

Experiment 2

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Questions

1. What are the various modes of operation of DES?
2. Explain linear cryptanalysis attack on DES?
3. List Advantages and Disadvantages of DES
4. A single bit error occurs in exactly one block of CT during transmission. How will this affect the recovery of PT in the following modes?

Answers

1. The types of modes included are:
 - Electronic Codebook (ECB) modeThe Electronic Codebook (ECB) mode is a basic, block, cryptographic method which transforms 64 bits of input to 64 bits of output as specified in FIPS PUB 46. The analogy to a codebook arises because the same plaintext block always produces the same cipher text block for a given cryptographic key. Thus a list (or codebook) of plaintext blocks and corresponding ciphertext blocks theoretically could be constructed for any given key. In electronic implementation the codebook entries are calculated each time for the plaintext to be encrypted and, inversely, for the ciphertext to be decrypted.
 - CipherBlock Chaining (CBC) mode CBC is a block cipher system in which the first plaintext data block is exclusive-ORed with a block of pseudo-random data prior to being processed through the DES. The resulting ciphertext block is then exclusive-ORed with the next plaintext data block to form the next input block to the DES, thus chaining together blocks of ciphertext. The chaining of ciphertext blocks provides an error extension characteristic which is valuable in protecting against fraudulent data alteration.
 - Cipher Feedback (CFB) mode. The CFB mode is a stream method of encryption in which the DES is used to generate pseudo random bits which are exclusive-ORed with binary plaintext to form ciphertext. The ciphertext is fed back to form the next DES input block. Identical messages that are encrypted using the CFB mode and different IVs will have different ciphertexts. IVs that are shorter than 64 bits should be put in the least significant bits of the first DES input block and the unused, most significant, bits initialized to "0's."

- Output Feedback (OFB) mode. The Output Feedback (OFB) mode is an additive stream cipher in which errors in the ciphertext are not extended to cause additional errors in the decrypted plaintext. One bit in error in the ciphertext causes only one bit to be in error in the decrypted plaintext. Therefore, this mode cannot be used for data authentication but is useful in applications where a few errors in the decrypted plaintext are acceptable. In the OFB mode, the same K bits of the DES output block that are used to encrypt a K-bit unit of plain text are fed back for the next input block. This feedback is completely independent of all plain text and all ciphertext. As a result, there is no error extension in OFB mode. If cryptographic synchronization is lost in the OFB mode, then cryptographic initialization must be performed. The OFB mode is not a self-synchronizing cryptographic mode.
2. In cryptography, linear cryptanalysis is a general form of cryptanalysis based on finding affine approximations to the action of a cipher. Attacks have been developed for block ciphers and stream ciphers. Linear cryptanalysis is one of the two most widely used attacks on block ciphers. There are two parts to linear cryptanalysis. The first is to construct linear equations relating plaintext, cipher text and key bits that have a high bias; that is, whose probabilities of holding (over the space of all possible values of their variables) are as close as possible to 0 or 1. The second is to use these linear equations in conjunction with known plaintext-cipher text pairs to derive key bits.
 3.
 - DES has been around a long time, even now no real weaknesses have been found: the most efficient attack is still brute force.
 - DES is also an ANSI and ISO standard – it is easy to learn and implement.
 - Since DES was designed to run on 1977 hardware, it is fast in hardware and relatively fast in software.
 - The 56-bit key size is the biggest defect of DES. Chips to perform one million of DES encrypt or decrypt operations a second are available. A \$1 million DES cracking machine can search the entire key space in about 7 hours.
 - Hardware implementations of DES are very fast; DES was not designed for software and hence runs relatively slowly.
 - As the technology is improving lot more day by day so there is a possibility to break the encrypted code, so AES is preferred than DES.
 - In DES only one private key is used for encryption as well as decryption because of its symmetric encryption key so if the key to decrypt is lost then the data will not be readable at the receiving end.

- ## Output



