# Analysis of AES, SKINNY, and Others with Constraint Programming

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- Constraint programming (CP)
- Automatic cryptanalysis with CP
- Comparing solvers
- Conclusion and Discussion

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### Definition : CP and CSP

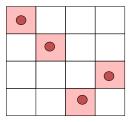
CP is used to solve Constraint Satisfaction Problems (CSPs). A CSP is defined by a triple (X, D, C) such that

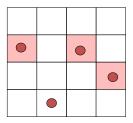
- $X = \{x_1, \cdots, x_n\}$  is a finite set of variables
- D = {D<sub>1</sub>, · · · , D<sub>n</sub>}, where D<sub>i</sub> is the domain of x<sub>i</sub>, that is, the finite set of values that may be assigned to x<sub>i</sub>. Hence x<sub>i</sub> ∈ D<sub>i</sub>.
- C = {C<sub>1</sub>, · · · , C<sub>m</sub>} is a set of constraints, where C<sub>i</sub> defines a relation over scope(C<sub>i</sub>) ⊆ X which restrict the set of values that may be assigned simultaneously to these variables.

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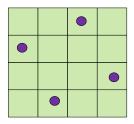
## Constraint Programming – The *n* Queens Problem

Place n queens on an chessboard such that no queen can attack any other.

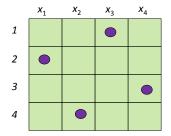




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## Formulating the *n*-Queens Problem



- Variables :  $X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4\}$ ,  $x_i$  represents the row number of the queen at *i*th col
- Domains :  $D = \{D_1, D_2, D_3, D_4\}$  where  $D_i = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- Constraints :  $x_i \neq x_j$ ,  $|x_i x_{i+j}| \neq j$

## Declare the constraints in extension

 $(x_1, x_2) \in \{(1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 4)(3, 1), (4, 1), (4, 2)\}$  $(x_1, x_3) \in \{\cdots\}$ 

# Constraint Programming : how to solve?

- Step 1. input the variables, domains, and constraints into a CP solver (Declare the problem)
- Step 2 : Wait for the solution

## **CP** Solvers

- The CP solvers implement sophisticated backtracking and inference (constraint propagation) algorithms to find a solution.
- Solvers
  - Dedicated CP solvers : Choco, Chuffed, Gecode ...
  - SAT, MILP or hybrid solvers
  - Standard modelling language : Minizinc.

### Eugene C. Freuder, April 1997

Constraint programming represents one of the closest approaches computer science has yet made to the Holy Grail of programming : the user states the problem, the computer solves it.

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# Automatic Cryptanalysis of Symmetric-key Algorithms

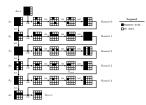
- Search algorithms implemented from scratch in general-purpose programming languages
- SAT/SMT based methods
- Mixed-integer programming (MILP) based methods
- Constraint programming (CP) based methods

### Advantages of the CP approach

- Easy to implement
- Modelling process of CP is much more straightforward : input allowed tuples directly
- directly benefit from the advances in the resolution technique

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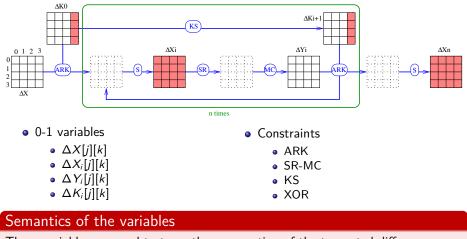
# Search for related-key differential characteristics of AES-128



#### Related work

- [Alex Biryukov and Ivica Nikolić, EUROCRYPT 2010 ]
- [Pierre-Alain Fouque, Jérémy Jean and Thomas Peyrin, CRYPTO 2013]
- [David Gerault, Marine Minier and Christine Solnon, CP 2016]
- Step 1 : Find truncated differential characteristics with the minimum number of active S-boxes
- Step 2 : Instantiate the truncated differential characteristics with actual differences

# CP Model for Step 1 : Variables and Constraints

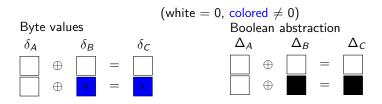


These variables are used to trace the propagation of the truncated differences.

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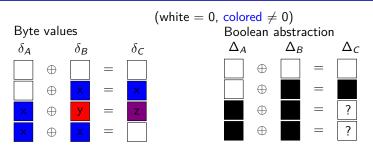
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# XOR Constraint



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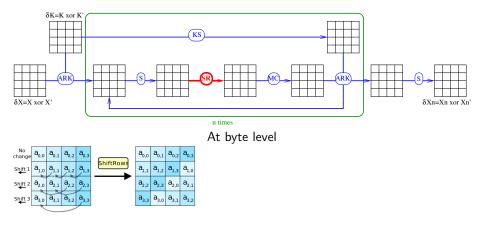
$\Delta_A$	$\Delta_B$	$\Delta_C$
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
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### Definition of the XOR constraint

 $\Delta_A + \Delta_B + \Delta_C \neq 1$ 

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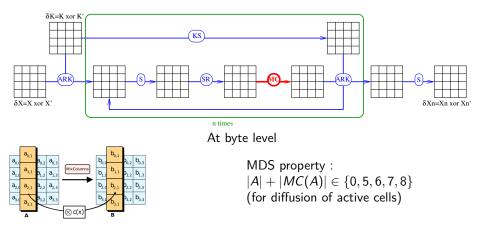
# SR-MC Constraint



#### Definition of the SR-MC constraint

$$\forall j \in [0; 3]: \\ \sum_{k=0}^{3} \Delta X_{i}[(k+j)\%4][k] + \Delta Y_{i}[j][k] \in \{0, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$$

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- Impose constraints for all operations having an effect on the the truncated differences
- Impose additional constraints (at least one active byte)
- Set the objective function to minimize the number of active S-boxes

Problem	
	Too many inconsistent solutions !

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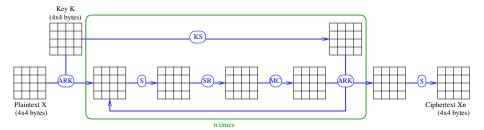
### Reduce the number of inconsistent solutions

- Take the equality relationship into consideration : when A == B,  $A \oplus B == 0$
- Consider the MDS property of two different columns

#### The Minizinc Code

http://www.gerault.net/resources/CP\_AES.tar.gz

# CP Model for Step 2



- Introduce a variable for every byte, whose domain is  $\{0, 255\}$
- Impose the constraints of the differential distribution table, XOR etc. as table constraints
- Impose constraints according to the truncated differential characteristic



- We find 19 truncated related-key differential characteristics with 20 active S-boxes in 7 hours, but none of them can be instantiated with an actual differential characteristic.
- We then find 1542 ones with 21 active S-boxes in around 12 hours. Among these, only 20 of them can be instantiated with actual differential characteristics.
- The probability of the optimal characteristic is 2<sup>-131</sup>.

Round	$\delta X_i = X_i \oplus X'_i$	$\delta K_i = K_i \oplus K'_i$	Pr(States)	Pr(Key)
init.	366d1b80 dc37dbdb 9bc08d5b 00000000			
i = 0	00000000 71000000 00004d00 00000000	366d1b80 ad37dbdb 9bc0c05b 00000000	2-6-2	-
1	b6f60000 009a0000 009a0000 009a0000	366d1b80 9b5ac05b 009a0000 009a0000	$2^{-7\cdot 2} \cdot 2^{-6\cdot 3}$	2-6
2	00000000 009a0000 00000000 009a0000	ed6d1b80 7637dbdb 76addbdb 7637dbdb	2-6-2	$2^{-6} \cdot 2^{-7 \cdot 3}$
3	00000000 009a0000 009a0000 00000000	76addbdb 009a0000 7637dbdb 00000000	2-6-2	-
4	00000000 009a0000 0000000 00000000	76addbdb 7637dbdb 00000000 00000000	2-6	-
5	00000000 009a0000 009a0000 009a0000	76addbdb 009a0000 009a0000 009a0000	2-6-3	2-6
End/6	db000000 db9a0000 db000000 ad37dbdb	adaddbdb ad37dbdb adaddbdb ad37dbdb	-	-

 $\ensuremath{\mathrm{TABLE}}$  – The optimal characteristic

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TABLE – A comparison between the results obtained by CP and the graph-based search algorithm [Pierre-Alain Fouque, Jérémy Jean and Thomas Peyrin, CRYPTO 2013].

Rounds	Constr	Constraint Programming		Graph Search	
Rounus	#AS	Prob.	#AS	Prob.	
3	5	2 <sup>-31</sup>	5	$2^{-31}$	
4	12	2 <sup>-79</sup>	13	$2^{-81}$	
5	17	$2^{-105}$	17	$2^{-105}$	
6	21	$2^{-131}$	-	-	

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# Search for Impossible differential and Zero-correlation Linear Approximation

### Related work

- [Yu Sasaki and Yosuke Todo, EUROCRYPT 2017]
- [Cui, Jia, Fu, Chen and Wang, IACR ePrint 2016/689]
- Choose an input-output difference pattern  $(\alpha, \beta)$ .
- Construct a CP model  $\mathcal{M}_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  whose solution set includes all valid differential characteristics.
- Solve  $\mathcal{M}_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ . If  $\mathcal{M}_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  is infeasible,  $(\alpha,\beta)$  is an impossible differential.
- Choose another  $(\alpha, \beta)$  and repeat.

# Search for Integral Distinguishers based on Bit-based Dvision Property

• Division property was proposed by Todo [Todo, EUROCRYPT 2015] which was extended to Bit-based division property [Todo and Morii, FSE 2016].

#### Bit-based division property

Let  $\mathbb{X}$  be a multiset whose elements belong to  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$ . When the multiset  $\mathbb{X}$  has the division property  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{K}}^{1^n}$ , where  $\mathbb{K}$  denotes a set of *n*-dimensional vectors in  $\{0,1\}^n \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^n$ , it fulfills the following condition

 $\bigoplus_{\mathbf{x}\in\mathbb{X}} x_0^{u_0} x_1^{u_1} \cdots x_{n-1}^{u_{n-1}} = \begin{cases} \text{unknown} & \text{if there are } \mathbf{k}\in\mathbb{K}, \text{s.t.}\mathbf{u} \succcurlyeq \mathbf{k} \\ \mathbf{0} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$ 

where  $\mathbf{u} = (u_0, u_1, \cdots, u_{n-1}) \in \{0, 1\}^n \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^n$ ,  $\mathbf{x} = (x_0, x_1, \cdots, x_{n-1}) \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$ .

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- Construct an input set with division property  $\mathcal{D}^{1^n}_{\mathbb{K}}$ .
- Propagate it against the target cipher to get the output set with division property  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{K}'}^{1^n}$
- Extract some useful integral property from  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{K}'}^{1^n}$

#### The rule of propagation

The propagation of the division property can be described as a set of bit vectors, which in turn can be modeled by the language of CP.

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# Propagation of Division Property against Vectorial Boolean Functions

Algorithm 1: propagate() Compute the output division property. **Input**: A vectorial boolean function  $\mathbf{f} : \mathbb{F}_2^m \to \mathbb{F}_2^n$ , and an input pattern  $\mathbf{u} = (u_0, \cdots, u_{m-1}) \in \mathbb{F}_2^m$ , where  $f(\mathbf{x}) = (f_0(\mathbf{x}), \cdots, f_{n-1}(\mathbf{x}))$  and  $\mathbf{x} = (x_0, \cdots, x_{m-1});$ **Output**:  $\mathcal{O}$ : a set of patterns  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$  describing the division property of the output set: 1  $\mathcal{O} = \emptyset$ ; **2** if  $u = (0, \dots, 0)$  then return  $\mathcal{O} = \{(0, \cdots, 0)\}$ 4 else for  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{F}_2^n/(0, \cdots, 0)$  do 5 Let  $F = \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} f_i^{v_i}(x_0, \cdots, x_{n-1})$ ; 6 if  $\prod_{i=0}^{m-1} x_i^{\check{u}_j} < F$  then 7  $\downarrow \mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O} \cup \{v\};$ 8 9 end end 10 11 end 12 return reduced( $\mathcal{O}$ ):

- [Xiang, Zhang, Bao and Lin, ASIACRYPT 2016]
- [Christina Boura and Anne Canteaut, CRYPTO 2016]
- [Ling Sun and Meiqin Wang, IACR ePrint 2016/392]

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#### Table: Division Trails of PRESENT Sbox

Input $\mathcal{D}^{1,4}_{\pmb{k}}$	Output $\mathcal{D}^{1,4}_{\mathbb{K}}$		
(0,0,0,0)	(0,0,0,0)		
(0,0,0,1)	(0,0,0,1) $(0,0,1,0)$ $(0,1,0,0)$ $(1,0,0,0)$		
(0,0,1,0)	(0,0,0,1) $(0,0,1,0)$ $(0,1,0,0)$ $(1,0,0,0)$		
(0,0,1,1)	(0,0,1,0) $(0,1,0,0)$ $(1,0,0,0)$		
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# Propagation of Division Property : Division Trail

• The bit-based division property can be described by the propagation of bit patterns with some special meaning, which leads to the concept of *division trail*.

## Division Trail [Xiang, Zhang, Bao and Lin, ASIACRYPT 2016]

Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the round function of an iterated block cipher. Assume that the input multi-set to the block cipher has initial division property  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{K}_0}^{1^n}$  with  $\mathbb{K}_0 = \{\mathbf{k}\}$ . This initial division property propagates through the round function which forms a chain

$$\mathcal{D}^{\mathbf{1}^n}_{\mathbb{K}_0} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \mathcal{D}^{\mathbf{1}^n}_{\mathbb{K}_1} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \mathcal{D}^{\mathbf{1}^n}_{\mathbb{K}_2} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \cdots$$

For any vector  $\mathbf{k}_i^* \in \mathbb{K}_i (i \ge 1)$ , there must exist a vector  $\mathbf{k}_{i-1}^*$  in  $\mathbb{K}_{i-1}$  such that  $\mathbf{k}_{i-1}^*$  can propagate to  $\mathbf{k}_i^*$  according to the rules of division property propagation. Furthermore, for  $(\mathbf{k}_0, \mathbf{k}_1, \cdots, \mathbf{k}_r) \in \mathbb{K}_0 \times \mathbb{K}_1 \times \cdots \times \mathbb{K}_r$ , if  $\mathbf{k}_{i-1}$  can propagate to  $\mathbf{k}_i$  for all  $i \in \{1, 2, \cdots, r\}$ , we call  $(\mathbf{k}_0, \mathbf{k}_1, \cdots, \mathbf{k}_r)$  an *r*-round division trail.

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# The rule for detecting integral distinguisher based on division property

#### Set without Integral Property

Let X be a multiset with division property  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{K}}^{1^n}$ , then X does not have integral property if and only if  $\mathbb{K}$  contains all the *n* unit vectors.

- Construct a CP model  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{e}_j}$  whose solution set contains all the division trails whose output division property is set to  $\mathbf{e}_j$ .
- If we can find at least one  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{e}_j}$  for  $j \in \{0, \dots, n-1\}$  which is infeasible, then we find an integral distinguisher.

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- Ordering heuristic
  - The order in which the variables are assigned has significant impact on the efficiency of the resolution.
  - We choose the generic ordering heuristic called domain over weighted degree [Frédéric Boussemart et al., ECAI 2004]
- Random restart

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# Results on PRESENT, HIGHT, and SKINNY

- Retrieve the 9-round distinguisher of PRESENT found by MILP method(cost 3.4 minutes) in 36 seconds.
- Rediscover all zero-correlation linear approximations of the 17-round in 1709 seconds (MILP cost 4786).
- SKINNY : We found 16 impossible differentials leading to 18-round attack. Better results obtained by other researchers are now available for SKINNY [IACR ePrint 2016/1127, 1120, 1115, and 1108]

#### Note

During the process of designing new ciphers, the evaluation sometimes needs to be repeated several times. Hence, even though not crucial, a good CPU time is a desirable feature.

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- Pick two problems as benchmark
  - Optimization : find the best trail of PRESENT
  - Enumeration : list all solutions in a given linear hull of PRESENT

- Solvers
  - MILP solvers : Gurobi, SCIP
  - CP solvers : Choco, Chuffed, PICAT\_SAT

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Sun et al. (IIE, LIMOS, NTT)

#### $\mathrm{TABLE}$ – Optimization problem, with a time limit of 2 hours.

Rounds	Prob.	Time by	Time by	Time by	Time by
Rounds Frob.		Gurobi (sec.)	Choco (sec.)	Chuffed (sec.)	PICAT_SAT (sec.)
3	2 <sup>-8</sup>	2	4.1	0.2	12.8
4	$2^{-12}$	25	750.8	11.4	22.5
5	2 <sup>-20</sup>	453	-	3404.5	91.4
6	2 <sup>-24</sup>	2184	-	-	486.2
7	$2^{-28}$	-	-	-	5883.9

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#### $\ensuremath{\mathrm{TABLE}}$ – Enumerating the linear hull of PRESENT

Rounds	Time by	Number of solutions	Time by	Number of solutions
Rounds	SCIP (sec.)	by SCIP	Choco (sec.)	by Choco
4	0.1	3	0.023	3
5	0.28	17	0.031	17
6	37.7	8064	0.359	8064

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- CP is indeed a convenient tool for symmetric-key cryptanalysis
  - Easy to implement
  - Sometimes faster
- Further directions
  - Most automatic tools focus on the search for distinguishers
  - Can we automate the key-recovery part? [Patrick Derbez and Pierre-Alain Fouque, CRYPTO 2016] [Li Lin, Wenling Wu, Yafei Zheng, FSE 2016]

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