

To provide the security of a block cipher to the side channel attacks, some ideas on masking of elements of the cipher are exploited. Here we discuss masking of S-boxes.

Alice takes a bijective function S (S-box) that maps n bits to n bits. Bob claims that for every such a function S there exist two bijective S-boxes, say S' and S'', mapping n bits to n bits, such that it holds

 $S(x) = S'(x) \oplus S''(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$.

Hence, Alice is able to mask an arbitrary bijective S-box by "dividing it into parts" for realization. But Alice wants to see the proof of this fact. Please help to Bob in giving the arguments.



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