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Exercise 1.

B32 is a block cipher described by Bart Preneel and Lars Knudsen to learn the mechanisms of linear and differential cryptanalysis.

This is a product cipher scheme (substitution/permutation) which operates on 32 bits blocks. We will use a two-turns scheme which uses three keys of 32 bits K_0, K_1, K_2 .

After the initial state which consists in adding K_0 – add means XOR bit by bit – to the plaintext, the *turn function* operates as follow:

1. *Substitution*: the 32 bits are divided in 8 blocks of 4 bits. The S-box takes as input each block of 4 bits and is given by:

$$S = [7, 3, 6, 1, 13, 9, 10, 11, 2, 12, 0, 4, 5, 15, 8, 14].$$

You must understand: the image of i by S is $S[i]$, where $i \in [0..15]$ is identified by its binary writing (the least significant bit on the right!). For example, the image of $[0, 1, 0, 0]$ is given by $S[4] = 13$, i.e. $[1, 1, 0, 1]$

2. *Permutation*: the block is subjected to a circular shift of 2 to the right;
3. We add the key (K_1 at first round and K_2 at second round).

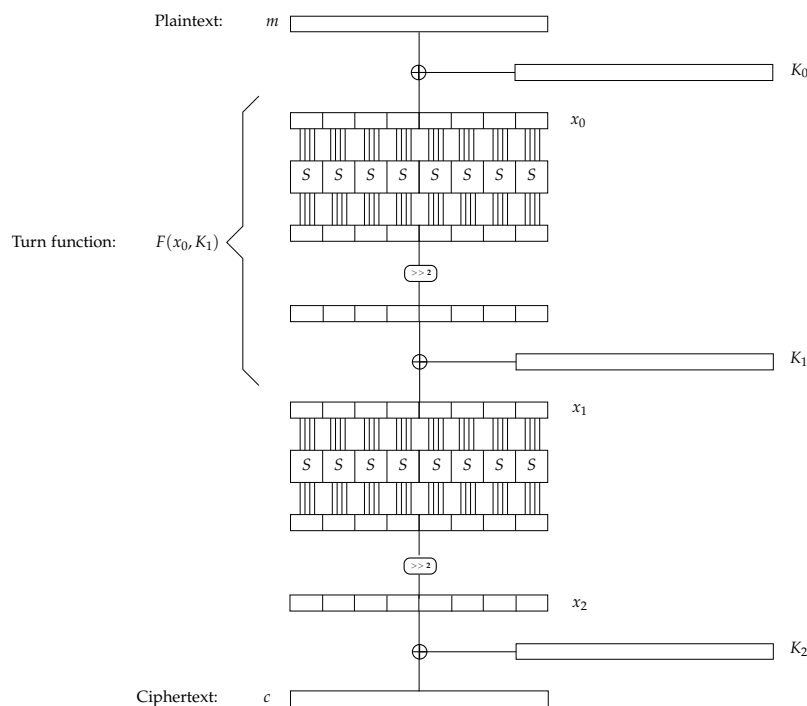


Figure 1: Encryption B32

You will find a list of plaintexts and ciphertexts at the address http://perso.ens-lyon.fr/adeline.langlois/webpage/Crypto2014/clair_chiffres.txt. In this file, for i from 1 to 100, $\text{Ciphertext}[i]$ is the ciphertext of $\text{Plaintext}[i]$.

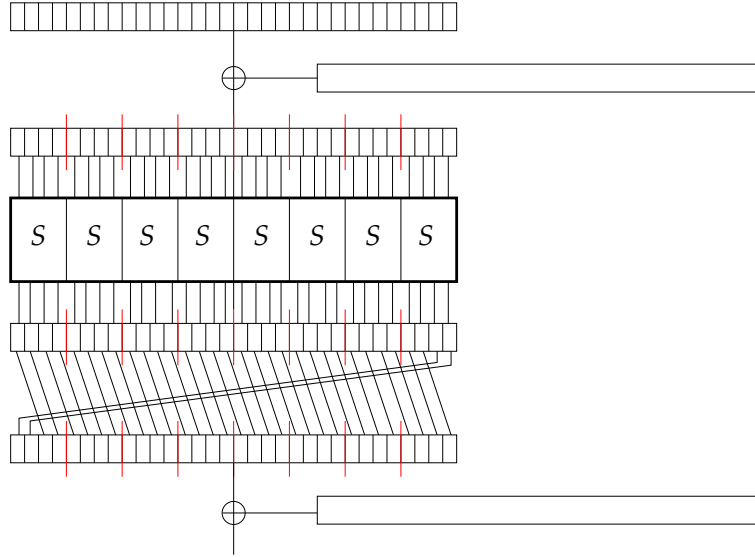


Figure 2: First round of B32

1. Write the turn function, the inverse turn function, a function giving the complete encryption (two rounds and three keys K_0, K_1, K_2), and the decryption function.
You could write the blocks and the keys as lists of \mathbb{F}_2 elements. We could also write conversion functions from sequences of 4 elements of \mathbb{F}_2 to integers from 0 to 15.

To test the function: the ciphertext of B32 of $(0, 0, \dots, 0, 0)$ with the keys $K_0 = (1, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 0, 1)$, $K_1 = (1, 1, \dots, 1, 1)$ and $K_2 = (0, 1, 1, \dots, 1, 1, 0)$ must return

$$(0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0).$$

2. The matrix of linear approximations L of a box $S : \mathbb{F}_2^s \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_2^s$ is defined by its inputs:

$$L[a, b] = \#\{x \in \mathbb{F}_2^s \mid a \cdot x = b \cdot S(x)\}$$

for all $a, b \in \mathbb{F}_2^s$, where $a \cdot x$ means $\bigoplus_i a_i x_i$ where the a_i 's and the x_i 's are the bits of a and x .
We have

$$p_{a,b} := \Pr(a \cdot x = b \cdot S(x)) = \frac{L[a, b]}{2^s}.$$

Compute this matrix for the box S of B32.

3. What are the probabilities $p_{a,b}$ the farthest from $1/2$? Made a list of the corresponding couples (a, b) . Which one will be useful for linear cryptanalysis ?
4. If $x \in \mathbb{F}_2^{32}$, we write $x^{(0)}, x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(7)}$ the 4 bits blocks which establish it. We choose a couple (a, b) in the previous list, and we write

$$A = (a, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 0) \in \mathbb{F}_2^{32},$$

such that $A^{(0)} = a$, and for $i \geq 1$, $A^{(i)} = 0000$, and also $B = (b, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 0)$.

We denote by F the function of B32. Let K_0, K_1, K_2 be the three keys of B32. Let m be a random plaintext, chosen uniformly in the blocks of 32 bits. We recall that the ciphertext c of m from B32 with 2 rounds with the keys K_0, K_1, K_2 is given by:

$$\begin{cases} x_0 = m + K_0 \\ x_1 = F(x_0, K_1) \\ c = F(x_1, K_2) \end{cases}$$

Using the matrix L , show that $A \cdot m = P(B) \cdot x_1$ with probability $1/2 \pm 6/16$, where P is the permutation function (the second step of the turn function). Check experimentally this probability (take some keys and test them with a high number of random m).

5. We call *active boxes* at second round, the boxes of index $i \in \{0, 1, \dots, 7\}$, such that $P(B)^{(i)}$ is not equal to 0000. Explain why, in the linear cryptanalysis attack on the last round, we can restrict ourselves to determine the value of the bits of the key K_2 in some indexes $j \in \{0, \dots, 31\}$.
6. Give a summary tab of the couples (a, b) such that $p_{a,b} = 1/2 \pm 6/16$, the expression of $P(B)$, the expression of the linear equation connecting the bits of m and those of x_1 , the number of the corresponding active boxes, and the indices j of the bits of the key K_2 that we can set.
7. Choose a couple (a, b) given only one active box. Find the bits of the key K_2 in some indices by using the couples plaintexts/ciphertexts given in the beginning. Do the same for a couple (a, b) with two active boxes.
8. Iterate the attack of the previous question (with one and two active boxes) by constructing A and B such that we approximate the boxes S corresponding to the other 4 bits blocks. Give the totality of the key K_2 . Compare the efficiency of the method with an active box to the method with two active boxes.
9. The given couple plaintext/ciphertext has been built from an algorithm B32 using an algorithm of construction of keys. The secret key K_1, K_2 and K_3 has been constructed by taking some bits from a secret key K of 32 bits. The following tab gives the order of the 32 bits using to construct the 3 keys:

| key | bits of K used |
|-------|---|
| K_0 | 17, 31, 0, 0, 18, 7, 20, 18, 8, 1, 27, 27, 2, 4, 11, 20, 25, 13, 17, 10, 24, 9, 29, 15, 21, 18, 28, 20, 4, 5, 24, 15 |
| K_1 | 15, 2, 5, 0, 13, 31, 5, 10, 18, 2, 3, 14, 14, 0, 11, 1, 20, 15, 14, 27, 6, 11, 19, 3, 6, 20, 14, 2, 28, 11, 5, 8 |
| K_2 | 4, 24, 23, 12, 22, 21, 31, 15, 29, 1, 0, 26, 17, 24, 16, 5, 31, 0, 20, 21, 26, 30, 15, 11, 16, 23, 18, 30, 30, 19, 28, 23 |

This mean for example that the first bit of K_0 is the 17-th bit of K , the second is the 31-th bit of K (we enumerate the positions from 0 to 31).

Find the secret key K .

10. **(Extension to B32 with three turns).** We now suppose that B32 is doing three turns. How to choose (A, B) to make minimal the number of active boxes at the end of the second turn ? What is the corresponding $P_{A,B}$ probability ? Write this attack with 3 turns and test it by choosing random keys K_0, K_1, K_2, K_3 and by constructing enough corresponding couples plaintext/ ciphertext.