

Figure 1: Caption

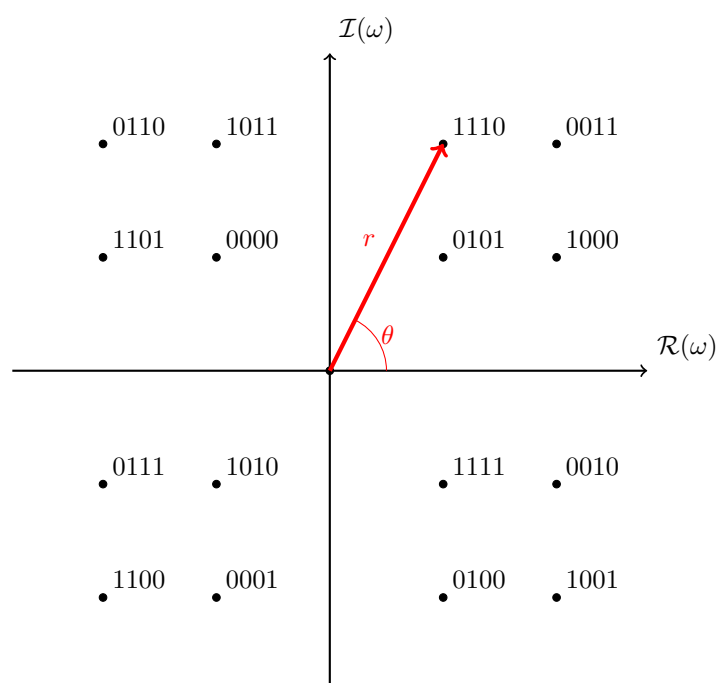
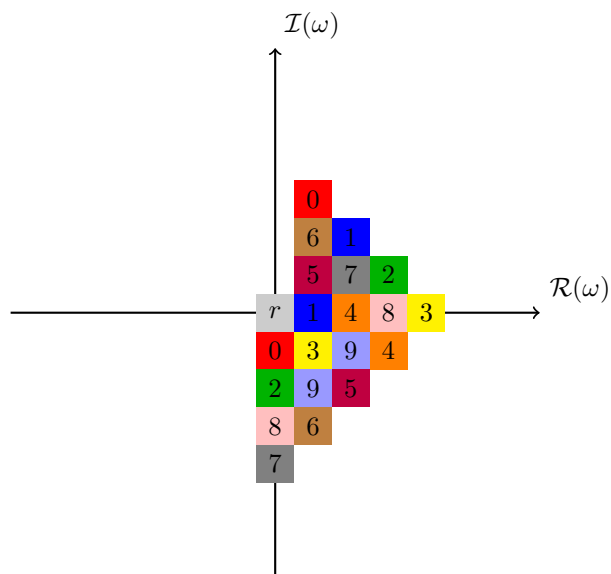


Figure 2: Encoding 4-bit words into frequencies.



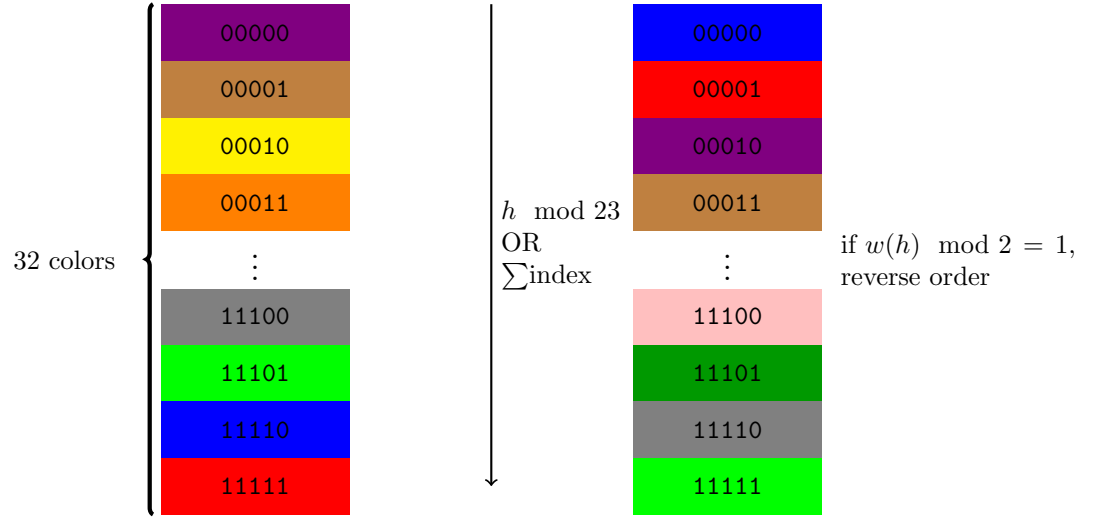
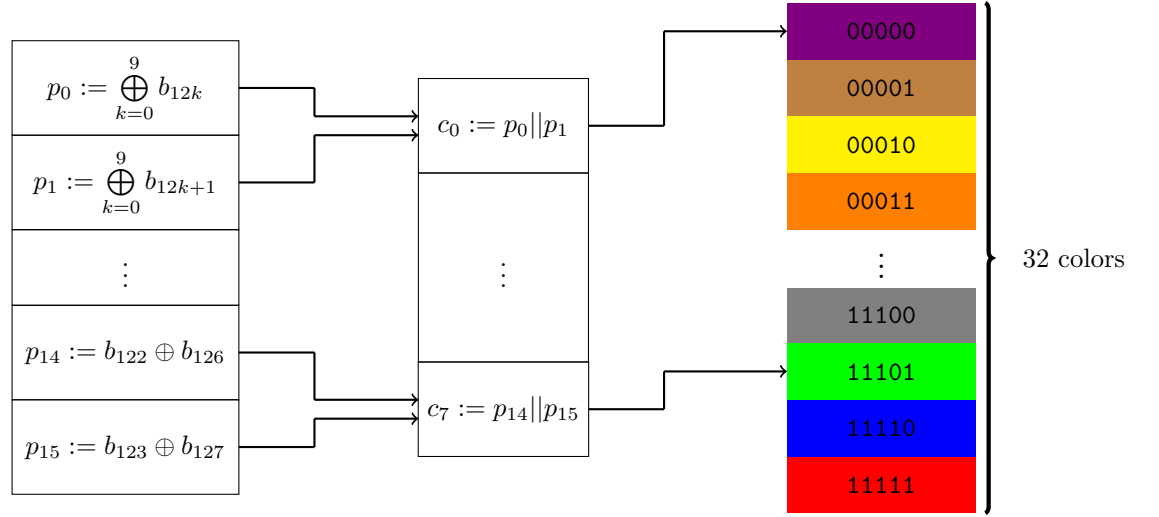
$$\mathcal{B}_m = I(f_m > 0.5), \quad m \in \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$\mathcal{P}(\{\mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_2, \mathcal{B}_3\}) \rightarrow \{Color\#1, Color\#2, \dots, Color\#2^m\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \{Color\#1, Color\#2, \dots, Color\#2^m\} = & \{f_1 \leq 0.5 \wedge f_2 \leq 0.5 \wedge f_3 \leq 0.5, \\ & f_1 \leq 0.5 \wedge f_2 \leq 0.5 \wedge f_3 > 0.5, \\ & \dots, \\ & f_1 > 0.5 \wedge f_2 > 0.5 \wedge f_3 > 0.5 \end{aligned}$$

$$h = \underbrace{\underline{1100}}_{f_1} | \underbrace{\underline{1000}}_{f_2} | \underbrace{\underline{0110}}_{f_3} | \underline{1110} | \underline{0101} | \underline{1011} | \underline{0100} | \underline{1111} | \underline{0110} | \underline{0010} | \underline{1001} | \underline{0110} \dots \underline{0010} | \underline{1001} | \underline{0101} | \underline{1001} | \underline{0100}$$

$$p_i = \begin{cases} b_{0,i} \oplus b_{1,i} \oplus b_{2,i} \oplus \cdots \oplus b_{9,i} = \bigoplus_{k=0}^9 b_{k,i} & 0 \leq i < 12 \\ h_{120+i-12} \oplus h_{120+i-8} & 12 \leq i < 16 \end{cases}$$



$$\sum \text{index} = \sum_{k=0}^{128} I(b_k = 1)k \mod 31$$

Proof that  $\tilde{x} \neq x \mod 23$ , where  $\tilde{x}$  is  $x$  with 2 bits of the same group changed: Let  $\ell$  and  $\ell + 12m$  the indices of the 2 flipped bits, with  $0 < m \leq 10$ .

Ring of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  is an integral domain.

- Case  $b_\ell = 1, b_{\ell+12m} = 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
x &= \tilde{x} = x - 2^\ell + 2^{\ell+12m} \pmod{23} \\
\implies x &= x + 2^\ell (2^{12m} - 1) \pmod{23} \\
\implies 0 &= 2^\ell (2^{12m} - 1) \pmod{23} \\
\implies 0 &= 2^{12m} - 1 \pmod{23} \\
\implies 1 &= 2^{12m} \pmod{23}
\end{aligned}$$

which has no solution for  $1 < m \leq 10$ .

- Case  $b_\ell = 0, b_{\ell+12m} = 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
x &= \tilde{x} = x - 2^\ell + 2^{\ell+12m} \pmod{23} \\
\implies x &= x + 2^\ell (1 - 2^{12m}) \pmod{23} \\
\implies 0 &= 2^\ell (1 - 2^{12m}) \pmod{23}
\end{aligned}$$

which has no solution for  $1 < m \leq 10$ , same as the previous case.

- Case  $b_\ell = 1, b_{\ell+12m} = 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
x &= \tilde{x} = x + 2^\ell + 2^{\ell+12m} \pmod{23} \\
\implies x &= x + 2^\ell (1 + 2^{12m}) \pmod{23} \\
\implies 0 &= 2^\ell (1 + 2^{12m}) \pmod{23} \\
\implies 0 &= 1 + 2^{12m} \pmod{23} \\
\implies -1 &= 2^{12m} \pmod{23}
\end{aligned}$$

which has no solution for  $1 < m \leq 10$ .

- Case  $b_\ell = 0, b_{\ell+12m} = 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
x &= \tilde{x} = x - 2^\ell - 2^{\ell+12m} \pmod{23} \\
\implies x &= x + 2^\ell (-1 - 2^{12m}) \pmod{23} \\
\implies 0 &= 2^\ell (-1 - 2^{12m}) \pmod{23}
\end{aligned}$$

which has no solution for  $1 < m \leq 10$ , same as the previous case

Attacks if shift is  $\pmod{23}$ :

- Adv flips  $n$  bits of the same index, keeping same modulo 23 :
  - Effect : the same palette is used. If  $n$  is even and  $n > 2$ , then all colors are exactly the same as intra group parity is the same

- "Impossible" for odd  $n$  as palette is flipped
- Rare (I guess) for  $n = 4$ : maximum 8 if the ten bits are e.g. 1101011100
- Adv flips  $n$  bits, keeping same modulo 23 :
  - Effect : the same palette is used. The colors corresponding to the  $n$  indices are changed
  - "Impossible" for odd  $n$  as palette is flipped

$$\begin{aligned}
x + 2^k - 2^\ell &= x \pmod{p} \\
2^k - 2^\ell &= 0 \pmod{p} \\
2^\ell (2^{k-\ell} - 1) &= 0 \pmod{p} \\
2^{k-\ell} &= 1 \pmod{p} \\
k - \ell &= m \cdot |2| \pmod{p}, \quad m \in \mathbb{Z}
\end{aligned}$$

Problem : 11 is  $-1 \pmod{12} \implies$  flipping  $b_i$  and  $b_{i+11}$  might only change 1 color.

Attacks if shift is  $\sum index$ :

Lots (sum of 4 indices that are for the same function divide 31)

Properties:

- Color choices :  $\{(b_0 \oplus b_{12} \oplus \dots \oplus b_{108}), (b_1 \oplus b_{13} \oplus \dots \oplus b_{109}), \dots, (b_{11} \oplus \dots \oplus b_{119})\}$
- Palette shift :  $h \pmod{23}$
- Invert palette direction :  $w(h) \pmod{2}$
- Symmetry mode :  $\sum_{i:h_i=1} i + 11 \pmod{13}$

Keeping same parity bits :

$$b'_0 \oplus b'_{12} \oplus \dots \oplus b'_{108} = b_0 \oplus b_{12} \oplus \dots \oplus b_{108}$$

$$\bigoplus_{i=0}^9 b'_{12i} = \bigoplus_{i=0}^{10} b_{12i}$$

Implications :

- If  $b'_i \neq b_i$  for an odd number of  $i$ , then the parity of the weight of  $h$  changes and the palette is flipped.
- To keep the same palette shift, we must have  $h = h' \pmod{23}$ , with  $h' = h + \sum_k 2^k - \sum_\ell 2^\ell$  for all  $k : b_k = 0 \wedge b'_k = 1$  and  $\ell : b_\ell = 1 \wedge b'_\ell = 0$ . Because of the previous point, we must have  $k + \ell = 0 \pmod{2}$ .

$$h + \sum_k 2^k - \sum_\ell 2^\ell = h \pmod{23}$$

$$\sum_k 2^k - \sum_\ell 2^\ell = 0 \pmod{23}$$

$$|2| \pmod{23} = 11 \implies 2^{12i} \pmod{23} = (2^{12})^i \pmod{23} = (2 \cdot 2^{11})^i \pmod{23} = 2^i \pmod{23}.$$

$$2^{12i} \pmod{23} = 2^i \pmod{23} \text{ for } i \in \{0, \dots, 9\} = \{1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 9, 18, 13, 3, 6\} := M$$

For  $n = 2, 4, 6, 8, 10$  : find  $n$  distinct elements  $m_i \in M$  and a vector  $\alpha \in \{-1, 1\}^n$  such that  $\sum_{i=0}^9 \alpha_i m_i = 0 \pmod{23}$

- $n = 2$ : It is impossible to find  $m_1 \neq m_2$  such that  $m_1 \pm m_2 = 0 \pmod{23}$ .
- $n = 4$ : With Python, we found there are 84 possible choices for  $m_0, m_1, m_2, m_3$  such that we can find a fitting  $\alpha$ . For example,  $m_1 = 2, m_2 = 4, m_3 = 16, m_4 = 18$ , we find  $\alpha = \{1, -1, -1, 1\}$ .
- $n = 6$ : We found there are 280 possible choices for  $m_0$  to  $m_5$  such that we can find a fitting  $\alpha$ .
- $n = 8$ : We found there are 255 possible choices for  $m_0$  to  $m_7$  such that we can find a fitting  $\alpha$ .
- $n = 10$ : Picking  $m_0$  to  $m_9$  as every element of  $M$ , we can find (for example)  $\alpha = \{1, -1, -1, 1, -1, 1, -1, 1, 1, 1\}$  that is fitting.
- In total, 620 "collisions" with same parity and same palette shift

Introducing the symmetries: in order to keep the same symmetry, we must have  $\sum_{i:h_i=1} i + 11 \pmod{13} = \sum_{i:h'_i=1} i + 11 \pmod{13}$ . That means a collision must have  $\sum 12m_i \alpha_i = 0 \pmod{13}$

- $n = 4$ : The number of collision drops to 53 (IN TOTAL):.
- $n = 6$ : We found there are 292 (IN TOTAL) possible collisions.
- $n = 8$ : We found there are 230 (IN TOTAL) possible collisions.
- $n = 10$ : We found there are 25 (IN TOTAL) possible collisions).
- In total, 620 "collisions" with same parity and same palette shift
- However, each requires a specific combination of bits to be possible. Some of them are mutually exclusive.  $\rightarrow$  divide by  $\approx 16, 32, 64 \rightarrow$

If the bits are not from the same parity:

If two flipped bits of same value:

Same shift :

$$\begin{aligned} h + 2^k + 2^\ell &= h \pmod{p} \\ 2^k + 2^\ell &= 0 \pmod{p} \\ 2^\ell(2^{k-\ell} + 1) &= 0 \pmod{p} \\ 2^{k-\ell} &= -1 \pmod{p} \end{aligned}$$

Which is not possible as long as we pick  $p \neq 5$  and  $p \neq 17$

Same shift :

$$\begin{aligned} h + 2^k - 2^\ell &= h \pmod{p} \\ 2^k - 2^\ell &= 0 \pmod{p} \\ 2^\ell(2^{k-\ell} - 1) &= 0 \pmod{p} \\ 2^{k-\ell} &= 1 \pmod{p} \\ k - \ell &= 0 \pmod{(|2| \pmod{p})} \end{aligned}$$

Same symmetry :

$$k - \ell = 0 \pmod{(|2| \pmod{q})}$$

Having both yield

$$k - \ell = 0 \pmod{\text{lcm}(|2| \pmod{p}, |2| \pmod{q})}$$

If we pick  $p = 29, q = 23$  we have  $(|2| \pmod{p}, |2| \pmod{q}) = (28, 11)$  and  $\text{lcm}(28, 11) = 308 > 256$