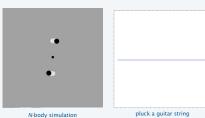


Programming assignments

are an essential part of the experience in learning CS.

Desiderata

- · Address an important scientific or commercial problem.
- Illustrate the importance of a fundamental CS concept.
- You solve the problem from scratch on your own computer!





What's Ahead?

Coming events

- Lecture 2. Basic programming concepts.
- Precept 1. Meets today/tomorrow.
- Not registered? Go to any precept now; officially register ASAP.

• Change precepts? Use SCORE. see Colleen Kenny-McCinley in CS 210 if the only precept you can attend is closed



Assignment 0 due Monday 11:59PM

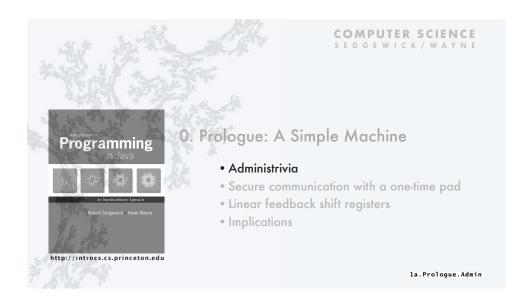


Things to do before attempting assignment

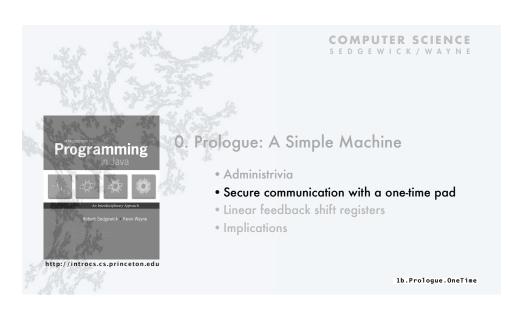
- Read Sections 1.1 and 1.2 in textbook.
- · Read assignment carefully.
- Install introcs software as per instructions.
- Do a few exercises.
- · Lots of help available, don't be bashful.

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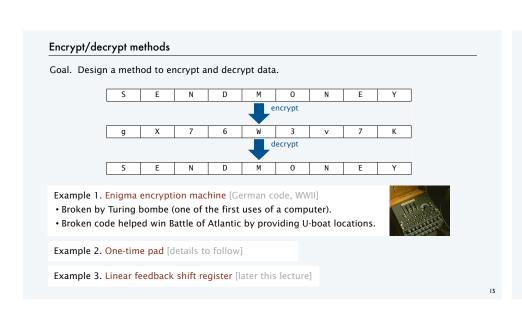
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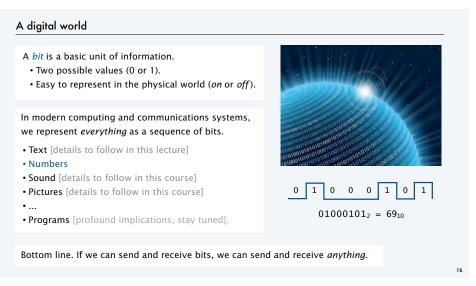












Encoding text as a sequence of bits

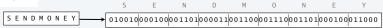
Base64 encoding of character strings

- · A simple method for representing text.
- 64 different symbols allowed: A-Z, a-z, 0-9, +, /.
- 6 bits to represent each symbol.
- · ASCII and Unicode methods used on your computer are similar.

	bits	symbols
Base64	6	64
ASCII	8	256
Unicode	16	65,536+

000000 A	001000 I	010000 Q	011000 Y	100000 g	101000 o	110000 w	111000 4
000001 B	001001 J	010001 R	011001 Z	100001 h	101001 p	110001 x	111001 5
000010 C	001010 K	010010 S	011010 a	100010 i	101010 q	110010 y	111010 6
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Example:

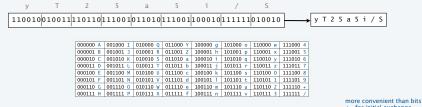


One-Time Pads

What is a one-time pad?

- A cryptographic key known only to the sender and receiver.
- Good choice: A random sequence of bits (stay tuned).
- · Security depends on each sequence being used only once.





Note: Any sequence of bits can be decoded into a sequence of characters.

Encryption with a one-time pad

Preparation

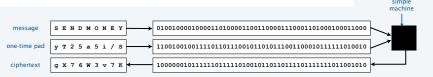
- Create a "random" sequence of bits (a one-time pad).
- Send one-time pad to intended recipient through a secure channel.

use y?25a51/8 if I ever send you an encrypted message 'OK'

Encryption

- Encode text as a sequence of N bits.
- Use the first N bits of the pad.
- Compute a new sequence of N bits (a function of the message and the pad).
- Decode result to get a sequence of characters.

Result: A ciphertext (encrypted message).

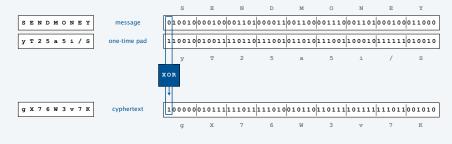


A (very) simple machine for encryption

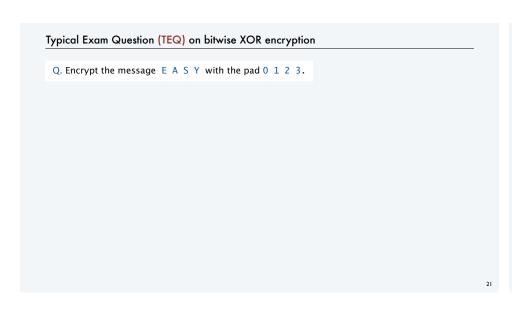
To compute a cyphertext from a message and a one-time pad

- Encode message and pad in binary.
- Each cyphertext bit is the bitwise exclusive or of corresponding bits in message and pad.

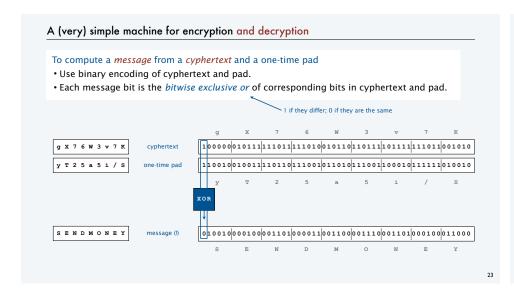
Def. The bitwise exclusive or of two bits is 1 if they differ, 0 if they are the same.

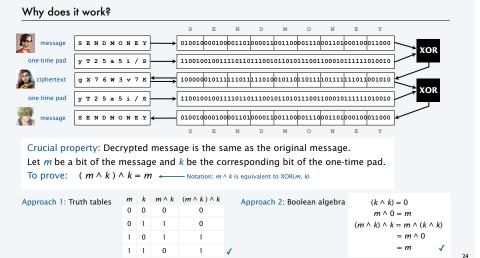


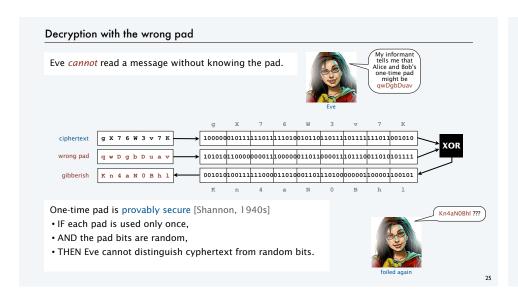
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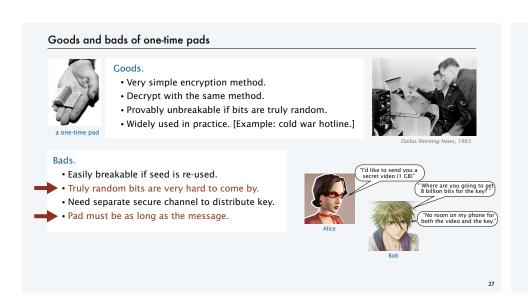


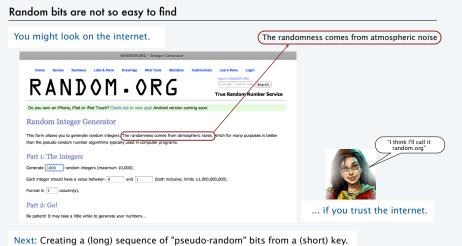


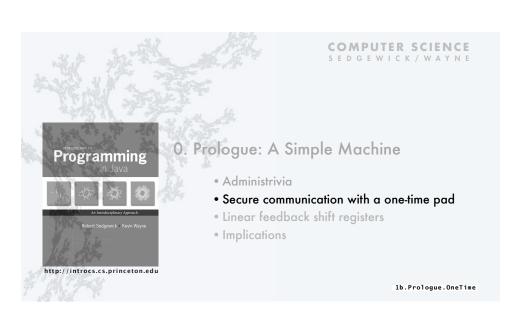




One-time pad is provably secure.









A pseudo-random number generator

is a deterministic machine that produces a long sequence of pseudo random bits.

Examples

Enigma.

Linear feedback shift register (next). Blum-Blum-Shub generator.

...

[an early application of computing] [research still ongoing]







"Anyone who considers arithmetical methods of producing random digits is, of course, in a state of sin."

– John von Neumann



A pseudo-random number generator

is a *deterministic* machine that produces a long sequence of *pseudo random* bits.

Deterministic: Given the current state of the machine, we know the next bit.

An absolute requirement: Alice and Bob need the same sequence.

Random: We never know the next bit.

Pseudo-random: The sequence of bits appears to be random.



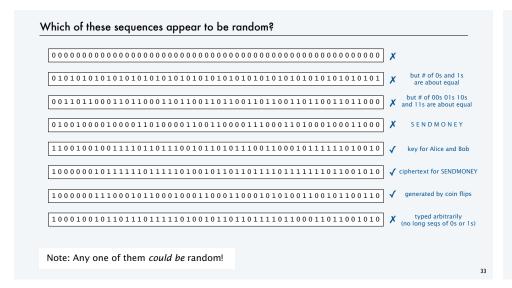
Appears to be random??

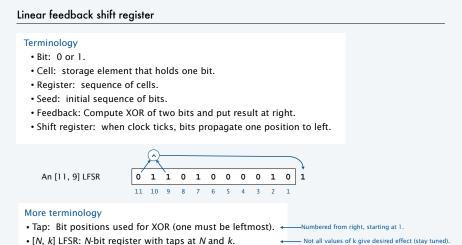
A profound and elusive concept.

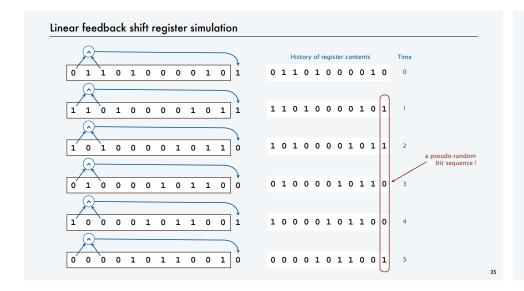
Ex. 1: No long repeats
Ex. 2: About the same number of 0s and 1s
Ex. 3: About the same number of 00s, 01s, 10s, and 11s.

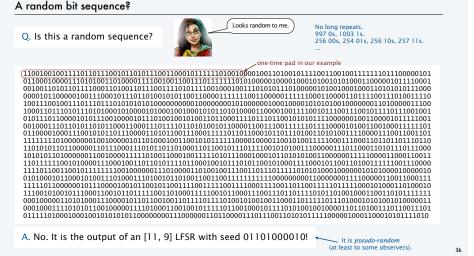
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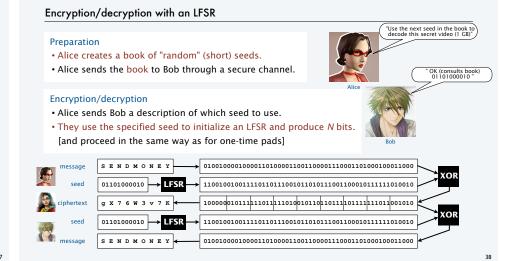






Typical Exam Question (TEQ) on LFSRs

Q. Give first 10 steps of [5,4] LFSR with initial fill 00001.



Eve's opportunity with LFSR encryption

Eve has computers. Why not try all possible seeds?

- · Seeds are short, messages are long.
- All seeds give a tiny fraction of all messages.
- Extremely likely that all but real seed will produce gibberish.

Good news (for Eve): This approach can work.

- Ex: 11-bit register implies 2047 possibilities.
- Extremely likely that only one of those is not gibberish.
- After this course, *you* could write a program to check whether any of the 2047 messages have words in the dictionary.

Bad news (for Eve): It is easy for Alice and Bob to use a much longer LFSR.

Key properties of LFSRs

Property 1.

- · Don't use all 0s as a seed!
- Fill of all 0s will not otherwise occur.



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Bottom line.

- [11, 9] register generates 2047 bits before repeating.
- [63, 62] register generates 263 -1 bits before repeating. ← Definitely preferable: small cost, huge payoff.



Goods and bads of LFSRs

Goods.

- · Very simple encryption method.
- · Decrypt with the same method.
- Scalable: 20 cells for 1 million bits; 30 cells for 1 billion bits.
- Widely used in practice. [Example: military cryptosystems.]

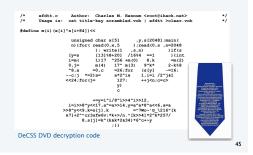


Bads.

- · Easily breakable if seed is re-used.
- Still need secure key distribution.
- · Experts can crack LFSR encryption.

Example.

- · CSS encryption widely used for DVDs.
- · Widely available DeCSS breaks it!





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LFSRs and general-purpose computers





Important similarities.

- Both are built from simple components.
- · Both scale to handle huge problems.
- Both require careful study to use effectively.

component	LFSR	computer		
control	start, stop, load	same		
clock		same		
memory	12 bits	billions of bits		
input	12 bits	bit sequence		
computation	shift, XOR	+ - * /		
output	pseudo-random bit sequence	any computable bit sequence		

Critical differences: Operations, input. ← but the simplest computers differ only slightly from LFSRs!

- General purpose computer can simulate any abstract machine.
- All general purpose computers have equivalent power (!) [stay tuned].

A Profound Idea

Programming. We can write a Java program to simulate the operation of any abstract machine.

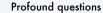
- · Basis for theoretical understanding of computation.
- Basis for bootstrapping real machines into existence.

Stay tuned (we cover these sorts of issues in this course).



% java LFSR

Note: You will write and apply an LFSR simulator in Assignment 5.



O. What is a random number?

LFSRs do not produce random numbers.

- It is not obvious how to distinguish the bits LFSRs produce from random,
- · BUT experts have figured out how to do so.
- Q. Are random processes found in nature?
- Motion of cosmic rays or subatomic particles?
- Mutations in DNA?





Q. Is the natural world a (not-so-simple) deterministic machine??

" God does not play dice.

_ Δlhert Finstein



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