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BISON
Instantiating the Withened Swap-Or-Not Construction

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The WSN construction

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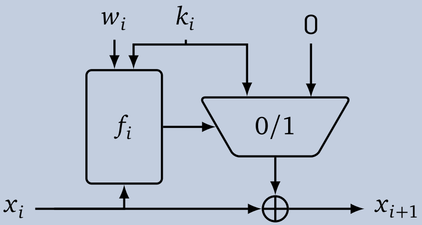
Overview



Whitened Swap-Or-Not round function

$$x_i \mapsto x_i + f_{b(i)}(w_i + \max\{x_i, x_i + k_i\}) \cdot k_i$$

Security Proposition (informal)

The WSN construction with $\mathcal{O}(n)$ rounds is

$$(2^{n-\mathcal{O}(\log n)}, 2^{n-\mathcal{O}(1)})\text{-secure.}$$

(p,q)-secure: Attackers querying the encryption at most p and the underlying f_i's q times have only negl. advantage.

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Construction

- $f(x) := ?$
- Key schedule?
- $\mathcal{O}(n)$ rounds?

Theoretical vs. practical constructions

Generic Analysis

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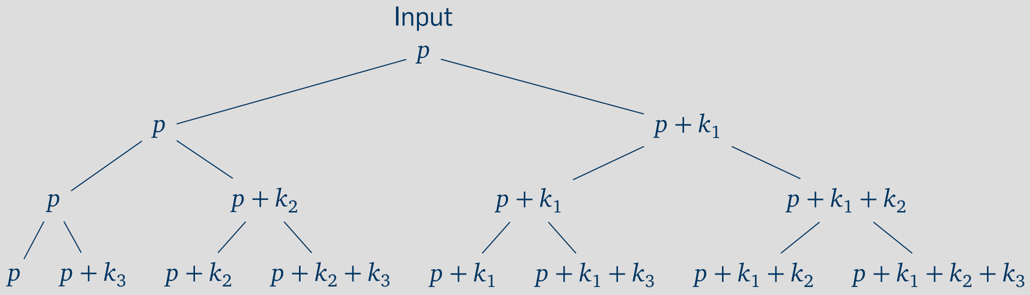

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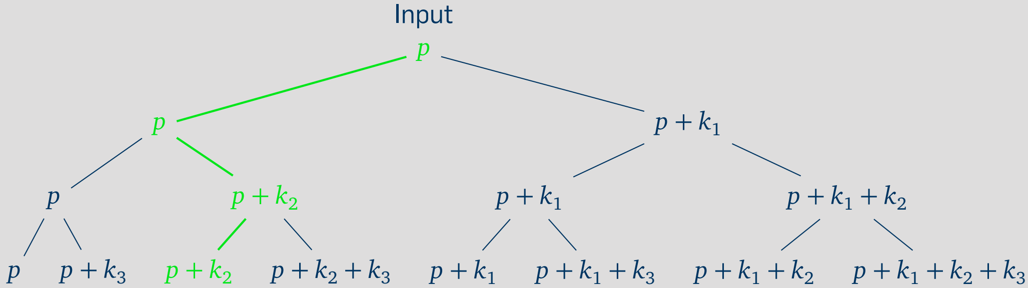

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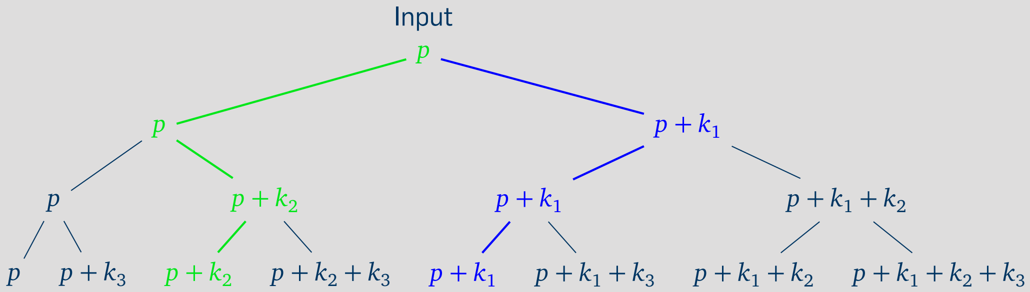

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Rational 1 & 2: WSN is *slow* in practice!

But what about

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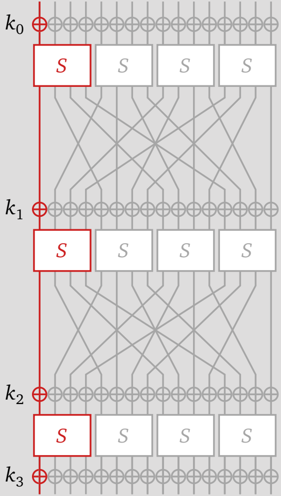

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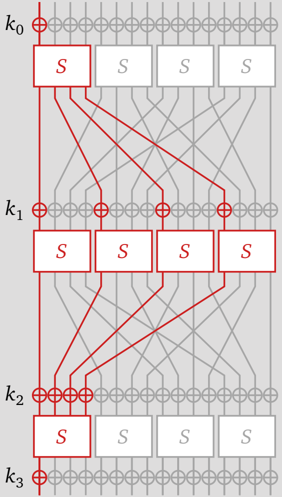


Differential Cryptanalysis

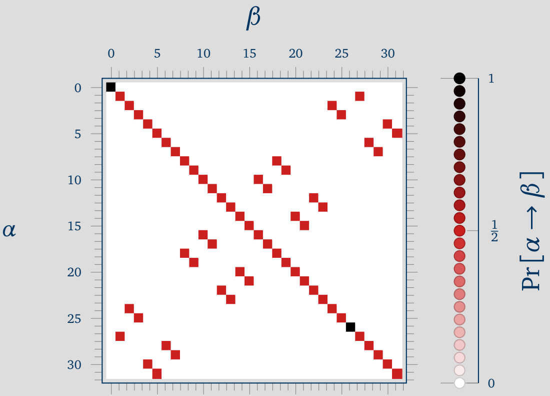
One round

Proposition

For one round of BISON, the probabilities are:

$$\Pr[\alpha \to \beta] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \alpha = \beta = k \text{ or } \alpha = \beta = 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{else if } \beta \in \{\alpha, \alpha + k\} \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Involution $\Rightarrow R_{k,w}(p) + R_{k,w}(p+k) = k$



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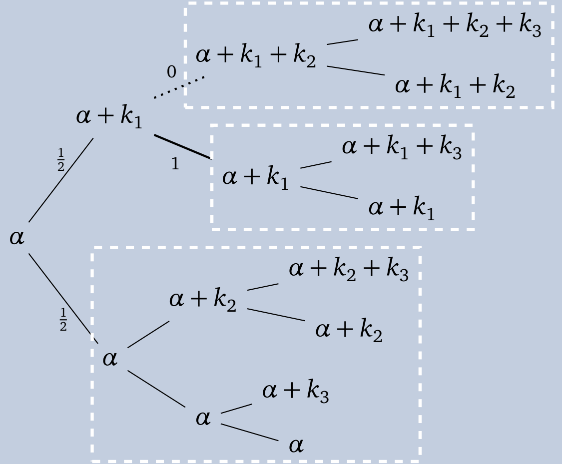

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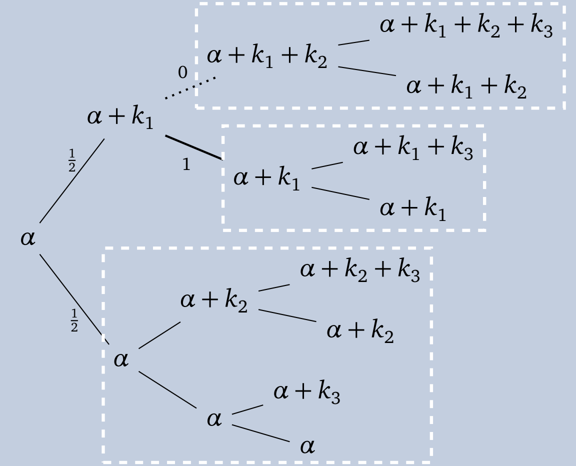

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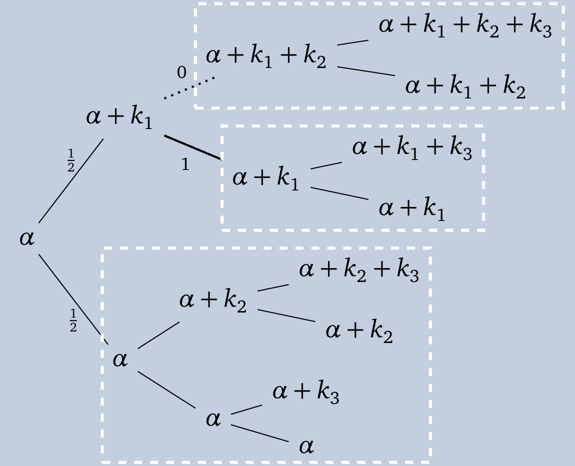

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Collapsing

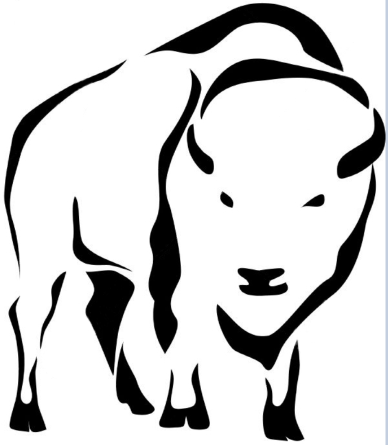
How many branches can collapse?

Only two

For $r \leqslant n$ rounds and linearly indp. round keys this happens only once.

BISON

A concrete species



Addressing Rationale 1

The Key Schedule

Rationale 1

Any instance must iterate at least n rounds; any set of n consecutive keys should be linear indp.

Design Decisions

- Choose number of rounds as $2 \cdot n$
- Round keys derived from the state of LFSRs
- Add round constants c_i to w_i round keys

Implications

- Clocking an LFSR is cheap
- For an LFSR with feedback polynomial of degree n, every n consecutive states are linearly independent
- Round constants avoid structural weaknesses

Addressing Rationale 2

The Round Function

Rationale 2

For any instance, the f_i should depend on all bits, and for any $\delta \in \mathbb{F}_2^n : \Pr[f_i(x) = f_i(x + \delta)] \approx \frac{1}{2}$.

Design Decisions

- Choose $f : \mathbb{F}_2^n \to \mathbb{F}_2$ to be bent
- Choose the simplest bent function known:

$$f(x, y) := \langle x, y \rangle$$

Implications

- Bent functions only exists for even n
- Instance not possible for every block length n

Further Cryptanalysis

Linear Cryptanalysis

For $r \geqslant n$ rounds, the correlation of any non-trivial linear trail for BISON is upper bounded by $2^{-\frac{n+1}{2}}$.

Invariant Attacks

For $r \geqslant n$ rounds, neither invariant subspaces nor nonlinear invariant attacks do exist for BISON.

Zero Correlation

For $r > 2n-2$ rounds, BISON does not exhibit any zero correlation linear hulls.

Impossible Differentials

For $r > n$ rounds, there are no impossible differentials for BISON.

Conclusion/Questions

Thank you for your attention!

BISON

- A first instance of the WSN construction
- Good results for differential cryptanalysis

Open Problems

- Construction for linear cryptanalysis
- Further analysis: division properties

Thank you!

Questions?

Details

BISON's round function

For round keys $k_i \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$ and $w_i \in \mathbb{F}_2^{n-1}$ the round function computes

$$R_{k_i,w_i}(x) := x + f_{b(i)}\big(w_i + \Phi_{k_i}(x)\big) \cdot k_i .$$

where

- Φ_{k_i} and $f_{b(i)}$ are defined as

$$\Phi_k(x) : \mathbb{F}_2^n \to \mathbb{F}_2^{n-1}$$
$$\Phi_k(x) := (x + x[i(k)] \cdot k)[j]_{\substack{1 \leqslant j \leqslant n \\ j \neq i(k)}}$$

$$f_{b(i)} : \mathbb{F}_2^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \times \mathbb{F}_2^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \to \mathbb{F}_2$$
$$f_{b(i)}(x,y) := \langle x, y \rangle + b(i),$$

- and $b(i)$ is 0 if $i \leqslant \frac{r}{2}$ and 1 else.

BISON's key schedule

Given

- primitive $p_k, p_w \in \mathbb{F}_2[x]$ with degrees $n, n-1$ and companion matrices C_k, C_w.
- master key $K = (k, w) \in \left(\mathbb{F}_2^n \times \mathbb{F}_2^{n-1}\right) \setminus \{0, 0\}$

The ith round keys are computed by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{KS}_i : \mathbb{F}_2^n \times \mathbb{F}_2^{n-1} &\to \mathbb{F}_2^n \times \mathbb{F}_2^{n-1} \\ \mathrm{KS}_i(k, w) &:= (k_i, c_i + w_i) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$k_i = (C_k)^i k, \qquad c_i = (C_w)^{-i} e_1, \qquad w_i = (C_w)^i w.$$