Experiment 05

To understand how to Encrypt long messages using various modes of operation using AES or DES

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Aim: To understand how to Encrypt long messages using various modes of operation using AES.

Introduction:

AES algorithm:

AES stands for Advanced Encryption Standard and is a majorly used symmetric encryption algorithm. It is mainly used for encryption and protection of electronic data. It was used as the replacement of DES (Data encryption standard) as it is much faster and better than DES. AES consists of three block ciphers and these ciphers are used to provide encryption of data.

Block Cipher modes of Operation:

Encryption algorithms are divided into two categories based on input type, as block cipher and stream cipher. Block cipher is an encryption algorithm which takes fixed size of input, say b bits and produces a ciphertext of b bits again. If input is larger than b bits it can be divided further. For different applications and uses, there are several modes of operations for a block cipher.

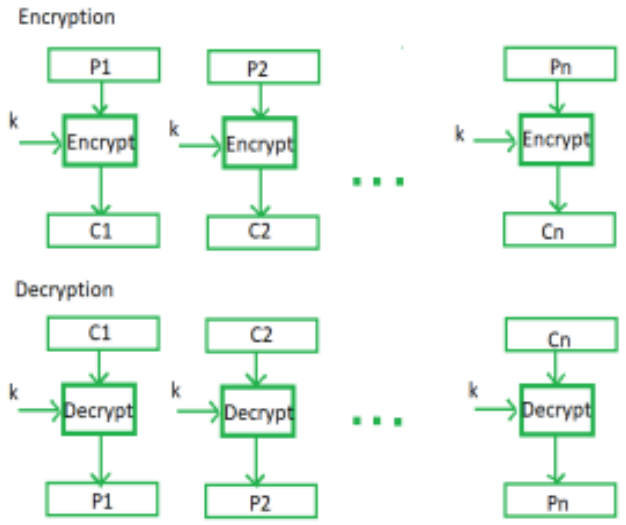
Methods:

Different methods of Block Cipher mode of operations: -

1. Electronic Code Book (ECB) –

Electronic code book is the easiest block cipher mode of functioning. It is easier because of direct encryption of each block of input plaintext and output is in form of blocks of encrypted ciphertext. Generally, if a message is larger than b bits in size, it can be broken down into a bunch of blocks and the procedure is repeated.

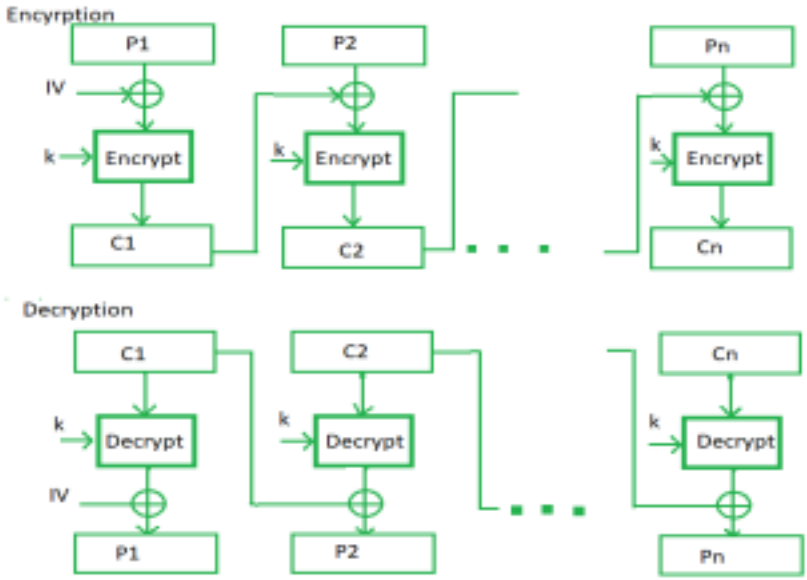
Procedure of ECB is illustrated below:



2. Cipher Block Chaining (CBC) –

Cipher block chaining or CBC is an advancement made on ECB since ECB compromises some security requirements. In CBC, the previous cipher block is given as input to the next encryption algorithm after XOR with the original plaintext block. In a nutshell here, a cipher block is produced by encrypting a XOR output of the previous cipher block and the present plaintext block.

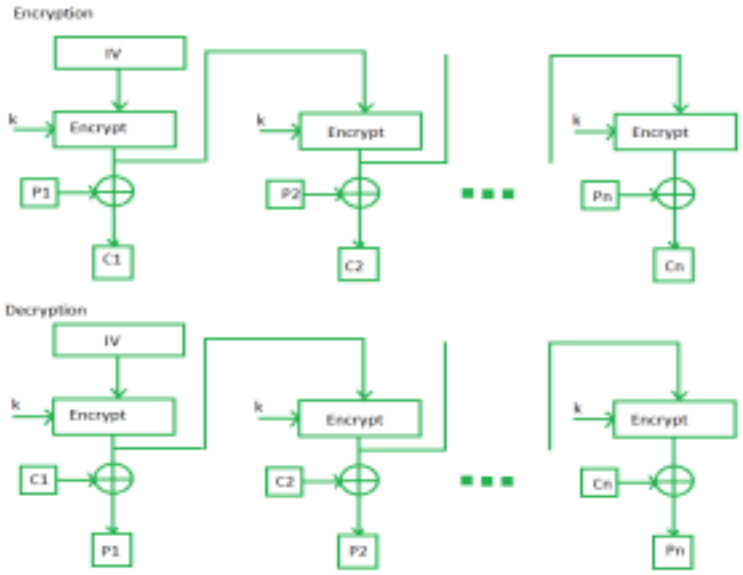
Procedure of CBC is illustrated below:



3. Output Feedback Mode –

The output feedback mode follows nearly the same process as the Cipher Feedback mode except that it sends the encrypted output as feedback instead of the actual cipher which is XOR output. In this output feedback mode, all bits of the block are sent instead of sending selected s bits. The Output Feedback mode of block cipher holds great resistance towards bit transmission errors. It also decreases dependency or relationship of cipher on plaintext.

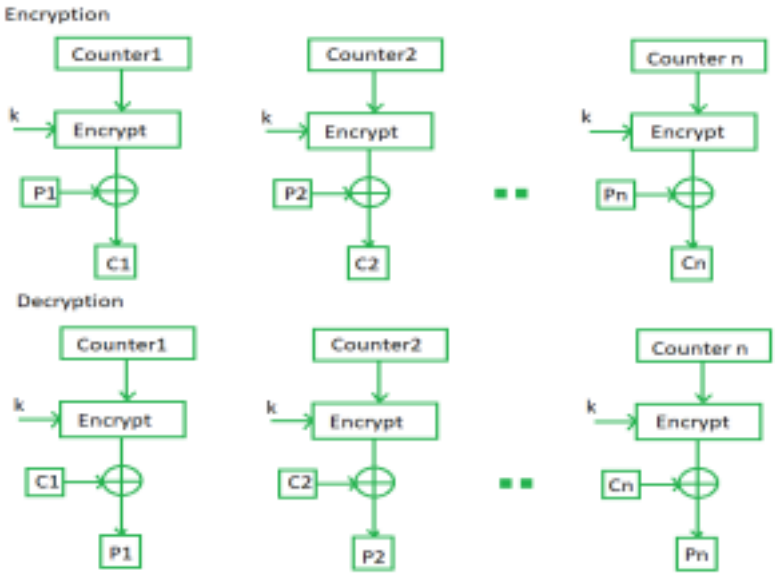
Procedure of Output Feedback Mode is illustrated below:



4. Counter Mode –

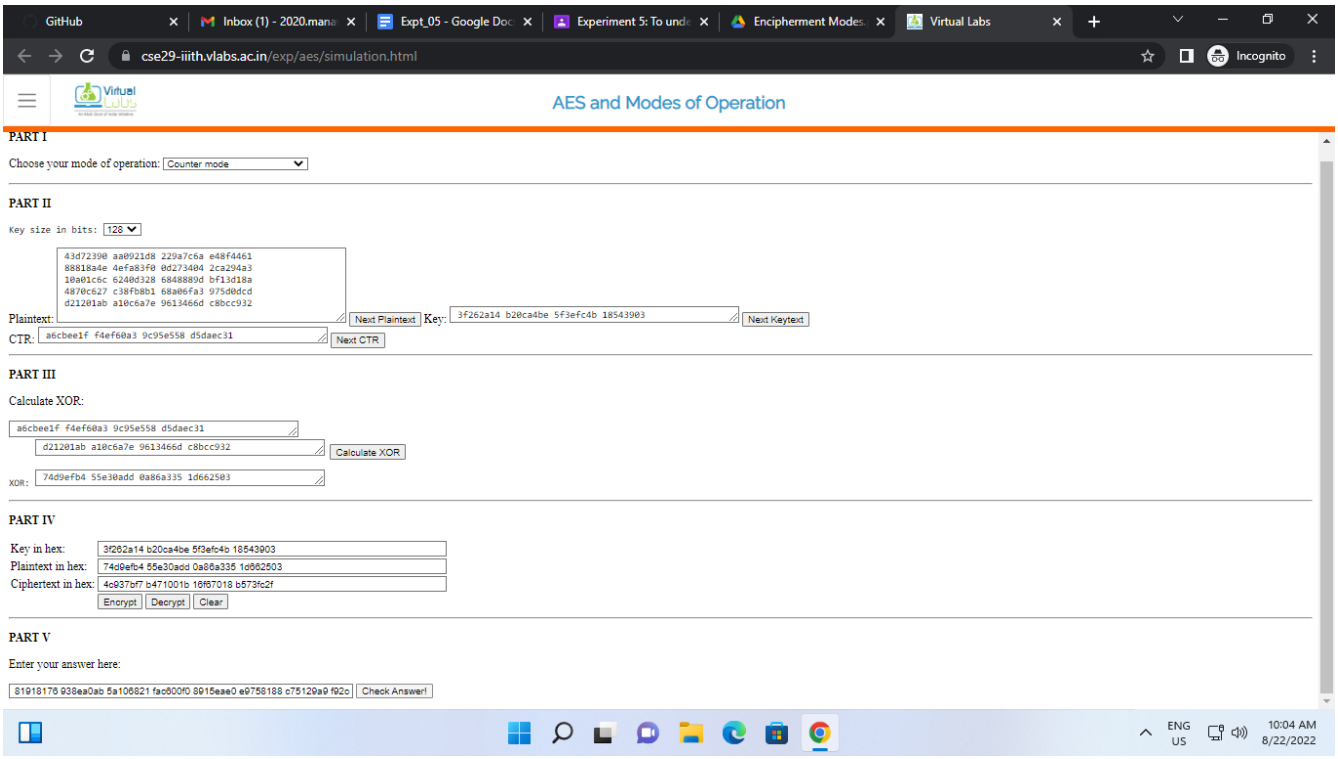
The Counter Mode or CTR is a simple counter-based block cipher implementation. Every time a counter initiated value is encrypted and given as input to XOR with plaintext which results in a ciphertext block. The CTR mode is independent of feedback use and thus can be implemented in parallel.

Procedure of Counter Mode is illustrated below:

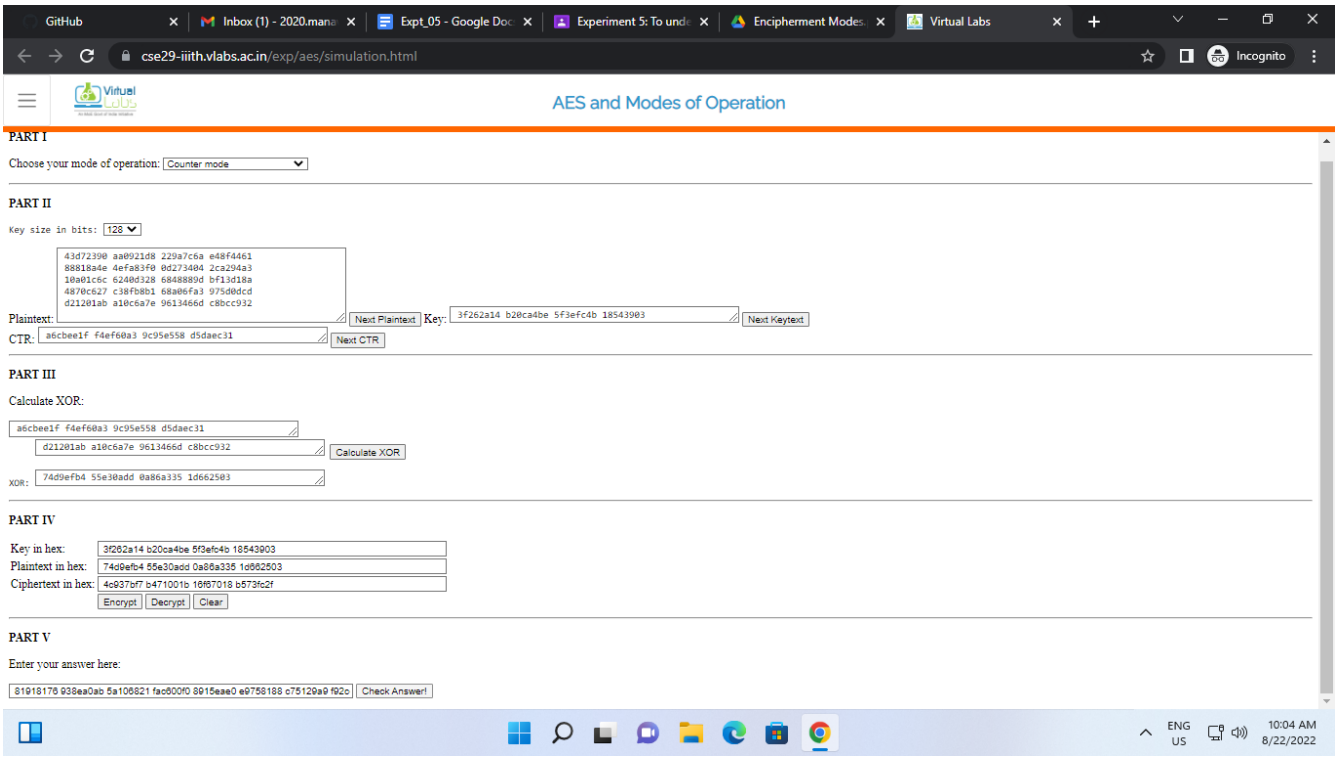


Results:

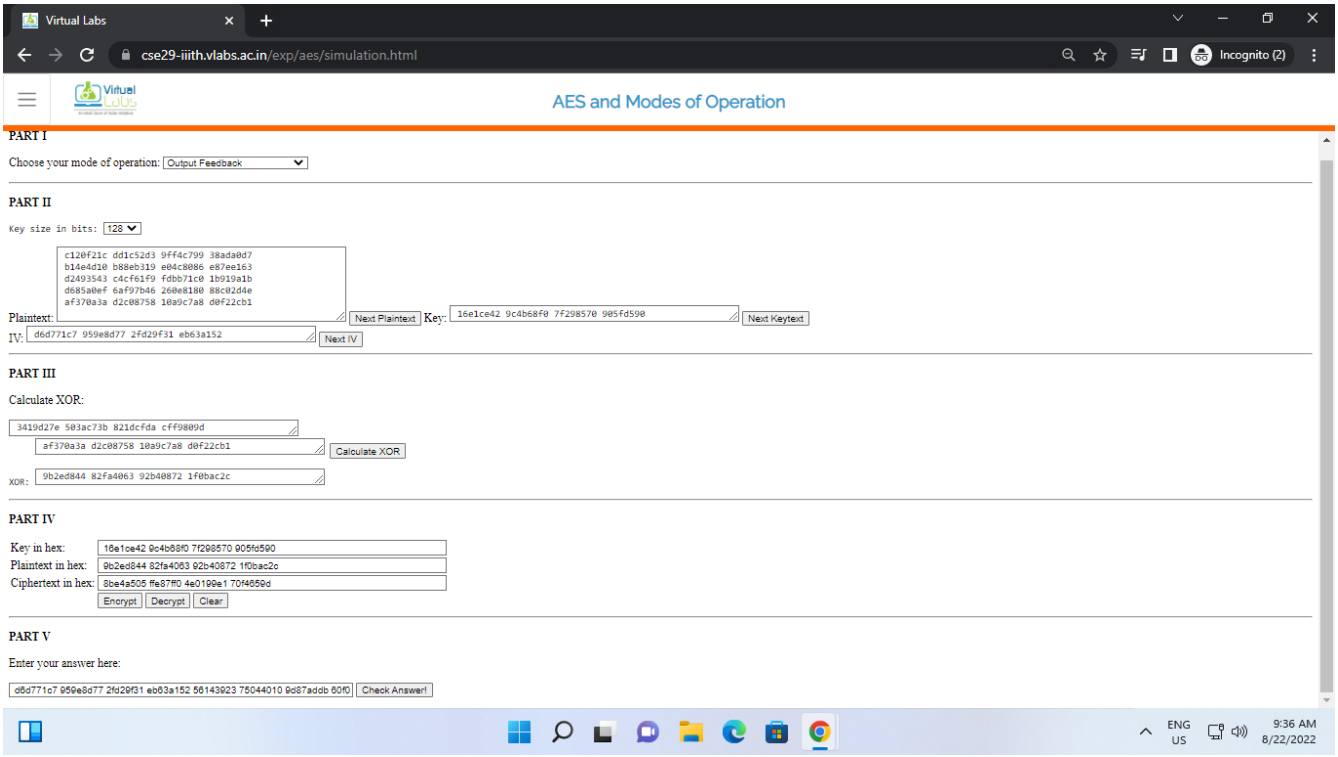
Electronic Code Book:



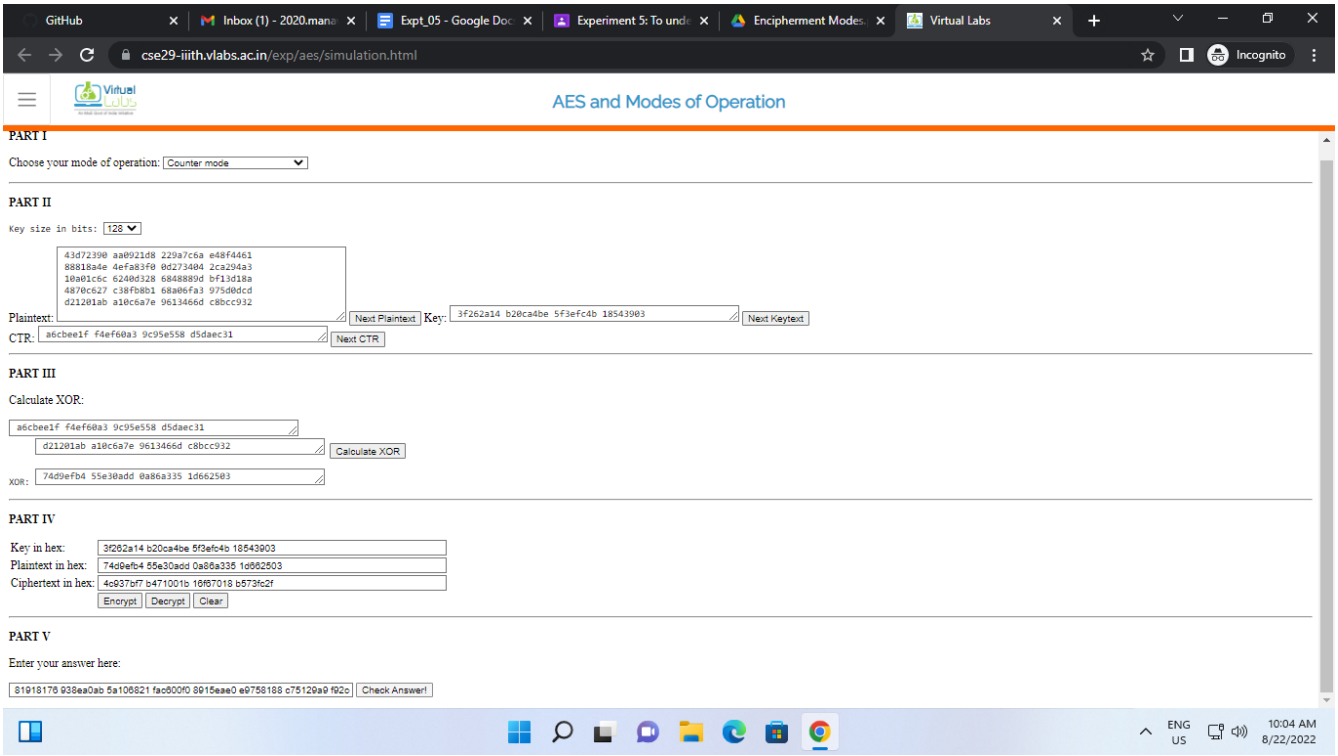
Cipher Block Chaining:



Output Feedback:



Counter Mode:



Conclusion:

We understand how to Encrypt long messages using various modes of operation using the AES.