

# Cryptography

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# Roadmap

- Introduction
- Symmetric Ciphers
- Hash Functions
- Message Authentication Codes
- Asymmetric Ciphers
- Digital Signatures
- Homomorphic Ciphers

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# Cryptography: terminology

- Cryptography
  - Art or science of writing in a concealed form
    - from Greek: *kryptós*, hidden + *graph*, r. de *graphein*, write
  - Used to assure confidentiality of data (until the 1970s)
  - Steganography
    - from Greek: *steganós*, covered + *graph*, r. de *graphein*, write
- Cryptanalysis
  - The art or science of breaking cryptographic systems or ciphered data
- Cryptology
  - Cryptography + Cryptanalysis

# Cryptography

- Widespread and dangerous belief:
  - Encrypting everything provides protection against anything
- A simple example to prove the contrary:
  - Money transfer from one bank to the other
    - The bank encrypts the whole message
  - The attacker:
    - Might not be able to understand the message! (or would he?)
    - But he might be able to:
      - Divert the message into his account (maybe not!)
    - Could get rich by:
      - Diverting or stopping debit messages
      - Allow the passage of all credit messages
      - He might be able to distinguish the two merely by looking at their size
    - Crash the bank by:
      - Injecting random messages

# Information

- Unlike mass or energy, information (and data) is non-conservative
  - It can be created
  - It can be destroyed
  - It can be duplicated
- This is the root of most security issues
  - e.g., we cannot infer that it has not been stolen merely because we still have it!
- Conclusion: we need more than just encryption

# Attacks on information

- We want to protect the information (or data) against:
  - Unauthorized insertion of information
    - Loss of authenticity
  - Unauthorized modification of information in transit
    - Loss of integrity
  - Unauthorized replay of information
    - From an earlier legitimate data transmission
    - Loss of authenticity
  - Unauthorized access to information
    - Loss of confidentiality
- Which cryptographic services can we use to prevent this?

# Cryptographic services

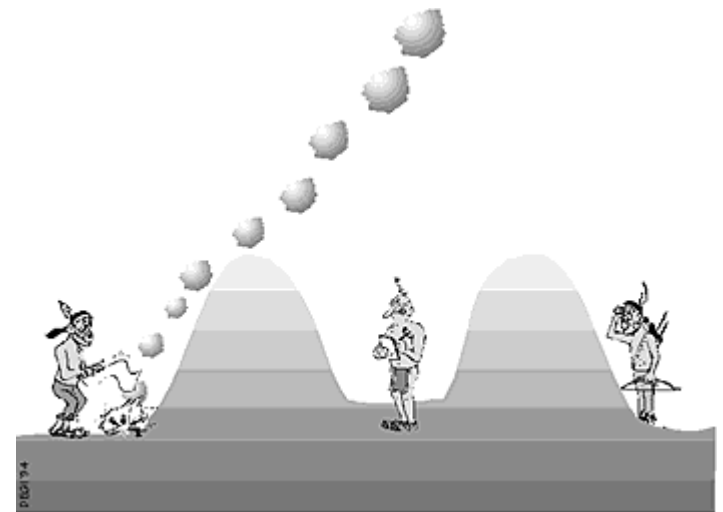
- We need the following cryptographic services
  - Confidentiality
  - Data Integrity
  - Authentication
    - Data origin authentication
    - Entity authentication
      - Identification
      - Authorization
  - Non-Repudiation





# Confidentiality

- Confidentiality:
  - Is a service used to keep the content of the information from all, but those entities authorized to have it
    - i.e. making the information unintelligible to all but those who possess some secret.
  - Typically operates by encryption:
    - Encryption: the process of converting plaintext to ciphertext
      - Using:
        - » Cryptographic algorithms
        - » Cryptographic key



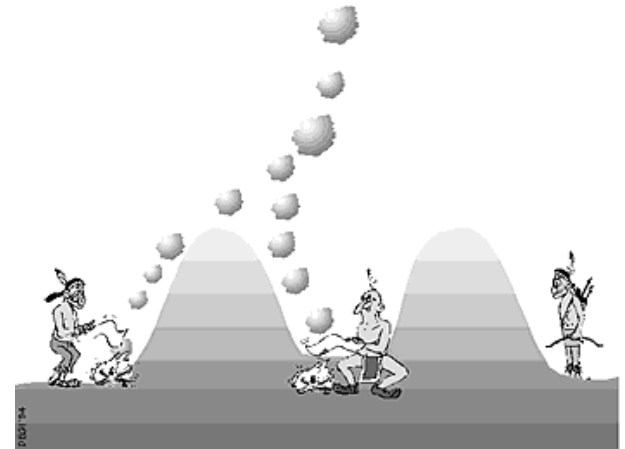
# Confidentiality

- Problems:
  - Makes debugging harder
    - Software
    - Systems
    - Protocols
  - Information loss
    - If the key is permanently lost, so is the information
  - Sometimes misused
    - Other, more appropriate, services can be used



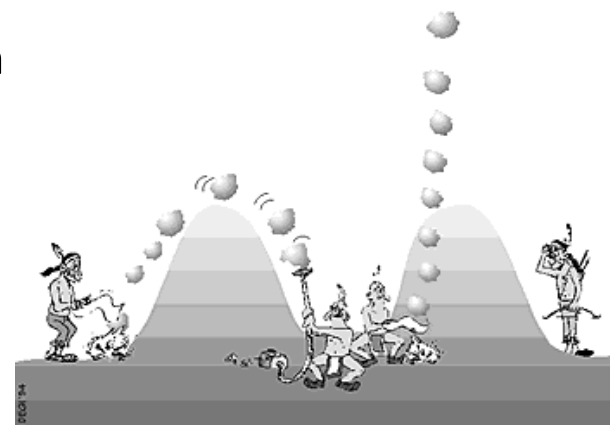
# Data Integrity

- Data integrity:
  - Addresses the unauthorized modification of data
    - Detects data manipulation by unauthorized entities
    - An intruder should not be able to substitute a false message for a legitimate one
  - Not the same thing as error detection codes
    - E.g. Cyclic Redundancy Codes (CRC)
      - Are not cryptographically strong
        - » do not protect against intentional alterations of the message



# Authentication

- Authentication of messages:
  - Authentication includes Integrity and Freshness
  - It is a service used to ascertain the identity or the origin of a message:
    - Guaranties that entities are who they claim to be
      - Data origin authentication
      - Entity authentication (Identification)
    - An intruder should not be able to masquerade as someone else
  - Authentication  $\neq$  secrecy
    - Until mid 1970's secrecy and authentication intrinsically connected
      - Related with the misconception that:
        - » encrypting everything achieves all goals



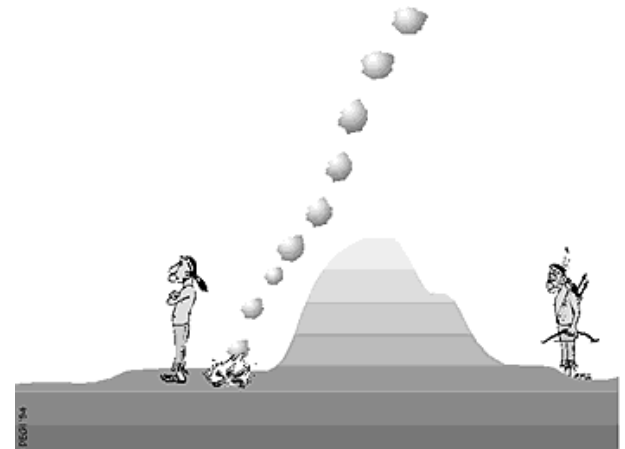
# Authentication

- Entity authentication (aka Identification):
  - Applies to real time message exchange
  - If Alice authenticates herself to Bob, then Bob accepts Alice's identity
  - Must be infeasible for a third party to impersonate Alice
  - All these features remain true even after a large number of honest exchanges between Alice and Bob
- Data origin authentication:
  - identify the originator/creator of the message



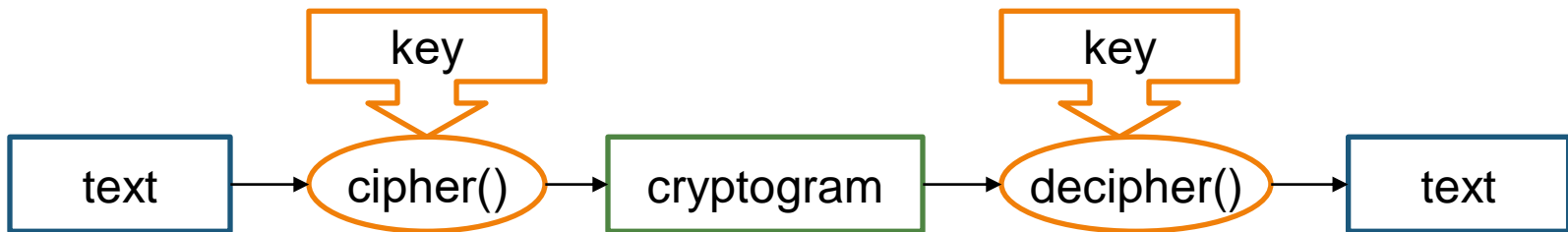
# Non-Repudiation

- Non-Repudiation:
  - It is a service which prevents an entity from denying previous commitments or actions
    - Such as:
      - a sent message
      - a signed document
      - ...



# Ciphers: terminology

- Cipher
  - Specific cryptographic technique
- Cipher Procedure
  - Cipher: plaintext  $\rightarrow$  cryptogram (aka ciphertext)
  - Decipher: cryptogram  $\rightarrow$  plaintext
  - Algorithm: data transformation procedure
  - Key: algorithm parameter



# Cryptanalysis

## what cryptography has to protect from

- Basic assumption: the algorithm is known
  - If not public, might be obtained (e.g., stolen)
- Attacks:
  - **Ciphertext-only**: cryptanalyst has access to ciphertexts
    - Without them, no cryptanalysis is possible
  - **Known-plaintext**: cryptanalyst has a set of ciphertexts to which he knows the corresponding plaintext
    - Often easy to get at least partial plaintext, e.g., message beginning
  - **Chosen-plaintext**: cryptanalyst can obtain the ciphertexts corresponding to plaintexts of his choice; or:
    - **Chosen-ciphertext**: cryptanalyst can obtain the plaintexts corresponding to ciphertexts of his choice

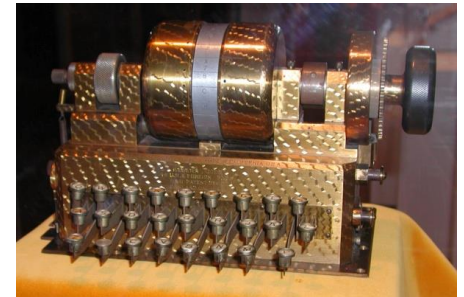
less probable and easier





# Old (broken) ciphers

- Caesar cipher
  - Shift by 3
- Substitution cipher
  - A -> C
  - ...
- Vigenere cipher (1500s)
  - + mod 26
- Rotor machines (1870-1943)
  - Single rotor: Hebern
  - 3-5 rotors: Enigma
- DES (Digital Encryption Standard) - 1974
  - 56 bits key, 64 bits block



Hebern machine



Enigma machine

# Modern cipher types

- Regarding the procedure
  - Stream
  - Block
- Regarding the type of key
  - Symmetric (secret key, a shared secret)
  - Asymmetric (public key and private key)

Ciphers	Block	Stream
Symmetric	yes	yes
Asymmetric	yes	no

# Roadmap

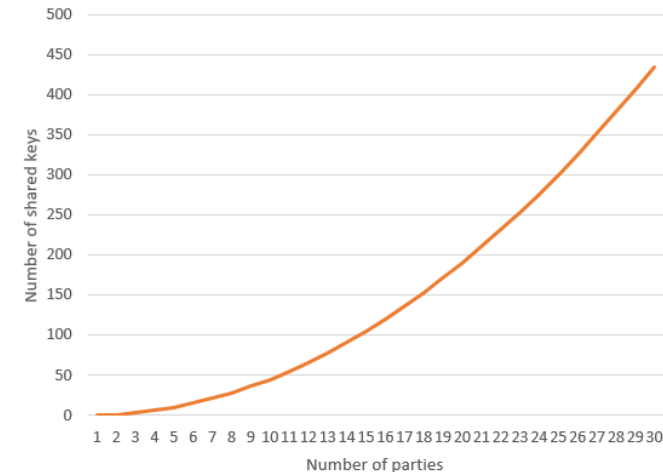
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# Symmetric Ciphers

- Symmetric Ciphers
  - Stream ciphers
  - Block ciphers
    - DES
    - AES
  - Block cipher modes

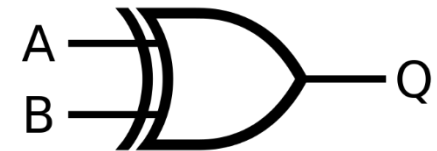
# Symmetric Ciphers

- Secret key
  - Shared by 2 or more communicating parties
- Allow for
  - Confidentiality to all who possess the key
  - Message authentication
- Advantages
  - Performance (typically very efficient)
- Disadvantages
  - N communicating parties, 1 to 1 secretly  
→  $N \times (N-1)/2$  keys
- Problems
  - Key distribution



# Perfectly Secure Cipher: One-Time Pad

- Mauborgne/Vernam [1917]
- XOR ( $\oplus$ ):
  - $0 \oplus 0 = 0$     $1 \oplus 0 = 1 \rightarrow a \oplus 0 = a$
  - $0 \oplus 1 = 1$     $1 \oplus 1 = 0 \rightarrow a \oplus 1 = \text{not } a$
$$a \oplus b \oplus b = a$$
- Encrypt
  - $E(P, K) = P \oplus K = C$ 
    - $P$  = plaintext;  $K$  = key
- Decrypt
  - $D(C, K) = C \oplus K = (P \oplus K) \oplus K = P$



# Perfectly Secure Cipher: One-Time Pad

- One-Time Pad (XOR message with key)
- Example:
  - Message: ONETIMEPAD
  - Key: TBFRGFARFM
  - Ciphertext: IPKLPSFHGQ
  - The key TBFRGFARFM decrypts the message to ONETIMEPAD
  - The key POYYAEAAZX decrypts the message to SALMONEGGS
  - The key BXFGBMTMXM decrypts the message to GREENFLUID

# One-Time Pad problems

- Security is based on the assumption that K is never reused
  - What if one has two encrypted messages:

$$C_1 = P_1 \oplus K \text{ and } C_2 = P_2 \oplus K$$

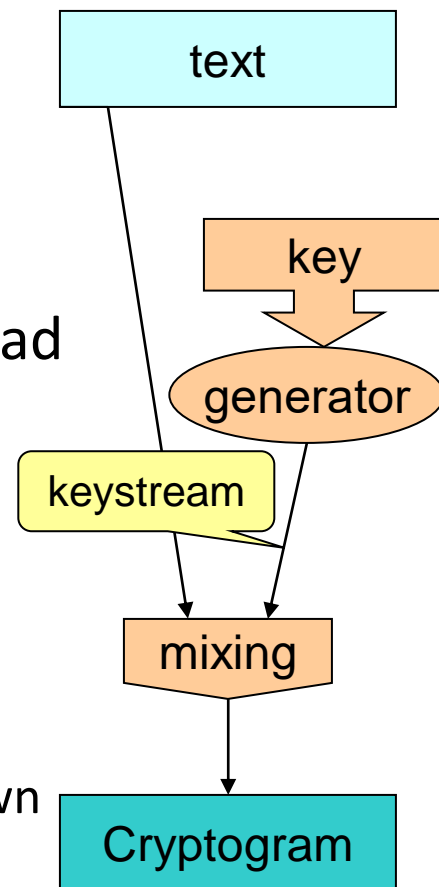
$$\begin{aligned} C_1 \oplus C_2 &= P_1 \oplus K \oplus P_2 \oplus K \\ &= P_1 \oplus P_2 \end{aligned}$$

- Need to generate truly random bit sequence
  - As long as all messages
- Need to securely distribute key bit sequence (!)



# Stream ciphers

- Practical approximation to the One-Time Pad
- Keystreams generated in a deterministic way
  - From a fixed size key
  - Approximation to real random sequence generators
- Encryption and decryption as with a one-time pad
  - i.e., by doing XOR with the keystream (**mixing**)
- Practical aspects of stream ciphers security:
  - If the plain text is known, the keystream is exposed
  - The repetition of cycles (reuse of the keystream) facilitates cryptanalysis
    - if the cycle period or part of the plain text is known
  - Integrity control must exist
    - Easy to modify the cryptogram in a deterministic way

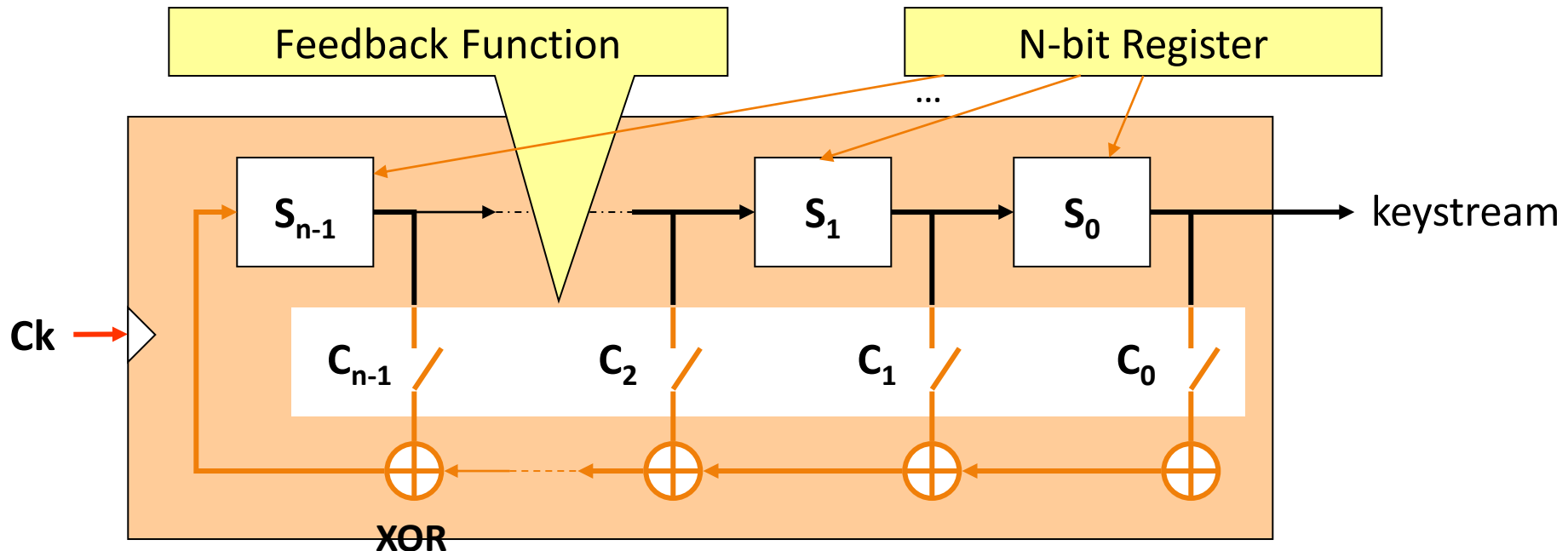


# Symmetric stream ciphers

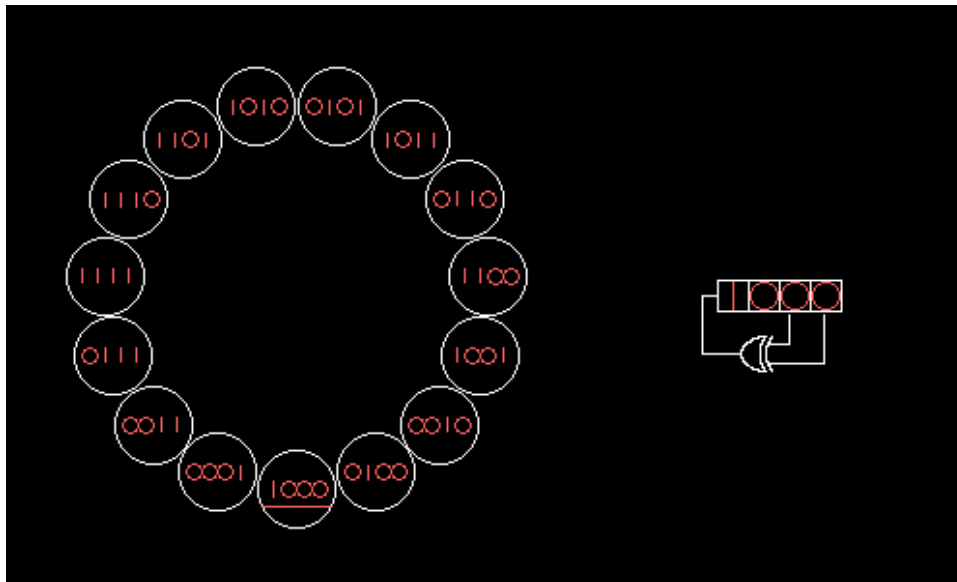
- Used approximations
  - Secure pseudo-random generators
    - Based on LFSRs (Linear Feedback Shift Registers) → next
    - Based on block ciphers → later
    - Other approximations (nonlinear functions, etc.)
  - Usually without self-synchronization
    - Receiver must know when encrypted data begins
  - Typically without the possibility of fast random access
- Most common algorithms
  - A5 (GSM)
  - RC4
  - SEAL (with fast random access)
  - Salsa20
  - Trivium

# Linear Feedback Shift Register (LFSR)

- State machine that produces a cyclic sequence of bits
  - The sequence depends on the **key** = initial state of the register
  - $S_0, \dots, S_{n-1}$  = **register's** bits;  $C_0, \dots, C_{n-1}$  = **coefficients** of the function
  - Max. period of the cycle is  $2^n - 1$



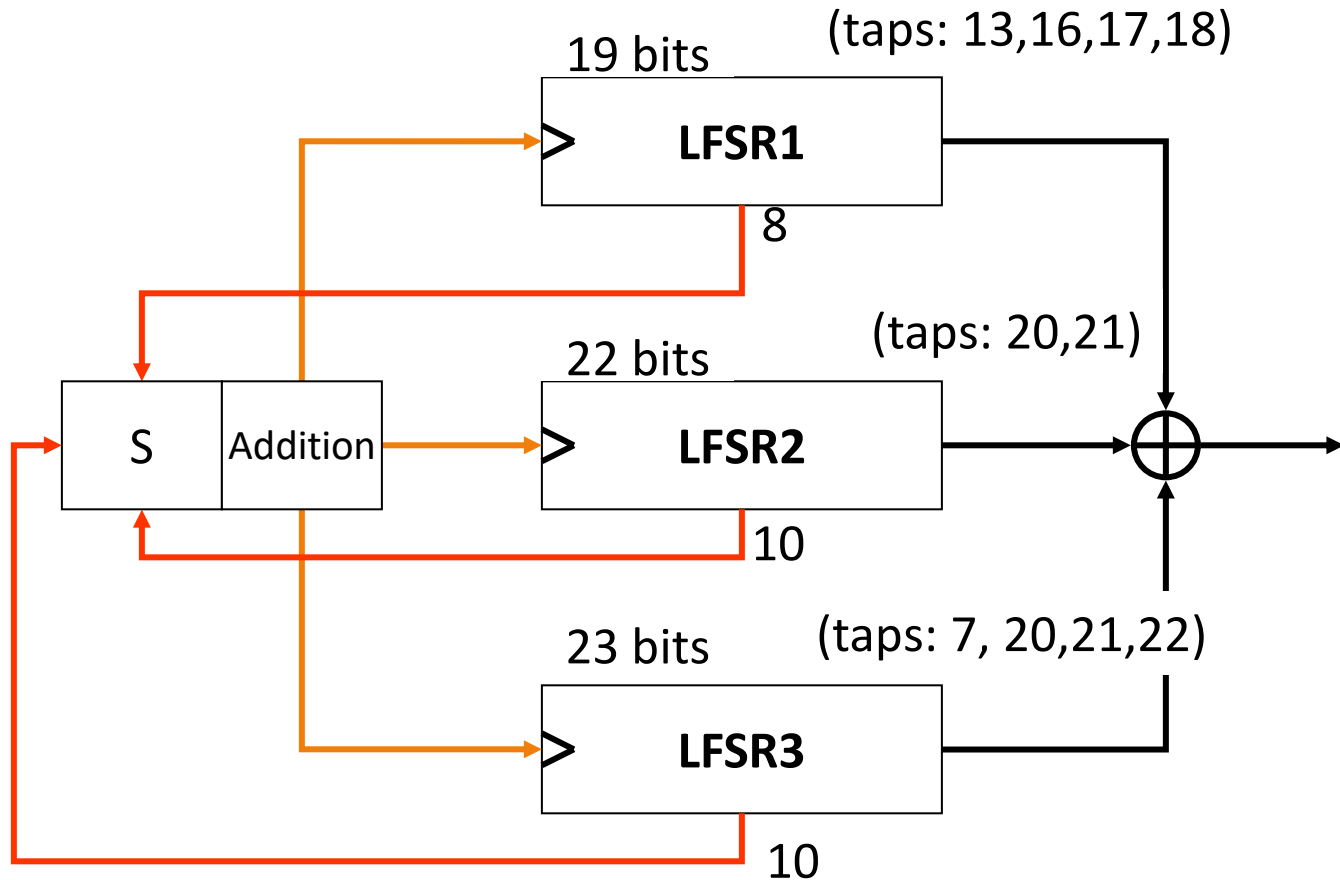
# 4 bit LFSR example



Bits 2 and 3 are **tapped**

**Taps** are the bits that affect the next state

# LFSR structure: A5/1 (GSM)



# Symmetric block ciphers

- Also based on approximations, using Shannon's notions of confusion and diffusion:
  - **Confusion**: repeated application of a complex function to a large block (e.g. 64 bits)
  - **Diffusion**: basic operations:
    - **Permutation**: exchange bits without losing or adding bits
    - **Substitution**: change bits for others using a substitution table
    - **Expansion**: introducing new bits
    - **Compression**: deleting some bits
- Some relevant symmetric encryption algorithms:
  - **DES** – Data=64; Key=56 – insecure, never use
  - **AES** – D=128; K=128, 192, 256 – current standard
  - Others (IDEA, Blowfish, CAST, RC5, etc.)

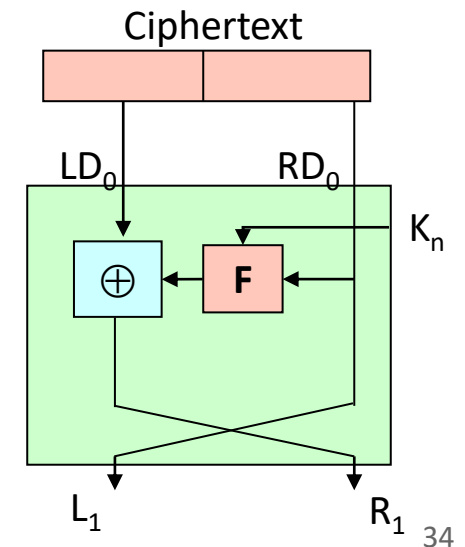
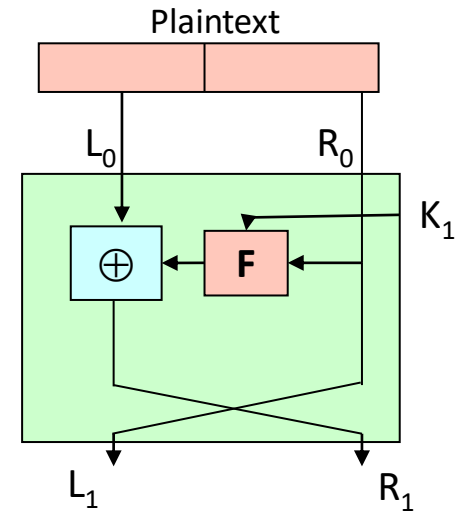
# DES Avalanche

Input:	. . . . . * . . . . .	1
Permuted:	. . . . . * . . . . .	1
Round 1:	. . . . . * . . . . .	1
Round 2:	* . * . * . . . . . *	5
Round 3:	* . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . *	18
Round 4:	. * . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . *	28
Round 5:	* . . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . *	29
Round 6:	. . * . * . . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . *	26
Round 7:	* . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . *	
Round 8:	* . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . *	
Round 9:	* . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . *	
Round 10:	* . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . *	
Round 11:	. * . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . *	
Round 12:	* . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . *	
Round 13:	* . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . *	
Round 14:	* . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . *	
Round 15:	* . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . *	
Round 16:	* . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . *	
Output:	. * . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . * . *	~50%

\* is a changed bit that propagates changes

# Feistel Network

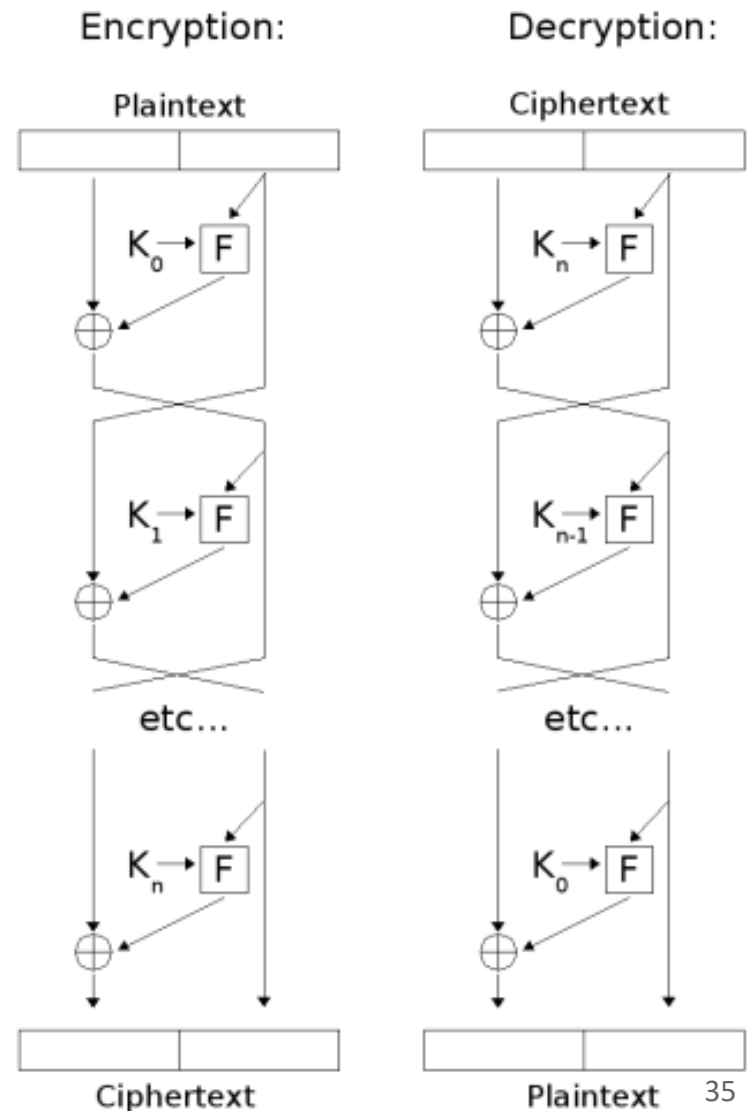
- Complex function most commonly used in block cipher algorithms
- Applies a **round function (F)** over multiple rounds
  - **F** can be a pseudo-random generator
  - Each round uses a different **round key ( $K_i$ )**
  - Round keys are obtained from the key ( $K$ )
  - Text is split in **left (L)** and **right (R)** parts





# Feistel Network

- Cipher and decipher processes are the same
  - Keys are used in the inverse order



# DES Algorithm

- DES:
  - 64-bit blocks
  - Key is 56 bits
- Possible key combinations
  - $2^{56} = 7.2 \times 10^{16} = 72,000,000,000,000,000$
  - Try 1 per second = 9,000 Million years to search the entire key space
- Distributed attacks on DES:
  - RSA's DES challenges:
    - 1997: 96 days (using 70,000 machines)
    - 1998: 41 days (distributed.net)
    - 2008: less than 1 day (array of 128 Spartan FPGAs ~ €5k)
    - 2016: about 15 days on a standard PC with a GPU (~€800)

# Block ciphers: reinforcement

- Multiple ciphers

- Double cipher

- Breakable by brute force in max.  $2^{n+1}$  attempts instead of expected  $2^{2n}$

- Triple cipher, typ. EDE = Encrypt-Decrypt-Encrypt – 3DES-EDE

- $C_i = E_{K_1}(D_{K_2}(E_{K_3}(P_i)))$
    - $P_i = D_{K_3}(E_{K_2}(D_{K_1}(C_i)))$
    - Typically,  $K_1=K_3$  is used
    - Effective key size = 56 + 56 bits = 112 bits

- Key whitening (DESX)

- $DES-X(P_i) = K_2 \oplus DES_K(K_1 \oplus P_i)$ 
    - $C_i = E_K(K_1 \oplus P_i) \oplus K_2$
    - $P_i = K_1 \oplus D_K(K_2 \oplus C_i)$

# Meet-in-the-middle attack

- Double DES

- $C = E_{K_2}(E_{K_1}(P))$

- Effective key size of Double DES?

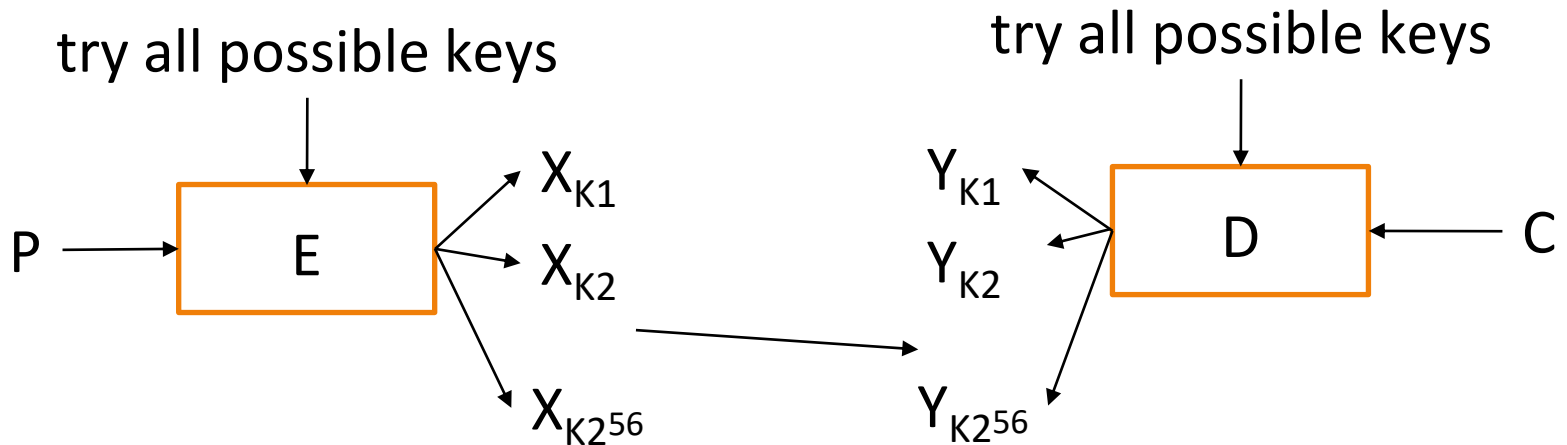
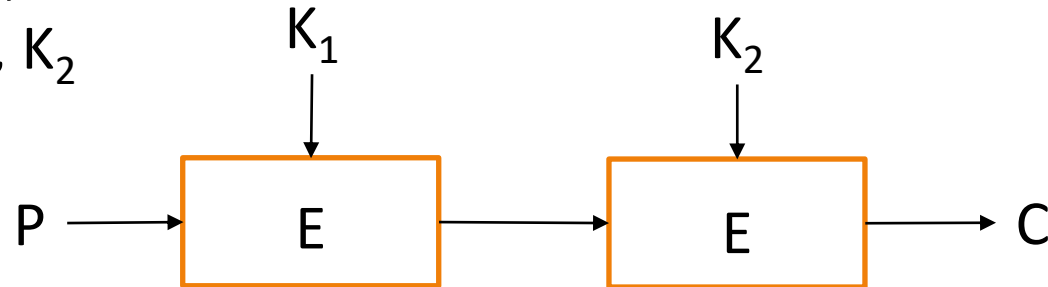
$$= 2^{56} * 2^{56} = 2^{112}$$

WRONG!

# Meet-in-the-middle attack

## a known-plaintext attack

Attacker knows  $P$ ,  $C$   
doesn't know  $K_1$ ,  $K_2$



One  $X_{K_i} = Y_{K_j}$  means  $K_1 = K_i$  and  $K_2 = K_j$   
so maximum effort is  $2 * 2^{56}$  tries

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- Meet-in-the-Middle Attack

- $C = E_{K_2}(E_{K_1}(P))$
- $X = E_{K_1}(P) = D_{K_2}(C)$
- Brute force attack (given one P/C pair):
  1. calculate  $E_{K_1}(P)$  for all keys ( $2^{56}$  work)
  2. calculate  $D_{K_2}(C)$  for all keys ( $2^{56}$  work)
  3. the match gives the keys
- Total work =  $2 * 2^{56} = 2^{57}$

# AES – current encryption standard

- AES (Advanced Encryption Standard) parameters:
  - Key size: 128, 192, 256 bits
  - Input block length: 128 bits
- Runs 10/12/14 rounds in which it:
  - substitutes bytes (one S-box used on every byte)
  - shifts rows (permute bytes between columns)
  - mixes columns (substitute using column multiplication)
  - adds round key (XOR *state* with key material)
    - round key size: 128
  - With fast XOR & table lookup implementations

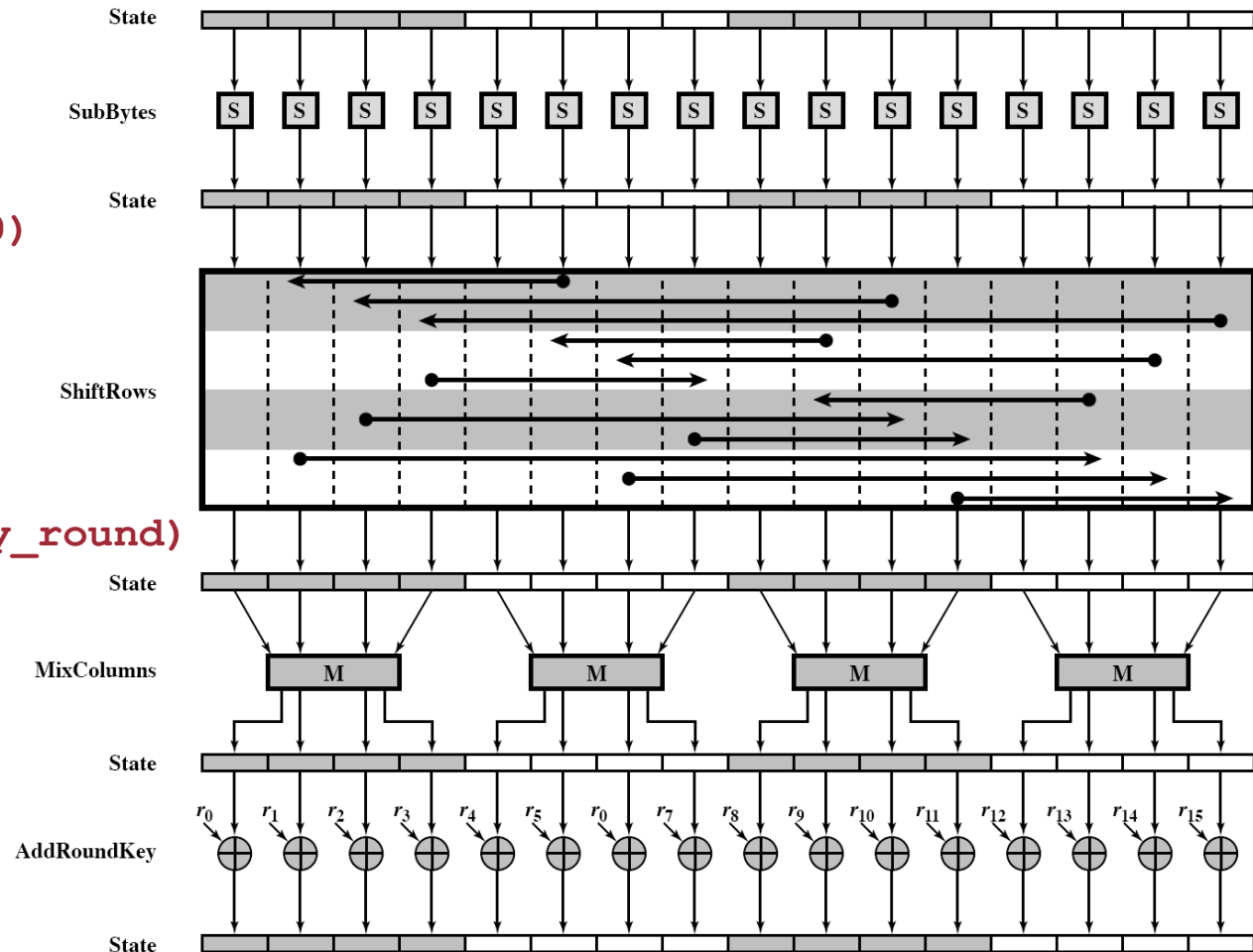
# AES - Main Encryption Round

`state = input`

`AddRoundKey(Key0)`

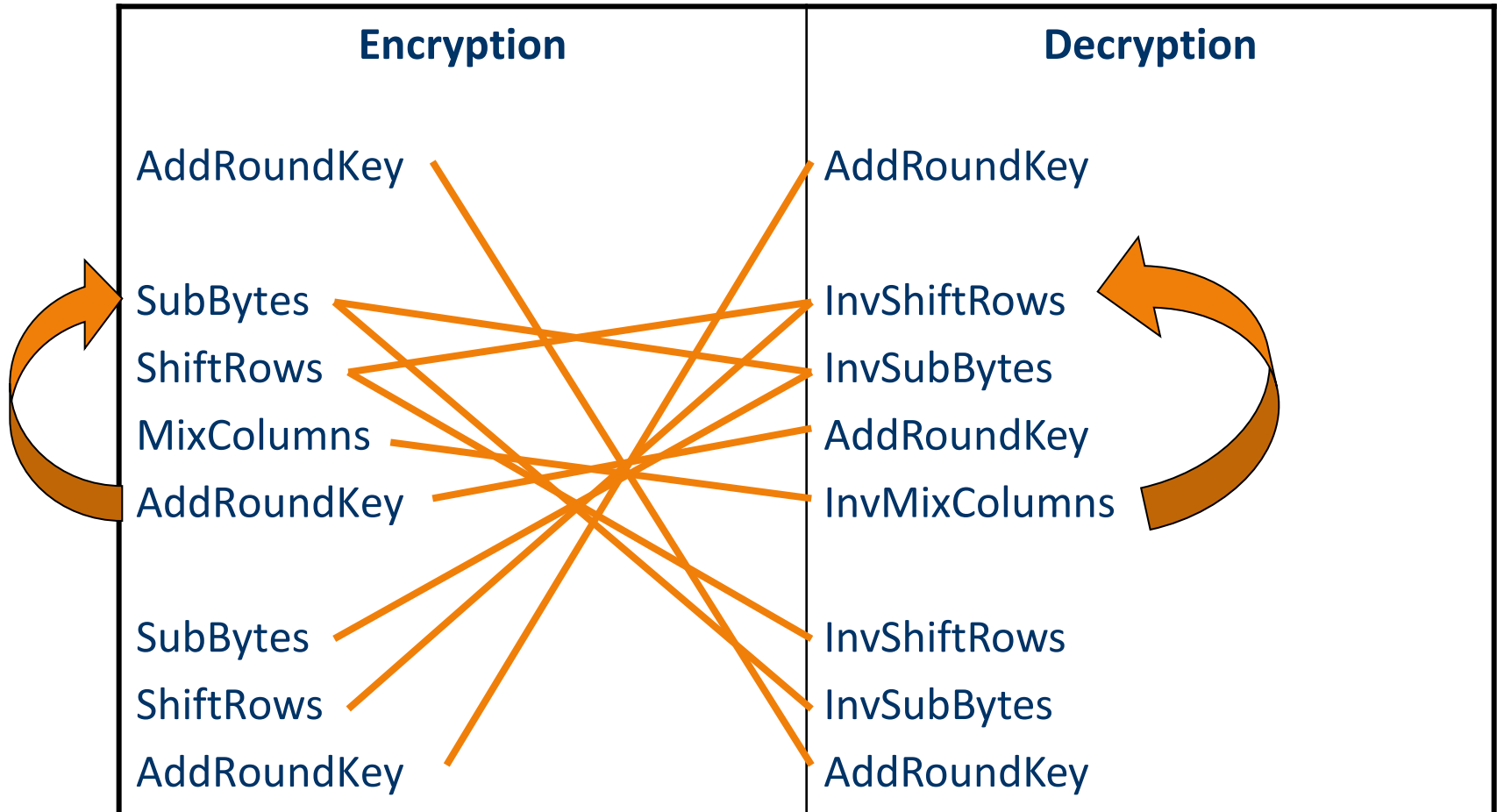
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for #rounds{
  SubBytes()
  ShiftRows()
  MixColumns()
  AddRoundKey(Key_round)
}
```

`out = state`





# AES – Encrypt vs Decrypt



# Which algorithm / key size to use?

NIST Special Publication 800-131A  
Revision 2

## Transitioning the Use of Cryptographic Algorithms and Key Lengths

Elaine Barker  
Allen Roginsky

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**Table 1: Approval Status of Symmetric Algorithms Used for  
Encryption and Decryption**

Algorithm	Status
Two-key TDEA Encryption	Disallowed
Two-key TDEA Decryption	Legacy use
Three-key TDEA Encryption	Deprecated through 2023 Disallowed after 2023
Three-key TDEA Decryption	Legacy use
SKIPJACK Encryption	Disallowed
SKIPJACK Decryption	Legacy use
AES-128 Encryption and Decryption	Acceptable
AES-192 Encryption and Decryption	Acceptable
AES-256 Encryption and Decryption	Acceptable

# Cipher modes

- Problem
  - How to use a block cipher with a fixed block size with plaintext of a different size?
    - Plaintext may be much larger than the block size
    - Size of the plaintext may not be a multiple of the size of the block
- The problem is solved by cipher modes

# Block cipher modes

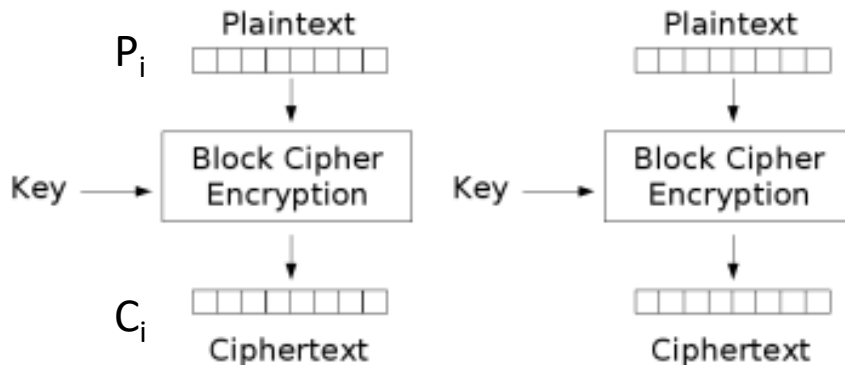
- Initially proposed for DES
  - ECB (Electronic Code Book)
  - CBC (Cipher Block Chaining)
  - OFB (Output FeedBack mode)
  - CTR (CounTeR mode)
  - GCM (Galois Counter Mode)
- Final sub-block processing
  - Alignment with padding
    - Augments the cryptogram by adding padding to the plaintext

# Block cipher modes: ECB

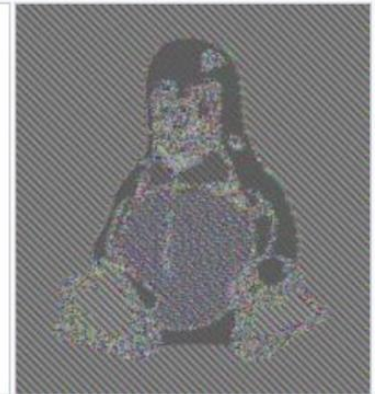
ECB (Electronic Code Book)

$$C_i = E_k(P_i)$$

$$P_i = D_k(C_i)$$



Original image



Encrypted using ECB mode

Original by Larry Ewing's

- **Strength:**
  - Simple
- **Weakness:**
  - Repetitive information in the plaintext may show in the ciphertext, if aligned with blocks
  - If same message is encrypted with the same key and resent, their cipher texts are the same
- Typical use: sending short pieces of data, e.g., encryption key

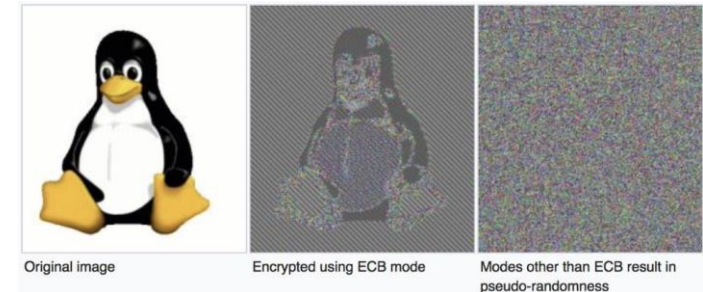
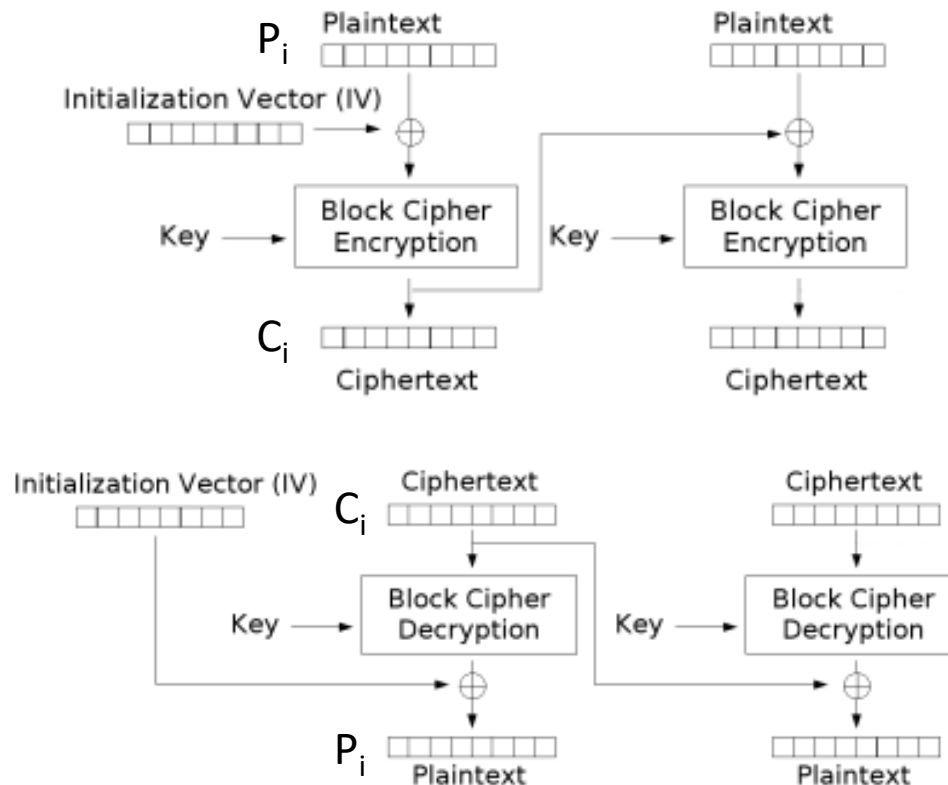
# Block cipher modes: CBC

## CBC (Cipher-Block Chaining)

$$C_i = E_k(P_i \oplus C_{i-1})$$

$$P_i = C_{i-1} \oplus D_k(C_i)$$

$$C_0 = IV$$



- **Strength:**

- Repeated plaintext blocks result in different ciphered blocks
- A ciphertext block depends on **all blocks** before it

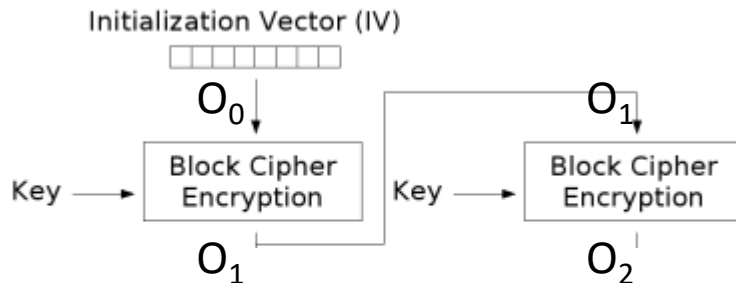
**Weakness:**

- More complex
- A corrupted bit in the ciphertext will affect all bits in its block and **one bit** in the next block

# Block cipher modes: OFB / CTR

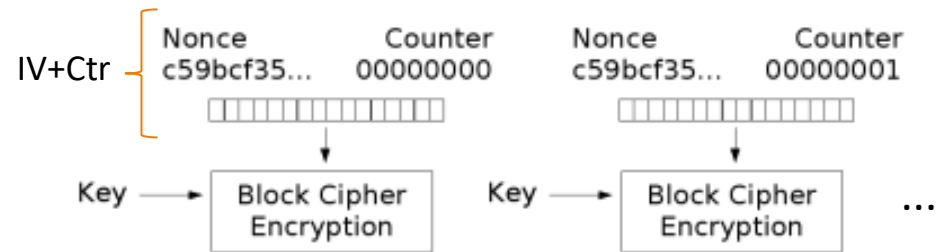
## OFB (Output FeedBack)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} C_i &= P_i \oplus O_i \\ P_i &= C_i \oplus O_i \\ O_i &= E_k(O_{i-1}) \\ O_0 &= IV \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{Transforms} \\ \text{block cipher into} \\ \text{stream cipher} \end{array}$$



## CTR (CounTer) mode or ICM (Integer Counter Mode)

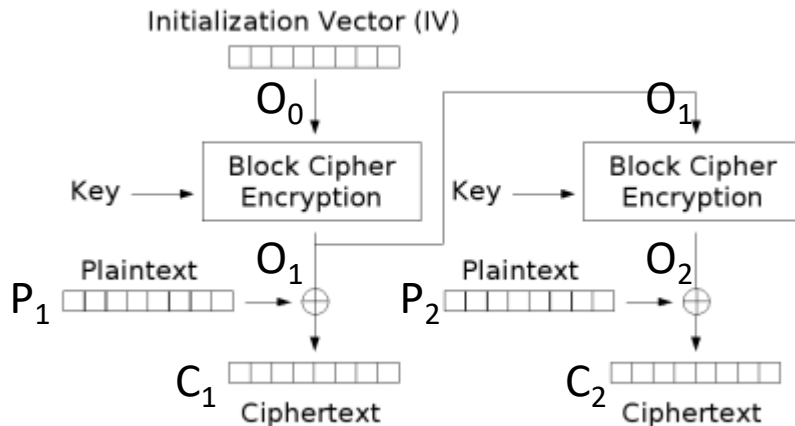
$$\left. \begin{aligned} C_i &= P_i \oplus E_k(IV + Ctr_i) \\ P_i &= C_i \oplus E_k(IV + Ctr_i) \\ Ctr_i &= Ctr_i + 1 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{Transforms} \\ \text{block cipher into} \\ \text{stream cipher} \end{array}$$



# Block cipher modes: OFB / CTR

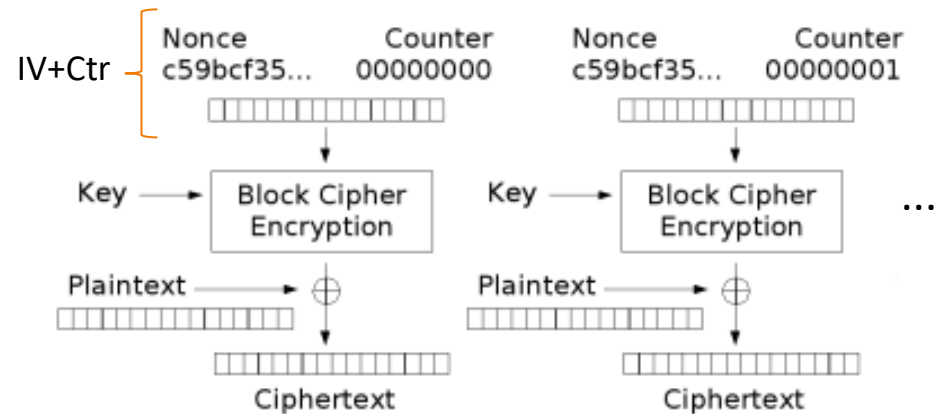
## OFB (Output FeedBack)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} C_i &= P_i \oplus O_i \\ P_i &= P_i \oplus O_i \\ O_i &= E_k(O_{i-1}) \\ O_0 &= IV \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{Transforms} \\ \text{block cipher into} \\ \text{stream cipher} \end{array}$$



## CTR (CounTer) mode or ICM (Integer Counter Mode)

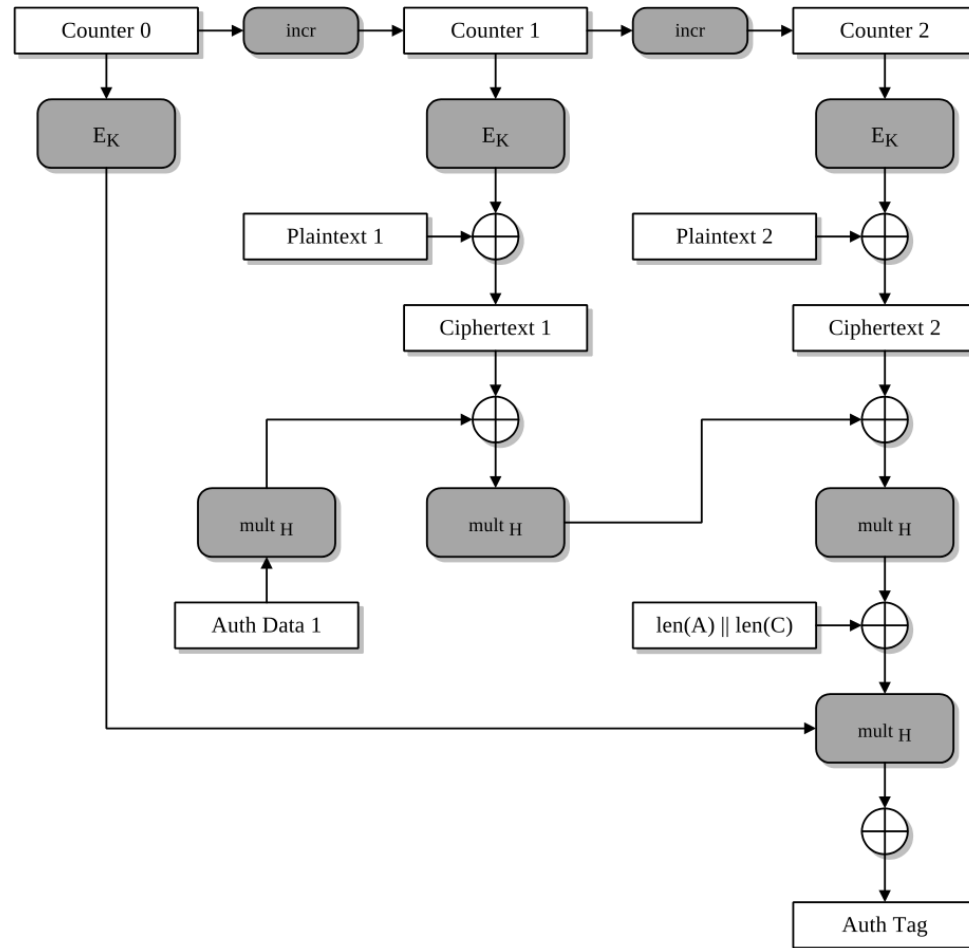
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# Block cipher modes: GCM

## Galois Counter Mode



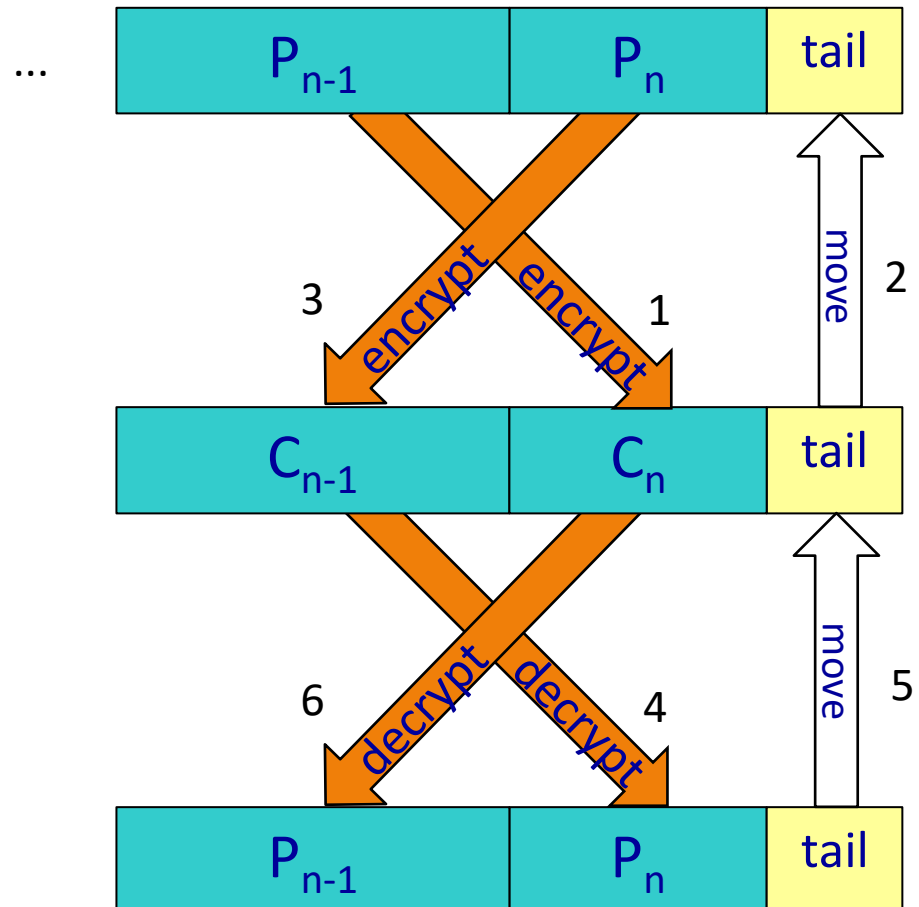
# Padding Schemes

- $M \bmod B \neq 0 \Rightarrow$  **padding** of last block (M=message size; B=block size)
- Options:
  - Pad with zero (null) bytes, spaces (0x20), all bytes of the same value
  - Pad with random bits
  - Pad with 0x80 (1000 0000) followed by zero (null) characters
  - **PKCS#5 scheme**
    - Sequence of bytes, each of which equal to the number of padding bytes
    - Example: if 24 bits of padding need to be added, the padding string is "03 03 03" (3 bytes times 8 bits equals 24 bits)

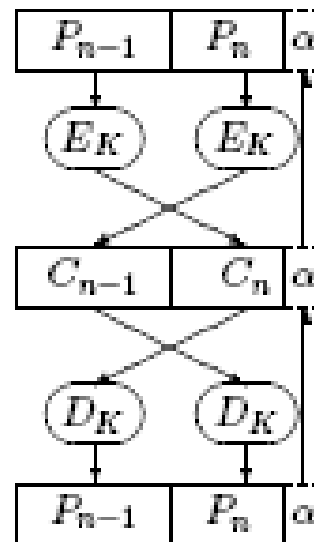


# Cipher Text Stealing: ECB mode

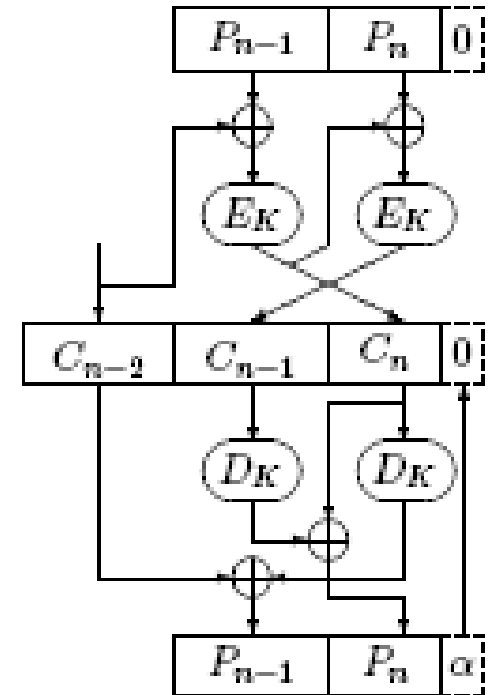
- Avoids the need of padding
- Plays with the last 2 blocks
- Benefit: no need to send the padding bits!



# Ciphertext Stealing: ECB and CBC



(ECB)



(CBC)

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# Hash functions / message digests

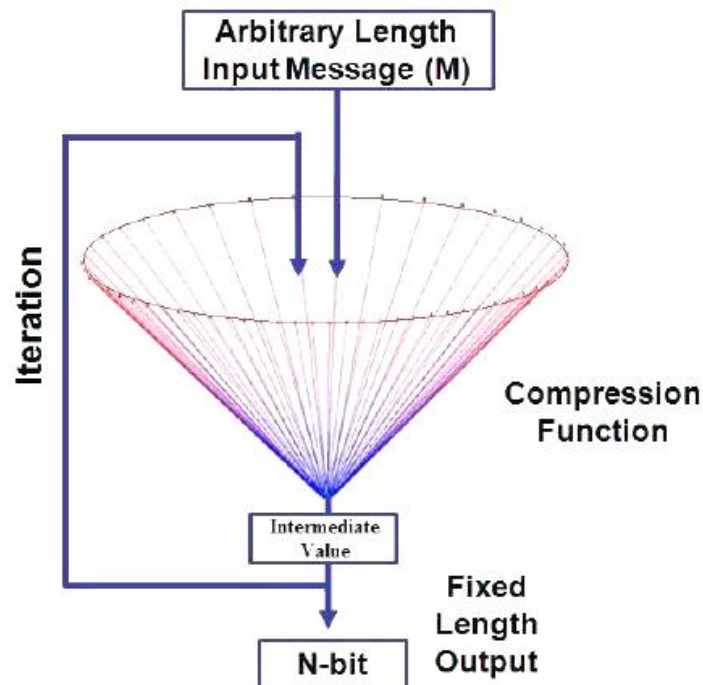
- Aka **cryptographic hash functions** or **collision-resistant hash functions**
  - don't confuse with hash functions used in hash tables (that you learned in IAED)
- They are cryptographic, but not ciphers
  - not used for encryption

# Hash functions properties

- Generate very different output values – **hash** value – for similar inputs
- **One-way** (non-invertible):
  - Collision resistance
    - Computationally infeasible to find two inputs that give the same hash
  - Preimage resistance (strong collision resistance)
    - Given a hash, it's computationally infeasible to find an input that produces that hash
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> preimage resistance (weak collision resistance)
    - Given a hash value and the corresponding input, it's computationally infeasible to find a second input that generates that same hash

# Hash functions

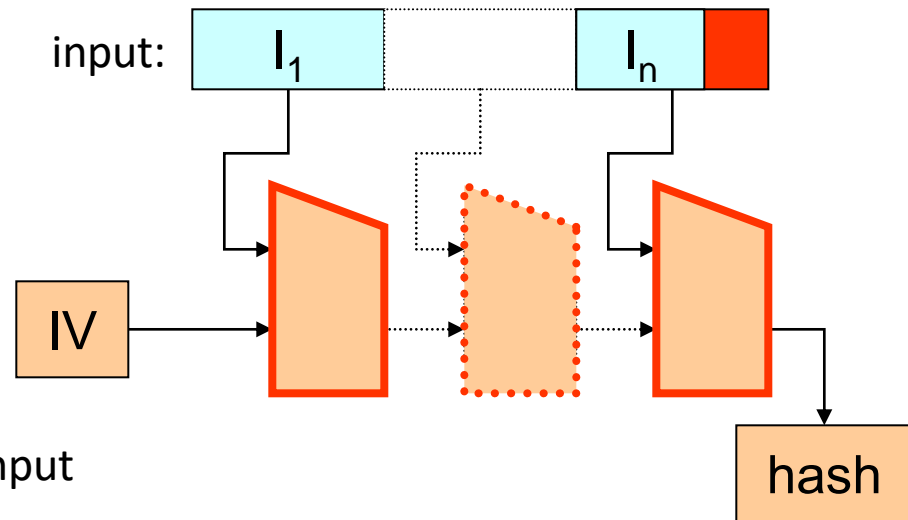
- Generate a fixed size value based on arbitrary size input
  - Iterative usage of a compression function with a fixed parameter input
  - The input text is aligned to the input blocks





# Hash functions

- Some mechanisms used:
  - Shannon's diffusion & confusion
  - Iterative compression
  - MD Strengthening
    - Padding with 10000....000
    - Plus the number of bits of the input

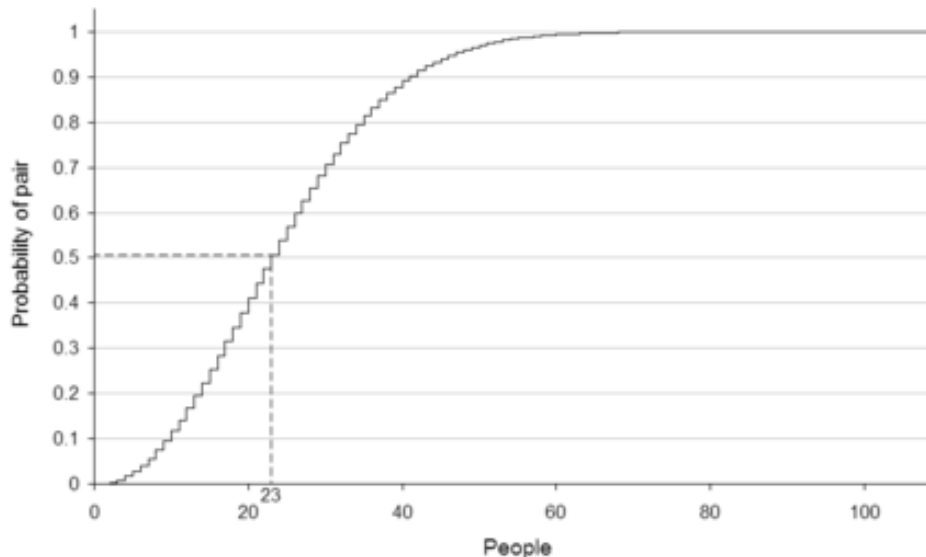


# Hash functions

- Most used algorithms
  - Brute force attacks find collisions in  $2^{m/2}$  tries, where m is the n. of bits
  - **MD5** (128 bits) *Very weak*
    - Collisions found in  $2^{39}$  tries  $\ll 2^{64}$
  - **SHA-1** (Secure Hash Algorithm, 160 bits) *Weak*
    - Collisions found in  $2^{63}$  tries  $\ll 2^{80}$
  - **SHA-2** (256 to 512 bits) *Ok*
    - Collisions found in  $2^{128}$  or  $2^{256}$  tries (secure, for now)
  - **SHA-3** (256 to 512 bits) *Ok*

# Birthday paradox

- For there to be a 50% chance that someone in a room shares your birthday, you need 253 people
- However, for 50% chance that any two people in the room have the same birthday, you only need 23 people
  - It only takes 23 people to form 253 pairs when cross-matched



# Birthday paradox

- Paradox

- *$P(\text{me})$ : probability  $n$  students having the same birthday as me (“collision”)*

- Probability A’s birthday date is the same as mine =  $1/365 \approx 0.003$
    - Probability A’s birthday date different from mine =  $1 - 1/365 \approx 0.997$
    - Probability A and B’s dates different from mine =  $(1 - 1/365)^2 \approx 0.994$
    - $P(\text{me}) = 1 - (1 - \frac{1}{365})^n$
    - $P(\text{me}) > 0,5 \Leftrightarrow n \geq 253$

- *$P(\text{pair})$ : probability of pair with the same birthday*

- $P(\text{pair}) = 1 - (1 - \frac{1}{365})(1 - \frac{2}{365}) \dots (1 - \frac{n-1}{365})$
    - $P(\text{pair}) > 0,5 \Leftrightarrow n \geq 23 \quad !!!$

# Hash functions attacks

- Objective is to find a **collision**
- **Brute forcing**
  - Attack: pick  $H(M)$  and see if it's equal to  $H(M')$ ,  $H(M'')$ ,  $H(M''')$ ,...
  - $P(\text{collision}) > 0.5 = 2^m/2 = 2^{m-1}$
  - where  $m$  is the number of bits of the hash function
- **Birthday attack**
  - Allows finding collision much faster
  - Attack: pick  $M$ ,  $M'$ ,  $M''$ ,  $M'''$ ... and obtain hashes until any 2 are identical
  - Finding 2 messages with  $H(M) = H(M')$ :
  - $P(\text{collision}) > 0.5 \approx 2^{m/2}$  tries (only)
- Cryptanalysis leads to even faster attacks

# SHA-1 is not secure

## SHAttered

The first concrete collision attack against SHA-1  
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Different PDF files, same SHA-1 hash

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**Table 8: Approval Status of Hash Functions**

Hash Function	Use	Status
SHA-1	Digital signature generation	Disallowed, except where specifically allowed by NIST protocol-specific guidance.
	Digital signature verification	Legacy use
	Non-digital-signature applications	Acceptable
SHA-2 family (SHA-224, SHA-256, SHA-384, SHA-512, SHA-512/224 and SHA-512/256)	Acceptable for all hash function applications	
SHA-3 family (SHA3-224, SHA3-	Acceptable for all hash function applications	

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# Message Authentication Code (MAC)

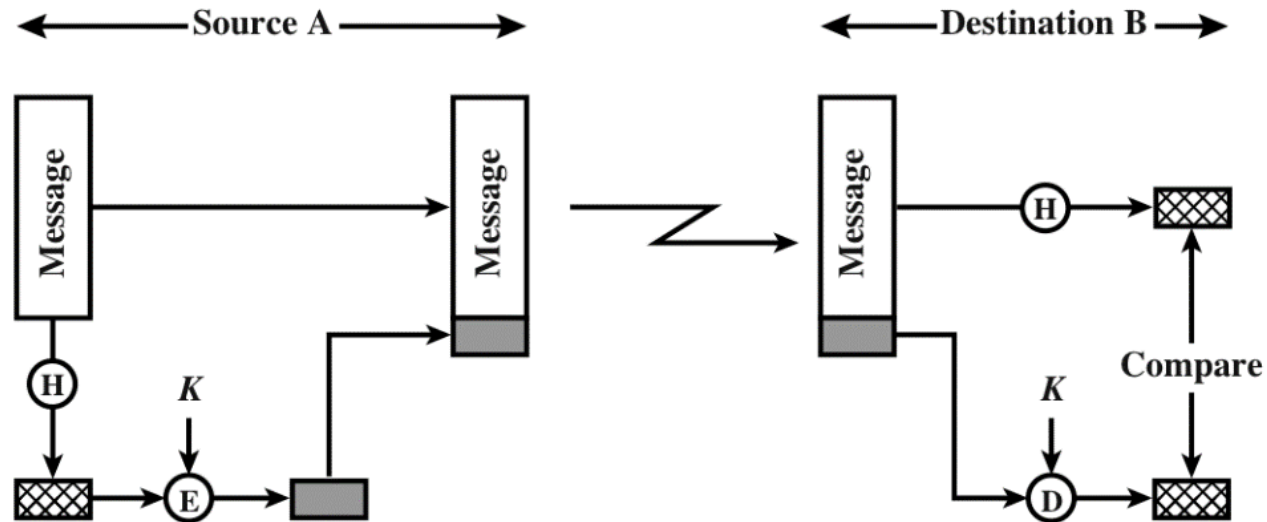
- Objective: **authenticating** a message or equivalent
  - Allows checking its authenticity and integrity
- Assumption: sender and recipient have a **shared secret key K**
- Idea:
  - Send the message + MAC
  - If the message (or the MAC) is modified by an attacker, the recipient will be able to detect it
  - Attacker can't create a valid MAC because he doesn't have K
- What about CRCs and checksums?
  - Attacker can modify the message and CRC/checksum accordingly, as he knows the algorithm and there is no secret involved

# Message Authentication Code (MAC)

- MAC is a hash generated using a secret key
  - 1- Hash the message and encrypt the digest
    - For example, with a symmetric block cipher
  - 2- Using a keyed-function
    - ANSI X9.9 (a.k.a. DES-MAC) with DES-CBC (64 bits) – next
  - 3- Hash the message along with a shared key
    - Keyed-MD5 (128 bits)
    - HMAC (size of the used hash function)

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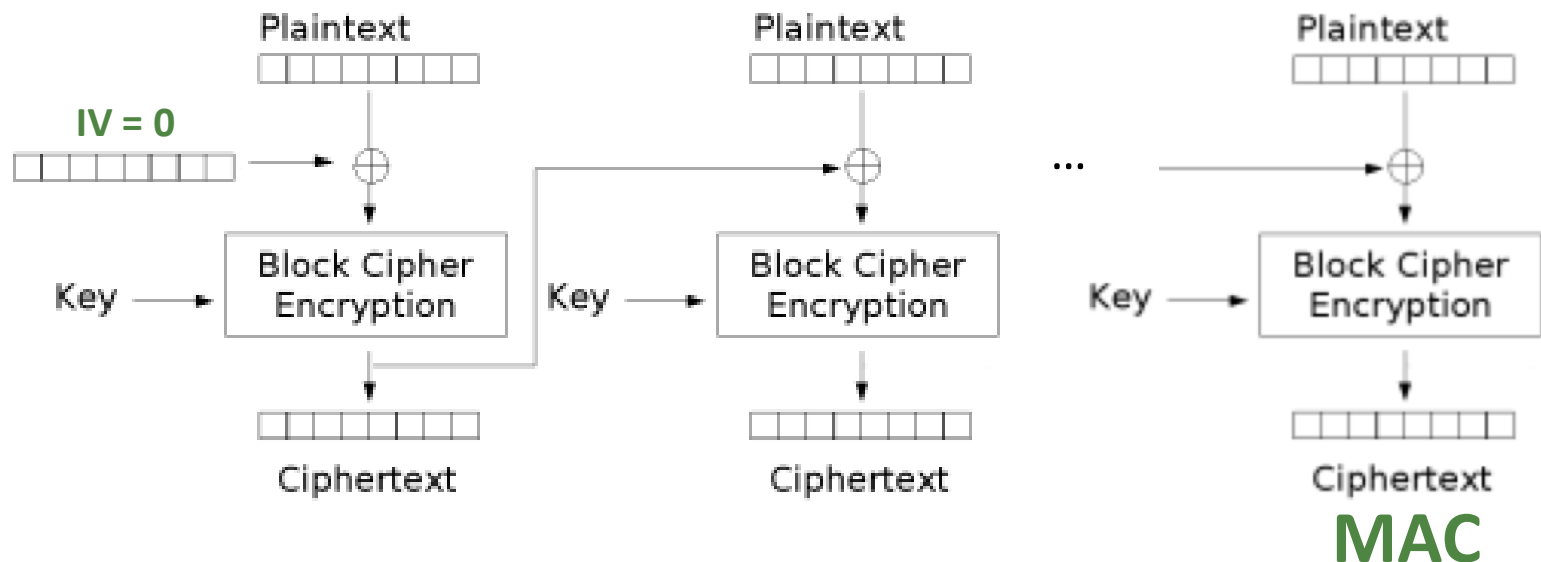
- 1- Hash the message and encrypt the digest



If attacker modifies the message (or the hash), the hash calculated at the destination won't match the hash received

# Message Authentication Code (MAC)

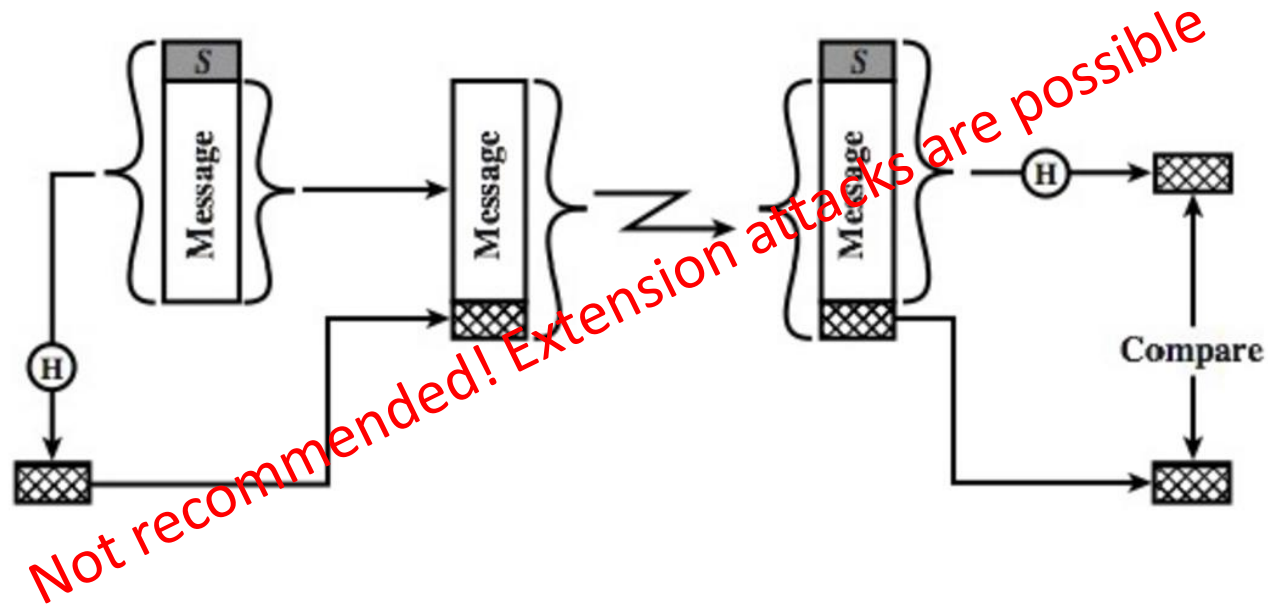
- 2- CMAC (Cipher-based MAC)
  - Use a block cipher in CBC mode
  - MAC is the last block
  - Must be CBC for MAC to depend on the whole message



*At the destination do the same and check if the MAC obtained is the same*

# Message Authentication Code (MAC)

- 3- Hash the message along with a shared key
  - Ad hoc algorithm showing the basic idea:



# Message Authentication Code (MAC)

- 3- HMAC algorithm
  - FIPS Standard / RFC 2104: keyed hash MAC
  - $\text{HMAC}(m,k) = \text{hash}(k \oplus \text{opad} || \text{hash}(k \oplus \text{ipad} || m))$ 
    - ipad – inner padding – 0x36363636
    - opad – outer padding – 0x5c5c5c5c
    - HMAC in practice: SSL/TLS, WTLS, IPSec

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CMAC, GMAC, KMAC  
são standards do NIST

Table 9: Approval Status of MAC Algorithms

MAC Algorithm	Implementation Details	Status
HMAC Generation	Key lengths < 112 bits	Disallowed
	Key lengths $\geq$ 112 bits	Acceptable 
HMAC Verification	Key lengths < 112 bits	Legacy use
	Key lengths $\geq$ 112 bits	Acceptable 
CMAC Generation	Two-key TDEA	Disallowed
	Three-key TDEA	Deprecated through 2023 Disallowed after 2023
	AES	Acceptable 
CMAC Verification	Two-key TDEA	Legacy use
	Three-key TDEA	Legacy use
	AES	Acceptable 
GMAC Generation and Verification	AES	Acceptable 
KMAC Generation and Verification	Key lengths < 112 bits	Disallowed
	Key lengths $\geq$ 112 bits	Acceptable 

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# Asymmetric ciphers: overview

- Aka **public-key cryptography**
- Appeared with the objective of solving a hard problem: **key distribution**
- They use a **pair of keys**
  - One is **private**, personal, non-transmissible
  - One is **public**, can/should be widely known
- Allow for
  - **Confidentiality** with the exchange of secret keys
  - **Authentication** with digital signatures
  - **Integrity** with digital signatures

# Asymmetric ciphers: assessment

- **Advantages**

- N communicating parties  $\Rightarrow$  N key pairs
- instead of  $N(N-1)/2$  as symmetric ciphers

- **Disadvantages**

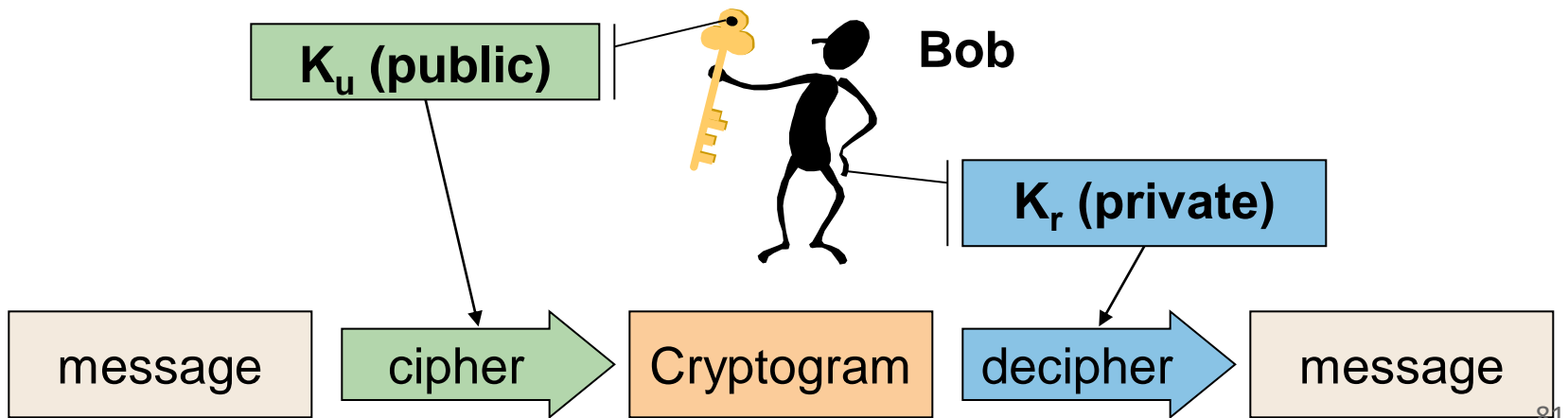
- Performance: typically inefficient in comparison to symmetric ciphers (but signatures are not too slow today)

- **Problems**

- Distribution of public keys, although much simpler than distributing secret keys
- Life-time of the key pairs (revocation)

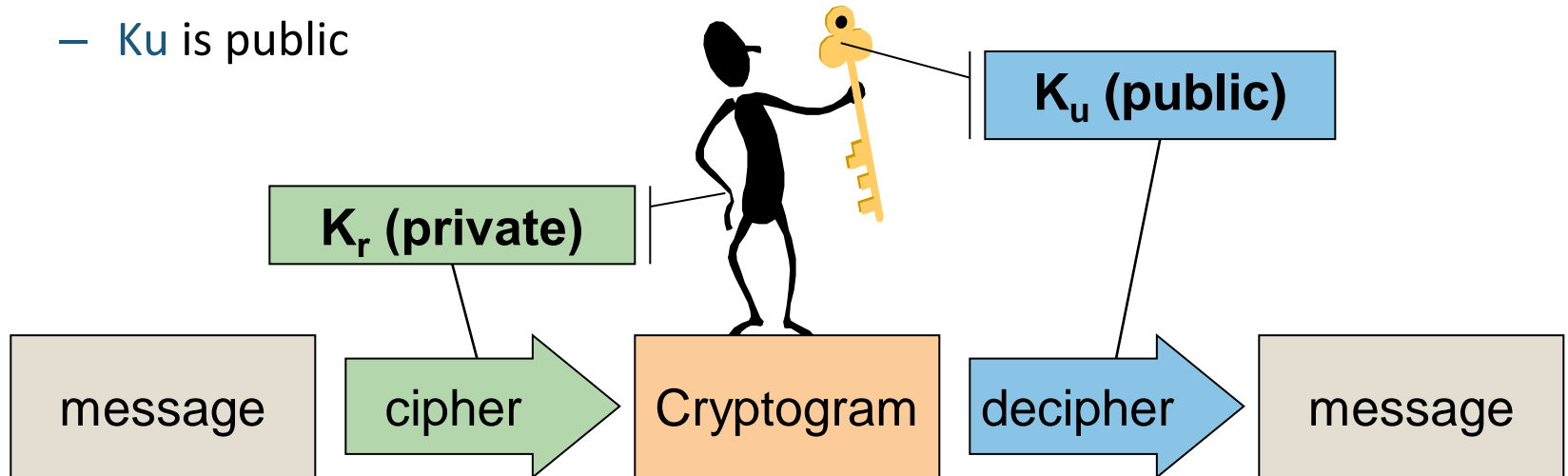
# Asymmetric ciphers: Confidentiality

- Cipher / decipher with a pair of keys
  - $C = E(K_u, P)$      $P = D(K_r, C)$
  - To communicate with confidentiality with X we only need to know  $K_u$
  - Very inefficient for large P, so not used like this for encrypting messages/files
- No authentication
  - Bob does not know who generated the cryptogram

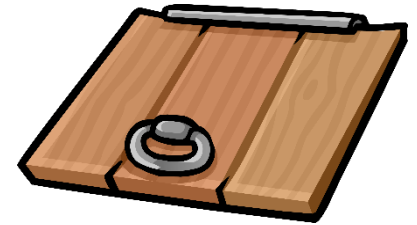


# Asymmetric ciphers: Authentication

- The cryptogram cannot be modified
  - $C = E(K_r, P)$        $P = D(K_u, C)$
  - Only X knows the key  $K_r$  used to generate the cryptogram
  - Better idea to encrypt  $H(P)$ :  $C = E(K_r, H(P))$
- No confidentiality
  - Whoever knows the key  $K_u$  is able to decipher the cryptogram
  - $K_u$  is public



# Trapdoor functions



- Functions with the properties:
  - Computing in one direction is easy  $A \rightarrow B$
  - Computing the inverse is very hard (unless you know a secret)  $A \nleftarrow B$
- Trapdoor functions are the core concept of Asymmetric cryptography
  - If you find mathematical functions with these properties, you can build a cryptographic scheme around it

# Asymmetric Ciphers

- Used mathematical approximations
  - Factorization of large numbers
  - Discrete logarithm problem
  - Knapsack problem
- Most common encryption algorithms
  - RSA (Rivest-Shamir-Adleman) – first and most used asymmetric encryption algorithm
  - ECC (Elliptic Curve Cryptography) – much used today, especially for signatures
- Other public-key techniques (not encryption)
  - Diffie-Hellman (DH), also known as Diffie-Hellman-Merkle – originated the area of asymmetric crypto

# Modular arithmetic

- Idea: do arithmetic normally (  $+$   $-$   $\times$   $\div$  ) but result is the mod of what you obtained dividing by a modulus
  - i.e., the result is the remainder of the integer division of the result by the modulus
  - Performs arithmetic operations not on a line but on a circle
  - mod can be applied “as often as you want”
  - Examples:
    - $1537 \times 4248 \pmod{10} = 6529176 \pmod{10} = 6$
    - $1537 \pmod{10} \times 4248 \pmod{10} = 7 \times 8 \pmod{10} = 56 \pmod{10} = 6$

# RSA

- RSA (Rivest-Shamir-Adleman)
- First **asymmetric encryption** algorithm
  - But not the first asymmetric cryptography algorithm (that was Diffie-Hellman-Merkle)
- A major step for cryptography

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## A Method for Obtaining Digital Signatures and Public-Key Cryptosystems

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An encryption method is presented with the novel property that publicly revealing an encryption key does not thereby reveal the corresponding decryption key. This has two important consequences:

(1) Couriers or other secure means are not needed to transmit keys, since a message can be enciphered using an encryption key publicly revealed by the intended recipient. Only he can decipher the message, since only he knows the corresponding decryption key. (2) A message can be "signed" using a privately held decryption key. Anyone can verify this signature using the corresponding publicly revealed encryption key. Signatures cannot be forged, and a signer cannot later deny the validity of his signature. This has obvious applications in "electronic mail" and "electronic funds transfer" systems. A message is encrypted by representing it as a number  $M$ , raising  $M$  to a publicly specified power  $e$ , and then taking the remainder when the result is divided by the publicly specified product,  $n$ , of two large secret prime numbers  $p$  and  $q$ . Decryption is similar; only a different, secret, power  $d$  is used, where  $e * d = 1 \pmod{(p - 1) * (q - 1)}$ . The security of the system rests in part on the difficulty of factoring the published divisor,  $n$ .

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## I. Introduction

The era of "electronic mail" [10] may soon be upon us; we must ensure that two important properties of the current "paper mail" system are preserved: (a) messages are *private*, and (b) messages can be *signed*. We demonstrate in this paper how to build these capabilities into an electronic mail system.

At the heart of our proposal is a new encryption method. This method provides an implementation of a "public-key cryptosystem", an elegant concept invented by Diffie and Hellman [1]. Their article motivated our research, since they presented the concept but not any practical implementation of such a system. Readers familiar with [1] may wish to skip directly to Section V for a description of our method.

## II. Public-Key Cryptosystems

In a "public-key cryptosystem" each user places in a public file an encryption procedure  $E$ . That is, the public file is a directory giving the encryption procedure of each user. The user keeps secret the details of his corresponding decryption procedure  $D$ . These procedures have the following four properties:

(a) Deciphering the enciphered form of a message  $M$  yields  $M$ . Formally,

$$D(E(M)) = M. \quad (1)$$

(b) Both  $E$  and  $D$  are easy to compute.

(c) By publicly revealing  $E$  the user does not reveal an easy way to compute  $D$ . This means that in practice only he can decrypt messages encrypted with  $E$ , or compute  $D$  efficiently.

(d) If a message  $M$  is first deciphered and then enciphered,  $M$  is the result. Formally,

$$E(D(M)) = M. \quad (2)$$

An encryption (or decryption) procedure typically consists of a *general method* and an *encryption key*. The general method, under control of the key, enciphers a message  $M$  to obtain the enciphered form of the message, called the *ciphertext*  $C$ . Everyone can use the same general method; the security of a given procedure will rest on the security of the key. Revealing an encryption algorithm then means revealing the key.

When the user reveals  $E$  he reveals a *very inefficient* method of computing  $D(C)$ : testing all possible messages  $M$  until one such that  $E(M) = C$  is found. If property (c) is satisfied the number of such messages to test will be so large that this approach is impractical.

A function  $E$  satisfying (a)-(c) is a "trap-door one-way function;" if it also satisfies (d) it is a "trap-door one-way permutation." Diffie and Hellman [1] introduced the concept of trap-door one-way functions but



# RSA overview

- **Base values and modulus**
  - $p, q$  – **secret**; large **prime** numbers
  - $n = p \times q$  – **public**; large (1K, 2K, 3K bits); used as **modulus**; key length
- **Public key** – exponent  $e$  and  $n$  ( $e < n$ )
- **Private key** – exponent  $d$  ( $d < n$ ) and primes  $p$  and  $q$
- **Key generation**: choose  $p, q$  large primes
  - $e$  chosen such that it is coprime with  $z = \phi(n) = (p-1)(q-1)$ 
    - *coprime* means that the only factor that divides both is 1
    - $\phi(n)$  is the Euler's totient function; counts factors up to  $n$  that are coprime with  $n$
  - $d$  chosen such that  $e \cdot d \equiv 1 \pmod{z} \iff e \cdot d \bmod z = 1$
- **Encryption with public key**:  $C = P^e \bmod n$
- **Decryption with private key**:  $P = C^d \bmod n$   
 $= (P^e \bmod n)^d \bmod n = P^{ed} \bmod n = P^{ed \bmod z} \bmod n = P^1 \bmod n = P$

# Public key example

- Taken from a browser

## Public Key Info

**Algorithm** RSA Encryption ( 1.2.840.113549.1.1.1 )

**Parameters** None

## Public Key

= modulus

256 bytes: D0 18 CF 45 D4 8B CD D3 9C E4 40  
EF 7E B4 DD 69 21 1B C9 CF 3C 8E 4C 75 B9 0F  
31 19 84 3D 9E 3C 29 EF 50 0D 10 93 6F 05 80  
80 9F 2A A0 BD 12 4B 02 E1 3D 9F 58 16 24 FE  
30 9F 0B 74 77 55 93 1D 4B F7 4D E1 92 82 10 F6  
51 AC 0C C3 B2 22 94 0F 34 6B 98 10 49 E7 0B  
9D 83 39 DD 20 C6 1C 2D EF D1 18 61 65 E7 23  
83 20 A8 23 12 FF D2 24 7F D4 2F E7 44 6A 5B  
4D D7 50 66 B0 AF 9E 42 63 05 FB E0 1C C4 63  
61 AF 9F 6A 33 FF 62 97 BD 48 D9 D3 7C 14 67  
DC 75 DC 2E 69 E8 F8 6D 78 69 D0 B7 10 05 B8  
F1 31 C2 3B 24 FD 1A 33 74 F8 23 E0 EC 6B 19 8A  
16 C6 E3 CD A4 CD 0B DB B3 A4 59 60 38 88 3B  
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ED 70 34 2C A5 B4 63 7C F9 A3 3D 83 D1 CD 6D  
24 AC 07

exponent e

**Exponent** 65537

**Key Size** 2 048 bits

= size of the modulus

# RSA example with small numbers

- Key generation

- Pick primes **p** and **q**: 3 and 11
- Calculate modulus **n** =  $p \times q = 3 \times 11 = 33$
- Calculate **z** =  $\phi(n) = (p-1) \times (q-1) = 2 \times 10 = 20$
- Choose **e** such that **e** is co-prime with **z** and  $e < n$ :  $e = 7$
- Public key: **e** = 7, **n** = 33
- Calculate **d**
  - $e \cdot d = 1 \pmod{z}$  and  $d < n \Leftrightarrow$
  - $7 \cdot d \pmod{20} = 1$  and  $d < 33 \Rightarrow$
  - **d** = 3

- Encrypt w/ public key **P** = 14

- $C = P^e \pmod{n}$
- $C = 14^7 \pmod{33}$
- $C = 20$

- Decrypt w/ private key

- $P = C^d \pmod{n}$
- $P = 20^3 \pmod{33}$
- $P = 14$

# Why is RSA difficult to break?

- No one knows how to compute the **inverse RSA** ("decryption") without knowing the prime factors of the modulus **n**
- No one knows how to efficiently do **integer factorization**, i.e., recover the prime factors from **n** alone
  - The private key is knowledge of the prime factors
- Knowing the **public key** does not allow decryption
- Future crisis: **Shor's quantum algorithm** for integer factorization
  - Current quantum technology can only factorize small numbers
  - $\geq 2048$ -bit numbers are safe (for now...)
  - **Post-quantum** crisis; need for **quantum resistance**

# RSA signatures

- RSA is often used to produce **signatures**
  - Public key –  $e, n$
  - Private key –  $d, p, q$
- **Signing the message  $M$ :**
  - Obtain  $S$  such that:  $S = (\text{hash}(M))^d \bmod n$
  - Only the private key owner can generate the signature
- **Verifying the signature:**
  - Check if:  $\text{hash}(M) == S^e \bmod n$
  - Anyone with the public key can verify the signature

# Elliptic Curve Cryptography (ECC)

- RSA and DH use integer and polynomial arithmetic with very large numbers/polynomials
  - Impose a significant load in storing and processing keys and messages
- **Elliptic curves** are an alternative
  - Offer same security with smaller bit sizes
    - 224-bit ECC ~ 2048-bit RSA
    - 500-bit ECC ~ 15k-bit RSA
  - Newer, not as well analyzed, but commonly used
    - Many curves exist, each with their tradeoffs
    - Not necessarily faster than RSA for the same equivalent security
  - Normally used for **key agreement or signing**, not ciphering

# Elliptic Curve Cryptography (ECC)

- Analogy:
  - ECC addition is analogous to modulo multiplication
  - ECC repeated addition is analogous to modulo exponentiation
- The “hard” problem is the **elliptic curve logarithm problem**
  - $Q = k \cdot P$ , where  $Q, P$  belong to an elliptic curve; eg  $y^2 = x^3 - 3x + b \text{ modulo } p$
  - Easy to compute  $Q$  given  $k, P$
  - Hard to find  $k$  given  $Q, P$
- Public Key operations  $Q(x,y) = kP(x,y)$ :
  - $Q$  = public key
  - $k$  = private key
  - $P$  = base point (a parameter of the curve)

# ECC Encryption/Decryption

- There are several alternatives but we consider the simplest: to encode the message **M** as a point **Q<sub>M</sub>** on the elliptic curve
- Key generation
  - Select suitable curve and base point P
  - Bob chooses a **private key**:  $k_B < n$
  - Bob computes the **public key**:  $Q_B = k_B \cdot P$
- Alice **encrypts** **Q<sub>M</sub>** using Bob's **public key** **Q<sub>B</sub>**:  
 $C_M = \{r \cdot P, Q_M + r \cdot Q_B\}$  – r is a random number; C<sub>M</sub> is a point in the curve
- Bob **decrypts** **C<sub>M</sub>** using its **private key** **k<sub>B</sub>**:

$$\underbrace{Q_M + r \cdot Q_B - k_B r \cdot P}_{C_M} = Q_M + r(k_B \cdot P) - k_B(r \cdot P) = Q_M$$

Porque  $Q_B = k_B P$



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# Digital signatures – objectives

- Authenticate the content of a document
- Authenticate its signer
- Being able to assure authentication towards a third party
- Signer cannot repudiate the signature



Legislação Consolidada

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*Aprova o regime jurídico dos documentos electrónicos e da assinatura digital*

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# Digital signatures

- Used approximations: asymmetric cipher + hash function
- **Basic algorithm** ( $K_x^r$  - private key  $K_x^u$  - public key)
  - Signature:  $S_x(\text{doc}) = E(K_x^r, \text{hash}(\text{doc}))$
  - Validation: check if  $D(K_x^u, S_x(\text{doc})) = \text{hash}(\text{doc})$
- Why cannot an adversary provide a fake signature?
- Another option:
  - Signature:  $S_x(\text{doc}) = \text{info} + E(K_x^r, \text{hash}(\text{doc} + \text{info}))$
  - Validation:  $D(K_x^u, S_x(\text{doc})) = \text{hash}(\text{doc} + \text{info})$
  - Example **info**: timestamp, used algorithm, ...
- Today often **ECDSA** is adopted (with elliptic curve encryption)

## Transitioning the Use of Cryptographic Algorithms and Key Lengths



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**Table 2: Approval Status of Algorithms Used for Digital Signature  
Generation and Verification**

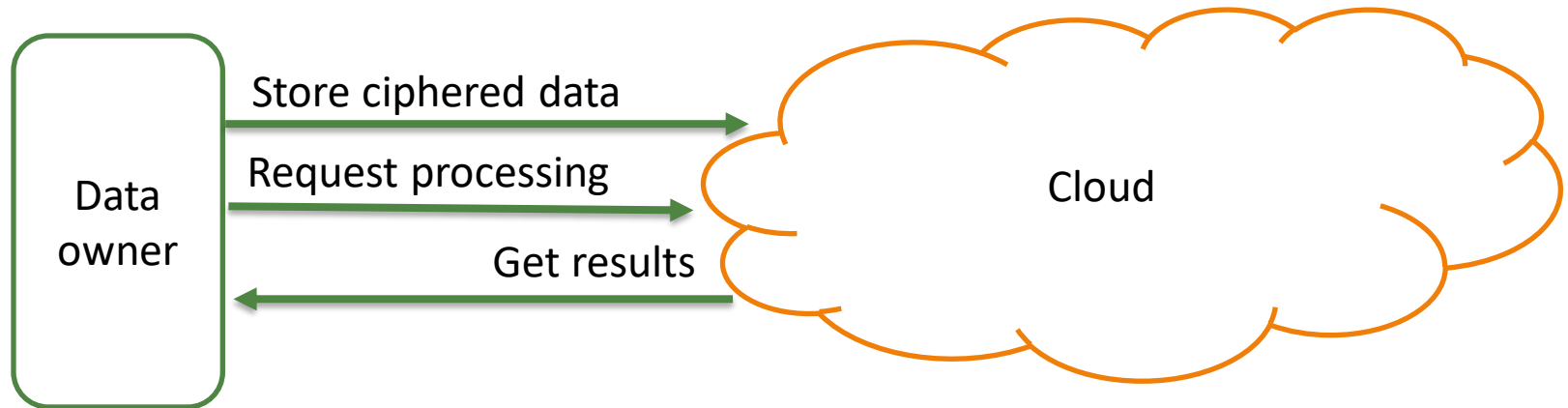
Digital Signature Process	Domain Parameters	Status
Digital Signature Generation	< 112 bits of security strength: DSA: $(L, N) \neq (2048, 224), (2048, 256)$ or $(3072, 256)$ ECDSA: $\text{len}(n) < 224$ RSA: $\text{len}(n) < 2048$	Disallowed
	<u><math>\geq 112</math> bits of security strength:</u> DSA: $(L, N) = (2048, 224), (2048, 256)$ or $(3072, 256)$ ECDSA or EdDSA: $\text{len}(n) \geq 224$ RSA: $\text{len}(n) \geq 2048$	Acceptable 
Digital Signature Verification	< 112 bits of security strength: DSA <sup>32</sup> : $((512 \leq L < 2048)$ or $(160 \leq N < 224))$ ECDSA: $160 \leq \text{len}(n) < 224$ RSA: $1024 \leq \text{len}(n) < 2048$	Legacy use
	<u><math>\geq 112</math> bits of security strength:</u> DSA: $(L, N) = (2048, 224), (2048, 256)$ or $(3072, 256)$ ECDSA and EdDSA: $\text{len}(n) \geq 224$ RSA: $\text{len}(n) \geq 2048$	Acceptable 

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# Homomorphic Encryption

- How to **outsource the processing of ciphered data**?
  - Basic assumption: data processed is encrypted **with the same key**
  - Data is processed in the cloud, not downloaded before processing



# Homomorphic Encryption

- **Homomorphic encryption**
  - Generate a ciphered result that, when deciphered, matches the result of the operations as if they had been performed on the plaintext
- **Fully homomorphic encryption (FHE)**
  - A cryptosystem that allows arbitrary computation on ciphertexts, i.e., that allow creating programs with any functionality
  - First implemented by Gentry in 2009
  - Currently very inefficient
- In practice, aim lower, e.g., queries over encrypted databases, e.g., **CryptDB** – <https://css.csail.mit.edu/cryptdb/>

# Homomorphic Encryption

## Example practical schemes (1/2)

- **Deterministic encryption** – allows equality comparison
  - Encrypt with some deterministic symmetric cipher  $E$ , e.g., AES in CBC mode with **fixed IV**
  - If  $E(A, K) = E(B, K)$  then  $A = B$
  - Less secure than randomized scheme (random IV), reveals equality
- **Order Preserving Encryption** – allows inequality comparison
  - Less secure than deterministic as it reveals order



# Homomorphic Encryption

## Example practical schemes (2/2)

- **Multiplication using RSA**

- Both keys are kept **secret**: **e**, **d**, **p**, **q** (even **e** that is usually **public**)
- Recall encryption with RSA:  $C = P^e \bmod n$
- Consider two pieces of data encrypted with **e**:  $C_a$  and  $C_b$
- Multiplication:  $C_a \times C_b = P_a^e \times P_b^e \bmod n = (P_a \times P_b)^e \bmod n$
- Decrypting with **d** we get  $P_a \times P_b$
- i.e., we multiply two encrypted values and, when we decrypt them, we get the multiplication of the two plaintext numbers

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