



Cryptography

3. Symmetric Encryption Schemes

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Plan

1. Strategy 1: Stream Cipher
2. Strategy 2: Block Cipher
3. Block Cipher modes

Introduction

Problem with One-Time-Pad:

- ▶ KPA, CPA or CCA attacker models: the attacker can recover the key with only one pair plaintext/ciphertext.
- ▶ But we want to reuse the key so as not to have to renew the key for each exchange.

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Stream Cipher: Examples

- ▶ **A5/1**: Published in 1994 and broken few years later. It is used in the mobile phone network of type GSM, in particular for the radio communication between the phone and the relay antenna. Even if A5/1 has been completely broken, it is still very used in Europe and Africa. It uses 3 LFSR. The cipher key is of size 64 bits (but only 54 bits are non-zero in GSM).
- ▶ **RC4**: Designed by Ronald Rivest (very famous cryptologist) in 1987. RC4 is the most used stream cipher to date. It is in particular used in the WEP, WPA, TLS... The size of the cipher key can be between 8 and 2048 bits.
- ▶ **Py**: More secure and efficient than RC4. The size of the cipher key is at most 256 bits.
- ▶ **E0**: It is in particular used in the Bluetooth protocol. It uses 4 LFSR. The size of the cipher key is 128 bits (but it is actually arbitrary).

Stream Cipher: LFSR

Mathematical recall. The **Finite field** (or **Galois Field**) \mathbb{F}_2 (or $GF(2)$) is the set $\{0, 1\}$ equipped with the following operation:

- ▶ $+$: the addition modulo 2
- ▶ \times : the multiplication modulo 2

Stream Cipher: LFSR (definition)

Definition (Linear Feedback Shift Register)

An **LFSR** of length n is made of:

- ▶ an **initial state**: $\vec{r}_0 := (r_{n-1}, r_{n-2}, \dots, r_1, r_0) \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$
- ▶ a **feedback polynomial**: $P(X) := 1 + c_1X + c_2X^2 + \dots + c_nX^n \in \mathbb{F}_2[X]_{\leq n}$

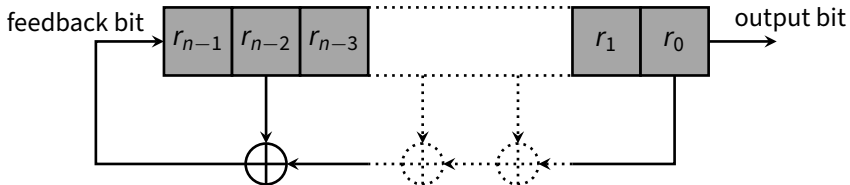
The sequence of registers $(\vec{r}_t)_{t \geq 0}$ is computed recursively: for each instant $t \geq 0$, $\vec{r}_{t+1} := (r_{t+n}, r_{t+n-1}, \dots, r_{t+2}, r_{t+1}) \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$ where

$$r_{t+n} := \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \times r_{t+n-i}$$

The cipher string is $(r_t)_{t \geq 0} := (r_0, r_1, \dots, r_t, \dots)$

Stream Cipher: LFSR (graphical representation)

The LFSR are very easy to implement, in particular thanks to a representation of them which uses **logical circuit**:



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The value of the register of an LFSR is in \mathbb{F}_2^n which is of cardinality 2^n .

So the number of value that can take the register is **finite...**

Theorem (period of an LFSR)

The maximal period of an LFSR is $2^n - 1$.

Moreover, if the feedback polynomial is of degree n and irreducible, then the LFSR achieves the maximal period $2^n - 1$ for any non-zero initial register.

Proof. It is the maximal number of different registers we can have. The second part of the theorem is admit.

Stream Cipher: LFSR (attack)

Berlekamp-Massey



The **Berlekamp-Massey algorithm** can find the feedback polynomial by only knowing $2n$ bits of the cipher string.

Proof. It essentially consists in solving a linear system of n equations and n unknowns (see exercise sheet).

Consequences. Attacks in the KPA, CPA, CCA models or even any attacker models where one pair plaintext/ciphertext is known.

Stream Cipher: LFSR (A5/1)

A5/1 is a standard encryption of the **GSM**. Even if it is **broken** today, it is still used in particular in Europe and Africa.

A5/1 combines the output of 3 LFSRs \mathcal{L}_1 , \mathcal{L}_2 and \mathcal{L}_3 having respectively the following feedback polynomials:

$$P_1 = 1 + X^{14} + X^{17} + X^{18} + X^{19}$$

$$P_2 = 1 + X^{21} + X^{22}$$

$$P_3 = 1 + X^8 + X^{21} + X^{22} + X^{23}$$

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The LFSRs are not incremented synchronously... One bit per register is used to know if a LFSR has to be incremented or not at an instant t .

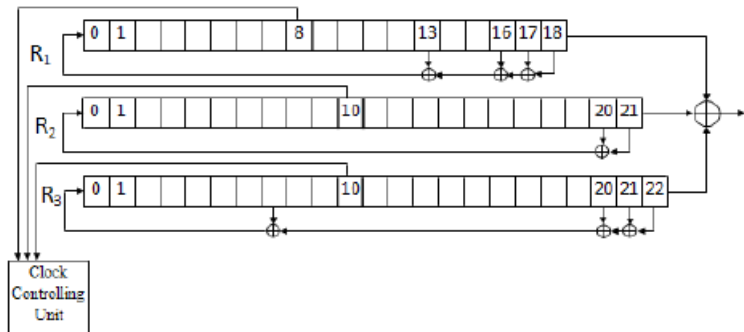
Those bits are called *clock bits* and are:

- ▶ h_1 : the 9th bit of the register of \mathcal{L}_1 ;
- ▶ h_2 : the 11th bit of the register of \mathcal{L}_2 ;
- ▶ h_3 : the 11th bit of the register of \mathcal{L}_3 ;

$$\text{majority}(h_1, h_2, h_3) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } h_1 + h_2 + h_3 \geq 2 \\ 0 & \text{if } h_1 + h_2 + h_3 < 2 \end{cases}$$

If $h_i = \text{majority}(h_1, h_2, h_3)$, then the register of \mathcal{L}_i will be updated at the next instant. Otherwise, it is unchanged.

Stream Cipher: LFSR (A5/1)



Exercise

Exercise sheet on stream cipher

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- ▶ A message of **fixed size** is encrypted.
- ▶ If the message to encrypt is longer than the size of the encryption scheme, then the encryption is **repeated as often as necessary**.
- ▶ If the size of the message is not a multiple of the size of the encryption scheme, then a **padding** is added at the end of the message. It is usually a random string or a zero string.

Advantages.

- Blocks can be addressed in parallel and in no particular order.
- It is easier to make the ciphertext dependent on the plaintext.

Block Cipher: Highly non-linear functions

Let an encryption scheme with blocksize n bits.

In a very abstract way, we have:

$$\mathbf{c} = S_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{m})$$

where

- ▶ $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$ is the plaintext
- ▶ $\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$ is the ciphertext
- ▶ $S_{\mathbf{k}} : \mathbb{F}_2^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_2^n$ is a function which is parameterized by $\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{F}_2^t$

The whole question is how to design the function $S_{\mathbf{k}}$ with as little (mathematical) structure as possible?

Block Cipher: Highly non-linear functions

Recall.

Definition (linear function)

The function $S_{\mathbf{k}} : \mathbb{F}_2^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_2^n$ is **linear** if and only if for all messages $\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_2 \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$ and any scalar $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}_2$:

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Definition (non-linear function)

A function is non-linear if and only if it is not linear.

A function $S_{\mathbf{k}} : \mathbb{F}_2^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_2^n$ is **Highly non-linear** if for *most* messages $\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_2 \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$ and *most* scalars $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}_2$:

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Block Cipher: Highly non-linear functions

A Highly non-linear function must verify the two following principles:

- ▶ **Confusion:** The output must be very different from the input.
More formally, $M + S_{\mathbf{k}}(M)$ must be distributed uniformly at random in \mathbb{F}_2^n if M is the uniform distribution over \mathbb{F}_2^n .
- ▶ **Diffusion:** The output must depend on every bits of the input.
That is, $S_{\mathbf{k}}(M) + S_{\mathbf{k}}(M + U)$ must be distributed uniformly at random in \mathbb{F}_2^n if M is the uniform distribution over \mathbb{F}_2^n and U is the uniform distribution on the sphere $\{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}_2^n : |\mathbf{x}| = 1\}$.

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- ▶ Change the key is tedious... We would like to be able to change the key easily. Here, we need to generate a shuffled table of 2^n entries each time we want to change the key.

Block Cipher: Highly non-linear functions

How to design a highly non-linear function in practical?

1. Using a key $\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$, we build a highly non-linear function:

$$S_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{m}) := S(\mathbf{m} + \mathbf{k})$$

where S is a fixed highly non-linear function which doesn't depend on \mathbf{k} . S is called **Substitution Box**.

2. We combine several small substitution boxes using **Permutations** (non-linear functions).
3. We iterate 1. and 2. several times. One iteration is called **Round**.

Remark



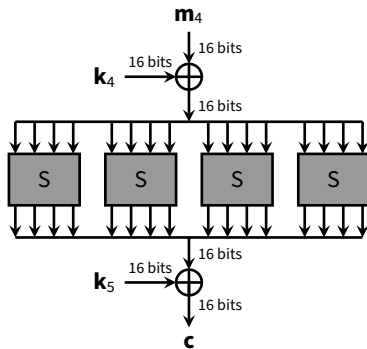
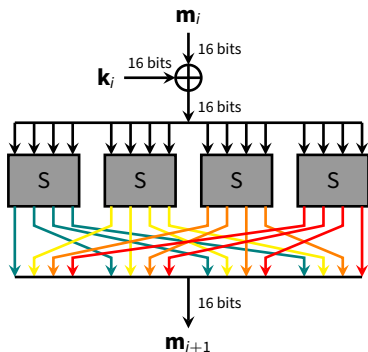
- 1. and 3. \implies Confusion
- 2. and 3. \implies Diffusion

Block Cipher: Highly non-linear functions (Exercise)

Let S be a substitution box in \mathbb{F}_2^4 :

x	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
$S(x)$	1	3	5	7	9	B	D	F	0	2	4	6	8	A	C	E

$\forall i \in \{1, \dots, 3\}$ and with $\mathbf{m}_1 := \mathbf{m}$:



Exercise

Exercise sheet on linear and differential cryptanalysis

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We consider here a plaintext $\mathbf{m} := \mathbf{m}_1 || \mathbf{m}_2$ of length $2n$ bits ($len(\mathbf{m}_1) = len(\mathbf{m}_2) = n$).

We compute the ciphertext $\mathbf{c} := \mathbf{c}_1 || \mathbf{c}_2$ such that:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{c}_1 &= \mathbf{m}_2 \\ \mathbf{c}_2 &= F(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{m}_2) + \mathbf{m}_1\end{aligned}$$

Then we repeat the operation for several rounds.

Block Cipher: Feistel Scheme (more formally)

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We compute recursively the series $(\mathbf{c}^{(i)})_{i=0..N}$ where N is the number of rounds:

- ▶ **Initialization.** $\mathbf{c}^{(0)} := \mathbf{c}_1^{(0)} \parallel \mathbf{c}_2^{(0)} := \mathbf{m}_1 \parallel \mathbf{m}_2$
- ▶ **Induction.** $\forall i \in \{1, \dots, N-1\}, \mathbf{c}^{(i+1)} := \mathbf{c}_1^{(i+1)} \parallel \mathbf{c}_2^{(i+1)}$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{c}_1^{(i+1)} &= \mathbf{c}_2^{(i)} \\ \mathbf{c}_2^{(i+1)} &= F(\mathbf{k}_i, \mathbf{c}_2^{(i)}) + \mathbf{c}_1^{(i)}\end{aligned}$$

The ciphertext is then $\mathbf{c}^{(N)}$.

Block Cipher: Feistel Scheme

Remark



The various **partial keys** \mathbf{k}_i are generated by deriving a **main key** \mathbf{k} using a **Pseudo Random Generator**.

Theorem (Decryption with a Feistel Scheme)

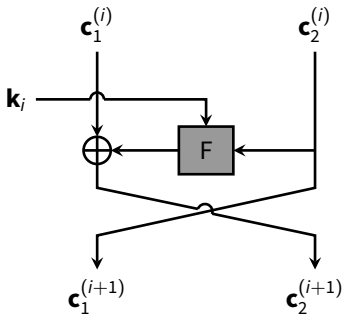
To decipher a ciphertext that has been encrypted with a Feistel Scheme, one only has to apply the same Feistel Scheme by inverting the order of using the partial keys:

$$\mathbf{k}'_i = \mathbf{k}_{N-i}$$

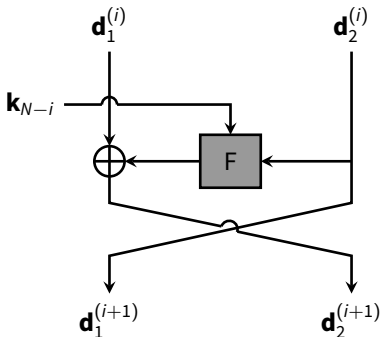
where the \mathbf{k}'_i are the partial decipher keys.

Block Cipher: Feistel Scheme (more graphically)

Encryption:



Decryption:



where $\mathbf{c}_1^{(0)} \parallel \mathbf{c}_2^{(0)} := \mathbf{d}_1^{(N)} \parallel \mathbf{d}_2^{(N)} := \mathbf{m}$

and $\mathbf{c}_1^{(N)} \parallel \mathbf{c}_2^{(N)} := \mathbf{d}_1^{(0)} \parallel \mathbf{d}_2^{(0)} := \mathbf{c}$

DES: Data Encryption Standard

See the document [DES.pdf](#)

AES: Advanced Encryption Standard

- ▶ It encrypts a **128-bits plaintext** into a **128-bits ciphertext**
- ▶ The size of the **main key** can be **128 bits, 192 bits or 256 bits**

Size of the main key & number of rounds

The size of the key is relied to the number of rounds to achieve:



128 bits \longleftrightarrow 11 rounds

192 bits \longleftrightarrow 13 rounds

256 bits \longleftrightarrow 15 rounds

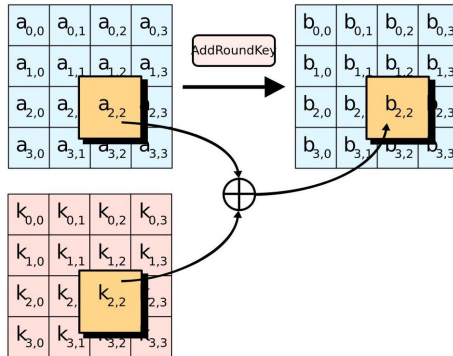
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High level description of the encryption algorithm:

1. KeyExpansion
2. AddRoundKey
3. repeat 9, 11 or 13 times:
 4. SubBytes
 5. ShiftRows
 6. MixColumns
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10. AddRoundKey

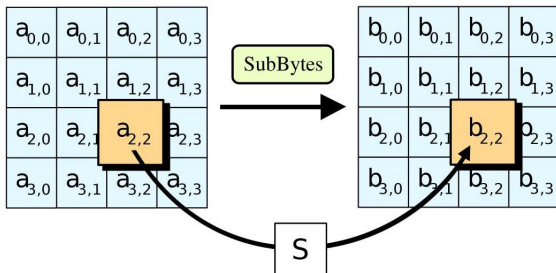
AES: AddRoundKey

In the AddRoundKey step, each byte of the state is combined with a byte of the round subkey using the XOR operation.



AES: SubBytes

In the SubBytes step, each byte in the state is replaced with its entry in a fixed 8-bit lookup table S ; $b_{i,j} = S(a_{i,j})$.



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AES: SubBytes (AES-S-Box)

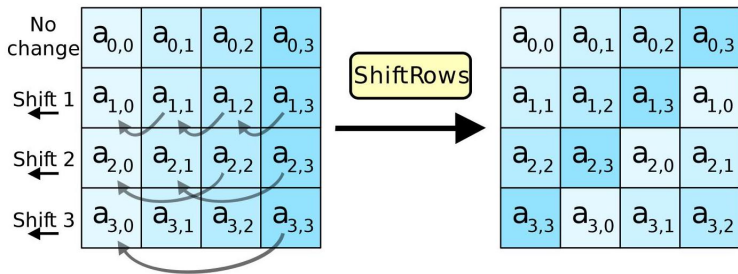
The S function is computed thanks to the following table. The column is determined by the least significant nibble, and the row by the most significant nibble. For example, the value $0x9A$ is converted into $0xB8$.

	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	0a	0b	0c	0d	0e	0f
00	63	7c	77	7b	f2	6b	6f	c5	30	01	67	2b	fe	d7	ab	76
10	ca	82	c9	7d	fa	59	47	f0	ad	d4	a2	af	9c	a4	72	c0
20	b7	fd	93	26	36	3f	f7	cc	34	a5	e5	f1	71	d8	31	15
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40	09	83	2c	1a	1b	6e	5a	a0	52	3b	d6	b3	29	e3	2f	84
50	53	d1	00	ed	20	fc	b1	5b	6a	cb	be	39	4a	4c	58	cf
60	d0	ef	aa	fb	43	4d	33	85	45	f9	02	7f	50	3c	9f	a8
70	51	a3	40	8f	92	9d	38	f5	bc	b6	da	21	10	ff	f3	d2
80	cd	0c	13	ec	5f	97	44	17	c4	a7	7e	3d	64	5d	19	73
90	60	81	4f	dc	22	2a	90	88	46	ee	b8	14	de	5e	0b	db
a0	e0	32	3a	0a	49	06	24	5c	c2	d3	ac	62	91	95	e4	79
b0	e7	c8	37	6d	8d	d5	4e	a9	6c	56	f4	ea	65	7a	ae	08
c0	ba	78	25	2e	1c	a6	b4	c6	e8	dd	74	1f	4b	bd	8b	8a
d0	70	3e	b5	66	48	03	f6	0e	61	35	57	b9	86	c1	1d	9e
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AES: ShiftRows

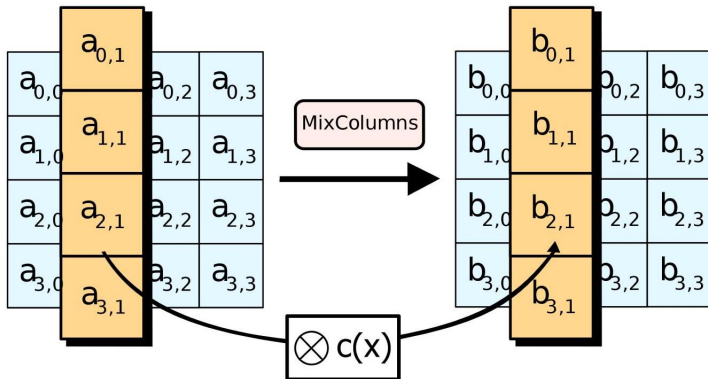
In the ShiftRows step, bytes in each row of the state are shifted cyclically to the left. The number of places each byte is shifted differs incrementally for each row.



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AES: MixColumns

In the MixColumns step, each column of the state is multiplied with a fixed polynomial $c(x)$.



AES: MixColumns (more details)

Here, operations are made in $\mathbb{F}_{2^8}[Z]$

where \mathbb{F}_{2^8} is viewed as $\mathbb{F}_2[X]/(X^8 + X^4 + X^3 + X + 1)$

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$$b_{0,j} + b_{1,j}Z + b_{2,j}Z^2 + b_{3,j}Z^3 \\ := (a_{0,j} + a_{1,j}Z + a_{2,j}Z^2 + a_{3,j}Z^3) \times c(Z) \pmod{(Z^4 + 1)}$$

where

$$c(Z) := 3Z^3 + Z^2 + Z + 2$$

AES: KeyExpansion

- ▶ N : the length of the key in 32-bit words: 4 words for AES-128, 6 words for AES-192, and 8 words for AES-256
- ▶ R : the number of round keys needed: 11 round keys for AES-128, 13 keys for AES-192, and 15 keys for AES-256
- ▶ K_0, K_1, \dots, K_{N-1} : the 32-bit words of the original key
- ▶ $W_0, W_1, \dots, W_{4R-1}$: the 32-bit words of the expanded key

AES: KeyExpansion

- ▶ *RotWord*: a one-byte left circular shift

$$\text{RotWord}([b_0, b_1, b_2, b_3]) = [b_1, b_2, b_3, b_0]$$

- ▶ *SubWord*: an application of the AES S-box to each of the four bytes of the word

$$\text{SubWord}([b_0, b_1, b_2, b_3]) = [S(b_0), S(b_1), S(b_2), S(b_3)]$$

- ▶ *rcon_i*: for each $i \in \{1, \dots, 10\}$, it is a 32-bits constant word defined as

<i>i</i>	1	2	3	4	5	
<i>rcon_i</i>	0x01000000	0x02000000	0x04000000	0x08000000	0x10000000	
	6	7	8	9	10	
	0x20000000	0x40000000	0x80000000	0x1B000000	0x36000000	

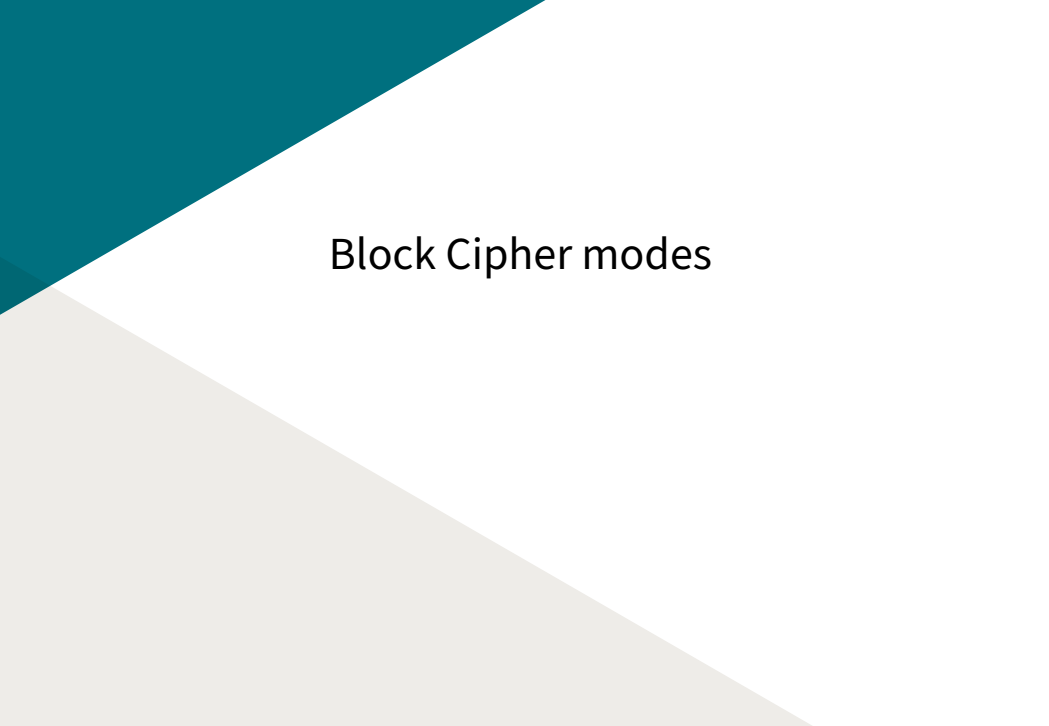
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For all $i \in \{0, \dots, 4R - 1\}$:

$$W_i := \begin{cases} K_i & \text{if } i < N \\ W_{i-N} \oplus \text{SubWord}(\text{RotWord}(W_{i-1})) \oplus \text{rcon}_i & \text{if } i \geq N \text{ and } i \equiv 0 \pmod{N} \\ W_{i-N} \oplus \text{SubWord}(W_{i-1}) & \text{if } i \geq N > 6 \text{ and } i \equiv 4 \pmod{N} \\ W_{i-N} \oplus W_{i-1} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

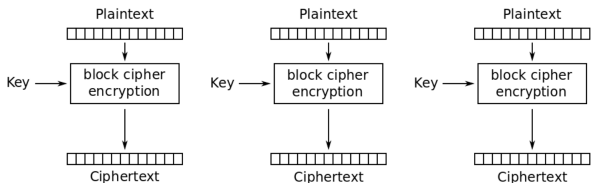
AES (Exercise)

1. Is AES a Feistel's network? Describe the decryption algorithm.
2. In AddRoundKey, what are exactly the $k_{i,j}$ bytes? Why do we need to expand the key into $4R - 1$ words of 32 bits ?
3. What guarantees confusion principle? Justify.
4. What guarantees diffusion principle? Justify.
5. What is a cost of a brute force attack on AES-128? on AES-256?

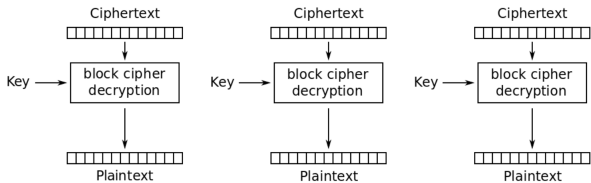
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Block Cipher modes

Block Cipher modes: ECB



Electronic Codebook (ECB) mode encryption



Electronic Codebook (ECB) mode decryption

Block Cipher modes: ECB

- ▶ The plaintext is divided into blocks that are encrypted separately.
- ▶ **Lack of diffusion.**
- ▶ **two same blocks** are encrypted **identically.**
- ▶ **not recommended.**

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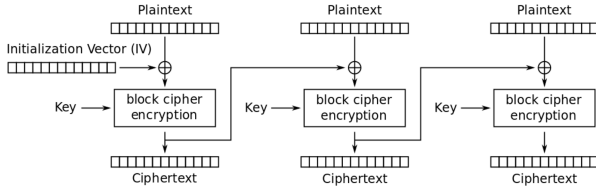
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AES-128 (ECB mode):

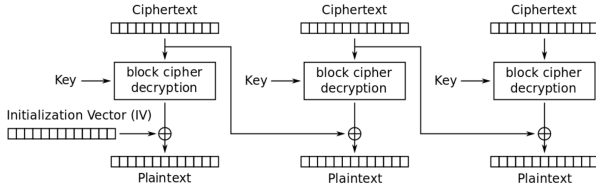


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Block Cipher modes: CBC



Cipher Block Chaining (CBC) mode encryption



Cipher Block Chaining (CBC) mode decryption

Block Cipher modes: CBC

- ▶ Fixes the lack of diffusion problem.
- ▶ **Encryption cannot be parallelized**
- ▶ **Decryption can be parallelized**

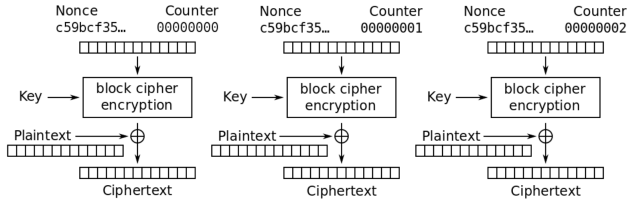
Attack on the IV



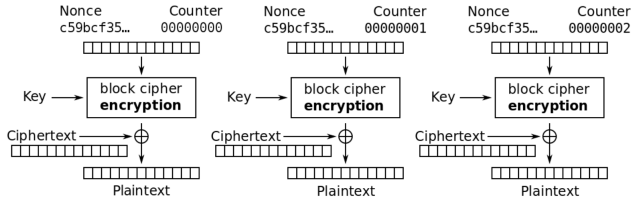
The **Initialization Vector** must be **random**, **secret** and it **must not be reused** with the same key.

Exercise. Build the attack on the IV.

Block Cipher modes: CTR



Counter (CTR) mode encryption



Counter (CTR) mode decryption

Block Cipher modes: comparison

Type	Algorithm	Key size (bits)	Speed (without materiel)	Speed (with materiel)	Advantages	Disadvantages
Block	AES-GCM	128-192-256	~ 100 Mo/s (integrity included)	~ 2 000 Mo/s (integrity included)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fast Parallelizable Authentication encryption (AEAD) No padding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not reuse a counter
Block	AES-CBC	128-192-256	~ 120 Mo/s	~ 2 700 Mo/s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parallelizable Decryption Errors Propagation (for Message Authentication Code) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encryption cannot be parallelized unique and secret IV Padding
Block	AES-CTR	128-192-256	~ 150 Mo/s	~ 3 000 Mo/s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fast Parallelizable No padding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No integrity Do not reuse a counter
Stream	Salsa20 or ChaCha	128-256	~ 700 Mo/s	~ 700 Mo/s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very fast without material support No padding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not reuse a nonce Malleable

Exercise

Exercise sheet on block cipher