

# Homework 6

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# Homework 6 – Problem 1

S-box 4 is observed to have the indicated output xor when presented with the indicated inputs

In1: 0x22, In2: 0x16, Output xor: 0x0c

In1: 0x12, In2: 0x0c, Output xor: 0x05

Perform a differential cryptanalysis and produce the possible candidate key(s). You may find the tables provided in “DC.txt” helpful.

# Homework 6, answer 1

D4 (34, 0c) : (0c, 38) (0d, 39) (18, 2c) (19, 2d) (2c, 18)  
(2d, 19) (38, 0c) (39, 0d)      8 found

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0c 00 1100 ^ 01 0110 = 01 1010 = 1a  
38 11 1000 ^ 01 0110 = 10 1110 = 2e  
0d 00 1101 ^ 01 0110 = 01 1011 = 1b  
39 11 1001 ^ 01 0110 = 10 1110 = 2e  
18 01 1000 ^ 01 0110 = 00 1110 = 0e  
2c 01 1100 ^ 01 0110 = 00 1010 = 0a  
19 01 1001 ^ 01 0110 = 00 1110 = 1e  
2d 10 1101 ^ 01 0110 = 11 1011 = 3d

# Homework 6, answer 1

D4(1e, 05) : (08, 16) (16, 08) (26, 38) (38, 26) 4 found

0c

08 00 1000 ^ 00 1100 = 00 0100 = 04

16 01 0110 ^ 00 1100 = 01 1010 = 1a

26 10 0110 ^ 00 1100 = 10 1010 = 2a

38 11 1000 ^ 00 1100 = 11 0100 = 34

# Homework 6, problem 2

Consider the 2 round iterative differential characteristic for DES  
 $0x1960000000000 \rightarrow 0x1960000000000000$ ,  $p=1/234$

Suppose for the following questions we can always find chosen plaintext with S/N ratio high enough to require only 10 “right pairs” for a successful differential cryptanalysis (“DC”).

- a. On average, how many chosen plain ciphertext pairs are required for a successful DC on two rounds?
- b. On average, how many chosen plain ciphertext pairs are required for a successful DC on ten rounds?
- c. After how many rounds is DC impossible because there cannot possibly be enough plain ciphertext pairs to succeed?

# Homework 6, answer 2

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- a. On average, how many chosen plain ciphertext pairs are required for a successful DC on two rounds?

Let  $m$  be the number of chosen plain ciphertext pairs.  $1/234 \cdot m \geq 10$ , so  $m \geq 2340$

- b. On average, how many chosen plain ciphertext pairs are required for a successful DC on ten rounds?

$(1/234)^5 \cdot m \geq 10$ , so  $m \geq 10(234^5) \approx 7 \times 10^{12}$

- c. After how many rounds is DC impossible because there cannot possibly be enough plain ciphertext pairs to succeed?

$(1/234)^5 \cdot 2^{64} \leq 10$ ,  $(234)^{n/2} \geq (.10)2^{64}$ ,  $n/2 \geq (\log(1.6)+17)/\log(234)$ .  $n \geq 7.26$ . So 16 rounds is impossible.

# Homework 6 – Problem 3

A certain cipher  $X$  with 6 bit key  $k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4, k_5, k_6$  has 4 linear constraints.

Given the corresponding plaintext, ciphertext pairs and substituting the equations become:

$$0 = k_1 \oplus k_3 \oplus k_4$$

$$0 = k_4 \oplus k_5$$

$$0 = k_1 \oplus k_2$$

$$1 = k_1 \oplus k_6$$

Guessing  $k_1$  and  $k_3$  calculate  $k_2, k_4, k_5, k_6$ . How many encryptions are needed to discover the correct key with exhaustive search in the worst case?

How many are needed with these constraints?

# Homework 6, answer 3

$$0 = k_1 \oplus k_3 \oplus k_4 \rightarrow k_4 = k_1 \oplus k_3$$

$$0 = k_4 \oplus k_5 \rightarrow k_5 = k_4$$

$$0 = k_1 \oplus k_2 \rightarrow k_2 = k_1$$

$$1 = k_1 \oplus k_6 \rightarrow k_6 = k_1 \oplus 1$$

Guessing  $k_1$  and  $k_3$  calculate  $k_2, k_4, k_5, k_6$ . How many encryptions are needed to discover the correct key with exhaustive search in the worst case?

$$2^6 = 64$$

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# Homework 6, problem 4 (A, B)

(A) Suppose the cipher  $X$  has a linear constraint (Equation 1) that holds with probability  $p = 0.75$  where the input to  $X$  is plaintext bits  $i_1 || i_2 || \dots || i_6$ ; the output is the ciphertext bits  $o_1 || o_2 || \dots || o_6$  under key bits  $k_1 || k_2 || \dots || k_6$ . The constants  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_6, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_6, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_6, d$  are all known.

$$\text{Equation 1: } a_1 i_1 \oplus a_2 i_2 \oplus a_3 i_3 \oplus a_4 i_4 \oplus a_5 i_5 \oplus a_6 i_6 \oplus$$

$$b_1 o_1 \oplus b_2 o_2 \oplus b_3 o_3 \oplus b_4 o_4 \oplus b_5 o_5 \oplus b_6 o_6 =$$

$$\square \quad c_1 k_1 \oplus c_2 k_2 \oplus c_3 k_3 \oplus c_4 k_4 \oplus c_5 k_5 \oplus c_6 k_6 \oplus d$$

Finally, suppose upon substituting values from 3 plaintext/ciphertext pairs the left hand side of equation 1 has values 1, 1, 0, respectively.

What are the odds that  $c_1 k_1 \oplus c_2 k_2 \oplus c_3 k_3 \oplus c_4 k_4 \oplus c_5 k_5 \oplus c_6 k_6 \oplus d = 1$  rather than 0?

(B) Suppose the same setup as in A but 3 out of 4 plaintext/ciphertext pairs “vote” that  $c_1 k_1 \oplus c_2 k_2 \oplus c_3 k_3 \oplus c_4 k_4 \oplus c_5 k_5 \oplus c_6 k_6 \oplus d = 1$ .

What are the odds that  $c_1 k_1 \oplus c_2 k_2 \oplus c_3 k_3 \oplus c_4 k_4 \oplus c_5 k_5 \oplus c_6 k_6 \oplus d = 1$  rather than 0?

## Homework 6, answer 4 (A, B)

- (A) Let the three equations be  $E_1$ ,  $E_2$  and  $E_3$  and  $q=1-p$ . Suppose 1 is the correct value then the probability that  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are correct and  $E_3$  is incorrect is  $p^2q$ ; if 0 is the correct value the probability that  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are incorrect and  $E_3$  is correct is  $q^2p$ . So the odds that 1 is correct are  $(p^2q)/(q^2p) = p:q=3:1$ . The probability it's correct is  $\frac{3}{4}$ .
- (B)  $(p^3q)/(q^3p) = (p/q)^2 = 9:1$ . The probability it's correct is  $9/10$ .

Note: This is all I expected but for an explanation see the next page.

# Homework 6, problem 4 (A, B Supplement)

Let  $P(1|10|1)$  be the probability that 110 is the outcome of the “event” if 1 is correct (i.e.- if the constraint equation is correct). Define  $P(1|10|0)$  similarly.

Let  $P(1|1|10)$  be the probability that 1 is correct given the 110 outcome of the event. Define  $P(1|1|10)$  similarly.

Let  $P(1, 110)$  be the joint probability. Let  $P(1)$  be the a priori probability that 1 is the outcome and  $P(0)$  be the a priori probability that 0 is the outcome.

$$P(1|110) = P(110|1) P(1)/P(110)$$

[Bayes]

$$P(1|110)P(110) = P(1, 110) \text{ and } P(0|110)P(110) = P(0, 110) \text{ [Conditional prob]}$$

$P(1|110) + P(0|110) = 1$  multiplying by this  $P(110)$ , we get

$$P(1|110) P(110) + P(0|110) P(110) = P(110)$$

$$P(1|110)/P(0|110) = [P(1) P(110|1)/(P(0, 110) + P(1, 110))]/ [P(0)$$

$$P(110|0)/(P(0, 110) + P(1, 110))] = P(110|1)/P(110|0)$$

$$\text{So } P(1|110)/P(0|110) = P(110|1)/P(110|0) = p/q.$$

# Homework 6, problem 4 (C)

(C) Constructing a multi-round constraint

Suppose  $X$  is a four round iterative cipher with plaintext input,  $P$  and ciphertext output  $C$  where each round has 6 bit input  $I$  and 6 bit output  $O$  and per round keys  $K^{(1)}, K^{(2)}, \dots, K^{(6)}$ . Using Matsui's notation

suppose the constraints:

$$I[1,2] \oplus O[3,4] = K^{(1)}[1,3] \quad R1$$

$$I[3,4] \oplus O[1,5] = K^{(2)}[4,6] \quad R2$$

$$I[1,5] \oplus O[1,6] = K^{(3)}[1,5] \quad R3$$

$$I[1,6] \oplus O[2,5] = K^{(4)}[2] \quad R4$$

hold with probabilities  $p_1 = .8$ ,  $p_2 = .9$ ,  $p_3 = .8$ ,  $p_4 = .9$ , respectively.

What is the probability that

$$P[1,2] \oplus C[2,5] = K^{(1)}[1,3] \oplus K^{(2)}[4,6] \oplus K^{(3)}[1,5] \oplus K^{(4)}[2]?$$

# Homework 6, answer 4 (C)

(C) Let  $q_i = 1 - p_i$ .

The probability that the resulting equation is correct is the probability that all 4 equations are correct plus the probability that exactly two are correct plus the probability that all 4 are wrong. So,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Prob}(P[1, 2] \oplus C[2, 5] = K^{(1)}[1, 3] \oplus K^{(2)}[4, 6] \oplus K^{(3)}[1, 5] \oplus K^{(4)}[2]) = \\ p_1 p_2 p_3 p_4 + p_1 p_2 q_3 q_4 + p_1 q_2 p_3 q_4 + p_1 q_2 q_3 p_4 + q_1 q_2 p_3 p_4 + \\ q_1 p_2 q_3 p_4 + q_1 p_2 p_3 q_4 + q_1 q_2 q_3 q_4 = \\ (.8)^2 (.9)^2 + (.2)^2 (.9)^2 + (.8)^2 (.1)^2 + 4 (.9)(.1)(.8)(.2) + (.2)^2 (.1)^2 = \\ .5184 + .0324 + .0064 + .0576 + .0004 = .6152 \end{aligned}$$

# Homework 6, problem 4

(D) Suppose  $X$  is a multi round iterative cipher with 40 bit plaintext input,  $P$ , and ciphertext output,  $C$ , and 40 bit key. Suppose, using Matsui's notation, that the following four linearly independent constraints:

- i.  $P[a_1^{(1)}, a_2^{(1)}, \dots, a_{40}^{(1)}] \oplus C[b_1^{(1)}, b_2^{(1)}, \dots, b_{40}^{(1)}] = K[c_1^{(1)}, c_2^{(1)}, \dots, c_{40}^{(1)}]$
- ii.  $P[a_1^{(2)}, a_2^{(2)}, \dots, a_{40}^{(2)}] \oplus C[b_1^{(2)}, b_2^{(2)}, \dots, b_{40}^{(2)}] = K[c_1^{(2)}, c_2^{(2)}, \dots, c_{40}^{(2)}]$
- iii.  $P[a_1^{(3)}, a_2^{(3)}, \dots, a_{40}^{(3)}] \oplus C[b_1^{(3)}, b_2^{(3)}, \dots, b_{40}^{(3)}] = K[c_1^{(3)}, c_2^{(3)}, \dots, c_{40}^{(3)}]$
- iv.  $P[a_1^{(4)}, a_2^{(4)}, \dots, a_{40}^{(4)}] \oplus C[b_1^{(4)}, b_2^{(4)}, \dots, b_{40}^{(4)}] = K[c_1^{(4)}, c_2^{(4)}, \dots, c_{40}^{(4)}]$

hold with probabilities  $p_1 = .75$ ,  $p_2 = .7$ ,  $p_3 = .8$ ,  $p_4 = .9$ , respectively.

Suppose that on 10 plaintext/ciphertext pairs the LHS of i, ii, iii and iv "vote" that the RHS of the equations are 0 with tallies (2,8,2,8)

What is the probabilities that each of the most popular choices for the resulting constraints is correct? What is the probability that all 4 are correct? If all 4 are correct, and assuming  $X$  takes 1 microsecond/encrypt, what is the time to break  $X$  by exhaustive search (assuming a serial processor)? How about by applying the 4 constraints and searching for the remaining key bits (assuming a serial processor)?

PS: Key search is a "trivially parallelizable" operation.

# Homework 6, answer 4 (D)

(D) As in (A) and (B), the odds for each of the 4 equations and the corresponding probabilities are

$$o_1 = [(3/4)^8(1/4)^2]/[(3/4)^2(1/4)^8] = 3^6:1 = 729:1; \quad p_1 = 729/730$$

$$o_2 = [(.7)^8(.3)^2]/[(.7)^2(.3)^8] = 7^6:3^6 = 161:1; \quad p_2 = 161/162$$

$$o_3 = [(.8)^8(.2)^2]/[(.8)^2(.2)^8] = 4^6:1 = 4096:1, \quad p_3 = 4096/4097$$

$$o_4 = [(.9)^8(.1)^2]/[(.9)^2(.1)^8] = 9^6:1, \quad p_4 = 531441/531442$$

So they are virtually certain.

So is the product of the resulting probabilities  $p_1 p_2 p_3 p_4 > .99$

Worse case exhaustive search requires  $2^{40}$  encryptions. At 1 encryption per microsecond, this takes  $2^{40} \times 10^{-6} \approx 10^6 \approx 10^6$  seconds or about 10<sup>6</sup>/86,400  $\approx$  11.5 days

With linear constraints  $\approx 2^{36}$  encryptions are required taking about 18 hours.

4 constraints help a lot.

## Homework 6, problem 4 (E)

(E) In the lecture we noted that there was a linear attack that worked on 16 round DES with  $2^{43}$  plaintext/ciphertext pairs where the basic constraint held with probability  $p = \frac{1}{2} + \epsilon$  where  $\epsilon = 1.19 \times 2^{-21}$  is the “bias”. Using this fact, estimate for what  $p$ , there are not enough corresponding plain/cipher texts to enable applying the Linear cryptanalysis to reduce the search keyspace.

## Homework 6, answer 4 (E)

(E) Recall from the lecture that the best linear expression with probability  $p = 1/2 + \epsilon$  where  $\epsilon = 1.19 \times 2^{-21}$  required  $2^{43}$  plaintext/ciphertext pairs to solve a 16 round version of DES and the amount of corresponding plain/ciphertext required,  $R$ , was  $R \approx c\epsilon^{-2}$ , thus,  $c(1.19 \times 2^{-21})^2 \approx 2^{43}$ . Linear Cryptanalysis fails when fewer pairs exist than are required. In the case of DES this is  $2^{64}$  pairs. This happens

$$(1.19 \times 2^{-21}/\epsilon)^2 \geq (2^{64})/(2^{43}) \rightarrow (1.19/\sqrt{2}) \times 2^{-21} \times 2^{-10} \geq \epsilon \rightarrow 8.4 \times 2^{-32} \geq \epsilon$$

# End Paper

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