

### **Problems on AES and DES**



## **Problem 1: Initial permutation**

Show the result of following hexadecimal data after passing it through initial permutation box

0110 1023 4110 1023

#### **Problem 2: AES**



The movie industry wants to protect digital content distributed on DVD's. We develop a variant of a method used to protect Blu-ray disks called AACS.

Suppose there are at most a total of n DVD players in the world (e.g.  $n=2^{32}$ ). We view these n players as the leaves of a binary tree of height  $\log_2 n$ . Each node in this binary tree contains an AES key  $k_i$ . These keys are kept secret from consumers and are fixed for all time. At manufacturing time each DVD player is assigned a serial number  $i \in [0, n-1]$  Consider the set of nodes  $S_i$  along the path from the root to leaf number i in the binary tree. The manufacturer of the DVD player embeds in player number i the keys associated with the nodes in the set  $S_i$ . A DVD movie m is encrypted as

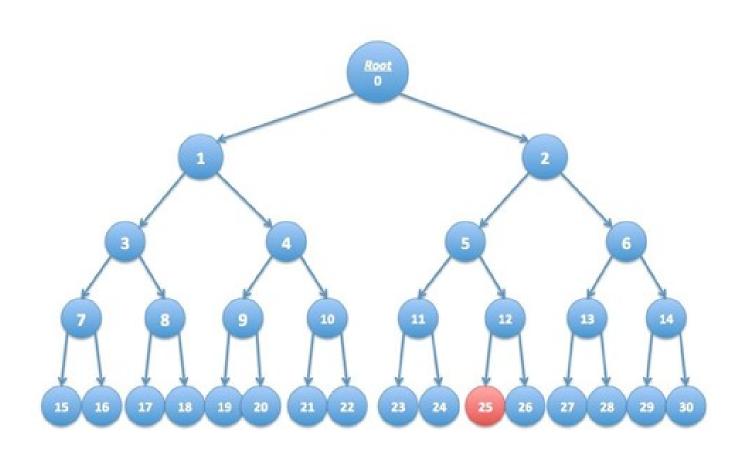
$$E(k_{\text{root}}, k) || E(k, m)$$

where k is a random AES key called a content-key and  $k_{\rm root}$  is the key associated with the root of the tree. Since all DVD players have the key  $k_{\rm root}$  all players can decrypt the movie m. We refer to  $E(k_{\rm root},k)$  as the header and E(k,m) as the body. In what follows the DVD header may contain multiple ciphertexts where each ciphertext is the encryption of the content-key k under some key  $k_i$  in the binary tree.

Suppose the keys embedded in DVD player number r are exposed by hackers and published on the Internet. In this problem we show that when the movie industry distributes a new DVD movie, they can encrypt the contents of the DVD using a slightly larger header (containing about  $\log_2 n$  keys) so that all DVD players, except for player number r, can decrypt the movie. In effect, the movie industry disables player number r without affecting other players.



As shown below, consider a tree with n=16 leaves. Suppose the leaf node labeled 25 corresponds to an exposed DVD player key. Check the set of keys below under which to encrypt the key k so that *every player* other than player 25 can decrypt the DVD. Only four keys are needed.



#### **Problem 3: AES**



Let m be a message consisting of  $\ell$  AES blocks (say  $\ell=100$ ). Alice encrypts m using randomized counter mode and transmits the resulting ciphertext to Bob. Due to a network error, ciphertext block number  $\ell/2$  is corrupted during transmission. All other ciphertext blocks are transmitted and received correctly. Once Bob decrypts the received ciphertext, how many plaintext blocks will be corrupted?

# **Problem 4: AES one round**



Plaintext: AES IS BLOCK CIPHER

Key: BEST CRYPTOGRAPHY