

Block Ciphers, Data Encryption Standard (DES), and TwoFish (CS-452)

Week 3

Block Ciphers

- **Block ciphers:** a block of plaintext is treated as a whole and used to produce a ciphertext block of equal length
 - ◆ Typically, a block size of 64 or 128 bits is used
 - ◆ Many current ciphers are block ciphers
 - ◆ Broader range of applications
 - ◆ **DES (Data Encryption Standard):** a commonly used cryptographic algorithms, especially in financial applications.

Block Ciphers: Confusion and Diffusion

- Properties of a secure block cipher
- Developed by Claude Shannon in 1945
- **Confusion:**
 - ◆ **Basic idea:** obscures the relationship between the *key* and the resulting *ciphertext*
 - ◆ Achieved by having each bit of the ciphertext depend on **multiple bits** of the key
 - ◆ If one bit of encryption key changes → **many/all bits of the ciphertext will change (in a seemingly random manner)**, thus making the key difficult to derive from the ciphertext
 - ◆ Achieved through **substitution**
 - **Example:** a → b substitution performed with Caesar Cipher and key of 1
 - ◆ Used by both block and stream ciphers

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- **Diffusion:**
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 - ◆ Dissipates statistics of plaintext into long-range statistics of the ciphertext
 - ◆ If one bit of the plaintext changes → then ciphertext will change significantly and in unpredictably (pseudo-randomly)
 - ◆ Diffusion is achieved through permutation
 - ◆ **Example:** the permutation performed by Row Transposition Cipher
 - ◆ Only *block ciphers* use diffusion

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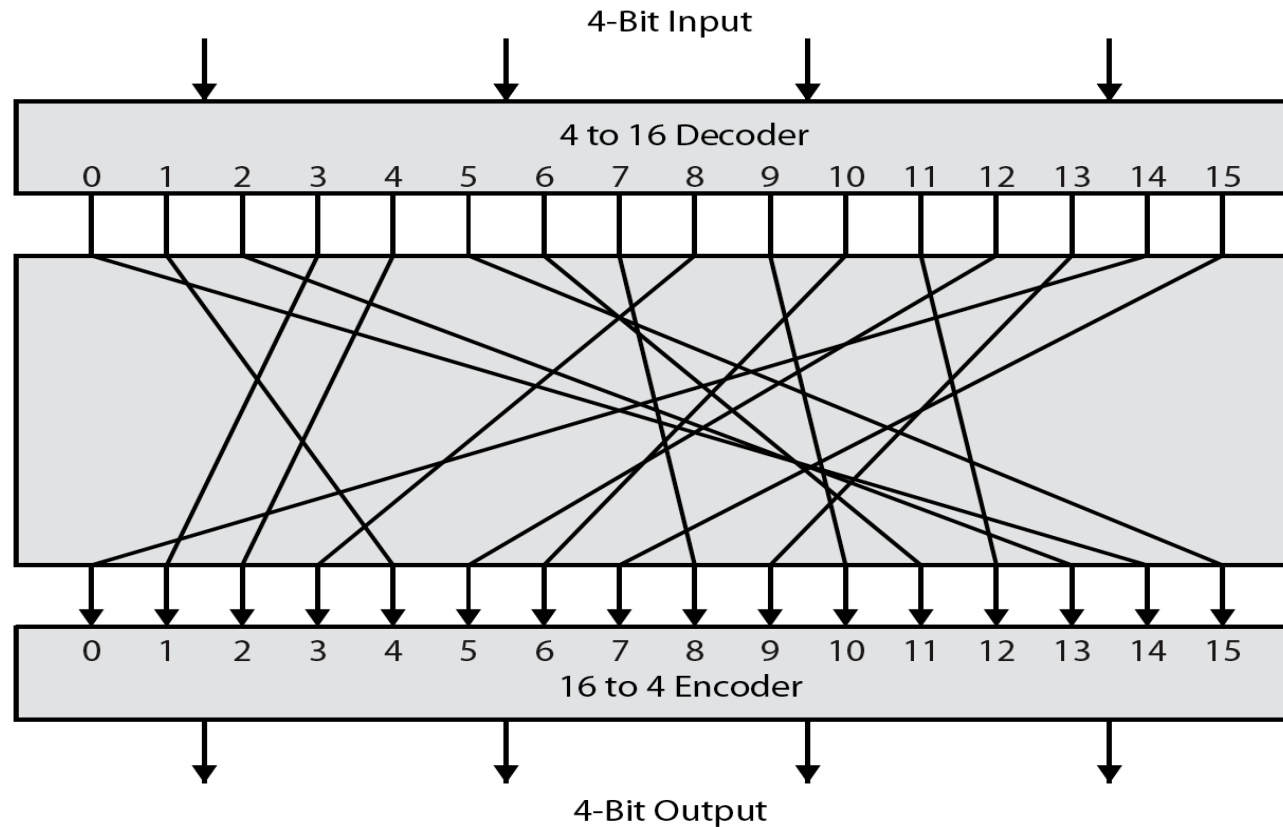
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Ideal Block Cipher

- The logic of a general substitution cipher for $n = 4$
 - ◆ A 4-bit input produces one of 16 possible input states, which is mapped into a unique one of 16 possible output states, each of which is represented by 4 ciphertext bits.



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♦ n bits \rightarrow possible mappings

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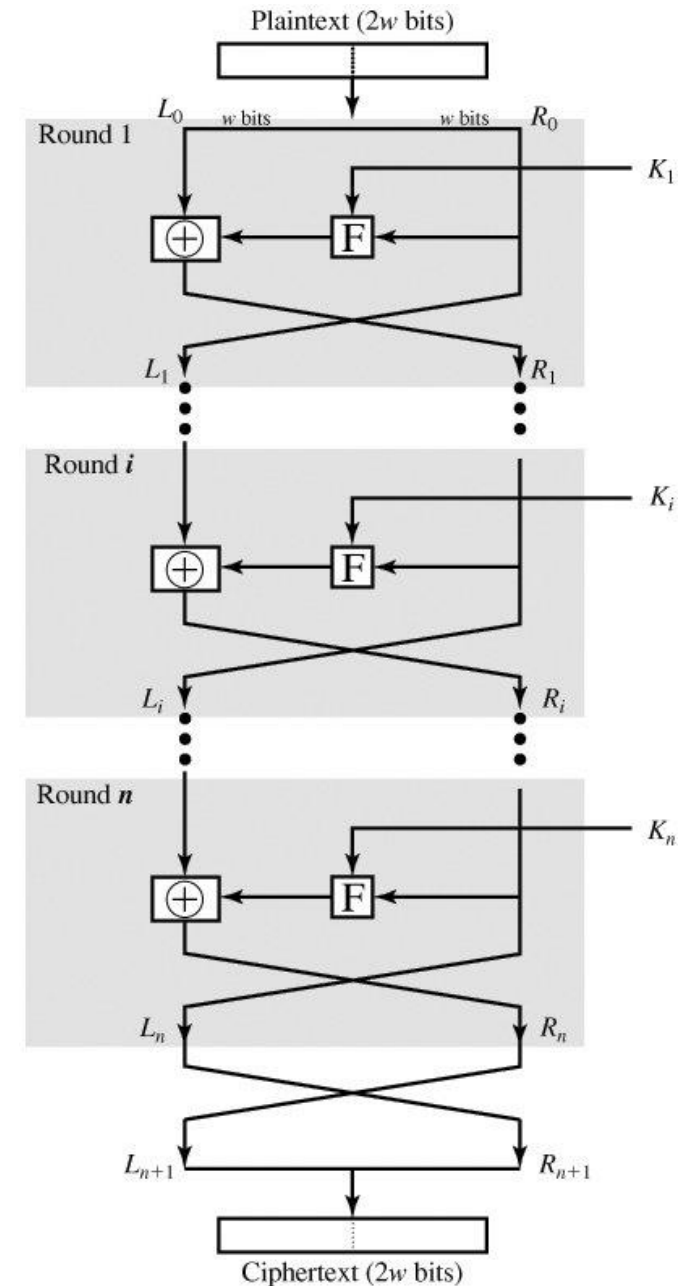
- **Ideal block cipher:** allows for maximum number of possible encryption mappings from the plaintext block
 - ◆ n bits $\rightarrow 2^n!$ possible mappings
 - ◆ Impractical when n is large
 - Each mapping constitutes a key
 - $n=64 \rightarrow$ the key size is $> 63 \cdot 2^{63}$ -- not practical.

The Feistel Cipher

- **The Feistel cipher:** approximate the ideal block cipher by utilizing the concept of a product cipher
 - ◆ Develop a block cipher with a key length of k bits and a block length of n bits, allowing a total of 2^k possible mappings (rather than $2^n!$ mappings)
 - ◆ Alternates substitution and permutation

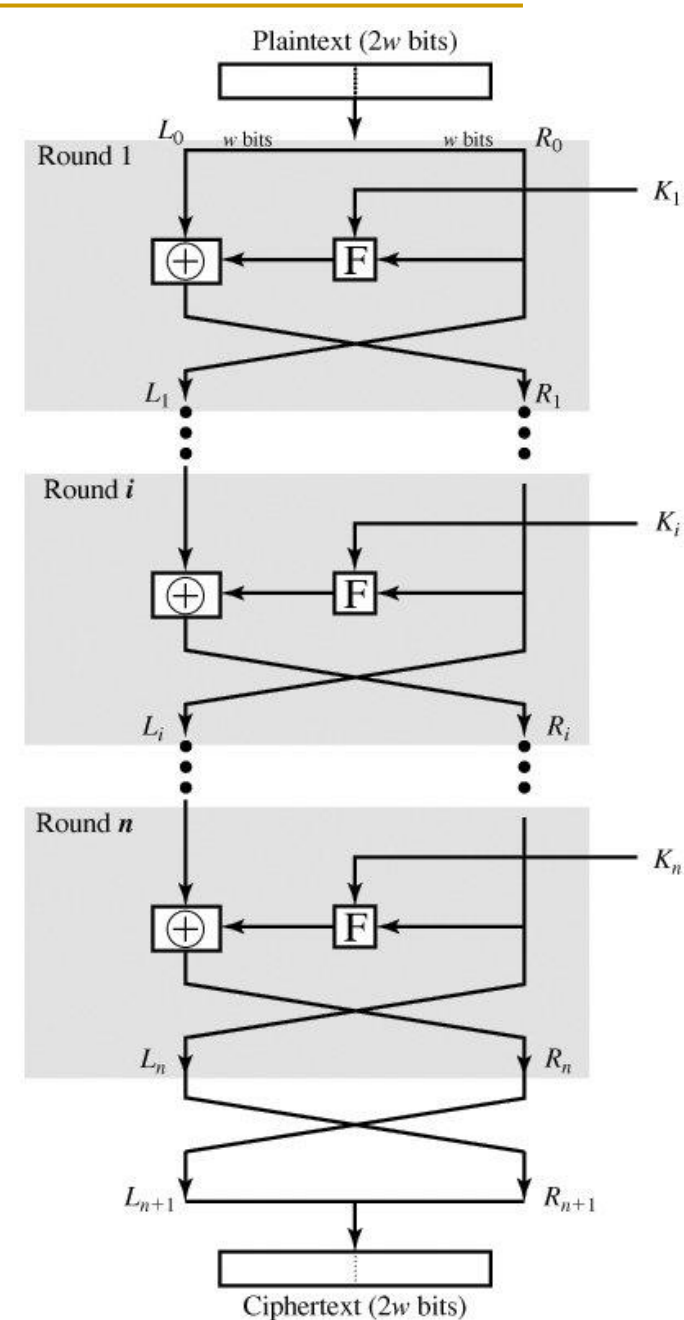
Feistel Cipher Structure

- Most symmetric block ciphers are based on a **Feistel Cipher Structure**.
- **Inputs:** a plaintext block of length $2w$ bits and a key K
- The plaintext block is divided into two halves L_0, R_0
 - ◆ Pass through n rounds of processing and then combined to produce the ciphertext block
 - ◆ Each round i has inputs L_{i-1} and R_{i-1} derived from the previous round, as well as a subkey K_i derived from K
 - ◆ In general, K_i are different from K and from each other



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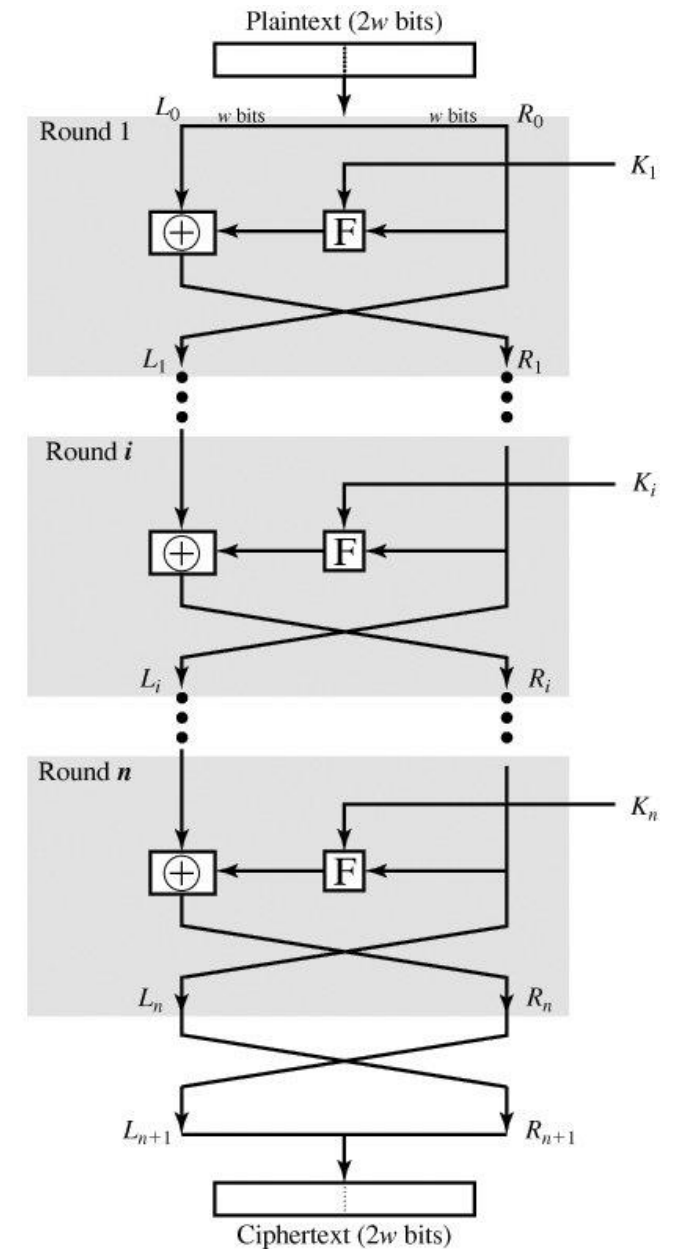
- A **substitution** is applied to the left half
 - ◆ Applying a **round function F** to the right half of the data. F is parameterized by the round subkey K_i
 - ◆ Then take the **exclusive-OR (XOR)** of the output of F and the left half of the data
- A **permutation** is then performed that consists of the **interchange** of the two halves of the data.



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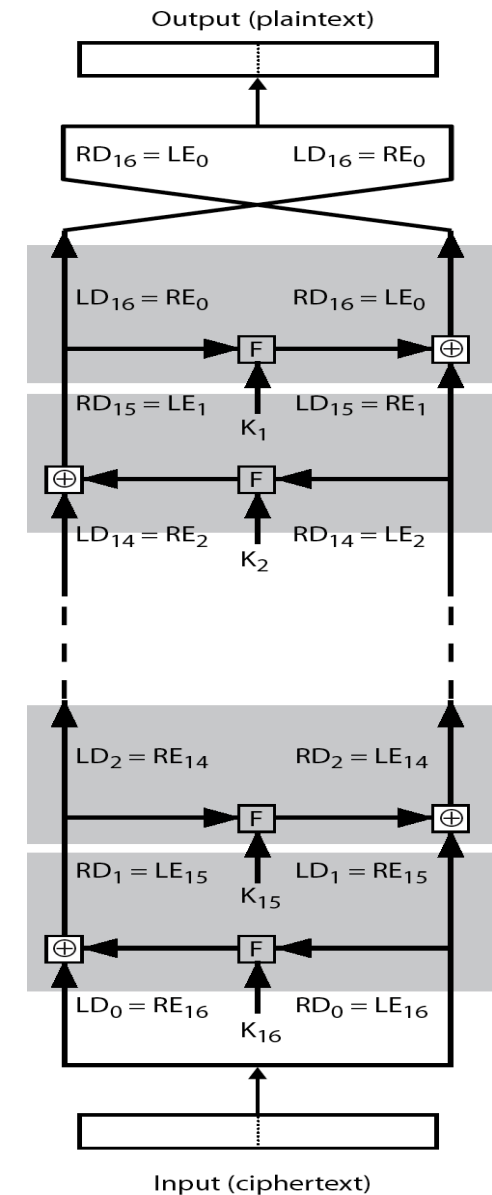
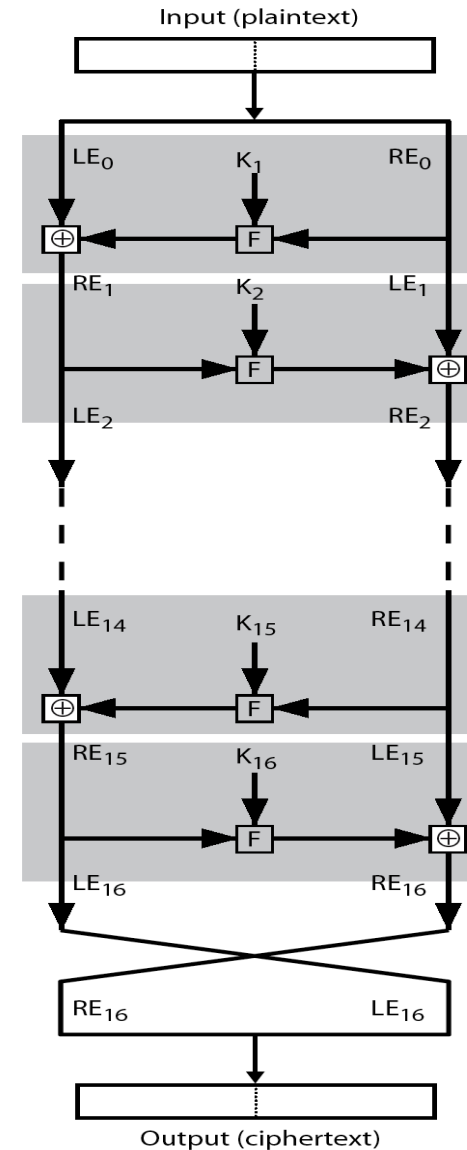
$$L_i = R_{i-1}$$

$$R_i = L_{i-1} \oplus F(R_{i-1}, K_i)$$



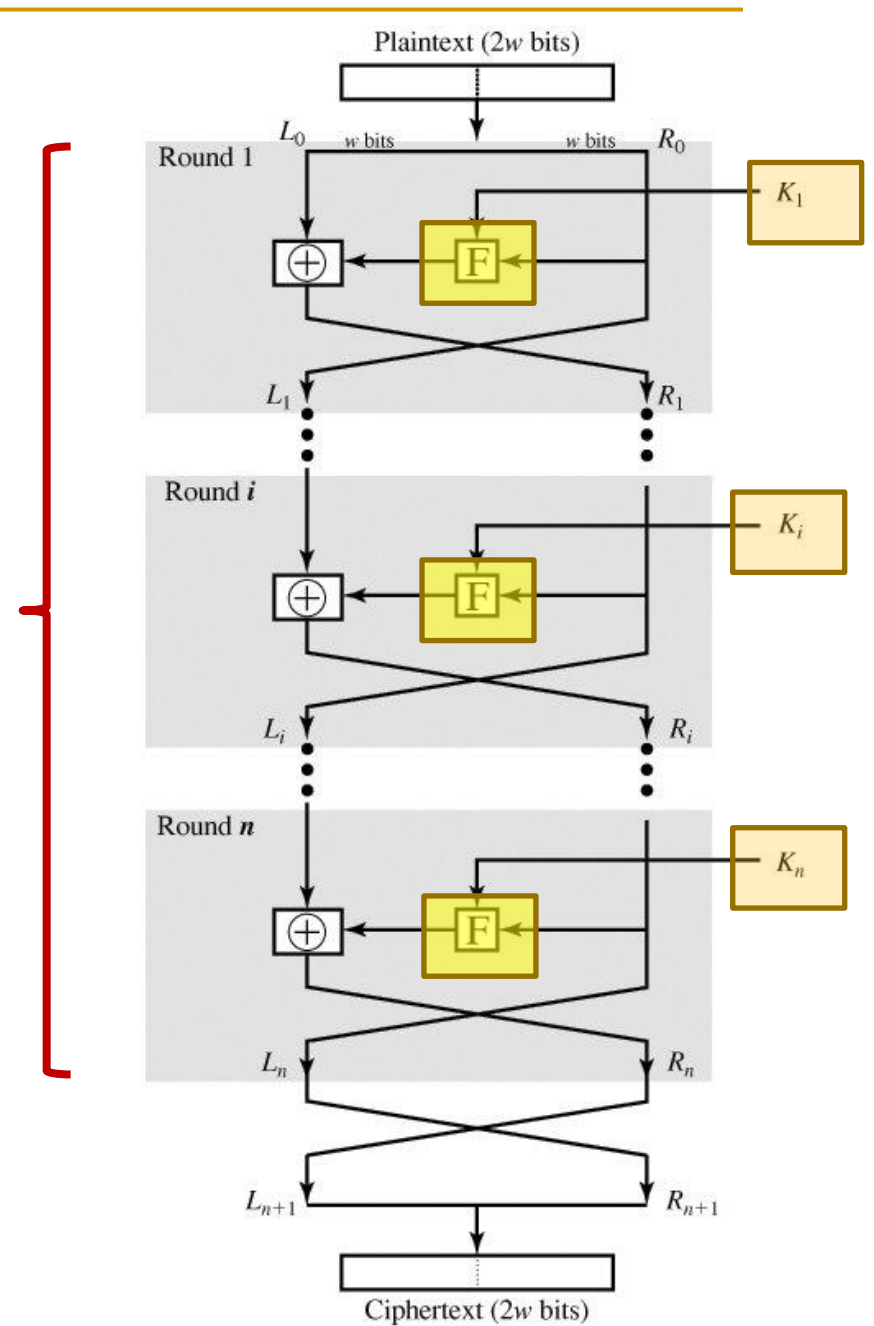
Feistel Cipher Decryption

- Same as the encryption process
- Except that the subkeys K_i are used in reverse order: K_n in the first round, ..., k_1 in the last round
- Need not implement two different algorithms



Iterated Ciphers

- Feistel Cipher belongs to more general class of ciphers known as **iterated ciphers** that:
 - ◆ Process plaintext through **multiple rounds**
 - ◆ Apply the **same round function** at every round
 - ◆ At each round use a **different sub-key** derived from the main key



Data Encryption Standard (DES)

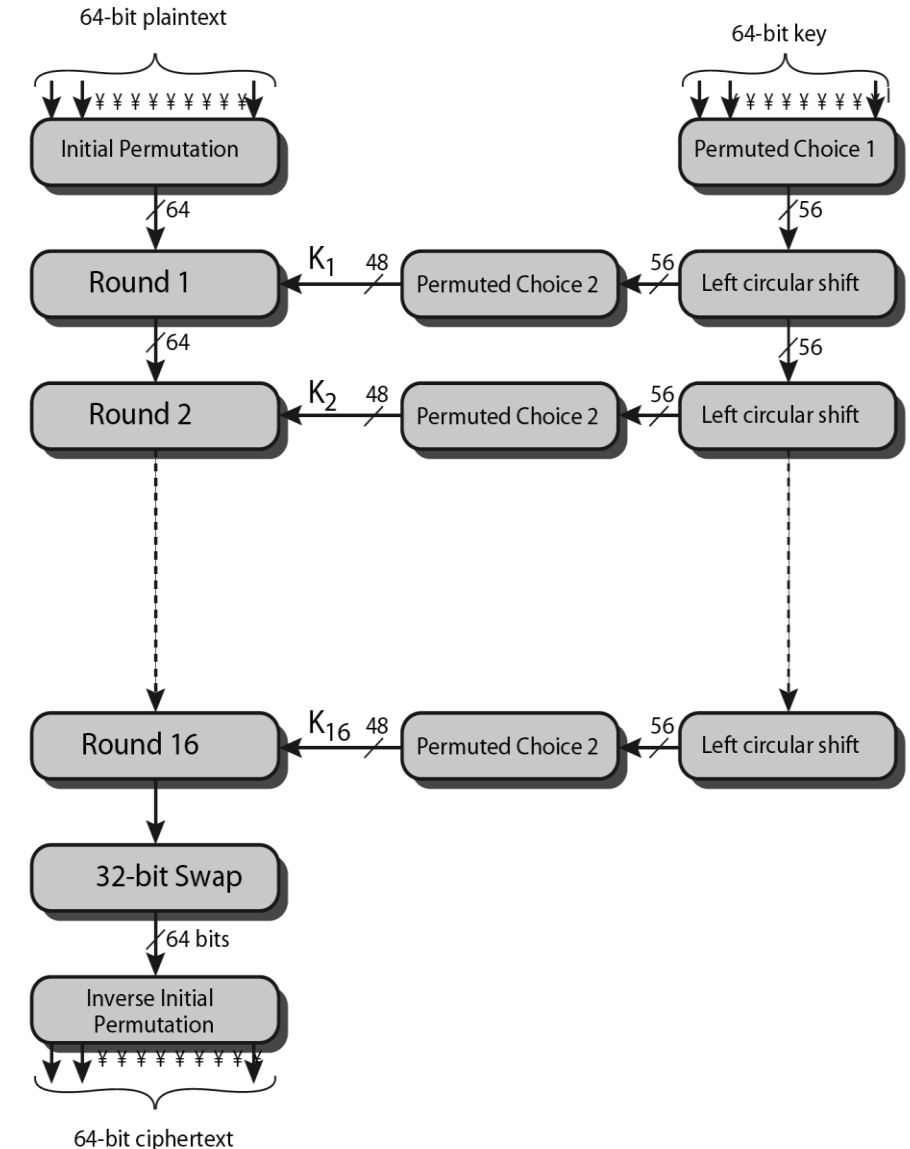
Data Encryption Standard (DES)

- A widely used block cipher
- Based on the Feistel cipher
- Developed in 1974 by IBM and the U.S. government to set a standard that everyone could use to securely communicate with each other
- The algorithm transforms 64-bit input in a series of steps into a 64-bit output
- The **same** steps, with the **same** key, are used to reverse the encryption
- Use of DES has flourished, especially in **financial applications**

DES Encryption Overview

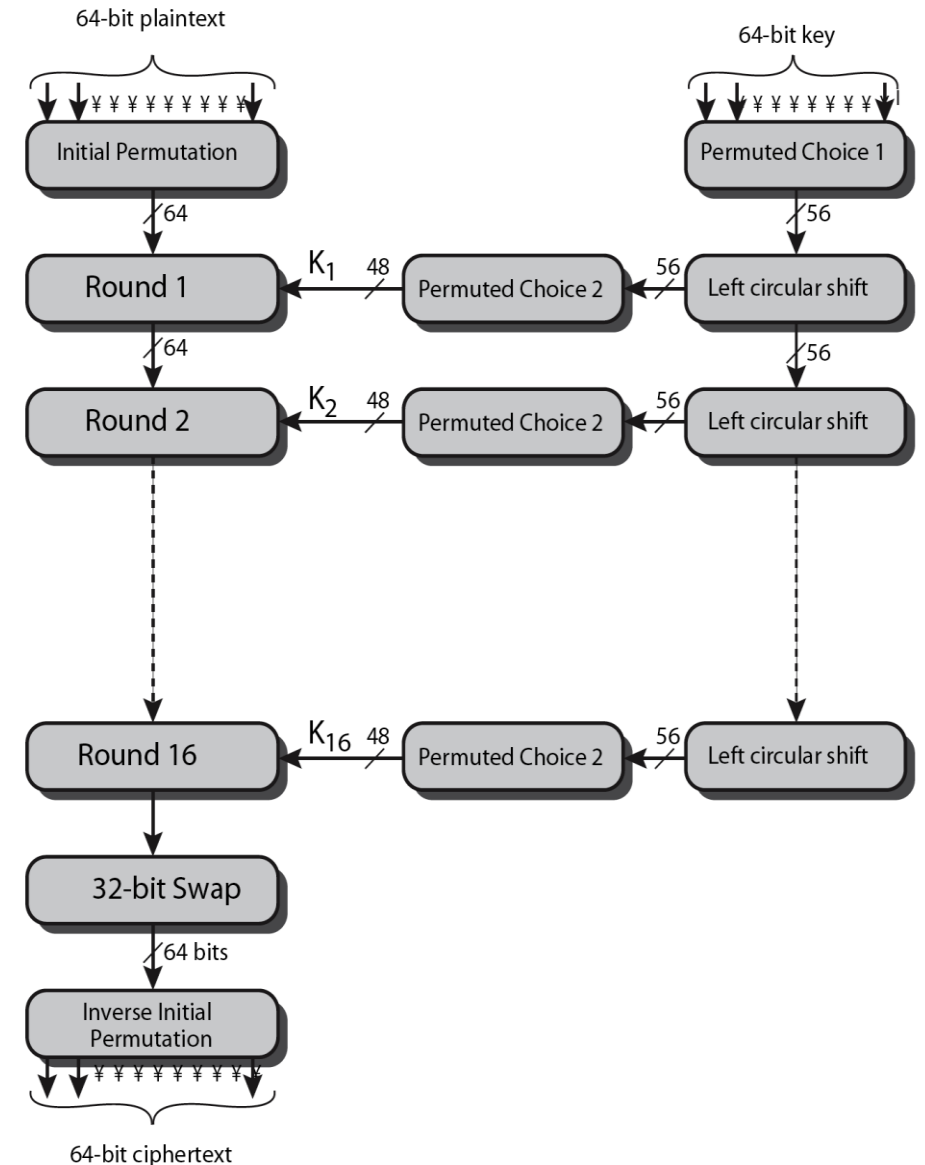
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Initial Permutation (IP)

Input:

M_1	M_2	M_3	M_4	M_5	M_6	M_7	M_8
M_9	M_{10}	M_{11}	M_{12}	M_{13}	M_{14}	M_{15}	M_{16}
M_{17}	M_{18}	M_{19}	M_{20}	M_{21}	M_{22}	M_{23}	M_{24}
M_{25}	M_{26}	M_{27}	M_{28}	M_{29}	M_{30}	M_{31}	M_{32}
M_{33}	M_{34}	M_{35}	M_{34}	M_{35}	M_{36}	M_{37}	M_{38}
M_{41}	M_{42}	M_{43}	M_{44}	M_{45}	M_{46}	M_{47}	M_{48}
M_{49}	M_{50}	M_{51}	M_{52}	M_{53}	M_{54}	M_{55}	M_{56}
M_{57}	M_{58}	M_{59}	M_{60}	M_{61}	M_{62}	M_{63}	M_{64}

58	50	42	34	26	18	10	2
60	52	44	36	28	20	12	4
62	54	46	38	30	22	14	6
64	56	48	40	32	24	16	8
57	49	41	33	25	17	9	1
59	51	43	35	27	19	11	3
61	53	45	37	29	21	13	5
63	55	47	39	31	23	15	7

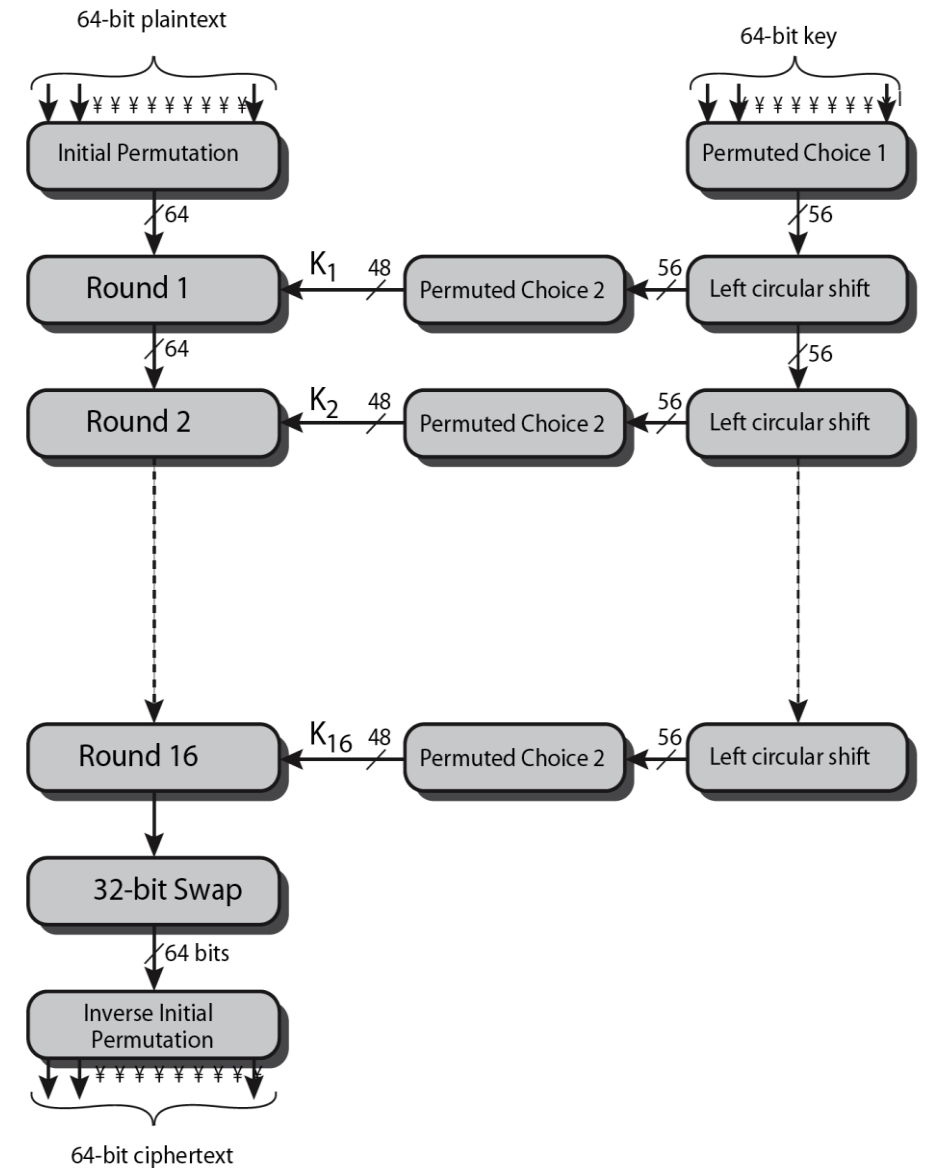
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M_{62}	M_{54}	M_{46}	M_{38}	M_{30}	M_{22}	M_{14}	M_6
M_{64}	M_{56}	M_{48}	M_{40}	M_{32}	M_{24}	M_{16}	M_8
M_{57}	M_{49}	M_{41}	M_{33}	M_{25}	M_{17}	M_9	M_1
M_{59}	M_{51}	M_{43}	M_{35}	M_{27}	M_{19}	M_{11}	M_3
M_{61}	M_{53}	M_{45}	M_{37}	M_{29}	M_{21}	M_{13}	M_5
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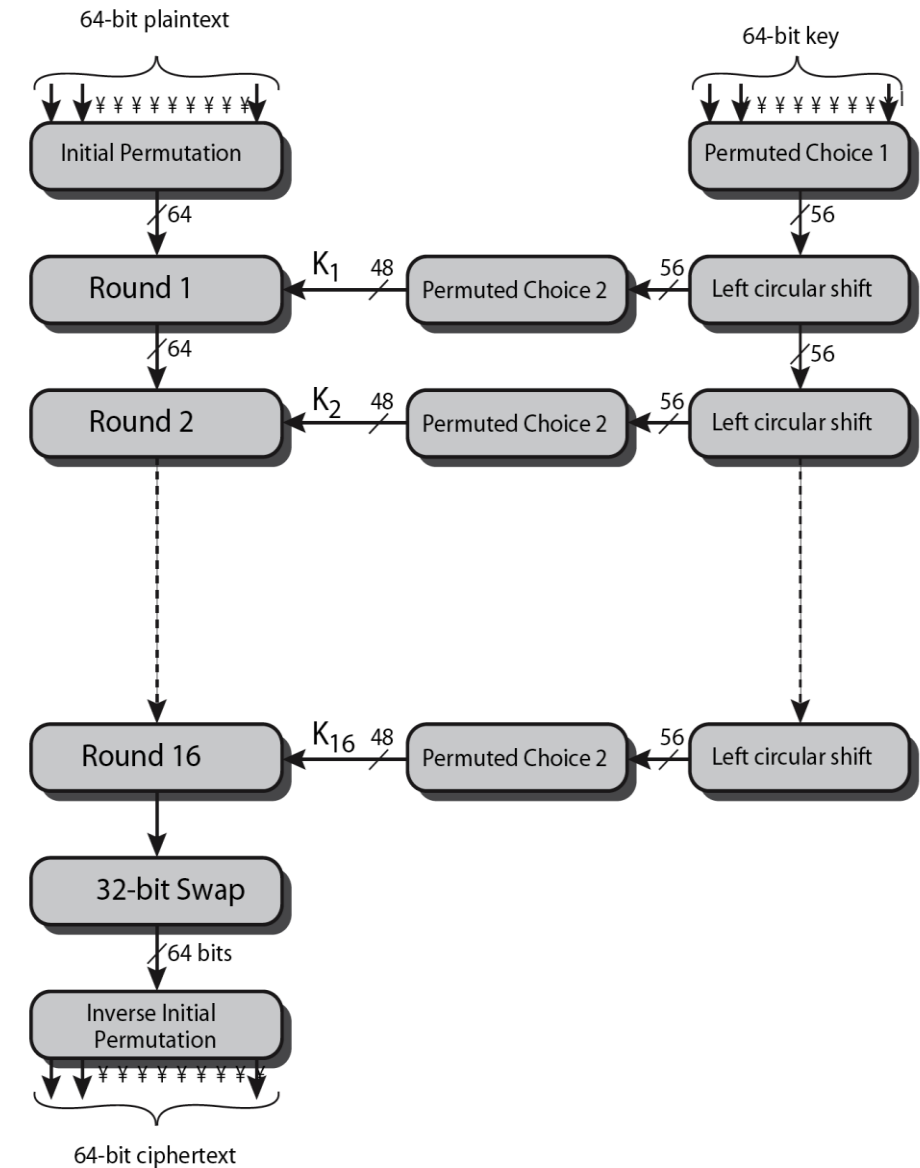


Permuted Choice One (PC-1)

57	49	41	33	25	17	9
1	58	50	42	34	26	18
10	2	59	51	43	35	27
19	11	3	60	52	44	36
63	55	47	39	31	23	15
7	62	54	46	38	30	22
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Schedule of Left Circular Shifts

- The output of PC-1 is then treated as two **28 bits** quantities, labeled C_1 and D_1
- At each round, C_i and D_i are separately subjected to a circular left shift, of **1** or **2** bits

Round number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Bits rotated	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1

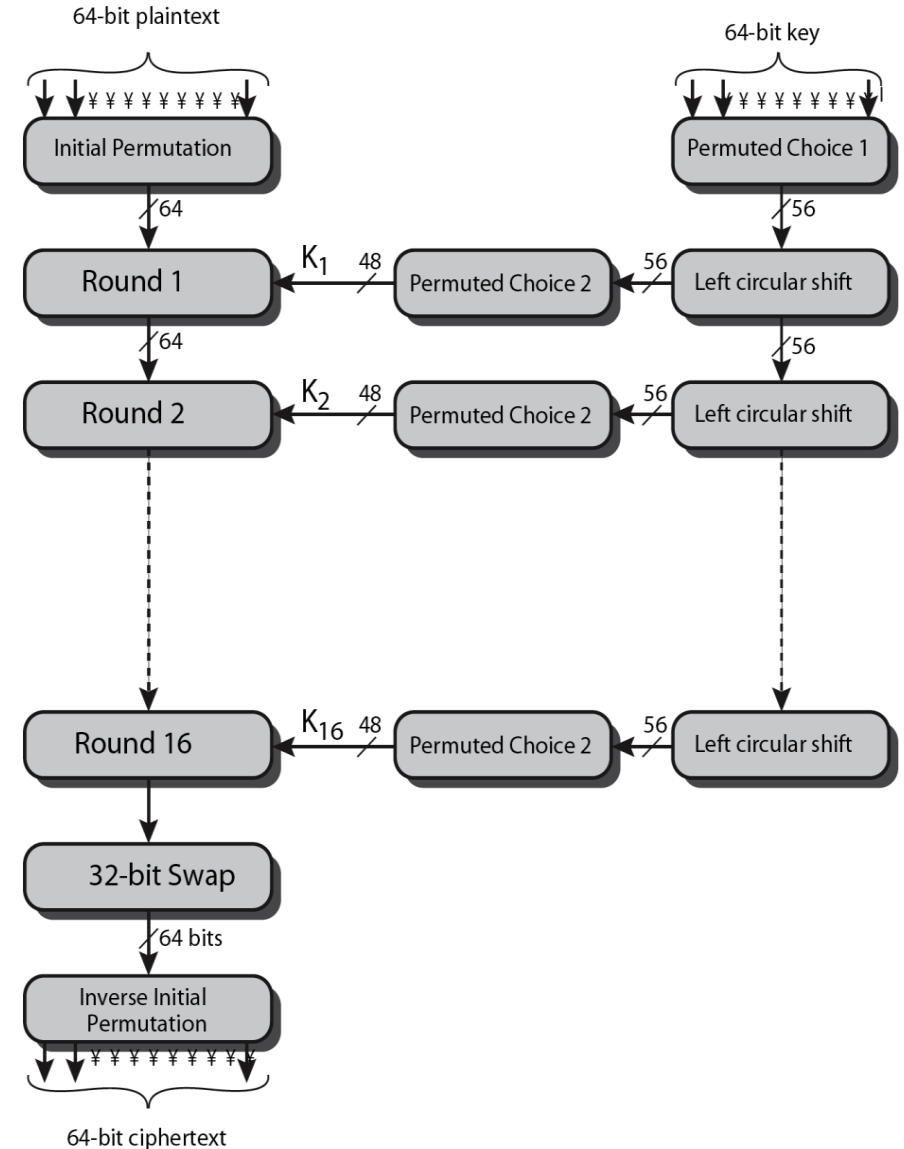
Permuted Choice Two (PC-2)

14	17	11	24	1	5	3	28
15	6	21	10	23	19	12	4
26	8	16	7	27	20	13	2
41	52	31	37	47	55	30	40
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40	8	48	16	56	24	64	32
39	7	47	15	55	23	63	31
38	6	46	14	54	22	62	30
37	5	45	13	53	21	61	29
36	4	44	12	52	20	60	28
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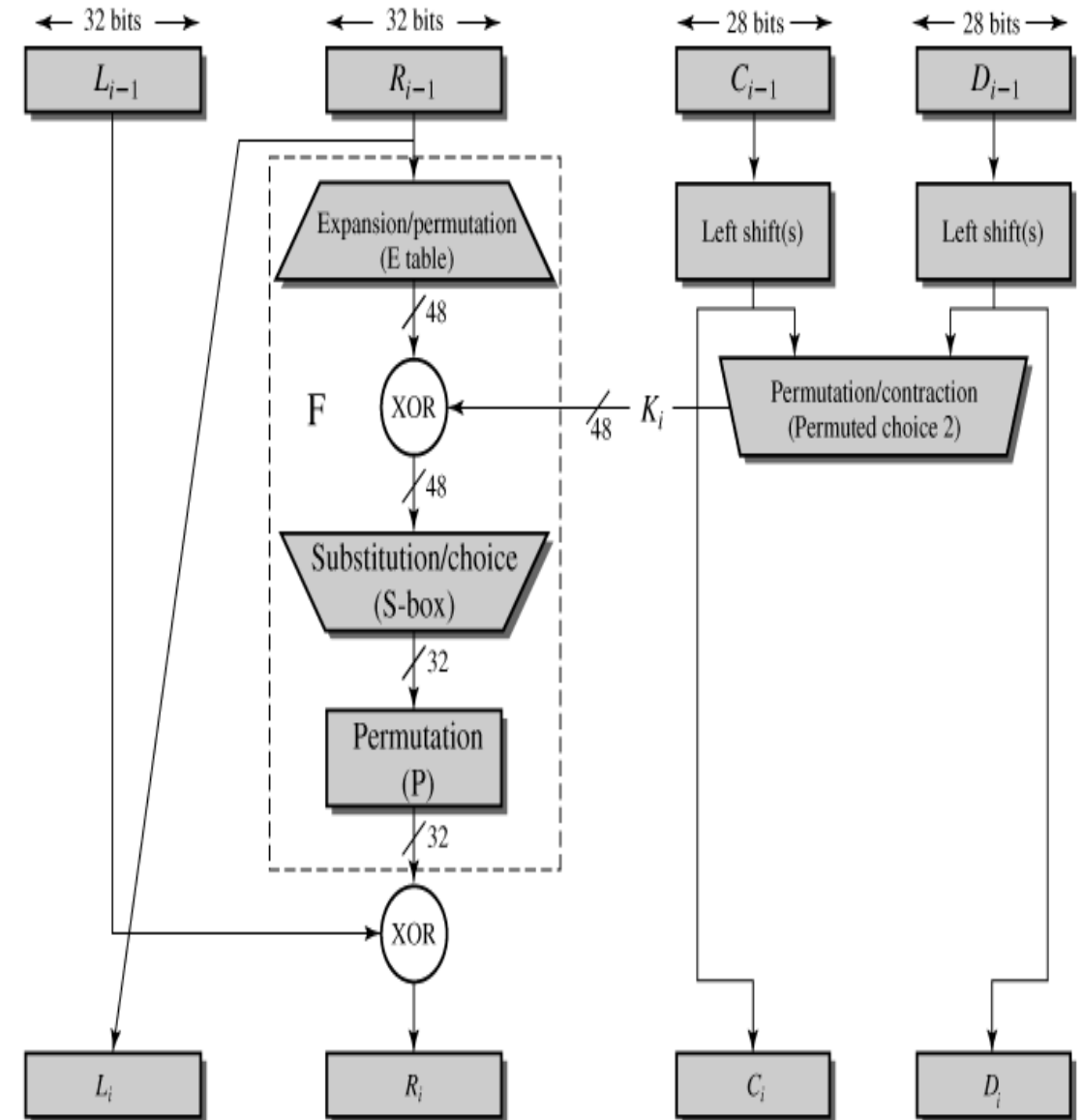
Output:

M ₁	M ₂	M ₃	M ₄	M ₅	M ₆	M ₇	M ₈
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Expanded Permutation (E)

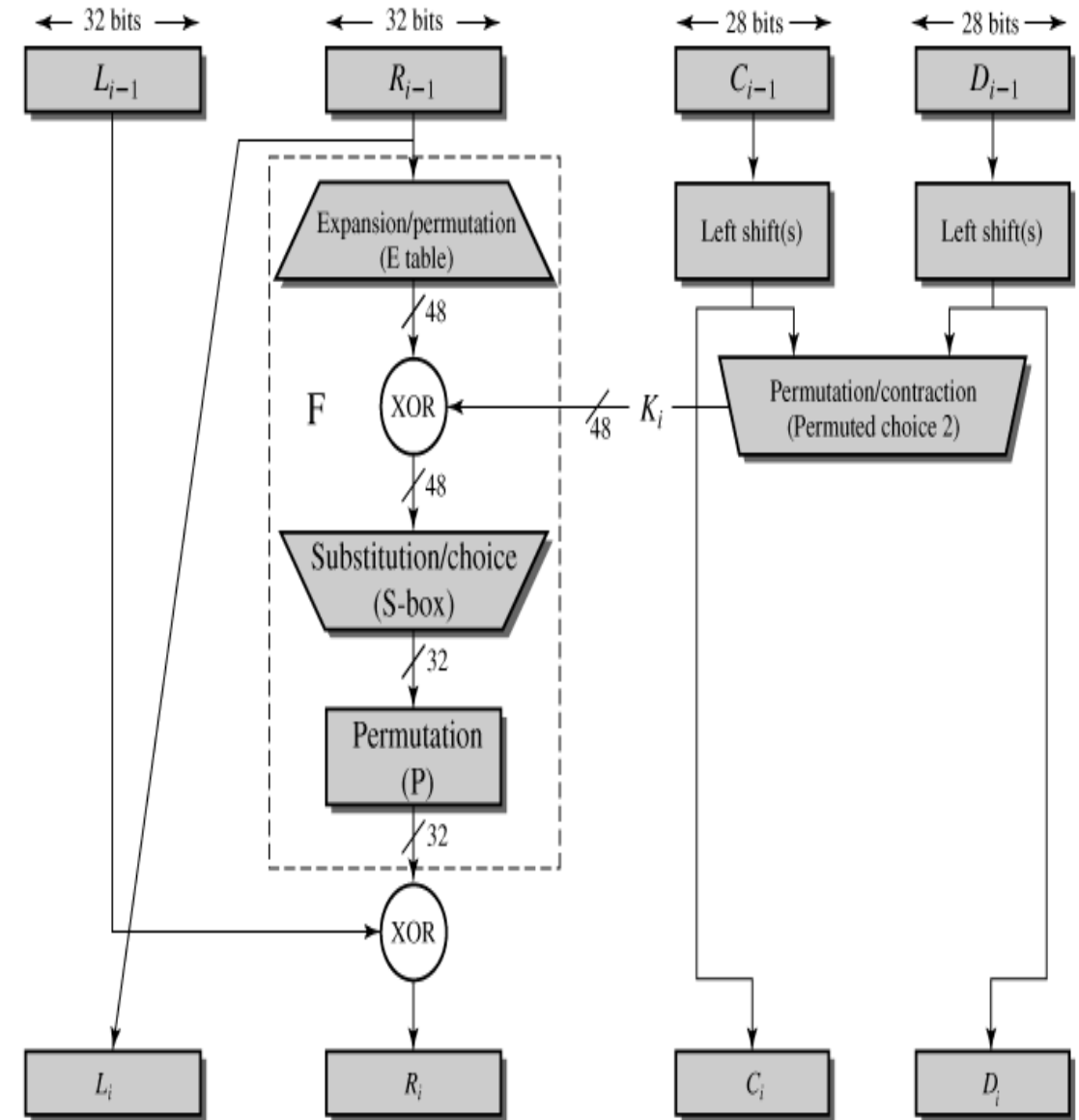
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4	5	6	7	8	9
8	9	10	11	12	13
12	13	14	15	16	17
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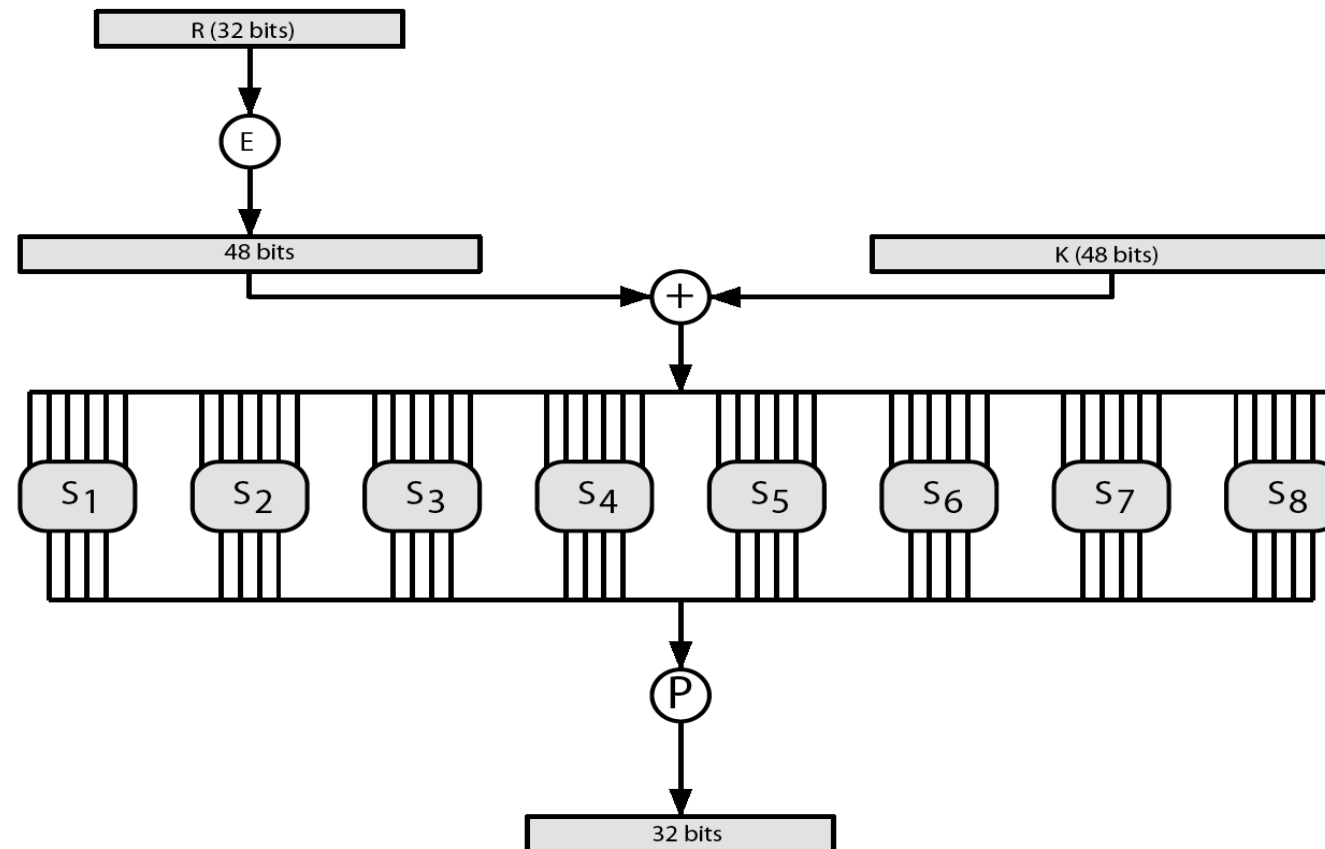
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2. The 48-bits then pass through a substitution function that produces 32-bit output



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- S-Box substitution allows DES to achieve the *confusion principle*



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0	15	7	4	14	2	13	1	10	6	12	11	9	5	3	8
4	1	14	8	13	6	2	11	15	12	9	7	3	10	5	0
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 - The row is 01 (row 1)
 - The column is 1100 (column 12)
 - The value is 9 – output is 1001

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Example: $S\text{-Box}_1(000000) = 14 = 1110$

$S\text{-Box}_1(000001) = 0 = 0000$

$S\text{-Box}_1(000010) = 4 = 0100$

(these changes look random...statistical tests exist to verify this)

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Criteria 2: No output bit of any S-box should be too close a *linear function* of the input bits.

Another words, it should be *impossible to use a linear function* in order to reliably predict any bit of the output based on the input bits.

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Example: Notice each row contains all possible 4-bit values (0-15)

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Criteria 4: If two inputs to an S-Box differ in exactly one bit, the outputs must differ by at least two bits

Example: $S\text{-Box}_1(\text{000000}) = 14 = 1110$
 $S\text{-Box}_1(\text{000001}) = 0 = 0000$

(The inputs differ by **one bit**. The outputs differ by **3 bits**)

14	4	13	1	2	15	11	8	3	10	6	12	5	9	0	7
0	15	7	4	14	2	13	1	10	6	12	11	9	5	3	8
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Criteria 5: If two inputs to an S-Box differ in two middle bits, the outputs must differ by at least two bits

Example: $S\text{-Box}_1(\text{000000}) = 14 = 1110$
 $S\text{-Box}_1(\text{001100}) = 11 = 1011$

(The inputs differ by **2 middle bits**. The outputs differ by **2 bits**)

14	4	13	1	2	15	11	8	3	10	6	12	5	9	0	7
0	15	7	4	14	2	13	1	10	6	12	11	9	5	3	8
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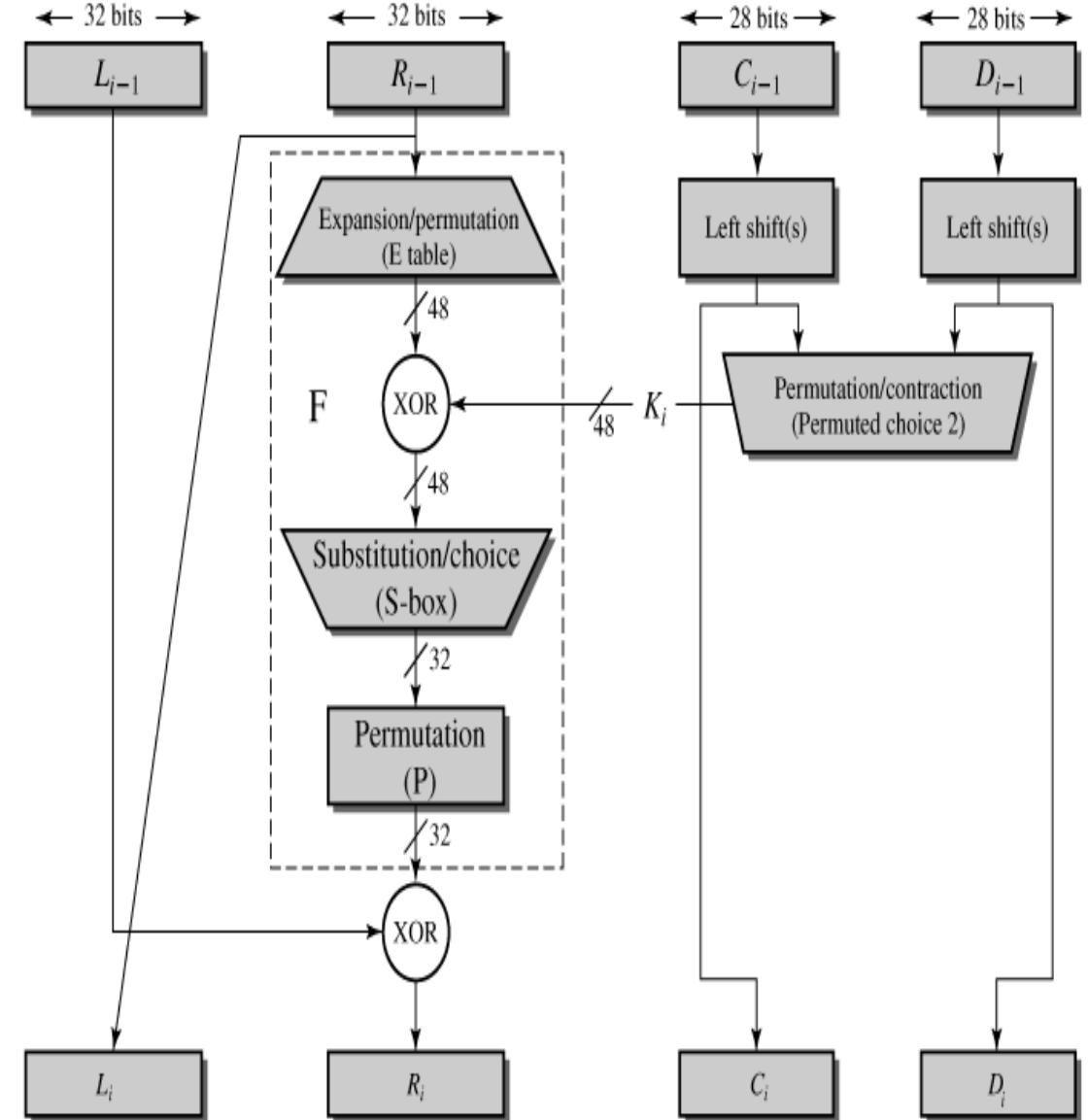
Example: $S\text{-Box}_1(\text{000000}) = 14 = 1110$
 $S\text{-Box}_1(\text{001100}) = 11 = 1011$

The outputs are different!

14	4	13	1	2	15	11	8	3	10	6	12	5	9	0	7
0	15	7	4	14	2	13	1	10	6	12	11	9	5	3	8
4	1	14	8	13	6	2	11	15	12	9	7	3	10	5	0
15	12	8	2	4	9	1	7	5	11	3	14	10	0	6	13

Single Round of DES Algorithm

- Uses two **32-bit L & R** halves. K_i : **48 bits**
- 1. The R input is expanded to **48 bits** (**permutation** + **duplication** of 16 of R bits); the resulting 48 bits are **XORed** with K_i
- 2. The 48-bits then pass through a **substitution** function that produces 32-bit output
- 3. The 32-bit pass through a **permutation** function



Permutation Function (P)

16	7	20	21	29	12	28	17
1	15	23	26	5	18	31	10
2	8	24	14	32	27	3	9
19	13	30	6	22	11	4	25

- Rearrangement of bits by the P-table allows DES to achieve the *diffusion principle*
- Two output bits from each S-box affect middle bits of the next round and the other two affect end bits

Permutation Function (P)

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1	15	23	26	5	18	31	10
2	8	24	14	32	27	3	9
19	13	30	6	22	11	4	25

- The **four** output bits from each S-box affect **six** different S-boxes on the next round.

Expanded
Permutation (E)

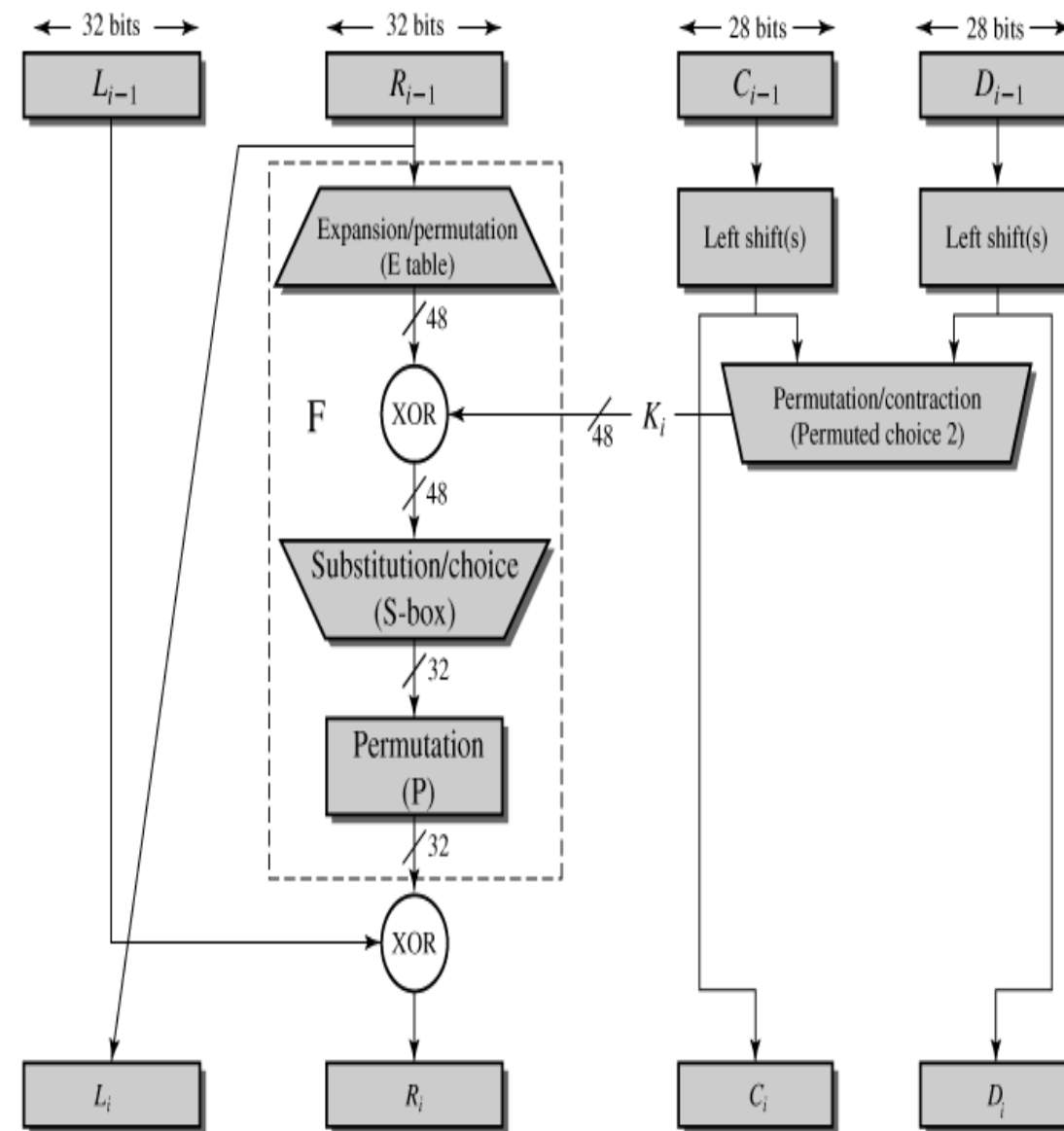
32	1	2	3	4	5
4	5	6	7	8	9
8	9	10	11	12	13
12	13	14	15	16	17
16	17	18	19	20	21
20	21	22	23	24	25
24	25	26	27	28	29
28	29	30	31	32	1

Single Round of DES Algorithm

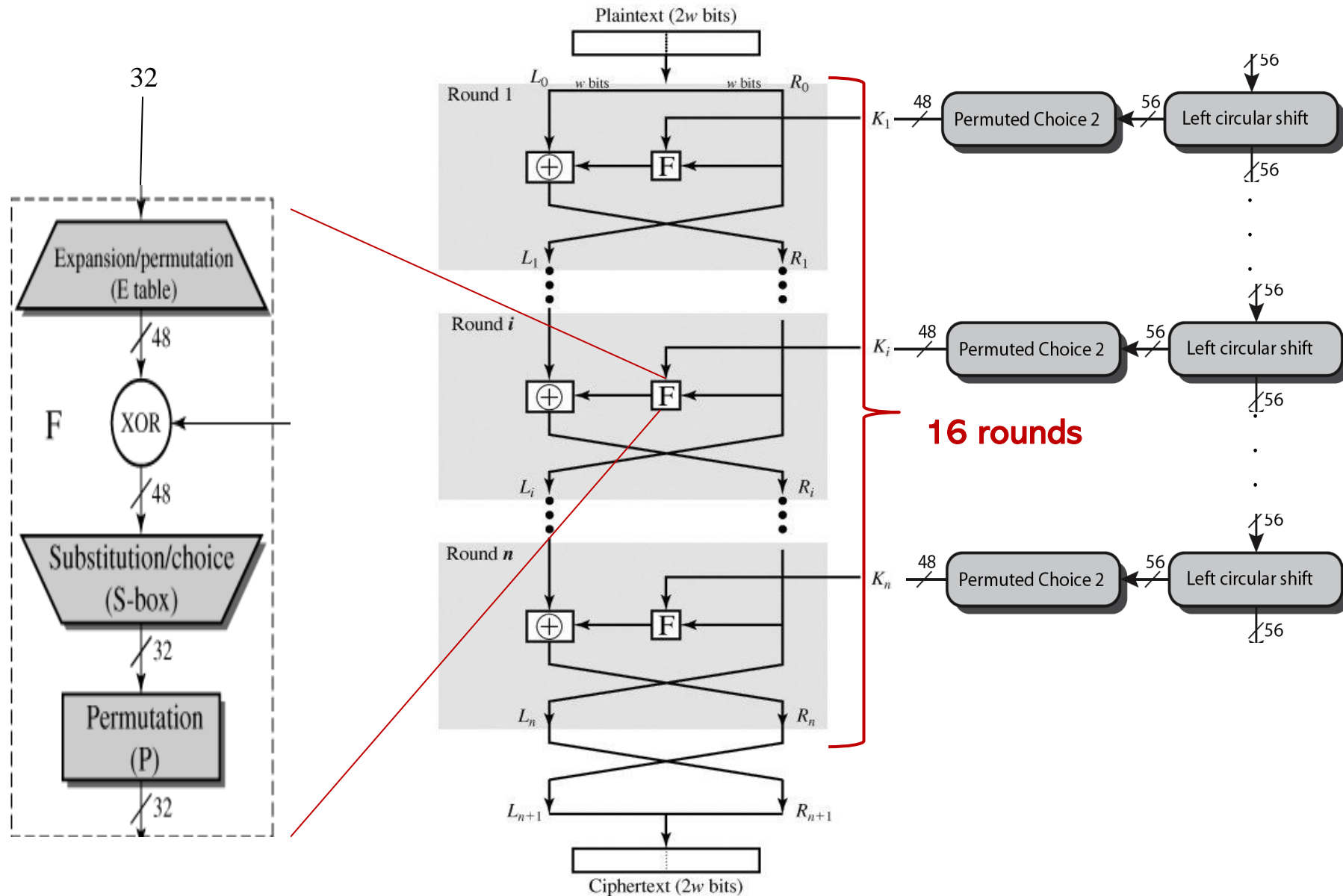
- As for any **Feistel** cipher,

$$L_i = R_{i-1}$$

$$R_i = L_{i-1} \oplus F(R_{i-1}, K_i)$$



A Recap: Remember: DES is a Feistel Cipher



DES Decryption

- As with any Feistel cipher, decryption uses the same algorithm as encryption, except that the application of the subkeys is reversed

Avalanche Effect

● Avalanche Effect:

- ◆ Desirable property of any encryption algorithm.
 - ◆ Small change in either the plaintext or the key should produce a significant change in the ciphertext
 - ◆ Change in 1 bit of the plaintext or the key should produce a change in many bits of the ciphertext
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- Making attempts of guessing keys impossible
 - DES exhibits strong avalanche

Avalanche Effect

Two plaintexts:

◆ P1:

00000000 00000000
00000000 00000000
00000000 00000000
00000000 00000000

◆ P2:

10000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000 00000000
00000000 00000000

Key K:

◆ 0000001 1001011 0100100 1100010 0011100 0011000 0011100
0110010

(a) Change in Plaintext	
Round	Number of bits that differ
0	1
1	6
2	21
3	35
4	39
5	34
6	32
7	31
8	29
9	42
10	44
11	32
12	30
13	30
14	26
15	29
16	34

Avalanche Effect

One plaintext P:

◆ 01101000 10000101 00101111 01111010 00010011
01110110 11101011 10100100

Two keys:

◆ K1

1110010 1111011 1101111 0011000 0011101
0000100 0110001 1101110

◆ K2

0110010 1111011 1101111 0011000 0011101
0000100 0110001 1101110

(a) Change in Plaintext		(b) Change in Key	
Round	Number of bits that differ	Round	Number of bits that differ
0	1	0	0
1	6	1	2
2	21	2	14
3	35	3	28
4	39	4	32
5	34	5	30
6	32	6	32
7	31	7	35
8	29	8	34
9	42	9	40
10	44	10	38
11	32	11	31
12	30	12	33
13	30	13	28
14	26	14	26
15	29	15	34
16	34	16	35

Strength of DES – Key Size

- 56-bit keys have $2^{56} = 7.2 \times 10^{16}$ values
- **Brute force search** looks hard
 - ◆ Assume: half of the key space has to be searched, a single machine performing one DES encryption **per microsecond** would take more than a thousand years to break the cipher
- Recent advances have shown is possible
 - ◆ In 1977, Diffie and Hellman: theorized technology existed to build a parallel machine with 1 million encryption devices; each performs **one encryption per microsecond** → 10 hours
 - ◆ In 1998, Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) had broken a DES encryption using a computer (“Deep Crack”) built for less than \$250K. The attack took less than 3 days.

Strength of DES – Key Size

- EFF “Deep Crack” Consisted of 1,186 custom chips designed to try different DES keys:

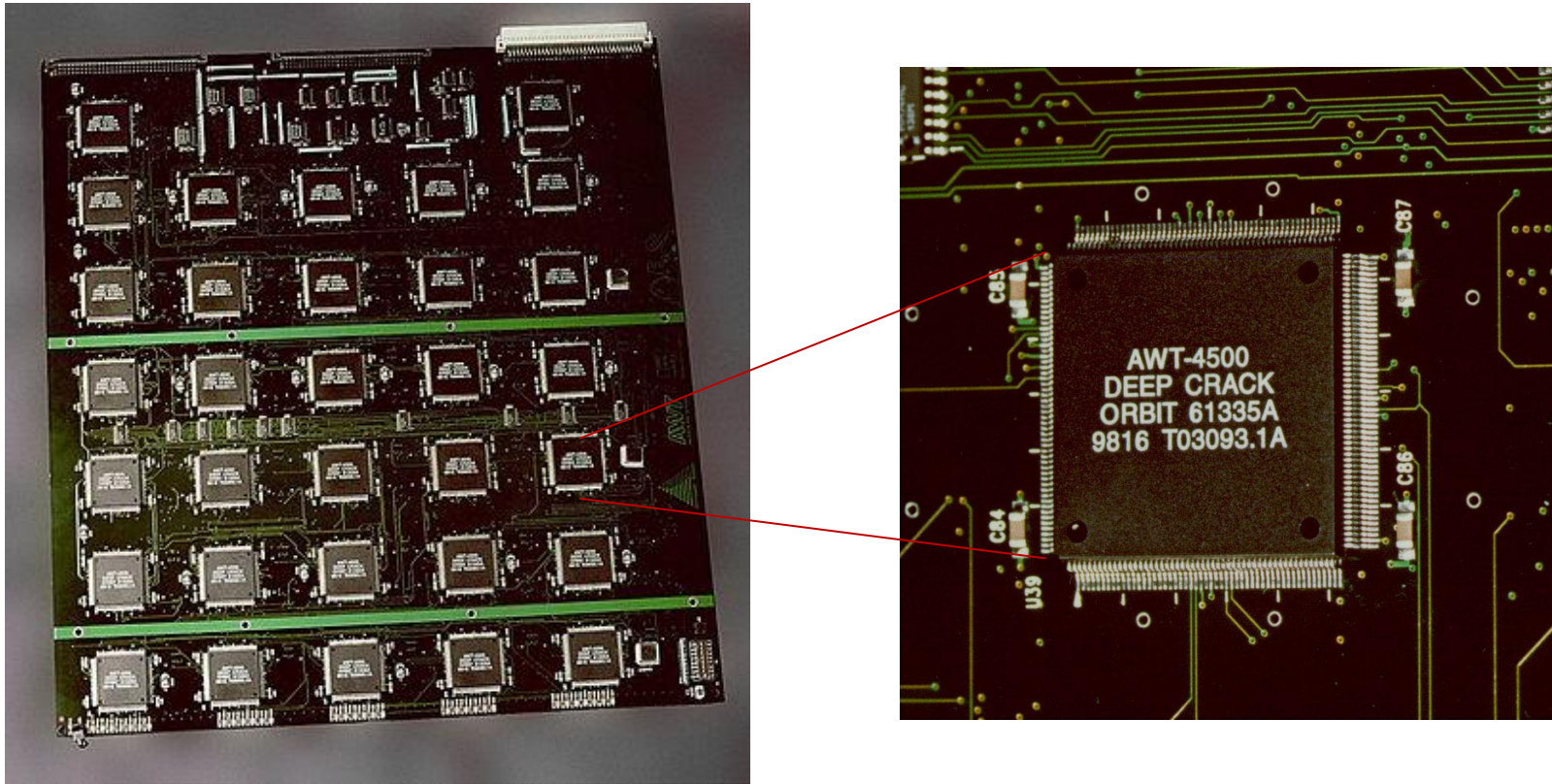


Image source: <https://www.eff.org/>

Multiple Encryption & DES

- **Problem:** Clearly, a **replacement** for DES was needed
- **Solution:** Use **multiple encryption** with DES using **multiple keys**
 - ◆ **Multiple encryption:** a technique in which an encryption is used multiple times
- **Triple-DES** is the chosen form
 - ◆ Use **three** stages of the DES algorithm
 - ◆ Use a total of **two or three** distinct keys

Double-DES?

- Could use 2 DES encrypts on each block

$$C = E(K2, E(K1, P))$$

- Issue of reduction to single stage

- ◆ Would it be possible to find a key $K3$ such that

$$E(K2, E(K1, P)) = E(K3, P)$$

- ◆ Answer: NO - proved in 1992

Double-DES?

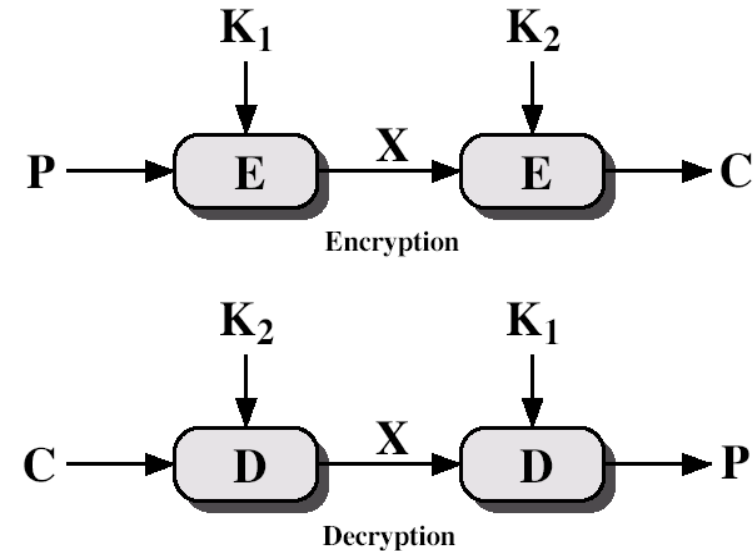
Meet-in-the-middle attack

- Works whenever use a cipher twice

- Based on the observation:

If $C = E(K_2, E(K_1, P))$,

then $X = E(K_1, P) = D(K_2, C)$



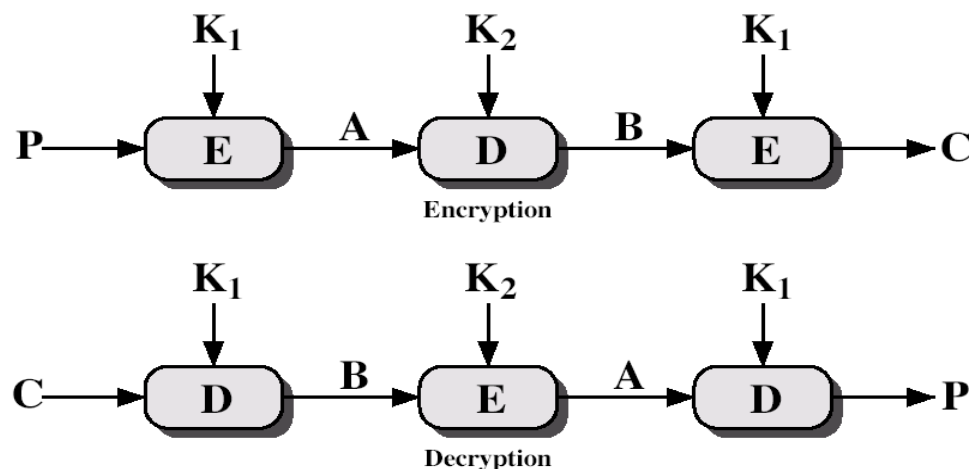
- ❖ Encrypt P for all 2^{56} keys. Store the result in a table and then sort the table

- ❖ Decrypt C with 2^{56} keys and check the result against the table for a match

- ❖ If a match occurs, then test the two resulting keys against some more known plaintext-ciphertext pairs

Triple-DES with Two-Keys

- An obvious counter to the meet-in-the-middle attack is to use **three** stages of encryption with **3** different keys → requiring key length **168**-bits
 - ◆ Three times slower to run
- Can use **2** keys with **E-D-E** sequence
 - ◆ $C = E(K_1, D(K_2, E(K_1, P)))$
 - ◆ The only advantage of the use of decryption for the second stage is: if **$K_1=K_2$** then can work with single DES



Triple-DES with Three-Keys

- No current known practical attacks
 - ◆ Brute-force: 2^{112}
 - ◆ Differential cryptanalysis: $> 10^{52}$ plaintext-ciphertext pairs
- Can use Triple-DES with 3 Keys to avoid these
 - ◆ $C = E(K3, D(K2, E(K1, P)))$
- Has been adopted by some Internet applications, e.g., PGP, S/MIME

Other Attacks Against DES and Block Ciphers: Differential Cryptanalysis (1)

- A cryptanalytic technique developed by Eli Biham and Adi Shamir in late 1980s
- They **attempted** its use to **cryptoanalyze DES**:
 - ◆ Discovered that *DES S-Boxes were designed to be resilient to it!*
 - ◆ Evidence that NSA who co-developed DES in 1970s knew about the technique before they discovered it
 - Is this why S-Box design was kept secret?

Other Attacks Against DES and Block Ciphers: Differential Cryptanalysis (2)

- **Differential Cryptanalysis:** attempts to derive the secret key by studying the **how the input plaintext affects the ciphertext**.
 - ◆ Usually involves a form of a **chosen plaintext attack** where the attacker can encrypt any plaintext of choice
- Differential cryptanalysis of blockciphers:
 - ◆ Monitors the **changes in plaintext as it is processed through multiple rounds of transformation**
 - ◆ Looks for instances where the changes appear to be **non-random**
 - ◆ Uses non-random changes to **extract the secret key**

Other Attacks Against DES and Block Ciphers: Linear Cryptanalysis (2)

- First proposed by Matsuri in 1993 by Mitsuru Matsui and Atsuhiro Yamagishi for breaking a FEAL cipher
 - ◆ Newer than differential cryptanalysis
- Was also applied to **cryptoanalysis of DES**:
 - ◆ Found that DES is more vulnerable to this technique than differential cryptanalysis because S-Boxes were (probably) not designed with this attack in mind
 - ◆ However, a successful DES linear cryptanalysis attack would require 2^{43} known plaintext/ciphertext pairs, which is *impractical*
- Now a popular technique for attacking block ciphers

Other Attacks Against DES and Block Ciphers: Linear Cryptanalysis (2)

- A form of a **known plaintext attack**, where attacker has a plaintext and its corresponding ciphertext pair. Tries to find the key
- **Basic Idea:** Assumes a **linear relationship between the plaintext, key, and the ciphertext** and tries to derive the key based on it
- **Formally:** If **ciphertext = E(Key, plaintext)** where E is the encryption function, linear cryptanalysis **tries to find a linear function E' that approximates E**
- **Defense:** Design S-Boxes so that the relationship between ciphertext, key, and plaintext is non-linear

DES Attacks Timeline

Year	Proposed/ implemented DES Attack
1977	Diffie & Hellman, (under-)estimate the costs of a key search machine
1990	Biham & Shamir propose differential cryptanalysis (2^{47} chosen ciphertexts)
1993	Mike Wiener proposes design of a very efficient key search machine: Average search requires 36h. Costs: \$1.000.000
1993	Matsui proposes linear cryptanalysis (2^{43} chosen ciphertexts)
Jun. 1997	DES Challenge I broken, 4.5 months of distributed search
Feb. 1998	DES Challenge II--1 broken, 39 days (distributed search)
Jul. 1998	DES Challenge II--2 broken, key search machine <i>Deep Crack</i> built by the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF): 1800 ASICs with 24 search engines each, Costs: \$250 000, 15 days average search time (required 56h for the Challenge)
Jan. 1999	DES Challenge III broken in 22 h 15 m (distributed search assisted by <i>Deep Crack</i>)
2006-2008	Reconfigurable key search machine <i>COPACOBANA</i> developed at the Universities in Bochum and Kiel (Germany), uses 120 FPGAs to break DES in 6.4 days (avg.) at a cost of \$10 000.

Other Block Ciphers and DES Alternatives

- In January 1997 National Institute of Standards (NIST) announced a competition for a cipher to replace DES and become **Advanced Encryption Standard (AES)**:

Algorithm	Block Size (bits)	Key Lengths (bits)	Comments
Rijndael	128	128/192/256	The winner! Used as basis for AES
Mars	128	128/192/256	DES Replacement Finalist
RC6	128	128/192/256	DES Replacement Finalist
Serpent	128	128/192/256	DES Replacement Finalist
Twofish	128	128/192/256	DES Replacement Finalist
IDEA	64	128	DES Replacement Finalist

TwoFish (1)

- TwoFish was one of the candidates to replace DES
- Supports keys of up to 256 bits
- Uses 128-bit blocks
- Performs 16 rounds of Feistel Cipher when using 256 bit keys

TwoFish (2)

- Based on **four S-Boxes**
- Each S-Box outputs **four bytes**
- The S-Boxes are **generated based on the key** to achieve confusion
 - ◆ Different from DES where the S-Boxes are fixed
- Change in even 1 bit of the key results in very different S-Boxes

TwoFish (3)

- Uses Maximum Distance Separable (MDS) matrix to create diffusion
 - ◆ The output of S-Boxes is multiplied by the MDS

TwoFish (4)

● Where TwoFish is used:

- ◆ KeePass password manager
- ◆ File encryption
- ◆ GSM mobile phones
- ◆ Client-side encryption in cloud services
- ◆ More: <https://www.schneier.com/academic/twofish/products.html>