



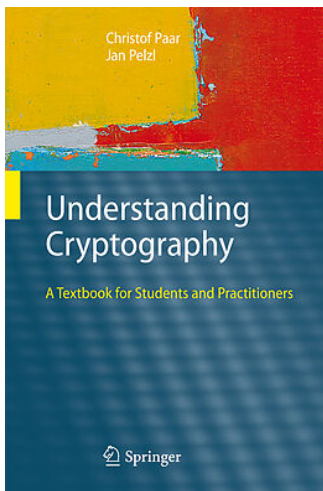
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Introduction to Cryptography and Security

Stream ciphers

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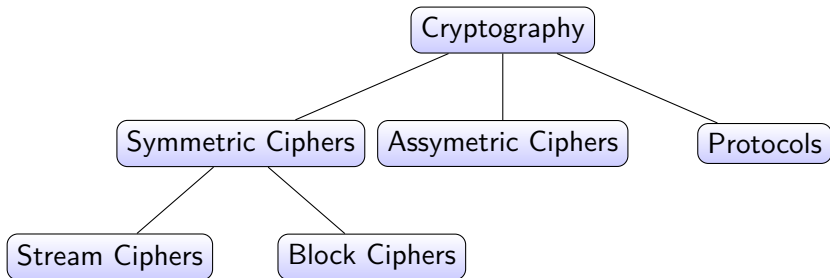
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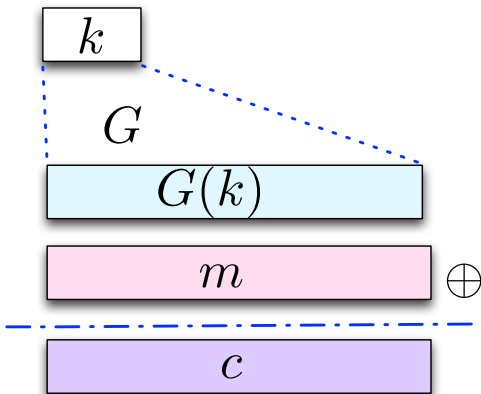
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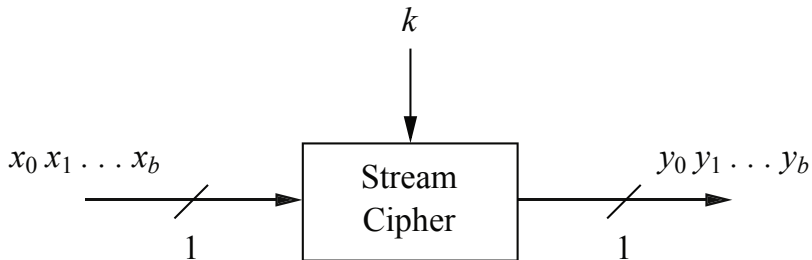
Cryptography



One-time pad is a Stream Cipher

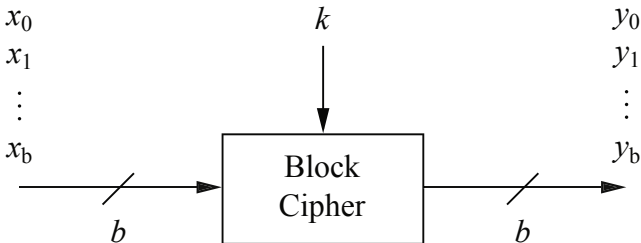


Stream ciphers



Stream ciphers encrypt bits individually.

Block ciphers



Block ciphers encrypt an entire block of plaintext bits at a time with the same key.

Example

- Block length of AES is 128 bit;
- Block length of DES and 3DES is 64 bit.

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Definition (Stream Cipher Encryption and Decryption)

The plaintext, the ciphertext and the key stream consist of individual bits, i.e

$$x_i, y_i, s_i \in \{0, 1\}.$$

- **Encryption:** $y_i = \text{Enc}(s_i, x_i) = x_i \oplus s_i.$
- **Decryption:** $x_i = \text{Dec}(s_i, y_i) = y_i \oplus s_i.$

Review: One Time Pad

A stream cipher for which

- the key stream s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots is generated by a **true random number generator**, and
- the key stream is only known to the legitimate communicating parties, and
- every key stream bit s_i is only used once

is called a one-time pad.

Example

Alice wants to encrypt the letter A, where the letter is given in ASCII code. The ASCII value for 'A' is $65_{10} = 1000001_2$. Let's furthermore assume that the first key stream bits are $(s_0, \dots, s_6) = 0101100$.

Alice

Oscar

Bob

$$x_0, \dots, x_6 = 1000001 = A$$

$$\oplus$$

$$s_0, \dots, s_6 = 0101100$$

$$y_0, \dots, y_6 = 1101101 = m$$

$$m=1101101$$



$$y_0, \dots, y_6 = 1101101 = m$$

$$\oplus$$

$$s_0, \dots, s_6 = 0101100$$

$$x_0, \dots, x_6 = 1000001 = A$$

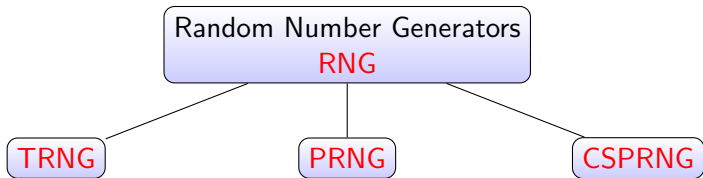
What Exactly Is the Nature of the Key Stream?

- **Question:** how do we get the key stream s_i ?
- **Response:** This is a major topic and is discussed later in this lecture.
- **Guess:** The key stream bits should be that they appear like a random sequence to an attacker.

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Random Number Generators



Three types of random number generators:

- Random Number Generator
- True Random Number Generators
- (General) Pseudorandom Number Generators
- Cryptographically Secure Pseudorandom Number Generators

True Random Number Generators (TRNG)

- True random number generators (TRNGs) are characterized by the fact that their output cannot be reproduced.
- **Example:** coin flipping, rolling of dice, semiconductor noise, clock jitter in digital circuits and radioactive decay.
- In GNU/Linux, random bytes can be taken from `/dev/random`.

```
1 > hexdump -C -8 /dev/random
2 000000001059694166    |.Yi....f|
3 00000008
```

(General) Pseudorandom Number Generators (PRNG)

- Pseudorandom number generators (PRNGs) generate sequences which are computed from an initial seed value.
- Often they are computed recursively in the following way:

$$\begin{aligned}s_0 &= \text{seed} \\ s_{i+1} &= f(s_i), \quad i = 0, 1, \dots\end{aligned}$$

- A generalization of this are generators of the form

$$s_{i+1} = f(s_i, s_{i-1}, \dots, s_{i-t})$$

where t is a fixed integer.

Example

The `rand()` function used in ANSI C.

$$s_0 = 12345$$

$$s_{i+1} = 1103515245 \cdot s_i + 12345 \mod 2^{31}, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots$$

Example with rand()

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 #include <stdlib.h>
3 #include <time.h>
4
5 int main(int argc, char **argv)
6 {
7     srand(time(0));
8     printf("%d\n", rand());0;
9 }
```

- The `time(0)` function returns the time as the number of seconds since the Epoch, 1970-01-01 00:00:00 +0000 (UTC).
- This value is used as a seed.

Cryptographically Secure Pseudorandom Number Generators (CSPRNG)

CSPRNGs are a special type of PRNG which possess the following additional property:

A CSPRNG is PRNG which is unpredictable.

Definition (Unpredictable)

Given n consecutive bits of the key stream, **there is no polynomial time algorithm** that can predict the next bit s_{n+1} with better than 50% chance of success.

Question

Suppose $s = s_1, \dots, s_n$ such that

$$s_1 \oplus \dots \oplus s_n = 1.$$

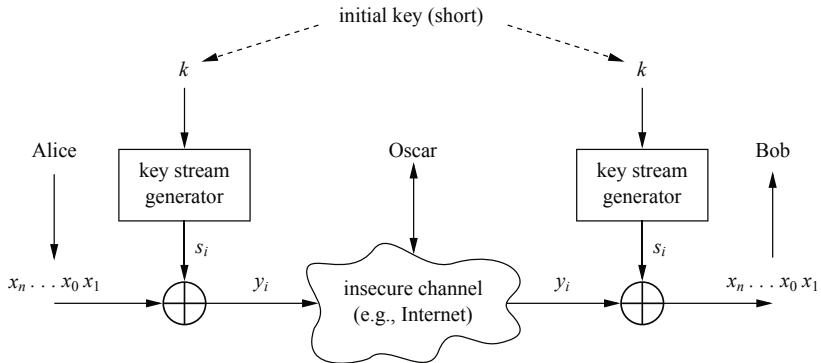
Is s is predictable?

- Yes, given the first bit I can predict the second
- No, s is unpredictable
- Yes, given the first $(n - 1)$ bit I can predict the n 'th bit
- It depends

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Practical stream ciphers



Building Key Streams from PRNGs

Example (Linear Congruential Generator)

$$S_0 = \text{seed}$$

$$S_i = A \cdot S_i + B \pmod{m}, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots$$

where we choose m to be 100 bits long and

$$S_i, A, B \in \{0, 1, \dots, m - 1\}.$$

The secret key comprises the values (A, B) and possibly the seed S_0 .

Attack LCG

Assume Oscar knows the first 300 bits of plaintext, he can now compute the first 300 bits of key stream s_1, \dots, s_{300} . How?

- 1 Oscar computes

$$S_1 = (s_1, \dots, s_{100}), S_2 = (s_{101}, \dots, s_{200}), S_3 = (s_{201}, \dots, s_{300}).$$

- 2 Oscar can now generate two equations:

$$S_2 = A \cdot S_1 + B \pmod{m}$$

$$S_3 = A \cdot S_2 + B \pmod{m}$$

This is a system of linear equations over \mathbb{Z}_m with two unknowns A and B !

Attack LCG

$$A = (S_2 - S_3)(S_1 - S_2)^{-1} \mod m$$

$$B = S_2 - S_1(S_2 - S_3)(S_1 - S_2)^{-1} \mod m$$

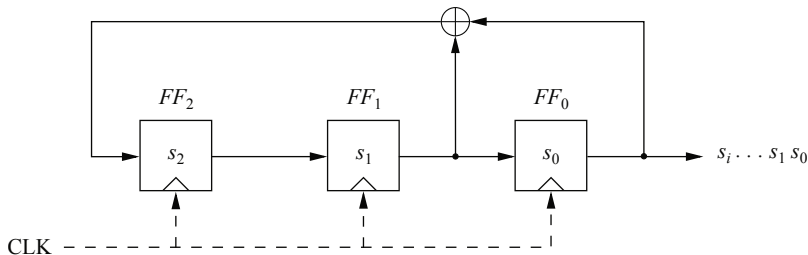
Do not use LCG to generate key streams!



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Linear Feedback Shift Registers (LFSR)



Hình: Linear feedback shift register of degree $m = 3$ with initial values FF_2 , FF_1 và FF_0

In general, the output bit is computed as:

$$s_{i+3} = s_{i+1} + s_i \mod 2.$$

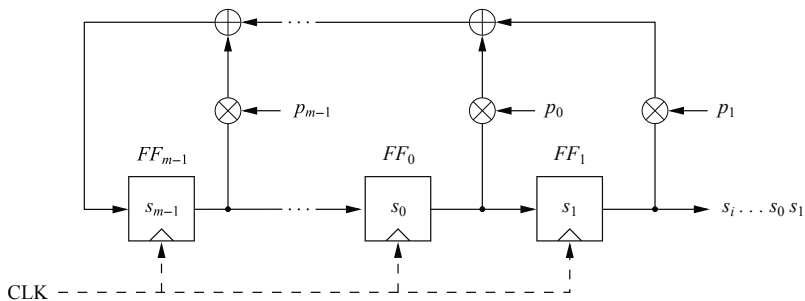
Example

$$s_{i+3} = s_{i+1} \oplus s_i$$

| clk | FF_2 | FF_1 | $FF_0 = s_i$ |
|-----|--------|--------|--------------|
| 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 5 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 8 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

Output: 0010111 0010111 0010111 ...

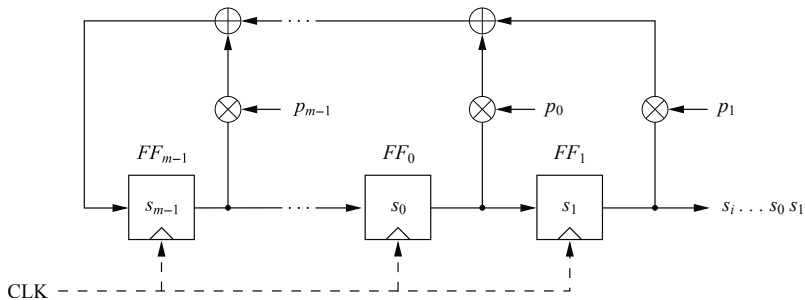
General LFSR of degree m



Hình: General LFSR with feedback coefficients p_i and initial values s_{m-1}, \dots, s_0

Linear recurrences

$$s_{i+m} = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} p_j \cdot s_{i+j} \mod 2$$



Exercise 1

- Given an LFSR of degree $m = 4$, the feedback path

$$(p_3 = 0, p_2 = 0, p_1 = 1, p_0 = 1).$$

and the initial state

$$s_3 = 0, s_2 = 1, s_1 = 0, s_0 = 0.$$

- Compute the next 15 output bits.

Exercise 2

- Given an LFSR of degree $m = 4$, the feedback path

$$(p_3 = 1, p_2 = 1, p_1 = 1, p_0 = 1).$$

and the initial state

$$s_3 = 0, s_2 = 1, s_1 = 0, s_0 = 1.$$

- Compute the next 15 output bits.

Maximum length of an LFSR

- LFSR is defined by linear recurrence:

$$s_{i+m} = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} p_j s_{i+j} \mod 2; \quad s_i, p_j \in \{0, 1\}; \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

- LFSR can produce output sequences of different lengths, depending on the feedback coefficients.

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The maximum sequence length generated by an LFSR of degree m is $2^m - 1$.

Example

Given an LFSR of degree $m = 4$ and the feedback path

$$(p_3 = 0, p_2 = 0, p_1 = 1, p_0 = 1).$$

the output sequence of the LFSR has a period $2^4 - 1 = 15$, i.e., it is a maximum-length LFSR.

Example

Given an LFSR of degree $m = 4$ and

$$(p_3 = 1, p_2 = 1, p_1 = 1, p_0 = 1).$$

Then the output sequence has period of 5; therefore, it is not a maximum-length LFSR.

LSFR and polynomial

LFSR of degree m with a feedback coefficient vector $(p_{m-1}, \dots, p_1, p_0)$ is represented by the polynomial

$$P(x) = x^m + p_{m-1}x^{m-1} + \dots + p_1x + p_0$$

Example

LFSR of degree $m = 4$ with a feedback coefficient vector

$$(p_3 = 0, p_2 = 0, p_1 = 1, p_0 = 1)$$

is represented by the polynomial

$$P(x) = x^4 + x + 1.$$

Example

LFSR of degree $m = 4$ with a feedback coefficient vector

$$(p_3 = 1, p_2 = 1, p_1 = 1, p_0 = 1)$$

is represented by the polynomial

$$P(x) = x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1.$$

Primitive polynomials and LSFR

- Maximum-length LFSRs have what is called primitive polynomials!
- Primitive polynomials are a special type of irreducible polynomial.
- Irreducible polynomials are roughly comparable with prime numbers, i.e., their only factors are 1 and the polynomial itself.
- Example:

$$(0, 2, 5) \rightarrow 1 + x^2 + x^5$$

is a primitive polynomial.

Primitive polynomials

| | | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| (0,1,2) | (0,1,3,4,24) | (0,1,46) | (0,1,5,7,68) | (0,2,3,5,90) | (0,3,4,5,112) |
| (0,1,3) | (0,3,25) | (0,5,47) | (0,2,5,6,69) | (0,1,5,8,91) | (0,2,3,5,113) |
| (0,1,4) | (0,1,3,4,26) | (0,2,3,5,48) | (0,1,3,5,70) | (0,2,5,6,92) | (0,2,3,5,114) |
| (0,2,5) | (0,1,2,5,27) | (0,4,5,6,49) | (0,1,3,5,71) | (0,2,93) | (0,5,7,8,115) |
| (0,1,6) | (0,1,28) | (0,2,3,4,50) | (0,3,9,10,72) | (0,1,5,6,94) | (0,1,2,4,116) |
| (0,1,7) | (0,2,29) | (0,1,3,6,51) | (0,2,3,4,73) | (0,11,95) | (0,1,2,5,117) |
| (0,1,3,4,8) | (0,1,30) | (0,3,52) | (0,1,2,6,74) | (0,6,9,10,96) | (0,2,5,6,118) |
| (0,1,9) | (0,3,31) | (0,1,2,6,53) | (0,1,3,6,75) | (0,6,97) | (0,8,119) |
| (0,3,10) | (0,2,3,7,32) | (0,3,6,8,54) | (0,2,4,5,76) | (0,3,4,7,98) | (0,1,3,4,120) |
| (0,2,11) | (0,1,3,6,33) | (0,1,2,6,55) | (0,2,5,6,77) | (0,1,3,6,99) | (0,1,5,8,121) |
| (0,3,12) | (0,1,3,4,34) | (0,2,4,7,56) | (0,1,2,7,78) | (0,2,5,6,100) | (0,1,2,6,122) |
| (0,1,3,4,13) | (0,2,35) | (0,4,57) | (0,2,3,4,79) | (0,1,6,7,101) | (0,2,123) |
| (0,5,14) | (0,2,4,5,36) | (0,1,5,6,58) | (0,2,4,9,80) | (0,3,5,6,102) | (0,37,124) |
| (0,1,15) | (0,1,4,6,37) | (0,2,4,7,59) | (0,4,81) | (0,9,103) | (0,5,6,7,125) |
| (0,1,3,5,16) | (0,1,5,6,38) | (0,1,60) | (0,4,6,9,82) | (0,1,3,4,104) | (0,2,4,7,126) |
| (0,3,17) | (0,4,39) | (0,1,2,5,61) | (0,2,4,7,83) | (0,4,105) | (0,1,127) |
| (0,3,18) | (0,3,4,5,40) | (0,3,5,6,62) | (0,5,84) | (0,1,5,6,106) | (0,1,2,7,128) |
| (0,1,2,5,19) | (0,3,41) | (0,1,63) | (0,1,2,8,85) | (0,4,7,9,107) | |
| (0,3,20) | (0,1,2,5,42) | (0,1,3,4,64) | (0,2,5,6,86) | (0,1,4,6,108) | |
| (0,2,21) | (0,3,4,6,43) | (0,1,3,4,65) | (0,1,5,7,87) | (0,2,4,5,109) | |
| (0,1,22) | (0,5,44) | (0,3,66) | (0,8,9,11,88) | (0,1,4,6,110) | |
| (0,5,23) | (0,1,3,4,45) | (0,1,2,5,67) | | | |

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Assumption

Oscar knows:

- Let the known plaintext be given $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{2m-1})$
- and the corresponding ciphertext by $(y_0, y_1, \dots, y_{2m-1})$
- the degree m .

Step 1

Oscar computes

$$y_i = x_i + s_i \pmod{2}$$

$$s_i = y_i + x_i \pmod{2}$$

for $i = 0, 1, \dots, 2m - 1$

Step 2

- **Goal:** Get the key stream

$$s_{2m}, s_{2m+1}, \dots$$

- **Question:** How to compute the feedback coefficients?

$$p_0, p_1, \dots, p_{m-1}?$$

Recall:

$$s_{i+m} = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} p_j \cdot s_{i+j} \mod 2$$

Step 2: Compute p_i

$$\begin{aligned} i = 0, & \quad s_m = p_m s_{m-1} + \cdots + p_1 s_1 + p_0 s_0 & \text{mod } 2 \\ i = 1, & \quad s_{m+1} = p_m s_m + \cdots + p_1 s_2 + p_0 s_1 & \text{mod } 2 \\ \vdots & \\ i = m - 1, & \quad s_{2m-1} = p_{m-1} s_{2m-2} + \cdots + p_1 s_m + p_0 s_{m-1} & \text{mod } 2 \end{aligned}$$

- This is a system of linear equations in m unknowns p_0, p_1, \dots, p_{m-1} .
- This system can easily be solved by Oscar using Gaussian elimination, matrix inversion or any other algorithm for solving systems of linear equations!

Consequences

As soon as Oscar knows $2m$ output bits of an LFSR of degree m , the p_i coefficients can exactly be constructed by merely solving a system of linear equations

$$p_0, p_1, \dots, p_{m-1}.$$

Oscar can now clock the LFSR and produce the entire output sequence.

Step 3

- Using the p_i coefficients

$$(p_{m-1}, \dots, p_1, p_0)$$

to construct LFSR.

- Compute the key stream

$$s_0, s_1, \dots, s_{2m}, \dots$$

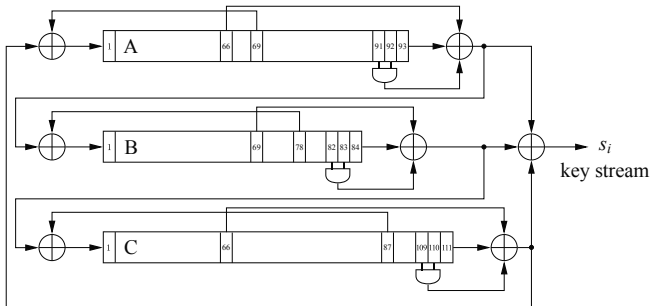
- Decode

$$x_i = y_i + s_i \pmod{2}.$$

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What is Trivium?



- Trivium is a relatively new stream cipher which uses an 80-bit key.
- It is based on a combination of three shift registers.
- There are nonlinear components used to derive the output of each register

Description of Trivium

| | register length | feedback bit | feedforward bit | AND inputs |
|---|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|------------|
| A | 93 | 69 | 66 | 91,92 |
| B | 84 | 78 | 69 | 82,83 |
| C | 111 | 87 | 66 | 109,110 |

- The AND operation is equal to multiplication in modulo 2 arithmetic.
- The resulting equations are no longer linear as they contain products of two unknowns.
- Feedforward paths involving the AND operation are crucial for the security of Trivium as they prevent attacks that exploit linearity of the cipher.

Encryption with Trivium

Initialization

- An 80 bit IV is loaded into the 80 leftmost locations of register A .
- 80 bit key is loaded in the 80 leftmost locations of register B .
- All other register bits are set to zero with the exception of the three rightmost bits of register C :

$$c_{109} = c_{110} = c_{111} = 1.$$

Encryption with Trivium

Warm-up Phase

- In the first phase, the cipher is clocked

$$4 \times (93 + 84 + 111) = 1152$$

times. No cipher output is generated.

- This phase is required to generate enough random elements for the cipher.
- It ensures the key stream depends on both k and IV .

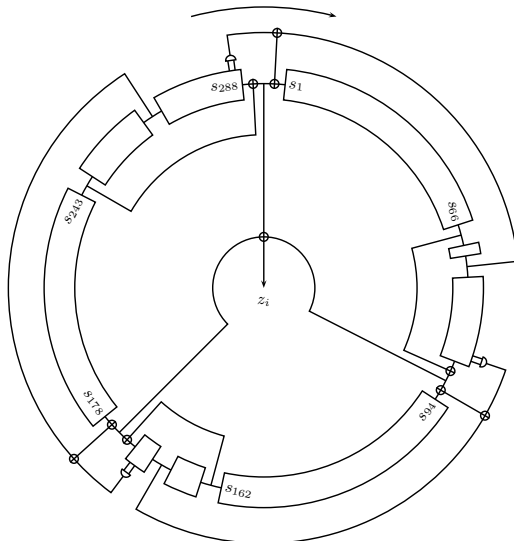
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Encryption Phase

- The bits produced hereafter, i.e., starting with the output bit of cycle 1153, form the key stream s_i .
- An attractive feature of Trivium is its compactness, especially if implemented in hardware.
- The encryption speed is very high: About 1Gbit/s on Intel's 1.5 GHz processor.
- Even though there are no known attacks at the time of writing, one should keep in mind that Trivium is a relatively new cipher and attacks in the future are certainly a possibility.

Specification of Trivium

https://www.ecrypt.eu.org/stream/p3ciphers/trivium/trivium_p3.pdf



Programming Assignment 2

- 1 Implement the Trivium stream cipher.
- 2 Encrypt files with Trivium. You can generate a random IV and place it at the beginning of the ciphertext.



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