

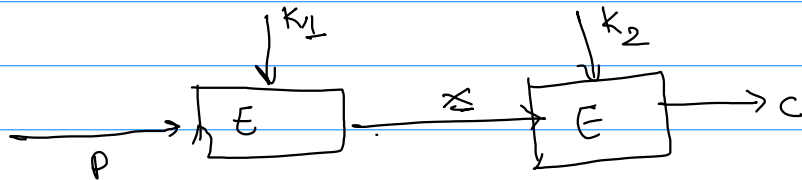
Multiple encryption with DES

- DES is vulnerable to brute force attack.
- alternative idea
encrypt multiple times with different keys

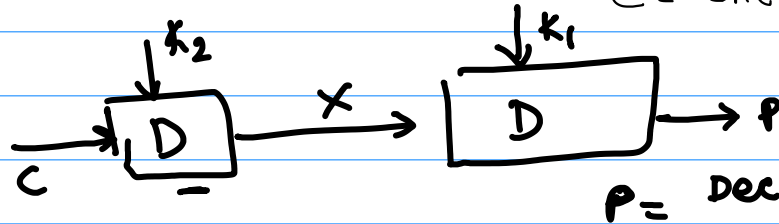
Options

- ① Double DES: not much better than single DES
- ② - Triple DES (3 DES with 2 Keys)
- ③ - Triple DES with 3 Keys

2DES



$$C = \text{Enc}(K_2, \text{Enc}(K_1, P))$$



$$P = \text{Dec}(K_1, \text{Dec}(K_2, C))$$

2x56bit Keys meaning 112-bit Key length.

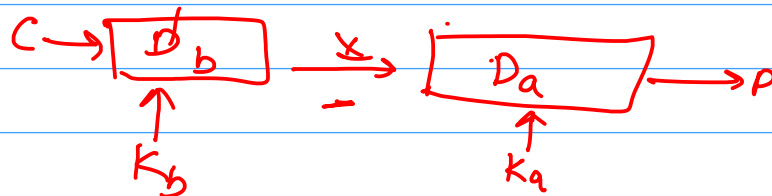
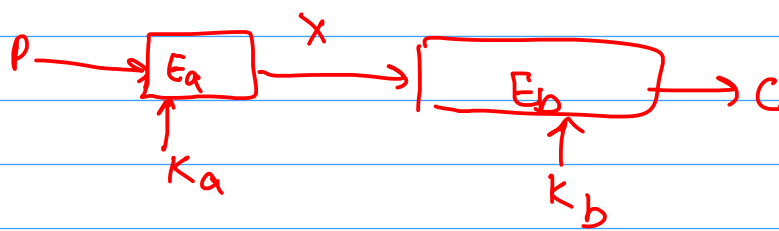
Meet in the Middle attack

↳ applies for any block encryption cipher

↳ Known-plaintext attack

(P.T, C.T)

- MTTM attack, it is possible to break cipher which have two or more secret keys for multiple encryption using the same algo.



$$C = \text{Enc}(K_b, \text{Enc}(K_a, P))$$

$$P = \text{Dec}(K_a, \text{Dec}(K_b, C))$$

$$D_b(K_b, C) = \text{Enc}(K_a, P)$$

56
2

1. Create a table with all possible values for one side of the eqn.



possible ciphertext of the plaintext P

No. of rows in the table = no. of possible Secret Key.

2. Calculate values of $D_b(K_b, C)$ for the second side of the eqn

- If there is a match of intermediate CT, it is highly possible that the key used to encrypt the PT and key used to decrypt the CT are two encryption key used for block cipher

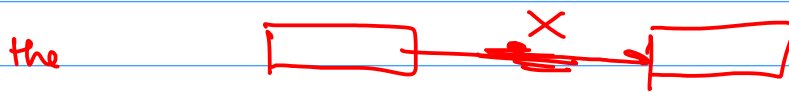
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→ cryptoanalysis (key)

- MITM → passive attack

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can not alter the message or send their own.

- not possible for average hacker and is more likely to be used by organizations that can accommodate the storage required to carry it out.



Meet in the Middle VS man in the middle

↓
Cryptoanalysis
passive attack

↗
↳ active attack

↳ capable of intercepting, relaying and possibly altering message.

attacker is in the middle of two communicating users.