

MATH 314 - Class Notes

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Summary: Today in class we covered attacking and encrypting DES.

0.1 Attacking DES

I. Chosen Plaintext attack.

Goal: Recover Key

Pick any plaintext $P = (L0, R0)$

2. Encrypt P using an Unknown Key $K1, K2, K3$

$L0, R0$

$$L1 = R0 \text{ --- } R1 = f(R0, K1) \oplus L0$$

$$L2 = f(R0, K1) \oplus L1 \text{ --- } R2 = f(R1, K2) \oplus L2$$

$$L3 = f(R1, K2) \oplus L2 \text{ --- } R3 = f(R2, K3) \oplus L3$$

Recall that $x \oplus y \oplus y = x$

Output is $L3, R3 = f(L3, K3) \oplus f(R0, K1) \oplus L0$ know $L0, R0, L3, R3$.

3. Encrypt a new plaintext $P^* = (L0^*, R0^*)$ with $R0 = R0^*$ and $L0! = L0^*$ Give us a new $L3^*$ and $R3^*$

$$R3 = f(L3, K3) \oplus f(R0, K1) \oplus L0$$

$$R3^* = f(L3^*, K3) \oplus f(R0^*, K1) \oplus L0^*$$

$$R3 \oplus R3^* = f(L3, K3) \oplus f(L3^*, K3) \oplus L0 \oplus L0^*$$

At this point we know $L0, L0^*, R3, R3^*$ and the function F but we still don't know $k3$

$$f(L3, K3) \oplus f(L3^*, K3)$$

$E(L3) \oplus K3 \Rightarrow$ input (which splits) $S1$ and $S2$ to get an output

$E(L3^*) \oplus K3 \Rightarrow$ input* (which splits) $S1$ and $S2$ to get an output*.

Don't know input.

If we did then we could solve for $K3$.

$$K3 = \text{input} \oplus E(L3)$$

$$\text{input} \oplus \text{input}^* = (E(L3) \oplus K3) \oplus (E(L3^*) \oplus K3) = E(L3) \oplus E(L3^*) \text{ (we know this)}$$

Focus on the first 4 bits know $E(L3) \oplus E(L3^*)$ 16 possible bits that could be set to $S1$ (first 4 bits of input). Only 16 pairs of 4 bits that could be the first 4 bits of input and input* for a fixed $E(L3) \oplus E(L3^*)$ search over all 16 pairs see if the output of the S-boxes corresponds to the right value of the output