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# Affine Transformation

An affine transformation  $A : \{0, 1\}^m \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^n$  over  $GF(2)^m$  is defined using a Boolean matrix  $L_{n \times m}$  and a word  $a \in \{0, 1\}^n$  as

$$A(x) = L(x) + a$$

$L(x)$  is simply matrix multiplication.

The transformation is **invertible** if  $m = n$  and  $L$  is an invertible matrix.

If  $a = 0$ , then the  $A$  is called a linear transformation (such functions are a subclass of affine functions), that is,

$$A(x) = L(x)$$

# Affine Equivalence

Two functions  $F : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^m$ ,  $G : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^m$  are affine equivalent if there exist two **invertible affine transformations**  $A_1 : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^n$  and  $A_2 : \{0, 1\}^m \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^m$  such that

$$G = A_2 \circ F \circ A_1$$

It is easy to show that the affine equivalence relation partitions the set of all functions into (affine) equivalence classes. We denote

$$F \equiv G$$

if  $F$  is affine equivalent to  $G$ .

## Problem

### Problem 1. Linear equivalence

By linear mapping we mean a mapping  $L(x)$  over  $GF(2)^n$  that satisfies

$$L(x + y) = L(x) + L(y)$$

Let us consider the problem of checking linear equivalence between two S-boxes  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ . The problem is to find two **invertible linear mappings**  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ , such that

$$L_2 \circ S_1 \circ L_1 = S_2$$

## Problem 2. Affine equivalence

We want an algorithm that takes two  $n \times n$ -bit S-boxes  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  as input, and checks whether there exists a pair of **invertible affine mappings**  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  such that

$$A_2 \circ S_1 \circ A_1 = S_2$$

# The Linear Equivalence Algorithm <sup>1</sup>

## Naive approach

Guess one of the mappings, for example  $L_1$ . Then one can extract  $L_2$  from the equation:

$$L_2 = S_2 \circ L_1^{-1} \circ S_1^{-1}$$

and check if it is a linear, invertible mapping.

There are  $O(2^{n^2})$  choices of invertible linear mappings over  $n$ -bit vectors.

For each guess one will need about  $n^3$  steps to check for linearity and invertibility using Gaussian elimination <sup>[1]</sup>.

In total the naive algorithm would require  $O(n^3 2^{n^2})$  steps.

A similar naive affine equivalence algorithm will use  $O(n^3 2^{n(n+1)})$ .

## Improved Naive approach

We need only  $n$  equations in order to check  $L_2$  for invertibility and linearity.

If one guesses only  $\log_2 n$  vectors from  $L_1$  one may span a space of  $n$  points (by trying all linear combinations of the guessed vectors), evaluate the results through  $L_1$ ,  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  and have  $n$  constraints required to check for linearity of  $L_2$ .

If the  $n$  new equations are not independent one will need to guess additional vectors of  $L_1$ .

Such an algorithm would require guessing of  $n \log_2 n$  bits of  $L_1$  and the total complexity would be  $O(n^3 2^{n \log n})$

# Linear equivalence algorithm

## Notation

Symbol	Notation
$A, B^{-1}$	the linear mappings $L_1$ and $L_2$ respectively
$C_A, C_B$	the sets of <b>checked points</b> for which the mapping ( $A$ or $B$ respectively) is known
$U_A, U_B$	the sets of yet <b>unknown points</b>
$N_A, N_B$	all the <b>new points</b> for which we know the mapping (either $A$ or $B$ , respectively), but which are linearly independent from points of $C_A$ or $C_B$ , respectively

$C, N, U$  are always disjoint.

## Exploit two ideas

1. **needlework effect** : in which guesses of portions from  $L_1$  provide us with free knowledge of the values of  $L_2$ .
2. **exponential amplification of guesses** : due to the linear (affine) structure of the mappings, support that the new values from  $L_2$  allow us to extract new free information about  $L_1$ .
3. knowing  $k$  vectors from the mapping  $L_1$ , we know  $2^k$  linear combinations of these vectors for free.

## Linear Equivalence (LE)

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$U_A \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^n; U_B \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^n$

$N_A \leftarrow \emptyset; N_B \leftarrow \emptyset$

$C_A \leftarrow \emptyset; C_B \leftarrow \emptyset$

**while** ( $U_A \neq \emptyset$  and  $U_B \neq \emptyset$ ) or (All guesses rejected) **do**

**if**  $N_A = \emptyset$  and  $N_B = \emptyset$  **then**

    If previous guess rejected, restore  $C_A, C_B, U_A, U_B$ .

    Guess  $A(x)$  for some  $x \in U_A$

    Set  $N_A \leftarrow \{x\}, U_A \leftarrow U_A \setminus \{x\}$

**end if**

**while**  $N_A \neq \emptyset$  **do**

    Pick  $x \in N_A; N_A \leftarrow N_A \setminus \{x\}; N_B \leftarrow S_2(x \oplus C_A) \setminus C_B$

$C_A \leftarrow C_A \cup (x \oplus C_A)$

**if**  $|N_B| + \log_2 |C_B| > \text{const} \cdot n$  **then**

**if**  $B$  is invertible linear mapping **then**

        Derive  $A$  and check  $A, B$  at all points, that are still left in  $U_A$  and  $U_B$ .

**else**

        Reject latest guess;  $N_A \leftarrow \emptyset; N_B \leftarrow \emptyset$

**end if**

**end if**

**end while**

**while**  $N_B \neq \emptyset$  **do**

    Pick  $y \in N_B; N_B \leftarrow N_B \setminus \{y\}; N_A \leftarrow S_2^{-1}(y \oplus C_B) \setminus C_A$

$C_B \leftarrow C_B \cup (y \oplus C_B)$

**if**  $|N_B| + \log_2 |C_B| > \text{const} \cdot n$  **then**

**if**  $A$  is invertible linear mapping **then**

        Derive  $B$  and check  $A, B$  at all points, that are still left in  $U_A$  and  $U_B$ .

**else**

        Reject latest guess;  $N_A \leftarrow \emptyset; N_B \leftarrow \emptyset$

**end if**

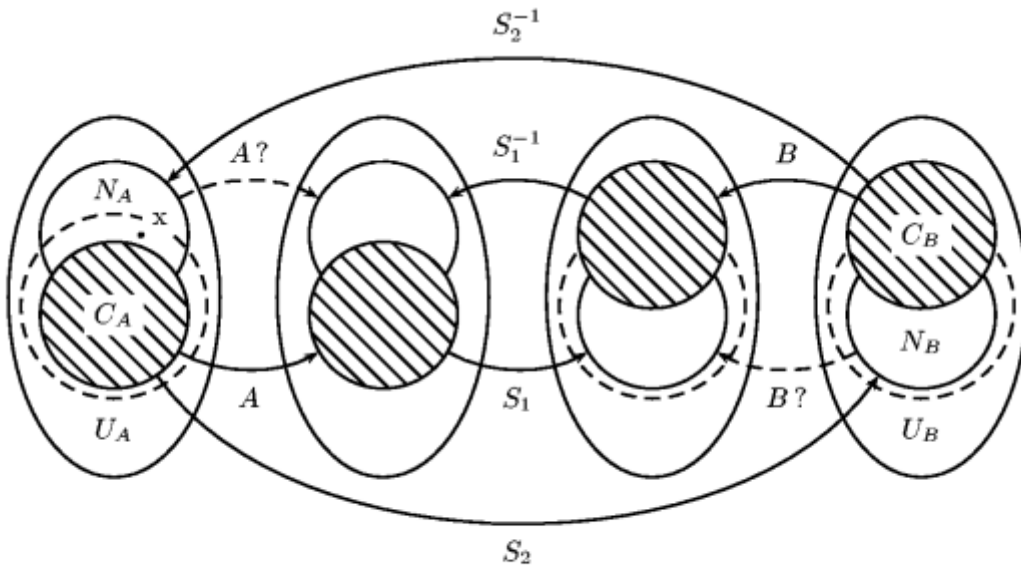
**end if**

**end while**

$U_A \leftarrow U_A \setminus C_A; U_B \leftarrow U_B \setminus C_B$

**end while**

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**Fig. 1.** The relations between the different sets for the LE algorithm.

## Complexity of LE

The complexity of this approach is about  $n^3 \cdot 2^n$  steps (for S-boxes that do not map zero to zero, and  $n^3 \cdot 2^{2n}$  otherwise).

The complexity of the linear equivalence algorithm (LE) is  $O(n^3 2^n)$ .

## The Affine Equivalence Algorithm <sup>1</sup>

$$A_2 \circ S_1 \circ A_1 = S_2$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$A_2(S_1(A_1(x))) = S_2(x)$$

$$A_1(x) = A \cdot x \oplus a$$

$$A_2(x) = B^{-1} \cdot x \oplus b$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$B^{-1} S_1(A \cdot x \oplus a) \oplus b = S_2(x)$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$B^{-1} \circ S_1(x \oplus a) \circ A = S_2(x) \oplus b$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$S_1(x \oplus a)$ ,  $S_2(x) \oplus b$  are **linearly equivalent**

## A straightforward solution

```
for all  $a$  do
  for all  $b$  do
    check whether  $S_1(x \oplus a)$  and  $S_2(x) \oplus b$  are linearly equivalent
  end for
end for
```

This approach adds a factor  $2^{2n}$  to the complexity of the linear algorithm, bringing the total to  $O(n^3 2^{3n})$ .

## A second approach

Assign **a unique representative** to each linear equivalence class:

```
for all  $a$  do
  insert the representative of the lin. equiv. class of  $S_1(x \oplus a)$  in a table  $T_1$ 
end for
for all  $b$  do
  insert the representative of the lin. equiv. class of  $S_2(x) \oplus b$  in a table  $T_2$ 
end for
if  $T_1 \cap T_2 \neq \emptyset$  then
  conclude that  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are affine equivalent
end if
```

The complexity of this second algorithm is about  $2^n$  times the work needed for **finding the linear representative**.

## Finding the linear representative

The efficiency of an algorithm that finds the linear representative  $R_S$  for an S-box  $S$  depends on how this unique representative is chosen.

## Defination of linear representative

If all S-boxes in a linear equivalence class are ordered lexicographically according to their lookup tables, then the *smallest* is called the representative of the class.

## Construt the representative $R_S$

1. Making an initial guess.
2. Incrementally build the linear mappings  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $R'_S = B^{-1} \circ S \circ A$  is as small as possible.
3. The representative  $R_S$  is obtained by taking the smallest  $R'_S$  over possible guesses.

## Explain the algorithm

Symbol	Notation
$A, B^{-1}$	the linear mappings $L_1$ and $L_2$ respectively
$D_A, D_B$	values for which $A$ or $B$ are known respectively
$C_A, C_B$	points of $D_A$ that have a corresonding point in $D_B$ and vice versa, i.e., $S \circ A(C_A) = B(C_B)$ . For these values, $R'_S$ and $R'^{-1}_S$ are known respectively
$N_A, N_B$	remaining points of $D_A$ and $D_B$ . We have that $S \circ A(N_A) \cap B(N_B) = \emptyset$
$U_A, U_B$	values for which $A$ or $B$ can still be chosen

The main part of the algorithm that finds a candidate  $R'_S$  consists in **repeatedly picking the smallest input**  $x$  for which  $R'_S$  is not known and trying to **assign it to the smallest available output**  $y$ .

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while  $N_A \neq \emptyset$  do
  pick  $x = \min_{t \in N_A}(t)$  and  $y = \min_{t \in U_B}(t)$ 
  complete  $B$  such that  $B(y) = S \circ A(x)$  and thus  $R'_S(x) = y$ 
  update all sets according to their definitions
  while  $N_A = \emptyset$  and  $N_B \neq \emptyset$  do
    pick  $x = \min_{t \in U_A}(t)$  and  $y = \min_{t \in N_B}(t)$ 
    complete  $A$  such that  $A(x) = S^{-1} \circ B(y)$  and thus  $R'_S(x) = y$ 
    update all sets according to their definitions
  end while
end while

```

## Update the sets

1. Use the value of  $B(y)$  to derive  $B$  for all linear combinations of  $y$  and  $D_B$ .



2.

$$D'_B \Leftarrow D_B \cup (D_B \oplus y)$$

$$U'_B \Leftarrow U_B \setminus (D_B \oplus y)$$

2. Check whether any new point inserted in  $D_B$  has a corresponding point in  $D_A$  and update  $C_B$ ,  $D_B$ ,  $C_A$  and  $N_A$  accordingly:

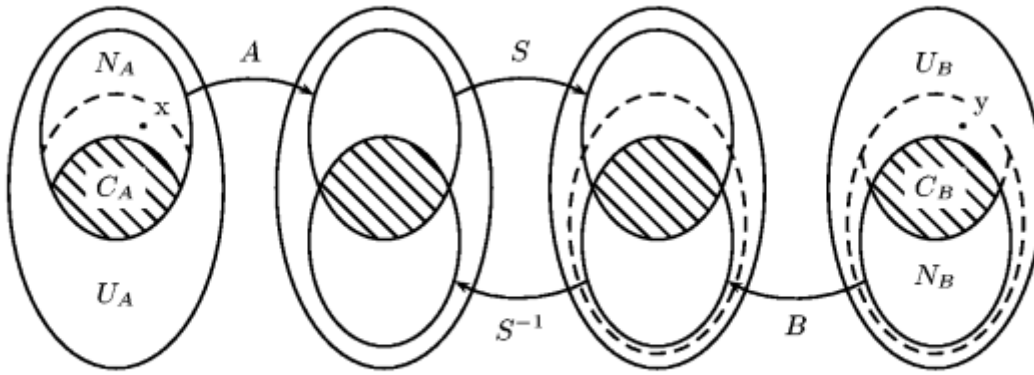
3.

$$C'_B \Leftarrow C_B \cup B^{-1}[B(D_B \oplus y) \cap S \circ A(N_A)]$$

$$N'_B \Leftarrow N_B \cup B^{-1}[B(D_B \oplus y) \setminus S \circ A(N_A)]$$

$$C'_A \Leftarrow C_A \cup A^{-1} \circ S^{-1}[B(D_B \oplus y) \cap S \circ A(N_A)]$$

$$N'_A \Leftarrow N_A \setminus A^{-1} \circ S^{-1}[B(D_B \oplus y) \cap S \circ A(N_A)]$$



**Fig. 2.** The relations between the different sets for the AE algorithm.

## Complexity of AE

Completely defining  $R'_S$  for a particular guess takes about  $2^n$  steps.

However, most guesses will already be rejected after having determined only slightly more than  $n$  values, because at that point  $R'_S$  will usually turn out to be larger than the current smallest candidate.

The total complexity of finding the representative is expected to be  $O(n^3 2^n)$ .

The affine equivalence algorithm (AE) has complexity  $O(n^3 2^{2n})$ .

## Complexities of linear and affine algorithms

**Table 2.** Complexities of linear and affine algorithms.

Dimension	: $n$	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	16	24	32
LE	: $n^2 2^n$	$2^8$	$2^{10}$	$2^{11}$	$2^{13}$	$2^{14}$	$2^{15}$	$2^{17}$	$2^{19}$	$2^{24}$	$2^{33}$	$2^{42}$
AE	: $n^2 2^{2n}$	$2^{12}$	$2^{15}$	$2^{17}$	$2^{20}$	$2^{22}$	$2^{24}$	$2^{27}$	$2^{31}$	$2^{40}$	$2^{57}$	$2^{74}$
AE ( $n - m = 1$ )	: $2^n n^2 (2!)^{\frac{n}{2}}$	$2^{10}$	$2^{12}$	$2^{14}$	$2^{16}$	$2^{18}$	$2^{20}$	$2^{22}$	$2^{25}$	$2^{32}$	$2^{45}$	$2^{58}$
AE ( $n - m = 2$ )	: $2^n n^2 (2^2!)^{\frac{n}{2^2}}$	$2^{13}$	$2^{15}$	$2^{18}$	$2^{21}$	$2^{23}$	$2^{26}$	$2^{28}$	$2^{33}$	$2^{42}$	$2^{61}$	$2^{79}$
AE ( $n - m = 3$ )	: $2^n n^2 (2^3!)^{\frac{n}{2^3}}$	$2^{16}$	$2^{19}$	$2^{23}$	$2^{26}$	$2^{29}$	$2^{33}$	$2^{36}$	$2^{42}$	$2^{55}$	$2^{79}$	$2^{103}$

Note that we use  $n^2$  for the complexity of the Gaussian elimination since  $n \leq 32$  and we assume an efficient implementation using 32-bit operations.

## Extensions of LE and AE algorithms

### Self-Equivalent S-Boxes

$$A_2 \circ S \circ A_1 = S$$

### Equivalence of Non-invertible S-Boxes

a natura extension of our equivalence problem:

find an  $n \times n$ -bit affine mapping  $A_1$  and an  $m \times m$ -bit affine mappin  $A_2$  such that

$$A_2 \circ S_1 \circ A_1 = S_2$$

for two given  $n \times m$ -bit S-boxes  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ .

### Almost Affine Equivalent S-Boxes

The S-boxes  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are called almost equivalent if there exist two affine mappings  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  such that  $A_2 \circ S_1 \circ A_1$  and  $S_2$  **are equal, except in a few points** (e.g., two values in the lookup table are swapped, or some fixed fraction of the entrise are misplaced).

## Apply AE and LE to AES

When our AE tool is run for the 8-bit S-box  $S$  used in AES, as many as **2040 different self-equivalence relations** are revealed.

Although this number might seem surprisingly high at first, we will show that it can easily be explained from **the special algebraic structure of the S-box of AES**.

Symbol	Notation
$[a]$	the $8 \times 8$ -bit matrix that corresponds to a multiplication by $a$ in $GF(2^8)$
$Q$	the $8 \times 8$ -bit matrix that performs the squaring operation in $GF(2^8)$

We can now derive a general expression for all pairs of affine mappings  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  such that  $A_2 \circ S \circ A_1 = S$ :

$$A_1(x) = [a] \cdot Q^i \cdot x$$

$$A_2(x) = A(Q^{-i} \cdot [a] \cdot A^{-1}(x)), \text{ with } 0 \leq i < 8 \text{ and } a \in GF(2^8) \setminus \{0\}$$

Since  $i$  takes on 8 different values [\[2\]](#) and there are 255 different choices for  $a$ , we obtain exactly  $2040 = 255 \times 8$  different solutions, which confirms the output of the AE algorithm.

# An Improved Affine Equivalence Algorithm (Dinur) <sup>2</sup>

## Multivariate Polynomials

Any Boolean function  $F : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  can be represented as a multivariate polynomial whose algebraic normal form (ANF) is unique and given as

$$F(x[1], \dots, x[n]) = \sum_{u=(u[1], \dots, u[n]) \in \{0,1\}^n} \alpha_u M_u$$

where  $\alpha_u \in \{0, 1\}$  is the coefficient of the monomial  $M_u = \prod_{i=1}^n x[i]^{u[i]}$ , and the sum is over  $GF(2)$ .

The algebraic degree of the function  $F$  is defined as

$$deg(F) = \max \{wt(u) | \alpha_u \neq 0\}$$

Given a function  $F : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  represented by a polynomial

$$P(x[1], \dots, x[n])$$

define  $F_{\geq d} : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  as the function represented by

$$P_{(\geq d)}$$

## Half-Space Masks and Coefficients

Let  $A : \{0, 1\}^{n-1} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^n$  be an affine transformation such that  $A(x) = L(x) + a$  for a matrix  $L_{n \times (n-1)}$  with linearly independent columns.

Then the (affine) range of  $A$  is an  $(n - 1)$ -dimensional affine subspace spanned by the columns of  $L$  with the addition of  $a$ .

The subspace orthogonal to the range of  $A$  is of dimension 1 and hence spanned by a single non-zero vector  $h \in \{0, 1\}^n$ .

Namely, a vector  $v \in \{0, 1\}^n$  is in the range of  $A$  if and only if  $h(v + a) = 0$  i.e.,  $v$  satisfies the linear equation  $h(v) + h(a) = 0$ .

Sine  $h$  partitions the space of  $\{0, 1\}^n$  into two halves, we call  $h$  the `half-space mask (HSM)` of  $A$  and call the bit  $h(a)$  the `half-space free coefficient (HSC)` of  $A$ .

We call the linear subspace spanned by the columns of  $L$  the `linear range` of  $A$ . A vector  $v \in \{0, 1\}^n$  is in the linear range of  $A$  if and only if  $h(v) = 0$ .

## Canonical Affine Transformations

$$\text{non-zero } h \in \{0, 1\}^n$$

$$c \in \{0, 1\}$$

Define the `canonical affine transformation`  $C_{|h,c} : \{0, 1\}^{n-1} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^n$  with respect to  $h, c$ .  
 $\ell$ : the index of the first non-zero bit of  $h = (h[1], \dots, h[n])$ .

$$C_{|h,c}(x) = L(X) + a$$

$$a = c \cdot e_\ell$$

$e_\ell$ : the  $\ell$ 'th unit vector

$$L[i] = \begin{cases} e_i & \text{if } i < \ell \\ e_{i+1} + h[i+1]_{e_\ell} & \text{otherwise } (\ell \leq i \leq n-1) \end{cases}$$

$\Downarrow$

the transformation  $C_{|h,c}$  is defined by the symbolic form:

$$(x[1], x[2], \dots, x[n]) = (y[1], \dots, y[\ell-1]), \sum_{i=\ell}^{n-1} h[i+1]y[i] + c, y[\ell], \dots, y[n-1])$$

## Rand Tables and Histograms

prove  $\mathbf{F}$  and  $\mathbf{G}$  are affine equivalent  $\Rightarrow$  the symbolic ranks of  $\mathbf{P}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}$  (as vectors) are equal  
rank table

rank group :  $(\max R, \min R)$

Although the *rank tables are different*, the size of each rank group  $(\max R, \min R)$  of  $\mathbf{F}$ ,  $\mathbf{G}$  is *identical*.

the rank histogram of  $\mathbf{F}$  (with respect to  $d$ ) as a mapping from each  $(\max R, \min R)$  value to the corresponding **rank group size**.

## The New Affine Equivalence Algorithm

$$\mathbf{r}_1 = (n+1-\gamma_n, n-\gamma_n)$$

$$\mathbf{r}_2 = (n, n-\gamma_n)$$

$$\gamma_n = \left\lfloor (n/2)^{1/2} \right\rfloor$$

1. Given  $\mathbf{F} : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^n$ ,  $\mathbf{G} : \{0, 1\}^n \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^n$   
Compute their corresponding ANF representations  $\mathbf{P}_{\geq(n-2)}$  and  $\mathbf{Q}_{\geq(n-2)}$
2. Compute the rank table  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathbf{F}, n-2}$  and rank histogram  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{F}, n-2}$  for  $\mathbf{F}$  using  $\mathbf{P}_{\geq(n-2)}$ .  
Compute  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathbf{G}, n-2}$  and  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{G}, n-2}$  for  $\mathbf{G}$  using  $\mathbf{Q}_{\geq(n-2)}$ .  
If  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{F}, n-2} \neq \mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{G}, n-2}$ , return "Not Equivalent".

**Algorithm to compute the rank table and rank histogram**

For each non-zero HSM  $h \in \{0, 1\}^n$  :

(1) Compute  $R_{\mathbf{F}, n-2, h} = (\max R, \min R)$  as follows.

Compute  $(\mathbf{P}_{\geq n-2} \circ C_{|h,0})_{\geq n-2} = (\mathbf{P} \circ C_{|h,0})_{\geq n-2}$  and calculate its symbolic rank  $r_0$  using

Guassain elimination .

Compute  $(\mathbf{P}_{\geq n-2} \circ C_{|h,1})_{\geq n-2} = (\mathbf{P} \circ C_{|h,1})_{\geq n-2}$  and calculate its symbolic rank  $r_1$  using Guassain elimination .

Let  $\max R = \max \{r_0, r_1\}$  and  $\min R = \min \{r_0, r_1\}$ .

(2) Insert  $h$  into  $\mathcal{T}_{F,n-2}(\max R, \min R)$ , along with the value of the attached constant  $c \in \{0, 1\}$  such that  $\max R = SR((\mathbf{F} \circ C_{|h,c})_{(\geq n-2)})$  (if  $\max R > \min R$ ) In addition, increment entry  $\mathcal{H}_{F,n-2}(\max R, \min R)$ .

**Note:** The time complexity of the algorithm depends on how a polynomial is represented.

3. Obtain the set  $U_F$  running the algorithm on inputs  $\mathcal{T}_{F,n-2}$  and  $\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_1$

Obtain the set  $U_G$  running the algorithm on inputs  $\mathcal{T}_{G,n-2}$  and  $\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_1$

### **The Unique HSM Algorithm**

(1) For each  $h \in \mathcal{T}_{F,n-2}(\mathbf{r})$ , compute  $\mathcal{HG}_{F,n-2,h,\mathbf{r}'}$  as follows:

a. for each  $h' \in \mathcal{T}_{F,n-2}(\mathbf{r}')$ :

Compute  $h + h'$ , find its rank  $\mathbf{r}'' = R_{F,n-2,h+h'}$  in  $\mathcal{T}_{F,n-2}$ .

b. Insert  $\mathcal{HG}_{F,n-2,h,\mathbf{r}'}$  along with  $h$  and its attached constant  $c$  into the multi-set  $\mathcal{HM}_{F,n-2,\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}'}$ .

(2) For each unique HSM  $h$  in  $\mathcal{HM}_{F,n-2,\mathbf{r},\mathbf{r}'}$ , add the triplet  $(h, c, \mathcal{HG}_{F,n-2,h,\mathbf{r}'})$  to  $U_F$ .

**Note:** The time complexity of the algorithm is product of sizes of the rank groups.

4. On inputs  $U_F$  and  $U_G$  to recover affine transformation

If it returns "Not Equivalent", return the same output.

Otherwise, it returns a candidate for  $A_1$ .

### **The Affine Transformation $A_1$ Recovery Algorithm**

(1) Allocate  $n + 1$  linear equation systems  $\{E_i\}_{i=1}^{n+1}$ , each of dimension  $n \times n$ : the first  $n$  equation systems are on the columns  $L[i]$  of  $L$  and the final equation system  $E_{n+1}$  is on  $a$ .

(2) Locate  $n$  linearly independent HSMs in  $U_G$ . For each such HSM  $h$ :

#### **Lemma 5**

a. Recover the triplet  $(h, c, \mathcal{HG}_{G,n-2,h,\mathbf{r}'})$  from  $U_G$ .

b. Search  $U_F$  for a triplet  $(h', c', \mathcal{HG}_{F,n-2,h',\mathbf{r}'})$  such that  $\mathcal{HG}_{F,n-2,h',\mathbf{r}'} = \mathcal{HG}_{G,n-2,h,\mathbf{r}'}$ .

If no match exists, return "Not Equivalent".

c. Based on Lemma 5, for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  add equation  $h'(L[i]) = h[i]$  to  $E_i$ .

d. Based on Lemma 5, add equation  $h'(a) = c + c'$  to  $E_{n+1}$ .

(3) Solve each one of  $\{E_i\}_{i=1}^{n+1}$ , recover  $A_1$  and return its matrix  $L$  and vector  $a$ .

5. Recover a candidate for  $A_2 = L_2(x) + a_2$  by evaluating inputs  $v \in \{0, 1\}^n$  to  $\mathbf{F} \circ A_1$  and  $\mathbf{G}$ : each input  $v$  gives  $n$  linear equations on  $L_2$  and  $a_2$ .

Hence, after a bit more than  $n$  evaluations, we expect the linear equation system to have a single solution which gives a candidate for  $A_2$ .

6. Test the candidates  $A_1, A_2$  by equating the evaluations of  $\mathbf{G}$  and  $A_2 \circ \mathbf{F} \circ A_1$  on all  $2^n$  possible inputs.

If  $\mathbf{G}(v) \neq A_2 \circ \mathbf{F} \circ A_1(v)$  for some  $v \in \{0, 1\}^n$ , return "Not Equivalent".

Otherwise, return  $A_1, A_2$ .

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1. 高斯消元法算法的时间复杂度为  $O(n^3)$  ↩
2. One can easily check that  $Q^8 = I$  and thus  $Q^{-i} = Q^{8-i}$  ↩