

INTERNAL ASSESSMENT TEST – II

Answer any 5 full questions

IAT-2 Scheme of solutions

5. 16 rounds are used, although any number of rounds could be implemented. All rounds have the same structure. 6. A **substitution** is performed on the left half of the data. This is done by applying a *round function* F to the right half of the data and then taking the exclusive-OR of the output of that function and the left half of the data. 7. The round function F has the same general structure for each round. The round function F is represented as (RE_i, K_{i+1}) 8. Following this substitution, a **permutation** is performed that consists of the interchange of the two halves of the data. 9. Feistel network depends on the choice of the following parameters and design features: a) **Block size:** larger block sizes mean greater security, but it reduces encryption/decryption speed for a given algorithm. The greater security is achieved by greater diffusion. Traditionally, a block size of 64 bits has been considered a reasonable tradeoff and was nearly universal in block cipher design. However, the new AES uses a 128-bit block size. b) **Key size:** Larger key size means greater security but may decrease encryption decryption speed. The greater security is achieved by greater resistance to brute-force attacks and greater confusion. Key sizes of 64 bits or less are now widely considered being inadequate and 128 bits has become a common size. c) **Number of rounds:** The essence of the Feistel cipher is that a single round offers inadequate security but that multiple rounds offer increasing security. A typical size is 16 rounds. d) **Subkey generation algorithm:** Greater complexity in this algorithm should lead to greater difficulty of cryptanalysis. e) **Round function F:** Again, greater complexity generally means greater resistance to cryptanalysis. 10. There are two other considerations in the design of a Feistel cipher: a) **Fast software encryption/decryption:** Encryption is embedded in applications hence the speed of execution of the algorithm becomes a concern. b) **Ease of analysis:** Although we would like to make our algorithm as difficult as possible to cryptanalyze, there is great benefit in making the algorithm easy to analyze. That is, if the algorithm can be concisely and clearly explained, it is easier to analyze that algorithm for cryptanalytic vulnerabilities and therefore develop a higher level of assurance as to its strength. DES, for example, does not have an easily analyzed functionality.

11. **Feistel Decryption Algorithm:**

a) Decryption with a Feistel cipher is same as the encryption process.

b) In decryption the ciphertext is used as input to the algorithm, and the subkeys Ki are used in reverse order.

c) That is, Kn is used in the first round, $Kn-1$ in the second round, and so on, until K is used in the last round. It is an advantage because no need to implement two different algorithms; one for encryption and one for decryption.

d) For clarity, the notation LEi and REi is used for data traveling through the encryption algorithm and LDi and RDi for data traveling through the decryption algorithm.

Initial Permutation and Final Permutation:

The input is 64 bit. These inputs are permuted according to a predefined rule. The permutation table contains a permutation of the number from 1 to 64. These permutation table and inverse permutation table can be designed such that the original bits can be restored.

b) ShiftRows: A simple permutation

c) MixColumns: A substitution that makes use of arithmetic over GF(28)

d) AddRoundKey: A simple bitwise XOR of the current block with a portion of the expanded key

The cipher begins with an AddRoundKey stage, followed by nine rounds that each includes all four stages, followed by a tenth round of three stages. AddRoundKey stage makes use of the key.The cipher begins and ends with an AddRoundKey stage. Each stage is easily reversible. For the Substitute Byte, ShiftRows, and MixColumns stages, an inverse function is used in the decryption algorithm. For the AddRoundKey stage, the inverse is achieved by XORing the same round key to the block, using the

result that $A \oplus B \oplus B = A$. In AES, the decryption algorithm is not identical to the encryption algorithm.

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