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## Applications of the covering method for computing p-divisibility of exponential sums

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#### ABSTRACT

The p-divisibility of exponential sums of polynomials over finite fields can be used for a variety of applications. A little improvement on the estimation of the pdivisibility might be important in some applications. For example, the relation between the 2-divisibility of a Boolean function and certain deformations give information about cosets of Reed-Muller codes. Moreover, the computation of the exact p-divisibility of exponential sums associated to families of systems of polynomials guarantees the solvability of the system and, in the case of a Boolean functions, it proves that the functions are not balanced.

In this talk we present the covering method, an elementary method to compute p-divisibility of exponential sums and see how it can be used in some applications.

Monzón Building, Room 201, **10:45 AM** Refreshments will be served 15 minutes before the colloquium in Monzón 213





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