

Yoyo Tricks with AES

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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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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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Theorem 2 (Generic Yoyo Game for Two SP-Rounds)

Let $p^0 \oplus p^1 \in \mathbb{F}_q^n$, $c^0 = G_2(p^0)$ and $c^1 = G_2(p^1)$. Then for any $v \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$, let $c'^0 = \rho^v(c^0, c^1)$ and $c'^1 = \rho^v(c^1, c^0)$. Then,

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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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$$\begin{aligned} \nu(G_2(\rho^{v_1}(p^0, p^1)) \oplus G_2(\rho^{v_1}(p^1, p^0))) \\ = \nu(G_2^{-1}(\rho^{v_2}(c^0, c^1)) \oplus G_2^{-1}(\rho^{v_2}(c^1, c^0))) \quad (16) \end{aligned}$$

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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- 4 We need to investigate whether $c^0 \oplus c^1 = S(x \oplus z) \oplus S(y \oplus z)$ has some distinguishing properties.

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From Lemma 4, words in same positions are drawn from $T_i^{z,a}$ with size q^{4-t} , thus they are equal with probability q^{t-4} . Since t words are zero in $Q'(a) \oplus Q'(b)$, each word of $SR^{-1}(Q'(a)) \oplus SR^{-1}(Q'(b))$ has t zero bytes. From Lemma 5, $4 - t$ bytes cannot be zero in each word after MC^{-1} . This is preserved through SB^{-1} and XOR with the round key. □

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Ensure: Secret key k_0

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3:    $p_0^0 \leftarrow (0, i, 0, 0), p_0^1 \leftarrow (1, 1 \oplus i, 0, 0)$ 
4:    $\mathcal{S} \leftarrow \{(p^0, p^1)\}$ 
5:   while  $|\mathcal{S}| < 5$  do
6:      $c^0 \leftarrow \text{enc}_k(p^0, 5), c^1 \leftarrow \text{enc}_k(p^1, 5)$ 
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10:     $\mathcal{S} \leftarrow \mathcal{S} \cup \{(p^0, p^1)\}$ 
11:  for all  $2^{24}$  key candidates  $k_0$  do
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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