



CS5760: Cryptanalysis of DES and DES-like Iterated Cryptosystems

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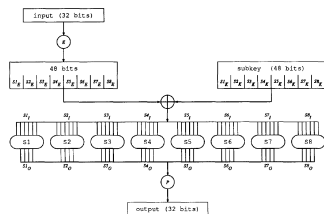


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- ④ S boxes are *nonlinear*. Probability analysis performed between input and output XOR.

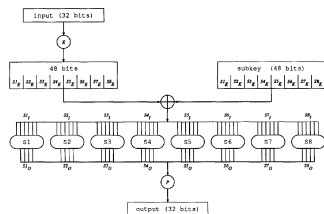


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- ③ This joint PMF can reduce the number of possible (sub)keys. Used to drive choice for the plaintext XOR.
 - Approximately 80 % of entries are non-zero/possible for each S box (some have lesser percentages).