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A. We need to determine if two samples are drawn from the same distribution. For this, we use the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test that can be used to test whether the two underlying probability distributions for two one-dimensional samples are different. This is what we desire when analyzing our two samples $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$ and $y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots, y_n$. The KS test outputs a p-value, if below an appropriate threshold (e.g. 0.10), the samples are probably have different underlying distributions.

By using KS, we do not have to make any assumptions about the underlying distribution of byte values after applying AES, but we sacrifice sensitivity in our test because of this.

For our implementation of Kolmogorov-Smirnov, we use the `scipy.stats` package:

```
8  from scipy.stats import ks_2samp
9  import numpy as np
10
11 def run_ks(lst1, lst2):
12
13     '''Returns the p-value of a 2-sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov test'''
14
15     data1 = np.array(lst1, np.int32)
16     data2 = np.array(lst2, np.int32)
17
18     return ks_2samp(data1, data2)[1]
```

B and C. For our implementation of AES/Rijndael, we used a Python script based on an implementation by Bram Cohen: <http://wiki.birth-online.de/snippets/python/aes-rijndael>. We modified the script to take the number of rounds as an initialization parameter. Using this, we calculated two KS scores for each $0 < r < 21$, where r is the number of rounds in our Rijndael: (1) the KS between the sample of distinct bytes in $AES_r = F(r, p, q)$ and $AES_{10} = F(10, p, q)$, and (2) the KS between the sample of distinct bytes in $AES_r = F(r, p, q)$ and a sample of random bytes of same size. To do this, we wrote the following script:

```
26 from rijndael import rijndael
27 import os
28 import random
29
30 key_128 = os.urandom(16)
31 message = os.urandom(16)
32 print 'Key is: ', key_128
33 print 'Message is: ', message
34
35 def F(r, p, q, key, message):
36
```

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37     prefix = message[:p]
38     suffix = message[p+1:]
39
40     S, T = set(), list()
41     for i in xrange(256):
42         S.add(prefix + chr(i) + suffix)
43
44     for string in S:
45         aes_obj = rijndael(key, block_size = 16, rounds = r)
46         ciphertext = aes_obj.encrypt(string)
47         T.append(ciphertext[q-1])
48
49     return len(set(T)), T
50
51 p,q = 3, 10
52 F_Y = F(10, p, q, key_128, message)[1]
53 Y = [ord(char) for char in F_Y]
54
55 for r in range(21)[1:]:
56     F_X = F(r, 3, 10, key_128, message)[1]
57     X = [ord(char) for char in F_X]
58     random_bytes = [random.randint(0,255) for _ in range(len(X))]
59     print r, run_ks(X, Y), run_ks(X, random_bytes)
60

```

Running this, we obtain the following KS test p-values for each value of r :

r	KS with AES_{10}	KS with random
1	2.59703115025e-106	6.54985540257e-103
2	6.45608663382e-36	5.85752036099e-34
3	0.610502258812	0.96900093708
4	0.341534156389	0.888261317501
5	0.288198469358	0.888261317501
6	0.199937973955	0.466357176296
7	0.0694035119046	0.341534156389
8	0.996950969554	0.0334029464294
9	0.341534156389	0.828373324103
10	1.0	0.466357176296
11	0.536650292217	0.536650292217
12	0.108571554573	0.341534156389
13	0.828373324103	0.759591728785
14	0.466357176296	0.288198469358
15	0.134165406216	0.828373324103
16	0.341534156389	0.828373324103
17	0.134165406216	0.401042886256
18	0.888261317501	0.341534156389
19	0.466357176296	0.536650292217
20	0.341534156389	0.828373324103

After three rounds, the p-value increases significantly to above 0.10; at that point, our test becomes

ineffective in distinguishing both random bytes and AES_{10} from AES_r . As a sanity check, K with AES_{10} had a p-value of 1.0 when $r = 10$, there should be exactly the same distribution of bytes.