

# CS5760: Yoyo Tricks with AES

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Observe that  $\nu(\alpha) \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$ . The complement of  $\nu(\alpha)$  is called the *activity pattern*.

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This is evident from the fact that  $\alpha_i \oplus \beta_i = 0 \iff s(\alpha_i) \oplus s(\beta_i) = 0$  since  $s$  is a permutation. □

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$S$  operates on each word independently and the result follows immediately from definition 2. □



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- ④ Although equality may not hold, differences are zero in exactly the same positions when  $S \circ L$  is applied.

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The proof follows from the following observations.

- ① Lemma 2 gives  $S(\alpha) \oplus S(\beta) = S(\alpha') \oplus S(\beta')$ .
- ② The linearity of  $L$  gives  $L(S(\alpha)) \oplus L(S(\beta)) = L(S(\alpha')) \oplus L(S(\beta'))$ .
- ③ Finally, Lemma 1 gives (12).





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Since  $S^{-1}$  is also a permutation and  $L^{-1}$  is a linear transformation, we invoke Theorem 1 on  $G_2^{-1} = S^{-1} \circ L^{-1} \circ S^{-1}$  to obtain (13). □

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for any  $v_1, v_2 \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$ .

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Moreover, for any  $z \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$ , define

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Then, for any  $(p^0, p^1) \in R_P(z)$ ,

$$(G_3(\rho^\vee(p^0, p^1)), G_3(\rho^\vee(p^1, p^0))) \in R_C(z), \quad (18)$$

and for any  $(c^0, c^1) \in R_C(z)$ ,

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- 3 Similarly, six rounds of AES can be written as

$$R^6 = S \circ L \circ S \circ L \circ S. \quad (21)$$

# Definitions of $Q, Q'$

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12:      for all  $(p^0, p^1) \in \mathcal{S}$  do
13:          if  $l_3(s^4(p_0^0 \oplus k_0) \oplus s^4(p_0^1 \oplus k_0)) \neq 0$  then
14:              Break and jump to next key
15:      return  $k_0$ 

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