

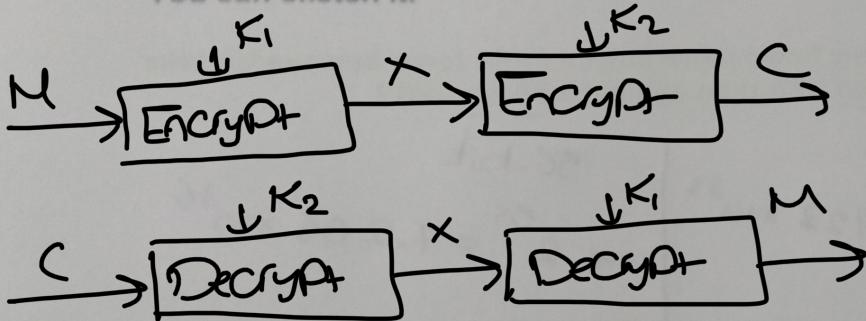
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Answer as much as you can:-  
Weight of questions are shown:

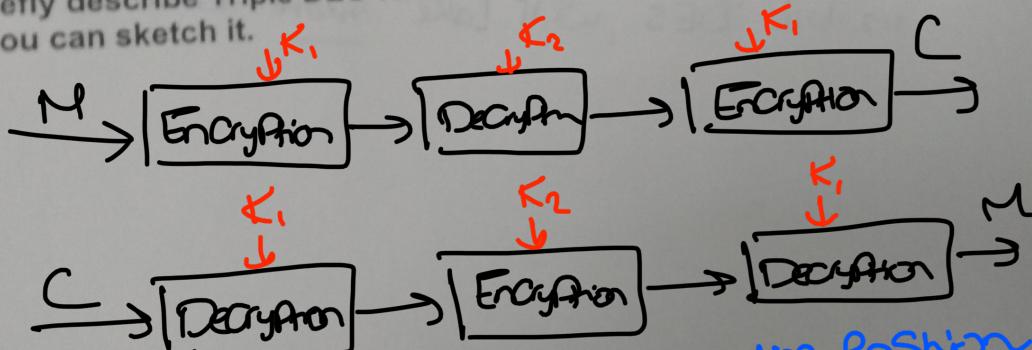
1-a: Briefly describe Double DES With 2 Keys (use only the space below).  
You can sketch it.



- It does en/decryption over two stages with a key for each stage
- This effectively doubles the actual key length to 112 bits.

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\* Briefly describe Triple DES With 2 Keys (use only the space below).  
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- Two keys are used in alternating fashion
- The fact that middle stage is an decryption → compatibility
- Which one is more secure double DES or triple Des and why:

3DES More secure

WHY: Explain:

It's much more computationally secure than 2DES (resistant to meet-in-the-middle attack) search space is  $2^{112}, 2^{56}$  rather than  $2^{56}, 2^{48}$  (consecutive bytes)

should be  $2^{20}$

- 1-b: Assuming you can do 220 encryptions per second and the key size is 40 bits, how long would a brute force attack take? Give a scenario where this would be practical and another where it wouldn't. What happens if you double the key size?

- 220 encryptions Per Second

- Key Size = 40 bits → need  $2^{40}$  encryptions

⇒ Exhaustive brute force attack takes

$$\text{time} = \frac{\# \text{encryptions}}{\text{encryptions sec}} = \frac{2^{40}}{2^{20}} \cdot \frac{1}{3600} \cdot \frac{1}{24} \approx 12 \text{ days}$$

sec                  hours

Whenever useful life of message < 12 days (e.g.

Knowing missile locations in a Cold War)

→ Not Practical if say the message to decrypt is  
about the King being assassinated in 24 hours.

• Doubling Key Size ⇒ time =  $2^{40}$ . 12 days with  
Current Computational Power there will never be a  
Scenario where this Practical.

- 1-c: About how many times more does a brute force key search take  
against a 112-bit DES than against a 56-bit DES?

• If only Ciphertext is known ⇒  $\frac{2^{112}}{2^{56}} = 2^{56}$

• If Plaintext is known (meet-in-the-middle)

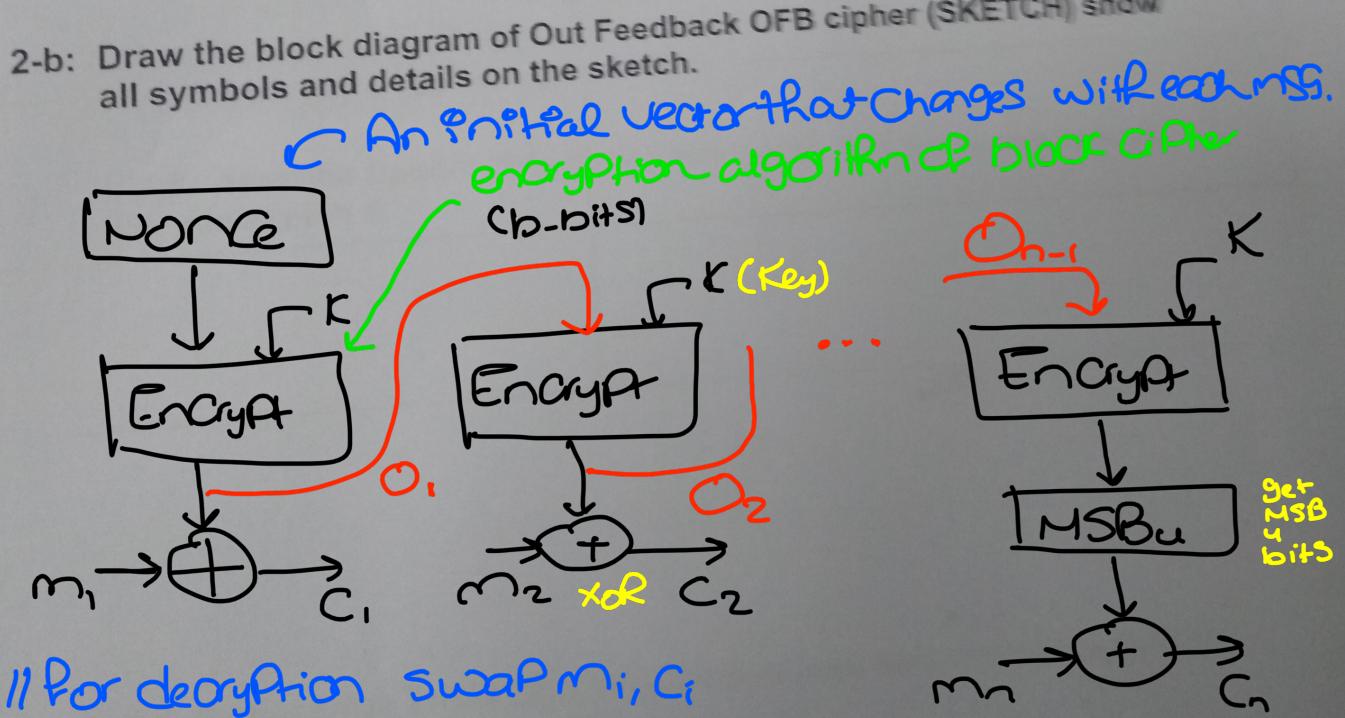
$$\frac{2^{56} + 2^{56}}{2^{56}} = 2 \quad (\text{Ignoring Sort/match time})$$

- 2- There are 5 modes of operations of DES Block. One of these modes is Output Feedback (OFB). These modes involve how the different blocks are related together or how feedback is used.

2-a: State the five Cipher Modes of Operation

1. Output feedback OFB.
2. Cipher Feed back
3. Counter
4. Electronic Codebook
5. Cipher block chain

2-b: Draw the block diagram of Out Feedback OFB cipher (SKETCH) show all symbols and details on the sketch.



- Assume message  $M$  is Partitioned into  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n$  each except for  $m_n$  is  $b$  bits and  $m_n$  is  $u$  bits.

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2-c: State and Explain the advantages and Disadvantages of Out Feedback OFB cipher.

Advantages Out Feedback OFB cipher	Disadvantages Out Feedback OFB cipher
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Repetition in msg blocks isn't exposed.</li><li>• No need to Pad the message.</li><li>• <math>O_i</math>'s can be generated before observing msg (<b>Prepadding</b>)</li><li>• If <math>C_i</math> gets corrupted in channel only <math>M_i</math> gets corrupted. (good for noisy channel)</li><li>• only need to implement the block cipher's encryption block.</li><li>• Simple Compared to other modes like CFB.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vulnerable to message Stream modification (<math>m_i</math> change <math>\rightarrow C_i</math> changed Predictably)</li><li>• Unlike ECB, neither encryption nor decryption can be parallelized</li><li>• unlike ECB, Counter, random enc./dec. is not possible (need all <math>O_i</math>'s) <math>\rightarrow</math> <b>Send + receive</b></li><li>• Error in IV affects all Cipher/Plaintext.</li><li>• Need to Change IV at both sender and receiver for each message (Synchronising IV)</li></ul>

Crack the Cipher (Find a, b)

$$C = aM + b \pmod{26}$$

- Knowing that

$$M = e \xrightarrow{(14)} C = b \xrightarrow{(1)} // \text{most freq. letter}$$

$$M = t \xrightarrow{(19)} C = u \xrightarrow{(20)} // \text{2nd most freq. letter}$$

⇒ Plugging the first we get:

$$1 = 4a + b \pmod{26}$$

⇒ Plugging the 2nd we get

$$20 = 19a + b \pmod{26}$$

$$4a + b \equiv 1 \pmod{26}$$

$$19a + b \equiv 20 \pmod{26}$$

Hence (Subtract)

$$15a \equiv 19 \pmod{26}$$

$$\cdot 15^{-1} \equiv 7 \pmod{26}$$

$$\text{Hence } a \equiv 19 \times 7 \pmod{26}$$

$$\overbrace{a}^{\equiv 3} \pmod{26}$$

Thus,

$$b \equiv 1 - 4 \times 3 \pmod{26}$$

$$\equiv 15 \pmod{26}$$

