

Report

This challenge is to break the FEAL-4 cipher (retrieve the key used) having knowledge only of 200 known plaintext ciphertext pairs.

Implementation

The FealAttack class contains the components required to launch an attack on the cipher

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```$xslt
// Given (plaintext,ciphertext) pairs (Pi,Ci), i = 0...n-1
for K0 = 0 to 232 - 1 // putative K0
 count[0] = count[1] = 0
 for i = 0 to n - 1
 j = bit computed in first equation for a
 count[j] = count[j] + 1
 next i
 if count[0] == n or count[1] == n then
 Save K0 // candidate for K0
 end if
next K0
```
```

There are 2 attempts made

1. Exhaustive search, this exhausts the full 32-bit key space searching for a list of suitable keys. The constant 'a' function is as follows:

```
```$xslt

a=S23,29(L0⊕R0⊕L4)⊕S31(L0⊕L4⊕R4)⊕S31F(L0⊕R0⊕K0)

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Given the time required to complete an exhaustive search it did not complete within 24hrs

2. Compress the keyspace to 16bits by use of an M function

The constant 'a' function is as follows:

```
```$xslt
a = S5,13,21(L0⊕R0⊕L4)⊕S15(L0⊕L4⊕R4)⊕S15(F(L0⊕R0⊕K'0))
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This function completes within a few seconds but the search is not successful.

Execute

Build and run FealAttack.java

Conclusion

The first attempt ran for 24hrs and did not complete. It is more than likely the implementation is missing a vital piece of information..

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