.38	8, 37	384	39105	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 128
297	1761	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	385	1449	Prop. 5.3.38	11, 35
298	1767	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	386	771	Optimal	Type 2, sd
299	597	Optimal	Type 2, sd	387	1541	GNB	$k = 4$, sd
300	995	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 100	388	775	Optimal	Type 1
301	3001	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 2, $k = 5$, sd	389	9335	GNB	$k = 24$, sd
302	1201	GNB	$k = 3$	390	1295	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 130
303	605	Optimal	Type 2, sd	391	2325	GNB	$k = 6$, sd

n	C_n	Method	Property	n	C_n	Method	Property
392	3969	Prop. 5.3.38	8, 49	480	16245	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 160
393	785	Optimal	Type 2, sd	481	2865	GNB	$k = 6$, sd
394	3915	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 1, $k = 9$	482	2871	GNB	$k = 5$
395	2349	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	483	965	Optimal	Type 2, sd
396	1379	Prop. 5.3.38	4, 99	484	1929	GNB	$k = 3$
397	2361	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	485	3429	Prop. 5.3.38	5, 97
398	795	Optimal	Type 2, sd	486	1455	Prop. 5.3.38	2, 243
399	4777	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 2, $k = 6$, sd	487	1941	GNB	$k = 4$, sd
400	7905	Prop. 5.3.38	16, 25	488	7245	Prop. 5.3.38	8, 61
401	3207	GNB	$k = 8$, sd	489	3225	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 163
402	1335	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 134	490	979	Optimal	Type 1
403	6447	GNB	$k = 16$, sd	491	981	Optimal	Type 2, sd
404	1609	GNB	$k = 3$	492	1863	Prop. 5.3.38	12, 41
405	1449	Prop. 5.3.38	5, 81	493	1965	GNB	$k = 4$, sd
406	1539	Prop. 5.3.38	14, 29	494	1969	GNB	$k = 3$
407	2961	Prop. 5.3.38	11, 37	495	989	Optimal	Type 2, sd
408	2121	Prop. 5.3.38	8, 51	496	20145	Prop. 5.3.38	16, 31
409	1629	GNB	$k = 4$, sd	497	9921	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 2, $k = 10$, sd
410	819	Optimal	Type 2, sd	498	1815	Prop. 5.3.38	6, 83
411	821	Optimal	Type 2, sd	499	1989	GNB	$k = 4$, sd
412	1641	GNB	$k = 3$	500	5103	Prop. 5.3.38	4, 125
413	825	Optimal	Type 2, sd	501	5001	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 2, $k = 5$, sd
414	827	Optimal	Type 2, sd	502	1503	Prop. 5.3.38	2, 251
415	1485	Prop. 5.3.38	5, 83	503	2997	GNB	$k = 6$, sd
416	16245	Prop. 5.3.38	13, 32	504	6783	Prop. 5.3.38	7, 72
417	1661	GNB	$k = 4$, sd	505	5041	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 2, $k = 5$, sd
418	835	Optimal	Type 1	506	2835	Prop. 5.3.38	2, 253
419	837	Optimal	Type 2, sd	507	2021	GNB	$k = 4$, sd
420	839	Optimal	Type 1	508	1015	Optimal	Type 1
421	4209	GNB	$k = 10$, sd	509	1017	Optimal	Type 2, sd
422	5053	GNB	$k = 11$	510	1919	Prop. 5.3.38	10, 51
423	1685	GNB	$k = 4$, sd	511	3045	GNB	$k = 6$, sd
424	2205	Prop. 5.3.38	8, 53	512		No data	Prime power
425	2529	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	513	2045	GNB	$k = 4$, sd
426	851	Optimal	Type 2, sd	514	4563	Prop. 5.3.38	2, 257
427	6555	Prop. 5.3.38	7, 61	515	1029	Optimal	Type 2, sd
428	2547	GNB	$k = 5$	516	1715	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 172
429	857	Optimal	Type 2, sd	517	2061	GNB	$k = 4$, sd
430	1539	Prop. 5.3.38	5, 86	518	2793	Prop. 5.3.38	7, 74
431	861	Optimal	Type 2, sd	519	1037	Optimal	Type 2, sd
432	11985	Prop. 5.3.38	16, 27	520	2709	Prop. 5.3.38	8, 65
433	1725	GNB	$k = 4$, sd	521	16671	GNB	$k = 32$, sd
434	3843	Prop. 5.3.38	2, 217	522	1043	Optimal	Type 1
435	1733	GNB	$k = 4$, sd	523	5221	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 2, $k = 5$, sd
436	6091	GNB	$k = 13$	524	1827	Prop. 5.3.38	4, 131
437	5265	Prop. 5.3.38	19, 23	525	3465	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 175
438	875	Optimal	Type 2, sd	526	2097	GNB	$k = 3$
439	4381	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 2, $k = 5$, sd	527	3141	GNB	$k = 6$, sd
440	3969	Prop. 5.3.38	5, 88	528	5525	Prop. 5.3.38	16, 33
441	881	Optimal	Type 2, sd	529	12695	GNB	$k = 24$, sd
442	883	Optimal	Type 1	530	1059	Optimal	Type 2, sd
443	885	Optimal	Type 2, sd	531	1061	Optimal	Type 2, sd
444	1475	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 148	532	2121	GNB	$k = 3$
445	1593	Prop. 5.3.38	5, 89	533	3645	Prop. 5.3.38	13, 41
446	2655	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	534	1775	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 178
447	2661	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	535	2133	GNB	$k = 4$, sd
448	34751	Prop. 5.3.38	7, 64	536	5481	Prop. 5.3.38	8, 67
449	3591	GNB	$k = 8$, sd	537	1785	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 179
450	1683	Prop. 5.3.38	9, 50	538	3207	GNB	$k = 6$, sd
451	1701	Prop. 5.3.38	11, 41	539	3969	Prop. 5.3.38	11, 49
452	1575	Prop. 5.3.38	4, 113	540	1079	Optimal	Type 1
453	905	Optimal	Type 2, sd	541	9737	GNB	$k = 18$, sd
454	9025	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 1, $k = 19$	542	2161	GNB	$k = 3$
455	2451	Prop. 5.3.38	7, 65	543	1085	Optimal	Type 2, sd
456	10437	Prop. 5.3.38	8, 57	544	29241	Prop. 5.3.38	17, 32
457	13681	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 2, $k = 15$, sd	545	1089	Optimal	Type 2, sd
458	2727	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	546	1091	Optimal	Type 1
459	3671	GNB	$k = 8$, sd	547	5469	GNB	$k = 10$, sd
460	919	Optimal	Type 1	548	3267	GNB	$k = 5$
461	2745	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	549	5865	Prop. 5.3.38	9, 61
462	1383	Prop. 5.3.38	2, 231	550	2079	Prop. 5.3.38	11, 50
463	5545	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 2, $k = 6$, sd	551	3285	GNB	$k = 6$, sd
464	4845	Prop. 5.3.38	16, 29	552	2877	Prop. 5.3.38	8, 69
465	1545	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 155	553	2205	GNB	$k = 4$, sd
466	931	Optimal	Type 1	554	1107	Optimal	Type 2, sd
467	2781	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	555	2213	GNB	$k = 4$, sd
468	1751	Prop. 5.3.38	9, 52	556	1111	Optimal	Type 1
469	1869	GNB	$k = 4$, sd	557	3321	GNB	$k = 6$, sd
470	939	Optimal	Type 2, sd	558	1115	Optimal	Type 2, sd
471	3767	GNB	$k = 8$, sd	559	2229	GNB	$k = 4$, sd
472	12537	Prop. 5.3.38	8, 59	560	5865	Prop. 5.3.38	16, 35
473	945	Optimal	Type 2, sd	561	1121	Optimal	Type 2, sd
474	1575	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 158	562	1123	Optimal	Type 1
475	1893	GNB	$k = 4$, sd	563	7869	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 2, $k = 7$, sd
476	1659	Prop. 5.3.38	4, 119	564	2249	GNB	$k = 3$
477	1785	Prop. 5.3.38	9, 53	565	2025	Prop. 5.3.38	5, 113
478	1431	Prop. 5.3.38	2, 239	566	2257	GNB	$k = 3$
479	3831	GNB	$k = 8$, sd	567	2261	GNB	$k = 4$, sd

n	C_n	Method	Property	n	C_n	Method	Property
568	11907	Prop. 5.3.38	8, 71	645	1289	Optimal	Type 2, sd
569	6817	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 2, $k = 6$, sd	646	1935	Prop. 5.3.38	2, 323
570	2079	Prop. 5.3.38	6, 95	647	9045	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 2, $k = 7$, sd
571	5709	GNB	$k = 10$, sd	648	3381	Prop. 5.3.38	8, 81
572	2163	Prop. 5.3.38	11, 52	649	6481	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 2, $k = 5$, sd
573	1905	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 191	650	1299	Optimal	Type 2, sd
574	2187	Prop. 5.3.38	14, 41	651	1301	Optimal	Type 2, sd
575	1149	Optimal	Type 2, sd	652	1303	Optimal	Type 1
576	31093	Prop. 5.3.38	9, 64	653	1305	Optimal	Type 2, sd
577	2301	GNB	$k = 4$, sd	654	6435	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 218
578	3447	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	655	2349	Prop. 5.3.38	5, 131
579	3825	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 193	656	6885	Prop. 5.3.38	16, 41
580	2313	GNB	$k = 3$	657	4845	Prop. 5.3.38	9, 73
581	3135	Prop. 5.3.38	7, 83	658	1315	Optimal	Type 1
582	1935	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 194	659	1317	Optimal	Type 2, sd
583	2205	Prop. 5.3.38	11, 53	660	1319	Optimal	Type 1
584	5985	Prop. 5.3.38	8, 73	661	3945	GNB	$k = 6$, sd
585	1169	Optimal	Type 2, sd	662	2641	GNB	$k = 3$
586	1171	Optimal	Type 1	663	2205	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 221
587	8205	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 2, $k = 7$, sd	664	3465	Prop. 5.3.38	8, 83
588	1955	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 196	665	3591	Prop. 5.3.38	7, 95
589	2349	GNB	$k = 4$, sd	666	2499	Prop. 5.3.38	9, 74
590	6183	Prop. 5.3.38	5, 118	667	2565	Prop. 5.3.38	23, 29
591	3525	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	668	7985	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 1, $k = 11$
592	11985	Prop. 5.3.38	16, 37	669	2669	GNB	$k = 4$, sd
593	1185	Optimal	Type 2, sd	670	2403	Prop. 5.3.38	5, 134
594	4389	Prop. 5.3.38	11, 54	671	4005	GNB	$k = 6$, sd
595	2133	Prop. 5.3.38	5, 119	672	34295	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 224
596	2377	GNB	$k = 3$	673	2685	GNB	$k = 4$, sd
597	2381	GNB	$k = 4$, sd	674	4023	GNB	$k = 5$
598	1791	Prop. 5.3.38	2, 299	675	13113	Prop. 5.3.38	25, 27
599	4791	GNB	$k = 8$, sd	676	1351	Optimal	Type 1
600	9765	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 200	677	5415	GNB	$k = 8$, sd
601	3585	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	678	2255	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 226
602	3249	Prop. 5.3.38	7, 86	679	6789	GNB	$k = 10$, sd
603	4437	Prop. 5.3.38	9, 67	680	15309	Prop. 5.3.38	5, 136
604	4789	GNB	$k = 7$	681	14961	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 2, $k = 11$, sd
605	3609	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	682	4071	GNB	$k = 6$, sd
606	1211	Optimal	Type 2, sd	683	1365	Optimal	Type 2, sd
607	3621	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	684	2729	GNB	$k = 3$
608	42237	Prop. 5.3.38	19, 32	685	2733	GNB	$k = 4$, sd
609	2429	GNB	$k = 4$, sd	686	1371	Optimal	Type 2, sd
610	5427	Prop. 5.3.38	2, 305	687	6869	GNB	$k = 10$, sd
611	1221	Optimal	Type 2, sd	688	14025	Prop. 5.3.38	16, 43
612	1223	Optimal	Type 1	689	4725	Prop. 5.3.38	13, 53
613	6121	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 2, $k = 5$, sd	690	1379	Optimal	Type 2, sd
614	1227	Optimal	Type 2, sd	691	6901	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 2, $k = 5$, sd
615	1229	Optimal	Type 2, sd	692	2415	Prop. 5.3.38	4, 173
616	8379	Prop. 5.3.38	7, 88	693	3743	Prop. 5.3.38	7, 99
617	4935	GNB	$k = 8$, sd	694	2769	GNB	$k = 3$
618	1235	Optimal	Type 1	695	4941	Prop. 5.3.38	5, 139
619	2469	GNB	$k = 4$, sd	696	5985	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 232
620	2163	Prop. 5.3.38	4, 155	697	2781	GNB	$k = 4$, sd
621	3705	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	698	4167	GNB	$k = 5$
622	2481	GNB	$k = 3$	699	2325	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 233
623	3363	Prop. 5.3.38	7, 89	700	1399	Optimal	Type 1
624	6545	Prop. 5.3.38	16, 39	701	12601	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 2, $k = 9$, sd
625	22465	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 2, $k = 18$, sd	702	7191	Prop. 5.3.38	26, 27
626	5571	Prop. 5.3.38	2, 313	703	4197	GNB	$k = 6$, sd
627	2085	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 209	704	38409	Prop. 5.3.38	11, 64
628	4981	GNB	$k = 7$	705	4209	GNB	$k = 6$, sd
629	1257	Optimal	Type 2, sd	706	14787	Prop. 5.3.38	2, 353
630	2415	Prop. 5.3.38	18, 35	707	4221	GNB	$k = 6$, sd
631	6301	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 2, $k = 5$, sd	708	1415	Optimal	Type 1
632	6489	Prop. 5.3.38	8, 79	709	2829	GNB	$k = 4$, sd
633	10505	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 211	710	2833	GNB	$k = 3$
634	8839	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 1, $k = 13$	711	5253	Prop. 5.3.38	9, 79
635	4509	Prop. 5.3.38	5, 127	712	3717	Prop. 5.3.38	8, 89
636	2415	Prop. 5.3.38	12, 53	713	1425	Optimal	Type 2, sd
637	2541	GNB	$k = 4$, sd	714	2607	Prop. 5.3.38	6, 119
638	1275	Optimal	Type 2, sd	715	2709	Prop. 5.3.38	11, 65
639	1277	Optimal	Type 2, sd	716	2499	Prop. 5.3.38	4, 179
640	70389	Prop. 5.3.38	5, 128	717	2385	Prop. 5.3.38	3, 239
641	1281	Optimal	Type 2, sd	718	2151	Prop. 5.3.38	2, 359
642	3831	GNB	$k = 6$, sd	719	1437	Optimal	Type 2, sd
643	7705	Cor. 5.3.15	Type 2, $k = 6$, sd	720	13005	Prop. 5.3.38	5, 144
644	2475	Prop. 5.3.38	23, 28	721	4305	GNB	$k = 6$, sd

Table 2.2.10 Minimum found complexity of a normal basis of \mathbb{F}_{2^n} over \mathbb{F}_2 , $40 \leq n \leq 721$.

2.2.3 Resources and Standards

2.2.21 Remark The *Combinatorial Object Server* (COS) [2507] allows the user to specify a type of combinatorial object with specific parameter values and COS will return a list of the objects having the desired parameters. In many cases, the format of the output can be chosen to be more machine-readable or human-readable. COS does not rely on a list, rather it generates the objects requested on-the-fly; for this reason, the output is restricted to 200 objects. Examples of the objects generated are permutations, subsets and combinations, set and integer partitions, irreducible and primitive polynomials over small finite fields and spanning trees of a graph.

2.2.22 Remark The *Cunningham project* produces a set of tables to factor the numbers $b^n \pm 1$ for $b = 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12$ for n as large as possible. The current factorization methods employed are the elliptic curve method, the multiple polynomial quadratic sieve and the number field sieve. For more information on factorization methods, see [2080, Chapter 3]. The Cunningham tables appear in published form [415] and as an electronic resource [2890].

2.2.23 Remark The *Great Internet Mersenne Prime Search* (GIMPS) [2084] is a distributed computing effort dedicated to finding and verifying Mersenne primes (that is, primes of the form $2^p - 1$, where p is also a prime). GIMPS uses a combination of trial factoring using the Sieve of Eratosthenes, followed by the Pollard $P - 1$ method and ending with the Lucas-Lehmer primality test. For more information on primality testing, see [724, Chapter 31], for example. GIMPS provides the *Prime95* software, which automates all factoring and distributed computing processes. The (currently) largest known Mersenne prime is $2^{43112609} - 1$ containing 12978189 decimal digits [2084].

The search for Mersenne primes is of particular interest in searching for primitive trinomials of large degrees. Primitive polynomials of low-weight are useful in cryptographic applications and pseudo-random number generation; see Sections 14.9 and 16.2. If p is a Mersenne prime, then any irreducible polynomial of degree p over \mathbb{F}_2 is primitive. Since binomials of degree at least 2 cannot be irreducible over \mathbb{F}_2 , we consider trinomials $x^p + x^r + 1$, for some $0 \leq r \leq p - 1$. Sieving trinomials for reducibles is possible by Swan's Theorem; see Section 3.3. For more details on the algorithms and methods used in the search for primitive trinomials, see [408]. An implementation of polynomial arithmetic over \mathbb{F}_2 which was motivated by the GIMPS project, entitled *gf2x*, is necessarily highly optimized and is preferred in some finite field software implementations; see Table 2.2.11 for more details.

2.2.24 Remark The *On-Line Encyclopedia of Integer Sequences*TM (OEISTM) [2800] is a constantly-updated, searchable database of integer sequences. Examples of famous sequences in the OEISTM are the Catalan numbers (A000108), prime numbers (A000040) and the Fibonacci numbers (A000045). Users can search by sequence, "word" (for example, "number of irreducible polynomials" yields sequence A001037) or sequence number. Sequences are sorted lexicographically, so the sequence references may have changed since the date of publication.

2.2.25 Remark In Table 2.2.11, we present a number of software packages which are useful for finite field implementations. We distinguish between packages which are open-source and commercial. We refer the reader to the citation, which provides a current (as of the date of publication) web URL to the most recent build of the software. We note that this is not an exhaustive list of software packages, simply a useful list of packages used or researched by the author.

Open-source software packages for computations in discrete mathematics

Name	Ver.	Description	
<i>Fast Library for Number Theory</i> (FLINT)	2.3	A C library for performing computations in number theory. Routines include fast algorithms, on par with the other most efficient packages listed, for arbitrary precision integers, rational numbers, modular arithmetic and p -adic numbers. Most libraries also contain vector, polynomial and matrix methods. Multi-core support to come in future versions.	[1426]
<i>Groups, Algorithms, Programming</i> (GAP)	4.4.x	A system for computational discrete algebra emphasizing computational group theory. Can do basic computations with arbitrary integers, rationals, finite fields, p -adic numbers, polynomials, rational functions and more. Contains a coding theory package, combinatorial functions and prime factorization routines. Provides its own programming language, libraries of algebraic algorithms written in the GAP language as well as data libraries of algebraic objects, particularly various types of groups.	[2796]
<i>gf2x</i>	1.0	Library for efficient arithmetic of single-variable polynomials over \mathbb{F}_2 . Primarily introduces fast-fourier transform (FFT) for large-degree polynomial multiplication.	[399]
<i>The GNU Multiple Precision Arithmetic Library</i> (GMP)	5.0.x	C/C++ library providing fast arbitrary precision arithmetic on integers, rational numbers and floating point numbers.	[2797]
<i>Macaulay2</i>	1.4	Software system focusing on algebraic geometry and commutative algebra. Contains core algorithms combined with a high-level interpreted language and debugger to support package creation. Uses elements of <i>PARI</i> , <i>NTL</i> and others in its routines.	[1355]
<i>Number Theory Library</i> (NTL)	5.5.x	C++ library providing data structures and routines for arbitrary length integer arithmetic, arbitrary precision floating-point arithmetic and finite field arithmetic. Also contains lattice basis reduction algorithms and basic linear algebra packages. Interfaces with <i>gf2x</i> and <i>GMP</i> libraries for additional speed-ups.	[2633]
<i>PARI/GP</i>	2.5.x	C library designed for fast computations in number theory including integer factorization and elliptic curve computations. Also contains useful function for use with matrices, polynomials, power series and others. GP is a scripting language used by the gp interactive shell, which accesses the PARI functions. A subset of the GP language can be compiled as C code, resulting in a substantial speed-up.	[2801]

Open-source software packages for computations in discrete mathematics		
Name	Ver.	Description
<i>Singular</i>	3.1.x	A computer algebra system focusing on polynomial computations. Specializes on commutative and non-commutative algebra, algebraic geometry and singularity theory. Provides a C-like programming language, extendable using libraries. Its core algorithms handle Gröbner bases, polynomial factorization, resultants and root finding. Advanced libraries and third-party software provide further functionality. [792]
<i>SAGE</i>	5.0	Comprehensive Python-based open-source computer algebra package. Natively contains a finite field implementation as well as wrappers for other useful packages including Flint, GAP, NTL, PARI and Singular. Interpreted but contains the ability to compile, using Cython, as C code for a drastic improvement in speed. [2709]
Commercial stand-alone packages containing finite field implementations		
Name	Ver.	Description
Magma	2.18-x	Computational algebra system focusing on algebra, algebraic combinatorics, algebraic geometry and number theory. Language built to closely approximate the user's mode of thought and usual notation. Major algorithms are designed to give comparable performance to specialized programs. Also contains a number of large databases of elliptic curves, linear codes, irreducible polynomials over finite fields, graphs, Cunningham factorizations and others. [712]
Maple	16	Comprehensive computer algebra suite, contains a full featured programming language to create scripts or full applications. A "smart" document environment allows embedding equations, visualizations or components in the document. Can take advantage of parallelism, multi-threading and multi-process programming. Finite field arithmetic natively given by the "GF" package. [2002]
Mathematica	8	Development platform concentrating on integrating computation into workflows. Finite field computations are performed using the "FiniteFields" package and "GF" class. [3004]
Matlab	R2012a	Programming environment for algorithm development and data analysis. Contains arithmetic over finite fields \mathbb{F}_{2^n} over \mathbb{F}_2 for $n \leq 16$ within the "Communications System Toolbox". [2799]

Table 2.2.11 Software packages useful for finite field implementations.

See Also

§3.2, §3.3, §3.4	For reducibility and irreducibility of low-weight polynomials.
§5.2, §5.3	For normal bases and their complexities.
§11.1	For computational techniques over finite fields.
[1413], [2080]	For patents and standards of elliptic curve cryptography, most of which contain guidelines for finite field implementations.

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