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DATA ENCRYPTION STANDARD

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Introduction

- one of the most widely used types of cryptographic algorithms
- provide secrecy and/or authentication services
- in particular will introduce DES (Data Encryption Standard)

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Block vs Stream Ciphers

- block ciphers process messages into blocks, each of which is then en/decrypted
- like a substitution on very big characters
  - 64-bits or more
- stream ciphers process messages a bit or byte at a time when en/decrypting
- many current ciphers are block ciphers
- hence are focus of course

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Block Cipher Principles

- most symmetric block ciphers are based on a **Feistel Cipher Structure**
- needed since must be able to **decrypt** ciphertext to recover messages efficiently
- block ciphers look like an extremely large substitution
- would need table of 2^{64} entries for a 64-bit block
- instead create from smaller building blocks
- using idea of a product cipher

Claude Shannon and Substitution-Permutation Ciphers

- in 1949 Claude Shannon introduced idea of substitution-permutation (S-P) networks
  - modern substitution-transposition product cipher
- these form the basis of modern block ciphers
- S-P networks are based on the two primitive cryptographic operations we have seen before:
  - *substitution* (S-box)
  - *permutation* (P-box)
- provide *confusion* and *diffusion* of message

Confusion and Diffusion

- cipher needs to completely obscure statistical properties of original message
- a one-time pad does this
- more practically Shannon suggested combining elements to obtain:
- **diffusion** – dissipates statistical structure of plaintext over bulk of ciphertext
- **confusion** – makes relationship between ciphertext and key as complex as possible

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Feistel Cipher Structure

- Horst Feistel devised the **feistel cipher**
  - based on concept of invertible product cipher
- partitions input block into two halves
  - process through multiple rounds which
  - perform a substitution on left data half
  - based on round function of right half & subkey
  - then have permutation swapping halves
- implements Shannon's substitution-permutation network concept

Feistel Cipher Structure

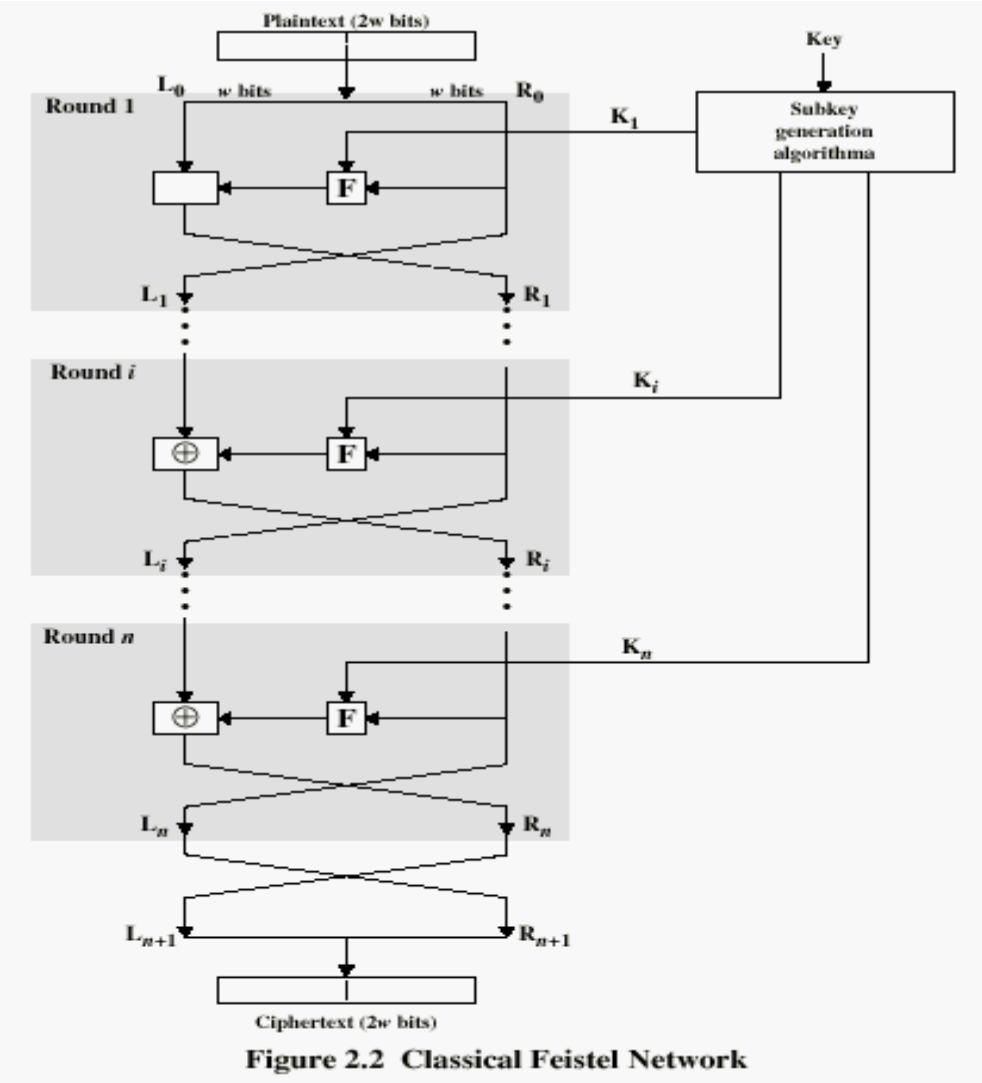

Figure 2.2 Classical Feistel Network

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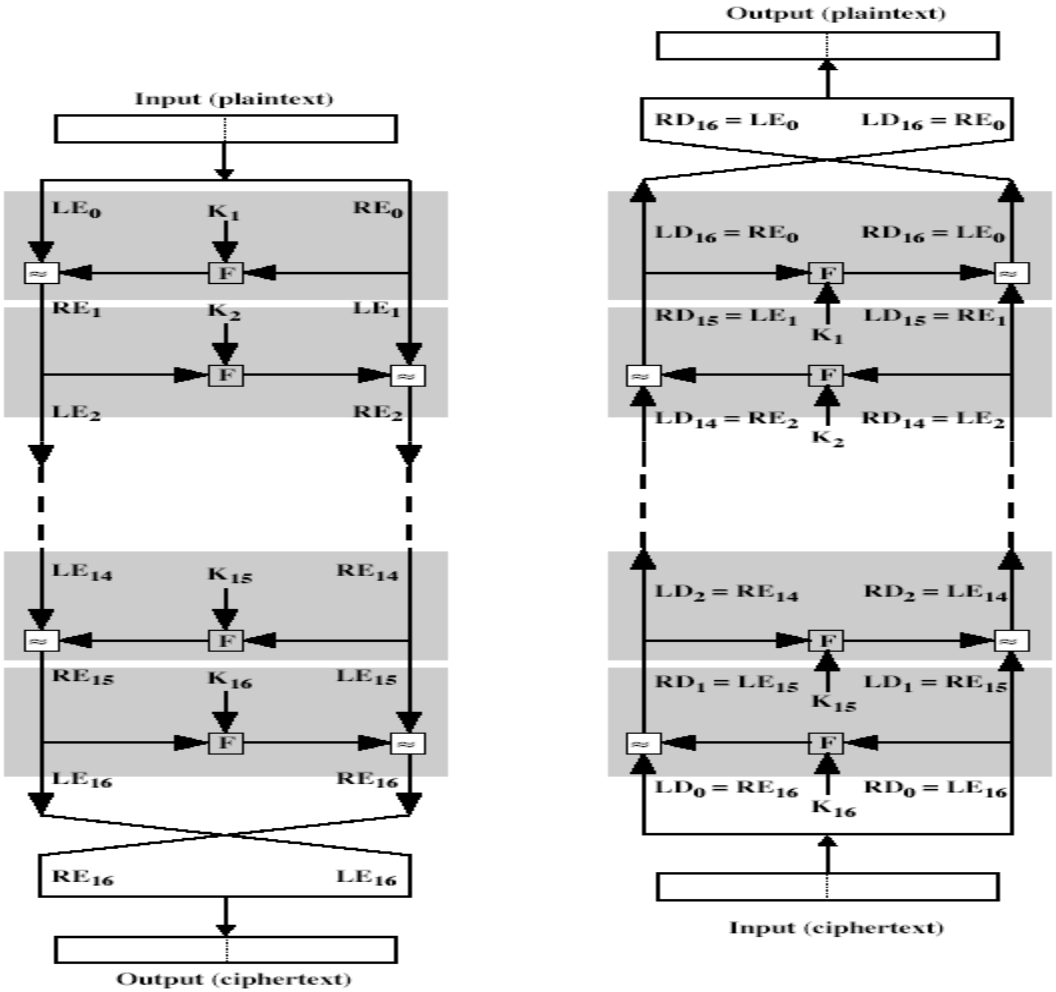
Feistel Cipher Design Principles

- **block size**
  - increasing size improves security, but slows cipher
- **key size**
  - increasing size improves security, makes exhaustive key searching harder, but may slow cipher
- **number of rounds**
  - increasing number improves security, but slows cipher
- **subkey generation**
  - greater complexity can make analysis harder, but slows cipher
- **round function**
  - greater complexity can make analysis harder, but slows cipher
- **fast software en/decryption & ease of analysis**
  - are more recent concerns for practical use and testing

Feistel Cipher Decryption



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Data Encryption Standard (DES)

- most widely used block cipher in world
- encrypts 64-bit data using 56-bit key
- has widespread use
- has been considerable controversy over its security

DES Design Controversy

- although DES standard is public
- was considerable controversy over design
  - in choice of 56-bit key (vs Lucifer 128-bit)
  - and because design criteria were classified
- subsequent events and public analysis show in fact design was appropriate
- DES has become widely used in financial applications

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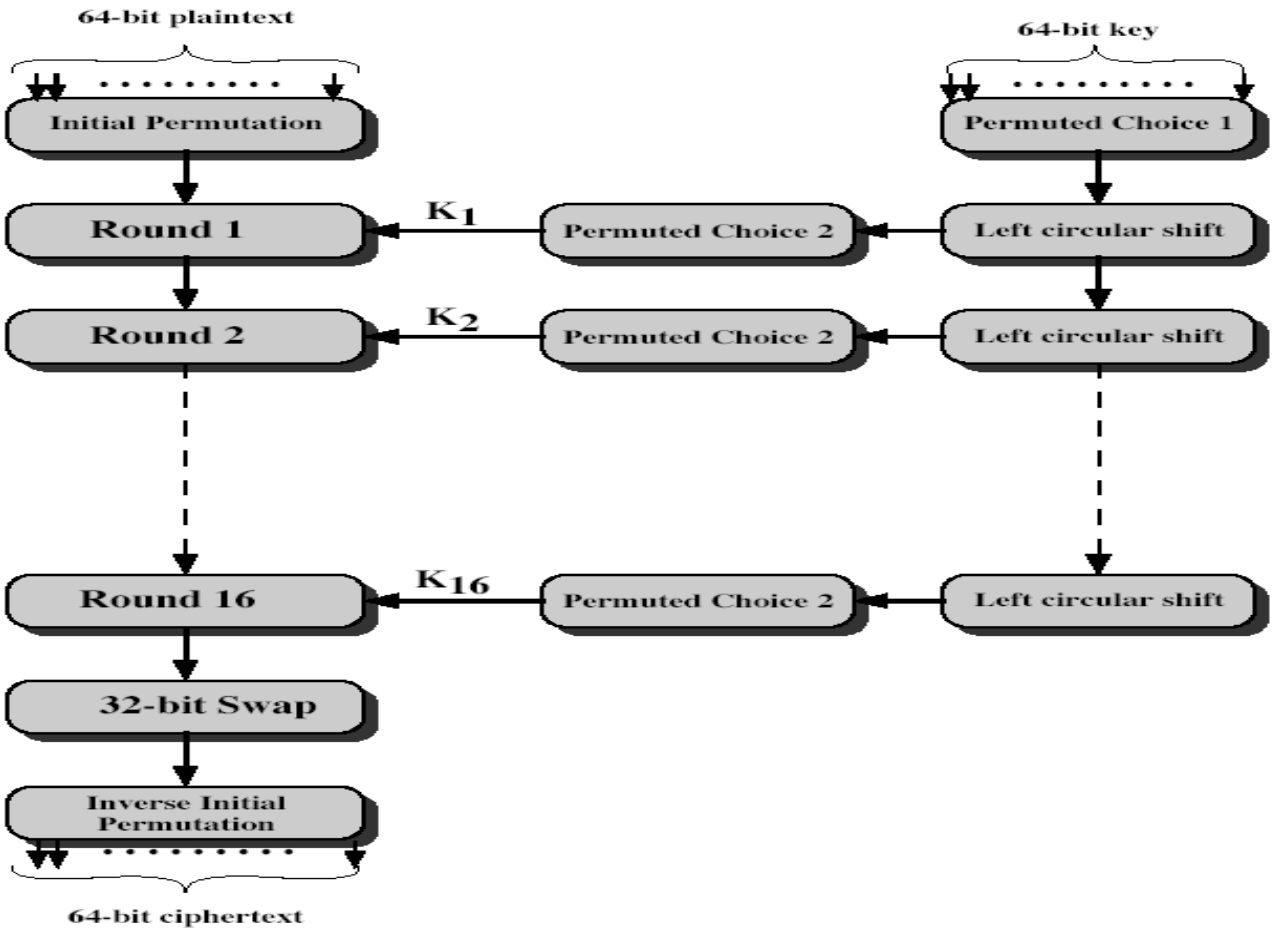

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Initial Permutation IP

- first step of the data computation
- IP reorders the input data bits
- even bits to LH half, odd bits to RH half
- quite regular in structure (easy in h/w)

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DES Round Structure

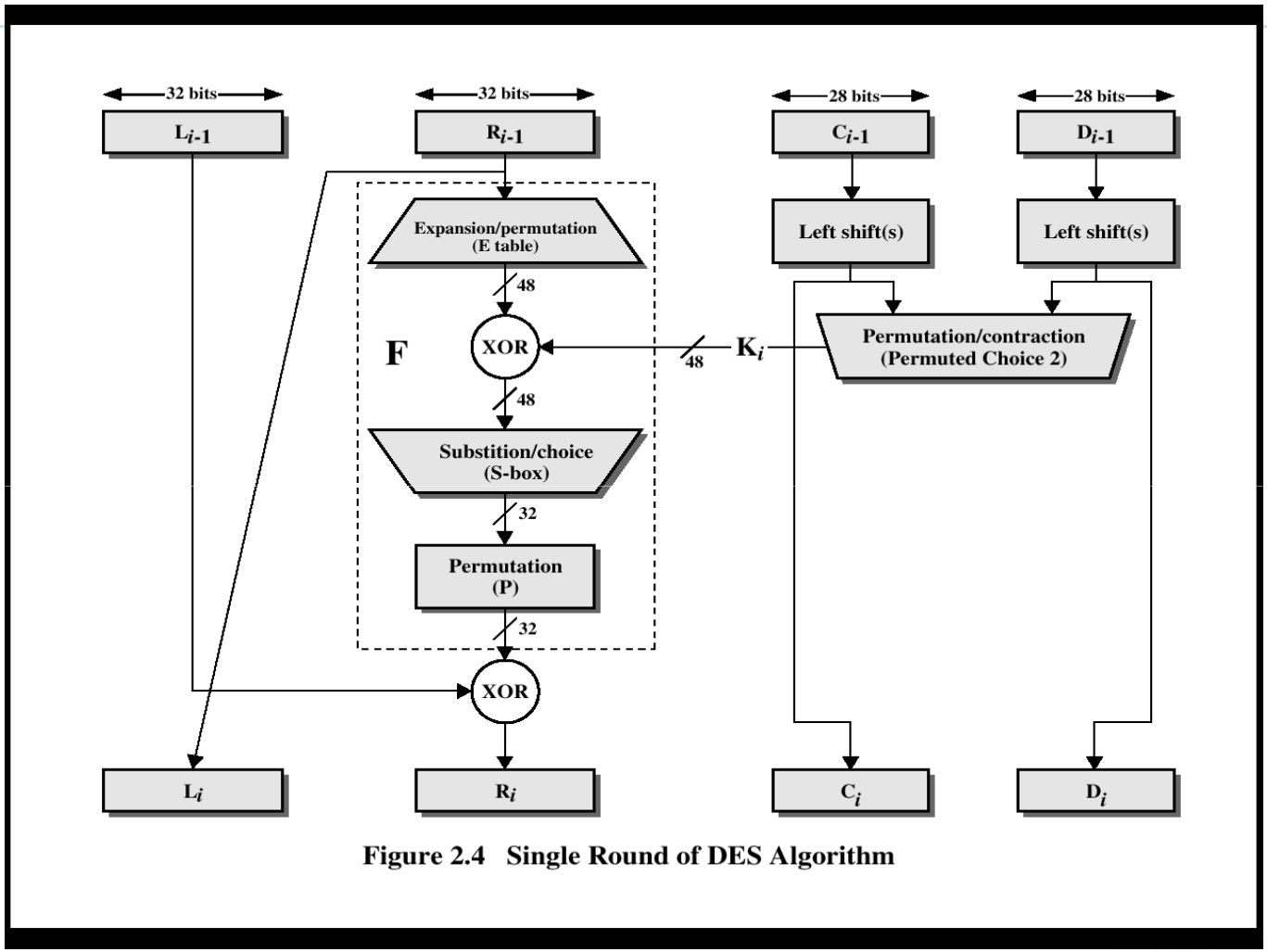

Figure 2.4 Single Round of DES Algorithm

DES Round Structure

- uses two 32-bit L & R halves
- as for any Feistel cipher can describe as:

  $L_i = R_{i-1}$

  $R_i = L_{i-1}$ xor F(R_{i-1}, K_i)
- takes 32-bit R half and 48-bit subkey and:
  - expands R to 48-bits using perm E
  - adds to subkey
  - passes through 8 S-boxes to get 32-bit result
  - finally permutes this using 32-bit perm P

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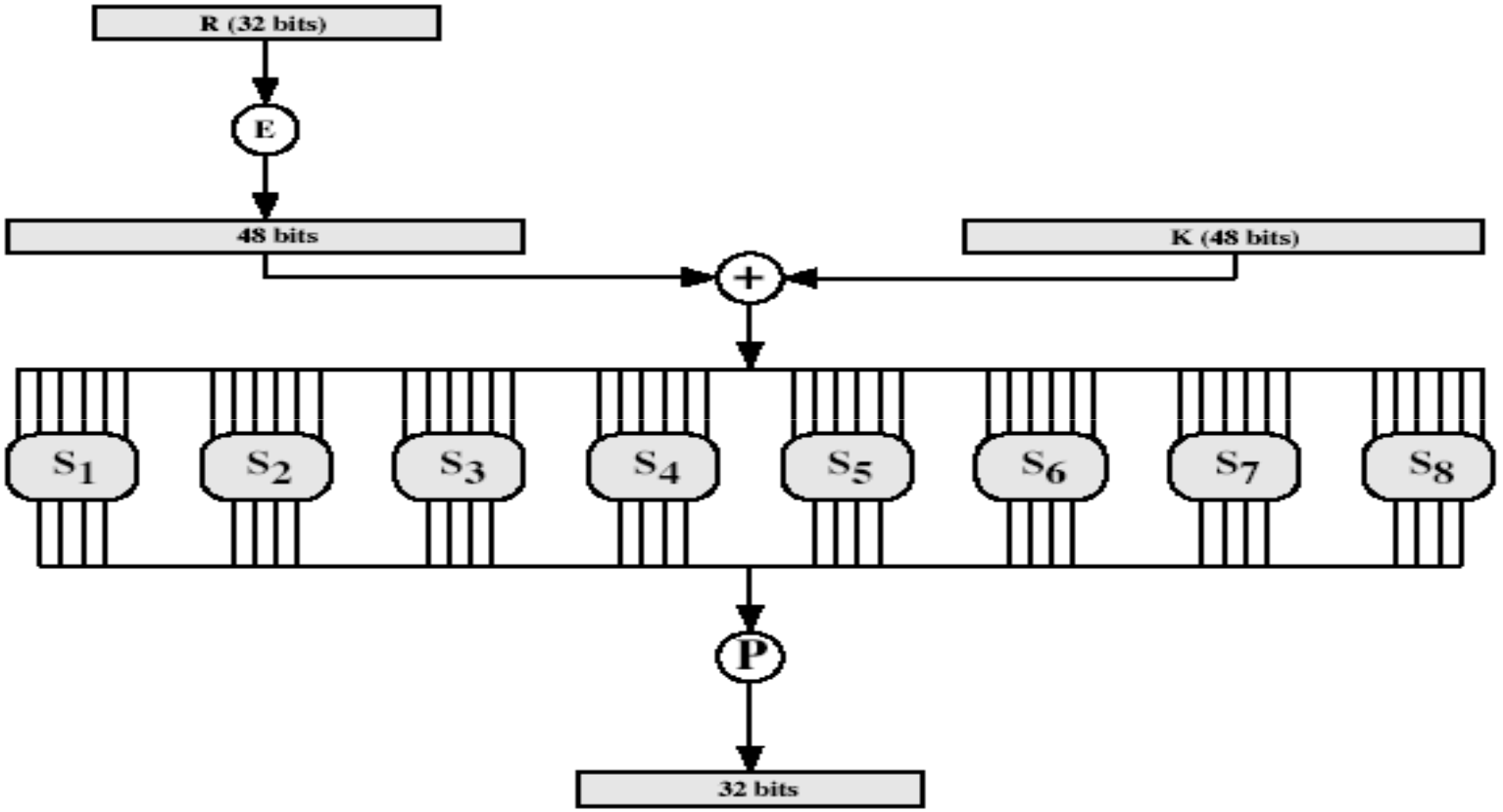

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Substitution Boxes S

- have eight S-boxes which map 6 to 4 bits
- each S-box is actually 4 little 4 bit boxes
  - outer bits 1 & 6 (**row** bits) select one rows
  - inner bits 2-5 (**col** bits) are substituted
  - result is 8 lots of 32 bits
- row selection depends on both data & key

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DES Key Schedule

- forms subkeys used in each round
- consists of:
  - initial permutation of the key (PC1) which selects 56-bits in two 28-bit halves
  - 16 stages consisting of:
    - selecting 24-bits from each half
    - permuting them by PC2 for use in function f,
    - rotating **each half** separately either 1 or 2 places depending on the **key rotation schedule** K

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DES Decryption

- decrypt must unwind steps of data computation
- with Feistel design, do encryption steps again
- using subkeys in reverse order (SK16 … SK1)
- 1st round with SK16 undoes 16th encrypt round
- 16th round with SK1 undoes 1st encrypt round
- then final FP undoes initial encryption IP
- thus recovering original data value

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Avalanche Effect

- key desirable property of encryption alg
- where a change of **one** input or key bit results in changing approx **half** output bits
- making attempts to "home-in" by guessing keys impossible
- DES exhibits strong avalanche

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Strength of DES – Key Size

- 56-bit keys have $2^{56} = 7.2 \times 10^{16}$ values
- brute force search looks hard
- recent advances have shown is possible

– in 1997 on Internet in a few months

– in 1998 on dedicated h/w (EFF) in a few days

– in 1999 above combined in 22hrs!

- still must be able to recognize plaintext
- now considering alternatives to DES

Strength of DES – Timing Attacks

- DES finally and definitively proved insecure in July 1998, when the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) announced that it had broken a DES encryption using a special-purpose "DES cracker" machine that was built for less than $250,000. The attack took less than three days.

Strength of DES – Analytic Attacks

- now have several analytic attacks on DES
- these utilise some deep structure of the cipher
  - by gathering information about encryptions
  - can eventually recover some/all of the sub-key bits
  - if necessary then exhaustively search for the rest
- generally these are statistical attacks
- include
  - differential cryptanalysis
  - linear cryptanalysis
  - related key attacks

Summary

- Understand the distinction between stream ciphers and block ciphers
- Present an overview of the Feistel cipher and explain how decryption is the inverse of encryption
- Present an overview of DES
- Explain the concept of avalanche effect
- Discuss the strength of DES

Test your understanding

1. Define avalanche effect.
2. Which parameters and design choices determine the actual algorithm of a Feistel cipher?
3. Explain DES algorithm.

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