

PRESENT Cipher

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Abstract. The design of the PRESENT cypher is examined in this work. On the round reduced form of the Cipher, we also examine Differential cryptanalysis, Linear cryptanalysis, and Integral cryptanalysis.

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1 Introduction

The most prominent algorithms in cryptanalysis are Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) and Data Encryption Standard (DES), as we all know. Both the algorithms have proven resistance against differential and linear cryptanalysis. The current cypher is a simple cypher. The current encryption was created with the intention of maximising hardware performance on low-power devices. Linear and Differential cryptanalysis are sensitive to round reduced variants, just as they are to AES. The current cypher is mostly utilised in applications that need little processing resources, such as RFID cards. ISO/IEC 29192-2:2019 is now the standard for the current cypher.

2 List of contributions

1. Rudraksh Kashyap: Rudraksh dissected the Present block cipher's design decisions. He also looked at the permutation layer and the S-box or Substitution layer's features. He also implemented the cipher in C.
2. Ajay Tarole : Ajay analysed differential cryptanalysis and implemented 3-round reduced attack using the idea of differential and filtering attack in C.
3. Ashish Kumar Suraj : Ashish analysed the Linear properties and Integral properties of the Present Cipher. He also used linear characteristics to examine the resistance of the Present Cipher to linear attacks.

3 The Present Cipher [1]

The PRESENT cipher is a block cipher with block length of 64 bits. The PRESENT cipher supports 80-bit key and 128-bit key. We analyse only 80-bit key version of Present block cipher in our paper. It has a public substitution-box(S-box), bit permutation(P-layer), and key schedule algorithm. The cipher is an Ultra-Lightweight block cipher.

3.1 Substitution-Permutation Network

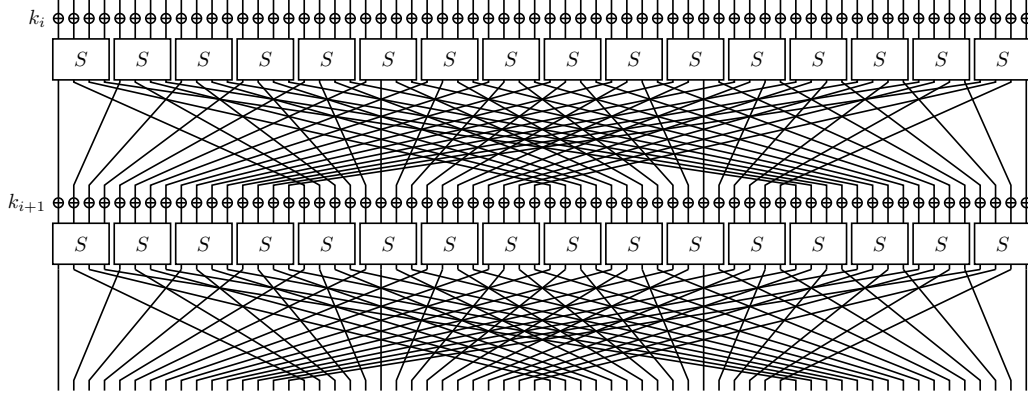


Figure 1: Substitution Permutation Network

3.2 Cipher Design

The PRESENT-80 bit is part of Substitution and Permutation Network. Figure.2 shows pseudo-code for implementing the encryption of the cipher. The PRESENT cipher has 31 rounds. Each round consists of a round key, 4-bit substitution layer and linear bit-wise permutation layer.

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generateRoundKeys()
for i = 1 to 31 do

    addRoundKey(STATE, Ki)

    sBoxLayer(STATE)
    pLayer(STATE)

    addRoundKey(STATE, K32)

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Figure 2: Pseudo Code for PRESENT cipher encryption

3.3 Add Round Key

If the current 64-bit state is $S = s_{63}, s_{62} \dots s_0$ and the 80-bit round key is represented by $K_i = k_{63}, k_{62} \dots k_0$ for $1 \leq i \leq 32$ then addRoundKey function performs the following operation

$$\begin{aligned}
 S &\rightarrow S \oplus K_i \\
 \implies s_t &\rightarrow s_t \oplus k_t
 \end{aligned}$$

for $0 \leq t \leq 63$.

3.4 S-Box Layer

The Present S-box has 4-bit to 4-bit mapping in a finite field F_2^4 . We can see the Present cipher Sbox in Table 1.

Table 1: Present sBox

x	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
$SBox[x]$	C	5	6	B	9	0	A	D	3	E	F	8	4	7	1	2

The Present SBox satisfies the following conditions, due to the avalanche-effect.

1. For any fixed non-zero input and non-zero output difference, $\Delta_I \in \mathbb{F}_2^4$ and $\Delta_O \in \mathbb{F}_2^4$ respectively, we require

$$\#\{x \in \mathbb{F}_2^4 \mid SBox(\Delta_I + x) + SBox(x) = \Delta_O\} \leq 4$$

2. For any fixed non-zero input and non-zero output difference, $\Delta_I \in \mathbb{F}_2^4$ and $\Delta_O \in \mathbb{F}_2^4$ such that the hamming weight $wt(\Delta_O) = wt(\Delta_I) = 1$ then we have

$$\{x \in \mathbb{F}_2^4 \mid SBox(\Delta_I + x) + SBox(x) = \Delta_O\} = \Phi$$

3.5 P-Layer

The permutation layer of the cipher is a bit wise permutation. Here i^{th} bit map with $P_{Layer}(i)^{th}$ bit. The Table 2 show the mapping between bit.

Table 2: pLayer

i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
P _{Layer} (i)	0	16	32	48	1	17	33	49	2	18	34	50	3	19	35	51
i	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
P _{Layer} (i)	4	20	36	52	5	21	37	53	6	22	38	54	7	23	39	55
i	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47
P _{Layer} (i)	8	24	40	56	9	25	41	57	10	26	42	58	11	27	43	59
i	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63
P _{Layer} (i)	12	28	44	60	13	29	45	61	14	30	46	62	15	31	47	63

3.6 Key Schedule

The present can take keys of either 80 or 128 bits. However we focus on the version with 80-bit keys in this section. To begin, the first 80-bit key is placed in a key register K and is denoted by $K = k_{79}k_{78}...k_0$. We first take left most 64 bit of of Key register to make K_i that is i^{th} round key as given below:

$$K_i = k_{63}k_{62}...k_{0s} = k_{79}k_{78}...k_{16}$$

To update the key register K , we have to follow the following rules:

1. Each bit of K is rotated to the left by 61 bits.

$$[k_{79}k_{78}...k_0] = [k_{18}k_{17}...k_{20}k_{19}]$$

2. 4-leftmost bits of the K we pass in The Present cipher's S-box.

$$[k_{79}k_{78}k_{77}k_{76}] = SBox[k_{79}k_{78}k_{77}k_{76}]$$

3. The least significant bits of the round counter value i are exclusive-ored with the 5-bits of key register k , $k_{19}k_{18}k_{17}k_{16}k_{15}$.

$$[k_{19}k_{18}k_{17}k_{16}k_{15}] = [k_{19}k_{18}k_{17}k_{16}k_{15}] \oplus round - counter$$

4 Security Analysis/Attacks

We presented the results of linear, differential and Integral cryptanalysis of round reduced version of PRESENT cipher, in this section.

4.1 Differential cryptanalysis

We'll use $X = x_{15}, x_{14}, \dots, x_1, x_0$ to signify the XOR difference of the 16 bits in each step in this section, with x_{15} being the most important nibble. K_i is the subkey for the i^{th} round.

Table 3 shows the S-box Difference Distribution Table (DDT).

Table 3: DDT of the S-box

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	a	b	c	d	e	f
0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	0
2	0	0	0	2	0	4	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	2	0
3	0	2	0	2	2	0	4	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	2	0	2	2	0	2	0	2	0
5	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	4	2	0	0
6	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	4	2	0	0	4
7	0	4	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	4
8	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	2	0	4
9	0	0	2	0	4	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	4	0
a	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	2	2	0
b	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	2	2	2	0	2	0	0
c	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	2	0
d	0	2	4	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
e	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	0
f	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4

From the properties of the S-box and permutation layer, we will now make some important observations. We divide the 16 S-boxes into 4 groups.

We can observe the following properties from S-box :

1. The S-Box's input come from four different S-boxes in the same group.
2. A group of four S-boxes receives input from 16 separate S-boxes.
3. An S-output box's is divided into four different S-boxes for different groups.
4. The output of different S-boxes goes to distinct S-boxes.

We may therefore conclude from the previous observations and the Difference Distribution table that a one-bit input difference will result in at least two-bit output difference. The differential uniformity is maximum at 4 and the differential probability is maximum at 2^{-2} .

4.2 Differential Characteristics [2][3][7]

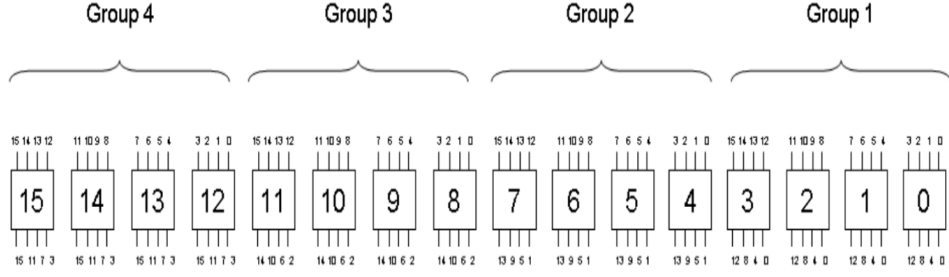
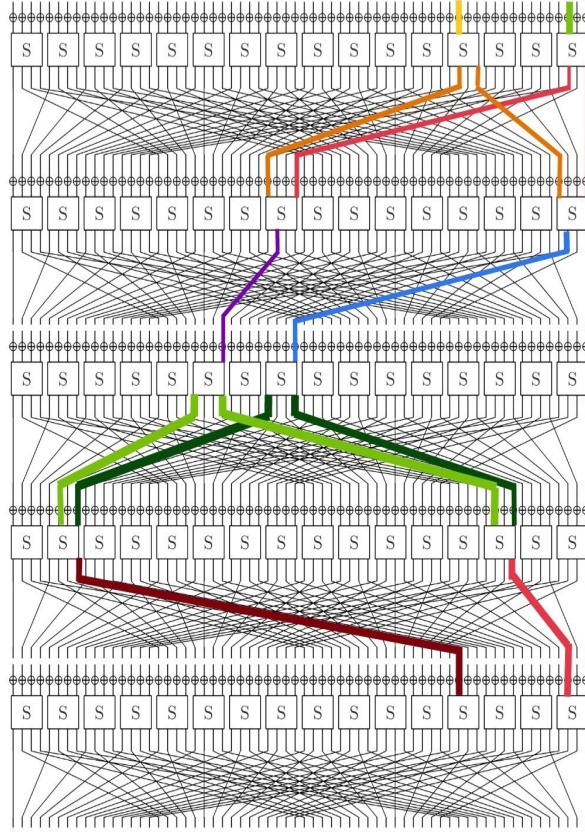


Figure 3: Groups of Sboxes

Figure 4: Probability we have to pay in four round characteristics is 2^{-18}

Here we are paying 2^{-18} probability and we will reach to our initial input $x_3 = 4$ and $x_0 = 4$ after 4 rounds. Now using the above diffirencial charateristics we can reach next four round(5-8) by paying another 2^{-18} probability. So overall we found 8 round iterative diffirencial charateristics with probability 2^{-36} . For 12 rounds we have to pay 2^{-54} and for 14 round we have to pay 2^{-62} probability.

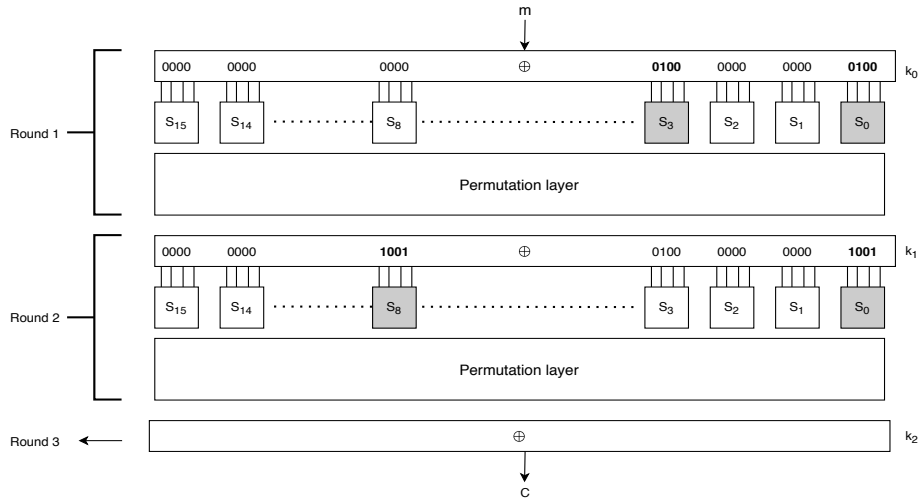
Table 4: Round wise probability we have to pay

Rounds		Diff.	Prob.
I		$x_3 = 4, x_0 = 4$	
R_1	SBox	$x_3 = 5, x_0 = 5$	2^{-4}
R_1	PPlayer	$x_8 = 9, x_0 = 9$	1
R_2	SBox	$x_8 = 4, x_0 = 4$	2^{-4}
R_2	PPlayer	$x_{10} = 1, x_8 = 1$	1
R_3	SBox	$x_{10} = 9, x_8 = 9$	2^{-4}
R_3	PPlayer	$x_{14} = 5, x_2 = 5$	1
R_4	SBox	$x_{14} = 1, x_2 = 1$	2^{-6}
R_4	PPlayer	$x_4 = 4, x_0 = 4$	1

4.3 Attack

In this section, we implement or analyze attack on three-round reduced PRESENT cipher. For this attack, we use 2^{18} chosen plain text pairs. Only 2 active S-boxes (S_0 and S_3) in the first round. Only two bit input difference in plaintext pairs at position 0th bit and 14th bit. Other S-boxes in the first round is inactive.

Round Reduced Attack:

**Figure 5:** Attack on 3-Round Reduced PRESENT Cipher

Characteristic:

$$(x_0 = 4, x_3 = 4) \xrightarrow{R} (x_0 = 9, x_8 = 9)$$

Idea of filtering:

1. Decrease Wrong pair \rightarrow Idea of filtering
2. Observe from the DDT that transitions from 9 \rightarrow 2, 4, 6, 8, c, e
3. Thus, after the effect of permutation layer of the second round, $c_1 \oplus c_2$ must belong to the set given below :
 $\{\{x_4 = 1, x_6 = 1\}, \{x_6 = 1, x_8 = 1\}, \{x_4 = 1, x_6 = 1, x_8 = 1\}, \{x_6 = 1, x_{12} = 1\}, \{x_6 = 1, x_8 = 1, x_{12} = 1\}, \dots\}$ We have written code for this.

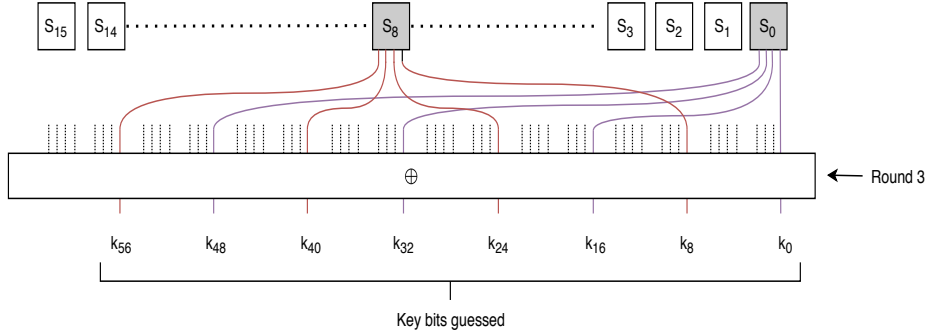
Table 5: Characteristics

Rounds		Diff.	Prob.
I		$x_0 = 4, x_4 = 4$	
R_1	k_0	$x_0 = 4, x_4 = 4$	1
R_1	SBox	$x_0 = 5, x_3 = 5$	2^{-4}
R_1	PPlayer	$x_0 = 9, x_8 = 9$	1
R_2	k_1	$x_0 = 9, x_8 = 9$	1

Note: Thus, message pair leading to the cipher text difference other than the above set, can be discarded.

So, after filtering only 2^{14} plaintext pairs are left in our case.

Key Guess:

**Figure 6:** Guess 8 bits of the key k_2

We are able to find 8 bits of key k_2 . In our case only 8 bit right subkey holds for all 2^{14} filtered pairs.

4.4 Analysing the attack

Complexity Analysis:

Data: 2^{18} plaintext pairs or 2^{19} plaintexts

Memory: 2^{14} array used to store filtered pairs

Time:

Filtering:

2 round encryption of 2^{18} plaintext pairs and compare every pairs with set of 36 possible ciphertext that we are using for filtering.

$$36 \times (2 \times 2 \times 2^{18}) = 2^{5.17} \times 2^{20} = 2^{25.17}$$

Attack:

2 round encryption of 2^{14} filtered plaintext pairs then 2^6 key guesses and 2^{14} ciphertext

pairs decrypt for 1 round.

$$2 \times (2 \times 2^{14}) + 2^6 \times (2 \times 2^{14}) = 2^{16} + 2^{21} \approx 2^{22}$$

$$(\mathbf{Data}, \mathbf{Time}, \mathbf{Memory}) = (2^{19}, 2^{25.17}, 2^{14})$$

4.5 Linear cryptanalysis [4][5][6]

In this part, we will analyse at Present cipher's linear approximation. First, we'll go over the PRESENT Linear Approximation Table:

Table 6: LAT of the S-box

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	a	b	c	d	e	f
0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	-4	0	-4	0	0	0	0	0	-4	0	4
2	0	0	2	2	-2	-2	0	0	2	-2	0	4	0	4	-2	2
3	0	0	2	2	2	-2	-4	0	-2	2	-4	0	0	0	-2	-2
4	0	0	-2	2	-2	-2	0	4	-2	-2	0	-4	0	0	-2	2
5	0	0	-2	2	-2	2	0	0	2	2	-4	0	4	0	2	2
6	0	0	0	-4	0	0	-4	0	0	-4	0	0	4	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	-4	0	0	0	0	4	0
8	0	0	2	-2	0	0	-2	2	-2	2	0	0	-2	2	4	4
9	0	4	-2	-2	0	0	2	-2	-2	-2	-4	0	-2	2	0	0
a	0	0	4	0	2	2	2	-2	0	0	0	-4	2	2	-2	2
b	0	-4	0	0	-2	-2	2	-2	-4	0	0	0	2	2	2	-2
c	0	0	0	0	-2	-2	-2	-2	4	0	0	-4	-2	2	2	-2
d	0	4	4	0	-2	-2	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	-2	2	-2
e	0	0	2	2	-4	4	-2	-2	-2	-2	0	0	-2	-2	0	0
f	0	4	-2	2	0	0	-2	-2	-2	2	4	0	2	2	0	0

Now The LAT of the PRESENT S-box has a few interesting features. Let's go through them:

- Maximum bias of all linear approximations $\leq 2^{-2}$
- Maximum linear approximation of a single bit is $\leq 2^{-3}$

Using the preceding data, we first attempt to constrain the bias of four rounds of PRESENT. Remember the piling up lemma, which states that the probability of linear approximation for n separate occurrences for n S-boxes is given by:

$$\frac{1}{2} + 2^{n-1} \prod_{i=1}^n \left(p_i - \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

So, the bias can be given by:

$$2^{n-1} \prod_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i$$

Each of the four rounds the number of active S-boxes can vary. So, we have three case to compute number of active S-boxes (Let the bias $\epsilon_4^{(i)}$ here i active sbox active in 4 round of Present Cipher.) :

1. Let's say there are four active S-boxes in total, with one active S-box in each round. As shown in figure 7. The maximum bias of each middle round is at most 2^{-3} if two active S-boxes are there. And the bias of the first and last round is at most 2^{-2} .

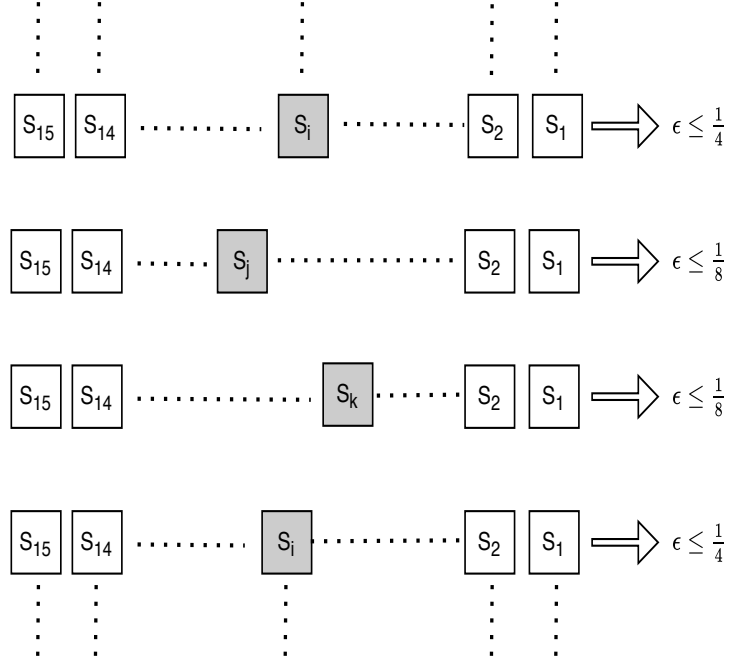


Figure 7: Four rounds characteristics

As a result, the case's bias is limited:

$$\epsilon_4^{(4)} \leq 2^{4-1} \times (2^{-2})^2 \times (2^{-3})^2$$

$$\epsilon_4^{(4)} \leq 2^{-7}$$

2. Let's say there are 5 S-boxes involved in each of the four rounds. The active S-box pattern can not then be 1-2-1-1 or 1-1-2-1. Because the two active S-boxes are begun by the same S-box in the previous round, we know they must belong to two different groups based on the prior findings. As a result, they'll turn on at least two S-boxes in the next round. As a result, the bias is constrained by: 2-1-1-1 or 1-1-1-2 as a feasible pattern for this scenario:

$$\epsilon_4^{(5)} \leq 2^{5-1} \times (2^{-2})^4 \times (2^{-3})$$

$$\epsilon_4^{(5)} \leq 2^{-7}$$

3. Allow for a total of more than 5 active S-boxes. The maximum bias in this scenario is $\frac{1}{4}$ for each round. As a result,:

$$\epsilon_4^{(i)} \leq 2^{i-1} \times (2^{-2})^i \text{ for } i > 5$$

For $i = 6$, the bias is clearly equal to 2^{-7} , and for $i > 6$, the bias is strictly smaller than 2^{-7} .

As a consequence of the previous research, we can state that the bias is given by 2^{-7} for 4-rounds of linear approximation of the present cypher. Using the above finding, we can compute the linear approximation bias for all 28 rounds of the present cypher.

$$\epsilon_{28} \leq 2^6 \times \epsilon_4^7 = 2^6 \times (2^{-7})^7 \implies \epsilon_{28} \leq 2^{-43}$$

For a single bit recovery, $N = c|\epsilon|^{-2}$ gives a decent approximation of the number of known plain-texts (N) needed for a successful assault. The attacker will need to approximate 28 rounds of PRESENT, to attack 31 rounds of PRESENT. So, he need 2^{86} plaintexts. This is even more than the 2^{64} of accessible space.

Two round characteristics:

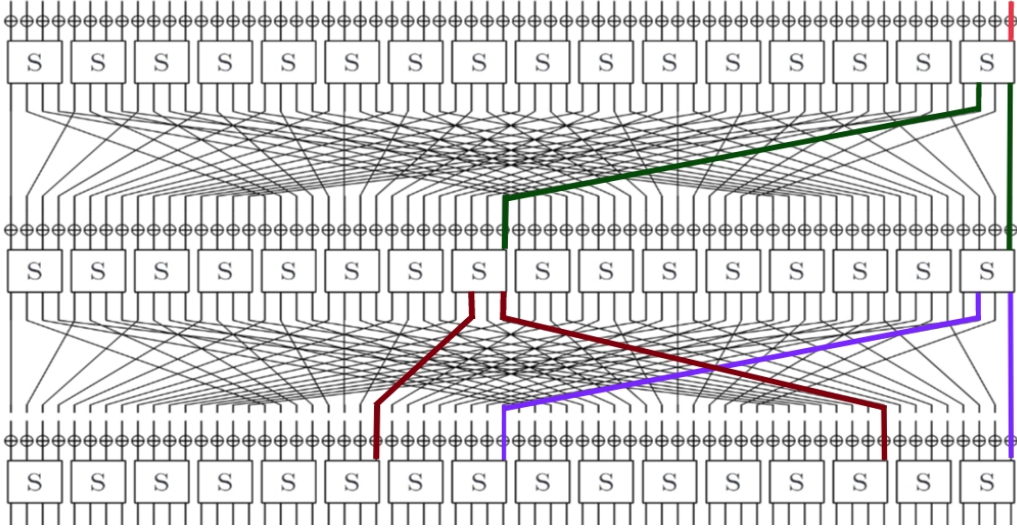


Figure 8: Two round characteristics

Characteristic:

$$(x_0 = 1) \xrightarrow{R} (x_0 = 1, x_8 = 1) \xrightarrow{R} (x_0 = 1, x_2 = 1, x_8 = 1, x_{10} = 1)$$

$$p_1 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{4}{16} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$p_2 = \frac{1}{2} + 2\left(\frac{4}{16}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{5}{8}$$

Probability of 2-round Characteristics:

$$\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{5}{8} + \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{3}{8} = \frac{7}{16} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{16}$$

5 Integral cryptanalysis

In this section, we will analyze 5-round integral distinguishers for PRESENT.

5 round distinguishers:

Table 7: Characteristics

Rounds		Diff.	Prob.
I		$x_0 = 1$	
R_1	k_0	$x_0 = 1$	1
R_1	S	$x_0 = 5$	2^{-2}
R_1	P	$x_0 = 1, x_8 = 1$	1
R_2	k_1	$x_0 = 1, x_8 = 1$	1
R_2	S	$x_0 = 5, x_8 = 5$	2^{-4}
R_2	P	$x_0 = 1, x_2 = 1, x_8 = 1, x_{10} = 1$	1
R_3	k_1	$x_0 = 1, x_2 = 1, x_8 = 1, x_{10} = 1$	1

In distinguisher, if we fix the left most 60 bits as random constant and then vary 4 right most bits, then after five round encryption, the four right most bits of the state are balanced.

Input: (ccaaaa)

Output: (??bbbb)

c: constant bit, a: active bit, b: balanced bit, ?: unknown bit

We have run this distinguisher for 2^{12} different messages. The experiment result returns the four right most bits as balanced bits. We wrote the c code to verify this distinguisher.

6 Conclusions

We have discussed the working mechanism of the PRESENT Cipher. Then we implemented the Present cipher of 80 bit key version in C language. Then we analysed the S-box's properties. Then we implemented three-round reduced differential attack on the Present cipher in c. We also verified and implemented 5 Rounds integral property of PRESENT in c. We have also analysed DDT and LAT.

7 Brownie Point Nomination

1. We implemented three-rounds reduced differential attack on the PRESENT cipher.
2. We have verified 5 Rounds integral property of PRESENT.

8 Software Application for the Cipher

So we were trying to make a **Chat App** which is secure encrypted by this PRESENT Cipher. We got a source which was using AES to encrypt and decrypt the messages. So they were using **Android Studio** for making that app. The app is coded in **java** and they were using a lot of inbuilt functions to make the app because there are a lot of functions available for the AES algorithm but we were unable to get many of the inbuilt functions for PRESENT Cipher, So we were not able to make the software implementation for the same.

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