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Lab Assignment No:-3

Aim:- Block cipher modes of operation using Advanced Encryption Standard(AES)

Lab Outcome Attained :- LO2

Theory:-

Briefly explain AES algorithm (What type of cipher it is?, number of rounds, keysize, block size, operations in each round)

Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) is a symmetric-key block cipher that is used to encrypt and decrypt data. It is a substitution-permutation network (SPN) cipher, which means that it works by repeatedly substituting and permuting the input data.

Key features of AES:

1)Type of cipher: Symmetric-key block cipher

2) Number of rounds: 10, 12, or 14 rounds, depending on the key size

3)Keysize: 128, 192, or 256 bits

4)Block size: 128 bits

5)Operations in each round:

Byte substitution (SubBytes)

Shift rows (ShiftRows)

Mix columns (MixColumns)

Add round key (AddRoundKey)

The AES algorithm is considered to be very secure and has been adopted by many organizations and governments around the world. It is used to protect sensitive data in a variety of applications, including:

Email

File encryption

Disk encryption

Wireless networking

Cloud computing

Operations performed in each round of AES:

Byte substitution (SubBytes): This operation replaces each byte in the input block with a new byte that is selected from a lookup table. This table is designed to make the cipher resistant to attacks based on frequency analysis.

Shift rows (**ShiftRows**): This operation cyclically shifts the rows of the input block by different amounts. This operation makes the cipher resistant to attacks based on differential cryptanalysis.

Mix columns (**MixColumns**): This operation mixes the columns of the input block using a linear transformation. This operation makes the cipher resistant to attacks based on linear cryptanalysis.

Add round key (**AddRoundKey**): This operation XORs the input block with the round key. This operation ensures that each round of the cipher depends on the previous rounds, which makes it more difficult to break.

The number of rounds in AES depends on the key size. For a 128-bit key, there are 10 rounds. For a 192-bit key, there are 12 rounds. And for a 256-bit key, there are 14 rounds.

The AES algorithm is a very secure and efficient cipher that is widely used around the world

With diagram explain in brief block cipher modes of operation

- 1) ECB mode
- 2) CBC mode
- 3) OFB mode
- 4) Counter mode

1)ECB (Electronic Code Book)

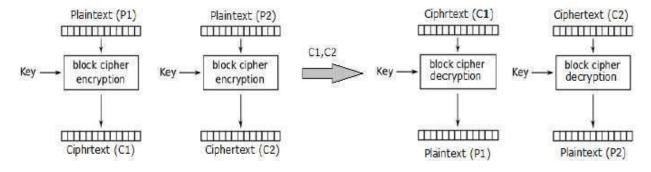
This mode is a most straightforward way of processing a series of sequentially listed message blocks.

Operation

The user takes the first block of plaintext and encrypts it with the key to produce the first block of ciphertext. He then takes the second block of plaintext and follows the same process with same key and so on so forth.

The ECB mode is deterministic, that is, if plaintext block P1, P2,..., Pm are encrypted twice under the same key, the output ciphertext blocks will be the same.

In fact, for a given key technically we can create a codebook of ciphertexts for all possible plaintext blocks. Encryption would then entail only looking up for required plaintext and select the corresponding ciphertext. Thus, the operation is analogous to the assignment of code words in a codebook, and hence gets an official name – Electronic Codebook mode of operation (ECB). It is illustrated as follows –



2)CBC mode(cipher block chaining)

CBC mode of operation provides message dependence for generating ciphertext and makes the system non-deterministic.

Operation

The operation of CBC mode is depicted in the following illustration. The steps are as follows –

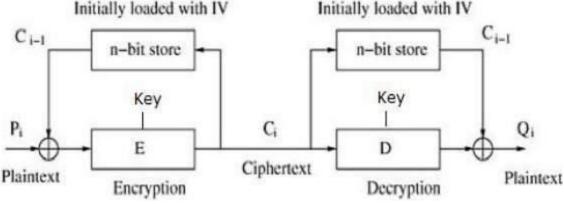
Load the n-bit Initialization Vector (IV) in the top register.

XOR the n-bit plaintext block with data value in top register.

Encrypt the result of XOR operation with underlying block cipher with key K.

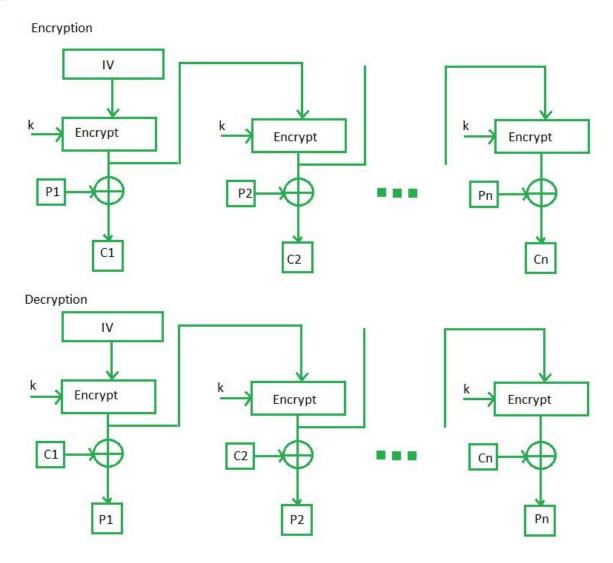
Feed ciphertext block into top register and continue the operation till all plaintext blocks are processed.

For decryption, IV data is XORed with first ciphertext block decrypted. The first ciphertext block is also fed into to register replacing IV for decrypting next ciphertext block.



3)OFB mode(output feedback mode)

OFB Mode stands for output feedback Mode. OFB mode is similar to CFB mode; the only difference is in CFB, the ciphertext is used for the next stage of the encryption process, whereas in OFB, the output of the IV encryption is used for the next stage of the encryption process. The IV is encrypted using the key and form encrypted IV. Plain text and leftmost 8 bits of encrypted IV are combined using XOR and produce the ciphertext. For the next stage, the ciphertext, which is the form in the previous stage, is used as an IV for the next iteration. The same procedure is followed for all blocks.



4)Counter(CTR) mode

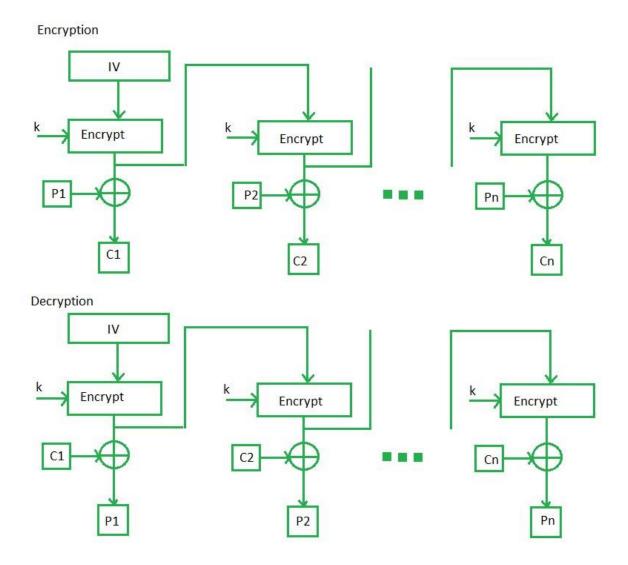
It can be considered as a counter-based version of CFB mode without the feedback. In this mode, both the sender and receiver need to access to a reliable counter, which computes a new shared value each time a ciphertext block is exchanged. This shared counter is not necessarily a secret value, but challenge is that both sides must keep the counter synchronized.

Operation

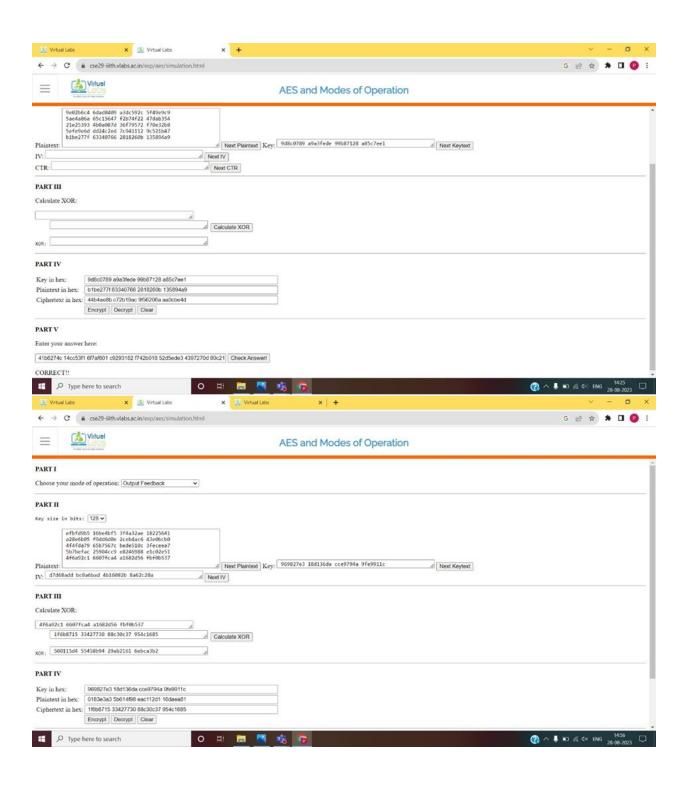
Both encryption and decryption in CTR mode are depicted in the following illustration. Steps in operation are –

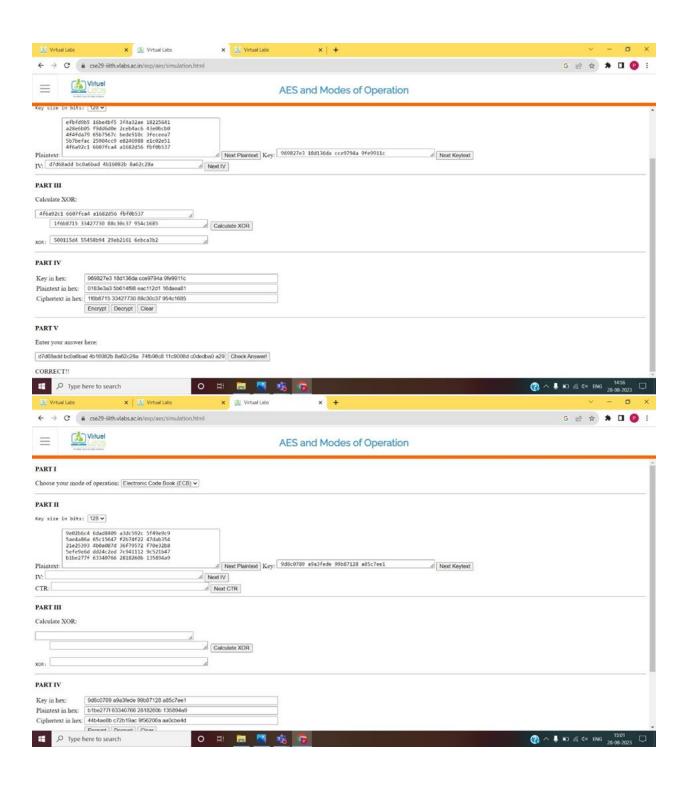
Load the initial counter value in the top register is the same for both the sender and the receiver. It plays the same role as the IV in CFB (and CBC) mode. Encrypt the contents of the counter with the key and place the result in the bottom register.

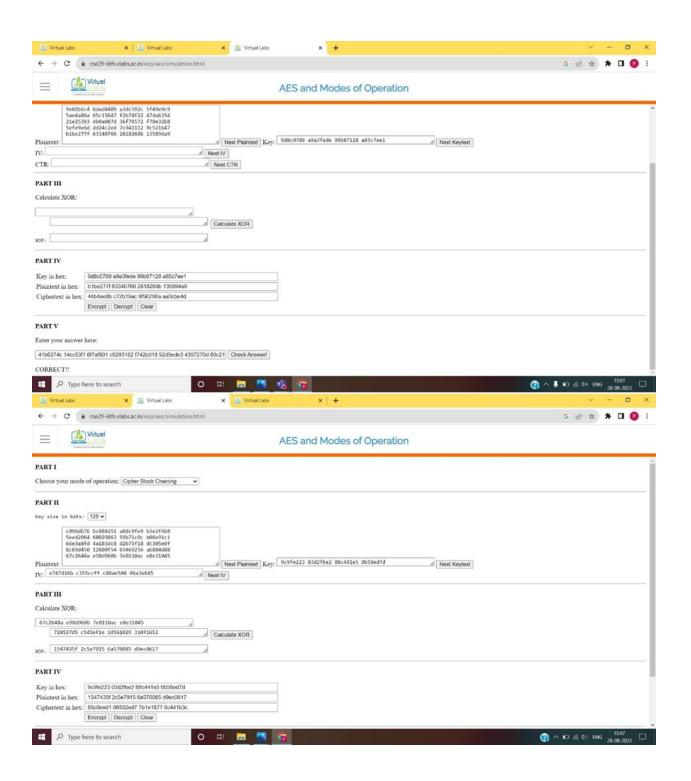
Take the first plaintext block P1 and XOR this to the contents of the bottom register. The result of this is C1. Send C1 to the receiver and update the counter. The counter update replaces the ciphertext feedback in CFB mode. Continue in this manner until the last plaintext block has been encrypted. The decryption is the reverse process. The ciphertext block is XORed with the output of encrypted contents of counter value. After decryption of each ciphertext block counter is updated as in case of encryption.

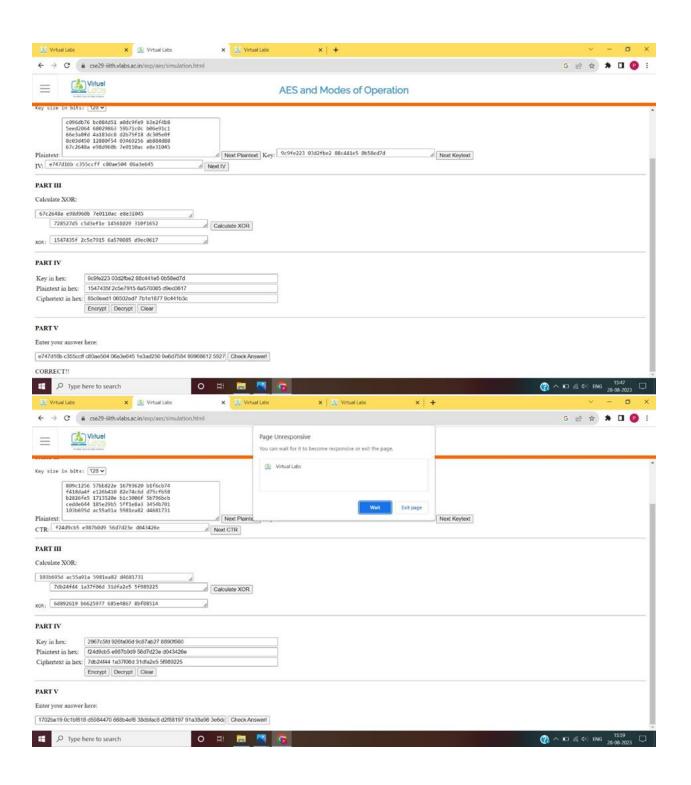


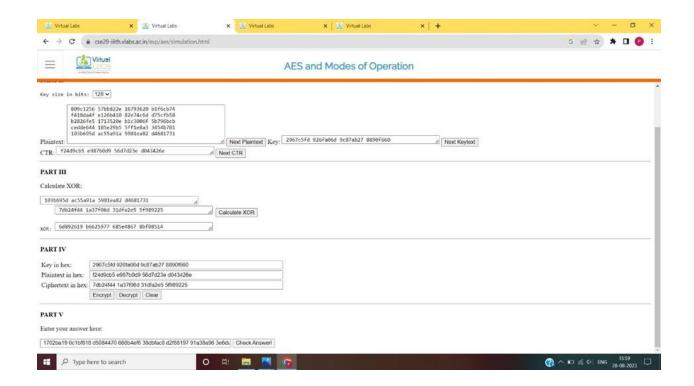
Output Screenshot:-











Conclusion:- Learnt about various modes of operation in block cipher such as ECB, CBC, OFB, CTR mode and also practically implemented them for randomly generated strings and performed AES on that string to get encrypted message