

# Simple Substitution

❑ Plaintext: **fourscoreandsevenyearsago**

❑ Key:

Plaintext	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z
Ciphertext	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C

❑ Ciphertext:

**IRXUVFRUHDQGVHYHQBHDUVDJR**

❑ Shift by 3 is "Caesar's cipher"

# Ceasar's Cipher Decryption

- Suppose we know a Caesar's cipher is being used:

Plaintext	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z
Ciphertext	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C

- Given ciphertext:

VSRQJHEREVTXDUHSDQWV

- Plaintext: spongebobsquarepants

# Not-so-Simple Substitution

- ❑ Shift by  $n$  for some  $n \in \{0,1,2,\dots,25\}$
- ❑ Then key is  $n$
- ❑ Example: key  $n = 7$

Plaintext

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z
H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G

Ciphertext

# Cryptanalysis I: Try Them All

- ❑ A simple substitution (shift by  $n$ ) is used
  - But the key is unknown
- ❑ Given ciphertext: **CSYEVIXIVQMREXIH**
- ❑ How to find the key?
- ❑ Only 26 possible keys — try them all!
- ❑ Exhaustive key search
- ❑ Solution: key is  $n = 4$

# Simple Substitution: General Case

- ❑ In general, simple substitution key can be any **permutation** of letters
  - Not necessarily a shift of the alphabet
- ❑ For example

Plaintext	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z
Ciphertext	J	I	C	A	X	S	E	Y	V	D	K	W	B	Q	T	Z	R	H	F	M	P	N	U	L	G	O

- ❑ Then  $26! > 2^{88}$  possible keys

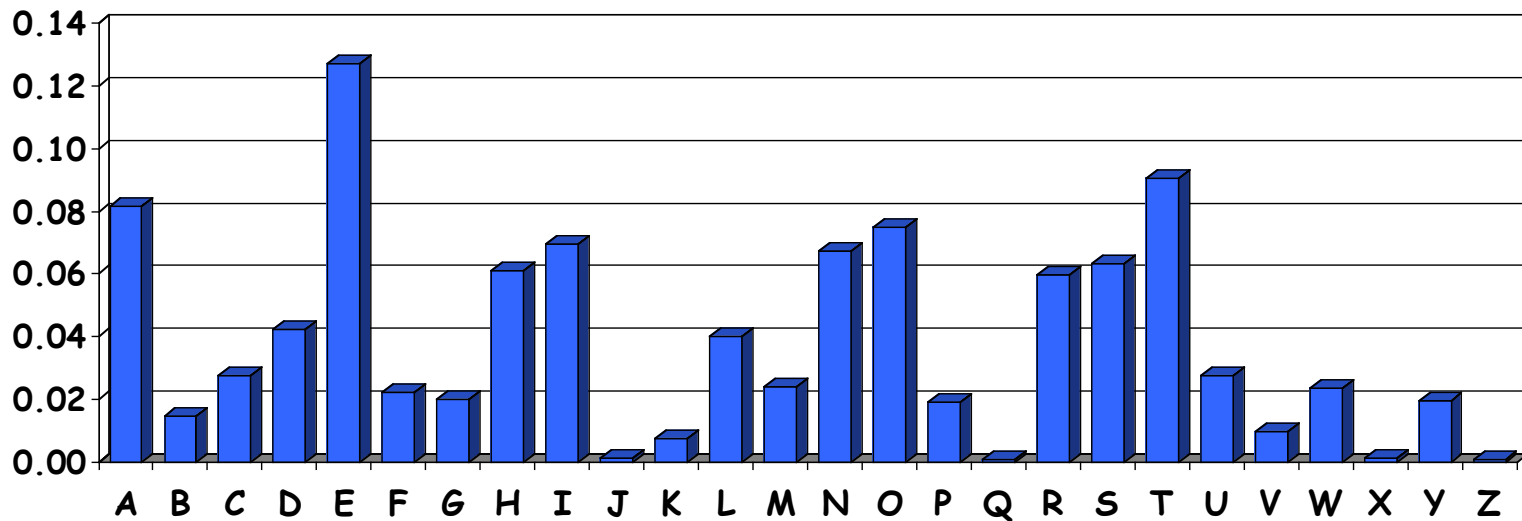
# Cryptanalysis II: Be Clever

- We know that a simple substitution is used
- But not necessarily a shift by  $n$
- Find the key given the ciphertext:

PBFPVYFBQXZTYFPBFEQJHDXXQVAPTPQJKTOYQWIPBVWLXTOX  
BTFXQWAXBVCXQWAXFQJTVWLEQNTQZQGGQLFXQWAKVWLXQ  
WAEBIPBFXFQVXGTVJVWLBTPQWAEBFPBFHCVLXBQUFEVWLXGD  
PEQVPQGVPPBFTIXPFHXZHVFAGFOTHFEFBQUFTDHzBQPOTHXTY  
FTODXQHFTDPTOGHFQPBQWAQJJTODXQHFOQPWTBDHHIXQV  
APBFZQHCFWPFHPBFIPBQWKFABVYYDZBOTHBPQPQJTQOTOGHF  
QAPBFEQJHDXXQVAVXEBQPEFZBVFOJIWFFACFCCFHQWAUVWF  
LQHGFVAFXQHUFHILTTAVWAFFAWTEVOITDHFHFQAITIXPFH  
XAFQHEFZQWGFLVWPTOFFA

# Cryptanalysis II

- ❑ Cannot try all  $2^{88}$  simple substitution keys
- ❑ Can we be more clever?
- ❑ English letter frequency counts...



# Cryptanalysis II

## □ Ciphertext:

PBFPVYFBQXZTYFPBFEQJHDXXQVAPTPQJKTOYQWIPBVWLXTOXBTFXQ  
WAXBVCXQWAXFQJWVLEQNTQZQGGQLFXQWAKVWLXQWAEIBPBFXFQ  
VXGTVJVWLBTPQWAEFBPBFHCVLXBQUFEVWLXGDPEQVPQGVPBPFTIXPFH  
XZHVFAGFOTHFEBQUFTDHzBQPOTHXTYFTODXQHFTDPTOGHFQPBQW  
AQJJTODXQHFOQPWTBDHHIXQVAPBFZQHCFWPFHPBFIPBQWKFAVYY  
DZBOTHBPBPQJTQOTOGHFQAPBFEQJHDXXQVAVXEBQPEFZBVFOJIWFF  
ACFCCFHQWAUVWFLQHGFVAFXQHUFHILTAVWAFFAWTEVOITDHFH  
FQAITIXPFHAXFQHEFZQWGFLVWPTOFFA

## □ Analyze this message using statistics below

Ciphertext frequency counts:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
21	26	6	10	12	51	10	25	10	9	3	10	0	1	15	28	42	0	0	27	4	24	22	28	6	8



# Cryptanalysis: Terminology

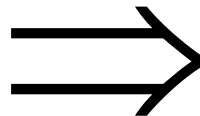
- ❑ Cryptosystem is **secure** if best know attack is to try all keys
  - Exhaustive key search, that is
- ❑ Cryptosystem is **insecure** if *any* shortcut attack is known
- ❑ But then insecure cipher might be harder to break than a secure cipher!
  - What the ... ?

# Double Transposition

□ Plaintext: **attackxatxdawn**

	col 1	col 2	col 3
row 1	a	t	t
row 2	a	c	k
row 3	x	a	t
row 4	x	d	a
row 5	w	n	x

Permute rows  
and columns



	col 1	col 3	col 2
row 3	x	t	a
row 5	w	x	n
row 1	a	t	t
row 4	x	a	d
row 2	a	k	c

□ Ciphertext: **xtawxnattxadakc**

□ Key is matrix size and permutations:  
(3,5,1,4,2) and (1,3,2)

# One-Time Pad: Encryption

e=000   h=001   i=010   k=011   l=100   r=101   s=110   t=111

Encryption: Plaintext  $\oplus$  Key = Ciphertext

h   e   i   l   h   i   t   l   e   r

Plaintext: 001 000 010 100 001 010 111 100 000 101

Key: 111 101 110 101 111 100 000 101 110 000

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Ciphertext: 110 101 100 001 110 110 111 001 110 101

s   r   l   h   s   s   t   h   s   r

# One-Time Pad: Decryption

e=000   h=001   i=010   k=011   l=100   r=101   s=110   t=111

Decryption:  $\text{Ciphertext} \oplus \text{Key} = \text{Plaintext}$

	s	r	l	h	s	s	t	h	s	r
Ciphertext:	110	101	100	001	110	110	111	001	110	101
Key:	111	101	110	101	111	100	000	101	110	000
Plaintext:	001	000	010	100	001	010	111	100	000	101
	h	e	i	l	h	i	t	l	e	r

# One-Time Pad

Double agent claims following “key” was used:

s r l h s s t h s r

Ciphertext: 110 101 100 001 110 110 111 001 110 101

“key”: 101 111 000 101 111 100 000 101 110 000

“Plaintext”: 011 010 100 100 001 010 111 100 000 101

k i l l h i t l e r

e=000 h=001 i=010 k=011 l=100 r=101 s=110 t=111

# One-Time Pad

Or claims the key is...

s r l h s s t h s r

Ciphertext: 110 101 100 001 110 110 111 001 110 101

"key": 111 101 000 011 101 110 001 011 101 101

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"Plaintext": 001 000 100 010 011 000 110 010 011 000

h e l i k e s i k e

e=000 h=001 i=010 k=011 l=100 r=101 s=110 t=111

# One-Time Pad Summary

- ❑ **Provably** secure
  - Ciphertext gives **no** useful info about plaintext
  - All plaintexts are *equally likely*
- ❑ BUT, only when be used correctly
  - Pad must be random, used only once
  - Pad is known only to sender and receiver
- ❑ Note: pad (key) is same size as message
- ❑ So, why not distribute msg instead of pad?

# Codebook Cipher

- ❑ Literally, a book filled with “codewords”
- ❑ Zimmerman Telegram encrypted via codebook

Februar	13605
fest	13732
finanzielle	13850
folgender	13918
Frieden	17142
Friedenschluss	17149
:	:

- ❑ Modern block ciphers are codebooks!
- ❑ More about this later...



# Codebook Cipher: Additive

- ❑ Codebooks also (usually) use **additive**
- ❑ Additive — book of “random” numbers
  - Encrypt message with codebook
  - Then choose position in additive book
  - Add in additives to get ciphertext
  - Send ciphertext and additive position (MI)
  - Recipient subtracts additives before decrypting
- ❑ Why use an additive sequence?

# Chapter 3:

# Symmetric Key Crypto

The chief forms of beauty are order and symmetry...  
— Aristotle

# Symmetric Key Crypto

- ❑ Stream cipher — generalize one-time pad
  - Except that key is relatively short
  - Key is stretched into a long **keystream**
  - Keystream is used just like a one-time pad
- ❑ Block cipher — generalized codebook
  - Block cipher key determines a codebook
  - Each key yields a different codebook
  - Employs both “confusion” and “diffusion”

# Stream Ciphers



# Stream Ciphers

- ❑ Once upon a time, not so very long ago... stream ciphers were the king of crypto
- ❑ Today, not as popular as block ciphers
- ❑ We'll discuss two stream ciphers:
- ❑ A5/1
  - Based on shift registers
  - Used in GSM mobile phone system
- ❑ RC4
  - Based on a changing lookup table
  - Used many places

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h   e   i   l   h   i   t   l   e   r

Plaintext: 001 000 010 100 001 010 111 100 000 101

Key: 111 101 110 101 111 100 000 101 110 000

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Ciphertext: 110 101 100 001 110 110 111 001 110 101

s   r   l   h   s   s   t   h   s   r

# One-Time Pad: Decryption

e=000   h=001   i=010   k=011   l=100   r=101   s=110   t=111

Decryption:  $\text{Ciphertext} \oplus \text{Key} = \text{Plaintext}$

	s	r	l	h	s	s	t	h	s	r
Ciphertext:	110	101	100	001	110	110	111	001	110	101
Key:	111	101	110	101	111	100	000	101	110	000
Plaintext:	001	000	010	100	001	010	111	100	000	101
	h	e	i	l	h	i	t	l	e	r

# A5/1: Shift Registers

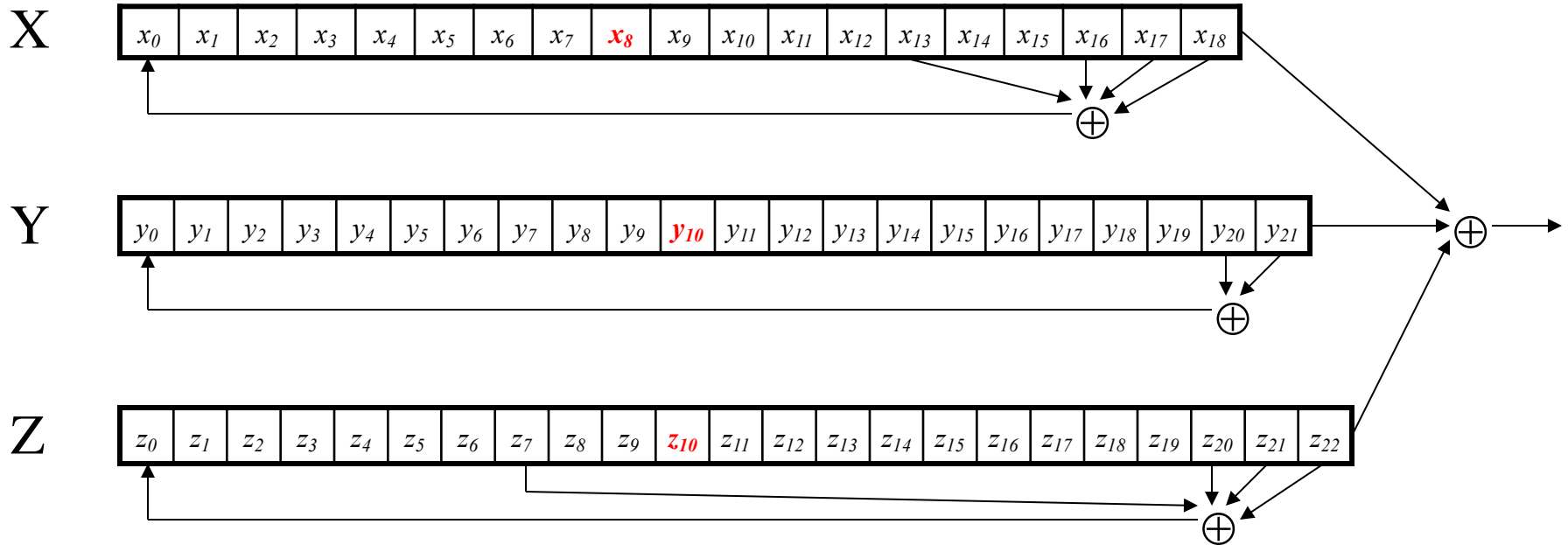
- A5/1 uses 3 *shift registers*
  - X: 19 bits ( $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{18}$ )
  - Y: 22 bits ( $y_0, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{21}$ )
  - Z: 23 bits ( $z_0, z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{22}$ )



# A5/1: Keystream

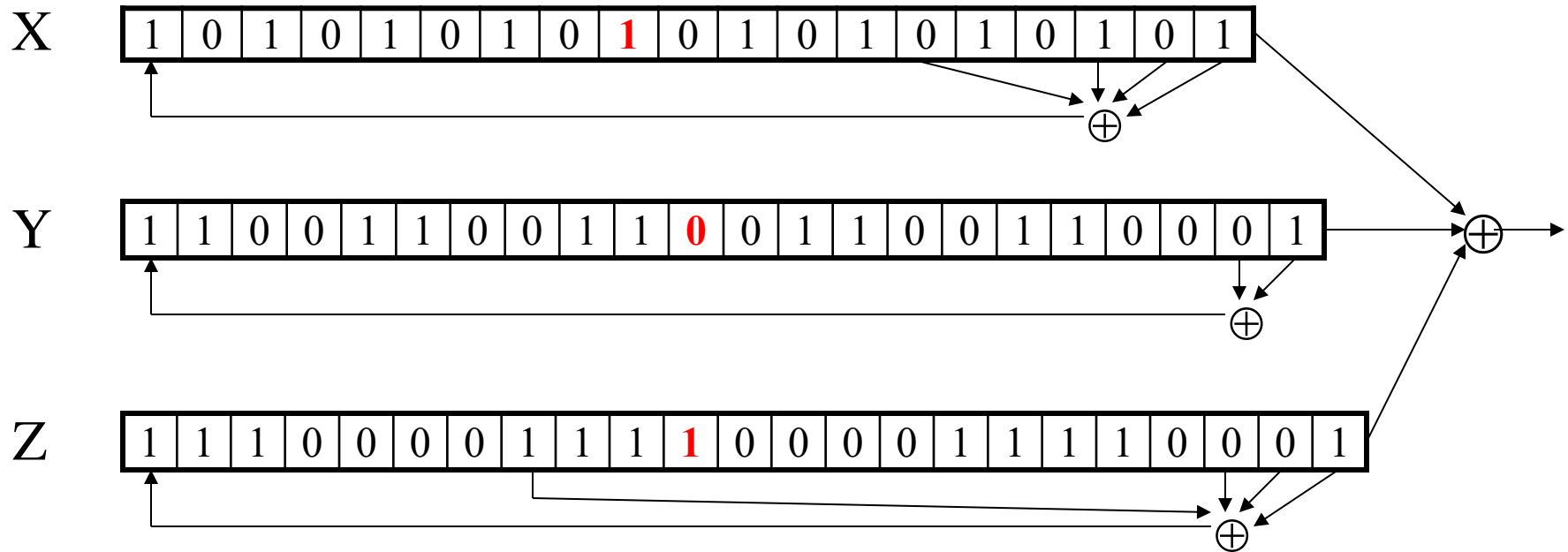
- ❑ At each iteration:  $m = \text{maj}(x_8, y_{10}, z_{10})$ 
  - Examples:  $\text{maj}(0,1,0) = 0$  and  $\text{maj}(1,1,0) = 1$
- ❑ If  $x_8 = m$  then *X steps*
  - $t = x_{13} \oplus x_{16} \oplus x_{17} \oplus x_{18}$
  - $x_i = x_{i-1}$  for  $i = 18, 17, \dots, 1$  and  $x_0 = t$
- ❑ If  $y_{10} = m$  then *Y steps*
  - $t = y_{20} \oplus y_{21}$
  - $y_i = y_{i-1}$  for  $i = 21, 20, \dots, 1$  and  $y_0 = t$
- ❑ If  $z_{10} = m$  then *Z steps*
  - $t = z_7 \oplus z_{20} \oplus z_{21} \oplus z_{22}$
  - $z_i = z_{i-1}$  for  $i = 22, 21, \dots, 1$  and  $z_0 = t$
- ❑ Keystream **bit** is  $x_{18} \oplus y_{21} \oplus z_{22}$

# A5/1



- ❑ Each variable here is a single bit
- ❑ Key is used as **initial fill** of registers
- ❑ Each register steps (or not) based on  $\text{maj}(x_8, y_{10}, z_{10})$
- ❑ Keystream bit is XOR of rightmost bits of registers

# A5/1



- ❑ In this example,  $m = \text{maj}(x_8, y_{10}, z_{10}) = \text{maj}(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}) = \mathbf{1}$
- ❑ Register X steps, Y does not step, and Z steps
- ❑ Keystream bit is XOR of right bits of registers
- ❑ Here, keystream bit will be  $0 \oplus 1 \oplus 0 = 1$

# Shift Register Crypto

- ❑ Shift register crypto efficient in hardware
- ❑ Often, slow if implemented in software
- ❑ In the past, very, very popular
- ❑ Today, more is done in software due to fast processors
- ❑ Shift register crypto still used some
  - Especially in resource-constrained devices

# RC4

- ❑ A self-modifying lookup table
- ❑ Table always contains a permutation of the byte values  $0, 1, \dots, 255$
- ❑ Initialize the permutation using key
- ❑ At each step, RC4 does the following
  - Swaps elements in current lookup table
  - Selects a keystream byte from table
- ❑ Each step of RC4 produces a **byte**
  - Efficient in software
- ❑ Each step of A5/1 produces only a bit
  - Efficient in hardware

# RC4 Initialization

- `S[]` is permutation of `0,1,...,255`
- `key[]` contains `N` bytes of key

```
for i = 0 to 255
    S[i] = i
    K[i] = key[i mod N]
next i
j = 0
for i = 0 to 255
    j = (j + S[i] + K[i]) mod 256
    swap(S[i], S[j])
next i
i = j = 0
```

# RC4 Keystream

- At each step, swap elements in table and select keystream byte

$i = (i + 1) \bmod 256$

$j = (j + S[i]) \bmod 256$

$\text{swap}(S[i], S[j])$

$t = (S[i] + S[j]) \bmod 256$

$\text{keystreamByte} = S[t]$

- Use keystream bytes like a one-time pad
- **Note:** first few hundreds bytes should be discarded
  - Otherwise, related key attack exists

# Stream Ciphers

- ❑ Stream ciphers were popular in the past
  - Efficient in hardware
  - Speed was needed to keep up with voice, etc.
  - Today, processors are fast, so software-based crypto is usually more than fast enough
- ❑ Future of stream ciphers?
  - Shamir declared “the death of stream ciphers”
  - May be greatly exaggerated...



# Block Ciphers



# (Iterated) Block Cipher

- ❑ Plaintext and ciphertext consist of fixed-sized blocks
- ❑ Ciphertext obtained from plaintext by iterating a **round function**
- ❑ Input to round function consists of *key* and *output* of previous round
- ❑ Usually implemented in software

# Feistel Cipher: Encryption

- ❑ **Feistel cipher** is a type of block cipher
  - *Not* a specific block cipher
- ❑ Split plaintext block into left and right halves:  $P = (L_0, R_0)$
- ❑ For each round  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , compute

$$L_i = R_{i-1}$$

$$R_i = L_{i-1} \oplus F(R_{i-1}, K_i)$$

where  $F$  is **round function** and  $K_i$  is **subkey**

- ❑ **Ciphertext**:  $C = (L_n, R_n)$

# Feistel Cipher: Decryption

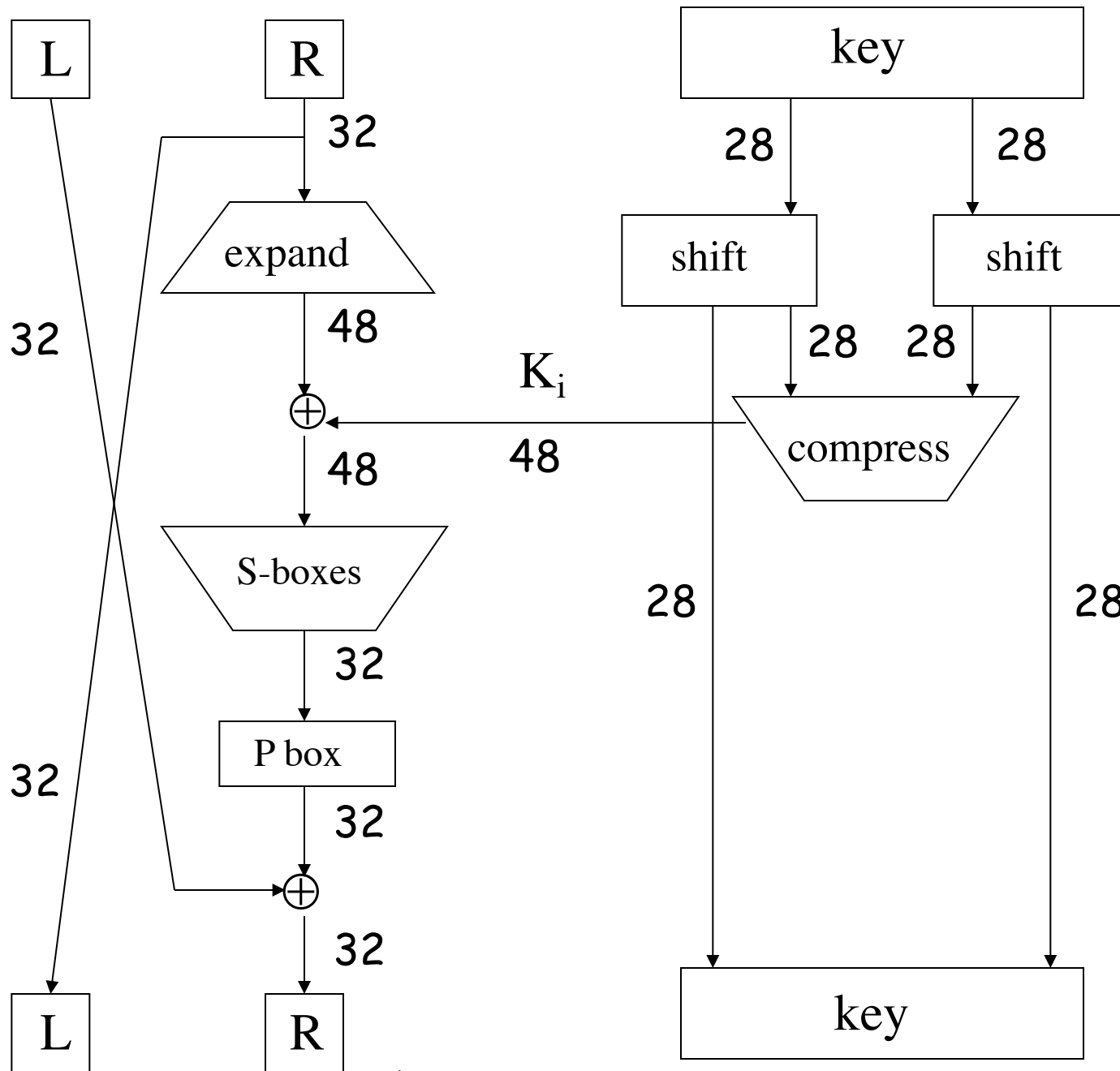
- Start with ciphertext  $C = (L_n, R_n)$
- For each round  $i = n, n-1, \dots, 1$ , compute
$$R_{i-1} = L_i$$
$$L_{i-1} = R_i \oplus F(R_{i-1}, K_i)$$
where  $F$  is round function and  $K_i$  is subkey
- Plaintext:  $P = (L_0, R_0)$
- Decryption works for any function  $F$ 
  - But only secure for certain functions  $F$

# Data Encryption Standard

- ❑ DES developed in 1970's
- ❑ Based on IBM's Lucifer cipher
- ❑ DES was U.S. government standard
- ❑ Development of DES was controversial
  - NSA secretly involved
  - Design process was secret
  - Key length reduced from 128 to 56 bits
  - Subtle changes to Lucifer algorithm

# DES Numerology

- ❑ DES is a Feistel cipher with...
  - 64 bit block length
  - 56 bit key length
  - 16 rounds
  - 48 bits of key used each round (subkey)
- ❑ Round function is simple (for block cipher)
- ❑ Security depends heavily on “S-boxes”
  - Each S-box maps 6 bits to 4 bits



One  
Round  
of  
DES

# DES Expansion Permutation

## □ Input 32 bits

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## □ Output 48 bits

31	0	1	2	3	4	3	4	5	6	7	8
7	8	9	10	11	12	11	12	13	14	15	16
15	16	17	18	19	20	19	20	21	22	23	24
23	24	25	26	27	28	27	28	29	30	31	0



# DES S-box

- ❑ 8 "substitution boxes" or S-boxes
- ❑ Each S-box maps 6 bits to 4 bits
- ❑ Here is S-box number 1

input bits (0,5)



input bits (1,2,3,4)

	0000	0001	0010	0011	0100	0101	0110	0111	1000	1001	1010	1011	1100	1101	1110	1111
00	1110	0100	1101	0001	0010	1111	1011	1000	0011	1010	0110	1100	0101	1001	0000	0111
01	0000	1111	0111	0100	1110	0010	1101	0001	1010	0110	1100	1011	1001	0101	0011	1000
10	0100	0001	1110	1000	1101	0110	0010	1011	1111	1100	1001	0111	0011	1010	0101	0000
11	1111	1100	1000	0010	0100	1001	0001	0111	0101	1011	0011	1110	1010	0000	0110	1101

# DES P-box

## □ Input 32 bits

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## □ Output 32 bits

15	6	19	20	28	11	27	16	0	14	22	25	4	17	30	9
1	7	23	13	31	26	2	8	18	12	29	5	21	10	3	24

# DES Subkey

- ❑ 56 bit DES key, numbered 0,1,2,...,55
- ❑ Left half key bits, LK

49	42	35	28	21	14	7
0	50	43	36	29	22	15
8	1	51	44	37	30	23
16	9	2	52	45	38	31

- ❑ Right half key bits, RK

55	48	41	34	27	20	13
6	54	47	40	33	26	19
12	5	53	46	39	32	25
18	11	4	24	17	10	3

# DES Subkey

- For rounds  $i=1, 2, \dots, 16$ 
  - Let  $LK = (LK \text{ circular shift left by } r_i)$
  - Let  $RK = (RK \text{ circular shift left by } r_i)$
  - Left half of subkey  $K_i$  is of LK bits

13	16	10	23	0	4	2	27	14	5	20	9
22	18	11	3	25	7	15	6	26	19	12	1

- Right half of subkey  $K_i$  is RK bits

12	23	2	8	18	26	1	11	22	16	4	19
15	20	10	27	5	24	17	13	21	7	0	3

# DES Subkey

- ❑ For rounds 1, 2, 9 and 16 the shift  $r_i$  is 1, and in all other rounds  $r_i$  is 2
- ❑ Bits 8,17,21,24 of LK omitted each round
- ❑ Bits 6,9,14,25 of RK omitted each round
- ❑ **Compression permutation** yields 48 bit subkey  $K_i$  from 56 bits of LK and RK
- ❑ **Key schedule** generates subkey

# Security of DES

- ❑ Security depends heavily on S-boxes
  - Everything else in DES is linear
- ❑ 35+ years of intense analysis has revealed no back door
- ❑ Attacks, essentially exhaustive key search
- ❑ **Inescapable conclusions**
  - Designers of DES knew what they were doing
  - Designers of DES were way ahead of their time (at least wrt certain cryptanalytic techniques)