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Design of Nonlinear Component of Block Cipher Using Gravesian Octonion Integers

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ABSTRACT Being the only nonlinear component in many cryptosystems, an S-box is an integral part of modern symmetric ciphering techniques that creates randomness and increases confidentiality at the substitution stage of the encryption. The ability to construct a cryptographically strong S-box solely depends on its construction scheme. The primary purpose of an S-box in encryption standards is to establish confusion between the m -bit input into the n -bit output (both $m, n \geq 2$). This article proposed a robust way to construct S-boxes based on the Gravesian octonion integers. We chunk the paper into threefold: firstly, a comprehensive technique for constructing S-box using affine mapping is described. The presented work is developed in such a way that for every valid input, it generates two S-boxes. Secondly, the strength of the newly generated S-box is evaluated by passing through a rigorous security analysis. Finally, a thorough comparison of the newly developed method with some well-known existing schemes is conducted. We mainly targeted some elliptic curve-based S-boxes in comparison by taking the same parameters in our scheme. The computational results and performance analysis reveal that the propose algorithm can construct a large number of distinct S-boxes that are cryptographically secured and create high resistance against various cryptanalysis attacks.

INDEX TERMS Security, substitution-box, encryption, block ciphers, Gravesian octonion integers.

I. INTRODUCTION

We are living in the information age where information is considered an asset, just like other assets. In the past few decades, the security of confidential data has attained reputable attention and vastly opened new research directions in the area of cryptography. Researchers proposed several types of data security schemes based on different mathematical structures. The main idea of these techniques is to transform confidential data into an unreadable and non-understandable form to protect it from unauthorized access. Most of the traditional symmetric cryptosystems, like Advance Encryption Standard (AES), International Data Encryption Algorithm

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(IDEA), and Data Encryption Standard (DES), practically rely on the usage of substitution boxes (S-boxes) to achieve confusion in the input data up to a certain level [1]. Therefore, the efficiency of these systems primarily depends only on the cryptographic properties of their S-boxes. An S-box plays a pivotal role in strengthening the quality of encryption. It has always remained a goal of cryptosystem designers to construct an S-box with strong cryptographic performance.

A. RELATED WORK

Researchers have proposed several methods to construct highly nonlinear S-boxes. An efficient S-box is constructed by Lambić in [2] based on discrete chaotic maps. Çavuşoğlu et al. [3] described an S-box construction

technique based on a chaotic scaled Zhongtang system. A new S-box construction method using triangle groups was proposed by Khan et al. in [4]. Furthermore, some investigations on the S-boxes based on chaotic neural networks and hyperchaotic systems are conducted [5], [6]. Altaieb et al. in [7] proposed the construction of an S-box by using the projective general linear group. An efficient approach to assembling S-boxes based on a Latin square is presented by El-Ramly et al. [8]. Wu et al. [9] proposed the construction of S-boxes by Latin square doubly stochastic matrix. Peng et al. [10] developed dynamic S-boxes using a spatiotemporal chaotic system. An S-box construction based on chaos theory is proposed by Wang et al. [11]. Alkhalidi et al. [12] proposed an approach for constructing S-boxes using tangent delay for ellipse chaotic sequence and a particular permutation. The resultant S-boxes showed high resistance against various cryptanalysis attacks. Khan and Azam [13] proposed an algorithm for constructing S-Boxes using affine and power mappings. Meanwhile, Khan and Azam [14] discussed the generation of multiple S-boxes based on group action and Gray code. In a study by Ahmed et al. [15], innovative construction of an S-box based on Gaussian distribution and linear fractional transformation is proposed. Similarly, Khan et al. [16] developed a systematic technique to generate an S-box using a difference distribution table. Meanwhile, Isa et al. [17] established a heuristic method called the bee waggle dance for assembling an S-box. An S-box retrieval system using artificial bee colony and optimization and the chaotic map was introduced by Ahmad et al. [18]. Zahid et al. [19] presented an innovative scheme for constructing an S-box through cubic polynomial mapping. Moreover, Tian et al. [20] suggested a method for an S-box designing based on the intertwining logistic map and bacterial foraging optimization. Furthermore, Shahzad et al. [21] developed an algorithm for designing an S-box using the action of the quotient of the modular group for multimedia security. In addition, Belazi and El-Latif [22] proposed a simple algorithm for constructing an S-box using sine chaotic maps. Furthermore, Musheer et al. [43] proposed an algorithm to assemble an S-box using generalized fusion fractal structure. Elliptic curves (ECs) have recently gained reputable attention in cryptography and are being used to design strong cryptosystems. Some cryptographers have developed algorithms for constructing S-boxes using elliptic curves [23], [24], [25], [26], [27]. Jung et al. [23] constructed S-boxes over hyperelliptic curves. Furthermore, Azam et al. [24], [26] used an elliptic curve over an ordered isomorphic elliptic curve and used typical orderings on a class of Mordell elliptic curves over a finite field and assembled 8×8 S-boxes, respectively. Hayat et al. [25], [27] developed different methods for constructing 8×8 S-boxes using an elliptic curve over prime fields. All these schemes based on elliptic curves can generate at most one S-box either on x or y -coordinates [24], [25], [26], [27].

B. OUR CONTRIBUTION

In this manuscript, we proposed a robust way for constructing S-boxes using Gravesian octonion integers. In general, octonions are non-commutative and non-associative [34], but under certain conditions, they are commutative; we discussed that study throughout this paper. The presented work is developed so that for every valid input, it yields two S-Boxes with strong cryptographic properties, while in [24], [25], [26], and [27], there is no guarantee of establishing S-boxes on both coordinates. The rest of the paper is arranged as follows: Section II comprises some definitions and concepts necessary to understand the article. The newly proposed algorithm for the construction of S-boxes is discussed in Section III. A comprehensive analysis and detailed comparison of the newly established S-boxes with some existing schemes are given in Section IV. The summary of the obtained results is highlighted in Section V.

II. PRELIMINARIES

A. OCTONION INTEGERS

After the discovery of quaternion algebra, Cayley and Graves independently discovered octonion algebra. The octonions $\mathbb{O}(\mathbb{R})$ are an eight-dimensional normed division algebra over \mathbb{R} , a kind of hypercomplex number system, with basis elements $e_0, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_7$ twice as the number of dimensions of quaternion, $\mathbb{O}(\mathbb{R})$ is an extension of quaternion algebra. It is non-commutative and non-associative unital algebra; however, it is power associative. In the basis set e_0 is the unit element so that it can be denoted as 1. Any $h \in \mathbb{O}(\mathbb{R})$ can be written as a linear combination of unit octonions, i.e.,

$$h = h_0 + \sum_{i=1}^7 h_i e_i, \text{ where } h_j \in \mathbb{R} \text{ for } j \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 7\}$$

We may write an octonion h as the sum of its real part $\Re(h)$ and its vector part $\vec{v}(h)$, likewise quaternion and Gaussian integers:

$$h = h_0 + \sum_{i=1}^7 h_i e_i = h_0 + \vec{h} = \Re(h) + \vec{v}(h).$$

An octonion is said to be pure if its real part is 0. i.e., $h = 0 + \vec{h} = 0 + \vec{v}(h)$. Addition and subtraction of any two octonions are done simply by adding and subtracting the coefficients of corresponding elements, likewise, quaternions. However, the multiplication is complex like quaternions and is discussed briefly in the following sub-section.

B. THE PRODUCT OF OCTONIONS

For any two octonions m and n given by, $m = \sum_{i=0}^7 m_i e_i$, $n = \sum_{i=0}^7 n_i e_i$, their product $o = m \cdot n = \sum_{i=0}^7 o_i e_i$. There are two methods for multiplying octonions: by using a table explained later and via matrix multiplication [38]. We have used the table method for multiplying two octonions. Let $(\mathbb{O}, *)$ be the

TABLE 1. Multiplication table of octonions [37].

*	e_0	e_1	e_2	e_3	e_4	e_5	e_6	e_7
e_0	e_0	e_1	e_2	e_3	e_4	e_5	e_6	e_7
e_1	e_1	$-e_0$	e_3	$-e_2$	e_5	$-e_4$	$-e_7$	e_6
e_2	e_2	$-e_3$	$-e_0$	e_1	e_6	e_7	$-e_4$	$-e_5$
e_3	e_3	e_2	$-e_1$	$-e_0$	e_7	$-e_6$	e_5	$-e_4$
e_4	e_4	$-e_5$	$-e_6$	$-e_7$	$-e_0$	e_1	e_2	e_3
e_5	e_5	e_4	$-e_7$	e_6	$-e_1$	$-e_0$	$-e_3$	e_2
e_6	e_6	e_7	e_4	$-e_5$	$-e_2$	e_3	$-e_0$	$-e_1$
e_7	e_7	$-e_6$	e_5	e_4	$-e_3$	$-e_2$	e_1	$-e_0$

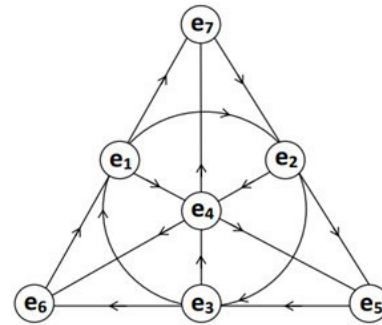


FIGURE 1. Fano plane for the octonion multiplication.

classical real algebra of the octonions with the basis elements $e_0, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_7$ and multiplication table 1:

Where e_0 is the identity element. From the above table, by bilinearity, the multiplication of any two octonions can be attained. The multiplication of the octonions is verified by using an example from [39], i.e., if we have $A = [1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 1 \ 2 \ 1 \ -1]$, and $B = [2 \ -1 \ 1 \ 2 \ 3 \ -4 \ 1 \ 2]$ then, $A \cdot B = [-1 \ -8 \ -3 \ 14 \ -1 \ 2 \ 34 \ -7]$, in the same way, we can multiply any two octonions using multiplication code.

In general, the commutative property of multiplication does not hold for octonion integers; however, commutativity holds if the vector parts of octonion integers are parallel to each other. Defining $\mathbb{O}(\mathbb{K})$ as, $\mathbb{O}(\mathbb{K}) = \{h_0 + h_1(e_1 + e_2 + \dots + e_7) : h_0, h_1 \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ which is a subring of Octavian integers [34], the commutativity property of multiplications holds over $\mathbb{O}(\mathbb{K})$.

In the exhibited Table 1, one can easily observe that:

- 1) e_1, e_2, \dots, e_7 are square roots of $-e_0$ i.e., $e_i^2 = -e_0$ for all $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, 7\}$
- 2) e_i and e_j are noncommutative whenever $i \neq j$, $e_i e_j = -e_j e_i$ where $i, j = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$
- 3) While dealing different e_i and e_j ($i \neq j$), the only non-zero product attain are $e_1 e_2 = e_3, e_1 e_4 = e_5, e_1 e_7 = e_6, e_6 e_2 = e_4, e_5 e_7 = e_2, e_3 e_4 = e_7, e_3 e_7 = e_5$ and their cyclic permutation.

As e_0 is the identity element; thus, Table 1 can be expressed more generally as,

$$e_i e_j = \begin{cases} e_i & \text{if } j = 0 \\ e_j & \text{if } i = 0 \\ \varepsilon_{ijk} \cdot e_k - \delta_{ij} e_0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where δ_{ij} is the Kronecker delta (equal to 1 if and only if $(i = j)$ and ε_{ijk} is a completely antisymmetric tensor with value 1 when $ijk = 123, 145, 176, 246, 257, 347, 365$ and equal zero in the remaining cases [35].

The plane mnemonic totally describes the algebra structure of the octonions and the previous octonion multiplication table. In figure 1, one can see a little gadget with 7 points and 7 lines. The lines are the sides of a triangle, its altitudes, and the circle containing all midpoints of the sides. Each pair of distinct points lie on a unique line. Each line contains three points, and each of these triplets has a cyclic ordering shown by the arrows [36]. Some notations and results related to octonions are presented in the next sub-sections.

C. CONJUGATE AND NORM OF OCTONIONS

For any general element $h \in \mathbb{O}(\mathbb{R})$, $h = h_0 + \sum_{i=1}^7 h_i e_i$ where $h_j \in \mathbb{R}$ for $j \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 7\}$, its conjugate is the octonion $\bar{h} = h_0 - \sum_{i=1}^7 h_i e_i = h_0 - \bar{h} = \Re(h) - \tilde{v}(h)$ and the norm $\mathcal{N}(h)$ is defined as,

$$\mathcal{N}(h) = h \cdot \bar{h} = \bar{h} \cdot h = h_0^2 + h_1^2 + h_2^2 + h_3^2 + h_4^2 + h_5^2 + h_6^2 + h_7^2.$$

Furthermore, for any $m, n \in \mathbb{O}(\mathbb{R})$,

$$\overline{(m + n)} = \bar{m} + \bar{n}, \overline{(m \cdot n)} = \bar{m} \cdot \bar{n}$$

and

$$\mathcal{N}(m \cdot n) = \mathcal{N}(m) \cdot \mathcal{N}(n)$$

this shows that the octonionic norm is multiplicative. In this work, we focus on Gravesian octonion integers $\mathbb{O}(\mathbb{Z})$, the octonions with all coordinates in \mathbb{Z} [34]. Let $\vee = \mathbb{O}(\mathbb{K}) = \{a + bw : a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\} \subset \mathbb{O}(\mathbb{Z})$, where $w = \sum_{i=1}^7 e_i$, the octonion $x \in \mathbb{O}(\mathbb{K})$ is prime if $\mathcal{N}(x)$ is prime in \mathbb{N} . Let $u = c + dw \in \mathbb{O}(\mathbb{K})$; we have $\mathcal{N}(u) = u \cdot \bar{u} = c^2 + 7d^2$. We have successfully extended some of the results of Hamiltonian quaternion integers [40], which are applicable for the above discussed associative and commutative ring \vee where $\vee \subset \mathbb{O}$ (Octavian integers) [34].

Theorem: If $u = a + b \cdot \sum_{i=1}^7 e_i$, where a and b are relatively prime, then $\mathbb{O}(\mathbb{K})/\langle u \rangle$ is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}_{a^2+7b^2}$ where $\mathcal{N}(u) = p = a^2 + 7b^2$ and p is a prime.

Proof: Suppose that a and b are positive integers and relatively prime to each other, and b is relatively prime to $a^2 + 7b^2$, clearly without any loss of generality $a^2 + 7b^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{a^2 + 7b^2}$, $a^2 \equiv -7b^2 \pmod{a^2 + 7b^2}$, $a^2 b^{-2} \equiv -7 \pmod{a^2 + 7b^2}$, $(ab^{-1})^2 \equiv -7 \pmod{a^2 + 7b^2}$, defining $f : \mathbb{O}(\mathbb{K}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{a^2+7b^2}$ by $f(x + y \cdot \sum_{i=1}^7 e_i) = x - (ab^{-1})y \pmod{a^2 + 7b^2}$, clearly, f is surjective and preserve addition.

Let $\alpha_1 = x_1 + y_1 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^7 e_i$, and $\alpha_2 = x_2 + y_2 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^7 e_i$ be in $\mathbb{O}(\mathbb{K})$. Since

$$f(\alpha_1) \cdot f(\alpha_2) = (x_1 - (ab^{-1})y_1) \cdot (x_2 - (ab^{-1})y_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\equiv \left(x_1x_2 + (ab^{-1})^2 y_1y_2 \right) \\
 &\quad - (ab^{-1}) (y_1x_2 + y_2x_1) \\
 &\equiv (x_1x_2 - 7y_1y_2) - (ab^{-1}) (y_1x_2 + y_2x_1) \\
 &= f \left[(x_1x_2 - 7y_1y_2) + (y_1x_2 + y_2x_1) \sum_{i=1}^7 e_i \right] \\
 &= f \left[\left(x_1 + y_1 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^7 e_i \right) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \left(x_2 + y_2 \sum_{i=1}^7 e_i \right) \right] = f (\alpha_1 \cdot \alpha_2)
 \end{aligned}$$

This shows that f also preserves multiplication, however because

$$f \left(a + b \cdot \sum_{i=1}^7 e_i \right) = a - (ab^{-1}) \cdot b \equiv 0$$

This implies,

$$\langle a + b \cdot \sum_{i=1}^7 e_i \rangle \subseteq \text{Ker}(f)$$

where $\langle \cdot \rangle$ denotes the ideal generated by the element $(a + b \cdot \sum_{i=1}^7 e_i)$ and $\text{Ker}(f)$ is the kernel of function f .

Let $c + d \cdot \sum_{i=1}^7 e_i \in \text{Ker}(f)$ and let $c + d \cdot \sum_{i=1}^7 e_i = (a + b \cdot \sum_{i=1}^7 e_i) \cdot (x + y \cdot \sum_{i=1}^7 e_i)$ where x and y are rational numbers, since,

$$f \left(c + d \cdot \sum_{i=1}^7 e_i \right) = c - (ab^{-1}) \cdot d \equiv 0$$

This implies,

$$\begin{aligned}
 bc - ad &\equiv 0 \\
 \left(x + y \sum_{i=1}^7 e_i \right) &= \frac{(c + d \cdot \sum_{i=1}^7 e_i)}{(a + b \cdot \sum_{i=1}^7 e_i)} \\
 &= \frac{(ac + 7bd)}{(a^2 + 7b^2)} + \frac{(ad - bc)}{(a^2 + 7b^2)} \sum_{i=1}^7 e_i
 \end{aligned}$$

This makes y an integer, now multiplying the equation $bc - ad \equiv 0$ by ab yields $ac - (ab^{-1})^2 \cdot bd \equiv 0, \Rightarrow ac - (-7) \cdot bd \equiv 0$, so $ac + 7 \cdot bd \equiv 0$, proving that x is also an integer. Thus, we conclude that $\text{Ker}(f) \subseteq \langle a + b \cdot \sum_{i=1}^7 e_i \rangle$, so this implies that $\text{Ker}(f) = \langle a + b \cdot \sum_{i=1}^7 e_i \rangle$, and hence demonstrated that $\mathbb{O}(\mathbb{K}) / \langle a + b \cdot \sum_{i=1}^7 e_i \rangle$ is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}_{a^2+7b^2}$. Similarly, *observation2* is also an extension from the results of Hamiltonian quaternions, which are applicable for the above-discussed subring \vee of Octavian integers $\mathbb{O}(\mathbb{Z})$.

D. RESIDUE CLASS OF $\mathbb{O}(\mathbb{K})$ MODULO u^k

Let $\mathbb{O}(\mathbb{K})_{u^k}$ be the residue class of $\mathbb{O}(\mathbb{K})$ modulo u^k , where k is any positive integer and u is prime octonion integer. According to modulo function $\mu : \mathbb{O}(\mathbb{K}) \rightarrow \mathbb{O}(\mathbb{K})_{u^k}$ defined by

$$f \mapsto f - \left\lfloor \frac{f \overline{u^k}}{u u^k} \right\rfloor u^k \tag{1}$$

$\mathbb{O}(\mathbb{K})_{u^k}$ is isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_{p^k} , where $p = u \cdot \bar{u}$ and p is an odd prime, u^k can be replaced by $u_1 \cdot u_2 \cdot u_3 \cdots u_k$ in equation (1), where $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_k$ are distinct octonion prime integers. In equation (1), the symbol of $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor$ is rounding to the closest integer. The rounding of octonion can be done by rounding the real part and the coefficients of the vector part separately to the nearest integer.

Observation: Let $u = c + d(e_1 + e_2 + \dots + e_7)$ be a prime in $\mathbb{O}(\mathbb{K})$ and let $p = c^2 + 7d^2$ be prime in \mathbb{Z} . If f is a generator of $\mathbb{O}(\mathbb{K})_{u^2}^*$ then $f^{\phi(p^2)/2} \equiv -1 \pmod{u^2}$ where ϕ denotes the Euler phi function. Similarly, let $u_k = c_k + d_k(e_1 + e_2 + \dots + e_7)$ be distinct primes in $\mathbb{O}(\mathbb{K})$ and let $p_k = c_k^2 + 7d_k^2$ be distinct primes in \mathbb{Z} , where $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m$. If f is a generator of $\mathbb{O}(\mathbb{K})_{u^k}^*$, then $f^{\phi(p^k)/2} \equiv -1 \pmod{u^k}$ and there exists an element h_k in $\mathbb{O}(\mathbb{K})^*$ such that $h_k^{\phi(p_k)} \equiv 1 \pmod{u^k}$.

III. PROPOSED SCHEME FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF S-BOXES

This section presents the algebraic structure and the proposed scheme used to construct the S-boxes. The S-boxes have been generated using the field elements built by a mapping f explained earlier. The detailed steps of the proposed method are described briefly in the steps given below,

Step 1: Select a prime octonion or an octonion $u = a + b \cdot \sum_{i=1}^7 e_i$ such that the coefficients of real and vector parts are relatively prime, i.e., $(a, b) = 1$ and $\mathcal{N}(u) = \text{prime} = p$.

Step 2: Choose a primitive octonion integer $v = 1 + t \cdot \sum_{i=1}^7 e_i$, such that $\mathcal{N}(v) < \mathcal{N}(u)$, taking real part as one yields efficient results in the construction of the field.

Step 3: Construct field \mathcal{G} by using the map $f \mapsto f - \left\lfloor \frac{f \overline{u^k}}{u u^k} \right\rfloor u^k$ which is described briefly in earlier section.

Step 4: Apply mod p on the elements of \mathcal{G} , name the new set of elements as \mathcal{G}^*

Step 5: Calculate the inverses of all elements of \mathcal{G}^* , i.e., if $\alpha, \beta \in \mathcal{G}^*$ and $\alpha \cdot \beta \pmod{u} = [1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0]$.

Step 6: Choose $A = [a\ b\ b\ b\ b\ b\ b\ b]$ such that a and b are relatively prime and B without any condition from \mathcal{G}^* and apply the affine transformation as $AX_i^{-1} + B, \forall X_i \in \mathcal{G}^*$.

Step 7: After that, enforce mod 256 on the results obtained from **step 6** to restrict the values between 0 to 255.

Step 8: Separate the real and vector parts and consider them as x and y coordinates.

Step 9: Apply unique command to get two arrays of random numbers between 0 to 255, then reshape the resulted elements of both coordinates into 16 by 16 matrices (lookup tables),

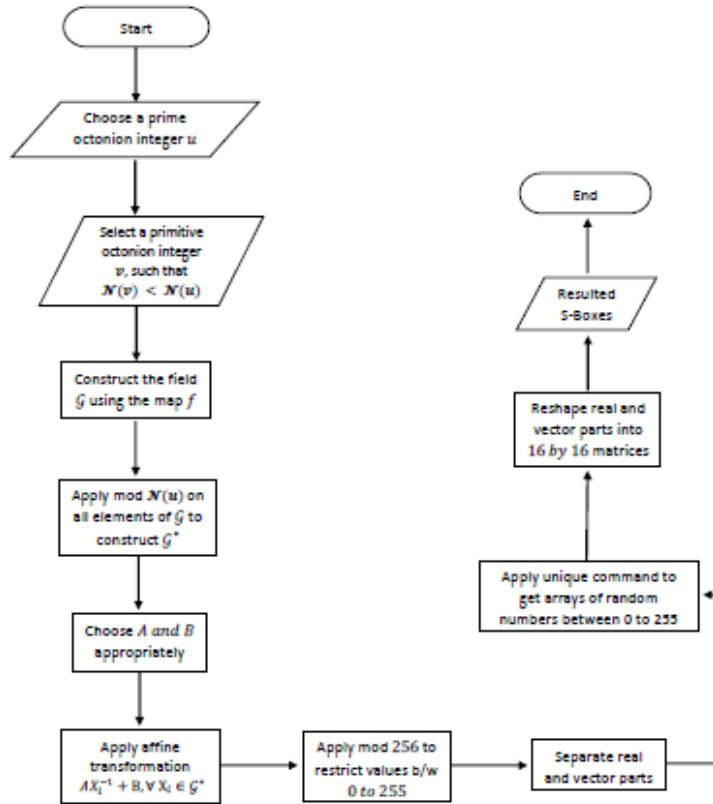


FIGURE 2. Flowchart of the newly proposed algorithm.

TABLE 2. Elements obtained after implementation of the algorithm.

Sr. No.	Elements of G generated by mapping f .	The values G^* after applying mod p on the elements of G .	After implementing affine transformation $AX_i^{-1} + B, \forall X_i \in G^*$ with mod 256.	Separating the real and vector parts as x, y coordinates.
1.	[1 10 10 ... 10]	[1 10 10 ... 10]	[3 157 157 ... 157]	[3 157]
2.	[71 -5 -5 ... -5]	[71 3408 3408 ... 3408]	[212 88 88 ... 88]	[212 88]
3.	[-47 11 11 ... 11]	[3366 11 11 ... 11]	[30 150 150 ... 150]	[30 150]
...
1706.	[-1 0 0 ... 0]	[3412 0 0 ... 0]	[233 223 223 ... 223]	[233 223]
...
3410.	[-60 -9 -9 ... -9]	[3353 3404 3404 ... 3404]	[34 178 178 ... 178]	[34 178]
3411.	[-65 10 10 ... 10]	[3348 10 10 ... 10]	[58 154 154 ... 154]	[58 154]
3412.	[1 0 0 ... 0]	[1 0 0 ... 0]	[96 156 156 ... 156]	[96 156]

TABLE 3. The newly generated S-box $S_{A,B}^{2557}$ by x-coordinate.

166	209	141	177	58	250	85	43	194	60	22	25	188	182	197	71
86	66	246	227	212	163	87	179	117	204	172	193	114	46	152	183
229	225	30	74	153	32	116	253	42	232	249	33	23	123	28	97
195	100	214	91	121	50	203	8	192	223	40	70	127	80	106	90
237	16	95	107	146	52	12	102	164	77	202	6	240	174	201	124
189	251	93	63	128	196	255	131	178	147	208	215	213	1	190	205
184	157	234	75	3	44	67	35	41	170	24	64	47	211	145	14
252	29	109	186	143	51	144	48	161	221	167	210	119	96	176	15
207	39	171	78	137	160	175	84	83	5	134	0	38	133	113	142
230	81	115	222	245	242	49	108	53	241	17	68	129	118	154	61
226	162	120	206	104	65	155	59	92	139	236	158	72	98	156	26
150	238	99	82	79	148	55	69	233	218	180	231	54	73	94	34
198	239	76	13	248	140	88	135	138	45	9	168	235	247	57	219
185	37	220	254	19	132	122	126	228	56	10	165	105	2	159	36
20	173	111	181	103	217	151	4	200	110	244	199	136	27	18	216
31	187	21	224	169	149	130	191	101	7	62	243	125	11	112	89

these are the resulting S-boxes. More generally, the flowchart of the construction of the proposed S-box is presented in figure 2.

TABLE 4. The newly generated S-box $S_{A,B}^{2557}$ by y-coordinate.

26	46	15	198	146	16	101	109	189	124	182	129	4	138	218	246
42	75	10	121	115	136	106	110	244	34	144	94	23	165	19	253
87	148	130	105	70	126	45	21	174	134	50	51	171	89	137	54
177	24	197	209	222	215	196	243	188	72	168	43	48	52	152	214
47	147	63	241	98	68	140	191	163	71	99	254	190	206	74	118
223	100	102	229	175	116	2	159	84	64	160	37	162	235	133	90
80	25	233	73	232	203	170	192	65	5	6	248	184	178	97	119
92	127	193	250	113	108	83	220	219	104	91	39	103	33	176	247
213	255	208	86	149	1	88	120	157	169	216	40	77	41	252	128
142	93	81	210	195	185	236	151	114	207	35	237	28	11	3	125
234	78	76	30	224	82	117	228	53	158	112	32	67	132	57	31
122	242	60	143	225	200	59	194	139	173	58	221	251	14	18	66
211	245	181	226	227	107	141	44	111	212	186	164	202	135	56	249
36	29	231	199	22	12	240	49	61	230	155	96	187	205	17	13
69	239	123	166	154	167	85	217	161	55	172	180	95	62	238	0
27	153	145	8	156	179	150	183	7	201	79	204	9	131	38	20

TABLE 5. The newly generated S-box $S_{A,B}^{3413}$ by x-coordinate.

3	154	122	153	171	205	239	175	229	119	217	31	125	126	139	189
212	51	113	251	210	161	221	156	141	173	1	199	94	58	108	44
30	215	65	159	52	222	57	33	146	124	36	19	242	183	150	168
116	142	110	63	89	69	32	165	74	76	83	114	179	236	96	137
107	195	88	55	245	158	148	23	18	54	103	100	13	99	249	86
167	72	95	218	15	4	254	136	82	133	117	27	17	209	207	204
112	160	80	228	102	128	181	155	73	43	144	163	38	106	64	224
56	140	79	132	7	45	47	151	34	244	230	20	25	169	48	11
186	97	129	2	49	193	170	206	201	123	98	184	131	92	35	111
138	178	231	40	157	68	237	14	216	105	66	62	16	71	67	198
234	26	252	188	87	84	29	253	241	8	240	91	214	135	247	219
5	12	22	59	134	182	121	172	6	61	149	208	255	41	75	9
101	225	162	10	46	85	0	39	246	191	166	77	226	90	143	120
81	197	145	220	227	118	93	152	233	176	190	203	37	187	115	147
177	213	202	28	78	200	109	21	104	127	192	243	24	196	174	194
164	130	211	180	232	250	53	235	70	185	248	238	60	50	42	223

Repeating step 6 by using all the possible distinct values of A, B from G^* yields a large number of distinct and cryptographically strong S-boxes; experimental results reveal that for each appropriate input of A , and B , one can obtain two S-boxes.

TABLE 11. NL of the boolean functions of the proposed s-box.

Boolean function	f_0	f_1	f_2	f_3	f_4	f_5	f_6	f_7
Nonlinearity	106	106	108	108	106	108	106	106

TABLE 12. Detailed nonlinearities of the newly constructed S-boxes.

S-boxes	p	Nonlinearity		
		A, B	Minimum	Maximum
$S_{A,B}^{2557}$	2557	[2537 2555 ... 2555],[10 6 ... 6]	104	108
$S_{A,B}^{3413}$	3413	[3403 3379 ... 3379],[45 3403 ... 3403]	104	110
$S_{A,B}^{3613}$	3613	[17 3603 ... 3603],[3585 3612 ... 3612]	106	108
$S_{A,B}^{3917}$	3917	[13 4 ... 4],[31 7 ... 7]	104	108

TABLE 13. Average NLs on x and y coordinates.

S-boxes	x -coordinate	y -coordinate
$S_{A,B}^{2557}$	106.75	105.25
$S_{A,B}^{3413}$	107.25	104.50
$S_{A,B}^{3613}$	106.75	104.00
$S_{A,B}^{3917}$	105.00	106.75

TABLE 14. BIC-nonlinearity of the proposed s-box.

...	100	106	104	104	106	104	106
100	...	100	106	104	104	100	106
106	100	...	106	98	104	106	106
104	106	106	...	96	104	100	108
104	104	98	96	...	102	102	106
106	104	104	104	102	...	102	106
104	100	106	100	102	102	...	102
106	106	106	108	106	106	102	...

TABLE 15. BIC of the proposed S-boxes.

S-boxes	Minimum	Maximum	Average
$S_{A,B}^{2557}$	0.46094	0.535156	0.50056
$S_{A,B}^{3413}$	0.45117	0.542969	0.50042
$S_{A,B}^{3613}$	0.46289	0.525391	0.50028
$S_{A,B}^{3917}$	0.48242	0.529297	0.50439

TABLE 16. BIC-SAC criterion of the proposed s-box.

...	0.505859	0.494140	0.501953	0.492187	0.490234	0.515625	0.539062
0.505859	...	0.501953	0.511718	0.486328	0.484375	0.492187	0.503906
0.494140	0.501953	...	0.492187	0.529296	0.496093	0.474609	0.505859
0.501953	0.511718	0.492187	...	0.490234	0.496093	0.525390	0.503906
0.492187	0.486328	0.529296	0.490234	...	0.511718	0.478515	0.490234
0.490234	0.484375	0.496093	0.496093	0.511718	...	0.498046	0.488281
0.515625	0.492187	0.474609	0.525390	0.478515	0.498046	...	0.513671
0.539062	0.503906	0.505859	0.503906	0.490234	0.488281	0.513670	...

C. BIT INDEPENDENCE CRITERION

Webster and Tavares were the first who introduced the criterion of bit independence [41], which is used to assess the behaviour of bit patterns at the output. The criterion's primary objective is to evaluate the dependency of a pair of output bits on an inverted input bit. An S-box is considered to have strong diffusion creation capability if all non-diagonal entries of its BIC matrix are closer to 0.5. The BIC of an S-box S over the GF(2^n) with S_i Boolean functions are evaluated by computing an n -dimensional matrix, i.e., $N(S) = [n_{ij}]$, measured as shown in the equation at the bottom of the next page, surely $n_{ii} = 0$.

D. STRICT AVALANCHE CRITERION

The idea of the Strict Avalanche Criterion was firstly presented by Webster and Tavares [41], which calculates the

TABLE 17. SAC of the proposed S-box.

0.515625	0.515625	0.437500	0.515625	0.484375	0.500000	0.546875	0.484375
0.421875	0.421875	0.468750	0.562500	0.453125	0.531250	0.500000	0.562500
0.500000	0.468750	0.484375	0.484375	0.453125	0.406250	0.515625	0.531250
0.531250	0.500000	0.500000	0.453125	0.640625	0.484375	0.515625	0.453125
0.390625	0.468750	0.578125	0.500000	0.500000	0.515625	0.468750	0.437500
0.500000	0.421875	0.421875	0.562500	0.515625	0.515625	0.468750	0.500000
0.500000	0.484375	0.484375	0.500000	0.546875	0.484375	0.468750	0.468750
0.453125	0.515625	0.453125	0.609375	0.500000	0.468750	0.453125	0.562500

TABLE 18. Detailed values of SAC.

S-boxes	Minimum	Maximum	Average	Offset
$S_{A,B}^{2557}$	0.421875	0.609375	0.502441	0.0342
$S_{A,B}^{3413}$	0.421875	0.562500	0.498770	0.0320
$S_{A,B}^{3613}$	0.390625	0.640625	0.493164	0.0352
$S_{A,B}^{3917}$	0.406250	0.593750	0.496582	0.0293

diffusion creation strength of an S-box. It is the measure of change in output bits when a single input bit is altered; all of the output bits vary with a probability of $\frac{1}{2}$. In general, a function $F : \mathbb{F}_2^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_2^n$ is said to fulfill SAC if for a change in an input bit $i \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$, the probability of change in the output bit $j \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ is $\frac{1}{2}$. The offset of the dependence matrix of our proposed S-box is 0.0352, while the minimum, maximum and average values of SAC of the proposed S-box are 0.3906, 0.6406, and 0.4931, respectively. The average value of SAC is much closer to 0.5, which is considered an ideal SAC value.

E. LINEAR APPROXIMATION PROBABILITY

Linear approximation probability configures the strength of an S-box S in terms of resistance against linear attacks. An S-box with a smaller LAP value is considered to have strong properties and vice versa. The LAP of the newly generated S-box $L(S)$ is mathematically expressed as shown in the equation at the bottom of the next page.

The LAP of the proposed S-boxes is 0.125, 0.1563, 0.1328, 0.125, respectively, which are comparatively lesser than those of [24] and [25]. This shows that the presented algorithm can construct robust and cryptographically secure S-boxes that are highly resistant against linear attacks.

F. DIFFERENTIAL APPROXIMATION PROBABILITY

Biham and Shamir [42] figured out the differential cryptanalysis for an S-box based on the imbalance in the input/output XOR distribution. The resistance of an S-box against differential attacks is assessed by measuring its DAP. An S-box with a smaller value of DAP is considered to have the greater capability to resist differential attacks. The results of the Approximation Probabilities are demonstrated in table 19. The DAP of an S-box S is expressed as,

$$DP(S) = n_{ij} = \frac{1}{2^n} [\#\{y \in Y \mid S(y) \oplus S(y \oplus \Delta y) = \Delta z\}]$$

where Δy and Δz are input and output differentials, respectively.

G. RUN TIME TO CONSTRUCT TWO S-BOXES

We used a PC with a processor: Intel® core i-5-6300U CPU @ 2.40 GHz 2.50 GHz, Memory: 8GB (7.89 usable)

TABLE 19. Results of approximation probabilities.

S-boxes	DAP	LAP
$S_{A,B}^{2557}$	0.039062	0.125000
$S_{A,B}^{3413}$	0.046875	0.156250
$S_{A,B}^{3613}$	0.039062	0.132813
$S_{A,B}^{3917}$	0.039062	0.125000

TABLE 20. Time efficiency of the proposed algorithm.

S-box	$S_{A,B}^{2557}$	$S_{A,B}^{3413}$	$S_{A,B}^{3613}$	$S_{A,B}^{3917}$
Time (seconds)	1.05000	1.53981	1.70685	1.95587

and MATLAB version R2021a to run the proposed algorithm for the construction of S-boxes. It has been observed that the algorithm’s run time solely depends on the prime chosen; the larger the prime we take, the more time the algorithm will take for execution. The list of the average computation time in seconds for construction of the S-boxes averaged over ten times can be observed clearly in table 20, from prime 2557 to 3917. The time efficiency of our scheme is much better than the final S-box generation in [48] and lesser than [49].

H. COMPARISON WITH S-BOXES BASED ON ELLIPTIC CURVE AND SOME OTHER SCHEMES

In this section, we compare the strength of the proposed S-boxes with some elliptic curve-based S-boxes constructions schemes by discussing two critical aspects: the S-box generation capacity and the cryptographic properties of both schemes. While designing an S-box generation scheme, ensuring that the algorithm yields distinct S-boxes for every valid input is essential.

In this proposed scheme, whenever one chooses $A = [a \ b \ b \ b \ b \ b \ b \ b]$ such that a and b are relatively prime, a large number of distinct S-boxes resulted regardless of any condition on the selection of B . On the other hand, the results by schemes [24], [25], [26], [27] are uncertain and do not ensure the generation of S-boxes for every given input. Like, in [24] and [27], there is no guarantee of establishing S-boxes on both coordinates x and y . Furthermore, in [24] and [26], Azam et al. constructed S-boxes using y coordinates of the points satisfying the elliptic curve. Similarly, in [25] and [27], Hayat et al. proposed a technique that uses x -coordinates of the points satisfying elliptic curves; in our proposed algorithm, S-boxes obtained on both real and vector parts named as x and y -coordinates, irrespective of

TABLE 21. Comparison of the proposed S-boxes with some existing schemes.

S-box	NL	SAC		BIC		DAP	LAP
		Min	Max	Min	Max		
Ref. [2]	106	0.4218	0.6250	0.4746	0.5015	0.0391	0.1328
Ref. [5]	106	0.4375	0.5938	0.4648	0.5033	0.0391	0.1406
$S_{A,B}^{8,8,N}$	106	0.4062	0.6093	0.4648	0.5009	0.0391	0.1875
$S_{A,B}^{3917,353,16}$ [24]	104	0.4063	0.5938	0.4629	0.5254	0.0391	0.1328
$S_{A,B}^{1193,2950}$ [25]	104	0.4063	0.5938	0.4668	0.5430	0.0391	0.1328
$S_{A,B}^{2266,2155}$ [25]	104	0.4063	0.5938	0.4570	0.5293	0.0391	0.1406
$S_{A,B}^{3413,1}$ [25]	104	0.4063	0.5938	0.4687	0.4988	0.0390	0.1328
$S_{A,B}^{843,669}$ [25]	106	0.3750	0.5937	0.4687	0.4965	0.0391	0.1328
Ref. [26]	104	0.4218	0.5937	0.4687	0.4965	0.0391	0.1328
Ref. [27]	104	0.3900	0.5930	0.4540	0.4990	0.0469	0.1090
Ref. [28]	103	0.4414	0.5703	0.4961	0.5039	0.0391	0.0352
Ref. [29]	106	0.4218	0.5781	0.4726	0.5004	0.0391	0.1328
Ref. [30]	102	0.3750	0.6094	0.4707	0.5215	0.0391	0.1484
Ref. [31]	106	0.4375	0.5937	0.4551	0.5029	0.0391	0.1328
Ref. [32]	106	0.4062	0.5781	0.4589	0.5016	0.0391	0.1328
Ref. [33]	104	0.4060	0.6400	0.4414	0.4993	0.0390	0.1250
Ref. [44]	106	0.4218	0.5781	0.4726	0.5039	0.0390	0.1560
Ref. [45]	104	0.4062	0.5937	0.4609	0.4997	0.0540	0.1406
Ref. [46]	106	0.4062	0.5781	0.4804	0.5038	0.0391	0.1250
Ref. [47]	104	0.4219	0.6094	0.4609	0.5352	0.0391	0.1250
$S_{A,B}^{2557}$	104	0.4219	0.5625	0.4512	0.5429	0.0469	0.1562
$S_{A,B}^{3413}$	106	0.3906	0.6406	0.4629	0.5254	0.0391	0.1328
$S_{A,B}^{3613}$	104	0.4063	0.5937	0.4824	0.5293	0.0391	0.1250
$S_{A,B}^{3917}$	104	0.4063	0.5937	0.4824	0.5293	0.0391	0.1250

having good results from either x or y -coordinates. Results have revealed that both ends can generate S-boxes having sufficiently strong cryptographic characteristics at one time. Lastly, as we targeted similar parameters, specific primes from [24], [25], [26], and [27], for a thorough comparison, i.e., 2557, 3413, 3613, and 3917, it has been revealed that the nonlinearity of the proposed S-box is comparable with [24], [25], [26], [27], [28], [29], [30], [31], [32], [33], and [47]. The minimum nonlinearity of $S_{A,B}^{2557}$, $S_{A,B}^{3413}$, $S_{A,B}^{3613}$, $S_{A,B}^{3917}$ are 104, 104, 106, 104 respectively, while on the other side with the same primes, the NLs in [24], [25], [26], [27], and [47] are 106, 104, 106, 104, 106 respectively, which are almost similar to the proposed S-box. In addition, the cryptographic properties of proposed S-boxes are better.

Furthermore, we also compared the properties of newly established S-boxes with some already existing schemes [28], [29], [30], [31], [32], [33], [44], [45], [46], [47] in table 21. The proposed S-boxes are capable of creating better confusion likewise other schemes. This shows that the proposed scheme can produce up-to-level confusion along with the existing techniques based explicitly on elliptic curves and others.

V. CONCLUSION

In this work, a robust technique for constructing a large number of distinct and dynamic S-boxes is presented; the

$$n_{ij} = \frac{1}{2^n} \left[\sum_{\substack{x \in GF(2^n) \\ 1 \leq k \leq 8}} w(S_i(x \oplus \alpha_j) \oplus S_i(x) \oplus S_k(x + \alpha_j) \oplus S_k(x)) \right]$$

$$L = \frac{1}{2^8} \left\{ \max_{\beta, \eta} \left\{ \text{abs} \left(\left| \{y \in GF(2^8) \mid \beta \cdot y = \eta \cdot S(y)\} \right| - 2^7 \right) \right\} \right\}$$

proposed work is developed to generate two S-boxes for each valid input. The proposed scheme solely depends upon selecting prime octonion u , primitive octonion v , A and B . By changing these parameters, several dynamic and secure S-boxes can be obtained, which can be used efficiently in various cryptosystems, including symmetric and asymmetric ciphers for encryption purposes.

In addition, the strength of the proposed S-boxes is assessed by applying various security analyses. Furthermore, a detailed comparison of the newly constructed S-boxes with elliptic curve-based and some existing S-boxes is conducted. The computational results and performance analysis reveal that the proposed algorithm is capable of generating a large number of distinct dynamic S-boxes that are cryptographically strong against various attacks and are helpful for secure data communication purposes.

The understudy work is based on commutative Gravesian octonion integers; for future research, one can work on its non-commutative side that will yield eight S-boxes against a single input. Furthermore, the work can be extended to sedenions; 16-dimensional algebra, which is non-associative and non-commutative. More secure and dynamic S-boxes can be produced by working in these directions.

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