

Current Algebraic Constraints

What Forces Unique Solution?

With 4 Anchors Alone:

- ✓ 24 positions determined (indices where anchors appear)
- ✗ 73 positions undetermined
- ✗ 26^{73} possible completions

The algebra cannot determine more without additional information.

Potential Additional Constraints

To achieve unique solution, need ONE of:

1. More anchor positions (cribs/known plaintext)
 - Each new anchor potentially determines its slot
2. Language constraints (if plaintext is English)
 - Dictionary words, bigram/trigram frequencies
 - Semantic coherence
3. Additional algebraic structure
 - Constraints on key material
 - Relationships between positions
4. The actual plaintext (ground truth)

Falsifiable Predictions

If this analysis is correct:

- Adding a 5th anchor at an unconstrained position would determine exactly 1 more position (25 total)
- The tail region (74-96) cannot be determined without information beyond the current 4 anchors
- Position 74 specifically must remain free under any algebraic analysis using only the 4 anchors
- No algebraic manipulation can extract more than 24 positions from these specific 4 anchors with $L=17$