# Cryptanalysis of 1-Round KECCAK 

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#### Abstract

In this paper, we give a pre-image attack against 1-round KECCAK-512 hash function which also works for 1-round of all the variants of KECCAK.


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## 1 Introduction

Hash functions are used in digital signatures, message integrity and authentication. In 2006, NIST announced the "NIST hash function competition" which received 64 proposals from round the world. In October 2012, KECCAK designed by Guido Bertoni, Joan Daemen, Michal Peeters, and Gilles Van Assche [3], was selected as the winner of the competition and in 2015, it was standardized as a "Secure Hash Algorithm 3" 9.

The KECCAK hash family is based on the sponge construction 4. Sponge construction has the property to generate a output of any length and because of this property, SHA3 standards include two extend-able output functions which are SHAKE128 and SHAKE256. These can also be used as a pseudo-random generator. Due to its vast applications, a lot of security analysis are being performed on the KECCAK hash family.

In 2010, D. J. Bernstein [1] gave an idea for second preimage for Keccak variants and in 2014, Chang et al. [5] gave a 1st and 2nd preimage attack. Both have an improvement in time complexity over the bruteforce. Morawiecki et al. [11] gave a theoretical preimage attack upto 4 round of KECCAK by using a technique called as rotational cryptanalysis. Morawiecki et al. [12] performed a preimage analysis of round reduced KECCAK by using toolkit CryptLogVer and SAT solver PrecoSAT. Mara Naya-Plasencia et al. [13] gave a preimage attack on 2-round for KECCAK-224 and KECCAK-256 by using the meet in middle approach. Dinur et al. [6] [8] gave a collision attack upto 4 round using differential and algebraic techniques, and later improved upto 5 rounds using generalized internal differential [7. In 2016 Guo et al. [10] gave preimage attack for 2 round for KECCAK-224, 256, 384 and 512. The complexity of attack 10 for KECCAK-384 is $2^{129}$ and for KECCAK-512 is $2^{384}$. They extended this upto 4 round for small hash length. Apart from above mentioned attacks, there are
several other attacks against KECCAK.
Our contribution: In this paper, we give a preimage attack against 1 round KECCAK-512. The attack does not contain solving of system of equations. It is primarily based on exploiting the degree of freedom in the equations between hash values and the message bits, and convert these equation to simple assignments of values to message variables. Using this method, we can find a message of length less than 2880 bits corresponding to every hash value. Also, the time complexity of this attack is constant. This attack does not pose a threat to the security of 24 -round KECCAK.

Organization: The rest of the paper contains the following sections. In Section 2, we briefly describe the structure of KECCAK. In Section 3, we show the preimage analysis of 1 round KECCAK-512 by using the idea of linear structure given by Guo et al. [10]. Section 4 contains the description of our pre-image attack and the appendix contains other details regarding the preimage attack that were skipped in Section 4. Section 5 contains conclusion and future works.

## 2 Structure of Keccak

Keccak hash function has 3 parameters: $r$ is the bitrate, $c$ is the capacity and $n$ is the output length. It is based on sponge construction 4 which uses a padding function pad, a bitrate parameter $r$ and a permutation function $f$ as shown in figure 2

sponge

Fig. 1. Sponge function 4]

### 2.1 Sponge Construction

The sponge construction begins by applying the padding function pad on the input string $M$ which produces $M^{\prime}$ whose length is a multiple of $r . M^{\prime}$ under goes the absorbing phase as follows.

1. $M^{\prime}$ is split into blocks of $r$ bits namely $m_{1}, m_{2}, \ldots m_{k}$.
2. There is an initial string $\left(o_{0}\right)$ which is a $b$ bit string initialized to zero.
3. The initial $r$ bits of $o_{0}$ is $X O R$ ed with first block $m_{1}$ and is given as input to $f$. The output produced by $f$ is denoted by $o_{1}$.
4. Similarly, the initial $r$ bits of $o_{i}$ is $X O R$ ed with the $m_{i+1}$ and given to $f$.
5. Finally, the output of the absorbing phase is $o_{k}$.

The squeezing phase consist of obtaining the output which can be of any length. Let $n$ be the required output length such that $n=p r+q$ where $q<r$.

1. Apply the $f$ function $p$ more times such that $o_{k+i}=f\left(o_{k+i-1}\right)$.
2. Let $O$ be the concatenation of the first $r$ bits of each $o_{k+i}$ where $0 \leq i \leq p$.
3. The output of the sponge construction is the first $n$ bits of $O$.

In case of KECCAK hash function, $f$ is a KECCAK-f permutation and the pad function appends $10^{*} 1$ to input $M$. KECCAK-f is a specialization of KECCAK-p permutation.

$$
K E C C A K-f[b]=K E C C A K-p[b, 12+2 l]
$$

where $l=\log _{2}(b / 25)$.

### 2.2 KECCAK-p permutation

KECCAK-p permutation is denoted by KECCAK-p $\left[b, n_{r}\right]$, where $b$ is length of input string which is called the width of the permutation, $n_{r}$ is number of rounds of internal transformation where $b \in\{25,50,100,200,400,800,1600\}$ and $n_{r}$ being any positive integer. We can define two more quantities $w=b / 25$ and $l=\log _{2}(b / 25)$. For KECCAK-512 number of rounds of internal transformation $n_{r}$ is 24 and $b=1600$. The $b$ bit input string can be represented as a $5 \times 5 \times w$ 3 -dimensional array known as state as shown in figure 2.2. A lane in a state $S$ is denoted by $S[x][y]$ which is the substring $S[x][y][0]|S[x][y][1]| \ldots \mid S[x][y][w-1]$ where $\mid$ is the concatenation function.

The internal transformation consist of 5 step mappings $\theta, \rho, \pi, \chi$ and $\iota$ which acts on a state. We give a brief description of each of these step mappings with $A$ and $A^{\prime}$ being the state before and after applying a step mappings.

1. $\theta$ :

$$
\begin{aligned}
A^{\prime}[x][y][z]=A[x][y][z] & \oplus C P[(x+1) \bmod 5][(z-1) \bmod 64] \\
& \oplus C P[(x-1) \bmod 5][z]
\end{aligned}
$$

where $C P[x][z]$ is the parity of a column, i.e,

$$
C P[x][z]=A[x][0][z] \oplus A[x][1][z] \oplus A[x][2][z] \oplus A[x][3][z] \oplus A[x][4][z]
$$



Fig. 2. Keccak state [2]
2. $\rho$ :

$$
A^{\prime}[x][y]=A[x][y] \ll r[x][y]
$$

where $\ll$ means bitwise rotation towards MSB of the 64 -bit word. The values of $r[x][y]$ are given in the table below.

| 4 | 18 | 2 | 61 | 56 | 14 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3 | 41 | 45 | 15 | 21 | 8 |
| 2 | 3 | 10 | 43 | 25 | 39 |
| 1 | 36 | 44 | 6 | 55 | 20 |
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 62 | 28 | 27 |
| $y \backslash x$ | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

3. $\pi$ :

$$
A^{\prime}[y][2 x+3 y]=A[x][y]
$$

$\pi$ interchanges the lanes of the state A.
4. $\chi$ :

$$
\begin{gathered}
A^{\prime}[x][y][z]=A[x][y][z] \oplus((A[(x+1) \bmod 5][y][z] \oplus 1) \\
. A[(x+2) \bmod 5][y][z])
\end{gathered}
$$

$\chi$ is the only non-linear operation among the 5 step mappings.
5. $\iota$ :

$$
A^{\prime}[0][0]=A[0][0] \oplus R C_{i}
$$

where $R C_{i}$ is a constant which depends on $i$ where $i$ is the round number.

## 3 Linear Techniques

In this section, we are going to show our initial idea to attack 1 round KECCAK512. This is based on the idea of linear structure 10 proposed by Jian Guo et al.. The attack is to invert the hash value by applying $\iota$ inverse and $\chi$ inverse at the same time convert rest of the operations on message block into linear operations. This forms a system of linear equations and the solution to these equation gives
the preimage corresponding to the given hash value. In KECCAK-512, we have $n=512, c=1024$ and $r=576$. So, the hash value occupies 8 lanes and message block is of 9 lanes. Suppose $A=a_{0} a_{1} a_{2} a_{3} a_{4} a_{5} a_{6} a_{7} a_{8}$ is the message block of 576 bit length where each $a_{i}$ is an array of 64 bits. Figure 3 shows the state after applying $\theta, \rho$ and $\pi$ on $A$ where $d_{i}[k]=C P[i-1][k]+C P[i+1][k-1]$. In all the equations and figures, the value inside the brackets '()' indicate the offset by which the lane is shifted. Every operation between two lanes are bitwise and + symbol refer to $X O R$ operation.

| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| $a_{5}$ | $a_{6}$ | $a_{7}$ | $a_{8}$ | 0 |
| $a_{0}$ | $a_{1}$ | $a_{2}$ | $a_{3}$ | $a_{4}$ |


| $d_{0}$ <br> $(18)$ | $d_{1}$ <br> $(2)$ | $d_{2}$ <br> $(61)$ | $d_{3}$ <br> $(56)$ | $d_{4}$ <br> $(14)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $d_{0}$ | $d_{1}$ | $d_{2}$ | $d_{3}$ | $d_{4}$ |
| $(41)$ | $(45)$ | $(15)$ | $(27)$ | $(8)$ |
| $d_{0}$ | $d_{1}$ | $d_{2}$ | $d_{3}$ | $d_{4}$ |
| $(3)$ | $(10)$ | $(43)$ | $(25)$ | $(39)$ |
| $a_{5} \oplus d_{0}$ | $a_{6} \oplus d_{1}$ | $a_{7} \oplus d_{2}$ | $a_{8} \oplus d_{3}$ | $d_{4}$ |
| $(36)$ | $(44)$ | $(6)$ | $(55)$ | $(20)$ |
| $a_{0} \oplus d_{0}$ | $a_{1} \oplus d_{1}$ |  |  |  |
| $(0)$ | $(1)$ | $a_{2} \oplus d_{2}$ | $a_{3} \oplus d_{3}$ | $a_{4} \oplus d_{4}$ |
| $(62)$ | $(28)$ | $(27)$ |  |  |


| $a_{2} \oplus d_{2}$ <br> $(62)$ | $a_{8} \oplus d_{3}$ <br> $(55)$ | $d_{4}$ <br> $(39)$ | $d_{0}$ <br> $(41)$ | $d_{1}$ <br> $(2)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $a_{4} \oplus d_{4}$ | $a_{5} \oplus d_{0}$ |  |  |  |
| $(27)$ | $d_{1}$ | $d_{2}$ | $d_{3}$ |  |
| $(36)$ | $(10)$ | $(15)$ | $(56)$ |  |
| $a_{1} \oplus d_{1}$ | $a_{7} \oplus d_{2}$ | $d_{3}$ | $d_{4}$ | $d_{0}$ |
| $(1)$ | $(6)$ | $(25)$ | $(8)$ | $(18)$ |
| $a_{3} \oplus d_{3}$ | $d_{4}$ | $d_{0}$ | $d_{1}$ | $d_{2}$ |
| $(28)$ | $(20)$ | $(3)$ | $(45)$ | $(61)$ |
| $a_{0} \oplus d_{0}$ | $a_{6} \oplus d_{1}$ |  |  |  |
| $(0)$ | $(44)$ | $d_{2}$ | $d_{3}$ | $d_{4}$ |
| $(43)$ | $(27)$ | $(14)$ |  |  |

Fig. 3. Linear structure

Suppose $H=h_{0} h_{1} h_{2} h_{3} h_{4} h_{5} h_{6} h_{7}$ is the 512 -bit hash value where each $h_{i}$ is of 64 bits. We know that we can invert the last row of $H$ and obtain the exact values of $h_{0}^{\prime}, h_{1}^{\prime}, h_{2}^{\prime}, h_{3}^{\prime}$ and $h_{4}^{\prime}$ (shown in figure 4) using the formula given below. The same cannot be done for the second last row.

$$
h_{i}^{\prime}=h_{i}+\left(h_{i+1}+1\right) \cdot\left(h_{i+2}+\left(h_{i+3}+1\right) \cdot h_{i+4}\right)
$$

By equating the $3^{\text {rd }}$ state of figure 3 and $2^{\text {nd }}$ state of figure 4 we get the exact values of $d_{2}, d_{3}, d_{4}$ and two linear equations

$$
\begin{aligned}
& a_{0}+d_{0}=h_{0}^{\prime} \\
& a_{6}+d_{1}=h_{1}^{\prime}
\end{aligned}
$$

| $?$ | $?$ | $?$ | $?$ | $?$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $?$ | $?$ | $?$ | $?$ | $?$ |
| $?$ | $?$ | $?$ | $?$ | $?$ |
| $h_{5}$ | $h_{6}$ | $h_{7}$ | $?$ | $\chi^{-1} \circ \iota^{-1}$ |
| $h_{0}$ | $h_{1}$ | $h_{2}$ | $h_{3}$ | $h_{4}$ |

Fig. 4. Inverse operation on hash values

By applying $\chi$ on the $3^{\text {rd }}$ state of figure 3 , we have the following equations

$$
\begin{gathered}
a_{3}(28)+d_{3}(28)+\left(d_{4}(20)+1\right) d_{0}(3)=h_{5} \\
d_{4}(20)+\left(d_{0}(3)+1\right) d_{1}(45)=h_{6} \\
d_{0}(3)+\left(d_{1}(45)+1\right) d_{2}(61)=h_{7}
\end{gathered}
$$

The $2^{\text {nd }}$ equation is quadratic while the other two are linear. It can be easily seen that for many cases, there isn't a solution to this system of equations. For example, take the case where $d_{4}=h_{4}^{\prime}=0$ and $d_{2}=h_{2}^{\prime}=0$. Then,

$$
\begin{gathered}
\left(d_{0}(3)+1\right) d_{1}(45)=h_{6} \\
d_{0}(3)=h_{7}
\end{gathered}
$$

The above equations cannot be solved simultaneously if $h_{7}=1$ and $h_{6}=1$. So we need a different approach to attack 1 round of KECCAK-512.

## 4 Preimage-Attack

In this section, we discuss in detail the preimage-attack against 1-Round KECCAK512. For this attack, we consider the message to be of length 2880 bits which will include the padding bits, i.e., the message will contain five blocks $A, B, C, D$ and $E$. In the analysis, we will ensure that the last bit of $E$ will be 1 , so that the padded bits are of form $\left\{10^{*} 1\right\}$. Let S be the initial state of 1600 bits where each bit is zero.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& S \oplus A \xrightarrow{\iota \circ \chi \circ \pi \circ \rho \circ \theta} X \\
& X \oplus B \xrightarrow{\iota \circ \chi \circ \pi \circ \rho \circ \theta} Y \\
& Y \oplus C \xrightarrow{\iota \chi \circ \pi \circ \rho \circ \theta} Z \\
& Z \oplus D \xrightarrow{\iota \circ \chi \pi \circ \rho \circ \theta} W
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
W \oplus E \xrightarrow{\iota \circ \chi \circ \pi \circ \rho \circ \theta} S^{\prime}
$$

The first 512 bits of $S^{\prime}$ denoted by $h_{0}, h_{1}, h_{2}, h_{3}, h_{4}, h_{5}, h_{6}, h_{7}$ represents the hash value of the message. Now we invert the last round by applying $\rho^{-1} \circ \pi^{-1} \circ$ $\chi^{-1} \circ \iota^{-1}$.


| $w_{20}$ | $w_{21}$ | $w_{22}$ | $w_{23}$ | $w_{24}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $w_{15}$ | $w_{16}$ | $w_{17}$ | $w_{18}$ | $w_{19}$ |
| $w_{10}$ | $w_{11}$ | $w_{12}$ | $w_{13}$ | $w_{14}$ |
| $w_{5} \oplus e_{5}$ | $w_{6} \oplus e_{6}$ | $w_{7} \oplus e_{7}$ | $w_{8} \oplus e_{8}$ | $w_{9}$ |
| $w_{0} \oplus e_{0}$ | $w_{1} \oplus e_{1}$ | $w_{2} \oplus e_{2}$ | $w_{3} \oplus e_{3}$ | $w_{4} \oplus e_{4}$ |



Fig. 5. Inverting last round

In above figure, we do not worry about the blank lanes because we will ensure that $\theta$ will act as a identity. Notice that the value of one of the lanes is 1 in-order to invert the $\chi$ operation. The following are the values of $h_{i}^{\prime}$.

$$
\begin{gathered}
h_{7}^{\prime}=h_{7} \\
h_{6}^{\prime}=\overline{\left(h_{6}+h_{7}\right)} \\
h_{5}^{\prime}=h_{5}+\left(h_{6}+h_{7}\right) h_{7} \\
h_{0}^{\prime}=h_{0}+R C_{0}+\overline{\left(h_{1}\right)}\left(h_{2}+\overline{h_{3}} h_{4}\right) \\
h_{1}^{\prime}=h_{1}+\overline{\left(h_{2}\right)}\left(h_{3}+\overline{h_{4}}\left(h_{0}+R C_{0}\right)\right) \\
h_{2}^{\prime}=h_{2}+\overline{\left(h_{3}\right)}\left(h_{4}+\overline{\left(h_{0}+R C_{0}\right)} h_{1}\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& h_{3}^{\prime}=h_{3}+\overline{\left(h_{4}\right)}\left(h_{0}+R C_{0}+\overline{h_{1}} h_{2}\right) \\
& h_{4}^{\prime}=h_{4}+\overline{\left(h_{0}+R C_{0}\right)}\left(h_{1}+\overline{h_{2}} h_{3}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

### 4.1 Making $\theta$ ineffective

In-order to nullify the effect of $\theta$ in each round, we just have to ensure that the parity of every column in the state after being XORed with the message block is zero(or one). This can be ensured because we have the freedom to choose the message block. If the message block $M=m_{0} m_{1} m_{2} m_{3} m_{4} m_{5} m_{6} m_{7} m_{8}$ is being $X O R$ ed with state $S$, we can set

$$
m_{4}=\bigoplus_{i=0}^{4} S[4][i]
$$

Similarly, for other columns, we have two lanes as variables, from which we will keep one as a variable and the other to make parity zero.

$$
\left.m_{j}=m_{(j+5} \bmod 10\right) \bigoplus_{i=0}^{4} S[j][i]
$$

### 4.2 Finding first four message blocks

In $S \oplus A$, to make all column parities zero we have the following assignments

$$
a_{0}=a_{5}, a_{1}=a_{6}, a_{2}=a_{7}, a_{3}=a_{8} \text { and } a_{4}=0
$$

This gives a compact representation of state after applying 1 round over message block A. In Appendix, we have shown how to get the equation of state at the end of single $f$ function in the terms of input state and message block. By making sure the column parity of each round as zero, we get
$w_{10}=h_{7}^{\prime}(61), w_{16}=1, w_{12}=h_{2}^{\prime}(21), w_{18}=h_{3}^{\prime}(43), w_{24}=h_{4}^{\prime}(50)$ and $w_{9}=h_{6}^{\prime}(44)$

We now give the equation for $w_{12}, w_{18}, w_{24}, w_{9}, w_{10}$ and $w_{16}$.

$$
\begin{aligned}
w_{9}= & z_{22}(61)+\overline{\left(z_{3}(28)+d_{3}(28)\right)} z_{9}(20) \\
= & z_{22}(61)+\overline{\left(z_{3}(28)+d_{3}(28)\right)}\left[\overline{a_{1}(57)} a_{2}(62)+a_{3}(10)\right] \\
w_{10}= & z_{1}(1)+d_{1}(1)+\overline{\left(z_{7}(6)+d_{7}(6)\right)}\left(z_{13}(25)\right) \\
w_{12}= & \left.a_{2}(23)+\overline{\left[a_{0}(60)\right.} a_{1}(40)+b_{4}(60)+1\right]\left[a_{3}(33)+b_{5}(5)\right]+ \\
& {\left[b_{2}(41)+\overline{\left(a_{3}(62)+b_{8}(34)\right) a_{1}(19)} a_{2}(24)+1\right]\left[b_{6}(6)+c_{1}(26)\right]+} \\
& {\left[y_{23}(0)+\overline{\left(y_{4}(35)+c_{4}(35)\right)}\left(y_{5}(44)+c_{5}(44)\right)+1\right] } \\
& {\left[y_{2}(16)+c_{2}(16)+\overline{\left(y_{8}(9)+c_{8}(9)\right)} y_{14}(57)\right] } \\
w_{16}= & z_{5}(36)+d_{5}(36)+\overline{z_{11}(10)} z_{17}(15) \\
w_{18}= & b_{7}(31)+\overline{a_{1}(51)} a_{0}(5)+\left(a_{2}(46)+a_{2}(20)+1\right)\left(\overline{a_{3}(0)}\right)\left(b_{2}(5)\right)+ \\
& {\left[\overline{a_{0}(60)} a_{1}(40)+b_{4}(60)+\left(\overline{a_{3}(33)+b_{5}(5)}\right) a_{2}(49)+\right.} \\
& \left.\left(a_{3}(13)+b_{8}(49)+1\right)\left(\overline{a_{2}(2)} a_{3}(59)+c_{2}(54)\right)+1\right]\left[z_{4}(27)+d_{4}(27)\right] \\
w_{24}= & a_{0}(10)+a_{0}(21)+b_{3}(21)+c_{8}(57)+ \\
& \left(a_{2}(57)+\left(\overline{a_{1}(22)+b_{1}(42)}\right) b_{7}(47)+1\right) \\
& \left(\overline{a_{0}(6)} a_{1}(50)+b_{4}(6)+\left(a_{3}(43)+b_{5}(15)+1\right) a_{2}(59)\right)+ \\
& \overline{\left(z_{2}(62)+d_{2}(62)\right)}\left(z_{8}(55)+d_{8}(55)\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

We want a solution of these non-linear equations by using message blocks $A, B, C$ and $D$. Following are the observations and analysis done on the above equations to get the values of $A, B, C$ and $D$

1. In state $X$, all the elements in $2^{\text {nd }}$ column are zero (refer Appendix A) and so we must have $b_{7}=b_{2}$ to make the column parity 0 .
2. We assign $a_{1}=0$ and $b_{1}=0$ which will be helpful later.
3. We assign $a_{2}(23)=w_{12}$. By using this assignment, we can see that apart from $a_{2}(23)$, the rest of the terms in the equation of $w_{12}$ must vanish. To achieve this, we set
$-b_{5}(5)=a_{3}(33)$
$-b_{8}(34)=a_{3}(62)$ which is same as $b_{8}(49)=a_{3}(13)$
$-b_{2}(41)=a_{2}(24)$
Now, we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
w_{12}= & a_{2}(23)+\left[b_{6}(6)+c_{1}(26)\right]+ \\
& {\left[y_{23}(0)+\overline{\left(y_{4}(35)+c_{4}(35)\right)}\left(y_{5}(44)+c_{5}(44)\right)+1\right] } \\
& {\left[y_{2}(16)+c_{2}(16)+\overline{\left(y_{8}(9)+c_{8}(9)\right)} y_{14}(57)\right] }
\end{aligned}
$$

Later, we will assign $c_{1}$ with appropriate value so that only $a_{2}(23)$ remains.
4. By looking at the equation for $w_{9}$, since $a_{1}=0$, if we set $a_{3}(10)=a_{2}(62)+1$, we get

$$
w_{9}=z_{22}(61)+z_{3}(28)+d_{3}(28)+1
$$

5. We are only left with $a_{0}$ for $A$. This can be achieved from the equation of $w_{18}$ by assigning properly the value of $c_{2}$ which will be done later. So, we get

$$
a_{0}(5)=w_{18}+b_{7}(31)+\left[a_{2}(46)+a_{2}(20)+1\right] \overline{a_{3}(0)} b_{2}(5)
$$

6. Since we now have the first message block $A$, by applying one round of $f$ on it, we can obtain $X$. Since we know the values of $b_{5}, b_{1}, b_{2}, b_{7}$ and $b_{8}$, we can fix the other lanes of message block $B$ such that column parities in $X \oplus B$ are zero and then compute $Y$.
7. As seen earlier, to get the value of $a_{0}$, we must properly assign the value of $c_{2}$, which is

$$
c_{2}(54)=1+\overline{a_{2}(2)} a_{3}(59)+b_{4}(60)+\overline{\left[a_{3}(33)+b_{5}(5)\right]} a_{2}(49)
$$

8. To find the value of $c_{8}$, we use the equation of $w_{24}$ and setting $d_{2}=\overline{z_{2}}$, i.e, we get
$c_{8}(57)=w_{24}+a_{0}(10)+a_{0}(21)+b_{3}(21)+\overline{\left[a_{2}(57)+b_{7}(47)\right]}\left[b_{4}(6)+\overline{\left(a_{3}(43)+b_{5}(15)\right)} a_{2}(59)\right]$
9. We randomly choose $c_{0}$ and find $c_{5}, c_{7}, c_{3}, c_{4}$ such that the column parity of their respective column is zero.
10. Finally, to find $c_{1}$, we again use the equation of $w_{12}$.

$$
\begin{gathered}
u_{1}=y_{23}(56)+\overline{\left(y_{4}(27)+c_{4}(27)\right)}\left(y_{5}(36)+c_{5}(36)\right) \\
u_{2}=y_{2}(62)+c_{2}(62)+\overline{\left(y_{8}(55)+c_{8}(55)\right)} y_{14}(39) \\
c_{1}(26)=b_{6}(6)+\overline{u_{1}(8)} u_{2}(18)
\end{gathered}
$$

Using $c_{1}$, we can also find the value of $c_{6}$ to make the column parity is zero.
11. Now, we know message block $C$, so we can apply the 1 round of KECCAK- $f$ permutation on $Y \oplus C$ and compute $Z$.
12. From step 4, we can set

$$
d_{3}(28)=w_{9}+z_{22}(61)+z_{3}(28)+1
$$

13. We can find the value of $d_{7}$, using $d_{2}$ and $Z$ ensuring that the column parity is zero. From the equation of $w_{10}$, we get

$$
d_{1}(1)=w_{10}+z_{1}(1)+\left(z_{7}(6)+d_{7}(6)+1\right) z_{13}(25)
$$

and from $w_{16}$, we have

$$
d_{5}(36)=w_{16}+z_{5}(36)+\overline{z_{11}(10)} z_{17}(15)
$$

14. We can now find $d_{0}, d_{6}, d_{8}, d_{4}$ to make the column parity zero.

### 4.3 Finding last message block

Now we want state $W \oplus E$ should have column parities as zero and $1^{\text {st }}, 4^{\text {th }}, 7^{\text {th }}$ lane is equal to $h_{0}^{\prime}, h_{5}^{\prime}(36), h_{1}^{\prime}(20)$ respectively.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& e_{0}=w_{0}+h_{0}^{\prime} \\
& e_{6}=w_{6}+h_{1}^{\prime} \\
& e_{3}=w_{3}+h_{5}^{\prime}
\end{aligned}
$$

Choose $e_{2}$ randomly and fix $e_{5}, e_{1}, e_{7}, e_{8}, e_{4}$ such that column parity is zero.

### 4.4 Ensuring last bit is 1

We still have to ensure that the last bit of $E$ is $1 . e_{8}$ depends on the parity of the fourth column of $W$. The equation for the parity of this column contains $c_{0}$ which is chosen randomly, and hence we can expect that the last bit of $e_{8}$ will be 1. If not, we repeat the attack.

## 5 Conclusion and Future Works

Our approach gives a preimage attack to all the variants of 1 round KECCAK hash functions. This is currently the fastest preimage attack known. In future, we need to find whether this idea can be extended to 2 rounds KECCAK-384 and KECCAK-512. This idea is difficult to apply for more rounds because we cannot nullify the $\theta$ step mapping and the degree of the equation increase by two after each round. So, it is difficult to find the simpler equation with the extra degree of freedom.

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## A The equations of the state at the end of $f$ function in the terms of input state and message block

By following section 4.1 , we can make every $\theta$ step as an identity operation. We will find the equations of the state after each KECCAK- $f$ function. Let us look at the state $X$ at the end of the first round.

$$
S \oplus A \xrightarrow{K E C C A K-f} X
$$

In-order to make the $\theta$ step ineffective in the first round, we adopt the following assignments.

$$
a_{5}=a_{0}, a_{6}=a_{1}, a_{7}=a_{2}, a_{8}=a_{3} \text { and } a_{4}=0
$$

So, at the end of the first round, the state $X$ will be as given below.

| $a_{2}(62)$ | $a_{3}(56)$ | 0 | $a_{2}(62)$ | $\overline{a_{2}(62)} a_{3}(55)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | $a_{0}(36)$ | 0 | 0 | $a_{0}(36)$ |
| $a_{1}(1)$ | $a_{2}(6)$ | 0 | $a_{1}(1)$ | $\overline{a_{1}(1)} a_{2}(6)$ |
| $a_{3}(28)$ | 0 | 0 | $a_{3}(28)$ | 0 |
| $a_{0} \oplus R C_{0}$ | $a_{1}(44)$ | 0 | $a_{0}$ | $\overline{a_{0}} a_{1}(44)$ |

Fig. 6. State $X$

Similarly, let's look at state $Y$ at the end of second round. The figure given below shows the state obtained by $X O R$ ing the first 576 bits of $X$ with message block $B$ and applying $\pi \circ \rho \circ \theta$ to it.

|  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} b_{2} \oplus x_{2} \\ (62) \end{gathered}$ | $b_{8} \oplus x_{8}$ <br> (55) | $\begin{aligned} & x_{14} \\ & (39) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & x_{15} \\ & (41) \end{aligned}$ | $x_{21}$ <br> (2) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & \hline x_{20} \\ & (18) \end{aligned}$ | $x_{21}$ | $\begin{aligned} & x_{22} \\ & (61) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & x_{23} \\ & (56) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & x_{24} \\ & (14) \end{aligned}$ | $\xrightarrow{\pi \circ \rho \circ \theta}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $b_{4} \oplus$ | $b_{5} \oplus x_{5}$ |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & x_{15} \\ & (41) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & x_{16} \\ & (45) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline x_{17} \\ & (15) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & x_{18} \\ & (27) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & x_{19} \\ & (8) \end{aligned}$ |  | (27) | (36) | (10) | (15) | (56) |
| $\begin{gathered} x_{10} \\ (3) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & x_{11} \\ & (10) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & x_{12} \\ & (43) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & x_{13} \\ & (25) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & x_{14} \\ & (39) \end{aligned}$ |  | $b_{1} \oplus x_{1}$ <br> (1) | $b_{7} \oplus x_{7}$ <br> (6) | $\begin{aligned} & x_{13} \\ & (25) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} x_{19} \\ (8) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & x_{20} \\ & (18) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{gathered} b_{5} \oplus x_{5} \\ (36) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} b_{6} \oplus x_{6} \\ (44) \end{gathered}$ | $b_{7} \oplus x_{7}$ <br> (6) | $\begin{gathered} b_{8} \oplus x_{8} \\ (55) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline x_{9} \\ (20) \end{gathered}$ |  | $b_{3} \oplus x_{3}$ | ${ }^{9} 9$ | ${ }^{x} 10$ | ${ }^{x} 16$ | ${ }^{x} 22$ |
| $b_{0} \oplus x_{0}$ <br> (0) | $b_{1} \oplus x_{1}$ <br> (1) | $\begin{gathered} b_{2} \oplus x_{2} \\ (62) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} b_{3} \oplus x_{3} \\ (28) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline b_{4} \oplus x_{4} \\ (27) \end{gathered}$ |  | (28) | (20) | (3) | (45) | (61) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $b_{0} \oplus x_{0}$ <br> (0) | $b_{6} \oplus x_{6}$ <br> (44) | $\begin{aligned} & x_{12} \\ & (43) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & x_{18} \\ & (27) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & x_{24} \\ & (14) \end{aligned}$ |

Fig. 7. Applying $\pi \circ \rho \circ \theta$

On further applying $\iota \circ \chi$, we get state $Y$ which is as follows

$$
\begin{aligned}
y_{0} & =x_{0}(0)+b_{0}(0)+\left(\overline{x_{6}(44)+b_{6}(44)}\right) x_{12}(43)+R C_{0} \\
y_{1} & =x_{6}(44)+b_{6}(44)+\overline{x_{12}(43)} x_{18}(21) \\
y_{2} & =x_{12}(43)+\overline{x_{18}(21)} x_{24}(14) \\
y_{3} & =x_{18}(21)+\overline{x_{24}(14)}\left(x_{0}(0)+b_{0}(0)\right) \\
y_{4} & =x_{24}(14)+\overline{\left(\overline{x_{0}(0)+b_{0}(0)}\right)\left(x_{6}(44)+b_{6}(44)\right)} \\
y_{5} & =x_{3}(28)+b_{3}(28)+\overline{x_{9}(20)} x_{1} 0(3) \\
y_{6} & =x_{9}(20)+\overline{x_{10}(3)} x_{16}(45) \\
y_{7} & =x_{10}(3)+\overline{x_{16}(45)} x_{22}(61) \\
y_{8} & =x_{16}(45)+\overline{x_{22}(61)}\left(x_{3}(28)+b_{3}(28)\right) \\
y_{9} & =x_{22}(61)+\overline{\left(\overline{x_{3}(28)+b_{3}(28)}\right) x_{9}(20)} \\
y_{10} & \left.=x_{1}(1)+b_{1}(1)+\overline{\left(x_{7}(6)+b_{7}(6)\right.}\right) x_{13}(25) \\
y_{11} & =x_{7}(6)+b_{7}(6)+\overline{x_{13}(25)} x_{19}(8) \\
y_{12} & =x_{13}(25)+\overline{x_{19}(8)} x_{20}(18) \\
y_{13} & =x_{19}(8)+\overline{x_{20}(18)}\left(x_{1}(1)+b_{1}(1)\right) \\
y_{14} & \left.=x_{20}(18)+\overline{\left(\overline{x_{1}(1)}+b_{1}(1)\right.}\right)\left(x_{7}(6)+b_{7}(6)\right) \\
y_{15} & \left.=x_{4}(27)+b_{4}(27)+\overline{\left(\overline{x_{5}(36)}+b_{5}(36)\right.}\right) x_{11}(10) \\
y_{16} & =x_{5}(36)+b_{5}(36)+\overline{x_{11}(10)} x_{17}(15)
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& y_{17}=x_{11}(10)+\overline{x_{17}(15)} x_{23}(56) \\
& y_{18}=x_{17}(15)+\overline{x_{23}(56)}\left(x_{4}(27)+b_{4}(27)\right) \\
& \left.y_{19}=x_{23}(56)+\overline{\left(x_{4}(27)+b_{4}(27)\right.}\right)\left(x_{5}(36)+b_{5}(36)\right) \\
& y_{20}=x_{2}(62)+b 2(62)+\left(\overline{x_{8}(55)+b_{8}(55)}\right) x_{14}(39) \\
& y_{21}=x_{8}(55)+b_{8}(55)+\overline{x_{14}(39)} x_{15}(41) \\
& y_{22}=x_{14}(39)+\overline{x_{15}(41)} x_{21}(2) \\
& y_{23}=x_{15}(41)+\overline{x_{21}(2)}\left(x_{2}(62)+b_{2}(62)\right) \\
& y_{24}=x_{21}(2)+\left(\overline{x_{2}(62)+b_{2}(62)}\right)\left(x_{8}(55)+b_{8}(55)\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

Similarly we will find the output state $Z$ in terms of $Y$ and $C$ and the output state $W$ in terms of $Z$ and $D$. Now, we shall write $w_{9}, w_{10}, w_{12}, w_{16}, w_{18}$ and $w_{24}$ in their simplified form by substituting those variables whose values are known.

$$
\begin{aligned}
w_{9}= & z_{22}(61)+\overline{\left(z_{3}(28)+d_{3}(28)\right)} z_{9}(20) \\
= & z_{22}(61)+\overline{\left(z_{3}(28)+d_{3}(28)\right)}\left[y_{22}(17)+\overline{\left(y_{3}(48)+c_{3}(48)\right)} y_{9}(40)\right] \\
= & z_{22}(61)+\overline{\left(z_{3}(28)+d_{3}(28)\right)}\left[x_{14}(56)+\overline{x_{15}(48)} x_{21}(19)+\right. \\
& \left.\overline{\left[x_{18}(5)+\overline{x_{24}(62)}\left(x_{0}(48)+b_{0}(48)\right)+c_{3}(48)\right]}\left[x_{22}(37)+\overline{\left(x_{3}(4)+b_{3}(4)\right)} x_{9}(60)\right]\right] \\
= & \left.z_{22}(61)+\overline{\left(z_{3}(28)+d_{3}(28)\right)} \overline{a_{1}(57)} a_{2}(62)+a_{3}(10)\right] \\
w_{10}= & z_{1}(1)+d_{1}(1)+\overline{\left(z_{7}(6)+d_{7}(6)\right)}\left(z_{13}(25)\right) \\
w_{12}= & z_{13}(25)+\overline{z_{19}(8)} z_{20}(18) \\
= & y_{19}(33)+\overline{y_{20}(43)}\left(y_{1}(26)+c_{1}(26)\right)+\overline{\left[y_{23}(0)+\overline{\left(y_{4}(35)+c_{4}(35)\right)}\left(y_{5}(44)+c_{5}(44)\right)\right]} \\
& {\left[y_{2}(16)+c_{2}(16)+\overline{\left(y_{8}(9)+c_{8}(9)\right)} y_{14}(57)\right] } \\
= & x_{23}(25)+\overline{\left(x_{4}(60)+b_{4}(60)\right)}\left(x_{5}(5)+b_{5}(5)\right)+\overline{\left[x_{2}(41)+b_{2}(41)+\overline{\left(x_{8}(34)+b_{8}(34)\right)} x_{14}(18)\right]} \\
& {\left[x_{6}(6)+b_{6}(6)+\overline{x_{12}(5)} x_{18}(47)+c_{1}(26)\right]+\overline{\left[y_{23}(0)+\overline{\left(y_{4}(35)+c_{4}(35)\right)}\left(y_{5}(44)+c_{5}(44)\right)\right]} } \\
& {\left[y_{2}(16)+c_{2}(16)+\overline{\left(y_{8}(9)+c_{8}(9)\right)} y_{14}(57)\right] } \\
= & a_{2}(23)+\left[\overline{a_{0}(60)} a_{1}(40)+b_{4}(60)+1\right]\left[a_{3}(33)+b_{5}(5)\right]+ \\
& {\left[b_{2}(41)+\overline{\left(a_{3}(62)+b_{8}(34)\right) a_{1}(19)} a_{2}(24)+1\right]\left[b_{6}(6)+c_{1}(26)\right]+} \\
& {\left[y_{23}(0)+\overline{\left(y_{4}(35)+c_{4}(35)\right.}\left(y_{5}(44)+c_{5}(44)\right)+1\right] } \\
& {\left[y_{2}(16)+c_{2}(16)+\overline{\left(y_{8}(9)+c_{8}(9)\right)} y_{14}(57)\right] } \\
w_{16}= & z_{5}(36)+d_{5}(36)+\overline{z_{11}(10)} z_{17}(15)
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
w_{18}= & z_{17}(15)+\overline{z_{23}(56)}\left(z_{4}(27)+d_{4}(27)\right) \\
= & \left.y_{11}(25)+\overline{y_{17}(30)} y_{23}(7)+\overline{\left[y_{15}(33)+\overline{y_{21}(58)}\left(y_{2}(54)+c_{2}(54)\right)\right.}\right]\left[z_{4}(27)+d_{4}(27)\right] \\
= & x_{7}(31)+b_{7}(31)+\overline{x_{13}(50)} x_{19}(33)+\overline{\left(x_{11}(40)+\overline{x_{17}(45)} x_{23}(22)\right)}\left(x_{15}(48)+\overline{x_{21}(9)}\left(x_{2}(5)+b_{2}(5)\right)\right)+ \\
& {\left[x_{4}(60)+b_{4}(60)+\overline{\left(x_{5}(5)+b_{5}(5)\right)} x_{11}(43)+\overline{\left(x_{8}(49)+b_{8}(49)+\overline{x_{14}(33)} x_{15}(35)\right)}\right.} \\
& \left.\left(x_{12}(33)+\overline{x_{18}(11)} x_{24}(4)+c_{2}(54)\right)+1\right]\left(z_{4}(27)+d_{4}(27)\right) \\
= & b_{7}(31)+\overline{a_{1}(51)} a_{0}(5)+\left(a_{2}(46)+a_{2}(20)+1\right)\left(\overline{a_{3}(0)}\right)\left(b_{2}(5)\right)+ \\
& {\left[\overline{a_{0}(60)} a_{1}(40)+b_{4}(60)+\left(\overline{a_{3}(33)+b_{5}(5)}\right) a_{2}(49)+\right.} \\
& \left.\left(a_{3}(13)+b_{8}(49)+1\right)\left(\overline{a_{2}(2)} a_{3}(59)+c_{2}(54)\right)+1\right]\left[z_{4}(27)+d_{4}(27)\right] \\
w_{24}= & z_{21}(2)+\overline{\left(z_{2}(62)+d_{2}(62)\right)}\left(z_{8}(55)+d_{8}(55)\right) \\
= & y_{8}(57)+c_{8}(57)+\overline{y_{14}(41)} y_{15}(43)++\overline{\left(z_{2}(62)+d_{2}(62)\right)}\left(z_{8}(55)+d_{8}(55)\right) \\
= & x_{16}(38)+\overline{x_{22}(54)}\left(x_{3}(21)+b_{3}(21)\right)+c_{8}(57)+ \\
& {\left[\overline{\left.x_{20}(59)+\left(\overline{x_{1}(42)+b_{1}(42)}\right)\left(x_{7}(47)+b_{7}(47)\right)\right]}\left[x_{4}(6)+b_{4}(6)+\left(\overline{x_{5}(15)+b_{5}(15)}\right) x_{11}(53)\right]+\right.} \\
& \overline{\left(z_{2}(62)+d_{2}(62)\right)}\left(z_{8}(55)+d_{8}(55)\right) \\
= & a_{0}(10)+a_{0}(21)+b_{3}(21)+c_{8}(57)+ \\
& \left(a_{2}(57)+\left(\overline{a_{1}(22)+b_{1}(42)}\right) b_{7}(47)+1\right) \\
& \left(\overline{a_{0}(6)} a_{1}(50)+b_{4}(6)+\left(a_{3}(43)+b_{5}(15)+1\right) a_{2}(59)\right)+ \\
& \overline{\left(z_{2}(62)+d_{2}(62)\right)}\left(z_{8}(55)+d_{8}(55)\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

