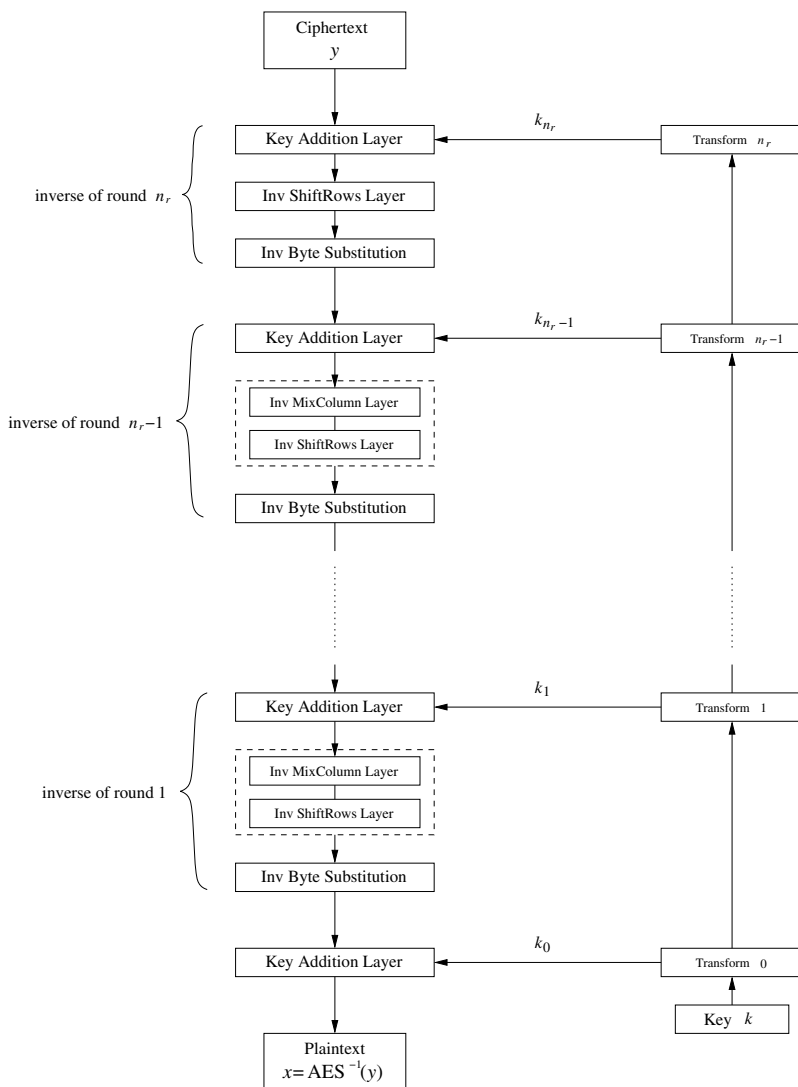


dition, the order of the subkeys is reversed, i.e., we need a reversed key schedule. A block diagram of the decryption function is shown in Fig. 4.8.



**Fig. 4.8** AES decryption block diagram

Since the last encryption round does not perform the MixColumn operation, the first decryption round also does not contain the corresponding inverse layer. All other decryption rounds, however, contain all AES layers. In the following, we discuss the inverse layers of the general AES decryption round (Fig. 4.9). Since the