

Improved Rebound Attack on the Finalist Grøst1

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SHA-3 Competition Finalists

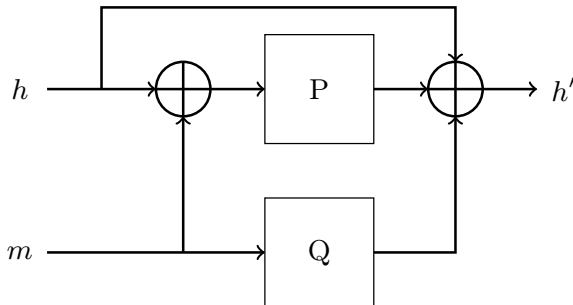
- ▶ In December 2010, the NIST chose the 5 finalists of the SHA-3 competition:
 - BLAKE
 - Grøstl
 - JH
 - Keccak
 - Skein

- ▶ This year, the winner will be chosen.

Grøstl: Compression Function (CF)

Grøstl-v0 [Knudsen et al. 08] has been tweaked for the final:

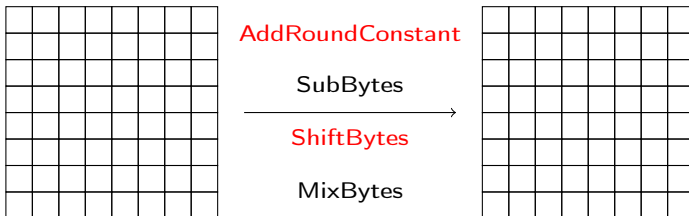
- ▶ Grøstl-256: $|h| = |m| = 512$ bits.
- ▶ Grøstl-512: $|h| = |m| = 1024$ bits.



Grøstl: Internal Permutations

Permutations P and Q apply the wide-trail strategy from the AES.

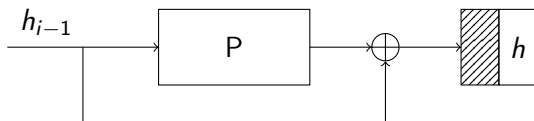
- ▶ Grøstl-256: 10 rounds on state a 8×8 .
- ▶ Grøstl-512: 14 rounds on state a 8×16 .



Tweak: constants in ARK and Sh changed to introduce asymmetry between P and Q

Grøst1: Finalization Round

Once all blocks of message have been treated: truncation.



Grøstl: Best Analysis After the Tweak

- ▶ Grøstl-256:
 - [Sasaki et al A10]: 8-round permutation distinguisher.
 - [Gilbert et al. FSE10]: 8-round CF distinguisher.
 - [Boura et al. FSE11]: 10-round zero-sum.

- ▶ Grøstl-512
 - [Schläffer 2011]: 6-round collision on the CF.

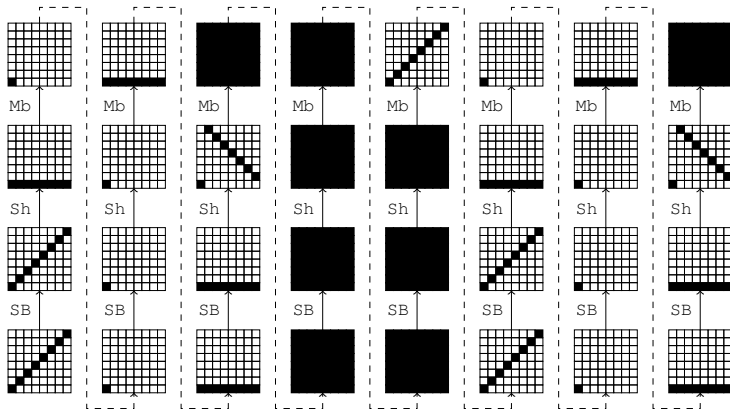
Our New Results 1/2

- ▶ Based on the rebound technique [Mendel et al. FSE09].
- ▶ Based on a way of finding solutions for **three** consecutive full active rounds: **new**.
- ▶ They apply both to 256 and 512 versions.

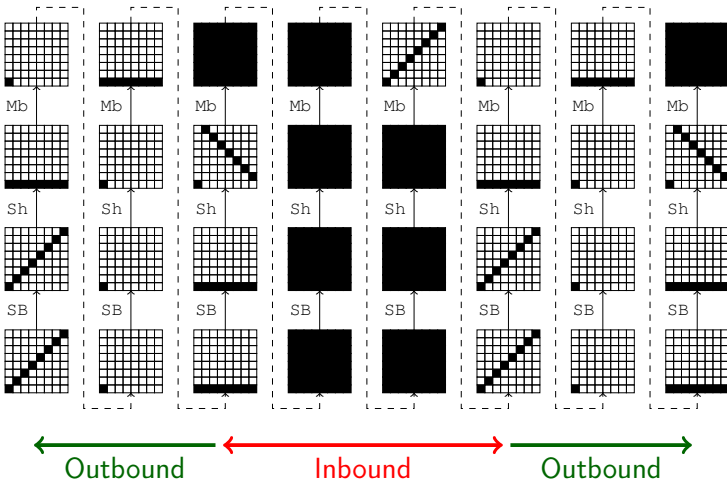
Our New Results 2/2

- ▶ On Grøstl-256, we provide distinguishers for 9 rounds of the permutation (total: 10).
- ▶ On Grøstl-512, we provide distinguishers for 8, 9 and 10 rounds of the permutation (total: 14).

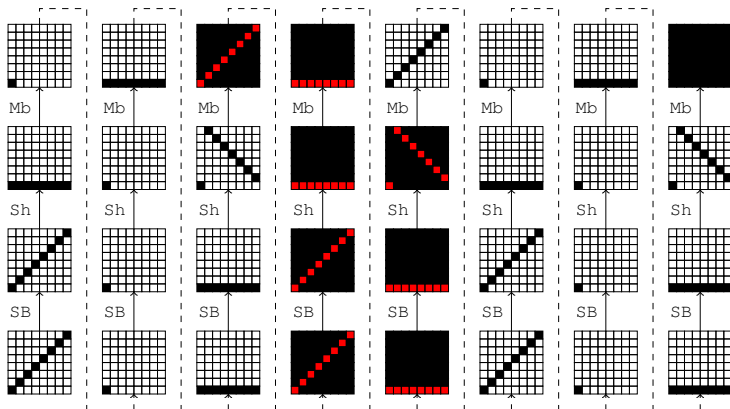
Rebound Attack



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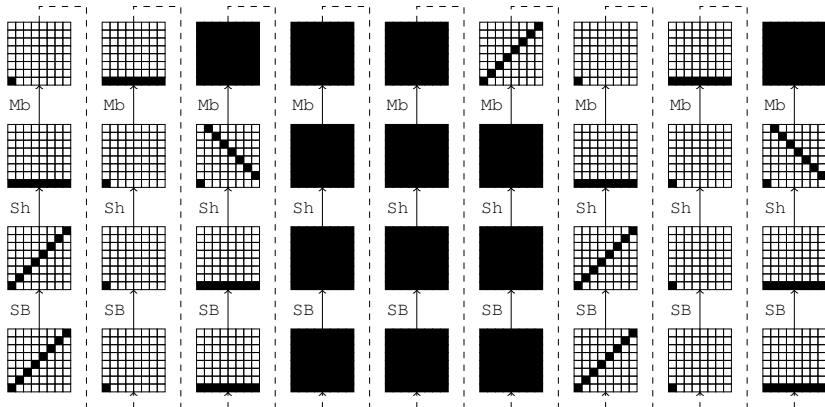
SuperSBox



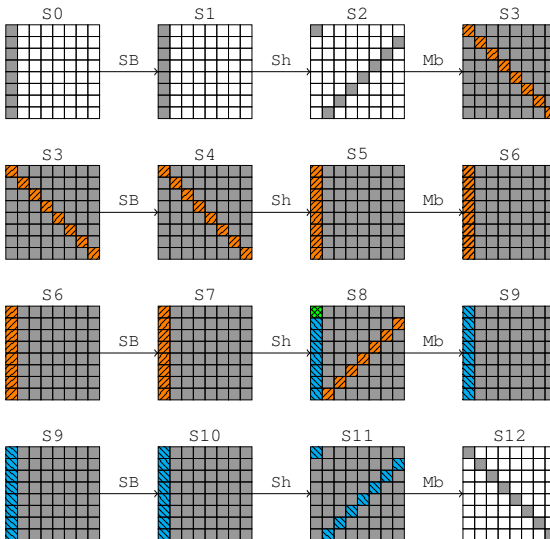
$$\text{SuperSBox} = \text{SB} \circ \text{MC} \circ \text{SB}$$

Grøst1-256 Permutation

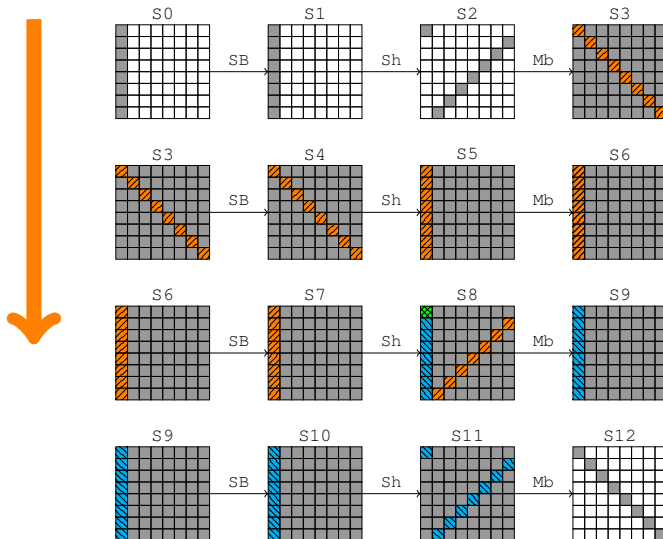
Differential Characteristic for 9 rounds



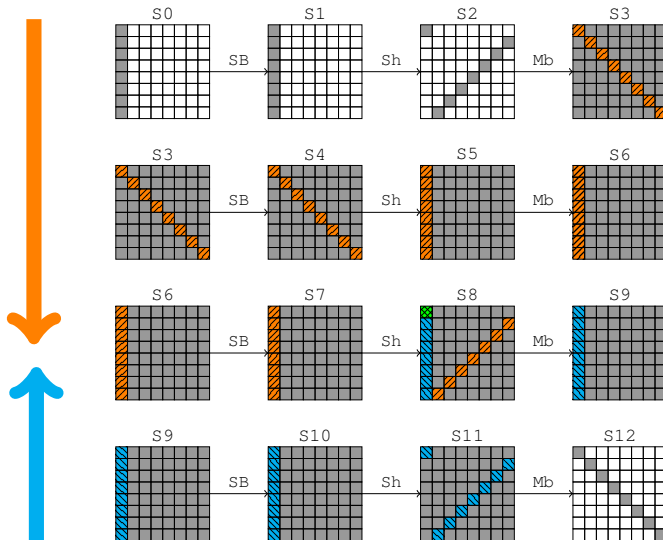
Inbound for 3 Full-Active Rounds



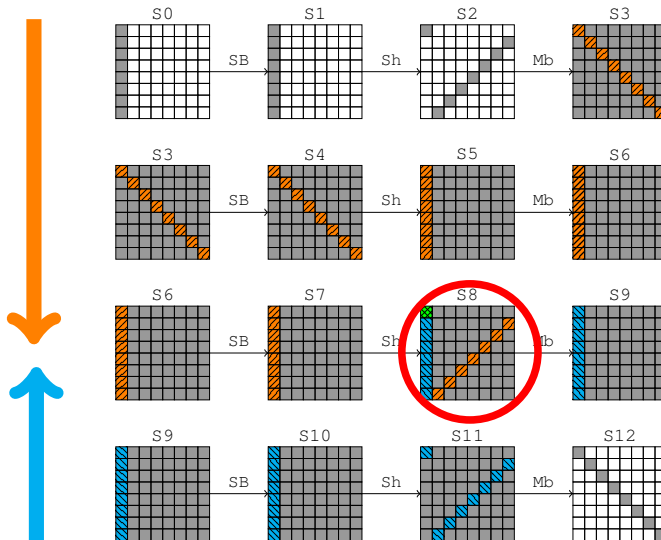
Inbound for 3 Full-Active Rounds



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Inbound for 3 Full-Active Rounds



Inbound for 3 Full-Active Rounds: Analysis

Counting

- 8 forward SuperSBox sets of 2^{64} values and differences ■
- 8 backward SuperSBox sets of 2^{64} values and differences ■
- Overlapping on 512 bits of values + 512 bits of differences

Number of Solutions Expected

$$2^{8 \times 64} 2^{8 \times 64} 2^{-512-512} = 2^{512+512-512-512} = 1$$

Limited Birthday

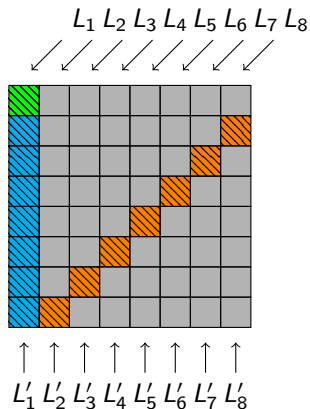
2^{384} operations

Our Algorithm

2^{256} operations, memory 2^{64}

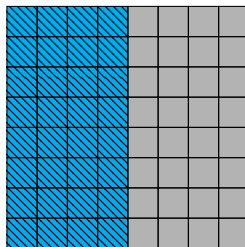
Solving the 3 Active Rounds: Context

The 8 forward L_i overlaps the 8 backwards L'_i like this:



Solving the 3 Active Rounds: Step 1

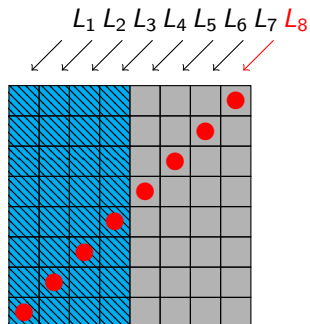
We start by choosing one element in each of the four first L'_i .



↑ ↑ ↑ ↑
 L'_1 L'_2 L'_3 L'_4

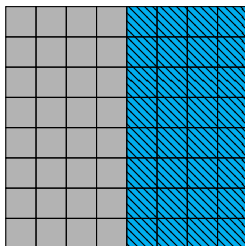
Solving the 3 Active Rounds: Step 2

This determines a single element in each L_i .



Solving the 3 Active Rounds: Step 3

Each determined element in the remaining L'_i exists with $p = 2^{-8 \times 8}$.



Summing Up

Inbound Phase

In total we try 2^{256} combinations of (L'_1, L'_2, L'_3, L'_4) and each gives a solution with probability: $2^{-4 \times 8 \times 8} = 2^{-256}$.

Outbound Phase

Probability $2^{-2 \times 56}$ to pass two $8 \rightarrow 1$ transitions in the MixBytes.

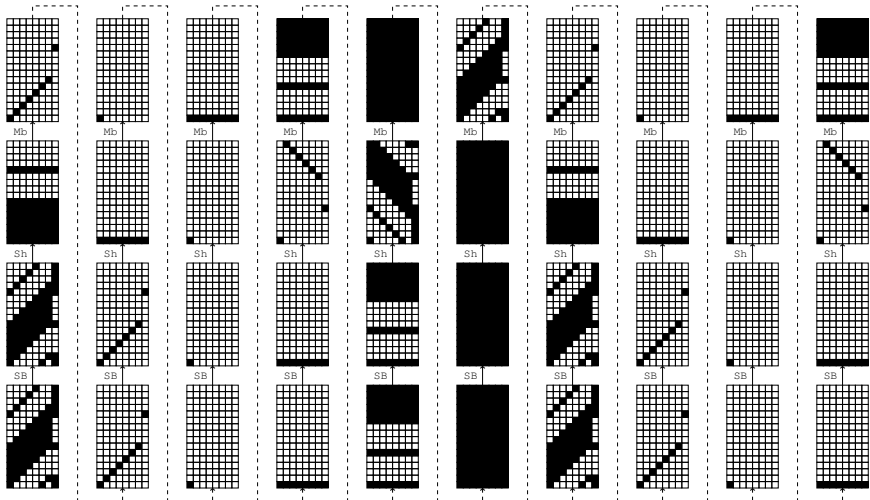
Distinguisher

We distinguish the 9-round permutation in $2^{256+112} = 2^{367}$ operations and 2^{64} in memory.

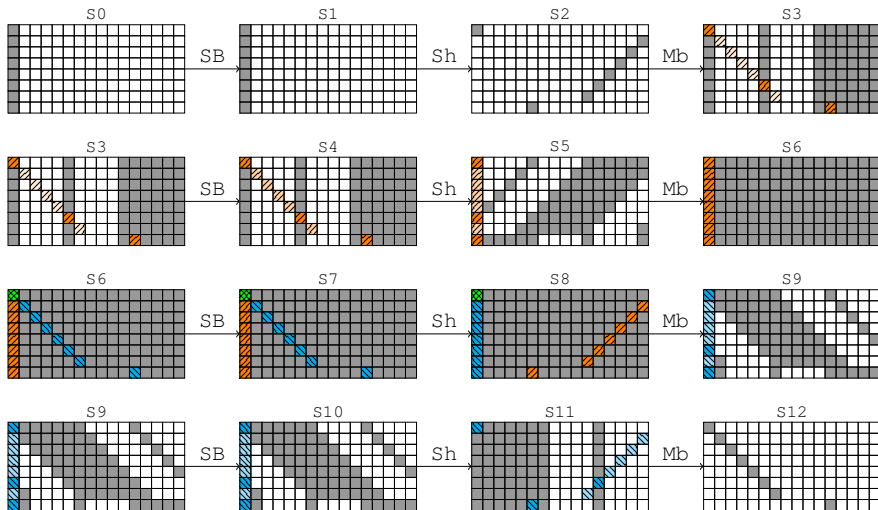
Note: This compares to a generic complexity of 2^{384} operations.

Grøst1-512 Permutation

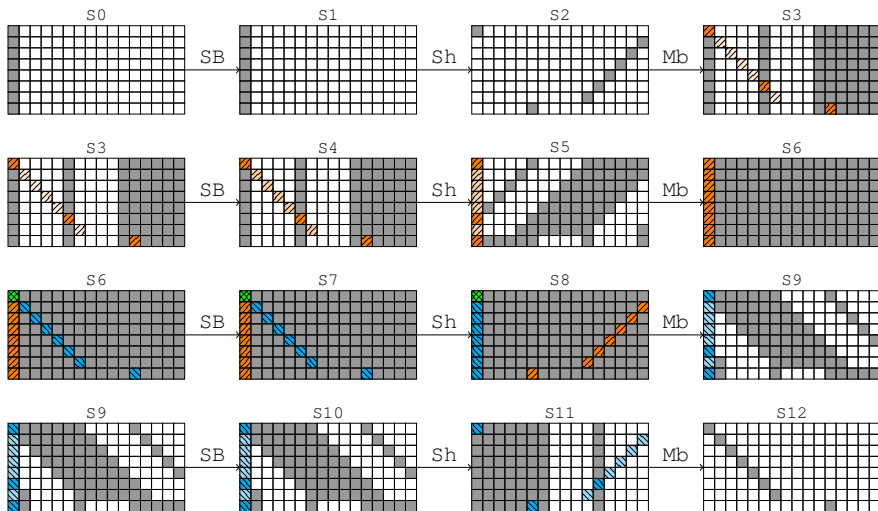
Differential Characteristic for 10 rounds



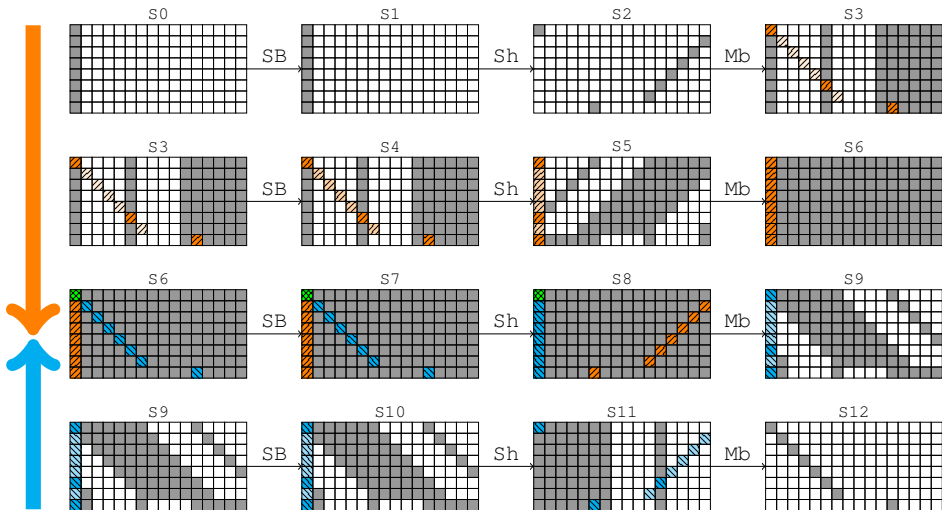
Inbound Phase



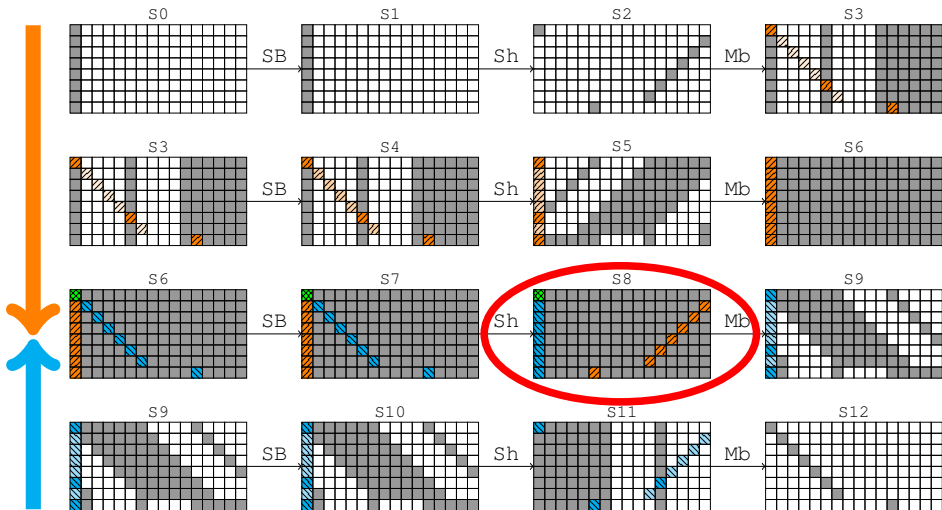
Inbound Phase



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Inbound Phase



Observations

Counting

- 16 forward SuperSBox sets of 2^{64} values and differences 
- 16 backward SuperSBox sets of 2^{64} values and differences 
- Overlapping on 1024 bits of values + 1024 bits of differences

Number of Solutions Expected

$$2^{16 \times 64} 2^{16 \times 64} 2^{-1024-1024} = 2^{1024+1024-1024-1024} = 1$$

Limited Birthday

2^{896} operations

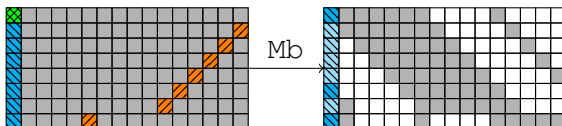
Our Algorithm

2^{280} operations, memory 2^{64}

Algorithm: Guess-and-Determine Approach

Constraints

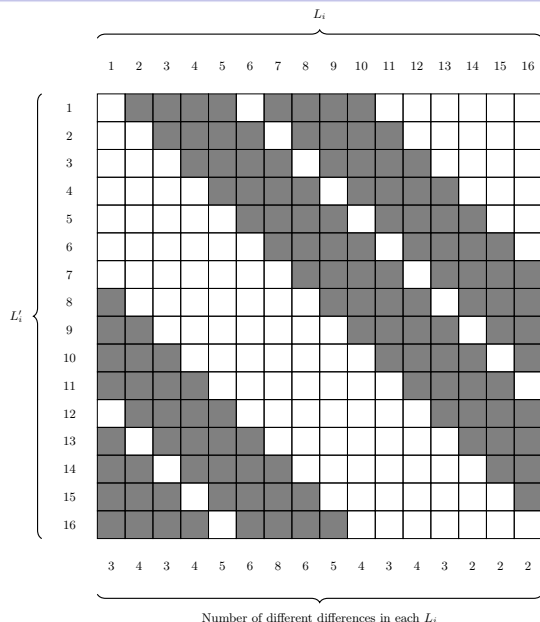
The differences around the MixBytes layer are restricted since the right state is not *fully* active.



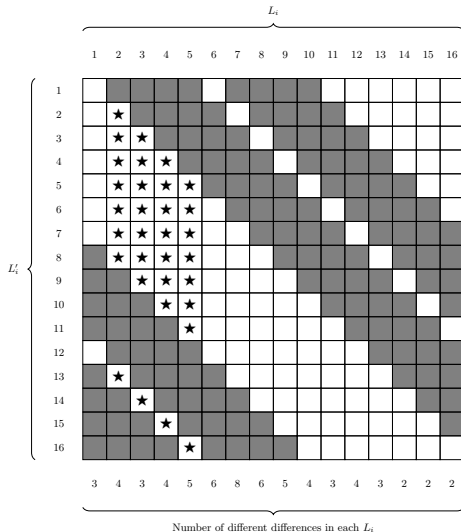
Notations

- Forward SuperSBoxes: L_1, \dots, L_{16} . ■
- Backward SuperSBoxes: L'_1, \dots, L'_{16} . ■

Algorithm: Guess-and-Determine Approach



Guess-and-Determine Algorithm



Current Complexity

2^{256}

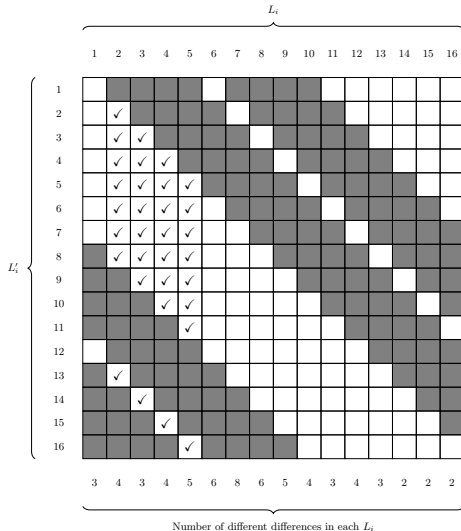
Current Probability

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Legend

- ✓ Known value and difference
- Known difference
- ★ Gussed value and difference
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Guess-and-Determine Algorithm



Current Complexity

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Current Probability

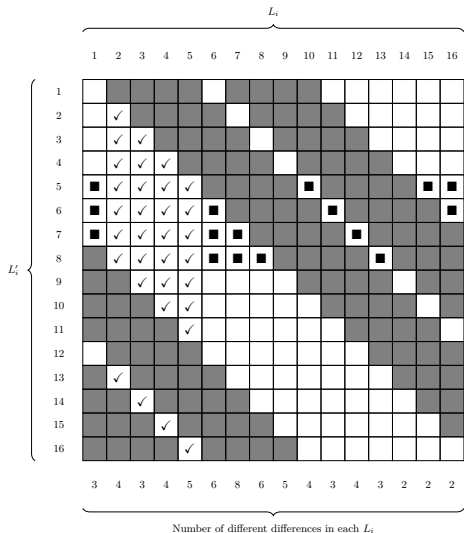
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Next step: L'_5, L'_6, L'_7, L'_8 .

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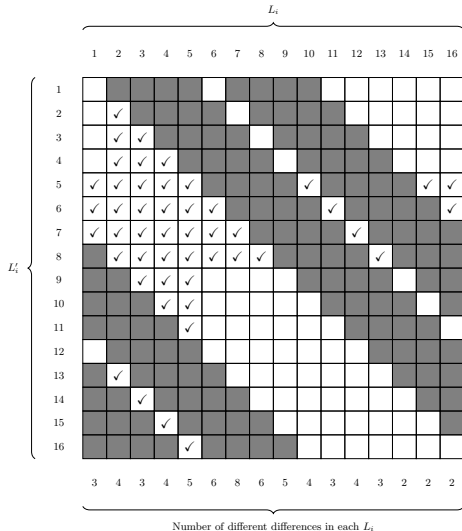
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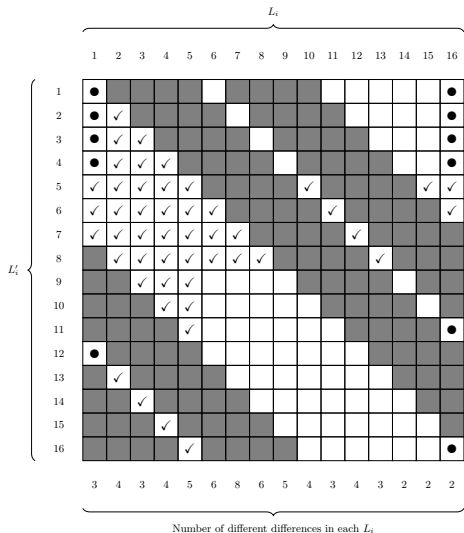
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Next step: L_1, L_{16} .

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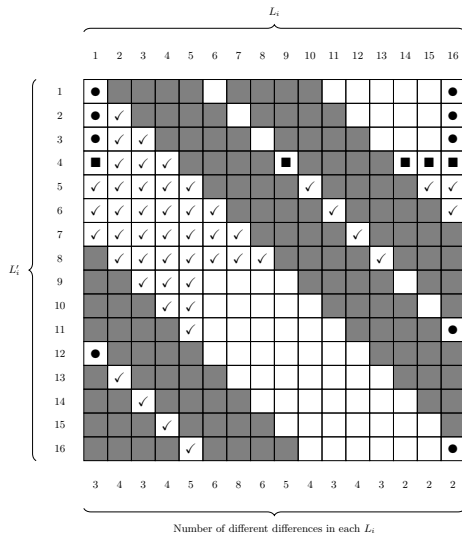
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Next step: L'_4 .

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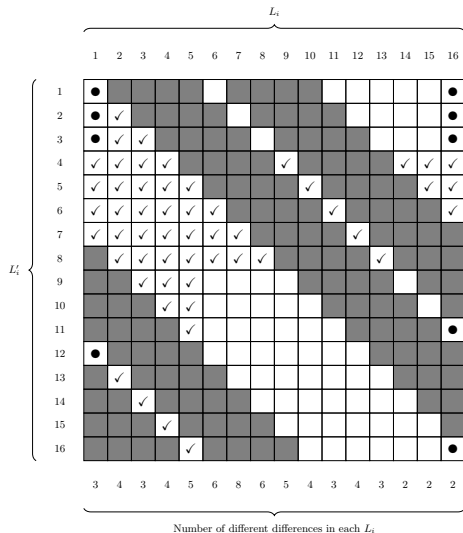
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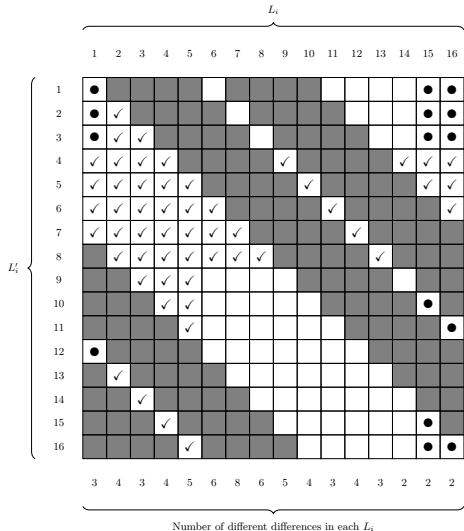
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Next step: L_{15} .

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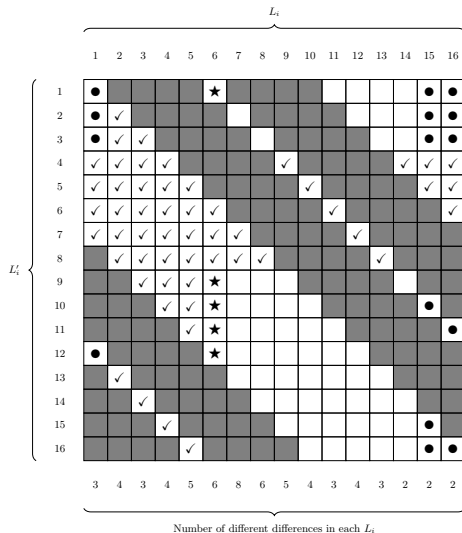
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Next step: L_6 .

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Current Complexity

$$2^{256+16}$$

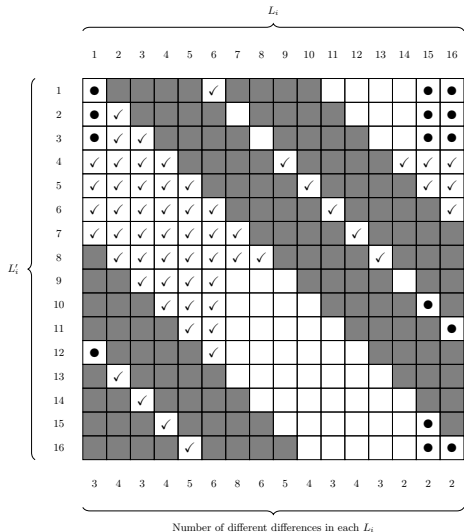
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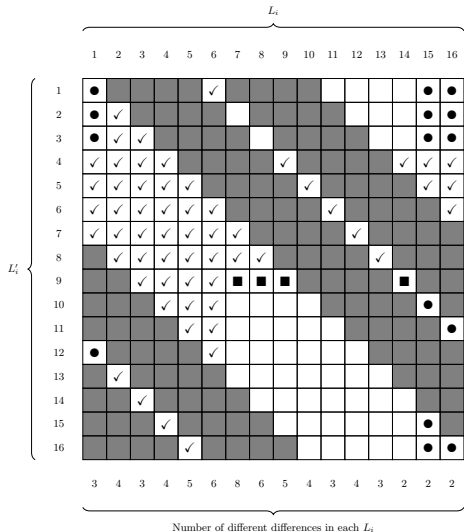
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Next step: L'_9 .

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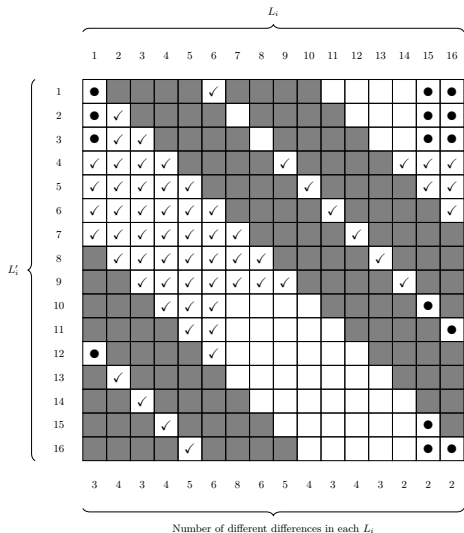
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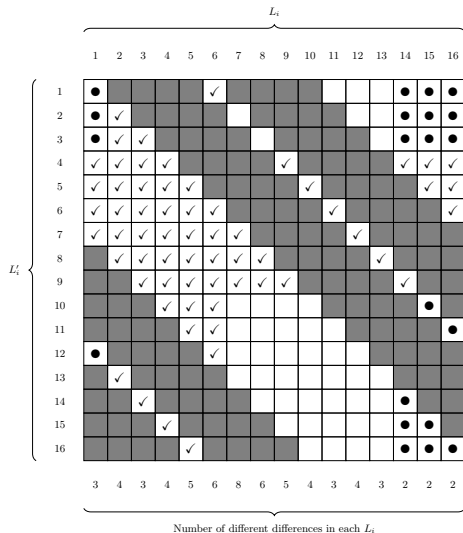
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Next step: L_{14} .

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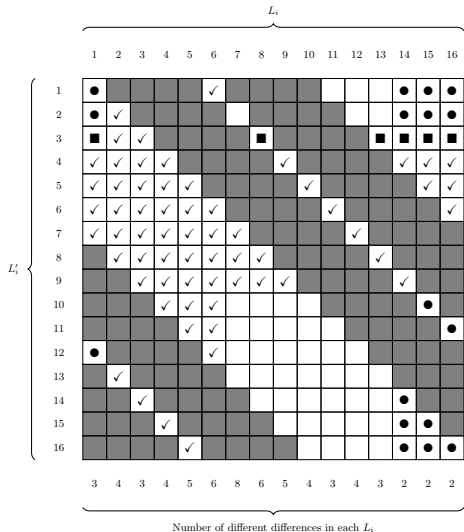
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Next step: L'_3 .

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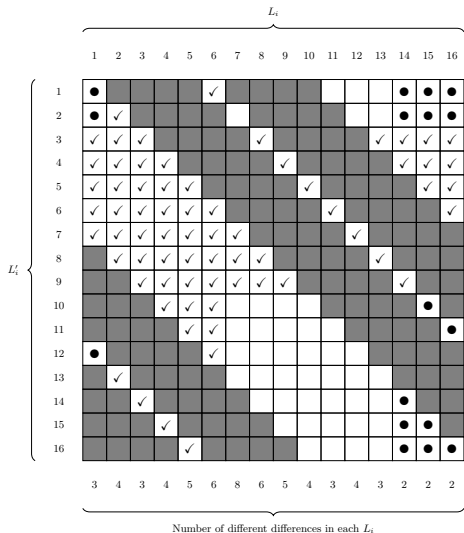
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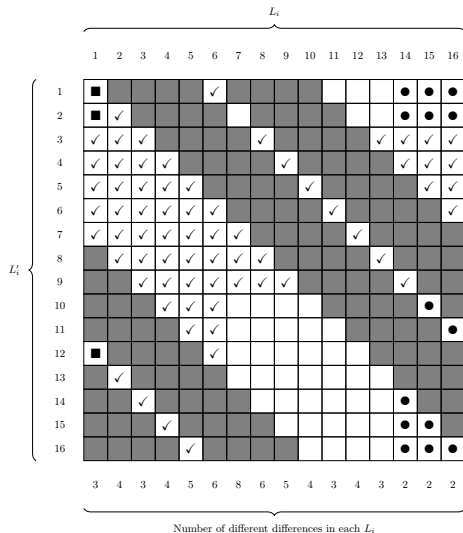
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Next step: L_1 .

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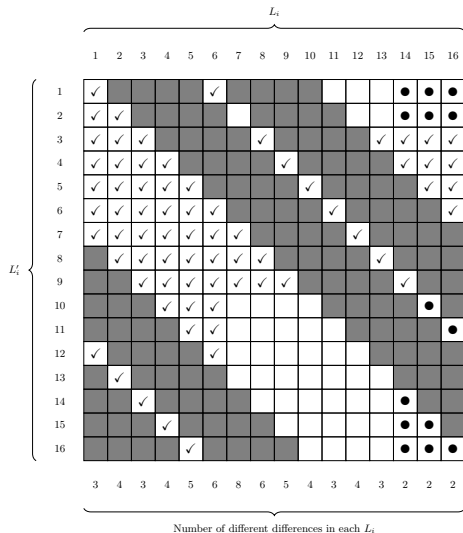
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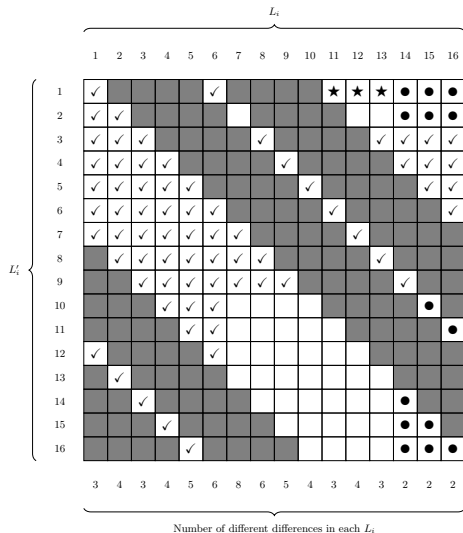
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Next step: L'_1 .

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Current Complexity

$$2^{256+16+8}$$

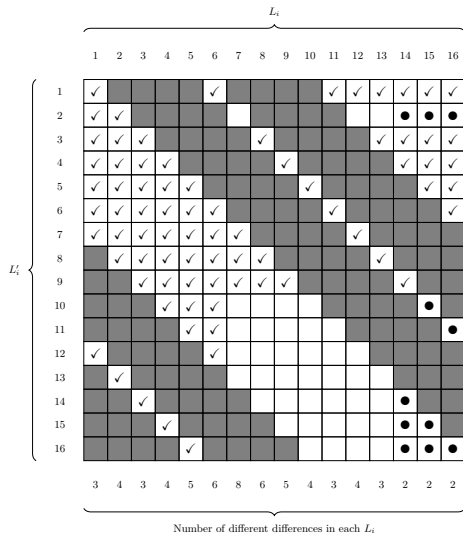
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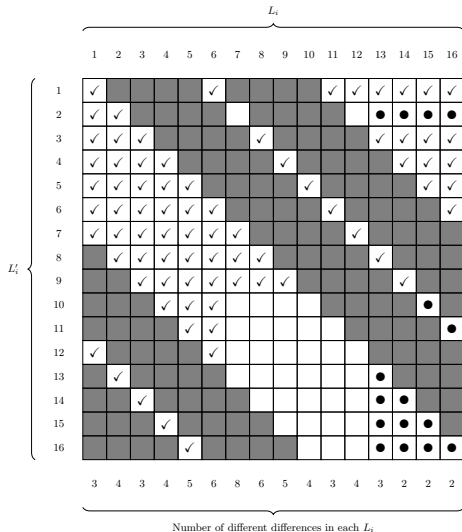
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Next step: L_{13} .

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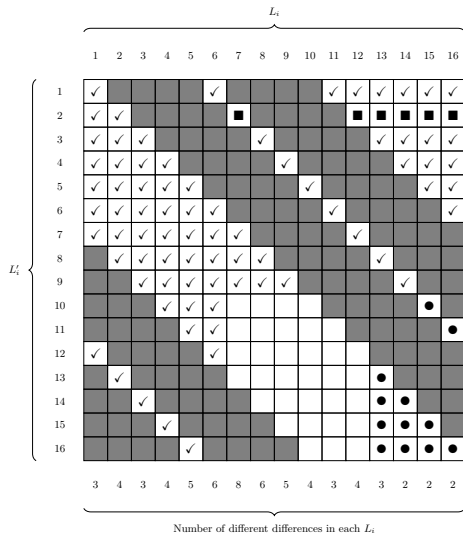
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Next step: L'_2 .

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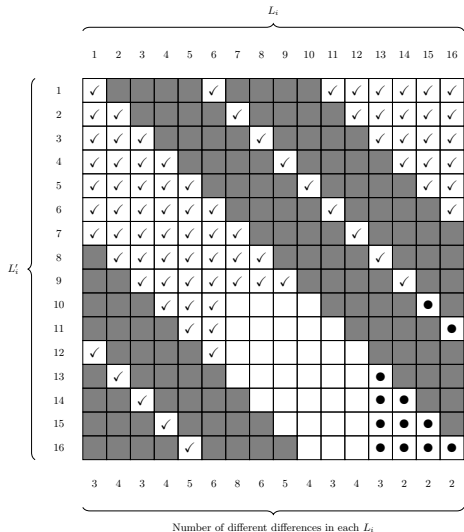
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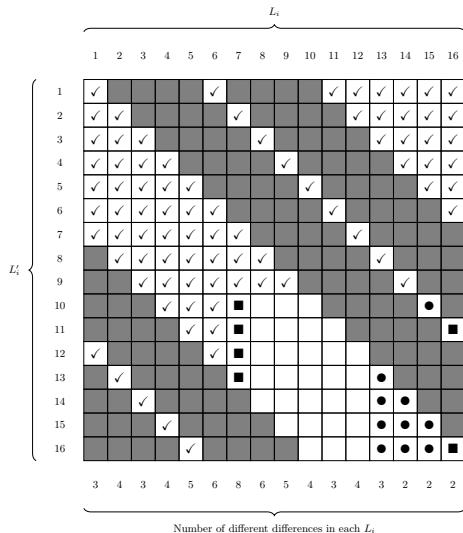
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Next step: L_7, L_{16} .

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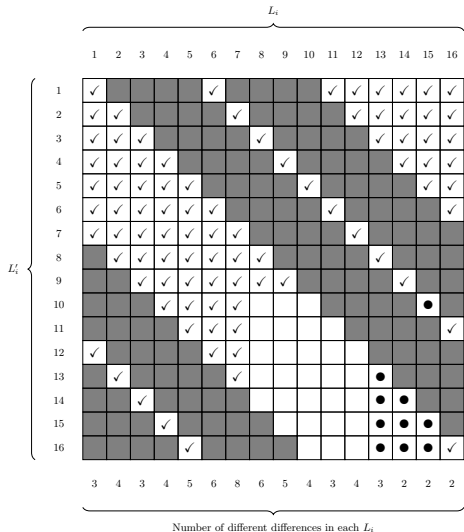
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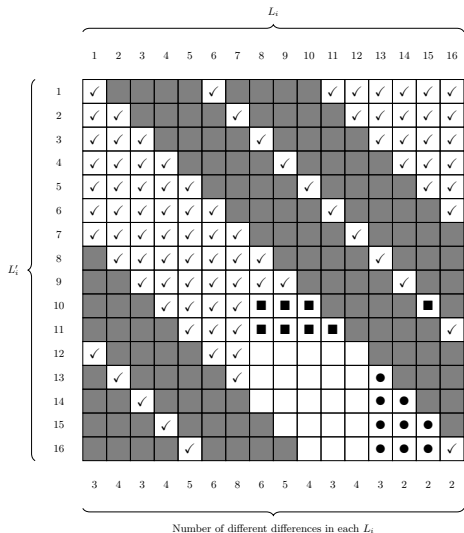
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Next step: L'_{10}, L'_{11} .

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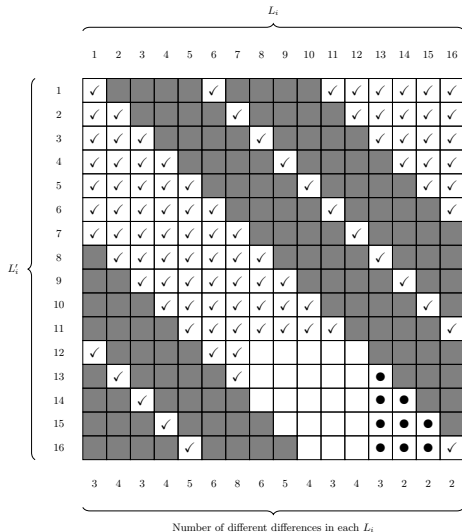
Current Probability

$$2^{-8 \cdot (1)}$$

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Guess-and-Determine Algorithm



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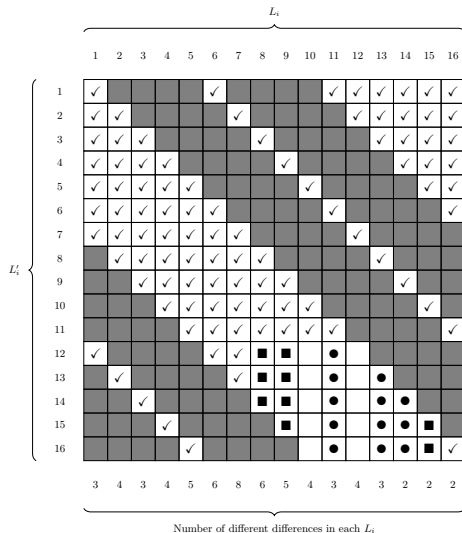
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Next step: L_8, L_9, L_{11}, L_{15} .

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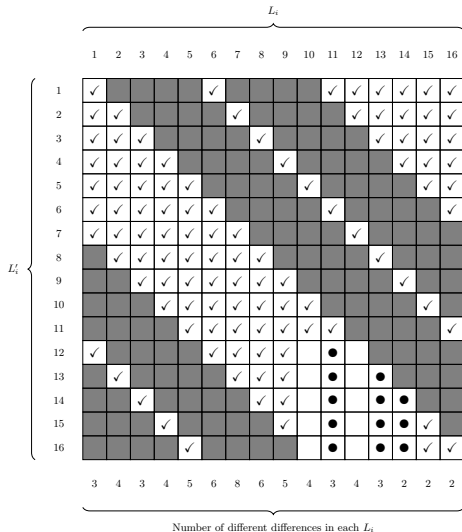
Current Probability

$$2^{-8 \cdot (1+2)}$$

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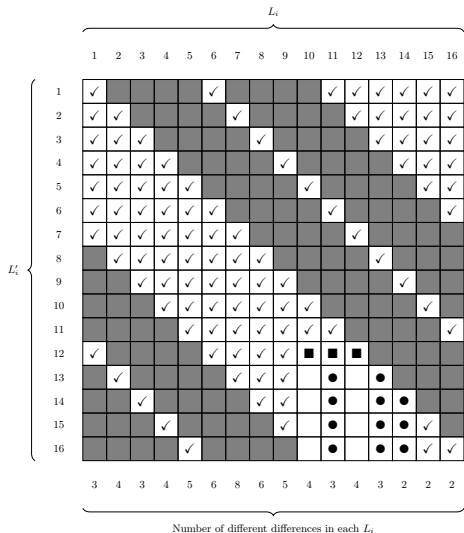
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Next step: L'_{12} .

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Guess-and-Determine Algorithm



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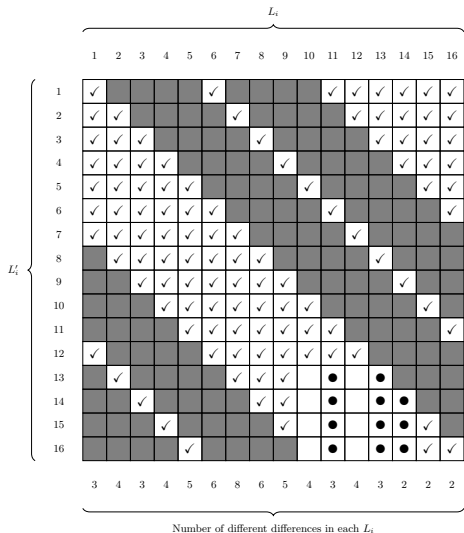
Current Probability

$$2^{-8 \cdot (1+2+3)}$$

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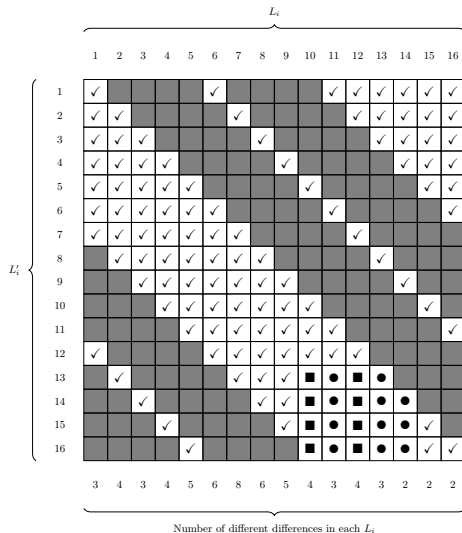
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Next step: L_{10}, L_{12} .

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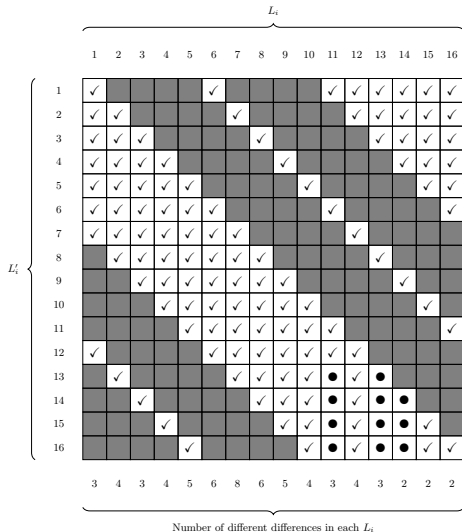
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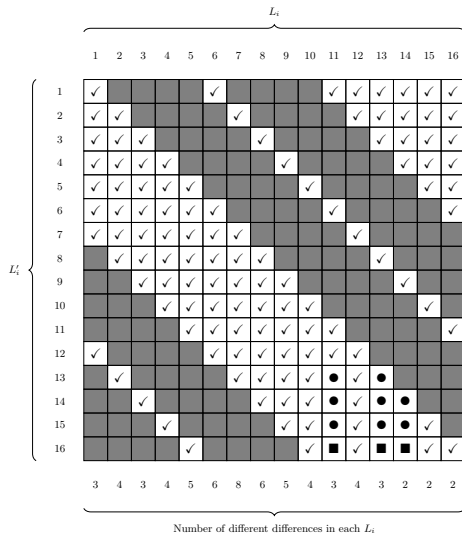
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Guess-and-Determine Algorithm



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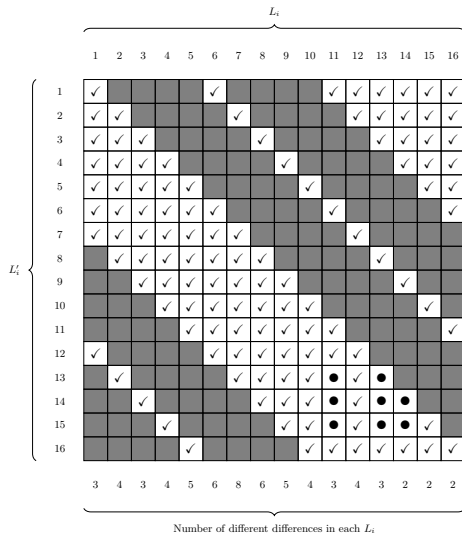
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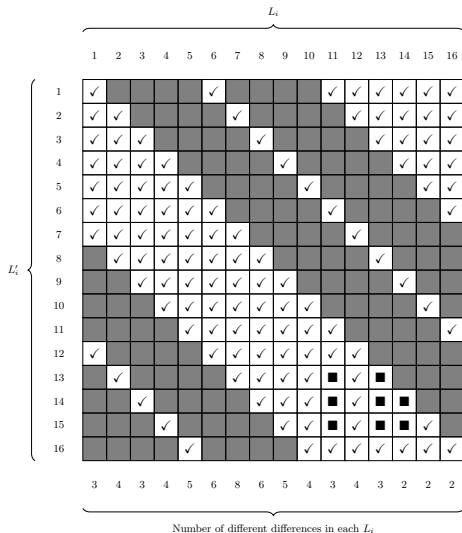
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Next step: $L'_{13}, L'_{14}, L'_{15}$.

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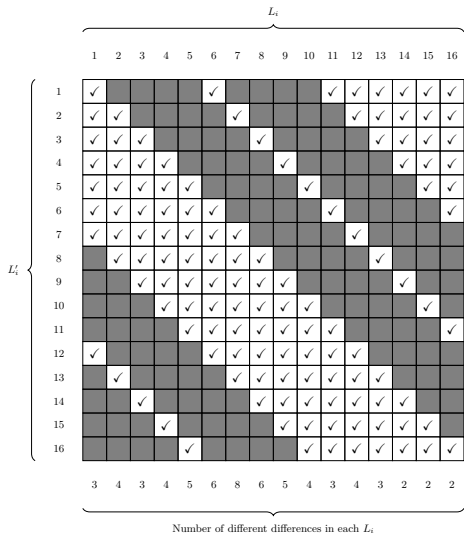
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Final Complexity

$$2^{256+16+8} = 2^{280}$$

Final Probability

$$2^{-8 \cdot (1+2+3+5+8+8+8)} = 2^{-280}$$

The End.

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Summing Up

Inbound Phase

In total we try: $2^{256+16+8} = 2^{280}$ possibilities, and each gives a solution with probability

$$2^{-8 \times (1+2+3+5+8+8+8)} = 2^{-280}.$$

Outbound Phase

$$\text{Again: } \mathbb{P}(\text{outbound}) = 2^{-2 \times 56} = 2^{-112}.$$

Distinguisher

Finally, we distinguish the 10-round permutation in $2^{280+112} = 2^{392}$ operations and 2^{64} in memory.

This compares to a generic complexity of 2^{448} operations.

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