

MATH 314 - Class Notes

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Summary: Today's class was based on various ways of attacking SDES such as Chosen Plaintext Attack or differential cryptanalysis.

Notes: SDES can be attacked through Differential Cryptanalysis. The idea was published in 1990.

The idea:

- Pick a plaintext.
- Split the plaintext into two parts L_0 , R_0 .
- Encrypt the plaintext to find R_3 and L_3 .
- Pick new plaintext with a new L_0 but the same R_0 .
- Repeat the process with a new L_0 called L_0^* and the new R_0 called R_0^* .

$R_3 = f(L_3, k_3) \text{ xor } (f(R_0, k_1) \text{ xor } L_0)$ and $R_3^* = f(L_3^*, k_3) \text{ xor } (f(R_0^*, k_1) \text{ xor } L_0^*)$. Add both equations together and the result is:

$$(L_0 + L_0^*) \text{ xor } (R_3 + R_3^*) = f(L_3, k_3) \text{ xor } f(L_3^*, k_3)$$

With the equation, everything will be known besides k_3 . Working backwards finds k_3 .

Examples:

Lets say:

$$L_3 = 101110$$

$$L_3^* = 000010$$

$$E(L_3) = 1011/1110$$

$$E(L_3^*) = 0000/0010$$

$$E(L_3) \text{ xor } E(L_3^*) = 1011/1100$$

$$R_3 \text{ xor } R_3^* = 100/001$$

The input into S_1 will be 1011 and the output will be 100

Check over all pairs of inputs that sum to 1011 in $S_{\text{Box 1}}$ and see if the output is 100

Input— $Input^*$ — $S(\text{Input})$ — $S(Input^*)$ —output+ $output^*$

$$0000 \text{—} 1011 \text{—} 101 \text{—} 010 \text{—} 111$$

$$0001 \text{—} 1010 \text{—} 010 \text{—} 110 \text{—} 100$$

$$0010 \text{—} 1001$$

$$0011 \text{—} 1000$$

After finding all the pairs, pick a new value for L_0^* and discover the new value for L_3^* and repeat the process. Eliminating from the pairs already recorded. Continuing to repeat the process until

only one value is left. Repeat the process but use the back half of $L3$ xor $L3^*$ and $R3$ xor $R3^*$ and using SBox 2.